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**Clay Latiolais of Springfield paints an Ork Gorkanaught, a heavy walking tank, at Games Workshop in Springfield. He's done Warhammer as a hobby since 1998.**



**Metro Run & Walk co-owner Mark Russell (left) fits Ashley Baldeon and her daughter Bianca of Springfield (fourth grade at Saratoga Elementary School) for a new pair of running shoes.**

## Small Business Springfield

Local stores offer expertise, exclusivity and community.

BY TIM PETERSON  
THE CONNECTION

**W**hen Jahangir Raja moved to Springfield over a decade ago, it wasn't a favorable time for a heavily bearded Muslim native of Pakistan to find a job in America. He came shortly after the attacks of Sept. 11, 2001.

Raja had lived in Stockholm for 24 years before he decided to move to the United States, to Springfield in particular. He was a fan of the city feel of it. "I like something happening around me," he said. "I don't like this village life, too much quiet."

But after a year and a half of wandering around, looking for a job, he had to find something to support himself and his family. The Desi Bazar in Springfield, an oriental grocery store, had only been open a year when it came up for sale. Raja was able to find the money to take ownership.

Eleven years later, Raja's Desi Bazar serves a robust community of people hailing from Pakistan, Bangladesh, Afghanistan, India and Sri Lanka with spices, crackers, soft drinks and candies imported from their mother nations. But so do another eight grocers in a two-mile radius, according to Raja.

"The grocery itself is everywhere," he said, "but the meat, it draws the people." Raja has fresh lamb, goat, beef and chicken, all slaughtered in a religious fashion to qualify it as halal in the Muslim faith, delivered five times a week from a slaughterhouse in Maryland. "I am proud to serve that freshest kind of meat," said Raja.

For Thanksgiving, Raja had turkeys delivered special from the same slaughterhouse. He sold 80 in three days.

Robina Akhter of Springfield has been buying meat from Desi Bazar for over six years. "I come because the meat is good," she said. "My husband likes the goat and it's better here than other shops in the area. And their honor is good and the employees



**Robina Akhter of Springfield (left) picks up fresh chicken legs and ground chicken from Arif Ahsen of Springfield at Desi Bazar.**

are very nice."

Encouraging shoppers to supporting local businesses like Raja's Desi Bazar is the mission of Small Business Saturday, an initiative started in 2010 by American Express. The Saturday is always the first one after Thanksgiving, riding the coattails of Black Friday. American Express offers businesses help with promotions for the day, and some stores offer special one-day sales.

**AT SPRINGFIELD'S METRO RUN & WALK**, a specialty store for walking and running shoes and apparel, co-owner Mark Russell said warm weather and sunshine helped with a successful weekend. From Black Friday through the weekend, they saw an increase in sales over the previous year.

Russell and his wife Helen were regular customers of the store, which first opened in 1998. In 2009 with them both transitioning or retiring from other jobs, they worked out a friendly buyout and kept many of the previous employees.

"It feels great when you walk in here because the people, the staff are extremely experienced," said Mark. "I always felt embraced in the store, so it was natural to get into that business. We operate the same way."

Mark prides their ability to accommodate special shoe fit needs of young children up to elderly people with extra protection or alignment requirements. The store also sponsors eight community running events each year and hosts running clinics at local elementary schools and Greenspring Village.

Ashley Baldeon and her daughter Bianca of Springfield stopped in to get mom new shoes after spending time at the Music & Arts store. "It was close, so we just came here," she said. "There's not many running stores around, especially where you can get help from the owner."

**THE GAMES WORKSHOP IN SPRINGFIELD** has bounced around the community,

at one time operating in the old Springfield Mall. Though an international brand with dozens of stores nationwide, each Games Workshop is essentially a franchise according to Springfield manager David George. And each location has its own community of gamers.

For the uninitiated, Games Workshop primarily deals in customizable figurines made by the company Citadel Miniatures. The three main categories are Warhammer (Medieval fantasy characters), Warhammer 40,000 (Sci-fi futuristic factions) and The Hobbit (characters straight from the full-length feature movies).

Players spend a lot of dollars and hours amassing, assembling, prepping and painting armies of soldiers and support vehicles or animals. Then they conduct tactical warfare on large table tops at Games Workshop, outfitted with landforms and structures in various states of destruction.

"This starts off as plastic, out of a flat box," said George. "That's a labor of love." George said the games appeal to both sexes, though more in favor of fathers, sons and grown men. "You get to do things, skills you'd want your child to develop anyway: patience, comprehension, fine motor skills, artistry."

The Springfield location offers free painting lessons, and George said he's planning to begin working with groups like the Boys & Girls Club and hosting play visits.

"For me it's a stress reliever," said Reynolds Wagemaker of Alexandria, currently serving in the U.S. Marine Corps. "This is where my friends are outside of work. It's a good break from reality and they're easy to get along and converse with. I love this store because it's close and it's so rare to find another nerd in the military, everyone keeps it hidden."

Desi Bazar is located in Concord Shopping Center at 6127 Backlick Road, Metro Run & Walk is in Springfield Plaza at 7261 Commerce Street and Games Workshop is in the Town Shopping Center at 6810 Bland Street.



# All in for Advent

**Burke United Methodist Church begins Christmas season celebration.**

BY TIM PETERSON  
THE CONNECTION

A tuba-playing shepherd broke from playing Christmas carols to snap cell phone pictures of a tall sheep and two young girl-sized shepherds. The “Selfie” station with biblical-themed costumes was the first stop for Edie, Olive and Tommy Webster of Fairfax at the Burke United Methodist Family Advent Celebration.

December 30 marked the first Sunday of Advent, the first season in the Christian calendar that precedes the birth of Jesus Christ and the celebration of Christmas. The church celebration included activities such as ornament-making, cookie-decorating and interactive storytelling.

Katie Webster, the church Director of Education, said, “The event used to be held more in the middle of the month, but we’ve changed it to the first day of Advent to better equip families to celebrate the whole season.” The annual event is a major gathering for members of the congregation as well as the community.

“We’ve had some major in-house makeovers here and it’s really great to have people from the community come in and see what the team has done,” said Springfield resident Douggie Royer, the church Youth Director. “We can all have a good time, decorate cookies, shop, all that jazz.”

Springfield resident Linda Watkins and her children Ada Mae and Chase Olaf decorated pairs of white paper cutouts of Christian symbols called Chrismons with glue,



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**Burke United Methodist Church Youth Director and Springfield resident Douggie Royer plays traditional carols on tuba at the church’s Family Advent Celebration.**

glitter and bells. One of each will go on a special tree in the church and the other goes home with the artist.

“We love coming here,” Watkins said. Her family was there with friends for the second straight year. “It’s great having the kids coming together, getting a little culture. It’s a good reminder of the season.”

**FAMILIES** also created felt banners depicting shepherds and Magi travelling to Bethlehem to visit the newborn baby Jesus. Demetrius Mitchell, a junior at West Springfield High School and member of the church youth group, attended the Advent celebration for the first time.

“With my banner I’m just trying to express the Christmas spirit,” said Mitchell, whose creation featured a felt rendering of three-dimensional purple glass ornaments resting

on a pine branch. “Being here is about unity, about not being judged. Here, everyone is everyone, and everyone believes and loves each other.”

In addition to being a kickoff for the Christmas season, the church’s Advent celebration helped transition the spirit of giving from Thanksgiving into December. A common area in the front of the church had Christmas basket sign-up tables and collection bins for ECHO (Ecumenical Community Helping Others), one of the food and clothing outreach organizations serving Burke and Springfield.

**ATTENDEES** could also sign up to volunteer for the church hosting a hypothermia prevention shelter the week of Dec. 14 through Dec. 21. That effort is being done in collaboration with the Fairfax-based



**Chase Olaf Watkins (center, TOT pre-school at Sydenstricker United Methodist Church) and Ada Mae Watkins (right, first grade at Orange Hunt Elementary School) of Springfield decorate Chrismon symbol ornaments at Burke United Methodist Church.**

emergency shelter, food and medical organization FACETS.

Finally, church member and Burke resident Christine Eads was set up at a table across from the ECHO collection area, promoting the fifth annual Santa’s Secret Workshop. The workshop is a kids-only event put on by Duffy House, a long-term care and support organization for victims of domestic violence and their children that Eads founded. Children of violence survivors will be able to shop there for Christmas gifts for their families.

The Duffy House Santa’s Secret Workshop takes place on Dec. 6, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at Burke United Methodist Church, 6200 Burke Centre Parkway in Burke. The public can register to attend, sponsor a survivor or make a general donation online at [www.theduffyhouse.org/events](http://www.theduffyhouse.org/events).

## Geer Lawyer Expects Hearing Before New Year

Out of 128 requests for the production of documents made by the Geer family lawyer Michael Lieberman, all but two have been denied by Fairfax County.

In September, Lieberman filed a \$12 million lawsuit against the county for the wrongful death of Springfield resident John Geer. Geer died in August 2013 after being shot by Fairfax County Police.

The names of the officers involved in the shooting have yet to be released, as well as any explanation of why Geer was shot, or why he didn’t receive first aid immediately.

“Their intentions are very clear,” Lieberman said of the County, “to not give any information until the court or-

ders them to do so, do nothing voluntarily. This is their policy, to stonewall.”

A spokesman from Fairfax County declined to comment.

Lieberman said the explanation he’s received for the continued blockade is that a criminal investigation is currently underway.

Fairfax County Chief of Police Edwin Roessler said in a September interview that the case was being handled by the Department of Justice. However, U.S. Attorney Dana Boente’s office has continued to decline to comment.

“We have eyewitnesses to the incident who’ve never been called in front of a grand jury,” said Lieberman. “How do we know they’re not even done? After 15 months, I



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**John Geer standing in his doorway in Springfield, minutes before he was shot by a Fairfax County Police officer.**

think you give up your right to withhold this type of information. We have a right to know, just like in Ferguson, just like everywhere else.”

Lieberman is expecting to have a court hearing before a judge in the next two to three weeks.

“Hopefully we’ll get some answer sometimes soon,” he said. “We pay for this, these folks are responsible to us. Where is the Board of Supervisors on all this? Is this the way they want their county run? They won’t adopt a citizen review board, that’s clear, so how are you doing to be answerable?”

—TIM PETERSON



## AREA ROUNDUPS

### Eat Breakfast with Santa

Children may enjoy a pancake breakfast with Santa, this Saturday, Dec. 6, from 8-11 a.m., at Fire Station 3 at 4081 University Drive. Proceeds benefit the Fairfax Volunteer Fire Department.

### Tickets for Lunch with Santa

Ring in the winter holidays, Saturday, Dec. 6, at the Festival of Lights and Carols at the Stacy C. Sherwood Community Center, 3740 Old Lee Hwy. in Fairfax. Children 10 and under may enjoy lunch with Santa Claus at 11 a.m., noon and 1 p.m. that day. Tickets are \$8/child and are now on sale at the Parks and Recreation Offices in City Hall, at Sherwood Center and at Green Acres Center or via [www.fairfaxva.gov/parksrec](http://www.fairfaxva.gov/parksrec).

### Festival of Lights and Carols

The public is invited to enjoy live, holiday music while snacking on s'mores and hot cider on the green in front of the Sherwood Community Center. The free event is Saturday, Dec. 6, from noon- 7 p.m.

Then at 7:30 p.m., the City of Fairfax Commission on the Arts is sponsoring "A Celtic Christmas with Sior-Og. Cost is adults, \$5; children 12 and under, free. The Sherwood Center ground will be a winter wonderland throughout the holiday season, with animated lights for all to enjoy through Jan. 4. The sponsors are the Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority and the Bull Run Festival of Lights.

### Concert of Holiday Music

The Main Street Community Band offers a wintry mix of seasonal and holiday music for the entire family. "Home for the Holidays" is set for Sunday, Dec. 7, at 4 p.m. at Lanier Middle School, 3801 Jermentown Road in Fairfax. Conducting is Geoffrey Seffens.

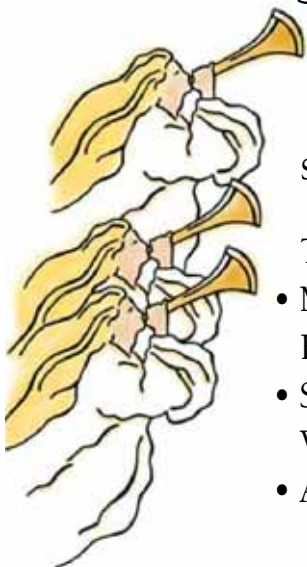
Attendees are encouraged to bring a nonperishable food item to benefit Food for Others, which feeds Northern Virginia families in need. For ticket information, go to <http://fairfaxband.org/support/tickets.php>.

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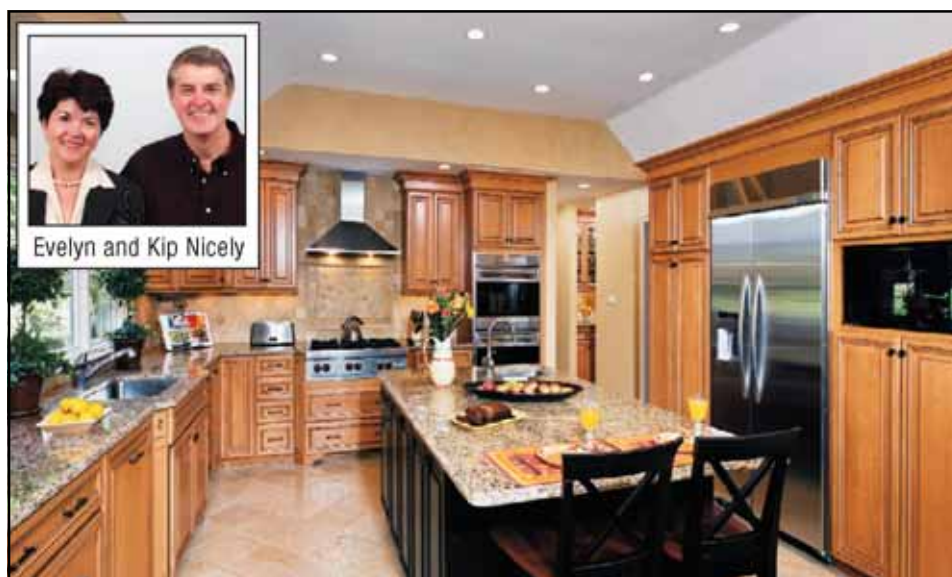
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# OPINION

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We publish artwork, poetry, essays, creative writing, opinion pieces, short stories, photography, photos of sculpture or gardens or other creative efforts.

We ask that all submissions be digital so they can be sent through email or delivered on CD or flash drive. Writing should be submitted in rich text format (.rtf). Artwork should be photographed or scanned and provided in jpeg format.

We welcome student's original ideas. Here are some suggestions:

❖ Drawings or paintings or photographs of your family, friends, pets or some favorite ac-

tivity. These should be photographed or scanned and submitted in jpeg format. Photos of sculpture or larger art projects are also welcome.

❖ Short answers (50 to 100 words) to some of the following questions: If you could give your parents any gift that didn't cost money what would that gift be? What are you most looking forward to in the upcoming year? What is one thing that you would change about school? What do you want to be when you grow up? What is your favorite animal? What is your favorite toy? What makes a good parent? What makes a good friend? What is the best or worst thing that ever happened to you? What is the best gift you've ever given? Ever received?

❖ Your opinion (50 to 100 words) about news, traffic, sports, restaurants, video games, toys, trends, politics, etc.

- ❖ Poetry or other creative writing.
- ❖ News stories from school newspapers.
- ❖ Photos and text about activities or events.

We welcome contributions from public and private schools, individuals and homeschoolers.

Identify each piece of writing or art, including the student's full name, age, grade and town of residence, plus the name of the school, name of teacher and town of school location.

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Please send all submissions by Dec. 10. The Children's Connection will publish the week of Dec. 27, 2014.

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## Help! I've Lost Everything!

BY ANN EMMONS PETRI

**Y**ou may think McLean is a nice, quiet place to live, but you are wrong. In our living room at this very minute lurks an almost invisible menace. It is small and innocent looking but in reality it is the scourge of our lives. Very simply put, it is our laptop computer. It is not what it seems to be. With a mind of its own, it waits patiently for the ideal time to strike.

"Help! I've lost everything!" is Bill's usual panicked response when things go terribly wrong while he's in the process of creating an important document or trying to compose a crucial email. Of course, you know without asking,

that he is expecting me to perform miracles! The trouble is, however, I am not the authority he thinks I am. The sad truth is that I am usually teetering just one tiny branch higher on the Tree of Knowledge. The only sure way I know to fix anything is to turn everything off and start from scratch.

Sometimes this works. But sometimes it doesn't and then we are left with only two options: the first is our trusty son-in-law Dan who is a computer genius and good at explaining things via email or on the phone, and the second is a call to our grandson Brian and his wife Ashley who live nearby and can be counted on to come over and sort it all out.

The trouble with either of these

arrangements is that our temperamental computer acts up fairly regularly and we hate to keep interrupting their busy schedules. And sometimes all three are away on business trips or vacations at the same time. And the worst part is, when we have to appeal to them for help it makes us feel like the two bumbling old fogies we are. Usually it only takes them a minute to explain in a few steps what had seemed like the riddle of the Sphinx to us.

So now, we have developed a totally new strategy. It is incredibly simple. We kowtow to, and humor the all-powerful beast. Whatever it wishes: that is our command. We are no longer masters of our own universe, but who cares?



PHOTO BY BRIAN HENSKE

**Bill at the computer: With a mind of its own, it waits patiently for the ideal time to strike.**

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## National and Global 'Taboo' Subjects

To the Editor:

Growing up in an immigrant household made me astutely aware of certain political rights that I have been privileged with by the sheer luck I was born in America. My awareness led to my involvement and fascination with politics from a very young age. However, my eagerness to discuss national and international affairs was rebuffed and reprimanded by school classrooms as early as second grade and continued until I graduated high school in 2013.

Often, I was told that the topics were too controversial. It was an argument I could understand when I was elementary school, even middle school, but high

school? Even if my teachers wanted to discuss national and international topics, there would always be a parent quick to pull a helicopter act, screaming something across the lines of, "Don't talk to my kid about politics!"

From a young age, Americans are taught to separate themselves from politics and to never openly talk about it. Yet, a few months after graduating high school, we are expected to have a curated knowledge of global affairs and a developed knowledge of the political system. The decision to stop teachers from expressing their opinion, in fear of offending their students, and to stifle political interest of students in fear of them

offending their classmates, is not only counterproductive but extremely harmful in regards to the future of this country.

Granted, there are a variety of socio-economic and cultural factors that play into the decision on whether or not to be politically active. However, most students will spend their formative years in school. It is where they develop many of their initial opinions and understandings of the world around them. I chose to be active and aware due to my upbringing and my confusion of where I stand in the American cultural dynamic. Political understanding and opinion continues to help me navigate my confusion and made me appreciative of the basic right

to have a viewpoint without the threat of punishment. But, had my national and global interests not been encouraged at home, and been further stifled as a "taboo" subject at school I may have developed the apathy that many young voters feel in regards to voting and political involvement at large. To deny children and young adults the freedom to discuss the state of their country, and to teach them that they are "too young," harms the development of their political understanding, and will reflect in an ever decreasing interest in American and international affairs.

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## NEWS

During the Nov. 29 weekend, shoppers could support Lee High School's "It's Academic" team by purchasing Lee High Hoagies in the deli at Giant Food in Cardinal Forest Plaza.



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# Lee High, South Lakes Compete on 'It's Academic'

**R**obert E. Lee High School in Springfield, and South Lakes High School in Reston competed on the 54<sup>th</sup> season of "It's Academic." The quiz bowl show airs during the school year on Saturday mornings on NBC4, and features teams of high school students from three different schools. On Nov. 29, students from Lee High School, competed on the show, against teams from South Lakes High School and Sidwell Friends, in an academic competition featuring questions about everything from mathematics to history to art. Seniors Melissa Lim, Ali Barakat and Raunak Bhattarai represented Lee High School on Saturday. All three students are IB Diploma Candidates at Lee.

Sidwell Friends came in first with 260 points after

the initial round. Robert E. Lee came in second with 210 points, followed by South Lakes High School with 170 points. Lee High School maintained a steady second place, finishing the day's competition tied for second place with South Lakes High School, with a score of 330 points.

In honor of the team's accomplishments, Giant Food in Cardinal Forest Plaza featured special "Lee High School Hoagies" all weekend in their store's deli.

For competing on the show, each contestant also received admission tickets to the Phillips Collection, Washington's first exhibit of modern art, near Dupont Circle in Washington, D.C.

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# GMU Chosen To Join Healthy Campus Initiative

George Mason was recognized for its commitment to health and wellness.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL  
THE CONNECTION

George Mason University's well-being and wellness programs recently received national recognition when the Fairfax-based university was chosen as the first higher education institution in Virginia to join the Healthy Campus Initiative, an effort to encourage colleges and universities to make their campuses healthier by adopting guidelines around food and nutrition, physical activity and programming.

Last month, the Partnership for a Healthier America unveiled the pilot program at the American Public Health Association's annual conference in New Orleans. (Leaders from The Healthier Campus Initiative praised Mason for its commitment to a health and for agreeing to adopt more guidelines on food and nutrition, physical activity and programming in the next three years.



PHOTO BY ALEXIS GLENN

**George Mason University's wellness efforts recently earned national recognition for the school.**

"We are proud and challenged to continue this energy toward a Healthier Campus Initiative," said Bill Ehling, executive director of Mason recreation. "I am continually appreciative of the past efforts and results to provide a genuine sense of a healthier community at George Mason University."

Mason officials point to statistics from The

American Public Health Association, which show that during the first year in college, students' overweight and obesity rates increase by more than 15 percent. Additionally, most college students do not meet dietary and physical activity guidelines. PHA officials say, at the same time, the college years are a time when lifelong habits begin

to form because most students are making their own choices about healthy eating and fitness.

"As a Mason alumni," said Kerry Ross, director of benefits and faculty/staff well-being, "it gives me great pride to see our community coming together in the areas of wellness and well-being. Mason has demonstrated its commitment to these initiatives for years with opportunities like the annual Health and Fitness Expo, Wellness by Mason, the Well-Being Learning Community, and now our strategic goal of becoming a Well-Being University. We are honored ... to take that commitment to a new level as a partner in the Healthier Campus Initiative under the auspices of The Partnership for a Healthier America."

The Partnership for a Healthier America was created in 2010 in conjunction with first lady Michelle Obama's Let's Move! Campaign with a goal of developing strategies to end childhood obesity.

"We know that going to college is a time of change for many students. We also know that means it's a time when new habits are formed. By creating healthier food and physical activity environments today, campuses and universities are encouraging healthier habits that will carry over into tomorrow," said the partnership's CEO Lawrence A. Soler in a statement.

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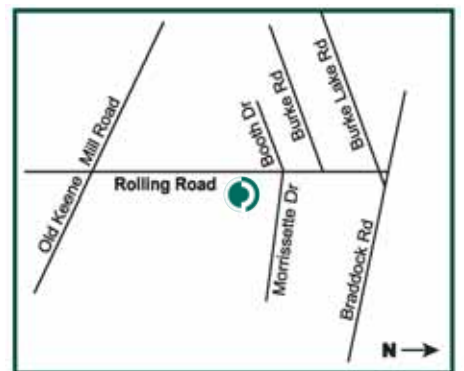
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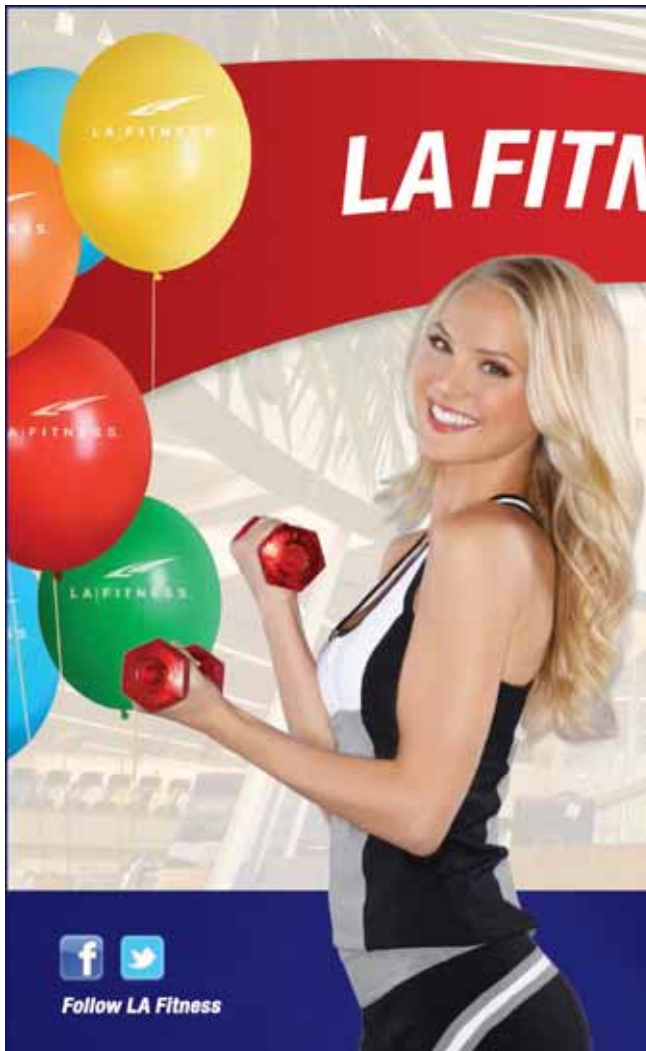
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## THROUGH MONDAY/DEC. 15

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Building W-16 McGuireWoods Gallery, Workhouse Arts Center, 9518 Workhouse Way, Lorton. FCPS art teachers display their art. 703-584-2900. [www.workhousearts.org](http://www.workhousearts.org).

## THROUGH MONDAY/JAN. 19, 2015

**Dada Re-Discovered.** Building W-16 Vulcan Gallery, Workhouse Arts Center, 9518 Workhouse Way, Lorton. Dada Re-Discovered explores how contemporary media and ideas can filter past Dada concepts and artwork. The exhibit will feature sound, video, performance and other visual mixed media. 703-584-2900. [www.workhousearts.org](http://www.workhousearts.org).

## FRIDAY-SATURDAY/DEC. 5-6

**Sixth Annual Craft Fair.** 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Burke Racquet & Swim Club, 6001 Burke Commons Rd., Burke. The Burke Racquet & Swim Club is running it's 6th Craft Fair. This is the second year that they are featuring the Women at Risk organization with their handmade decorations. Also, anyone bringing food for the community food drive will receive a raffle ticket for drawing.

**Norwegian Holiday Festival.** Friday: 10 a.m. - 7 p.m. Saturday: 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Christ Lutheran Church, 3810 Meredith Drive, Fairfax. The 44th Annual Holiday Festival features Norway's cooking, culture and cool buys. Seven local traditional Nordic handcraft artisans join with their felted figures and tree ornaments, jewelry, needle arts, rosemaking, and weaving. Two days of live music and Nordic Dancing complement the sale of Norwegian sweaters, T-shirts, CDs, books (in English), toys, and linens to name just a few of this year's many unique items for family, friends and home.

## SATURDAY/DEC. 6

**City of Fairfax Festival of Lights and Carols.** Sherwood Community Center, 3740 Old Lee Highway, Fairfax. Come enjoy live holiday music, hot cider, s'mores by the Yule log, petting farm, Ferris wheel, caroling and lighting of the Christmas tree in the winter wonderland. Visit [www.fairfaxva.gov/about-us/special-events/festival-of-lights-and-carols](http://www.fairfaxva.gov/about-us/special-events/festival-of-lights-and-carols) for times and locations.

**Plantation Christmas.** 2-7 p.m. Gunston Hall, 10709 Gunston Road, Lorton. 2-7 p.m. Ride in a horse-drawn carriage, sip warm cider by the fire, and sample period food prepared in the hearth kitchen. Return to the 18th century as costumed characters greet you in the house and throughout the grounds. Admission: \$15 adults, \$5 children (6-18).

**Shepherd Christmas Showcase.** 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Church of the Good Shepherd, 9350 Braddock Road, Burke. Over 30 vendors will be offering a wonderful selection of jewelry, toys, handbags, home decor, kitchen ware, skin care, Christmas decorations and much more. A raffle, cafe and gourmet bake shop will also be featured. For questions or additional information, call 703-323-5400 or email [jhwilcox@aol.com](mailto:jhwilcox@aol.com).

**Art Guild of Clifton's Holiday Art Show and Sale.** 2-6 p.m. Clifton Town Meeting Hall, 12641 Chapel Road, Clifton. Enjoy shopping for quality, original art, made entirely by Clifton artists. Also featuring work of student members and this year's winners of "Reflections" contest. [www.artguildofclifton.org](http://www.artguildofclifton.org)

**Clifton Holiday Homes Tour and Tree Lighting.** 4-7 p.m. Historic Town of Clifton, 12704 Chapel Road, Clifton. Tour some of the local Clifton homes in the historic district and enjoy the town Christmas tree

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**Candlelight Dinner.** Pohick Church, 9301 Richmond Highway, Lorton. Featured will be musical entertainment and a catered dinner of assorted hors d'oeuvres, beef tenderloin, roast chicken, side dishes and several desserts. Tickets are \$75 a person. [www.pohick.org](http://www.pohick.org). RSVP by Nov. 22 to Charlotte Knipling at 703-946-1031.

**Advent Coffee Concert.** 9:30 a.m. St. Stephen's United Methodist Church, 9203 Braddock Road, Burke. The Maranatha Singers will present an enjoyable morning of music. The theme of the concert will be "Remembering Christmas." Refreshments served after the concert in the Welcome Center. Everyone is invited to attend. Free.

**Night in Bethlehem.** 5:30-7:30 p.m. Franconia United Methodist Church, 6037 Franconia Road, Alexandria. Experience the wonderful story of Jesus' birth. Imagine entering the city of Bethlehem, exploring an unforgettable Marketplace, hearing the pound of a carpenter's mallet, visiting the shops on the street, seeing shepherds and Roman soldiers wandering the streets, smelling the smoke of fires in the crisp winter night, visiting the stable and chatting with Mary and Joseph as they hold their newborn baby, feeling the soft wool of a sheep grazing in the grass – all this is the free special night you experience right here at Franconia United Methodist Church. <http://www.franconiaumc.org>.

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## SUNDAY/DEC. 7

**Gardeners Holiday Open House.** 12-4 p.m. 4603 Green Spring Road, Alexandria. Come to an open house hosted by Friends of Green Spring for gardeners of all ages to get in the holiday mood, including a children's puppet show. Admissions: \$3 (puppet show only). 703-642-5173.

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## TUESDAY/DEC. 9

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## THURSDAY/DEC. 11

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## SATURDAY/DEC. 13

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## SATURDAY/DEC. 6

**Teen Advisory Board (TAB) Meeting.** 10:30  
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Road, Burke. Board members meet biweekly to  
plan and implement projects and programs that  
will enhance library services for teens. Age 13-  
18. 703-249-1520.

**Teen Author - Rachel Coker.** 2 p.m. Burke  
Centre Library, 5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke.  
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**English Conversation Group.** 7 p.m. Burke  
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**Jacob Augelli**, an eighth grade student at  
Robinson Secondary, finished in fourth place over-  
all in the 2014 United States Geography Olympiad,  
junior varsity division. The competition consisted  
of two parts: a written exam and a quiz bowl tour-  
namant; Augelli placed sixth in the exam and tied  
for seventh in the quiz bowl tournament; overall  
scores were compiled by averaging each  
competitor's ranking for each part. Over 70 junior  
varsity students from as far away as Guam com-  
peted in the written exam and in a preliminary quiz  
bowl round, while those with high scores advanced  
to the final quiz bowl round. Questions ranged in  
difficulty from naming countries by their capital to  
identifying obscure islets in the North Atlantic. The  
top four varsity students earned the right to rep-  
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Geography Olympiad in Krakow, Poland, this sum-  
mer. The Geography Olympiad was sponsored by  
Houghton Mifflin Harcourt and HISTORY, com-  
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more information on the competition, please visit  
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The Citadel has recognized **Cadet Martin  
Krawczak of Springfield** on the school's dean's  
list for his academic achievement during the spring  
semester. Recognition on the South Carolina military  
school's dean's list is reserved for students who were  
registered for 12 or more semester hours and received  
a grade point average of 3.2 or higher with no grade  
below a C for the previous semester's work.

**Yihan Zhou**, Fairfax, earned a place on the  
Deans Honor Roll at Fort Hays State University,  
Hays, Kan., for the spring 2014 semester. Zhou is  
a junior majoring in general studies. To be eligible,  
students must have enrolled in 12 or more credit  
hours and have a minimum grade point average of  
3.60 for the semester.

**Samantha M. Bell of Fairfax**, received her  
J.D. from Seton Hall University School of Law on  
May 23. In August, Samantha will become the Ju-  
dicial Law Clerk to The Honorable Ronald D.  
Wigler, the Presiding Judge of the Criminal Court  
of Essex County. Samantha has been a Student

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Attorney for the Center of Social Justice at Seton  
Hall University. She was also a Law Clerk at  
Krumholz Dillon, P.A., and a litigator for the New  
York Legal Assistance Group/Clinical Center for  
Domestic Violence. Samantha graduated from New  
York University with a Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) in  
Spanish Language and Literature, with minors in  
History, Law, and Society, in 2011. She graduated  
Magna Cum Laude, with an Honors Degree in  
Spanish from the Presidential Honors Scholar Pro-  
gram. Her Honor's Thesis was on Rosa Montero's  
novel, 'Te Tratare Como a Una Reina' (1983), and  
Pedro Almodovar's film, 'Gender and Space',  
(1988). Samantha is a graduate of Robinson Sec-  
ondary School in Fairfax. She is the daughter of  
William and Judith Bell of Fairfax. Samantha cur-  
rently resides in New York City, NY.

**Cadet Carson Giammaria**, son of Rick and  
Kim Giammaria of Lorton, graduated from the U.S.  
Military Academy on May 28. Giammaria gradu-  
ated from Hayfield Secondary School in 2010.  
While at West Point, he concentrated his studies in  
Engineering Psychology. He was commissioned as  
a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army within the  
Armor branch and will report to Fort Benning, GA.,  
to attend Ranger School. Upon completion, he will  
be stationed in Germany.

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

**Alissa Caitlin Feudo**, daughter of Dr. Chris-  
topher V. and Melanie L. Feudo, of Fairfax Station,  
graduated Magna Cum Laude on May 9 from Chris-  
topher Newport University, in Newport News, Va.  
Alissa was awarded a number of ribbons and me-  
dallions, and received the highest award,  
'Excellence in Psychological Research' from the  
Psychology Department. Alissa was the awardee of  
the 2012 Honors Program Summer Research Sti-  
pend, the International Honors Society in  
Psychology Smithfield-Goodwin Scholarship, se-  
lected 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) confer-  
ences. She was also co-Author of an article for the  
International Psychology Community. She is a tal-  
ented musician on her way to pursue her dreams,  
as a song-writer and singer.



# Lake Braddock XC Sends Two Harriers to Nike Nationals

**Corbett, Murphy place fifth in respective SE regional races.**

BY JON ROETMAN  
THE CONNECTION

**T**he Lake Braddock cross country program continued its season of accomplishment by qualifying two harriers for Nike nationals.

Senior Alex Corbett and sophomore Kate Murphy each placed fifth in their respective races at the Nike Southeast regional meet on Nov. 29 in Cary, N.C., qualifying the duo for the national meet, which will be held Saturday, Dec. 6 in Portland, Ore.

The top two teams and the top five unattached individuals qualified for nationals.

Corbett placed fifth in the boys' race with a time of 15:00.4.

"He ran great," Lake Braddock head coach Mike Mangan said. "He did exactly what he was supposed to do."

Murphy finished fifth in the girls' race, recording a time of 17:31.6.

"I felt I performed well, but I think if I had had a better start, it would've helped me move up a lot quicker in the race," Murphy wrote in an email. "During the middle of the race, I got myself toward the front, but I think I got there a little too late."

Mangan spoke highly of Murphy's effort. "She ran a great race — [her] best race to date," he said. "[She's] only a sophomore [and is] probably going to be one of the best we'll ever have at Lake Braddock."

Mangan said Corbett and Murphy followed the race plan of being patient. Each was between 15th and 20th near the half-



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**The Lake Braddock girls' cross country team placed third at the Nike Southeast regional meet. Kate Murphy, second from the right, qualified for nationals as an individual, placing fifth.**

way point of their respective races, according to Mangan.

"For both the girls and the boys, we're not a team that goes out super hard at the beginning of the race," Mangan said. "We're patient. ... Both of them just kept moving forward as the race went on."

In the team competitions, Lake Braddock finished third in the boys' and girls' races, falling just short national bids. The boys' team missed a trip to nationals by one point.

Severna Park (Md.) won the boys' team competition with a score of 141 and Daniel Boone (Tenn.) finished runner-up with a total of 158.

Lake Braddock finished with a score of

159 and would have had the tiebreaker against Daniel Boone due to a superior time turned in by the Bruins' No. 6 finisher.

"Had we been able to find that one point, the boys would be on their way to Portland," Mangan said. "... [It is] absolutely brutal for the kids. They worked so hard. I really think they deserved one of the at-large bids."

West Springfield finished 12th with a score of 364.

Lake Braddock senior Kevin Monogue finished 15th in the boys' race with a time of 15:25.1. Junior Colin Schaefer took 21st (15:34.3), junior Ben Fogg came in 29th (15:42.7) and sophomore Evan Chase fin-

ished 128th (16:26.3).

Daniel Boone senior Adam Barnard won the individual title with a time of 14:44.

In the girls' competition, Blacksburg (Va.) finished first with a score of 86. Green Hope (N.C.) placed second with a score of 106, followed by Lake Braddock (143) and Oakton (176).

Lake Braddock freshman Sarah Daniels finished 30th with a time of 18:22.4. Junior Daly Ferguson came in 40th (18:35.1), junior Sonya Butseva finished 48th (18:39.3) and senior Sarah Riley was 83rd (19:05.3).

Patriot High School sophomore Rachel McArthur won the individual competition with a time of 17:16.

The Bruins celebrated Thanksgiving in the afternoon before taking off for North Carolina.

"The experience was great," Murphy wrote. "Every opportunity my team and I get, I try to make the most of it and take in everything — to learn from it! Although our boys' team lost by one point, I was still so proud of them because they gave it their all and performed really well. It was amazing experiencing our girls' third-place [finish] because we are a young team and didn't expect to place as high as we did."

The Lake Braddock boys' team captured the VHSL 6A state championship on Nov. 15 at Great Meadow. Corbett and Monogue led the way for the Bruins, finishing first and second, respectively. The team also won Conference 7 and 6A North region titles during the season.

The girls' team finished state runner-up behind Oakton, which captured its second straight title. Murphy placed second among individuals behind Patriot's McArthur. Lake Braddock also took home the Conference 7 championship.

## Westfield Throttles Lake Braddock in Region Semis

**Bruins finish 2014 season with 10 wins, share of district title.**

BY JON ROETMAN  
THE CONNECTION

**F**acing third-and-11 on the third play from scrimmage, Lake Braddock quarterback Kyle Edwards retreated toward his own end zone, trying desperately to find a place to throw the football while eluding a pack of Westfield defenders.

As the Bulldogs closed in, Edwards attempted to get rid of the football, but Westfield defensive lineman Brandon Flores tipped the pass in the air. The ball dropped into the arms of linebacker Jack Clancy, who stepped into the end zone for a touchdown.

Edwards' interception placed Lake Braddock in a 7-0 hole less than 90 seconds into Saturday's 6A North region semi-

final contest. It turned out to be the first in a long line of Bruin miscues.

Lake Braddock turned the ball over three times in the opening quarter, leading to a pair of Westfield touchdowns, and the Bulldogs cruised to a 42-20 victory on Nov. 29 at Westfield High School.

The Bulldogs earned their fourth consecutive trip to the region championship game and will travel to face defending state champion Centerville at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 6.

Westfield led 35-0 at halftime and 42-0 in the fourth quarter.

Down 42-0 with Westfield beginning to pull its starters, Lake Braddock put together a trio of fourth-quarter scoring drives, each



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**Lake Braddock running back Dejoun Lee scored three touchdowns against Westfield in the 6A North region semifinals on Nov. 29.**

ending with a Lee touchdown.

Lee, a 5-foot-7, 170-pound senior, got the Bruins on the board with a 2-yard touch-

down run with 7:23 remaining. Lee ended Lake Braddock's next drive with a resilient effort, catching a pass from Edwards before breaking a tackle and scoring a 23-yard touchdown.

In the final minute, Lee hauled in a pass from Edwards and raced 73 yards to the house. Lee finished with six carries for 54 yards and a touchdown, and four catches for 109 yards and two scores.

Edwards completed 29 of 58 passes for 382 yards. He was sacked six times and limited to 10 yards on the ground on 16 carries.

Tyreek Middleton had five catches for 82 yards. Evan Eschenburg caught five passes for 74 yards, and Lamont Atkins hauled in seven receptions for 59 yards.

Lake Braddock finished the season with a 10-3 record, including a 36-23 victory over Westfield in the regular season. The Bruins won a share of their sixth consecutive district title.



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