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News

Voter ID Bills Signed

McDonnell directs state to send every voter a new voter card before Election Day.

> By Victoria Ross THE CONNECTION

Robert overnor McDonnell (R) signed watereddown versions of Virginia's Republican-backed voter identification bills on Friday, adding the Commonwealth to the growing list of states adopting stricter voting standards.

Under the new law, voters will be required to show ID before they cast their ballots, a measure that Democrats in the Virginia General Assembly have said will disenfranchise many voters, especially minorities, the poor and the elderly.

To subdue critics, the Governor signed measures expanding the type of ID acceptable at the polls - which include a utility bill or a Virginia student ID card - and di-

rected the State Board of Elections to send every registered voter a new card before the 2012 presidential elections in November.

"Every qualified citizen has the right to cast one vote. Not two votes; not zero votes," McDonnell said in a statement released Friday. "This legislation does two things. It increases the forms of identification that can be used for purpose of voting, while helping to further prevent voter fraud and ensuring Virginians that they can have faith that votes have not been fraudulently cast."

THE PREVALENCE – or absence – of voter fraud is at the heart of the debate over whether Virginia or other states need any new legislation.

"The 'voter identification' bills are a solution in search of a problem," said State Sen. Chap Petersen (D-34) in an email on Saturday. "Our current system is working fine. By agreeing to these gratuitous changes, the Governor is making the system less open and convenient to lawabiding citizens."

State Sen. David Marsden (D-37) has said that using voter fraud as a justification for new voter identification rules is a smokescreen for voter suppression. "When we've asked these legislators (in Virginia) to cite one example of voter fraud, they just can't do it," Marsden said.

nearly 100 percent in a survey of localities from the last presidential and gubernatorial elections in 2008 and 2009.

Currently, Virginia voters are allowed to vote without ID by signing a sworn affidavit affirming their identity. Under the new law, voters without ID cards



The Burke Centre polling place at the Commons Community Centre preps for Election Day.

Acceptable Forms of ID

Under the new legislation and existing law, the following are acceptable

- Virginia voter registration card
- Social Security card Valid Virginia driver's license
- Any other identification card issued by an agency of the
- Commonwealth, one of its political subdivisions, or the United States
- Any valid student identification card issued by a Virginia
- institution of higher education ❖ A valid identification card issued by an employer containing a
- photograph of the voter A copy of a current utility bill
- ❖ A copy of a bank statement
- A government check
- ❖ A paycheck that shows the name and address of the voter

will still be able to vote provisionally, on the condition they provide proper ID later for the vote to be

"Some have argued that there are voters who do not have any form of ID to bring to the polls. For that reason, we will be sending every voter in Virginia a free voter card between now and Election Day to ensure they have at least one form of ID to bring with them to the polls," McDonnell said.

In addition to issuing every active voter a new card, McDonnell also ordered election officials to coordinate a public education campaign to help raise awareness about the approved ID to the polling place on Election Day, and the process for obtaining a free voter card if someone does not have a form of ID.

McDonnell said the additional steps his administration is taking to implement this legislation ensure that no voter is "overly burdened by the provisions included in this legislation."

According to the National Conference of State Legislatures, a bipartisan research organization, Voter ID continues to be a high-profile and highly-contentious issue in many state legislatures. Currently, 32 states have voter ID legislation pending, and several states have pushed for rigorous laws that require voters to present a state-issued photo ID card.

JUST BEFORE McDonnell's pronouncement, the Even McDonnell noted Virginia's "tradition of Fairfax County Office of Elections launched a camhonest elections" and a voter compliance rate of paign to alert voters to new voter registration cards the state is in the process of mailing to approximately 195,000 county voters this week.

But the cards are being mailed only to voters affected by Congressional redistricting and voters still holding a card that included their Social Security

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Congressman Gerry Connolly and Congressman Elijah Cummings at the congressional forum at the Fairfax Government Center earlier this month.

Forum Focuses On Technology

Connolly holds forum on federal government and technology.

national and local technology companies, including Google and Microsoft, and the new Chief Information Officer of the United States, participated in a congressional forum held by Virginia Congressman Gerry Connolly and Maryland Congressman Elijah Cummings at the Fairfax Government Center earlier this

The forum focused on the federal government and technology, both critical components of Northern Virginia's vibrant economy, and how technology can be used to increase government efficiency without increased spending.

Congressman Connolly, who is the Ranking Member of the House Oversight Subcommittee on Technology, Information Policy, and Procurement Reform, and Congressman Cummings, who is the Ranking Member on the House Oversight and Reform Committee, brought the congressional forum to Fairfax County because it is the hub of the information technology on the East Coast, rivaling California's Silicon Valley.

More than 75 representatives of local technology companies attended the forum where they heard from Federal CIO Steven VanRoekel, Microsoft's Susie new generation of government Adams, Google's David Mihalchik, and Alan Chvotkin public service is rewarded and of the Professional Services Council, an organization that attack." represents many federal con-

enior representatives of tracting firms in Northern Vir-

ALL OF THE PANELISTS

agreed that the federal government continues to place greater emphasis on the use of all aspects of information technology, including moving to cloud computing, reducing the number of federal data centers, responding to increased cybersecurity threats and expanding mobile technology in support of telework. Yet federal spending on technology will likely remain flat, if not shrink, for the foreseeable future. That factor places a premium on federal partnering with private sector companies, which will allow the government to be more flexible in meeting its technology needs, VanRoekel told Connolly and Cummings.

Connolly reinforced the point and said that government not only has to do more with less, but also must do it better to improve services for the public. "We already are doing more with less, but to do it better we have to make thoughtful investments not only in technology but also people," Connolly said. "Furthermore, If we are going to attract technology talent from college campuses or the private sector to deliver this services, we need to make sure not constantly under partisan

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Governor Signs Voter ID Bills

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Number (SSN), which will be replaced with a system-generated identification number.

Now, every registered voter will get at least one new voter card. The cards mailed out this week also indicate a language prefer-

According to Cameron Quinn, Fairfax County's chief elections official, as a result of the 2010 Census, Fairfax County falls under Section 203 of the Voting Rights Act, which requires the county to provide voting and elections-related materials in English and

She said Fairfax County is now providing voter information and

Voter Information

- If you have not received a new card, but would like to check your voter registration status and information, go to the Virginia State Board of Elections at www.sbe.virginia.gov/
- For more information, go to Fairfax County Office of Elections website at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/ elections
- ❖ Or contact the Office of Elections at 703-222-0776, TTY 711.

materials for Spanish speakers. And the county's website www.fairfaxcounty.gov/elections has a Google Translations line that can translate information into Spanish and several other languages.

Quinn said that while the Fairfax County and state websites are updated, not all voter election web pages and links have been updated with the new congressional district information.

"Those voters whose congressional district changed as a result of redistricting are currently being mailed a new voter card," Quinn said. "Whether or not you received a new voter card, if you have questions or to be certain you know your congressional district information, refer to the county or state election office's website for the correct information or call us at 703-222-0776."

Government's New Digital Strategy

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VanRoekel said the federal government already is taking a page from the private sector and consolidating redundant technology contracts. For example, he said the Department of Agriculture has consolidated 21 email service contracts into one, which has reduced costs by one-third and saved \$500 million. He said the Agriculture Department also has reformed its mobile phone contracts, which numbered in the thousands, into a handful of bulk purchase agreements, reducing costs by 18 percent. Similar efforts are underway at other agencies.

While those initiatives are reducing the overall number of government contracts, VanRoekel and the panelists said it is in the best interest of the government and taxpayers to have a robust private sector to drive innovation and competition.

Executives from Microsoft and Google said the move to "cloud" computing falls in that category. The private sector, and those two

& EPA

companies in particular, pioneered the cloud technology, but the federal government is just now expanding use of it.

THE TECH EXECUTIVES said smart use of the cloud will offer government agencies the opportunity to make more efficient use of limited dollars and allow technology staff to focus on improving overall agency mission and services rather than the day-to-day maintenance of complex networks and servers. Use of the cloud also will allow the federal government to better keep up with technological advances.

In the coming months, the federal government will be launching a new Digital Strategy. Connolly noted that telework, something he has consistently championed since his days as Chairman of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, must be a central focus of that effort. He said Telework was one important factor that can help reduce traffic congestion in Northern Virginia.

Commenting after the event, Jack Hargis, Director of Fairfaxbased CGI, said, "It was great to see Congress and the Administration come together to discuss how our industry can work with the federal government to improve efficiency through technology. Congressmen Connolly and Cummings facilitated a collaborative dialogue between industry and government, and provided representatives of the area's tech community the chance to hear directly from Steven VanRoekel, the new U.S. Chief Information Of-

"For companies like CGI, this kind of forum helps us to continually understand what our federal government clients need to accomplish their missions in an era of budget constraints. Likewise, I appreciate the Congressmen's willingness to listen to the challenges facing industry, including the need for initiatives that promote innovation-like cloud-while working toward increased government-industry collaboration," Hargis said.

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The cardboard boat regatta, one of the most popular Springfield Days activities will be held Lake Accotink Park on Sunday, June 3.

Springfield Days the Ultimate 'Staycation'

Event features food, fun, entertainment for pets and people.

> By Victoria Ross The Connection

veryone has their favorite Springfield Days event, whether it's the cardboard boat regatta, the amusement rides, the petfest or the farmers market. Whatever it is, the annual community-wide celebration has something fun, entertaining and exciting for everyone.

"It's four days of fun for everyone. Springfield Days is one of our great community events. For me, it means that summer is finally here, and it's something my family never misses," said Supervisor Jeff McKay (D-Lee).

The festivities begin with a kick-off reception on Thursday, May 31 at Safford Chrysler Jeep Dodge of Springfield, the event's main sponsor.

"Each year it's a little different," said Tawny Hammond, co-chair of the event along with Lee Ann Shenefiel. "It's driven by volunteers and the energy of community, and showcases all the resources in the community. That's what's so cool about it."

THE BIGGEST CHANGE this year is moving almost all the activities, except for the carnival, to South Run REC Center. Now called "Party in the Park," the South Run event includes: FitnessFest, PetFest, Paws-On-Parade, OutdoorFest, Open Swim party and Movie in the Park at dusk, which will be Happy Feet 2. On stage there will be pet demos, fitness demos and music. There will also be farm animals, wagon rides and nature walks.

"The day is for the entire family, both twolegged and four-legged members," said Rod Hudson, a veterinarian at Colonial Animal Hospital and chair of the pet activities.

Schedule of Events

THURSDAY, MAY 31 THROUGH **SUNDAY, JÚNE 3**

- * May 31-June 3 FamilyFest at Springfield Mall
- featuring amusements, rides and games **Saturday, June 2 -** Party in the Park at South Run REC Center featuring:
- ❖ PetFest
- ❖ Family FitnessFest
- OutdoorFest
- ❖ Entertainment Stage
- Pool PartyOutdoor Movie
- Saturday, June 2, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Smart Market Farmers Market
- ❖ Saturday, June 2, 7:30 a.m. at Lee High School - The 15K and 5 K runs Sunday, June 3 - Cardboard Boat Regatta at
- Lake Accotink
- For more event information, go to www.springfielddays.com. For more information on the races, go to www.runspringfield.org.

One of the most popular events - the Cardboard Boat Regatta - will be held Sunday June 3 at 2 p.m. at Lake Accotink Park, where thousands of people set out their lawn chairs to watch an assortment of human-powered boats made of corrugated cardboard.

"This is one of my favorite events," said Sharon Bulova, Chairman of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors. The Board of Supervisors gave out a proclamation to the organizers of Springfield Days at the board meeting on Tuesday, May 22. "There's even a 'Titanic' boat...It's an event that everyone

SATURDAY MORNING the 15K and 5 K run starts and finishes at Lee High School. Proceeds from the event are distributed to various charities throughout the greater Springfield community.

Hammond said the event typically attracts more than 50,000 people.

"This is the place to kick off summer," said Hammond, who served as chair of the event for 10 years. "It really is the ultimate 'staycation,' because we have so many events throughout the greater Springfield area. It's a labor of love for me. What really speaks to me is the fact that so many people and businesses in the community continue to support this event."



May 31 – June 3

Springfield Days is a community celebration with fun for everyone! This year, enjoy rides and games at FamilyFest. Run in the Springfield 15K/5K. Bring your 4-legged friends to PetFest at South Run RECenter. Learn about health and fitness at FitnessFest. Bring the kids for the exciting OutdoorFest and end the evening with an outdoor movie— Happy Feet Two. Enjoy the Cardboard Boat Regatta. For a complete list of activities, times and locations, visit the website.

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OPINION

Remembering on Memorial Day

Time to honor, also time to ensure proper care of veterans.

n February, Brig. Gen. Terence J. Hildner, 49, of Fairfax, was the highest ranking military officer to die in the war on terror. Hildner died Feb. 3, 2012 in Kabul province, Afghanistan.

On Memorial Day, we remember all of those who have died in military service, more than 400,000 in World War II, more than 30,000 in Korea, more than 50,000 in Vietnam

Since Sept. 11, 2001, more than 6,400 U.S. military service men and women have died in support of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. In 2012, there is just one reported death in Iraq, and more than 115 in Afghanistan.

Nearly 50,000 U.S. Military service members have been wounded in the war on terror, although that number is likely to be revised upward. The New York Times reported earlier this month that the military confirmed traumatic brain injury in more than 220,000 of the 2.3 million troops who have served in Iraq and Afghanistan.

The long-term consequences of many of these injuries are unknown, but they will require a national commitment to excellence in health care for both active duty military personnel and veterans.

On Memorial Day, we honor and thank all those who have served in the military, in times of war and peace. It is also a time to reinvigorate efforts to provide the best services and opportunities to our veterans. The Post-9/11 GI Bill dramatically increases the educational benefits extended to members of the military who have served at least three months of active duty since Sept. 11, 2001. Steps to provide better, faster and more responsive health care to veterans, including mental health care are underway, but have a long way to go. This is one place where we must commit the resources to do better.

More than 175 U.S. Military service personnel from Virginia have been killed in Iraq and Afghanistan, including several in the last year.

Aaron Carson Vaughn, 30, was one of 30 American service members and 22 Navy SEALs killed Aug. 6, 2011 when their Chinook helicopter was shot down in Afghanistan. Vaughn's family has ties to McLean and Burke. He is survived by his wife, Kimberly, and their two children.

Spc. Douglas Jay Green, 23 of Sterling, died Aug. 28, 2011. when insurgents attacked his unit using a roadside bomb in Kandahar province, Afghanistan. Green enlisted in 2007, after attending Potomac Falls High School.

Other Virginia losses since Memorial Day 2011:

Capt. Jesse A. Ozbat, 28 of Prince George, Va., died earlier this month on May 20, 2012 in Afghanistan when enemy forces attacked his unit with a roadside bomb.

Constructionman Trevor J. Stanley, 22, of



Command Sgt. Maj. Guitaud Leandre, 13th ESC, hands Cindy Hildner an artillery shell moments after it was fired from a cannon in her husband's honor at Fort Hood Feb. 9. Brig. Gen. Terence J. Hildner of Fairfax died in Afghanistan Feb. 3.

EDITORIAL

RIAL Virginia Beach, Va., died April 7, 2012 while deployed to Camp Lemonnier, Djibouti. Stanley, a Seabee, was assigned to Naval Mobile Construction Battalion

Pfc. Michael W. Pyron, 30, of Hopewell, Va., died Jan. 10, 2012 in Parwan province, Afghanistan. He was assigned to the 25th Signal Battalion, 160th Signal Brigade, 335th Signal Command Theater, East Point, Ga.

Maj. Samuel M. Griffith, 36, of Virginia Beach, Va., died Dec. 14, 2011 in combat operations in Helmand province, Afghanistan.

Staff Sgt. James Ronald Leep Jr., 44 of Richmond, died Oct. 17, 2011 at Forward Operating Base Kalsu near Iskandariya in Babil province, Iraq.

Spc. Levi Efrain Nuncio, 24 of Harrisonburg, died June 22, 2011 when enemy forces attacked his unit with small-arms fire in the Narang district of Kunar province, Afghanistan.

Capt. Michael Wray Newton, 30 of Newport News, died June 11, 2011 in Meymaneh, Faryab province, Afghanistan.

HERE ARE the names of other local men and women who have died in Iraq and Afghanistan and in support of the "war on terror." We repeat these names at least twice a year on Memorial Day and Veterans Day to honor their service and to keep their memories in our consciousness.

If you know of someone who should be included in this list, or if you would like to share how you are honoring the memory of a family member or friend lost, or about the progress of someone injured, please let us know.

Capt. Charles A. Ransom, 31, of Midlothian was one of eight airmen who died April 27, 2011, at the Kabul International Airport, Afghanistan, from gunfire. Sgt. Sean T. Callahan, 23, of Warrenton was one of two Marines who died April 23, 2011 in combat in Helmand, Afghanistan:

Sgt. 1st Class Anthony Venetz Jr., 30, of Prince William died Jan. 28, 2011 in Afghanistan, in a non-combat incident. Venetz had been seriously wounded months before.

Spc. Sean R. Cutsforth, 22, of Radford, Va., died Dec. 15, 2010 in Afghanistan, when insurgents attacked his unit using small arms fire. Spc. William K. Middleton, 26, of Norfolk, was one of two soldiers who died Nov. 22, 2010 in Afghanistan, when insurgents attacked with an improvised explosive device. Staff Sgt. Christopher F. Cabacoy, 30, of Virginia Beach, was

one of two soldiers who died July 5, 2010, in Kandahar, Afghanistan, when insurgents attacked their vehicle with a roadside bomb.

Pfc. Benjamin J. Park, 25, of Fairfax Station, Va., died June 18, 2010 at Zhari district, Kandahar, Afghanistan, of injuries sustained when insurgents attacked his unit with an improvised explosive device.

May 12, 2010, Donald J. Lamar II, 23 of Fredericksburg, was killed in Afghanistan. Christopher D. Worrell, 35 of Virginia Beach, was killed in Iraq on April 22, 2010. Steven J. Bishop, 29 of Christianburg, was killed March 13, 2010 in Iraq. Kielin T. Dunn, 19 of Chesapeake, was killed Feb. 18, 2010 in Afghanistan. Brandon T. Islip, 23 of Richmond, was killed Nov. 29, 2009, in Afghanistan. Stephan L. Mace, 21 of Lovettsville, died Oct. 3, 2009 in Afghanistan.

Bill Cahir, 40 of Alexandria, died Aug. 13, 2009 of a gunshot wound while conducting combat operations in the Helmand Province of Afghanistan. After 9/11, Cahir decided to leave his career as a journalist and join the Marine Corps. After his application to become a Marine had originally been denied because of his age, he lobbied members of Congress to get a special ex-

Fairfax Station resident Pfc. Dillon Jutras, 20, was killed in combat operations in Al Anbar Province of Iraq Oct. 29, 2005.

Lance Cpl. Daniel Ryan Bennett, 23 of Clifton died Jan. 11, 2009, in Helmand province, Afghanistan. "He loved his country, and we're so proud of him," said his mother.

2nd Lt. Sean P. O'Connor of Burke died Oct. 19, 2008 while stationed at Hunter Army Air Field, Savannah, Ga. O'Connor was an athlete in soccer, baseball and football who attended Fairfax County Public Schools and was a 1999 graduate of Bishop Denis J. O'Connell High School in Arlington.

Pfc. David Sharrett II, 27 of Oakton, died Jan, 16, 2008 in Iraq. On Oct. 24, 2008, his father, David H. Sharrett, was on hand as the Oakton Post Office on White Granite Drive was renamed to honor his son. But the senior Sharrett has battled to learn the truth about his son's death, that he was killed by his lieutenant in the confusion of a firefight. Just last month, April, 2012, Sharrett Sr. obtained documents confirming some of the details of his son's death and a subsequent cover-up, according to Tom Jackman of the Washington Post.

Army 1st Lt. Thomas J. Brown, a George Mason University graduate and Burke resident, died on Sept. 23, 2008, while serving in Iraq. His unit came under small arms fire, and Brown, 26, died from his wounds.

Sgt. Scott Kirkpatrick, 26, died on Aug. 11, 2007, in Arab Jabour, Iraq. Kirkpatrick, who graduated from Park View High School in Sterling, and also considered Herndon and Reston as his hometowns, was a champion slam poet. His father, Ed Kirkpatrick, calls him the "warrior poet," and he and his wife help injured vets at Walter Reed through the Yellow Ribbon fund (www.yellowribbonfund.org).

Ami Neiberger-Miller of Sterling lost her brother, U.S. Army Spc. Christopher Neiberger, in August 2007 when he was killed by a roadside bomb in Iraq. He was 22. Since her brother's death, Neiberger-Miller has devoted herself to the Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors (www.taps.org), an amazing organization which provides emotional support and other services for families of the fallen. This Memorial Day weekend, TAPS will bring together survivors in Arlington for the 18th National Military Survivor seminar, along with a "good grief" camp for children who have lost a parent.

Staff Sgt. Jesse G. Clowers Jr., 27, of Herndon, died when an improvised bomb exploded near his vehicle in Afghanistan on Aug. 12, 2007. Jonathan D. Winterbottom, 21, of Falls Church, died in Iraq on May 23, 2007, when an IED exploded near his vehicle.

Nicholas Rapavi, 22, of Springfield, died Nov. 24, 2006, during combat in Anbar province in Iraq. Army Cpl. Andy D. Anderson, 24, was killed by enemy fire in Ar Ramadi. Iraq on Tuesday. June 6, 2006.

Airman 1st Class LeeBernard E. Chavis, 21, was killed Oct. 14, 2006, by sniper fire in Iraq, trying to protect civilians from a roadside bomb.

Spc. Robert Drawl Jr., 21, a 2003 graduate of T.C. Williams High School, was killed by a bomb in Kunar, Afghanistan, on Aug. 19, 2006.

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U.S. Army Specialist Felipe J. Garcia Villareal, 26 of Burke, was injured in Iraq and flown to Washington Hospital Center, where he died Feb. 12, 2006. He was a graduate of Herndon High School.

Capt. Shane R. M. Mahaffee, 36, a 1987 graduate of Mount Vernon High School, died May 15, 2006. He was a lawyer, married, with two children. His parents live in Alexandria.

U.S. Marine Lance Cpl. Nicholas Kirven, 21, was killed in Afghanistan in 2005 during a firefight in a cave with insurgents. He enlisted while still in high school after 9/11. Maj. William F. Hecker III, a 1987 graduate of McLean High School, was killed in action in An Najaf, Iraq, Jan. 5, 2005. Staff Sgt. Ayman Taha, 31, of Vienna, was killed Dec. 30, 2005, when an enemy munitions cache he was prepping for demolition exploded. Army Capt. Chris Petty of Vienna was killed Jan. 5, 2006.

Staff Sgt. George T. Alexander Jr., the 2,000th soldier to be killed in Iraq, was literally born into the Army here in Northern Virginia, at DeWitt Army Hospital at Fort Belvoir. Alexander died at Brooke Army Medical Center in San Antonio, Texas, Oct. 22, 2005, of injuries sustained in Samarra, Iraq, Oct. 17, 2005.

Lt. Col. Thomas A. Wren, 44, of Lorton, died in Tallil, Iraq on Nov. 5, 2005. Marine Capt. Michael Martino, 32 of the City of Fairfax, died Nov. 2, 2005. when his helicopter was brought down in Iraq.

1st Lt. Laura M. Walker of Oakton was killed on Aug. 18, 2005, in Kandahar, Afghanistan. CW4 Matthew S. Lourey of Lorton died from injuries sustained on May 26, 2005 in Buhriz,

Operations Officer Helge Boes of Fairfax was killed on Feb. 5, 2003, while participating in counterterrorism efforts in eastern Afghanistan.

Among other local lives lost: Lance Cpl. Tavon Lee Hubbard, 24, of Reston; 1st Lt. Alexander Wetherbee, 27, of McLean; 1st Lt. Jeff Kaylor, 25, of Clifton; Coast Guard Petty Officer Nathan B. Bruckenthal, 24, of Herndon; Army Chief Warrant Officer Sharon T. Swartworth, 43, of Mount Vernon; Command Sgt. Maj. James D. Blankenbecler, 40, of Mount Vernon; Capt. James F. Adamouski, 29, of Springfield; Sgt. DeForest L. Talbert, 22, of Alexandria; Marine Cpl. Binh N. Le, 20, of Alexandria; Staff Sgt. Russell Verdugo, 34, of Alexandria. Army Capt. Mark N. Stubenhofer, 30, from Springfield; Marine Gunnery Sgt. Javier Obleas-Prado Pena, 36, from Falls Church; Marine Sgt. Krisna Nachampassak, 27, from Burke; Army Staff Sgt. Nathaniel J. Nyren, 31, from Reston: Marine Lance Cpl. Tenzin Dengkhim, 19, from Falls Church, Navy Chief Joel Egan Baldwin, 37, from Arlington; Maj. Joseph McCloud, of Alexandria, and Major Gloria D. Davis, 47 of Lorton.

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Conductors James Puckett and Winn Jones of the Fairfax County Park Authority get ready to take guests for the first ride of the new and improved Burke Lake Park train on Sunday, May 20.



Three generations of train lovers: The Rice family of Fairfax Station - grandfather Craig; mom Shelley holding Marina, 18 months; dad Peter holding Sam, 3 1/2 and grandmother Betsy. "We come here every year," Betsy Rice said. "It's a family tradition."

Big Wheels Rolling Again!

Burke Lake Train celebrates improvements to train and track.

By Victoria Ross

ittle engineers jumped aboard Fairfax County's first miniature Central ✓ Pacific Huntington steam engine as it chugged over the tracks at Burke Lake Park, carrying guests on a quick loop around the park to celebrate improvements to the train and tracks.

On Sunday, May 20, a new version of the one-third-scale replica C.P. Huntington started making the rounds after the little engine that could was temporarily retired in

"This train has been a popular ride for nearly 40 years," said Supervisor Pat Herrity (R-Springfield), who greeted guests during the celebration and boarded the train for its inaugural ride.

"I remember riding my bike here when I was a kid, through what's now Burke Lake Center É We were adventurers," Herrity said. "Generations of families come here every year. It's one of our most popular parks."

The new locomotive looks the same, but new technology has made the ride advances in the design of miniature trains. According to Charlie Reagle, Burke Lake Park Manager, this model gets diagnostic tests performed by laptop computer, it's quieter and the improved on the park trail rated one of the throughout the day, on just four Society. gallons of gas.

All Aboard Burke Lake Train

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- ❖ Burke Lake Park is located at 7315 Ox Road in Fairfax Station. Park grounds more information on the park, train or other rides, call 703-323-6600 or go to www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/

"We love riding the train," said Meredith Materka of Burke, who rode with her son Nico, 2 1/2. "It's an annual rite to come here, ride the train and the carousel and then

Mason Keeney, 3, who was riding the train with his mom, Stephanie, and dad Cody, said he wanted to ride the train "at least two times, and get some ice-cream."

The train takes riders over 1.75 miles of track in about 10 minutes and reaches speeds of 10 to 12

After the chug-along, there's more old-fashioned fun - a spin on the carousel, a hand-dipped cone at the Ice Cream Parlor and a walk

"This train never goes out of runs parallel to the shoreline of ing the culvert pipes. Approxi-\$897,000. Work was completed by style," said Reagle, who estimates Burke Lake, passes through a small mately 1,500 linear feet of wooden general contractor Southern As-



Guests get ready to board the new and improved Burke Lake Train on Sunday, May 20, during a special celebration of the popular ride, which has chugged along the tracks for nearly 40 years. From left, front row: The Boulay family of Burke - Lillian, 6, dad Patrick, mom Nicolle and brother Kevin, 4, along with the Adams family of Fairfax Station - mom Natasha, dad Scott and daughter, Mila, 3. Back row: Harold Pyon, the West Springfield District member of the Fairfax County Park Authority and Supervisor Pat Herrity (R-Springfield).

gas mileage is a driver's dream - 10 best urban fitness trails in the verts, and a wooden trestle. Reno- according to park officials. 26 runs, almost continuously nation by the American Hiking vations included replacing existing ties, rails, and switches, reconfunding specifically for this project, The miniature train track, which structing the stone base and replac-which cost approximately about 90,000 people ride the train tunnel, crosses 11 drainage cul-retaining wall was also replaced, phalt Company, Inc. of Lorton.



Debby Kelly, band director at Springfield Estates Elementary School (SEES) conducting "SEES Band Goes Hollywood" performance to a full house.

Springfield Estates **Chorus Director Retires**

at Springfield Estates Attack. Elementary School, Carol McKnight directed her last Cho-Butler performing "Don't Let the

Band Director Debby Kelly pointed out the special significance of the SEES Spring Concert, "This concert marks Ms. McKnights final performance as Chorus Director as she gets ready to retire after three decades in the school system."

Kelly was visibly passionate in her performance as she conducted the program—beginning

fter three decades in with the Mickey Mouse March education and 15 years and concluding with the Shark

Kelly shared how dedicated her students were in carrying ral Program at the school's 2012 out project. "They came in over Spring Concert. The perfor- several weeks during their lunch mance kicked off with Eugene and recess. They held a poster contest and got permission to put them (the posters) in the store windows.

Kelly commended her fifth and sixth graders for their dedication to the project. "They showed up each day during lunch to prepare the props." She particularly praised choral and band Members Zaynab Abbasi and Rahat Shahab.

— Sangeeta Kumar



Band Director Debby Kelly poses with flute player, Noshinr Hassan

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News

Honoring Helping Hands

Hundreds honored at the Girl Scouts Precious Medals Ceremony in West Springfield.

BY SANGEETA (DOLLY) Kumar The Connection

ver two hundred people gathered Tuesday night, May 15, in West Springfield to honor Girl Scouts of Association 52 of the Girl Scout Council of the Nation's Capital (GSCNC) at their Fourth Annual Spring Precious Medals Ceremony titled "100 years of Helping Hands."

Association Chair, Carol Ann Cunningham said, "I'm very impressed with the wide variety of service projects we contributed to this year: Volunteers helped the Wounded Warrior projects, animal shelters, Inova Fairfax Hospital for Children, environmental health, cross-cultural education and life enhancement for teenagers and adults with disabilities."

Allison Howl and Claire Schindler, silver award winners began in the same troop in elementary school. Then Allison



Jennifer Kirk, 14 of West Springfield H.S. shows off her silver award at the Spring Medals Ceremony titled "100 Years of Helping Hands."

moved with her military family to different posts and was reunited in high school with her troop buddy, Clair. Both have been working on service projects under the direction of Maria Murphy, Co-Advisor and Vice Chair of Association 52.

Katelyn Sparks of Troop 374 was among those honored at the Precious Medals Ceremony. She won the gold award for her work on Project Smile—Socially, Mutually Involved of Life Enhancement Car-



Master of Ceremony Katelyn Moore, 16, of Burke honors silver award recipients Allison Howl, 17, and Claire Schindler, 17, both of Springfield.

nival. As part of the project she reached out to high school students and encouraged them to socialize with students with disabilities and to do so in a fun setting.

The Nation's Council had 221 girls win the gold award in the past year. No other Council in the country has beaten this record of over 200 gold medals since 2008. At any given time, fewer than 3 percent of girl scouts have earned a gold award for over 100 hours of service to the community. The Nation's Council has topped the list each year for the past five: 180 girl scouts won the silver award and over 100 won the bronze - the highest national award a 4th or 5th grader can win. Those with bronze or silver awards set their eyes on the gold by emulating

those who had earned their gold. Helen Sande, 13, said while holding up her bronze award, "I'm helping my friend who is working for her gold."

A "helping hands" spirit was prevalent in the voices and actions of all those who were honored on Tuesday. Alexa Chavera, 15, who is working towards her silver award coordinated the invitations for the event and helped organize the event. When asked about what it felt like to be an organizer of the event, she said, "Katelyn Moore did most of the work. I just helped her."

Carol Ann captured the essence of the 100 Years of Helping Hands in an email message where she said, "Everything we do is for the girls and the evening was all about honoring their hard work!"

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Shooting Death In Springfield

airfax County police a short time later. have released the name of the man who died after officers shot him on Saturday, May 19. Gray Alan Combs, Jr., 22, "of no fixed address" died after he was taken to a hospital, police said.

Police are currently investigating incidents surrounding the shooting that occurred inside an apartment in the 5700 block of Backlick Road.

Shortly after 11 p.m. on Saturday, officers were called to the Springfield apartment. While searching the apartment with a K9 team, police said they found Combshiding in a bedroom. Police said Combs threatened them with a sword and failed to comply with their commands.

According to police reports, the officers fired both less-lethal bean bag rounds and lethal rounds, striking the suspect, who fell to the ground. Officers immediately rendered medical aid and performed CPR. The suspect was transported to the hospital and died

One officer was placed on routine administrative leave in connection with the shooting.

Police said they were familiar with the suspect because they had encountered him on Friday night. The suspect had seven outstanding warrants: Three felony counts of producing child pornography, three felony counts of possessing or reproducing child pornography with the intent to distribute and a misdemeanor warrant for consensual sexual intercourse with a minor. On Friday night the suspect allegedly gave officers false identification and escaped after a brief foot chase. As a result, two additional warrants were issued for resisting arrest and identity theft.

Anyone with information is asked to contact Crime Solvers by phone at 1-866-411-TIPS/8477. e-mail at .fairfaxcrimesolvers.org or text "TIP187" plus your message to CRIMES/274637 or call Fairfax County Police at 703-691-

– Victoria Ross

CALENDAR

Send notes to the Connection at south@connectionnewspapers.com or call 703-778-9416. Deadline is Friday. Dated announcements should be submitted at least two weeks prior to the event.

FRIDAY/MAY 25

"The 39 Steps." 8 p.m. Workhouse Theatre, Workhouse Arts Center, 9601 Ox Road, Lorton. A mysterious woman and an ordinary man are caught in an international espionage ring. \$15-\$20.

www.WorkhouseArts.org.

Friday Friends Book Club. 4 p.m.
Burke Centre Library, 5935 Freds
Oak Road, Burke. The Jacket by
Andrew Clements. Ages 8-12. 703249-1520.

SATURDAY/MAY 26

"Rapunzel." 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. Studio 3 Theatre for Young Audiences, Workhouse Arts Center, 9601 Ox Road, Lorton. A lost prince, a two-headed monster, an unscrupulous baker, a lonely witch and a flaxen-tressed maiden. \$8-\$12. www.WorkhouseArts.org.

Strawberry Social. 11 a.m.-3 p.m.
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TUESDAY/MAY 29

English Conversation Group. 7 p.m. Richard Byrd Library, 7250 Commerce St., Springfield. Practice and improve your English. Adults. 703-451-8055.

WEDNESDAY/MAY 30

Learning English. 10:15 a.m. Kingstowne Library, 6500 Landsdowne Centre, Alexandria. Conversation group for adults learning English. 703-339-4610.

THURSDAY/MAY 31

Story Time. 10 a.m. Caribou Coffee, 11947 Grand Commons Ave., Fairfax. With Miss Elise, children's director at Fairfax Circle Church, reading "Little Bear's Dragon" by Jane Hissey. 703-815-2001.



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SPORTS

Lake Braddock Baseball Wins Patriot District

Bruins beat West Springfield for second title in three years.

By Jon Roetman
The Connection

hile Lake Braddock coaches and players hung out on the South County baseball field after the Patriot District tournament final, center fielder Alex Gransback and catcher Garett Driscoll snuck into the third-base dugout in search of a water bucket.

After acquiring the container, the duo headed back onto the field with the intention of soaking head coach Jody Rutherford with a celebratory shower. Gransback walked up and hugged Rutherford as an attempted distraction, hoping Driscoll would work his way behind the coach before

"[Lake Braddock is] a tough team, no doubt about it. They're the team to beat in the region, in my opinion."

- West Springfield baseball coach Jason Olms emptying the bucket's contents. Instead, Driscoll walked up behind Gransback and dumped the water, leaving his teammate to take the brunt of the aqua assault while Rutherford escaped relatively unscathed.

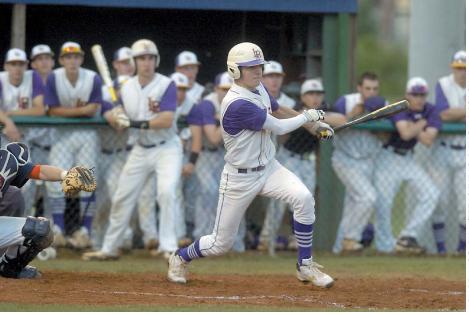
"Poor technique," the coach said.

While their execution of postgame antics left something to be desired, the Bruins' in-game performance against West Springfield

was far more effective.

The Lake Braddock baseball team pounded 10 hits and played solid defense behind starting pitcher Michael Church en route to a 7-2 victory against West Springfield on May 21 in the Patriot District championship game. The Bruins captured their second district title in three years, improved their record to 20-2 and secured the district's top seed heading into the Northern Region tournament.

Lake Braddock reached the state tournament last season and is ranked No. 1 in the Washington Post's top 10 poll. However, the Bruins aren't going to let high expectations keep them from enjoying success in the early stages of what could be a deep postseason run.



Lake Braddock senior Dylan O'Connor went 2 for 3 with a two-run double and made several nice plays in left field during the Patriot District title game on May 21.

"You've got to get them one by one," senior left fielder Dylan O'Connor said. "This is what we look forward to. We haven't looked past a district championship at all. This is what we wanted to win first and luckily we've got this, now we can move onto the region."

Rutherford echoed the senior's statement. "We're going to take the time to enjoy

this," the coach said. "It's harder when you're expected to win. It's a little bit more of a grind; it's a little bit more pressure on you. That part of it is tough, but we're definitely going to enjoy it. We definitely have plans for winning more games, but we'll take time to enjoy this because you never know how many more games we'll play this year."

O'Connor went 2 for 3 against West Springfield, including a two-run double in the fourth inning. In left field, O'Connor made a trio of fine catches in the late innings.

Lake Braddock led 6-1 in the sixth inning when West Springfield shortstop Taylor Boyd hit a deep fly ball with one on and nobody out. O'Connor went back and made an acrobatic catch near the fence. The following batter, center fielder Nick Stevens, hit a fly ball that O'Connor chased down in foul territory.

In the bottom of the seventh, O'Connor ended the game with another catch on near the fence.

"[O'Connor] had a really, really good basketball season. I was hoping when he came out this year that that would kind of carry over to the baseball field and it really has," Rutherford said. "Tonight, [he had a] big game. He wanted to take charge and be a leader. It was a great game for him. We've had confidence with him. He does a lot of things for us — a lot of small things that don't show up in the stats. He's been invaluable for us."

Second baseman Matt Spruill got Lake

West Springfield, they did a great job. That's the best he's been hit all year. Some of the credit has to go to them and their approach at the plate."

Trailing 3-0, West Springfield strung together three consecutive two-out hits in the third inning, but a solid play by the Lake Braddock defense held the Spartans to just one run. After back-to-back singles by pitcher Frank Sturek and Boyd, Stevens doubled in a run. But on the play, center fielder Gransback picked up ball, hit the cutoff man, shortstop Jack Owens, who threw home to cut down Boyd at the plate for the third out of the inning.

In the fifth inning, West Springfield third baseman Ryan Smith hit a fly ball to left with home-run distance, but it sailed foul. Later in the at-bat, he flew out to deep center.

Catcher Donny Haeuptle went 2 for 3 with an RBI for the Spartans.

"I was proud of the way we played," West Springfield head coach Jason Olms said.



Lake Braddock catcher Garett Driscoll tags out West Springfield's Taylor Boyd during the third inning of the Patriot District championship game on May 21.

Braddock on the board first, smacking a two-run home run to center field in the second inning. Designated hitter Nathan Parker delivered a run-scoring single in the second and Gransback drove in a run with a sacrifice fly in the fourth. The Bruins' seventh run scored on a West Springfield wild pitch in the sixth.

Church, the co-Patriot District Pitcher of the Year, earned the victory with a complete-game effort on the mound. He allowed two runs — one earned — and eight hits in seven innings while walking one and striking out five. He threw 61 of 101 pitches for strikes and held the Spartan lineup to one earned run despite throwing a first-pitch strike to 11 of 27 batters.

"It wasn't by any means his best effort, physically," Rutherford said. "Mentally, he was tough as he always is. Physically, he struggled with command early in the count.

"[Lake Braddock is] a tough team, no doubt about it. They're the team to beat in the region, in my opinion."

Lake Braddock had six players named first-team all-district: Spruill; Owens; third baseman Alex Lewis; Gransback; pitcher Thomas Rogers and Church. Rogers and Church were named co-Pitchers of the Year and Rutherford received Coach of the Year honors.

Haeuptle and pitcher Connor Tagg received first-team accolades for West Springfield.

Lake Braddock will host Wakefield, the No. 4 seed from the National District, at 7 p.m. on Friday, May 25. West Springfield will host Washington-Lee, the National District's No. 3 seed.

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Public Notice – Environmental Regulatory Variance

PERMIT NAME AND NUMBER: Lorton CDD Landfill. SWP

VARIANCE PETITION applicant: Envirosolutions, Inc.

Facility name and location: The Lorton CDD Landfill is located at 10001 Furnace Rd in Lorton, Virginia.

Project description: Golder Associates, Inc., on behalf of Envirosolutions, Inc., submitted a petition to the Director for a variance to the requirements of 9 VAC 20-81-130.J.2.b.(5), which requires an 18-inch drainage and protective cover layer with a minimum hydraulic conductivity of 1x10-3 cm/sec as part of the synthetic liner for CDD landfills. In lieu of meeting this requiresynthetic liner for CDD landlills. In liet of meeting this requirement, the petition outlined the use of a drainage/protective cover layer consisting of a 200-mil geonet composite and 18 inches of on-site soil as the drainage material with a minimum hydraulic conductivity of 1x10-5 cm/sec. This petition has been submitted consistent with the requirements of 9 VAC 20-81-760.A. The tentative decision to approve this petition for a variance is based on information submitted to the Department.

How to comment: DEQ accepts comments by e-mail, fax or postal mail. All comments must include the name, address and telephone number of the person commenting and be received by DEQ within the comment period. The public may review the variance petition at the DEQ office named below.

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Arlington/Penros

Renovated 3BR/2BA Cape; Gourmet Kitcher Hardwood Flooring, finished basement/REC RM, private, fenced back yard, shed, 2 car parking; con renient to shopping, metros. Excellent Location between Clarendon & Pentagon City. Close-in; 15

min. bus ride to DC at Farragut North.

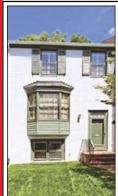
Carol L. Manning 703-517-1828



Clifton

Stunning Equestrian Estate on 6+ acres fe turing bedrooms, 3 1/2 baths, wide plank flooring, Sunroom, Library, 2 staircases, Updated bathrooms Wet bar, Gourmet kitchen with stainless appliances. Lower level Rec Room that w/o to beautiful vard. 4 Stall barn, Riding Ring, and much

Cyndy Patrick 703-851-7198



Springfield

Located in a parklike setting, this 4 BR, 2 full & 2 half BA brick TH features new Kit w granite, SS applinces & ceramic flrs hardwoods on main & upper lvls & French doors lead to New Orleans style balcony. The large brick patio and beau tiful backyard comolete this home

Hermandorfer



upgrades in this spacious TH. Spectacular kitchen featuring bay with granite ledge, 42" cabinets with mold-

\$414,878

Over \$100,000 in

upgraded appliances, and granite counter tops. Landscaped fenced backyard over-looking huge common area.

Claudia Callis 703-620-2790



Located in sought after Colchester Hunt, this wonderful 4 BR, 2 full & 2 half BA home sparkles with gorgeous remodeled kitchen and baths, gleaming hardwoods and decorator colors. Walk-out from the pool! Sited on nearly 1 acre and backing to trees;

Carol Hermandorfer 703-216-4949



Alexandria/ Kingstowne **\$425,000** This 3 level home backing to trees is vir tually brand

Windows. flooring, HVAC, granite, tile, appli ances, professcape /lanlist is endless. Kim



6 Level Townhouse With New Appliances, Carpet, Window Treatments, and Paint. Many Additional Upgrades Including Siding, Remodeled Baths, and Basement Flooring Fully Finished Lower Level Rec Room Walks Out to Fenced Backyard.

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