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## AREA ROUNDUPS

### Fairfax Library Foundation Awards Ten Academic Scholarships

Ten employees and volunteers of Fairfax County Public Library and Fairfax Library Foundation were awarded academic scholarships from Fairfax Library Foundation.

Three recipients were awarded a Masters of Library Science Scholarship, and seven recipients were chosen to receive an undergraduate scholarship.

Fairfax Library Foundation announces the following Masters of Library Science awardees:

Thuy Nguyen will be attending San Jose State University, using her scholarship to earn a master's degree in Archives and Record Administration in order to help preserve books and documents.

Bridget Ryan has been awarded the Edwin S. Clay III Masters of Library Science Scholarship as she works toward the completion of her master's degree at the Catholic University of America. Ryan has previously been granted a Masters of Library Science Scholarship by Fairfax Library Foundation in 2013.

Sarah Wycoff will be studying at Simmons

College, using her scholarship to obtain her Masters of Library Science degree.

Undergraduate scholarships were awarded to Shelby Allen, Rachat Bhagat, Thuy Hoang, Leah Johnson, Michael Sander, Kim Tran, and Laura Ung thanks to the generosity of the Burke Rotary Club.

It takes the collective contributions of individuals, businesses, and organizations, to support the Foundation's sponsorship of multiple Fairfax County Public Library programs and services including Ready to Read Early Literacy Outreach, Changing Lives Through Literature, Scholarships, Books and Materials, and Programs and Presentations.

Fairfax Library Foundation is a private, nonprofit corporation committed to providing supplementary support to the Fairfax County Public Library. The Foundation, while reinforcing the need for continued and increased public support for the Library, serves as a catalyst for attracting private funding from individuals, businesses, organizations and foundations to enhance library services for our community.

### Tai Chi Expert Offers Chi Cultivation Workshop

Learn how to gather, condense and pack chi (energy) into the body at a hands-on workshop with Tai Chi expert David Cohen from noon to 3 p.m. Saturday, June 7 at Green Acres Center in Fairfax.

Cultivating chi provides the body with better relaxation and chi sensitivity for healing and martial arts application. Chi, which translates to "spirit" or "energy of life," is considered to be "the energy inherent in all things."

The workshop, which costs \$30, is offered through the City of Fairfax Parks and Recreation Department. Students can sign up online via the City of Fairfax website ([www.fairfaxva.gov/parksrec](http://www.fairfaxva.gov/parksrec)) or by calling 703-385-7858. Click here for a direct link for the class description and registration: [https://apm.activecommunities.com/fairfaxcityrecdept/Activity\\_Search/adv-skills-tai-chi-workshop/7035](https://apm.activecommunities.com/fairfaxcityrecdept/Activity_Search/adv-skills-tai-chi-workshop/7035)

Cohen also teaches multiple Tai Chi classes for the city. One class, held at 5:45 p.m. Mondays, is for adults of all ages. Seniors are invited to take his class Friday mornings at the Green Acres Senior Center through the City of Fairfax Parks and Recreation Department.

For more information about Tai Chi, contact David Cohen at 703-638-0172 or [getinshapewithdavid@gmail.com](mailto:getinshapewithdavid@gmail.com).

Cohen, an advanced health and fitness specialist, has been a personal trainer since 2005, with clients ranging in age from teens to senior citizens.

He holds certifications for advanced health and fitness specialist and personal training through American Council on Exercise (A.C.E.).

He has studied Tai Chi with Richard Clear and Mark Rasmus. He also is a certified chi healer and teaches Pilates and Tai Chi for the City of Fairfax.

### Embezzlement Is Charged

City of Fairfax police have charged an employee of a City business with embezzling from her employer.

She is Terri Wade, 44, of Landover, Md. Police were contacted May 28, at 8:34 a.m., by the owner of Affordable Primary Care, 10721 Main St. in Fairfax. They say he reported that an employee had allegedly written fraudulent checks on his business account and also

made several unauthorized charges to a credit card account used by the business.

After an investigation by the Patrol Division, the employee, Wade, 44, was arrested and taken to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center.

She was then charged with one count of embezzlement and three counts each of uttering and forgery. She was held on \$7,000 bond.





PHOTOS BY JANELLE GERMANOS/THE CONNECTION

**Anthony Vellucci and Monica Jackson (third and fourth from left) are this year's Lord and Lady Fairfax for the Braddock District.**

## Honoring Lords and Ladies of Fairfax

The 2014 Lords and Ladies of Fairfax were recognized in front of the Board of Supervisors on June 3 and presented with certificates honoring them for their dedication to their communities. This tradition, which began in 1984, comes every year with the Celebrate Fairfax Festival, which takes place this year June 6-8.

### Braddock District

Anthony Vellucci and Monica Jackson are this year's Lord and Lady Fairfax for the Braddock District.

Monica Jackson operates Jackson Child Care, and worked with the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors on the zoning ordinance to foster safe child care environments in the county. She also services as Vice Chairman of the Fairfax Child Care Advisory Council and was formerly president of the Virginia Alliance of Family Child Care Associations.

Anthony Vellucci serves as the Braddock District Representative to the Park Authority Board and worked to renovate the non-existent Kings West Swim Club into a park, now called Rabbit Branch Park. He also served as president of the Kings Park Civic Association and works with Kings Park West Road Raiders to beautify the neighborhood. He is also president of Friends of Lake Accotink Park.

### Lee District

George Towery and Tawny



**Paul Liberty is this year's Lord Fairfax for the Springfield District.**

Hammond are this year's Lord and Lady Fairfax of the Lee District. George Towery served as principal of Cameron Elementary School for 30 years and retired three years ago.

He stays involved in the community as a member of the Springfield Civic Association, specifically through National Night Out, and volunteers at T.C. Williams High School and Cameron Elementary.

Tawny Hammond, the director of the Fairfax County Animal Shelter, was president of the Springfield Civic Association for ten years and chaired the Springfield Days Committee. She gives back to the community and worked to increase inclusiveness in Springfield by making civic association meetings more accessible to immigrants and persons with disabilities.

### Springfield District

Paul Liberty is this year's Lord



**Karen Brown is this year's Lady Fairfax nominee for the Springfield District.**

Fairfax for the Springfield District. He lives in Cardinal Forest in West Springfield, only a couple streets over from where he grew up. Liberty was active in SOAR (Spartans Organized for Action and Renovation), which advocated for renovations to West Springfield High School.

He has also been a leader in Fairfax County Citizen's Budget Review Committee, Fairfax County Chamber of Commerce, South Fairfax Regional Business Resource Partnership, the American Heart Association, Virginia Public Access Project, the Northern Virginia Technology Council and Celebrate Fairfax.

"I am humbled and honored to receive this recognition," Liberty said.

Karen Brown is this year's Lady Fairfax nominee for the Springfield District. Brown founded Kristi's Christmas after her daughter Kristi was killed in a car accident on the beltway. The organization provides clothing and more to needy children in Fairfax County.



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**Sharon Bulova, Chairman of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, with Cheryl McDonald, the 2014 Braddock District Volunteer Fairfax Community Champion, at the ribbon cutting ceremony of the Danbury Forest Centerpiece Garden.**

## Community Champion

### Cheryl McDonald recognized at 2014 Volunteer Fairfax Awards.

BY JANELLE GERMANOS  
THE CONNECTION

Cheryl McDonald, a resident of the Braddock district for 15 years, has been working daily to ensure the Danbury Forest community near Accotink Creek in Springfield is a safe and pleasant place to live.

This year, her hard work was recognized on a county-wide level when she was nominated by Supervisor John Cook as the 2014 Volunteer Fairfax Community Champion for the Braddock District.

McDonald served as president of the Danbury Forest Community Association for several years, where she enjoyed ensuring that things were taken care of in the community. Because Danbury Forest is a self-managed community, she recognized the importance of keeping people involved in volunteer projects.

"The greatest thing about my position was getting to meet all of the neighbors. We have 326 homes in the community, and I have met a lot of them," she said.

McDonald's biggest project as president of Danbury Forest was basically rezoning the entire community to allow residents to make changes to their homes, such as covered porches and additions that would make their homes more modern and spacious.

"It was like a ten year process," she said. "We had to vet everything through the community. There was a lot of opposition of adding onto homes because people were worried about their sight lines looking

into the park-they didn't want their neighbors impeding their views into nature."

**DESPITE THE LONG PROCESS** and some heated meetings, McDonald was able to work with the community to put forth a plan that allowed for changes to take place.

The project was initially suggested by then Braddock supervisor Sharon Bulova, who brought the idea to the community. McDonald is thankful that Bulova and the rest of the community helped her in the entire process.

"It's a very close-knit community. We have a common bond because we're in a community that is right next to Lake Accotink Park, and we've got a lot of trees around. We have a lot of nature around us, yet we're very conveniently located next to the beltway. It's a very unique place," she said.

McDonald is also passionate about gardening, finding it a great way to express herself.

"It was a passion that was really kindled by this community," she said. "I wanted to learn more about trees, so it inspired me to join the maintenance committee."

She then received a degree at Northern Virginia Community College in horticulture, and took a certificate program at George Washington University.

"I would rather work in a garden than anywhere else," McDonald said.

Her husband, Greg, had a vision for a community vegetable garden, and McDonald led the effort to make it a reality.

"We have about 40 families SEE McDONALD, PAGE 9



# COUNTY NOTES



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## 'Fight the Bite' in Fairfax County

June has been designated as "Fight the Bite" Awareness Month in Fairfax County. Gloria Addo-Ayensu (third from left), director of the Fairfax County Public Health Department, dressed as a tick to raise awareness to the dangers of Lyme disease. Fight the Bite is an educational campaign that teaches residents about ways to avoid mosquitos, which can carry the West Nile Virus, and ticks.



## Supervisors Declare Pride Month

The Fairfax County Board of Supervisors pose with Brian Reach (first row, fourth from left), president of Northern Virginia Pride, after declaring June to be Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Pride Month in Fairfax County. June is recognized as LGBT pride month nationwide. Supervisor John Foust, who introduced the proclamation, said that Fairfax County has a diverse LGBT community, but that there is still work to do in Fairfax County and Virginia to prevent discrimination.



## Observing Fire and EMS Safety, Health and Survival Week

Fire and EMS staff joined the Board of Supervisors on June 3 as they declare June 15-21 as Fire and EMS Safety, Health and Survival Week in Fairfax County.



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Pirates will re-enact a battle and then storm the beach at Pohick Bay Regional Park this Saturday.

## Pirates Invading Lorton This Weekend

This Saturday, Pohick Bay Regional Park will look a little bit different as it's invaded by pirates for the fifth anniversary of Pirates' Day. Pirates will attack the park in a battle re-enactment, and will then storm the water park at Pohick Bay in search of buried treasure.

"We are thrilled to host the number one pirate event in Northern Virginia for the fifth year in a row," said Paul Gilbert, Executive Director of NOVA Parks. "Pirates capture the imagination of people of all ages. It is the sense of danger

and adventure that they symbolize."

Schedule of events June 7:  
10 a.m. – Pirate Encampment by the marina is open

11 a.m. – Pirates in the Jolly Boat Vigilant attack the park (battle re-enactment)

1 p.m. – Pirates storm the Waterpark looking for buried treasure

2 p.m. - School for Scallywags outside of the waterpark

All events except those at the waterpark are free to public; the waterpark requires tickets for admission.



Pirates will invade the water park at Pohick Bay in search of buried treasure this weekend.



A pirate lights a cannon during Pirates' Day at Pohick Bay. This year's event is June 7 starting at 10 a.m.



## SCHOOL NOTES

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

**Razan Abdurrahman Idris** of Springfield, a graduate of United World College in Montezuma, N.M., and daughter of Noura Harra and Abdurrahman Idris, is among seven incoming freshmen at Duke University selected as winners of the Reginaldo Howard Memorial Scholarship.

The full value of each "Reggie" scholarship, which covers full tuition, room, board and mandatory fees, is more than \$240,000 over four years. Duke provides this award annually to first-year students of African heritage who have demonstrated outstanding leadership ability, academic achievement, community involvement and a serious commitment to social justice. The Reginaldo Howard Memorial Scholarship is named for the first black student body president at Duke, who died in a car accident in 1976.

For more information about the incoming class of "Reggie" Scholars, visit the scholarship's website at [reggies.duke.edu](http://reggies.duke.edu).

**Jacob Augelli, an eighth grade student at Robinson Secondary**, finished in fourth place overall in the 2014 United States Geography Olympiad, junior varsity division. The competition consisted of two parts: a written exam and a quiz bowl tournament; Augelli placed sixth in the exam and tied for seventh in the quiz bowl tournament; overall scores were compiled by averaging each competitor's ranking for each part. Over 70 junior varsity students from as far away as Guam competed in the written exam and in a preliminary quiz bowl round, while those with high scores advanced to the final quiz bowl round. Questions ranged in difficulty from naming countries by their capital to identifying obscure islets in the North Atlantic. The top four varsity students earned the right to represent the USA at the 2014 International Geography Olympiad in Krakow, Poland, this summer. The Geography Olympiad was sponsored by Houghton Mifflin Harcourt and HISTORY, commonly known as the History Channel, which also sponsors the National History Bee and Bowl. For more information on the competition, please visit [www.geographyolympiad.com](http://www.geographyolympiad.com).

**Woodson High junior Brittany Morris** is one of 45 students from Virginia selected to attend the Governor's Latin Academy. Morris is the first deaf student—whose first language is American Sign Language (ASL)—ever to attend the Governor's Latin Academy or any of the language academies. She is also the first deaf student to play Certamen (Latin Quiz Bowl) on the state level in Virginia's history. Morris earned a scholarship to attend the National Junior Classical League Convention in 2012, as well as numerous gold medals on the National Latin Exam, National Roman Civilization Exam, and National Classical Etymology Exam.

**Eight Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) students** have been named winners of Merit Scholarship awards by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC). The students are part of a group of more than 2,500 National Merit® finalists chosen to receive scholarships financed by higher education institutions.

Winners of the scholarships, with their probable career fields in parentheses, are:

- ♦ Benjamin Espey of Langley High School (computer engineering), National Merit Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute Scholarship.

- ♦ Timothy Sheridan of Madison High School (economics), National Merit University of Oklahoma Scholarship.

- ♦ Samuel Clayton of McLean High School (mechanical engineering), National Merit Brigham Young University Scholarship.

- ♦ Ashwin Basana of Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology (TJHSST) (engineering), National Merit Northwestern University Scholarship.

- ♦ Eric Levonian of TJHSST (computer programming), National Merit University of Southern California Scholarship.

- ♦ Christine Nguyen of TJHSST (medicine), National Merit University of Central Florida Scholarship.

- ♦ Andrew Pan of TJHSST (engineering), National Merit University of Alabama Scholarship.

- ♦ Tyler Shepherd of TJHSST (computer science), National Merit Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute Scholarship.

Each award provides between \$500 and \$2,000 annually for up to four years of undergraduate study at the institution financing the recipient's scholarship.

**Ten Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) students** earned top 10 finishes at the DECA International Career Development Conference held recently in Atlanta.

The following FCPS students earned a top 10 finish at the national level:

- ♦ Paige Ahmed, Sophie Eaton, and Lauren Fisher of Robinson Secondary School, Learn and Earn Project.

- ♦ Conor Boyle and Emma Heiden of Marshall High School, Marketing Communications Team.

- ♦ Sydney Applegate and Mason Hawkins of Oakton High School, Hospitality Services Team.

## Washington West Film Festival Holds Fundraiser

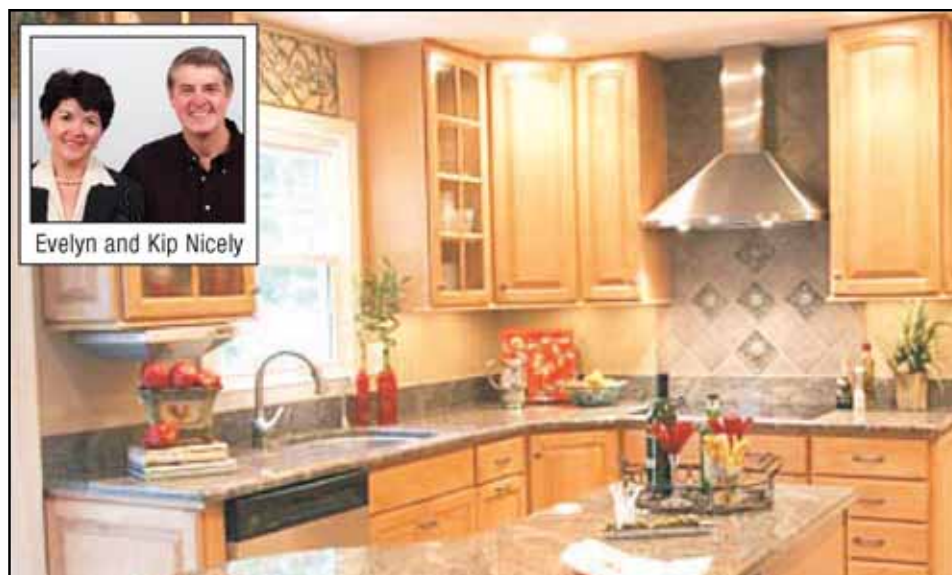
**Actor Ed Asner chats with Tower Club's Renee Cummings and Doncaster's Robin Finnell during a fundraiser for the 4th annual Washington West Film Festival, scheduled for October 22-26 in theaters around Northern Virginia. With its tagline—"Story Can Change the World," the festival aspires to grow the region as a world class film hub and donates net proceeds to charity.**



**Washington West Film Festival Founder Brad Russell stands with Emmy award winning producer Donna Rice Hughes of Enough is Enough, during a fundraiser at the Tower Club to support the Festival's goal of growing the region as a world class film hub.**



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# Poverty in the Classroom

Pockets of low-income students scattered through Northern Virginia.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE  
THE CONNECTION

When Carla Castro-Claure was approaching the age when she would soon attend Kindergarten, her mother became increasingly concerned about Hybla Valley Elementary School. She wasn't sure it was safe for her daughter, and stories were circulating through the neighborhood about elementary school students being suspended for having drugs. Then, one day, she learned about a robbery that happened at the 7-Eleven on the corner. The robbers hid at the school to evade police.

"It was known to be a bad elementary school," said Castro-Claure. "It has the lowest test scores, and there was a lot of crime in the neighborhood."

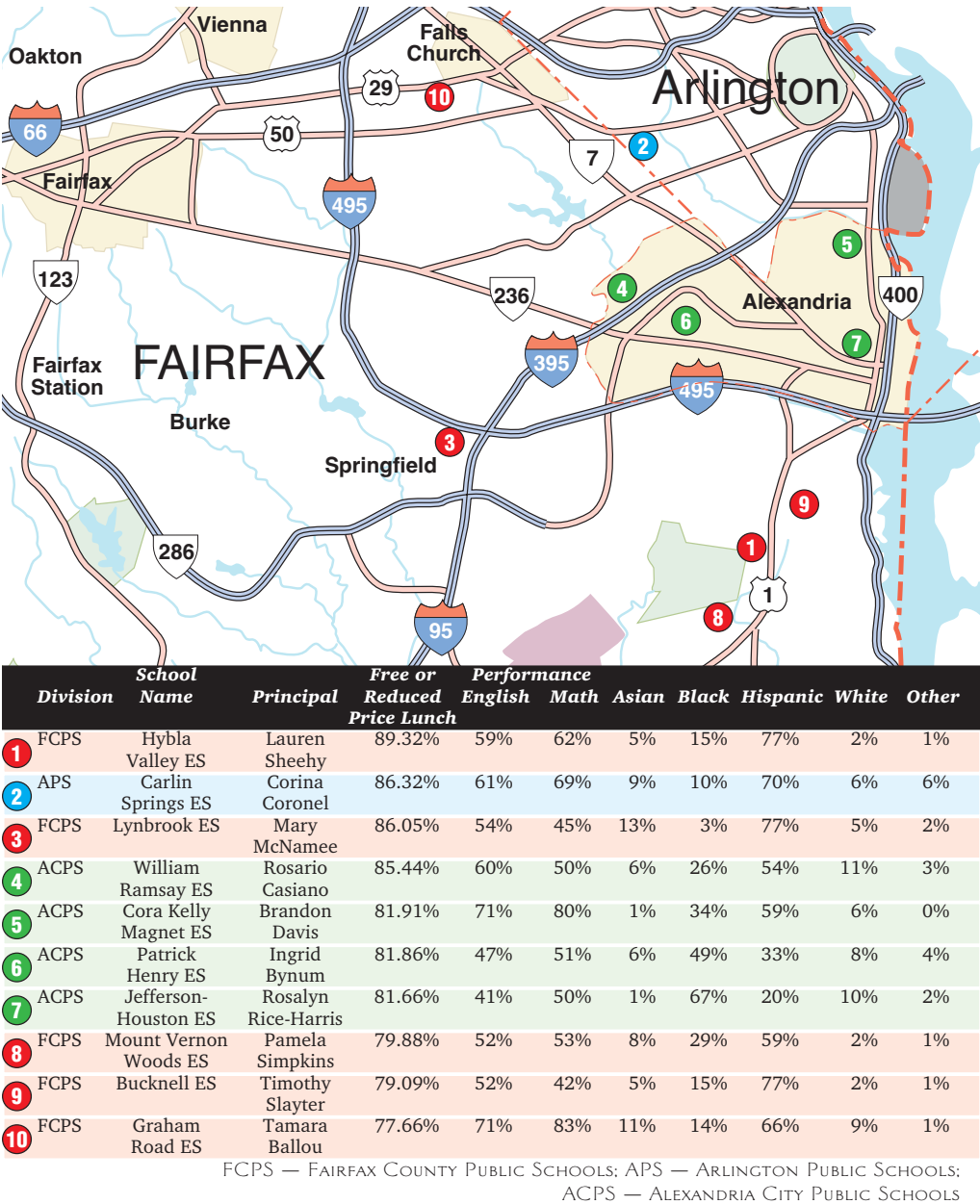
Her mother decided that Hybla Valley was not safe enough for her, choosing another school several miles away. Since that time, she said, the school has improved. It has new security measures, and the test scores have improved. Her sister now attends the school, and her mother heads the parent-teacher association. Nevertheless, the school struggles with poverty. According to a statewide database of poverty in the classroom, Hybla Valley has the highest rates of students who qualify for free or reduced price lunch in Northern Virginia.

"We have a sense of urgency at all times at this school," said Hybla Valley Principal Lauren Sheehy. "At another school, we may not need as much skills and as much energy to get the job done. But here we need 110 percent at all times, and that's what drives us every day."

**POVERTY SPREADS** across the classrooms of Northern Virginia by ZIP code, with poor neighborhoods logging the highest percentage of students who qualify for free or reduced price lunch. Among all schools in Alexandria, Arlington and Fairfax County, Hybla Valley has the highest. Almost 90 percent of students qualify, making it one of the highest poverty schools in the region. And even though Arlington County has a reputation of being a wealthy enclave, Carlin Springs Elementary comes in a close second. More than 86 percent of its students qualify for free or reduced price lunch.

"Arlington, like, most suburbs has very segregated schools although nobody wants to talk about it," said Fred Millar, whose children attended Arlington Public Schools. "When you draw school boundaries to effectively insulate the wealthy students, that's class warfare."

Although the 10 highest-poverty schools in Northern Virginia are spread out across the region, one area has a cluster of high-poverty schools. Southeast Fairfax County



has three of the highest poverty schools hugging the Route 1 corridor. Three of the elementary schools here make the top 10 list of high poverty schools: Hybla Valley, Mount Vernon Woods Elementary school and Bucknell Elementary School. Critics say these neighborhoods fall through the cracks because they don't have the kind of money and clout enjoyed by areas with wealth and power.

"In a lot of ways, government is more responsive to those who have than to those at the bottom," said Del. Scott Surovell (D-44). "Why does every planetarium in the county work except the one at Carl Sandburg? Why do we still have a huge Head Start waiting list? Why do we still have a big childcare waiting list?"

**TEST SCORES** show that students at high-poverty schools often struggle to meet state and federal standards. One of the highest poverty schools in the region is Jefferson-Houston in the City of Alexandria, where test scores have been so low for so long that

state leaders are poised to orchestrate a takeover. When classes begin this fall, the newly created Opportunity Educational Institution is expected to seize control of the school, which serves Kindergarten through eighth grade. The institution, which was created by former Republican Gov. Bob McDonnell, is targeting six schools in Virginia. Jefferson-Houston is the only school in Northern Virginia, although city leaders in Alexandria are hoping that a lack of organization and funding will derail the takeover, although frustrated parents say Alexandria leaders have demonstrated they are unable to transform the school.

"I think it's a good idea for new people to step in and take over," said Bea Porter, whose grandson attends the school. "The local school system has failed Jefferson-Houston for too long."

According to salary data received in a Freedom of Information request, teachers at high poverty schools often receive lower pay than their counterparts at other schools. In many cases, that's because teachers at high-poverty schools are fresh out of school and looking to enter the profession. Many transfer to wealthier neighborhoods, where teaching students can pose fewer of the challenges related to poverty. The average pay for a Kindergarten teacher in Fairfax County, for example, is \$61,000. The highest Kindergarten teacher salary is \$99,000 at Fort Belvoir, and the lowest is \$45,000 at London Towne Elementary. The average Kindergarten teacher salary is higher than the average Kindergarten teacher salary at Hybla Valley, Lynbrook, Mount Vernon Woods, Buckness and Graham Road.

"We have this mythology of equality," said Jon Liss, founder of Tenants and Workers United. "But the reality is that there has been a resegregation because of the overlap of race and class."

**BEHIND HYLBA VALLEY** is a series of trailers — sometimes called portables — where students gather in temporary structures. Schools with the most number of trailers tend to be at high poverty schools, although school officials also use them at some schools with low rates of poverty such as Haycock Elementary School and Clermont Elementary School. Critics say the village of trailers behind Hybla Valley is an indication that Fairfax County Schools is not willing to invest the kind of resources here that might go to a school where parents would lobby School Board members for a new wing of classrooms.

"The value of education is not equal," said Alma Lopez, parent of four children at Hybla Valley Elementary School. "If you compare students in McLean to students in Hybla Valley, it would be obvious that the level of education is better in McLean."

The principal says that the school has always needed trailers, even after a two-story addition gave the school 17 more classrooms. Before she came to Hybla Valley, Sheehy was assistant principal at Lynbrook Elementary School, another high poverty school. Like many of the teachers and staff at Hybla Valley, Sheehy says that she feels called to work with students in need.

"It really is a calling. It's a real passion, and I feel really proud to be at the school and proud to support the students here," said Sheehy. "Our teachers embrace it, and they acknowledge that there are more challenges here than at other schools."

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# OPINION

## On Voting in the 8th

Vote this week at your convenience in person  
absentee, or be sure to vote on Tuesday.

Chances are that if you are a registered voter in the 8th Congressional District, your mailbox has been letting you know that many candidates are running in next week's Democratic primary.

The 8th Congressional District is currently represented by retiring U.S. Rep. Jim Moran, and seven candidates are running for the right to replace him. There is no runoff, so even if the top candidate gets considerably less than 50 percent of the vote, he or she will move on as the Democratic nominee in November, facing Republican Micah Edmond. Given the voting history in the 8th district, the Democratic nominee will most likely move on to serve in Congress.

(Our region is losing its two longest serving members of Congress to retirement, Moran and U.S. Rep. Frank Wolf (R-10). Voters in the 10th Congressional District will choose between Republican Barbara Comstock and Democrat John Foust in November.)

The 8th Congressional District includes all of Arlington, Alexandria and Mount Vernon, plus parts of Tysons, McLean and Vienna to the north, Springfield, Lorton and Mason Neck to the South.

Candidates include Don Beyer, Lavern Chatman, Mark Levine, Patrick Hope, Adam Ebbin, Bill Euille and Derek Hyra. Three other names will appear on the ballot even though

the candidates have withdrawn from the race because they withdrew after the ballot was printed/set.

Election Day is Tuesday, June 10, and regular polling places will be open 6 a.m. - 7 p.m. Voters who qualify to vote absentee can vote in person early until June 7. But be sure to vote by primary Election Day, June 10.

Anyone who might working and commuting for 11 of the 13 hours polls will be open on Election Day, 6 a.m.-7 p.m., qualifies to vote absentee. You can vote absentee if you

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are: a student or spouse at an academic institution, absent on business, absent for personal business or vacation, unable to get to the polls due to a physical disability or illness, a caretaker of a confined family member, a precinct election officer, have a religious obligation or conflict, active duty uniformed service or merchant marine or a dependent, regularly employed outside the U.S. or a dependent, and several other special circumstances.

In Arlington, vote absentee-in-person at Courthouse Plaza, 2100 Clarendon Blvd., Suite 320, through Saturday, June 7; weekdays 8 a.m. - 5 p.m., Saturday 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.

In Alexandria, vote absentee-in-person at the Office of Voter Registration & Elections, 132 North Royal Street #100 through Saturday, June 7, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. <http://www.alexandriava.gov/Elections>



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Read extensive previous coverage about the candidates at

<http://www.connectionnewspapers.com/news/Election/National/Representatives/VA08/>

## Father's Day Photos

Father's Day is June 15, and as in years past, The Connection will publish a gallery of photos of fathers, grandfathers, great grandfathers and sons and daughters. Send your photos, including names of everyone in the photo, ages of children, town of residence and a brief description of what is happening to [editors@connectionnewspapers.com](mailto:editors@connectionnewspapers.com).

## Have You Had a Taste of Asia?

BY WONHEE KANG

Two years ago, the Taste of Asia event was created through a partnership with the Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Washington and the Asian American Chamber of Commerce to celebrate Asian and Pacific Islander Heritage Month. This year's event, Saturday, May 10, enjoyed a new location thanks to a new partnership with Everest College, Tysons Corner.

A wet weather forecast for the day had some committee members anxious about how the event would operate in both the indoor and outdoor locations needed for the event. Throughout a morning full of setting up; including transforming the normal every-day college classrooms into Asian celebratory places full of dragon decorations, colors, and shapes from a far eastern part of the world and collecting food from eight different restaurants located in Fairfax County, which truly brought the taste of Asia to the



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**The Taste of Asia at Everest College in Tysons on May 10 included many demonstrations, as well as food and other cultural interactions.**

college location, the committee asked mother nature to keep the rain drops away.

We celebrated the event with an impromptu 'Day Light Dance' initiated by Robert Lee, the event's Master of Ceremony, which was joined by everyone from the youngest dancers to the oldest, praying for the rain to stay in the sky. After the greetings, Sanjana Srikanth presented an Indian dance followed by an impressive presentation from a group from Taekwondo. The audience was mesmerized by these works of art from people of Asia.

The original Taste of Asia event was created to share the culture of the Asian countries and this year's event shared the Asian food, performances, cultural arts and friendships with 200 people of varying backgrounds including many young people.

Along with the "taste" of Asia, which included food from eight restaurants and Coca-Cola's Spon-

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# McDonald Named Community Champion

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that participate and can grow their own vegetables. That's been really successful," she said.

She's also a Master Gardener and a Virginia Certified Horticulturist, and in 2010 applied for a Neighborhood Enhancement Partnership Program grant through Fairfax County. The grant was used to put in wooden tiers around two man-made hills near the community's pool to prevent soil from spilling out. McDonald, along with 67 volunteers from the community, took out all of the overgrown shrubs and roots in the area and added new plants.

"We call it the centerpiece garden, and it's just really a great focal point for the community now. It's really nice," she said.

The 9,000 square foot garden is even on this year's Watershed Friendly Garden Tour, which will be held on June 8. McDonald is also a founding member of the Braddock District Land Use and Environmental Management Committee, and now serves as chair.

"Serving the community on this committee has really broadened my experience with land use and allowed me to understand that there are always many perspectives to changes in our community and that each person's view is important," she said. "By listening and taking the time to understand these views, developers, county staff, the Planning Commission and the Board of Supervisors are able to make changes and compromises that make the projects better for everyone."

**MCDONALD IS THANKFUL** for the support of her husband Greg and daughter Stephanie, and is

grateful that Supervisor Cook and the other members of the Board of Supervisors continue to make Fairfax County a great place to live.

"Supervisor Cook and his staff keep our district residents well informed and seek feedback on every major issue that our county faces. He enables any Braddock District resident, who cares enough to get involved, to have a voice in our community government," she said.

As the 2014 Braddock Community Champion, McDonald was honored at the Volunteer Fairfax Awards on April 25.

"Community Engagement has personal meaning for Cheryl McDonald. She has worked to demystify land use issues as chair of the Braddock District Land Use and Environment Committee and provided her services as a Master Gardener and Virginia Certified Horticulturist to her neighborhood. Danbury Forest and Braddock District are better places to live as a result of her tireless efforts to improve them," Supervisor Cook said.

A resident of each district of Fairfax County was honored as a community champion at the breakfast, along with numerous other individuals who have impacted the community.

This year's theme was "Volunteers are Superheroes."

"These individuals make an amazing impact on our community. They do ordinary feats with extraordinary impact to make a difference here in Fairfax County," said Jeanne Sanders, executive director of Volunteer Fairfax, in an April video recognizing the nominees.



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## Public Hearing Notice Fairfax County Secondary Six Year Plan

The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) and The Board of Supervisors of Fairfax County, in accordance with § 33.1-70.01 of the Code of Virginia, will conduct a joint public hearing in the Board Auditorium, Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax, VA 22035 at 4:00 PM on June 17, 2014.

The purpose of this public hearing is to receive public comment on the Secondary Six Year Improvement Plan for Fiscal Years 2015 through 2020. Copies of the proposed plan may be reviewed at the VDOT's Northern Virginia District Office at 4975 Alliance Drive, Fairfax, VA 22030.

Persons requiring special assistance to attend and participate in this hearing should contact the Virginia Department of Transportation at 800-367-7623. Persons wishing to speak at this public hearing should contact the Office of the Clerk to the County Board of Supervisors at 703-324-3151.

# Robinson Receives Six Cappie Nominations

## Honored for its production of ‘Curtains.’

By BONNIE HOBBS  
THE CONNECTION

In the realm of high-school theater, the annual Cappie awards are akin to professional theater’s Tony awards. And Robinson Secondary School received six Cappie nominations for its production of the musical comedy, “Curtains.”

The winners will be announced June 8 at the 15th annual Cappies Gala at The Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C. Robinson’s nominations are as follows:

- ❖ Special Effects/Technology: Lindsey Rubin, Nao Haddish.
- ❖ Orchestra: The Kansasland Band.
- ❖ Male Dancer: Elijah King.
- ❖ Supporting Actress in a Musical: Hannah Sikora.
- ❖ Supporting Actor in a Musical: Jamie Green.
- ❖ Lead Actor in a Musical: Spencer Boyd.

“I am tremendously proud of my students who were nominated for Cappie awards,” said Director Chip

Looking for good reviews of their play are (from left) Stephen Diggs, Hannah Sikora, Alex Bulova and Katie Rogers in Robinson’s production of ‘Curtains.’



PHOTO BY BONNIE HOBBS / THE CONNECTION

Rome. “The entire cast and crew worked really hard on the show, and it came out just great. I’m thrilled that our orchestra was nominated for only the second time; it’s a great pat on the back to our new conductor, Eric Hoang, and his pit musicians.”

“Having a show with ‘flying’ in it is always a great adventure – one that must be taken very seriously to keep everyone safe,” continued Rome. “So it was gratifying to have their work recognized in the Special Effects category.” Regarding the dance nomination, he said it’s difficult to find male dancers among high-school students, so he was “delighted [that] we were able

to showcase the skills of Elijah King.”

Additionally, he said, “Our cast includes some really talented leads who were nominated and really put the comedy in musical comedy. Hannah Sikora, who led us to our Cappies win last year for ‘Hairspray’ has been nominated for Supporting Actress in a Musical, this time playing the tough-minded stage, mother/producer of the play-within-a-play. Hannah has great stage presence, so she really fits the role of Carmen, who owns the stage every time she steps on it, both figuratively and – since she’s the producer – literally.”

Noting that Jamie Green previ-

ously portrayed the “wimpy, wannabe-famous” Seymour in “Little Shop of Horrors,” Rome said he “really shone as the egotistical, famous, theater director Christopher Belling. Jamie has a pitch-perfect sense of comic timing and never shies away from strong character choices – and he had the audience eating out of the palm of his hand in scene after scene.”

However, Rome said that show really belongs to Detective Cioffi. “It’s a huge role, and Spencer Boyd really expanded his range with this tour de force, balancing between capable, serious detective and the effervescent theatre lover who wants to save the show,” said Rome.

Complicating matters, Cioffi falls in love with Maddy Ingram’s Nikki, one of the understudies. “Spencer’s joyful enthusiasm was clearly contagious, and I just loved the chemistry between him and Maddy,” said Rome. “He was great to work with, totally reliable and both a responsive and creative actor.”

“In my humble opinion, they all deserve to win,” he continued. “But however it comes out on June 8, we know we were successful giving our audience a theater production of which our entire cast, crew and musicians can be proud.”

# Saluting the Seniors

By EMMA HARRIS  
THE CONNECTION

As high school nears its end for the many seniors of Fairfax, Loudon and Prince William counties, students are faced with countless options of what will be their next step in life.

For a small group of seniors, this step means one thing — enlisting in the military.

In the fourth annual Enlistee Recognition Ceremony, the Northern Virginia chapter of Our Community Salutes, along with over 200 community mem-

bers, gathered at George Mason University Thursday, May 29 to thank and support about 50 seniors who have chosen to enlist in the military after graduation.

“No matter what branch of service you’ve chosen, what you’ve done is an honorable thing and something you should be proud of,” said Marine Corps Sergeant Major Mark Byrd, a guest speaker. “Not many take on this challenge,” he said, adding that only half a percent of



Guest speaker Major General Robert Dyess of the United States Army talks to enlistees and their parents at the fourth annual Our Community Salutes Enlistee Recognition Ceremony Thursday, May 29.

Americans enlist to serve their country.

“You are a special group of people,” Byrd said, “and you will be the heroes that your siblings and family members will try to emulate.”

“We are proud to have such fine men and women defending our country,” said Sharon Bulova, chairman of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, commending the enlistees for sacrificing their personal needs and desires for their country.

Ceremony in Fairfax recognizes high school seniors who are enlisting in the military.

2011, her son Philipp enlisted in the Marine Corps, and Zinser organized the first of the Enlistee Recognition Ceremonies.

“It’s the right thing to do,” she said, so Zinser continues to organize the ceremonies. “They’re doing a big thing, and it deserves big recognition,” she said.

Every year the ceremony gets bigger, Zinser said, adding that eventually she would like to see the ceremony be held at a Nationals baseball game.

“The parents are bursting with pride, and so am I,” she said.

During the ceremony, Sharon Stark, district director for the office of Rep. Gerry Connolly (D-11), stood to recognize Zinser. On behalf of Connolly, she read a Congressional Record Statement that commends Zinser for her efforts in creating the Northern Virginia chapter of Our Community Salutes, as well as making sure that enlistees of Northern Virginia receive proper recognition from their community.

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## WELLBEING

# Healthy Cooking with Children

Local foodies say cooking with children can establish a lifetime of healthy habits.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL  
THE CONNECTION

From creating dough for freshly baked bread to squeezing lemons for a neighborhood lemonade stand, Michael Roll enjoys spending time in the kitchen with his children transforming ordinary food into nutritious culinary creations, particularly during the summer. He says that when parents cook healthy meals with their children they model behavior that can last a lifetime.

"The more 'from scratch' and processing raw food at home a child can see through their parents, the better understanding the child can develop in terms of what makes food healthy and unhealthy and where our food comes from," said Roll, director, Department of Culinary Arts and Food and Beverage Management at The Art Institute of Washington in Arlington. "These are fundamental things that can easily be lost in our very time-crunched worlds and long grocery store aisles of prepared and over-processed foods."

Farmers markets can offer a goldmine of inspira-



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**Students at Tiny Chefs Culinary Academy learn to prepare healthy meals.**

tion for creating nutritious summer meals. "[They] bring us seasonal, fresh produce, grown close to home," said Christine Wisniewski, an instructor at Culinaria Cooking School in Vienna. "In contrast to the mad dash into the supermarket the rest of the year, the more relaxed summer schedule also gives us the chance to really look around and broaden our food horizons."

Offering children a wide selection of fresh food

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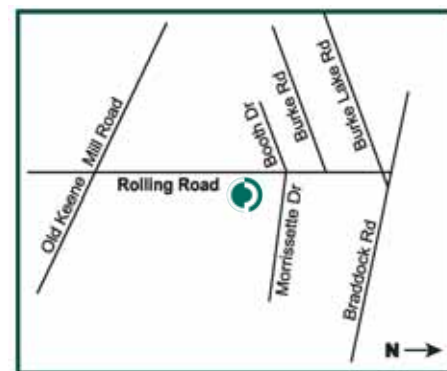
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## WELLBEING

# Teaching Healthy Habits

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and a chance to make their own selections broadens their culinary horizons. "In my experience, kids are more willing to try something new if they are given the opportunity to choose that new item themselves," said Wisnewski. "Challenge them to choose one new thing a week. "One week have them look for the most beautiful fruit or vegetable they can find at the market, next week have them find the ugliest. You might all be surprised with how that experiment plays out. The kids will gain exposure and you will gain experience. You were always curious about kohlrabi anyway, right?"

Roll encourages parents to approach cooking with an attitude of enthusiasm. "Baking chocolate chip cookies, even with my 6 year olds was fun because measuring flour, sugar, learning how to crack an egg were all exciting things for them," he said. "Licking raw batter and tasting warm cookies didn't hurt, but at 11, my son could probably make passable cookies without any help. My family's passion for cookies is why."

**COOKING TECHNIQUES** and the tasks children undertake in the kitchen should be age appropriate, said Roll. "For the really young, nothing beats funny shapes, layering yogurt and fruit and granola in a clear glass is magical to a child," he said. "For the older, make baking a chemistry lesson on baking soda [or] why flour in bread makes such a different product than flour in pancakes."

Roll added, "I think that starting simple helps, too. Chicken broth, chicken, carrots, celery and pasta, with some seasoning still makes the best cold remedy there is. A child can peel a carrot. A child can test the doneness of pasta, a child can learn that a little salt is great, no salt is bland, and too much salt is a disaster."

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## NEWS

# Honored for 'Advancing Public Service'

## Dean Klein, two other county employees win A. Heath Onthank award.

BY REENA SINGH  
THE CONNECTION

Dean Klein truly believes homelessness can be eradicated.

The Director of Fairfax County Office to Prevent and End Homelessness will be one of the A. Heath Onthank award winners for his work with the county.

"I come from a family with a long line of social workers and was exposed at a young age to the importance of helping people in need."

The Onthank winners — Klein, Department of Transportation's Tom Biesiadny and Office of the County Attorney's Cynthia Tianti — will be presented their awards on June 17.

According to the county website, the award is to "grant recognition for accomplishments of outstanding worth in advancing and improving public service in the Fairfax County Government and School System by an individual county employee."

Since Klein took the director

position in 2009 - when the department was created - the homeless population has been reduced by more than 30 percent.

"We've been able to significantly reduce the number of people who are literally homeless in our county," he said.

Klein has not always wanted to be a social worker, he said. He graduated from Ohio State University with a Bachelor's degree in journalism and advertising. Although his family is from Cleveland, he moved to Washington D.C., where he received a Master's degree in social work from Howard University.

"I always found the D.C. area to be very exciting and thought it would be a good opportunity to live here," he said.

Before his work with Fairfax County, he was the senior community relations manager for the Freddie Mac Foundation, where he oversaw the company's Stable Homes Stable Families portfolio.

He said the county was successful in reducing the number of homeless residents because of the

partnerships with other organizations, like Cornerstones. "I'm really proud of the level of collaboration in our community," he said.

Michael O'Reilly, Chairman of the Fairfax-Falls Church Partnership to Prevent and End Homelessness board, said the collaboration between the county and other organizations can be traced right back to Klein. "Dean's ability to work with so many different partners in so many areas has allowed us to become a much more unified force to impact homelessness," said O'Reilly.

Many others, including U.S. Rep. Gerry Connolly (D-11), are happy to see Klein being recognized for his work with the county. "Since the Board of Supervisors created the Office to Prevent and End Homelessness during my tenure as Chairman, Dean has taken the lead with the nonprofit, business, faith-based communities and county agencies to implement our 10-year Plan to eradicate homelessness in Fairfax County," Congressman Connolly said in an email. "Under Dean's leadership, Fairfax has



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**Director of Fairfax County Office to Prevent and End Homelessness Dean Klein will be one of the A. Heath Onthank award winners this year.**

made tremendous progress in reducing the local homeless population and putting people back on the path to self-sufficiency through our network of shelters and sup-

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# SPORTS



**Lake Braddock pitcher Ashley Flesch allowed one run in 13 innings during the Bruins' 2-1 victory over Madison in the regional quarterfinals on June 2.**



**Lake Braddock catcher Caroline Jones drove in the game-winning run against Madison in the regional quarterfinals on June 2.**



**Lake Braddock center fielder Jenna Edwards threw out a Madison runner at the plate in the 13th inning of the Bruins' regional quarterfinal victory on June 2.**

## Lake Braddock Softball Outlasts Madison in Quarterfinal Marathon

**Bruins catcher Jones delivers game-winning RBI.**

BY JON ROETMAN  
THE CONNECTION

**W**ith runners on first and second with nobody out in the bottom of the ninth inning, Lake Braddock catcher Caroline Jones swung at the first pitch she saw and popped out via the infield fly rule. The next two Bruin batters would strike out, keeping Monday's 6A North region quarterfinal softball contest against Madison locked in a scoreless tie.

"I [knew we] would score," Lake Braddock pitcher Ashley Flesch said later that evening. "It was just a matter of time."

As it turned out, Flesch, who battled Madison's Katie Vannicola in a lengthy pitcher's duel, was right. After the Bruins scored once in the bottom of the 10th to keep their season alive, Jones would get another opportunity with a runner in scoring position in the bottom of the 13th. This time, the sophomore slugger would send Lake Braddock to the semifinals.

Jones hit Vannicola's 202nd pitch of the evening back up the middle for an RBI single, giving the Bruins a 2-1, 13-inning victory over the Warhawks on June 2 at Lake Braddock Secondary School. Jones' hit was one of just four the Bruins managed against Vannicola, but Lake Braddock found a way to outlast the Warhawks.

"It was definitely a battle," Jones said. "Katie is an amazing pitcher, Madison is an amazing team. We knew that if we slipped once, the door is wide open for them, so we had to stay strong as a team and we finally pulled through."

**LAKE BRADDOCK** left the door open in the top of the 10th, when Madison left fielder Jordyn Pistilli broke a scoreless tie with a one-out RBI single. However, the Bruins countered in the bottom half, when a single by freshman third baseman Patty Maye Ohanian and a Warhawk error tied the score at 1-1, sending the marathon contest into the 11th inning.

### LAKE BRADDOCK GIRLS' SOCCER FALLS IN PKs

The Lake Braddock girls' soccer team lost to Battlefield in penalty kicks during the 6A North region semifinals on Tuesday.

The Bruins defeated Osborn 4-0 in the opening round on May 28 and beat Robinson 1-0 in the quarterfinals on May 30. Lake Braddock finished the season with a 13-6 record and a Conference 7 championship.

Madison had a chance to take the lead in the top of the 13th, but Lake Braddock center fielder Jenna Edwards threw out the potential go-ahead run at home plate after the Warhawk runner attempted to tag up on a fly ball.

Jones' single in the bottom half of the inning ended the game.

"The character of the kids is outstanding," Lake Braddock head coach George Rumore said. "They just don't quit. They love to play and they hung in there. We know that if Ashley ... is holding us in the game, that we just have to keep playing good defense and keep making plays, and then we hope we get somebody across the plate."

**DESPITE THE EXPERIENCE** of losing to South County, Flesch said she believed the Bruins would eventually score during Monday's contest against Madison.

"She had a lot of endurance," Jones said. "She keeps hitters off balance, she's very hard to hit and she's very deceptive. ... She's a warrior out there. She fights for us and she never gives up."

Vannicola suffered the loss on Monday. The right-hander allowed two runs — one earned — and four hits in 12 2/3 innings. She walked eight and struck out 17. Vannicola threw 202 pitches, including 119 strikes.

Lake Braddock first baseman Amanda Hendrix doubled in the ninth inning. Ohanian had a pair of singles for the Bruins, and Jones had one.

Lake Braddock improved to 23-1. The Bruins won their second consecutive Conference 7/Patriot District title this season, beating South County in the championship game on May 23.

Lake Braddock advanced to the region semifinals, where the Bruins faced Langley on Wednesday, after The Connection's deadline.



PHOTO BY CRAIG STERBUTZEL/THE CONNECTION

**David Symmes (4) and the South County boys' lacrosse team finished the 2014 season with a 15-2 record.**

## South County Loses in Regional Quarterfinals

**Patriots limit Stallions to lowest goal-scoring output of 2014.**

BY JON ROETMAN  
THE CONNECTION

**Y**orktown senior Cason Liles controlled the faceoff, maintained possession down the field and scored his first goal of the season late in the first quarter of Thursday's 6A North region quarterfinal contest against South County.

Liles' goal led to cheers from his teammates. Liles' faceoff dominance throughout the contest, however, helped give the Patriots a historic achievement to celebrate at the end of the night.

The Yorktown boys' lacrosse team defeated South County 13-6 at Lee High School in Springfield, securing the Patriots' first trip to the regional semifinals in program history. South County entered the contest with a 15-1 record and averaging 14 goals per game, but thanks to Liles' faceoff dominance and a strong defensive effort led by sophomore Conor Shears, junior Timothy Aldinger and sophomore goalkeeper Mason Pollack, the Patriots limited the Stallions to their lowest goal-scoring output of the season.

"It's huge," Liles said. "We came out here with a chip on our shoulder. I think we were just so hyped up and so ready to play this game. None of the seniors wanted their season to end. I couldn't be prouder of my team right now."

Yorktown led 7-2 at halftime. South County goals by Austin Fitzmaurice and David Krein cut the Patriots' lead to three midway through the third quarter,

but Yorktown scored six of the next seven goals to pull away.

"[Liles] was the difference," Yorktown head coach Greg Beer said. "We did very well on faceoffs and that was the difference tonight, I believe. Other than that, I thought we were pretty even. We were able to control possessions and ... sort of limit their offense, considering how much firepower [South County has] between Symmes, Quigley and the rest of those guys."

Tyler Alexander scored two goals for South County.

Symmes praised Yorktown's defense, but said South County might have been guilty of overlooking the Patriots.

"No one was outright saying, 'Oh, yes, easy game, just take it off, we'll just coast through,'" Symmes said. "No one was saying that, but I think maybe, subconsciously, we weren't taking this game as seriously as we should have. Shoulda, woulda, coulda, though."

Yorktown improved its record to 15-4. The Patriots, who defeated Oakton in the opening round, traveled to face Robinson (14-3) in the regional semifinals on June 4.

South County finished the season with a 15-2 record and a Conference 7 championship.

"I'm proud of the way my guys played," first-year South County head coach Dale Nalls said. "Going 15-2 on the season, that's an impressive season. Obviously, we had our sights set on a bigger prize than going 15-2, but I think South County is a relevant state championship contender. We just didn't play like it tonight."



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## OPINION

# Taste Of Asia

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sorship, attendees had access to hands-on activities. With leadership from Ms. Lindsay Holt, arts and crafts tables were set up for origami (Japan), Cultural Masks (China), Weaving (Philippines), and Mandala (India/Tibet/South Asia). There was a table set up for Name Calligraphy where attendees' names could be written in Korean, Japanese, Chinese, Hindi, Thai and Tagalog. While these activities were happening, I could hear a lot of dialogue about the meaning of names and background, helping the attendees make meaningful connections to each other.

All participants had a passport to get their stamps to be sure they were not missing out any valuable experiences from the event. I trust all participants from this event tasted Asia in many ways and I am grateful for that. I thank 30 -plus volunteers that we had for the event and special thanks to our event committee members who helped build many positive bridges among people in this diverse county.

When I witnessed some kids from Ghana, trying on Korean, Chinese and Thai dresses and having a photo-op, I saw a glimpse of 'Promised Land,' that once Martin Luther King noted. When I witnessed Chinese women helping Hispanic young people wearing their Chinese costumes, there was heartfelt welcoming and receiving of friendship built.

It was pleasure of seeing acceptance of each other and they are moving forward to learn about each other and they are reaching out and sharing their stories. Their hearts were wide opened to embrace each other for those moments. There was joy and happiness all around.

I saw what Dr. Martin Luther King dreamed: "that day when all of God's children, black men and white men, Jews and Gentiles, Protestants and Catholics, will be able to join hands and sing in the words of the old Negro spiritual: Free at last! Free at last! Thank God Almighty, we are free at last!"

I am committed to seed the dream that Dr. King once talked about by offering a column that would continue to offer a place for a "Taste of Asia" and I am very excited about this calling.

As E.M. Forster noted, that this column will bring humanism to our living. "The four characteristics of humanism are curiosity, a free mind, belief in good taste, and belief in the human race."

Wonhee Kang will write an occasional column for the Connection.

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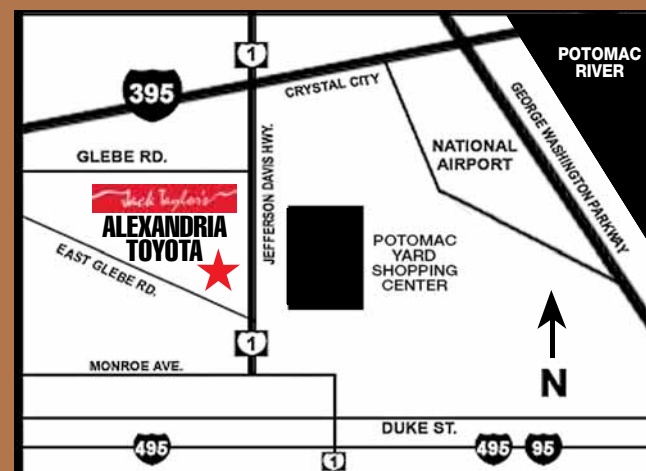


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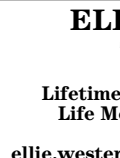
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