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News

Encore dancers perform the jazz number, "Something Can Be Done about It."



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Kicking Up Their Heels

Encore presents 'Dancin' Fool' at NOVA

By Bonnie Hobbs The Connection

remiering their new show here before taking it to Greece this summer are the singers and dancers of Encore Theatrical Art Project. They'll perform "Dancin' Fool" on Saturday, June 9, at 4 and 8 p.m.; and Sunday, June 10, at 1 and 4 p.m.

They'll be on the stage of the Richard J. Ernst Community Cultural Center on NOVA's Annandale Campus, 8333 Little River Turnpike. Tickets are \$20-\$22 at www.encore-tap.org.

Some 40 girls, plus Encore alumni Abbey Hurlbert and Elise Kowalick, have been rehearsing since February, and director and choreographer Raynor van der Merwe can hardly wait for audiences to see them.

"I'm excited because so many different styles of dance are explored in this show, with a great variety of numbers," she said. "And since the story is told through the songs, this production also showcases our many amazing singers, as well as their acting abilities."

"Four of the performers are graduating seniors and," said van der Merwe. "I love that I was part of their journey and I feel I prepared them well. But I wish I had one more year with them." However, she said all her dancers are both talented and dedicated to their craft.

"It's through all the sacrifices they make that they're able to perform at this level,"

said van der Merwe. "It's an ongoing, yearlong commitment for them, and people are always amazed at the standard of our shows and their performances. I push them to get the most I can out of them so they'll be their best, and I'm proud of each and every one of the girls and their accomplishments."

The show journeys to Greece for 10 days in June, with the girls performing three times near Athens and once on their cruise ship. "I'm so excited; I love traveling overseas with Encore," said Holland. "I went to China and Spain with them. Encore gives you so many opportunities, and going to Greece to perform is a once-in-alifetime chance. We'll go touring and will also get to see their culture, customs and food."



Dancers of Encore Theatrical Art Project dazzle in this Latin-feel jazz number, "Havana."

Greeting New 'Fellow Americans'

Fairfax County hosts fourth annual naturalization ceremony.

By Victoria Ross The Connection

y fellow Americans," U.S. Rep Gerry Connolly (D-11)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 Public Safety Honor Guard and the National Anthem sung by Captain Francis Mensah of the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department (FCFRD).

Samuel DeVera, 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," DeVera 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."



Rep. Gerry Connolly (D-11) leads 75 new U.S. citizens from 33 countries in Pledge of Allegiance at Friday's naturalization ceremony at the Fairfax County Government Center. In his remarks, Connolly told the newly-minted citizens "vou are as American as I am."



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



Yesuf Beshir, from Ethiopia, who works as a government contractor in Springfield, poses for photos with his daughter, Kedja, 4.

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

"Some of you have endured hardships to arrive at this time and place," Bulova said in her remarks. "All of you have invested your time, money and efforts to become citizens. Many of you came here to escape war or endless poverty."

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."

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.

THE NATURALIZATION CANDIDATES originated from nearly 30 countries, including Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bolivia, Burma, China, El Salvador, Iraq, Iran, South Korea and Sudan,



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

he 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 skip. The skip 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 Matof the FCPD and one of the full 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 thew Grubb, a 10-year veteran we will have more BUI enforcement this summer," said time Marine Patrol officers. The head of the Marine Patrol Unit Second Lieutenant Lance Schaible of the Special Operations Division.

THE COUNTY LINE

Community Services Budget Under Scrutiny

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

By Victoria Ross
The Connection

he 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 that the CSB look to private health insurance companies to help to offset the cost of services. "We want people who don't have private health insurance to be able to get into the program."

During fiscal year 2013 budget hearings in the spring, the social services agency raised a red flag when it announced it had, for the first time in its history, started a waiting list in March for services delivered by the Infant &Toddler Connection.

The ITC provides evaluations and early intervention services for infants and tod-dlers (up to age three) who have a developmental delay. Therapies include physical, speech, occupational and vision and hearing. Any delays in treatment, according to medical experts, can compound and intensify developmental delays, creating signifi-



Fairfax County Board of Supervisors Chairman Sharon Bulova (D-atlarge) and Supervisor Penny Gross (D-Mason) questioned George Braunstein, the director of the Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board, about current and projected budget shortfalls that threaten the agency's programs.

-Public Meetings Start June 4 -

At its May 22 meeting, the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors directed the Human Services Council to offer the public a chance to review, evaluate and comment on the CSB's proposed budget management plan. There will be three public meetings:

*Organizations and Advocacy Groups: Monday, June 4, at 7:30 p.m. in conference center rooms 9 and 10 in the Fairfax County Government Center

♦ Families and Consumers: Monday, June 11 at 7 p.m. in rooms 230 A and B, 2nd floor of the Pennino Building. In addition, individuals may participate in a phone question session at this meeting by calling 703-324-2001.

*Organizations and Advocacy Groups: Monday, June 18 at 7:30 p.m. in conference center rooms 9 and 10 in the Fairfax County Government Center.

To sign up in advance to speak at the meetings, to request ADA accommodations or to submit written comments, contact Dwight Curtis at Dwight.Curtis@fairfaxcounty.gov. Or call 703-324-5630, TTY 711.

To submit comments online, visit www.surveymonkey.com/s/fairfaxfallschurchCSBplan. The Human Services Council will consider all input and present recommendations to the Board of Supervisors at its July 16 meeting.

cant learning problems when children enter school.

During the second tense meeting with CSB director George Braunstein on May 22, board members expressed unanimous frustration and disappointment that the agency was considering scaling back services for atrisk children, people with intellectual disabilities and substance abuse problems to address the current \$8 million shortfall that is projected to increase to \$9.4 million in the fiscal year 2013.

Supervisor Penny Gross (D-Mason) said earlier proposals by the CSB to close budget 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."

"I don't want anyone to think we're approving recommendations everyone is troubled by," said Chairman Sharon Bulova (D-At-large). "We're looking for ways to mitigate the reductions that were presented."

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 the 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



George Braunstein, the director of the Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board, appeared before the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors for the second meeting on May 22.

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.

The cast of Northern Virginia Players production of "Mulan" sings their ensemble number "Keep 'em Guessing."



'Mulan' Comes to Burke

Northern Virginia Players present Disney classic.

orthern 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.



From left, back row: Sara Smith, Grace Rolle and Kyrie Johnston; front row: Hannah McGregor and Karinna Johnston in Northern Virginia Players' production of "Mulan."

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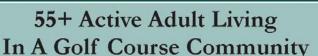




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Surviving through Summer

t 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 schools would likely be willing to turn back the clock and re-EDITORIALS live 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 drink and drive. Tell them not to get in a car with anyone driving 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 grand children.

ing names of everyone in the picture, the date to include your town name and neighborhood.

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VIEWPOINTS

What Does Memorial Day Mean to You? Victoria Ross



"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.'



Brian Engler, president, Burke Centre Conservancy Board of

"As a community, Burke is proud to have this event remembering and honoring our men and women who died serving our country. My father, who is 90 years old, served in Iwo Jima, and my daughter is in the U.S. Navy.



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."

Reduce Crime: Buy Books

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

s there 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 multiweek 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 to be a resounding success.

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 Li-

- Thursday, May 31, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., Friends Members Only; 3 p.m. to 9 p.m. General Public
- ❖ Friday, June 1, 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. General Public
- Saturday, June 2, 10 a.m. to
- 4:30 p.m. General Public
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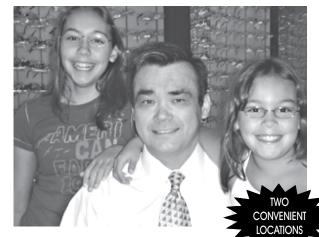
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Fairfax County Public Schools Summer Learning and Enrichment

Coming Next Month: New FCPS Schools Opening in Fall 2012

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 (E-IFTA) 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 courses," said Folly. "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 grade through ninth grade. Campers will participate in activities designed for separate age groups. Campers will learn about fashion trends and create their own personally 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 fashion camp, art classes, drivers' education classes, foreign language camps, and more.

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"Learning doesn't occur just between September and June," said Levi Folly, 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 likeminded 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-U.S. government in order to graduate can enroll in the Term Graduate 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) offer 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.



Getting To Know Us

IFTA Visual Art Chair Joe Dailey

Joe Dailey admits he enjoys spending several weeks each summer with young people in a high energy atmosphere.

He is the visual arts chairman for the Institute for the Arts (IFTA), a unique academic program for students who want to explore visual and performing arts during the summer. Courses in dance, music, theatre, and the visual arts offer students opportunities to explore various arts disciplines they may not experience in their regular school setting.

"The students are pretty spectacular," he said. "They come to IFTA excited about creating and processing their thoughts and they are excited to be with other students just like themselves who share the same interests."

IFTA students register to take four classes from a variety of course offerings. They are encouraged to

Many FCPS high school booster clubs offer summer camps for students. Contact your school to learn more!

Did You Know

enroll in one course from each discipline to grow and expand their knowledge of the arts during the month long program.

"It's a great experience for the students because they are with other students who want to excel and be challenged," said Dailey. "It's also rejuvenating for teachers to work with these students."

Students who enroll in IFTA can earn a half a credit for completing the program.

"IFTA will be an experience they won't forget," said Dailey. "The students are in their element, developing concepts and creating art. The experience from the process is very rewarding."

FCPS also offers an arts enrichment program for elementary school students in grades 3-5 through the Elementary Institute for the Arts (E-IFTA).



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Students of all disciplines gather to share what the arts mean to them in the event's fifth hour.

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Save the Fine Arts

n Monday, May 21, over 100 students and alumni of West Springfield High School joined to protest Fairfax County Public School's staffing policies in the fine arts and celebrate the impact the fine arts has had on their lives. The event was a statement of commitment to fine arts in public schools being staffed full time to offer the richest array of programs possible. The same group of students intends to address the school board on June 7 to push for a formal change in fine arts staffing policy.



West Springfield students Maggie Rabe and Carrie Wogaman (Choral Department) play guitar as the events opens on May 21.

Orchestra and guitar students Daniel Willson, Zack Thayer, and Scott David jam as choral student Katie Mooney looks on.

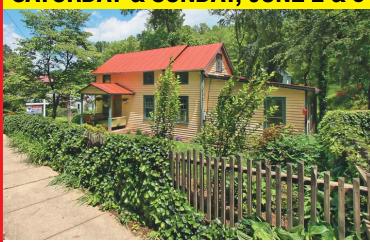




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CALENDAR

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FRIDAY/JUNE 1

Used Book Sale. 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Richard Byrd Library, 7250 Commerce St., Springfield. Purchases help fund valuable library programs. christine.peterson@hotmail.com.

SATURDAY/JUNE 2

"Rapunzel." 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.
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Yard Sale & Bake Sale. 8 a.m.-12 p.m. Historic Sydenstricker Schoolhouse, 8511 Hooes Road, Springfield. All proceeds support the preservation and maintenance of the historic one-room schoolhouse. www.sydenstrickerschoolhouse.org.

Science Showcase. 2-6 p.m. Robert E. Lee High School, 6540 Franconia Road, Springfield. Renewal energy, marine life, neuroscience, family carnival, moonbounces, face painting and more. michemai@gmail.com.

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Celebrating Springfield Days

Carnival rides and cotton candy – a FamilyFest tradition – will be at Springfield Mall May 31 through June 3 during Springfield Days 2012.

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Stoneybrooke Reptile Talk and Safari. 3:30 p.m. Hidden Pond

Nature Center, 8511 Greeley Blvd., Springfield.For ages 6-11. \$6. 703-451-9588.

Stoneybrooke Bug Hunt. 3:30 p.m. Hidden Pond Nature Center, 8511 Greeley Blvd., Springfield.For ages 6-11. Catch and identify bugs. \$6. 703-451-9588.

SUNDAY/JUNE 3

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Grand Finale Concert. 3 p.m. George

Springfield Days 2012: Schedule of Events

❖Thursday, May 31 through Sunday, June 3

 $\ \ \, \ \ \, \ \ \, \ \ \,$ May 31-June 3 - Family Fest 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 Party

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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

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best boats and costumes. \$15-\$25
boat entry fee, \$4 per car parking.
703-569-0285 or

www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/accotink.

MONDAY/JUNE 4

Garden Sprouts: Buzzin, Bee-utiful Garden. 11 a.m. Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road, Alexandria. Paint a bee picture, do a bee dance, then sample honey. Learn how to build a bee-friendly garden and more. \$5 per child. Register at www.greenspring.org or 703-642-

WEDNESDAY/JUNE 6

Atzilut. 7:30 p.m. Lee District Park Amphitheater, 6601 Telegraph Road, Franconia. Middle Easter music. Free. 703-324-7469.

THURSDAY/JUNE 7

Garden Stroll and Tea. Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road, Alexandria. Age 13 and up. \$27. 703-642-5173.

FRIDAY/JUNE 8

Westmain. 7:30 p.m. Grist Mill Park, 4710 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway, Alexandria. Pop/rock. Free. 703-324-7469 or www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/ performances.

The Dixie Melody Boys. 7:30 p.m. Mt Calvary Community Church, 8750 Pohick Road, Springfield. A Southern Gospel quartet. 703-971-0165 or www.mtcalvarycc.com.

SATURDAY/JUNE 9

2nd Saturday Art Walk. 6-9 p.m. Workhouse Art Center, 9601 Ox Road, Lorton. Meet each building's featured artist, a reception in W-16 from 6-7 p.m. and more. www.WorkhouseArts.org.

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Brother Joscephus and the Love Revival Revolution Orchestra. 7 p.m. Workhouse Arts Center, 9601 Ox Road, Lorton. New Orleans/party music. Free. 703-324-7469 or www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/ performances.

Alexandria Harmonizers. 7:30 p.m. George Mason University's Center for the Performing Arts, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. Spring barbershop concert and show of a 100+ member all-male a capella group. \$29-\$34. cfa.gmu.edu/calendar/1134/ or www.harmonizers.org.

Artists' Reception. 2-5 p.m. Artists'
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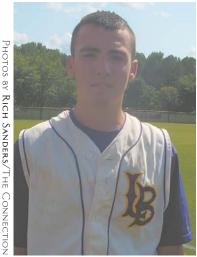
The Robinson boys' soccer team defeated **Mount Vernon** in the regional quarterfinals on May 24.

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SPORTS



Bruins batter Jack Owens (6) had two singles and played a solid shortstop in the Bruins' win over McLean.



Dylan O'Connor put down a suicide squeeze bunt which won the game for Lake **Braddock on Memorial Day.**

Robinson Boys

Rams defeat Mount Vernon in

he Robinson boys' soccer team had taken control of a penaltykick shootout to decide its region quarterfinal match-up with Mount Vernon. Now the Rams just needed someone to make a play.

Thanks to memories from

Penn made diving save to end the shootout and give the Rams a 1-1 (6-5) victory on May 24 at Mount Vernon High School. Robinson's Kyle Groth connected on a PK to give the Rams a 6-5 advantage. Mount Vernon's Damaro Dacosta, who was successful with an earlier attempt during the shootout, needed to answer Groth's PK to keep the Majors alive. That's when Penn's memory gave the goalkeeper an edge.

"Damaro used to be on my club team and every day before kick PKs," Penn said. "I kind of memorized where they'd [kick] and 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.

"You feel sorry. 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.

Reach Semifinals

penalty-kick shootout.

By Jon Roetman THE CONNECTION

practices with his club team, goalkeeper Josh Penn stepped up and sent Robinson to the semifinals.

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> — Robinson boys' soccer coach Jac Cicala about goalkeeper Josh Penn

Bruins Baseball in Semifinals

Clutch game-winning bunt by O'Connor; solid pitching by Church, Rogers lead Lake Braddock past McLean.

> By Rich Sanders The Connection

perfectly executed bases loaded suicide squeeze play by Dylan O'Connor saved the day for the Lake Braddock Secondary baseball team and provided the winning run for the host Bruins in their dramatic 6-5 extra innings victory over McLean in a Northern Region quarterfinals playoff game played on Memorial Day afternoon.

With the game tied at 5-5 in the bottom of the ninth inning, O'Connor, a senior left fielder and the Bruins' No. 7 batter in the lineup, came to the plate with one out and teammate Matt Spruill on first base. Early in O'Connor's at-bat, Spruill, a senior second baseman who had reached base on a fielder's choice, stole second. On the steal, Spruill was able to advance to third base as a result of a throwing error.

So, all of a sudden, the winning run was on third base for O'Connor.

Then, it happened. On a pitch from McLean reliever Jack Fant, O'Connor placed his bat in front of him and bunted a hard grounder towards the third baseman. But even as O'Connor was setting to bunt, Spruill was bolting towards home plate. When O'Connor successfully connected with the ball on the bunt, Spruill was more than halfway towards home and the Highlander infielder who fielded the ball had no chance to throw him out.

The winning run ignited a spontaneous Bruins celebration around the home plate area. McLean players, naturally disheartened, walked from their positions back to their dugout, their season ended.

"We practice it a million times in practice, the suicide squeeze play," said O'Connor. "I wasn't too nervous going up to the plate. Anyone on our team could have stepped up and done it. I'm just excited our season can continue on."

Wednesday, May 30 semifinals meeting versus Westfield. The Bruins-Westfield winner will play in Vienna this Friday night at 7.

McLean, with the loss to Lake Braddock, saw its season end at 15-9. The Highlanders entered the 16-

team regional tournament as the No. 2-seed from the Liberty District. They had defeated Centreville (Concorde District) in a first round region playoff game, 7-1, last Friday, May 25 at McLean.

That win over the Wildcats moved the Highlanders into the quarterfinals and a meeting versus Lake Braddock, the top seed from the Patriot District which had opened its play at regionals with a lopsided 22-7 home win over Wakefield (National District) last Friday. Although McLean went into the Memorial Day game with Lake Braddock as an underdog, the Highlanders had handed the Bruins one of their two losses during the regular season. So Lake Braddock knew it had a tough opponent in McLean.

And, indeed, McLean gave Lake Braddock, one of the region's annual powerhouse programs, a huge scare in the holiday affair. The Highlanders rallied from a 5-2 deficit to tie the game in the latter innings but, ultimately, fell to the Bruins.

IT WAS A RIVETING GAME in which both teams received gritty pitching efforts and displayed the fortitude of two well seasoned teams that refused to see their seasons end. The Bruins played a wonderful game and displayed the fortitude of a champion. So many players stepped up big for them.

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Lake Braddock's pitching was spectacular over the game's final three innings. Church got the first out of the seventh inning but left the game following a walk. Bruin southpaw Thomas Rogers took over in The win advanced Lake Braddock (21-2) to a relief. The junior walked the first batter he faced, putting Highlander runners on first and second with one out of the tie game. He then fell behind McLean the region title game at Madison High School in hitter Donnie Eckrod 3-1 before getting a huge groundball out to first base for the second out. The next Highlander batter flew out to right field to end the inning.

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Public comment period: May 31, 2012 to June 30, 2012

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 requirement, the petition outlined the use of a drainage/protective cov-er 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 rariance is based on information submitted to the Department.

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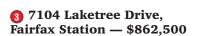
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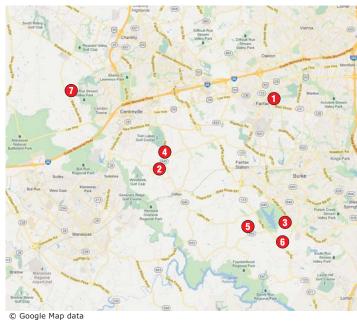






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