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— REAL STORIES FROM THE EXPRESS LANES —

*"The Express Lanes have given me all kinds of time. It's really a love story."*

- Stephanie S.  
Fairfax Station, VA

Stephanie truly has an Express Lanes love story. She is a young 71 years old and lives in Fairfax Station. Her sweetheart is 77 and lives in Montgomery County, Maryland. Before the Express Lanes, they had to fight traffic on 495 to see each other. Now, however, she says meeting up is a breeze with the Express Lanes and they no longer let traffic keep them apart. The Express Lanes have opened up all kinds of pathways for Stephanie — including one to her heart.

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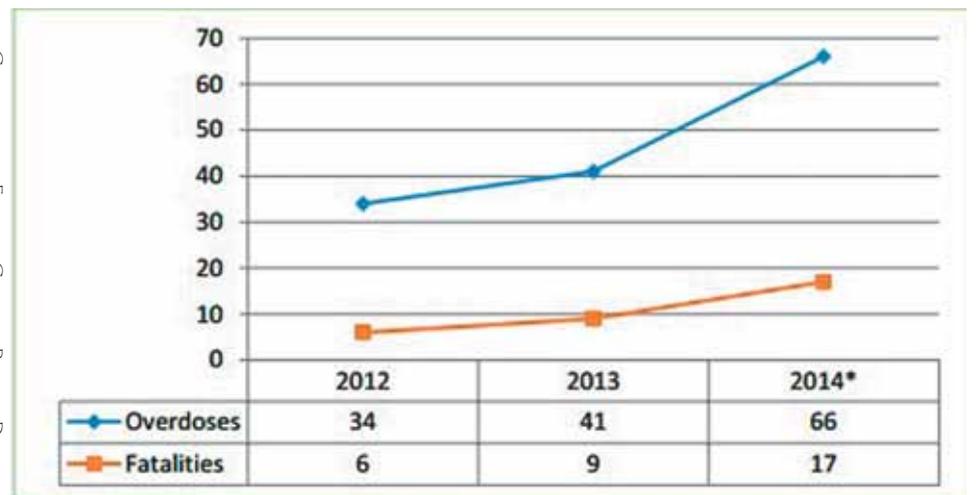


Stephanie's story was one of our winning entries in our "Express Lanes Love Story" promotion.

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Arlington	-	-	1	0.45	2	ND	2	ND
Fauquier County	-	-	2	3.01	-	-	1	ND
Fredericksburg City	-	-	-	-	3	ND	-	-
Loudoun County	-	-	4	1.19	5	ND	3	ND
Manassas	1	2.54	3	7.39	-	-	-	-
Prince William County	4	0.95	4	0.93	9	ND	4	ND
Spotsylvania County	1	0.80	4	3.18	9	ND	1	ND
Stafford County	-	-	-	-	9	ND	1	ND
<b>VIRGINIA TOTAL</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>1.25</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>1.65</b>	<b>213</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>-</b>

\*The numbers for 2014 are current as of July 11, 2014  
ND indicates that no population data has been release for that year and therefore rates cannot be calculated

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\*2014 data is through November.

The number and rate of fatal heroin overdoses in Virginia and select Virginia jurisdictions from 2011-2014, as presented in a December 2014 report to the Board of Supervisors titled "Prescription Drug and Heroin Abuse in Fairfax County: Recent Trends and Strategies for Prevention."

Heroin Overdoses and Fatalities, Fairfax County, 2012-2014, as presented in a December 2014 report to the Board of Supervisors titled "Prescription Drug and Heroin Abuse in Fairfax County: Recent Trends and Strategies for Prevention."

## Youth Heroin Use Described As 'a Big Problem'

Drug awareness meeting at Lake Braddock highlights rise in youth heroin use.

Heroin use is here in Fairfax. "It's definitely here," said 19-year veteran officer employed by both the Fairfax County Police Department and Drug Enforcement Administration as a Task Officer who spoke at a drug awareness meeting sponsored by the Lake Braddock Secondary School Parent Teacher Student Association.

The officer's name isn't being publicized due to the nature of his work.

During his Nov. 10 presentation in Lake Braddock's lecture hall, the officer described heroin as "a big problem now" among young adults. He said in his experience, he's seen use increasing within the last three years.

Users can either develop a dependency to prescription pain medication and then look for cheaper alternatives to get a simi-

lar high, he said, or are simply bored with their unlimited lifestyle.

The officer gave an example of a 16-year-old female who died from a heroin overdose. "I talked to her friend," he said, "who said 'I get everything I want, it's handed to me. I don't have no excitement.'"

Looking for more of a thrill, the kids then seek out heroin and other drugs locally in Fairfax County or go into Washington, D.C. The officer said he's been part of numerous sting-type drug deals in parking lots in the Tysons Corner area and near the Silver Diner in Springfield.

Though his office and collaborating agencies are working on eliminating the supply-side of the problem, the officer was clear on his message to parents of students who may already be using drugs or might pursue it in the future.

He encouraged them to "keep dialed in, involved" with their children through both social media and by talking to them face to

face. In addition, they should look for warning signs in their children's bedroom, including needles and rubber bands used for shooting heroin into the vein in one's arm. "Be nosy," the officer said.

"Talk to your kids," he added, "have a conversation, tell them you love them, care about them and want to know what's going on in their life."

One parent who attended the meeting asked Lake Braddock principal Dave Thomas if he was concerned about a drug problem at the secondary school.

"It's always a concern," Thomas said. "The majority of our kids are doing the right thing. But we always have to battle drinking, marijuana. It's school culture, something we work on every day."

Thomas also said they do use police drug dogs and do sweeps of the school from time to time, but that it doesn't happen frequently.

Michele Buschman of Burke, vice presi-

dent of the Lake Braddock Parent Teacher Student Association, helped organize the event. "A lot of parents are focused on marijuana — I think they're surprised to hear about the prescription drug and heroin problem, how prevalent it's becoming. I was shocked."

Though the event took place at Lake Braddock, Buschman invited the Robinson and West Springfield communities to be involved, as well as other schools in those pyramids.

The full 2014 prescription drug and heroin abuse report to the Board of Supervisors is available online at [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/living/healthhuman/reports/heroin-report-2014.pdf](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/living/healthhuman/reports/heroin-report-2014.pdf). For more information and resources from Fairfax County on heroin and opiates use, visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/csb/heroin-opiates](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/csb/heroin-opiates).

—TIM PETERSON

## Marsden Speaks on Future of Local Transportation

State Sen. Dave Marsden (D-37) reminded the audience at the Church of the Good Shepherd in Burke that even though their lifestyle and relationships with gasoline, cars and roads may be different than people in more rural parts of Virginia, most counties in the state must play by the same rules in terms of paying taxes and seeing transit maintenance and development come back from Richmond.

"You see those regional differences between different parts of the world," Marsden said. "That's just the way things are."

Marsden spoke to more than 80 community members on Monday, Dec. 7 at an event put on by the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute of Fairfax. He touched on Interstate 66 tolls, EZ Pass and sev-



More than 80 community members gather at the Church of the Good Shepherd on Braddock Road as state Sen. Dave Marsden (D-37) talks about future transportation projects in Virginia.

eral future transportation projects in Virginia, including additional Virginia Railway Express stations and the extension of HOT lanes on Interstate 95.

Marsden was optimistic for the Commonwealth "making progress in transportation,"

but said he was "disappointed with buses, transit" on I-95.

Road maintenance in Fairfax County is one of the areas where money is coming back from Richmond, Marsden said. "Ours were in the worst shape," so \$70 million came up



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to the Fairfax County area for 2015.

The need balance may shift around the state, but works for Marsden "as long as we're being treated fairly."

—TIM PETERSON



PHOTO COURTESY OF NANCY-JO MANNEY

**Franconia Elementary School hosted a fun run in November to bring in coats for the Greater Springfield Chamber of Commerce winter outerwear campaign.**



PHOTO COURTESY OF STRATEGY AND MANAGEMENT SERVICES, INC.

**Members of the Strategy and Management Services, Inc. SAMS Cares collected coats as part of the Greater Springfield Chamber of Commerce winter outerwear campaign. The coats were retrieved by Springfield-based Ecumenical Community Helping Others.**

## Businesses Help Bundle Up Greater Springfield Chamber of Commerce hosts annual winter outerwear collection.

BY TIM PETERSON  
THE CONNECTION

**T**he back of the house at Springfield's Ecumenical Community Helping Others resembles the staging area for Santa's all-nighter. Aisles upon aisles of assorted clothing, toys, kitchen equipment and other home goods wait in orderly fashion to be stocked in the nonprofit's shopping area serving clients with low or no income.

This time of year is especially hectic for outfits like ECHO, when donations around the holidays spike.

"It's chaotic, but it's wonderful too," said ECHO executive director Meg Brantley. ECHO serves about 1,500 active clients across five magisterial districts in Fairfax County, including Burke and areas of Springfield. They have 27 counselors who work one-on-one with clients on an appointment basis, figuring out how ECHO can best help them manage their food, clothing and short-term financial difficulties.

ECHO is one of two community outreach nonprofits, the other being the Koinonia Foundation in Franconia, getting a boost in clothing on-hand from the annual Greater Springfield Chamber of Commerce winter outerwear campaign.

**FOR ITS LONGEST-RUNNING** collection campaign, going back more than 15 years, the Chamber works with local businesses (members and non-members alike) to set up collection boxes for coats, hats, scarves and gloves. Then the two nonprofits retrieve the boxes themselves and distribute the items through their channels.

"At this time of year, you're more likely to see groups working on Toys for Tots, food collection — those are the two things generally residents think are needed at the holidays, and they are," said Nancy-jo Manney, executive director of the Chamber.

"But this is something different. Most of



**Volunteer Tom Palumbo of Kingstowne processes a new donation at the warehouse for Ecumenical Community Helping Others.**

us don't realize how many kids show up at school in January and February without a proper coat on. Because so many of our local kids here in the central Springfield area walk to school, it's amazing, you see them out and they don't have a proper coat. Mom and dad send them with just a sweatshirt because that's all they have."

Manney said there are 27 participating businesses and other organizations participating in this year's campaign, which started Nov. 16 and lasts until Dec. 17. In addition to businesses, several other groups such as American Legion posts and schools, including Franconia Elementary, participated.

Springfield-based tech and information solutions company Strategy and Management Services, Inc. is one of the participat-

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**Volunteers of the nonprofit Ecumenical Community Helping Others in Springfield are retrieving donated coats from businesses and schools as part of the Greater Springfield Chamber of Commerce winter outerwear campaign. The coats are checked for age and cleanliness, then hung and prepared to go into the organization's clothing store.**

ing businesses, leaning on its charitable arm SAMS Cares to drive the coat collection.

"Social service and being an active, responsible member of the community is essential to me," SAMS president and chief executive officer Staci L. Redmon said in an email. "I launched the SAMS Cares program to engage employees in community endeavors. SAMS' employees continue to come together and make amazing strides to support the advancement of members of our community."

During the last two years, SAMS Cares has participated in more than 14 different initiatives, Redmond said, putting in about 60 service hours and collecting over \$3,400 in goods. For the holidays, the group is partnering with Potter's Hands Thanksgiving Feast and New Hope Housing, in addition to the winter outerwear drive and other support for ECHO.

"Our donors and businesses are certainly up to scratch now," Brantley said. "I'm getting so many more emails from businesses saying they'd like to help, what can they be doing?"



STRATEGY AND MANAGEMENT SERVICES, INC.

**The Strategy and Management Services, Inc. charitable arm SAMS Cares partnered with the Ecumenical Community Helping Others to round up new winter coats and accessories as part of the Greater Springfield Chamber of Commerce winter outerwear campaign.**

**SO FAR** with coats in from three out of 13 businesses ECHO will retrieve from, they've taken in 64 items.

Brantley said she thinks even though not every business within their footprint is participating in the outerwear drive, campaigns like it help increase awareness of their mission in the community.

With fewer donations in 2014, ECHO was forced to spend \$10,000 on gift cards for food to serve the need of their client families. Whereas this year, Brantley said, "businesses have really come through. We're not going to spend nearly as much on gift cards."

Kathy Marchetti of Springfield volunteers at ECHO and is co-chair of the clothing department. "Any drive that produces quality coats for children, men and women, but especially the children, is just invaluable," she said. "It gets the whole community involved. That's why we love it."

For more information on ECHO, visit [www.echo-inc.org](http://www.echo-inc.org). More information on the Greater Springfield Chamber of Commerce winter outerwear campaign is available at [www.springfieldchamber.org/winter-outerwear-campaign](http://www.springfieldchamber.org/winter-outerwear-campaign).

## FAITH NOTES

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**Pohick Church** will offer Service Lessons and Carols. This service originated in Victorian England in the 1880s as a series of scripture readings interspersed with Advent and Christmas carols, hymns and choral anthems, tracing God's love from the creation of man and woman in the Garden of Eden, through the annunciation and birth of the Christ Child. The event will be on Sunday, Dec. 20 at 10 a.m. Pohick Church is located at 9301 Richmond Highway, Lorton. [www.pohick.org](http://www.pohick.org). 703-339-6572.

Clifton Presbyterian Church is offering a **Grief Support Group**. Offered for eight sessions on Thursdays from Dec. 3-Feb. 3 from 10:30 a.m.-noon for those who have experienced a recent death and loss in their lives. This group will offer a safe and supportive place for participants to explore ways to walk the journey of grief and to "wrestle" with difficult, and sometimes unanswerable, questions. Dec. 3, 10, 17; Jan. 7, 12, 21, 28; Feb. 3. Clifton Presbyterian Church is located at 12748 Richards Lane, Clifton. [office@cliftonpc.org](mailto:office@cliftonpc.org). 703-830-3175.

Experience the Philippine traditional night mass, "Simbang Gabi," at the **Nativity Catholic Church**, 6400 Nativity Lane, Burke on Tuesday, Dec. 15. Service starts at 7:30 p.m. with reception. <http://www.filminnova.org/filipino-ministry-parishes/>.

Join **Harvester Presbyterian Church**, 7800 Rolling Road, Spring-

field, for Light of Hope, a traditional Christmas Eve service with candle-lighting on Thursday, Dec. 24 from 8-9 p.m. [www.harvesterpca.org](http://www.harvesterpca.org). 703-455-7800.

**Temple B'Nai Shalom** at 7612 Old Ox Road, Fairfax Station is offering **Tot Shabbat** on Friday, Dec. 11 from 7-7:45 p.m. This service is especially designed for newborns through second graders and their parents. It includes music, child-friendly prayers, stories and activities. The service is followed by a special kid-friendly oneg. 703-764-2901. [www.tbs-online.org](http://www.tbs-online.org).

**Fairfax Baptist Temple**, at the corner of Fairfax County Parkway and Burke Lake Roads, holds a bible study fellowship at 9 a.m. Sundays followed by a 10 a.m. worship service. Nursery care and children's church also provided. 6401 Missionary Lane, Fairfax Station, 703-323-8100 or [www.fbtministries.org](http://www.fbtministries.org).

**The Guhyasamaja Buddhist Center**, 10875 Main St., Fairfax City provides free classes to both newcomers and advanced practitioners of Tibetan Buddhism. The center emphasizes working with the mind and learning how to understand the workings of the mind, overcoming inner causes of suffering, while cultivating causes of happiness. Under the direction of Lama Zopa Rinpoche, the center is a place of study, contemplation and meditation. Visit <http://www.guhyasamaja.org> for more information.

**Lord of Life Lutheran** offers services at two locations, in Fairfax at 5114 Twinbrook Road and in Clifton at 13421 Twin Lakes Drive. Services in Fairfax are held on Saturdays at 5:30 p.m. and Sundays at 8:30 and 10 a.m. Services in Clifton are held on Sundays at 8:15 and

10:30 a.m. 703-323-9500 or [www.LordofLifeva.org](http://www.LordofLifeva.org).

**First Baptist Church of Springfield** offers Sunday school at 9:15 a.m., followed by a 10:30 a.m. worship service at 7300 Gary St., Springfield. 703-451-1500 or [www.fbcspringfield.org](http://www.fbcspringfield.org).

**Clifton Presbyterian Church**, 12748 Richards Lane, Clifton, offers Sunday worship services at 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Nursery care is provided. Christian education for all ages is at 9:45 a.m. 703-830-3175.

**St. Andrew the Apostle Catholic Church**, 6720 Union Mill Road, Clifton, conducts Sunday masses at 7:30 a.m., 8:45 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. It also offers a Saturday vigil at 5:30 p.m. and a Thursday Latin mass at 7 p.m. 703-817-1770 or [www.st-andrew.org](http://www.st-andrew.org).

**Prince of Peace Lutheran Church**, 8304 Old Keene Mill Road, Springfield, offers casual worship services on Saturday evenings at 5:30 p.m. featuring contemporary music. More traditional services take place on Sunday mornings at 8:15 and 11 a.m. Sunday School is from 9:45-10:45 a.m. for children and adults. The church also offers discussion groups for adults. 703-451-5855 or [www.poplc.org](http://www.poplc.org).

**Kirkwood Presbyterian Church**, 8336 Carrleigh Parkway in Springfield, supports a Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) program on the first and third Wednesday of each month. Meetings are 9:30-11:30 a.m. at the church. All mothers and children are welcome. The program provides mothers an opportunity to get to know other mothers through discussions and craft activities. Register. 703-451-5320.

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## Safety Net for Holiday Celebrations

It's an opportunity to talk about responsibility, alcohol and planning ahead.

**T**he holiday party season is here, and we will almost all be celebrating in some way. Some ways will involve celebrations that include alcohol.

It's up to you to make a plan to get home safely.

Plan to bring a designated driver. Plan to party (and live) where you can take public transportation. Plan to celebrate at home or someplace where you can spend the night. Plan to abstain.

And if all of that fails, the Washington Regional Alcohol Project has a safety net for you.

WRAP, a local nonprofit organization, will offer free cab rides to would-be impaired drivers throughout Northern Virginia during the winter holidays.

The annual Holiday SoberRide program will operate nightly from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. starting Friday, Dec. 11, 2015, and continuing until Thursday, Jan. 1, 2016 as a way to keep local roads safe from impaired drivers during this traditionally high-risk, holiday period.

During these times, area residents 21 and over, celebrating with alcohol can call the toll-free SoberRide phone number 1-800-200-TAXI for a no-cost (up to \$30 fare), safe way home. Callers will be responsible for fare amounts

over \$30.

WRAP also offers free cab rides for other holidays, including Halloween, Independence Day, Cinco de Mayo, and more.

Concerns about consequences of driving under the influence are well founded.

In Fairfax County in 2014 there were 740 alcohol-related crashes, which included 12 alcohol related fatalities and 476 alcohol related injuries. (Overall in Fairfax County in 2014, there were 13,680 total crashes including 32 fatalities and 7,649 injuries.)

In 2014, there were no fatal vehicular accidents in the City of Alexandria. But of the 1,777 total crashes, 99 were alcohol-related; and of the 757 injuries in crashes, 60 were alcohol-related.

In Arlington in 2014, there were 235 alcohol related crashes, with two alcohol-related fatalities and 78 alcohol related injuries. (Overall in Arlington in 2014, there were 2,469 with five fatalities and 1,094 injuries.)

In 2013, 10,076 people were killed in alcohol-impaired driving crashes, accounting for nearly one-third of all traffic-related deaths in the United States, according to the CDC. Tens of thousands more were injured. Holidays lead to an increase in impaired driving, the Christmas through New Year season in particular.

EDITORIAL

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Climate Scientists Warnings Go Unheeded in Congress

To the Editor:

In this vituperative political age of partisanship, it is no wonder that 86 percent of voters disapprove of Congress, a body in which the national good seems to be trumped by political ideology, grandstanding, name-calling, pandering, and distortion of the truth—all of which gets in the way of common-sense governance.

Some of this elbowing justifiably begins with legitimate differences of opinion. How big should the government be? How much should the government regulate? What should be our national position on social issues such as abortion, gay marriage or gun regulation? What trade-offs are we willing to accept to protect ourselves from terrorists? How do we respond to the income gap between rich and poor? How do we stimulate job growth and deal with compensation for work? How robust should our military be? How should our health care system be structured? Answers to these and multiple other complex questions often start with our values, our history, and our notions of fairness.

Like most of us, I have strong feelings about how best to proceed

on many of these issues. At the same time, I recognize that others have very different but equally impassioned views. Our political process is supposed to be about sorting out differences like these. The majority of us presumably hope we could marshal at least some civility as we struggle to find a way forward that is in our national best interest. The goal for most of us, it would seem based on the record of Congressional approval, is for Congress to give us outcomes that work.

Sometimes, however, an issue comes along that so defies common sense and incontrovertible fact that it should make open-minded people wonder if Congress can resolve anything. Who would imagine that despite dire warnings from virtually every climate scientist in the world, a majority of members of the House of Representatives would vote to embarrass the United States during the world's most important conference on climate change by voting to limit the Environmental Protection Agency on its rules to lower power plant emissions? The evidence that our world's climate is rapidly changing in ways that will lower

the life-expectancy of our children is overwhelming. And yet the majority of our elected representatives in the House, driven apparently by narrow party ideology, has actually impeded solutions. Do campaign contributions from carbon industries and other special interests have anything to do with it?

Those members of Congress (including, regrettably, our own representative in the 10th Congressional District of Virginia) who vote to trivialize or combat this issue, are putting their credibility and judgment on the line for dealing with almost any issue and

## Safe Ride Home

WRAP's 2015 Holiday SoberRide program will be offered from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. nightly from Dec. 11, 2015 to Jan. 1, 2016. To receive a free cab ride home (up to a \$30 fare), call 800-200-8294 (TAXI). You must be 21 or older to use the SoberRide service. See [www.SoberRide.com](http://www.SoberRide.com).

Since 1993, WRAP's SoberRide program has provided more than 63,000 free cab rides home to would-be drunk drivers in the Greater Washington area.

We know that many young people over 21 are living at home with parents, or will be visiting for the holidays. Parents, be brave. Have a conversation with your children, whether they are under or over 21. Be sure those over 21 have a plan, and are equipped with the SoberRide number.

SoberRide is not available for underage drinkers, but parents still should talk to their children about their plans, and tell them out loud that you expect them not to drive impaired and not to get into a car with an impaired driver. Tell them to call you, and you'll come get them if necessary.

The consequences and vulnerabilities of drinking to excess are significant, more so for underage drinkers and young adults, even beyond drinking and driving. Don't let the opportunity to talk about it pass you by.

— MARY KIMM

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thus, I would hazard, are risking their endorsement from us, the voters, to hold their seats. Their incomprehensible votes on climate change help to explain why we think so little of Congress and particularly so little of the House of Representatives. Climate change is an issue in which the stakes are so clear-cut and the facts so convincing that there should be no hesitation about moving forward with the enthusiastic backing of our elected representatives in both parties.

**Jonathan Fisher**  
Great Falls

## Dispelling Confusion

To the Editor:

I so much appreciated Tim Peterson's article, "Special Bible Exhibit at First Church of Christ, Scientist" (Christian Science church in Springfield), published in the Nov. 26 issue of The Connection. It told the story of a local historian's research into the origin of the King James translation of the Bible. As a practicing Christian Scientist, I also very

much appreciated the clear explanation that this denomination is based entirely on the Bible, particularly the words and works of Jesus, and that it is in no way related to Scientology. In my public practice of Christian Science healing, I often see a need to dispel confusion on these points.

**Richard Geiger**  
Arlington



## SCHOOL NOTES

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Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) is participating in **Speak Up**, a national online survey about the use of technology in schools. The information collected will help policy makers at the local, state, and national levels, as well as the business community contribute to the national dialogue about science, technology, and preparing students for the 21st century workforce.

FCPS will be participating in the survey through **Dec. 18**. The online survey is open to students, parents, educators and the community. Survey is voluntary and take 20 minutes to complete.

To take the survey, please visit <http://www.speakup4schools.org/speakup2015/>. Students will be asked for a secret word (password) when they take the survey. The secret word for students is **fcps**. Aggregate survey results for FCPS will be available in February 2015.

Speak Up is an annual research project conducted by Project Tomorrow, a national education nonprofit organization that collects and reports the views of students in K-12, teachers, administrators and parents on 21st century education and technology. For more information about Project Tomorrow, please visit <http://www.tomorrow.org/speakup>.

**Joshua Blaz**, a graduate of J.W. Robinson Secondary School, received the Tyree/Parajon, First Year Merit Scholarship at Denison University. The Tyree/Parajon Scholarship is based on academic achievement, leadership and personal merit.

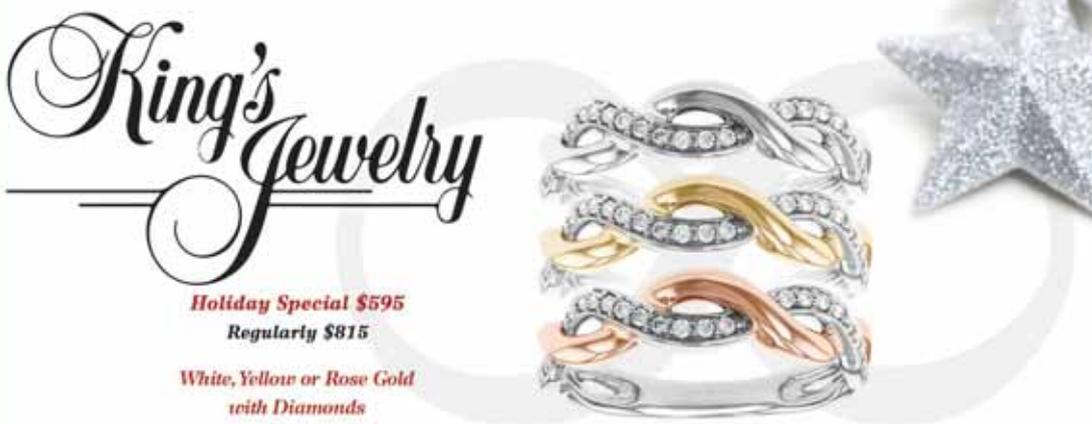
**Jacob M. Sage, of Burke**, Junior, Pre-Construction Engr Mgt. has made the Scholastic Honor Roll Fall term at the Oregon State University. A total of 861 students earned straight-A (4.0). Another 3,598 earned a B-plus (3.5) or better to make the listing. To be on the Honor Roll, students must carry at least 12 graded hours of coursework.

**Katie Bershadsky**, born and raised in Burke, has been selected to the Delta Epsilon Iota Academic Honor Society in the local chapter at Kennesaw State University. Delta Epsilon Iota was established to recognize and encourage academic excellence in all fields of study. Bershadsky is expected to graduate in 2018 with a major in public relations. Her parents are Scott and Kim Bershadsky. Her grandparents Malcolm and Marcia have lived in Burke for more than 30 years.

The Fairfax County Band Directors Association has recognized 16 Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) students for excellence in solo instrumental music performance as part of the 2015 Fairfax County Band Directors Association Solo Competition.

The following students were named winners in the elementary school division: **Third place: Maia Trafton (trumpet), Keene Mill Elementary School.**

**Alyssa M. Clark, Caitlyn M. Clark**, and **Amanda R. Harvey** of Fairfax; **Steven D. Peterson, Richard D. Grant**, and **Emma L. Gray** of Fairfax Station; **Lauren L. Thomas** of Burke; **Sean K. Troutman** and **Michael R. Deets** of Springfield received scholarships on July 22 from the Marine Corps Scholarship Foundation at the Truman Crawford Hall at the Marine Barracks Washington in Washington, D.C.



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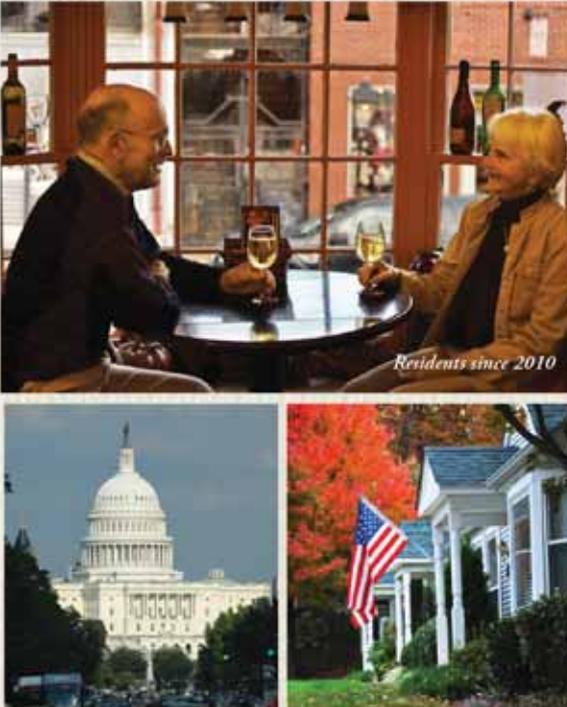
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Designers at Merrifield Garden Center spend almost one year creating holiday displays.



PHOTOS COURTESY OF MERRIFIELD GARDEN CENTER  
This rustic holiday space incorporates branches and animals.



This traditional holiday space uses hues of red, white and green.



PHOTO COURTESY OF GRETCHEN FUSS  
Gretchen Fuss, an interior designer with Tchoupitoulas Furnishings, created this holiday tree.



PHOTO COURTESY OF PATINA POLISHED LIVING  
Amanda Mertins of Patina Polished Living advises using an urn to greet guests at the front door.

## Ideas for Decking the Halls

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL  
THE CONNECTION

From traditional to glamorous, fresh to faux and high-end to old school, local tastemakers tell how they create dazzling holiday design extravaganzas.

Karen Velehoski and the rest of the design team at Merrifield Garden Center in Fair Oaks spend nearly a year planning and building the holiday displays that overtake

each store during the Yuletide season.

In creating the holiday wonderlands, the designers assemble each space around a theme, maintaining consistency in style, color and texture. Their goal is to dream up design concepts that will inspire.

"We hope that people will get ideas for their own homes, but the first step is to focus on color," said Velehoski. "You can incorporate family heirlooms or decorations that you've had for years if you coordinate the colors. You can really use ribbons to tie

the colors together easily."

For example, they designed a rustic space that draws inspiration from a snow-covered forest. "It's decorated with things like branches, berries, birds and other outdoor animals," said Velehoski. "And we used red, plaid ribbon to keep the outdoorsy feel."

There's another winter scene that sparkles with décor in hues of gold, copper and platinum, and a classic display that pays homage to time-honored traditions. "It appeals to people who like greens, reds and poin-

### Local designers create opulent holiday designs.

settias," said Velehoski. "This year we incorporated a little bit of black with that red, white and green which is pretty."

There's even inspiration for those with a penchant for pastels. "It has an icy look," said Velehoski. "It has an icy, frozen winter wonderland feel with snowflakes and icicles. We used a lot of pale blue, pink and a touch of silver."

Simple, clean and fresh are words that Gretchen Fuss, an interior designer with Tchoupitoulas Furnishings in Alexandria,

uses to characterize her holiday design aesthetic.

"I don't like to over do it when it comes to holiday design," she said. "I love the mood and ambiance of white lights. It changes the feel of a room. I like candlelit rooms."

Fuss says she uses a minimalist approach to incorporating family heirlooms with new acquisitions. "I do little vignettes where I'll have a piece, for example, that my mother once used to store ornaments in, and I'll use that to display fresh greenery."

The designer has even created holiday adornments of her own. "I've made holiday sculptures," said Fuss. "I even made little

flower-shaped sculptures that I put together to make a six-foot tall Christmas tree."

Fuss adds white back-lighting, which shines through each flower petal, illuminating the tree.

Candles, ribbons and bows hanging on a mantle, swags of greenery and garlands draped over wall art and mirrors are what visitors who enter the spaces created by the designers of Patina Polished Living in Alexandria will see.

"... A string of lights combined with ornaments might flow down the center of a table, or shine inside a cloche combined with a winter wonderland theme," said designer

Amanda Mertins.

For an exterior space, Mertins advises using a twinkling wreath or a lit arrangement in an urn to greet guests at the front door.

Maintaining thematic consistency is a precept that designer Jenne Whitlaw, of GTM Architects in Bethesda, Md., recommends when conceiving ideas for holiday spaces. "Pick a central focal point, and echo the sentiment around the space, for both indoor and outdoor," she said. "This allows the eye to bounce around your holiday canvas, experiencing asymmetrical visual harmony and balance."

For those who prefer holiday decor in muted hues, Whitlaw suggests, "neutrals [like] winter white and pale greys, when paired with light, reflective metallics and sparkle add elegance and a sense of timeless wonder to every room."

For a touch of whimsy, Whitlaw recommends adding decorations to unexpected places. "For a surprising embellishment, how about placing ornaments around the vanity in your powder room?" asks Whitlaw. "Candeliers are also a perfect theatre in the round for cascading trinkets and greenery."

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## Ongoing

**Children's Theatre: "The Nutcracker."** 1-2:15 p.m. & 3-4:15 p.m. Saturdays. Dec. 12, 19, 26. W-3 Theatre, Workhouse Arts Center, 9518 Workhouse Way, Lorton. Presented by Mestey Films Productions. Playwright Vianlix Mestey produces an original re-telling of the favorite holiday story in play form. Running time 75 minutes with one intermission, appropriate for all ages. \$9-\$13. [workhousearts.org](http://workhousearts.org). 703-585-2900.

**Iconic Images from the American Civil War.** Through Dec. 31. Tuesday-Friday, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Civil War Interpretive Center at Historic Blenheim, 3610 Old Lee Highway, Fairfax. The exhibition, *Between the States: Photographs of the American Civil War*, features a selection of 110 historical photographs of the Civil War by photographers (including renown photographers George Barnard, Mathew Brady, and Alexander Gardner from the George Eastman House Collection in Rochester, N.Y. 703-691-0560).

### THURSDAY/DEC. 10

**High School Orchestras.** 7 p.m. Robinson Secondary School, 5035 Sideburn Road, Fairfax. Featuring the music of Mozart, Rimsky-Korsakoff, Brahms, Tchaikovsky and Beethoven. Canned food drive to benefit families



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**American Festival Pops Orchestra performs songs of the season at the George Mason University Center of the Arts on Friday, Dec. 12.**

of FCPS bus drivers. Free. 703-426-2143.

**What Sherlock Holmes Drank-Victorian Drinking Customs.** 7 p.m. Kings Park Library, 9000 Burke Lake Road, Burke. Spend a festive evening with author Charles A. Mills, who will entertain and inform you with his research into the drinking customs of the Victorians. Books available for sale and signing. Adults and teens. 703-978-5600.

### FRIDAY-SATURDAY/DEC. 11-12

**Popular Christmas Drama.** Call for times. Harvester Presbyterian Church, 7800 Rolling Road, Springfield. "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever" play by Barbara Robinson. Show suitable for all ages. \$6-\$20. 703-455-7800.

### FRIDAY-SUNDAY/DEC. 11-13

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### SATURDAY/DEC. 12

**Operation Lifesaver Santa Trains.** Burke Centre Station, 10399 Premier Court, Burke. Ride the train with Santa but don't forget to bring a toy. Burke Centre will become a drop off site for the Marine Corps Toys for Tots campaigns. Tickets may still be available at vendor locations.

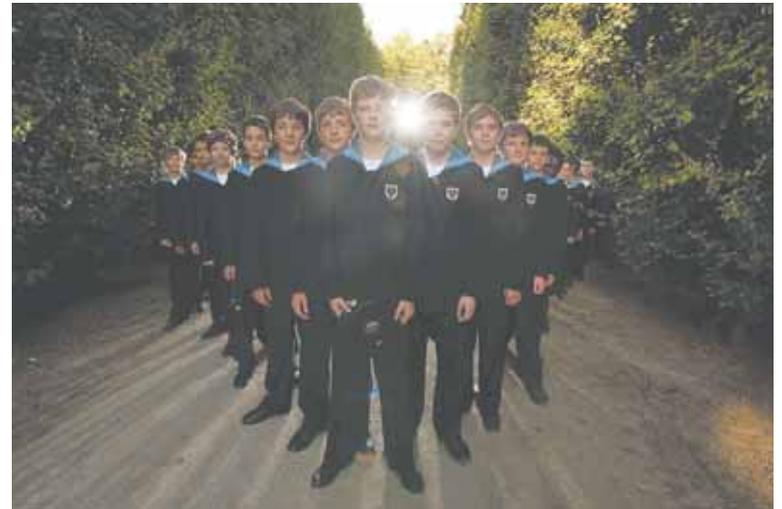


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**The Vienna Boys Choir will perform a range of music for the holidays at George Mason's Center for the Arts on Friday, Dec. 18.**

Address locations of ticket vendors can be found on the individual ticket pages: <http://www.vrespecialevents.org/SeasonalSantaTrains/availability.html>.

**Breakfast with St. Nick.** 8 a.m.-noon. Burke Presbyterian Church, 5630 Oak Leather Drive, Burke. Children and families gather to hear the story of Saint Nicholas, the saint who captured the spirit of giving and began the Santa Claus tradition. The morning includes special time with St. Nick (to include photos), a visit to the "Little Shoppe" where children can do Christmas shopping for family members (all proceeds go to support a mission project of the church), Christmas crafts, and a light breakfast and carol singing. All are welcome. <http://www.burkepreschurch.org/saint-nick>.

**The Cathedral Bass.** 5:30-6:30 p.m. Living Savior Lutheran Church, 5500 Ox Road, Fairfax Station. The Cathedral Brass will celebrate Christmas with a musical holiday journey featuring Anthony DiLorenzo's "The Toymaker," Vince Guaraldi's "Christmas Time is Here," Clay Aiken's "Mary Did You Know?," jazz settings of traditional Christmas carols, including "We Three Kings," "The Twelve Days of Christmas," "Greensleeves" and a medley of favorites from popular holiday cartoons. [livingsaviorlutheran.org](http://livingsaviorlutheran.org). 703-352-1421.

**Holiday Pops: Songs of the Season.** 8 p.m. George Mason University Center for the Arts, 4373 Pond Drive, Fairfax. Under the baton of Maestro Anthony Maiello, the talented musicians of the American

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**Community Irish Ceili and Set Dance.** 6:30-10 p.m. Frying Pan Park Visitors Center, 2739 West Ox Road, Herndon. Call for directions, 703-437-9101. Wear flat, comfortable shoes and lightweight clothing. Holiday headgear for a chance at an extra door prize ticket. \$15. 703-631-9179.

**Holiday Horse Drawn Hayrides and Lakeside Campfire.** Noon-3 p.m. Lake Accotink Park, 7500 Accotink Park Road, Springfield. Enjoy holiday music and merriment on a horse-drawn wagon ride beside the lake. Warm up with seasonal treats available for purchase at our snack bar, and settle in to share stories around a toasty campfire. Visit Santa in the pavilion and tell him what's on your wish list. Registration information at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/lake-accotink/>. 703-569-3464.

**Fun Flicks.** 6:45 p.m. Burke Centre Library, 5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke. Tis the season to gather together and watch a holiday movie with friends and family! Featured film is "Polar Express." Light Refreshments. All ages. 703-249-1520.

**Crooning with Critters Holiday Puppet Show.** 11 a.m.-noon. Kings Park Library, 9000 Burke Lake Road, Burke. Kick off our winter reading program with the Goodlife Theater presenting this interactive musical puppet show. Cosponsored by Friends of the Kings Park Library. All ages. 703-978-5600.

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## SATURDAY/DEC. 12 AND 19

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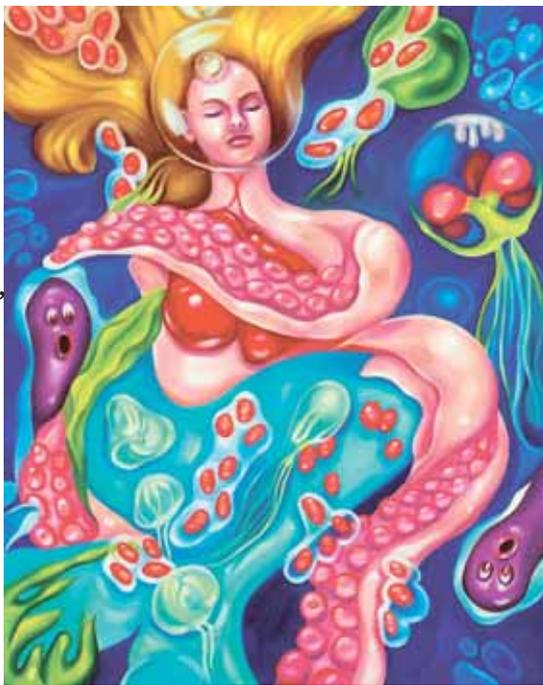


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**First Holiday Half at Burke Lake Park.** 9 a.m. Burke Lake Park, 7315 Ox Road, Fairfax Station. Runners can expect a premium experience starting with pre-race entertainment, a winter and holiday themed decorated course, scoring and awards, and an incredible post-race celebration including the awards ceremony, post-race breakfast buffet, and vendor expo. <http://www.metrorunwalkspringfield.com/holiday-half-home>.

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## TUESDAY/DEC. 15

**High School Orchestras.** 7 p.m. Burke Centre Library, 5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke. Special performance. Festive music to get you in the holiday spirit. Free. 703-426-2143.

## WEDNESDAY/DEC. 16

**Luis Miguel.** 8 p.m. Eagle Bank Arena, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. \$53-

\$180. <http://www.eaglebankarena.com/>. 703-993-3000.

## THURSDAY/DEC. 17

**Toastmasters Open House.** 7-9 p.m. Truro Church (Upper Room), 10520 Main St., Fairfax. Fairfax Toastmasters, a fun and cost-effective way to learn communication and leadership skills, is having an Open House. Come see how we can help you. Free. <http://www.meetup.com/Fairfax-Toastmasters/events/226967593/>.

**Holiday Movie Night.** 5 and 7 p.m. Kings Park Library, 9000 Burke Lake Road, Burke. Come enjoy a double feature at Kings Park! Holiday classic "The Muppet Christmas Carol" at 5 p.m. and Disney Pixar's animated hit "Inside Out" at 7 p.m. All ages. 703-978-5600.

## FRIDAY/DEC. 18

**Vienna Boys Choir, Christmas in Vienna.** 8 p.m. George Mason University Center for the Arts, 4373 Mason Pond Drive, Fairfax. The choir performs a broad range of music for the holidays, from sacred hymns and traditional Christmas carols to holiday pop favorites and folk songs from across the globe. These Austrian lads belong to the best-known boys choirs in the world, and are known for their ethereal vocals. \$32-\$54. [cfa.gmu.edu](http://cfa.gmu.edu). 888-945-2468.

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# SPORTS

**South County running back DeMarcus Ramsey is wrapped up by Westfield defensive lineman Zach Jewell during the 6A North region championship game on Dec. 5.**



PHOTO BY  
JEFF MCQUILKIN

## South County Falls to Westfield in 6A North Region Final

**Conference 7 champion Stallions finish with 13-1 record.**

BY JON ROETMAN  
THE CONNECTION

**T**he South County football team's 2015 season will be remembered as one of the program's best.

The Stallions went undefeated during the regular season, beating Lake Braddock in triple overtime in the finale to win the Conference 7 championship.

After a trio of playoff wins, South County reached the 6A North region championship game, setting up a rematch with Westfield.

While the Stallions defeated the Bulldogs 26-19 back on Sept. 11, Saturday's postseason meeting ended on a decidedly sour note for South County.

Westfield captured the region title with a 40-8 victory over South County on Dec. 5 in Lorton. It was Westfield's fifth consecutive region final appearance. After four straight losses, the Bulldogs won their first region championship since 2007.

The Stallions, who had produced at least 20 points in each of its first 13 games and at least 40 points on eight occasions, did not score until quarterback DeAndre Clayton connected with Chu Chu Enechionya for a 35-yard touchdown with 4:08 remaining in the fourth quarter.

Meanwhile, Westfield led 13-0 at halftime and scored on its first five possessions of the second half.

"We came in to the first game with zero chance to win and that motivated us that much more to beat [Westfield]," Clayton wrote in an email. "This go-around, we knew we'd already beaten them and we thought it'd be a nice win."

South County trailed 10-0 in the second quarter when the Stallions started a drive at their own 20 with 8:36 remaining. South County marched 78 yards in 18 plays, but came away with no points after running back DeMarcus Ramsey was stuffed at the line of scrimmage on fourth-and-goal from the 2-yard line.



**The South County football team lost to Westfield 40-8 in the region championship game on Dec. 5. The Stallions finished the season with a 13-1 record.**

"It kinda shocked us, because we do so well in the red zone and to get stopped on the goal line was abnormal," Clayton wrote. "With that being before halftime and us going in the locker room with nothing to show for [it] had us feeling funny."

Westfield would add a 49-yard Brian Delaney field goal late in the second quarter and enter halftime with a 13-0 advantage. The Bulldogs eventually led 40-0 when quarterback Rehman Johnson scored on a 1-yard sneak with 4:32 remaining in the fourth quarter.

Clayton completed 20 of 37 passes for 219 yards and a touchdown. Ramsey carried 16 times for 40 yards. Dillon Spalding had seven receptions for 85 yards.

Westfield running back Tim Beard carried 23 times for 227 yards and a touchdown. Delaney made four field goals.

Westfield (13-1) will face Oscar Smith (13-0) in the 6A state championship game at 4:07 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 12 at the University of Virginia's Scott Stadium in Charlottesville.

South County finished with a 13-1 record.

"I'm extremely proud of what we did from the first undefeated regular season record to getting to the region final," Clayton wrote. "I'm proud of all of the things we overcame over the course of the season. We were a very resilient team."



PHOTO BY JON ROETMAN/THE CONNECTION

**Robinson guard Tyler Jones attempts to in-bound the ball against Madison on Dec. 4.**

## Nelson: Rams Struggling with Effort, Composure

While many coaches prefer to experience rough patches earlier rather than later during the course of a season, Robinson's Brian Nelson is dealing with a problem he said rarely plagues the Rams.

Robinson lost to Madison 64-51 on Dec. 4 during the second day of the "Readers are Leaders Tip Off" at South Lakes High School, dropping the Rams' record to 1-2. After the game, Nelson gave credit to the Warhawks, but said his team contributed to its own demise.

"We flat out got beat," Nelson said. "Madison did exactly what they wanted to do. I give Coach [Kevin] Roller and those kids all the credit ... but we played with zero effort at the defensive end and zero composure at the offensive end. ... Composure and effort are two words I've had to use way too often in a negative connotation and that is not a problem Robinson teams are accustomed to having."

Robinson opened the season with an 80-65 loss to Woodson on Dec. 1 and beat South Lakes 63-56 on Dec. 3.

"Even when we're not as talented as some other teams we might play, we're always going to give effort, we're always going to have composure," Nelson said. "What we're having a hard time with this week is figuring out how we get both of those

things, that have been hallmarks for us, how do we get those back? Because it's going to be a long season if we're not able to."

While the Rams work to solve their December issues, one player who has excelled is Markos Eyob. The junior guard scored a team-high 15 points against Madison and averaged 18 during Robinson's first three games.

"I don't like singling people out, but when your team's having a hard time and one guy is really going to the mat for you, I'm going to give credit where credit is due," Nelson said. "I think he's doing an outstanding job."

Nelson said he is looking for senior forward Avi Silberman, a returner who received significant playing time last season, to be a consistent double-double threat during the season. Silberman averaged 9 points during the first three games.

Senior guard Danny Krug scored 11 points in the loss to Madison.

Robinson defeated Langley 52-46 on Tuesday to improve to 2-2. The Rams faced Fairfax on Wednesday, after The Connection's deadline.

Robinson will travel to face Lake Braddock at 7:15 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 11.

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The SEA analyzed the potential environmental impacts that may occur as a result of the proposed changes to the development assessed in the "Environmental Assessment for the National Museum of the United States Army" dated September 2010. The changes include a building addition, "Founders Hall", to the National Museum of the United States Army (NMUSA) complex. Founders Hall would be a two-story building with a 29 space parking lot situated at the entrance of Liberty Drive and would serve as a visitor center and multi-purpose facility at the NMUSA complex. The SEA is incorporated by reference in the Draft FNSI. Based on the SEA, the Army has determined that implementation of the Proposed Action would have no significant adverse direct, indirect, or cumulative effects on the quality of the human or natural environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement will not be prepared.  
A copy of the SEA and Draft FNSI are available for review and comment at the following libraries: Fort Belvoir Van Noy Library, Lorton Branch, Sherwood Regional Branch, and Kingstowne Branch. The documents are also available at: http://www.belvoir.army.mil/envirodocssection2.asp. Comments on the SEA and Draft FNSI should be submitted to Mr. Felix M. Mariani, Fort Belvoir DPW Environmental and Natural Resources Division, Building 1442, 9430 Jackson Loop, Fort Belvoir, VA 22060, or usarmy.belvoir.imcom-atlantic.mbx.enrd@mail.mil. Comments must be received no later than 30 days after publication of this Notice of Availability.

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SALE TO BE HELD AT THE FAIFAX COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT

DECEMBER 10, 2015, AT 1:00 P.M.

In execution of the Amended and Restated Deed of Trust, Assignment of Leases and Rents and Security Agreement in the original principal amount of \$28,000,000.00 dated July 26, 2007 and recorded on August 1, 2007 in Book 19489 at Page 703 among the land records of Fairfax County, Virginia (the "Deed of Trust"), securing CD 2007-CD5 VERSAR CENTER, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, as successor-in-interest to U.S. Bank National Association, as successor-in-interest to Bank of America, National Association, as successor trustee to Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., as Trustee for the registered holders of CD 2007-CD5, Commercial Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates (the "Noteholder"), default having occurred in the payment of the debt secured thereby, and being instructed to do so by the Noteholder, the undersigned Substitute Trustees will offer for sale the property described below at public auction by the main entrance to the Fairfax County Circuit Court, located at 4110 Chain Bridge Rd, Fairfax, VA 22030 on December 10, 2015, beginning at 1:00 p.m.

The real property encumbered by the Deed of Trust that will be offered for sale by the Substitute Trustees is commonly known as Versar Center Office Building, 6850 and 6800 Versar Center, Springfield, Fairfax County, Virginia 22151, Tax Identification Numbers: 080-2-01-0022-A and 080-2-01-0022-B, as more particularly described in the Deed of Trust, and all improvements, fixtures, easements and appurtenances thereto (the "Real Property"). The Real Property will be sold together with the interest of the Noteholder, if any, in the following described personal property at the direction of the Noteholder as secured party thereof, as permitted by the Uniform Commercial Code - Secured Transactions, Title 8.9A of the Code of Virginia, as amended. The Personal Property includes: equipment, furniture, furnishings, machinery, insurance policies, agreements, trademarks, proceeds and all other personal property as more particularly described in the Deed of Trust (the "Personal Property"). The above described Real Property and Personal Property are collectively referred to as the "Property."

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### DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT FBI HQ CONSOLIDATION

## Notice of Public Hearing

The U.S. General Services Administration (GSA) has prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) to evaluate the potential environmental impacts associated with the consolidation of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Headquarters at a new location in the National Capital Region. The DEIS has been prepared in accordance with the National Environmental Policy (NEPA) of 1969, Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) Regulations (40 C.F.R. §1500-1508), and the GSA Public Buildings Service NEPA Desk Guide. As part of this DEIS, GSA is also inviting comments on historic preservation concerns under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, 54 U.S.C. § 100101, et seq.

GSA proposes to consolidate the FBI Headquarters at a new permanent location in exchange for the J. Edgar Hoover (JEH) building at 935 Pennsylvania Avenue, Washington D.C. The DEIS analyzes the impacts of a range of alternatives on the natural and human environment. These alternatives include:

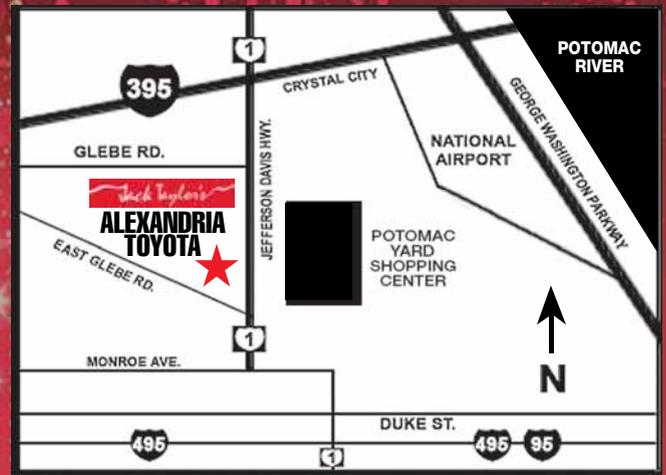
- **No Action Alternative**— FBI HQ would not consolidate, and its staff and operations would remain dispersed throughout the NCR at JEH and other leased facilities.
- **Greenbelt Action Alternative**— FBI HQ staff and operations would be consolidated at the Greenbelt site, and the existing HQ parcel would be exchanged to an exchange partner.
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- **Springfield Action Alternative**— FBI HQ staff and operations would be consolidated at the Springfield site, and the existing HQ parcel would be exchanged to an exchange partner.

**Public Hearings**— A series of public hearings are held to present the findings of the DEIS and receive comments. Anyone with an interest in the project is invited to attend. Please refer to the project website <http://www.gsa.gov/fbihqconsolidation> for the dates and locations of the hearings. Comments may also be submitted by mail during the 45-day review period provided by Council on Environmental Quality regulations. The review period for this DEIS began on November 6, 2015 (date of the Federal Register publication of the notice of availability). Comments are due no later than January 6, 2016. Please send all written comments to: U.S. General Services Administration, Attention: Ms. Denise Decker, Project Manager Office of Planning and Design Quality, 7th Street SW, Room 4004, Washington, D.C. 20407, [fbi-hq-consolidation@gsa.gov](mailto:fbi-hq-consolidation@gsa.gov).

A copy of the DEIS is available for public review at the following locations: **National Capital Planning Commission**, 401 9<sup>th</sup> Street, NW, North Lobby, Suite 500, Washington, DC 20004; **Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Library**, 901 G Street, NW, Washington, DC 20001; **Richard Byrd Library**, 7520 Commerce Street, Springfield, VA 22150; **Greenbelt Library**, 11 Crescent Rd, Greenbelt, MD 20770; **Glenarden Branch Library**, 8724 Glenarden Pkwy, Glenarden, MD 20706. A copy can also be downloaded from <http://www.gsa.gov/fbihqconsolidation>. If you require any additional assistance, please contact Ms. Decker at 202-748-7691 or [denise.decker@gsa.gov](mailto:denise.decker@gsa.gov).

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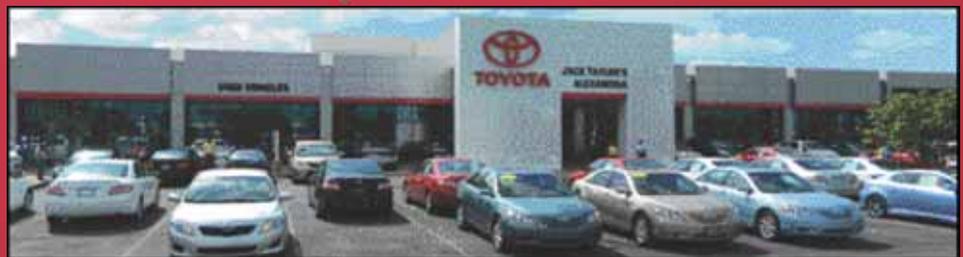
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