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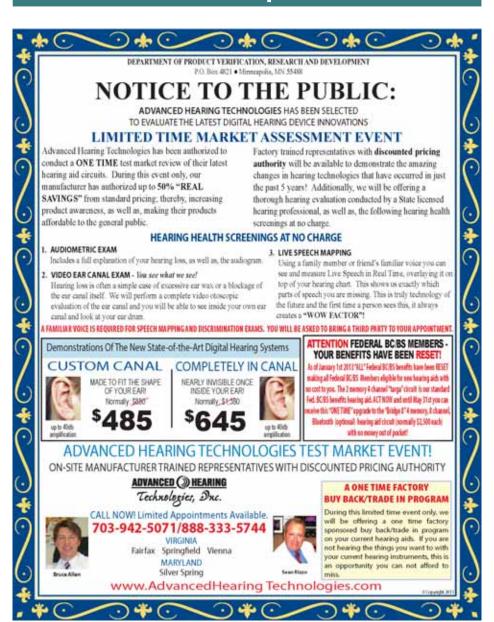


Dr. Kathleen Phillips

that Dr. Kathleen Phillips will be joining our staff as a full time associate starting June 1st 2013. Dr. Phillips grew up in Buffalo, New York and is still a huge Sabres and Bills fan. She attained a Bachelor of Science in Microbiology from the University of Rochester and graduated from Cornell University College of Veterinary Medicine in 2001. She has been working at a small animal practice in the Springfield area for the past 12 years. She shares her life with two beautiful kitties, one impertinent pug, her husband Matt and their young son Ethan. When she is not busy treating her patients, she is likely enjoying a ballgame at Nationals Park or exploring the Virginia countryside with her family.

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News



Yusuf, a Fairfax Families4Kids mentor and volunteer, ran with Quira during Saturday's 5K at Lake Accotink to celebrate Foster Care Appreciation Month.

We Are Family

Community celebrates foster families during annual 5K walk at Lake Accotink.

> By Victoria Ross THE CONNECTION

hey walked, ran or rode trikes, all in celebration of foster families at Lake Accotink Park on Saturday, May 18. Cosponsored by Fairfax Families4Kids and BeFriend-A-Child, two Fairfax County fostermentoring programs, the seventh annual 5K walk drew dozens of participants, including Lee District Supervisor Jeff McKay.

"The 5K walk was special this year because we were able to educate the community on the benefits of foster care and adoption," said Andrea Stephenson, coordinator of BeFriend-A-Child. "It was also special because this was a demonstration of how powerful the community can be when there is collaboration for a good cause."

Pastor King Rhodes, founder of His Church International Christian Center of Springfield, kicked off the annual event with an inspirational pep talk aimed at foster children.

"My message to the teens who are in foster care is that it's important to always remember you are not a mistake; you are unique and you have a purpose in life," King said. A former foster child, King has been a long-time supporter of FairfaxFamilies4Kids and organized the group's first 5K walk in 2006, enlisting the help of rapper Run DMC, who grew up in foster care.

"What I do for the foster teens is because I genuinely care. I do it wholeheartedly, without any strings attached," Rhodes said.

"Pastor Rhodes has a unique understanding of the challenges faced by our teens in foster care," said Beverly Howard, director of FairfaxFamilies4Kids. "It was a truly special day for everyone who participated."



Supervisor Jeff McKay (D-Lee) ran in support of Foster Family Appreciation month Saturday at Lake Accotink in Springfield.



BeFriend-A-Child volunteers Denis and Suzy participated in Saturday's 5K walk at Lake Accotink to celebrate Foster Family Appreciation Month. The seventh annual event was co-sponsored by Fairfax Families4Kids and BeFriend-A-Child, two Fairfax County volunteer foster-mentoring programs.



Jennifer (holding baby) and Xavier participated in Saturday's 5K walk at Lake Accotink to celebrate Foster Family Appreciation Month.

For more information on FairfaxFamilies4Kids, go to fairfaxcounty.gov/ncs.fairfaxfamilies4kids.htm.

For more information on BeFriend-A-Child, go to www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dfs/childrenyouth/ befriendachild.htm.

Homestretch Hosts Benefit Breakfast

The event helps raise more than \$100,000.

omestretch hosted its annual benefit breakfast on Wednesday, May 15, and raised over \$100,000 for its program and services. Homestretch provides housing to homeless families with children, along with services such as case management, job training, job placement and financial education to parents. The organization also provides a number of services to the children in the program, including: tutoring, field trips, holiday gifts, bicycles and birthday cakes.

Congressmen Gerry Connolly and Jim Moran have been longtime supporters of the organization and spoke on its behalf. Retiring Del. Jim Scott was honored by Homestretch for his tireless advocacy on behalf of homeless families and affordable housing. Congressman Connolly said that Fairfax County was at the forefront of addressing homelessness in the early 1990s by setting aside one penny for every thousand dollars of tax revenue and "If Nancy Taxson (Homestretch's founder) was the mother of those efforts, then Jim Scott was the father." Congressman Moran added: "When we think of human trafficking, we think of it as somewhere else, but it is here," because a number of families in Homestretch have been trafficked.

CHAIRMAN of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors Sharon Bulova added that since the recession, the revenue from the "penny fund" has decreased, placing additional pressure on local nonprofits to provide for the needs of homeless families. "Seeing the turnout of local policymakers, busimy faith and confirmed the support that Homestretch enjoys," director of Homestretch, "This year, Homestretch is especially



Fairfax County Board of Supervisors Chairman Sharon Bulova, retiring Del. Jim Scott, and **Congressmen Gerry Connolly and Jim Moran** attended the Homestretch annual benefit breakfast.

grateful to Chris and Mary Beth Romani of Integrity Consulting for becoming our Headline Sponsor for the breakfast and Burton White and Excella Consulting for agreeing to match any donation of \$200 or more." Homestretch also recognized Homestretch founder Nancy Taxson and David Legge for his 18 years of board service and financial support.

Attendees at the breakfast heard from three Homestretch clients. "These clients are a great example of what Homestretch can do for homeless families. In fact, almost all of our clients make significant gains while with us. The average client enters with debt of \$6,300 and leaves with \$4,300 in savings, 62 percent enroll in a training or educational program while at Homestretch and 100 percent of last year's graduates have maintained stable housing since leaving Homestretch," Fay added.

THOSE INTERESTED in learning more about Homestretch can visit the organization's website at: nesses and donors reaffirmed www.homestretch-inc.org or Facebook at: facebook.com/ HomestretchVA. They can also said Christopher Fay, executive contact Paul Zurawski at pzurawski@homestretchinc.org or 703-237-2035x108.

News

(From left) John Keenan, manager, Hayfield and Performance Bicycle Springfield; Christian Dizon of Alexandria and the Fairfax **County Police Department;** Rich Dorko of Burke and Performance Bicycle; Henry Hoyle of West Springfield; Claire Coscia of Washington, D.C. and Metro Park; Nancy-jo Manney of West Springfield; Marques **Lowery of Fredericksburg** and Fairfax County Police Department; Mike Bauer of Falls Church; Jack Mutarelli of Lake Ridge and Calibre; and Paul Kent of Chantilly and Fairfax Advocates for Better Bicycling.



Springfield Joins Bike to Work Day

Self-powered commuters enjoyed bike service, snacks and a chance to give feedback.

"It's about encouraging

their cars, be healthier."

-Nancy-jo Manney

people to get out of

By Tim Peterson
The Connection

hough the Metro Park pit stop for Bike to Work Day 2013 didn't technically open until 6:30 a.m. on Friday, May 17, the first biker showed up at 6:15, according to stop Manager Nancy-jo Manney. Free T-shirts can be a big motivator.

Manney, executive director of the Greater Springfield Chamber of Commerce and West Springfield resident, was in charge of one of 70 pit stops providing free bike repair and adjustment service, health-minded drinks and snacks, and, of course, event T-

shirts—an attractive deep teal. The early bird rider was one of more than 10,000 two-wheeled commuters that would participate across the D.C. metro area.

"It's about encouraging people to get out of their cars, be healthier," said Manney. But the event, which is sponsored by Virginia Megaprojects, Commuter Connections, and the Washington Area Bicyclist Association, also helps open a productive dialogue feedback from riders.

"It helps us determine where there are issues," she continued. "We can't just snap our fingers, but we can take some of these things we hear, and say, 'Now let's do something about it."

According to Manney, issues that can typically get rapid responses include obstructions on trails and sidewalks, debris clean-up, locked gates and signal malfunctions at intersections.

Previously located at the Franconia-Springfield Metro Station, this was the fourth year the stop serviced cyclists from the Metro Park location on Walker Lane. Each of the 70 stops was outfitted by local sponsors—this location received giveaways and refresh-

ments from businesses including Hilton, Performance Bicycle, Calibre and Clarion Partners.

Those who stopped ranged from novice riders to daily commuters, said Manney. For her, no one can do too little when it comes to integrating cycling into the grind. "People get discouraged, thinking, 'Oh, I have to go the whole way.' No, you can just start with the last mile."

Though it might not include a free T-shirt.

VIEWPOINTS

Why should more people ride a bicycle to work? —TIM PETERSON

Charlie Sell, Fairfax Station, works at Humphreys Engineer Center

"Well, I do think more people should ride, if you weren't in such a hurry. Physically, if you can. I like the lack of traffic. It's just the open air. You can go at your own pace and get some exercise. My paths are pretty good for commuting."



Jeff Ruby, Fairfax, works at Humphreys Engineer Center

"I've always liked riding my bike. It saves a little money, but it's all ancillary to just riding. You have to pay for bike tires, maintenance. For gas, it's about a gallon a day. So about \$100 a month. It's not a substantial savings, but I'm much healthier."



Mike Schneider, Arlington, works in Lorton as a contractor for TASC

"I like the ability to clear my head. I feel a lot less stressed in the evening if I've had a ride. Reasons I don't ride include taking the carpool, meetings downtown and special events where I have to wear nicer clothes."



Henry Hoyle, West Springfield, retired

"It's healthful. I personally find it enjoyable being outside. You save on gas, help the environment. It's just a nice way to exercise. But you have to start slow. There can be obstacles along the way. You might want to bike for part and then end up with Metro."





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PEOPLE

Honored at William & Mary

rian Anthony Rabe, of Springfield, graduated from the College of William & Mary on Sunday, May 12, with a Bachelor's in both biology and chemistry, membership in Phi Beta Kappa and an overall 4.0 GPA. According to the citation announcing his recognition, he maintained a perfect GPA despite an incredibly demanding course load, including honors chemistry and honors biology.

Indicative of his impressive scholarship, he recently received a prestigious National Science Foundation Graduate Fellowship, which is rarely awarded before a student enters a doctoral program.

To honor his skill and work ethic, Rabe was presented the Lord Botetourt Medal.

The Lord Botetourt Medal was established in 1772 "for the honor and encouragement of literary merit." In contemporary times, it has been given to the graduating senior who has attained the greatest distinction in scholarship.

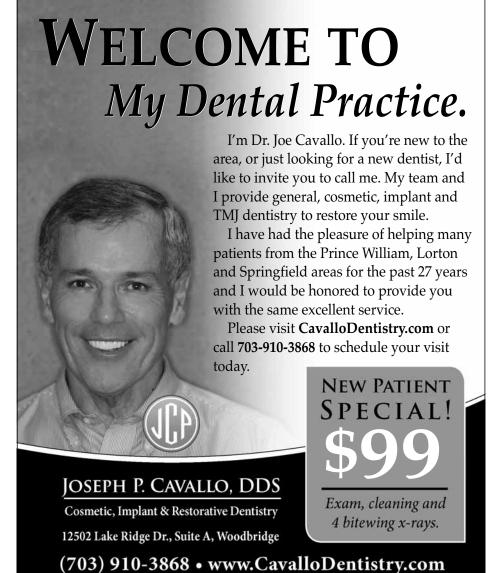
Described as a "once-in-a-career" student by one nominating faculty member, Rabe demonstrated remarkable intellectual grasp and an ability to quickly master complex aspects of research. He ranks as the strongest overall student — academically and otherwise - wrote one of Rabe's faculty nominators, who noted that there had been no other student like Rabe in the professor's 40-plus years at William & Mary.



Brian Rabe, Class of '13, receives **W&M's Botetourt Medal.**

In the spring of his freshman year, Rabe joined the Howard Hughes Medical Institute Freshman Research Program in the biology department. By the end of the semester, he was making major contributions to a project on characterizing the pattern of neurotransmitter receptors in the developing vertebrate brain.

During the course of his William & Mary career, Rabe garnered several academic accolades. He was the 2013 recipient of the Thomas Jefferson Prize in Natural Philosophy. In 2012, he was named one of William & Mary's three Goldwater Scholars, as well as one of the university's two Beckman Scholars. Despite carrying a full load of academic classes, Rabe dedicated as much time to his lab work as most doctoral students with research assistantships, according to one of his professors.







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OPINION

Remembering on Memorial Day

The sacrifices of those who died in war.

st Lt. Robert J. Hess, 26, of the Kings Park West neighborhood of Fairfax, was killed by enemy fire on April 23, 2013 in Pul-E-Alam, Afghanistan. Hess was known as "RJ" and graduated from Robinson Secondary School in 2005, where he played football, lacrosse and was the captain of the swim team. He was a U.S. Army Blackhawk helicopter pilot who deployed to Afghanistan on April 11, 2013. His family remembers his sense of humor and his natural leadership ability.

Lance Cpl. Niall W. Coti-Sears, 23, of Arlington, died June 23, 2012, while conducting combat operations in Helmand province, Afghanistan. Coti-Sears loved music, played the guitar, composed songs and entertained family and friends at holiday gatherings. Niall was very close to his grandfather, William Coti, who was a Marine. "He was always my protege," William Coti told the Arlington Connection. "He always wanted to be a Marine and he followed my example. It weighs heavily on me that this had to happen."

Chief Warrant Officer Five John C. Pratt, 51, of Springfield, died May 28, 2012 in Kabul, Afghanistan, of wounds sustained when his helicopter crashed. Staff Sgt. Jessica M. Wing, 42, of Alexandria, died Aug. 27, 2012 in Kuwait City, Kuwait.

In February, 2012, 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.

Nearly 50,000 U.S. Military service members have been wounded, although that number is likely to be revised upward. Last year, the military confirmed traumatic brain injury in more than 220,000 of the more than 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 and services for both active duty military personnel and veterans.

Virginia's U.S. Senators Mark Warner and Tim Kaine recently signed a letter along with other senators detailing the delays veterans face: "After a decade of war, and despite the VA's efforts to modernize, more than 600,000 veterans are still stuck in the VA's disability claims backlog. While the average wait time for first time disability claims currently ranges between 316 and 327 days, veterans in certain parts of the country are waiting even longer. Solving this problem is critical for veterans of all generations."

OTHER VIRGINIA DEATHS in Afghanistan since last Memorial Day: Sgt. Aaron X. Wittman, 28, of Chester,



Robert "RJ" J. Hess, 26, died in Afghanistan on April 23, 2013.



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died Jan. 10, 2013 from small arms fire. Sgt. David J. Chambers, 25, of Hampton, died Jan. 16, 2013 from a roadside bomb. Sgt. Robert J. Billings, 30, of Clarksville, died Oct. 13, 2012 when enemy forces attacked with an improvised explosive device. Staff Sgt. Jonathan P. Schmidt, 28, of Petersburg, died Sept. 1, 2012 from enemy small arms fire. 1st Lt. Stephen C. Prasnicki, 24, of Lexington, died June 27, 2012, from a roadside bomb. Aaron Carson Vaughn, 30, was one of 30 American

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 road-side bomb in Afghanistan. Green enlisted in 2007, after attending Potomac Falls High School.

Capt. Jesse A. Ozbat, 28 of Prince George, died on May 20, 2012 in Afghanistan from a roadside bomb. Constructionman Trevor J. Stanley, 22, of Virginia Beach, died April 7, 2012 while deployed to Camp Lemonnier, Djibouti. Pfc. Michael W. Pyron, 30, of Hopewell, died Jan. 10, 2012 in Afghanistan. Maj. Samuel M. Griffith, 36, of Virginia Beach, died Dec. 14, 2011 in Afghanistan. Staff Sgt. James Ronald Leep Jr., 44 of Richmond, died Oct. 17, 2011 at Forward Operating Base Kalsu in Iraq. Spc. Levi Efrain Nuncio, 24 of Harrisonburg, died June 22, 2011 in Afghanistan. Capt. Michael Wray Newton, 30 of Newport News, died June 11, 2011 in Afghanistan. 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 died April 23, 2011 in combat in Afghanistan.

Sgt. 1st Class Anthony Venetz Jr., 30, of Prince William died Jan. 28, 2011 in Afghanistan, after being been seriously wounded months before.

Spc. Sean R. Cutsforth, 22, of Radford, died Dec. 15, 2010 in Afghanistan. Spc. William K. Middleton, 26, of Norfolk died Nov. 22, 2010 in Afghanistan. Staff Sgt. Christopher F. Cabacoy, 30, of Virginia Beach died July 5, 2010, in Kandahar, Afghanistan.

Pfc. Benjamin J. Park, 25, of Fairfax Station, 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. His application to become a Marine was denied because of his age, but he lobbied members of Congress to get a special exemption.

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. In, 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 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.

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.

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.

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

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 Iraq, Oct. 17, 2005.

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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, Iraq.

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

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LETTER

Failing Grades On Air Pollution

To the Editor:

Republican members of the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works put corporate polluters ahead of our health by boycotting the nomination of Gina McCarthy to head the Environmental Protection Agency. Each day this vote is delayed, health risks increase for millions of Virginians.

According to the American Lung Association's State of the Air report, there are millions of Virginians at extra risk of health damage from air pollution because of their age, health or socioeconomic position. Northern Virginia was ranked as the ninth worst ozone pollution of any metro city area in the country, with Arlington, Alexandria, Fairfax, Loudoun and Stafford counties all receiving failing grades.

With her experience and qualifications, Senate Republicans should not deny the panel a quorum so the committee can send the pragmatic and bipartisan Ms. McCarthy to the Senate floor for a swift confirmation. I urge our U.S. Senators Warner and Kaine to support Ms. McCarthy's nomination, so she can get to work continuing EPA's strong record of tackling our most urgent environmental and public health challenges.

> Sarah E. Frost **Environment Virginia**

The writer is the assistant national field director for the Virginia-wide organization Environment America.

Remembering

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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.

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.

— Mary Kimm,







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Outdoor Movie, Madagascar 3: 8:30pm Everything is free except for food and the wagon rides!

Car Show: at the American Legion Hall in Springfield, 11am - 3pm

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"Yellow Grid Shawl" by Marilyn Harrington is in the "Yellow Yellow" exhibit, up in Building W-6 in the month of June; an opening reception is slated for 6-9 p.m. at the Second Saturday Art Walk, June 8.

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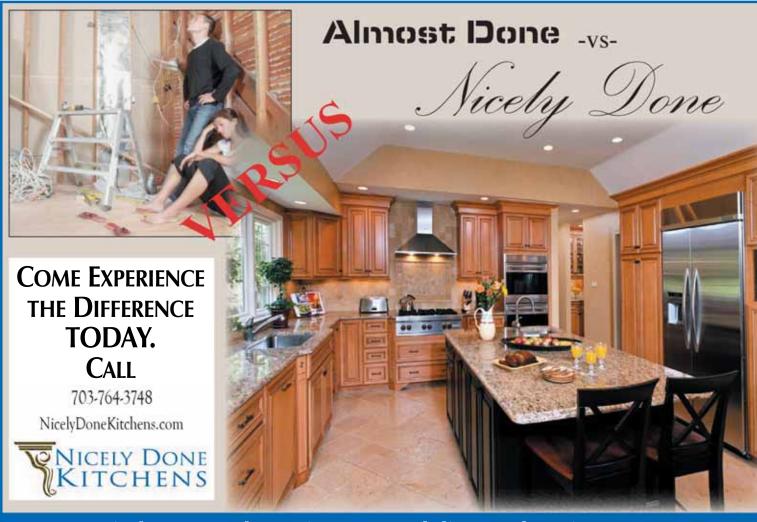
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News

SEES Players Premiere 'Annie, Jr.'

By Annaliese Grunder, Sixth Grader at Springfield Estates

Editor's note: Annaliese Grunder, a sixth grader at Springfield Estates Elementary School, wrote about the very first performance of the school's theatre program, SEES Players.

ear after year, students from all different backgrounds flock to SEES for another school year together. But in 54 years of schooling, Springfield Estates has never had a showcase of talent such as "Annie, Jr."

This September, SEES staff members welcomed two new music teachers: Mrs. Janette Moman and Mrs. Terri Lee. Both ladies recognized the talented young actors, dancers and singers in the school and were inspired to start SEES Players, a group of fifth and sixth grade thespians.

The PTA agreed to sponsor SEES players with a mini-grant for the licensing of the show. Then came the hard part—casting. But for Moman and Lee casting went quite smoothly, and the show was performed April 24-26.

Although everyone's performances were wonderful, it seemed



Orphan Annie in the SEES Players' premiere production "Annie, Jr," which ran April 24-26.

that fifth grader Eimear O'Dowd was simply made for the role of Annie. She belted out each heartfelt song beautifully, letting the cheering audiences know that she was born to be a star. All of the orphans in the cast portrayed to the audience just how much they hated their lives in an orphanage, stamping their feet and belting their notes in the heavily choreographed number, "Hard Knock Life."

Sophia Sohn played to perfection the show's antagonist, Miss Hannigan, the menacing, hateful and frustrated head of the orphanage for girls in 1930's New York. The crowd of kindergartners practically shrieked when she first roared her lines on stage during the school performance.

Sam Dodson, a no-nonsense fifth grader was appropriately cast as billionaire Oliver Warbucks, who invites Orphan Annie to spend Christmas with him at his mansion. Onstage, Dodson transformed into a changed man who loves a child more than his money. His businessman moments were first-rate and decisive.

The lovely Grace Farrell, personal secretary to Warbucks, is one of the hardest and most loved roles in the play. "Yes, sir," may sound like an easy line to deliver, but adding personality to such short lines can be quite a challenge. Maria Pattison breathed life into

her character magnificently, arms neatly clasped in front of her, always in perfect character.

Miss Hannigan's younger brother, the swindler Rooster, was uproariously played by Quin Hoagland. Annaliese Grunder portrayed Rooster's cheap girlfriend, Lily, from Jersey City, complete with a comical Jersey accent, and bleach-blonde wig.

One of the most memorable and lovable characters in the show, Sandy the dog, had no lines at all, but was adorably acted by Maddie Lorenger. She was able to pull at the heartstrings of audience members, bonding with Annie during her iconic song, "Tomorrow."

A show wouldn't run well without excellent students assistant directing. Jillian Brooks and Maggie Landis performed the various duties of organizing the show, keeping notes, and had the difficult job of gaining the attention of 11- and-12-year-olds to keep them focused on their tasks.

Because SEES had never had such a large production, the crewmembers behind the scenes were faced with the challenge of adapting to new equipment quickly. All of the SEES Players had a magical time working on the show. "I really wasn't expecting to get the role of Annie. I feel so lucky. I think the show went wonderfully and was a lot of fun," O'Dowd said after the show.

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The Jeannemarie Devolites Davis campaign tried to adopt the symbol of the Tea Party, but she was eliminated in the first round of voting.

Photo by Michael Lee Pope/ The Connection

Supporters

parade through

the Coliseum as

they wait for

the ballots to be counted.

Tea Party Ticket

By Michael Lee Pope The Connection

erhaps the biggest sign that the Tea Party has taken control of the Republican Party of Virginia was the yellow Gadsden flag emblem that appeared on placards distributed by supporters of Jeannemarie Devolites Davis, who was one of seven candidates vying to be the nominee for lieutenant governor last weekend at a raucous convention in Richmond. Davis, who represented Fairfax County for a decade in the General Assembly, has a reputation as being a moderate. And yet despite her embrace of the "don't tread on me" iconography, she was eliminated on the first of four ballots in the hotly contested race.

"Frankly, I'm rather appalled by the results, with the ideologically narrow scope of the Republican ticket that emerged in Richmond this weekend," said former Del. Vince Callahan (R-34), who represented Fairfax County for 40 years. "You're turning off the vast majority of Virginians and a significant portion of the Republican base."

The vast majority of the party faithful who packed the halls of the Richmond Coliseum last weekend were looking for the most conservative candidates possible. Republicans were going to select their slate in a statewide primary until last year, when Tea Party supporters of Attorney General Ken Cuccinelli seized control of the executive committee and changed the rules. The primary was spiked in favor of a convention, and moderate Lt. Gov. Bill Bolling dropped out of the race, leaving Cuccinelli to accept the nomination of his party by acclamation without opposition Saturday morning. Cuccinelli used the opportunity to underscore his roots in Northern Virginia

"I worked with the Democrat Board of Supervisors in Fairfax County to stop the EPA from trying to treat rainwater like a pollutant," said Cuccinelli. "And we won."

BUT NORTHERN VIRGINIA was not popular among many of the delegates here, even though the region had more representatives than any other part of the state. Fairfax County had more delegates than any

other jurisdiction because of how the seats were allocated, which was based on a formula using the number of Republican votes in the last gubernatorial and presidential elections. When asked about the influence of the region, many of the delegates who packed the Coliseum last weekend said they were suspicious of Northern Virginia.

"When you get bigger populations, you get more people wanting more stuff," said Craig Gilpin, a delegate from Culpepper. "It's too many, unfortunately, too many liberal Yankees in my opinion. That's where they congregate because of its proximity to D.C."

In speeches and in one-on-one conversations, Republicans who participated in the convention sounded that theme over and over — that Democrats supported people wanting more and more resources from the government. One popular bumper sticker seen in the parking garage outside the Coliseum asked: "Are you a maker or a taker?" Clearly the party faithful who gathered in the capital of Virginia last weekend considered themselves makers — supporters of the capitalism and the free enterprise system. The convention had a strong undercurrent of evangelical influence, at times taking on the feeling of a religious revival.

"The very moral fiber of the county is dependent on the strength of the family," said Judy Cook, a delegate from Chantilly. "Those are the issues that are decided on by politicians."

PERHAPS THE BIGGEST surprise of the convention was the victory of conservative preacher E.W. Jackson in the race for attorney general. Few of the delegates considered the pastor from Chesapeake to be a frontrunner until he delivered a barnburner of a speech Saturday afternoon. His supporters held electric candles during the speech, which was delivered with a hellfireand-brimstone style that had delegates roaring with approval when it was over. Jackson led the other candidates on the first ballot, and kept his lead as other candidates were eliminated in three more rounds of voting. Although many of the Northern Virginia delegates were supporting high-tech businessman Pete Snyder, Jackson was able to win after 10 hours of voting.

Republican convention selects conservative slate of candidates for November.

"We will not only win an election in November, we will win the hearts and minds of our people and we will save this commonwealth and save this country," said Jackson. "God will show us the way, but Virginia must lead the way, and let liberty light the way."

The other competitive race was for attorney general, which is considered a traditional stepping stone to running for governor of Virginia. The race featured Del. Rob Bell (R-58) of Piedmont and state Sen. Mark Obenshain (R-26) of Harrisonburg, whose father was the party's candidate for the U.S. Senate in 1978 until he was killed in a plane crash that year. Now the son is following in his footsteps, running for statewide office in a party that has become much more conservative in recent years.

"Are you ready to fight and defeat the EPA and its war on coal? Are you ready to fight to stop Obamacare in its tracks?" Obenshain asked delegates. "Are you ready to fight to preserve our right to work laws here in Virginia? And are you ready to fight to secure our Second Amendment rights?"

THE SELECTION of Jackson as the candidate for lieutenant governor throws a wild card into the campaign, one that may change the dynamics of how the campaign will unfold. Democrats responded by criticizing the pastor's previous public statements comparing Planned Parenthood to the Ku Klux Klan and referring to gays in the military as "sexually twisted." Democrats now feel they have a new tool to paint Cuccinelli and the Republican ticket as too conservative for Virginia.

"The vitriol put forth by E.W. Jackson is offensive and utterly unbecoming of anyone hoping to hold elected office," said Fred Sainz, vice president of communications for the Human Rights Campaign. "These candidates couldn't be more out of step with the values that a vast majority of Virginia voters hold."

Although the election for lieutenant governor is normally a sleeper, the race this year has taken increased prominence. Because the state Senate is deadlocked between 20 Democrats and 20 Republicans, the next

lieutenant governor will determine which party controls half of the General Assembly. That puts Jackson at the center of a fight for control of the state Senate.

"This is the most conservative Republican ticket that I can think of over the past 30 years," said Steven Farnsworth, professor at the University of Mary Washington. "It also comes to the fore at a time that Virginia has moved very clearly into a purple state status."

THE COMING election may be a test case for how conservative candidates can be and still win. Farnsworth says that the slate of candidates on the ballot are the most conservative in at least 30 years, indicating that the state party has drifted to the right — especially with the dynamic of a convention selecting the most ideologically pure candidates possible. That leaves moderate Republicans frustrated by an inability to gain traction.

"Virginia Republicans have raised the stakes for anyone who believes that government should be about results for Virginia families, and not a platform for an extreme and divisive social agenda," said Catherine Waddell, a former Republican who represented Richmond in the House of Delegates. "None of us can afford to sit on the sidelines and let this ticket turn Virginia into a playground for their extreme agenda."

Part of that shift to the right was accelerated by the move from a statewide primary to a caucus of party faithful. When Jackson ran in the primary for the U.S. Senate in 2012, he was able to muster only about five percent of the vote — coming in last place in a four-way race. But the dynamics of a convention are very different, and Jackson led the voting from the start, even coming close to achieving the 50 percent threshold to win on the first ballot.

"Jackson might be a drag on the ticket for Cuccinelli, or at least a serious distraction," said Geoff Skelly, political analyst for the University of Virginia Center for Politics. "If Jackson does prove to be a true liability for the Republican ticket, then they will probably look back on the decision to shift to a convention with some remorse."

Sports



South County outfielder Dalton Williams swings against Lake Braddock in the Patriot District championship game on Monday.



South County third baseman David Gemma went 3 for 4 with a double and two RBIs against Lake Braddock in the Patriot District championship game on Monday.



South County pitcher Scott Dunn earned the victory against Lake Braddock in the Patriot District title game.

South County Baseball Wins Patriot District Championship

Stallions beat defending state champion Lake Braddock.

By Jon Roetman The Connection

embers of the South County baseball team entered Monday's May 20 Patriot District championship game knowing the odds were stacked against them.

The Stallions were facing defending state champion Lake Braddock on its home field. The Bruins entered the district tournament as the No. 1 seed, having posted a 13-1 regular-season district record. South County was the No. 3 seed after finishing 8-6. The two teams met twice during the regular season, with Lake Braddock winning both by a combined score of 10-3.

With long odds in mind, South County first baseman Patrick Campo said the Stallions entered Monday's game relaxed. If Campo's words are true, the Stallions must have felt like particularly cool customers after the top of the first inning.

South County jumped on Lake Braddock for four runs in the first, helping the Stallions capture their second district championship in three seasons with a 14-3 victory in Burke. South County won the district in 2011 when the Stallions finished state runner-up.

"It's amazing, especially to win on their field after the great season they had last year," Campo said. "It's awesome because everyone says they're the team to beat. We were definitely the underdogs today. ... We were just relaxed coming in. We knew that we weren't supposed to win, so we just came out relaxed and hit the ball."

SOUTH COUNTY TOTALED 14 HITS.

Campo went 3 for 5 with four RBIs, and shortstop Michael Smith and third baseman David Gemma each went 3 for 4 with a double and two RBIs.

While the Stallion bats were hot, South County starting pitcher Scott Dunn limited the Lake Braddock lineup, keeping the slugfest one-sided. The junior right-hander earned the victory, allowing three earned runs and four hits in five and two-thirds innings, while walking three and striking out two. Dunn threw 55 of 92 pitches for strikes and tossed a first-pitch strike to 13 of 25 batters faced.

"Scotty's a contact pitcher; he pitches to contact," head coach Robbie Smith said. "We preach to our pitchers to pound the [strike] zone, we're going to play good defense and we've pretty much done that all year long. You put Scott on the mound, you know he's going to throw strikes ..."

While Dunn fared well, Lake Braddock pitchers struggled. Head coach Jody Rutherford pulled starter Matt Supko after the sophomore allowed four runs in a third of an inning. Nick McIntyre, Colby Wallmow and Joe Darcy also pitched, with only Wallmow finding sustained success. Supko

returned to the mound during the seventh inning.

"We just really didn't give ourselves a shot," Rutherford said. "We've played well defensively and on the mound for quite a few games now and we just didn't give our offense a chance to get settled in. And then once we got somebody in to get some consecutive outs to get us back in the dugout to swing the bat, we had runners at first and second in the fourth and fifth inning and they didn't move."

Campo delivered the first blow for South County, plating a run with a one-out single in the first. Two batters later, left fielder Dalton Williams drew a bases-loaded walk and Gemma followed with a two-run double.

In the second inning, Campo hit a tworun single through a drawn-in infield, giving the Stallions a 7-0 lead. Senior catcher Keaton Tettelbach extended the lead to 8-0 with an RBI single in the third.

Wallmow, a junior left-hander, took the mound for Lake Braddock in the fourth and finally slowed the Stallion offense. South County did not have a runner reach base in the fourth, fifth or sixth innings. Meanwhile, Lake Braddock had its first two batters reach base in the fourth and fifth innings, but came away empty.

Center fielder Alex Gransback put the Bruins on the board when he launched a solo home run to left field leading off the bottom of the sixth. Lake Braddock added two more when Supko's two-out double to left plated a pair, cutting the South County lead to 8-3.

ANY MOMENTUM gained by the Bruins was squashed the following inning by the Stallions. South County sent 12 batters to the plate in the seventh, scoring six runs on six hits. Center fielder Mitchell Hayes had a two-run single, Michael Smith hit a two-run double and Campo added a run-scoring single.

Robbie Smith, who is in his first season as South County head coach after seven seasons as an assistant with the program, said the team is a more confident group than when it faced Lake Braddock during the regular season. "I don't think we had confidence early on," he said. "We were still trying to find a way, figure out who we were and believe in each other. That's the difference."

South County will host Robinson, the Concorde District's No. 4 seed, on Friday in the first round of the Northern Region tournament

"It feels great," Dunn said about winning the district title. "It's just one of the goals along the way. [We are] still working for the state championship, though."

Lake Braddock will host Chantilly. The Bruins lost to the Chargers 8-7 on March 16.

"I don't think you really need to say much, just look at the score," Gransback said. "It's kind of like a wake-up call, I guess."

Sports Roundups

Woodson Boys' Lax Ends Season in Region Quarters

The Woodson boys' lacrosse team lost to Madison 6-5 in the Northern Region tournament quarterfinals on May 16, ending the Cavaliers' season.

"We gave them everything we got," first-year Woodson head coach Ryan Hilliard said. "Our goal was to make them earn the win and I think we did that."

Hilliard praised the play of senior goalkeeper Peter Cheneler.

Freshman attackman Connor Yager led Woodson with two goals. Sophomore attackman Matt Dennis, senior midfielder Chris Louis and senior midfielder Ben Burrus each had one goal.

Madison jumped out to a 2-0 lead, but Woodson tied the score at 2-all on goals by Dennis and Yager. Madison's Nick Gabriel scored with 1:48 in the second quarter, giving the Warhawks a 3-2 lead they would not relinquish.

Madison led 6-4 late in the fourth quarter when Louis scored with 15.2 seconds remaining, cutting the Cavalier deficit to one. Woodson had one final chance to tie the score but came up empty.

Woodson senior defenseman Erik Weed earned first-team all-Northern Region honors.

Woodson Girls' Lax Loses To Langley

The Woodson girls' lacrosse team ended its season with a 16-8 loss to Langley in the Northern Region quarterfinals on May 16.

The Cavaliers finished with a 14-3 record, winning their fourth consecutive Patriot District championship along the way. Woodson defeated Robinson in the opening round of regionals.

Senior attack Laura Dunn was named second-

team all-Northern Region.

Fairfax Boys' Soccer Falls to Mount Vernon

The Fairfax boys' soccer team ended its season on Tuesday with a 6-2 loss to Mount Vernon in the opening round of the Northern Region tournament.

Fairfax, the No. 4 seed from the Liberty District, received goals from Chris Jeong and Ryan Lee

The Rebels finished the season with a 5-10-1 record.

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