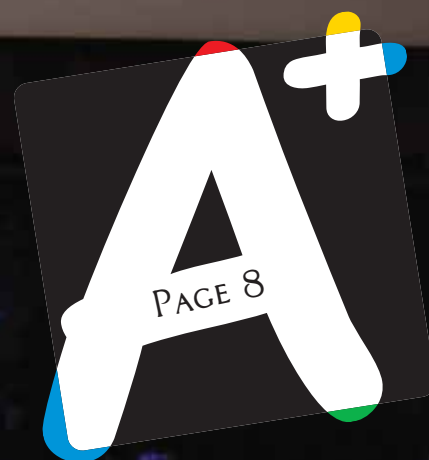


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Lake Braddock Secondary School Musical Theatre performers in the 2016 production of Disney's "Beauty and the Beast" include (back row) Lucia LaNave as Madame de La Grande Bouche (The Wardrobe), Micah Super as LeFou, Tyler King as Gaston, Eric Gilbertson as Cosgworth, Nicki Caswell as Mrs. Potts, Tim Ellis as Maurice, (middle row) Jacob Hyde as Lumiere, Lizzie Fasana as Babette, Braden King as Chip, and (front row) Kirsten Chase as Belle and Josh Lee as The Beast.

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(From left) Knights of Columbus Council 8600 and Assembly 3596 members Bill Crowder, Al Obuchowski, Phil Torrey, Scott Leitch, Bill Baker and John Germain helped demo the fourth structure Marian Homes will renovate to provide housing and service for five individuals with disabilities.

Go Fourth and Prosper

Marian Homes begins work on next group home for people with disabilities.

BY TIM PETERSON
THE CONNECTION

2016: Another year, another demolition and another home being renovated to meet the needs of five individuals with disabilities. On an overcast Friday, Jan. 15, Knights of Columbus volunteers assisting the Fairfax Station-based nonprofit organization Marian Homes stripped carpet and hammered and knocked down walls in a single-family home on Wilson Street in Fairfax City.

Many of the volunteers were at another house in Springfield, less than a year ago in March 2015, gutting that one too. In June, residents with intellectual or developmental disabilities moved into the re-finished house, christened “Queen of Peace” and modified with wider doorways, expansive bathrooms and a much more open floor plan to meet their housing needs.

As the Northern Virginia Training Center — a decades-old, state-run institution alongside Braddock Road in Fairfax that has housed and facilitated treatment for people with disabilities — is scheduled to close entirely in the next two months, there’s been a push for those residents to find comparable services elsewhere in the community.

With just around 70 small group facilities in Fairfax County, hundreds are waiting for space to open up.

RESIDENTS of Marian Homes houses don’t pay rent. But they have waivers for services from the Commonwealth of Virginia that go to CHIMES, the international nonprofit that runs the day-to-day treatment for residents that in turn pays rent to Marian Homes.

The first Marian Homes residence “Marian House” was dedicated in 1998 and houses five adult women. The second took in all men, as did the third. “Mother of Mercy,” the name of this fourth home, will accept five adult women again, four of which are coming from the Northern Virginia Training Center.

To acquire third house outright, Marian Homes received a grant from Fairfax County. The grant came from federal funding designated for purchasing and rehabilitating affordable housing, so it was a good fit. In October 2015, Marian Homes applied in the latest request for proposal from the County for additional federal grant money. Again, they were awarded over \$500,000 to acquire fourth house.

No sooner had residents moved into the Springfield home, a team from Marian Homes began looking for the next project house. Walter Purdy from the Marian Homes board said they looked at more than 100, trying to find “the one that fits the needs of those residents in the future, fits the open style we look for.”

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A receiving room in the new fourth Marian Homes house in Fairfax will eventually feature French doors out to a deck done entirely by the Knights of Columbus Council 8600.



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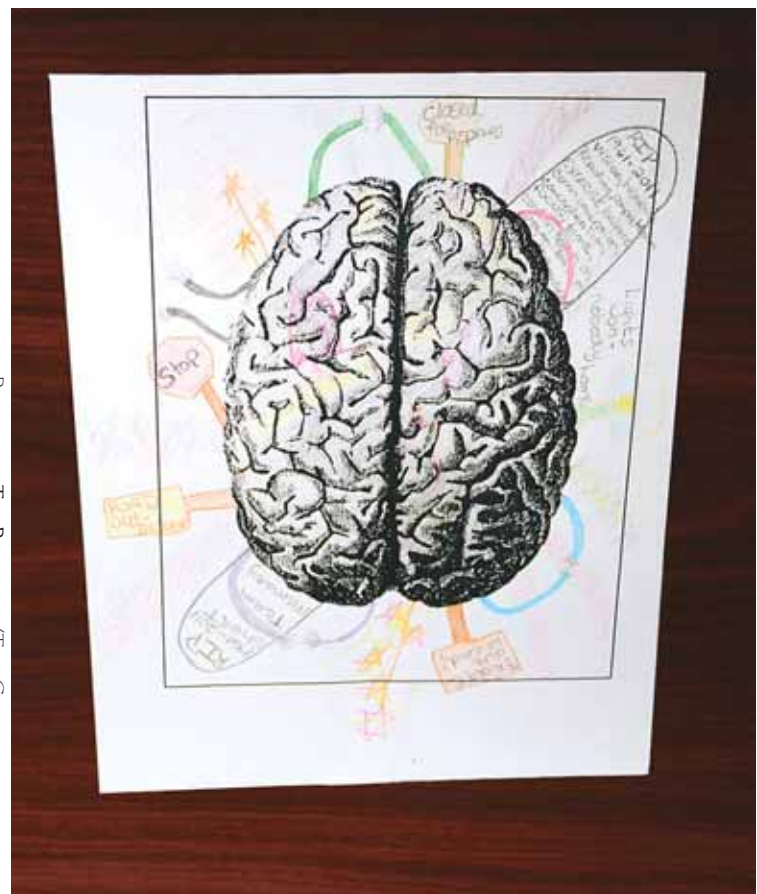
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(From left) Brain Injury Services Communications coordinator Austin McNair, executive director Karen Brown and survivor Kim Daily stand outside the BIS main office in Springfield.



As part of her therapy, Kim Daily made illustrations to reflect her thoughts on the state of her brain after it sustained a traumatic injury.

Road to Recovery

Brain Injury Services gets survivors back into the community.

BY TIM PETERSON
THE CONNECTION

In one moment, Kim Daily's life changed forever. It was September 2011 and the Centreville resident was in a car accident where she hit her head. Afterwards she experienced some numbness and pain in her neck.

"I knew something was very wrong," Daily said.

Daily consulted a neurologist since she was also hearing things and having difficulty standing up. The doctor said her brain had been injured in the accident, and that it "would either heal or not."

Depression set in as Daily tried to deal with headaches, completely losing her short-term memory, problems balancing and other cognitive difficulties.

"Nothing works the way you used to," said Daily.

She got on the Internet looking for support, information, recovery groups, anything to help her get turned around. Daily found Brain Injury Services, a nonprofit organization based in Springfield that works with children and adults who have suffered brain injuries to rebuild skills and confidence that will help them get back into the community.

Daily was put on a waiting list for a case manager, at that point six months after her accident, and in the meantime started attending monthly group meetings with other people recovering from brain injuries.

"Just to be in the same room with people who understood," was huge for Daily, she said. "Just to have someone to listen, who will say 'It's not always going to be this bad.'"

Daily eventually got paired with a case manager, who recommended a therapist and different neurologists, and helped her



Barbara Armistead of Fairfax sustained a traumatic brain injury while playing co-ed softball. She started attending group sessions at Brain Injury Services and eventually became paired with a direct case manager.

get organized. With detailed notes and a calendar she takes with her everywhere, as well as a regimen of medicines, Daily is working again in a Springfield florist shop and making her recovery.

WITH A STAFF OF 32, Brain Injury Services serves people throughout Fairfax County and has satellite locations in Woodbridge and Loudoun. Eighty percent of its \$3 million budget comes from the Commonwealth of Virginia and about five percent is funded by Fairfax County. The remainder comes from private and corporate partnerships.

By keeping overhead low, executive di-

"Sleep was critical to be able to recover."

—Barbara Armistead of Fairfax

rector Karen Brown said, the 26-year-old community-based organization is able to devote about 96 percent of that budget to services for clients.

Brown has been active in the field of disabilities for 44 years, after her uncle, a New York State trooper, was hit head-on and there weren't sufficient services for his recovery available. "That always resonated with me," she said.

Case manager Claire Callison of Burke meets with between eight and ten adults on a monthly basis, helping them make and then pursue a goal plan. Some are in crisis, in danger of losing their income or house.

Callison connects them with resources, other counselors, and eventually redeveloping skills like gardening and home maintenance. As the individual progresses, they also work on peer-to-peer relationships, volunteering and apartment coaching, depending on the living situation.

"It's open-ended," she said, "closure is based on completion of those goals, when there isn't a need for services anymore."

With the December 2015 release of the movie "Concussion" starring Will Smith as Dr. Bennet Omalu, who discovers brain deterioration in a dead NFL player, Brown is hopeful more people will educate them-

selves on all brain injuries.

"I really wish we were out of business," Brown said. "This is preventable."

Particularly for athletics Brown points to the understanding of Second Impact Syndrome, a potentially fatal case of sustaining a second concussion before the first one heals, as necessary education.

One impact was all it took to remove Barbara Armistead of Fairfax from a game of co-ed softball. The centerfielder was sprinting to second base when she was hit in the head by a ball thrown to get her out.

Armistead didn't immediately go to the hospital, opting to call a nurse's line and rest at home. But when symptoms of headaches, nausea, distorted, foggy senses and sensitivity to light kept her home from work at Northrop Grumman for a week, she met with a family doctor and neurologist, and looked to Brain Injury Services.

LIKE DAILY, Armistead started with group sessions among other brain injury survivors, and then linked with a caseworker in August 2015. She also takes an active role as her own advocate. "I jump on my symptoms and figure out what I have to do."

Armistead uses physical therapy, acupuncture, notetaking and other coping mechanisms to manage her symptoms.

"Sleep was critical to be able to recover," she said, of getting between nine and 12 hours of sleep a night.

While both Armistead and Daily are still recovering, they acknowledge irreversible change. "You just need to accept your life is never going to look the way it did before," Daily said.

The Brain Injury Services main office is located at 8136 Old Keene Mill Road Suite B-102. For more information, visit www.braininjurysvcs.org.

Money, Lax Laws Draw Sex Traffickers

400 sex trafficking victims found in two years.

BY ISABEL KNIGHT
THE CONNECTION

Ever since the Human Trafficking Task Force began collecting data in October 2013, there have been 400 victims of sex trafficking found in 244 cases with over 130 suspected perpetrators in Northern Virginia.

Last year, before the state of Virginia passed its first sex trafficking laws, SB 1188 and HB 1964, it was the last state in the United States without any sex trafficking legislation.

According to Taryn Offenbacher, the communications director for Shared Hope International, a nonprofit nongovernmental organization dedicated to ending sex trafficking, this lack of legislation may have attracted more sex traffickers to Virginia.

"Traffickers are going to go the path of least resistance. They know the laws are in their favor, and there is minimal risk in Virginia to commit these crimes."

Money is also a strong draw.

"Sex trafficking is an economic crime ... there has to be demand. Traffickers go where the money is," said Detective Bill Woolf, former head of the Human Trafficking Unit of Fairfax County Police Department.

Kay Duffield, the executive director of the Northern Virginia Human Trafficking Task Force, reports that from October 2013 to October 2015, the task force has identified 400 victims of sex trafficking. Fifteen percent of these cases have been gang related and 55 percent of the victims are white females.

These numbers are underestimates of true rates, because there is currently no real mechanism for collecting data. Woolf estimates that true rates are likely closer to the 10,000 victims reported in San Diego, which has similar demographics to Fairfax County. The Task Force covers Alexandria, Arlington, Fairfax, Stafford, Loudoun County and Prince William County.

This problem exists across the United States. In 2015, the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement's (ICE) Homeland Security Investigations arrested 1,437 individuals for human trafficking across the country.

According to Woolf, the biggest hurdle law enforcement faces in catching sex traffickers is lack of resources.

The Human Trafficking Unit was established in 2013, when the Fairfax County Police Department received a two-year grant from the U.S. Department of Justice which expired. Woolf investigated 244 trafficking cases.

Often, sex trafficking can only be addressed if they overlap with a related unit that gets more funding, such as the Gang

Unit. Even the FBI addresses sex trafficking in the Crimes Against Children Unit, which addresses a broad spectrum of crimes, Woolf said.

His work requires balancing the desire for a quick case to protect as many victims as possible, while still collecting enough evidence to support a viable prosecution.

Woolf pointed out the disadvantage of not having officers trained in human trafficking specifically means officers will often prosecute the victims themselves for prostitution instead of the pimps. He also often has to use nontraditional methods to divert potential victims from harm without letting the traffickers know they are being investigated.

The cases that end in arrests and prosecutions may not be representative of the majority of sex trafficking cases, but instead reflect cases that require fewer resources to investigate.

For example, he said, gang-related trafficking is often prosecuted much more routinely than sex traffickers operating out of commercial establishments like massage parlours because those cases are difficult to investigate and require extensive resources.

Before 2012, this problem had gone largely unnoticed for a number of reasons. A number of victims see this as their only source of livelihood. Many victims are undocumented immigrants. The National Center for Missing and Exploited Children finds that 68 percent of sex trafficking victims have been a part of the foster care system at one time, though Woolf said that percentage is probably lower for Northern Virginia.

Many victims of sex trafficking don't see themselves as victims, but rather the main perpetrators of the crime, which is why only a very small percentage of them ever report trafficking to the police. That is why Fairfax County schools have been starting education initiatives to spread awareness of this crime from a young age.

"Despite the fact that Fairfax County is statistically the safest jurisdiction of our size, predators still exist here. It's the job of everyone to be aware. Speaking as a mother and a grandmother, we need to make sure our young people are educated about predators and have their eyes open," said Sharon Bulova, chairman of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors.

Fairfax County Public Schools began implementing a formal curriculum on sex trafficking in its family life programming in spring of 2014 in response to several sex trafficking cases in spring of 2012.

This program currently begins in 6th grade and runs through 10th grade, with another year of programming for 12th graders, and the school is currently working on curriculum for 11th graders to begin next year because the school considers the issue grave enough to warrant continuous education on the matter.

After two years, these programs appear successful. Liz Payne, the coordinator for Health, Family Life Education, and Physi-



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U.S. Rep. Barbara Comstock (R-10), Dr. Ludy Green, Deepa Patel, Beth Saunders, and Det. Bill Woolf spoke to Comstock's Young Women Leadership Program at Great Falls Library on July 20, 2015 about human trafficking.

Meeting Focuses on Sex Trafficking

A free public event is offering information about human trafficking taking place around Northern Virginia. A rapidly growing crime on the national level, Fairfax County is no exception.

The Alexandria Commission for Women, The Arlington County Commission on the Status of Women, The City of Fairfax Commission for Women and the Fairfax County Commission for Women are co-sponsoring the event on Jan. 31. Organizers are looking to both increase awareness of trafficking and offer information and support for victims.

Elizabeth Scaife, director of training at Shared Hope International, is the keynote speaker for the awareness event. She's the group's main trainer on domestic minor sex trafficking.

In addition to the speaker, the event will also include workshops on the role

of law enforcement, engaging with students on the issue, activating the business community and international trafficking.

Workshop leaders include Detective Bill Woolf, a special trafficking investigator with the Fairfax County Police Department, and Dr. Liz Payne, coordinator for Health, Family Life Education and Physical Education with Fairfax County Public Schools.

"Human Trafficking: Get the Facts and Take Action!" is scheduled to take place Jan. 31 from 1-4 p.m. at the Stacy C. Sherwood Community Center, 3740 Old Lee Highway in Fairfax.

Those attending the free event can bring used cell phones to recycle through the Verizon HopeLine program. The Artemis House domestic violence shelter will receive all proceeds.

— TIM PETERSON

cal Education of Fairfax County Public Schools, said, "Reporting has gone up since this program has been implemented, so I think we are making strides."

For those interested in more information about human trafficking in Northern Virginia, the Commissions for Women of Alex-

andria, Arlington, and Fairfax County will be holding an informational event about the issue on Jan. 31 at the Stacy C. Sherwood Community Center from 1 to 4 p.m. For more information, contact cfw@fairfaxva.gov. Registration is required prior to the event.

Marian Homes

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Purdy said they liked the big bay window and floor plan of this single-story, four-bedroom house on Wilson Street in Fairfax City. Like in their previous projects, doorways and halls will become wider, bathrooms more robust for assisted bathing. The dropped floor of the garage will be raised to meet the rest of the house and the whole space is planned to be converted into a utility closet, second full bathroom and fifth bedroom.

After a three-day demolition by volunteers (three teams of 18 men), contracted construction is expected to take 75 days.

William Baker on the Marian Homes Board of Directors said the goal is to open the home to residents on May 1.

Total cost for the property, closing and renovation is about \$735,000, Baker said. Though by using volunteers for demolition, they saved around \$20,000. That net amount will be covered by the federal grant money from Fairfax County, a loan from the Virginia Knights of Columbus charity KOVAR and additional fundraising.

"What's really incredible is all the volunteers," Baker said. "The County still doesn't know how we operate."

Marian Homes formed out of the Knights of Columbus Council 8600 at St. Mary of Sorrows, who continue to supply volunteer labor to these projects. "Our mission is providing for those in need and Marian Homes is an instrument for Knights to do just that," said Baker.

FOR THIS FOURTH HOUSE, they added the strength of a dozen Knights from Council 7566, St. John Neumann Parish in Reston.

"They're the dirtiest gang here," said Tom McFarlane of Reston (and Marian Homes president emeritus).

Tom Zorn of Herndon joined McFarlane in representing Council 7566. Swinging a hammer at a doorframe, Zorn commented that in addition to the various charitable acts his Council is part of, "I'm happy we can do something a little different."

Council 8600 Grand Knight Jim McHugh and Marian Homes president William Crowder stood in the middle of a dusty bare floor that will soon be the base of an open galley kitchen with a five-foot pass-through and roll-up countertop space. They agreed that taking on not just one, but four of these home makeover projects is "daunting."

"But we can't be complacent, there's a great bunch of guys working this," said Crowder. "You empower people and let them do what they can do."

"It's amazing to watch a group of men gather and put faith into action — as the Bible tells us, we can do more," McHugh said. "We go out, take on something audacious and challenging, and worry about how to get it done later."

Marian Homes and St. Mary of Sorrows Knights of Columbus Council 8600 will host a "Casino Knight" fundraiser benefitting individuals with disabilities on Jan. 30 from 7-11 p.m. in the Farrell Hall of St. Mary of Sorrows, located at 5222 Sideburn Road in Fairfax. The entry cost of \$25 includes poker chips, food, drinks and entertainment. For more information, visit www.marianhomes.org.



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OPINION

Pay Attention

General Assembly action matters more in Virginia.

The Virginia General Assembly began its 60-day 2016 session on Wednesday, Jan. 13. Here in Northern Virginia, residents are often far more cognizant of national politics and government than state and local government. But there are several reasons why, especially in Virginia, especially if you live in Northern Virginia, you should pay attention.

In Virginia, localities have only the power expressly given by the General Assembly. So living in Fairfax or Arlington or Alexandria, your local governments and regulations are often not able to reflect the values and preferences of residents.

For example, for Fairfax County to have any say about whether a gun store can operate adjacent to a school, where students can see customers coming and going with weapons, the General Assembly would have to vote to give the county that authority. While this has been a hot topic here, and several legislators have introduced “authorizing legislation,” it would be remarkable if the currently constituted assembly would allow this to go forward.

Living in the wealthiest areas of the Commonwealth also raises concerns. Localities have very limited options for raising revenue. The revenue that is actually based on someone’s ability to pay, income taxes, is only collected by the state; localities cannot claim any portion of income tax. Of course Northern Virginia is the economic engine of the state, and so it makes sense that a significant portion of the

state budget would be funded with Northern Virginia dollars. But it is unfair that the General Assembly limits localities ability to access other revenue choices to fund local necessities like schools.

There are dozens of other examples, and most are complicated. But local officials are elected, and if local government takes action not supported by local voters, they will be voted out.

Because of gerrymandering of districts in both the House of Delegates and the Virginia Senate, the makeup of the General Assembly is far more conservative than the Commonwealth overall, as evidenced by Democrats elected to all statewide offices. This makes the control from Richmond all the more egregious.

Every resident is represented by one delegate and one senator in the Virginia General Assembly. You can visit the General Assembly website to find out who represents you, for contact information, for session livestreaming and more.

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Transportation Improvements Will Bolster Economy

Northern Virginia Business Transportation Coalition 2016 policy statement.

We, the undersigned Northern Virginia organizations representing the vast majority of businesses and employees of Northern Virginia’s private sector and non-profit workforce, believe that a strong, efficient regional transportation network is essential to our region’s future economic competitiveness, security, and quality of life. We believe that unlocking Northern Virginia’s transportation grid requires a strategic regional approach.

We believe that achieving the best solutions to our transportation challenges requires a big picture perspective — regionally as well as statewide. Efforts to constrain, either by law or regulation, the Commonwealth Transportation Board’s ability to determine the best investments for the state, are counter to the goals set forth in House Bill 2, 2014 legislation

designed to address the commonwealth’s congestion reduction and economic development needs.

The focus of the Commonwealth Transportation Board and the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority, our region’s designated transportation planning body, should be on the investment of regional, state, federal, and private sector transportation dollars for highway, transit improvements, and intelligent transportation systems that will:

- ❖ Move the greatest number of people throughout the region;
- ❖ Reduce congestion and travel time between major regional employment centers and communities;
- ❖ Increase reliability of the network region-wide while producing the best long-term return on investment;
- ❖ Promote regional economic

development and growth; and

- ❖ Enhance regional security.

We are concerned that the law requiring the long-term benefits of Northern Virginia’s regional funds be distributed proportionally among jurisdictions impedes the ability of the regional body to address the region’s most critical transportation needs.

We believe that regional transportation funds should be primarily focused and leveraged, where appropriate, with federal, state, and private funds on projects of large-scale regional significance. These include:

- ❖ I-66 — construct new lanes and enhance transit from US Route 15/Haymarket to Theodore Roosevelt Bridge.
- ❖ New Potomac River Crossing — constructed west of American Legion Bridge.
- ❖ American Legion Bridge — add new express/managed lanes in each direction.
- ❖ Metro — improve maintenance, operations, safety and rail fleet.
- ❖ Bi-County Parkway — construct between I-66/Route 234 Bypass in Prince William County

and Route 50 in Loudoun County.

- ❖ Route 28 — upgrade to eight lanes.

❖ Fairfax County Parkway — convert to limited access facility.

❖ I-395 — convert HOV lanes to express/managed lanes between the Capital Beltway and the 14th Street Bridge.

❖ Regional Express Bus network — implement in the I-66, I-95, I-395, I-495, Dulles and other major regional corridors.

We support performance-based statewide and regional transportation plans that focus on new and existing corridors of regional and statewide significance, the evaluation of highway and public transit projects utilizing the same criteria, and the prioritization of investments first and foremost on the ability to reduce congestion and improve travel time.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Coyotes, A Welcome Part of County's Natural Ecosystem

To the Editor:

Thank you for the article "Coyotes on the Rise in Fairfax County" (Connection, January 14-20, 2016).

The article performs a very useful public service by making the public aware of the presence of coyotes in our county. And, many of the police department's suggestions, such as keeping pets/trash inside and keeping watch over pets when they are outside, are quite valid and useful.

However, I am concerned that some of the police department's advice seems to imply that coyotes should be treated as unwelcome intruders when in fact they are simply animals who formerly inhabited our area and have now returned, in large part due to loss of their preferred habitat in surrounding areas. The coyotes should be recognized as a welcome part of the county's natural ecosystem. The police department's statement initially refers to the coyotes as "scavenging animals," then correctly notes that they are foragers who eat a wide variety of food. Not that there is anything wrong with scavengers in the first place - it's just a

matter of "tone" that may cause some people to incorrectly think that coyotes are somehow intrinsically "bad."

The police department's advice in certain cases indicates that the county's citizens should somehow go on the defensive, cutting down all their shrubbery and installing elaborate fencing. Citizens need not be alarmed at the presence of coyotes - they have actually been around the county for quite a while. All that is really necessary is to follow the police department's provided suggestions regarding pets and trash, and we should have no problem living peacefully with coyotes.

It is unlikely that most people will ever see a coyote, at least in the daytime.

If they do, the coyote will most likely make itself scarce as quickly as possible, just like our numerous local foxes. If someone is close enough to "spray the coyote with a water hose, water guns or spray bottles with vinegar water, pepper spray of bear repellent," then they are too close to the animal in the first place. They should just move quietly away from the animal, or admire it and respect it from in-

side their residence until it moves on. One important note: neither pepper spray nor bear repellent should ever be directed at any animal unless that animal is posing an immediate threat to a person; that is, if it is truly charging someone and is less than twenty yards away.

These sprays are extremely painful for the animal, and also can injure the "sprayer" if the wind is coming towards them. It is clearly inhumane to use them just to discourage an animal from hanging around someone's yard.

Finally, we should recognize that coyotes can be valuable predators in helping to keep the deer population in check.

This would be far more preferable and natural than the current practice of culling deer in our county parks through the archery program. One of the reasons certain wildlife populations may be out of balance is that we lack the natural predators that used to live here. Coyotes can help fill this void.

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VOLUNTEER EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

Fairfax County's free **Family Caregiver Telephone Support Group** meets by phone on **Tuesday, Feb. 9, 7-8 p.m.** We will discuss Balancing Safety and Your Loved One's Self-Determination.

Register beforehand at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dfs/olderadultservices/caregiver.htm and click on Caregiver Telephone Support Groups. Call **703-324-5484**, TTY 711.

The **Fairfax Commission on Aging** meets on **Wednesday, Feb. 17** at noon at the **Patrick Henry Library**, 101 Maple Avenue East, **Vienna**. The public is welcome to attend and join in the comment period that begins each session. Find out more at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dfs/olderadultservices/coa.htm. Call **703-938-0405**, TTY 711 for meeting access needs.

Fairfax County's **Independent Living Project** helps older adults remain safely in their homes. Each session includes a prevention presentation and a

gentle exercise program that focuses on fall prevention. The series takes place on **Thursdays, February 25-April 21**, 10 a.m.-Noon, at Congregation Adat Reyim, 6500 Westbury Oaks Court, **Springfield**. Call **703-324-7210**, TTY 711 or go to www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dfs/olderadultservices/independent.htm to register for this free program.

The **Wakefield Senior Center** in **Annandale** needs instructors for the following classes: **Art, Pilates, Chair Exercise and Zumba Gold**. Volunteer instructor positions could lead to part-time employment. For these and other volunteer opportunities, call **703-324-5406**, TTY 711 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/olderadultsand click on Volunteer Solutions.

Nutritional Supplement Delivery - Pick up and deliver Ensure Nutritional Supplement to older adults. For these and other volunteer opportunities, call **703-324-5406**, TTY 711 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/

olderadults and click on Volunteer Solutions.

The **Kingstowne Center for Active Adults** in **Alexandria** needs Instructors for the following classes: **Basic Italian, Country Western Line Dance, Hula Hoop, African Style Dance and Mosaic Art or Jewelry Making**. For these and other volunteer opportunities, call **703-324-5406**, TTY 711 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/olderadults and click on Volunteer Solutions.

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Ted Thayer is a member of the George Mason University Potomac Arts Academy Encore Chorale in Fairfax.

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Seniors Who Sing

By MARILYN CAMPBELL
THE CONNECTION

When musician Jeanne Kelly was asked to be a part of a study on creativity in the aging, she readily accepted. She was a natural to be tapped for the job, since she was running a program for older adults at the Levine School of Music's Arlington campus. She was tasked

with helping to measure the impact of professionally conducted cultural programs on older adults. "The study found that artistic excellence has huge benefits, physically, mentally and socially. Out of that study, I decided to start Encore," said Kelly, referring to a group of singers, all seniors, who are part of one of the 18 Encore Chorales that make up Encore Creativity for Older Adults. Encore is a nonprofit organiza-

tion that offers arts education and performance opportunities for seniors. The chorales are currently accepting new members through the end of January. There are no auditions and all levels of musical experience and ability are accepted. **CHORALE MEMBERS** pay a fee which covers sheet music and the cost of the performances. In exchange, members receive music

education and training from professional musicians, a chance to make social connections and an opportunity to perform challenging choral music. Participants learn proper breathing techniques and ways in which they can improve their voice, all under the guidance of a conductor. "We don't dumb things down for our older adults," said Kelly. "Our members really appreciate the respect they get."

Lee Lipsey is a member of the George Mason University Potomac Arts Academy Encore Chorale in Fairfax.



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Encore Chorales

Singers accepted through the end of January. For more information: <http://encorecreativity.org>, call 301-261-5747 or email info@encorecreativity.org. Five weekly rehearsals are underway at the following locations:
Alexandria Encore Chorale – Rehearsals on Mondays at 10:30 a.m. at Convergence, located at 1801 N. Quaker Lane, Alexandria. Fee is \$150 for 15 weekly rehearsals, sheet music and performances.
GMU Potomac Arts Academy Encore Chorale – Rehearsals on Tuesdays at 11 a.m. at St. George UMC, 4910 Ox Road, Fairfax. Fee is \$150 for 15 weekly rehearsals, sheet music and performances.
Langston Brown Encore Chorale – Rehearsals on Tuesdays at 1:45 p.m. at Langston Brown Senior Center, 2121 Culpeper St., Arlington. Fee is \$150 for 15 weekly rehearsals, sheet music and performances.
Encore Chorale of Reston – Rehearsals on Tuesdays at 2 p.m. at RCC Hunters Woods in Reston. Fee is \$160 for Reston residents/\$320 for non-residents for 15 weekly rehearsals, sheet music and performances. Registration is through Fairfax County/Reston Community Center.
Lansdowne Woods Encore Chorale – Rehearsals on Wednesdays at 2 p.m. in the auditorium of Lansdowne Woods at 19375 Magnolia Grove Square, Lansdowne. Fee is \$150 for 15 weekly rehearsals, sheet music and performances. Pre-registration is required for non-residents.

policy researcher. "I wanted to try new things that were different than I did when I was working. This one has been very rewarding." Chorale masters are singers who assist the conductor with administrative duties, serve as contact for singers with questions, etc. The chorales are open to everyone over the age of 55, regardless of musical experience or ability. Members range from beginners to accomplished musicians. Joan and Ted Thayer are members of the George Mason University Potomac Arts Academy Encore Chorale in Fairfax. Ted Thayer has been a

musician for most of his adult life, majoring in music at the University of Illinois and spending more than 30 years in the National Symphony Orchestra. Joan Thayer, however, had no musical experience. Both participate fully in their chorale. Joan Thayer says she has enjoyed learning and sharing one of her husband's passions. "Singing is challenging for me, but I always come away happy and relaxed after an hour and a half rehearsal," she said. "It's a great group of people, and it's nice to be able to talk with someone about some-

thing that happened in the 1940s or about things that seniors are going through now, and actually be understood." Being challenged through musical performance is one of the things that Lee Lipsey, a member of and chorale master for the Encore Chorale of Reston, appreciates. "It's energizing and stimulating on a lot of different levels," she said. "It requires focus, hard work and practice to do it well, but there is a satisfaction in doing it well. You're part of a team, so your pursuit of excellence isn't an individual effort, it's for the team."

ENCORE has more than 1,200 members in 17 Chorale locations in the Washington, D.C. area and six Chorales in other cities. Opportunities for performance and travel for 2016 include a French Riviera cruise and intensive summer training at college campuses around the country. The season concludes with combined performances with other Chorales as well as local concerts at most Chorale locations.

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Lake Braddock Musical Theatre draws from eighth through 12th grades for the 2016 production of Disney's "Beauty and the Beast."

Telling a Tale as Old as Time

Lake Braddock Musical Theatre presents Disney's 'Beauty and the Beast.'

Since October, Lake Braddock junior Josh Lee has been transforming into Beast. He's not 'a beast,' though he stands fairly stout at a formidable six-plus-feet-tall; Lee is cast as the dark and complex title character in his school's Musical Theatre production of Disney's "Beauty and the Beast."

"I definitely identify with a lot of his insecurities," Lee said. "Like he's seen as over-powerful."

Lee most recently played the larger-than-life mother Edna Turnblad in last year's musical "Hairspray."

"I'm usually comic relief," said Lee. "Beast is more dark and serious. He has a character arc."

Playing opposite, and independent, from Lee is senior Kirsten Chase as Belle.

"It's every little girl's dream come true," she said. Making the role her own, Chase wants to bring out the more powerful characteristics of Belle.

"She's her own person," Chase said. "She's independent, a strong woman. I try to find that in myself and put it onstage."

Chase said the Lake Braddock production draws significantly from the Broadway version, on which it's based, but with additional choreography from Elizabeth King. King's son Tyler appears in the production as the



Belle, played by senior Kirsten Chase (right), rehearses for "Beauty and the Beast" with the Village cast behind her.

bull-headed and burly Gaston, vying for the affection of Belle and the termination of Beast.

Hayfield Secondary School put on its own "Beauty and the Beast" in November 2015, but Lake Braddock director Mary DeMarco said the performance proximity is neither a concern nor an inspiration for this show.

"This isn't like football," she said. "There's a lot of great shows out there and we're supportive of each other."

"Beauty and the Beast" requires a robust cast, which helps DeMarco develop the program starting with eighth-graders. It's also a big, popular show to follow up

"Hairspray."

"It was such a huge success," DeMarco said. "This is Disney, it's fun for people — we just want to continue the party we started."

Disney's "Beauty and the Beast" runs at Lake Braddock Secondary School's Little Theatre, 9200 Burke Lake Road, Jan. 28-31. Shows Thursday and Friday at 7:30 p.m., Saturday at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m., and Sunday at 3 p.m. Tickets are \$12 and available online ahead of time at www.brownpapertickets.com/event/2478480.

—TIM PETERSON

CALENDAR

Send notes to the Connection at south@connectionnewspapers.com or call 703-778-9416. The deadline is the Friday prior to the next paper's publication. Dated announcements should be submitted at least two weeks prior to the event.

THURSDAY/JAN. 21

Lunch N' Life. Noon-2 p.m. The Lutheran Church of the Abiding Presence, 6304 Lee Chapel Road, Burke. The entertainment will be the Capital Swing Quartet, a women's A capella group. Reserve to Faye Quesenberry at 703-620-0161 by Jan. 15. \$10. Call SCFB office 703-323-4788 for transportation. www.scfba.org.

Capital Swing Quartet. Noon-2 p.m. Abiding Presence Lutheran Church, 6304 Lee Chapel Road, Burke. Presented by the Shepherd's Center of Fairfax-Burke. www.scfba.org. 703-620-0161.

Genealogist Barry J. MacDonald. 7-8:30 p.m. Kings Park Library, 9000 Burke Lake Road, Burke. Meet local author and genealogist Barry MacDonald, who for nearly 40 years has traced his remarkable family tree through six centuries and two continents, including colonial New England and Virginia. Hear amazing family stories and get great advice to begin your own research. Adults and teens. 703-978-5600.

Fairfax Antique Arts Association. 10 a.m. Green Acres Senior Center, 4401 Sideburn Fairfax. historian Mary Lipsey with her latest talk "Escaping Detection During the Civil War."

Non-members welcome. Free. 703-273-6090.

Bite Me Cancer Ribbon Cutting. 5 p.m. 4400 Fair Lakes Court, Fairfax. Reception being held to celebrate the ribbon cutting of BMC's new office. Call 703-380-2738 for registration information. www.bitemecancer.org.

THURSDAY-FRIDAY/JAN. 21-22

Life is Very Good Prayer and Rally.

Thursday, 7:30-10 p.m. Friday, 9 a.m.-noon. Eagle Bank Arena, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. Keynote speaker is Mark Hart, vice president of LifeTeen. Join the Diocese of Arlington in celebrating life at the eighth annual "Life is VERY Good" Evening of Prayer and Morning Rally. www.arlingtondiocese.org/.

FRIDAY/JAN. 22

Old Town Hall Performance Series-Beau Soir Ensemble. 8 p.m. Old Town Hall, 3999 University Drive, Fairfax. Flute, viola, and harp trio.

Aquila Theatre: "The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes." 8 p.m. GMU Center for the Arts, 4373 Mason Pond Drive, Fairfax. Literature's legendary sleuth, from the brilliant mind of Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, takes our stage in this riveting tale of mystery, suspense, and intrigue that will leave you on the edge of your seat. \$26-\$44. cfa.gmu.edu.

Mason Improv Show. 8 p.m. TheatreSpace, GMU Center for the Arts, 4373 Mason Pond Drive, Fairfax. cfa.gmu.edu.

SATURDAY/JAN. 23

Winter Bash! 7-9 p.m. Jewish Community Center of Northern Virginia, 8900 Little River Turnpike, Fairfax. Electra Entertainment is bringing you the second annual Winter Bash. Featuring live DJs, stunning light shows, green screens, prizes and more. \$10, \$15. Barri.DeFrancisci@jccnv.org. 703-537-3037.

"When Did the Civil War End?" 2-4 p.m. Historic Blenheim and the Civil War Interpretive Center, 3610 Old Lee Highway, Fairfax. Local author William Connery will speak on the Confederate Navy and the last Confederate raider, the CSS Shenandoah followed by book sale and signing of Civil War books. 703-591-

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The Band of the Royal Marines: Featuring the Pipes, Drums and Highland Dancers of the Scots Guards. 2, 8 p.m. GMU Center for the Arts, 4373 Mason Pond Drive, Fairfax. Two of Great Britain's most respected military musical institutions take the stage in full regalia, bringing to life the magnificent pageantry of British tradition and history. \$31-\$52. cfa.gmu.edu.

Art Reception. 7-9 p.m. The Village Greenery, 3950 University Drive, Fairfax. This exhibit will include paintings by the artists of the Fairfax Art League and will feature a solo show of work by artist Kathleen Stark entitled "My Life and Art." Free. 703-587-9481.

Art Exhibition Opening. 7-10 p.m. Olly Olly, 10417 Main St., Fairfax. Embracing the Power of Artistic Practice features work in a variety of mediums by six D.C. area artists. Free. 703-789-6144.

SUNDAY/JAN. 24

Tu B'Shevat Seder. 6 p.m. Jewish Community Center of Northern Virginia, 8900 Little River Turnpike, Fairfax. Light dinner, Israeli wine, and delicious seder foods. Na'ama Gold, our Community Shlichah, and Cantor Allen Leider of Temple Rodef Shalom, will lead the seder and explain the beauty of the holiday. \$15-\$22. www.jccnvarts.org. 703-537-3000.

TUESDAY/JAN. 26

Marrying an Ice Cream Factory. 1 p.m. Jewish Community Center of Northern Virginia, 8900 Little River Turnpike, Fairfax. Documentary. Free. For tickets, 703-537-3000.

Ongoing

Art Guild of Clifton Fine Art Exhibit. Friday, Jan. 15 to Sunday, Jan. 31. Clifton Wine Shop, 7145 Main St., Clifton. Includes landscape and still life watercolors and acrylics from professional artist, Michele Frantz. An eclectic blend of subject, and style. Free. http://www.artguildofclifton.org.

"Vietnam Combat Art." Through Jan. 25. Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center, 10209 Main St., Fairfax. The reproductions of studio art include sketches, paintings, and illustrations done by teams of artists employed by the U.S. Army to record the soldier experience in Vietnam. Free. 703-385-8414.

Cafe Ivrit (Hebrew Cafe). Wednesdays. 8:15-9:15 a.m. Jewish Community Center of Northern Virginia, 8900 Little River Turnpike, Fairfax. Shalom (Hello)! Did you always want to converse in Hebrew? Join Na'ama each week for conversational Hebrew. You will learn and practice Hebrew in a fun and interactive way while learning

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THURSDAY-SUNDAY/JAN. 28-31

"Beauty and the Beast." Check for times. Lake Braddock Secondary School, 9200 Burke Lake Road, Burke. Bring the family to enjoy the "tale as old as time" told first as a Disney cartoon musical and then became a smash hit on Broadway. \$12. http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/2478480.

SATURDAY/JAN. 30

Polish Baltic Philharmonic Orchestra. 8 p.m. GMU Center for the Arts, 4373 Mason Pond Drive, Fairfax. This distinguished ensemble from the historic port city of Gdańsk on the coast of the Baltic Sea brings a splendid evening of classical music favorites. \$30-\$50. cfa.gmu.edu.

Art and Lunch. Noon-3 p.m. The Village Gallery, 3950 University Drive, Fairfax. Bring lunch and enjoy the company of other artists and learn something new. New members welcome. Free. www.fairfaxartleague.net, or call at 703 587-9481.

SUNDAY/JAN. 31

Hands On Activities Day. 1-4 p.m. Fairfax Station Railroad Museum, 11200 Fairfax Station Road, Fairfax Station. Crafts, train scenery modeling and other hands-on activities may be among the activities featured that day. Free-\$4. www.fairfax-station.org. 703-425-9225.

American Youth Philharmonic. 3 p.m. GMU Center for the Arts, 4373 Mason Pond Drive, Fairfax. Repertoire includes Rossini's William Tell Overture, Mozart's Sinfonia Concertante, and Tchaikovsky's Fifth Symphony. Free-\$20. cfa.gmu.edu.

more about Israel! Free (we ask that you try to attend regularly). RSVP Naama.Gold@jccnv.org.

Smoke Free Bingo (with breaks for smoking friends). 7 p.m. Every Friday. Fairfax Volunteer Fire Department, 4081 University Drive, Fairfax. Free coffee, entertaining callers, \$1,000 jackpot. www.fairfaxvd.com. 703-273-3638.

"Memories and Myth." Through Feb. 29. Workhouse Arts Center, 9601 Ox Road, Lorton. An all-media art exhibit by its Associate Artists in Gallery 902. www.workhousearts.org.

3-2-1 Act for Ages 9-11. 7-8 p.m. Wednesdays, Feb. 10, 17, 24. Truro Anglican Church, Upper Room, 10520 Main Street, Fairfax. Learn to perform with little or no preparation. This class is an introduction to improvisational acting in a fun, relaxed environment with popular improv teacher Mr. Andrukonis. \$30 per student. http://www.fairfaxcitytheatre.org/workshops—classes.html.

Military Bands at Center for the Arts

Band of the Royal Marines and Band of Scots Guards performing Jan. 23.

BY DAVID SIEGEL
THE CONNECTION

Pomp, pageantry and stirring music from Great Britain's esteemed military musical institutions will command attention with their extraordinary sights and sounds as they perform at the George Mason University Center for the Arts.

The performance will be bursting with bagpipes, brass and drums in a spectacle of precision marches. There will also be spirited Scottish Highland dancing and surprises.

The Band of the Royal Marines and the Band of the Scots Guards have both been in existence for several centuries. The Royal Marines band was originally established to provide the beat for columns of marching soldiers.

The Scots Guards band was founded to boost morale for elite troops while engaged in conflicts. Today, in these contemporary times, the bands perform throughout Great Britain, including London's Buckingham Palace, and tour around the world.

With over 40 musicians performing, audiences can expect a "mixture of traditional music coupled with some more up to date entertaining works. It is important for me to get a good balance," said Captain Daryl Powell, director of music, Her Majesty's Royal Marines. "We pride ourselves on versatility so there will be plenty of different aspects to keep the audience engaged. Music will range through traditional marches, standard wind band repertoire, film music and music from the stage."

Asked about particular musical tunes, Powell mentioned different sets of music representing English, Irish and Scots music, along with additional ensembles including strings, singers and, of course, a Drum Major.

He also mentioned an Irish set of "Lord



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Where and When

"The Band of the Royal Marines: Featuring the Pipes, Drums, and Highland Dancers of the Scots Guards" performing at the George Mason University, Center for the Arts, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. Performances on Jan. 23 at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Tickets: \$31-\$44. Call 888-945-2468 or visit www.cfa.gmu.edu. Note: The Band of the Royal Marines performances have been designated "Family Friendly." All children, regardless of age, must have a ticket.

of the Dance" and the Gael from "Last of the Mohicans" with its distinctive pipers sounds.

"I would hope that the audience feels the enjoyment and pride that we get from performing to them. All of our musicians are passionate about what they do and this is reflected within their performance," said Powell. I hope that they get a good sense of what the musical traditions offer through our representation of the countries within the British Isles, but most importantly I want them to be entertained by what I believe is a really good show."

The performers, in their full military regalia, marching in unity along with magical lighting effects, will fill the Mason Center for the Arts with power and entertainment providing audiences with "the very best of British military music. A combination of good drill and high quality music, in an inventive and imaginative show," added Powell.

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Woodson Falls to TC in OT Despite 14 3-Pointers

Titans overcome double-digit second-half deficit.

BY JON ROETMAN
THE CONNECTION

DeJuan Robinson would later admit he's not the greatest free-throw shooter. Pressure situations, however, are where the T.C. Williams senior said he thrives.

The Titans trailed Woodson by a point when Robinson drove to the basket and was fouled with 2.6 seconds remaining in overtime. Robinson knocked down both of his ensuing free-throw attempts, lifting the T.C. Williams boys' basketball team to a 79-76 victory on Tuesday at Woodson High School.

Following a Cavaliers turnover, Titans guard Tavaris James made a pair of free throws with six-tenths of a second remaining to extend the TC lead to three. Woodson missed its final shot attempt at the buzzer.

T.C. Williams trailed 76-75 when junior forward Tyrese Randall forced a turnover, giving the Titans possession with 20.1 seconds remaining in overtime. Robinson attacked the basket in the closing seconds and earned a trip to the foul line, where he would hit the game-winning free throws.

"DeJuan Robinson did a fantastic job stepping up and knocking down those free throws," TC head coach Bryan Hill said. "He had a bunch of big plays around the basket that I thought were key, so that demonstrates his senior leadership and I'm really glad to see DeJuan Robinson really stepping up and being more of a leader on our team both on and off the court. I'm really excited about seeing him win a game for us like that today.

"... He's hitting big shots for us around the bucket, he's slashing, getting rebounds, knocking down free throws to win games. That's the kind of stuff as a 17-year-old kid you want to be able to talk about that to [your] kids when [you're] 30 — 'I won this game, I knocked these shots down.' It's the kind of stuff you remember forever, so I'm really glad that he was able to have that experience tonight."

Robinson said he doesn't consider himself a solid free-throw shooter, but did say, "I was confident I was going to make those two shots."

"I'm actually not [a solid free-throw shooter]," Robinson said. "That's the funny thing. It's just clutch situations. As a senior on the team, I just had to step up and lead. ... When the pressure is up, I like to step up."

Robinson finished with five points, including a three-point play in the second quarter.

"He's a good kid and I think he would like to score more," Hill said, "but we need him to be scrappy and rebound and defend and he's accepted that role and done a great job with it and I'm really proud of him."

Robinson's free throws put the finishing



Woodson guard Seamus Maloney scored 14 points against T.C. Williams on Tuesday.

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Woodson guard Jason Aigner scored 26 points and made six 3-pointers against T.C. Williams on Tuesday.

touch on the Titans' come-from-behind victory. Woodson led by as many as 11 points in the second half, when a 3-pointer by senior guard Seamus Maloney gave the Cavaliers a 46-35 advantage with 2 minutes remaining in the third quarter.

A THREE-POINT PLAY by Matt Ayoub gave Woodson a 63-53 lead with 3:32 remaining in the fourth quarter. The Cavaliers managed just three free throws for the remainder of regulation, however, and did not score a point during the final 2 minutes, 3 seconds.

Fahmmi Mamo took over in the fourth quarter for the Titans. The junior guard scored 14 of TC's 23 points in the quarter, and his second 3-pointer of the period cut the Woodson lead to 64-62 with 2:31 remaining.

"Once the first one went in, I knew the second one was going to go in," Mamo said. "I'm more of a consistent shooter, rather than taking random shots. It felt great."

Mamo led the Titans with 23 points, including 19 in the second half.

"He does have the green light to shoot the ball within reason," Hill said. "He's not a selfish player — he lets it come to him. He hit some big ones tonight; he hit some big ones a couple of games back, so I'm not surprised by that."

Mamo's free throw with 1:44 remaining cut the Woodson lead to 66-63. Senior

guard Jordan Jones knocked down two free throws with 1:27 on the clock and James made 1 of 2 from the line to tie the score at 66 with 1:07 remaining. Woodson had a chance to win at the end of regulation, but Maloney's shot from near halfcourt rattled out at the buzzer.

In overtime, James scored seven of TC's 13 points.

"We took the right shots and we kept our poise," James said about the Titans' comeback.

"Instead of rushing to get back in the game, we ran through our sets and got the right shots within the offense."

James finished with 18 points despite sitting out for more than 5 minutes after crashing into the wall and hitting his head with 5:06 left in the first quarter. James said he was initially worried he might have a concussion, but after going through some tests, including up-downs and push-ups, he returned to the game with 7:27 left in the second quarter.

"When I got back on the floor," James said, "I just felt like it was back to normal."

Jones finished with 14 points for TC, and freshman JaQuan Johnson-Terry scored 10, including a pair of 3-pointers in the fourth quarter.

TC finished the first half of the Conference 7 schedule with a 4-3 record.

Woodson fell to 7-8 overall and 3-4 in the conference.



"All the little plays at the end, every time we made a mental error, they burned us," Woodson head coach Doug Craig said. "The margin for error in this district is very small. We can't continue to make as many mental errors as we make and win games. We're not good enough to overcome that. We have to find a way to tighten up some of our execution stuff. We took a lot of bad shots down the stretch, missed some free throws, had a couple turnovers [and some] tough foul calls that really hurt our team."

WOODSON lost despite making 14 3-pointers.

Junior guard Jason Aigner finished with 26 points and six 3-pointers, including a trio from behind the arc in the second quarter as the Cavaliers built a 33-25 halftime lead.

Senior guard Matt Ayoub scored 23 points for Woodson, including five 3-pointers, and reached 1,000 career points with a transition bucket in the third quarter.

Maloney added 14 points and a trio of 3s.

Ayoub also attributed the loss to "mental errors."

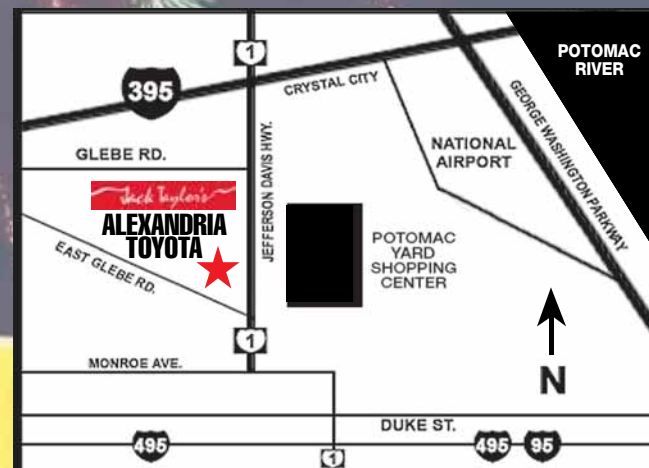
"They had to come foul us," Ayoub said, "and we just decided to shoot the ball instead of hold it."

T.C. Williams will host Lake Braddock at 7:15 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 21. Woodson is scheduled to travel to face Mount Vernon at 7:15 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 22.

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January 26, 2016

Notice is hereby given that the Town of Clifton Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, January 26, 2016 at 7:30 P.M. at the Acacia Lodge Hall, 7135 Main Street, Clifton, VA 20124 to consider a requested special use permit for the Peterson's Ice Cream Depot, located at 7150 Main Street, which would include an expansion of the existing use, including, but not limited to, the increase in number of seats; an increase in parking; an expansion of the hours of operation; an increase in employees, from the previous special use permit. The application for the changed special use permit is available for review and downloading on the Town's website at www.clifton-va.com and a hard copy may be examined at the Clifton Post Office, 12644 Chapel Road, Clifton VA, 20124. All interested parties are invited to attend the Planning Commission's public hearing and express their views with respect to the requested special use permit of Peterson's Ice Cream Depot.

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JCC of Northern Virginia's The Rockdaniot wins first place in the mini category at JUMP Dance Convention in Washington, D.C. on Jan. 9-10.

JCC of Northern Virginia Dance Troupe Wins First Place

On Jan. 9-10, the Jewish Community Center of Northern Virginia's j.dance performance troupe, The Rockdaniot, received first place in the Mini category for their ballet and contemporary routines at JUMP Dance Convention in Washington, D.C.

Their ballet piece, "Neapolitan Dance" was choreographed by Barri DeFrancisci, j.dance director, and their contemporary piece, "Waves," was choreographed by j.dance faculty member Rebecca Weiss.

In addition to the first place recognition, three of the Rockdaniot dancers, Felicity Fei, 8, Faith Hemmerdinger, 11, and Tayler Hutson, 12, received scholarship awards to Dancerpalooza, the country's largest dance festival, taking place this summer in Long Beach, Calif.

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MONDAY/JAN. 25

Fairfax County School Board Public Hearing. 7 p.m. Luther Jackson Middle School, 3020 Galloway Road, Falls Church. The Board will hold a public hearing on the FY 2017 budget. To sign up to speak go to <http://www.fcps.edu/schlbld/meetings/requestspeak-online-ph.shtml> or call 571-423-1075.

TUESDAY/JAN. 26

Fairfax 50+ Community Ambassador Program. 9:30 a.m.-noon. Pennino Building, 12011 Government Center Parkways, Suite 206, Fairfax. This volunteer program trains members of Fairfax County community organizations to help link their fellow members to the county's services for older adults and caregivers. Contact Mena Nakhla at 703-324-5859 or by email at Mena.Nakhla@fairfaxcounty.gov by Wednesday, Jan. 20.

SUNDAY/JAN. 31

Human Trafficking: Get the Facts and Take Action. Stacy C. Sherwood Community Center, 3740 Old Lee Highway, Fairfax. <http://www.fairfaxva.gov/host/women/events.html>.

ONGOING

Burke Rotary Club Meeting. Tuesdays from 7:15-8:30 a.m. Anita's Restaurant, 9278 Old Keene Mill Road, Burke. Meetings with breakfast and program. www.burkerotary.org.

Burke Lake Seniors Golf League seeks members. Interested golfers are invited to join the Burke Lake Seniors Golf League. Must be 55 and older, enjoy playing golf, meeting new people and having an all-around good time. Reserved tee times on Tuesday and Thursday mornings at the Par 3 Burke Lake Golf Course on Ox Road. Annual dues for the season – April 1 through October 31 – are \$20 plus green fees. For more information, call Charlie Ryan 703-690-4227.



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