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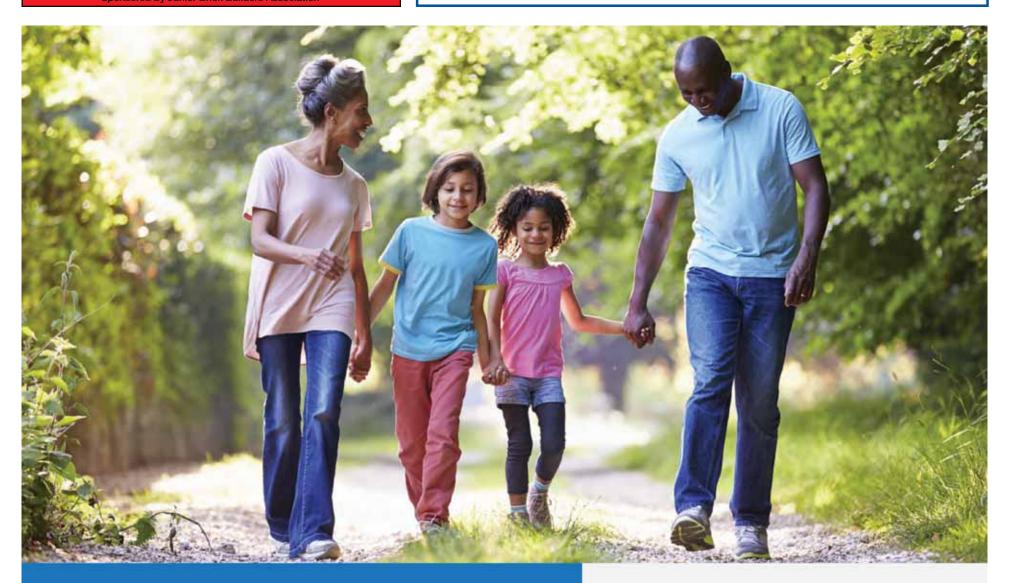


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# Cross County Trail Renamed To Honor Rep. Connolly

"Gerry Connolly Cross County Trail" unveiled at ceremony in Lorton.

By Janelle Germanos
The Connection

n National Trails Day on June 7, the Cross County Trail, which goes through each district in Fairfax County, was renamed to the "Gerry Connolly Cross County Trail" in honor of Rep. Connolly's work to build the trail.

In June 1999, Connolly, who represented the Providence district on the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, motioned to create a cross-county trail. Now, over a decade later, Connolly was honored during a ceremony at Laurel Hill Park in Lorton, part of the 40-mile trail that goes from Great Falls to the Occoquan River.

"Well first of all, thank you for not waiting until I was dead," Connolly said at the ceremony. "I know it's a great honor after you've passed, but I'm not sure I would have appreciated it. But thank you so much for doing this."

When Rep. Connolly was chairman of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, he was a key figure in the development of the Cross County Trail. He worked with others to link together the existing trail system from Great Falls to Occoquan.

"He has been involved in countless projects and initiatives, but this one, this project, is indicative of his personal strengths, his ability to listen to his constituents," said Sharon Bulova, chairman of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors.

Connolly, calling the trail one of his "proudest accomplishments in public office," thanked the Fairfax County Park Authority Staff and other volunteers and figures in the county who helped to make the trail a reality.

"This trail is a way to ride bikes, to hike with their friends, or even to ride horses. But it's also about connectivity-from one end of this community to the other," Bulova said.

Bulova pointed out that the trail is part of the East Coast Greenway, www.ConnectionNewspapers.com



Rep. Gerry Connolly (D-11) speaks in Lorton at an event on June 7. The Fairfax County Board of Supervisors voted last year to rename the trail after Connolly.



Sharon Bulova, chairman of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, speaks about Rep. Gerry Connolly's work to build the Cross County Trail.

which stretches from Maine to Key West.

"This trail network will allow someone to hike from here, all the way down to Key West. Is that a romantic thought or what?" she

Flying above Fairfax County shows how much green there is in the county, said Mount Vernon District Supervisor Gerry Hyland.

"To be able to say that we have 10 percent of our land in parks is a truly remarkable accomplishment," Hyland said.

Volunteers who helped implement the Cross County Trail were also honored.

"Trails do not just magically appear for our enjoyment. Their construction and maintenance takes



Nancy Wilson, a supporter of trails in Fairfax County, speaks at an event honoring Rep. Gerry Connolly for his work on Cross County Trail.

hours of dedicated planning and labor. That is especially true in Fairfax County, where volunteers are the backbone of our trail maintenance and construction," Bulova said. Pedestrians, bikers and horseback riders can travel all the way from Great Falls Park down to the Occoquan River.

"You can go out on the Cross County Trail and feel like you're in the middle of nowhere. It's a unique experience," said Bill Niedringhaus, president of the Potomac Heritage Trail Association. Connolly said that the beauty of the Cross County Trail is that most of it is in a stream valley.

It is hard to believe you're in a big urban county with over a million people," Connolly said.



A map demonstrating the Laurel Hill Master Development Plan, at the site of the former D.C. prison.

# Housing and Restaurants Coming to Prison Site

# Board of Supervisors approves Laurel Hill Master Development Plan.

By Janelle Germanos
The Connection

he site of the former Lorton prison will soon get a makeover, complete with townhouses, restaurants, apartments and singlefamily homes.

Inside the renovated cell blocks and guard towers will be housing and businesses on 80 acres in Lorton, home to the D.C. prison that closed in 2001.

The county will transfer the land to the Alexander Company and Elm Street for development of the project. A 30-day public comment period is now underway. The Workhouse Arts Center, also at the site of the former prison, will remain open.

Lorton is also the site of an EnviroSolutions construction debris landfill, which many residents hope will close by 2019. That issue, which the Board of Supervisors will decide on later this month, came up at the June 3 hearing.

Gregory Riegle, an attorney for the project, said he is aware that recycling is important to the community.

"We have every incentive to want to recycle as many materials as possible," Riegle said. "It only makes practical sense."

Larry Clark of the Spring Hill
Community Association, which
is in favor of the plan, brought
up some concerns regarding the
recycling of construction debris.

provided the opportunity to
create a vibrant community in
the South County area. Providing attractive tax-producing
residential and retail uses is a

"We need to embrace recycling. This project is tailor-

made for it," Clark said.

Tim Sargeant, chairman of the Laurel Hill Project Advisory Committee, said he appreciates the Alexander Company and Elm Streets' efforts to blend modern and historic design.

"Today is truly another milestone in the continuing history of a site with historic significance," Sargeant said.

The redevelopment will bring 412 new housing units and retail space totaling 110,000 square feet.

Fairfax County is paying for \$12.7 million of the \$188 million project. The project is expected to create 300 new jobs and generate \$2.5 million per year in tax revenue, a county press release stated.

The first phase is expected to begin this October, and the second phase will begin by October 2016.

Most of the land is being leased by the county to the developers rent free for 99 years.

"I was pleased to support the re-planning and re-purposing of Laurel Hill," said Sharon Bulova, chairman of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors. "Fairfax County's purchase of the former Lorton Prison has provided the opportunity to create a vibrant community in the South County area. Providing attractive tax-producing residential and retail uses is a real victory and the right decision for our board."

# Pirates' Day Kicks off Summer in Lorton

By Janelle Germanos
The Connection

or the fifth year in a row, complete with cannons, ships and swords, pirates stormed the beach at Pohick Bay Regional Park in Lorton last weekend

Springfield resident Susan Dix-VerStraten played Anne Bonny, famous female pirate of the 18th century, and said pirate re-enactments like this one are just a lot of fun.

"It's always a great time," she said. "Getting into character is a blast."

Dix-VerStraten, who has been participating in these re-enactments for over ten years, joined dozens of other pirates for this year's Pirates' Day in Lorton.

"Everybody loves pirates," said Paul Gilbert, executive director of the Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority. "It captures the imagination of all kids."

Pirates' Day started five years ago after the waterpark at Pohick Bay was changed to a pirate theme. Since then, attendance at



Lloyd and Nancy Robbins pose with their boat on the Fifth Annual Pirates' Day Celebration at Pohick Bay Park in Lorton.

the waterpark has increased by 500 percent, Gilbert said.

Kids of all ages enjoyed this year's re-enactment, which included an authentic sailboat that is identical to those found in the 18th century.

The boat is owned by pirate reenactors Lloyd and Nancy Robbins, and has been featured in PBS and National Geographic television specials.

Being a pirate re-enactor requires a great deal of study into pirates' history, as well as an outgoing personality, Dix-VerStraten said. Safety is also required, as the cannons used are real and burns can sometimes happen.

"You have to be able to be outgoing and connect with children," she said.

This year, she said playing Anne Bonny was exciting, as she was a strong female pirate whose fate is unknown even to this day.

The cannons were loud, causing many onlookers to plug their ears. After pirates sailed to shore and fought each other with swords and



June 7 was the Fifth Annual Pirates' Day Celebration at Pohick Bay Park in Lorton.

other authentic weapons, they later stormed Pirate's Cove Waterpark.

Pirates' Day showcases the beautiful water at Pohick Bay Park, making it a great place for camping and getting away from everyday life for a little while.

Camping can be an affordable vacation, said Todd Benson, park manager at Pohick Bay.

"You feel like you're a million miles away from everything," he said.

This year, the park is offering

paddle boarding, which is essentially standing on a surfboard with a long paddle.

"There's so much to do within the park here. It's not just a campground," said Blythe Russian, the park operations superintendent at Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority.

During the recession, there was definitely an increase in visitors to the park, Gilbert said. Now, those campers continue to come back year after year because they realize how much fun camping can be.



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### 10 Companies on 2014 Fortune 500 List in Fairfax

Ten Fairfax County-based companies, in industries ranging from defense and technology consulting to financial services and hospitality, hold spots in Fortune magazine's list of the 500 largest publicly traded companies in the United States. The 2014 Fortune 500 is available online.

The number of Fairfax County companies on the 2014 list is the same as the last two years. Two new entrants are Hilton Worldwide, the global hospitality firm, and technology consultant Leidos, which was formed when technology and engineering firm SAIC split into two companies in 2013. Two companies on the 2013 list, defense and aerospace firm Exelis and SAIC, fell off the Fortune 500 rankings but are part of the Fortune 1000 list along with Fairfax County-based homebuilder NVR and IT services provider ManTech International.

Fairfax County has more companies on the list than 30 states and the same number as three states.

Fortune (@FortuneMagazine) based its rankings on annual revenue in 2013. Here are the Fairfax County companies on the list, their main industry sectors, and their location in the county:

32. — Freddie Mac, mortgage securities, Tysons Corner

99. — General Dynamics, defense and aviation, Falls Church

122. — Northrop Grumman, defense and security, Falls Church 124. — Capital One, financial services, Tysons Corner

185. — CSC, technology consulting and systems integration, Falls Church

289. — Hilton Worldwide, hospitality, Tysons Corner

442. — Leidos, technology consulting, Reston

443. — Booz Allen Holding, technology consulting, Tysons Cor-

481. — Gannett, publishing and television, Tysons Corner

495. — NII Holdings, mobile communications services, Reston

"To be home to 10 Fortune 500 headquarters - 2 percent of the national total - is the best illustration of the confidence that major corporations have in the business climate of Fairfax County, said Gerald L. Gordon, Ph.D., president and CEO of the Fairfax County Economic Development Authority (FCEDA). "Moreover, the diversity of the industry sectors represented is critical."

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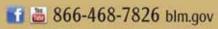


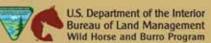
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Don't turn here, rather continue on another half of a mile. You'll turn right through a gate onto a dirt drive. If you use Google Maps, Mapquest, or other GPS, you can use these coordinates as your destination and it will take you right to the location: 38.670731,-77.190827







# SCHOOLS

# Loving STEM at Silverbrook

ver 50 students participated in a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) fair presented by the Silverbrook Elementary School PTO.

"It truly is a collaborative effort, bringing together administration, teachers, parents, and students who all have a common passion for STEM-related topics - with each entity playing a critical role in the education of students," said Kimberly Kern, secretary of the PTO and chair of the school's STEM committee.

The STEM program was initiated by the PTO at Silverbrook in 2011. Since then it has grown to include the STEM fair and STEM afterschool programs, Math league, Odyssey of the Mind, Chess, and STEM initiatives within each grade level. Next school year, a STEM certification program and science resource closet will be added.

Teachers, administrators and parents are working together to ensure that students foster a love of STEM.



Over 50 students, many who are pictured here, participated in this year's STEM Fair at Silverbrook Elementary School.

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#### SATURDAY/JUNE 14

Dog Adoption. 12-3 p.m. PETCO, Greenbriar Towncenter, 13053 Lee Jackson Memorial Highway, Fairfax. 703-817-9444. hart90.org

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#### THURSDAY/JUNE 26

Bone Marrow Donor Drive. 9 a.m. -6 p.m. Inova Fairfax Medical Campus, Heart and Vascular Institute Atrium, 3300 Gallows Road, Falls Church. Inova Fairfax Hospital is holding a Bone Marrow donor drive, where you can register to be a potential donor for someone in need.

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# **OPINION**

# Clearing the Air on New Carbon Standards

By Congressmen Gerry CONNOLLY (VA-11) AND PAUL TONKO (NY-20)

Co-chairs, Sustainable Energy AND ENVIRONMENT COALITION

he EPA's new proposal to safeguard the air we breathe and contain a primary driver of climate change by reducing carbon emissions from existing power plants is the lynchpin to reducing our carbon footprint. As co-chairs of the House Sustainable Energy and Environmental Coalition, we welcome action on carbon pollution and look forward to working with all stakeholders in a responsible manner to advance a 21st century energy economy for America.

Power plants are responsible for 40 percent of U.S. carbon pollution. Without addressing this source of pollution our efforts fade in significance. Similar safeguards already exist for other hazardous pollutants such as lead, arsenic, and mercury. And they have worked. Why shouldn't the same apply for carbon? By targeting this source of pollution, we protect public health, the economy, and national security.

Unfortunately, there are those who would have us believe that these and other EPA safeguards threaten our shared national priorities. Just as they did when Congress, in a bipartisan fashion. adopted the Clean Air and Clean Water acts a generation ago, these critics offer the same hackneyed arguments they always make: they contend the public does not want these protections, they will kill jobs, bankrupt the economy, and cause electricity rates to double. This is the same crowd that waged deceitful campaigns warning of death panels, a government-run takeover of healthcare, and socialized medicine in the hopes of distracting us from the urgent need for the Affordable Care Act.

Such false and misleadi n g claims



Connolly

were shameful then, and if repeated, will jeopardize the tremendous strides we've made in protecting public health. Unfortunately, some took to attacking the EPA's latest proposal even before it was released. Last week, Speaker Boehner said the EPA is "hurting our economy" with such proposals, though he did note he was no expert on climate change and had not yet seen the proposed regulation. Let's move beyond such rhetoric and look at the facts.

Take the first claim that carbon pollution restrictions will kill jobs and devastate the economy. Evidence tells us that we can have both a clean environment and a strong economy. In a recent oped, Christine Todd Whitman, a Republican, who is the former Governor of New Jersey and was EPA Administrator under President George W. Bush, highlighted that "...between 1970 and 2006, U.S. GDP grew by 195 percent, yet thanks to regulatory changes annual emissions of carbon monoxide, nitrogen oxide, sulfur dioxide, and lead all decreased significantly." In other words, economic growth and regulation can and do intertwine successfully.

Investing in new energy standards actually has helped fuel that economic growth. For example, since the Clean Air Act was passed in 1970, every dollar spent on compliance standards has yielded \$4-\$8 in economic return on that investment.

The fact is that these standards



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a n d equipment, and the creation of thousands of domestic jobs. Employment in the American solar industry, for example, grew ten times faster than the national employment average rate last year.

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Another tired but predictable claim opponents will make is that electricity rates will increase. The Washington Post's fact checker, who does not take a position on EPA rules, debunked this allegation noting that "this [claim] does not pass the laugh test." The Clean Air Act amendments of 1990 also were assailed by similar attacks. So what happened to electricity rates? They decreased. Between 1990 and 2006, electricity rates fell by 47 percent in Arkansas, 332 percent in Georgia, 64 percent in Illinois, 28 percent in Indiana, 35 percent in Michigan, 30 percent in North Carolina, 18 percent in Ohio, 36 percent in Pennsylvania, 40 percent in Utah, and 36 percent in Virginia. Even the power companies agree. The CEO of American Electric Power, one of our nation's largest utilities, said that with enough time to prepare, the transition to a cleaner energy future can occur "without a major impact to customers or the economy."

Finally, these perennial alarmists will argue that the American public does not want the "boot of government regulation on their neck." To the contrary, when it comes to basic health protections, the American public overwhelmingly has said it doesn't want the threat of pollution on its neck. A 2012 American Lung Association report found that Americans support the Clean Air Act by a 2-to-1 margin. The same report found nearly 3 out of 4 respondents believe we shouldn't have to choose between health and safety standards and promoting the economy. They understand that the opponents are presenting them with a false choice and that we can and must do both. And when it comes to setting limits on carbon pollution from power plants, a February 2014 poll found 7 out of 10 Americans support these safeguards. Seventy percent!

But you won't hear the House majority reminding the public of these inconvenient truths. They prefer reckless rhetorical arguments and irresponsible inaction. Reducing carbon emissions poses a significant challenge, and we look forward to working with industry, the environmental community, and stakeholders at the local, state, and federal levels to address this challenge. But first we must be willing to move beyond these campaigns of fear and deception.

Thankfully, there are indications that industry and the public understand this. For example, use of solar power by American companies increased by 40 percent last

Those businesses, and their customers, understand the value of investing in American ingenuity and innovation - a healthier environment, a sustainable source of domestic energy, creating new high-skilled jobs.

The Obama Administration has taken a bold step in proposing a 30 percent reduction from 2005 levels in carbon emissions from power plants. We support that effort and know that America's health and economic wellbeing will benefit immeasurably.

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## Opposing Medicaid Expansion

To the Editor:

(In response to Del. Ken Plum's Commentary "A Moral

Imperative, "Connection, May 29—June 4, 2014)

Rather than vilify Republicans in the House of Delegates who want separate debate on Medicaid expansion, Del. Ken Plum (Dto budget negotiations in the first place. Linking it serves only a political convenience for the Gov-

majority of Virginians oppose Medicaid expansion.

I ask Del. Plum: why would you want to shackle Virginia to a program that is inefficient and badly in need of reform? Why would you want to increase the federal debt? Why would you trust the federal government to keep its promise 36) should be reminded that about cost-sharing? Why would there is no imperative to link it you want to commit Virginia taxpayers to almost \$1 billion in net costs to the state over the next eight years? Why aren't you critiernor, who knows by now that a cal of the Virginia hospital lobby,

knowing that many hospitals operate at a profit even after

charity care? Why are you pushing a policy that a majority of Virginians oppose?

It is obvious by now that the Affordable Care Act, and Medicaid expansion, are tools to redistribute income and impose greater government control over citizens, rather than to improve quality healthcare.

Virginia should not rush a decision to expand Medicaid. Instead, lawmakers should support the Medicaid Innovation and Reform Commission and others who are developing alternatives that actually improve healthcare without increasing the financial burden on Virginians.

Virginia should reject Medicaid expansion, and should support Medicaid reform.

> **Nancy Piotter** Fairfax Station

## **OPINION**

# Transitioning to Summer

By Amanda Andere Executive Director FACETS

ummer is a time of change — always welcomed by students. The break during the hottest months gives a chance for kids to de-stress and prepare for their next grade on their short path to adulthood.

After five summers at FACETS, I've had the opportunity to watch many children make this transition. What's fun for kids though, can be a huge struggle for their parents. Finding appropriate and affordable care, providing enough meals during the day, and incurring the extra costs of entertaining children can be an enormous challenge for families that FACETS serves. Everyday FACETS, a nonprofit that opens doors to people who suffer the effects of poverty in Fairfax County and City, meets families who are vulnerable emergency shelter, food and medical needs, helps them gain safe, sustainable and permanent housing and works with them to end the cycle of homelessness and poverty through educational, life skills and career counseling programs.

Through our Education and Community Development Program — which operates out of four affordable housing communities, we offer innovative programming at the community centers as a way to engage and strengthen families. To ensure that children in the communities are busy, learning, and eating, we provide an expanded program in the summer. We take field trips, have activities and work-



shops, host honor roll parties, and play games and music.

We also rely on older children to help with programming, giving them leadership roles. For instance, we send teen clients to the annual Youth Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention Project (YADAPP) Conference leadership program. They return from this excellent leadership program and

produce a series of summer activities and workshops for the younger kids in the community. Having these older youth — most of whom have experienced poverty — take leadership roles is transformative for them. It's watching these transformations in our youngest clients that I have enjoyed most in my time at FACETS. As I too start a life transition to a new position with Wider Opportunities for Women, a national nonprofit that works on pathways to economic security and equality, I see the growth in these children and know that the FACETS' team and its corps of volunteers are changing the trajectory for these families. I also see a county that cares about its people and is diligently working to address poverty and end homelessness. Along with my colleagues, peers and partners, I know that we have made measurable progress in reducing the number of people who are waiting for shelter and services.

Best of all, I know that summers will be a time that brings fun and memories to more kids in Fairfax County. I leave FACETS in capable hands, understanding that more children will transition through summer to a successful new school year ... and ultimately a life with more and better choices.

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# Cappies Awarded For High School Theater

he 15th Annual Cappies Awards Gala for high school theater was held Sunday, June 8 at The Kennedy Center. Nine Cappies went to West Potomac High School for "Spamalot," including the coveted Best Musical award. The Best Play award went to Langley High School for "The Children's Hour." The Cappies' show season extended from October 2013 to May 2014, and Cappies shows were attended, on average, by 45 student critics. This year's event included 58 public and private high schools from Arlington, Fairfax, Fauquier, Loudoun, Montgomery and Prince William counties, the cities of Falls Church, Alexandria and Manassas, and Washington, D.C. The event was hosted by Judy Bowns, Janie Strauss and Ed Monk.

— Steve Hibbard

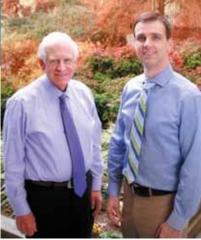


The award for Comic Actor in a Musical went to Jack Gereski of Lorton for "The Producers" at South County High School.



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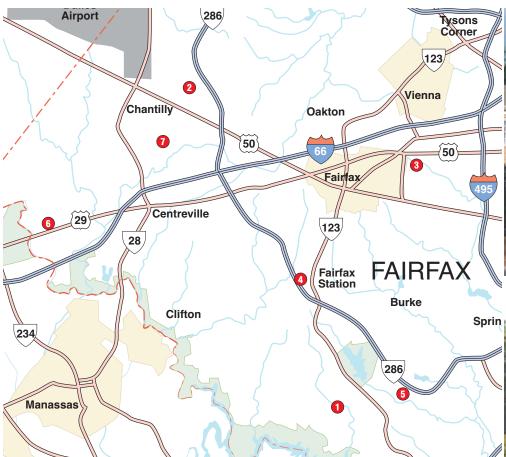
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# Home LifeStyle

# A Porch with a View

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL The Connection

hen a Great Falls homeowner decided she wanted to breathe new life into her large covered porch after a long, cold winter, she called on Anna Kucera, owner and principal designer of Gracious Living by Design in Alexandria, Va., to give the space a fresh look in time for warmweather gatherings. "The client has an expansive porch with incredible views of Great Falls," said Kucera. "She [wanted] to refresh and update the outdoor living space while still allowing the vista to remain the focal point." Kucera's goal was to create a space that was at once tranquil and invigorating, but also respected the home's architectural features, including stonework and wood siding. Kucera was careful to upholster the casual, but elegant seating with fabrics that were durable, heavily textured and able to withstand the elements. "Although the porch is covered, we needed to select materials that could withstand moisture and sun exposure," said Kucera. "And considering the large quantity of cushions on the porch, it was prudent to select upholstery fabrics that would not become tiresome after a season or two." The upholstered cushions were crafted from outdoor fabrics made of 100 percent solution-dyed acrylic. The main seating area is accessorized with custom-sized, flat-woven, polypropylene area rugs by Couristan.

"Both solution-dyed acrylic and polypropylene are inherently mildew and fade resistant," said Kucera.

"We selected an off-white solid woven from Stroheim to cover the back and arm cushions. For the seats and contrast welt on the back cushions, we chose a neutral tone fabric with a subtle dot pattern designed by Wendy Tsuji and Linda Ueda for Perennials.'

The rugs are perfect for alfresco gatherings: "Clients who enjoy entertaining outdoors and love natural sisal rugs are impressed with the way polypropylene rugs offer the same look with the added benefits of easy clean-up ... along with durability," said Nancy Hardy, a design associate at Gracious Living by Design. Kucera used a neutral and timeless palette as a backdrop for vibrant pops of color in accessories such as toss pillows. "We created emphasis by combining succulent citrus shades of green, orange and yellow," she said. "The mood could easily be changed with pillows by combining soothing tones of sea glass, green and aqua, or by boldly contrasting black and off-white." To complete the space, Kucera picked up a few accent pieces at The Virginia Florist of Alexandria. "I found accessories and finishing touches such as orchids in cachepots, a sweet bird votive holder and greenery-filled urns.'

These carefully chosen details gave the porch a polished aesthetic. "The objects and works of art that we look for and carry are as important as the floral arrangements that we create because we think they should always work together," said Kevin Green, owner of The Virginia Florist. "Our clients are interested not just in flowers, but in decorating their environments, and we share that kind of holistic approach."



Alexandria, Va., based designer Anna Kucera created a covered porch space that was tranquil and invigorating, but also respectful of the Great Falls home's architectural features, including stonework and wood siding.

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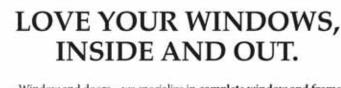
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# News

# 100,000 Homes Fairfax Wins Blue Ribbon Partnership Award

he 100,000 Homes Fairfax campaign was presented with a Blue Ribbon Partnership award from the Fairfax County Office of Public Private Partnerships (OP3) as part of its "Celebrate Partnerships" awards ceremony held on May 29. The award honored the Fairfax-Falls Church Partnership to Prevent and End Homelessness and its work in demonstrating the value of the public and private sector working together through sustained collaboration resulting in new resources and significant outcomes that improve the quality of life in Fairfax County.

"I am so pleased to see that our broad and strong 100,000 Homes Initiative was recognized with this distinguished award," says Dean Klein, director of the Fairfax County Office to Prevent and End Homelessness, the team that serves as primary staff for the partnership. "It is so meaningful to see others recognize the importance of this campaign and the partnership



Fairfax County Sheriff Stacey Kincaid, County Executive Ed Long and Lt. Col. Kevin Andariese at the Fairfax County and FCPS Celebrate Partnerships Awards Ceremony on May 29 at the Mason Inn in Fairfax.

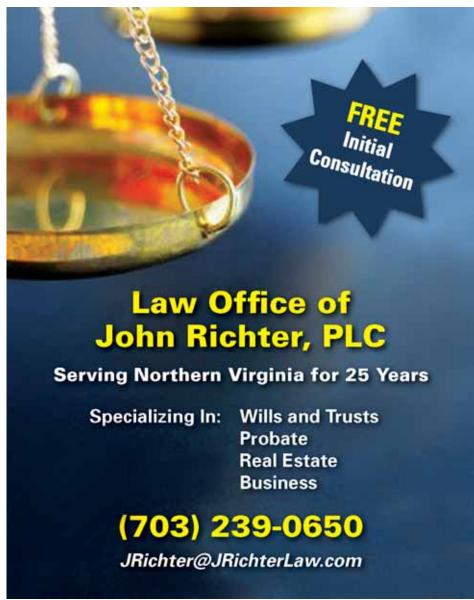
of nonprofits, faith, county and businesses organizations that has focused effectively on the housing of some of our most vulnerable chronically homeless individuals."

The Fairfax-Falls Church Partnership to Prevent and End Homelessness and the 100,000 Homes campaign consists of both public and private organizations working together to house the chronically homeless and most vulnerable individuals in our community. Numerous Fairfax County human service agencies were deeply involved in the campaign's success, including the Fairfax

County Office to Prevent and End Homelessness, the Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board, the Fairfax County Department of Health, the Fairfax County Department of Housing and Community Development and the Fairfax County Office of Public Private Partnerships.

The 100,000 Homes campaign provides concrete, innovative tools and an infrastructure that could help communities trulyend homelessness. The campaign kicked off with a "Registry Week" last year, which sent over 200 vol

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Three of the major awards of the event are named for these two men, Anthony Griffin and Bruce Oliver. Former FCPS Principal Bruce Oliver, who retired in 2004 from Thoreau Middle School, started the partnership tradition in Fairfax County Public Schools, between Thoreau and Navy Federal Credit Union. The Bruce Oliver Leadership Awards honor a school-based employee and a business or community member for their efforts in partnership.



The West Springfield **High School Gypsy Jazz** Combo performed at the **Fairfax County and FCPS Cel**ebrate Partnerships **Awards Cer**emony on May 29 at the **Mason Inn in** Fairfax.

# Partnership to Help 'Vulnerable'

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unteers out into the community first-hand to talk with and survey those experiencing homelessness. The event was the first of its kind for Fairfax County, putting a real face on homelessness by capturing personalized stories designed to help the community make important decisions about how to prioritize and allocate housing along with essential supportive services. A total of 157 homeless individuals were identified as "vulnerable," or predicted to be at increased risk of dying, during Registry Week. The

Fairfax Partnership set an ambitious goal of housing 50 individuals each of the next three years (150 over the next year). Today, the 100,000 Homes Fairfax campaign, part of the Fairfax-Falls Church Partnership to Prevent and End Homelessness, has reached its first-year goal to house 50 of the individuals in the county identified as most vulnerable during Registry Week, in addition to housing 98 more individuals identified as chronically homeless. Based on this housing rate, Fairfax County is on course to end chronic homelessness in 2018.



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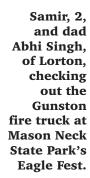


This photo is of my husband, Tom O'Hare, and one of our sons, Kilian. Taken during a vacation in Ireland in 2009, the two are descending Croagh Patrick (a site of Christian pilgrimage associated with St. Patrick, who fasted on the summit for 40 days in the 5th century A.D.)

– Mary Anne O'Hare, Fairfax Station



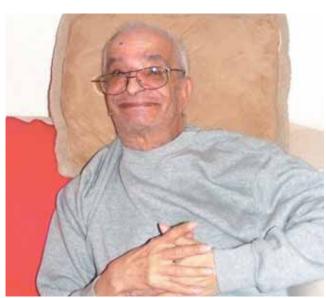
Proud dad, Bob Smith of Lorton, with his daughters Katie and Olivia.







He didn't tell us how to live; he lived, and let us watch him do it. Linley Michael (1939 -2011). RIP dear great one.





The party just got better. Dad, Jose, and Joaquin celebrating a very private moment.



Aidan, Lauren and Sean Dent, of Fairfax Station, in their Easter Sunday best.



Proud dad of three: Todd K. Harding of Fairfax Station. "We love you Da-da — especially when you show us around your childhood vacation hotspots and we get to go go-carting!"

Love, Ashley, Ryan and Jack

### Entertainment

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

#### FRIDAY/JUNE 13

**Basic Gardening: Shade Gardening.** 1:30-2:30 p.m. Green
Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Rd., Alexandria. You can have beautiful color, ample texture and plenty of variety without full sun by giving attention to plant selection, soil preparation and watering. Learn from master gardeners the basics about shade gardening. \$10. 703-642-5173.

Summer Book Sale. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Richard Byrd Library, 7250 Commerce St., Springfield. Your favorite books - in pristine condition plus numerous media offerings are waiting for you.

#### FRIDAY/JUNE 13-SUNDAY/JUNE 22

Some Girl(s). Friday and Saturday 8 p.m., Sunday at 2 p.m. Workhouse Arts Center, 9601 Ox Rd, Lorton. This play by Neil LaBute tells the story of one man as he flies across the country in search of the perfect woman (whom he's already broken up with). Admissions: \$5-\$10. www.workhousearts.org. 703-584-

#### FRIDAY/JUNE 13-SATURDAY/JUNE 14

"Princess Whatersername." 7 p.m. Thomas A. Edison High School, 5801 Franconia Road, Alexandria. The story follows a girl lost in the forest who can't remember anything - not even her own name. On her journey to discover her identity, she meets Hansel and Gretel, Rumpelstiltskin, Goldilocks and the Three Bears and other beloved fairy tale characters who help her find her true identity as a princess. Tickets \$5 for adults, \$3 for children.

#### **SATURDAY/JUNE 14**

Family Fun: Bees, Beetles and More Bugs. 1-2 p.m. Green Spring Gardens, Green Springs Rd., Alexandria. Explore the mindboggling variety and outrageous adaptations of the insect world. Go on a safari to capture bugs and get a close look at insects in your neighborhood. \$6. 703-642-5173.

Garden Sprouts. 11 a.m.-12 p.m. Green Spring Gardens, Green Springs Rd., Alexandria. Meet some creepy, crawly friends as we explore the gardens for insects. Create a bug friend from natural materials and sample a slimy snack. \$6. 703-642-

**Tasting Party: Teas of Korea.** 10:30 a.m.- 12 p.m. Green Spring Gardens, Green Springs Rd., Alexandria. Korean teas reflect the country's rich forest landscapes. Sample and access some of these delicious tisanes served with traditional Korean foods. \$25 703-941-7987.

Once Upon a Time...(Costume Ball Fundraiser). 7:30-10 p.m. Workhouse Arts Center, 9601 Ox Rd, Lorton. The evening includes music, dancing, silent auction, food, and performances by cabaret vocalists. Costumes with a fairy-tale theme are not required for entry, but there will be door prizes for the most imaginative costumes. Admission is limited, so early reservations are strongly recommended. Admissions: \$40. www.workhousearts.org. 703-584-2900.

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Photo courtesy of the Workhouse

Don't miss Unquiet Theatre Company's production of "Some Girls" at The Workhouse, 9601 Ox Road, Lorton, this weekend June 13-15. The play is about a guy who decides to visit his ex-girlfriends before his imminent marriage.

Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road, Alexandria. Go on a safari to capture bugs and get a close look at the insects in your neighborhood. Family friendly programs for ages 5 and up; children must be accompanied by registered adult. \$6. Register at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/greenspring or 703-642-5173.

Children's Theatre: Princess and **the Pea.** 1 p.m. Workhouse Arts Center, 9601 Ox Rd, Lorton. This original musical adaptation of the Hans Christian Andersen fairy tale is presented by Pandemonium Theatrical Productions. Admissions: \$9-\$12. www.workhousearts.org 703-584-2900.

Yard Sale. 8 a.m. - 1 p.m. Calvary Christian Church, 9800 Old Keene Mill Road, Burke. Furniture, electronics, women's clothing housewares. All proceeds will be used to help feed needed school-age children in the local area during the summer months.

Art in the Courtyard. 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Lorton Station Town Center. Artists from the Workhouse Arts Center, the Torpedo Art Factory and Historic Occoquan will be featuring their works including paintings, jewelry, sculpture, photography, blown glass, pottery, wood work, and digital artwork. Visit

www.lortonstationtowncenter.com/calendar-of-events.html for more.

**Mount Vernon Nights: Alt** Washingtonia (Bavarian). 7-8 p.m. Workhouse Arts Center, 9601 Ox Road, Lorton. Alt Washingtonia performs traditional Alpine dances from Germany and Austria. Performances include the long alphorns, yodeling and singing, cowbell-ringing, musical saw, button-box accordion, zither, and mountain dulcimer. Visit www.workhousearts.org or call 703-584-2900.

#### SUNDAY/JUNE 15

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**TUESDAY/JUNE 17 Homeschool: Green and Growing**  Gardens. 10 a.m.-12 p.m. Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road, Alexandria. For children 3-5 years will learn about plant life cycles, investigate soil and earthworms and visit our vegetable garden to see how veggies grow. \$15. Register at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/ parks/greenspring or 703-642-5173.

#### WEDNESDAY/JUNE 18

Workhouse Farmers Market. 3-7 p.m. Workhouse Arts Center, 9518 Workhouse Way, Lorton.

#### THURSDAY/JUNE 19-JUNE 26

Garden Stroll & Tea. 1-3 p.m. Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Rd, Alexandria. Tour some of the glorious demonstration gardens with a master gardener docent who will inspire you with stories of Green Spring past and present. Afterwards, traditional English afternoon tea served in 1784 historic house. Register online. \$29. 703-941-7987.

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#### **SATURDAY, JUNE 21**

Ballroom Social Dance. 7:30-10:30 p.m. Workhouse Arts Center, 9601 Ox Rd, Lorton. Dress code is casual for both ballroom mini-lessons and open dancing. Mini-lessons begin at 7:30 and feature different styles, from ChaCha to Tango. Open dance begins at 8. All skill levels are welcome. Admissions: \$5-\$10. www.workhousearts.org. 703-584-

Wildflower Folklore & More. 10-11 a.m. Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road, Alexandria. Naturalist Alonso Abugattas shares the identification, folklore, medicinal usage, ethics of collecting and other human interactions surrounding wildflowers. \$18. Register at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/ greenspring or 703-642-5173. **Boy Scout Plant Science Merit** 

**Badge**. 12-4 p.m. Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road, Alexandria.

Mount Vernon Nights: Bohemian Caverns Jazz Orchestra. 7-8 p.m. Workhouse, 9601 Ox Rd., Lorton. The new Bohemian Caverns Jazz Orchestra. www.workhousearts.org. 703-584-2900.

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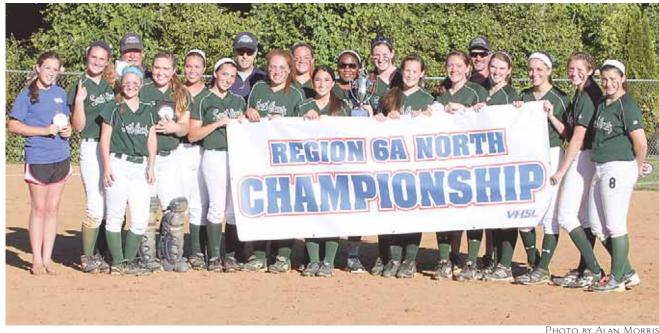
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# SPORTS





The South County softball team won the 6A North region championship with a 2-1, eight-inning victory against Lake Braddock on June 6.



Photo by Alan Morris

South County pitcher Rebecca Martin allowed one unearned run in eight innings against Lake Braddock in the 6A North region championship game on June 6.

# South County Softball Wins Championship

### Sophomore shortstop Williams drives in go-ahead run against Lake Braddock.

By Jon Roetman The Connection

n four meetings with Lake Braddock this season, the South County soft ball team had scored just one run in 36 2/3 innings against Bruins pitcher Ashley Flesch when sophomore shortstop Jade Williams stepped to the plate in the eighth inning of Friday's 6A North region championship game.

The Stallions had hit the ball well on this day, but had nothing to show for it. Now, with a runner in scoring position and two outs in a scoreless tie, Williams had an opportunity to break through.

"I knew we were due because we had been hitting the ball hard," Williams said. "We had been getting progressively better every game and I knew, some time, it was going to drop in."

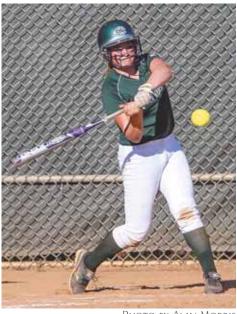
For Williams and the Stallions, that time was now.

Williams ripped a run-scoring double down the third-base line, designated player Mollie Maglich followed with an RBI double and South County captured its first region championship since 2009 with a 2-1, eight-inning victory at Lake Braddock Secondary School.

Williams was 1-for-2 with a single, walk, and a strikeout prior to her eighth-inning at-bat. Her RBI double broke a 23 2/3-inning scoreless streak against the Bruins.

"We all wanted it really bad — I think we wanted it more than them," Williams said. "I just wanted to hit the ball hard. I was confident and I really wanted to win."

With the teams locked in a scoreless tie, South County third baseman Caitlin Maglich led off the eighth inning with a single. First baseman Riley Wilkinson bunted Maglich into scoring position, and



South County shortstop Jade Williams drove in the go-ahead run with a double in the eighth inning of the 6A North region championship game against Lake Braddock

after a strikeout, Williams and Mollie Maglich followed with back-to-back RBI doubles, giving the Stallions a 2-0 lead. Left fielder Courtney Ward followed with a single, but Mollie Maglich was thrown out at home plate.

Lake Braddock scored a run in the bottom half on a sacrifice fly off the bat of left fielder Danielle Newman. The Bruins had the tying run at third base with two outs, but South County pitcher Rebecca Martin got Lake Braddock's Emma Rakowski to pop out to second base to end the game.

South County won the first meeting be-

tween the teams, 1-0 in 13 innings on April 24. Flesch struck out 19 and did not allow a hit until Martin's walk-off double in the 13th. Lake Braddock won the regular-season rematch, 4-0, on May 12, and defeated the Stallions 1-0 in nine innings in the Conference 7 championship game on May 23.

"We hung in there, kept battling [and] finally strung a couple hits together at the end there," South County head coach Gary Dillow said. "That second run obviously ended up being huge, too, because you know

— I think we wanted it

they're just going to battle "We all wanted it really bad

"... We've progressively gotten better more than them. I just each time we've seen wanted to hit the ball hard. [Flesch]. I think it's just a I was confident and I really matter of seeher wanted to win." ing enough. We played 29 innings against her coming

into today and we got eight more. It's just a matter of familiarity, I guess. ... We talked about progressively getting better and I think we got just a little better today and it was enough "

Williams went 2-for-3 at the plate. Martin and second baseman Cara Yates each went 2-for-4. Caitlin Maglich, catcher Haylea Geer, Mollie Maglich, and Ward each had

While South County (24-3) finally scored some runs, Martin took care of business in the circle. The senior right-hander tossed a complete game, allowing one unearned run and seven hits in eight innings. She walked

two and struck out two.

"As they're getting more used to me, more successful against me, I'm kind of getting used to pitching to them and learning where their weak spots are," Martin said. "I know if I should throw it inside or outside, or high or low, or what pitch to throw."

Martin, the 6A North region tournament MVP, threw 99 pitches, including 67 strikes. She threw a first-pitch strike to 26 of 35 batters faced.

"Rebecca usually throws a lot of first-

pitch strikes and they were attacking a lot of first-pitch strikes," Dillow said. "We were fortunate enough to get them to ... pop some pitches up early, so it helped keep her pitch count down and I think it helped because she's pitched a lot in the last week, and I know Ashley has too."

Flesch, an all-region - South County shortstop Jade Williams selection, suffered the loss, allowing two runs

and 10 hits in eight innings. She walked two and struck out seven. She threw 126 pitches, including 89 strikes.

Lake Braddock second baseman Katherine Plescow went 3-for-4. Flesch, catcher Caroline Jones, center fielder Jenna Edwards, and shortstop Amanda Patterson each had one hit.

Lake Braddock (25-2) will host 6A South region champion Cosby in the state semifinals at 4 p.m. on Friday, June 13 at Robinson Secondary School. South County will host 6A South runner-up First Colonial at 7 p.m.

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Razan Abdurrahman Idris of Springfield, a graduate of United World College in Montezuma, N.M., and daughter of Noura Harran 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.

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 HIS-TORY, 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.

**Woodson High junior Brittany Mor**ris is one of 45 students from Virginia selected to attend the Governor's Latin Acad-

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 Ouiz 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.

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