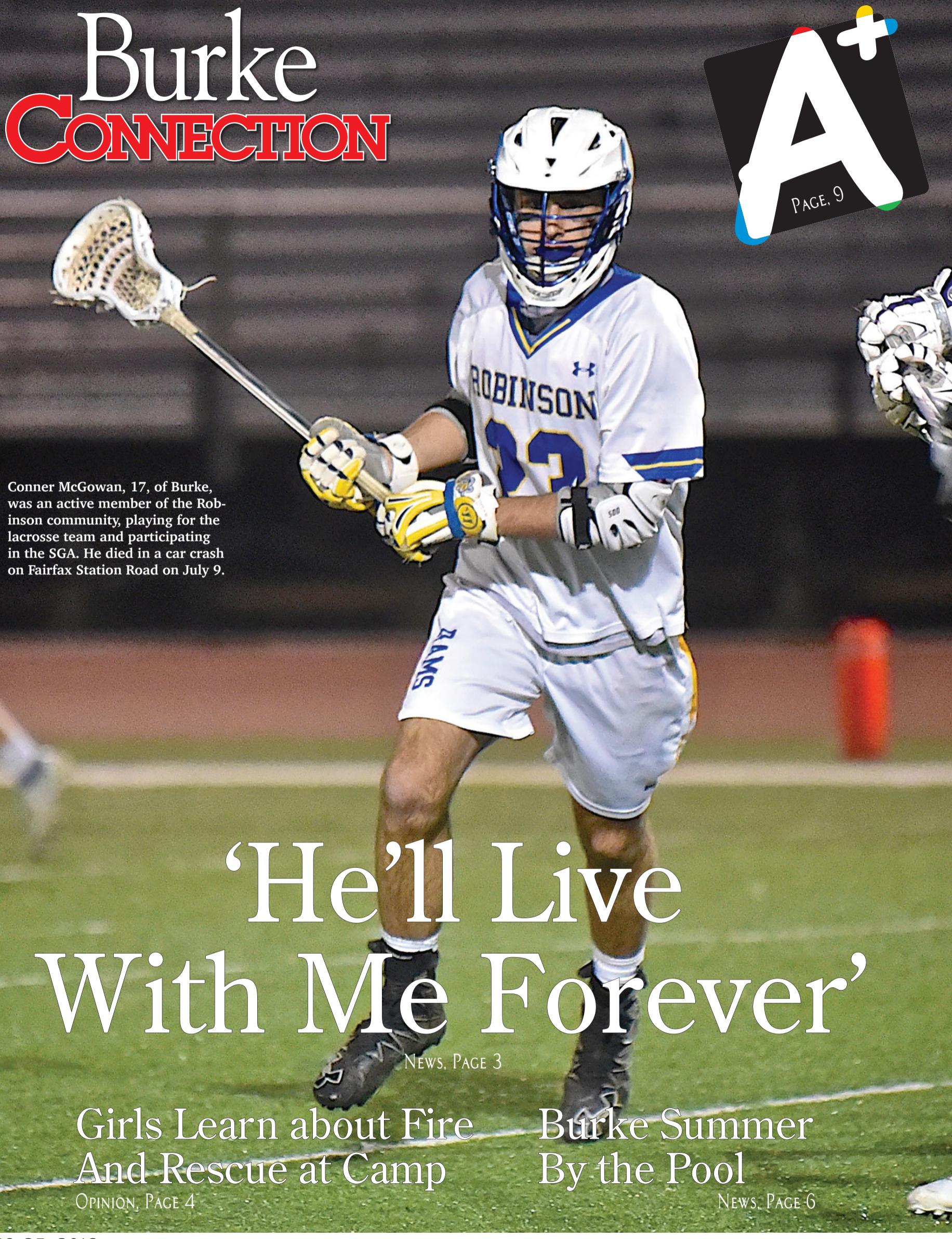


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Conner McGowan, 17, of Burke, was an active member of the Robinson community, playing for the lacrosse team and participating in the SGA. He died in a car crash on Fairfax Station Road on July 9.

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## One Teen Killed, Two Injured in Fairfax Station Crash

**Detectives believe speed, but not alcohol, was a factor in the crash.**

BY MIKE SALMON  
THE CONNECTION

A fatal crash on Fairfax Station Road the afternoon of July 10 claimed the life of 17-year-old Conner McGowan of Burke, a rising junior at Robinson Secondary School, and injured two other Robinson students.

According to police, a 2005 Jeep was traveling westbound on Fairfax Station Road near Colewood Estates Road around 1:15 p.m. when the car left the roadway and hit a tree.

Two of the teens were taken to the hospital by helicopter with life-threatening injuries. The third teen was taken to the hospital by ambulance. Alcohol does not appear to be a factor, however, detectives believe speed was a factor in the crash.

McGowan was a lacrosse player at Robinson and Rob Jones, the Robinson Athletics Boosters President, put out the following message on the booster webpage: "It is with a very heavy heart that I share with our Robinson Athletics Community that last evening Robinson Junior Conner McGowan passed away from injuries sustained in a car accident."

The Robinson Booster Facebook page contained

this message from Principal Matthew W. Eline: "Conner was an excellent student and a member of our Student Government Association. He was a member of his class council, coached the 10th grade powder puff team, and was a huge fan of Homecoming events. He was a very engaging young man, well-liked by all who knew him, and will be greatly missed by the Robinson school community. Conner has a sister who also attends Robinson Secondary School."

"Our thoughts and prayers are with the family and friends of 17-year-old Conner McGowan and the two other teens injured this crash. Conner was a junior at Robinson Secondary School in Fairfax," read another entry.

One passenger in the Jeep remained in the hospital following the accident, and the other passenger was treated for non-life threatening injuries and released. The following night, Wednesday, July 11, there was a gathering at Burke Community Church, and the funeral was Sunday, July 15.

Immediately following the crash, Robinson Secondary offered grief counseling for anyone that needed this service offered by the Fairfax County Public Schools. The following week, this message was sent to Robinson parents: "Robinson is once again opening its doors to students who wish to have the opportunity to speak with a school social worker, school psychologist, or counselor on Tuesday, July 17, any time between 10 a.m. and noon. Parents may also reach a crisis team member by contacting the school during those hours," the message read. McGowan's sister also attends Robinson.



PHOTO BY BAYAN WATERS

**At the scene of the crash on Fairfax Station Road, friends leave flowers and tributes to Conner McGowan.**



**Classmates and peers participate in a vigil at Coffey Stadium in Conner McGowan's honor, several nights after his death.**

## 'He'll Live With Me Forever'

**Conner McGowan, 17, touched many lives and was an active member of the Robinson Community.**

BY KHUYEN DINH  
THE CONNECTION

After a tragic accident the afternoon of July 9, 17-year-old Conner McGowan of Burke died overnight from injuries in the car crash. Two other teenagers were injured.

McGowan was an active

member of the Robinson Secondary School community, participating in Student Government and a playing on the Robinson Lacrosse team. He is thought of as always making everyone smile and being a supportive friend.

"Conner was my best friend and a brother to me," says 15-year-old Andrew Orellana from Robinson Secondary School. "He was a

teacher and leader. He was the most confident man I have ever met, but at the same time he was kind and loving. The type of man you would always want on your side. I'll remember every memory we ever made and treasure them. The good times we had will forever be in my heart. He'll live with me forever and I will love him forever."



**Students surround candles as they spoke about Conner McGowan and what he meant to them. Friends told stories about Conner and their friendship with him.**

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"RAM SNAPS"

Members of Robinson Secondary School honored Conner several nights after his death with a vigil on the Robinson Secondary Coffey Stadium Field, where Conner played lacrosse. The vigil brought together many of his friends and classmates.

Posts on social media circulate to honor Conner and everyone he touched. His close friends lovingly referred to him as "C-Money" or "C\$". Students posted on social media their thoughts and prayers as well as expressed appreciation

for their friendships with Conner.

On Wednesday, July 18, the Robinson Student Government Association hosted a letter writing for Conner for those affected as well as the Ethan Willison who was injured in the same car crash.

Students who were close to Conner also visited the site of the crash and built a memorial for him, leaving flowers, letters and lacrosse balls with thoughts and prayers.

# OPINION

## Girls Learn about Fire and Rescue at Camp

To give girls confidence in their abilities, push them beyond their comfort zone.

BY TRACEY REED  
CAPTAIN II, STATION 15,  
CHANTILLY, C-SHIFT  
GIRLS FIRE AND RESCUE ACADEMY  
COORDINATOR

**E**ighteen girls are attending camp Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. for the second session of the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department's Girls Fire and Rescue Academy. The purpose of the academy is to build the girls' confidence in their unique abilities, push them beyond their comfort zone, and to learn the value of supporting others rather than putting them down.

Monday began with team building exercises that continued all week to emphasize the importance of communication and working together. Then the girls learned how to put on firefighter personal protective equipment (PPE). They learned about the Fire Prevention Division and talked to a few of the Fire Marshals about what their job is like. In the afternoon they learned about medical skills including patient assessment, how to measure vital signs, intubation, splinting, patient moving devices, epi pens, cardiopulmonary resuscitation, and 12 lead EKGs.

Tuesday began with physical fitness training which was a combination of body weight exercises and activities firefighters perform such as raising ladders and climbing stairs. Then they changed into their PPE and learned about ladder truck operations: searching, forcible entry, and riding in the



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**Participants in the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department's Girls Fire and Rescue Academy used their newly acquired skills to respond to simulated emergencies.**

tower bucket 100 feet in the air. During lunch they were treated to a visit by Belle, one of the department's therapy dogs.

In the afternoon they learned about trauma; spinal immobilization, chest decompression, and how to stop bleeding using wound packing and tourniquets. Then they used their newly acquired skills to respond to simulated emergencies including an auto accident with a pedestrian struck. The scenarios were similar to the basic emergency medical technician (EMT-B) certification test and the girls did great.

Wednesday's physical fitness training involved partner exercises — "you go, I go." One person completes repetition of a specific exercise and then they tag their partner who does the same amount of the same exercise while the first

person rests. Working together to accomplish missions in many different ways is an important part of public safety. Afterwards they learned about the use of canines in arson investigations.

Then they were back into their now familiar PPE for engine company operations; getting water from a hydrant, pulling hose lines and re-racking them for deployment, and flowing water.

They put these skills together and worked in small groups to extinguish car fires using a propane car fire simulator. After learning about master streams, which of course involved getting wet on a hot afternoon day, the girls came inside to learn how to tie knots with rope and webbing, mechanical advantages with pulley systems, and extrication tools.

Thursday the girls went to the

department's Wellness and Fitness Center to learn the importance of fitness and proper body mechanics. The girls watched Technician Black complete the work performance evaluation that is required for all Fairfax County firefighters on an annual basis. Then they participated in the Candidate Physical Abilities Test which is one step in the process to become a firefighter.

Later, they worked with Virginia Task Force One, one of only two internationally certified Urban Search and Rescue Departments in the United States. They learned about various search techniques using cameras, listening devices and canines.

Friday they visited the police helicopter unit to learn how they assist on medical calls as well as their police function. They also heard from the Explorers (the county volunteer fire and rescue program for high schoolers), the high school cadet program, and representatives from the Volunteer fire stations.

The afternoon involved hazardous materials training including working in hazmat suits and using meters. Graduation was in the evening with the families and station personnel to celebrate their accomplishments.

We appreciate all the support and donations we have received from the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department members and leadership, Centreville Volunteer Fire Department, Dunn Loring Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department, Franconia Volunteer Fire Department, Greater Springfield Fire Department, McLean Volunteer Fire Department, Fairfax County Volunteer Fire and Rescue Association, Battalion 7, B & B Associates, FireVMS.com, Chic-fil-A, and Mission BBQ.

money for Everytown for Gun Safety. The event took place at Jammin' Java, a Vienna coffee shop.

The afternoon consisted of music and spoken word performances by students from several local high schools. Many songs and poems were written by the students themselves. Not only was the audience impressed by the students' talent and level of maturity, but the message they were sending became very clear: something needs to change. Many adults in the audience were moved to tears, as they realized that they let their children down, lacking in protecting them

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# NEWS

## Native American Speaker Highlights History, Fights Stereotypes

Karenne Wood gives a presentation for the Burke Historical Society.

BY MIKE SALMON  
THE CONNECTION

**K**arenne Wood gave a presentation for the Burke Historical Society on July 15. Hollywood and the retail world planted a seed for the stereotypical Native American, and it has been exploited more in commercial products and sports as well.

"We are left with a whole bunch of stereotypes," Wood said to a room of about 25 people in the Pohick Library. "This is what we're projecting to our children," she said, referring to what is taught in schools with messages like "Columbus discovered America," when in reality, the Native Americans were already here.

Wood is a member of the Monacan tribe which occupied much of the Virginia inland areas. Her presentation was called "Stone, Bone and Clay: Virginia Indians History of 18,000 Years." The climate was colder, dogs became domesticated, corn came along as a crop, the trio, corn-beans-squash became a staple and the size of a Native American was substantially bigger than the Europeans when they came in 1607.

Are they referred to as Native Americans or American Indians? "It's better to ask the people you're talking to," said Wood, who also works at the National Museum of the American Indian in Washington, D.C.

In Northern Virginia, the Dogue and Manahoac Indians settled along the rivers and creeks around Fairfax County. The Burke area has been impacted by development so conducting archeological research is difficult, said Mike Johnson, a former Fairfax County senior archaeologist, which makes it tough for archeologists.

In his research, he "recovered a possible 13,000-year-old artifact from a spot just downstream from

Hidden Pond Park," Johnson said in an email. There were other findings along Pohick Creek, and a large prehistoric site discovered by former volunteer Dave Rubis near the intersection of Route 123 and the Fairfax County Parkway.

There were "many different settlements around here," said Wood, "the river was like Main Street." Wood questioned why other populations had cities and towns but the Indians had villages or settlements.

At the lecture was Springfield resident Dick Hamly, the chairman of historical research committee of Pohick Church where many remains have been re-interred.



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**Karenne Wood fights the old ways of thinking about native Americans.**



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## NEWS



PHOTO BY KHUYEN DINH/THE CONNECTION  
Families spend a hot summer day at the Oaks Pool to cool down.



PHOTO BY RICH CONDIT

Jake Mitchell, 17, from Robinson Secondary School, dives at the recent swim and dive meet with the Lakeview Marlins.

# Burke Summer by the Pool

BY KHUYEN DINH  
THE CONNECTION

Facing a hot summer, Burke and Fairfax families take advantage of their community pools. With several community pools in the area, families usually attend whichever is closest to their home through membership.

"I attend The Commons pool," said Riley Peterson, 14, from Robinson Secondary School. "I like going because it is a fun way to cool down and spend time with friends during the summer."

Certain pools are a part of the Northern Virginia Swimming League (NVSL) in divisions.

The summer swim team allows young members in the community to participate in a sport over the summer as well as make new friends and gain some swimming experience.

"Our swim team is the Lakeview Marlins in Division Six," said lifeguard, Tyler Layton, 16, from Robinson Secondary School. I like being able to spend stress free time with friends while doing something that I enjoy while also getting a good workout. It's a great experience to have to make friends

and create a family bond among the people within the team."

"I attend The Commons Pool a lot over the summer," says Steven Eckloff, 14, from Robinson Secondary School. "I love how much space there is and I love swimming in the deep end of the pool and playing games with my friends."

They can enjoy swimming in the pool as well as playing pool games such as sharks and minnows which is a favorite among the youth.

"I enjoy going to the community pool because I like playing games with my family and jumping off the diving board," said Bella Ochoa, 10, from Fairview Elementary in Fairfax Station.

Many teenagers in the area take advantage of the community pools by finding jobs as lifeguards and pool staff. Working at the community pools is a lot of work as they require a lot of training to ensure families and especially younger children stay safe while enjoying the pool.

"I enjoy the Oaks Community pool because it is very kid-friendly. The deepest part is only four feet so it is easy for kids to swim in all areas of the pool," says lifeguard Stacey Melnikova. "I like working here

mainly because of the staff. I know some of them from school and some are people I am close friends with. I think that working with people you are close with makes it easier to work as a team to keep the pool

clean and safe."

"I also love working here because the guards ... give swim lessons," says Melnikova. "It is so much fun to see the kids progress over the summer."



Alex Nantier, 17, from Robinson Secondary School spends her summer lifeguarding at the Oaks pool in Burke.

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THE CONNECTION

## Celebrating Eagle Scout Award

Kenneth Milton Book of Boy Scout Troop 1818 in Fairfax, earned his Eagle Scout award. Kenny's father is Robert Book, the Scoutmaster of Troop 1818, who works in Health Economics and his mother is Mandy. Kenny attended Berman Jewish Academy and will be in Israel for one year of college-level study. In the photo are: Phil Sternberg, Eric Hartunian, Robert Book (dad), Kenny Book, Bob Watts, Steve Lamar, and Brian Quigley. Not in photo is G.C. 'Gary' Black, III, who was also on the Eagle Scout Board of Review. The Board met at St. Stephen's United Methodist Church in Burke.



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**Art Camp with Carol Zeitlin campers explore watercolor painting.**

## Art Camp 2018 in Burke

Registration is Open for "Art Camp 2018 in Burke" for 5-8 year olds, 8 years and up. One-week sessions take place Monday-Friday, July 23-27. Camp is held through Burke Centre Conservancy at the Woods Community Center, 10100 Wards Grove Circle, Burke. Second location is Burke Presbyterian Church, 5690 Oak Leather Drive, Burke. Call instructor at 703-250-6930 or visit [www.czartlessons.com](http://www.czartlessons.com) for more. Camps include:

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### THURSDAY/JULY 19

**Evenings on the Ellipse with Memphis Gold.** 5:30-7 p.m. at the Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax. The Evenings on the Ellipse summer concert series is a family-friendly event featuring a wide range of musical genres. Paradise Springs Winery and The Winery at Bull Run will be providing complimentary tastings; glasses of wine and full bottles available for purchase. A Farmers Market (2:30-6:30 p.m.) will also be on site selling fresh fruit and savory snacks. Rain or shine. Free. Visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/) performances for more.

**Burke Historical Society.** 7 p.m. at George Mason Regional Library, 7001 Little River Turnpike, Annandale. Burke Historical Society member Mary Lipsey will speak about the story of Mount Vernon and how it was saved by the Mount Vernon Ladies' Association. Lipsey has a new book. Visit [www.mlhbooks.com](http://www.mlhbooks.com).

**Encore Chorale Registration Open.** Rehearsals at Sydenstricker United Methodist Church, 8508 Hooes Road, Springfield, on Tuesdays from 2-3:30 p.m. beginning Sept. 4, 2018. Registration is open for the Fall session of the newest Encore Chorale and singers of all vocal experience, age 55+. Encore is the nation's largest choral singing program for

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### FRIDAY/JULY 20

**B-I-N-G-O.** 7 p.m. at Fire Station 3, 4081 University Drive, Fairfax. Enjoy free coffee, entertaining callers, a friendly atmosphere, \$1,000 guaranteed jackpot, treasure chest progressive raffles, and good food available for purchase. All proceeds go to purchasing fire and rescue equipment. Visit [www.fairfaxvfd.com](http://www.fairfaxvfd.com) or call 703-273-3638 for more.

### SATURDAY/JULY 21

**Pet Adoption Event.** 11 a.m.-2 p.m. at Pet Supplies Plus, 11054 Lee Highway, Fairfax. Find a new forever animal friend with the help of the City of Fairfax Animal Control and Animal Shelter. Visit [www.fairfaxva.gov/government/police/programs/animal-control/adopt-a-pet](http://www.fairfaxva.gov/government/police/programs/animal-control/adopt-a-pet).

**Mount Vernon Nights.** 7 p.m. at Workhouse Arts Center, 9518 Workhouse Road, Lorton. This series of free, public concerts features a variety of musical performances reflecting Fairfax County's diversity, culture and community spirit. Bring a picnic dinner and a blanket and enjoy one of Fairfax County's special summer traditions. Visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/performances/mt-vernon-nights](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/performances/mt-vernon-nights) for more.

**Stories of the Stars.** 8:30-9:30 p.m. at Burke Lake Park, 7315 Ox Road, Fairfax Station. Stroll with a naturalist along the lakeshore at Burke Lake Park and learn about the constellations. An astronomical naturalist will identify the stars, and there will be telescopes for use. The evening concludes with a campfire and s'mores. For participants age 3-adult. \$6 per person; children must be accompanied by a registered adult. Call 703-323-6600 or visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/burke-lake](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/burke-lake) for more.

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**Animals in the Shallows.** 8-9 a.m. at Lake Accotink Park, 7500 Accotink Park Road, Springfield. Explorers age 8-adult will search for animals that call the littoral zone home. Snakes, fish, turtles and insects all rely on these lake shallows to survive. Catch and release animals found in this program. \$6 per person; children must be accompanied by a registered adult. Wear shoes that can get muddy and wet. Call 703-569-3464 visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/lake-accotink](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/lake-accotink) for more.

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**Reading Circle.** 1-4 p.m. at the Fairfax Station Railroad Museum, 11200 Fairfax Station Road, Fairfax Station. The Fairfax Station Railroad Museum will host two 45-minute Reading Circle sessions of the Caldecott Medal winning book, "Locomotive." One session will begin at 1:15, the second at 2:30. All craft supplies included with admission fees. Ages 16 and older, \$4; 5-15, \$2; 4 and under, free. Visit [www.fairfaxstation.org](http://www.fairfaxstation.org), [www.facebook.com/FFXSRR](http://www.facebook.com/FFXSRR), or call 703-425-9225.

**Vegetable Plant Clinics.** 4-6 p.m. at Franconia Park, 6432 Bowie Drive, Springfield. Focus will be on planning a fall vegetable garden. Fairfax County Master Gardeners will add a focus on vegetable gardening to their Plant Clinic program. Sponsored by Virginia Cooperative Extension. Contact the VCE Fairfax County Master Gardener Help Desk at 703-324-8556.

### TUESDAY/JULY 24

**Farm to Fairfax Market.** 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at Old Town Square, 10415 North St., Fairfax. The market will be producers-only — meaning that all vendors at the market may only sell what they raise on their farms or make from scratch using local ingredients as much as possible. May-September, weather permitting. Call 703-385-7893.

**Erin's Epic Stories.** 10:30 a.m. at Old Town Square, 10415 North St., Fairfax. A variety of children's activities and entertainment in Old Town Square at the pergola, Tuesdays June-August. Weather permitting. Free. Visit [www.fairfaxva.gov/government/parks-recreation/old-town-square](http://www.fairfaxva.gov/government/parks-recreation/old-town-square) for more.

### WEDNESDAY/JULY 25

**Springfield Nights.** 7 p.m. at Burke Lake Park, 7315 Ox Road, Fairfax Station. Featuring: The Johnny Artis Band (R&B). Bring a picnic dinner, blankets, your dog, and lawn chairs and relax with friends and family. Beer and food will be available for purchase. Call 703-451-8873 for more.

### WEDNESDAY-THURSDAY/JULY 25-26

**Studio Ghibli: Castle in the Sky.** Wednesday, 7 p.m. (Japanese with English subtitles); Thursday, 11 a.m. (English dubbed) at Angelika Film Center – Mosaic, 2911 District Ave., Fairfax. The Angelika Mosaic will feature animated films from the celebrated Studio Ghibli praised for their originality, stunning animation, and ambitious storytelling. All tickets are regular admission. Visit [www.AngelikaFilmCenter.com](http://www.AngelikaFilmCenter.com) for more.

### THURSDAY/JULY 26

**Evenings on the Ellipse with Tartan Terrors.** 5:30-7 p.m. at the Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax. The Evenings on the Ellipse summer concert series is a family-friendly event featuring a wide range of musical genres. Paradise Springs Winery and The Winery at Bull Run will be providing complimentary tastings; glasses of wine and full bottles available for purchase. A Farmers Market (2:30-6:30 p.m.) will also be on site selling fresh fruit and savory snacks. Rain or shine. Free. Visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/) performances for more.

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# Best for Family Road Trips

Top audiobook picks for long drives with children.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL

With summer comes roadtrips. In fact, a study by New York University's School of Professional studies showed that 63 percent of American families will take a vacation by car this summer. Long stretches of interstate and backseat time call for loading up on audio books before hitting the road.

"Audio books are great for long car rides and they're much better than video games," said Barbara Marshall, department chair for Education and Social Sciences at Montgomery College. "They don't take the place of actually reading a book, but there is a time and place for them."

One of those times, says Marshall, is long drives without scenic views. She and others who are familiar with children's literature suggest some of the best books for family vacations by car.

"Ghost" by Jason Reynolds and narrated by Guy Lockard is a recommendation by Jennifer Rothschild, Youth Services Collection Development Librarian for Arlington Public Libraries. This 3.5 hour audio books is about a gifted runner named Ghost who has a chance to run for a prestigious middle school track team, but is challenged to stay on track both literally and figuratively in order to reach his full potential.

Fantasy buffs might appreciate "Dealing with Dragons" by Patricia C. Wrede, while fans of dystopian novels might enjoy "Leviathan," written by Scott Westerfeld and narrated by Alan Cumming, suggests Rothschild.

Set in an alternate version of WWI, Leviathan is the first in a trilogy. Primary characters include Prince Aleksander, the would-be heir to the Austro-Hungarian throne, and Deryn, a girl who disguises herself as a boy to serve in the British Air Service. The story takes off when the two cross paths.

History lovers might appreciate another Rothschild pick: "Notorious Benedict Arnold" which was written by Steve Sheinkin and narrated by Mark Bramhall. Running at 6.5 hours, this is a true story about an American war hero who loses his career and freedom for greater recognition.

Music lovers might enjoy "Solo" by Kwame Alexander, says Yunna Iqbal of Scrawl Books in Reston. The audio version of the New York Times best selling book by the same name, tells the tale of Blade, the son of a former rock star with a drug addiction. Intertwined with songs, the story follows Blade as he tries to escape his escape his family's fame and fortune.

"Each chapter has a specific song and story follows and that makes it good for both young kids and older kids," said Iqbal.

"Artemis Fowl" by Eoin Colfer, narrated by

## Recommendations

For audio book reviews and suggestions:  
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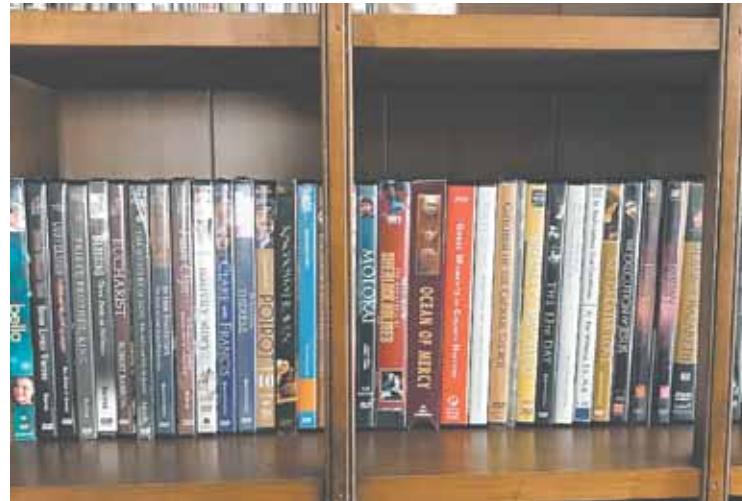


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**Audio books are helpful in passing time during a family vacation by car.**

Nathaniel Parker could appeal to thrill-seekers. The main character, a 12-year-old named Artemis Fowl is the heir to a crime family who appears to be unusually skilled at masterminding crimes until greed threatens to ruin his most brilliant plan. This Rothschild suggestion runs 6.5 hours.

Timeless classics like "Charles and the Chocolate Factory" and "James and the Giant Peach," both by Roald Dahl, are also fail-safe choices for family road trips, says Iqbal.

"Ghost Boys" by Jewell Parker Rhodes is a recommendation from Lelia Nebeker, Book Buyer at One More Page Books in Arlington. "It's a very short book, so if you're only driving for three hours, you can probably finish it," she said. "It's from the perspective of a seventh-grade black boy who is shot and killed by the police, and his ghost is telling the story of seeing the world after his death, where he meets the ghost of Emmett Till. It's a heartbreaking book, but beautifully written, well performed on the audiobook."

Despite the mature sounding premise, Nebeker says that it's intended for readers ages 9 and up.

"Avalon High" by Meg Cabot is a fun contemporary take on the King Arthur myth by the prolific Meg Cabot," advised Nebeker. "This one does take place in a high school setting, but it's appropriate for ages 10 and up for sure. So cute and funny."

"Two of my coworkers read 'Love Sugar Magic: A Dash of Trouble' by Anna Meriano ... and raved about it," said Nebeker.

"Amal Unbound" by Aisha Saeed is about a 14-year-old girl in Pakistan who becomes a servant to pay off her family's debts," said Nebeker. "[This is] another book for young readers that has some mature content, but is good for ages 10 and up and will start good discussion between parents and young readers."

"Howl's Moving Castle" by Diana Wynne Jones and "A Wrinkle in Time" by Madeleine L'Engle are two additional suggestions from Nebeker.

For a wider selection of choices, Marshall suggests the American Library Association's website which offers reviews of audio books: [www.ala.org/alsc/awardsgrants/notalists/nrc](http://www.ala.org/alsc/awardsgrants/notalists/nrc).

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# NEWS

## School Board Names Chair, Vice Chair

The Fairfax County School Board has elected Karen Corbett Sanders (Mount Vernon District) as chair and Ilryong Moon (at-large) as vice chair for a one-year term. The chair and vice chair assumed office at the July 12 School Board meeting; they are elected by School Board members during the Board's annual organizational meeting.

"I am honored by my colleagues to be selected to serve as chair of the Fairfax County School Board," said Corbett Sanders. "We look forward to continuing the important work supporting our students and teachers as we implement our FCPS strategic plan. We will continue our focus on making the One Fairfax equity goals a reality, achieving excellence in education for every student in Fairfax County."

Born and raised in Fairfax County, Corbett Sanders is a retired international business executive, a community advocate for healthcare and education issues, past PTA president, and Odyssey of the Mind coach. She has served on boards of directors and operating committees for international telecommunications companies and, locally, on the quality board of Inova Children's Hospital and the regional board for Odyssey of the Mind. Corbett Sanders earned a bachelor's degree from the University of Notre Dame and a master's degree from Boston University. She serves on the Dean's Advisory Board of Boston University's Wheelock School of Education and previously served on the parent advisory board of Creighton University. Corbett Sanders has served on the School Board since 2016 and during the 2017-18 school year, she served as vice chair of the Board.

Moon is a partner with the law firm Moon, Park, and Associates, and earned his juris doctor degree from the Marshall-Wythe School of Law, College of William and Mary. He earned his bachelor of arts in



**Karen Corbett  
Sanders**



**Ilryong Moon**

East Asian studies from Harvard University. Moon is a member of the Annandale Rotary Club and has served as a member of the Fairfax County Planning Commission, the Governor's Urban Policy Task Force, and the Virginia Advisory Committee of the U.S. Civil Rights Commission. Previously, he served as a member of the Fairfax-Falls Church Regional Council of the United Way, the Community Service Fund (Fairfax-Falls Church Region), and the United Way. He is a former ESOL student and father of two FCPS graduates. He served on the Board previously from July 1995 to 1999, and from January 2004-present. Moon served as Board chairman in 2006, 2012, and 2013, and as vice chair in 2005 and 2011.

In addition to the chair and vice chair, members of the Fairfax County School Board, whose terms run to 2019, are: Sandy Evans (Mason District), Karen Keys-Gamarra (at-large), Pat Hynes (Hunter Mill District), Tamara Derenak Kaufax (Lee District), Ryan McElveen (at-large), Megan McLaughlin (Braddock District), Dalia Palchik (Providence District), Jane Strauss (Dranesville District), Elizabeth Schultz (Springfield District), and Thomas Wilson (Sully District).

## Have a Ball at the Bocce Picnic

Northern Virginia Senior Olympics (NVSO) is gearing up with a free Bocce Picnic and Play event on Thursday, Aug. 2 at the host site for the 2018 bocce competition at Green Acres Center in the City of Fairfax. Medalists from past competitions are expected to be present at the picnic offering tips on bocce moves.

The event will be held by RSVP which is the region's largest volunteers group for those 55 years and older. They serve more than 30 of the local non-profit organizations and government agencies. To register for the event contact volunteer specialist Carly Hubicki at 703-403-5360 or [www.rsvpnova.org](http://www.rsvpnova.org).

This year's NVSO is scheduled to begin on Sept. 15 and conclude Sept. 25 with the bocce competition on Thursday, Sept. 20 at Green Acres. Registration for the NVSO events began in June and will end Aug. 24.

The NVSO is a joint project of the cities in Alexandria, Fairfax and Falls Church and the counties of Arlington, Fairfax, Fauquier, Loudoun and Prince William. It includes more than 60 events from swimming and diving, track, pickle ball, bowling, golf to duplicate bridge with three new events added this year: canasta, croquet and beach ball wallyball. For a complete list of events visit [www.nvso.us](http://www.nvso.us).



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**Northern Virginia Senior Olympics  
bocce competition**

— SHIRLEY RUHE

# BULLETIN

Submit civic/community announcements at ConnectionNewspapers.com/Calendar. Photos and artwork welcome. Deadline is Thursday at noon, at least two weeks before event.

## MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

### The Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board's Merrifield Center

offers a new stand-up information kiosk. Part of a pilot project, the new feature aims to improve the customer service experience and decrease wait times for individuals who are seeking mental (behavioral) health services. To check in, individuals respond to five simple questions, then the CSB's Patient Track software alerts staff. Based on clinicians' schedules and availability, as well as the needs of the client, individuals are triaged and seen by the next available staff member. For more information on available services, call the CSB at 703-383-8500 (Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.). In an emergency 24/7, call CSB Emergency Services at 703-573-5679 or the Fairfax Detox Center at 703-502-7000 (TTY 703-322-9080).

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

**Haven of Northern Virginia** is committed to offering, support, compassion, information and resources to the bereaved and seriously ill. Volunteers provide individual and group support to those suffering from a loss. Volunteers must participate in a 30 hour training. Training will be offered in October 2018. To volunteer, call Haven at 703-941-7000.

**Assistance League of Northern Virginia**, a volunteer nonprofit, invites community members to join the organization to participate in its Reading Express program. Volunteers provide one-on-one tutoring to first grade students during the school year. To learn more contact VP Membership Mary Gronlund at gronbiz@aol.com or Program Coordinator Lynn Barron at lynniesb517@verizon.net.

## LETTERS

FROM PAGE 4

from the all too familiar dangers of gun violence. While the general public has become desensitized by news reports from the adult's point of view, hearing words of immense fear and frustration come from the mouths of young students as they expressed themselves truly hit home. Along with 71 others, Del. Kathleen Murphy (D-34) attended the event, and she spoke briefly about what she believes needs to be done to prevent the repetitive, tragic headlines. She commended the younger generation for their dedication to the cause and recognized how instrumental they are in creating a better future for our nation.

The powerful words of the students made an impact on the audience, and the students are proud to say they raised \$750 for Everytown for Gun Safety. The students believe, more importantly than the money they raised, the biggest concept they hope the audience and other observers will take away is that all one needs to make a difference is ambition and dedication. While most nights the news may leave viewers feeling helpless, it is necessary to remember that every single person has the power to change the world, if only they believe they can.

**Leana Travis**  
Vienna

Along with Helen Ehrlich, Leana Travis organized a benefit concert 'Stand Up, Speak Out.'

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## Comparatively Speaking



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

After writing such an emotional column last week ("A Relative Unknown"), I'm having a little trouble finding footing for my pen for this week's column.

It reminds me of thoughts I had about continuing to write my "Everything in general about nothing in particular"-themed columns – which I had published in The Connection from December 1997 through May 2009, after I received my terminal cancer diagnosis in late February, 2009. How could I continue to write such lightweight nonsense after being given a "13 month to two-year" prognosis?

Not that my intention writing forward was ever to immerse you regular readers in self-indulgent Kenny at his self-important worst. Hardly. It was more that I had a need and apparently, an ability, to write about my cancer experiences with a similarly light touch as I had previously done so discussing everyday topics dating back 12 years or so.

Those columns, as you incredibly regular readers may recall, ranged from the sublime to the ridiculous, including everything in between. However, they never mentioned politics, current events, personalities in the news or anything of substance, quite frankly.

To give you a few examples: "Armed and Dangerous," a column about drivers who drive with their left arms hanging out the driver's side window (one of my mother's favorites); "Sole Man," a column about seeing so many single shoes lying by the side of the road; "Registering a Complaint," a column about the new (at the time) self-checkout registers at supermarkets; and "Victim of 'Soycumstance,'" a column about why there are always so many packets of soy sauce in Chinese carry-out, and so many more, hundreds in fact, about "everything in general ...".

For me, they were – and continue to be, an amusing diversion/avocation which enabled me to pursue my passion and dream about writing a syndicated climate from a warm climate, preferably one with an ocean view, while maintaining my day job. A day job which I still maintain. And though the challenge for maintaining both may be greater now than ever, us true believers in the newspaper business will continue to read and write as best we can, in print and online.

Now, throw in a cancer diagnosis, which at the outset was extremely discouraging, and you might wonder how any of this makes sense. Well, perhaps it didn't. But perhaps having tasks and responsibilities was exactly the kind of regularity that a cancer patient given a rather grim prognosis needed, consciously, and maybe more importantly, subconsciously.

Somewhere in my head (or wherever one's subconscious exists) going on about life as if nothing was particularly life threatening (heck, more like life ending, at age 54 and a half, no less) perhaps was the kind of antidote my body needed. Though told then – and now, that there's no cure for what ails me: non-small lung cancer, stage IV, nevertheless, I am still alive nine-plus years later, "advocating" and "vocating."

However, maintaining my status quo; reading, writing and "rhythmeticking" doesn't generally make me cry as writing last week's column did. And in living long enough to experience what I wrote about last week, I am always grateful to whomever/whatever power is responsible for yours truly being here, there and everywhere (also a reference to the name of the first song, by The Beatles, that Dina and I danced to as husband and wife).

Amazingly, life goes on, as does this column. But fortunately, for you irregular readers, not for much longer.

Have written this far, I think I've transitioned now from an extremely emotional experience: meeting my cousin from Argentina to an un-emotional/normal one: life in the mundane and boring Kenny lane. A lane I hope to continue to travel. At least I hope so, anyway.

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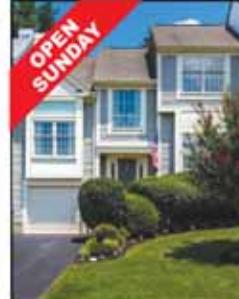


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