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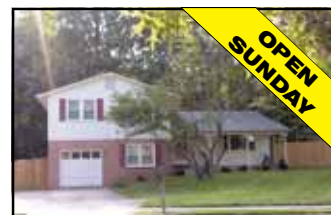
Cardinals Win Capital Cup

The SYA U14 Cardinals White soccer team — from the Chantilly, Centreville and Clifton area — won the Capital Cup Tournament in Hanover, Va., over Memorial Day weekend. The team went undefeated in four matches to bring home the trophy. Front row (from left) Patrick Cole, Hayden Aspesi, Nick Fisher, Thomas Griffin, William Lisenby, Daniel Cymes, Jason Le; Back row — Assistant Coach Jano Cymes, Sam Alhussaini, Nathan Stroh, Pablo Najarro, Russ Steinhilber, Kyle Jenkins, Zachary Torres, Aidan McCarthy, Coach Kieran McCarthy.

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James Lewis, a co-author of the Wolf Run Shoals Civil War Trails Marker, speaks at the marker's dedication ceremony on June 21.

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On June 21, officials stand near the unveiled historical marker commemorating the Civil War history that took place at Wolf Run Shoals in Clifton.

Marker Dedicated at Wolf Run Shoals in Clifton

Site played important role during Civil War.

BY JANELLE GERMANOS
THE CONNECTION

During the Civil War, Wolf Run Shoals in Clifton served as a major entry point for the Union Army marching north. A marker written by historians James Lewis and Brian McEnany, honoring the site's rich historical legacy, was unveiled during a ceremony at the site in Clifton on June 21.

"At most places you have to try real hard to imagine what the past was like, but not here. You can absolutely imagine what it was like during the Civil War era," said Sharon Bulova, chairman of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, at the ceremony.

Wolf Run Shoals was a strategic crossing point during the Civil War, said marker co-author Brian McEnany.

"It was an almost de facto dividing line between north and south, and the Occoquan River was the southern boundary. Wolf Run Shoals was one of several fjords along the Occoquan River," McEnany said.

Wolf Run Shoals is one of the stops included on a tour of Civil War Sites in Northern Virginia.

"Three years ago, I wasn't even aware this place existed," said Lewis. "This truly is Fairfax County's best-kept historical secret."

Fifteen historical markers similar to the one at Wolf Run Shoals have been installed over the past two years, said Patrick Lennon, the marketing manager of Visit Fairfax, and there are now 32 located in nearly every community throughout Fairfax County.

The marker is part of the Civil War Trails Program, which includes 1,430 sites over five states, Lennon said.

"Today, in one of the most beautiful ar-



Brian McEnany, the co-author of the historical marker, speaks about the Civil War at a dedication ceremony on June 21 in Clifton.

eas of the county, the legacy and importance of Wolf Run Shoals assumes its rightful place among all the other Civil War stories the Civil War program highlights, and that makes today a beautiful day," he said.

Historical markers at Wolf Run Shoals and other locations not only serve to preserve history, but also have an economic impact on the surrounding area. Visitors are likely to visit shops and restaurants nearby, Lennon said.

"When these visitors come, it's big business for us. Over 2 billion dollars a year are spent by visitors coming into the county," Lennon said.



Chris Pauley, director of operations at Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority, talks about the importance of being familiar with Civil War history, and announced that NVRPA is developing a mobile application for use along the Bull Run-Occoquan Trail.

Wolf Run Shoals is located in Fountainhead Regional Park, with several hikers passing through on the 17-mile Bull Run-Occoquan Trail. Soon, a mobile application will be released that alerts users to the historical sites that are located around them as they hike.

"You'll know exactly what happened and where," said Chris Pauley, director of operations at Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority. "We want to get that out to everybody and show them truly what is out here."

Fairfax County is home to several historical sites, from Mount Vernon to Drainesville,

Bulova said.

"History matters," Bulova said. "We must continue to preserve the history of Fairfax County to remember who we are and where we came from."

Wolf Run Shoals was described by several of the speakers as a best-kept historical secret. Visitors are encouraged to visit the site and read the new historical marker.

"It's great to be able to read about history on textbooks or online, but I am most appreciative of history when I am able to actually visit the places themselves," Bulova said. "History really comes alive when it is presented in a tangible, experiential way."

What's Offensive about Redskins Pride?

Absolutely nothing, if you're state Sen. Chap Petersen.

BY VICTORIA ROSS
THE CONNECTION

A lifelong Redskins fan, Fairfax state Sen. Chap Petersen (D-34) has had it up to here with all the talk about the need to change the name of his beloved football team.

He vented his frustration and indignation on his blog — Ox Road South — but said he was leery of tackling what he deemed the forces of political correctness in the “War Against the Redskins” until June 18, when the Federal Patent Office blocked the team’s Redskins trademarks, declaring that the name was “disparaging” to Native Americans at the time the trademarks were registered — as far back as 1967.

That action pushed Petersen off the sidelines to lead an offensive attack.

On Monday, June 23, he announced the formation of the “Redskins Pride Caucus,” a bipartisan alliance with two other state lawmakers from Northern Virginia — Republican Del. Jackson Miller (Manassas) and Republican Del. David Ramadan (Loudoun.)

The three men scheduled a news conference at the State Capitol the same day. By the time the news conference started, several other lawmakers joined the group in announcing the caucus: Sen. Louise Lucas (D-Portsmouth), Sen. Frank Ruff (R-Mecklenburg), Del. Lionell Spruill (D-Chesapeake), Del. Michael Webert (R-Fauquier), Del. Michael Futrell (D-Prince William) and Sen. Bill Stanley (R-Franklin).

After the news conference in Richmond the same day, Petersen became the popular pick for making the case on news shows and sports talk shows. The story was picked up by dozens of newspapers — including USA Today and The Boston Globe — sparking heated debates by people posting on media websites.

THE CAUCUS gained momentum throughout the day, and by Tuesday afternoon comprised top leadership from both houses of the legislature — and from both parties — including Senate Majority Leader Tommy Norment (R-James City County), Senate Minority Leader Dick Saslaw (D-Fairfax), House Majority Leader Kirk Cox (R-Colonial Heights) and House Majority Caucus Chairman Tim Hugo (R-Fairfax).

“I wanted to speak for fans who say ‘You know what? Enough is enough,’” Petersen said in an interview Tuesday. “(Who) has the back of a few thousand loyal Redskins fans who never did anything wrong, except to love a football franchise that united this town in way nobody did before?”

The Redskins Pride Caucus had scored, giving a voice to Redskins fans of all stripes.



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State Sen. Chap Petersen (D-Fairfax – center), stands with Republican Delegates David Ramadan of Loudoun (left) and Jackson Miller (Manassas) right, during a news conference at the Capitol in Richmond Monday, June 23, announcing the formation of the “Redskins Pride Caucus.”

The Redskins Pride Caucus Founding Principles

- ❖ Providing a voice for Redskins fans and season tickets holders.
- ❖ Supporting the Redskins franchise, a Virginia-based business that generates hundreds of millions of dollars in taxable revenue for schools, roads, public safety and other important public services in the Commonwealth.
- ❖ Opposing the inappropriate involvement of the United States Congress in issues surrounding the Redskins franchise and its supporters.
- ❖ Supporting commercial freedom in the Commonwealth of Virginia and the rights of businesses to their own brands and intellectual property.

Virginia Members of the Redskins Pride Caucus

In the first day, the following members announced they were joining the Redskins Pride Caucus:

SENATE OF VIRGINIA

Majority Leader Tommy Norment (R- James City County)
Minority Leader Dick Saslaw (D-Fairfax)
Senator Chap Petersen (D-Fairfax)
Senator Bill Stanley (R-Franklin)
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Delegate Lee Ware (R-Powhatan)
Delegate Scott Taylor (R-Virginia Beach)

“I don’t get the controversy,” said Daniel Flores, a 47-year-old Redskins fan from Burke. “The name was chosen to represent the bravery and fierce fighting abilities of Native Americans. It’s a respectful name, not insulting.”

“The government has no place in forcing [franchise owner Dan] Snyder’s hand,” said Stephanie Sullenger of Vienna. “The issue should be left to the franchise and the fans themselves as no one but Snyder can seem to get Snyder to act. But in the end, shouldn’t there be a separation between Sport and State?”

One of the caucus’ stated goals is to prevent the U.S. Congress from forcing a name change upon the NFL team.

In the past six months, pressure to change the name has been mounting.

In May, 50 senators — half of the U.S. Senate — sent a letter to the NFL urging the team to change its name. Several Native American groups have declared their opposition to the name. During the NBA finals a few weeks ago, the Yocha Dehe Wintun National paid for an ad that highlighted the history of Native Americans, and took a parting shot at the Redskins.

“Look, if I felt like this was an honest complaint, I would pull it back. But I see so much misinformation about this issue,” Petersen said, adding that many Native Americans call themselves “redskins,” and that the name “Oklahoma” is based on “Choctaw Indian words which translate as ‘red people.’”

“This is truly political correctness on steroids,” Miller said at the news conference.

“We’re not the KKK; we’re not a bunch of insensitive old white guys. People who know me may say I’m a boring old white guy ...”

— State Senator Chap Petersen (D-34)

The Redskins public relations team also attended the news conference, but released a statement asserting that neither the franchise nor Snyder was behind the formation of the caucus in any way.

Snyder has been stalwart in his defense of the name. In a letter he sent to season ticket holders last October, he cited the association of the name Redskins with the team’s long NFL history and its symbolic importance to himself and fans.

DURING THE NEWS CONFERENCE, Lucas — whose nephew is Redskins player DeAngelo Hall — said “none of us feel there is any racism and we love the name,” Lucas said.

Petersen said he wants people to know that the caucus is not the KKK. “We’re not just a bunch of insensitive old white guys,” Petersen said, “People who know me may say I’m a boring old white guy ... Seriously, I am here because I believe in the Redskins, and the name was intended to honor American Indians”.

Petersen said the response to the caucus has been overwhelming, and overwhelmingly positive. “I am appreciative of all the comments I’ve received — even negative ones.”

But one letter from Karen Fettig of McLean, “really struck me as important, and perhaps offering a solution to the endless ranting. I asked her for permission to print it on my blog, and she said yes.”

“Chap: I happened to catch your bit on the news last night re: The Redskins name. I could not agree with your more. You may recall that I have a good bit of Native blood in me. It infuriates me to see all these ‘white people’ telling me that I should be offended by the name. It’s quite the opposite. Even before I moved to this area, I was a Redskins fan because of their name. It is a very proud heritage. Not one member of my family is offended either. The bottom line is that 90 percent of true Native Americans are not offended in the least. The answer is simple: take a poll of only Native Americans. Whatever that poll says should be the answer. End of story.”

PEOPLE

Celebrating the 'Age of Elegance'

Long-time Kings Park West resident Debbi Miller has reigned for the past year as Ms. Virginia Senior America 2013. Miller represented the Commonwealth of Virginia in the national Ms. Senior America pageant in Atlantic City, and throughout the year she has traveled throughout the state performing at senior centers, fairs, and senior expos. She has been interviewed on TV three times, in Fairfax and in Roanoke. She opened the Northern Virginia Senior Olympics singing the national anthem, and did the same for the Virginia senior games in Newport News. She also won two silver medals in walking races. She has appeared in four parades (Alexandria, Middleburg, Staunton, and Waynesboro. She was awarded an Outstanding Senior certificate by the Fairfax County Senior Citizens Council, and was recognized in the Virginia General Assembly in Richmond with a resolution submitted by State Sen. Chap Petersen. She has been a motivational speaker for Shepherd's Center,



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Debbi Miller has reigned for the past year as Ms. Virginia Senior America 2013.

and represented senior women in notable venues such as the US Department of State and the Marine Corps University's Man of the Year banquet.

Miller also won the Community Service Award for the Virginia pageant. She served KPWCA as its membership chair for seven years, for which she was awarded a Best of Braddock citation. She also volunteered for Boy Scout Troop 1000, TJHSST Band Boosters, RBOPO, and Church of the Good Shepherd. She is currently on the Boards of AAFSW and of the Good Shepherd Players.

Miller is a professional singer and a music teacher.

The Ms. Virginia Senior America pageant is open to residents of Virginia who are "60 or better," and it seeks to celebrate those women who have entered the "age of

elegance." Miller will crown her successor on Saturday, July 19, in Staunton, at the auditorium of the Healy School for the Deaf and Blind, at 2 p.m.

Anni McNulty and Hub Blankenship Married

Anni McNulty of Fairfax Station, daughter of Paul and Brenda McNulty, recently married Hub Blankenship, son of Hub and Brenda Blankenship of Spartanburg, S.C. The bride is a 2007 graduate of Robinson Secondary School and 2011 graduate of University of South Carolina, in Columbia. She is currently finishing her Masters in Special Education also from USC. Her husband, Hub, is also a 2007 graduate from USC in Columbia. The wedding took place on May 31, at the Vienna Presbyterian Church, followed by a reception at Sunset Crest Manor in Chantilly. The bride



Anni McNulty and Hub Blankenship

was attended by her sisters, Katy McNulty and Corrie McNulty, sisters of the groom, Becklin and Bree Blankenship, and friends Jess Demarest, Elizabeth Branton, and Abby Eisold. The groom was attended by his father, Hub Blankenship, his brother Zac Blankenship, his friends Barin Powell, Ken Anderson, Ben Hodge, and Andrew Patterson. The seventh groomsman spot was reserved for the bride's late brother Joe McNulty who went to be with the Lord in December of 2012. The couple honeymooned in Grenada and will reside in Columbia, S.C. until December when they will move to Charleston, S.C.

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OPINION

Safe Fourth

Talking and planning are the best safety measures; SoberRide offers a safety net.

Independence Day is a national celebration, and for many, that celebration includes alcohol. The summer overall and July 4 in particular are times of greater risk for drinking and driving.

Make a plan. Plan to celebrate with access to public transportation. Plan to have a designated driver. Plan to celebrate in a place safe and comfortable to spend the night.

EDITORIALS

But in case those plans go awry, here is a safe alternative.

The Washington Regional Alcohol Program will offer free taxi rides home (up to \$30) beginning 10 p.m. the night of July 4 for six hours until 4 a.m. the morning of July 5. Participants must be at least 21. Call 1-800-200-TAXI.

On July 4, 2013, nearly 300 people used WRAP's SoberRide service rather than possibly driving home impaired.

In summer, 44 percent of all U.S. traffic deaths are caused by alcohol-impaired drivers, according to statistics provided by WRAP. SoberRide is a way to help keep local roads safe from impaired drivers during this traditionally high-risk holiday.

For parents of young adults who may be living at home and parents of those under 21, this is time to talk. Ask about plans, ask specifically about getting home. Remind those over 21 to take the WRAP phone number with them.

While you hope that young adults under 21 aren't drinking — because there are lots of dangers to binge drinking beyond drinking and driving — you know that many of them will be drinking. Let your younger family members know that you would much rather pay for a cab or come get them yourself than run the risk of losing them.

Since 1993, WRAP's SoberRide program has provided 60,565 free cab rides home to would-be drunk drivers in the Greater Washington area.

For more information, visit www.soberide.com.

—MARY KIMM,

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The Pet Connection, a twice-yearly special edition, will publish on July 23, and photos and stories of your pets with you and your family should be submitted by July 16.

Our favorite pictures include both pets and humans.

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100K Reasons to Find People Homes

BY MAURA WILLIAMS
INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR/
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Sandara was scared of her spouse so she fled and left her life and job behind. Tom suffered from an undiagnosed disease that cost him his job, home and life savings. These unfortunate events led to both becoming homeless and living in the woods of Fairfax County. That's where on a cold winter morning volunteers organized by FACETS and other local nonprofits found them while participating in the 100,000 Homes Fairfax: A Home for All Campaign, which is part of the national 100,000 Homes program, which counts, photographs, and interviews the chronically homeless in an effort to end homelessness.

Fairfax County has nearly 2,900 people who are homeless—14 percent of whom are chronically homeless. Over the course of three mornings, our volunteers met and interviewed more than 400 people who are chronically homeless. The findings were used to create profiles of people to ensure that each individual experiencing homelessness is counted and that their progress in finding housing and services can be better tracked.



Maura Williams

Supporting the County's 10-year plan to end homelessness, the 100,000 Homes Campaign is focused on building efficient local systems that target resources to individuals who are most vulnerable. Campaign partners are committed to getting half of the people most vulnerable who are chronically homeless in supportive housing in three years—which will save money and possibly lives.

Already we have seen success. With the data collected by staff and volunteers, we were able to connect Sandara and Tom with services that have helped them

regain their lives, safety, and dignity. Less than a year later, we celebrated with each of them and 16 others at a housewarming celebration, hosted by FACETS, a nonprofit that opens doors by helping those who suffer the effects of poverty in Fairfax County.

During the housewarming, we welcomed these neighbors experiencing homelessness into their own apartments through our new program called TRIUMPH II Housing, which also provides supportive services. These recent successes have propelled the community to meet our goal of 50 people

housed in a year—and we still have two years to go for this campaign with a goal of housing 50 people each year!

We also had the chance to celebrate the program's nationwide success. Last week, I attended an event in DC with Becky Kanis, the director of the national 100,000 Homes program, to announce a major milestone as the 100,000th person—a vet who has been homeless from Arlington, Va.—moved into housing through this ambitious effort. In announcing the milestone, she emphatically declared: "We can forever dispense with the Neanderthal view that people don't deserve or aren't ready for housing."

Although the "100,000" number sounds big, it's the people part that makes it special. Through this campaign, we are able to put a local face on homelessness with real stories about real people. Some are grandmothers, fathers, sons, daughters, and friends. Many work and others have protected our nation. When we met them, they lived in cars, encampments or on the streets, but they continued to smile and seemed hopeful that our caring community would help find them a home. And for 100,000 of them and counting, we have.

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South County Colts girls lacrosse team G5/6A wins championship against Prince William Royals on Sunday, June 8 at Great Falls Nike Park in Herndon.

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South County Girls' Lacrosse Team Wins Championship

Colts score tie breaking goal with one minute left.

BY ABIGAIL CONSTANTINO
THE CONNECTION

It was anyone's game on Sunday, June 8, at Great Falls Nike Park in Herndon. The South County Athletic Association and the Prince William Royals lacrosse G5/6 teams, girls in grades 5 and 6, were both undefeated coming into this championship game.

The score was tied, 10-10, with one minute, 23 seconds left. South County Colts' Jordan Judd, 12, of Fairfax Station, passed the ball to teammate Angela Biddison, 11. Biddison had not had any shots and had not even been near the ball at all during this game. "When the moment came for her, she scored at the right time," said Matt Klunder of Fairfax Station, the South County Colts' head coach. "She did what she had to do to get that in." The Colts won, 11-10.

The South County Colts G5/6A team are used to winning. But 45 seconds into the game, Prince William had scored a goal over them. That was the most tense moment for Klunder, who called a time out. "I felt that the girls were not in the mindset," he said. "I told them that I would stop the game right now and tell the other team we're not ready." Their coach's pep talk revived the girls' competitive attitude.

The game was tied, 5-5, by halftime. But with 12 minutes left, the South County Colts had not scored another goal and were down 9-5. Colts goalie, Carson

Quigley, 11, of Fairfax, felt that there may not be enough time to come back from behind. Klunder called another timeout. He asked the team to get just one goal, and after that, to get another. Slowly, they caught up.

Rosemarie Foley, of Fairfax Station, is one of three coaches, along with Klunder and Anne Quigley. Her daughter scored the winning goal. She attributes the Colts' success to the team's camaraderie. "They know how to find each other on the field," she said. "They look out for each other, very much like a family."

The Colts looked out for its smallest member, Mallory Myers, 10, of Fairfax Station, who was guarding a girl who was about 5'10" tall. "She was taller than my brother, and he's 15!" said Myers, nicknamed Peanut by the team.

The Colts' G5/6 team was not the only victors that day for South County girls' lacrosse. The Colts' two G7/8 teams also won their championship games on Sunday. The G7/8A won 8-7 against Manassas, and the G7/8LB won 8-7 against Stafford. Lastly, the G3/4A team won 6-4 against Prince William.

South County girls' lacrosse started in 2008. There are four groups—K-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8—each group has two teams. The groups are arranged by age group and grade levels. The team is small compared to others in Northern Virginia.

Mark Sullivan, of Lorton, is the vice president of the South County Athletic Association and director of the girls' lacrosse program. He said that some clubs have five teams at each age group and have about 100 girls participating, whereas South County girls' lacrosse has only 40 players. Sullivan also has two daughters who play for the Colts. Despite the club's small size, "There are a lot of gifted athletes," he said.

Level G5/6A lacrosse champions South County Colts celebrate their victory at Sweet Frog in Lorton on Sunday, June 15.



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Stallions of 2014 Celebrate Graduation

Over 500 students graduated from South County High School and celebrated their achievement at the commencement on June 19 at the Patriot Center.

Several honor graduates and ROTC scholarship students were recognized during the ceremony. James Stapleton, the honor graduate, talked about his first nervous years in the school. He reminisced about the first championship game and the balancing act of juggling academics with extracurricular activities. "Despite the adversity, we made it through high school." He further urged those in attendance to "be known for your contributions to mankind."

More advice came from the commencement speaker, Carly Fiorina, the first female CEO of a major corporation, Hewlett Packard, and the current chairman of Good 360. To a laughing crowd, she joked that although she couldn't remember her own commencement speaker's address, she "hope you remember something from today." Fiorina outlined five life lessons that she learned from overcoming her own obstacles:

Lesson #1: We live in the greatest nation in history.
Lesson #2: Everyone has far more po-



Students with ROTC scholarships were recognized. Some of these students will be attending West Point, the Naval Academy, the Virginia Military Institute, and the Citadel.

tential than they realize.

Lesson #3: Don't wait for the perfect job.

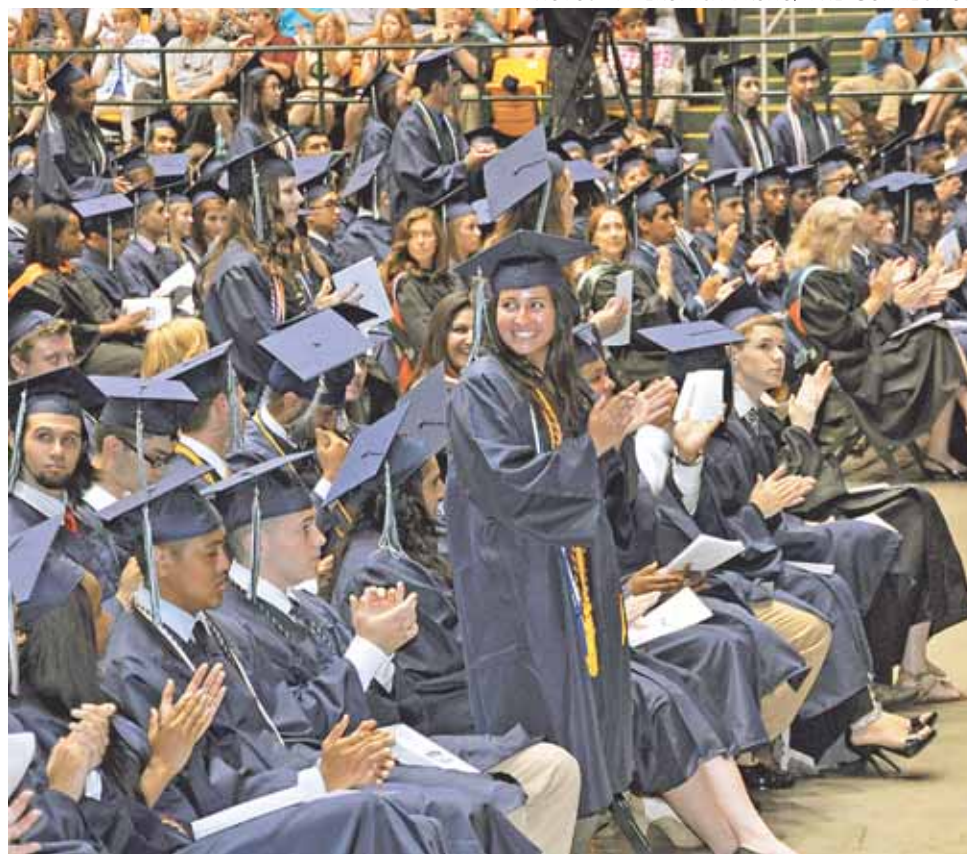
Lesson #4: You cannot achieve success without heartbreak.

Lesson #5: We are not defined by what

others say about us."

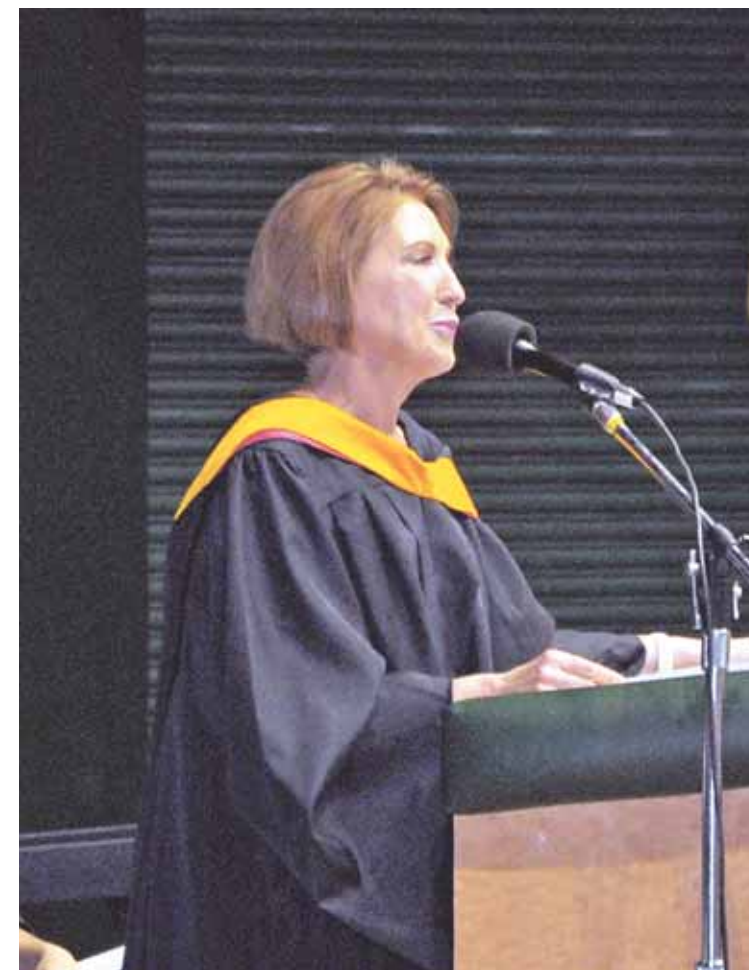
She further emphasized, "so choose, do not drift through life. Choose to overcome your fears, to use all your gifts."

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Honor Graduates with 4.0 or higher were recognized during the ceremony.

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Carly Fiorina talked about overcoming obstacles and shared her triumphs and tragedies with the audience.



Victoria Ryhanych, Class President, told the South County graduates, "you can't stand up until you've fallen down." She encouraged them "to take risks" and assured them that "it's ok to fail" as they take these risks.

Wild Horses and Burros Visit Lorton

BY JANELLE GERMANOS
THE CONNECTION

Typical dog owners may not think of comparing their furry companion to a wild horse or burro, but the comparison isn't too far-fetched.

That's what wild horse and burro adopters, including Phoebe Karkos, have to say, at least.

Karkos joined dozens of other wild horse and burro enthusiasts at an adoption event at the Meadowood Recreation Area in Lorton on June 21. Nearly 40 of these animals were available for adoption.

Steve Meyer of the Bureau of Land Management's Wild Horse and Burro Adoption Program wasn't sure how many had been adopted during the event on Saturday, but said there were definitely many interested individuals.

And Karkos can see why. She adopted a wild horse, which she named Sjoelia, a couple years ago, and has loved the experience.

"They're really intelligent animals," Karkos said. "They're loyal, just like a dog would be."

The animals require a great deal of training, but they can catch on quickly, Karkos said.

Visiting from Rhode Island, Karkos and



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Margaret Mahoney and Peggy Thomas came out to Lorton on June 21 to check out the wild horses and burros available for adoption at Meadowood Recreation Area.

her mother, Leslie, said they would love to have adopted another animal at the Lorton auction, but just didn't have enough space back home.

"They're great animals," Leslie Karkos said.

Margaret Mahoney and Peggy Thomas visited the adoption event in Lorton because

they are fascinated by the wild animals.

"My sister just bought one a few years ago. I just love them," Mahoney, a previous Fairfax Station resident, said.

She wants to adopt one in a few years, but came to the event to see what was available.

Adoption event is one of many across the country.

"I'm really hoping I could have one," Mahoney said.

Potential adopters need to know about training, said Meyer, who has adopted one of the horses.

"Bonding with them is the best part. They're really like a dog," he said.

The Wild Horse and Burro Program was created following the establishment of the Wild Free-Roaming Horses and Burros Act of 1971, which put the federal government in charge of wild horses and burros found on public lands to save them from being slaughtered.

According to the BLM, there are over 49,209 wild horses located on land managed by the BLM. Thousands of horses are removed from the land each year by the BLM in order to control herd sizes. More than 230,000 wild horses and burros have been adopted since 1971.

Adoption events like the one in Lorton take place across the country every year in order to ensure ideal herd sizes.

For those who were unable to make it to the event, there's still a chance to adopt a wild horse or burro. The Wild Horse and Burro Adoption program, based in Milwaukee, Wis., offers internet adoption. Internet applications and bidding are available now until July 8 at 1 p.m.



Volunteers and horse lovers call the wild horses and burros loveable and loyal.



Meadowood Recreation Area in Lorton had wild burros like this one available for adoption.



Volunteers work with a wild horse in Lorton on June 21.

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Sheriff's Office Presents Scholarships to Virginia College Students

Fairfax County Sheriff Stacey A. Kincaid presented a \$1,000 scholarship check to each of four college students who reside in the county. The award ceremony took place in the Historic Courthouse in Fairfax. A fifth scholarship winner was unable to attend.

The scholarships are sponsored by the Virginia Sheriffs' Institute and reward students who are studying in the area of criminal justice at a Virginia college or university. Four of the students attend George Mason University in Fairfax, and one attends Radford University in Southwest Virginia.

Scholarship applicants from across Virginia must include a personal essay and a letter of recommendation from their county sheriff. "I spoke with each applicant before I wrote the letters of recommendation," said Kincaid. "What impressed me the most beyond the excellent grades and comprehensive areas of study were the activities in which these students participate. They are active on campus, hold part-time jobs and give their time and energy off-campus to make the world a better place than when they found it. I wish them tremendous success in their college careers and beyond."

The scholarship recipients from Fairfax County are:

Mina Shakib — Shakib has completed her sophomore year at George Mason University and is majoring in Criminal Justice. Her overall GPA is a 3.9. She is a member of the GMU Muslim Student Association and the Afghan Student Association. Outside of school, she is active in Habitat for Humanity. One summer she traveled to a South Carolina town with a high poverty rate and helped build a community center for children to keep them busy and off the streets. She also holds a part-time job during the school year. Mina watches crime shows, researches criminal offenders and visits courtrooms during trials so she has become familiar with some of the responsibilities of law enforcement officers. "I love solving mysteries and figuring out how and why something happened the way it did," Mina said. "I look forward to developing strong foundations in analysis, theories and systems of justice, criminology and crime policy."



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Sheriff Stacey Kincaid, middle, with scholarship winners (from left): Mina Shakib – Langley High School, attends George Mason University; Mariam Hanna – James Madison High School, attends George Mason University; James Panagiotopoulos – Lake Braddock Secondary School, attends George Mason University; Hannah Houghton – West Springfield High School, attends Radford University. (Not pictured: Jeffrey Stopinski– Hayfield Secondary School, attends George Mason University.

Jeffrey Stopinski — Stopinski has completed his junior year at George Mason University. He is studying Criminal Justice with a concentration in Homeland Security and a minor in Intelligence Analysis. "I have always had an interest in the criminal justice procedure," he said. An introductory course in criminology led him to take classes in constitutional law and the ethics of criminal justice. Jeffrey is a member of the Air Force ROTC and has been accepted to Project GO (Global Officers), a collaborative initiative that promotes critical language education, study abroad and intercultural dialogue opportunities for ROTC students. He is also a member of GMU's Intelligence Community Club. Outside of

school, Jeffrey is active in his church and holds a part-time job year round.

Mariam Hanna — Hanna completed her sophomore year at George Mason University and is majoring in Criminal Justice with a minor in Middle East Studies and Arabic. She is fluent in both Arabic and Aramaic. Her overall GPA is a 4.0. Miriam is taking a heavy course load this summer and in the fall so that she can graduate from GMU a year early. She intends to get a head start in applying to become a police officer. "As long as I can remember, I have been interested in solving puzzles by looking at a problem from new viewpoints," she said. "I can also help others gain peace of mind by

giving them the answers they need, whether in finding a missing child or solving a long-forgotten crime." Outside of school, Miriam has been a volunteer stream monitor for the Northern Virginia Soil and Water Conservation District. She is also creator and president of the Leo's club, part of the International Lions organization, which collects, cleans and processes used/unwanted glasses and hearing aids and sends them to countries in need. In addition, Miriam holds a part-time job year round.

James Panagiotopoulos — Panagiotopoulos completed his freshman year at George Mason University and is majoring in Criminology, Law and Society with a minor in Intelligence Analysis. His father and grandfather are retired police officers. "I believe law enforcement is a profession of honor and distinction," he said. In high school, he completed the Fairfax County Explorers Program, where young people learn about law enforcement, serve the community, increase their self-confidence and develop skills in leadership and public speaking. James is an accomplished cyclist and lacrosse player. He works full-time in the summer to help defray the cost of college.

Hannah Houghton — Houghton completed her sophomore year at Radford University and is majoring in criminal justice with a minor in forensic studies. She intends to pursue a master's degree in criminal justice or earn a certificate in crime analysis. She would like to become an investigator with a law enforcement agency. Her interest in law enforcement stems, in part, from the shootings at Virginia Tech. Hannah is an intern for the Department of Homeland Security, an operations assistant for Radford's Department of Student Activities and a member of the Radford Outdoors Club. "It is a balancing act, for sure," Hannah said. "Proper planning is key." Prior to college, she volunteered as a 4-H residential camp counselor and participated in Relay for Life.

The Sheriff's Office announces the scholarship program each year in late January. For more information before January, search online for Virginia Sheriffs' Institute, or email the Sheriff's Office.

SCHOOL NOTES

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

The Citadel has recognized **Cadet Martin Krawczak** of Springfield on the school's dean's list for his academic achievement during the spring semester.

Recognition on the South Carolina military school's dean's list is reserved for students who were registered for 12 or more semester hours and received a grade point average of 3.2 or higher with no grade below a C for the previous semester's work.

Corinne (Corrie) McNulty, of Fairfax Station, graduated Summa Cum Laude on May 17 from Grove City College in Pennsylvania with a degree in middle level Education. She will be teaching 2nd grade in the fall at Dominion Christian School in Oakton, Va.

Alissa Caitlin Feudo, daughter of Dr. Christopher V. and Melanie L. Feudo, of Fairfax Station, graduated Magna Cum Laude on May 9 from Christopher Newport University, in Newport News, Va. Alissa was awarded a number of ribbons and medallions, and received the highest award, 'Excellence in Psychological Research' from the Psychology Department. Alissa was the awardee of the

2012 Honors Program Summer Research Stipend, the International Honors Society in Psychology Smithfield-Goodwin Scholarship, selected for the Dean's list for all four years, elected to Director of the Research Lab (for all 4 years), and was Solo Author presenter at five (5) conferences. She was also co-Author of an article for the International Psychology Community. She is a talented musician on her way to pursue her dreams, as a song-writer and singer.

Martin Christopher Krawczak, of Springfield, a graduate from West Springfield High School in 2013 and a rising sophomore at The Citadel, Military College of South Carolina, was recently recognized for making the

Dean's List at The Citadel for his academic achievement during the spring semester.

Andrew Neils of Fairfax Station, has been named to the Dean's List in the University of Notre Dame's College of Engineering for outstanding scholarship during the Spring 2014 semester. Students who achieve dean's honors at Notre Dame represent the top 30 percent of students in their college.

Abigail Coster of Clifton graduated from Columbia Law School on May 22, 2014, earning a juris doctor. Coster is a graduate of James W. Robinson, Jr. Secondary School (2006) and the University of Virginia (2010) where she earned a B.S. in commerce.

While at Columbia Law School, Coster was the vice president of the Entertainment Law Society and a co-captain of the softball team. She worked for the U.S. Securities & Exchange Commission in Washington during the summer of 2012. During the summer of 2013, Coster was a summer associate for Schulte Roth & Zabel, working in both the firm's New York and Washington offices and with its white collar litigation and investment management groups. Coster will begin as an associate at Schulte Roth & Zabel's New York headquarters, as a member of the litigation group.

She is the daughter of Jeffrey and Sarah Coster, who reside in Clifton.

ENTERTAINMENT

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FRIDAYS/JUNE 27-AUG. 29

Braddock Nights Concert Series.

7:30-8:30 p.m. Royal Lake Park, 5344 Gainsborough Drive, Fairfax. Listen to musical performances in the great outdoors. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/performances/ for location and schedule.

FRIDAY/JUNE 27

Tiny Tots Music. 10:30-11:15 a.m. Burke Centre Library, 5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke. Develop your child's language skills with music, songs and play. Ages 1-2 with adult. Register at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/branches/bc/> under "Events."

Explore It with the Smithsonian's Spark! Lab. 2-2:45 p.m. Richard Byrd Library, 7250 Commerce Street, Springfield. Create a musical instrument. Ages 6-12. Register at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/branches/rb/> under "Events."

Read! Build! Play! 2-2:45 p.m. Burke Centre Library, 5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke. Read a story, build with DUPLOs, and play with friends. Ages 3-5 with adult. Register at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/branches/bc/> under "Events."

Keeping Up with the Kids — Learn about Flickr, Facebook, YouTube, Twitter, and Skype. 2-3 p.m. Kings Park Library, 9000 Burke Lake Road, Burke. Learn the basics with our one-on-one technology volunteer about the social networking tools that can help you stay in touch with your kids and grandkids.*703-978-5600.

4th Annual Bachelors and Bachelorettes for Breast Cancer Fashion Show and Auction. 7 – 11 p.m. Waterford Springfield, 6715 Commerce Street, Springfield. Clarke Entertainment is hosting its 4th Annual Bachelors and Bachelorettes for Breast Cancer Fashion Show and Auction. Come enjoy the evening while bidding for a date with local supporters.

SATURDAYS/JUNE 28-AUG. 23

Burke Arts in the Parks. 10 - 11 a.m. Burke Lake Park Amphitheater, 7315 Ox Road, Fairfax Station. Entertain children, teach them the importance of protecting our natural resources, introduce them to live entertainment in an informal kid friendly atmosphere, and forge a connection between kids and parks. Call 703-323-6601.

SATURDAY/JUNE 28

The Sixth Generation-Spring 1960s Sock Hop Series. Sunday at 5 p.m., Saturday at 8:30 p.m. Workhouse Arts Center, 9601 Ox Rd, Lorton. Award-winning rock-n-rollers The Sixth Generation will perform live in the McGuireWoods gallery, playing hits from the 1960s as well as original songs about the era. Admissions: \$10-\$15. www.workhousearts.org. 703-584-2900.

Workshop: DIY Painted Garden Flags. 9:30-11:30 a.m. Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road, Alexandria. Horticulturalist Nancy Olney leads you through this summer-fun project with dyed fabric, fabric paint, adhesive and templates provided. \$45. Register at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/greenspring or 703-642-5173.

Workshop: Ikebana Flower Arranging. 10-11:30 p.m. Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road, Alexandria. Learn the rich symbolism and fundamentals of Japanese flower arrangement and take home your own arrangement.

\$55. Register at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/greenspring or 703-642-5173.

Mount Vernon Nights: The Rhodes Train Troubadours.

7-8 p.m. Workhouse Arts Center, 9601 Ox Rd, Lorton. The Rhodes Tavern Troubadours are a post-pop and roots group, covering songs by Mark Noone's Slickee Boys, Jake Flack's Thousand Dollar Car/Neptunes, and everything in between. Picnic baskets, lawn chairs and blankets are welcome, but outside alcohol is not permitted. www.workhousearts.org. 703-584-2900.

Storytime and Rhyme. 10:30-11:15 a.m. Pohick Regional Library, 6450 Sydenstricker Road, Burke. Storytelling, music and movement with Wolf Trap teaching artist Kofi Dennis.*703-644-7333.

Classics Book Reading Group. 12-2 p.m. Richard Byrd Library, 7250 Commerce Street, Springfield. Join Professor Roger Lathbury and explore classics in literature in a casual setting. This month's title: Ethan Frome by Edith Wharton. 703-451-8055.

Teen Author Elisa Nader and Cover Art Contest. 2:30-3:30 p.m. Kings Park Library, 9000 Burke Lake Road, Burke. Elisa Nader, author of teen thriller Escape from Eden and a graphic and user experience designer, discusses her book and shares design tips for creating teen book covers. Age 12-18. 703-978-5600.

Saturday Farmers Market. 8 a.m.-1 p.m., at the parking lot at the intersection of West and Main Streets behind Wells Fargo Bank in Fairfax. Every Saturday there is fresh produce, goods and wares at the market. church@sovgracefairfax.org or www.FairfaxSaturdayMarket.com.

SATURDAY/JUNE 28- AUGUST 9

Children's Theatre: The Ice Queen.

1 p.m. Workhouse Arts Center, 9601 Ox Rd, Lorton. This original fairytale follows the Ice Queen's search for the love of her life. Will the Ice Queen and Jack Frost make the perfect pair and live happily ever after? Admissions: \$9-\$12. www.workhousearts.org. 703-584-2900.

SATURDAY/JUNE 28 – WEDNESDAY/JULY 2

Arts from the Turkic World Exhibit. 3950 University Drive, Fairfax. The exhibition will feature a collection of works from various Turkic countries and territories as well as the works of featured artists of Turkic descent.

SUNDAY/JUNE 29

Walkathon. 8 a.m. Burke Lake Park, 7315 Ox Road, Fairfax Station. This Walkathon benefits the INOVA Children's Hospital and BAPS Charities. BAPS Charities is a 501(c)(3) registered nonprofit international charity organization committed to sincerely serving the world by caring for individuals, families, and communities.

Rufus the Dog. 10:30-11:15 a.m. Burke Centre Library, 5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke. Blue Sky Puppet Theatre story of a special dog and his search for friendship. Register at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/branches/bc/> under "Events."

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MONDAY/JUNE 30

Let's Grow Garden Club. 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m. Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road, Alexandria. Every-other-Monday meetings to keep 3-8 year old minds active for hands-on gardening, crafting, natural science lessons and nature walks. \$75. Register at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/greenspring or 703-642-5173.

Top Secret. 7-8 p.m. City of Fairfax Regional Library, 10360 North Street, Fairfax. Steve Somers, The Amazing Teacher, in a reading adventure that takes you around the world! Age 8-12. 703-293-6227.

TUESDAY/JULY 1- AUG. 19

The Bodzin Art Gallery "Fine Arts Open Exhibition." Jewish Community Center of Northern Virginia, 8900 Little River Turnpike, Fairfax. This annual show spotlights the many talents our own members, staff and creative community through the display of a variety of media. www.jccnvarts.org.

THURSDAY/JULY 3

Workhouse Farmers Market. 3-6 p.m., at the Workhouse, 9601 Ox Road, Lorton. Every Thursday on the quad is a producer-only market for discerning shoppers featuring locally grown fruits and vegetables, locally raised meats and poultry and local foods from breads to salsas and sausages. www.smartmarkets.org.

FRIDAY/JULY 4

City of Fairfax Independence Day Parade. 10 a.m.-12 p.m. 4100 Chain Bridge Road, Fairfax, around Historic Old Town Fairfax and passing the Reviewing stand on Armstrong Street. Come see eight high school marching, large inflatable parade balloons, horses and clowns. <http://www.fairfaxva.gov/about-us/special-events/independence-day-celebration>.

Old Fashioned Fireman's Day. 12:30-3 p.m. Fire Station 3, 4081 University Drive, Fairfax. Enjoy watching area fire companies compete. <http://www.fairfaxva.gov/about-us/special-events/independence-day-celebration>.

Evening Show and Fireworks. 7 p.m. Fairfax High School, 3501 Rebel Run, Fairfax. Music and dancing to rock & roll favorites; the City of Fairfax Band will play the 1812 during the fireworks display at 9:30 p.m. Rain date: July 5. <http://www.fairfaxva.gov/about-us/special-events/independence-day-celebration>.

Historic Open Houses. 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Come see the Fairfax Museum and Visitors Center, 10209 Main Street, Fairfax and Ratcliffe-Allison House, 10386 Main Street, Fairfax. <http://www.fairfaxva.gov/about-us/special-events/independence-day-celebration>.

Lorton's Fourth of July Parade. 11 a.m.-2 p.m. VRE Parking Lot, 8990 Lorton Station Blvd., Lorton. Lorton's fourth annual Independence Day parade.

SATURDAY/JULY 5

Homeless Animals Rescue Team Dog Adoption. 12-3 p.m. PETCO, Greenbriar Towncenter, 13053 Lee Jackson Mem. Hwy., Fairfax.

Yoga with Marilyn. 8 a.m. Workhouse Arts Center, 9518 Workhouse Way, Lorton. Enjoy Art of Movement classes featuring Yoga, Mat Pilates, Tai Chi and Hula. www.workhousearts.org.

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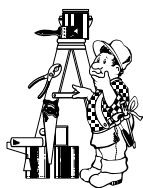
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SPORTS

High School Sports Season Produces Memorable Moments

BY JON ROETMAN
THE CONNECTION

The 2013-14 high school sports season was full of memorable moments and accomplishments. The following is a look back at some of the highlights from around Fairfax, Fairfax Station, Lorton, Burke and Springfield.

Spring Sports

The South County softball team won the program's first state championship, beating previously undefeated Cosby 4-1 in the 6A final. Stallions pitcher Rebecca Martin finished her high school career with another gem in the circle, tossing a complete-game three-hitter while striking out 10. Catcher Haylea Geer hit a momentum-swinging solo home run in the fourth inning.

"She's been clutch from Day One," South County head coach Gary Dillow said about Martin. "She came in as a freshman and won that 12-inning game against [West Potomac] for our first conference championship with this group. Nothing fazes her. She's always relaxed. She's pitched every clutch game for us the last four years and usually when we lose, it's because we don't score, it's not because she hasn't pitched well."

The Stallions finished with a 26-3 record. South County was runner-up in Conference 7, but responded by winning 6A North region and state titles. Prior to 2014, South County's last trip to the state tournament came in 2009.

The Lake Braddock softball team also had a strong season, finishing with a 25-3 record and reaching the state playoffs. The Bruins won their second straight Patriot District/Conference 7 championship and qualified for states with a 3-2 win over Langley in the region semifinals. However, Lake Braddock dropped its final two games of the season, losing to South County in the region final and Cosby in the state semis.

Lake Braddock will lose all-region pitcher Ashley Flesch to graduation, but the Bruins figure to return all but two members of this year's team.

"We're good," Lake Braddock head coach George Rumore said. "We're going to lose Ashley and we're going to lose Amanda Patterson, but we have pitching. ... We're fine. The future still looks good."

In baseball, West Springfield won its first conference/district championship since 2009. The Spartans advanced to the region semifinals, where they lost to Chantilly. West Springfield finished the season with an 18-7 record and one win shy of the state tournament.

West Springfield's conference-championship season came one year after failing to qualify for regionals with a loss to Lee in the opening round of the 2013 district tournament.

"In our locker room, we believed in each other and we knew we had a pretty good



PHOTO BY LOUISE KRAFFT/THE CONNECTION
Members of the South County softball team celebrate with Haylea Geer (2) after the catcher hit a solo home run in the fourth inning of the 6A state final against Cosby.



CONNECTION FILE PHOTO
Members of the Woodson boys' basketball team and Cavalier fans celebrate the team winning the 6A North region championship.

squad and we knew we had a lot of talent," West Springfield head coach Jason Olms said. "We just had to put it all together and go out and compete."

In lacrosse, the Robinson boys' team won its first state championship since 2007. The Rams started the season 1-3, but closed with 17 consecutive victories, including a 9-7 win over Langley in the state final. Robinson also won Conference 5 and 6A North region titles.

"I knew we had what it took," Robinson sophomore Johnny Daniel said about reaching the state final. "In the beginning of the year, I doubted it for a second. We definitely stepped it up after we lost to Landon. ... We promised to Coach [Matt] Curran that we wouldn't lose any more games, because that's the worst feeling you can possibly have. We just stuck to our word and did the best that we could."

In tennis, the Lake Braddock boys' team won the 6A state title, defeating Langley in

the state final and wrapping up an undefeated season. Lake Braddock's Jacob Daugherty and Long Huynh won the boys' doubles title.

The South County girls' track and field team finished state runner-up, and the Lake Braddock girls' soccer team reached the region semifinals.

Winter Sports

Members of the W.T. Woodson boys' basketball team dealt with the death of two classmates during the 2014 6A North region tournament. While the tragedies affected the emotions of several Cavaliers, the team found a way to continue winning and eventually captured the program's second consecutive region title.

Woodson secured a berth in the Virginia state tournament by defeating Herndon 63-62 in overtime in the region semifinals. The following evening, Woodson defeated Lake

Braddock 66-56 in the region final. The Cavaliers had lost their previous three matchups with Lake Braddock by a combined eight points.

"[I'm] really happy for our kids, really happy for our school community," Woodson head coach Doug Craig said. "This was a very difficult week. The fact that our Cavalry (student section) was out in such great numbers says a lot about the school community. To give them an hour-and-a-half, hour-and-45-minute distraction tonight, something to feel good about, that's what sports is supposed to be about at the high school level."

The Lake Braddock boys' basketball team repeated as Patriot District/Conference 7 champions. The Edison girls' team won the 5A North region championship, the Eagles' second consecutive region title. The West Springfield girls' team won the Conference 7 title and reached the state tournament for the fourth time in five years.

The Paul VI boys' and girls' basketball teams each won WCAC and VISAA championships.

In wrestling, Robinson won its third state championship in four years. Rams' heavy-weight Jake Pinkston won his fourth consecutive region championship, reached the state final for the fourth straight year and won his second state title. Lake Braddock finished third in the state and had three individuals reach their respective state finals, with Darius Wiles winning the 113-pound title. South County's Hunter Manley won the 132-pound state championship.

In gymnastics, South County's Collea Burgess won the 6A North region all-around title. Hayfield's Molly Overstreet won the individual bars state championship.

In swimming, the Robinson boys' team took home a state championship.

Fall Sports

The Lake Braddock football team won its first 12 games of the 2013 season, winning the Conference 7 championship along the way. But the Bruins failed to hold a 13-point fourth-quarter lead against Westfield in the 6A North region semifinals, and ended their season with a 19-16 loss.

The South County and Robinson football teams reached the region quarterfinals.

In field hockey, Fairfax and South County reached the 6A North region semifinals.

In cross country, West Springfield senior Caroline Alcorta won the 6A girls' individual state title with a meet-record time of 17 minutes, 13 seconds at Great Meadow.

"I was just hoping to win," Alcorta said. "I didn't expect to get the course record."

Lake Braddock's Hannah Christen placed second and Katy Kunc was third, leading the girls' team to a third-place finish. The boys' team finished state runner-up, led by Alex Corbett's second-place finish.

In volleyball, South County reached the region semifinals before losing to eventual state champion Langley.

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Includes: Clean evaporator with power foam, check A/C performance, inspect drive belts for tension/wear and replace cabin air filter.

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\$139⁹⁵

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BRAKE SPECIAL

\$99⁹⁵

PADS

Includes: Install Genuine Toyota front brake pads, inspect front & rear rotors & drums, check tire condition and inspect all hardware. Pads only.

MACHINE ROTORS AN ADDITIONAL \$199.95.

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Includes: Inspect tires, brakes, wipers, lights, belts & hoses & fluid levels.

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TOYOTA GENUINE SERVICE
ROTATE & BALANCE SPECIAL

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Includes: Rotate and balance all 4 wheels and inspect brakes and tires.

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Fairfax **\$699,850**
Ridges of Glendilough. Updated and upgraded on a beautiful lot bordering on community common ground and Popes Head Creek. Dazzling kitchen with Granite and stainless and custom cabinets. There is so much more in this 3 level home on a 1/2 acre. Woodson HS.
Ellie Wester 703-503-1880



Fairfax **\$625,000**
Lovely, well-maintained 5 BR, 2.5 BA Colonial in Kings Park West. Updates include new HVAC, driveway, walkway, porch, windows, washer/dryer, stainless appliances & more. Spacious master suite w/sitting area. Large finished basement w/rec room, work bench, & plenty of storage. It is just minutes from Metrobus, VRE, GMU, and top-rated schools!
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Falls Church **\$899,000**
Beautiful Colonial of superior quality, built in 2009, located in Falls Church on half acre lot offers open floor plan, huge family room w/gas fireplace, office, center island chef's kitchen & 5 BRs to include fabulous master suite & LL Au pair suite. Close to D.C., Mark Center - Alexandria, Pentagon, all major routes & Reagan Nat'l Airport. Enjoy golfing at close-by Army Navy Country Club as well!
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Springfield/Franconia **\$574,900**
Location, Location! 3-Level Colonial. 5 BR, 2.5 BA, carpet, tile, hwdws, new paint, upgraded kitchen, family room with fireplace, large living room, dining room. 2 car carport. Close to shopping (Springfield Mall), transportation, schools.
Buzz Jordan 703-503-1866



Clifton **\$1,260,000**
Estate living close in! Privacy on .9 acre. 4 BR, 5.5 BA, Entry and back stairways, Gourmet Kitchen, Media Room, Dry Sauna, \$80K remodel MBR BA, English pub bar, Pool/spa, Deck, Hardscape patio and walkways. Backs to parkland.
Melody Elliott 703-963-8074



Lake Anna **\$879,900**
Fabulous Lake Anna Views! 5 BR, 3 BA waterfront home close to Timm's Restaurant! Home features hardwood flooring, fenced back yard, outstanding water views! Screened-in porch on deck and dock.
Liz Wilson 540-226-6475



Fairfax **\$569,000**
Enjoy life in this stunning contemporary sited on a cul-de-sac, just a 5 minute walk to the pool, park, tennis courts & Woodglen Lake! Inside delights include 3 large & sunny bedrooms (room for 4), 3.5 baths, a kitchen with Corian counters and seamless sink; a gorgeous glass walled family room; a finished Rec Room & a private master suite with picture windows and huge master bath.
Catie & Steve Morales 703-278-9313



Alexandria **\$599,900**
Kingstowne Beauty! Brick end TH, 3 BR, 3.5 BA, Kitchen with Stainless Steel appls & granite, Living, Dining, Family, cathedral ceilings, newer windows, 2 decks, Braz Cherry HDWDS, Rec room Gas Fireplace, 2-car Garage.
Amanda Scott 703-772-9190



Lorton **\$595,000**
Beautiful, elegant home! 4 bedroom, 3.5 bath with sweeping open floor-plan. Dramatic 2-story foyer. Large kitchen, bright morning room, huge fully finished basement are some of the features that make this home outstanding!
Karen Schiro 703-509-3888



Centreville **\$358,000**
Charming, roomy end unit TH with 3 perfectly finished lvls! Fabulous deck and flagstone patio backing to common ground. Best lot in the community! Bright spacious kitchen with hardwood floors, huge rec room with fireplace, new carpet and paint. Move-in Ready!
Carol Hermandorfer 703-216-4949



Burke **\$227,000**
Welcome home! This lovely 2 BR, 1 BA one-level unit is clean, bright, and cheerful. Eat-in kitchen w/walkout to manicured garden/patio. LR fireplace & built-in bookshelves. Beautiful HW floors. Walking distance to bus, shops, restaurants, nature trails.
Mary Schlesinger 703-403-6164



Haymarket **\$635,000**
NEW LISTING in REGENCY 55+ active adult golf & country club community at Dominion Valley. 4BR/3 bath, gourmet kitchen with granite & gas cooktop. Master & 2nd BR, office, sunroom on main. Loft with 2 more BRs & den. Screened porch & views to treed common area. Close to clubhouse, pools, fitness & activities. See photos & more www.marylroche.com.
Mary LaRoche 703-919-0747



Fairfax **\$649,500**
Vacation at home in your in-ground pool! Spacious, updated home sits on 0.9 flat and sunny acres! So many updates including wood floors, replacement windows, granite kitchen, and remodeled pool! Two zone gas heat, unbelievable room sizes. Sought-after Colchester Hunt neighborhood! Robinson Schools!
Marsha Wolber 703-618-4397



Gainesville **\$599,900**
Heritage Hunt 55+. Live on the golf course! 4 BR, 3 BA, Main lvl MBR, Gourmet Kitchen with 42" cabinets & Corian, HDWD, Living, Dining, Family, Breakfast, Sunroom, finished W/O Lower Level with Rec room & wet bar, Den, Deck, BR, 2-car Garage. Views!
Amanda Scott 703-772-9190



Lake Anna **\$1,499,900**
Gated Waterfront Compound! 4 bedroom, 3½ bath, including guest quarters, on 4.72 acres, with huge boat-house with screen room, lift & much more.
Toni McQuair 703-795-2697



Clifton **\$2,000,000**
Over 20 acres with 4 gorgeous buildable 5 acre lots with a 1900s farmhouse. Many options for this flat open land surrounded by stately trees! Soils studies have been done. Private yet convenient location.
Carol Hermandorfer 703-216-4949



Fairfax Station/Crosspointe **\$799,900**
Over 5,000 SF Manchester model with wing extension! Plantation shutters, custom built-ins, 2 home offices, huge master BR suite w/ elegant new bathroom! Finished walk-out basement. Oversized garage for 2 large vehicles!
David Billups & Virginia Clark-Billups 703-690-1795



Fairfax **\$675,000**
Well-maintained, stately 4 BR/3.5 BA Colonial has exceptional finishes throughout. Replaced everything & upgraded all. Offers hardwood floors, kitchen w/granite & SS appliances, built-ins, walk-out LL to paver patios overlooking amazing gardens & 2-car garage. Close to schools, Metro bus, VRE, GMU & shopping. This is a special home!
Mary Hovland 703-946-1775 • Cathy DeLoach 571-276-9421



Springfield **\$500,000**
Expanded Georgetown model w/family rm & storage room rear bump-out. Many improvements past 5 yrs incl gorgeous hwd floors, carpeting, fresh paint, granite in kit & baths, HWH, vinyl siding, gas conversion & more. Eat-in Kit w/adjoining laundry rm. Fam rm off kit. Formal LR & DR. Four good-sized bedrooms up. 2-car garage. Steps to Huntsman Lake, shopping, buses. Close to VRE & Metro. 1 yr warranty.
Jim Fox 703-503-1800

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