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## NEWS

# Korean-Language Students Translate City Brochure

**N**ine students from the Fairfax Academy's Korean 4 class have translated the City of Fairfax Commission for Women's brochure into Korean. Guided by their teacher, Song Johnston, they spent five weeks translating, proofreading and revising the document. This brochure may now be used by the City to help Korean speakers when they visit the area.

This is the second time the Korean 4 class has taken on such a project. Three years ago, the students translated information from the Historic Blenheim Civil War Interpretive Center into Korean and made a photo book from it, using pictures they personally took at the center. They then donated the book to the City of Fairfax.

— BONNIE HOBBS

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# National Championship for Fairfax High School

## Robotics team captures first place in Mini-Urban Challenge.

BY BONNIE HOBBS  
THE CONNECTION

**F**airfax High School is a national champion. On June 14, at the Emerald Coast Conference Center in Fort Walton Beach, Fla., its robotics team won a national competition called the Mini-Urban Challenge.

Sponsored by the U.S. Air Force Research Laboratory, it challenges high-school students to design and operate a robotic car to autonomously navigate through a model city. The cars are created using LEGO® MINDSTORMS® education kits.

The Fairfax team members are Thomas Dabney, Jack Rizek, Calvin Rizek, William Chang, Philip Simpson, Paul Huravitch, and Francis Winn. And they all learned research and developmental engineering from their teacher, Emre Ege.

"The sheer success of our students comes with their excessive preparedness and planning," he said. "But they managed to bring a U.S. championship to our school, Fairfax County and the Commonwealth of Virginia."

It was the sixth annual Mini-Urban Challenge, and teams who win first and second places in regional competitions are invited to compete. These five regional competitions are organized by the U.S. Air Force Research Laboratory and Doolittle Institute Inc.



(Standing, from left) are teacher Emre Ege, an Air Force Research Center promoter, Jack Rizek, Philip Simpson, Calvin Rizek, Doolittle Institute President Mark Simpson, William Chang, Fairfax's team leader and programmer Thomas Dabney, and a Doolittle Institute volunteer; (front row, from left) are Paul Huravitch and Francis Winn.

Doolittle is a Florida nonprofit dedicated to finding solutions for modern-day problems by creating an innovative environment where cutting-edge thinkers from the realms of industry, government and education can collaborate. It also promotes STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) education.

**ONE OF THE REGIONAL COMPETITIONS** was in Washington, D.C. "Every year, our school team is invited to the National meets," said Ege. "But this is the first time our school earned a U.S. championship in robotics."

The 2014 competition involved all elements of navigational robotics. "Students design and assemble a robot capable of going distances accurately, based on a student-written program plus signals received from its color and light sensors on a painted mat," explained Ege.

The challenge, he said, is programming the robot within 45 minutes so that it stops in seven assigned locations during the competition. The robot must follow colored lines and obey traffic and speed rules by stopping at red lines, slowing down on yellow lines, parking only in designated spots and not running over pedestrians.

Teams earn 70 percent of their points from this part. The other 30 percent comes from a live presentation by the team members. The robot competing is a LegoNXT programmable Brick. "It's part of our curriculum in Research and Development Engineering within the Technology and Engineering Department," said Ege. "I teach seven courses all related to engineering and architectural disciplines."

Although Fairfax High has Robotics, Engineering and Architectural clubs, he said this particular type of robotics study is "too demanding" for only a club activity. "Class activities involve learning and applying LegoNXT and RobotC programming languages and assembling a navigational robot according to specifications," said Ege.

"It's a lot of fun for creative, resourceful, productive and engineering-minded students," he continued. "And the students also learn competitive presentation and marketing skills in cooperation with our Business and TV Production departments."

**BESIDES BEING THRILLED** with his students' performance in Florida, Ege's also happy that his program at Fairfax is getting national recognition. "I have been setting goals very high for the students, but also keep it motivating, fun and interesting," he said. "Creating self-motivated students [geared] toward problem solving is perhaps most important challenge for any teacher in secondary education."

"I am happy for my students who are motivated to program robots and [delve] into automation because it seems to be that we all are at the threshold of a new age of automation and robotics," said Ege. "Students graduating today are likely to establish the superstructure of the robotics industry of tomorrow."

### WEEK IN FAIRFAX

## Zoning Rewrite Meeting

The City's zoning ordinance rewrite began in December 2013 to identify areas for improvement in the City's land-use regulations and procedures. In March 2014, a public workshop obtained feedback on the consultant's initial findings from the listening sessions, plus the consultant's independent review of the City's zoning ordinance.

The actual zoning ordinance revisions are now underway, and the first draft – covering development review and procedures – is done. It's at: <http://www.zoningfairfax.com/library/code-drafts/>.

The community is encouraged to comment at <http://www.zoningfairfax.com/we-are-listening/>. Messages may be sent to the project team at: <http://www.zoningfairfax.com/contact/>.

The public's also invited to the Zoning Rewrite Advisory Committee meet-

ing Tuesday, July 1, at 6 p.m. It's in room 111 of City Hall, 10455 Armstrong St. in Fairfax. For more information, contact Brooke Hardin at 703-385-7821 or [Brooke.Hardin@fairfaxva.gov](mailto:Brooke.Hardin@fairfaxva.gov).

## July 4th Volunteers Needed

The City of Fairfax's Independence Day Celebration Committee needs volunteers to help at the information booths during the Fourth of July parade, from 8:30 a.m.-noon. Volunteers will receive free, commemorative T-shirts and prime seats in the shade under the information tents. Call Mitzi Taylor at 703-385-1710.

## City Council Meets July 8

The next meeting of the Fairfax City Council is Tuesday, July 8, at 7 p.m., at City Hall, 10455 Armstrong St. in Fairfax.

## New Red-Light Camera

City of Fairfax police have installed a photo, red-light enforcement camera to monitor westbound Main Street at Pickett Road. Warning notices will be mailed to violators through July 11.

Enforcement of red-light violations will begin July 12.

Since July 2011 the City has conducted photo, red-light enforcement at the intersection of University Drive and North Street and at Fairfax Circle. Traffic signs indicating that a photo red light has been adopted as a safety measure are placed next to the affected intersections.

## Fairfax City Farmers Markets

Two farmers markets are open for the season in the City of Fairfax. They'll run through Nov. 1 at the corner of West and

Main streets.

The Downtown Fairfax Coalition Community Market is held Saturdays, from 8 a.m.-1 p.m. The Sunday Farmers Market will run from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. For more information, call 703-642-0128.

## City Seeks Parade Convertibles

The City of Fairfax Independence Day Celebration Committee is seeking convertibles with drivers to participate in the Independence Day Parade on July 4 at 10 a.m. Contact Leslie Herman at [leslie.herman@fairfaxva.gov](mailto:leslie.herman@fairfaxva.gov) or call 703-385-7949.

## 2014 Fairfax 50+ Plan

Fairfax County projects a dramatic in-

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Robert Thompson of General Electric Healthcare, Nancy Cappello of Are You Dense, Inc. and Elise Berman of Fairfax Radiological Consultants cut the ribbon to the newly renovated Breast Diagnostic Imaging Center.

## New Ultrasound System Comes to Fairfax

First medical facility in the nation to have the technology that drastically improves breast cancer detection.

BY EMMA HARRIS  
THE CONNECTION

Upon learning she had stage three metastatic breast cancer, Nancy Cappello was shocked, she said.

And as a woman who had never missed her annual mammogram in 11 years, she was even more shocked, the guest speaker and executive director and founder of Are You Dense, Inc., a public charity dedicated to informing the public about dense breast and early detection of breast cancer, told about 75 local physicians and healthcare professionals at the open house of the newly renovated Breast Diagnostic Imaging Center at Fairfax Radiological Consultants Tuesday, June 3.

But after researching and talking to her doctors, Cappello learned that like 40 percent of American women, she had dense breast tissue. While Cappello's cancerous cells had been in her body, the mammograms were not creating pictures her doctors could use to properly detect the cells due to the density of her breast tissue, she said.

As of Tuesday, June 3, Fairfax Radiological Consultants is one of the first two medical establishments in the country to have the technology to see cancerous cells much more easily in women who have dense breast tissue, as opposed to fatty tissue, said Elise Berman, medical director of breast imaging at Fairfax Radiological Consultants.

The Invenia Automated Breast Ultrasound System by GE Healthcare, or ABUS, in conjunction with mammography "can improve cancer detection by more than 30 percent



**Nancy Cappello, executive director and founder of Are You Dense, Inc. tells her cancer story and speaks of the importance of women's knowledge of dense breast tissue.**

in women who have dense breasts," Berman said.

In a mammogram, dense breast tissue is white, said Marana Coluccio, a sonographer at Fairfax Radiological Consultants. Cancerous tumors are white as well, making it difficult for doctors to see them, she said. "It's like looking for a white marble on a white carpet."

The ABUS has "one big probe that takes a film of the entire breast tissue," Coluccio said. Traditionally, smaller handheld ultrasound probes were used to target one area, making it easy to miss small tumors, she said.

With the ABUS, cancers are black and dense breast tissue is white, so detection much easier, said Tabatha Fair, a representative of GE Healthcare.

"The cancers that we are able to find with automated breast ultrasound are those cancers that are clinically significant, meaning they are the invasive cancers that tend to be less than a centimeter in size," Berman said. "Those are the cancers that we want to find, and we want to find them early. That's why it's really exciting to have this technology here," she said.

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crease in its older population. Between 2005 and 2030, the county expects the 50-and-over population to increase by 40 percent and the 70-and-over population by 88 percent. So the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, together with the Fairfax Area Commission on Aging and local residents, has been working with the community to create the 2014 Fairfax 50+ Plan.

What's proposed is at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dfs/olderadultservices/fairfax50plus.htm> under the topic headings of Safety & Health, Housing, Transportation, Community Engagement, Services for Older Adults & Caregivers, and Long-Range Planning & Trends Analysis. Comments may be emailed to [DFSCCommunity@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:DFSCCommunity@fairfaxcounty.gov) until June 30.

## Citizens Police Academy

People interested in law enforcement and who'd like to learn about the Fairfax County Police Department and meet many of those who serve in it may now do so. They may apply to join the Sept. 11-Nov. 15 session of the Citizens Police Academy. It's a free, 10-week program put on by the Police Department and is open to people who live or work in this county.

Participants complete some 40 hours of learning to gain a better understanding of and appreciation for police via a combination of lectures, tours and hands-on activities. Topics covered include the 911 Call Center, patrol, traffic stops, Adult Detention Center, gangs, financial crimes and SWAT team.

To apply, go to <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/police/services/citizens-police-academy.htm> or email [CPA@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:CPA@fairfaxcounty.gov).

## FAITH NOTES

Send notes to the Connection at [south@connectionnewspapers.com](mailto:south@connectionnewspapers.com) or call 703-778-9416. Deadline is Friday.

Dated announcements should be submitted at least two weeks prior to the event.

**Fairfax Baptist Temple**, at the corner of Fairfax County Parkway and Burke Lake Roads, holds a bible study fellowship at 9 a.m. Sundays followed by a 10 a.m. worship service. Nursery care and children's church also provided. 6401 Missionary Lane, Fairfax Station, 703-323-8100 or

[www.fbtministries.org](http://www.fbtministries.org).

**The Guhyasamaja Buddhist Center**, 10875 Main St., Fairfax City provides free classes to both newcomers and advanced practitioners of Tibetan Buddhism.

The center emphasizes working with the mind and learning how to understand the workings of the mind, overcoming inner causes of suffering, while cultivating causes of happiness. Under the direction of Lama Zopa Rinpoche, the center is a place of study, contemplation and meditation. Visit <http://www.guhyasamaja.org> for more information.

**Lord of Life Lutheran** offers services at two locations, in Fairfax at 5114 Twinbrook Road and in Clifton at 13421 Twin Lakes Drive. Services in Fairfax are held on Saturdays at 5:30 p.m. and Sundays at 8:30 and 10 a.m. Services in Clifton are held on Sundays at 8:15 and 10:30 a.m. 703-323-9500 or [www.Lordoflifeva.org](http://www.Lordoflifeva.org).

**First Baptist Church of Springfield** offers Sunday school at 9:15 a.m., followed by a 10:30 a.m. worship service at 7300 Gary St., Springfield. 703-451-1500 or [www.fbcspringfield.org](http://www.fbcspringfield.org).



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# OPINION

## Safe Fourth

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

**I**ndependence 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.

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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](http://www.soberide.com).

—MARY KIMM,

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## Call for Pet Connection

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/  
FACETS

**S**andara 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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### Fairfax County Students Receive DAR Awards

Providence Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) has announced the 2014 recipients of two DAR awards. The DAR Youth Citizenship Medal is presented to fifth and sixth grade students who fulfill the qualities of honor, service, courage, leadership, and patriotism. The Outstanding Work in American History Medal is presented to students in any grade for excellence in American history studies.

Students receiving the DAR Youth Citizenship Medal from their schools were Megan Le and Mikey McCabe (Oak View Elementary), Harrison Roderick and Charles Wolfer (Greenbriar East Elementary), Cecilia Ohanion and Janna Foy (Greenbriar West Elementary), Connor Harry and Christina Ni (Oak Hill Elementary), Melody Crawford (Brookfield Elementary), and Patrick Mountcastle and Julia Yoon (Lees Corner Elementary). Students receiving the Outstanding Work in American History Medal were Molly Dinneen (Chantilly High School); Layne Johnson, Brittany Narel, Amy Truong, Joshua Link, Jason Eison, Christina Amatucci, and Ngan "Kelly" Nguyen (Robinson Middle School); Charlie Fisher and Carly Daffan (Oak View Elementary); Manish Balamurugan, Hunter



Robinson seventh graders who received DAR awards.

Hamilton, Claire Jones, Julia Jones, and Hailey McDonald (Greenbriar East Elementary); Ryan Xu and Thomas Maher (Greenbriar West Elementary); Aditya Kumar and Jack Massingill (Oak Hill Elementary); Noha Wasfy and Rhea Khurana (Poplar Tree Elementary); Matthew Mendoza (Brookfield Elementary); and Noah Brown (Lees Corner Elementary).

More than 15 DAR chapters are located in the Fairfax County area. Providence Chapter is responsible for providing awards to the schools in the Chantilly and Robinson pyramids. The schools listed are the ones that chose to

participate in these DAR award programs this year.

The National Society Daughters of the American Revolution was founded in 1890 to promote patriotism, preserve American history, and support better education for our nation's children. Its members are descended from the patriots who won American independence during the Revolutionary War.

With more than 175,000 members in approximately 3,000 chapters worldwide, DAR is one of the world's largest and most active service organizations. To learn more about the work of today's DAR, visit [www.DAR.org](http://www.DAR.org).

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## SCHOOL NOTES

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

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 previ-

ous 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.

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# 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 bi-partisan 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



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.”

## 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)
  - Senator Louise Lucas (D-Portsmouth)
  - Senator Frank Ruff (R-Mecklenburg)
  - Senator Walter Stosch (R-Henrico)
  - Senator Steve Martin (R-Chesterfield)
  - Senator Frank Wagner (R-Virginia Beach)
  - Senator Richard Stuart (R-Spotsylvania)
  - Senator Ralph Smith (R-Roanoke)
- ♦ House of Delegates
  - Majority Leader Kirk Cox (R-Colonial Heights)
  - Majority Caucus Chair Tim Hugo (R-Fairfax)
  - Majority Whip Jackson Miller (R-Manassas)
  - Delegate David Ramadan (R-Loudoun)
  - Delegate Lionell Spruill (D-Chesapeake)
  - Delegate Michael Webert (R-Fauquier County)
  - Delegate Michael Futrell (D-Prince William County)
  - Delegate Dave Albo (R-Fairfax)
  - Delegate Scott Lingamfelter (R-Prince William County)
  - Delegate Lee Ware (R-Powhatan)
  - Delegate Scott Taylor (R-Virginia Beach)

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.

“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.

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 that highlighted the history of Native Americans, and took a parting shot at the Redskins.

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Playing the flute (in center) is digital-music composition teacher Chris Johnston with students Cameron Welke and Anna Malatinszky. They’re performing “Ergersi,” written by pianist Alessandra Mitter (in back).

## Music, Dance, Photos and Fashion

In June, the Fairfax Academy for Communications and the Arts celebrated its students’ creative achievements.



Senior Christine Choi designed this princess dress with a short front.



Senior Rhiannon Kerruish designed this one-shoulder dress with a hand-pleated skirt.

### AREA ROUNDUPS

## Van Metre Companies Forms Foundation

The Van Metre Companies, one of the largest privately held and locally owned homebuilding, development, commercial real estate and property management companies in the Washington, D.C. Metropolitan Area, has announced the formation of the Van Metre Com-

panies Foundation, Inc.

The Foundation will be run by a group of current employees who will serve as the Board of Directors and Officers of the Foundation, and will have full discretion for disbursement of the funds of which it generates. Julie van der Vate has been named the Chairman and President of the Foundation, with Candy McCracken, Tom Marable, Rebecca Gizzarelli, and Staci Cichocki, fulfilling the remaining roles on the Board of Directors.

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Senior Marvin Funes and his photography.



Amy Lee created this fur coat and Chinese-silk dress.



Shreeti Kandel designed this dress with black-satin roses.

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BONNIE HOBBS  
THE CONNECTION



Junior Anna Otto with one of her photos.

www.vanmetrehomes.com.

## VRE Earns Security Award for Emergency Drill at Lake Accotink Park

The Virginia Railway Express (VRE) earned a Gold Security Ex-

cellence Award last week from the American Public Transportation Association for a safety drill held at Lake Accotink Park in Springfield.

The drill was a full-scale, realistic emergency simulation of a nighttime passenger train derailment in the heavily wooded area.

“Safety is a top priority for VRE,” said Braddock Supervisor John Cook who serves as Vice Chair for the VRE Operations Board. “The Gold Award is recognition that the

VRE is leading the industry in proactive training exercises.”

The drill brought together first responders from the Fairfax County Police Department and Fire and Rescue, and utilized the police helicopter to locate a missing passenger.

This award comes in addition to the Transportation Security Administration’s 2014 Baseline Assessment for Security Enhancement audit which gave VRE a “Gold Standard” rating.



# Marching Bands, Music, Fireworks and a Parade

City of Fairfax plans rip-roarin,' rousing Fourth of July celebration.

BY BONNIE HOBBS  
THE CONNECTION

For fun, music, fireworks and a rousing parade, the City of Fairfax is the place to spend the Fourth of July. The festivities begin at 10 a.m. with a parade through the downtown Fairfax Historic District, continue with open houses and a firefighters' competition and culminate with rock music and colorful fireworks at Fairfax High.

"For nearly 50 years, the City has worked hard to ensure a day that will become a fond memory for Fairfax and Northern Virginia families," said Mayor Scott Silverthorne. "It's the most popular of all our City events and, while I may be a bit biased, I believe ours is the best Independence Day celebration in Virginia."

## Huge Parade

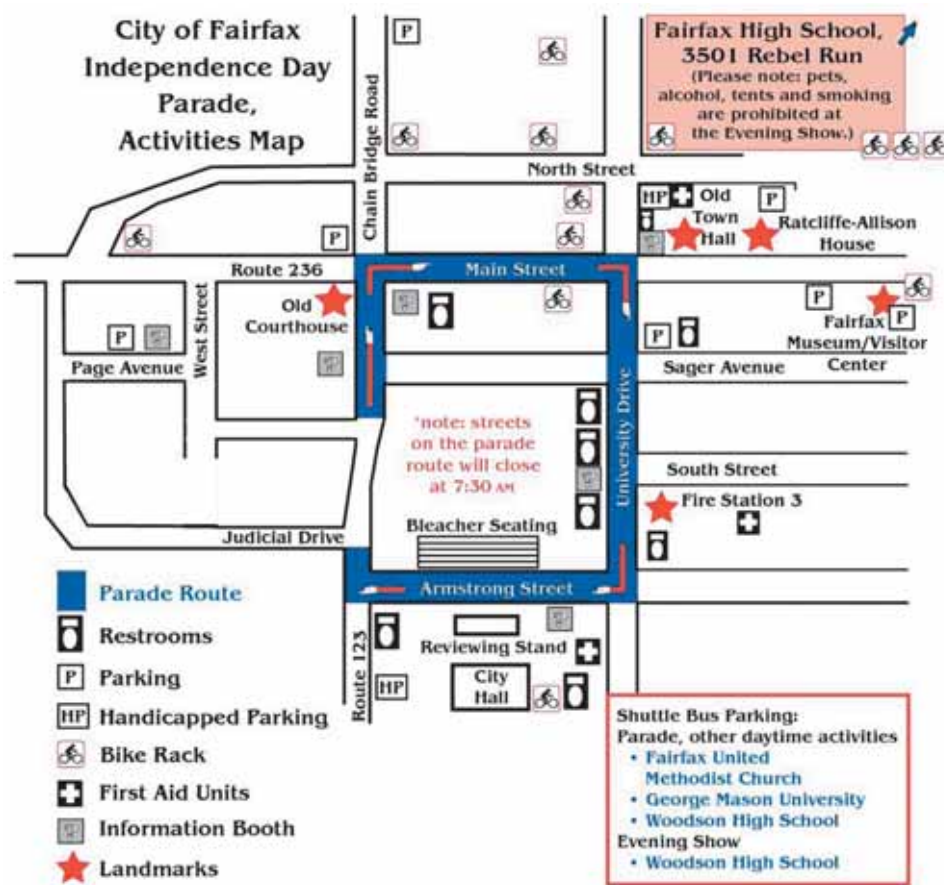
Rain or shine, the 48th annual Independence Day parade will run from 10 a.m.-noon, starting at the Massey Building at 4100 Chain Bridge Road. It will then travel in a loop past the old courthouse, along Main Street and University Drive and past the reviewing stand in front of City Hall on Armstrong Street. Except for service animals, parade attendees are asked to leave their pets at home, and tents aren't allowed along the parade route.

This year's parade features eight high-school marching bands from as far west as California to the City's own Fairfax High Marching Rebels, plus bands from Woodson and West Springfield. The Washington Redskins Marching Band will also participate, as will the Northern Virginia Firefighters' Emerald Society Pipe Band.

Other parade entries include horses, clowns, color guards, firefighters, police, Boy and Girl Scouts, Cub Scouts, dance groups, musicians, barbershop singers, and the Grand Marshal, Uncle Sam. Participating, as well, will be the Rough Riders Junior Buffalo Soldiers Drill Team, City of Fairfax Theatre Co., large inflatable balloons, local and state politicians and the uniquely entertaining City Of Fairfax Regional Library Precision Book Cart Drill Team.

## Parking, Shuttles

Streets on the parade route will close at 7:30 a.m., but shuttle buses will run from 8:30-10:30 a.m. from parking areas at George Mason University (GMU), Woodson High and Fairfax United Methodist Church and return again from 12:30-1:30 p.m. GMU is at 4400 University Drive; Woodson, 9525 Main St.; and Fairfax UMC, 10300 Stratford Ave.



Map of the parade route.

## Fireman's Day

Following the parade, visitors may watch area fire companies compete in a variety of events during an old-fashioned Fireman's Day.

It'll be held from 12:30-3 p.m. at Fire Station 3 at 4081 University Drive.

Vying against City of Fairfax firefighters will be teams from the Centreville, Burke and Falls Church volunteer fire departments, plus the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department and the West Springfield fire station. The event includes food, beverages and games.



Fourth of July logo.



Fireworks such as these will light up the sky above Fairfax High.

## Open Houses

Several, historic Fairfax buildings will be open to visitors on July 4. They include the Fairfax Museum and Visitors Center, 10209 Main St., 9 a.m.-4 p.m.; and the Ratcliffe-Allison House, 10386 Main St., 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

## Rock Music, Fireworks

In the evening, the festivities shift to Fairfax High, 3501 Rebel Run.

There, starting at 7 p.m. in the football stadium, people may enjoy listening and dancing to the music of Leggz, a band that'll perform everything from Motown favorites to classic rock & roll to hits of the 1970s and '80's.

Later on, the City of Fairfax Band will play the "1812 Overture" to herald the spectacular fireworks display slated to begin at 9:30 p.m.

The fireworks will be shot off from the baseball field; afterward, Leggz will perform a grand finale to cap off the day's entertainment. Rain date for the fireworks only is July 5 at 9:30 p.m.

On July 4, Old Lee Highway will be closed from Ridge Avenue (just past Artie's Restaurant) to Layton Hall Drive from about 9:15-11 p.m.

Items that could puncture the synthetic turf aren't allowed on the stadium's field. No smoking, alcohol, tents or animals, except for service animals, are allowed at Fairfax High, and all bags are subject to inspection.

## Evening Parking, Shuttles

Shuttle buses will run from 6-9 p.m. from Woodson High to Fairfax High. Following the fireworks, buses will return spectators to Woodson until 11 p.m. Only limited public parking will be available at Fairfax High. However, it will offer handicapped parking; call 703-385-7858.

Rain date schedule, if July 5 fireworks are necessary: Shuttle buses will run from 7-9 p.m. from Woodson to Fairfax High. Buses will return spectators to Woodson afterward.

## Sponsors, Volunteers

Many sponsors are helping to make this celebration a reality, but the main ones are Fair City Mall and 97.1 WASH-FM radio. Organizing the parade are the Independence Day Celebration Committee and the City of Fairfax Parks and Recreation Department.

Also making this event possible are a myriad of volunteers who've tirelessly donated their time and talents. For more information on any of the activities or to volunteer, call 703-385-7858 or see [www.fairfaxva.gov](http://www.fairfaxva.gov).



# 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/](http://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.

**4<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](mailto:church@sovgracefairfax.org) or [www.FairfaxSaturdayMarket.com](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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>.

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**Spanish Class for Children.** 3-4 p.m. Kings Park Library, 9000 Burke Lake Road, Burke. Spanish conversation class for children. Age 7-13. 703-978-5600.

**Dog Adoption.** 12 – 3 p.m. PETCO, Greenbriar Towncenter, 13053 Lee Jackson Memorial Highway, Fairfax.

### SUNDAY/JUNE 29

**Neighborhood Plant Clinic.** 1-4 p.m. Pohick Regional Library, 6450 Sydenstricker Road, Burke. The Fairfax County Master Gardeners Association gives tips and advice.\*703-644-7333.

**English Conversation Group.** 7-8:30 p.m. Burke Centre Library, 5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke. Practice and improve your English. 703-249-1520.

### MONDAY/JUNE 30

**Library eBook Tech Help.** 11 a.m. City of Fairfax Regional Library, 10360 North Street, Fairfax. Learn to use the library's eBook collection and compatible devices with a library staff member.\*703-293-6227.

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# SPORTS

## High School Sports Season Produces Memorable Moments

BY JON ROETMAN  
THE CONNECTION

**T**he 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.**



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**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.

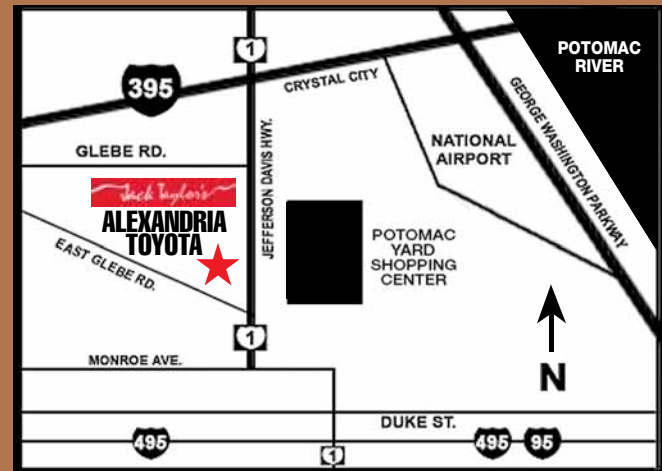


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