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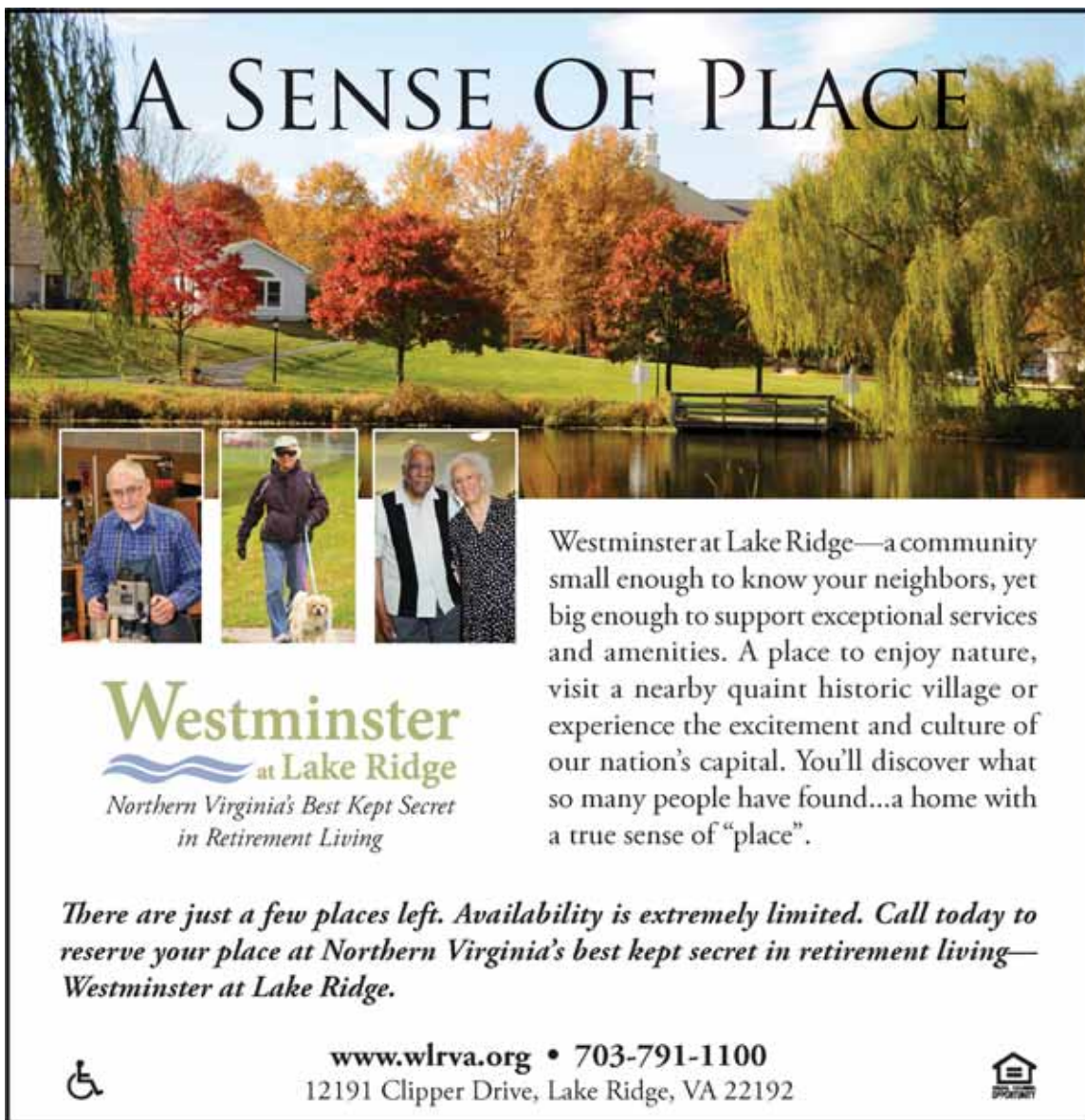
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'I Pledge Allegiance to the Flag...'

At the Feb. 11 meeting of the Fairfax City Council, Cub Scouts from Pack 187 led the Pledge of Allegiance. Pictured with them is Mayor Scott Silverthorne.

WEEK IN FAIRFAX

Sex Offender Is Arrested

A Fairfax man who police say is a registered sex offender has been charged with two counts of contributing to the delinquency of a minor. He is Paul Tamney, 51, of 10324 Layton Hall Drive, No. 217.

On Feb. 15 at 11:30 a.m., City of Fairfax police officers investigated a report from the Stafford County Sheriff's Office that a 16-year-old girl missing from their jurisdiction was in the City of Fairfax with a man. Officers responded to an address in the 10300 Block of Layton Hall Drive, found the teenager and took her into protective custody.

As a result of investigation, Tamney was arrested and taken to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center where he was served with a Stafford County warrant for contributing to the delinquency of a minor. City of Fairfax police arrested him on the same charge. He was held without bond; the investigation by City of Fairfax police is continuing.

Citizen's Fire Academy

Learn more about the operation and organization of the City of Fairfax Fire Department at the Citizen's Fire Academy, which begins March 12. This 12-week program includes about 28 hours of instruction. Each session lasts about two-and-a-half hours and is held at the city's Public Safety Training Center, 9650 Colonial Ave. Class size is limited to 16 students, so register early. For information, visit www.fairfaxva.gov or call 703-385-7940.

Citizens Fire, Rescue Academy

Residents wanting to learn about what Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department firefighters and paramedics do every day may now do so. Applications are being accepted to the Citizens Fire and Rescue Academy through March 7 or until the class of 25 is filled. The Academy will begin March 27 and meet for nine consecutive weeks, from 6-9 p.m., at various locations. Graduation will be May 22. Each session will cover different aspects of the organization, including its uniformed and civilian workforce. Topics include fire suppression, emergency medical services, training, recruitment and special operations. Those signing up for the free program must be 18 years old and apply online at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/fr/cfa.

Public Notice—Convention to Select an 11th Congressional District Republican Nominee for the U.S. House of Representatives and a Chairman of the 11th Congressional District Republican Committee

Republicans residing in Northern Virginia's 11th Congressional District will meet in a Convention on May 10, 2014, at West Springfield High School, 6100 Rolling Road, Springfield, VA, to select a Republican nominee for U.S. House of Representatives from the 11th Congressional District; and to elect a Chairman for the 11th Congressional District Republican Committee.

Any person seeking the nomination for U.S. Representative from the 11th Congressional District must notify, in writing, Mr. Mauricio J. Tamargo at 6448 Lake Meadow Drive, Burke, Virginia 22015, prior to 5:00 p.m. on Friday, April 25, 2014 (postmark shall not count), and at the same time convey to Mr. Tamargo a non-refundable filing fee of \$1,500.00, payable by check or money order, made payable to the 11th Congressional District Republican Committee. Further details are specified in the Official Call for the 11th Congressional District Convention; this Official Call can be found on the 11th Congressional District Committee's website (www.vagop11.org). Similar information pertaining to the submission and consideration of any Committee resolutions is also found in the Official Call.

Any person seeking election as Chairman of the 11th Congressional District Republican Committee must notify, in writing, Mauricio J. Tamargo at 6448 Lake Meadow Drive, Burke, Virginia, 22015, prior to 5:00 p.m. on Friday, April 25, 2014 (postmark shall not count). Further details are specified in the Official Call

for the 11th Congressional District Republican Convention, which is found on the Committee's website (www.vagop11.org).

Any Republican who is unsure as to whether he or she resides in the 11th Congressional District should consult his or her Commonwealth of Virginia Voter Card. If the notation "CONG 11" appears on the card, he or she is eligible to register and vote at the 11th District Convention.

Delegates to the Convention must register through their local county or city Republican Committees. Those 11th District Republicans living in Prince William County (PWC) will register through the Prince William County Republican Committee (www.pwcgop.org/wordpress). The PWC deadline for Registration is March 1st. Those having questions about this process can call 703-680-7388. Those 11th District Republicans living in Fairfax County (FC) will register through the Fairfax County Republican Committee (www.fairfaxgop.org). The FC deadline for registration is March 15th. Those having questions about this process can call 703-766-4467.

At this time, no registration procedures have been established for those 11th District Republicans living in Fairfax City. Those 11th District Republicans living in Fairfax City should monitor the Fairfax City Republican Committee's website (www.fairfaxcitygop.com) to obtain instructions for filing as a delegate to the 11th District Convention.

Bulova: 'This Will Be a Challenging Budget'

Fairfax County average homeowner will see tax bill increase \$330 under County Executive's proposed \$7 billion budget.

BY VICTORIA ROSS
THE CONNECTION

Fairfax County Executive Edward Long, Jr. unveiled a \$7 billion budget proposal Tuesday that reflects his "cautious and deliberative approach to budgeting," a result, Long said, of continuing uncertainty over federal spending and sluggish commercial tax revenues.

While Long's budget does not include an increase in the real estate tax rate from FY 2014, steady gains in the county's residential housing market mean the average homeowner will see a \$330 increase in their tax bill, or a 6.5 percent increase over last year's bill.

"The one area that is experiencing an upward tick is the assessed value of residential property in the county," said Board of Supervisors Chairman Sharon Bulova (D-At-Large), which will lead to the increase in homeowner's property taxes even if the tax rate remains steady, as proposed by Long.

Supervisor Pat Herrity (R-Springfield) said "there's a lot of work to be done" before the final budget is approved in April, and the county needs to "eliminate barriers to the growth of our commercial tax base."

"While spending increased by 3 percent, the cost to our taxpayers is increasing over 6.5 percent due primarily to the reduction in our commercial tax base," Herrity said. "I am most concerned that this increase will hurt those in townhomes, condos and apartments the hardest — the citizens that can least afford it."

"This will be a very challenging budget," Bulova said, citing disappointing projected revenues from business taxes.

Among those disappointed with the proposed budget is Fairfax County Public Schools Superintendent Karen Garza, who last month requested supervisors send \$2.5 billion to the schools, an increase of 5.7 percent in annual taxpayer funding and \$98 million more than the schools requested last year.

SUPERVISORS have said they were willing to increase their transfer by only 2 percent, which accounts for 52.1 percent of the proposed county budget expenditures.

Garza's request is about \$64 million more than Long's budget recommendation of \$1.93 billion, a 2.07 percent increase (or \$39 million) over the current fiscal year.

Garza's budget proposal would have increased school funding, but also called for \$96 million in cuts, including classroom testing fees for high school students, large class sizes and staffing cuts.

Long's proposal also includes \$72.6 million in additional support for school services including Head Start, school health, resource officers and crossing guards, after-school programming, field maintenance and recreational programs, among others.

To show support for Fairfax County schools and teachers, the Alliance for Fairfax Public Schools held a "Fund Our Schools" rally at the Fairfax County Government Center before Long's budget announcement. The Alliance is a partnership of parents, stu-



PHOTO COURTESY OF FAIRFAX COUNTY

Sharon Bulova, chairman of the Board of Supervisors and Ed Long, county executive, answer questions during a news briefing held after the proposed budget presentation.

dents, and civic organizations including the Fairfax Education Association, Fairfax County Council of PTAs, and Fairfax County Federation of Teachers.

"Our schools are bursting at the seams, talented teachers are leaving, and already large class sizes could get even bigger. The supervisors must make our schools the priority," the FCCPTA said in an online petition addressed to the Board of Supervisors.

"It's absolutely stunning that supervisors put forth a budget that shortchanges students," said Kevin Hickerson, an FCPS teacher and parent-advocate who supported the rally. "Two percent is not enough."

To close that gap and fund other priorities, Bulova said she will consider advertising an increase in property tax rates, which would add about \$150 to the average homeowner's tax bill, on top of the \$330 jump resulting from higher assessed values this year.

Bulova said the board will set the advertised real estate tax rate on March 4; the advertised rate represents the maximum potential tax rate for FY2015.

"Through the budget process, the board may adopt a rate lower than the advertised rate, but cannot adopt a higher rate," Bulova said.

According to the County Executive's proposed budget, one penny of the tax rate is equal to roughly \$21.9 million in the general fund and \$50 for the average Fairfax County residential tax bill.

"As the county continues to face fiscal challenges, we must persist in our cautious and deliberative approach to budgeting, only funding items that are sustainable," Long said Tuesday, adding that almost all of the budget increase in his proposal will be earmarked for capital investment and employee compensation.

"These are two critical elements of our continued success," Long said.

But members of the County's Government Employees Union — SEUI Virginia 512 — called Long's proposed budget disappointing.

"We are disappointed that the county executive's proposed budget fails to meet the needs of our community, and we call on the Board of Supervisors to do more to invest in our future success," SEIU Virginia 512 Secretary-Treasurer Karen Conchar said.

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Average Homeowner's Taxes, 2008-2015

❖ FISCAL YEAR 2008

Assessed Value of Residential Property - \$542,409
Real Estate Tax Rate Per \$100 - \$0.89
Tax Per Household - \$4,827.44

❖ FISCAL YEAR 2009

Assessed Value of Residential Property - \$525,132
Real Estate Tax Rate Per \$100 - \$0.92
Tax Per Household - \$4,831.21

❖ FISCAL YEAR 2010

Assessed Value of Residential Property - \$457,898
Real Estate Tax Per \$100 - \$1.04
Tax Per Household - \$4,762.14

❖ FISCAL YEAR 2011

Assessed Value of Residential Property - \$433,409
Real Estate Tax Per \$100 - \$1.09
Tax Per Household - \$4,724.16

❖ FISCAL YEAR 2012

Assessed Value of Residential Property - \$445,533
Real Estate Tax Per \$100 - \$1.07
Tax Per Household - \$4,767.20

❖ FISCAL YEAR 2013

Assessed Value of Residential Property - \$449,964
Real Estate Tax Per \$100 - \$1.075
Tax Per Household - \$4,837.11

❖ FISCAL YEAR 2014

Assessed Value of Residential Property - \$467,394
Real Estate Tax Per \$100 - \$1.085
Tax Per Household - \$5,071.22

❖ FISCAL YEAR 2015

Assessed Value of Residential Property - \$497,962
Real Estate Tax Per \$100 - \$1.085
Tax Per Household - \$5,402.89

* Source - Fairfax County Department of Management and Budget

Budget Event Schedule

FEB. 25

Release of the County Executive's FY 2015 Advertised Budget Plan (including Multi-Year Budget: FY 2015 and FY 2016) - 10:40 a.m.

FEB. 28

Ask Fairfax: Online Chat with County Executive - 2 - 3 p.m.

MARCH 4

Board of Supervisors' Meeting: Advertisement for FY 2015 Tax Rate and FY 2015 Third Quarter - 10:30 a.m.

MARCH 18

Budget Committee Meeting - Govt. Center (CR 9/10) - 1- 3 p.m.

APRIL 1

Budget Committee Meeting - Govt. Center (CR 9/10)

APRIL 8

Effective Tax Rate Hearing (FY 2015 Budget) - Board Auditorium - Govt. Center - 3 p.m. *

APRIL 8

Public Hearing on FY 2015 Budget - Board Auditorium - Govt. Center - 6 p.m. *

APRIL 9

Public Hearing on FY 2015 Budget - Board Auditorium - Govt. Center - 3 p.m. *

APRIL 10

Public Hearing on FY 2015 Budget - Board Auditorium - Govt. Center - 3 p.m. *

APRIL 18

Budget Committee Meeting - pre-Mark-Up on FY 2015 Budget - Govt. Center (CR 9/10) - 1 p.m.

APRIL 22

FY 2015 Board Budget Mark-up and Approval of FY 2015 Third Quarter - 10 a.m.

APRIL 29

Formal Adoption of the FY 2015 Budget Plan - 10:30 a.m.

JULY 1

Beginning of FY 2015

* Opportunities for public comment

NEWS

Locals Receive Governor's 2013 Fire Service Awards

Stilwell, Hollingsworth, Wais and Rosenthal are honored.

BY BONNIE HOBBS
THE CONNECTION

Four local people were among those honored last Saturday, Feb. 22, with Governor's Fire Service Awards for 2013. They were feted during the Virginia Fire and Rescue Conference at the Virginia Beach Convention Center.

This year marked the 12th anniversary of these awards, which formally recognize excellence in Virginia's Fire Services.

Award recipients included Renee Stilwell, Capt. George Hollingsworth, Hassibullah Wais and Philip Rosenthal. Below are the details of why they were honored:

Renee Stilwell, of the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department, received the Governor's Award for Excellence in Virginia's Public Fire and Life Safety Education.

It's given to a person who exemplifies outstanding dedication and service for the furtherance of Virginia Public Fire and Life Safety Education, not only in their own department, but also in other areas of the Commonwealth.

Stilwell was selected for this award for her "immeasurable contribution to the safety of more than 1.1 million residents of Fairfax County. She has been vigilant in bringing fire and life safety education to children and older adults. Stilwell directs and executes three specific and vital programs in an effort to educate and provide intervention for thousands annually." They are: Project SAFE (for third-graders); Every Step of the Way (preschool and older adults), and FIRE STOP (aimed at juvenile fire setters).

Stilwell has educated approximately 200 juvenile fire setters; providing vital intervention for these youths with individualized sessions.

She and her teams educate over 50,000 children and older adults annually on fire safety and preven-



Renee Stilwell

tion. Renee Stilwell has conducted and continues to conduct an outstanding and robust fire and life safety education program in the 18th largest school system in the country.

Philip Rosenthal, president of Nationwide Credit Corp. in Fairfax, received the private sector Governor's Award for Excellence in Virginia's Fire Service Support. It goes to a private-sector or nonprofit entity that's demonstrated "exceptional dedication to the success of Virginia Fire Services throughout the Commonwealth."

Rosenthal was feted for actively supporting Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department's toy drive for more than 15 years.

The toy drive was initially created to help 50 children in low-income areas, but it now serves more than 3,000 children at more than 70 schools, shelters and nonprofit organizations.

Rosenthal's help has enabled the department to establish backpack/school-supply and winter-coat drives allowing Fairfax to give away more than 2,200 backpacks and more than 2,500 new winter coats in 2013.

Hassibullah Wais of Fairfax received the Governor's Civilian Life-Saving Award. It goes to any civilian, with no fire service affiliation, who exemplifies "an outstanding dedication to helping protect the citizens of Virginia against the devastating effects of fire."

On Nov. 26, 2013, units from Fire Stations 15 (Chantilly) and 17 (West Centreville) were dispatched for an auto accident with



George Hollingsworth

injuries and vehicles on fire. As the West Centreville fire engine arrived on the scene, the unit officer witnessed Wais directing and assisting other citizens in removing an injured person away from one of the vehicles on fire.

Wais was then able to provide responders with valuable patient information, as well as information about the other driver, who had fled the scene.

Wais also advised the firefighters that there were no other occupants in the burning vehicles. His actions "were instrumental in a successful outcome of this event."

Capt. George Hollingsworth, a Fairfax County Fire Marshal, received the Governor's Award for Excellence in Virginia Fire Prevention.

It's given to someone who's demonstrated "exceptional dedication to the field of fire prevention – to include the adoption, amendment or interpretation of the Statewide Fire Prevention Code, Statewide Building Code, other related codes or fire prevention principles that would impact not only their own jurisdiction, but other localities."

Hollingsworth has served Fairfax County Fire and Rescue in various capacities for about 29 years. He's devoted the last seven years of his career to the cause of Fire Prevention in Virginia. He's helped develop national and state codes, represented his department and Virginia at International Code Council hearings and regional meetings, and continually contributes to the International Fire Service Training Assn.'s textbook on inspections and code enforcement.



PHOTO BY TIM PETERSON/THE CONNECTION

Approximately 300 people filled the main hall of the Stacy C. Sherwood Community Center in Fairfax for the last year's event.

Enjoy Food, Music, Fun While Helping Others

Our Daily Bread's Empty Bowls event is Feb. 27.

BY BONNIE HOBBS
THE CONNECTION

Area residents may enjoy an evening of food and fun while helping local working families struggling to make ends meet. Our Daily Bread's 6th annual Empty Bowls Event will be held this Thursday, Feb. 27, from 6-8:30 p.m. It's at the Stacy C. Sherwood Community Center, 3740 Old Lee Highway in Fairfax. Among the festivities are music, art, auctions, a raffle, family entertainment, plus a variety of soup and bread in handmade, ceramic bowls donated by local professional artists and amateurs.

It's Our Daily Bread's largest fundraiser of the year to help those in need in the local community. Register at www.odbfairfax.org for event tickets and a new raffle for two, family vacation packages to Disney World or the Kennedy Space Center.

Last year's event attracted about 300 people and raised \$18,000 for Our Daily Bread. Joining neighbors to share a simple meal of soup and bread is seen as a symbolic reminder of those in Fairfax County who go hungry. Admission for adults is \$30 in advance, \$35 at the door, and includes a meal of soup and bread donated by local restaurants, plus the person's choice of a handcrafted bowl to take home. See the Website for further ticket information.

All proceeds benefit local families facing financial crises and go toward filling their own

bowls and pantries with food. Funds go directly to Our Daily Bread's programs to help these people achieve financial stability.

New to the event this year is a raffle for major prizes. Tickets are \$100 each, but the prizes – trips to family-friendly destinations in Florida – are worth some \$10,000 each. Only 100 tickets will be sold, and each trip is for four people and includes airfare. Winners may take their pick of the following vacations:

❖ **Disney World Family Adventure:** The prize is a \$1,050 Disney gift card redeemable for admission, food, souvenirs and more. It includes a four-night stay in one standard guest room at the Hyatt Regency Grand Cypress in Orlando, Fla. (Suggested retail value is up to \$10,470).

❖ **Kennedy Space Center Astronaut Adventure:** The prize is an Astronaut Training Experience for four (minimum age is 14), a Kennedy Space Center Up-Close Tour for four, lunch with an astronaut, and a four-night stay in one standard guest room – winner's choice of participating Hyatt Place Hotels in Orlando, Fla. (Suggested retail value up to \$9,852).

The drawing will be held during the Empty Bowls event at 8 p.m. The lucky ticket holders need not be present to win. And people unable to attend the event, but wishing to buy just a raffle ticket may do so at the Website. However, if less than 50 raffle tickets are sold, the prize will be half the raffle-ticket sales (50-50 split).

NEWS

County Faces a Budget Challenge

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"The county executive's proposed budget falls short in protecting the county's jobs and services," said Joe Wilhelm, president of SEIU Virginia 512.

Wilhelm said Fairfax County employees have fallen behind peers in neighboring jurisdictions when it comes to pay, and Long's budget proposal fails to help employees catch up.

"As a result, the best librarians, social workers, engineers and more will continue to leave Fairfax County to serve in other jurisdictions, hurting the services residents depend on," Wilhelm said.

OTHER HIGHLIGHTS of Long's budget proposal include:

- ❖ A 1.29 percent compensation increase for county employees based on a Market Rate Adjustment, effective July 1, 2014, as well as an increase in funding of health insurance and other benefits.

- ❖ Increase in capital construction funding, including capital renewal (planned replacement of aging roofs, electrical systems, HVAC systems, plumbing systems, etc. in county facilities), compli-

ance with the Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA) and athletic field maintenance.

- ❖ Increase in public safety funding, including 9-1-1 support and requirements, and full year funding of operations at the Wolftrap Fire Station.

- ❖ Increase in human services funding including behavioral health services for youth, school readiness for preschoolers and domestic violence services.

Public hearings on the proposed FY 2015 Budget are held in the Government Center Board Auditorium:

- ❖ April 8, 6 p.m.

- ❖ April 9, 3 p.m.

- ❖ April 10, 3 p.m.

Those wishing to speak at a public hearing can sign up online to place their name on the speakers list or contact the Office of the Clerk to the Board at 703-324-3151, TTY 703-324-3903. The public hearings will be held in the Board Auditorium, Fairfax County Government Center and will be shown live on Fairfax County Government Channel 16.

Residents can also provide feedback and comments on the proposed budget through mid-April at dmbinfo@fairfaxcounty.gov.



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Budget Process: Get Involved

Chairman gives blueprint for community engagement in Fairfax County budget process.

BY SHARON BULOVA

In Fairfax County, when we adopt the budget, we are investing in the priorities and needs of the community. At the center of this open and transparent process is community engagement. It is critical that we have the community at the table with us when we are considering changes to the budget that the County Executive released for advertisement at our Board Meeting on Feb. 25. Below are some opportunities to learn about the budget, ask questions and make suggestions during the months of March and April. I look forward to hearing from you.

❖ **Ask Fairfax Chat:** The Ask Fairfax Chat is a great opportunity for residents to submit questions about the County's proposed Fiscal 2015 budget directly to County Executive Ed Long. The chat takes place online from 2-3 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 28. To submit questions and join the chat visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/askfairfax.

❖ **Track BOS Budget Questions:** You can view the answers to budget questions asked by the Board of Supervisors throughout the budget process at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dmb/qa_search.htm.



❖ **Sign up to speak:** All public hearings take place in the Board Auditorium at the Fairfax County Government Center (12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax, Virginia 22035) and are open to the public. To sign up to speak at a hearing, please visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/bosclerk/speaker_bos.htm or call 703-324-3151.

❖ **Important public hearing dates:**
Effective Tax Rate Hearing - Board Auditorium - Govt. Center - 3 p.m., April 8, 2014
Public Hearing - Board Auditorium - Govt. Center - 6 p.m., April 8, 2014
Public Hearing - Board Auditorium - Govt. Center - 3 p.m., April 9, 2014
Public Hearing - Board Auditorium - Govt. Center - 3 p.m., April 10, 2014

BUDGET FORUMS AND TOWN MEETINGS will be hosted by Supervisors and community organizations throughout the county. Below is a list of currently scheduled meetings. Information on additional forums, as well as a current full budget calendar, will be listed in the coming weeks at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dmb.

❖ **Hunter Mill District Meeting,** Frying Pan Park, 2709 W. Ox Road, Herndon — Sat-

urday, March 1, 9 a.m.

❖ **Dranesville District Budget Meeting,** Great Falls Library, 9830 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls — Wednesday, March 5, 7 p.m.

❖ **Braddock District Budget Meeting,** Kings Park Library, Braddock Hall, 9000 Burke Lake Rd, Burke — Wednesday, March 12, 7:30 p.m.

❖ **Herndon Town Council,** Herndon Town Council Chambers, 765 Lynn Street, Herndon — Thursday, March 13, 7 p.m.

❖ **Mason District Budget Meeting,** TBD — Tuesday, March 18 - 7 p.m.

❖ **Providence District Budget Meeting,** Dunn Loring Admin Center, 2334 Gallows Road, Dunn Loring — Tuesday, March 18, 7 p.m.

❖ **Dranesville District Budget Meeting,** McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean — Thursday, March 20, 7 p.m.

❖ **Lee District Budget Meeting,** Franconia Government Center, 6121 Franconia Road, Alexandria — Wednesday, March 26, 7:30 p.m.

❖ **Braddock Town Hall,** Robinson Secondary School, 5035 Sideburn Road, Fairfax — Tuesday, April 1, 7:30 p.m.

I hope you will take the time to learn about and participate in this year's budget process. You can contact my office directly by calling 703-324-2321 or emailing chairman@fairfaxcounty.gov.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Volunteering to Help Mentally Ill

To the Editor:

For Mary Anne Cummins, community and volunteering go hand-in-hand.

As a volunteer with the Ignatian Volunteer Corps (IVC) in Northern Virginia, she serves her local community through a partnership with a local non-profit organization while being a part of a closely-knit group of other IVC volunteers doing the same. For Mary Anne, this combination of service and fellowship has enriched her retirement, deepening friendships and broadening her perspectives.

Mary Anne volunteers at Pathway Homes, Inc., which provides housing and care for members of our community with mental illness. Through her service, Mary Anne has become more in tune with the needs of those with mental illness and disabilities, and more familiar with local and national resources available to the mentally ill. She greatly admires the Pathway staff's dedication to and passion for their clients. Now, when she reads the newspaper and finds articles about the homeless

and those with mental disabilities, she feels a connection she did not feel before, inspiring her to become involved with the Community Services Board in Fairfax so as to learn more about how the county meets the needs of those with disabilities.

IVC is an organization that provides retired men and women the opportunity to serve the needs of the poor, to work for a more just society, and to grow closer to God through Ignatian spirituality. The volunteers work with local non-profits and use their individual talents to meet the needs of the Northern Virginia community.

Most IVC volunteers each provide over 600 hours in service every year to impact the lives of over 10,000 families in the area.

However, it can be easy for a volunteer to be exhausted by service. IVC's uniqueness comes in the combination of service work and encouragement from a community of fellow volunteers. Mary Anne says this community is vital to her volunteering as it helps to fuel her drive to serve others. Through the opportunity to reflect on her volunteer work in monthly meetings, Mary Anne finds even more meaning and inspiration from the work she is doing. "You

learn a lot about the community and about your faith," says Cummins. While working at Pathways, Inc., she says she is reminded often of the words of Teresa of Avila: "Christ has no body but yours, no hands, no feet on earth but yours."

Over the time she has served, the meaning of these words has changed for Mary Anne "I have learned not only how to be Christ to those that I serve, but how to let them be Christ to me through volunteering as a member of IVC."

If you would like to learn more about Pathway Homes, Inc. visit their website: www.pathwayhomes.org

If you are interested in volunteer service and becoming part of an active community of faith, you will find both through the Ignatian Volunteer Corps! Please contact our Regional Director, Joanie Coolidge at jcoolidge@ivcusa.org or (703) 352-4140 or visit our website (www.ivcusa.org/northern-virginia/) for more information.

Jenny White
City of Fairfax

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The Northern Virginia Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program needs volunteer advocates for residents in assisted living and nursing facilities. Training is provided in March. Call 703-324-5861, TTY 711 or email Lisa.Callahan@fairfaxcounty.gov.

Fairfax County needs volunteers to drive older adults to medical appointments and wellness programs. Call 703-324-5406, TTY 711, visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/olderadults and link to Volunteer Solutions or email VolunteerSolutions@fairfaxcounty.gov.

The Little River Glen Senior Center in Fairfax needs help with special events and an arts and crafts instructor. Call 703-324-5406, TTY 711, visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/olderadults and link to Volunteer Solutions or email VolunteerSolutions@fairfaxcounty.gov.

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Meet Best Friends of Fairfax

Lionel is my special polydactyl kitten. He was born in my home on April 8, 2013, when his pregnant mom Maggie showed up on my patio after a neighbor moved and abandoned her. I took her in along with my other nine rescue cats. She gave birth to five beautiful babies and I kept Lionel, the runt. He has blossomed into a gorgeous kitty. His mother after giving birth was diagnosed with congestive heart failure and we really don't know how much time she has left, but she will be living the rest of her life with all the love she needs. She deserves it after living out in the cold, pregnant and abandoned.

— HELEN DITANNA, FAIRFAX



Our two Lhasa Apsos are an important part of our lives. We thought we would be empty nesters but how can we be with our two dogs in our home. Casey and Amber are two who like to bond with us and just enjoy our company. Our daily activity is to walk in our neighborhood here in North Hill. We are happy to have them both in our home and our hearts.

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Dr. James Campbell (pictured with Dr. Katherine Crook), Veterinary Surgical Centers' staff neurologist and neurosurgeon treats animals with issues running the gamut from brain tumors to epilepsy.



PHOTO BY KEN ORTEGA

Veronica Sanchez, M.Ed., (pictured with her dog Monty), a trainer and behavior consultant offers pet owners a variety of options when it comes to correcting undesirable animal behavior

Cutting Edge Veterinary Care

Local veterinarians and behavior specialists detail the latest advancements in animal care.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL
THE CONNECTION

Four Bernese mountain dogs, victims of an Alexandria house fire were rushed into the Emergency and Critical Care Department at the Regional Veterinary Referral Center in Springfield in the middle of a frigid night last month. It didn't look good.

Dr. Melanie Galanis calls it one of the center's most traumatic cases in recent months. "The dogs had to be placed on oxygen," she said. "Just the number that came in at once and had to be put on oxygen made it dramatic. One of them required surgery to take away the burned tissue." Fortunately, all of the dogs survived. Galanis says that thanks to advancements in veterinary medicine, furry friends now have access to high-tech medical services that equal those of their human counterparts.

"We can do almost any procedure that is done on humans in an emergency situation except that the wait time is shorter," said Galanis. "We can do a rapid assessment within the first 10 minutes. We have the ability to mechanically ventilate dogs for severe pneumonia, neurological diseases that affect brain and the dog's ability to breathe."

IN FACT, ADVANCEMENTS in



Dr. Jim Taylor, a staff surgeon at Veterinary Surgical Centers, says that there are many advancements in veterinary surgery on the horizon.

veterinary technology have led to more precise diagnoses, treatment and ultimately survival. "In addition to X-rays, we can do EKGs (electrocardiograms), ultrasounds. We have CT (computerized tomography) scans and MRIs (magnetic resonance imaging) in house," said Galanis.

Dr. Jim Taylor, a staff surgeon at Veterinary Surgical Centers, a veterinary surgical referral practice with offices in Vienna, Woodbridge, Leesburg and Winchester, Va. said, "There are many advancements currently, and on the horizon, for companion animals in the realm of small animal surgery. Many diseases are treatable with excellent outcomes, some curable."

Lynn Chiappane, spokeswoman for the Regional Veterinary Referral Center, said the center even offers a "rehabilitative therapy program complete with underwater treadmill."

Galanis said that the most com-



PHOTO BY MATTHEW LANGLEY

Dr. Melanie Galanis, of Regional Veterinary Referral Center, says that advancements in veterinary medicine now offer animals access to high-tech medical services that equal those of their human counterparts.

mon ailments that bring dogs into veterinary emergency rooms are vomiting and diarrhea. "Dogs come in after ingesting things that they shouldn't like a foreign object or foods like chocolate."

"A common thing that we see are animals with bleeding in their abdomen," she said. "Tumors on their spleen and they will bleed internally." Galanis says warning signs are when an animal becomes weak or collapses.

Other leading causes of emergency room visits are more traumatic, such as injuries from animal fights or animals that have been struck by automobiles.

Most patients are referred to Veterinary Referral Center by their regular veterinarians to see the board-certified veterinary specialists on staff, including a cardiologist, dermatologist, internist, ophthalmologist, radiation oncologist and radiologist, as well as general surgeons, including one with special training in surgical oncology.

The Springfield center isn't the only local facility for specialized animal care, however. Dr. Anke Langenbach, chief surgeon and owner of Veterinary Surgical Centers, says her center performs a range of specialized surgeries, including orthopedic, neurosurgery and soft tissue surgery. Her center also offers rehabilitation services.

Dr. James Campbell, Veterinary Surgical Centers' staff neurologist and neurosurgeon, treats animals with issues running the gamut from brain tumors to epilepsy. However, the most common are disk issues. "It's usually from a bulging disk in the back. It can present as back pain or being wobbly or being unable to move their legs. It usually results in emergency surgery, often in the middle of the night."

MEDICAL ADVANCEMENTS for pets are not limited to veterinary specialty services. Veronica Sanchez, M.Ed., a trainer and behavior consultant with Vienna-based Cooperative Paws, LLC, offers pet owners a variety of options when it comes to correcting undesirable animal behavior.

"I had a client with a mixed-breed puppy who was afraid of everything, including her owner," said Sanchez. "The puppy would not walk in a new environment or even exit her crate voluntarily."

Sanchez recommended several different strategies, including teaching the owner how body language could help the puppy relax. "We also used clicker training to teach the puppy to exit the crate," she said. "The owner was very committed and worked hard. Her puppy gained confidence and she developed a great relationship with her puppy."

Giving Bianca a Second Chance

A Fairfax County Animal Shelter happy ending.

Bianca, a 9-year-old, female, German shepherd mix dog, had been living her life on the end of a chain in a rural part of Virginia. In late January, an unknown stray dog approached Bianca and attacked her. Bianca's owner came outside and in an attempt to stop the attack he hit both dogs with a shovel, striking Bianca over the head and injuring her. Rather than pursue vet care, the owner drove Bianca to the local pound and surrendered her. For the next 36 hours, Bianca sat with no medical care, until a sympathetic staff person called the shelter's rescue partner at

the Highland County Humane Society in rural Virginia.

Highland County Humane Society rescued Bianca from the pound and got her emergency medical treatment. She was taken to a foster home to recover and receive further treatment and was transported to the Fairfax County Animal Shelter on Valentine's Day. She was made available for adoption and her story was shared on the shelter's Facebook page, where it caught the attention of a long-time shelter supporter and adopter. The woman's beloved dog Princess (adopted from the shelter in 1999), died on Valentine's Day at the age of 18, on the same day that Bianca's story was posted. She knew that she was meant to help give poor Bianca a second chance. She immediately contacted the shelter and made plans to come and meet Bianca. Bianca went home with her new mom on Feb. 19, and she is doing great.



PHOTO CONTRIBUTED

Bianca playing with toys at her new home: she went home with her new mom on Feb. 19, and she is doing great.

Hollywood Comes to Fairfax

How to use Hollywood-style portrait techniques to photograph adoptable animals.

BY DEB COBB
THE CONNECTION

Animals at the Fairfax County Animal Shelter were given the celebrity treatment on Feb. 23 when a team from the non-profit Shelter Art Foundation taught shelter staff and volunteers how to use Hollywood-style portrait techniques to photograph their adoptable animals.

"We believe that every animal is a celebrity. We want to give them the same exposure that we would give a budding star in Hollywood. We do this because it works. Great portraits get actors and actresses noticed and leading roles. We want these animals to get leading roles in new homes," said Shelter Art Foundation founder Steve Sloop after the Sunday workshop. "We have conducted photo team workshops at 19 shelters in eight states, enabling these shelters to build the skills necessary to show off their stars. All of the shelters we have worked with have said that the better images make a difference," said Sloop.

"When I was a kid if you wanted an animal, you went to the shelter. And now, if you want an animal you go online. If the online image isn't beautiful and inviting and something you would want to have at your house, you'll keep clicking until you find it. But when you have that animal that looks at you and grabs your heart, you'll go into the shelter. That may not be the one that you come home with, but we've got you into the shelter so you can find the one you connect with," said Sloop of the concept that drove him to create the Shelter Art Foundation.

IN THE PAST YEAR, under the leadership of Tawny Hammond, the Fairfax County Animal Shelter has implemented a multi-faceted social media campaign to engage with the community in new ways and to increase adoptions. "A strong photography program coupled with a strategic social media program is paramount to success. With training and attention, we all can do it."

Rani Hart, a volunteer at the Fairfax County Animal Shelter, "wrangles" a rabbit during a photo workshop on Feb. 23.



PHOTO BY BARBARA AUTREY

When the Shelter Art Foundation contacted Hammond about hosting a workshop, she said, "How soon can we do it?" Not only did volunteers from the Fairfax County Animal Shelter participate, but representatives from humane societies in the District of Columbia and Montgomery County, Maryland were also present.

The non-profit Shelter Art Foundation was founded in 2010 when Sloop realized that he and his volunteer photo team at the Monterey SPCA had figured out an easy to learn, low cost technique that combined advanced animal wrangling strategies with a basic studio photography setup. He founded the non-profit and started traveling to shelters around the country. "At first, I'd visit a shelter whenever I was traveling to see family or friends," says Sloop. In late 2013 he was contacted by Purina to see if support from them would enable the Foundation to expand their program. Once they conduct the workshop, they are able to provide the shelters they visit with the equipment needed to set up the shelter studio at no cost.

THERE ARE CURRENTLY 25 shelters in California, two in Nevada, one in Alabama, one in Louisiana, one in Missouri and one in Virginia scheduled for this spring.

"Our goal is to empower as many shelters and rescue organizations as possible with the training and equipment they need to improve their images," says Sloop. For more information about the organization, go to their website at www.ShelterArtFoundation.org.

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Professionals Offer Theater Workshops

Broadway actress and audio/visual tech coming to Fairfax High.

BY BONNIE HOBBS
THE CONNECTION

Broadway comes to Fairfax with the arrival of actress Candi Boyd, currently appearing on Broadway in the play, "Jersey Boys." On Sunday, March 9, she'll present a musical-theater workshop, "Broadway: Behind the Curtain," at Fairfax High – and it's open to all area high-school students.

It'll run from 12-4:30 p.m. in the auditorium, with a limited number of spots available. Tickets range from \$10-\$40, depending on level of participation.

The event's a fundraiser for Fairfax High's theater program, and school Theater Director Erich DiCenzo hopes to make it an annual tradition. "It's a fantastic opportunity for students to have exposure to professional and talented artists," he said. "Anyone with any interest in this field is welcome. Attendees don't have to be theater students."

Boyd was his college roommate at Point Park University in Pittsburgh – a conservatory for performing arts – where they were in three shows together. They also performed together in an award-winning show at Cedar Point, Ohio, and kept in touch over the years.

So, said DiCenzo, "I've had unique and special experiences working in this career, and I wanted to bring them into the classroom. And I can connect to my friends – my theater family – in New York and bring a hands-on experience to my students."

WORKING ONE-ON-ONE with the students, Boyd will teach them original choreography from "Jersey Boys" and coach them through songs and monologues. She'll also answer their questions about what it's like to be on Broadway and the auditioning process.

She and DiCenzo designed the



Actress Candi Boyd

workshop together with three levels of tickets. For \$10, students can watch her instructing the other students and will be able to ask her questions. For \$20, they'll get to learn the dance and perform it onstage, besides participating in the Q&A session.

For \$40 – limited to just 24 high-school students – they'll do all those things, plus receive individual instruction from Boyd. This level of tickets is only available to

"We're bringing Broadway, literally, to Fairfax."

—Fairfax High Theater Director Erich DiCenzo

non-Fairfax High students. To purchase tickets, go to www.fxplayers.org.

For those who do attend Fairfax, Boyd will work with and speak to 24 of them from 10 a.m.-noon. That way, the other 24 spots will be open to students from other high schools and/or counties.

But that's not all. Also participating in the workshop will be Boyd's husband, Matt Kaitila, the audio/visual technical engineer of the Barclays Center in New York, where the 2013 Video Music Awards were held.

"It's exciting that we'll also have a very highly esteemed techie coming in," said DiCenzo. "He'll do a tech talk to tell about the behind-the-scenes world of one of the nation's most popular and exciting venues. He's done every concert from Paul McCartney to Justin Bieber."

AS FOR BOYD, said DiCenzo, "She's not only performing on Broadway, but she's also designated to perform any female role needed in 'Jersey Boys' productions in Las Vegas and South Africa and on the national tour. And she's donating her time away from the play to do this workshop." For more information about her, go to www.candiboyd.com.

So, said DiCenzo, "We're bringing Broadway, literally, to Fairfax. We're giving students – whether aiming to follow in Matt or Candi's footsteps or not – the unique opportunity to rub elbows with and learn from professionals in show business. And for those wanting to find a future in this industry, this workshop can provide them the affirmation they need."

Proceeds from the event will go toward purchasing new microphones for the theater department.

"We're hoping to start with some new mic packs and replace a few headsets for our stage manager," said DiCenzo. "Any extra funds would help supply us with lumber for sets, plus replace and repair sewing machines [for costumes]. In the future, we're hoping to add a scrim curtain to our incredible facility."

Most of all, he added, "I'm excited to introduce these two friends of mine to the community and continue to blend my two worlds of professional theater experience and teaching. We're hoping for a great turnout in support of, not only Fairfax High, but the arts in education."



PHOTO BY FRANK EIDEL

Max Raabe & Palast Orchester will perform at Center for the Arts on Sunday, March 2.

'Something Completely Different'

Max Raabe & Palast Orchester come to Center for the Arts.

BY DAVID SIEGEL
THE CONNECTION

And now for something completely different for the Northern Virginia area entertainment scene. All the way from Europe to tantalyze.

The debonair performer Max Raabe, a baritone crooner, will be striding on to the Center for the Arts stage; totally poised and impeccably dressed in white tie and tails with his "I Won't Dance" performance. He will be joined by a 12-piece band ready to transport listeners back to the elegant and sometimes naughty nightclub atmosphere of the 1920s and 1930s.

To show how Fairfax County is leading the way, his next stop is Carnegie Hall in New York City.

Raabe will bring along not only his voice and big band, but a wry wit and tongue-in-cheek humor as timeless standards and enchanting popular music from the 1920s and 1930s wafts through the air. The repertoire also includes classics from the Great American Songbook such as "Singin' in the Rain," "Cheek to Cheek" and "Dream a Little Dream" as well as novelties such as "Who's Afraid of the Big Bad Wolf" and perhaps a song from a madcap Marx Brothers film.

Max Raabe & Palast Orchester has a growing international reputation. They have performed throughout Europe, toured in Israel and played in U.S. venues. There is a recent

When and Where

"Max Raabe & Palast Orchester performs at Center for the Arts, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. Performance: Sunday, March 2, at 4 p.m. Tickets are \$23-\$46. Youth Discount: tickets are half price for youth through grade 12. Call the box office or charge by phone at 888-945-2468 or visit cfa.gmu.edu.

film titled "Max Raabe in Israel" that was shown at the 2013 New York Jewish Film Festival.

"As a child I was glued to the radio when a program came on that featured music on shellac [pre-vinyl] records. In my home town I soon started performing songs of this era...That is how the Palast Orchester started," said Raabe.

"We are 13 musicians in a typical formation of the period: rhythm, brass, reeds, piano and our pearl Cecilia Crisafulli on violin. The arrangements are all originals of the 20s/30s. We have a large collection of arrangements that were found in attics or at flea markets," Raabe added. "We will be playing some of these at the concert at the George Mason University Center for the Arts."

"We want to take the audience for two hours far away from reality, which is what this music was made for. It is unpolitical music, written to entertain," said Raabe. "Come to our show and let us make you forget your every-day worries for a couple of hours."

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CALENDAR

Send notes to the Connection at south@connectionnewspapers.com or call 703-778-9416. The deadline is the Friday prior to the next paper's publication. Dated announcements should be submitted at least two weeks prior to the event.



PHOTO BY TIM PETERSON/THE CONNECTION

Four hundred bowls from local professional and amateur artists were available to take home as part of admission to the 2013 Empty Bowls event to benefit Our Daily Bread.

THURSDAY/FEB. 27

6th Annual Empty Bowls Fundraiser. 6 p.m. Sherwood Community Center, 3750 Old Lee Highway, Fairfax. \$30 in advance (\$35 at the door) includes handcrafted bowl and a simple meal of soup and bread to remind us of the struggles of our neighbors in need. Children are welcome. \$10 for one child; \$25 for three or more children (handcrafted bowl not included).

FRIDAY/FEB. 28

Basic Gardening: Gardening for the Birds. 1:30-2:30pm. Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road, Alexandria. Learn what plants you should grow to create a habitat that will encourage these delicate beauties to visit your garden. Register at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/greenspring or call 703-642-5173. \$10/person.

SATURDAY/MARCH 1

Indoor Flea Market. 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. Green Acres Senior Center, 4401 Sideburn Road, Fairfax. Shop a variety of items and their bargain prices.

SUNDAY/MARCH 2

Know & Grow. 2-4 p.m. Merrifield Garden Center, 12101 Lee Highway, Fairfax. Learn how to plant and apply the most effective products to grow amazing roses.

SATURDAY/MARCH 8

Spring Fling. 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. Country Club of Fairfax, 5110 Ox Road, Fairfax. Springfield-Annandale American Association of University Women holds its annual Spring Fling, featuring a silent auction, luncheon, and speaker Susan L. Burke on the topic of sexual assault in the military. RSVP by March 5: springfling@rclark.net

HooShir A Cappella. 8 p.m. Jewish Community Center of Northern Virginia, 8900 Little River Turnpike, Fairfax. Indiana University's premier co-ed a cappella group with Jewish roots, and Potomac Fever, a 13-voice a cappella close harmony pop ensemble from the Gay Men's Chorus of Washington, DC (GMCW). Tickets: \$29, \$24 JCCNV members and seniors (65+), \$19 students and groups of 10 or more. JCCNV Box Office: 703-537-3000, email: boxoffice@jccnv.org; website: www.jccnvarts.org

Annual Consignment Sale. 8 a.m. – 2 p.m. Burke United Methodist Preschool, 6200 Burke Centre Parkway, Burke. Purchase or sell children's clothing, baby gear, toys, CD/DVD, other kid's items and help

BUMP raise funds for their preschool program, too. From 1-2 p.m., there is a half-price sale where specially marked items are 50 percent off original price. bumpreschool.org.

St. Mary of Sorrows Church. 5222 Sideburn Rd, Fairfax, will begin a "Landings" program for returning Catholics and people considering returning to the practice of their Faith. Program starts March 4th for 8 weeks. Meetings are Tuesdays, 7:30 PM. Pre-registration required. Call 703-818-8618 or email annleggio@yahoo.com.

SATURDAY/MARCH 15

Fairfax City Regional Library Children's Book Sale. 10 a.m. -3 p.m. 10360 North Street, Fairfax. Thousands of gently-read books and nonbook media organized into categories including picture books, early readers, nonfiction, holiday, chapter books and more. \$.25-\$2.00. Some specials \$3 and \$4.

TUESDAY/MARCH 18-THURSDAY/MARCH 20

Annie Jr.! The Musical. 7 p.m. Kings Glen Elementary, 5401 Danbury Forest Drive, Springfield. Tickets cost \$4 in advance and \$5 at the door. Call 703-239-4000 today to purchase tickets in advance.

FRIDAY/MARCH 21

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SUNDAY/MARCH 23

Fairfax City Regional Library Book Sale. 1 -3 p.m. 10360 North Street, Fairfax. Thousands of gently-read books in all categories including art, history, cooking, gardening, foreign language, travel, spirituality, reference, classic and popular fiction. Plenty of free parking.

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. 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 pianist performs music inspired by composers' major love interests. \$19-\$38, Mason ID permits 1 free ticket on April 15. cfa.gmu.edu.

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West Springfield Girls, Lake Braddock Boys Conference Champions

Senior Amy Berglund scores 28 points, grabs 10 rebounds, named tournament MVP.

BY JON ROETMAN
THE CONNECTION

Six minutes in to Friday's Conference 7 championship game, West Springfield standout Amy Berglund had as many fouls as she did points — two.

With Berglund having spent time on the bench, the sharpshooting guard totaled seven points at halftime and the Spartans held a slim two-point lead over T.C. Williams.

"My teammates did great in the first half," Berglund said.

No. 25 had a much bigger impact in the second half.

Berglund scored 21 second-half points, helping the West Springfield girls' basketball team pull away from T.C. Williams en route to a 70-58 victory at Lake Braddock Secondary School on Feb. 21. The Spartans won their fourth conference/district championship in the last five years, and beat the Titans for the second time in three tries this season.

BERGLUND finished with 28 points and 10 rebounds, earning tournament MVP.

"Maybe it gave her rest for the second half," said West Springfield head coach Bill Gibson, joking about Berglund getting in early foul trouble. "We might sit her more often in the first half."

West Springfield led 31-30 early in the third quarter when Berglund started to take over. She scored the Spartans' next 11 points, including a layup that gave West Springfield a 42-37 advantage with 1:41 left in the third.

"I had my opportunities [and] my teammates found me," Berglund said. "I knew I wanted to win this game. I knew I had to leave it all out there. It's my senior year."

While Berglund showed her perimeter-shooting skills, she also scored by attacking the basket, putting back offensive rebounds and getting to the free-throw line.

"She is very versatile," Gibson said. "She was shooting 57 percent from the floor and you don't get many kids like that. That's just phenomenal if you ask me. I don't think [West Springfield graduate and WNBA standout] Kara Lawson or anybody ever shot [that well]."

A bucket by sophomore Maura D'Anna in the closing seconds of the third quarter gave West Springfield a 49-40 lead.

The Spartans scored the first six points of the fourth quarter, including a pair of buckets by Berglund, and led by at least nine points for the remainder of the contest.

West Springfield senior Taylor Samuels



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The West Springfield girls' basketball team beat T.C. Williams on Friday and won the Conference 7 championship.

scored 14 points against T.C. Williams in the Conference 7 championship game on Friday. Samuels was named to the all-tournament team.

Taylor Samuels finished with 14 points for West Springfield. Sadie Schroeder knocked down a trio of 3-pointers for nine points and Shelby Haynes added seven.

Rejoice Spivey led T.C. Williams with 15 points.

Grace Peterson finished with 14 points, Tykera Carter had 13 and Angie Schedler added 12.

The Spartans won the first meeting between the teams this season, 54-53 on Dec. 13 at West Springfield.

The Titans countered with a 66-55 win on Jan. 28 at T.C. Williams, giving the Spartans their only loss to date. "I really think the only thing is heart," Samuels said when asked how to gain an edge against a familiar opponent.

"They know every single player, we know every single player. We just have to come out with passion."

Berglund (MVP), Samuels, Haynes, Carter, Spivey and South County's April Henson were named to the all-tournament team.

West Springfield defeated Fairfax 53-47 in the opening round of the 6A North regional tournament on Feb. 24, and beat Westfield 57-34 in the quarterfinals on Feb. 25. The Spartans will face Centreville in the semifinals at 6 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 27 at Robinson Secondary School.

Gregorits hits game winner, named tournament MVP.

BY JON ROETMAN
THE CONNECTION

With the score tied and less than 3 minutes remaining in Friday's Conference 7 championship game at Woodson, Lake Braddock senior Will Gregorits twice stepped to the free-throw line with a chance to give the Bruins a lead.

With 2:18 remaining, Gregorits missed the front end of a one-and-one. Twelve seconds later, he missed a pair.

"I choked down the end," Gregorits said. "... I missed those [three] free throws, but my team had my back."

Other Bruins made plays down the stretch, giving Gregorits a chance at redemption. With the Bruins down one and 13.5 seconds remaining, Lake Braddock went with the play "one down," which gave Gregorits a chance to attack the basket or dish to a perimeter shooter.

No. 33 didn't disappoint.

GREGORITS drove to the rim and scored with 4 seconds remaining and the Lake Braddock boys' basketball team held on to beat Woodson 62-61 at Lake Braddock Secondary School. It was the Bruins' second consecutive conference/district championship, and the first time Lake Braddock had repeated since winning three in a row in 1986-87-88.

"[Head coach Brian Metress] said go score it, because I know you will," Gregorits said. "It just happened to work and I'm so happy."

Gregorits' bucket put Lake Braddock on the winning side of a wild, back-and-forth finish.

Trailing by one, Woodson's Eric Bowles knocked down a pair of free throws to give the Cavaliers a 59-58 lead with 1 minute remaining. At the other end, A.J. Alexander made a pair from the foul line to put Lake Braddock back on top, 60-59, with 42.2 seconds left. With 13.3 remaining, Woodson's Andy Stynchula made both attempts from the charity stripe, putting the Cavaliers back in front, 61-60.

That's when Gregorits answered, giving the Lake Braddock a 62-61 advantage. After a Woodson timeout, Bowles missed a runner at the buzzer.

"It's 10-times better," Alexander said when comparing Friday's win with last year's district title. "It's the second time in a row, it's expected. It would have been a big upset if we would have lost — [to] us, at least. I don't know about everyone else around the district."

LAKE BRADDOCK improved to 3-0 against Woodson this season with the three victories coming by a combined eight points. The Bruins entered the tournament as the



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Lake Braddock senior Will Gregorits was named Conference 7 tournament MVP.

No. 1 seed and the Cavaliers No. 2. Last year, Lake Braddock upset top-seeded Woodson in the district semifinals before beating South County in the championship game. The Bruins went on to lose in the region quarterfinals, while the Cavaliers won the Northern Region title and reached the state semifinals.

"For us ... I thought maybe this year was a little bit more climatic because it was the 1 and 2 playing each other," Metress said. "Last year, we played South County, who was a very good team, but ... in basketball, it's Lake Braddock and Woodson."

John Nice led Lake Braddock with 15 points. Reagan Jones scored 13 points and Alexander finished with 11 points and 10 rebounds. James Butler scored 10 points and Gregorits finished with eight.

Bowles led Woodson with 21 points. Ayoub finished with 11 points and Stynchula finished added 10.

Gregorits (MVP), Alexander, Nice, Bowles, Ayoub and West Potomac's DeMornay Pierson-El were named to the all-tournament team.

Lake Braddock continued its winning ways in the 6A North regional tournament. The Bruins defeated McLean 77-44 in the opening round on Feb. 24, and beat Oakton 75-64 on Feb. 25 in the quarterfinals. Lake Braddock will face South Lakes in the semifinals at 8 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 28 at Robinson Secondary School.

Woodson is also still alive. The Cavaliers defeated Langley 66-47 in the opening round on Feb. 24 and knocked off Battlefield 59-56 on Feb. 25 in the quarterfinals. Woodson will face Herndon at 6 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 28 in the semifinals at Robinson Secondary School.

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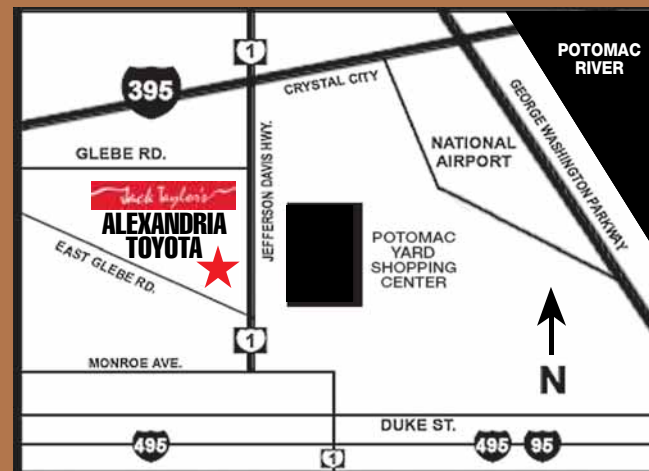
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