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News

Kevin Cao, a senior at Thomas Jefferson High School, receives the Tony Griffin Partnership Leader award at the 2013 **Celebrate Partnerships Award** Ceremony on May 21 at the **Mason Inn and Conference Center. Former County Execu**tive Tony Griffin and Sharon Bulova, chairman of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, applaud Cao's initiative in co-founding GIVE, Growth and Inspiration through Volunteering and Education, a tutoring program.



Celebrating Partnerships

Fairfax County, FCPS honor 12 public-private partners during awards ceremony.

n the summer of 2012 when most high school seniors are working on their college essays or lounging by the pool, Kevin Cao, a senior at Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology, decided to do something different.

He envisioned a service project, contacted Fairfax County Public Library staff to gauge interest and put the wheels in motion to create a program where older students offer tutoring to younger students in communities where there is a significant need.

He co-founded Growth and Inspiration through Volunteering and Education (GIVE), which encourages and supports "participation in community organizations and other activities that address community needs and opportunities." Through GIVE, he began tutoring, seeking volunteer tutors, reserving rooms at five library branches and publicizing the new service in English and Spanish.

Between October 2012 and February 2013 his partnership with the library served more than 300 students through 1,450 tutoring sessions. If the library or Kevin were to charge even \$15 per session, the value would equal more than \$21,000.

Cao was recognized for his giving with the Tony Griffin Partnership Leader Award at this year's Celebrate Partnerships Awards Ceremony on May 21. The event is hosted by Fairfax County and Fairfax County Public Schools.

"Even at his young age, Kevin Cao exemplifies what we all seek in a community leader, someone with vision, compassion and the wherewithal to take an idea and make it happen for the benefit of people, not just our family or our friends or even ourselves, but to create partnerships that benefit the community as a whole," said Tony Griffin, former Fairfax

Cao was one of 12 individuals and groups honored at the event, held at the Mason Inn and Confer-

More than 55 businesses and community groups were nominated for these annual awards, which focus on individuals and groups who partner with provide on a daily basis. These partnerships posi-Fairfax County and FCPS to give back to the comtively impact our community's youth, which I premunity in which they work and live.

The event was attended by more than 380 people who heard from Fairfax County Chairman Sharon Bulova, Fairfax County School Board Chair Ilryong Moon, Deputy Division Superintendent Richard



Frost Middle School's Advanced Women's **Ensemble sang the National Anthem at the** 2013 Celebrate Partnerships Award Ceremony on May 21 at the Mason Inn and **Conference Center.**

Winners

*** OP3 Award Winners**

Small Business Resource Champion: Comstock Partners Blue Ribbon Partnership: Partnership for a Healthier Fairfax Community Resource Connector: A Way Forward Media/Communications Partnership: Univision Large Business Resource Champion: Target Tony Griffin Partnership Leader: Kevin Čao, Thomas Jefferson

High School * Fairfax County Public Schools Award Winners

- Blue Ribbon Mentoring: Providence Elementary School
- ❖ Blue Ribbon Outstanding Event: Exxon Mobil Corporation, Micron Technology, Northrop Grumman Information Systems, Noblis, SRC Inc.
- * Blue Ribbon Workforce Development: DoD CIO & IT/
- Community Partner of the Year: Fairfax Symphony Orchestra
- Business Partner of the Year: Time Warner Cable
- Bruce Oliver Leadership Award (Business): Judy Hubka, Exxon Mobil Corporation
- * Bruce Oliver Leadership Award (Community): Evan Glazer, FCPS Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and

Moniuszko and Fairfax County Director Rob Staltzer. "Hundreds of our local business and individuals are giving their time, talent and resources as partners in the community. When businesses, the County, FCPS and the local nonprofits team up everybody is a winner," said Patricia Stevens, Executive Director, Fairfax County Office of Public Private Partnerships.

"Together with Fairfax County, we are continually amazed at the generosity and talent our partners dict will create a better tomorrow," said Jay Garant, Coordinator, Business and Community Partnerships, Fairfax County Public Schools.

-Victoria Ross



Democratic gubernatorial candidate Terry McAuliffe speaks at the outreach event in Lorton.

Democrats Focus On 2013 Elections

t. Vernon Democrats held an event to get their 2012 volunteers focused on this year's elections on May 15 at the Pane e Vino Ristorante in Lorton. Over 85 people attended to show their support and listen to the candidates. It also gave the volunteers a chance to meet Democratic gubernatorial candidate Terry McAuliffe and the two candidates seeking the Democratic nod on June 11 for attorney general, Justin Fairfax and Mark Herring.

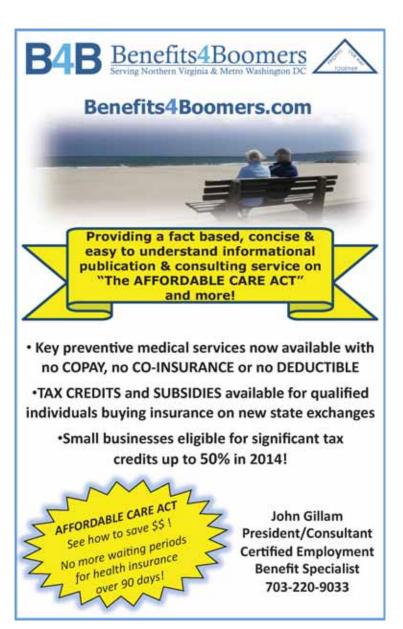
Also in attendance was one of the candidates for lt. governor, Aneesh Chopra, and several local elected delegates including Del. Mark Sickles, Del. Vivian Watts and Del. Scott Surovell.



Lt. governor candidate Aneesh Chopra speaks at the outreach event at Pane e Vino Ristorante in Lorton.



Attorney general candidate Mark Herring talks to volunteers.



News

Richard Byrd Library Adds Mystery to Summer Book Sale

very 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



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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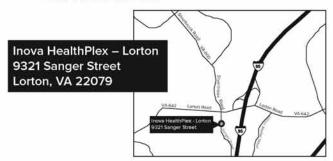
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Lynbrook Elementary First to Fly Air Quality Flags

ynbrook Elementary School, in partnership with TrailsforYouth.Org, is raising special, colored flags every morning to help teachers, students and members of the community be aware of daily air quality conditions. The effort is part of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's School Flag Program. Lynnbrook is the first public school in Fairfax County to start a new flag program to identify air quality pollution days to help students and the community to stay healthy.

Lynbrook Elementary School, located in Springfield, is a title-1 school with almost 85 percent free/reduced lunch program attendees. Assistant Principal Shirley Shannon said Lynbrook works continuously to support the well being of each of its students, and the program is an extension of those efforts.

Each day, the student patrols at Lynbrook will raise a flag based on the color of the Air Quality Index (AQI) to show how polluted the air is expected to be. By comparing the colored flags to the AQI, families and teachers will know whether to limit, allow or prevent outdoor exertion for "sensitive groups," defined as children and those who have asthma.

The code for the colored flags: green means good air quality, yellow means moderate, orange is "unhealthy for sensitive groups," and red means the air is unhealthy for everyone. A purple flag means sensitive groups should avoid all outdoor exertion and everyone else



Raul Rodrigez and Michelle Rodrigez, students at Lynbrook Elementary, hang air quality flags as part of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's School Flag Program, which help teachers and students know what the air quality is expected to be daily. The school is the first in the county to adopt the program.

should limit outdoor exertion.

Julie Childers, executive director of Trails for Youth.org, said a second Springfield school, Springfield Estates, has signed up for the program as well. "Springfield Estates is also starting the air quality flag program very soon, they are getting their flags early this week," wrote Childers in an email to the Connection on Monday, May 13.

Trails for Youth.Org is a nonprofit 501(c)3 organization that mentors at-risk youth and provides opportunities for children to experience nature along with the joys and health benefits of being active outdoors. For more information on their program, go to www.trailsforyouth.org.

—Chelsea H. Bryan

– 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.

FAITH NOTES

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Friends of Music and the Arts at St. Andrew's holds a **Service of Contemplation and Prayer** in the Style of Taizé on Sunday, June 2, at 7:30 p.m., at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 6509 Sydenstricker Road, Burke. The service combines meditative music, readings, prayers and silence to allow the participant to quiet his or her soul and encounter the divine. Child care will be provided for younger children; older children and teens are encouraged to participate in the service.

Fairfax Baptist Temple, at the corner of Fairfax County Parkway and Burke Lake Roads, holds a Bible Study Fellowship at 9 a.m. Sundays followed by a 10 a.m. worship service. Nursery care and Children's Church also provided. 6401 Missionary Lane, Fairfax Station, 703-323-8100 or www.fbtministries.org.

Lord of Life Lutheran offers services at two locations, in Fairfax at 5114 Twinbrook Road and in Clifton at 13421 Twin Lakes Drive. Services in Fairfax are held on Saturdays at 5:30 p.m. and Sundays at 8:15, 9:45 and 11:15 a.m. Services in Clifton are held on Sundays at 8:15 and 10:30 a.m. 703-323-9500 or www.Lordoflifeva.org.

First Baptist Church of Springfield offers Sunday school at 9:15 a.m., followed by a 10:30 a.m. worship service at 7300 Gary St., Springfield. 703-451-1500 or www.fbcspringfield.org.

Clifton Presbyterian Church, 12748 Richards Lane, Clifton, offers Sunday worship services at 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Nursery care is provided. Christian education for all ages is at 9:45 a.m. 703-830-3175.

St. Andrew the Apostle Catholic Church, 6720 Union Mill Road, Clifton, conducts Sunday masses at 7:30 a.m., 8:45 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. It also offers a Saturday vigil at 5:30 p.m. and a Thursday Latin mass at 7 p.m. 703-817-1770 or www.st-andrew.org.

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 8304 Old Keene Mill Road,
Springfield, offers casual worship services on Saturday evenings at 5:30 p.m.
featuring contemporary music. More traditional services take place on Sunday mornings at 8:15 and 11 a.m.
Sunday School is from 9:45-10:45 a.m.
for children and adults. The church also offers discussion groups for adults. 703-451-5855 or www.poplc.org.

Kirkwood Presbyterian Church, 8336 Carrleigh Parkway in Springfield, supports a Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) program on the first and third Wednesday of each month. Meetings are 9:30-11:30 a.m. at the church. All mothers and children are welcome. The program provides mothers an opportunity to get to know other mothers through discussions and craft activities. Register. 703-451-5320.

JCCNV Mother's Circle program, for women who are not Jewish but are raising Jewish children. Free education in Jewish rituals, practices and values, while respecting the participant's choice to retain her own religious identity. Jewish Community Center of Northern Virginia, 8900 Little River Turnpike in Fairfax. Contact Laurie Albert, 703-537-3064 or LaurieA@jccnv.org.

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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.

n 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.

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, incumbent 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,

City of Fairfax Board of Elections, www.fairfaxva.gov/Registrar/GeneralRegistrar.asp.

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)

nyone 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. Teachers 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 fillin-the-bubbles answer sheet.

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

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.

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 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



Paige Britton and Christina Nagel at the final Patriot District Championship game between Woodson and Lake Braddock on May 10, where the girls were recognized along with the First Team All-District nominees.

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.

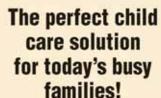
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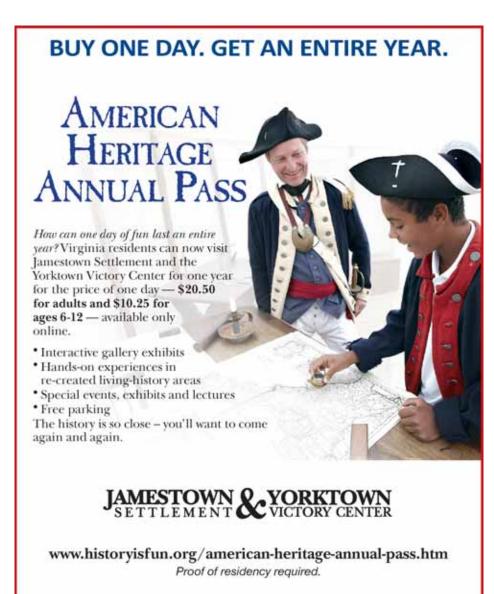
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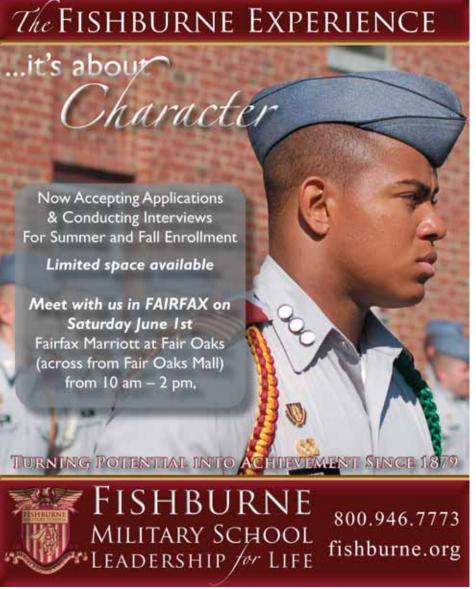


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Fairfax Symphony Orchestra Recognized for **Community Outreach**

The Fairfax Symphony Orchestra (FSO) was awarded the 2013 Community Partner of the Year for its education partnership with Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) 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 aware-



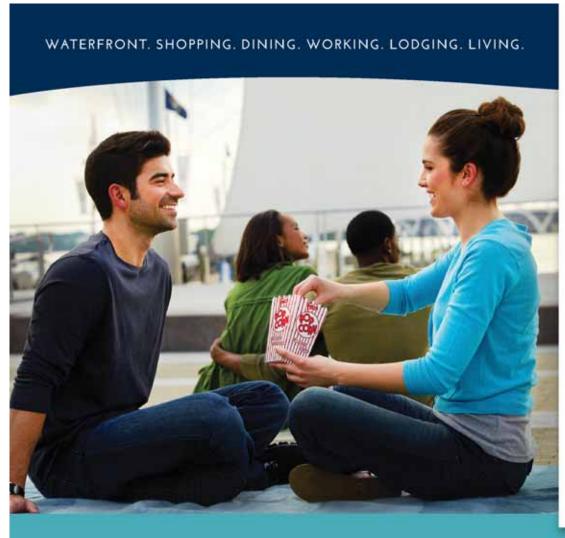
Photo courtesy of Fairfax Symphony Orchestra

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

ness. 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 inschool 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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THURSDAY/MAY 30

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www.unifiedpreventioncoalition.org.

FRIDAY/MAY 31

Fairfax Adult Softball (FAS)

Applications Due. FAS accepts applications for adult softball teams through May 31: men's, women's, coed, corporate coed, and Reston leagues are available. 703-815-9007, www.fairfaxadultsoftball.com or office@fairfaxadultsoftball.com

SATURDAY/JUNE 1

Pet Fest and Paws on Parade. 10 a.m.-4 p.m., at the South Run Park. Reservation Drive, Springfield. Part of the Springfield Days celebration, this pet event has exhibits on pet cure, nutrition, training rescue groups, and the annual Paws on Parade. www.springfielddays.com.

SUNDAY/JUNE 2

Rolling Hills Seahawks Car/Dog Wash & Bake Sale. 8 a.m.-noon,

at Rolling Hills Swim Club, 8301 Carrleigh Parkway, West Springfield. Support the Rolling Hills Seahawks and get your car sparkling clean; you can also get your pooch washed and take home some home-baked treats.

MONDAY/JUNE 3

Inova Fair Oaks Hospital Cancer

Center Ceremony. 10 a.m., at Inova Fair Oaks Hospital, 3600 Joseph Siewick Drive, Fairfax. Inova Fair Oaks Hospital is building a stateof-the-art, comprehensive cancer center (opening early 2014) to advance our existing cancer services and support the community's growing needs by bringing radiation oncology therapy to the Inova Fair Oaks Medical Campus.

SUNDAY/JUNE 16

Father's Day Celebration. 8:30 a.m., 11 a.m. at Franconia United

Methodist Church, 6037 Franconia Road, Alexandria. Celebrate Father's Day at a handicapped accessible church where assisted listening devices are provided. 703-971-5151 or admin@franconiaumc.org.

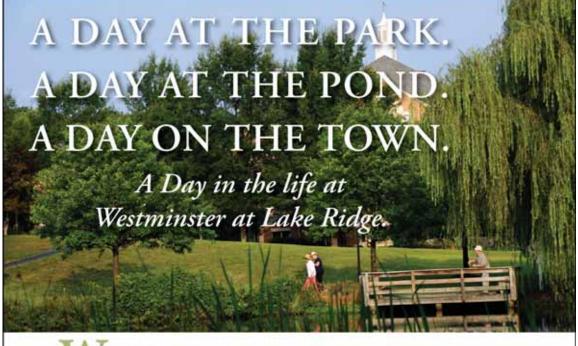
MONDAY/JULY 15-FRIDAY/JULY 19

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Bible Study. 9 a.m.-noon, at the Franconia United Methodist Church, 6037 Franconia Road, Alexandria. Children ages 3-12 join in interactive Bible storytelling, global games, international music and crafts. Register between May 12-July 8 at www.franconiaumc.org. 709-971-5151 or frankiet@cox.net.

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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 communitywide celebration returns Saturday and Sunday, June 1-2.

pringfield 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

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



COCKER KISSES

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 Days

Popular event open to all

arfest fans, it's time to start your engines. rods, customs and exotics.

The event is sponsored by Springfield's American Legion Post 176, one of the oldest, largest and

Days," said retired Lt. Col. Edward "Eddie" Amoros, historian of American Legion Post 176, who

we will expand Carfest and make it bigger each year," he said.

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 preregister 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

-Victoria Ross

Springfield

makes, models.

The pet kisses booth

is always a popular

attraction during

Springfield Days.

SATURDAY/JUNE 1

Springfield 15k/5k Race. 10 a.m.-9

PetFest. 10 a.m.-4 p.m., at South

Run Park, Reservation Drive, Springfield. Exhibitors, games,

flyball, vendors and more.

p.m. Delicious food at South Run

mos, pet parade, dog agility,

Drive, Springfield. Demos, facility

 Family FitnessFest. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at South Run Park, Reservation

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

ariety of local vintage cars. OutdoorFest. 4-8 p.m., at South

Run Park, Reservation Drive,

Springfield. Wagon rides (fee)

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Pool Party. 6:30-8:30 p.m. at South

Run Park, Reservation Drive,

Springfield. Free swimming loors before the movie. Bring

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Reservation Drive, Springfield

❖ Cardboard Boat Regatta at Lake

the spectacle of cardboard

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vehicle to enter park.

Accotink. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Witness

Outdoor movie on the big screen at

with your movie blanket and

dark at South Run Park,

SUNDAY/JUNE 2

One of the most popular attractions of Springfield Days returns this year, featuring cars in all makes and models, including antiques, muscle, classics, street

most active posts in Virginia with more than 1,200 members. "It's been 15 years since Carfest has been a part of Springfield

will be showing his classic 1969 Chevelle Malibu. "There will be lots of classic antiques and street rods! From here

During the event, there will be customized dash plaques for the

Greater Springfield Chamber of Commerce, Springfield Toyota and SunTrust Bank.



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Heredity: the traits that a disobedien child gets from the other parent. Bozzellis



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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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2013 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Saturday, June 1

Party in the Park at South Run REC Center featuring:

Entertainment stage: 10am - 8pm Delicious food: 10am - 9pm PetFest & Paws on Parade: 10am - 4pm

Family FitnessFest: 10am - 4pm

OutdoorFest: 4pm - 8pm Pool Party: 6:30pm - 8:30pm Free indoor swimming

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

Springfield 15K/5K Race:

Starts at Loisdale Road starting at 8am

Sunday, June 2

Cardboard Boat Regatta: at Lake Accotink races begin at 2pm

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News

Remembering Fallen Comrades

American Legion hosts Memorial Day ceremony.

BY MATT GILLICK
THE CONNECTION

mongst all the commotion with supporters of the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) funneling into the auditorium for the Memorial Day Remembrance Ceremony in Springfield, Gary Welch tapped the microphone letting everyone know 2:59 p.m. was approaching. 2:59 was the appropriated time when everyone was to silently honor those who served in the armed forces.

Welch is a commander at American Legion Post 176 where the event was held. Once the clock struck 2:59, the place was silent enough so that only the moaning air conditioning was heard. Once the moment of silence ended, the ceremony was underway.

Local dignitaries who came to honor the soldiers included Chairman of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors Sharon Bulova, state Delegates Dave Albo (R-42) and Vivian Watts (D-39). The crew from Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Station 22 arrived as well to pay their respects.

American Legion Commander Dave Wallace began with opening remarks about what he felt is the true meaning of Memorial Day. Wallace stated in his speech, "This day is just not about a three day weekend, it's about those who have given up their todays and tomorrows for this nation." He went on to proclaim that those who have fallen "paid the ultimate price so we can have this day." Shortly after applause, Commander Gary Welch took to the podium to introduce guest speaker



Commander Dave Wallace

Peter Thomas.

At the time when Commander Welch was going through Thomas's biography, a solemn tone captivated the packed auditorium. Every veteran, American Legion, and VFW member wearing their signature pin laden caps had a look of common solidarity. Whenever one made eye contact with another they would exchange nods or whispered greetings. A camaraderie shared by an experience only they know. One of those men was Red White.

White, 88, a member of American Legion for 65 years, is retired from the Navy and served during World War II. "Commemorating and remembering the ones who gave their lives is by far the most important for me," White said, "I had never seen action so I feel that I have to honor those who did even more." Afterward, Peter Thomas,



Peter Thomas

another veteran of World War II who served in five major campaigns in Europe, took the stage.

Thomas told the crowd about his experiences, describing the honor and horrors that came with serving. He wanted to make the point that all were indebted to the nation, "My parents were European and they said to me, 'you live in the greatest country in the world. Give back to it." He closed with a poem and was met by a standing ovation. Minutes later, at the end of the ceremony, "Taps" was played to the solemn crowd.

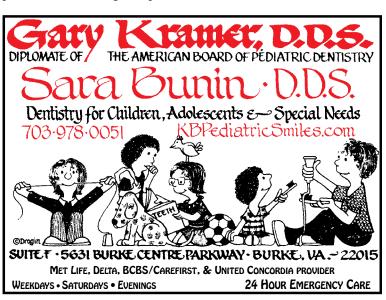
With the ceremony officially over, a barbecue meal was served where veterans and their families ate together. This displayed that this is also a celebration, as General George Patton said, "It is foolish and wrong to mourn the men who died. Rather we should thank God such men lived."



A Memorial Day ceremony in Springfield.



Veterans and their families attended the Memorial Day ceremony.



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Cory Hills returned to his Springfield elementary school, Newington Forest, to perform "The Percussive Art of Storytelling," his popular, interactive and high-energy concert.

Splat! Boom! Bang!

Springfield musician makes classical music playful and accessible to children.

By Victoria Ross The Connection

or children raised on the high-voltage soundtracks of "Halo" and other video games, a classical music concert probably sounds boring and stuffy.

But Lake Braddock alum Cory Hills—a Grammy-nominated percussionist, composer and storyteller—wants to change that perception.

With hissing cymbals, tick-tocking footsteps and Liszt-inspired tornadoes, Hills blends classical musical styles with storytelling, creating a colorful palette of sound and fanciful, playful worlds for children and adults.

Last month, Hills returned to his musical roots, Newington Forest Elementary School, where he performed "The Percussive Art of Storytelling," his popular, interactive and high-energy concert, during two performances

"I love to see kids get involved during a concert. It's absolutely hilarious; they are up and down, whooping and hollering, listening to the music and the story," Hills said.

As an educator, Hills said he thrives on "breaking down musical barriers in innovative and creative ways."

SINCE ITS INCEPTION in 2008, Hills has presented "The Percussive Art of Storytelling" more than 250 times, reaching 16,000 people throughout the United States, Mexico, Australia, and Europe.

For his work, Hills has been the recipient of numerous arts grants, including a Zakoura Family Fund Grant and a Reach Out Kansas Grant. In 2009, he was named the 2009 Emerging Artist for the Kansas Arts Commission.

He has received degrees from Northwestern University, Queensland Conservatorium www.ConnectionNewspapers.com and the University of Kansas, and was awarded a research fellowship to Institute Fabrica. Now living in Los Angeles with his wife and young daughter, Hills said "The Percussive Art of Storytelling" manifested itself one day while he was improvising.

"I found myself drawn to a circular pattern between two woodblocks, two cowbells and two plastic blocks. The pattern was reminiscent of a bicycle, always pedaling forward into the future," Hills said. "In a flurry of activity, I wrote a story called "The Lost Bicycle," composed the music and percussive storytelling was born."

"The Lost Bicycle" story centers on Mother Earth's only son, who loses the bike he receives for his sixth birthday. The story involves the boy chasing after his lost bicycle through chance encounters with a cheetah, tortoise and hippopotamus before discovering that his best friend, the dog, has found the bicycle and brought it home.

"It's a cool story with characters and events that a young audience can relate to," Hills said.

The CD is organized like a trip to the theatre, consisting of a prelude, three acts, two fun-filled intermezzos and a postlude.

After the success of his percussive concerts, Hills released "The Lost Bicycle," his debut solo CD of percussive stories, in the spring of 2010.

THE LOST BICYCLE received rave reviews from critics and concert goers, including a coveted gold medal from the NAPPA Parent's Awards, who said the mix of folktales, and original and personal stories are "snappy and satisfying. Kids and parents will want to tap, bang and strum along!"

For more information on "The Percussive Art of Storytelling," please visit www.splatboombang.com. To purchase the CD, visit www.cdbaby.com/cd/CoryHills.



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SATURDAY/JUNE 1

Cathy Fink & Marcy Marxer. 7-8 p.m., at Workhouse Arts Center, 9601 Ox Road, Lorton. Two-time Grammy Award-winners Cathy Fink & Marcy Marxer perform traditional and contemporary folk, old-time country and swing music. www.cathymarcy.com.

MONDAY/JUNE 3

Above & Beyond: First Responders Benefit Luncheon. 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., at Springfield Golf & Country Club, 8301 Old Keene Mill Road, Springfield. Emceed by award-winning journalist and ABC7/ WJLA-TV anchor Leon Harris, the Greater Springfield Chamber of Commerce will honor first responders who go above and beyond; proceeds will benefit Fairfax County Police, Fire & Rescue and Sheriff Funds and the Greater Springfield Chamber of Commerce Scholarship Fund. \$50; \$45 for first responders. 703-866-3500 or info@springfieldchamber.org.

WEDNESDAY/JUNE 5

Ska Music. 7:30 p.m., Lee District Amphitheater, 6601 Telegraph Road, Alexandria. LDACo hosts a ska music show from The Pietasters. LDACOva.org

SATURDAY/JUNE 8

Rock the Pink™ Doubles Volleyball Tournament. Occoquan Regional Park, 9751 Ox Road, Lorton. Funds

from the tournament will go to Side-Out, whose goal is to make a significant and identifiable difference in the lives of breast cancer patients and their families. side-out.org/rtp.

FARA Benefit Buffet Luncheon. 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m., at Springfield Outback Steakhouse, 6651 Backlick Road, Springfield. Friedreich's Ataxia Research Alliance benefits from an all-you-can-eat buffet fundraiser; live entertainment provided courtesy of

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The fundraising Zumbathon on June 8 at Empire will benefit 15-year-old Jocelyn Rodriguez, who suffers from a rare blood disease, Sickle Cell. The dance-fest day helps pay for the budding artist, musician and Anime-fan's bone marrow transplant coming up in July.

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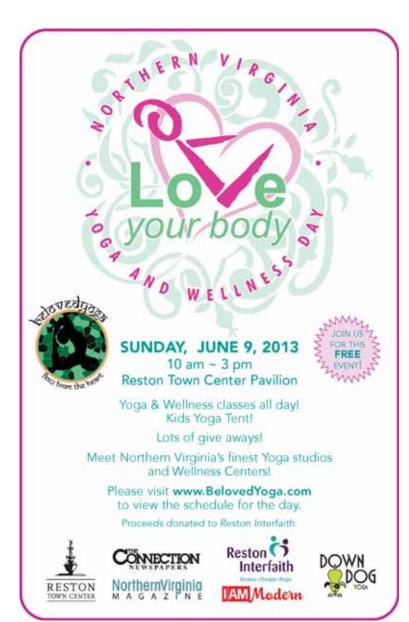


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SUNDAY/JUNE 16

The Northern Virginia NTRAK Display. 1-4 p.m, Fairfax Station Railroad Museum, 11200 Fairfax Station Road, Fairfax Station.

Members will have a display and N gauge trains running. Adults: \$5; Children: \$1. www.fairfax-station.org or 703-425-9225.

FRIDAY/JUNE 21

The 9. 7:30-8:30 p.m., at Lake Accotink Park. 7500 Accotink Park Road. Springfield. The 9 Songwriter Series is a traveling mini festival based out of the Washington, D.C. area, founded by Justin Trawick. http:// www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/ performances/.

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SUMMER FUN

From left: **Thane Tuttle** (Dutchy), Christopher **Schwartz** (O'Shaunessy), and Craig Geoffrion (Chicago) rehearse a scene from PPF's production of the Mark Twain/ **David Ives** comedy "Is He Dead?"



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Bringing to Life 'Is He Dead?'

Providence Players present recently unearthed Mark Twain comedy.

By David Siegel
The Connection

t is rare that a play written by one of America's iconic writers is found and produced a century after it was written. But the Providence Players are bringing to life "Is He Dead?" written by Mark Twain in 1898 and first published in print in 2003.

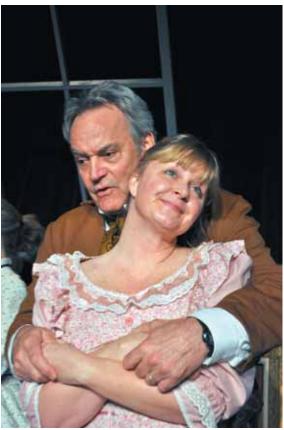
Playwright David Ives, whose works have been seen at the Shakespeare's Theatre and Studio Theater in D.C., adapted the play for contemporary audiences in 2007 and it had a Broadway run.

"Is He Dead?" is a fictionalized account of a reallife mid-19th century French painter, Jean-Francoise Millet. In the Twain play the painter struggles to be recognized; his paintings are not selling. He is penniless. What should he do? With scenes reminiscent of the Carol Burnett Show with Harvey Korman and Tim Conway in their full-out lunacy along with some Marx Brothers thrown in, an idea is hatched. The male painter will stage his own fake death. He will return dressed as a quite flamboyant woman to fool people and help his artwork climb in value.

"Is He Dead" is full of deceptions, its share of physical comedy and a good bit of cross-dressing, according to veteran director Beth Hughes-Brown. The audience is in for "the time of their lives with this modern, snappy comedy." There will be plenty of winks and nods ala Monty Python with a full-of-life 16-member cast. There is even can can.

The lead role of Jean-Francoise Millett is played by Patrick David, who has appeared in many Providence Players productions. In an interview, David was all grins and twinkling eyes as he described his multi-character roles, calling the play "a timeless, broad comedy." When asked about his favorite lines, he broke out into a huge smile thinking about just which line to mention. "There are so many great lines and physical humor that go along with them," including when he is decked-out in a full fashion statement in his feminine character.

The Providence Players even enlisted the painterly



Patrick David (Millet) and Liz Mykietyn (Marie) in the Providence Players comedy production of Mark Twain's "Is He Dead?"

Where and When

Providence Players of Fairfax present "Is He Dead?" at James Lee Community Center Theater, 2855 Annandale Road, Falls Church. Performances May 31-June 15. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday 7:30 p.m., Sunday Matinees at 2 p.m. June 2 & 9. Tickets: \$15-\$18. Call 703-425-6782 or visit: www.providenceplayers.org.

skill of local professional painter Paul Hennesy. Hennesy painted the various works shown throughout the production that are attributed to Jean-Francoise Millett.

So, get ready for some out-right outrageousness with the Providence Players. Be ready to take in some delightful silliness along the way with the sightings of some unexpected, unlikely characters including one bigger than life "peerless Goddess."

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SPORTS

Lake Braddock Baseball Returns to Region Semifinals

Bruins beat Madison, will face Marshall.

BY JON ROETMAN
THE CONNECTION

ake 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.

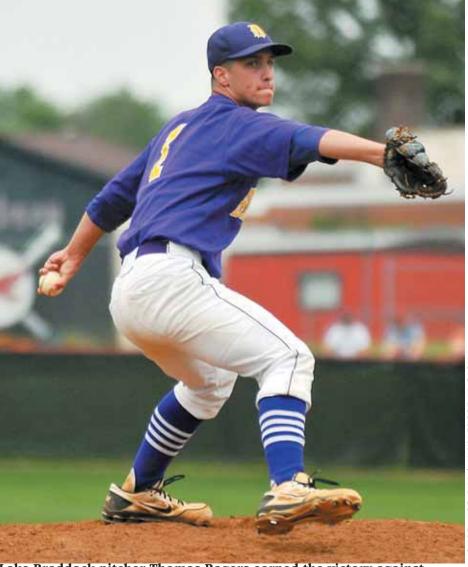
With the Bruins' season on the line Monday, Rogers was on a pitch limit of 75 as he continues working his way back from off-season surgery.

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-



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 Rutherford? 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 everybody 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 Garett 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

a 9-5 advantage.

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"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.

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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