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A Soldier's Story

Burke man honored for heroism in disrupting pivotal "Easter Offensive."

BY VICTORIA ROSS
THE CONNECTION

In November, 1971, Captain Denis Gulakowski began what he thought would be a relatively "safe" tour of duty in Vietnam. The Cold War military conflict had escalated steadily since 1955, and reached a high of 500,000 troops in 1967. By late 1971, the number of American troops in-country had been greatly reduced as President Richard Nixon implemented his "Vietnamization" program to extract the United States from the war.

Nixon's aim, according to historians, was to negotiate a settlement that would allow the half million U.S. troops in Vietnam to be withdrawn, while still allowing South Vietnam to survive.

The young West Point graduate, 24 years old and newly married, was one of two American military advisors assigned to work with a group of Vietnamese soldiers at a small compound 50 miles southeast of Saigon, near the South China Sea.

In March, 1972, the North Vietnamese launched a major offensive, known as the Easter Offensive.

U.S. intelligence expected some sort of attack to improve the negotiating position of the North Vietnamese during peace talks being conducted with U.S. Secretary of State Henry Kissinger. But the size and ferocity of the attack took the U.S. by surprise.

In March, 1972, the North Vietnamese Army struck on three fronts simultaneously. More than 20,000 North Vietnamese troops crossed the DMZ (demilitarized zone) forcing the South Vietnamese units into a retreat and throwing the Southern defense into chaos.

"The NVA's strategy was to occupy as much territory in South Vietnam as possible before the Peace Talks concluded. The theory being that when the cease-fire was signed and all military activity was frozen, whoever owned the most terrain would keep that terrain as part of the final political settlement," Gulakowski said.

THE SITUATION changed suddenly for Gulakowski.

"Up until this time, the province we were in was considered relatively safe," said Gulakowski. "And that was why it became a very, very big target, because if the enemy was successful, it would show that the Vietnamese program was not working, and would embarrass both the U.S. and South Vietnamese governments."

Over several weeks, Gulakowski and his colleagues received reports of North Vietnamese forces infiltrating villages near his post. Soon the enemy had sur-



Captain Denis Gulakowski in 1971 in Vietnam.

rounded the nearby South Vietnamese National Police Headquarters, as well as Gulakowski's compound.

Anticipating an attack, the Americans developed an escape plan, "which primarily consisted of two light-skinned, blue-eyed Americans dressing up in black Vietnamese pajamas wearing conical hats and sneaking out of the compound," Gulakowski said.

But ultimately Gulakowski was drawn into direct confrontation with the enemy, rather than escape.

"It was daylight and we were moving from the district headquarters toward the National Police Headquarters, which was surrounded by the NVA, in an attempt to rescue the police force," he said.

Gulakowski's team was pinned down by heavy au-

tomatic weapons fire.

"I immediately called for helicopter gunships, and two AH1G cobras were dispatched" from a nearby base, recalled Gulakowski.

The helicopter pilots initially had trouble locating the source of the enemy fire.

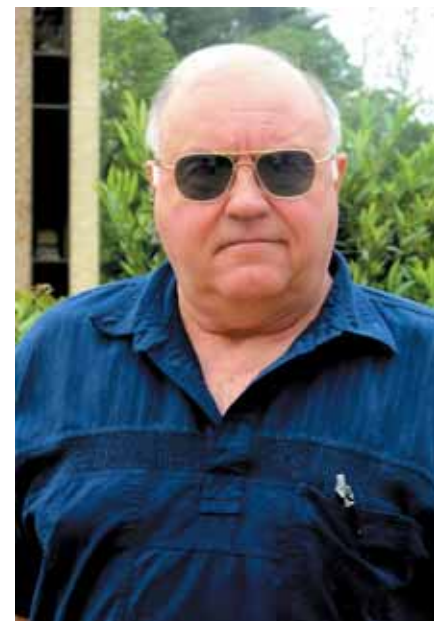
"I moved in the direction of the enemy and drew their fire, which identified the enemy machine gun location," said Gulakowski, giving the gunships their target.

Shortly thereafter, Gulakowski and his comrades received information that the North Vietnamese were moving into position to attack their compound.

Being a Warrior, Now and Then

Q&A with Lt. Col. Gulakowski: Reflections on Vietnam legacy.

Lt. Col. Denis Gulakowski of Burke is a retired Army officer who served more than 25 years. From November 1971 until November 1972, he did a tour of duty in Vietnam. While in Vietnam, he participated in several battles, one of which disrupted the North Vietnamese attempt to overrun areas of South Vietnam during the Easter Offensive (Nguyen Hue Campaign) of 1972. He has received the Silver Star Medal and the Bronze Star Medal, among many others, awarded by the United States Armed Forces. He



Retired Lt. Col. Denis Gulakowski

and his wife, JoAnne, have two children. His son, Denis Joseph, is in federal law enforcement and his daughter, Karen Rowley, is an English teacher at Oakton High School with two daughters—Zoe and Piper.

Q: What was your homecoming from Vietnam like?

A: The antithesis of Americans' response to today's wars. When my son came back from Iraq in 2004, he traveled in uniform. People came up to him, shook his hand, thanked him and wished him well. One grateful American even bought him breakfast. When I came home, I changed into civilian clothes as soon as I could, so I wouldn't be spat upon, called "baby killer" or have animal blood tossed on me.

Q: What do you think the legacy of Vietnam is for our country?

A: As Americans, we must all stand together for a common cause, even if we don't understand or necessarily agree with it. In Stanley Karnow's book "Vietnam, A History," and the PBS TV series of the same name, based on the book, there is documented evidence from the North Vietnamese government that protests in the United

States helped motivate the enemy forces and enabled them to continue the fight. We must recognize that the military is an implementing element of US Government policy; not the initiator of that policy. As soldiers, we do what we are ordered to.

Q: What does being a patriotic American mean to you?

A: I've been in many countries around the world; several of them third world—much of the population living in squalor. It helped me appreciate how great America is. Sure, it's not perfect, but it's the best there is by far. Americans are great people; caring, compassionate, generous and patriotic. As corny as it sounds, when I hear "The Star-Spangled Banner," I get emotional—contrary to the macho image of a combat infantry officer.

Q: How do you celebrate Memorial Day?

A: I typically attend the Memorial Day ceremony in Burke Centre sponsored by VFW Post 5412 and supported by Boy Scout Troop 1345 and the BCC staff. I think of my two college roommates and several classmates who were killed in action in Vietnam.

—VICTORIA ROSS

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NEWS

Richard Byrd Library Adds Mystery to Summer Book Sale

Every summer, booklovers and bargain hunters eagerly await the Friends of the Richard Byrd Library book sale, one of the largest in the region with more than 10,000 books, many in pristine condition.

While the sale always includes a diverse array of books, this sale includes something extra: books with a mysterious past.

"The mystery began in late December when a truck pulled up to the back of Richard Byrd Library to deliver more than 400 professionally packed books," said Christine Peterson, president of the Friends of Richard Byrd Library.

"No one noticed any lettering on the truck to indicate where it came from. As the Friends of the Richard Byrd Library team unpacked, they realized they were looking at new, beautiful books," Peterson said.

She said books from the mysterious donor include volumes on art, decorating, cooking, history



PHOTO CONTRIBUTED

Members of the Lee High School Tennis Team unloaded hundreds of crates of books for the Richard Byrd Mystery Book Sale beginning Thursday, May 30.

and many other topics.

"While shoppers always find treasures at our sale, this time the treasures will be even more bountiful," Peterson said, adding that she still does not know who delivered the books.

The sale begins Thursday, May 30, at 3 p.m. and runs through June 1 at the Richard Byrd Library, 7250 Commerce St. Proceeds benefit the library's summer pro-

grams.

"Whether you want beautiful birthday, graduation and Father's Day book gifts on a budget or vacation and summer reading for the whole family, you will find something at our sale," Peterson said. For more information, go to www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/friends/rb/.

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NEWS

Robinson Student Receives Scholarship

Maritza Villarroel honored by Hispanic Leadership Alliance.

By BONNIE HOBBS
THE CONNECTION

Just 18, Robinson Secondary senior Maritza Villarroel plans to go to college and someday become a nurse. And thanks to a scholarship from the Hispanic Leadership Alliance (HLA), she'll soon start her journey.

To apply for it, she had to write an essay about what career path she wanted to take and why. So she wrote about her grandfather and her interest in the medical field.

"When I was younger, my grandfather had a heart attack," said Villarroel. "He was OK, and my mother showed me around the hospital he was in, and I thought it was really cool."

She later researched nursing as a profession and decided to pursue it. "I'm interested in the different structures in the human body," she explained. "I do a lot of volunteer projects at church and am good at organizing things. And I also like the humility involved in being a nurse and helping others."

A **T** **ROBINSON**, Villarroel is one of the directors of LASA, the Latin American Students Association, which also helped fund her \$1,000 scholarship. "LASA has a partnership with HLA," said Ruth Azimi, co-sponsor of Robinson's LASA group, along with school counselor Enrique Fernandez. "If we raise \$500, HLA will match it for a \$1,000 scholarship to a LASA member."

Villarroel's father is from Bolivia and her mother's from New Jersey, and she was born in the U.S. She found out she'd won the scholarship, April 29, during LASA's Senior Night, a closing ceremony for the school year.

"I was very happy," she said. "My mom's a single mother who's a fourth- and fifth-grade Spanish immersion teacher at Laurel Ridge



(From left) are Enrique Fernandez, Maritza Villarroel and Ruth Azimi.

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BONNIE HOBBS/
THE CONNECTION

Elementary in Fairfax. And my twin sister Jackie is going to college at the same time, so I didn't want my college expenses to hurt her chances of going to college."

Villarroel plans to attend Franciscan University, a small Catholic university in Ohio. But before she departs, she's leaving her mark on the local community.

In LASA, she helped organize a Zumbathon in April to raise money for 26 acts of kindness for New Jersey's Sandy Hook Elementary, and the event yielded \$240. While maintaining a 3.2 GPA, she also helped guide an international show this spring at Robinson where many different students highlighted their

cultures.

Villarroel is active, as well, in the youth group of St. Mary of Sorrows Catholic Church, where she organizes and participates in service projects to raise money for various causes. In her spare time, she's learned several types of Bolivian dances and is now in her second year of caporales, a fast dance which she and her group perform in parades and shows.

Azimi said Villarroel also has great determination. There was a snowstorm two days before the international show and it caused both a school cancellation and a delay. "The storm was supposed to be really big and there wouldn't be time for final rehearsals," said

Fernandez. "But Maritza and the others were adamant that we should still do the show." They did and it was a big success.

REGARDING THE HLA SCHOLARSHIP, Azimi said she's happy Villarroel received it because "she deserves it and she

worked so hard."

Fernandez said all the seniors who applied for it were deserving but, "Over the past two years, Maritza was such a go-getter and I could always rely on her to get things done for LASA. She'll be missed next year for her spunk, assertiveness and determination."

AREA ROUNDUPS

Student Athletes Win Scholarships

Twelve FCPS students have been named winners of scholarships by the Northern Virginia Athletic Directors, Administrators, and Coaches Association (NVADACA). Each of the recipients will receive a \$2,000 scholarship; awards will be presented at the organization's annual scholarship awards ceremony at 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, June 4, at the Waterford at Fair Oaks. Winners are Drew Bonner of Fairfax High; Alyssa Harrison, Alexandra Hunter and Megan Moody of Lake Braddock Secondary; Sophia Kim of Lee High; Kelsey Ross of Madison High; Caitlin Jaeckel and Elizabeth Lowery of Stuart High; Ji Kim and Patrick O'Connor of Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology; and Andrew Chang and Laura Dunn of Woodson High.

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OPINION

Don't Be Among the Missing

Last time Virginia elected a governor, 1.7 million voters failed to vote after voting the previous year.

In 2008, 74.5 percent of Virginia's registered voters turned out to vote in the presidential election. In 2009, the last time Virginians elected a governor, lieutenant governor, attorney general and members of the House of Delegates, just 40.4 percent of registered voters came out to vote.

That is to say that 1.7 million voters went missing in the commonwealth.

Last November, more than 70 percent of Virginia's registered voters turned out. Will this November see 40 percent or less? Choices at the statewide level could hardly be more stark, and low turnout will make the outcome unpredictable.

EDITORIAL It's a mistake for people offended by the inflammatory and derogatory rhetoric by the Republican nominee for lieutenant governor, E.W. Jackson, to think that he is unelectable in Virginia or that his negatives will make Ken Cuccinelli, Republican nominee for governor, unelectable.

It all depends on who turns out to vote. As an example, in November 2007, incum-

bent state Sen. Ken Cuccinelli (R-37) won reelection by less than one-half of a percentage point, with an edge of just 92 votes out of 37,185 ballots cast, beating Democrat Janet Oleszek. Approximately 32 percent of registered voters in the 37th District cast ballots at the polls in that election. Imagine what might be different today if that race had gone differently. Cuccinelli was first elected to the Virginia Senate in 2002 in a special election.

Primary June 11

Primary Election Day is Tuesday, June 11, with absentee voting currently underway.

Voters in the Democratic primary will choose between Ralph S. Northam and Aneesh Chopra for lieutenant governor; and between Mark R. Herring and Justin E. Fairfax for attorney general.

In Fairfax County, there is also Democratic primary for District 86, between Jennifer Boysko and Herb Kemp, with the winner facing incumbent Tom Rust (R).

The polls will be open from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m.

on June 11.

Good sources for information on upcoming elections:

Virginia State Board of Elections, www.sbe.virginia.gov/,

Virginia Public Access Project, www.vpap.org/candidates?display=state, Fairfax County Board of Elections, www.fairfaxcounty.gov/elections/ecalendar.htm,

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Father's Day Photos

Father's Day is June 16, and as in years past, The Connection will publish a gallery of photos of fathers, grandfathers, great grandfathers and sons and daughters. Send your photos, including names of everyone in the photo, ages of children, town of residence and a brief description of what is happening to editors@connectionnewspapers.com.

— MARY KIMM

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COMMENTARY

Reform the Reforms

Reform would re-direct education expectations to ensure that every child becomes a successful learner.

BY KENNETH R. "KEN" PLUM
STATE DELEGATE (D-36)

Anyone with a sibling or with two or more children knows how different children are. Within the same family there are differences in interests, aptitude, personality and temperament. These differences are among the things that make young children unique and special. That is, until they get into the public education stream. Standards set by local, state and now federal officials create a mold each child is expected to fit into. Not unlike a raw material fed into one end of the school factory, the children are expected to come out the other end as a defined product. Teach-

ers are the assembly-line workers with strict product specifications their students are expected to meet with the teacher's rate of pay increasingly dependent upon the students' performance. Quality control is the high stakes, standardized testing that has increasingly been encroaching on instructional time. Too often lost in the process are the special qualities of children that allow them to sing and dance with great success; to use their hands and minds to create, repair and assemble; or to ponder, write and imagine. These skills simply do not fit onto a fill-in-the-bubbles answer sheet.

Schools virtually close down instruction this time of year for the annual standardized tests. Anxiety

risers for children who can no doubt sense it from their parents and the school staff. The race is on to prove the impossible of having everyone be above average. No space is left for the individual child for under the current system every child as an individual is left behind.

I am not alone in my beliefs. Diane Ravitch, a former assistant secretary of education who helped put together the No Child Left Behind program has written a book titled, *The Death and Life of the Great American School System: How Testing and Choice Are Undermining Education*. Richard Rothstein's new book, *Grading Education: Getting Accountability Right* argues that the current focus on basic skills is narrowing the curriculum allowing schools to get higher test scores without supplying better education. Linda Darling-Hammond in her book *The Flat World and Education: How America's Commitment to Equity Will Determine Our Future* reviews what the top-performing school systems around the world do to get results. She concludes it



is building a strong, experienced staff with an emphasis on a rich, well-balanced curriculum in the arts and sciences. Finland, the highest performing nation, does not rely on testing.

Increasingly testing has been a relatively cheap and quick way for politicians to say they are working for better schools, but the system they have built is faulty and does not encourage future learning or creativity. Reforming many of the past reforms would not lower our expectations; it would re-direct them to ensuring that every child was a successful learner who would be able to succeed in a changing world.

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Alex Horvath of Fairfax Station, a senior at Lake Braddock Secondary School, won a scholarship from the US state department to study in Nizhny Novgorod, Russia for the summer.

Maria Larrazabal, a freshman at Iowa State University, is ranked in the top 2 percent in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

The following local students were among about 2,000 undergraduate and graduate students who received degrees from the University of Northern Colorado during spring 2013 graduation ceremonies May 10-11.

The students, degrees, areas of study, honors and hometowns are: **Manal Alanazy**, Doctor of Philosophy, educational technology; and **Raed Tashkandi**, Master of Arts, communication.

William Ballard, of Fairfax, son of Aissa and Christopher Ballard, is on the Furman University dean's list for the 2013 spring semester. Furman's dean's list is composed of full-time undergraduate students who earn a grade point average of 3.4 or higher on a four-point system.

Paige Britton, a freshman at Annandale High School is the "Offensive Player of the Patriot District" and **Christina Nagel**, a junior at West Springfield High School, is the "Defensive Player of the District." Both were recognized on May 10 at the Patriot District Championship game between Woodson and Lake Braddock, along with the First Team All-District Nominees.

Andrew Poirier of Springfield graduated from Radford University on May 11, 2013 with a Bachelor of Business Administration degree in marketing and a Bachelor of Science degree in information science and systems. He also was named



Alex Horvath

to the Dean's List for the spring 2013 semester.

Amitabh Joshi, of Clifton, is a regional finalist for the 40th Student Academy Awards. A graduate of the New School of Northern Virginia and Dickinson College in Pennsylvania, Amitabh is currently in the MFA program for social documentary film at SVA. His film, "Wonder Workshop," was chosen for contention in the documentary category of the Student Academy Awards. The film was screened in Los Angeles at the Samuel Goldwyn Theater on Tuesday, May 7, if notified that he has been chosen as a National Finalist, Amitabh will return to Los Angeles where on Saturday, June 8, the winners in each of the four categories (Narrative, Documentary, Alternative and Animation) will be announced at the Student Academy Awards ceremony.

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NEWS

Easter Offensive Remembered

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They called in a reconnaissance aircraft, which was able to see that several hundred enemy troops had infiltrated the barbed wire and concertina wire obstacles at the southern end of their compound, and were lying in wait to attack after dark, said Gulakowski.

"To borrow an old combat expression 'the enemy was in the wire' literally," Gulakowski said.

The Americans called for an airstrike against the North Vietnamese, although the enemy was in what Gulakowski called "Danger Close" position, requiring accurate fire from friendly aircraft to avoid injuring the American and South Vietnamese troops.

"I had climbed an observation tower to better direct the airstrike," recalled Gulakowski. "When the enemy saw me climb the tower, they fired mortar rounds at the tower. Fortunately, they were unsuccessful, although it was somewhat unnerving sitting there with mortar rounds exploding all around."

"I really didn't have time to be frightened," Gulakowski said. "Although, obviously, in the back of my mind the self-survival instinct was in effect."

THE AIRSTRIKE was successful. The North Vietnamese drew heavy casualties

and withdrew from Gulakowski's compound.

The Easter Offensive, which lasted until October, 1972, was a disappointment to the North Vietnamese, and peace talks accelerated after it was called off.

For its actions in disrupting the Easter Offensive in their part of the country, Gulakowski's unit, Advisory Team 89, received a Meritorious Unit Commendation from the U.S., the second highest unit award.

The commendation is "awarded to units for exceptionally meritorious conduct ... against an armed enemy. ... The unit must display such outstanding devotion and superior performance of exceptionally difficult tasks as to set it apart and above other units with similar missions" according to the Code of Federal Regulations.

And several of the team members were awarded the Silver Star, including Gulakowski, the third highest U.S. individual valor award for "conspicuous gallantry in action." Additionally, the team was awarded the Vietnam Presidential Unit Citation, and some members were awarded the Vietnamese Medal of Honor by the South Vietnamese leadership.

"And, most importantly," said Gulakowski, "we all got to come home in one piece."

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CAPPIES REVIEW

Energy and Intensity Fill the Stage

Braddock Theatre's presentation of "Rashomon."

BY MICHIKO FEEHAN
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With various interpretations of a single event during the rainy season in ancient Kyoto, Lake Braddock Theatre's presentation of Fay and Michael Kanin's "Rashomon" brought the dramatic realities of the samurai code, bushido, to life through both intensity and humor.

The show incorporated fantastic use of aisles, with actors coming from every which way. Dramatic lighting effects with vivid colors of blues, reds and greens, each with symbolic meaning, contributed to the setting and mood.

The wide-open space for the setting allowed for sword fights when the Kyoto Gate was not on stage. The background with bamboo trees and rocks was simple, yet oddly appropriate. Characters hid behind these bamboo trees within these conflicting interpretations, while the subtle character changes made in each version of the story by the actors were appreciated.

The story involves altercations and interactions between the wife (Sarah Beck), the thief (Liam Finn), and the husband (Zach Newby). Sarah Beck, the assertive and aggressive wife, utilized strong character choices and brought commitment to her character. Liam Finn moved around the stage well and his



PHOTO BY TIM PETERSON/THE CONNECTION

Sophomore Liam Finn (left) and senior Sarah Beck play-struggle during a rehearsal for Lake Braddock's production of "Rashomon," while senior Zach Newby's character can only observe from the sideline.

sword fight with the husband was humorous.

One of the more enjoyable scenes involved the medium and the medium's apprentices. Their swift movements, in synch with the beat of the drums, carried intensity and fire as they performed a dance with flags in front of the bloody, red background.

Makeup was well done, for not only the main stage characters, but also for the dead. Light cues and spotlights were on-point throughout the show while background sounds such as the pouring rain always managed to enhance the scenes.

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SUMMER FUN

The cardboard boat regatta, one of the most popular Springfield Days activities, will be held at Lake Accotink Park on Sunday, June 2.

Weekend at Springfield Days

A community-wide celebration returns Saturday and Sunday, June 1-2.

Springfield Days is a community-wide celebration that takes place the weekend after Memorial Day each year. This year it will be held on Saturday and Sunday, June 1-2, with multiple events on each day. Springfield Days includes many different types of events and activities that provide fun and entertainment to all ages. Visit <http://www.springfielddays.com/> for more information.

—PARKER KOBAYASHI

SATURDAY/JUNE 1

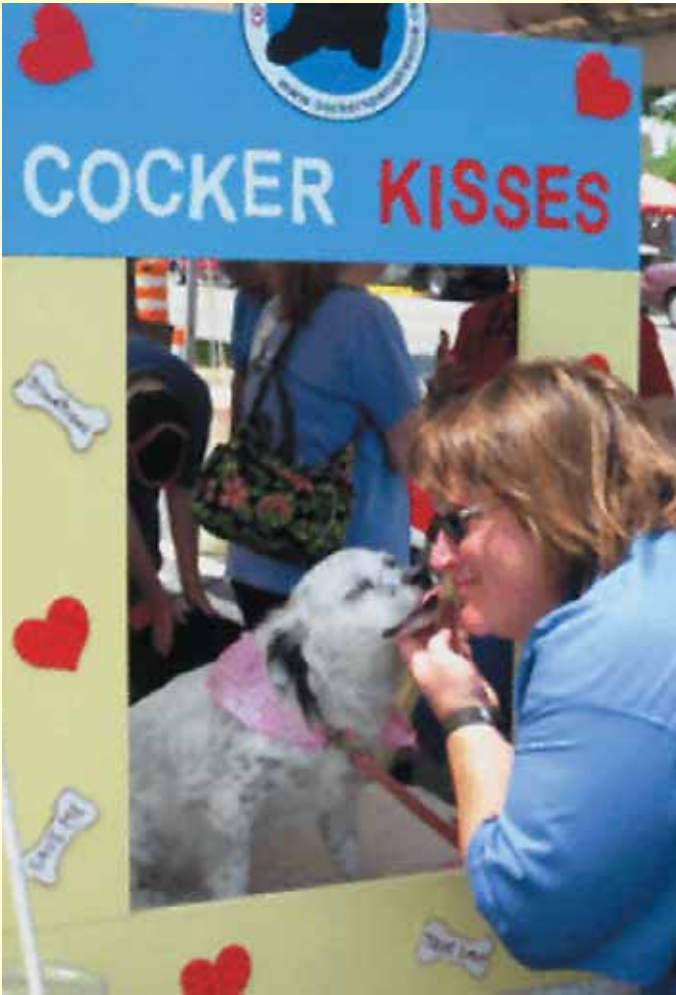
- Springfield 15k/5k Race. 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Delicious food at South Run Park, Reservation Drive, Springfield.
- PetFest. 10 a.m.-4 p.m., at South Run Park, Reservation Drive, Springfield. Exhibitors, games, demos, pet parade, dog agility, flyball, vendors and more.
- Family FitnessFest. 10 a.m.-4 p.m., at South Run Park, Reservation Drive, Springfield. Demos, facility tours and fun activities for the whole family.
- Vintage Car Show. 11 a.m.-3 p.m., at the American Legion Hall in Springfield. Come and see a variety of local vintage cars.
- OutdoorFest. 4-8 p.m., at South Run Park, Reservation Drive, Springfield. Wagon rides (fee), free nature walks, farm animals, raptors, snakes and amphibians.
- Pool Party. 6:30-8:30 p.m. at South Run Park, Reservation Drive, Springfield. Free swimming indoors before the movie. Bring along your swimsuit and towel with your movie blanket and jacket.
- Outdoor movie on the big screen at dark at South Run Park, Reservation Drive, Springfield.

SUNDAY/JUNE 2

- Cardboard Boat Regatta at Lake Accotink. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Witness the spectacle of cardboard creations sailing along Lake Accotink's shoreline. \$4 per vehicle to enter park.



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The pet kisses booth is always a popular attraction during Springfield Days.



Carnival rides and cotton candy—a FamilyFest tradition—will be at Springfield Days 2013 during June 1 and 2.



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Retired Lt. Col. Edward “Eddie” Amoros in front of his 1969 Chevelle Malibu, one of the cars featured at Carfest 2013. Amoros is the historian of American Legion Post 176.

Carfest Revs Up Springfield Days

Popular event open to all makes, models.

Carfest fans, it's time to start your engines. One of the most popular attractions of Springfield Days returns this year, featuring cars in all makes and models, including antiques, muscle, classics, street rods, customs and exotics.

The event is sponsored by Springfield's American Legion Post 176, one of the oldest, largest and most active posts in Virginia with more than 1,200 members.

“It's been 15 years since Carfest has been a part of Springfield Days,” said retired Lt. Col. Edward “Eddie” Amoros, historian of American Legion Post 176, who will be showing his classic 1969 Chevelle Malibu.

“There will be lots of classic antiques and street rods! From here we will expand Carfest and make it bigger each year,” he said.

During the event, there will be customized dash plaques for the first 50 cars registered and four trophies awarded.

Carfest will be held on Saturday, June from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the post, located at 6520 Amherst Avenue in Springfield, next to Kay Jennings Springfield Toyota. The registration fee is \$10. You can pre-register at the post or pay at the gate. For more information, email vapost176@cox.net or call 703-440-0335. Spectator admission and parking is free and the Warrior Café will be open.

The event is co-sponsored by the Greater Springfield Chamber of Commerce, Springfield Toyota and SunTrust Bank.

—VICTORIA ROSS

Tiny Dancers’ Summer Camp

Tiny Dancers’ Summer Camp, an award-winning program of themed, week-long camps, begins Monday, June 24. Each session includes daily instruction in ballet, tap or jazz (depending upon the session selected), a snack, fine motor exercise through a theme-related craft and a favorite story with dress-up dance interpretation. The session culminates with a recital and reception for family and friends. For information and registration, call 703-385-5580 or visit: www.tinydancers.com.

Students at Tiny Dancers reading “Little Red Riding Hood” as they prepare to interpret the story through dance. The literacy-based program emphasizes classical technique in a nurturing environment.



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- Family FitnessFest: 10am - 4pm
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- Pool Party: 6:30pm - 8:30pm
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Car Show: at the American Legion Hall in Springfield, 11am - 3pm

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Sunday, June 2

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SUMMER FUN

Keeping Kids Sharp

Local education experts suggest fun ways to keep children learning over the summer break.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL
THE CONNECTION

As summer vacation begins in a few weeks, some parents are scrambling for activities to fill the days for their children. Often that means summer vacations and trips to the pool or the park.

Education experts say even in the midst of summer fun, it is important to ensure that children don't lose the skills they've learned during the academic year. However, they say relaxing and having fun are equally important, and suggest a myriad of stealthy tricks that parents can employ for laid-back learning all summer long.

Students are encouraged to read many books over the summer. "Talking about what your child is reading is a powerful way to build comprehension skills," said Blake M. Giliotti, staff development teacher at Potomac Elementary School in Potomac, Md. "It can also be as simple as saying, 'Tell me about what you are reading.' Engaging in a natural conversation about a book can give you insight into what your child understands and helps build oral communication skills."

Summer book clubs are a good idea as well. "My kids love to pick a book, put together a few friends and send an Evite to the book club," said Shannon Melideo, Ph.D., chair of the Department of Education at Marymount University in Arlington. "They each read the book and come with a few questions. We have a party that goes with the theme of the book."

Melideo encourages parents to avoid making the learning aspect of summer activities too contrived. "I would hate summer learning to feel too much like school," she said. "It is important to learn and explore with our kids as naturally is possible."

Susan DeLaurentis, director of counseling at St. Stephen's & St. Agnes School in Alexandria, agrees and encourages plenty of unstructured time for play and a break from a structured schedule.

"I recommend lots of downtime for children over the summer," she said. "When it's too hot outside, or on a rainy day, pitch a tent in the living room and go 'camping' indoors. Have a bag ready, filled with new board games, card games and books."

GROUP ACTIVITIES can also offer a clever disguise for skill building. "How about rounding up some kids in the neighborhood for a summer carnival game day?" asked Jennifer Suh, Ph.D., an assistant professor in the Graduate School of Education,



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Cooking with children during the summer teaches math and reading skills, say experts.

College of Education and Human Development at George Mason University in Fairfax. "[A] summer neighborhood carnival will be sure to engage kids in the 21st century skills: four Cs — creativity, collaboration, communication and critical thinking."

She said carnival games like face painting and popcorn drops can strengthen math skills. "Students have a choice of heart, butterfly, spider web, and lightning bolt," said Suh. "How many lines of symmetry do you have on your design?"

For help developing science and math game ideas, Suh recommends the visiting www.aimsedu.org/activities/, and

mathbridges.onmason.com/ and www.kidsknowmath.com.

Bob Weiman, director of the Lower School at St. Stephen's & St. Agnes School agrees that games can be ideal tools for learning. "ThinkFun educational games are always great," he said. "Summer is also a great time to introduce your children to classic board games. I just introduced Stratego to my own family last weekend and look forward to playing it over the summer."

Melideo said that even a trip to the park can become an opportunity for learning, and suggests turning the outdoors into a science lab. "Don't just go on

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SUMMER FUN

Fun Ways to Keep Learning in Summer

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the swings and slides," she said. "Look at trees and look under rocks at the park. Elementary school children need to be out digging in dirt and investigating. The more that they're out investigating, the more interested they're going to be in the world around them."

Parents can model an interest in discovery and exploration for their children. "Try to notice and get excited about things in nature," said Melideo. "For example, if a butterfly crosses your windshield, you can point it out to your child with excitement."

Michele Claeys, associate head and middle school principal at Norwood School in Bethesda, Md., said, "Pick four or five [local] tourist attractions [and] spend a full day exploring. Involve everyone in researching and learning about the site before you go."

EDUCATORS ALSO RECOMMEND involving children in meal preparation. "If there are days when it's rainy, that is the time to do cooking," said Melideo. "It helps teach patience and math and reading skills too."

Anna Reeves, owner of Tiny Chefs, which offers cooking classes in Alexandria, Fairfax, Falls Church, Oakton and McLean, said, "I've always been a proponent of using cooking to teach confidence and give children the opportunity to do things that they may not be exposed to at home."

While middle school students may be more difficult to engage than younger children, educators say the effort is critical. "Middle school is when they really need to be looked after," said Melideo. "That is when you need to make sure they're not running off doing their own thing."

A treasure hunt with a group of friends is an ideal activity. "Middle school students like doing scavenger hunts," said Melideo. "You can create a treasure hunt, maybe at a museum, where two parents offer to be drivers. The students look for clues and have a fun prize or celebration at the end. They don't realize how much they're learning along the way. It is not labor intensive for parents, but it is a fun competition."

When it comes to summer, the bottom line is fun. "Whatever activities parents plan, they should be enjoyable and stress-free," said DeLaurentis.

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NEWS



(From left) Holly Vesilind, Eric Moore, Paul Johnson, Michael Bunn, Andy Skaggs and Chris Ferrari with students from Westgate Elementary School

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The Fairfax Symphony Orchestra (FSO) was awarded the 2013 Community Partner of the Year for its education partnership with Fairfax County Public Schools at a Celebrate Partnerships event on Monday, May 20 at George Mason University's Conference Center and Hotel. The Fairfax Symphony and Fairfax County Public Schools formalized a partnership agreement in October 2010, expanding a relationship that the 56-year-old FSO and FCPS have had for more than 30 years. Through this partnership, the Fairfax Symphony provides education programs directly to the schools. The SCORE program, offered to fifth-12th grade band and orchestra students, brings FSO musicians and an orchestral conductor into the classroom to provide one on-one mentoring and instructional opportunities, and to support the classroom teacher and his/her musical goals and milestones. For younger elementary students, the FSO presents the newly revamped Overture to Orchestra program, in which four different chamber ensembles—string quartet, brass quintet, woodwind quintet and percussion duo—introduce students to

the orchestral instruments and teach basic musical concepts through the theme of global awareness. These programs engage the students in kinesthetic learning activities and use concepts from their core curriculum to enhance student engagement. The FSO, with generous support from corporations, foundations and individuals, invests over \$70,000 per year in its education and outreach initiatives.

FSO's Music Director, Christopher Zimmerman, leads many of the in-school workshops with the FSO's musicians. Zimmerman loves conducting FSO-student orchestras and hopes that he can inspire some of the kids to become professional musicians. Debra Harrison, President of the Fairfax Symphony Orchestra stated that these educational programs were integral to the Fairfax Symphony's mission. She was excited to receive the 2013 award and hoped that the Fairfax Symphony Orchestra could continue to grow its programs throughout Fairfax County. Information about the Fairfax Symphony Orchestra's concerts and its education and outreach programs can be found at www.fairfaxsymphony.org.

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Monica Olivo, Connie Polnow, Jackie Hafner, Mikaela Voegelé and Margot Baden, members of the Nereids Northern Virginia Synchronized Swim Team, which will go to Riverside, Calif., at the end of June for the Age Group National Synchronized Swimming competition after placing at the May 3-5 regional Washington, D.C. competition.



Nereids Synchronized Swimmers Place at Regionals

The Northern Virginia Nereids synchronized swimming team qualified for the Age Group National Synchronized Swimming competition after a successful showing at the South Zone Region A Regional Competition in Washington, D.C. the weekend of May 3-5. The swimmers that will be heading to Riverside, Calif., at the end of June for the national competition are Monica Olivo and Connie Polnow (Lake Braddock Secondary School); Jackie Hafner (Robinson Secondary High School); Margot Baden (Woodson High School); and Mikaela Voegelé, Angel Oh and Alex Marini.

The Nereids' novice and intermediate programs have emerged as among the strongest in the region, as the team took first place in the novice category and second, third and fourth places in the intermediate category of the regional competition.

The Age Group program also made a successful showing, taking first place in all of their respective routine events and sweeping the compulsory element category.

The Annandale-based team practices at Wakefield Recreational Center. Team members range from age 8-16 and compete in various skill divisions.

Coach Rachel Morris invites those interested in trying out synchronized swimming to join the Summer Synchro class on Tuesdays and Thursday evenings from June 11-20. The Annandale-based Northern Virginia team practices at Wakefield Recreational Center.

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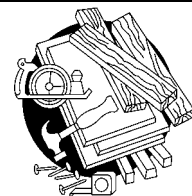
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FRIDAY/MAY 31

Alice in Wonderland Jr. 7:30 p.m., at Burke Community Church, 9900 Old Keene Mill Road, Burke. Northern Virginia Players present Alice's madcap adventures with the White Rabbit, the Mad Hatter and the Queen of Hearts. Performances are dedicated to Bobby Collar, a member of the players who died unexpectedly Feb. 14; part of ticket proceeds will go to the Bobby Collar Memorial Fund. NVPlayers.com.

Macbeth. 7:30 p.m., at Providence Presbyterian Church, 9109 Little River Turnpike, Fairfax. Riverbend Opera's semi-staged concert production of "Macbeth" will feature a cast of over 40 singers. \$15-\$25. RiverbendOpera.com.

SATURDAY/JUNE 1

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Arlington Rose Foundation's 57th Rose Show. 1-6 p.m., at Merrifield Garden Center- Fair Oaks, 2101 Lee Highway, Fairfax. The Rose Show includes over 50 categories of rose material including photography, fragrance and a silent auction. 703-371-9351 or pam1powers@aol.com.

Springfield Days. 10 a.m.-8:30 p.m., South Run Park Reservation Dr, Springfield. Springfield Days is a



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An annual display of drawings and paintings of Burke Centre Art Instructor Carol Zeitlin's art students is up through May 30 at Pohick Regional Library, 6450 Sydenstricker Road, Burke.

community wide celebration that includes a pool party, "Pet Fest" and many more fun activities. <http://www.springfielddays.com/>

SUNDAY/JUNE 2

Arlington Rose Foundation's 57th Rose Show. 11 a.m.-4 p.m., at Merrifield Garden Center- Fair Oaks, 2101 Lee Highway, Fairfax. The Rose Show includes over 50 categories of rose material including photography, fragrance and a silent auction. 703-371-9351 or pam1powers@aol.com.

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Macbeth. 4:30 p.m., at Temple Rodef Shalom, 2100 Westmoreland St., McLean. Riverbend Opera's semi-staged concert production of Macbeth will feature a cast of over 40 singers. \$15-\$25. RiverbendOpera.com.

MONDAY/JUNE 3

2013 Charity Golf Tournament. 12:30 p.m. at the Westfields Gold Club, 13940 Balmoral Greens Ave., Clifton. National Association of Insurance and Financial Advisors (NAIFA) of Northern Virginia is hosting the tournament for the benefit of The Shepherd's Centers of Northern Virginia. Reservation required. \$150.

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FRIDAY/JUNE 7

Summerland Tour. 7:15 p.m., at the grounds of the Fairfax County Government Centre, 12000 Government Centre Parkway, Fairfax. Come and enjoy the alternative music starring Everclear, Live and Filter & Sponge; advance tickets go on sale on May 7 at Wegmans in Fairfax, Dulles, and Gainesville. \$4-\$12. www.celebratefairfax.com.

SATURDAY/JUNE 8

Bingo Fundraiser for the Family. 1-3 p.m., at the Parish Center Gym, St. Leo the Great Catholic Church, 3700 Old Lee Highway, Fairfax. All the proceeds benefits from the bingo will go to the Shepherd's Center of Fairfax-Burke (SCFB) and its work for area seniors; refreshments provided. \$12 each, which includes two Bingo Cards for the entire event. Additional cards \$1 per card per game. 703-426-2828 or www.scfbva.org.

The B-52s Concert. 8 p.m., at the grounds of the Fairfax County Government Centre, 12000 Government Centre Parkway, Fairfax. Rock band The B-52s play, with 35 years of musical experience; advance tickets go on sale on May 7 at Wegmans in Fairfax, Dulles, and Gainesville. \$4-\$12. www.celebratefairfax.com.

SUNDAY/JUNE 9

Spin Doctors Concert. 4:30 p.m., at the grounds of the Fairfax County Government Centre, 12000 Government Centre Parkway, Fairfax.

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FRIDAY/JUNE 21

Skatefest/Sk8 For a Cause. 6-10 p.m., Wakefield Skate Park 8100 Braddock Road, Annandale. SkateFest is the largest AM contest in the Washington, D.C., Maryland, Virginia area and attracts hundreds of skaters who compete in brackets to raise money for charity. www.skatefestfairfax.com

Night Music. 7:30-8:30 p.m., at Royal Lake Park, 5344 Gainsborough Drive, Fairfax. This 5-member band is a tightly-knit ensemble of guitar, drums, bass, sax, keyboard and vocals. www.nightmusic.biz.

SATURDAY/JUNE 22

Burke Centre Library 5th Anniversary Birthday Bash. 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Everyone is invited to come and enjoy the special events including a scavenger hunt, LEGO contest display, balloon artist, live animal performers, Korean Autoharp Club, face painter and birthday treats.

VDOT Announces New Northern Virginia Leadership

The Virginia Department of Transportation named Helen L. Cuervo PE. district administrator for VDOT's Northern Virginia District, and Renée N. Hamilton deputy district administrator.

Cuervo and Hamilton are public servants who are already recognized for their work as liaisons to Prince William, Arlington and Fairfax counties, and for their strong hold on VDOT's construction, planning and investment management programs in Northern Virginia, said VDOT Commissioner Greg Whirley.

Helen L. Cuervo, PE. will lead the transportation program for state-maintained roads in Fairfax, Arlington, Loudoun and Prince William counties, and support highways in nine cities and towns. She replaces Garrett Moore, PE., who was promoted to VDOT chief engineer earlier this year.

Cuervo brings 30 years of diverse transportation experience to the job, including 26 years with VDOT. She began her career in the structural design consultant industry and joined VDOT in the Fairfax Residency in 1987. She has managed the preliminary engineering, permits, construction, land development and maintenance programs in Prince William County and later was the government li-



Helen L. Cuervo

aison for Prince William County. She was most recently the district construction engineer, responsible for the delivery of VDOT's \$700 million construction program in Northern Virginia.

Cuervo is a graduate of the University of Pittsburgh and has held a professional engineer's license in Virginia since 1990. She lives in Prince William County with her husband and four children.

Renée N. Hamilton has more than 25 years of transportation experience. She began her career with VDOT in 1988 as an engineer trainee in VDOT's Central Office and has since served in



Renée N. Hamilton

several district leadership roles for preliminary engineering, construction and maintenance in the Northern Virginia and Culpeper districts, and as transportation manager for Arlington and Fairfax counties. Most recently she was assistant district administrator for planning and investment management in Northern Virginia.

Hamilton has a Master's in engineering management from Old Dominion University and an undergraduate degree in Civil Engineering from South Carolina State University. She lives in Fairfax with her husband and two children.

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Lake Braddock Baseball Returns to Region Semifinals

Bruins beat Madison, will face Marshall.

BY JON ROETMAN
THE CONNECTION

Lake Braddock baseball coach Jody Rutherford didn't want to play the underdog card, feeling his players wouldn't approve. As it turned out, Rutherford's big-game pitcher already felt the Bruins had something to prove.

Senior left-hander Thomas Rogers, who threw a four-hit shutout in last season's AAA state championship game before undergoing off-season Tommy John surgery, took the mound for the Bruins on Monday night in the Northern Region quarterfinals. His opponent was the Liberty District champion Madison Warhawks, winners of 22 in a row prior to Monday's matchup. Lake Braddock had lost to South County in the Patriot District championship game on May 20 and dealt with injuries early in the season. Despite being the defending state champ, Lake Braddock, on paper, was an underdog.

With the Bruins' season on the line Monday, Rogers was on a pitch limit of 75 as he continues working his way back from off-season surgery.

He made them count.

Rogers kept Lake Braddock in the game, allowing one earned run in four-and-one-third innings, and the Bruins beat the Warhawks 9-6 at Madison High School. Rogers surrendered four runs—one earned—on four hits while walking three and striking out six. He threw 74 pitches before being pulled with one on and one out in the bottom of the fifth inning, with Lake Braddock leading 6

"This is an ultra-competitive game and not being out there all the time all year long and being thrown out into a really ultra-competitive game is tough on a kid," Rutherford said. "[Rogers] competed his [butt] off. He just probably needed to control his emotions a little bit more early on. When he's on the mound, our team has the utmost confidence in him."

Lake Braddock earned a trip to the re-

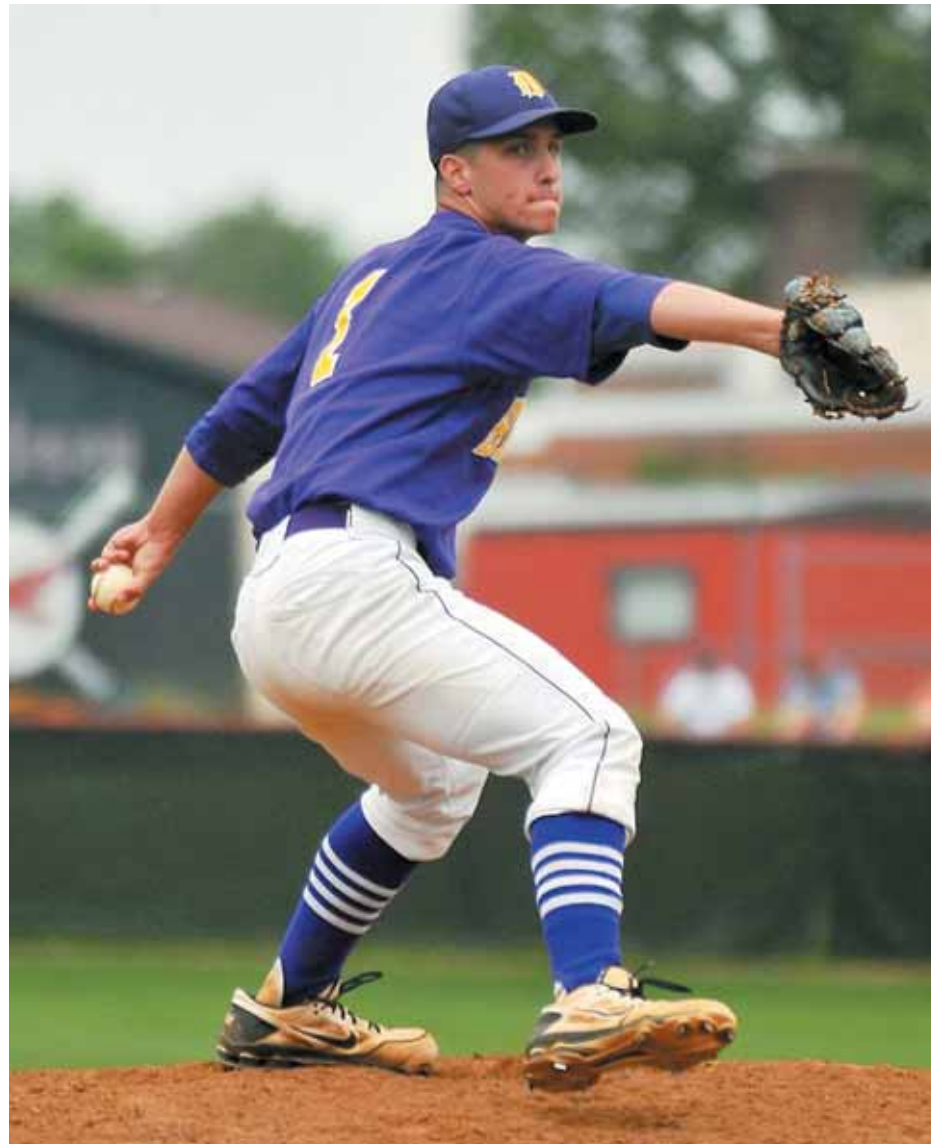


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Lake Braddock pitcher Thomas Rogers earned the victory against Madison in the Northern Region quarterfinals on Monday, May 27.

gion semifinals, where the Bruins faced Marshall, the Liberty District's No. 4 seed, on Wednesday, May 29, after The Connection's deadline. The winner earned a berth in the state tournament.

Did Rutherford play the "underdog" card prior to Monday's game?

"I didn't really play the underdog card because I think if I would have said that to my guys, they would have looked at me like, are you crazy coach? Where's coach Ruth-

erford? That type of deal," he said after the Bruins beat Madison. "I just approached it [as] if we're the better team, then it will be decided on the field."

How would Rogers have reacted if Rutherford said the Bruins were underdogs?

"I probably would have thought since we were the champions last year and nobody was giving us any credit with all our injuries and everything, and it seemed like ev-

erybody was overlooking us," Rogers said. "We felt like we had something to prove today and I feel like we proved that."

Lake Braddock struck first with three runs in the top of the first inning. Senior catcher Garrett Driscoll ripped a two-run double and Rogers added a sacrifice fly.

Madison responded with two in the bottom half and tied the score at 3-all with a run in the third.

Lake Braddock took the lead for good when sophomore second baseman Nick Neville drove in a run with a single in the fourth. The Bruins would extend their lead to 6-3.

Neville, who joined Lake Braddock this season after moving from Arizona, went 3 for 4 with two RBIs, including a two-out RBI single in the seventh, which gave the Bruins a 9-5 advantage.

"Lefty-lefty, I was just trying to stay back, just trying to drive the ball up the middle," Neville said of his seventh-inning at-bat. "[The pitcher] hung a curveball and [I] just hit it back up the middle."

Madison brought the tying run to the plate in the bottom of the seventh, but Lake Braddock reliever Nick McIntyre ended the game with a strikeout.

Driscoll went 2 for 3. Third baseman Alex Lewis finished 2 for 4 with two RBIs. Center fielder Alex Gransback was 1 for 3 with an RBI.

Logan Claybrook and John Defazio each had two hits for Madison, and Michael Nielson went 1 for 4 with a double and two RBIs.

"We felt like we had something to prove today and I feel like we proved that."
—Lake Braddock senior Thomas Rogers

AREA ROUNDUPS

Madison Boys' Lax Wins Region Championship

The Madison boys' lacrosse team defeated Chantilly 7-6 on May 24 to capture the Northern Region championship at Chantilly High School.

The victory improved Madison's record to 16-5 and assured the Warhawks of a home game in the AAA state quarterfinals.

Madison also took home the Liberty District championship this season, beating Langley 10-2 in the district final on May 10.

The Warhawks will host the West Central runner-up in the state quarterfinals either May 31 or June 1.



The Madison boys' lacrosse teams celebrates after winning the Northern Region championship with a 7-6 victory against Chantilly on May 24.

Madison Softball Beats Oakton

The Madison softball team defeated Oakton 5-0 on Monday in the Northern Region quarterfinals at Falls Church High School.

The Warhawks will face McLean in the semifinals at 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, May 29 at Falls Church. The winner secures a berth in the state tournament.

Oakton's season ended with the loss. The Cougars won the Concorde District championship with a 2-0 victory over Chantilly on May 20.



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