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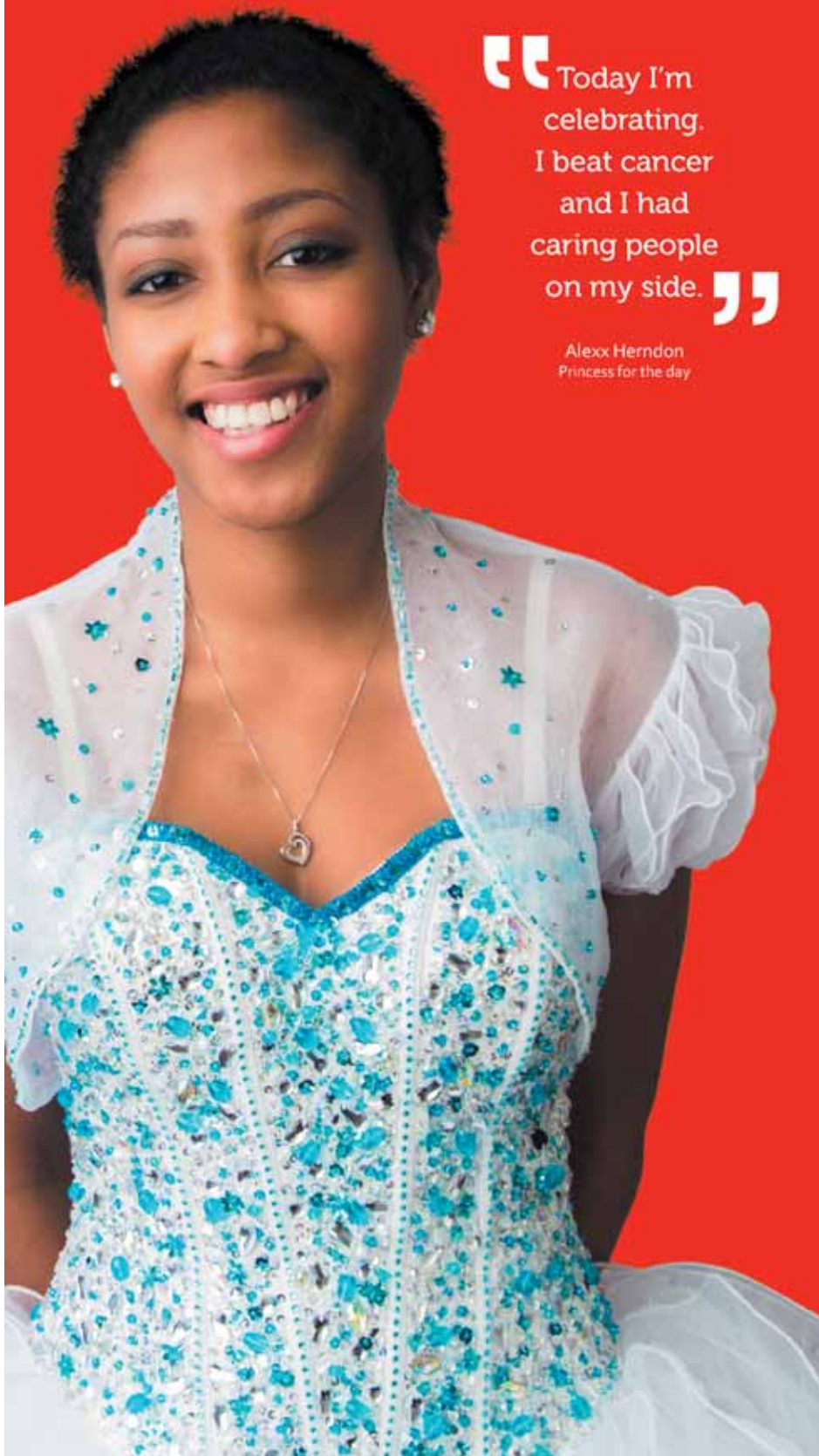
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Alexandria celebrated her 16th wearing her gown, not ours.

Alexx was diagnosed with bone cancer her first year of high school. Instead of going to an adult hospital, her family got help from a cancer treatment team focused completely on pediatric medicine. Watch how specialized care created a special day at JustRightForChildren.com/Alexx.



“Today I’m celebrating. I beat cancer and I had caring people on my side.”

Alexx Herndon
Princess for the day

WEEK IN FAIRFAX

Wizards Tickets Scam Arrests

Fairfax County police charged three New York City men in connection with selling fake tickets to Washington Wizards games on Thursday, May 8. A 25-year-old Fairfax man called police after he noticed the tickets he’d purchased for \$650 via a Craig’s List ad had typos on them.

Police received another report on the same day, from a man who responded to an ad and purchased two tickets for \$350. After looking closely at the tickets when he got home, he noticed illegible writing in red letters. The man contacted Ticketmaster and determined the tickets were fake.

Police set up a meeting with the suspects, met with them in a parking lot under the guise of purchasing tickets and charged three men, Keith S. Neal, 21, William Powell, 23, and Jose Lopez, 21, with obtaining money by false pretenses and uttering a forged document.

All fake tickets were for the Friday, May 9, Wizards game. Police urge caution when buying and selling merchandise online. Once money has been exchanged, there’s little police can do to recover it.

Antique Car Show Saturday

An Antique Car Show will be held Saturday, May 17, from 10 a.m.-3 p.m., in front of the Fairfax City Hall, 10455 Armstrong St. This area will be closed to traffic during the event.

Attendees will even be able to see a Model-T Ford rebuilt in 15 minutes. The show’s presented by the Northern Virginia Regional Group of the Early Ford V-8 Club, the Downtown Fairfax Coalition and the City. For more information, call 703-273-6097.

Recycle During Electric Sunday

Residents may recycle old TVs, computers, peripheral electronic devices – such as keyboards, speakers, printers and scanners, as well as household hazardous wastes – including fluorescent light bulbs and tubes, for free, during Fairfax County’s “Electric Sunday” events.

The next one is slated for Sunday, May 18, from 10 a.m.-3 p.m., at the I-66 Transfer Station, 4618 West Ox Road in Fairfax. For more information, call 703-324-5052.

Guard against Substance Abuse

A “Protecting Against the Realities of Substance Abuse” forum will be held Monday, May 19, at 7:30 p.m. at the Fairfax American Legion, 3939 Oak St. in Fairfax. The community is invited to attend this program being held for the U.S. Air Force Auxiliary, Civil Air Patrol volunteer group. It’s presented by the Unified Prevention Coalition of Fairfax County.

‘Click It or Ticket’

City of Fairfax police will be particularly enforcing seat-belt use during the national “Click It or Ticket” enforcement campaign, May 19-June 1. Drivers in violation of the requirement to “buckle up” will be subject to citations carrying \$25 fines.

Ride of the Patriots

The City of Fairfax will host the annual Ride of the Patriots on Sunday, May 25. The event honors military and public-safety personnel and is a staging area for Rolling Thunder, a national motorcycle event. That day, from 6:30-9:30 a.m., eastbound Fairfax Boulevard will be closed from Eaton Place to Fairfax Circle to accommodate the thousands of motorcycles expected to line up for the ride.

During this time, westbound Fairfax Boulevard from Eaton Place to Fairfax Circle will become a two-way street. The parade will begin at 7:30 a.m. on eastbound Fairfax Boulevard from Capt. Pell’s Crab House near Plantation Parkway and will end at Patriot Harley-Davidson, 9739 Fairfax Blvd. Opening ceremonies will begin there at 8:05 a.m. Then at 9 a.m., the motorcycle riders will depart under police escort for the Pentagon.

Bleachers will be set up for spectators, and veterans groups will sell food and drinks on the route. Parking is available at Fairfax High and the Fairfax Circle shopping center.

Farmers Markets Are Open

Two farmers markets are open for the season in the City of Fairfax. They’ll run through Nov. 1 at the corner of West and Main streets. The Downtown Fairfax Coalition Community Market is held Saturdays, from 8 a.m.-1 p.m. The Sunday Farmers Market will run from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. For more information, call 703-642-0128.

Seeking Chocolate Recipes

The Chocolate Lovers Festival Committee is requesting residents’ favorite recipes using chocolate as an ingredient to be included in its 2015 cookbook. Recipes must be submitted by Sept. 30 to pmmaddox@verizon.net. Provide name, phone number (only for clarification information), organization or business, ingredients (list in order of use in recipe) and recipe instructions.

County Boards, City Residents

Fairfax County currently has several vacancies on its various boards and commissions, and there’s a seat designated for a City of Fairfax resident on each of them. This enables City residents to provide input from their own perspectives. Anyone interested in serving should contact Louise

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New Life Proposed For Old Apartments

Modern, multifamily homes, townhouses planned in the City.

BY BONNIE HOBBS
THE CONNECTION

When Oak Knolls Realty Corp. acquired the Oak Knolls Apartments a year ago, more than 30 of the units weren't habitable.

"There was water damage and they hadn't been maintained property," said land-use attorney Lynne Strobel, representing the new owner. "Now they've undergone extensive renovations and 100 percent of the units are habitable."

Appearing recently before the Fairfax City Council, she presented details of the proposed plan to completely transform the 6-acre site along Main and Oak streets in Fairfax. Built in the early 1960s, there are currently 110 units in five buildings.

But the new owner wants to re-develop the property with a mix of townhouses and multifamily homes. "My client wanted to think outside the box and do something different," said Strobel. So proposed now are 151 apartments and 63 townhouses.

THE APARTMENTS would be three-story walk-ups with a mix of 190, one-car garages plus 66 surface parking spaces. The building, itself, would be four stories served by elevators. It would be oriented toward Main Street and would have its parking tucked underneath the apartments.

The three-story townhouses would come in two sizes; the 16-foot-wide homes would have one-car garages, and the 22-foot-wide homes would have two-car garages. Also available for the townhouses would be 34 surface parking spaces.

Entrance to the site would be from both Main and Oak streets, but townhouse residents would only enter from Oak, the side street. The townhouses would also come with terraces. The apartments would be for rental, but Strobel said the townhouses would create "opportunities for home ownership and a diversity of housing within the City."

There'd be a drop-off area in front of the building, plus an exercise room and business center within the multifamily building. And a small clubhouse and pool would be shared by both the apartment and townhouse residents.

"We'll preserve the Oak trees on Oak Street and will have some green, open space," said Strobel.



Preliminary artist's rendition of the proposed multifamily (apartments) building.



Preliminary artist's rendition of the proposed, 22-foot townhouses.

"And a see-through lobby going through the building creates a nice presence on Main Street and encourages walkability."

"With the apartment building facing Main Street, we stepped back the entry and have a curved, overhanging marquee over the entrance," said Sandy Fennell, senior designer with the architects, Devereaux & Associates. She also noted bay windows and recessed decks by the roofline, plus panels between windows for an urban look.

The building exterior will be a combination of brick and other materials. Fennell said the townhouses will also feature "crisp detailing, strong cornice lines and vertical brick columns." However, the building design and layout are still in their preliminary stages and haven't yet been finalized.

The 16-foot townhouses are expected to be in the \$400,000 price range, with the 22-foot townhomes under \$700,000. Strobel said the project would also contain some affordable housing, and she said the owner plans to meet with the community "because we want this to be a collaborative process."

"Devoreaux & Associates has an outstanding history of work in this City," added Stephen Bannister,

president of Oak Knolls Realty Corp. "We think it's a unique opportunity to bring some homes for sale to the City at multiple price points in a classy community."

FAIRFAX MAYOR Scott Silverthorne complimented him for "moving so quickly and decisively" to renovate this property.

Councilman Dan Drummond asked if any of the townhomes would be "FHA-eligible for purchase so people with modest incomes can buy them," and Strobel said they would.

Councilman Michael DeMarco asked what the mix of bedrooms would be, and Fennell said probably 60-70 percent of the units would be one-bedroom and 30-40 percent, two-bedroom. None would have three bedrooms. Councilman David Meyer asked where the terraces would face, and Fennell said they'd "tend to face the common green inside the multifamily area."

She also noted that City staff wants more details about things such as the building materials and traffic circulation. Silverthorne advised her to work with them "to hammer out these details," adding that the City Council is "excited about the renovation, provided these things are attended to."



Artist Mark Isaacs receives peoples choice award from Jennifer Rose.

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Our Daily Bread Celebrates 30th Anniversary

Fairfax-based charity Our Daily Bread celebrated its 30th anniversary on May 2 at "Do You See What I See?" in association with Fairfax Spotlight on the Arts. The evening featured an art show with works by local artists, a variety of performances, wine and appetizers from Dolce Vita and a celebration of Our Daily Bread's work to empower struggling families throughout the Fairfax County area to move

from need to self-sufficiency.

Weather forecaster Steve Rudin of WJLA/ABC-7 TV and NewsChannel 8 served as emcee for the evening.

Artist Nathan Jalani Taylor, associate art director for Essence Magazine, created a painting during the event, capturing the energy of the evening. Proceeds from art works purchased during the evening will benefit Our Daily Bread's families.



Artist Nathan Jalani Taylor created a painting during event.

PHOTO BY EDMOND JOE



Several members of present ODB Board: Laura Soranno, Richard Haynes, Catherine Read, Matt Bosseler and Matt Casey.

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Daniels Run students with their artwork: (Back row, from left) are art teacher Janet Byrne, Kate Weis, Esther DeWitt, Nolan Wilson and School Board Chairman Janice Miller; (front row, from left) are Amelia Ferratt, Lia Cohen and Trent Cohen.

Fairfax Students Celebrate the Earth

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Nancy Thai, Lanier eighth grade, made a house from recycled materials.



Alexia Anazco, Providence Elementary third grade, layered-paper butterfly.



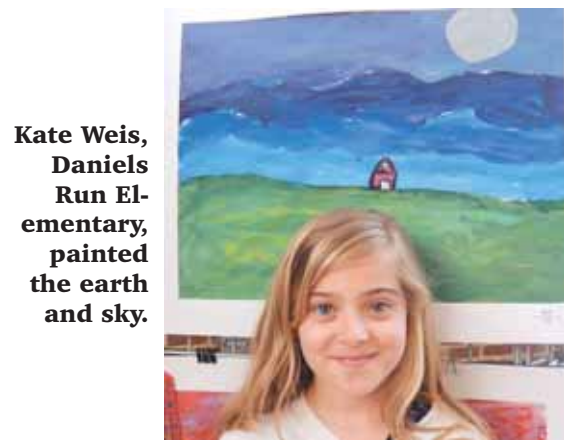
Sydney Keating, Lanier eighth grade, photo of paper with "Hope" on it.



Freddy Segura, Providence sixth grade, painted the outdoors.



Jewel Nguyen, Lanier seventh grade; students decorated cups with water-conservation themes.



Kate Weis, Daniels Run Elementary, painted the earth and sky.



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Making a Fairfax City Council proclamation are (back row, from left) Environmental Sustainability Committee members Tim Killian and Judy Fraser, Mayor Scott Silverthorne and Community Appearance Committee members Kirk Holley and Don Lederer; and (front row, from left) Abby Killian and Thomas Simione. (In background are Councilmen Jeff Greenfield and David Meyer).

Fairfax Mayor for a Day

Fairfax City Mayor Scott Silverthorne recently hosted Providence Elementary second-grader Thomas Simione as Mayor for a Day.

The son of Cindy and Robert Simione of the Mosby Woods community, Thomas got to visit various City departments to see

how they're run. And during the April 22 City Council meeting, Thomas and Providence kindergartner Abby Killian helped proclaim April as Spring Cleanup Month.

Unlike Silverthorne, who was recently re-elected to office, Thomas won the mayor's role in a raffle.



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Thomas Simione answers a call at the mayor's desk.



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Being Beautiful at Mayflower

Models Frank Stephens of Fairfax and Michelle Andrade are escorted by Congressman David Stockman during the Global Down Syndrome Foundation's Be Beautiful Be Yourself Fashion Show held at the Mayflower. The event showcased the abilities of people with Down Syndrome.

NEWS



Bunny at animal shelter.

Animal Shelter Grand Opening

The Fairfax County Animal Shelter will host a ribbon-cutting ceremony and open house this Saturday, May 17, to celebrate the official completion of the shelter's renovation and expansion. Festivities begin at 1 p.m. and will include behind-the-scenes tours, face-painting and hands-on interaction with rabbits, guinea pigs and small reptiles. The shelter's at 4500 West Ox Road and is open Tuesday through Friday, noon to 7 p.m., and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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Recycle Rechargeable Batteries

Rechargeable batteries may be dropped off in a bin at the Recycling Center at 3410 Pickett Road in Fairfax.

(Regular household batteries may be placed in household trash for collection with garbage).

The Recycling Center is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week for drop-off of many materials, including cans, paper and cardboard.

Register for Summer Camp

The City of Fairfax is offering a variety of summer camps for children age 3 through rising 10th-graders.

Camps run June 30-Aug. 15 in City schools, either for seven weeks or designated two-week sessions.

For more information, go to www.fairfaxva.gov/parksrec.

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Virginia Proves Elections Matter

Health and economic issues are entwined.

Some people continue to assert, either with their words or by simply abstaining, that voting just doesn't matter. Here in Virginia, nearly every day we prove that is incorrect.

All of Virginia's elected representatives who are elected by the entire state are of the same political party. They are all Democrats: Gov. Terry McAuliffe, Lt. Gov. Ralph Northam, Attorney General Mark Herring and Virginia's two U.S. Senators, Mark Warner and Tim Kaine.

None were elected by a landslide but the trend is undeniable; the results are tangible.

Herring won his race over Mark D. Obenshain (R) by fewer than 200 votes out of more than 2.2 million votes cast. But that slimmest of margins has cleared the way for a new approach on many issues, especially after the previous four years of Gov. Bob McDonnell and Attorney General Ken Cuccinelli.

In January, Herring announced his office would support legal arguments that Virginia's

ban on same sex marriage is unconstitutional. Judge Arenda Wright Allen on Valentine's Day overturned that ban, and on Tuesday, May 13, the U.S. 4th Circuit Court of Appeals in Richmond begins the process that should result in same sex couples being able to marry in Virginia.

In April, Herring advised that Virginia students who are lawfully present in the United States under the Federal Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program qualify for in-state tuition, provided they meet Virginia's domicile requirements.

EDITORIAL

This week, Gov. McAuliffe began administrative processes to blunt the effects of restrictive regulations placed on women's health centers that provide abortion, that would essentially have forced most to close by applying onerous standards intended for hospitals.

"I am concerned that the extreme and punitive regulations adopted last year jeopardize the ability of most women's health centers to keep their doors open and place in jeopardy the health and reproductive rights of Virginia women," McAuliffe said. He also began the process of changing the makeup of the Board of Health via appointments, including return-

ing James Edmondson of McLean to the board.

In the meantime, the gerrymandering of district lines for members of the General Assembly maintains the conservative, Republican super majority there.

Those members of the House of Delegates in particular seem prepared to cut off their noses to spite their faces, to do almost anything to deny health care to more than 200,000 very poor Virginians who could be covered by expanding Medicaid under the Affordable Care Act. Not only would this be fully covered by Federal funds for the first years and covered 90 percent thereafter, but it would bring enormous economic benefits to Virginia. McAuliffe is correct to look for ways to expand Medicaid administratively, bypassing the General Assembly. It has been done elsewhere.

"This is not just a health issue — it's an economic issue," McAuliffe said yesterday in announcing review of the regulations on women's health clinics, but the statement applies also to expanding health care in Virginia. "In order to grow and diversify our economy, Virginia needs to be open and welcoming to all."

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No, I'm Not a Parent; I Just Act Like One

BY JOAN BRADY

I'm not a biological mother, an adoptive mother, a stepmother or a foster mother. But I have experienced some of the joys and heartbreaks of motherhood.

More than 12 years ago, I began as a homework tutor at a group home for foster kids. It was there that I met 7-year-old Dontae.

He would tell you that he tricked me into spending more time with him by pretending that he didn't know his letters. I would tell you that I was drawn to him in ways that I think mothers are drawn to their children. He needed someone. Maybe he needed me.

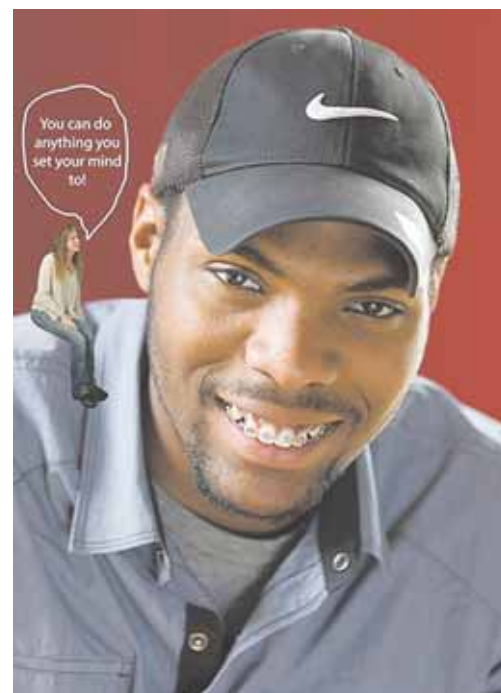
Within months, I began training to become Dontae's Court Appointed Special Advocate or CASA. A CASA is a volunteer who becomes the advocate for a foster child, representing a vulnerable child against the competing priorities of rotating social workers, lawyers and caregivers.

Dontae had 23 placements in just under three years during his time in foster care. With a lack of stability and security, it was no wonder that his behavior was out of control. His anger was often frightening and sometimes put us both in danger.

I quickly learned that he needed consistency and boundaries, but most of all, he needed unconditional, unwavering support.

My friends' kids were much younger than Dontae and social services and court appointed therapists didn't offer any meaningful insights or strategies. I operated on instinct, which sometimes served me well, but often did not.

I told Dontae over and over again what my parents had told me from the time I can remember: "You can do anything you set your mind to." While I might have gotten that per-



Joan Brady to Dontae: "You can do anything you set your mind to!"

sistent and caring motivational support right, there was so much I was getting wrong.

Fortunately, in my second year with Dontae. I met a talented therapist with a young child. In exchange for photographs of her daughter, she promised to meet with me weekly, the day after I saw Dontae.

Each week, I reported on our most recent visit. She would carefully explain where and why my instincts had betrayed me and sent me back out to do better the next time. Her insights were invaluable over the years.

Dontae returned to his mother's home after three years in foster care and she supported

my continuing to be part of their lives. I helped to navigate the frustratingly complex educational system and was there to encourage Dontae. But at 14, Dontae was not really much different than he had been when I met him at 7. He was often filled with rage. The slightest thing could set him off. And one day after battering me with harsh and menacing words, he attempted to jump out of my car as I drove down the highway.

I remember my parents threatening to leave us, four kids at the side of the road, during a particularly bad road trip. I knew just how they felt. But I didn't leave Dontae at the side of the road. And three years later, he started to change.

In the past five years I have gotten to experience some of the joys of parenthood; first job, raises, good grades, school dances, wonderful trips and meals enhanced by interesting conversations. I have also struggled with the frustrating dilemma of trying to keep a kid on track, alternating between nagging, bribing, screaming, negotiating and supporting.

Dontae stayed in school well beyond what should have been his graduation date, cramming 12 years of education into just two. And next month he will graduate.

If you had asked me if I thought this was possible 12 years ago, I would have quietly shaken my head. But come June, I will be loudly cheering Dontae on at his high school graduation and embarrassing him by taking too many pictures.

No, I'm not a parent. I just act like one.

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LETTERS

A Better Way to Teach Children

To the Editor:

It seems like every time you read an article regarding education there is talk of standardized high-stakes testing. Teachers spend hours planning and preparing lessons that ensure their students will select the correct question on a lengthy multiple choice test. Students regurgitate this information one day late in the spring, when the only thing anyone can focus on is the looming summer months. When you think about what we want our students to be able to do when they exit high school, is being really good at test taking the first thing that comes to mind?

The end goal does not seem to fit the means by which schools are aiming to obtain success. This has left many educators, researchers, and parents wondering, is there a better way to teach our children? One school in Fairfax County is attempting to step outside the box and

implement a Project-Based Learning (PBL) model in a few of their classrooms. PBL was developed by the Buck Institute for Education in Novato, Calif., though many of the inquiry based methods can be traced back to education pioneer John Dewey.

Senator Who Cares

To the Editor:

It's been more than frustrating to watch such a dysfunctional Congress. Looking toward the coming election, I'm voting for candidates that can cross party aisles and put the welfare of the citizens first. This is why I am supporting Sen. Mark Warner's re-election. Examining his past work in the Senate has given me hope that with more representatives like him, our legislature can emerge from the inoperative era.

I'm a mother of two small children, so I'm passionate about his work to support the health of our children. Just recently, Sen. Warner joined with House Majority Leader Eric Cantor and other Republicans from across the country to put our tax dollars to better use. Rather than continuing to fund political party conventions, Warner led the support in the Senate for the Gabriella Miller Kids First Research bill, a

Connect With a Child

To the Editor:

As we read recent news stories on children suffering through neglect, a local coach charged with sexual abuse, and families struggling to find services and shelter, we couldn't help but wonder—was there someone in each child's life who could have been a positive connection and made a difference?

The truth of what we work for and promote at SCAN is that the simple, everyday interactions with kids do make a difference in their health, safety and happiness. That's why we launched our new community education campaign, Kids Need Connections, during National Child Abuse Awareness Month in April.

As teen advocate Josh Shipp says, "Every kid is one caring adult away from becoming a success story." We couldn't agree more. We know positive adult-child connections are critical to keep children safe. We know that when a child feels loved and supported by multiple adults, they learn to value themselves and feel empowered to succeed.

So as the buzz dies down from April, we're challenging community members: How will you be a connection for a child?

We encourage you to take on this responsibility. That is how prevention works and families thrive. Here's what you can do:

❖ Schedule special time to catch up with your own child or a child in your community. Take a walk, toss

Through PBL students are highly engaged in problem solving, collaboration, and critical thinking activities. Teachers must carefully select which cross-curricular

standards they want a project to cover. Then, they introduce students to their problem and propose a driving question. Students research collaboratively online and with print resources. They create a final product that demonstrates their newly gained learning to their community. Finally, students reflect on their learning and performance.

Research has shown that students who learn through PBL perform at the same level, if not higher than students in a traditional classroom. In addition, they make gains in 21st Century Skills. PBL provides students the opportunity to take ownership of their learning, demonstrate higher order thinking skills, and communicate respectfully with their peers.

This is what we are looking for in our high school grads. Maybe PBL will be the ticket to get us there.

Sarah Privateer
Fairfax

piece of legislation that would divert former political money to the NIH for research for pediatric diseases. His track record in putting health issues first is impressive. After being personally affected by his mother's own struggle with Alzheimer's, Sen. Warner created the bipartisan Congressional Task Force on Alzheimer's Disease which aims to invest in Alzheimer's research and stamp out the disease by 2020.

I believe that Mark Warner has his priorities in the right order. I support his willingness to work with Republicans in the House and Senate whenever it means putting children, seniors and the American people first.

Olivia Hinebaugh
Burke

a ball or eat a meal together.

❖ Take notice when a child or family is struggling. Smile and praise the child or parent—acknowledge that parenting is a tough but rewarding job.

❖ Create opportunities in your community for families to build new connections in safe, supportive environments.

❖ Connect with kids by volunteering.

We have additional ideas on our website. Visit www.scanva.org/kidsneedconnections to learn more, or consider joining us for SCAN's upcoming Volunteer Orientation on May 22.

Thanks to every community member who made April such a success. Now the real work begins.

Sonia Quinonez
Executive Director
SCAN of Northern Virginia

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Empty-Nesters Spread Their Wings

A Springfield couple creates a personalized interior custom-suited to support everyday pleasures, using the existing footprint.

By JOHN BYRD

A sunny space; an uplifting view; a generous footprint that includes a sizeable breakfast zone, a food preparation island and easy access to a large back deck.

On the surface, the kitchen of David and Cindy Kunzman's colonial-style home in Springfield had everything to recommend it. On the other hand: when the kids have moved on, transforming a kitchen into your everyday gathering place can become a personal passion. It's largely a matter of thinking creatively; and finding the right resources.

"We'd been thinking about a new kitchen almost from the day we moved in," said David Kunzman who had purchased the circa-1990s

four-bedroom home about 10 years ago. "We didn't move quickly, partly, because the original floor plan worked pretty well. Fundamentally, we were developing our wish-list, going to home shows and waiting for the right opportunity."

That opportunity was meeting David Foster at a home his firm, Foster Remodeling Solutions, had recently renovated. Kunzman liked what he saw and heard. Shortly afterward, Cindy Kunzman was introduced to Foster's designer, Mimi Lee.

"That's when the project took off," Kunzman said. "Mimi really helped us shape our ideas."

THE FIRST STEP was a thoughtful re-examination with Foster of the existing floor plan: what worked and what could be im-

proved upon.

The cooktop and clean-up were in the right place, the Kunzmans decided. The food prep island — while small — was a critical leg in effective work triangles. The breakfast nook was appropriately positioned, and there was lots of natural light. The main issues were in performance: more functional storage, some personal-use items begging for custom design, and, of course, ambiance.

It wasn't just that the existing interior was dated, or that it evoked qualities unquestionably associated with a suburban production house. The couple's larger goal was finding a design style that appropriately expressed their evolving tastes.

"The more we talked," Lee said, "the more we seemed to be naturally exploring ideas associated with transitional-style interior design."

Transitional style, Lee said, introduces traditional, often formal touches into an open floor plan. The style objective, thus, guided the selection process — cultivating

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a warmly textured feel appropriate for rooms often bathed in natural light.

THE STARTING POINT, however, was modifying the floor plan to gain useful square footage without moving walls.

Deleting a pantry tucked in an interior wall, for instance, enabled the Foster team to pick up just enough floor space to introduce a substantially larger food preparation island, and dining counter — which now accommodates seating for three. Moreover, while finding the square footage needed for a much larger refrigerator, a stacked double oven and even an Advantium range, the makeover still manages to provide more usable storage than the previous kitchen.

"This is David working some kind of magic," Kunzman said.



While staying within the footprint of their existing 18-year old-kitchen, Dave and Cindy Kuntzman gained significant improvements in both function and design. Cindy Kuntzman worked closely with designer Mimi Lee at Foster Remodeling Solutions in developing a warmly textured ambiance that combines selected hardwoods, tumbled marbles and granite. Foster increased storage capacity and introduced a much larger food preparation island without moving walls or adding square footage.

"We designed deeper cabinets with roll-out trays," Foster said. "The cabinets and drawers are designed for specific items, and positioned to facilitate a whole series of interlinked work triangles. It's a plan that emphasizes convenience and efficiency." Naturally, in such a world, one expects cabinets custom-sized for large pots; roll-out spice racks; a side drawer for hand towels; and a dedicated spot for the espresso coffeemaker.

But this plan also introduces such originals as a pull-out drawer with his-and-her iPad charging stations;



The custom-designed wet bar — which is positioned for easy access to the back deck — includes a 40-bottle wine/beer refrigerator, a clean-up sink and an icemaker. The glass-faced cabinets display David Kunzman's collection of beer mugs from favorite micro-breweries.

to the deck and outdoor play area just beyond the double French doors. "The wet bar is a real step-saver that makes entertaining on the deck much easier," Kunzman said. On the interior design front, Cindy Kunzman made full-use of Mimi Lee's talents and advice, often visiting Foster Remodeling's Lorton showroom to look at cabinets facings, marble samples or ideas for flooring.

What evolved was an interior that makes use of color-contrasted natural materials, decorative elements and finish work detailing: a

cooktop hood faced in cherrywood that tapers upward to ceiling-flush crown moulding; a Giallo Oatmeal granite surface mounted on the food prep island's espresso-stained cabinetry base; and a backsplash of tumbled marble that incorporates glass tile inserts as art-deco-styled accents.

"You build this kind of interior one detail at a time; that's how you achieve distinction," Kunzman said. "But more importantly, it's satisfying to be in a space that so completely expresses who you are. It's comfortable; it feels like home."

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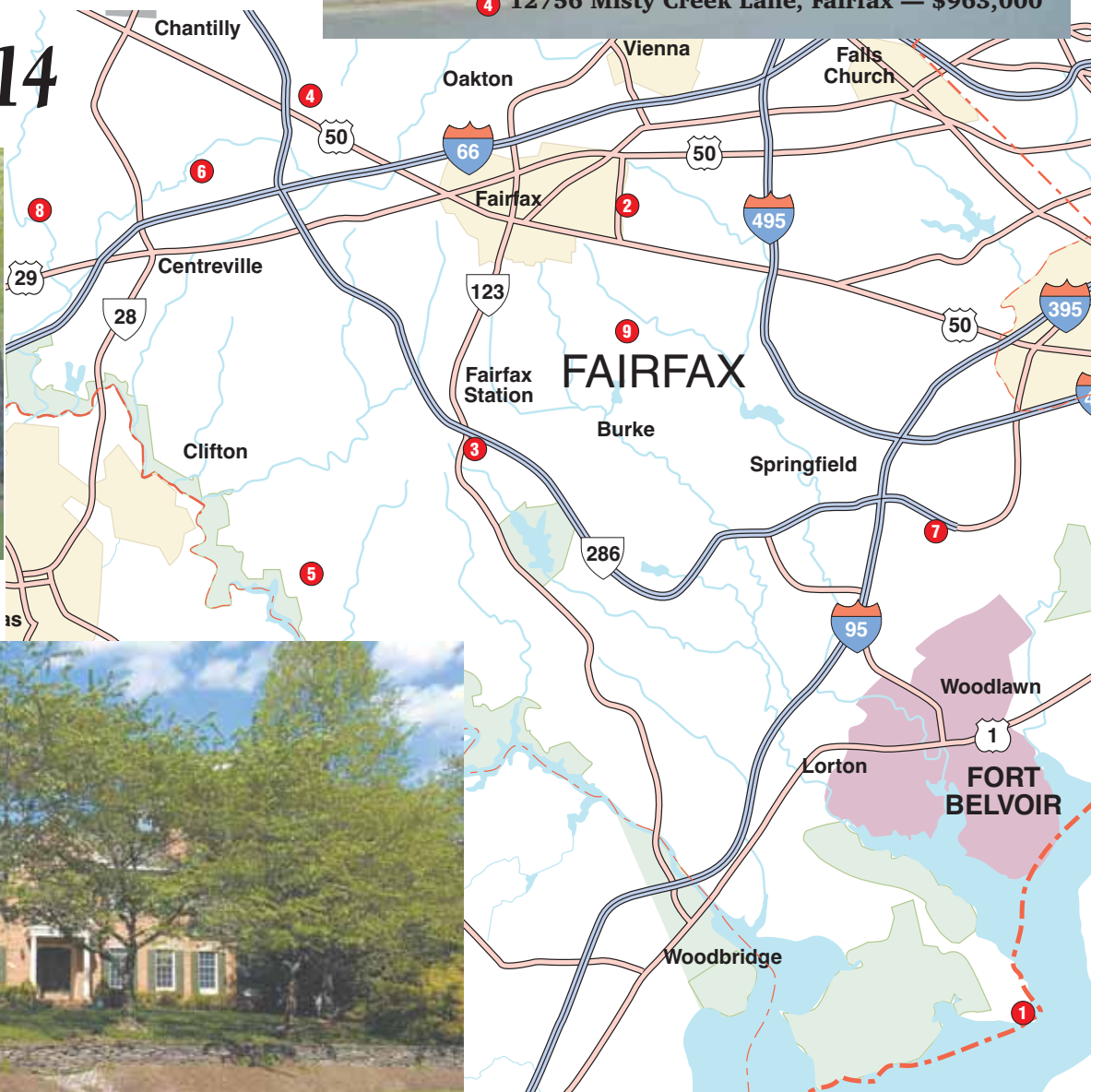
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THURSDAY/MAY 15-TUESDAY/MAY 27

Bodzin Art Gallery: On Deaf Ears. Jewish Community Center of NoVA, 8900 Little River Turnpike, Fairfax. Commemorate Yom Ha'Shoah, Holocaust Remembrance Day, with images of three local photographers. 703-323-0880. Jccnavarts.org

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FRIDAY/MAY 16-SUNDAY/MAY 18

"Failure, A Love Story" Play. Fridays at 8 p.m., Saturdays 2 p.m. & 8 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m. John Swayze Theatre at the New School of Northern Virginia, 9431 Silver King Court, Fairfax. Tickets: \$20-\$30. Call 1-800-494-8497 or www.thehubtheatre.org. Note: For ages 10 and up.

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"On the Corner Of" A Dance Tribute to New York City. 7:30 p.m. Fairfax Academy, 3501 Rebel Run, Fairfax. Fairfax Academy presents their annual dance showcase. Tickets: \$10-\$15. fxdance.ticketleap.com

SATURDAY/ MAY 17

Spring Garden Day. 9 a.m.-3p.m., Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road, Alexandria. More than 40 vendors of rare and unusual plants descend on Green Spring Gardens to fill your spring gardening needs.

2014 Spring Carnival. 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. 6720 Union Mill Road, Clifton. Hosted by St. Andrew's The Apostle School. Spring fun for all in the community.

Ballroom Social Dance Featuring Cha-Cha. 7:30 p.m. Workhouse Arts Center, 9601 Ox Road, Lorton. \$5-\$10.

http://www.workhousearts.org/events/performing-arts/ballroom-social-dance-12

Yard Sale. 8 a.m. - 1 p.m. Lee High School Parking Lot, 6540 Franconia Road, Springfield. Register for a small space now prices: are \$10 or 2 for \$15. Register by email at Leeyardsalemay17@gmail.com.

Springtime Pops. 8 p.m. WT Woodson High School, 9525 Main



Don't miss Fairfax Academy's annual dance showcase playing this weekend, May 16 and 17 at Fairfax Academy, 3501 Rebel Run Road, Fairfax.

Street, Fairfax. CFB's season closer is a celebration of spring in full swing, with an "Evening at Pops" inspired program featuring light classics, marches, show tunes and movie music. The program also features the winter of the 2014 Young Artist Competition in solo performance.

Hope & Health Festival. 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Lorton Park, 9518 Richmond Highway. Free health/nutrition info, access to health screening, and free food and games for South County region families. Rain or shine.

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SUNDAY/MAY 18

Display and N Gauge Trains. 1-4 p.m. Fairfax Station Railroad Museum, 11200 Fairfax Station Road, Fairfax Station. Museum members, free; adults 16 and over, \$4; children 5-15, \$2; under 4, free. www.fairfax-station.org.

Burke Historical Society Meeting. 4:30 p.m. Abiding Presence Lutheran Church, 6304 Lee Chapel Road, Burke. This month, Brian Slawski will complete his series on intellectual property, with a look at copyright and residents of Burke who have obtained it. What were the products of these creative minds?

2014 Israel Street Festival. Mosaic District, 2910 District Avenue, Fairfax. The festival celebrates the sights, sounds and flavors of Israel by featuring performances, exhibits and activities throughout the afternoon. www.jccnv.org.

MONDAY/ MAY 19

Veterans Golf Benefit. 8 a.m., Medal of Honor Golf Course, Quantico, 3313 Fuller Heights Rd, Quantico. This 7th Annual event is open to all & honors Medal of Honor Recipients as well as those looking to raise funds for the Veteran Relief Fund. www.VeteransGolfClassic.com or davidBmeyers21@gmail.com

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MONDAY/MAY 19

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SPORTS

West Springfield Sits Atop Conference 7 Standings

Spartans motivated by season-ending loss to Lee in 2013.

BY JON ROETMAN
THE CONNECTION

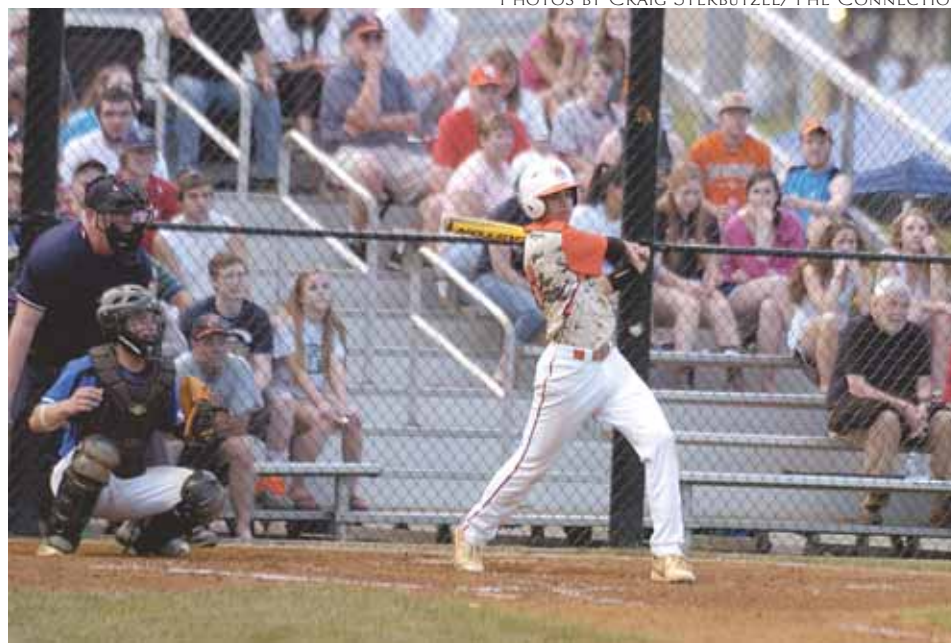
The motivation behind the success of the West Springfield baseball team comes from a disappointing end to the 2013 season.

The Spartans finished with a 9-12 record and failed to qualify for the region tournament after losing to Lee, a long-struggling program, 5-4 in the opening round of the Patriot District tournament. It was a tough pill to swallow for a program that won a state championship in 2010 and a Northern Region title in 2012.

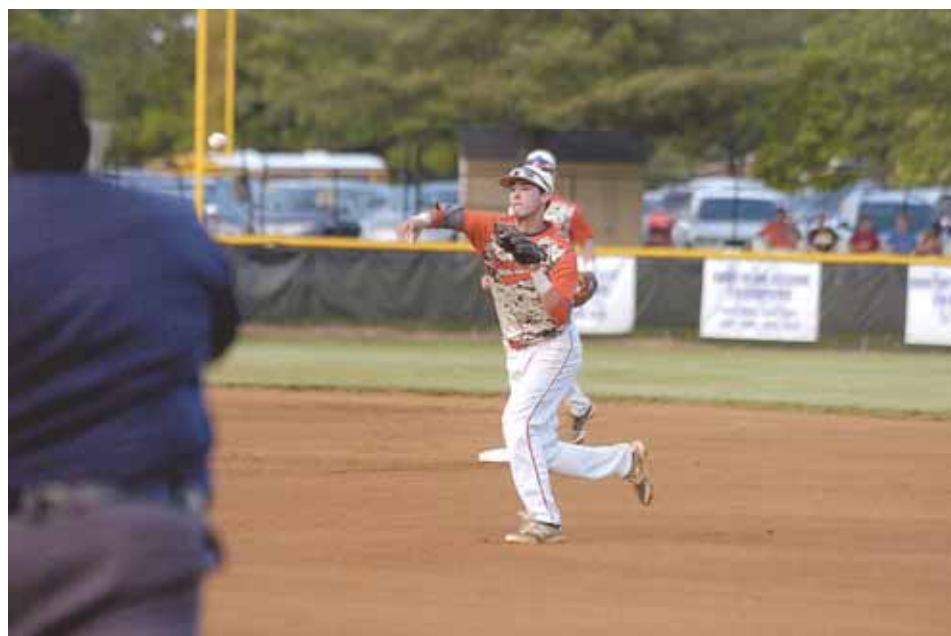
This year, the Spartans have responded with a 13-5 record, including 8-2 against Conference 7 opponents. West Springfield would clinch the top seed in the conference tournament, which comes with a first-round bye and an automatic region berth, by winning one of its final two regular-season games. The Spartans held a 6-3 lead over second-place West Potomac in the fourth inning on Tuesday when the game was suspended due to lightning.

"The seniors really came together this year and they've all stepped up and matured a lot," West Springfield head coach Jason Olms said. "It's their team. ... The way the season ended last year was frustrating for everyone. They took it upon themselves to make sure it didn't happen again this year. I think we're on the right track [but] we still have a long way to go."

Olms said the Spartans' pitching has been strong this season, led by seniors Brandon Padgett, Blake Bird, Tim Yonkers and Joey Basse. Yonkers, a left-hander, started on the mound Tuesday night. He surrendered a two-run homer to West Potomac sophomore Jamie Sara in the first inning, and West Springfield allowed a run to score on a botched squeeze play in the second, but the Spartans' lineup battled back to give Yon-



West Springfield senior Tim Yonkers started on the mound for the Spartans against West Potomac on Tuesday. West Springfield led 6-3 when the game was suspended due to lightning in the fourth inning.



Brandon Padgett and the West Springfield baseball team have a chance to enter the Conference 7 tournament as the No. 1 seed.

kers a 6-3 lead before lightning suspended the game after one pitch in the fourth inning.

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Olms said junior left fielder Louis Perez, Bird and sophomore third baseman Matt Stallings have been some of West Springfield's top hitters, along with senior catcher Matt Meinhofer.

Stallings led off the bottom of the second with a triple on Tuesday, and delivered a double in the third. Bird drove in a run with a sacrifice fly in the second, Perez delivered an RBI single in the third and Basse came through with a two-out, two-run single on a 0-2 pitch in the third.

"The way the season ended last year was frustrating for everyone. They took it upon themselves to make sure it didn't happen again this year. I think we're on the right track [but] we still have a long way to go."

— West Springfield baseball coach Jason Olms

The Spartans and Wolverines hoped to finish the contest on Wednesday, after The Connection's deadline. West Springfield will conclude the regular season with a road game against Woodson at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, May 16. The conference tournament begins Monday, May 19, but the Spartans wouldn't play until the semifinals on May 21 if they secure the No. 1 seed.

How far are the Spartans capable of advancing this season?

"When we play team baseball with an unselfish approach, like we've been all year long [while] having confidence in each other and everybody just does their job," Olms said, "... the sky's the limit."

Lake Braddock Softball Beats South County

The Lake Braddock softball team avenged its only loss of the season, defeating South County 4-0 on May 12.

South County defeated Lake Braddock 1-0 in 13 innings on April 24.

The Bruins defeated Annandale 12-0 on Tuesday, improving their record to 19-1. Lake Braddock will conclude the regular season with a road game against T.C. Williams at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, May 16.

The Conference 7 tournament begins Monday, May 19.

Lee's Kolonich Named VHSL 5A Female Athlete of the Year

Lee distance runner Bailey Kolonich was named Group 5A VHSL Female Athlete of the Year.

The senior earned 14 varsity letters in cross country, indoor track, outdoor track and soccer. She won Conference 13 and 5A North championships in cross country in the fall of 2013.

Kolonich will attend George Mason University.



Lake Braddock pitcher Ashley Flesch did not allow a run against South County on May 12.

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the following property being the property contained in said
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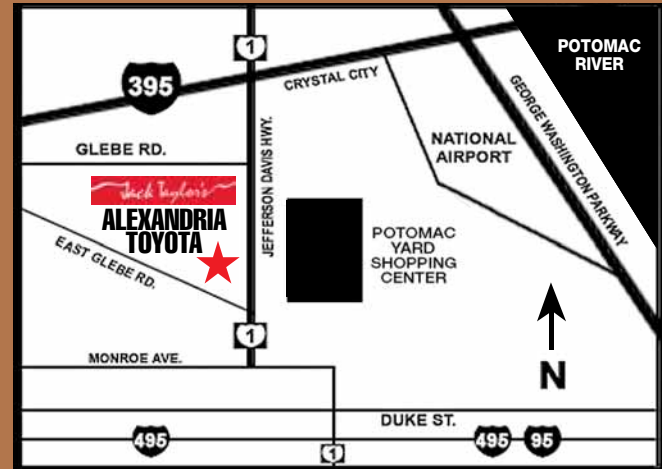
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