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Braddock School Board representative Megan McLaughlin and longtime Stone Haven resident Charlie Dane chat during the neighborhood's NNO event on Tuesday, Aug. 6.



Mauro Vargas, 7, tells Officer Ron Manzo of the West Springfield Police Department that he wants to be a police officer when he grows up. Vargas met the police officer during the National Night Out ice-cream social at Ravensworth Baptist Church in Springfield on Tuesday, Aug. 6.

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George Mason University provided an information table during Middleridge's annual NNO bash, one of the largest in the county. From left, Traci Claar, director of the Office of GMU's Community and Local Government Relations, and Sarah Gallagher, assistant director in the Office of Community Relations, handed out literature on GMU to visitors throughout the evening.

Cops on the Block

Fairfax County Police join hundreds of neighbors at National Night Out events.

BY VICTORIA ROSS
THE CONNECTION

"Is that a real gun?" His eyes wide with excitement, 7-year-old Mauro Vargas ran up to Officer Ron Manzo the minute he spotted the blue uniform at Ravensworth Baptist Church in Springfield on Tuesday, Aug. 6.

"Is it heavy? Do you ever have to shoot people? Can I see it?" Vargas quickly asked Manzo.

After a short lesson on gun safety, Vargas told Manzo he wanted to be a police officer when he grew up.

"I want to fight crime and keep people safe," he said.

"Talking to this little boy about being a police officer was a great way to start the night off. It's what this night is all about," Manzo said.

Manzo, a Fairfax County police officer based in the West Springfield Police district, was at the church for an ice-cream social to celebrate National Night Out (NNO), an event designed to strengthen community connections within neighborhoods and to heighten awareness of crime prevention issues. Along with Supervisor John Cook (R-Braddock) and Fairfax County School Board member Megan McLaughlin, Manzo attended 10 neighborhood NNO events Tuesday night.

HE WAS ONE OF HUNDREDS of Fairfax County police officers, firefighters and other first responders who joined communities across the county in recognition of the 30th annual National Night Out. Sponsored by the National Association of Town

Watch and Target Corporation, crime prevention officers in Fairfax County have worked to help coordinate local events all year long.

While the threat of rain kept the crowd count down, residents still enjoyed dozens of pool parties, picnics, parades, concerts and carnivals across Fairfax County.

"This is what makes our neighborhoods great places to live, people coming together to celebrate National Night Out," Cook said to residents at several NNO events. "We are lucky to have really active neighborhood watch programs throughout Fairfax County."

Captain Joe Hill of the West Springfield Police Department said when neighbors notice and report suspicious activity, it immediately helps keep criminal activity low. "Good neighbors are the best defense against crime in a community," Hill said.

Hill attended several events with Supervisor Pat Herrity (R-Springfield), who ended the evening at the Colchester Road Neighborhood Watch event.

"These events are a great way to meet your neighbors and keep your neighborhood safe," Herrity said.

Fairfax's Middleridge neighborhood hosts one of the largest and most elaborate NNO events in the county, with carnival rides, a band and information kiosks provided by various organizations throughout the county. Delegate David Bulova (D-37) and his wife, Gretchen, started the Middleridge party 17 years ago.

Joe Lucero, who attended the event with his wife, Kelly, and two young daughters, said Middleridge was a strong family neighborhood. "People look out for one another. This is one of our favorite events," Lucero said.

FAIRFAX has more than 600 neighborhood watches throughout the county, with the longest sustained Neighborhood Watch program in the nation. Learn more about National Night Out at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/police/nno/> or by contacting the crime prevention officer at your local district station.



Gigi Lucero (left) and her big sister Cecilia, 4 (right), got tattoos during Middleridge's National Night Out celebration on Tuesday, Aug. 6. Dad Joe Lucero (far right) and mom Kelly (holding Cecilia) said the annual NNO event is one of the highlights of the neighborhood.

Meet New County Police Chief

Lt. Col. Edwin C. Roessler Jr. has served in every rank as he's moved up the ladder.

BY BONNIE HOBBS
THE CONNECTION

Effective Tuesday morning Aug. 6, a Centreville resident, Lt. Col. Edwin C. Roessler Jr., became Fairfax County's new chief of police. He was appointed July 30 by the county Board of Supervisors.

The position became vacant in October 2012, when former Chief Dave Rohrer was promoted to deputy county executive for public safety. Roessler has served as acting police chief since March 23, and his new job culminates a law-enforcement career spanning 24 years.

"It's a noble profession, I enjoy it and I look forward to being able to serve the men and women of the police department and the community," he said. "And what's really exciting is that I'm a member of the community, and it's an honor to serve my neighbors."

Originally from Brooklyn, N.Y., Roessler, 49, actually comes from a family of New York City firefighters. But a few uncles were police officers and, in high school, he decided to study criminal justice and go into law enforcement.

Then, after a stint with the New York City Department of Investigation, he and his wife moved to Virginia for a better lifestyle. While in college, Roessler did an internship at American University and got a taste of Fairfax County. And earlier, two cousins had moved here—one joining the police department and, the other, the fire department.

So he came to the county, too, and became a patrol officer. "Route 28 was one lane each way then, and there were three farms here when we first moved to Centreville, over 24 years ago," said Roessler.

HE AND HIS WIFE, a small-business owner, have three children. Their oldest daughter is in college, their youngest daughter is a high school senior and their son is starting middle school.

Over the years, Roessler's held several high-level, management positions. But as far as he's concerned, the highlight of his career was being a patrol officer.

"It's the satisfaction of helping someone in crisis or just lending them a hand when they need it," he explained. "Sometimes, you're doing something that changes their life. Patrol officers are given



Lt. Col. Edwin C. Roessler Jr.

the latitude, discretion and trust to help the community, and that's what drew me to the job."

But throughout every assignment, said Roessler, "It's a police family; the people I work with, we're a team. And in every county agency, I've had great mentors that allowed me to grow. It's a leadership style of always being willing to help each other out."

"You entrust your life to others so you can get home at the end of the day," he continued. "It's also about the working relationships you form. And what a terrific community this is—the support we get is a thrill." He said the residents and the county leadership are the police department's partners in making Fairfax County a safe place to live, work and play.

Roessler chose the supervision-and-command career path, within the department, and competed for each advancement, including deputy chief. However, he became acting chief based on his seniority. He then applied for the top job, and the supervisors and county executive conducted a national search over some six months.

Tuesday morning at 9:30 a.m., Roessler officially became chief, and he couldn't have been happier. "Being the chief, I feel like a cop on the street again. Being able to serve others, I feel content. This is a calling, and I'm just proud to be part of a great organization and county. The support from the community—and having terrific staff and volunteers—makes it fun."

As a longtime member of the department's senior management team, Roessler said "several great leaders have allowed us to develop innovative ideas to make us a Cadillac, cutting edge, law en-



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Enjoying National Night Out in Sully Station II in August 2011 are (front row, from left) Jesse and Rose Plowchin, Lt. John Trace and Capt. Purvis Dawson of the Sully District Station, Kim Hines, Laura Elder and then Deputy Chief of Patrol E.C. Roessler; and (back row, from left) Paul Fraraccio and Eugene Larty of West Centreville Fire Station 38.

Roessler's Resume With FCPD

Before Lt. Col. Edwin Roessler became acting and then full-fledged chief of police for Fairfax County, he served in every rank as he's moved up the ladder. Since 2010, he was deputy chief of patrol managing Animal Services, plus crime-fighting efforts across eight district stations.

Roessler also organized police emergency responses to a variety of natural disasters and tactical operational events. He deployed personnel to President Barack Obama's inauguration in January and managed patrol assets committed to solving several, multijurisdictional crimes. And he directed the Police Department's strategic-planning initiatives.

He received his undergraduate degree from Arizona State University and his graduate degree from George Washington University. He also graduated from a variety of professional-development-and-leadership programs.

forcement agency. It's high performance and fine tuned."

HIS VISION now is for the police to "continue ethical leadership with an engaged community so we can continue to build upon our ability to fight crime, enhance our culture of safety and keep pace with urbanization." He said the culture of safety includes developing safety protocols regarding how the police interact with the community.

As for urbanization, Roessler tied it to the 11 new police positions the supervisors approved as of July. Two will be animal control officers and nine will be the foundation of a new police station in Tysons Corner. Others will be needed in connection with county growth related to projects such as the Silver Line, rail to Dulles, the Springfield Mall redevelopment and the revitalization of Route 1,

South County and the Reston Town Center.

"So it'll take a new style of policing," he said. "For example, officers will go up a 30-story building or navigate a city-style environment in pairs." And when large crowds flock to places such as Fairfax Corner on the weekends, said Roessler, "We need to pay attention to make sure we have adequate staffing to meet future needs. All this will happen over decades, but we need to start planning now."

"We'll make five-year strategic plans, including staffing, budgets and program objectives, and tweak them," he said. In the current economy, said Roessler, "We're looking at where we can alter our business model, without sacrificing safety, to economize where we can. But as the economy improves, we'll be able to do more."

Looking back on his distinguished career, what he's proudest of is be-

As a senior commander, Roessler headed the Internal Affairs Bureau and the Criminal Justice Academy. He managed the department's budget and human resources and led a Patrol Bureau division overseeing the Crime Analysis Unit and the construction of the Sully District Station.

He also spearheaded efforts creating the Incident Support Services program serving department members and their families. And he both supervised and commanded the Civil Disturbance Unit. In addition, Roessler volunteered for assignments that would help increase and improve police services to the community.

He's currently a senior advisor to the International Association of Chiefs of Police for its international, police-education-and-training program. As Fairfax County's chief of police, his annual salary will be \$188,410.

— BONNIE HOBBS

ing a patrol officer. "And it's important for me to remember that," he added. "They're what the community sees every day; they're the first responders to 911 calls. They're the face of the Fairfax County Police Department and they're what makes our reputation."

Now leading 1,360 sworn officers, 352 non-sworn officers, plus a core of volunteers, Roessler takes his new position seriously. He said the toughest part of his job will be meeting the challenge of looking out for the employees' safety and welfare, including their pay and benefits, within budget constraints.

What will give him the greatest satisfaction, he said, is "being able to serve my fellow employees, volunteers and the community as a leader. I love Fairfax County. The motto is 'A great place to live, work, play and grow old,' and I'm living all that."



BONNIE HOBBS/THE CONNECTION

Linda T. Cooper of Burke created this quilt meant to express joy.

Quilt Show Displays 'Sacred Threads'

Some 231 handmade quilts exploring themes of spirituality, joy, inspiration, peace/brotherhood, grief and healing were displayed during the biennial Sacred Threads exhibition, July 10-28, at Floris United Methodist Church in Oak Hill. Linda T. Cooper of Burke had one quilt in the show.



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OPINION

Issues That Matter

Mental health services discussion gives insight into real differences between candidates.

It came as somewhat of a relief to have the candidates for governor in Virginia, Ken Cuccinelli (R) and Terry McAuliffe (D), discuss an actual issue that matters to many Virginia families this week at a forum on mental health issues.

While press coverage of Cuccinelli and McAuliffe might lead one to believe that they are two similar, ethically challenged candidates, in fact they differ dramatically in their views about key issues affecting Virginia.

Money is critical to providing appropriate mental health services. So is access to health insurance that covers treatment for mental illness.

Virginia has an opportunity to expand health care for poor residents, with the bill paid by the federal government. Virginians are already paying the taxes that fund the expansion of Medicaid in other states. This would provide coverage for individuals with income up to \$14,856 or \$30,656 for a family of four.

Cuccinelli opposes expanding Medicaid; McAuliffe supports it.

Virginia stands to lose more than \$9.2 billion in federal funds over the first five years if it opts out of Medicaid expansion to individu-

als and families with incomes up to 133 percent of the poverty level.

It's a travesty that legislators engaged in partisan grandstanding could get to decide that as many as 400,000 Virginians would not get access to health coverage.

About 13 percent of Northern Virginia residents do not have health insurance. Fairfax County government, which supports the expansion, says it would provide coverage for 25,000 to 30,000 Fairfax County residents.

Beyond Gifts And Disclosure

It's unlikely that there will be a special session of the General Assembly to address "holes" in Virginia's disclosure laws. No doubt some changes to rules on gifts to candidates and officials and their families will emerge from the next session of the Virginia General Assembly, which begins in January.

Virginia is one of only a few states with no limits on campaign contributions and little oversight on campaign spending, setting the stage for abuses beyond gifts, shopping sprees,

etc. Reform should move beyond gifts and into genuine campaign finance reform.

Share Wisdom, Second Request

Our Insider's Edition Newcomers and Community Guides, will publish the last week of August. Thank you to the many people who have sent in contributions for publication. We are still seeking more input.

What tips do you have for someone getting to know your community? Do you have a favorite park? What sites in your community do you take visitors to see? We're hoping to share the places, activities, events, organizations and volunteer opportunities your neighbors might not know about.

Faith organizations, nonprofit organizations, clubs, environmental groups, advocacy groups, youth sports teams and others who offer events open to the public are invited to send a paragraph about the organization and how to get involved.

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A Life-changing Experience in Ghana

BY SHANNON WILKINSON
VIRGINIA TECH CLASS OF 2014

I recently got back from the most life-changing experience of my short 21 years. Yendi, Ghana is a beautiful place on the West Coast of Africa that is so completely different from our delightful home in Springfield. As I traveled out of the United States for the first time in my life, I had no idea what to expect. I knew I was going to bring them the gift of mosquito nets, but I was not expecting the gift I was about to receive.

On our team of eight people, I was charged with being the "malaria expert." Malaria is a vector-borne disease that runs rampant in West Africa, and takes the lives of young children quite often in the wet and warm climate of Ghana. I pondered the ways I was going to educate the villagers about the disease and the easiest way I could get across my message. Going in with the mindset of expert was probably not my best plan.

All the villages we went to were in extreme poverty. Most didn't have enough clothes, and some villages hadn't seen a vehicle in over 50 years. But all of the Gha-



Justin Pierson, Sarah Robbins, Shannon Wilkinson, Rachel Haynes, Missy Foor, Amanda Lewis. ("We rode in the back of this pickup truck everyday ... and that's why we were all so dirty.")



Shannon Wilkinson, walking through the village with some of the little children to hand out the nets and the instructions on how to use them.

naians we met are remarkably self-sufficient. They did not have much, but they had plenty. So the thought of me going to teach them how to live better was hilarious as soon as I got there. We literally got laughed at for being white and speaking English the whole time we were there. They appreciated the nets, because they already understand that mosquitoes bring the disease, and they shared their life with us.

Life there is so relaxed. They work very hard, mostly as farmers, but they give everything they have. While I was there, people offered me their own food, they invited me into their homes, and they danced and smiled with me. I even got a live chicken as a gift for stopping to visit. I still have no idea why they were so excited to have a random white girl who didn't speak their language come visit but they were always ecstatic to invite us in.

The one phrase that all the English speakers there used that will never leave me is this. "You are welcome." That is the greeting that everyone uses there. It's as if you are already part of the family, and they understand your unspoken thank you.

Akwaaba. You are welcome.

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Friends of the Burke Centre Library to Sponsor The Jubilee

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The Friends of Burke Centre Library take part in daily book sales as well as several larger book sales throughout the year to raise money, which they donate to the foundation and their respective library. Including the recent Signature Guardian sponsor pledge, the Friends of Burke Centre Library will have donated over \$54,000 since their first gift in 2004.

Citizens Fire & Rescue Academy

The Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department is giving residents a chance to learn what firefighters and paramedics do every day. They may apply to attend the Citizens Fire & Rescue Academy. Applications will be accepted until Aug. 23 or until the class of 25 is filled.

The free classes will begin Sept. 19 and run nine consecutive weeks, from 6-9 p.m., at various locations in and outside the department. Each session will cover different aspects of the organization. Topics include fire suppression, emergency medical services, training, recruitment and special operations. Attendees must be at least 18; sign up at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/fr/cfa.

Beware: Prepaid Money Cards Scam

Fairfax County police are investigating a scam in which a local couple was bilked out of thousands of dollars by an unknown suspect claiming to be affiliated with the Internal Revenue Service. The caller also claimed to be holding a family member in exchange for numbers associated with prepaid money cards in the victim's possession.

The victim relinquished information from the cards and the money was gone. But no family member had actually been held against his will. So police are warning residents to beware so they don't fall prey to this kind of scheme.

Generally, say police, "If anyone except a legitimate business asks for your card numbers, it could be a scam. Avoid using money card numbers if someone contacts you regarding prize winnings or sweepstakes, and do not use card numbers to purchase something from a classified advertisement."

Furthermore, they warn, "Do not give your card numbers to another person, unless you're absolutely certain of their credibility. In most cases, the money lost from this type of scam is not insured; so when it's gone, it's gone."

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WELLBEING

If You Are What You Eat, Eat Well

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL
THE CONNECTION

When Teri Cochrane's son was 18 months old, he was diagnosed with asthma and placed on a variety of medications, including steroids. Less than two years later, doctors warned the Reston mother that he would have frequent seizures, would never have a normal childhood and would never grow taller than 5 feet 4 inches. When Cochrane's daughter was born three years later, she also suffered from health problems, including chronic, severe abdominal pain.

"I went to great doctors in the area, but there wasn't an effort to find out why they were sick," said Cochrane. "It was always, 'Give them this medicine.'"

Cochrane was unwilling to accept constant medication without knowing the root cause of her children's illnesses, however. Making it her life's mission to find healing alternatives, she began doing her own research to find nutritional solutions.

"We found a pediatrician who was familiar with alternative medicine and we started our son on his healing path," said Cochrane. "The doctor said 'Don't eat this,' but he didn't tell me what we could eat. It took a lot of effort and a lot of tears to determine how to feed my family in a different way. Fifteen years ago, the term gluten-free wasn't on anyone's radar."

Cochrane left her corporate career after 20 years and returned to school to study nutrition, herbology and holistic methods of healing. She started her own nutrition and wellness practice called Healing Paths, Nutrition and Wellness Counseling, and has written a book called "Restorative Recipes: A Mindful Path to the Essential You."

HER CLIENTS RANGE from infants to adults. Cochrane's approach is tailored for each individual, focusing on specific health concerns and how they can be addressed through improved nutrition and natural supplements. She



Teri Cochrane

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addresses ailments including allergies, hormonal imbalances, headaches, gastrointestinal upsets, menopausal symptoms, cancer and depression.

"Our counseling includes plans for insulin insensitivity, irritable bowel syndrome, high blood pressure, high cholesterol, cardiovascular disease, ADHD (attention deficit hyperactivity disorder) and other chronic and autoimmune conditions," said Cochrane.

"Food is our medicine," she continued. "But we've lost sight of our food. If you're eating fast food or food out of a package, you're not eating real food."

Nurse Practitioner Laura Evan, who holds a doctorate in nursing

practice and is an assistant professor in the Nurse Practitioner Program at the George Mason University School of Nursing in Fairfax, agrees that eliminating processed foods can improve health.

"Avoid trans fats," she said. "These are modified fats found in processed foods. Avoid salt. It's a flavor enhancer [and] encourages the body to hold on to water and can increase [blood pressure] in certain patients."

Cochrane approaches each client as an individual. "Each person has their own signature biochemistry, and that tells me what they need for their body," said Cochrane. "You have to eliminate certain foods and then reintroduce them after wait-

ing a period of time between each introduction."

She also offers meal plans and provides cooking and shopping guidelines for balanced nutrition that will meet individual health needs. She even takes clients on grocery store tours to demystify the new shopping process.

ALEXANDRIA RESIDENT Tamara Kieffer is one Cochrane's patients. "I have had migraines for many years ... and wanted to get off some of the medication and explore a homeopathic approach," she said. "It is a process and it gets frustrating because you want results right away. I got off gluten and cut out nitrates and nitrites, which meant giving up processed deli meat and hotdogs."

Once she began to see improvements in her health, Kieffer became motivated. "It is hard to cut things out of your diet, especially sugar, which was the last thing to go, but as soon as I did, my brain fog cleared and I felt so much better." She says honey and dates work well as sweeteners.

Kieffer stresses that changing her diet was a long and difficult process, but says the pay-off was well worth the sacrifice. "My migraines are much improved. I am not off my meds entirely, but I was able to reduce them and now they work 90 percent of the time. Before it was much less."

Chronic abdominal issues have plagued Judy Clayton, of Arlington, for most of her life. "From constipation to endometriosis and internal scarring from multiple surgeries, I've had chronic pain [since childhood]," she said, adding that she also suffered from high blood pressure.

"When Teri tested me, it showed that I was dairy lactose intolerant, and was allergic to mold, like those found in mushrooms and peanut butter," Clayton said.

Clayton, who is 66, thought making the recommended dietary changes would be difficult, but she was wrong.

Her new diet includes a myriad of foods like beef, chicken, goat milk products and grain-like foods such as quinoa. "I thought I was



PHOTO BY KIRSTEN ROSE PHOTOGRAPHY

Madeleine, Teri, Doug and William Cochrane. When Teri Cochrane's children were young, doctors told her their illnesses would prevent them from having normal childhoods. She credits improved nutrition with their health and well-being, an issue she discusses in her book, "Restorative Recipes: A Mindful Path to the Essential You."

going to miss bread and potato chips, but I don't," she said. "I think that my body is getting more nutrients so I don't crave the foods I used to eat. I've also lost 18 pounds and feel like a whole new person."

WHILE COCHRANE IS PROUD to have turned her personal research into a source to help others, she is especially proud of the health and well-being of her two

children. Today, her 15-year-old daughter Madeleine is a ballet dancer in an elite professional program. Her son William is 19 years old and is 5-feet-11-inches tall. He is attending the University of Virginia on a full scholarship.

"He is fit and no longer on medication," said Cochrane. "He was prom king, on the varsity swim team and a junior Olympic champion in karate."



Swimmers (front to back) Natalie Powell, Ryan Powell, Ian Schmitt, Faith Richardson, Molly Murphy, and Tyler and Parker Brown.

Fighting Cancer With Swim-a-thon

The South Run neighborhood pool fifth annual Swim-a-thon raised over \$1,895 and counting for INOVA's Life With Cancer organization Sunday, July 14. Neighbors from Burke, Fairfax Station and the South Run neighborhood swam a combined total of 677 laps, amounting to 16,925 meters swam in the pool.

Those who swam and those who didn't both donated, and friends and event organizers Michael Murphy, Nick Porter, Danny Murphy, Ryan Kelly and Jordan Krug are still in the

donation collection process.

The sum of \$1,895 and counting will go to combat cancer through Life With Cancer, an INOVA organization that helps families of cancer patients throughout the treatment and recovery process.

The friends started the event because, as Danny Murphy wrote in an email to the Connection, "our greater neighborhood community has been heavily affected by cancer. ... The purpose of this event is to raise awareness and money."



Swim-a-thon Chairmen/Organizers (left to right) Michael Murphy, Nick Porter, Danny Murphy, Ryan Kelly and Jordan Krug (not pictured).

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THURSDAY/AUG. 8

The Simon & Garfunkel Songbook. 5-6:30 p.m., Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax. Since 1972, Rex Fowler and Neal Shulman have spent a lifetime making music together as the folk/rock duo Aztec Two-Step. www.aztectwostep.com.

FRIDAY/AUG. 9

American Idol LIVE! 2013 Tour. 7:30 p.m., George Mason Patriot Center, 4400 University Dr, Fairfax. A showcase of American Idol's past-season finalists comes to the local Patriot Center.

THURSDAY/AUG. 15

Ryan Montbleau Band. 5-6:30 p.m., Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax. In their 10-year career, this band has built their catalog by introducing new songs to their live set, before committing to a definitive version. www.ryanmontbleauband.com.

FRIDAY/AUG. 16

IONA. 7:30-8:30 p.m., at Royal Lake Park, 5344 Gainsborough Drive, Fairfax. IONA's trademark is a high-

energy, pan-Celtic weave of the traditional music of Scotland, Ireland, Wales, Cornwall (England), Brittany (France), the Isle of Man and Galicia (Spain), featuring fiddle, vocals, flute, guitar and percussion. www.ionamusic.com.

SATURDAY/AUG. 17

DC Fest With Newsboys. 3 p.m., George Mason Patriot Center, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. A range of performers take the local stage in this Christian musical festival.

SUNDAY/AUG. 18

27th Annual Pakistan Independence Day Festival USA. Noon., at 7700 Bull Run Drive, Centreville. The Pakistan Independence Day Festival includes musical performances, rides and games. <http://www.pakistanfestivalusa.com/>.

THURSDAY/AUG. 22

Natty Beaux. 5-6:30 p.m., at Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax. Natty Beaux is a new combo featuring musicians from Billy Coulter Band, The Junkyard Saints, Alexandria Klezmer and Western Bop. www.nattybeaux.com/about.html.

FRIDAY/AUG. 23

Inaugural Golf Tournament. 2 p.m., Fort Belvoir Golf Club, 2920, 8450 Beulah St., Alexandria. Prizes include a chance to win \$5,000 for a hole in one, year-long BMW lease and several door prizes. 703-470-2137 or www.fairfaxnaacp.org.
Shenandoah Run. 7:30-8:30 p.m., at

Royal Lake Park, 5344 Gainsborough Drive, Fairfax. Shenandoah Run invites you to share in the songs and sounds of American folk music, from the 1960s to today. www.shenandoahrun.com.

THURSDAY/AUG. 29

Elikeh. 5-6:30 p.m., at Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax. Elikeh mixes Afro-beat with traditional Togolese polyrhythms to produce captivating tunes that are as listenable as they are danceable. www.elikeh.com.

FRIDAY/AUG. 30

Bruce Molsky and The Jumpsteady Boys. 7:30-8:30 p.m., at Royal Lake Park, 5344 Gainsborough Drive, Fairfax. Bruce Molsky performs Appalachian folk music on the fiddle, guitar and banjo. www.brucemolsky.com.

SUNDAY/SEPT. 15

Jeffrey Siegel's "Gershwin and Friends." 7 p.m., George Mason University Center for the Arts, 4400 University Drive, MS 2F5, Fairfax. Steinway Piano Gallery of Washington, D.C. sponsors the acclaimed pianist's performance of American music. \$19-\$38, Mason ID permits 1 free ticket. cfa.gmu.edu and HyltonCenter.org.

THURSDAY-SATURDAY/SEPT. 26-28

Friends of the Burke Centre Library Fall Used Book Sale. 1-9 p.m., Sept. 26; 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Sept. 27; 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sept. 28 at Burke Centre Library, 5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke. A variety of books will be sold at discounted prices. 703-249-1520.

SUNDAY/NOV. 10

Jeffrey Siegel's "The Glory of Beethoven." 7 p.m., George Mason University Center for the Arts, 4400 University Drive, MS 2F5, Fairfax. The acclaimed pianist performs Beethoven's compositions as part of his Keyboard Conversations series. \$19-\$38, Mason ID permits 1 free ticket on Oct. 29. cfa.gmu.edu.

SATURDAY/FEB. 22

Jeffrey Siegel, "The Power and Passion of Beethoven." 8 p.m., Hylton Performing Arts Center, 10960 George Mason Circle, Manassas. The acclaimed pianist performs Beethoven's "Rage Over a Lost Penny," "Sonata Pathétique," and "Farewell Sonata" as part of his Keyboard Conversation series. \$20-\$38, Mason ID permits 1 free ticket on Feb. 11, 2014. HyltonCenter.org.

SUNDAY/MARCH 30

Jeffrey Siegel, "The Romantic Music of Chopin." 7 p.m., George Mason University Center for the Arts, 4400 University Drive, MS 2F5, Fairfax. The acclaimed pianist performs Chopin's compositions as part of his Keyboard Conversations series. \$19-38, Mason ID permits 1 free ticket on March 18, 2014. cfa.gmu.edu.

SUNDAY/APRIL 27

Jeffrey Siegel, "Mistresses and Masterpieces." 7 p.m., George Mason University Center for the Arts, 4400 University Drive, MS 2F5, Fairfax. The acclaimed pianist performs music inspired by composers' major love interests. \$19-\$38, Mason ID permits 1 free ticket on April 15, 2014. cfa.gmu.edu.

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Brotemarkle Named Principal of Terra Centre

As a relationship-builder, he plans to be visible to students and staff.

BY STEVE HIBBARD
THE CONNECTION

After 17 years in education, Greg Brotemarkle, 40, was named the new principal of Terra Centre Elementary in Burke on July 1.

"Being here at Terra Centre is a dream come true in a sense because I have the opportunity to serve the community that I've always considered my hometown," said the former health and P.E. teacher.

Born in Philadelphia, he grew up in Burke and graduated from Lake Braddock Secondary where he later returned as a health and P.E. teacher. His P.E. background taught him to be flexible and work collaboratively with his entire staff, he said.

"My primary goal is to establish strong relationships with both the staff and the community," he said. "And that means establishing open communication and really taking the time to learn from the Terra Centre staff."

The school's demographics are: 19 percent Hispanic, 59 percent white, 8 percent Asian, 5 percent black, and 5 percent other. About 90 percent of the students are in the general education program; 21 percent require special ed services, and 13 percent are on free or reduced lunches. It offers FLES, foreign language instruction where every student in grades first through sixth takes Spanish for one hour per week. There's also a preschool program for ages 2-5.

BUILT IN 1980, Terra Centre is in the midst of a \$15.3 million renovation to its "open plan" classrooms without permanent doors or walls—a novel idea in the 1970s. It is getting a new library and renovated classrooms with some new classrooms added.

"Hopefully, it's my job to make sure [the renovation] has minimal impact on the instructional program of the school," said Brotemarkle.

Dr. Mahri Aste, Ph.D., principal of Mosby Woods, worked with Brotemarkle for four years when he was assistant principal. "He's a very collaborative leader and he's a great listener. He always seeks input from staff and parents when he makes decisions," she said. "I think he'll be a great progressive leader for Terra Centre."

As a relationship-builder, he plans to be visible in the hallways and cafeteria, and out front in the morning greeting students as they get off the buses. "And really spending my day interacting with students and teachers," he said.

To that end, Jill Stewart, assistant principal at Mosby Woods, added: "He's always interested in the best interest of students, and leads forward with



Greg Brotemarkle is the new principal of Terra Centre Elementary School in Burke.

thinking and listening, and then responding with a quiet strength."

Jeff Lonnett, former art teacher at Mosby Woods, added: "He is the most fair and even-tempered person I've ever met in my life. His words are chosen very well. He never does anything without thinking about it first."

Brotemarkle is proud of the partnership with The Kennedy Center's CETA program, where teachers receive instruction in arts integration. "It allows our teachers to learn through a variety of modes, and really lends itself well to 21st century skills of creativity and critical thinking," he added.

THE SCHOOL'S DISCOVERY GARDEN has students planting and harvesting crops themselves. Last year, they grew wheat and made their own bread. "It's an outstanding

opportunity for our students to engage in hands-on learning," he said. "It gives us the opportunity to reinforce many of the science objectives at all grade levels."

Brotemarkle graduated from GMU with a bachelor's in health and P.E. as well as a master's in education leadership. He began his career in 1996 as health and P.E. teacher at Centreville Elementary, and transferred to Sangster Elementary in Springfield. From there, he became assistant principal of Armstrong Elementary in Reston, and then Marshall Road in Vienna. He went back to Centreville where he was assistant principal. He transferred to his alma mater, Lake Braddock Secondary and taught health and P.E., and then to Mosby Woods to be assistant principal for four years.

Greg is married to wife Carrie, a reading specialist in Fairfax County schools. The couple has two sons: Joseph, 8, and Timothy, 4. They reside in Oak Hill.

STEVE HIBBARD/THE CONNECTION



Millie Singh, owner of Tangles Hair Salon and Spa and a hair and makeup artist, created a 1960s beehive updo in honor of upcoming National Honey Bee Day, Aug. 17. Model Kathryn Farenish wears the style to be provided free for those who visit the salon from noon-3 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 17. Nail treatments and makeup will also be available.

Tangles Salon Raises Honey Bee Awareness With Style

Tangles Hair Salon and Spa of Burke designed a unique beehive hairstyle in honor of upcoming National Honey Bee Day, Aug. 17. The salon plans to host a free, "bee-audy" event to raise awareness about the honey bee crisis.

Complimentary beauty treatments will include beehive updos, bright yellow eye makeup, relaxing paraffin wax treatments, and sunny yellow minimanicures. These complimentary services will be available from noon to 3 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 17.

Millie Singh, owner of the salon and a hair and makeup art-

ist, first decided she wanted to help the bees after learning that one-third of managed honey bee colonies have disappeared due to colony collapse disorder. With bees pollinating more than one-third of everything we eat, Singh believes it is important for people to support honey bee research. She came up with the idea to create a beehive updo that resembled an actual beehive. She asked Kathryn Farenish to be the model.

The free event is at Tangles, 6030 Burke Commons Road from noon to 3 p.m. More details are at www.facebook.com/tangleshairsalonandspa.

BUSINESS NOTES

Send notes to the Connection at south@connectionnewspapers.com or call 703-778-9416. Deadline is Friday. Dated announcements should be submitted at least two weeks prior to the event.

Gordon Zophy, of Burke, is in The Emeritus program at Delcan, a technology firm that provides infrastructure solutions. The Emeritus program allows members to work with their colleagues to provide additional methods for implementing the corporate succession plan and increase mentorship in order to ensure that specialized knowledge and expertise is passed on to the next generation of professionals at the company. Zophy is an alumnus of West Point, has more than 30 years of professional experience, and has primarily focused on projects to support and enhance the operations of State Departments of Transportation. www.delcan.com or @DelcanCorp.

Miller/Wenhold Capitol Strategies, a government affairs firm and Mosaic Communications, a full-service public relations agency, partner to expand their service offerings to include government affairs and lobbying services at the federal and state levels for new and existing clients.

Alex and Ani, Mosaic, 2910 District Ave., Fairfax, opened on Friday, June 14. The Rhode Island-based lifestyle brand sells eco-friendly clothing and apparel from 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Monday through Saturday and noon to 6 p.m. on Sunday. www.alexandani.com.

Joey Radcliffe, a Virginia Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control special agent in the Alexandria office has sworn as a certified police officer to oversee more than 16,000 establishments licensed to sell alcohol.

SPORTS

South County Grad Hampton to Play Basketball for CNU

The South County boys' basketball team ended the 2012-13 regular season with a 7-15 record and entered the Patriot District tournament as the No. 7 seed.

Despite having lost 11 of their last 13 games, the Stallions turned things around in the postseason, starting with an upset of No. 2-seed West Potomac in the district quarterfinals, which earned South County a berth in the regional tournament. The Stallions would reach the district championship game, where they lost to Lake Braddock. In the region tournament, South County defeated Mount Vernon and Chantilly before ending its season with a loss to eventual champion Woodson in the semifinals.

Leading the way for South County was 2013 graduate Justin Hampton, who ended his career as the program's all-time leading scorer. The 6-foot-5 Hampton was a threat to score anywhere on the court. He showed his perimeter touch during a Pohanka Classic contest, when he buried eight 3-pointers.

Hampton will continue his basketball career at Christopher Newport University.

❖ Connection: What made

Christopher Newport the right fit for you?

Hampton: I felt it had the best combination of athletics and academics for me.

❖ Connection: What will you study?

Hampton: I'm on track to major in business management and minor in computer science.

❖ Connection: What position will you play?

Hampton: I'm going to play their wing position, so like 2/3.

❖ Connection: What is your favorite memory of playing basketball at South County?

Hampton: Probably the home playoff game against Chantilly. I had as many points as they did at half time. I felt like I was on top of the world after that one.

❖ Connection: What is your career high for points in a game?

Hampton: I had 39 against TC.

❖ Connection: How many years were you on varsity?

Hampton: Just for two years.

❖ Connection: As a shooter/scorer, how would you describe your mentality on the court?

Hampton: Attack. I try to take advantage of every scoring opportunity possible.

❖ Connection: If you could go back and change one thing about



Justin Hampton (1), a 2013 South County High School graduate, will play basketball for Christopher Newport University.

your high school athletic career, what would it be?

Hampton: I would get serious earlier. I didn't really start working out on my own until the summer before my junior year.

❖ Connection: At what age did you start playing basketball? When did you realize playing college basketball was a possibility for you?

Hampton: When I was like 5,

probably. After my sophomore year when a lot of my friends started getting looks.

❖ Connection: Are you getting a scholarship? If so, what kind?

Hampton: I'm getting a Presidential Leadership Scholarship.

❖ Connection: What are you most looking forward to about the transition from high school to college?

Hampton: Hopefully less politics and more basketball.

❖ Connection: Who is your favorite musician? Why?

Hampton: I like Sonny Rollins; he's a jazz saxophonist. I was the first chair saxophonist for our band for three years.

❖ Connection: What's your favorite movie? Why?

Hampton: "Space Jam." It's just always been my favorite movie.

❖ Connection: What's your favorite food?

Hampton: Pizza.

❖ Connection: What is your favorite hobby outside of basketball?

Hampton: I play music and like video games.

❖ Connection: What location is the farthest you've traveled from the Washington, D.C. metro area?

Hampton: I've been to Cancun and Jamaica.

—JON ROETMAN

SPORTS ROUNDUPS

NVSO Registrations Due in August

Registrations for the 2013 Northern Virginia Senior Olympics to be held Sept. 7-19 are due Aug. 23 by mail or Aug. 30 online. There is no onsite registration.

More than 50 events will take place at 17 different venues throughout Northern Virginia. Registration fee is \$12, which covers multiple events. Participants must be 50 years of age by Dec. 31 and live in a sponsoring jurisdiction.

Among the events offered are track, field, swimming, diving, tennis, table tennis, bowling, Wii bowling, eight ball pool, handball, racquetball, golf, miniature golf, badminton, pickleball, cribbage, scrabble, duplicate bridge, Mexican train dominoes, line dancing, yo-yo tricks and more. Information is available online at www.nvso.us or by calling 703-228-4721 or email, nvso1982@gmail.com.

Sponsoring jurisdictions are the cities of Alexandria, Fairfax and Falls Church and the counties of Arlington, Fairfax, Fauquier, Loudoun and Prince William.

Soccer Tryout

Reston United 99 Blue, a U14 NCSL D5 team, is holding supplemental tryouts in August. Coach Kamal Ismail is a former professional player and has more than 20 years coaching experience. He currently coaches JV and varsity boys' soccer at South Lake High School. The

team has been in the NCSL since U9 and currently has players from Reston, Herndon, Ashburn and Chantilly. For more information, email Jay atbirdintheyard@yahoo.com.

Lee High, Coach Girtton Win 2013 Strength of America Award

Robert E. Lee High School and coach John Girtton received the Strength of America Award from The National Strength and Conditioning Association (NSCA) and the President's Council on Fitness, Sports & Nutrition at the organizations' 36th annual conference and awards banquet July 12 in Las Vegas, N.V. The award recognizes high schools that have represented the gold standard in strength and conditioning programs.

Robert E. Lee High School was measured in four categories to receive the award: supervision, education, program and facilities. Selected from hundreds of eligible schools, Robert E. Lee HS was honored at the Paris Hilton and Casino, Las Vegas, N.V., during the conference awards banquet.

With the increasing numbers of inconsistent gym conditions and strength programs across the country, the NSCA and the President's Council work together to provide all high schools concise guidelines to improve their curricula.



The coaches at the Washington Redskins High School Coaches Clinic, along with Redskins QB Robert Griffin III and Redskins legend, Joe Theismann. Theismann presented Griffin III with the Quarterback Award from the Quarterback Club of Washington.

West Springfield's Laguna Meets Redskins

The Washington Redskins Charitable Foundation hosted the Washington Redskins High School Coaches Clinic Wednesday, July 31, along with Sheltering Arms Physical Rehabilitation Centers. Redskins Executive Vice President/General Manager Bruce Allen, head coach Mike

Shanahan and Redskins alumnus LaVar Arrington met with more than 250 high school coaches from Virginia, Maryland, Washington, D.C., West Virginia and North Carolina. Paul Laguna, Varsity WR coach at West Springfield High School, also attended.

HOME SALES

In June 2013, 79 Burke homes sold between \$885,000-\$127,000. This week's list represents those homes sold in the \$885,000-\$375,000 range. For the complete list, visit www.ConnectionNewspapers.com

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5418 POINT LONGSTREET WAY	4	2	1	BURKE	\$670,000	Detached	0.20	22015	MEADOWS OF NARNIA
9816 WESTWOOD MANOR CT	5	2	1	BURKE	\$658,000	Detached	0.29	22015	WESTWOOD MANOR COURTS
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9610 SCORPIO CT	5	3	0	BURKE	\$555,000	Detached	0.26	22015	CARDINAL GLEN
9504 SHIPWRIGHT DR	4	2	1	BURKE	\$550,000	Detached	0.21	22015	LONGWOOD KNOLLS
6507 RAFTELIS RD	4	2	1	BURKE	\$550,000	Detached	0.23	22015	CHERRY RUN
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9808 BURKE POND LN	3	3	1	BURKE	\$435,000	Townhouse	0.05	22015	BURKE CENTRE
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SCHOOL NOTES

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Paula Bobsin, graduate of Robinson Secondary School, received the Dr. Scott H. Leaf award. She will be attending the University of Virginia.

Benen O'Brian, a Virginia Tech student from Fairfax, and **David Tannenbaum**, a University of Michigan student, have been selected to intern for the C-SPAN public affairs cable television network. O'Brian assists Senior Executive Producer, Political Editor, and Washington Journal Host Steve Scully. Tannenbaum works in the American History TV department.

Kevin Steiner, of Fairfax, is a junior at George C. Marshall High School and one of 50 high school students in the southeastern U.S. and Puerto Rico to receive the Congress-Bundestag Youth Exchange Scholarship from CIEE, an international education exchange program working with the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs. The scholarship allows the students to spend the full 2013-2014 academic year in Germany.

Lauren Brindley, of Burke, daughter of Brian and Patty Brindley, is a Scholarships for Military Children Program winner; she received a \$1,500 college scholarship, awarded at Fort Belvoir. Lauren plans to use



Paula Bobsin and Dr. Scott H. Leaf

her scholarship towards paying for her education at East Carolina University.

Peter Fuyuumelkeda of Fairfax, in the Hankamer School of Business at Baylor University was named to the dean's academic honor list for his achievements in the spring semester.

Rebecca Bajkowski, daughter of Sara and Sonny Bajkowski of Fairfax was inducted into the Phi Beta Kappa honor society and graduated magna cum laude in May from Allegheny College where she majored in biology with a minor in Spanish.

McLaine Christine Prior of Fairfax earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in elementary and special education at Hood College on May 18.

Hannah Chartoff, student at Duke University, of Fairfax serves as a summer 2013 White House intern.

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SATURDAY/AUG. 10

NAACP Meeting. 10 a.m., Braddock Hall, 9002 Burke Lake Road, Burke. The meeting will include a viewing of speakers and sessions from July's NAACP Convention. www.fairfaxnaacp.org.

MONDAY-THURSDAY/AUG. 12-15

"The Edge" Youth Basketball Summer Camp. 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Providence Presbyterian Church Gym, 9019 Little River Turnpike, Fairfax. "The Edge" combines teachings of both basketball and life fundamentals. Ages 6-15, full-day and half-day options available. <http://www.bestyouthhoops.com/fairfaxcamp>.

FRIDAY/AUG. 16

American Red Cross Blood Drive. 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Fairfax County Government Center 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax. The American Red Cross Greater Chesapeake and Potomac Blood Services Region is taking blood donations. Schedule a blood donation appointment at 1-800-733-2767 or www.redcrossblood.org.

WEDNESDAY/AUG. 21

"Are They Doing That On Purpose?" Understanding Behaviors. 1:30 p.m. Alzheimer's Family Day Center, 2812 Old Lee Highway, Suite 210, Fairfax. Learn how to successfully

interpret communication by those with memory impairments. Free admission. 703-204-4664.

THURSDAY/SEPT. 19

Lunch N' Life. Noon-2 p.m. The Abiding Presence, 6304 Lee Chapel Road, Burke. Robert Thompson of the Washington Post discusses traffic issues and plans for the area's future. \$10, for ages 50 and up, checks payable to the Shepherd's Center of Fairfax-Burke. Call Faye Quesenberry at 703-620-0161 to make reservations; the S.C.F.B. office at 703-323-4788 for transportation; scfba.org for more information.

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Nomad Camp. Begins Aug. 12. Pick-up and drop-off at Sherwood Community Center, 3740 Old Lee Highway, Fairfax. Families and individual campers enjoy a week of special field trips. Children must be accompanied by adults; adult chaperones must also pay. For prices and more information, call 703-385-7858.

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OBITUARY

DURHAM – Mr. Bobby Hunt passed away Friday, July 26, 2013 at his home. He was born in Washington Co., FL to the late Raymond Jasper Hunt and Beatrice Culpepper Williams. He was also predeceased by his wife, Ida Ruth Hunt.

Mr. Hunt is survived by two sons, James Hunt and Kevin Hunt and wife, Perla; three grandchildren, Alan, Collin and Sofia Hunt; and brother, Charles Hunt.

A graveside service will be conducted Saturday, August 10, 2013 at 1:00 p.m. at Glenwood Cemetery in Chipley, FL.

Flowers are acceptable. Memorial contributions may be made to Lung Cancer Alliance, P.O. Box 418372, Boston, MA 02241 or online at donate@lungcanceralliance.org.

The family is being assisted by Clements Funeral Service, Inc. in Durham and Brown Funeral Home in Chipley, FL. Online condolences may be made at www.clementsfuneralservice.com.

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Defense of Marriage?

Candidates for attorney general take different approaches to constitutional ban on gay marriage.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE
THE CONNECTION

Virginia's next attorney general will have to stand in a courtroom and make a decision about whether or not the commonwealth's constitutional ban on marriage should be defended. Republican candidate Sen. Mark Obenshain (R-26) has been clear about his support for the amendment and his intention to provide a vigorous defense of marriage. Democratic candidate Sen. Mark Herring (D-33), on the other hand, has yet to take a position on whether or not he will defend the amendment if elected.



Sen. Mark Herring (D-33)



Sen. Mark Obenshain (R-26)

"He's taking a look at the case," said Kevin O'Holleran, campaign manager for the Herring campaign. "He's going to work with his attorney general staff and make sure that they do what they feel is appropriate in this circumstance."

Last week, the American Civil Liberties Union of Virginia and the Lambda Legal filed a federal lawsuit in the Western District of Virginia at Harrisonburg challenging the amendment. Ken Cuccinelli, the Republican incumbent currently running for governor, has vowed to defend the amendment in court. But he will no longer be the attorney general by the time the suit is before a judge. Meanwhile, the Obenshain campaign jumped on Herring's lack of position as a political weakness that demonstrates inconsistency.

"Senator Obenshain and Senator Herring both voted for Virginia's marriage amendment, both clearly at the time believing that it was constitutional," said Paul Logan, communications director for the Obenshain campaign. "Senator Obenshain has said consistently that as attorney general, he will defend Virginia's laws — including this one — against any challenges, whether he agrees with the policy behind the laws or not."

THE FEDERAL LAWSUIT was filed last week on behalf of a Staunton couple and a Winchester couple who have been denied marriage licenses. The ACLU and Lambda Legal are hoping to certify the case as a class-action suit to represent all same-sex couples in Virginia who wish to marry here or who have married in other jurisdictions. The complaint says constitutional prohibition against gay marriage, which was approved by Virginia voters in 2006, sends a message lesbians, gay men and their children are second-class citizens.

"I know of too many couples who have left the state due to a lack of the protections now offered to our neighbors in the District of Columbia and Maryland," said Sen. Adam Ebbin (D-30). "With a total of 13 states and D.C. offering equality to couples, Virginia is at a competitive and economic disadvantage."

The Staunton plaintiffs are Joanne Harris, 37, and Jessica Duff, 33, who have been together since 2006. They have a 4-year-old son, Jabari. The Winchester plaintiffs are Christy Berghoff, 34, and Victoria Kidd,

also 34, who have been together almost a decade. They have an 8-month-old daughter, Lydia. Advocates for gay marriage view the case as an ideal test of the constitutionality of prohibiting gays and lesbians from participating in the institution of marriage.

"More than half of the people of Virginia believe all Virginians should have the freedom to marry the person they love," said Claire Guthrie Gastañaga, executive director of the ACLU of Virginia. "Every day that same-sex couples in Virginia are denied the freedom to marry, the government sends a message that they are second class citizens and their families are not worthy of equal dignity and respect."

HERRING FINDS himself in a precarious political position. On one hand, the amendment is very unpopular with the Democratic base he needs to win a statewide election. So announcing that he intends to defend the prohibition in court would be a losing proposition. On the other hand, announcing that he will selectively defend Virginia's laws might be a difficult sell on the campaign trail.

"For Senator Herring, it's really a lose-lose situation," said Stephen Farnsworth, political science professor with the University of Mary Washington. "When people elect an attorney general, they want to hear the candidate say that he will defend the law. But there may be political advantages to saying that this is a law that, if elected, he would not support."

Republicans, on the other hand, find themselves on solid ground. Polls show that most Republican voters in Virginia support the prohibition against gay marriage. And social conservatives such as Cuccinelli are able to frame their support of the amendment in the context of adhering to the will of Virginia voters.

"Virginia has followed the traditional definition of marriage as being between one man and one woman for more than 400 years, and Virginians voted overwhelmingly to add this traditional definition to their constitution," said Brian Gottstein, spokesman for the attorney general. "Consistent with the duties of the attorney general, this office will continue to defend challenges to the constitution and the laws of Virginia."



Don't expect to see political signs in the medians of Fairfax County this election season. Crews of nonviolent offenders are out four days a week confiscating the placards thanks to a new arrangement with the Virginia Department of Transportation.

The Median Has No Message

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE
THE CONNECTION

Some people call them flowers of democracy. Others call them weeds of political pollution. Whatever one thinks of the campaign signs and placards that appear along the roads of Fairfax County, expect to see a lot fewer of them. Last month, county officials launched a new program in which nonviolent inmates at the county jail hit the streets four days a week to remove illegal signs.

With apologies to Marshall McLuhan, the message is no longer in the median.

Anger and resentment has been rising over the issue of roadside political signs for years, and campaigns frequently go to war with each other to see which side can plant or steal or deface the largest number of placards. Unlike Prince William County, which had an agreement with the Virginia Department of Transportation that allows the local government to collect the signs and fine violators, Fairfax was caught in a bind. Part of the Virginia code made it illegal for the county to remove the signs in Fairfax County until after an election. Until now.

Last year, Del. David Albo (R-42) introduced House Bill 34. The legislation amended Virginia law specific to Fairfax County, allowing the commissioner of highways to enter into an agreement with the Board of Supervisors. Instead of waiting for the Virginia Department of Transportation to enforce the law against signs in the medians, the new law allows Fairfax County to enter into an agreement similar to the one that already exists in Prince William

allowing the local government to collect the signs and issue a \$100 fine for each violation.

"Once you do it a couple of times, then nobody does it anymore," said Albo. "Politicians are running to write laws, and they don't want to break them."

ALBO SAYS the 2011 campaign was the last straw. As the election for state Senate approached, the roadsides of Fairfax County were littered with thousands of signs for every candidate under the sun. Because two different attorneys general issued conflicting opinions about whether or not political signs constituted free speech, Albo said, candidates could argue the practice was legal. Albo's bill this year ended that ambiguity, clarifying the law even as it gave new authority to Fairfax County.

"This is something that has bothered people for a number of years," said Springfield Supervisor Pat Herrity. "The county has tried before to address it, but we've clearly got it addressed this time."

Back in February, the supervisors approved a contract with VDOT. Now, as a result of Albo's legislation and the supervisors' agreement, Fairfax County has a contract to enforce VDOT's rules. The new program launched on July 1, and the clean-up crew of inmates has been out every Tuesday to Friday since that time. County leaders say the weekends are still fair game.

"Signs will be removed from selected highways, not all neighborhood streets," said Troy Manos, communications director for Bulova. "Basically that means if you are having a garage sale and you want to put a sign at the end of a small residential street, that would be OK."