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Sarah Benson of South County High for dramatic script, poetry, and personal essay-memoir. Benson's personal essay-memoir is an American Voices nominee.

Maya Pearson of Robinson Secondary School for humor

Hanna Un of Lake Braddock Secondary School for short story

Silver Key winners include:

Beteel Abuageel of South County High for poetry

Sarah Benson of South County High for short story and writing portfolio

Abbi Conklin of South County High for poetry and short story

Alexander Davis of Twain Middle School for critical essay

Maya Pearson of Robinson Secondary School for personal essay-memoir

Keighan Speer of South County

High School for poetry

Student Publications Finalists for Pacemaker Award

Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) student publications have been named finalists for the Pacemaker award, presented by the National Scholastic Press Association (NSPA). NSPA's Pacemaker competition has been considered by many to be student journalism's highest honor.

Finalists include:

"Sentry," Robinson Secondary School (middle school yearbook);

Audrey Hicks and Jaskeerat Raheja, editors, and Pat Hinman, adviser. "Lair," Lake Braddock Secondary School (high school yearbook);

Gabriella Troncoso and Rachel Ungerleider, editors, and Kathryn Helmke, adviser.

"Above & Beyond," Robinson Secondary School (high school yearbook); Sam Sturiale, Asha Chadha, and Daly Hong, editors, and Pat Hinman, adviser. Winners will be announced at the Journalism Education Association (JEA)-NSPA spring national high school journalism convention in April.

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From left, Del. Dave Albo (R-42) welcomes Sangster Elementary School student Lanny Huynh and her family to his Richmond office. Huynh's artwork was chosen by her teacher to be hung in Albo's office, continuing a tradition of displaying constituent students' art Albo has kept for 22 years.



Center Del. Eileen Filler-Corn (D-41) meets with members of the volunteer service organization The Links, Incorporated who visited Richmond during the 2016 General Assembly session.



From left, George Mason student Donna Imadi, Del. David Bulova (D-37) and Imadi's classmates Danielle Melton and Beverly Harp. The students are part of the Roosevelt Institute at George Mason and presented at the General Assembly session in Richmond, advocating based on policy papers they developed around affordable housing and education.

'Compromise, Rather than Over My Dead Body'

Legislators reflect on battles won, lost and tabled after the General Assembly "Crossover."

BY TIM PETERSON
THE CONNECTION

Tuesday, Feb. 16 marked "crossover," the milestone during the current session of the Virginia General Assembly session in Richmond where bills passed by the House of Delegates move to the Senate for debate and either approval or rejection, and vice versa.

While many are just beginning their time in the alternate governing body some fast-tracked bills such as Del. Eileen Filler-Corn's (D-41) "Return to Learn" bill, that would establish protocols for children who've battled cancer to reintegrate back into school, have already passed both houses and landed on the desk of Gov. Terry

McAuliffe (D). McAuliffe then can choose to sign, veto or send the bill back with notes.

Filler-Corn has brought forward similar bills previously for establishing guidelines for students with concussions returning to the classroom. For this new iteration, "We had a group of stakeholders, some educators, education consultants come together," she said, "and said we really do need something like this."

Reflecting on this session at its midpoint, Del. David Bulova (D-37) said a strong theme of several hotly contested bills "has come down to state versus local control."

Bulova gave two examples, including Senate Bill 549, which constricts localities' options with regards to rezoning proffers, as well as one that would put regulatory

framework around the social lodging business Airbnb. "They want to basically trump the ability of localities to further regulate these businesses," Bulova said. "But it's easier to be managed at one level — instead of by states, by counties. When something goes wrong" with a local customer's experience, Bulova continued, "they're not going to go to a state legislator."

Other legislators are impressed with some of the compromises and progress the two bodies have been able to make, despite the party line.

Del. Vivian Watts (D-39) is optimistic about the resolution that was reached concerning I-66, including widening the Dulles Access Road to Ballston to relieve the major bottleneck there. The plan would make it more integrated with bus and other rapid transit, including dynamic tolling based on the time of day and direction of commute.

"We're all going to look back on this in

ten years, and think regionally, things move better," Watts said. "It's 'Compromise, compromise, compromise,' rather than 'Over my dead body.'"

Additionally, Del. Mark Sickles (D-43) said the General Assembly has been able to make less partisan moves to "claw back from the cuts we made prior to the recession." Some of those include allocations for Dulles Airport and maintaining the United Airlines hub, capital equipment and expenditures at the new Inova Center for Personalized Health, as well as \$7 million of additional funding for Fairfax County Public Schools, which is looking at a \$68 million difference between the budget adopted by the School Board and the County budget proposed last week by County Executive Edward Long.

"It's going to help, a lot," Sickles said, "but not going to get to the bottom line, at least what the school system is looking for."

Gone, but Not Forgotten

Representatives highlight significant bills that have already "died" or may not move beyond the second round.

Del. David Bulova (D-37)

Senate Bill 734 would allow the Virginia Board of Education authority over local School Boards to establish charter schools, even if that organization isn't in favor of it. "It's a classic example of state versus local control," Bulova said. "It's a question of whether an unelected body at the state level should be able to second guess those officials." Though the bill narrowly passed the House, Bulova doesn't expect it to reach Gov. McAuliffe.

Del. Eileen Filler-Corn (D-41)

House Bill 474 was tabled in the House Committee on Rules. It called for requiring a study of criminal background checks for childcare providers. Though the bill was tabled, a letter is being sent to the Commissioner of the Department of Social Services to enact such a study anyway. "In the end, we're going to provide that study," said Filler-Corn, "and do that research, continue to persevere and make a difference."

Del. Tim Hugo (R-40)

Two of Hugo's education bills were left dead in the Education Committee, includ-

ing House Bill 863, that would have required public Virginia universities to reserve 75 percent of undergraduate spots each year for residents of Virginia, and House Bill 847, which would have prohibited public universities from using funding from the Commonwealth of Virginia to offer tuition assistance to non-Virginia students. "We want our kids to have the opportunity to go to school here," Hugo said. "They're only going to let in so many kids from Robinson, Centreville, Westfield, no matter how great the grades are. It's a problem. William and Mary and UVA admit approximately 40 percent out of state students each year, and that's wrong."

Del. Paul Krizek (D-44)

House Bill 623 died in the Commerce and Labor Committee, and called for raising the minimum wage beyond the federal mandate to \$10.10 per hour, effective July 1, 2016. Krizek's plan exempted small businesses (with fewer than 15 employees) as well as employees younger than 25. "I don't think people working a 40-hour work week should be forced to accept public assistance or charity to survive," Krizek said. "And that's what's happening, especially in northern Virginia."

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NEWS

Standing Hand in Hand, Saying 'Enough'

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Black History Month event highlights county diversity.

BY REEM NADEEM
 THE CONNECTION

Musicians, dancers, speakers and performers of all kinds came together in an annual celebration of Black History Month, hosted by Fairfax County in partnership with Cox.

"Hallowed Grounds: Sites of African American Memories" took place Feb. 19 and featured a variety of entertainment. Some of the entertainers included Geno and the Spirit of Jazz, a D.C. area based band, the Antioch Baptist Church Gospel Choir from Fairfax Station and the Herndon High School Step Team.

Glynda Mayo Hall, a former planner for the event, attended as an audience member this year.

"I think the way it has evolved is that it has included a lot of diversity, so not just all African American performance and entertainment. The outreach to the community at large, a lot of times it was an extension of those of us who were mostly involved, our connections, but now it's really just the whole community so it's really diverse," Mayo Hall said.

Although she was not involved with the planning process at all, social worker Vellma Lukic has photographed the event for about 15 years.

"As always, it's such a delight to see the performers, the community coming together, the children. And the message clearly is so uplifting every year," Lukic said.

While some audience members have witnessed the show change over the years, many experienced it for the first time this year. First time attendee Michele McKinley said she could not wait until next year's event.

"I've enjoyed it all but I really liked the step team," McKinley said.

In addition to the entertainment, several speakers presented at the event. Speakers included Fairfax County Board of Supervisors Chairman, Sharon Bulova and Supervisor Catherine M. Hudgins (D-Hunter Mill). William Bates, principal of Herndon High School and 2015 Principal of the Year, delivered the keynote speech.

During his address, Bates spoke about the importance of hope and its impact on children. Though he is recognized in the community for his philosophy, Bates also addressed an issue currently in the na-



Kathryn Falk, Cox vice president. Sharon Bulova, Chairman, Fairfax County Board of Supervisors and Tilly Blanding, master of ceremonies.



Supervisor Catherine M. Hudgins (D-Hunter Mill) speaks, with Emma Marshall, Department of Family Services and event planner. Tilly Blanding, master of ceremonies, Kathryn Falk, Cox vice president, and Sharon Bulova, Chairman, Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, in background.



Keynote speaker, Herndon High School principal, 2015 Principal of the Year, William Bates.

tional spotlight.

"You see, to me, Black lives matter. And we have young Black and Brown men dying in our streets. And I know this is a controversial topic so I will say this: to me, it really doesn't matter how our young men are dying. It can be at the hands of those in uniform who were sworn in to protect us or it could be by brothers that are living in our own neighborhoods, apartment complexes, whose mothers and grandmothers attend the same churches," Bates said. "The fact of the matter is that we are losing precious lives and it has gone on for too long, and together we need to stand hand in hand, as a unified group and say, 'enough.'"

NEWS

Highlights

FROM PAGE 3

Sen. Chap Petersen (D-34)

Senate Bill 238 focused on home-based child care. "It would've allowed home-based child care to keep their businesses," Petersen said, "and give them a protection from being shut down if they have a dispute with their Homeowners Association. I expect to bring that back."

Del. Mark Sickles (D-43)

House Bill 1029 was intended to give grants for facilitating teaching "critical languages" currently in high demand at the U.S. State Department and other international organizations. It would've helped set up classrooms and find the harder to locate teachers for Russian, Arabic, Hindi and several other languages not traditionally taught in school. "I really fell in love with this bill, Sickles said. "You shouldn't fall in love with your bills. There are bonuses and incentives in all our foreign policy agencies if you can speak one of the languages that are hard to find. I thought this was a no-brainer as far as a jobs bill, economic development bill. I'm going to keep working on that."

Del. Vivian Watts (D-39)

Del. Watts introduced a number of bills, a "real full-court press," in the House of Delegates focused on reforming problems with the school funding formula that's based more on property values and less on per capita income. Though Watts got to address a hearing before two different budget committees, they've had tough sledding. She sees it as a major statewide change that could take four to five years to push through.

"We need to really deal with the problem of local taxing power not matching what the school formula says is our ability to pay," Watts said. "Forty percent of school children of my district are entitled to free and reduced lunch. That's a fed program that has federal definitions of poverty that are the same in downstate Illinois as Northern Virginia. You know these kids aren't going home to Internet access, to a parent that can read them the bedtime story, or didn't come to school with a parent that took them to see the world. We really have a tremendous challenge to work with, with a funding formula based on averages for all of Fairfax County that look like we can handle it. We're dealing with a tax base that dates all the way back to the 1700s."

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Bad Bills

General Assembly has potential to do lots of damage in a short period.

From pressing for use of a barbaric form of execution, the electric chair, to codifying discrimination, to stripping localities of the major tool for ensuring infrastructure is in place for new development, to hiding more and more critical public information from the public, the Virginia General Assembly is poised to do harm to the Commonwealth. (We'll look at good bills in a future editorial.)

EDITORIAL

Here are bills that have passed either the House or Senate by crossover, and important bills that were killed, in no particular order. This is by no means a complete list.

HB815, Electric Chair, passed the House 62-33, brings back the electric chair, providing that if lethal injection is not available as a method of execution, electrocution shall be used instead and vice versa.

SB552 creates secret police departments, and moves in exactly the wrong direction. Provides that the names and training records of law-enforcement officers and fire marshals shall be considered personnel records and excluded from mandatory disclosure under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act. Passed 25-15.

SB549/HB770 on Proffers, uses a megaton bomb to tie localities' use of proffers to help pay for infrastructure needs with new development when what was needed was a study of flyswatters to address specific limited abuses.

HB773/SB41 - Codifies discrimination, prevents the state government from taking any action against a person or organization that discriminates based on a sincerely held religious belief that marriage is or should be recognized as the union of one man and one woman.

Sanctuary bills: SB705 Makes "sanctuary cities" liable for "full amount of any personal injury or property damage caused by an illegal alien within such locality." SB270 The General Assembly shall reduce state funding to the extent permitted by state and federal law to any locality found to be a "sanctuary city."

Senate killed several bills on title loan oversight, even after investigative reporting showed interest charges exceeding 200 percent, bait and switch tactics and many poor Virginians losing their cars.

HB 2 - No "right to breathe." Requires the Department of Environmental Quality to receive approval from the General Assembly for a state implementation plan to regulate carbon dioxide emissions from existing power plants prior to submitting the plan to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

HB 1090 - Defunds Planned Parenthood
HB 143 allows high proof grain alcohol sales.
HB 560 - Makes it more difficult to convict someone of brandishing a firearm by requiring proof that a person pointing, holding or

brandishing a firearm or similar weapons had the intent to induce fear in the mind of another.

HB 766 - Allows any protective order to be used as a de facto concealed carry permit, without requiring the holder to receive any training in the safe handling of a firearm, or show any proficiency with a firearm. Advocates for victims of domestic violence say what is needed is to remove weapons from such situations.

Killed SB67, would have added discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity to the Virginia Fair Housing Law as an unlawful housing practice.

Killed SB12, would have prohibited discrimination in public employment on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity.

Killed bills that would have required notification of oil spills.

Outlawed living wage requirements for contractors of local government.

HB 4 Anti-union, proposed constitutional amendment putting Right to Work in the constitution.

HB 3 - Charter Schools Constitutional Amendment - removes local control over local schools and spending, doesn't belong in the constitution.

— MARY KIMM

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Electronic Textbooks, Sunshine and Other Bills Moves

BY SCOTT SUROVELL
STATE SENATOR (D-36)



As we pass the midpoint of this General Assembly session, many bills are moving.

After a 30-minute debate, the Senate approved my bill prohibiting the use of electronic textbooks in public schools without a plan to provide school broadband and digital devices to every student required to use an electronic textbook.

Virginia's constitution requires that every child receive a free textbook. On the floor, I argued that without home

computers, electronic textbooks create a

two-tiered education system for the haves and the have-nots. Senators Adam Ebbin and George Barker joined me in stressing that even Northern Virginia's schools have significant low-income student populations who face disadvantages in the classroom without their own devices. The bill now moves to the House of Delegates.

Also, the Senate passed, 39 to 1 my legislation to reverse recent anti-sunshine Virginia Supreme Court rulings. Last year, the Court held that if one sentence of a gov-

ernment document is exempt from the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), the government can withhold an entire document instead of simply redacting the sentence. My legislation requires disclosure to the public of the text of the document that is not redacted.

Additionally, the Court held that government officials' decisions to withhold documents are entitled to "great weight." My legislation requires judges reviewing FOIA responses to look at government officials' decisions in an unbiased manner. The House of Delegates passed identical legislation 99-0 and it will be on the Governor's desk by the end of the week.

Around 100 people attended our town hall meetings this weekend in the Mount Vernon and Lee areas of Fairfax County. The number one concern raised was public school funding. Governor Terry McAuliffe's proposed budget has \$58 million in new funding for Fairfax County and since 2010, Virginia has increased funding to Fairfax County Public Schools by 48 percent or \$208 million. Dur-

ing that same period, Fairfax County has only increased local funds by 15 percent.

There is no question that part of the current state public school funding formula hurts areas like Fairfax County because it does not consider English-language learners, poverty, or disabilities. Legislative fixes have been explored, but the vast majority of legislators do not support the changes because it would take hundreds of millions of dollars from high poverty schools and transfer them to wealthy school systems. They cannot vote to cut funds from their school systems, jurisdictions that typically pay teachers \$35-45,000 per year, while ours pay teachers \$55-77,000 per year. Bringing fair-

ness to this funding formula will likely only happen pursuant to litigation, and the short and medium-term solutions to school funding are at the local level, through approaches like a local meals tax.

We also heard concerns about Potomac River oil spills and coal ash pollution, skyrocketing college tuition, protecting women's reproductive rights and strengthening mental health services. People voiced support for driver's licenses for undocumented Virginians and anger about voting restrictions.

This week, we will debate the state budget. To share your view, please email me at scott@scottsurovell.org.

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Allison Waldron, of Fairfax Station, with Taylor and Tucker (the two Ts), two rescued Golden Retriever brothers.



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Allison Waldron, of Fairfax Station, with Millie, a Bernese mountain dog, after an energetic morning walk.

A Life-Changing Hobby

What started out as a part-time hobby has changed my life forever. Growing up in Ireland, I never imagined leaving home, coming to the United States and starting a small business. In 2014, after taking care of friends' pets occasionally, I realized how much I enjoyed meeting and caring for my furry friends

(and feathered ones too), meeting new people with many different interests, and being outdoors and physically active. As a result, I started a pet service called "Irish Rover Dog Walkers and Pet Sitters LLC" that is based in Fairfax Station. Walking and caring for pets brings me new, exciting and wonderful experiences every day.

My job allows me to enjoy all the

great trails in the area including Lake Mercer and Burke Lake, the local wildlife and the changing seasons. My clients have come to treat me as an extension of their family which is truly the greatest compliment. In addition, Irish Rover allows me to give back to the community whether it's been through rescuing one of my own dogs, hiring responsible local stu-

dents and friends for summer and full-time employment, and sponsoring local school events at Silverbrook Elementary and local athletic teams. My philosophy has been to encourage physical activity and socialization, core values

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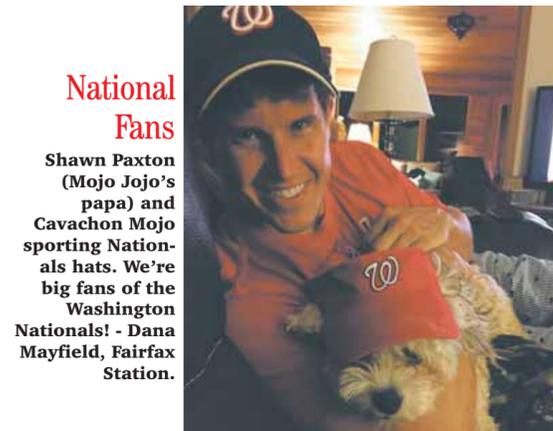
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My pony's name is Mr. Foxtrot but we've always called him "Foxy". He's been my best buddy since I was twelve years old. The amazing thing is that we are now both 29 years old! Foxy is so special that my Mom and I wrote a book about him called "Naughty Pony." My grandmother painted the illustrations. I think the best thing about growing up with this adorable pony is that I learned so much about how to be a hard worker. No matter how cold or rainy or hot it was outside, I knew I needed to go take care of that precious pony. - Sandy Rogers, Fairfax Station.



Loving to Ride

Cavachon Mojo Jojo riding in the car with Shawn Paxton. He loves to ride in the car and this picture looks like he's smiling or laughing being in the front seat. — Dana Mayfield, Fairfax Station.

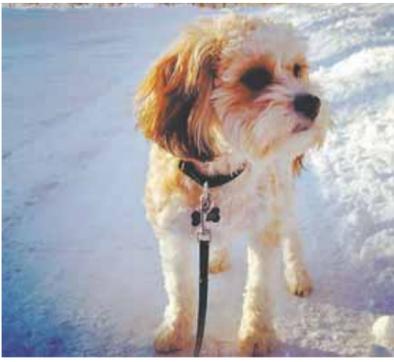


National Fans

Shawn Paxton (Mojo Jojo's papa) and Cavachon Mojo sporting Nationals hats. We're big fans of the Washington Nationals! - Dana Mayfield, Fairfax Station.

Playing in the Snow

Cavachon Mojo in the snow. He loves to play in the snow. — Dana Mayfield, Fairfax Station.



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Welcoming Gustav

Jack Jett and Juliette Jett, of Clifton, with Gustav on his first day at their house as a foster dog from Homeward Trails. They adopted him five days later.



Best Friends

Best friends Juliette Jett and Roxanne, doberman, of Clifton.



Pure puppy love from Roxanne, doberman, after Juliette Jett, of Clifton, returned home from ballet class.



The Latest Addition

Beni is the latest addition to our Rottweiler family. He is a purebred Rottweiler but because both his dad and mom had a long-haired gene in the family line, he was the only long haired one of nine puppies. Anytime there is snow on the ground, he knows he is going to have a blast playing in it all day. Beni lives in Clifton and his uniqueness will always command a lot of attention, which he is quite eager to accommodate.

— SCOTT BOILES, CLIFTON



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Kona the horse recovers from a leg infection after the combined efforts of the Little Fork Volunteer Large Animal Rescue, the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue and the Fairfax County Animal Control.

Kona the Horse Back on Her Feet

Twelve-year old horse Kona had a leg infection that prevented her from getting up even after medicine was administered. On Feb. 20, in Clifton, Little Fork Technical Large Animal Rescue team, Fairfax County Fire and Rescue and Fairfax County Animal Control, used a system of tripod and slings to lift Kona while a veterinarian examined her. Kona finally stood on her own and was released from the Becker sling, where she was able to walk, eat and drink later than afternoon.



Kona the horse is hoisted using a tripod system and slings.

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PEOPLE

Lake Braddock Graduate Recognized as International Expert

Fairfax Station native and Lake Braddock Secondary School graduate Candace P. Sharkey received the Richard J. Kerr Government Award from the Intelligence and National Security Alliance (INSA) at its annual Achievement Awards ceremony on Tuesday, Feb. 9.

Candace P. Sharkey, Intelligence Research Specialist (IRS), Drug Enforcement Administration, currently stationed at the U.S. Embassy in Vienna, Austria, is recognized by her peers and DEA regional management as a subject matter expert in Balkan and Italian transnational criminal organizations, including their areas of influence, trafficking routes, and organizational structure. IRS Sharkey has developed an outstanding competence in collecting and analyzing large amounts of information, producing written intelligence products, disseminating that intelligence throughout the agency, and coordinating overlaps to ensure the greatest disruptive impact on drug trafficking organizations. Over the past year, IRS Sharkey has played a key role in the multi-lateral investigation of the cocaine trafficking and money laundering activities of the Italian transnational criminal organization, 'Ndrángheta, culminating in numerous arrests. The detriment to this criminal organization's infrastructure, top-tier man-



Candace P. Sharkey, an intelligence research specialist with the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), is pictured with INSA Chairman Letitia Long (right).

agement, and contacts with corrupt port workers has left them without a command-and-control element, severely disrupting their ability to distribute narcotics throughout Europe. Most significantly, her intelligence support during this operation led to multiple spin-off investigations being conducted in the United States, resulting in the identification and targeting of significant sources in South America that are sending multi-ton loads of cocaine to the U.S. and are therefore a threat to national security.

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Art of Driving Scholarship Expands Eligibility Outside Fairfax County

After the first few years being open only to Lake Braddock Secondary School Students, the Art of Driving college scholarship in honor of Lake Braddock student Ashley Thompson expanded to all Fairfax County High Schools. The \$2,500 award is now open to all high school seniors in Fairfax, Arlington, Falls Church and Alexandria who will be attending college in the fall.

Thompson was a sophomore at Lake Braddock when she died in a single vehicle crash on June 10, 2003. Her mother Robin started a program called "Survive the 5" that teaches teenagers about the leading causes of vehicle crashes and has been raising awareness through 5K road races over the last two years.

The scholarship application includes a 500-word essay "about how they feel teens could be motivated and influenced to be safer drivers and smarter passengers," Robin Thompson said in an email. In addition, applicants are asked to produce a 55-second video following the same theme as the essay. Applications for this year's class are due by April 30, 2016 and can be submitted via email to 2016ARTSCHOLARSHIP@theartofdriving.org. For more information, visit www.theartofdriving.org.

—TIM PETERSON



Ashley Thompson was a sophomore at Lake Braddock and a member of the school gymnastics team when she died in a single vehicle crash on June 10, 2003.

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Fairfax artist Angelika Schäfer (left) with her work "Contemplating the Past," which was purchased by former Our Daily Bread Board of Directors member Stephanie Rochel (right) at Our Daily Bread's inaugural Artful Living event on May 1, 2015.

PHOTO BY CATHERINE READ

Our Daily Bread Seeks Submission of Art Works

Fairfax-based nonprofit Our Daily Bread, Inc. is seeking submissions of art works by artists throughout the Washington, D.C. Metropolitan Area for its second annual juried art show and community event, Artful Living: Seeing the Beauty Within. The event is held in association with Fairfax Spotlight on the Arts Festival, and proceeds will benefit Our Daily Bread's clients - Fairfax County area residents who are working to achieve financial self-sufficiency - and the Spotlight on the Arts Festival Scholarship Fund. The event is sched-

uled for Saturday, April 23, from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. at the Stacy C. Sherwood Community Center in Fairfax City, 3740 Old Lee Highway, Fairfax. Artists are invited to submit their original art work in a variety of media by April 1. A .jpg file of art and requested information may be emailed to info@ODBFairfax.org. Submission guidelines and additional information are available on Our Daily Bread's web site: www.ODBFairfax.org. Contact 703-273-8829 or info@ODBFairfax.org for information.

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.

FRIDAY/FEB. 26

Seth Kibel Quartet. 8 p.m. Old Town Hall, 3999 University Drive, Fairfax. Woodwind specialists, working with some of the best bands in jazz, swing, and more. Wowing audiences on saxophone, clarinet, and flute, Seth has made a name for himself in the Washington/Baltimore region, and beyond. Part of Bonita Lestina Performance Series. www.fairfaxva.gov.

SATURDAY/FEB. 27

Disney "Fantasia:" Live in Concert. 8 p.m. George Mason University Center for the Arts, 4373 Mason Pond Drive, Fairfax. This beloved family classic is orchestrated live by the Czech National Symphony Orchestra. \$36-\$60. cfa.gmu.edu. 888-945-2468.

SATURDAY-SUNDAY/FEB. 27-28

46th Annual Springpex Stamp Show. Saturday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Sunday, 11 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Robert E. Lee High School, 6540 Franconia Road, Springfield. Sales bourse of 26 stamp dealers from throughout the Eastern U.S., and the Washington metropolitan area. In addition to the exhibits and sales bourse, special commemorative cachet covers and postal cancellations created by the show sponsors will be available. A US Postal Service sales booth will be



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Disney "Fantasia:" Live in Concert will be George Mason University's Center for the Arts on Saturday, Feb. 27.

available both days of the show. Free. www.springfieldstampclub.org.

SUNDAY/FEB. 28

Seeds of Independence. 1 p.m. Gunston Hall, 10709, Gunston Road, Lorton. Join culinary historian Leni Sorensen and members of the Mason Neck community for a program exploring African-American culinary tradition in Virginia and memories of food and fellowship on Mason Neck. Free. Donations appreciated. www.gunstonhall.org. 703-550-9220.

THURSDAY/MARCH 3

Cupcake and Wine Pairing. 6:30-8:30 p.m. Cupcaked, 12644 Chapel Road, Clifton. <http://www.cupcakedbakery.com/>.

adult registered in the program. www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/burkelakepark/rides.htm.

An Evening with Mozart. 7:30 p.m. St. Mark's Lutheran Church, 3800 Backlick Road, Springfield. The Northern Virginia Chorale with the Northern Virginia Community College Chorus will perform works by Mozart, highlighted by his last work "Requiem." Free-\$20. www.northernvirginiachorale.org. 703-239-2180.

Fairfax Art League Meeting and Demo. 10 a.m.-noon. The Village Gallery, 3950 University Drive, Fairfax. Art demo by Atti Vakili to follow the meeting. New members welcome. Free. www.fairfaxartleague.net. 703 587-9481.

SUNDAY/MARCH 6

Purim-It's a Laugh. 3-5 p.m. Jewish Community Center of Northern Virginia, 8900 Little River Turnpike, Fairfax. Activities include making your own hamantaschen with Lauren Katz, the winner of ABC's Great Holiday Baking Show; The Great Zucchini; a children's costume Purim Parade; making gift bags for the hungry; and crafts for all ages even newborns. \$5. Free to children under 2. Register at JCCNV.org, code #7343. 703-537-3019.

WEDNESDAY/MARCH 9

Springfield Christian Women's Connection. 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Springfield Golf and Country Club, 8301 Old Keene Mill Road, Springfield. Program on "Serendipity of Occoquan." Also, Ernie Parker-Wood, a retired teacher and world traveler, will share Weaving a

Tapestry, the Dark Threads Enhance the Silver and Gold. \$20. Reserve by March 4. 703-922-6438. SpringWmConn@yahoo.com.

SATURDAY/MARCH 12

Real Food for Kids-Culinary Challenge and Wellness Expo. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Robinson Secondary School, 5035 Sideburn Road, Fairfax. Culinary Challenge and Wellness Expo: Learn about food writing and photography, family meal planning, school gardening and school food. Watch 11 student teams compete to create a delicious school breakfast, lunch or snack. <http://realfoodforkids.org/expo.html>.

Richmond Ballet II. 7:30 p.m. The Jewish Community Center of Northern Virginia, 8900 Little River Turnpike, Fairfax. A performance of classical and contemporary dance, including "The Friar's Tale," "Excerpts from Stolen Moments," and "Rachmaninoff Rhapsody." \$20-\$34. www.jccnv.org. 703-537-3000.

Concerts from Kirkwood-Beau Soir Ensemble. 3 p.m. Kirkwood Presbyterian Church, 8336, Carrleigh Parkway, Springfield. Celtic-themed spring concert with harp, viola and flute. Free. www.kirkwoodpres.com. 703-451-5320.

MONDAY/MARCH 14

AARP Virginia Dinner Group-Franconia. 4-8 p.m. Lucky's Sports Theatre and Grill, 7027 B Manchester Blvd., Franconia. AARP has reserved the private room of Lucky's Sports Theatre and Grill for our members and friends to enjoy dinner together with a 10 percent discount on dinner entrees. Register at <https://aarp.cvent.com/Franconia31416VA>.

Ongoing

Palingenesis. Feb. 19-April 9. Epicure Cafe, 11104 Lee Highway, Fairfax. New art exhibition. Curated by Mojdeh Rezaeipour and Hannah Son, Palingenesis brings together an eclectic group of local and D.C. artists working in a variety of media. 571-212-7227. epicurecafe.cart@gmail.com.

"Shrek the Musical JR." April 22, 23, 29, and 30. Burke Community Church, 9900 Old Keene Mill Road, Burke. Come see this talented group of young actors ages 8-18 as they travel Far Far Away with everyone's favorite ogre, a wise-cracking donkey, and a cast of fairy tale misfits. \$14. www.nvplayers.com.

Vietnam Combat Art. Through Feb. 29. Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center, 10209 Main St., Fairfax. Commemorates the 50th anniversary for the end of the Vietnam War. www.fairfaxva.gov. 703-385-8414.

FUN-Exercise. Thursdays, noon-12:50 p.m. Grace Presbyterian Church Family Room, 7434 Bath St., Springfield. Inova certified exercise instructor leads a moderate level exercise class with music and current events conversation. Muscle, Balance, Strength Training using stretch bands and weights both standing and seated exercises. Instructor donation is \$5. Contact Chris Moore at moorecfit@yahoo.com or 703-499-6133.

Al-Mutanabbi Streets Starts Here DC 2016. Through Feb. 28. George Mason University Art Lab, 9518 Workhouse Way, Lorton. A book arts and cultural festival throughout the Washington, DC, area. Major exhibitions, programs, and events will commemorate the 2007 bombing of Baghdad's historic book-selling street, celebrate the free exchange of ideas and knowledge, and stand in solidarity with the people of Iraq. www.workhousearts.org. 703-584-2908.

Deborah Schwartzkopf. Through Feb. 28. W-16 McGuireWoods Gallery, 9518 Workhouse Way, Lorton. Seattle ceramic artist Deborah Schwartzkopf sets in motion complex and functional forms with simple parts. www.workhousearts.org. 703-585-2900.

Adventures in Learning. Mondays, 8:30 a.m.-2:45 p.m. April 4-May 9. Lord of Life Lutheran Church, 5114 Twinbrook Road, Fairfax. community, personal development, finance, and more. Afternoon breakouts are book club, bridge, and canasta. Bring a brown bag lunch. \$30. www.scfbva.org. 703-426-2824.

Art Classes. Tuesdays. Jan. 30-April 2 and Feb. 2-March 15. Woods Community Centre, 10100 Wards Grove Circle, Burke. Winter art classes. Art lesson for youth 8 and up. Drawing plus color 5-8 years. Art workshop/Chinese brush painting for teens and adults. Ongoing enrollment. \$11/\$15 per class. Carol Zeitlin, www.czartlessons.com. 703-250-6930.

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

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SPORTS

Lake Braddock's Butler Scores 40 in Final High School Game

Bruins fall to Stonewall Jackson in opening round of regionals.

BY JON ROETMAN
THE CONNECTION

The Lake Braddock boys' basketball team, facing the win-or-go-home reality of the 6A North region tournament's opening round Tuesday night, leaned on its 6-foot-8 pillar of hope.

The Bruins, on the road against Conference 8 runner-up Stonewall Jackson, relied heavily on James Butler at the offensive end and many times the senior center delivered.

Butler battled in the paint. He scored with post moves. He dunked. He grabbed offensive rebounds. He hit a fade-away. He buried a 3-pointer. He made 7 of 10 free-throw attempts.

Butler finished with 40 points — more than half of the Bruins' offensive production — but it wasn't enough as Stonewall Jackson closed the game with a 13-4 run and defeated Lake Braddock 83-76.

Butler, the Conference 7 Player of the Year, made a pair of free throws with 2.4 seconds remaining, getting him to the 40-point mark for the second time this season (he scored 46 against T.C. Williams on Dec. 15). He finished his high school career fighting to keep the Bruins' season alive.

"If anybody hasn't watched him play, they've missed out on something magical," Lake Braddock head coach Brian Metress said. "He's had a magical high school career. We would have liked to have given him one more game. That's a quality kid who is dedicated to his school and every year got



Lake Braddock senior James Butler dunks for two of his 40 points during the Bruins' 83-76 loss to Stonewall Jackson on Tuesday in the opening round of the 6A North region tournament.



Lake Braddock senior James Butler will continue his basketball career at the Naval Academy.

"If anybody hasn't watched him play, they've missed out on something magical. He's had a magical high school career. We would have liked to have given him one more game. That's a quality kid who is dedicated to his school and every year got exponentially better. Everybody in the region should be a fan of that guy."

— Lake Braddock basketball coach Brian Metress

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Butler will continue his basketball career at Navy.

"I don't think it's really set in," Butler said about his high school career coming to a close. "It's pretty upsetting. We have a great

team, great coaching staff. I'm going to miss the heck out of it. The fun times we've had playing together. We built connections and chemistry, it's a process and it's painful to see that go away. We'll always have it but for us as seniors, it's time to step away now."

Sophomore guard Jordan Burrage-Cobb

scored on a putback with 4:11 remaining in the fourth quarter, giving Lake Braddock a 72-70 lead, but Stonewall Jackson responded with an 11-0 run to put the game away. The Bruins went scoreless for nearly 4 minutes before a bucket by senior forward Peyton Bishop cut the Stonewall Jackson lead to 81-74 with 12.8 seconds remaining.

"They were just better down the stretch," Metress said. "[Stonewall Jackson guard Keaton Simmons] is a big-time player and one of the things about being such a good player is the ball is always in his hands and it's hard to squeeze it out of his hands. I thought we did a good job in the third quarter but not so good of a job at the end of the game."

Simmons led Stonewall Jackson with 29 points. Zach Hinton had 18 points and Devin Nordike added 13.

Junior guard Corey Pelham scored 11 points for Lake Braddock. Bishop finished with nine points, Burrage-Cobb had six and senior guard Christopher Shammass and freshman guard Quentin James each added five.

Lake Braddock trailed by eight late in the second quarter before Pelham drained a buzzer-beater from halfcourt, cutting the Bruins' deficit to 45-40 at halftime.

A 9-0 run gave Lake Braddock a 55-52 lead with 1:45 remaining in the third quarter. A Bishop bucket in the closing seconds of the period gave the Bruins a 61-59 lead entering the fourth quarter.

Lake Braddock started the season with eight straight victories and finished with a 15-9 record. The Bruins entered the Conference 7 tournament as the No. 4 seed and advanced to the semifinals before losing to No. 1 seed West Springfield, 61-59.

"I told them, 'Great season,'" Metress said. "Fifteen victories in the Patriot District, got yourself to the regional tournament, had a chance on the road to win a game: spectacular."

Robinson Boys', Girls' Swim Teams Win State Titles

The Robinson boys' and girls' swim teams each won state titles on Feb. 20 at George Mason University.

The boys' team finished with 235 points, 45 ahead of runner-up Langley Patriot finished third (178), followed by McLean (161) and Woodson (146.5).

Robinson's James Murphy won his third consecutive state championship in the 200 freestyle, recording an All-American time of 1:37.42. He also took home the 100 backstroke title with an All-American time of 48.99 seconds.

Teammate James Jones won his third consecutive state title in the 50 free, turning in an All-American time of 20.48 seconds, and third straight championship in the 100 free (45.39, All-American consideration).

The boys' 200 free relay (Murphy, Peter Brukk, Roman Lowery, Luke Jones) finished first with an All-American tie of 1:24.79. The Rams' 400 free relay (Murphy, Lowery, Brukk, Jones) also took home a title (3:08.39, All-American consideration).

In girls' action, Robinson's Hannah Baker won her third consecutive 100 freestyle state championship with an All-American time of 50.56. She also won the 50 freestyle championship with a time of 23.41 (All-American consideration).

The Rams' 200 free relay (Lisa Zangla, Grace Gartman, Livi Schmid, Baker) finished first (1:36.22, All-American consideration), and the 400 free relay (Zangla, Gartman, Schmid, Baker) also won a championship (3:30.39, All-American consideration).



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Robinson swimmers celebrate winning states.

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On Friday, March 25, 2016, the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) will hold a public hearing on items relating to the Commonwealth of Virginia's administration of the Consolidated Action Plan 2016-2017 Action Plan.

The public hearing will be held at 10:00 AM until 11:00 AM in the 12th Floor North Conference Room of the Main Street Centre, 600 East Main Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219. DHCD will be taking comments on the proposed 2016-2017 Action Plan including goals and objectives for housing and community development; the projected use of funding; the method for distributing \$7,034,121 in HOME Investment Partnership funds; \$2,754,274 in Emergency Solution Grant (ESG) funds; \$745,593 in Housing for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) funds, and \$16,881,481 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds.

Copies of the plan document may be requested by calling (804) 371-7100, (804) 371-7122, or (804) 371-7084 TDD. Persons requiring special accommodations should call (804) 371-7110. The Plan will appear on the agency's web site at http://www.dhcd.virginia.gov under "What's New."

The Department will receive written comments and testimony on the proposed 2016-2017 Action Plan through the close of business on April 15, 2016 at the following address:

Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development
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