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Springfield Shortlisted for FBI Headquarters

Other locations are Greenbelt and Landover.

By Janelle Germanos

The Connection

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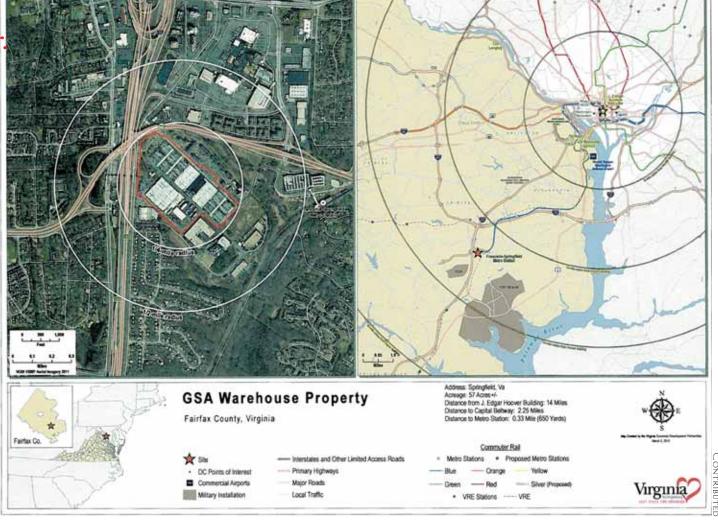
The General Services Administration and FBI announced Tuesday that Springfield was included on the shortlist for the new FBI headquarters.

"We are very pleased that the Springfield Warehouse in Fairfax County has made the short list for the new FBI headquarters. The project would help spur redevelopment in that area and because it is federally owned, this site is a lower cost option for the FBI. Virginia is unified behind this site and we feel it is the best of the three," said Sharon Bulova, chairman of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors.

Greenbelt and Landover in Maryland are also included on the list for the new head-quarters, which would replace the current J. Edgar Hoover building. The Springfield location is located at the GSA Franconia Warehouse Complex near Interstate 95 and Franconia Road.

"I'm very pleased that the GSA recognized the merits of our Springfield site. With extensive transit options, access to almost every major highway in the region, and close proximity to Quantico and Washington, D.C., the Springfield site remains the best option to serve the FBI's needs," Supervisor Jeff McKay (D- Lee District) said in a statement. "I hope this process continues to be one based on merit and good use of taxpayer funds and not political considerations. All of Virginia will continue to unite behind just one site: Springfield. We will re-double our effort moving forward to promote Springfield's attributes."

National Environmental Policy Act reviews will be conducted at all locations.



An aerial view of the GSA warehouse property in Springfield. The site is 14 miles from the J. Edgar Hoover Building in Washington and sits on 57 acres.

"We are pleased that the GSA warehouse site in Springfield is on the short list for the FBI headquarters relocation. All the sites named today have advantages, but we believe the Springfield site best meets the criteria laid out for the FBI. Our main hope is that the FBI has a location that best allows the bureau and its employees to fulfill their important mission in the most productive and efficient manner possible," said Gerald

Gordon, president of the Fairfax County Economic Development Authority.

Public comment will also be available on the plan. Virginia governor Terry McAuliffe announced Tuesday that he believes Springfield is the best option for the FBI.

"Virginia's inclusion on the final list of prospective sites for the new FBI headquarters is unquestionably positive news for our Commonwealth and economy. There is no doubt that the Springfield location offers the FBI and its employees the best combination of location, access to mass transit and local amenities. I look forward to continuing to work with Virginia's congressional delegation to convince decision makers within the FBI that Virginia is the location for this headquarters and the thousands of jobs that come with it," McAuliffe said in a statement.



Photo Courtesy of George Burke

Elected officials speak at an event to renew interest in Springfield as the location of the new FBI headquarters in December 2013.



Photo by Victoria Ross/The Connection

The General Services Administration warehouse site, which Fairfax County is proposing for the relocation of the new FBI headquarters, is located in Springfield, near four million square feet of office space and bordering the Franconia-Springfield Metro Station.

News

Governor's Mansion, Confidential

Defense in corruption case examines state of marriage of former Republican governor.

By Michael Lee Pope
The Connection

hen he takes the stand in his own defense, former Republican Gov. Bob McDonnell will read jurors an email that he wrote to his wife as their marriage was said to be crumbling. Describing the email to members of the jury in his opening statements, defense attorney John Brownlee said it was written at a time when prosecutors say the couple were conspiring to sell power and influence to a wealthy Virginia businessman. Inside the Governor's Mansion, though, the two were barely on speaking terms.

"She said she hated him," said Brownlee.
"She was angry that there was not enough money for their family, not enough time for her."

After a successful public career that culminated in the the governor making the short list to be a running mate for Republican presidential hopeful Mitt Romney in 2012, McDonnell has fallen very far very fast. He's now engaged in the fight of his life, but not on the campaign trail. This time he and his wife are facing a 14-count indictment from federal prosecutors who say the McDonnells were acting in secret to take money and gifts in exchange for taking action to benefit Jonnie Williams, who was trying to obtain scientific testing from state officials for his nutritional supplement made

from tobacco.

"This case is about the McDonnells lining their pockets with secret gifts and cash," said prosecutor Jessica Aber. "Bobs for Jobs — that's what he was supposed to do, just not in exchange for money."

THE CORRUPTION TRIAL of the former governor and his wife is unprecedented in Virginia politics, where commonwealth has enjoyed a reputation of relatively clean government. That is until recently. A grand jury is currently investigating the circumstances surrounding the resignation of a Democratic state senator who was offered a job at the tobacco commission, the same organization that Williams was targeting in his effort to promote Anatabloc. In his opening statement for Maureen McDonnell, defense attorney Bill Burck said the first lady of Virginia was a "true believer" in nutraceuticals and became a "favorite playmate" for Williams as her marriage fell apart.

"You will even hear evidence that she had a crush on Mr. Williams," said Burck. "Jonnie Williams is very good at using people to get what he wants."

If opening statements this week are any indication, Williams will be at the center of the trail as each side presents evidence to the jury. For prosecutors, he's the star witness — the whistleblower who was given immunity from prosecution in exchange for exposing how the governor and his wife accepted \$150,000 in exchange for using

the power and prestige of the Governor's Mansion. For lawyers representing the McDonnells he was a scheming manipulator who turned state's evidence to keep himself out of jail.

"He thought of himself as a big fish," said Burck. "But he knew Governor McDonnell was an even bigger fish."

opening statements offered each side an opportunity to make an initial impression with members of the jury, a way to establish a connection and make promises about evidence to come. It was also an opportunity for some moments of high drama. The lawyer for McDonnell played two videos of the governor engaged in economic development and quoted from a book titled "Once an Eagle." He outlined a case in which the governor's defense will be that he was merely promoting Virginia products.

"He eats Virginia ham. He drinks Virginia wine," said Brownlee, who once ran for attorney general. "My guess is that if he smoked, he would smoke Virginia cigarettes."

The lawyer for Maureen McDonnell focused much of his opening statements to attacking Williams, who he said has changed his story several times. Burck compared it to an iPhone that keeps getting a new operating system. Version 1.0 was the original and unadulterated version, the one that denied wrongdoing and supposedly lied to prosecutors. Version 2.0 was when

he struck a deal with prosecutors and told a different story. Even as the trial date approached, Burck said, Williams changed his story seven more times.

"That's nine different versions, and each one keeps getting better for the government," said Burck. "Which Jonnie Williams are you supposed to believe?"

PROSECUTORS SPENT their opening arguments laying out a timeline they say shows official actions were taken shortly after gifts were offered or loans were received. In one dramatic moment, for example, Williams shows up at the Governor's Mansion with a blank check. But Aber was also careful to manage expectations, acknowledging that prosecutors do not have one singular piece of evidence that shows the sweep of the conspiracy case.

"No single witness will be able to tell you this entire story from soup to nuts," said Aber. "The defendants are way too sophisticated for that."

Legal experts say the opening statements play an important role in setting the tone for jurors and letting them know what to expect. "Opening statements are critical and the reason for that is it's kind of like a first date. You only get one chance to get it right," said Rich Kelsey, assistant dean of the George Mason School of Law. "It's about building a story that makes sense and answers their questions before they know they have questions."

Serving Families for 90 Years

Pushing the boundaries has led to success, says Northern Virginia Family Services CEO.

By Reena Singh The Connection

n organization does not thrive for 90 years by chance. Northern Virginia Family Services, a county institution, has impacted families throughout the region for nearly a century with no sign of slowing down.

CEO and President Mary Agee, who has been at the organization for 46 of those years, has seen the nonprofit flourish during her time there.

"In reading the history, there were a lot of passionate and smart people that were on the board in the '20s, '30s and '40s," she said. "Very adaptable and very

principled. That's the other thing that struck me — that the decisions were based upon doing the right thing and never turning a child away."

She said that even today, her staff is willing to push boundaries while still adhering to the organization's mission.

NVFS opened its doors in 1924 as a family counseling center; it was run by a single volunteer at the time.

Agee joined the 11 person staff in 1972. She just announced her retirement, effective next June, on Monday.

"The budget was \$182,000 at the time," she said

The budget is now \$32 million and staff count has soared to 150 people. One of those staff members is current Chief Operative Officer Cheri Villa who has been with the organization for five years.

"One of the reasons I came here was to work with Mary on her vision," she said.

Recently, the organization has helped families who have suffered during the recession to adapt to the change.

"I think one of the most interesting things is when you look at our history, it's a reflection of the region as a whole," said Villa. "As community needs have emerged, Northern Virginia Family Services has stepped in."

In the last 20 years, affordable housing and mental health issues were added to the list of NVFS's concerns. However, Agee does not think they were ever a non-issue for the area.

"The needs in the community have absolutely not changed," said Agee. "The thing that has changed is the faces that use them."

She said that the organization had the chance to help its community during the response after a plane struck the Pentagon on Sept. 11, 2001.

"It was an honor to be asked by the Community Foundation of the National Capital Region to design a program that would support the families that were impacted by the attack on the Pentagon," she said. "What that taught was how to perfect a case management model — help them recover from trauma and bring in a number of resources."

She said the leadership the organization showed made NVFS a national leader in trauma response. It is currently poised to help the numbers of children that have crossed the border into Texas.

But it does not do the work alone. Many



NVFS CEO and President Mary Agee is retiring next summer.

of the issues that leaders at NVFS are passionate about are also tackled with other local organizations.

"I think collaboration is a big part of our success," she said. "These issues are so big that you have to tackle them together."

Tax Holiday Applies for School Supplies, Clothing

Families in Virginia will get a sales tax break on clothes and supplies for school when the state holds its annual Virginia tax holiday, August 1-3.

To be eligible for the tax break, school supply items must be priced at \$20 or less, and clothing and footwear must be priced at \$100 or less. Clothing includes choir clothing, household and shop aprons, coveralls, gym clothes, lab coats, and uniforms.

Among the eligible school supplies are art and music supplies, calculators, composition books and notebooks, paper, dictionaries, crayons, lunch boxes, pens, pencils, and reference books.

More information about the Virginia tax holiday, including complete lists of eligible school supplies and clothing items, is available online.

Alzheimer's Association to Hold Workshop

On Aug. 16 at 10 a.m., the Alzheimer's Association National Capital Area Chapter, [3701 Pender Drive, Suite 400, Fairfax, VA 22030] will have a free workshop of individuals and families dealing with Alzheimer's who need to know more about what legal and financial issues to consider and how to put plans in place. Topics covered include:

- Making legal plans that fit your needs
- Legal documents you'll need and what they mean for all of you
- How to find legal and financial assistance
- Practical strategies for making a long-term plan of care
- Tax deductions and credits
- Government programs that can help pay for care

To register, call the Alzheimer's Association 24/7 Helpline at 800-272-3900.

Farmers Market On Thursdays

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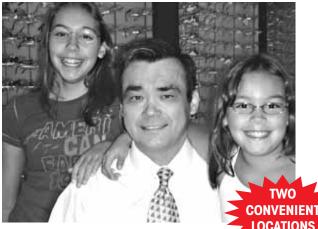
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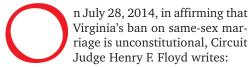
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OPINION

Finally, Marriage Rights Protected in Virginia



"We recognize that same-sex marriage makes some people deeply uncomfortable. However, inertia and apprehension are not legitimate bases for denying same-sex couples due process and equal protection of the laws. Civil marriage is one of the corner-EDITORIAL

stones of our way of life. It allows indi-

viduals to celebrate and publicly declare their intentions to form lifelong partnerships, which provide unparalleled intimacy, companionship, emotional support, and security. The choice of whether and whom to marry is an intensely personal decision that alters the course of an individual's life. Denying samesex couples this choice prohibits them from participating fully in our society, which is pre-

teenth Amendment cannot countenance." Judge Arenda Wright Allen, on Valentine's Day, 2014, ruled that Virginia's ban on samesex marriage is unconstitutional, writing:

cisely the type of segregation that the Four-

"A spirited and controversial debate is underway regarding who may enjoy the right to marry in the United States of America. America has pursued a journey to make and keep our citizens free. This journey has never been easy, and at times has been painful and poignant. The ultimate exercise of our freedom is choice. Our Declaration of Independence recognizes means all of us. While ever-vigilant for the wisdom that can come from the voices of our voting public, our courts have never long tolerated the perpetuation of laws rooted in unlawful prejudice. One of the judiciary's noblest endeavors is to scrutinize laws that emerge from such roots.

"Plaintiffs assert that the restriction on their freedom to choose to marry the person they love infringes on the rights to due process and equal protection guaranteed to them under the Fourteenth Amendment of the United States Constitution. These challenges are well-taken...

"The Court is compelled to conclude that Virginia's Marriage Laws unconstitutionally deny Virginia's gay and lesbian citizens the fundamental freedom to choose to marry."

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COMMENTARY

Fairfax County Takes Steps To Improve Senior Services

By John C. Cook Supervisor (R-BRADDOCK DISTRICT)

airfax County is actively working to improve services to seniors and make the County friendlier to those growing

older in our communities. One of the most prominent advancements has been the 50 + Action Plan developed by the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, in partnership with the Fairfax Area Commission on Aging and the Fairfax Area Agency on Aging. The plan addresses gaps in services and identifies future improvements to address the challenges facing our seniors. The final plan is expected to be presented to the Board of Supervisors this fall for approval.

In 2013, the 50 + Committee of the Board of Supervisors built ride requests between local on the County's efforts in the 50 + plan and initiated a community dialogue. Based on the input received, several workgroups were established to address topics such outstanding efforts.

as transportation, housing, services and community engagement. Each of the subcommittees has a community champion and comprises community members from the public, private and nonprofit sectors.

Thirty-one initiatives were enumerated with the guiding principles to be attainable, affordable and actionable within the next five

What is happening right now? A few of the initiatives are already in practice and some are on the verge of implementation. One example is NOVA Rides, which has been awarded some start-up funding from the Consolidated Community Funding Pool (CCFP). This project, operated by the Jewish Community Center, coordinates nonprofits providing the services. The efforts of the 50 + Plan and NOVA Rides hope to provide additional support to their already

One segment of the plan I would encourage is senior volunteerism. The 50 + plan is working to establish two unique approaches to promoting senior participation in our communities. The first is Grand Involve, which is a program that connects experienced older adult volunteers to work with local schools. The program will help strengthen the bonds of the oldest and youngest community members and support the education of our most vulnerable popu-

The other endeavor is Venture in Volunteerism, which concentrates efforts on recruiting and placing older adults with various volunteer opportunities. Our retired folks have a vast array of talents and skills that are perfectly suited to meet the needs of many of our charities and nonprofit organizations.

Another important priority for Braddock District laid out in the 50+ plan is preventing criminal exploitation of residents. I will be promoting safe living by hosting and promoting a series on criminal exploitation prevention. Protecting our residents is matter of great importance, so look for this series in the coming months. Action Items on the Horizon:

With full Board approval of the Plan this fall, many of the other initiatives are positioned to come into realization.

Join the effort! Reach out to one

of the subcommittees: Transportation, Housing, Safe & Healthy Communities, Services for Older Adults and Caregivers and see how you can contribute. Feel free to contact my office directly and we will put you in touch with the right person. Our aging population has given their time and support to our communities and schools endlessly. In order for these solutions to take place, they need community ownership. Join in the effort to empower seniors to live many healthy, happy years here in Fairfax County.

For more specific details about the plan, the progress, and results please visit the Fairfax Area Commission on Aging or with the Fairfax Area on Aging website.

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AREA ROUNDUPS

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Afghan-American Women's Association to Hold Dinner Reception

On Aug. 28, the Afghan-American Women's Association, based in Fairfax, will be hosting its 5th Annual Dinner Reception in order to raise funds for building a community center. The A-AWA is an up and coming non-profit dedicated to organizing, empowering and educating the growing population of Afghan-American women through cultural, educational, social and charitable opportunities in the Northern Virginia area. The event is being held in order to raise funds for a community center for the A-AWA, and boasts two Afghan-American women of particular renown as the night's speakers: The Honorable Shinkai Karokhail, a renowned women's/human's rights activist from Afghanistan and Suraya Sadeed, author and activist.

The community center, the object of the night's fundraising, will enable the Association to continue accomplishing their goals: to mobilize membership, strengthen the program and expand services in a variety of critical areas such as community leadership, women's empowerment, education, training, counseling, and health and settlement services for new immigrants. The event will be held from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.

For more information on the A-AWA, or instructions on how to donate or get involved, visit http://a-awa.org/index.html

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Fairfax County needs Respite Care volunteers throughout the county to give family caregivers of a frail older adult a well-deserved break. Volunteers visit and oversee the safety of the older adult for a few hours each month. Volunteers are matched with families in or near their own neighborhoods. Support and training is provided. Contact Kristin Martin at 703-324-7577, TTY 711, or Kristin.Martin@fairfaxcounty.gov.

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Martin Stefanov and Victoria Tshacheva from Bulgaria with bikes supplied by Continental Pools, their sponsor



Martin Stefanov on his way to work at a neighborhood pool from the apartment he shares with other lifeguards

Foreign Nationals Immersed in Local Lifeguarding For some, it starts out on two wheels.

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very day, Vasyl Smolii uses two different routes when he bikes to and from work at the Belle View pool hill on Belle View Boulevard is an easy ride by twin sisters Irina and Olha Shemchuk, in the morning but going back up in the evening is not as easy on the bicycle Smolii rents from his sponsor High Sierra Pools, an mer jobs, don't ride bikes to work. The pair

"I must buy this bike for the summer," said 19-year-old Smolii from Ukraine.

For Martin Stefanov and Victoria Tshacheva, the bikes are their transportation this summer as well. In the evenings, six bikes are parked on the first floor patio of the apartment they share in Kingstowne agement Inc., with an office in Springfield. with other lifeguards who are also from They employed 260 lifeguards from various

lifeguarding; Tshacheva heard about his adventures last year while they were attending Sofia University in Sofia, Bulgaria. Tshacheva is studying public relations.

see different cultures, a lot of people from deposit.

may continue when she goes back. "I will ride the bike in my country, I think so," she

At the EOS Twenty One apartment complex in the Landmark area of Alexandria there are two pools, one manned by a pair ✓ in Alexandria. Coming down the of 20-somethings from Poland, and the other also from Ukraine. These lifeguards, who went through U.S. Aquatics for their sum-Arlington-based pool management company. from Poland are staying in an apartment with three other lifeguards close enough to EOS to walk to work, and for the Shumchuk sisters, "our driver picks us up every day," said Irina Shemchuk

Transportation is one of the concerns of Doug Winkler, owner of Winkler Pool Mancountries this year, such as Ukraine, Serbia, This is Stefanov's second year Turkey, Jordan, Bulgaria, Azerbaijan, Dominican Republic, China, Slovakia, Russia, Poland, Egypt and Kazakhstan. The Winkler lifeguards either walk, use public transportation, have drivers, like the Shemchuk sis-"This country is much different, you can ters, or use bikes that Winkler supplies for a

the whole world, you can learn a lot of stuff," Winkler, who lifeguarded when he was a Pools, which has job fairs in the U.S. and Mikoliczvk.



Victoria Horbenko from Ukraine holds on to a float and scans the pool in Fairfax.

United States as well as earn some money. All of the lifeguards get training in their love kids," said home countries and another course here Kaczmarek, and the "kids before starting. According to High Sierra love us,'

lifeguards Weronica Mikoljczyk and Agnieszka Kaczmarek from Poland, this is month, he said. their second summer lifeguarding in the U.S. Before starting, they were interviewed via ALTHOUGH MOST of the lifeguards work bad," said Olha Shemchuk, "too many Skype to get a sample of their dialect, and long days that stretches to more than 40 "the tests are in English," said Kaczmarek. hours a week, they do find time to enjoy Smolii's English has improved since Memo- their American experience. Smolii went to rial Day, but "when I ar-

rived, I had very bad English," he said.

Kaczmarek was a swimming coach in Poland, so she gives some of the children at EOS swimming lessons "before it opens," in the morning.

Mikoljczyk was a lifeguard on a lake close to Poznan, a city in Poland, and both know synchronized swimming which you can learn a lot they also share with the children at the pool. "I

chair as a "great job," but noted that "the former lifeguards to give you the inside his training early on this summer, rescuing new experience," she said.

of stuff."

"This country is

different cultures,

the whole world,

a lot of people from

— Victoria Tshacheva from

much different,

you can see

take her shoulder," he said, reenacting the lot in our apartment," said Tshacheva, not-Communicating in English is key. For EOS procedure. Smolii is with High Sierra, and ing that her father in Bulgaria "cooks, it's they check his lifeguarding skills every the most delicious food," she said. She's familiar with the obesity trend in this country.

Ocean City, Md. with another lifeguard and experienced the ocean and eating crabs for the first time.

The crab mallet techniques was tough to master at first and he ending up splattering crab all over and noticed "they were all Eastern European," he said. him until "waiters showed us the correct way," he when he was a teen and "many evenings,

Stefanov took a day trip to New York City for a fellow lifeguard's birthday. "It was amazing," he said. For another Ukrainian, to be disciplinary," he said. The summer

Victoria Horbenko, a life- abroad is making an impression on guard in Ellipse at Govern- Tshacheva. ment Center off Lee Highway, her summer at Bulgaria. It will be so different when we go

teen, remembered his years on the lifeguard internationally, "All of our representatives are Over at Belle View, Smolii had to rely on poolside is "like a student exchange, to get back," she said.

For Olha Shemchuk, 19, she might give it RIDING BIKES TO WORK was one of desire is not there in American kids anymore, scoop," on the job, according to its website. a resident in distress. "My first week, a The lifeguards are hot and cold to American kids anymore, after she turns 21 so she those things she is learning. Biking in Bul- they don't want to work." Lieguards from "High Sierra works with U.S. visa sponsors woman at Belle View was swimming and got can food. Stefanov and Tshacheva in can go dancing and clubbing. "We are garia "is not so popular," she said, but she overseas want to travel and experience the to promote our jobs with the help of partner a cramp. I jumped in with my rescue tube, Kingstowne try to eat healthy and "cook a young," she said.

For the twin sisters, the "food here is very

sweets." Her sister Irina is not a fan of Ameri-

can bread. "Your bread is not bread," she

There are still community pools that only

hire teenagers from the neighborhood for

the lifeguard positions such as Hunt Valley

pool in Springfield. According to manager

Lauren Blackburn, "We all live right here."

Hunt Valley lifeguard Luke Chapman, 17,

Winkler noted that being in the commu-

nity they grow up in has advantages, as

some of the pool patrons would bring me

dinner." On the other hand, being in charge

is a hard sell to friends. "It's tough for them

"Here we are so separate from our life in

went to a class to become a pool operator

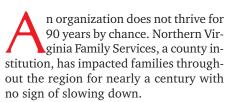


Mary Agee, NVFS president and CEO, and Karen Horowitz, director of volunteer and internship engagement, present Ralph Lickey with the Presidential Award for Community Volunteers at the agency's annual meeting, June 12, at the Capital One headquarters.

Serving Families for 90 Years

Pushing the boundaries has led to success, says Northern Virginia Family Services CEO.

> By Reena Singh The Connection



CEO and President Mary Agee, who has been at the organization for 46 of those years, has seen the nonprofit flourish during her time there.

"In reading the history, there were a lot of passionate and smart people that were on the board in the '20s, '30s and '40s," she said. "Very adaptable and very principled. That's the other thing that struck me — that the decisions were based upon doing the right thing and never turning a child away."

She said that even today, her staff is willing to push boundaries while still adhering to the organization's mission.

NVFS opened its doors in 1924 as a family counseling center; it was run by a single volunteer at the time.

Agee joined the 11 person staff in 1972. She just announced her retirement, effective next June, on Monday.

"The budget was \$182,000 at the time," she said.

The budget is now \$32 million and staff count has soared to 150 people. One of those staff members is current Chief Operative Officer Cheri Villa who has been with the organization for five years.

"One of the reasons I came here was to work with Mary on her vision," she said. Recently, the organization has helped families who have suffered during the re-

cession to adapt to the change.

of the most interesting things is when you look at our his-

NVFS CEO and President Mary Agee is retiring

tory, it's a reflection of the region as a whole," said Villa. "As community needs have emerged Northern Virginia Family Services has stepped in." In the last 20

years, affordable housing and mental health issues were added to the list of NVFS's concerns. However, Agee does not think they were ever a non-issue for the

"The needs in the community have absolutely not changed," said Agee. "The thing that has changed is the faces that

She said that the organization had the chance to help its community during the response after a plane struck the Pentagon on Sept. 11, 2001.

"It was an honor to be asked by the Community Foundation of the National Capital Region to design a program that would support the families that were impacted by the attack on the Pentagon," she said. "What that taught was how to perfect a case management model — help them recover from trauma and bring in a number of resources."

She said the leadership the organization showed made NVFS a national leader in trauma response. It is currently poised to help the numbers of children that have crossed the border into Texas.

But it does not do the work alone. Many of the issues that leaders at NVFS are assionate about are also tackled with other local organizations.

"I think collaboration is a big part of our success," she said. "These issues are so big that you have to tackle them together."

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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.

FRIDAY/AUG. 1

"Jazz with Strings." 7:30 p.m. Lake Accotink Park, 7500 Accotink Park Road, Springfield. Featuring music of Charlie Parker.

FRIDAYS/AUG. 1-AUG. 29 **Braddock Nights Concert Series.**

7:30-8:30 p.m. Lake Accotink Park, 7500 Accotink Park Road, Springfield. Listen to musical performances in the great outdoors. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/ performances/ for location and schedule.

SATURDAY/AUG. 2-TUESDAY/SEPT. 2

Glass Unpolished: Explorations of

Time, Nature and Technology. Workhouse Arts Center W-16 Vulcan Gallery, 9518 Workhouse Way, Lorton. Three artists from Virginia and Maryland use glass as a means to dig into the conceptual nature of discovery, time, fiction and experiment. 703-584-2900.

SATURDAY/AUG.2-SATURDAY/AUG.30

Campfire Saturdays. 7:30 p.m. Lake Accotink Park, 7500 Accotink Park Rd, Springfield. Join Hidden Pond naturalists in exploring and learning about reptiles and amphibians, bats, nocturnal predators, flying squirrels, owls, stargazing and more. Admission: \$7 for residents; \$9 for non-residents, 703-569-3464.

SATURDAYS/AUG. 2-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/AUG. 2- AUG. 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/AUG. 2-SUNDAY/AUG. 3

Cabaret Series: Dueling Divas!

Saturday at 8 p.m., Sunday at 1 p.m Workhouse Arts Center, 9601 Ox Rd, Lorton. Dueling Divas will battle it out with songs made famous by the Broadway stars of yesterday and today. Due to suggestive humor, this performance is intended for mature crowds. Admissions: \$25-\$30. www.workhousearts.org. 703-584-

SATURDAY/AUG. 2-SUNDAY/SEPT. 7

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SATURDAY/AUG. 2

Mount Vernon Nights: Town

Mountain (Bluegrass). 7-8 p.m. Workhouse Arts Center, 9601 Ox Rd, Lorton. Town Mountain plays music that is a rough-hewn version of traditional bluegrass music. Picnic baskets, lawn chairs and blankets are welcome, but outside alcohol is not permitted. www.workhousearts.org. 703-584-2900.

Children's Theater: Ice Queen. $\boldsymbol{1}$

p.m. Workhouse Arts Center W-3 Theatre, 9518 Workhouse Way, Lorton. Our story unfolds as the sister of the mysterious Ice Queen and Charles (a Wise Man) is determined to find her true love. \$9-\$12. 703-584-2900.

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THURSDAY/AUG. 7

Chairman Sharon Bulova's **Evenings on the Ellipse** Summer Concert Series. 5:30

7:30 p.m. Fairfax County Government Center "Ellipse" (green lawn behind the building), 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax. No matter what kind of music you like, bring your lawn chairs, blankets, families and dates. 703-324-7329.

FRIDAY/AUG. 8-SUNDAY/AUG. 10

The Laramie Project. Friday and Saturday at 7:30 p.m., Sunday at 2 p.m. Workhouse Arts Center, 9601 Ox Rd, Lorton. The Laramie Project tells the story of Matthew Shepard, a gay student at the University of Wyoming, was kidnapped in 1998, tied to a fence, severely beaten, and left to die. The play based on interviews with friends, residents and others connected to the story. Admissions: \$10-\$15. www.workhousearts.org. 703-584-2900.

SATURDAY/AUG. 9

Mount Vernon Nights: Soul

Crackers (Motown/Soul). 7-8 p.m. Workhouse Arts Center, 9601 Ox Rd, Lorton. Soul Crackers encompasses Memphis & Motown soul, and covers songs by artists like Sam & Dave, Average White Band, Martha & The Vandellas & Wilson Pickett among others. Picnic baskets, lawn chairs and blankets are welcome, but outside alcohol is not permitted. www.workhousearts.org. 703-584-2900.

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Chairman Sharon Bulova's **Evenings on the Ellipse**

Summer Concert Series. 5:30-7:30 p.m. Fairfax County Government Center "Ellipse" (green lawn behind the building), 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax. 703-324-7329.

TUESDAY/AUG. 15-THURSDAY/AUG. 24

Legally Blonde: The Musical. 2:30 or 7:30 p.m. depending on the day. Metropolitan School of the Arts Theatre, 9601 Ox Road, Lorton. Metropolitan School of the Arts Theatre of Lorton will present their version of Legally Blonde directed by Danilo Stapulo and choreographed by Jonathon Faircloth. \$20

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An adult Mississippi Kite soars through the Burke sky, delighting local birders.

Rare Birds in Burke

birds nesting in Burke this year. A pair of Mississippi Kites have built a nest and are currently feeding two young chicks in a large tree on some private land near Jackson Street in Burke, attracting birders from around the

Mississippi Kites (Ictina mississippiensis) are a common nesting raptor in the Carolinas south down into Florida and then west as far as East Texas and then up into Kansas and Southern Colorado. The adults are generally light gray with a lighter head and sometimes a darker tail, and long pointed

here are some quite unusual wings. When hunting and chasing after dragonflies and cicadas, their favorite prey, they can transform themselves into miraculous aerial acrobats, swooping and diving through the air. Until about 10 years ago Mississippi kites had never been known to nest in Fairfax County, and they are still rare

> This is the second year that the kites have nested in this area of Burke, a couple of very special summertime residents for sure. By the end of August they will have left to return to their winter home in South America.

> > -Donald Sweig



Two Mississippi Kite chicks in a nest high in a tree in Burke. Mississippi Kites are rare in Northern Virginia.



The group poses outside the aquarium's STEM labs. Pictured among the hanging colorful "jelly fish" are Eliseo Valenzuela, Mercy Grace Francisco, Ms. Monica Baker, Moises Zavala, Mrs. Wonhee Kang, Paola Zavala, Brenda Zavala, Brian Delcid, Sandra Achia, Edwin Garcia, Hanny Bushura, and the tour guide Alan McKenzie.



Alan McKenzie, the Baltimore Aquarium guide for the event, showed the group several shark jaws and teeth in the STEM lab of the aquarium. Sandra Achia, Hanny Bushura, Monica Baker, and Moises Zavala observe McKenzie's demonstration.

A Night at the Aquarium for Fairfax Youth

Boys & Girls Club of Greater Washington members take a private overnight tour of Baltimore's National Aquarium.

en lucky students from the Fairfax branch (Murraygate chapter) of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Washington got a sneak peak of Shark Week by spending the

By Veronica Bruno night among them at the Baltimore The Connection Aquarium at the seaport in Baltimore. They spent a "night at the museum" as part of the science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) program sponsored by COX Communications last Friday, July

They explored the National Aquarium with-

out the crowds and toured several behindthe-scenes labs and STEM classrooms, watched a fun 4D movie, and participated in question and answer sessions with the aquarium guides. Perhaps the biggest highlight was viewing the sharks in the viewing tank from above.

COX Virginia funded the trip as part of its partnership with the Discovery Channel, a program that provides a preview episode of Shark Week to local children each year. The curriculum was designed to combat the academic setbacks that many students suffer when not involved with education programs over the summer. According to the National Summer Learning Association, children who are exposed to quality educational and development programs and opportunities over the summer are better prepared to return to school in the

The Boys & Girls Club of Greater Washington provides a safe haven for youth after school and when the schools are not open.

The club provides opportunities and fun activities for the students as well as mentorship programs.

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Randy Chapman, Environmental Specialist Senior Manager Virginia Department of Environmental Quality Northern Regional Office 13901 Crown Court

Woodbridge, VA 22193 703-583-3808

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As part of the corrective action process a Corrective Action Plan was submitted to the Northern Regional Office of VDEQ on September 6, 2013. The Corrective Action Plan consisted of measures to be undertaken during the installation of storm sewers and other utility structures associated with site renovation activities at the Newington bus maintenance facility in Lorton, Virginia. The Corrective Action Plan was essentially composed of the following measures:

1. Petroleum-impacted soil encountered during site development activities was excavated, removed from the site, and properly disposed of;

Utility trenches located within petroleum impacted soils were lined with a polyethylene barrier to prevent petroleum migration into the utility trench or bedding gravel;

3. Confirmatory soil samples were collected at the base of the

utility trench excavations and submitted to the VDEQ for

The Corrective Action Plan implementation was carried out between September 7, 2013 and December 7, 2013. If you would like to review or discuss the implementation of this Corrective Action Plan with the staff of VDEQ, please feel free to contact Randy Chapman who is listed above You may also contact:

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Sports

Lake Braddock Grad Owens to Play Baseball at ECU

Q&A: Former Bruins SS enjoys playing beach volleyball.

ack Owens was a four-year member of the Lake Braddock varsity baseball program. As a sophomore, Owens helped the Bruins win the program's first state championship. The following year, he helped Lake Braddock capture the Northern Region title. Unfortunately for Owens, he missed part of his senior year due to a wrist injury, and the Bruins failed to qualify for the region tournament.

While Owens' high school career ended in disappointing fashion, he will continue playing baseball in college at East Carolina University in Greenville, N.C. Owens recently participated in a Q&A via email with The Connection.

Connection: What made East Carolina the right fit for you?

Owens: Greenville is a great college sports town. The all-around school pride and attitude within the baseball team felt like a perfect fit.

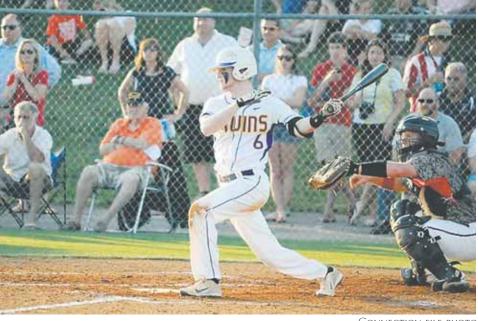
♦ Connection: What is your major? What position will you play?

Owens: No major chosen yet. I'll be playing middle infield.

* Connection: At what age did you start playing baseball? Have you always been a shortstop? When did you realize playing college baseball was a possibility for you?

Owens: I've been playing baseball since before I can remember. I've played everywhere from center field to catcher to shortstop. Shortstop felt like the right fit. I've known college was a definite possibility after freshman year when I developed and started getting attention from schools.

❖ Connection: The Lake Braddock baseball program seemed to deal with quite a



Connection file photo

Former Lake Braddock shortstop Jack Owens helped the Bruins win the Northern Region championship during his junior season.

few injuries in recent years. How many times were you injured in your high school career and how much time did you miss?

Owens: I battled tendonitis in my knee for almost three years, which didn't sideline me but it was a handicap. I missed almost half of the 2014 season due to a torn ligament in my wrist. All healed now and I'm feeling 100 percent.

* Connection: You won a state championship your sophomore year, a region title your junior year, and then the team failed to qualify for regionals your senior year. What was it like dealing with the disappointment of your senior year after all the success you experienced in the past?

Owens: The failure to win a regional or state title my senior year was tough. It was hard to comprehend that my last season in high school could end so quickly. But in my years at Lake Braddock, we made history. The 2012 Lake Braddock team will always

"The 2012 Lake Braddock team will always be remembered as Lake Braddock's first state baseball title."

— Jack Owens

be remembered as Lake Braddock's first state baseball title.

* Connection: What is your favorite memory of playing high school baseball?

Owens: I've had more good memories than I could ever remember but the thing that stands out to me most is when Coach [Jody] Rutherford was in a rare good mood and can joke around with the team. It's unbelievably funny and the team jells because of it.

* Connection: If you could go back and change one thing about your high school athletic career, what would it be?

Owens: Not one thing. I worked my [butt] off and every hardship brought me to where I am today.

* Connection: What are you most looking forward to about the transition from high school to college?

Owens: I'm excited to experience the freedom in college to mature and grow. The biggest thing for me though is the level of baseball I get to see. I'm excited to challenge myself.

***** Connection: Who is your favorite music artist? Why?

Owens: Zac Brown, because he has the voice of an angel.

Connection: What is your favorite movie?

Owens: 'The Other Guys.'

***** Connection: What is your favorite hobby outside of baseball?

Owens: Beach volleyball. My friends and I will play at Burke Lake for hours on end. We're not very good but it's still fun.

* Connection: What location is the farthest you have traveled from the Washington, D.C. metro area?

Owens: I flew alone to Phoenix, Ariz., for the Perfect Game World Series, where the Evoshield Canes team I was a part of won, and I got my second ring.

* Connection: Are you a pro sports fan? If so, who are your favorite teams?

Owens: I'm a big pro sports fan except for the NBA. I'm a big Steelers fan and a bigger Nationals fan.

— Jon Roetman

WSLL American 11/12 Team Wins District 9

The West Springfield Little League American 11/12 team went 7-1 in the Virginia District 9 tournament, playing through the loser's bracket to beat a venerable opponent, Fort Hunt Little League, twice. Their record is not the only testament to the team's grit. In the final round of the district tournament, they played games, or partial games, over five consecutive days in a winor-go-home situation, surviving oppressive heat, rain, and lightning.

Down 4-0, the championship game on July 10 was delayed by thunder. The boys returned the following day to finish the game for the win over Fort Hunt, 6-4, forcing a second championship game. In a tight

battle, WSLL American chipped away to beat Fort Hunt 5-1.

WSLL American will represent District 9 in the state tournament, hosted by Bridgewater Little League in Bridgewater, Va. Their first games are scheduled for Friday-Sunday.

Scott Gudely is the team manager, and Mitch Morrison and Dan O'Grady are assistant coaches.

Team members are: Ben Dizon; Keita Elder; Brandon Gudely; Ethan Kemeny; Elijah Kemeny; Ryan Lipton; Will Morgan; Spencer Morrison; Jack O'Grady; Connor O'Grady-Walsh; Alec Reilly; Ethan Sogocio and Daniel Susa.



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The West Springfield Little League American 11/12 all-star team won the District 9 tournament.



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