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Community members listen as Supervisor Herry addresses concerns about the proposed Fairfax County budget.

Taxed Out of the County?

Supervisor Herry hosts budget town hall; county executive, chief financial officer answer questions.

BY JANELLE GERMANOS
THE CONNECTION

At this year's Springfield Budget Town Hall, County Executive Ed Long said he is much more optimistic about this year's budget than the past.

"Whatever we do with the budget, it has to be sustainable," Long said. "There is no need to panic because of the challenges that are out there."

Some community members, however, continued to voice their concerns surrounding real estate tax, school funding, and government employees' pay.

Springfield District Supervisor Pat Herry, who hosted the meeting, said that the Board of Supervisor's advertised tax rate of \$1.105, which he voted against, is a 15.5 percent tax increase over the last three years.

"We've got to be careful we don't tax people out of the county," Herry said.

Herry shared the story of his aunt, a long-time county resident, who he said is moving out of Fairfax County due to high tax burdens.

"She is one of the people being taxed out of Fairfax County," Herry said.



Springfield District Supervisor Pat Herry, County Executive Ed Long and Chief Financial Officer Susan Datta answer questions surrounding the FY 2015 Fairfax County Budget on March 10.

Sonny Wiehe, a Springfield resident who attended the budget meeting, agreed that the real estate tax burden is too high in Fairfax County.

"The real estate tax burden should never be above 50 percent," Wiehe said.

A couple attendees criticized the recent Lorton Arts Foundation bailout, in which Fairfax County assumed \$30 million in debt. Supervisor Herry was the only supervisor who voted against the bailout.

"As far as Lorton goes, we've got a long way to go," Herry said. "We need to fill that area with density."

Herry said Fairfax County is looking at monetizing the land surrounding the arts center.

Herry also addressed the Fairfax County Public Schools budget, which requested a 5.7 percent increase in the transfer from the county.

"The schools face a lot of chal-

lenges," Herry said. "[Superintendent Garza] made some tough cuts, which I haven't seen done in a while."

Although the Fairfax County budget has allotted a 2 percent increase in the transfer to schools, short of the requested 5.7 percent, Herry said that the money is available without the 5.7 percent increase.

The \$34 million funding increase from the Board of Supervisors, the \$30 million in funding from the state, which the school system did not include in their budget, a \$25 million resulting in a 1.25 increase in the lapse rate, and \$13 million resulting from eliminating raises for administrators who received an increase in pay last year is enough to cover the school system's budget, Herry said.

Public Hearings on the FY 2015 budget will be held April 8-10 at the Fairfax County Government Center.



Max Jensen, Madalyn Wright and Zoey Golabek rehearse for the upcoming "Annie Jr." at Kings Glen Elementary School in Springfield.

Kings' Jesters Perform 'Annie Jr.'

BY JANELLE GERMANOS
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Members of the Kings' Jesters at Kings Glen Elementary School in Springfield, as well as staff and parents, have been preparing for the annual spring musical since November.

Now, it's almost time for the group of fourth through sixth graders to perform "Annie Jr." next week, March 18-20.

The play is directed by music teacher Ashton Streaving, who cast members say they love working with.

Fifth-grader Madalyn Wright, who says she hopes to become an actress and soccer player when she grows up, stars as Annie.

"I love playing Annie. She's strong and sticks up for the other orphans. She's tough," Wright said. Wright loves music and acting, and was excited to move to Virginia from Texas, where she says there weren't any plays at her school for her to participate in.

"Acting and soccer are my life," Wright said.

Carolina Vinas, a sixth-grader who plays Mrs. Hannigan, describes her character as a very "mean and cruel person."

"She treats the orphans very

badly," Vinas said.

Gregory Hodges and Sofia Lorenzi, both in sixth grade, play Rooster and Lily. The group says they love performing the classic "Easy Street" together.

"My character also thinks she's so pretty," Lorenzi said.

Hodges said his character is "the bad guy."

"He thinks he's the king of the world," Hodges said.

Oliver Warbucks is played by sixth-grader Max Jensen, who said he enjoys his character, who bosses people around.

Zoey Golabek, a sixth-grader, plays Grace Farrell, the secretary of Oliver Warbucks. Golabek has been singing since she was four, and loves her character.

"She's very sophisticated," Golabek said.

According to Wright and other students, they love working with Ms. Streaving.

"She is really great," Wright said.

Wright said her entire soccer team, as well as a lot of her extended family, will be at the play.

Tickets for the performances, which are at 7 p.m. March 18-20 at Kings Glen Elementary School, are \$4 in advance and \$5 at the door.

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Top row: Max Jensen, Sofia Lorenzi, Carolina Vinas. Bottom Row: Gregory Hodgens, Madalyn Wright and Zoey Golabek.

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Danielle McCarther and John Terrien, the automotive technology instructor at Hayfield Secondary School, poses next to a model car made by Terrien's class at Hayfield.



Hayfield Senior Excels in Automotive Technology

BY JANELLE GERMANOS
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When automotive technology instructor John Terrien saw the name of Hayfield Secondary School senior Danielle McCarther on his class roster this year, he was thrilled.

"I was happy to have her in the class," Terrien said.

Terrien had met Danielle a couple years ago when she was in another class. She would sometimes come into the auto tech classroom. When Danielle registered for the class, she was able to skip ahead to Auto III.

"That is a rare situation that we allow that to happen," Terrien said. "But she is very bright."

Danielle recently competed in the SkillsUSA District 5 competition and received a gold medal in automotive service technology. She will be competing in the Virginia SkillsUSA state competition in Roanoke in April.

SkillsUSA is an organization dedicated to ensuring students have the necessary skills to contribute to a strong and skilled workforce.

The competitions involve a great deal of preparation and require participants to know a large amount of information related to automotive technology. It consists of both hands-on and written portions.

"It's a combination of different skills- we have to balance tires, do a Virginia state inspection, and there are written tests," McCarther said.

McCarther has been practicing during Auto III class, where she has assisted other students in building a model car, and after school.

"It's rare that a first-year auto tech student does so well at competitions," Terrien said.

McCarther plans to enlist in the army after high school, but she is still thankful for the knowledge of cars that she has gained by taking automotive technology.

"It will always be a good skill to have," McCarther said. "I know I won't be ripped off when I go to a mechanic."

According to Terrien, Danielle would be successful running a mechanical shop, as she has great communication skills.

Terrien said that many students in his classes are interested in pursuing careers in the automotive industry after high school, and believes the curriculum helps them prepare for this field.

Terrien said Danielle is one of the brightest and most motivated students in his automotive technology classes, although Danielle herself doesn't have a driver's license yet.

"I like her enthusiasm. She works hard to succeed. And she makes my job fun," Terrien said. Although she will be sad when Danielle graduates, Danielle's sister Jenna plans to take auto tech next year.

"I am looking forward to taking it," Jenna said.

Danielle is the only female student enrolled in Auto III.

"We would like to see that change," Terrien said.



Danielle McCarther, who received a gold medal in automotive service technology at the Virginia SkillsUSA District 5 competition, sits in a model car she helped build in an automotive technology class at Hayfield Secondary School.

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NEWS



Supervisor Pat Herrity (R-Springfield) with Ms. Iyer's third grade class at Cardinal Forest Elementary School as part of Read Across America on March 7.

Read Across America at Cardinal Forest Elementary

Supervisor Pat Herrity reads to Ms. Iyer's third grade class at Cardinal Forest Elementary School as part of Read Across America on March 7.

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OPINION

Voting Against Virginia?

Local proponents of expanding health coverage for poor people have a point about those in the General Assembly voting against it.

When Delegates Scott Surovell, Charniele Herring and Rob Krupicka, along with Sen. Adam Ebbin got together to make the case for expanding Medicaid in Virginia, they brought slide presentations, charts, spreadsheets, poll results and more.

It is a compelling argument that expanding Medicaid under the Affordable Care Act is not only good for the health of working poor Virginians, it's good for the health of Virginia's economy. What's more, polls show that Virginians support expanding Medicaid, even Virginians who didn't vote for Gov. Terry McAuliffe.

EDITORIAL

Expanding health care for poor individuals and families who so far have been cut out of health care reform by the General Assembly's refusal would create more than 30,000 new jobs, hundreds of jobs in every district in the state. It would bring in \$5 million in Federal dollars every day, \$1.8 billion a year. It would save the General Fund \$285 million over the biannual budget, money that could be spent on education, mental health and other critical priorities.

"Real people are suffering because of this,"

said Ebbin. "Real people would be helped." That includes working families and more than 12,000 veterans. Ebbin related the story of a taxi driver from his district who had a stroke in his 40s. With no insurance, Mount Vernon Inova Hospital covered his acute treatment and recovery. But without insurance, his access to rehabilitation was limited and as a result, his lifetime expectations are likely limited.

Saying no to \$5 million a day is, in fact, voting against Virginia.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Protecting the Arctic Wildlife

To the Editor:

The influx of snowy owls this winter to the Lower 48 has everybody talking, and here in Northern Virginia it's no different.

Given the unusual migration, many people have been lucky enough to have sighted one of these beautiful birds in the wild for the very first time. These birds can make amazingly long and dangerous journeys from their summer breeding grounds in the Arctic, and our piece of the Arctic in Alaska is a key sanctuary for this

rare visitor.

As U.S. citizens we can work to protect our part of the Arctic, which includes the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. The Coastal Plain of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge is a vital sanctuary to birds that migrate through all 50 states and nearly every continent of the globe.

We can do our part by supporting efforts in Congress to ensure the protection of the Coastal Plain of the Arctic Refuge, not only for the birds, polar bears and caribou who rely on it, but for all of us. I hope Virginia's senators – Senator Mark Warner and Senator Tim Kaine – will show their support for



PHOTO BY DONALD SWEIG

A Snowy Owl settled on top of a parking lot light near Springfield Mall, where it delighted onlookers for several weeks last month.

the Refuge as well. It would show true leadership

and commitment to this special place if they would now sign on to co-sponsor the Senate bill to

protect it, S. 1695.

Corey Himrod

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Alaska Wilderness League

More on School Budget

To the Editor:

This letter is in response to the letter published in the February 13-19 edition entitled: "School Budget: How to Pay?" submitted by Christopher Thompson of West Springfield. In this letter, Thompson suggests that the reason for rapidly increasing enrollment in the Fairfax County schools is the rapidly increasing number of children of illegal aliens in the system. Up to this

point, I think he hit the nail right on the head... add to this the rapidly increasing number of English as a second language students- except that the number of children of illegal aliens in the system far exceeds the 6,000 number he quotes. Minus these children there would be no school budget crunch and I agree that those who are here or remain here must be educated.

Proving legal status of one par-

ent is a fine idea, but the democratic machine that runs this country would never go for that for purely political reason. And the idea of submitting a bill to the federal government is ludicrous. But how about this- how about a school tax based upon the number of children enrolled in the Fairfax County system per household, not a real estate tax per house? Or a combination thereof? Certainly every tax payer would pay something, but on

a graduated scale. This is an old idea, but perhaps the time has come for it to be revisited. And John Cook is 100 percent wrong when he says this crisis is "business as usual," unless he considers the continual decline of the quality of the Fairfax County school system as it relates to surrounding counties as "business as usual."

Richard Cheadle

Burke

Taking Exception on Medicaid

To the Editor:

The Editorial in last week's Connection ["Taking the Money"] does not include important facts about the risks of expanding Medicaid in Virginia:

❖ Currently Medicaid is already 22 percent of the Virginia budget

❖ Expanding Medicaid reduces funds for other Virginia programs - schools, safety, other medical, etc.

❖ 40 to 60percent in the expan-

sion population already have private health insurance

❖ Anyone earning less than the 138 percent above the poverty level would be mandated to lose their private insurance and go onto Medicaid which provides less care.

As to Virginia expanding Medicaid to get increased federal funding, the U.S. government has already run out of "other people's money" with its more than \$17

trillion debt that is growing daily. Plus, there is no assurance the federal government will pay as much as it has said it would to the states because the rules of Obamacare are changing almost daily at the whim of the president.

In addition, Medicaid condemns those in the program to long waits in emergency rooms to get even routine care. Plus, it pays doctors so little and requires so much paperwork that many physicians can not afford to see more than a few

Medicaid patients.

Virginia taxpayers should not have to pay more for an already failing Medicaid program infamous for providing substandard care and being ripe with fraud. Government-controlled healthcare has caused costs to go up since its inception in the 1960s. It's time to look at free-market alternatives to providing medical care in America.

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A dog receives a pawnicure at the Old Towne Pet Resort.

Pets Receive Luxury Treatment

Olde Towne Pet Resort provides fun and relaxation.

BY JANELLE GERMANOS
THE CONNECTION

Olde Towne Pet Resort is no ordinary boarding service. Dogs and cats at this resort, with locations in Springfield and Dulles, receive walks, time in a lap pool, spa treatments, massages, and more.

When owners check their pets in for a stay at the resort, they meet with an employee who asks them specific questions about their pets.

“Whatever the issues are, we talk about it. That gives the pet parent reassurance of what the pet will experience during their stay,” said Dixie Eng, general manager of the Old Towne Pet Resort in Springfield.

The resort also offers a day camp for dogs, allowing them to play and socialize with each other while their owners are working.

Dogs who visit Olde Towne Pet Resort can opt into a dog fitness program, which includes cardio jogs, agility play, swimming and iron dog circuit fitness.

Less stressful services available at the resort include massages, grooming, and salon treatments.

The resort also includes pet suites with webcams, which allow owners to check in on their pets 24 hours a day.

These 50 square foot luxury suites, the most expensive of the options at the resort, include four walks, two playtimes and a webcam.

According to Eng, the resort welcomes all dog breeds.

“We are not prejudiced to any



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Springfield Olde Towne Pet Resort General Manager Dixie Eng holds resort guest Cocoa.



A dog enjoys some exercise in the lap pool at the Old Towne Pet Resort in Springfield.

type of breeds. We don't prohibit aggressive dogs,” Eng said. “We do handle them separately and carefully, so that there is no interaction amongst others. We have several pets that have special considerations.”

Eng said that dog day camps are separated by temperament, rather than size, but generally dogs of the same size are grouped together.

According to Eng, pet parents choose Olde Towne Pet Resort be-

cause they know their pets are in good hands.

“We have a much higher ratio of employees to pet.

We have staff here 24 hours a day so the pets are never left completely alone. I think that gives peace of mind to pet parents,” Eng said.

Olde Towne Pet Resort will be sponsoring the PetFest at the Springfield Days Festival, May 31 to June 1.



Washington Irving Middle School students raised over \$1,300 for their service learning project for Ellie's Hats, a nonprofit group that was started when Ellie, a kindergartner who goes to school in Fairfax, found out last year she had leukemia and started undergoing chemotherapy.

Springfield Teens Support Ellie's Hats

Washington Irving Middle School eighth grade students, Alexandra Belk and Alana and seventh grader, Stephen Goodwin raised over \$1,300 for their Service Learning Project for Ellie's Hats. The eighth project, needed to include at least 15 hours each, and had to benefit their schools or community and they decided to choose a project that helped both. Ellie's Hats is a nonprofit group that was started when Ellie, a kindergartner who goes to school in Fairfax, found out last year she had leukemia and started undergoing chemotherapy.

Her P.E. teacher knew she loved hats and started a collection for her. There were enough hats that a great deal were donated to Fairfax Hospital this past winter for the children undergoing che-

motherapy there.

Alexandra, Alana and Stephen wrote letters to family and friends asking for donations and held a Dining Out night at Ledo's Pizza in West Springfield.

This project was personal for them because Alana and Stephen's dad has leukemia and has been in and out of treatments for the last 12 years and Alexandra underwent pre-cancer surgery last year which ended up with great results.

With the donations, they will be able to buy spring and summer hats for children at multiple hospitals in the area and have a surplus to buy winter hats next year. Their final reflection write-ups for the project will be finished up next month during spring break.

Hats off to Irving MS for incorporating community service hours into their curriculum.

Amanda Rosemary Zinn, Stephen Thomas Boyd to Marry

Michele and Alan Zinn of Springfield announce the engagement of their daughter, Amanda Rosemary to Stephen Thomas Boyd both of South Boston, Mass. Steve is the son of Marian and Walter Boyd of Greenfield, Mass.

The future bride graduated from Robert E. Lee High School in Springfield, College of William and Mary, and from Boston University with a Master's in Public Health. She is project manager in the Patient and Quality Group at Boston Children's Hospital.

The future groom graduated from Greenfield High School and the University of Massachusetts with a Bachelor's in Business Ad-



ministration. He is Director of Relationship Management and Product Implementation at Fidelity Investments in Boston.

A May 2014 wedding is planned.

NEWS

Members of the RTR Team Robotics prepare for the upcoming regional competition on March 27.



PHOTOS BY JANELLE GERMANOS/THE CONNECTION

FIRST Robotics Team Prepping for Competition

Students build robots, use passion for engineering.

BY JANELLE GERMANOS
THE CONNECTION

Every Monday, Friday and Saturday, members of the AIM Robotics and RTR Team Robotics meet in Lorton to prepare for the upcoming Greater D.C. Regional competition on March 27.

The teams, both part of FIRST Robotics, share a space provided by Shirley Contracting. Students work on parts, coding and more to prepare for the competition.

Ryan Beaver, a senior at Robinson Secondary School, is co-captain of AIM Robotics. AIM stands for Autodidactic Intelligent Minors, and the team consists of students from public and private schools around the area, as well as home-schoolers.

"I joined and fell in love," Beaver said.

Andrew Peace, the team's other co-captain, is a home-schooled student who joined due to an interest in engineering.

"You learn a lot when you come in," Peace said.

Ragav Goyal, a senior at West Springfield High School, and David Kitrinis, a junior at West Springfield, are co-captains of the RTR Team.

"I really wanted to get some hands-on experience," Kitrinis said.

Hands-on learning is part of the FIRST Robotics experience. Each team builds a robot and learns from professional engineers who mentor the team.

Students work alongside mentors who work in the engineering field or have been on the team in the past. Parents and com-

munity members also supervise the long practice sessions.

For several years in the past, the teams worked in garages or other small spaces. This year, they say they were lucky to receive a donated space by Shirley Contracting.

The FIRST Robotics requires teams to solve a problem within a six-week time period, building a robot which will then enter into a competition. This year's competition is "Aerial Assist."

"It's great working with the young students," said Deanne Mahoney, who has been a parent volunteer for seven years.

According to Gary Beaver, the team always has room for more mentors.

"Mentors come here because it is more fun than their regular weekly job," Beaver said.

Co-captains of the teams say they are pretty prepared for the upcoming competition. Both teams have grown this year, which means time was spent teaching new students and getting them up to speed.

Several members of the team, including the co-captains, say they are interested in pursuing robotics and engineering as a career and hope to study these programs in college.

"They are learning things here that students in college learn," Beaver said.

A couple of Fairfax County schools have robotic teams, but FIRST is the only community-based group that allows students in ninth grade to join.

Teamwork is a big part of being involved in FIRST. At the competition, the teams are paired up with other teams and have to work together to complete the challenges.

The Washington, D.C. Regional Competition will be on March 27-29 at the Patriot Center in Fairfax. The event is free and open to the public.



Ragav Goyal, David Kitrinis, Andrew Peace, and Ryan Beaver, co-captains of RTR Team Robotics and AIM Robotics, pose together at their practice space in Lorton.



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CALENDAR

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FRIDAY/MARCH 14

Friday Night Film Series Presents: Half Nelson. 7 p.m. Accotink Unitarian Universalist Church, 10215 Lakehaven Court Burke, Virginia. 703-503-4579. HYPERLINK "<http://www.accotinkuuc.org>"

Irish Breakfast Band. 8 p.m. Old Town Hall, 3999 University Drive, Fairfax. A free performance of traditional Irish folk music and dance. <http://www.visitfairfax.com/category/commission-on-the-arts/>

SUNDAY/MARCH 16

N Gauge Trains. 1-4 p.m. 11200 Fairfax Station Road, Fairfax Station. The Northern Virginia NTRAK members will have a display and N gauge trains running. Museum members, free; adults 16 and over, \$4; children 5-15, \$2; under 4, free. www.fairfax-station.org phone 703-425-9225.

David Barden of Sandy Hook Promise Speaking Event. 12:30-2 p.m. St. Stephens United Methodist Church, 9203 Braddock Road, Burke. Come and learn about Sandy Hook Promise's new nationwide campaign, Parent Together, an effort to empower families to focus on the wellbeing of their children. They will share with us tools in the area of mental wellness, healthy development, community connectedness, and gun safety. Call the church office at 703-978-8724 to reserve a lunch.

Early Spring Containers. 1:30-3 p.m. Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road, Alexandria. In the cold of winter, spring never seems to come soon enough. Chanticleer Garden's Jonathan Wright shows you how to plant beautiful early spring containers that

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The Chieftains. 4 p.m. GMU Center for the Arts, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. Celtic music pioneers take the stage for a spirited St. Patrick's Day celebration that captures the profound beauty of the Emerald Isle.

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.

THURSDAY/MARCH 20

"Death at The Devereux." Doors open at 7 p.m. with hors d'oeuvre, show starts at 8. Clifton Town Meeting Hall, 12641 Chapel Road, Clifton. Tickets include dinner and the show and are \$35. The Clifton Dinner Theater spring performance is a musical murder mystery comedy set in the 1920's.

FRIDAY/MARCH 21

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SATURDAY/MARCH 22

The Annual Antiques & Trinkets Appraisal Show. 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Stacy C. Sherwood Community Center, 3740 Old Lee Highway, Fairfax. Verbal appraisals given by six appraisers. \$5.00 admission (1 item included), \$3.00 each additional item (limit 2).

Shining Night: A Portrait of Composer Morten Lauridsen. 2:15 p.m. The Angelika Film Center in the Mosaic District, 2911 District Avenue,

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The Fairfax Symphony Up Close and Personal. 8 p.m. GMU Harris Theater, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. Celebrating the 100th Anniversary of English composer Benjamin Britten, set in a framework of works traditional and modern.

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Elizabeth Galinis after receiving the Milken Educator Award.

Hayfield Secondary Teacher Wins Milken Educator Award

Elizabeth Galinis, a geosystems and AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination) teacher at Hayfield Secondary School, has been named a winner of the Milken Educator Award by the Milken Family Foundation. Galinis is one of up to 40 educators nationwide selected to receive the award along with a \$25,000 unrestricted cash prize. The announcement was made at a surprise assembly by Mike Milken, co-founder of the Milken Family Foundation, and attended by Patricia Wright, state superintendent of public instruction.

Nominees for the Milken Educator Awards are recommended by a state blue-ribbon panel; identification and selection procedures for each award are confidential. The awards recognize individuals who exhibit exceptional educational talent as evidenced by student achievement and instructional practices, outstanding accomplishments beyond the classroom and long-range potential for professional leadership, and the ability to engage and inspire students and colleagues.

A former administrator at the National Academy of Sciences, Galinis switched careers to become a classroom teacher. Currently, she teaches six sections of geosystems, including one honors class, team-teaches the AVID class, serves as freshman class sponsor, and mentors students in an after-school program. She also serves as the leader of the Hayfield collaborative learning team (CLT), where she provides advice, support, and leadership to her colleagues.

“Elizabeth is an outstanding

teacher whose energy, skill, and relentless pursuit of creative ways to engage her students are nothing short of phenomenal,” says Phyllis Pajardo, assistant superintendent for human resources. “She cleverly uses life experiences, pop culture, and student interest to make her lessons relatable and meaningful. Students say her class is one of the ‘must takes’ at Hayfield.”

Galinis is known for making the extra effort to build positive relationships with even the most challenging students, and to deliver relevant lessons that connect with her students’ lives. Her ability to tailor her lessons to different learning styles, emphasize hands-on learning, and integrate technology into her lessons have translated into high scores on Virginia Standards of Learning (SOL) exams for her students. In addition to serving as a classroom teacher, Galinis provides homebound instruction to her students who cannot attend school.

Hayfield Secondary principal Dave Tremaine says that he asks Galinis to sit on interview panels to bring her insights and expertise to the table. “She is high energy, respects others’ views, disagrees in positive ways, and displays loyalty,” says Tremaine, who adds that she is always looking for ways to enhance her teaching.

A finalist for the FCPS 2013 Teacher of the Year, Galinis earned her bachelor’s degree in marine science from the University of South Carolina; a master’s degree in environmental science and policy from Johns Hopkins University; and a master’s degree in education, curriculum, and instruction from Virginia Tech.

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Woodson fans and the Cavalier bench react during the 6A state semifinals against Landstown on March 8 at Robinson Secondary School.



Lake Braddock's A.J. Alexander scored 13 points and grabbed eight rebounds against Colonial Forge on March 7.

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Cavaliers, Bruins Fall in State Semifinals

Woodson boys struggle offensively against Landstown.

BY JON ROETMAN
THE CONNECTION

The Woodson boys' basketball team experienced much in the way of adversity during the 2013-14 season.

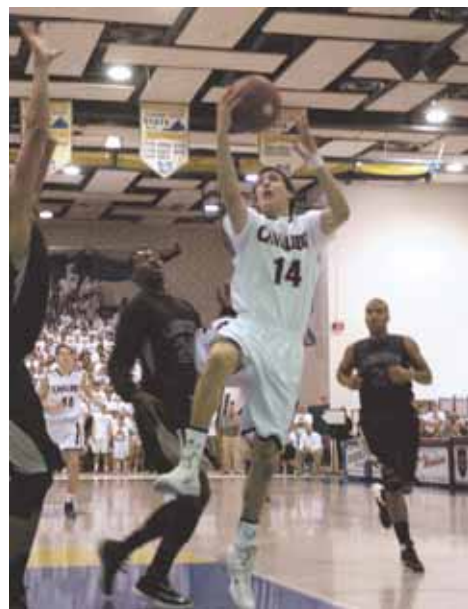
The Cavaliers overcame the graduation of three of their top players from the 2012-13 campaign. A busted pipe inside Red Jenkins Gym forced Woodson to practice and play away from its home. And during the region tournament, the Cavaliers dealt with the death of two classmates in the same week.

None of this derailed Woodson during its quest for a second consecutive region title and another trip to the state semifinals. But on March 8, with Woodson one win shy of reaching the state championship game, a simple off-shooting afternoon ended the Cavaliers' season.

Woodson shot 28 percent from the floor and produced a season-low point total during a 40-37 loss to Landstown in the 6A state semifinals at Robinson Secondary School. Sophomore guard Matt Ayoub was the only Cavalier to score in double figures, finishing with 14 points. Junior point guard Eric Bowles, the 6A North region Player of the Year, finished with one point, missing all five of his field-goal attempts. The Cavaliers' previous season-low point total had been 47.

Down by three, Woodson's final possession began with 31.4 seconds remaining. The Cavaliers passed the ball around looking unsure of what to do. Andy Stynchula ended up with the ball at the top of the arc and the senior forward shot a contested 3-pointer, which was tipped by a Landstown defender.

AFTER THE GAME, Woodson coach Doug Craig said the Cavaliers called a play expecting to face a zone defense. Instead,



Woodson sophomore Matt Ayoub scored 14 points during a loss to Landstown in the 6A state semifinals on March 8 at Robinson Secondary School.

Landstown came out in a man defense. Woodson tried to change the play, but Landstown defended it, and the Cavaliers were unable to get a good shot.

"They switched to man and we had a play, we just didn't get into it fast enough," Craig said. "They switched out on it, took the shooter away. They kind of kept us off balance all night. We never really got into a rhythm offensively at any point in this game."

Woodson finished 11-for-40 from the floor.

"I thought our defense was good, I thought we battled them on the glass," Craig said. "Sometimes you've just got to put the ball in the basket."

Ayoub, a sophomore transfer from Paul VI, knocked down four 3-pointers, including one that tied the score at 37 with 1:27 remaining.

"It's been a great season," Ayoub said. "Coming in as a sophomore, my first year ever playing varsity, to be on this type of team was great. It's fun. We bond very well

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Lake Braddock falls to Colonial Forge in 6A State Semifinals.

BY JON ROETMAN
THE CONNECTION

Lake Braddock's skilled big men propelled the program to new heights this season. The Bruins reached the state tournament for the first time in program history due in large part to the strength of their frontcourt. Their bigs often created matchup problems for the opposition and made a significant impact in the paint.

On March 7, Lake Braddock encountered a Colonial Forge team that possessed the strength and athleticism to contend with the Bruins' post players. The result for Lake Braddock: a one-and-done trip to Richmond. The Colonial Forge boys' basketball team defeated Lake Braddock 76-67 in the 6A state semifinals at VCU's Siegel Center. After trailing by as many as 15 points in the second half, the Bruins cut the Eagles' lead to six on three occasions in the fourth quarter, but couldn't complete the comeback.

Lake Braddock missed several shots near the rim, some of which resulted in Colonial Forge fast breaks. The Eagles outrebounded the Bruins 32-25.

"I just thought they were a little bit more powerful tonight than we were," Lake Braddock head coach Brian Metress said. "I thought they got to balls quicker and they had some strength that we were having a little bit of trouble dealing with. ... We were trying to get it in [the paint] and I thought we took some shots around the basket but every time we'd miss one of those, [zoom], they were gone. Give them credit. They got out and ran."

COLONIAL FORGE held 6-foot-7 Lake Braddock forward Will Gregorits without a field goal in the first half. Gregorits scored 10 of his 13 points in the second half, including a dunk that cut the Eagles' lead to five at 43-38 with less than three minutes remaining in the third quarter. Colonial Forge responded by outscoring Lake Braddock 16-6 during the next six-plus minutes, taking its largest lead of the night when Marco Haskins knocked down a pair of free throws to give the Eagles a 59-44 advantage. "They're not the tallest guys that we've played against," Lake Braddock junior forward A.J. Alexander said, "but they're definitely the most athletic we've played against."

Alexander finished with 13 points, eight rebounds and two steals. James Butler, a 6-foot-6 sophomore center, had 13 points and five rebounds. Freshman guard Corey Pelham knocked down a trio of 3-pointers

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Lake Braddock senior Will Gregorits scored 13 points against Colonial Forge on March 7.

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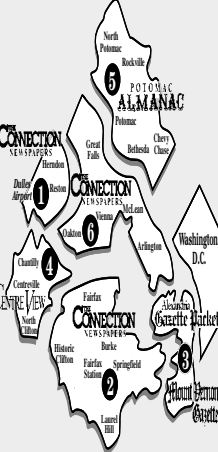
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Woodson

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together. Through the course of the season, our chemistry got so much better than what it was at the beginning.”

Senior forward Jimmy McLaughlin finished with seven points for Woodson. Stynchula had six points and senior guard Mike Szabo added five.

BOWLES had one point, eight rebounds and five assists. Woodson finished the season with a 21-9 record, with six of its losses coming by six points or fewer, and four coming by three points or less. The Cavaliers lost to Lake Braddock three times during the season by a combined eight points, including a one-point defeat in the Conference 7 championship game, but came back to beat the Bruins by 10 in the 6A North region championship game on Feb. 21.

Woodson's projected returning athletes for the 2014-15 season include: Bowles, Ayoub, junior guard Trey Johnson and junior forward Tyler Wilson.

“Yeah, I'm disappointed, but no one else can say, yeah, we won back-to-back regional championships and got to the state semifinals two years in a row,” Bowles said. “For everything that we've been through this year — everyone doubting us, not playing in our gym and everything — [I think we've been] successful this year.”

Lake Braddock

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and finished with 10 points. Senior guard John Nice made a pair from behind the arc and totaled eight points — all in the first quarter. “I got some better looks in the beginning,” Nice said. “[The Eagles] started to close out toward the end, so I either had to dribble or pass it off right away.”

Lake Braddock finished the season with a 23-5 record. The Bruins repeated as conference/district champions, beating Woodson 62-61 in the Conference 7 tournament championship game on Feb. 21. It was Lake Braddock's third victory over Woodson this season, with the wins coming by a combined eight points.

“Even when things weren't clicking in the winter tournament, we stayed strong and we kept it together and I'm really proud of that,” Gregorits said. “Our guys this whole year just played great. Nothing more I can ask for.” Seniors Gregorits, Nice, Sam Fiedorek, Vince Sica and Mo Ibrahim suited up in a Lake Braddock jersey for the final time. Juniors Alexander, a Division I football recruit, and Reagan Jones, sophomore Butler, and freshmen Pelham and E.J. Johnson would be the Bruins' top returnees for the 2014-15 season.

“It's heartbreaking, but the guys have been great,” Metress said. “I told them after the game, all of us coaches are all ex-basketball players and we just wanted to hang around the game and they gave us the best treat we could ever have: a district championship over Woodson, then being in the regional championship and taking a trip down to the state — first Lake Braddock team to ever do it.”

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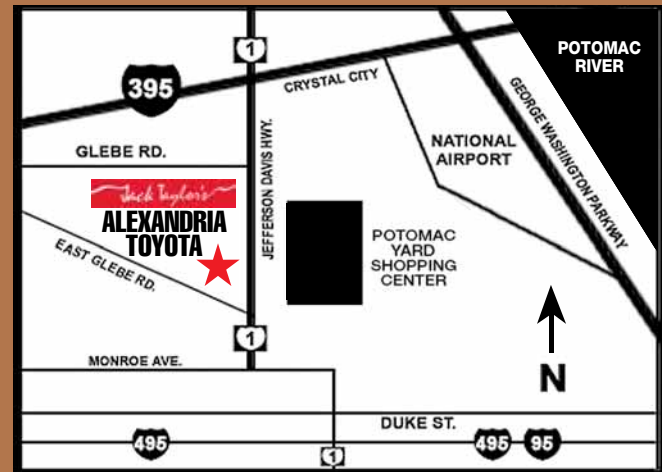
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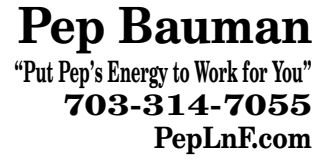
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Van Metre Homes won eight Silver Awards at the 2014 National Sales and Marketing Awards, hosted by the National Sales and Marketing Council.

Van Metre Homes were honored as Rookie of the Year, Sales Person of the Year, Sales Manager of the Year, Best Direct Mail Program, Best Print Campaign, Best Overall Advertising Campaign, Best Computer Sales Tool, and Best Design Center.

Individuals recognized for outstanding achievement included Omayra Dehring for

Rookie of the Year, Ernie Kyger for Sales Person of the Year, and Danny Faulkner for Sales Manager of the Year. Van Metre Homes won for Best Direct Mail Program with their Fashion Week. Their Fresh Campaign won two awards for Best Print Campaign and for Best Overall Advertising Campaign. Van Metre Homes' Hologram won for Best Computer Sales Tool and the Van Metre Design Studio won for Best Design Center.

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Near Zero Temperatures Call for Back-to-Basics

What mid-winter maintenance can reveal about your home's needs.

BY JOHN BYRD

While common sense suggests that home improvements should be put off to warmer weather, a sustained period of colder temperatures often reveals systemic problems that will need correction sooner or later.

As temperatures dropped precipitously several weeks ago, all Reston homeowner Craig Mattice knew was that his original mansard roof was plagued with ice dams and his 10-year-old, 600-square-foot addition was so cold the pipes were freezing. Moreover, no amount of thermostat adjustment improved the situation much.

"After living in the house for over 25 years the chill was a surprise," Mattice said. "It wasn't just that the winter has been colder than usual ... it was beginning to look like a larger problem, particularly in the new wing, which was five degrees colder than other rooms."

To determine the cause of ice-clogged gutters, Mattice turned to remodeler David Foster who had completed a number of home improvements for his son.

"The damming was literally the tip of the iceberg," said Foster, principal of Foster Remodeling Solutions. "When I inspected the attic it was clear that the envelope was not adequately sealed, insulated or ventilated, which is why the upstairs had been too hot last summer."

Add to this the fact that prior to 1980 local building code required less thermally-resistant insulation (R-19) than the current R-38 standard and the outlines of a common problem with older production homes begins to emerge.

"It's not unusual to find that the existing insulation just isn't the best application for some of our coldest days" Foster said. "Different parts of a house can call for different insulation strategies."

Since the goal for the Mattice attic was to dramatically increase R-value, Foster rearranged the old insulation, adding soffit



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A sustained period of cold weather can reveal problems with your home's basic systems that will need to be addressed in any season if further deterioration is to be prevented.

baffles to improve ventilation. The larger technical solution, however, was to blow-in R-25 fiberglass, which raised the attic's thermal resistance to R-44.

"One of the benefits of fiberglass is that it wraps everything...creating an air-tight insular envelope," Foster says. "This makes all aspects of the home's heating and cooling more efficient."

The more recently completed family wing was another matter. Turns out the Mattice's artfully-designed addition was built over an unheated crawl space, and the HVAC duct wasn't even connected in the kitchen.

"An appropriate insulation strategy starts with a kind of forensics," Foster said. "Where is a wall, ceiling or roof exposed to outside conditions? Is it difficult to regulate temperatures in different parts of the house? These are some basic questions we start with."

Given challenges inherent in insulating rooms built over an unheated crawl space — which also must support air circulation, Foster re-engineered the entire thermal equation: existing fiberglass batt was removed; sprayed-in closed cell foam was then applied to the underside of the floor system. This elevated the thermal value to

R-20 while providing a draft-free air-tight seal to the kitchen floor. To accommodate for summer conditions, Foster added ventilation to both the crawl space and the attic.

So how do the upgrades perform?

"Beautifully," Craig Mattice says. "The house is noticeably tighter and the new wing is much more comfortable."

A PROFESSIONAL REMODELER for 35 years, Foster said he's somewhat surprised by the calls he gets when temperatures drop, usually from homeowners who've found that previous attempts at keeping the house comfortable and well-functioning haven't worked very well.

A few months ago, for example, he executed a re-roofing and gutter protection assignment for Alexandria homeowner Steve Piper, who had previously hired him to design and build an extensive interior makeover.

"We knew we had a leaking problem before we met David," Piper said. "But the situation had gotten worse — and I wasn't sure what to expect from roofers. Finally, it occurred to me to ask David for his assessment."

Foster traced the problem to inappropri-

"An appropriate insulation strategy starts with a kind of forensics. Where is a wall, ceiling or roof exposed to outside conditions? Is it difficult to regulate temperatures in different parts of the house?"

ate and poorly installed flashing which was allowing water to seep into siding and under roof shingles.

His prescription: a re-shingled roof, a new gutter protection system and attic ventilation equipped with an electronic thermostat.

"It's important to address the whole problem when the system has failed," Foster said. "This is a plan that not only eliminates the leaking, but functions much better in all seasons."

A few miles away, Alexandrian Jeff Hage came to Foster when he noticed one of the posts to a front porch was sagging.

Foster, who had finished an interior for Hage a few months before, quickly recognized that the whole roof had settled, making it impossible to stop worsening deterioration by simply replacing the corner column.

"When the problem becomes structural you have to remake the basic supports," he says. "In this case that meant raising the porch roof and re-aligning posts and beams."

Foster has encountered similarly shortsighted solutions associated with window replacement. Homeowners with drafty homes procure state-of-the-art insulated windows only to have them installed with inadequately sealed window jambs.

"Winter is not particularly forgiving of partial solutions," Foster said. "When a problem is recurring, it's time to look at the larger system. After all, this is how a house works."

Empty-Nesters Re-invent the Family Home

Built-ins, cleverly articulated interior increase usable space without need to add-on.

BY JOHN BYRD

Sometimes life's second act requires a bold set change. How else are others to know that the featured players have moved on, embracing new beginnings?

Reinvention is after all the quintessential triumph of creativity, and can be a very personal process when the thing reinvented is your home itself.

"Of course, large-scale life changes don't necessarily demand a whole house makeover," recently retired teacher Cindy Borer said. But in the past year, her only son moved out to start a new career and her husband is now traveling less, so the timing was right for discoveries.

BUT TO START AT THE TOP: last spring the Borers had celebrated 20 years residency in their two-story, four-bedroom Colonial-style house in Burke, and were taking stock of what they wanted from the years ahead.

At just over 800 square feet, the home's primary living area had been serviceable enough; even so, the formal dining room and adjacent den on opposite sides of the front facing foyer were hardly ever used and the rear family room was dark and cramped.



By borrowing a mere nine square feet from the dining room, the designers found space for a small mudroom with bench immediately to the right of a side kitchen door.

Evaluating options, Borer considered enlarging a few rear rooms. She also wondered if some of the home's interior walls could be modified in way that would allow for more natural light. What to do?

It was at this juncture that Craig Durosko, founder of Sun Design Remodeling, was called-in to discuss possible space improvement scenarios.

Durosko pointed out that the couple

didn't so much lack square footage as a sensible space plan tailored to how they actually use their home. The existing "center-

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Kitchen Confidential

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL
THE CONNECTION

When Allie Mann of Arlington, a designer and senior interior specialist at Case Design/Remodeling, Inc. was tasked with giving the first

From light-filled to dramatic, local designers create dream kitchens.

floor of a McLean, Va., home a face lift, she had to think free-flowing and airy.

"[The] client wanted to focus on making the kitchen feel open and connected to rest of home," said Mann. "[They] needed to have plenty of space to cook and entertain plus lots of storage."

Mann said the homeowner was making a cross-country move and settling in Virginia, so adhering to a strict timeline and budget were critical.

However, near the end of the project, the homeowner wanted to make a change.

"At nearly 85 percent job completion, client decided they wanted to completely remove the wall between the kitchen and family room. In the original design, we partially removed the wall," said Mann. "This meant a shift and redirection of scope, additional



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A vertical, glass subway tile backsplash adds a dramatic flair to this kitchen by Nicely Done Kitchens.

engineering [because] the remaining portion of the wall housed a three-story fireplace, relocation of cabinets had already been installed and modifications to counter tops. And still deliver a project close to on

time."

The finished kitchen is a light-filled space with cabinets by Crystal Cabinetry, honed Vermont Marble countertops and appliances

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Empty-Nesters Re-invent the Family Home

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hall” configuration defined rooms were consistent with tradition, yet were functionally underutilized most of the time. This accounted for daily traffic patterns that didn’t work as well as they might, and a nagging sense that the entire first floor was space-restricted.

On a second subject: the mid-house floor-to-ceiling bearing wall dividing the front and rear sections of the house could be completely deleted by installing concealed vertical supports at strategic intervals, Durokso said. Such a move would dramatically increase natural light, creating the floor space needed for an alternative layout more appropriate for both daily use and entertainment.

“On the first visit Craig pretty much solved our space plan problem,” Borer said. “From this point on, I was mainly to think about the interior design details.”

So Borer’s meeting with Jon Benson, the makeover’s lead designer, proved a revelation from the start.

A veteran home remodeling specialist as well as a nationally recognized furniture designer, Benson’s input shaped a floor plan focused on personal requirements in which custom built-ins eliminate unneeded walls while sharply improving both room function and interior design integrity.

To create a more functional relationship between the kitchen and the dining room, for instance, the designer replaced an interior pantry with a 27.5-square-foot food preparation surface and dining counter that serves both rooms equally.

By borrowing a mere nine square feet from the dining room, Benson also found space for a small mudroom with bench immediately to the right of the side entrance to the kitchen.

Re-situating the front hall closet to the right of the front door not only widened the front foyer but also created dramatic front-to-back sight lines that make the entire house seem much larger.

Measured in square feet, the changes are small. Yet such revisions liberate the first level circulation plan, re-organizing the home’s primary living area into rooms that are both interactive and articulated.

To visually differentiate the front-facing library from the family room, the designer converted existing overhead beams into an elegant tray ceiling supported by Craftsman-style piers.

A floor-to-ceiling bookcase—also a Benson original—provides an elegant yet useful wall for the new reading room. The new family room fireplace hearth was custom-designed to accommodate the plasma TV that now hangs above it.

Additional interior design decisions emerged from Borer’s collaboration with



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To differentiate the front-facing library from the family room visually, Sun Design converted existing overhead beams into an elegant tray ceiling supported by Craftsman-style piers.



The new transitional-style interior employs decorative elements to create distinctive use-zones in an open floor plan.

Sun Design’s Jessica Page.

“Jessica helped me discover the design style I’d been looking for,” Borer said. “She opened up a lot of resources. Ideas that I liked were added to a project scrapbook which we both referenced regularly to keep the decision process on track.”

As space plan modifications proceeded, Borer’s research revealed a strong personal attraction to transitional-style interior design, a contemporary concept that seeks to reconcile traditional architecture with the spatial freedom of an open floor plan.

On this score, Benson’s original floorplan sketch anticipated the use of loveseats as



Transitional interior design style seeks to reconcile traditional architecture with the spatial freedom of an open floor plan.

space dividers between the family room and the den. Meanwhile, Borer’s preference for soft white and grey duotones inspired an interior paint scheme that combines sharp white and khaki.

In the kitchen, Giallo Sioriato granite surfaces are set off by a vividly original glass tile and stone backsplash which lends an invigorating streak of color to the broader visual panorama.

“Its very comfortable balance of traditional and open really works well for us,” Borer said. “I found the whole process really enlightening.”

Kitchen Confidential

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by Sub-Zero, Wolf, KitchenAid and Miele.

NICELY DONE KITCHENS in Springfield, Va., created a kitchen with drama for a Centreville, Va., family. “White semi-custom cabinetry and a contrasting dark island creates a dramatic look,” said Stephanie Brick, designer. Brick cited the focus on the vertical, subway tile back splash.

The rest of the back splash in the kitchen is horizontal, which is the standard for subway tile, said Brick.

The kitchen also includes ample, easily accessible storage space.

“The paneled refrigerator helps conceal the appliances and helps them to blend in with the cabinetry to give the aesthetic more continuity,” said Brick. The kitchen includes easily accessible storage space and ogeedged granite counter tops.

OPENING UP and adding light were priorities when Guy Hopkins Semmes, partner and founder of Potomac-based design-build firm Hopkins and Porter and Lea Allen, one of the firm’s senior architects, remodeled the kitchen of a Bethesda, Md., home.

“The kitchen was small, but we were able to add a lot more space, by making few minor changes,” said Semmes. “Before there was an enclosed porch next to the kitchen. We opened the wall between the kitchen and the adjacent enclosed porch.”

Semmes and Allen made another major elimination: appliances. “We got rid of the



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Arlington, Va., designer Allie Mann of Case Design/Remodeling, Inc. created a free-flowing and elegant feel in this McLean, Va. kitchen.

refrigerator and moved it downstairs,” said Semmes. “All of the other appliances are located under the counter and open up like drawers.”

Semmes also found a creative way to make the space more light-filled. “We took out a stairway wall to the second floor and replaced it with a triangular opening so light from stairwell came down into the kitchen.”

The kitchen now has maple cabinetry and white Silestone countertops. “It was done on a budget. It’s amazing what you can do when you work with what you’ve got.”



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Guy Semmes and Lea Allen of Potomac-based design-build firm Hopkins and Porter removed walls to create space and add light to the kitchen of this Bethesda, Md. home.

Garden Club of Virginia Celebrates 81st Tour



This Alexandria garden will appear on the 81st Historic Garden Week tour.

House and garden tours will take place across Virginia during the 81st Historic Garden Week. Garden week runs from Saturday, April 26-Saturday, May 3.

Tour proceeds fund the restoration and preservation of Virginia’s historic gardens. Each spring visitors are welcomed to more than 250 of Virginia’s most beautiful gardens, homes and historic landmarks during “America’s Largest Open House.” This eight-day statewide event provides visitors an opportunity to see gardens at the peak of Virginia’s springtime color, as well as beautiful houses sparkling with over 2,000 flower arrangements created by Garden Club of Virginia members.

Statewide tour passes are available for \$175. The Alexandria tour takes place Saturday, April 26, tickets are \$35. The Vienna tour takes place Tuesday, April 29 and tickets are \$25. There is a 240-page guidebook with detailed descriptions of properties on each tour. The \$10 charge covers the shipping and handling cost of the book. Free copies of the guide are available at Virginia businesses, visitor centers, and some AAAs. Visit www.vagardenweek.org.

David Watkins of Merrifield Garden Center says cold season annuals like these yellow pansies can add bright color to a garden now.



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Getting Your Garden Ready for Spring

Local experts tell you what you should do now, in spite of the cold weather.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL
THE CONNECTION

on the environment. It reduces bad bug populations and is safe over all.”

It doesn’t feel like spring. Last week’s snow made it seem like warm weather might never arrive, so planting a garden might be the last thing on your mind. However, local gardening experts say this is the ideal time to start preparing your landscape to yield colorful spring foliage.

Bill Mann, of Behnke Nurseries in Potomac, Md., said spring garden preparation plans differ from year to year. “It depends on the landscape beds you have and whether or not you’re planning to put in a vegetable garden,” he said.

“This is the time to inspect shrubs for damage that might have been broken during the snow load,” said David Watkins of Merrifield Garden Center, which has locations in Fair Oaks, Merrifield and Gainesville, Va. “Don’t go overboard, however: “You don’t want to prune plants before they bloom. A good rule of thumb is to prune a flowering plant right after it blooms.”

Instead, spend some time tidying up. “Right now is the time to fertilize your shrubs, remove old mulch, put down new mulch and just clean up,” said Watkins. “Everybody is sick of winter, especially this winter. This is the time to clean up old leaves. Because the winter has been so cold, there are going to be some plants that won’t have made it.”

“In March, a lot has to do with inspecting the yard for winter damage,” said Mann. “This is a great time of the year to look for insect damage and deer damage.”

Mann expects extensive deer damage this year. “Deer didn’t have much to eat except for plants like azaleas and rhododendrons.”

Insect damage is less obvious and more difficult to identify. “This is the time to do damage-control by using safe or organic-based products like neem oil,” said Mann. “When sprayed on plants, it smothers insect eggs or some insects in the larva stage. It also kills stinkbugs. If you can see them, you can control them. You can use a higher concentration this time of year and it is a lot safer and easier

WHILE EAGER GARDENERS may be excited to start planting spring flowers in their newly cleaned plots, Watkins offers a caveat: “It is a little early for most annual flowers in pots on patios, but you can plant annuals like pansies, which are cold season annuals,” he said. “They don’t like heat, so in June they start to whither. Then you can put other flowers in like petunias and geraniums.”

Watkins recommends planting hearty, ornamental shrubs in patio flowerpots and surrounding them with flowering plants to ensure year-found foliage. “A nice thing to do in pots is plant a woody ornamental,” he said. “It is nice to have plants in the pots that stay year round. I put a Japanese maple in a pot on my deck. In another pot I put ilex verticillata [winterberry] and I had red berries all winter long. In the spring, I’ll put petunias in the soil around it, and around the edge I’ll plant a flowering plant that will trail down over the pot from April to October. Then the rest of the year I’ll get red berries.”

Sowing grass seeds is also an ideal project to begin now. “The seeds won’t germinate until it gets to be 52 degrees,” Watkins continued. “So even if we get another snow storm, it helps work the seeds into the soil.”

Randee Wilson of Nature By Design in Alexandria encourages the use of indigenous plants. “Look for sources for native plants — they help sustain our local wildlife. If we didn’t have local plants, butterflies would be gone.”

Native plants also require less maintenance. “Some native plants are cardinal flower, which is bright red; bee balm, also bright red; blue cardinal; iron weed, which has purple flowers, and native wisteria vine,” said Wilson.

If a new patio is in your plans this spring, Watkins says to get started now. “We’ve been putting down putting patios all year long,” he said. “A good garden center is going to get backed up when the weather is warmer. The sooner you start getting your job in the line, the better.”

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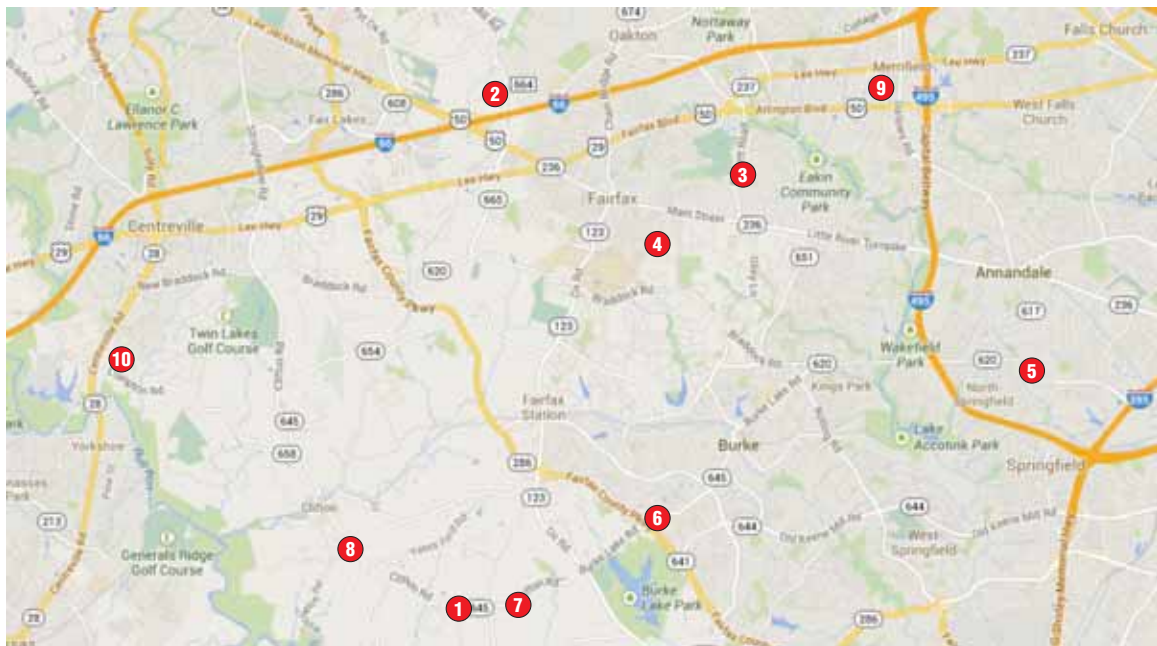
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The D.C. Design House Designers Announced

Some of the area's top designers competed for an opportunity to donate their talent to transform a local, grand home into a showcase home. Local designers chosen to help transform the 2014 DC Design House include:

- ❖ Jim Rill and David Benton of Rill Architects in Potomac, Md.

- ❖ Victoria Sanchez of Victoria Sanchez Interiors in Old Town, Alexandria, Va.

- ❖ Jeff Akseizer and Jamie Brown of Akseizer Design Group in Alexandria, Va.

- ❖ Allie Mann, based in Arlington, Va., of Case Design/Remodeling

- ❖ Susan Donelson and Sharon Bubenhofer of Cleveland Hall Design in Alexandria.

- ❖ Nancy Colbert of Design Partners, LLC in McLean, Va.

Now in its seventh year, the annual event is a fundraiser for Children's National Health System (formerly Children's National Medical Center). The D.C. Design House has raised more than \$1 million and attracted more than 55,000 visitors over the past six years.

Built in 1929, the home, located in northwest Washington, D.C., has six bedrooms, five full baths and two half baths and also features a three-car garage and a pool. The stone house offers three levels and approximately 7,929 square feet of living space for 24 designers to transform.

The DC Design House opens to the public on Sunday, April 13 and runs through Sunday, May 11. Hours are Saturday-Sunday, noon-5 p.m. and Tuesday-Friday, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., closed Monday, \$25. A preview party will take place Saturday, April 12, \$50. Visit www.dcdesignhouse.com.

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Local designers will turn this estate into a "flowing design home" to raise funds for a local charity.



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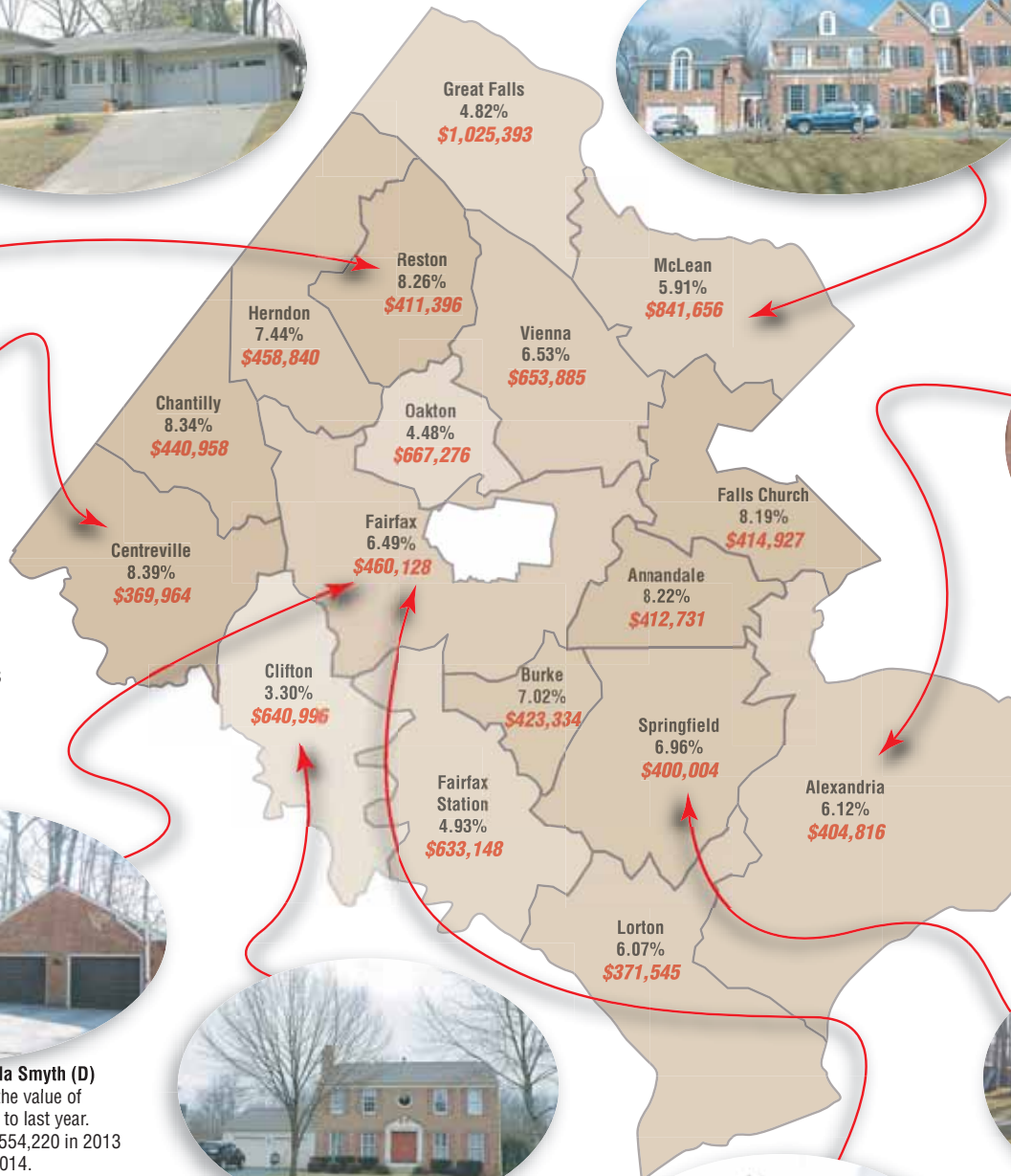
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2014 Assessments by Area

Hunter Mill Supervisor **Cathy Hudgins (D)** saw her assessment go up 10.80% from \$575,910 in 2013 to \$638,100 in 2014.



Dranesville District Supervisor **John Foust (D)** saw a 6.16% drop in his property value when compared to 2013. The county valued Foust's house at \$3,109,050 last year and \$2,917,660 this year.



Sully Supervisor **Michael Frey (R)** saw a 11.96% increase in the value of his home over the last year. Frey's home was assessed at \$225,820 in 2013 and \$252,830 in 2014.



Lee Supervisor **Jeff McKay (D)** saw no change in his home assessment. This year, his home was worth \$710,220, same as last year.

Mount Vernon Supervisor **Gerry Hyland** has no property listed.



Providence Supervisor **Linda Smyth (D)** saw a 7.22% increase in the value of her house when compared to last year. Smyth's home was valued at \$554,220 in 2013 and \$594,220 in 2014.



Springfield Supervisor **Patrick Herrity (R)** saw a 3.56% gain in his property value when compared to 2013. Last year, his home was worth \$553,770 and this year it is valued at \$573,460.



Braddock Supervisor **John Cook (R)** saw a 13.37% increase in the value of his home over the last year. Cook's home was assessed at \$586,220 in 2013 and \$634,760 in 2014.



Fairfax County Chairman **Sharon Bulova (D)** saw her home value go down 2.62% from \$617,750 in 2013 to \$601,550 in 2014.



2014 County Average (Percent Change)
 Single Family Detached **\$598,711 (5.82%)**
 Townhouse **\$370,849 (8.39%)**
 Condos **\$247,943 (10.51%)**

| ZIP CODE AREA | 2013 MEAN | 2014 MEAN | PERCENT CHANGE |
|-------------------------|-----------|-----------|----------------|
| Alexandria/Mount Vernon | 381,426 | 404,816 | 6.12 |
| Annandale | 381,386 | 412,731 | 8.22 |
| Burke | 395,580 | 423,334 | 7.02 |
| Centreville | 341,337 | 369,964 | 8.39 |
| Chantilly | 407,026 | 440,958 | 8.34 |
| Clifton | 620,491 | 640,996 | 3.30 |
| Fairfax | 432,104 | 460,128 | 6.49 |
| Fairfax Station | 603,429 | 633,148 | 4.93 |
| Falls Church | 383,502 | 414,927 | 8.19 |
| Great Falls | 978,233 | 1,025,393 | 4.82 |
| Herndon | 427,060 | 458,840 | 7.44 |
| Lorton | 350,288 | 371,545 | 6.07 |
| McLean | 794,688 | 841,656 | 5.91 |
| Oakton | 638,692 | 667,276 | 4.48 |
| Reston | 379,741 | 411,096 | 8.26 |
| Springfield | 373,964 | 400,004 | 6.96 |
| Vienna | 613,796 | 653,885 | 6.53 |

for single family, townhouses and condominiums

The average assessed value of a single family home in Fairfax County for 2014 is \$598,711, up 5.82%

SOURCE: FAIRFAX COUNTY