South County shortstop Whitney Burks went 4 for 4 against Robinson in the region softball quarterfinals on May 28.
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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‘Mulan’ Comes to Burke

Northern Virginia Players present Disney classic.

Northern Virginia Players will perform Disney’s “Mulan Jr.” during the production’s final weekend at Burke Community Church. The heartwarming tale begins when the Huns have invaded China, and it’s up to misfit Mulan and her mischievous sidekick Mushu to save the Emperor. Mulan is a celebration of culture, honor and the fighting spirit, and includes musical favorites such as “Honor to Us All.”

“This production features 64 actors ranging in age from 6 to 18,” said Ann Eul, the show’s director, who has worked with children in theater for more than 15 years. “This action-packed story is sure to thrill audiences of all ages.”

Northern Virginia Players is an all home school theatre troupe giving young people from all backgrounds, cultures and lifestyles the opportunity to produce professional quality plays while providing outstanding entertainment to the community.

In honor of those who serve, Northern Virginia Players will donate 10 percent of the ticket proceeds for the Memorial Day weekend shows to the Wounded Warrior Project. “We want to thank our men and women in uniform for their courage, honor and service,” said Eul.

Show dates are June 1 and June 2 at 7:30 p.m. at Burke Community Church, 9900 Old Keene Mill Road. For tickets and information, visit www.NVPlayers.com or call 703-866-3546.
Greeting New ‘Fellow Americans’
Fairfax County hosts fourth annual naturalization ceremony.

By Victoria Ross
The Connection

“M y fellow Americans,” U.S. Rep. Gerry Connolly (D-11) said with gravitas, pausing to let the meaning sink in.

And when it did, 75 immigrants - from Afghanistan to Uzbekistan - who had just raised their right hand and taken the Oath of Allegiance to become American citizens, erupted with applause and tears, waving American flags and hugging family members. They were gathered at the Fairfax County Government Center Friday, May 25, for the county’s fourth annual naturalization ceremony.

“You now join us...Every new wave of immigrants refreshes us, makes us stronger,” Connolly said, leading the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

“I am happy for today,” said Shahinaz Hassan, a recent immigrant from Egypt who lives in Fairfax. “Everything gets easier here,” she said in halting English. She said she was looking forward to voting in the presidential elections this fall.

Yesuf Beshir, originally from Ethiopia, works as a government contractor in Springfield and brought his daughter, Kedja, 4, who was born in Virginia, to the ceremony. Beshir said he pursued American citizenship for many reasons.

“I am proud of being an American,” Beshir said. “The main thing is democracy. Here, you can vote. You can be what you want in America. You can be president...If you want to be a doctor, you can be a doctor,” he said, smiling at his daughter. “I tell her the possibilities are endless.”

MODERATED by Corazon Sandoval Foley, the naturalization ceremony for 75 candidates from around the globe was part of the county’s Asian-Pacific American Heritage Month celebrations. The event began with the Presentation of Colors by the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department (FCFRD). Samuel DeVa, a captain with the county’s Fire and Rescue Department and a member of the Fairfax County Asian American Firefighters’ Association, gave the keynote address, telling the audience his personal story of coming to America from the Philippines when he was 14 years old in 1983. After becoming a paramedic in 1994, he received a Valor award and, in 2010, scored first on the test to become a captain with the Fire and Rescue Department.

“Look at me. The one thing I can say is work hard to make you and your families better,” DeVa said. “If you’re vice president of the company, aim to be president. I’m not here to encourage you; I want to challenge you.”

Shahinaz Hassan of Fairfax, a recent immigrant from Egypt, said she was happy to be an American citizen, and was looking forward to voting.

YEARLY NATURALIZATION CEREMONIES are made...You who are here today now officially have a seat at the table.”

Andrew Eade from England received a loud applause and cheers from his family and friends when Bulova presented him with his certificate. A resident of Herndon for 16 years, Eade said he wanted to become a citizen so he could “fully participate in the system and vote.”

“You want to feel like you are getting your voice heard,” he said.

Board of Supervisors Chairman Sharon Bulova (D-At-large) presented the Certificates of Naturalization to the new Americans.

“She said she was ‘proud’ to see the growing number of small businesses being opened by immigrants.

“Fairfax County has a very strong sense of community. Our residents and corporate neighbors are highly engaged, with a seat at the table when decisions are made...You who are here today now officially have a seat at that table.”

The Fairfax County Police Marine Patrol Unit enforces a no-wake zone near Occoquan as part of its patrol area on May 26. PFC Matthew Grubb and PFB Brian Bowman find that boaters are generally glad to see them on the water and they always return a wave.

Daily Patrols Take to the Water
Memorial Day weekend launches boating season.

By Deb Cobb
The Connection

“The warm holiday weekend brought the opening of boating season on the Potomac watershed and Fairfax County’s inland lakes and waterways. In Fairfax and surrounding Virginia counties (Prince William, Alexandria, Arlington, Loudoun and Stafford) there are more than 4,000 registered recreational boats.

For three years, the Fairfax County Police Department has deployed a Marine Patrol Unit staffed with EMT-trained SWAT officers who have their Coast Guard captain’s licenses to ensure the safety of boaters in Fairfax County waters. The unit operates two boats, a 35-foot Marlago and a special purpose 19-foot flat-bottom Carolina skiff. The skiff is used to patrol shallow areas like Lake Braddock and Lake Barcroft while the Marlago patrols the waters of Occoquan/Belmont Bay, Pohick Bay, Little Hunting Creek, Dogue Creek, Belle Haven and the 100 miles of Virginia shoreline that is in Fairfax County.

“Our mission is safety, education, and enforcement,” said Police Officer First Class Matthew Grubb, a 10-year veteran of the FCPD and one of the full time Marine Patrol officers. The Marine Patrol Unit provides safety inspections of boats, spotting and addressing safety violations of boaters, checking boat registrations, BUI (boating under the influence) checkpoints, wake-enforcement — ensuring that boats are not speeding in no-wake zones, providing emergency response and assistance and coordinating with other emergency services on the water. In addition, the unit operates with the Fairfax County Dive Team. The boating community is welcoming of the Marine Patrol Unit. Said Harbor Master Jim Brooks of the Belmont Bay Harbor Marina, “Any time you have a police presence, it cuts back on the no-gooders.”

The unit is launching a program aimed at promoting boating safety among children. If a boat is stopped by the Marine Patrol Unit this summer and children are wearing their PFDs (personal flotation devices), they’ll get a t-shirt. If the children aren’t wearing PFDs, boater will get a warning or a summons. PFDs are required for all children under the age of 13.

“Last year we didn’t have any drownings and we’re shooting for that this year. Education is the main focus of the unit followed by enforcement. We hope to educate people about boating while intoxicated, and we will have more BUI enforcement this summer,” said head of the Marine Patrol Unit Second Lieutenant Lance Schable of the Special Operations Division.
Community Services Budget Under Scrutiny

$8 Million budget hole threatens programs, public review underway.

By Victoria Ross

The Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board, which provides social services to thousands of the county’s most vulnerable residents and has come under fire for an $8 million budget shortfall, was given a temporary reprieve by the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors.

At its May 22 meeting, the board ultimately approved a plan that directs the Human Services Council to collect input from the public and social service advocates - a plan that temporarily takes critical services provided by the CSB off the chopping block.

But the decision was not a simple one, and came after vigorous debate and calls for more financial scrutiny of the agency, which administers social service programs to more than 22,000 county residents.

After the meeting, Supervisor Jeff McKay (D-Lee) said he would like to see an independent audit of the agency to examine the scope of the CSB’s financial problems.

Supervisor Pat Herrity (R-Springfield), in a May 25 letter to the Auditor of the Board, also suggested a financial review of the agency “to ensure that the CSB is not unnecessarily wasting money, considering their looming budgetary problems.”

RELATIONS between the CSB and the board have been strained since the agency revealed a larger-than-expected budget deficit in early May. Some supervisors suggested the information about the financially troubled agency came too late in the budget process to adequately explore the reasons behind the shortfall and develop viable solutions.

“It troubles me that we’re stuck with this here, stuck with this now, and we’re not in budget (discussions) where we can do anything about it,” said Herrity, who suggested the CSB look to private health insurance to be able to get gaps – such as shutting down substance abuse treatment centers and facilities for adults and children suffering from mental illness - were unacceptable.

“I don’t like being in this position because I’ve generally tried to be very supportive of things at the CSB, but I am really uncomfortable with these recommendations and I’d like to be able to say no because it cuts services,” Gross said. “But if I vote no on recommendations, where else do we go? I guess I’m just venting, because I don’t have a suggestion of what we need to do. I am extremely unhappy.”

Braunstein told the board a combination of factors led to the agency’s deepening financial crisis, including reduced federal funding and a steep increase in demand for CSB services. The demand for ITC services has jumped 38 percent in the past two years, and 165 children are currently on the waiting list, Braunstein said.

“The CSB, at least during first three years, managed to absorb local budget reductions and not reduce access to services,” Braunstein said. “The strategies we used last three years just didn’t work this past year.”

In fiscal year 2011, CSB expenditures totaled approximately $155 million dollars. In February, the CSB notified the county of a potential $8.3 million hole in its current budget, which prompted the board to establish a $4.2 million cushion during the budget discussions.

Bulova noted that CSB programs in other parts of Virginia are funded with a combination of federal and state dollars.

“In Fairfax County, the reverse is true. We pay about 70 percent of CSB programs, and we do as much as we can because these are populations we care deeply about,” Bulova said.

During the board’s discussion, several supervisors questioned whether it was even necessary to approve any of the interim measures before them.

“The fundamental question I have is why are we acting on this period? Why does this need our stamp of approval,” said Supervisor Jeff McKay (D-Lee).

After some deliberation about the need for the board’s approval, the board approved a “plan process” that includes public forums facilitated by the Human Services Council.

The Human Services Council will facilitate a public review process to prioritize, review, and evaluate the impact of the CSB’s proposed budget management plan on individuals, families, provider network, and the human services system.

The board also authorized the following interim actions for the Community Services Board. The measures, Bulova said, are first steps before more comprehensive actions are taken to address the projected budget shortfall:

❖ The Infant and Toddler Connection (ITC) early intervention services waiting list will be maintained while continuing CSB-provided assessment and facilitation of potential next steps and resume early intervention referrals as State funding is available.

❖ Employment and day services will be initiated for 19 new high school graduates with intellectual disability who have urgent needs upon graduation.

❖ The allocation of contract rate adjustment funds to CSB contractors will be suspended pending final carryover decisions by the Board of Supervisors.

❖ All measures to contain costs through further efficiencies and probationary staff reductions will be immediately taken.

“The CSB serves our most vulnerable populations in Fairfax County. In partnership with the CSB, Advisory Groups and organizations, and with our County workforce we will work our way through this challenge,” said Bulova.
Clifton Residents Kick Up their Heels

Clifton residents celebrated in style, Sunday, May 6, during the Clifton Gala at Trummer’s on Main. Attendees enjoyed dining and dancing while bidding on a wide array of auction items. Providing the music was local deejay Jeff Harper. The event was a fundraiser for the town’s Streetscape Master Project.

From left: Mayor Bill Hollaway and Jeff Harper discuss the proposed Clifton Streetscape Project.

From left: Victoria Trummer and Jen Neiman strategize before the live auction.

Anne McNamara, Lorena Blalock, Chris Dore, and Paul Tonden during the auction.

From left: Chris Dore, Paul Tonden and James McNamara and (front row, from left) Anne McNamara, Lorena Blalock and Ferdi Aulia look forward to the silent auction.
Surviving through Summer

It is that time again, the time from proms to graduation, and all the celebrations that come with it. It’s lovely to think, from a distance, that this is a happy and uncomplicated time for teens as the school year winds down, many look forward to college in the fall and a summer of internships or other interesting activities.

Few adults with clear memories of high school would likely be willing to turn back the clock and relive that time, especially with the addition of mobile phone videos and photos to accompany those awkward moments or more serious bullying or harassment.

We do know that many, if not most, teenagers will be celebrating, or possibly self-medicating, with alcohol, and that many will engage in binge drinking. While drinking and driving, or getting into a car with a driver who has been drinking, can kill, there are many other problems that come along with binge drinking. Parents owe it to themselves to talk to their teens about it, even as the teen turns away, rolls eyes, and otherwise indicates he or she is ignoring everything you say, some information will go in. They do hear you, and sometimes even make use of the information later.

Keep talking. Tell them you love them. Tell them it’s been too much work to get them to this point to risk losing them. Tell them not to text and drive. Tell them not to get in a car with anyone who has been drinking. Tell them you’ll come pick them up anytime that they need a safe ride home, without grounding them for the summer.

Father’s Day Photos

Father’s Day is Sunday, June 17, and once again the Connection will publish a gallery of Father’s Day photos.

Every year at this time, the Connection puts out the call for photographs of fathers and their children, grandfathers and their children and grand children.

Send in photos as soon as possible, including names of everyone in the picture, the date the picture was taken, the ages of the children and sentence or two about what is happening and where the photograph was taken. Be sure to include your own town name and neighborhood. Photos are due by June 8.

You can submit your photos online at connectionnewspapers.com/fathersday or email to editors@connectionnewspapers.com.

What Does Memorial Day Mean to You?

Del. Eileen Filler-Corn (D-41)

“What I’ve told my children is Memorial Day is more than a day for barbecues, sporting events and the opening of pools. It’s a day to remember those who have fought for our freedom and are unable to celebrate with their families today. It’s especially great to see the Boy Scouts here, understanding the true meaning of the day and being a part of this important ceremony.”

Norm Weaver, Nokesville, a member of the Washington Scottish Pipe Band

“For me, (Memorial Day) is about heading down to Arlington National Cemetery to pay my respects to the families who have given all.”

Luanne Smith, Burke

“It’s an important occasion for us to acknowledge those who have lost their lives defending our freedoms.”

Phil Scruggs, Burke, Scoutmaster of Boy Scout Troop 1345

“Memorial Day is a day to be set aside to honor the veterans who fought and died to protect our communities.”

Rachael Goldman, Burke, who sang the National Anthem during the Burke Memorial Day ceremony

“It means a day of remembering our fallen heroes. I like to use my voice in times of sorrow or joy as a way of paying respect.”

Trustees

It’s especially great to see the Boy Scouts here, understanding the true meaning of the day and being a part of this important ceremony.”
Promoting E-ZPass On 495 Express Lanes

495 Express Lanes announced the launch of a three-month car giveaway contest designed to accelerate the adoption of E-ZPass and the new E-ZPass(r) FlexSM among Northern Virginia drivers in anticipation of the Express Lanes opening later this year. The lucky winner will custom-design his or her own MINI from Passport MINI of Alexandria.

To enter the contest, participants must register their E-ZPass on the 495 Express Lanes website - www.495ExpressLanes.com/winMINI - by August 31, 2012. Drivers who do not currently have an E-ZPass can visit the 495 Express Lanes website to learn where to get an E-ZPass, register on the Express Lanes website and enter to win the MINI. Complete rules and regulations are available on the 495 Express Lanes website.

The MINI giveaway is part of an educational campaign to prepare Virginia Beltway travelers for the new travel option coming on the Capital Beltway. The 495 Express Lanes will provide new options for a faster, more predictable trip on the Capital Beltway in Virginia and help drivers control how and when they get to their destination. To keep traffic moving at free flowing speeds, drivers will need an E-ZPass to use the Express Lanes - there are no toll booths or options to pay cash. Carpoolers will need the new E-ZPass Flex to ensure a toll-free trip on the Express Lanes. The E-ZPass Flex will be available in July.

The 495 Express Lanes are two new high occupancy toll (HOT) lanes in each direction from the Springfield Interchange to just north of the Dulles Toll Road on the Virginia side of the Capital Beltway. The 14-mile Express Lanes will be free for carpoolers with three or more people, buses, motorcycles and emergency vehicles. Other drivers may pay a toll for a faster, more predictable trip.

The 495 Express Lanes are on schedule to be completed in late 2012 and will operate 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The.RestController to popular locations in meaning a safer and more direct Beltway entry and exit points Lanes will include three new Beltway entry and exit points meaning a safer and more direct route to popular locations in Tysons Corner and Merrifield.

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Explore Enrichment Opportunities
Do you have an aspiring musician, painter, or sculptor in the family? If you’re looking for opportunities to help your student pursue a special interest, the Institute for the Arts (IFTA) likely has a class to help him or her focus on skills, concepts, and the artistic process.

IFTA is a visual and performing arts program for students entering grades 7-12 in the 2012-13 school year. Dozens of enrichment classes, taught by professionals, help students grow and expand their knowledge of dance, music, theatre, cartooning, computer graphics, photography, and more.

The Elementary Institute for Arts (EIJA) offers enrichment classes for students entering grades 4-6 in the 2012-13 school year. Students experience total immersion in the arts as they rotate through exciting and stimulating classes in dance, drama, music, and visual art.

“Students develop skills and talents while exploring subjects or fields that interest them when they take enrichment classes,” said Sally. “For example, Tech Adventure Camp gives students a chance to rotate through a series of eight classes including automotive technology, culinary arts, CAD/3D design, gaming, graphic arts, robotics, video and webpage design. It is great exposure to many forms of technology for students who have an interest in that area.”

Young people interested in pursuing a career as models, fashion designers, makeup artists, or hair stylists will explore all that and more at Fashion Camp, July 9-13, at Fairfax High School. The camp is open to all students entering first through 12th grade. Campers will participate in activities designed for separate age groups. Campers will learn about fashion trends and create their own personality styled outfits, jewelry, and accessories in preparation for a fashion show at the end of the week.

Dive into a Good Book
Summer is a great time for children to explore books and discover reading for enjoyment. Students who read during the summer are more likely to improve their word recognition and reading comprehension skills. So encourage your child to pick up a book, discover a new subject or author, and have fun too! Many schools provide summer reading lists for students and the Fairfax County Public Library offers a summer reading program.

Summer Learning Fun
Splashing around in the pool, bicycle riding in the neighborhood, playing video games – just a few ways children spend their summer days. Do you want to add some exciting, fun, and even educational activities to your child’s summer?

Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) offers many programs to keep students learning throughout the summer including: classroom, art classes, drivers’ education classes, foreign language camps, and more.

“Learning doesn’t occur just between September and June,” said Levi Frady, manager of FCPS summer programs. “Summer academic and enrichment courses expose students to subjects and areas they might not access during the school year and they provide opportunities for students to focus on areas of interest with like-minded students.”

“Completing an academic course during the summer gives students more flexibility in their fall schedule. In fact, most students who take an academic summer course do so to get ahead,” he said.

Academic programs are available for students who want to accelerate their course of study during the summer, need to recover a credit, or pass a Virginia Standards of Learning (SOL) end-of-course test.

The Summer Online Campus is open to FCPS students and non-FCPS students and includes mathematics, science, English, history, physical education, and Spanish courses. New online courses include creative writing, Algebra 2 head start, college essay writing, and rich writing.

FCPS also offers two summer sessions for students seeking SOL credit. An SOL writing test remediation session will be held July 9-20 and a non-writing test session will be held July 9-24 for the following courses: Algebra 1, Geometry, Biology, Chemistry, World History-Geography 1, World History-Geography 2, and Virginia-US History.

Current FCPS high school seniors who need to earn one standard credit in Algebra 2, Geometry, English 12, or Virginia-US government in order to graduate will be enrolled in the Term Graduation Academy to receive credit and graduate by August 31. The classes will be taught at Lake Braddock Secondary School July 9-27.

Left: The go-cart was constructed in the Automotive Technology class “Start Your Engines” at Tech Adventure Camp last summer. The campers assembled and drove the go-carts.

Learn Languages and More Through ACE
FCPS Adult and Community Education (ACE) offers a variety of classes for everyone in the community.

Exploring world languages through games, art, songs, crafts, and activities help students in grades K-6 learn other languages. The Foreign Language Experience (FLEX) Summer Camps provide instruction in Chinese, French, German, and Spanish.

High school students who need classroom and behind-the-wheel training to meet state driver education requirements can fulfill the requirement by completing their classes through ACE.

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**Reduce Crime: Buy Books**

Richard Byrd Library hosts sale to support program for juvenile offenders.

If there’s a new approach that works to turn juvenile offenders around? Yes - it is the Fairfax County Public Library’s Changing Lives Through Literature (CLTL) program. According to FCPL Program Manager, Ted Kavich, CLTL uses the power of literature to transform troubled youth through reading and group discussion.

“Changing Lives Through Literature is an alternative sentencing option for juvenile offenders in Fairfax County,” said Kavich. The library, working with the Juvenile Court staff, form groups of a dozen teens each (groups are divided by gender) along with a facilitator and a court officer for a multi-week program of writing, reading, and discussion of books specifically selected because they deal with topics and situations young offenders can relate to.

“The program’s participants benefit from being exposed to new points of view, discussions of consequences and responsibility, and the wisdom of a skilled facilitator/teacher,” Kavich said.

The results of CLTL, based on several recidivism studies, show it works to turn juvenile offenders.

“The power of literature to transform troubled youth through reading and group discussion. According to FCPL Program Manager, Ted Kavich, CLTL uses the power of literature to transform troubled youth through reading and group discussion. To help expand the program, the Friends of Richard Byrd Library in Springfield will donate the funds they raise at their next used book sale on May 31 - June 3 to CLTL. The library is located at 5270 Commerce Street in Springfield. “Think about it: where else besides the Friends sale can you be green by recycling books, be thrifty because ‘like-new’ books cost $1 to $2, and reduce crime,” said Chris Petersen, president of the Friends of the Richard Byrd Library.

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SUNDAY/JUNE 3
Used Book Sale. 12-3 p.m. Richard Byrd Library, 7250 Commerce St., Springfield. Bag sale. christine.peterson@hotmail.com.

Grand Finale Concert. 3 p.m. George Mason University Center for the Arts, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. American Youth Symphonic Orchestra, conductor Carl J. Bianchi; American Youth Philharmonic, music director and conductor Daniel Spalding; pianist AnnaMaria Motola. 510-114. www.ayoa.org or 703-642-8051.

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Cardboard Boat Regatta. Lake Accotink Park, 7500 Accotink Park Road, Springfield. Boat judging 12 p.m., races begin 2 p.m. Awards for best boat and costumes. 315-825 boat entry fee, $4 per car parking. 703-569-0285 or www.kafka.org.

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❖ Thursday, May 31 through Sunday, June 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 FittnessFest; OutdoorFest; Entertainment Stage; Pool Party; Outdoor 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 5k runs
❖ Sunday, June 3 - Cardboard Boat Regatta at Lake Accotink
❖ For more event information, go to www.springfielddays.com.

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Wounded Warriors in Kayak Races

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By Lisa Spinelli
The Connection

For Army Sgt. Jared Lemon, 31, the National Wounded Warrior and Amputee Kayak Race on the Potomac Saturday, May 12, was less about competing for first-place and more about enjoying a beautiful day in a familiar setting—the open water.

Lemon, an Alaska-native, had been white-water rafting and boating on the Yukon River all his life. However, this event on Saturday was the first time he got back in a kayak after losing his right arm in an IED explosion while serving in Afghanistan two years ago.

“It’s really fun to be here. I can’t wait to come back next year and be able to do it with two arms rather than just one,” he said. Lemon is waiting for a paddling prosthetic while staying at the new Walter Reed facility in Bethesda, Md. Meanwhile, he was able to complete the 200-meter race on Saturday after having a paddle strapped to his left arm.

THE KAYAK RACES were held at the Washington Canoe Club and were a Paralympic-qualifying event with two 200-meter sprints, one for men and another for women, and a one-mile race for men at the end. Project Enduring Pride (PEP), a Fairfax-based not-for-profit organization that holds events for wounded veterans in the tri-state area, hosted the event and gained financial-backing from sponsors Savantage Solutions, a Rockville-based government contracting firm.

While only a dozen of the 42 participants who signed up for the event actually partook, Ken Strafer, executive director of PEP and Fairfax Station VFW Post 8469 member, is confident those numbers will grow. “It’s only the first year, so it’ll build,” he said. “We’ll be doing this every year from now on. It’s a great way to get these guys out of the dorm and out of their rooms.”

Race winner, both of the men’s 200-meter sprint and the one-mile race, retired Marine Staff Sgt. Nik Miller, 34, couldn’t agree more. “It’s great for the soul,” the Iraq War and leg amputee veteran said, adding that adventure boating in general has helped break him out of his “shell.”

“You’ll see me in Rio in 2016,” he said confidently, speaking about the Paralympics in Rio de Janeiro.

Miller, now a small arms trainer at the Explosive Ordnance Disposal Training and Evaluation Unit in Virginia Beach, has only been kayaking for the last 10 months, but finished the 200-meter race in just 1.14 minutes and the mile-race in 9.34.5. He said he started kayaking after establishing the Virginia Chapter of Team River Runner (TRR), of which he is also the assistant director.

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The original TRR chapter, an adventure-boat program at Walter Reed that boating-enthusiasts Joe and Mike McCormick started eight years ago, helped make this kayak race possible. Not only did Momini provide in-the-water encouragement and help when the boat flipped over, but the very idea of the event spawned from participants of their chapter. Vet partaking in the TRR Walter Reed program approached Strafer, who also works as a post-traumatic stress disorder interventionist at Reed four times a week, and asked him to organize a similar event.

TRR, a Rockville-based NFP now boasts 40 chapters nationwide and 1000 veteran-participants, operates twice a week at Walter Reed using adapted kayaks, boats and paddling equipment for disabled and amputee veterans. Momini and McCormick take the vets out regularly to white-water raft and below Great Falls on the Potomac.

“We’re under-utilized, under-funded and unknown,” said Momini, adding that they even have taught blind and quadriplegic veterans how to white-water raft in the Potomac.

ONLY TWO WOMEN veterans were present at the race, Army Iraq War veterans Beth Wolf and Jessica Maldonado, taking the first and second places with one minute, 30 seconds and one minute, 31 seconds, respectively. Andre Cillers placed second in the 200-meter men’s race and Steve Chang placed third. In the mile race, Andre again placed second and Mike Kazimir finished third.

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Martin, Burks Lead Stallions to Semifinals

South County softball beats Robinson in quarterfinal match-up.

By Jon Roetman
The Connection

While Rebecca Martin’s post-season pitching accomplishments would make it hard for the South County sophomore to be unknown by an opponent, Martin knew there would be zero chance of flying under the radar on Monday.

South County faced Robinson in the regional softball quarterfinals on May 28. Robinson head coach Mitch Hughes coaches Martin’s travel team, the Virginia Stingrays, meaning the Rams would have a detailed scouting report on the Stallion right-hander.

“We were a little concerned about that because he obviously knows her very well,” South County head coach Gary Dillow said. “He sends more of the year with her than I do.”

Six days after winning the second district championship game of her South County career — and the program’s sixth in a row — Martin’s performance against Robinson rendered obsolete any knowledge the Rams had of her abilities.

Martin hurled a one-hit shutout as South County advanced to the region semifinals with a 5-0 victory at Falls Church High School. Martin allowed only a leadoff single in the second inning to Robinson catcher Haley Clements. She ran into trouble in the fourth, loading the bases with three walks, but got out of the jam with a strikeout. She finished the contest with four walks and nine strikeouts.

“She pitched great. … [She] kept them off balance as she usually does, and when they did put the ball in play the defense was great behind her.”

— South County softball coach Gary Dillow about Rebecca Martin

That’s when we win.”

First baseman Britnney Haynes drove in a run when she was hit by a pitch with the bases loaded in the first inning and center fielder Elyssa Dunn added an RBI single in the frame.

The victory improved South County’s record to 23-2 and extended the Stallions’ winning streak to 12.

South County faced Oakton, the No. 2 seed from the Concorde District, in the semifinals on May 30. Results were not available prior to The Connection’s deadline.

“Thank you. No game should end like this, but it’s the nature of the beast,” Cicala said, “and thank God we were on the right side of it this time.”

Robinson faced Langley in the semifinals on May 30. Results were not available prior to The Connection’s deadline.

“I just immediately guessed that PK would go that way the first time so it came back to me. He went that way the first time so I just immediately guessed that way.”

Penn dove to his left and made the save, sending the Rams into a celebration.

“We talked at length after we made it into the regional tournament about what it means to be an impact player,” Robinson head coach Jac Cicala said. “An impact player can be anybody on the team that steps up and makes a difference in the game and Josh had to be that impact player on that PK.”

Sam Yardley (twice), Ben Gomez, Alex Streitmater, Baris Safoglu and Groth each converted PK attempts during the shootout.

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— Robinson boys’ soccer coach Jac Cicala about goalkeeper Josh Penn

Robinson Boys Reach Semifinals

Rams defeat Mount Vernon in penalty-kick shootout.

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