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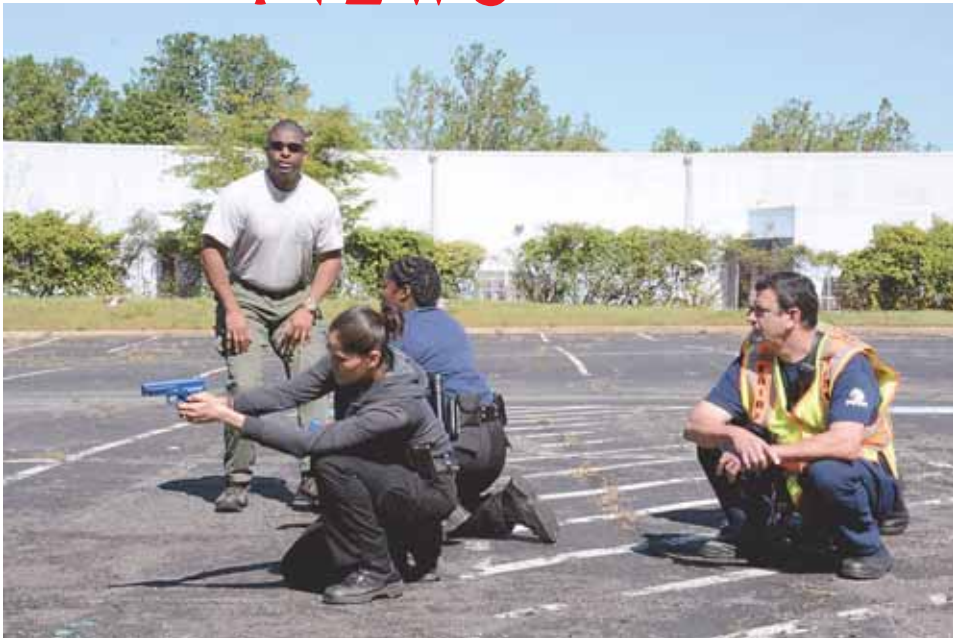
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Fire and police personnel received training in “warm zone” scenarios involving a simulated active shooter in joint training outside the former Washington Gas building in Springfield.



PHOTOS BY TIM PETERSON/THE CONNECTION

Training coordinators 2nd Lt. Brian Ruck of the Police Department and Lt. Scott Taylor of the Fire Department review the inter-departmental training session held at the former Washington Gas building in Springfield.

Side By Side

BY TIM PETERSON
THE CONNECTION

Police and Fire departments merge for new training.

Generally, if 2nd Lt. Karen Maslona was handling a live crime scene, a “warm zone” with a potentially active shooter, medical personnel wouldn’t be allowed in the area until the situation is completely neutralized.

But for victims on the scene who are injured, delaying medical attention could be deadly. Police and fire departments in Fairfax County are “trained for two separate things,” said Maslona, representing the West Springfield District station. “It’s a little different mindset, but we need the Fire Department on our side.”

The two departments are beginning to follow a national trend in rescue tactics: A few weeks ago they started joint training sessions to prepare for scenarios when they would need to be working side by side.

“Just in case something huge happens,” said Fairfax County Police spokesperson Lucy Caldwell, like a terrorist attack at a public event. Other practice scenarios in-

clude police responding to a medical technician who was shot while administering aid, and police bringing in fire personnel shortly after responding to an office complex shooting with multiple victims inside.

This new tactical approach is “more an evolution of the active shooter program” police are already trained in, according to specialized training coordinator 2nd Lt. Brian Ruck.

But this version has the two departments “working in tandem really for the first time,” he said. “The goal is to save lives, not two individual agencies trying to accomplish a goal.”

Over the course of seven weeks, 100 percent of all sworn Fairfax County Police officers and 85 to 90 percent of the Fire Department, around 2,000 people, will go through the training. Each session lasts four hours and includes four different scenarios with about 30 trainees.

The training is taking place at the former headquarters for Washington Gas on Indus-



In another scenario, a technician was shot unexpectedly while responding to a medical call. Police personnel were called to the scene to protect and assist with removing the injured rescuer.

trial Road in Springfield. The company still owns the property and allows the two departments to take advantage of the variety of spaces inside and out.

“It’s the perfect location,” Ruck said, “with unlit hallways, rooms of various sizes, a little bit of everything.”

One of the challenges, according to Lt. Scott Taylor, a training coordinator from the Fire Department, is bridging the different operation cultures.

“Firefighters work in an overwhelming team environment — a paramilitary structure — where police is strictly you and your partner,” he said. “But what is the priority? It’s no different.”

Maslona thought the two departments “blended well” during her session. “Communication is the key with it,” she said.

Taylor has also been pleased with the outcomes. “The only negative response is it should’ve been eight hours instead of four,” he said, “that we need to be doing this more.”

Another challenge, Taylor and Ruck said, is the difficulty of aligning the various schedules of men and women from two different departments while continuing to maintain proper staffing for responding to crimes, fires and medical emergencies.

Still, with the positive responses, they anticipate the trainings to become more regular, taking place every six months, or eventually quarterly.

Springfield Cub Scouts Meet Heroes on the Mall

Cub Scouts from Pack 1683 of Springfield visited the nation’s capital on Armed Forces Day, May 16 to experience a bit of history. Scouts and siblings ages 6 to 13 walked from the Metro to the World War II Memorial where they met Senator Bob Dole and greeted Honor Flight veterans from around the country. The Scouts enjoyed shaking hands and speaking to men and women who had served in the armed forces so many years ago. And many of the veterans stopped to take pictures of the Scouts to preserve their own memories of the event.

After walking around the memorial, listening to stories and enjoying some live,

swing music, they ate a picnic lunch on the Mall, then headed over to the National Museum of American History. As a special treat, instead of just browsing the exhibits, the Scouts took part in a scavenger hunt, prepared by Cubmaster Jess W. Speaker. Parents and Scouts were divided into teams which scoured the exhibits for the answers to the clues on their list. There were even some photo clues, requiring a snapshot near certain exhibits. Not only did this change things up a bit, but guaranteed that there would be a few photos to document the activity.

— SUZANNAH FOSTER



PHOTOS BY JOE FLYNN

Springfield Cub Scouts greet Honor Flight veterans from around the country.

NEWS

Boy Scouts Enjoy 'Touch a Truck' Event

Saturday, May 9, was a beautiful day for the "Touch a Truck" Community Event hosted by Boy Scouts of America, Old Dominion District, at Mason District Park. Attendance from the area exceeded 1,000 visitors. Families came to see and touch 34 trucks, many motorcycles, the other vehicles from government and private businesses.

The community event showcased the excellent recreation facilities at Mason District Park and included sport clinics, cooking and scout skill demonstrations, and many community outreach activities. One of the community outreach activities was a Boy Scout Eagle project (working with the Fairfax County Sheriff's Office) to make and provide child identification cards, and Internet and community safety information.

Highlights of the community event were a rock climbing wall, medical airlift helicopter landing and taking off, bounce house, and children testing emergency vehicle lights, sirens, and horns.

The Boy Scouts of America Old Dominion District serves Seven Corners-Annandale-Springfield-Lorton areas of Fairfax and Arlington counties. To find a scout unit in your neighborhood go to www.BeAScout.org.



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Voting, June 9

To listen to the national news, one would think that the next Presidential election is in November. But no. That's November 2016.

In the meantime, every year is an Election year in Virginia, and in 2015, virtually every state and local office is on the ballot.

In heavily Democratic districts (or any district that is solidly one party or the other), any real competition comes in the primary.

That's June 9 in parts of Fairfax County in the Mount Vernon magisterial district, and in House of Delegates Districts 44 and 45.

Four Democrats are on the June 9 ballot seeking to be the Democratic nominee to replace retiring Gerry Hyland as the Mount Vernon representative to the Board of Supervisors. Hyland has represented Mount Vernon since 1988.

Two Democrats are seeking to be the party nominee for House of Delegates District 44. Scott Surovell is giving up the seat he has held since 2009 to run for State Senate to replace retiring Sen. Toddy Puller (D-36).

Five Democrats are on the ballot on June 9 for House of Delegates District 45, to replace Del. Rob Krupicka who is stepping down.

If you live in one of the affected districts, you will vote on June 9 at your usual polling place. Be sure to bring photo identification.

IN FAIRFAX COUNTY, in November, all 10 members of the Board of Supervisors are on the ballot including district members and the chairman.

Also on the ballot: all members of the School Board including district members and three at-large members.

Fairfax County's Constitutional Officers, Sheriff, Clerk of Court and Commonwealth's

Attorney are on the ballot in November, as are three members of the Northern Virginia Soil and Water Conservation District Board Directors.

EDITORIAL

Every seat in the Virginia General Assembly will be on the ballot, including all State Senate and House of Delegates seats.

So every Fairfax County voter will face a variety of critically important choices in November. But first, consider the options on June 9.

On the Ballot June 9, Democratic Primary, Fairfax County

MORE ON Fairfax County voting: <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/elections/upcoming.htm>

Member Board of Supervisors, Mount Vernon District, Democratic Primary

Four Democrats vie to replace retiring Gerry Hyland

- ❖ Daniel G. "Dan" Storck, Email: danforsupervisor@gmail.com, Website: <http://www.danstorck.org/>
- ❖ Candice L. Bennett, Email: candice@electcandicebennett.com, Website: <http://www.electcandicebennett.com>
- ❖ Timothy J. Sargeant, Email: timmjvernon@gmail.com, Website: <http://www.timsargeant.com>
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Mount Vernon Gazette/Connection coverage of the Mount Vernon Supervisor race
<http://www.connectionnewspapers.com/news/2015/may/20/mount-vernon-candidates-seek-primary-victory/>
<http://www.connectionnewspapers.com/news/2015/apr/16/democrats-debate-district-supervisor/>

No, not for Hillary or Jeb or Carly. Locally, June 9, 2015 is an Election Day that counts.

Member House of Delegates, 44th District, Democratic Primary

Two Democrats compete for the nomination to replace Scott Surovell who is running for Virginia Senate District 36, to replace retiring Toddy Puller

- ❖ Paul E. Krizek, Email: paul@paulkrizek.com, Website: <http://www.paulkrizek.com>
- ❖ Justin M. Brown, Email: justin4va@gmail.com, Website: <http://www.brown4delegate.com>

Member House of Delegates, 45th District, Democratic Primary

Five Democrats vie to replace Rob Krupicka who is stepping down.

- ❖ Mark Levine, Email: mark@markfordelegate.com, Website: <http://www.markfordelegate.com>
- ❖ Julie Jakopic, Email: juliejakopic@gmail.com, Website: <http://www.juliefordelegate.com>
- ❖ Clarence Tong, Email: clarence.tong@gmail.com, Website: <http://clarencetong.com/>
- ❖ L.M. "Larry" Altenburg II, Email: larry@larryaltenburg.net, Website: <http://altenburgfordelegate.net/>
- ❖ Craig Fifer, Email: craig@fiferfordelegate.com, Website: <http://www.fiferfordelegate.com>

Connection coverage of the race for the 45th
<http://www.connectionnewspapers.com/news/2015/may/19/fight-45th/>

Member Board of Supervisors, Mason District, Democratic Primary

Incumbent Penny Gross is facing her first primary challenge

- ❖ Penelope A. "Penny" Gross, Email: gross.penny@gmail.com, Website: <http://www.pennygross.com>
- ❖ Jessica M. Swanson, Email: swanson.jessica@gmail.com, Website: <http://www.swansonforfairfax.com>

Republicans, Party Canvass, June 4. Republicans in the 44th and 45th House District and 30th Senate District will choose candidates at a Party Canvass (sometimes called a firehouse primary) on Thursday, June 4, 6:30 - 8 p.m., at Minnie Howard Campus, 3801 W. Braddock Road, Alexandria.

There are no other Republican canvasses scheduled in any other state or local race in Fairfax County. The Sully district GOP Canvass for member of the Board of Supervisors was held in April. See <http://fairfaxgop.org/>

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Why Run for Springfield Supervisor?

To the Editor:

On May 13, 2015, the press reported that "Corazon Foley announced her bid for Springfield Supervisor" and that I am running as an Independent with no fundraising. Since this would mean that my candidacy would probably not succeed since the incumbent has already raised funds over \$340,000 to ensure his victory in 2015, many have asked me why I would even consider running. My answer: This is the only way that we could mobilize voter support to redress the unfairness toward Springfield District senior taxpayers and their families. Other districts have 17 permanent senior centers while Springfield District, none! My goal in this campaign is

to improve the quality of life for all Springfield residents, including senior taxpayers and families.

On Nov. 13, 2014, the Burke/West Springfield Senior Center Without Walls (BWSSCWoW) that I initiated in 2007 and for which I serve as Founding Chairman met with the incumbent Supervisor to request his leadership in obtaining a permanent facility for health programs for seniors. In particular, we asked for the addition of a fitness room to the Pohick Regional Library slated to be renovated in September 2015. We believe that this solution would implement a recommendation of the Fairfax County 50+ plan: "It also encourages seeking creative recreation solutions, allowing new facility types (i.e., adult fitness stations) to be explored and provided."

The incumbent said good words like "expanding use of existing facilities makes all the sense in the

world to me." However, our numerous requests for follow-up meetings have been ignored. I have become convinced that election debates would provide the public hearing on the solutions that BWSSCWoW have provided to redress the inequitable situation of Springfield senior taxpayers and families. I have pledged that, if elected, I will slash the half-a-million dollars annual administrative budget for the Springfield Supervisor so that the savings could pay for the Pohick senior fitness station. This pledge underscores my position as a fiscal conservative who believes in social justice.

And that is why this grandmother — who has been retired since 2007 after 30 years of public service with the U.S. State Department and the Intelligence Community — has decided to run for Springfield Supervisor. I should add that I appreciate the public service of the incumbent but it is

clear that we have a policy difference that should be included in the election debates — in the interest of improving the quality of life of Springfield District residents, including senior taxpayers and their families. More information is available in Facebook at: www.facebook.com/Foley4SpringfieldSeniorCenter.

Corazon Sandoval Foley
Burke

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LETTERS

Displeased with the Headline

To the Editor:

I was deeply displeased to read that your newspaper decided to use "The Importance of Including Everyone" as your headline for Tim Peterson's article about the Fairfax County School Board's vote on including gender identity to their nondiscrimination policy. As a journalist, I believe this smacks of bias and was entirely unnecessary.

The editors could have easily lead with a generic news headline, like "Fairfax County School Board Votes on Gender Identity." Instead, seeing the words they chose gave me the distinct and awkward impression that they were using a news story to not so subtly tell us the newspaper supports the school board's decision. In truth, the decision was not about including everyone, just those with "gender identity" issues.

While I applaud Peterson for getting comments from parents on both sides of the issue, the article would have benefited from him probing the deep-seated rationales for each person's conclusion. My guess is that there was much, much more than bathroom and locker room awkwardness that got those hundreds of parents to show up to the school board meeting.

Juliana Erikson
McLean

Call for Father's Day Photos

At the beginning of the month, we printed Mother's Day photos, and we call for photos for Father's Day. Father's Day is Sunday, June 21, 2015 and once again the Connection will publish a gallery of Father's Day photos.

Every year at this time, the Connection puts out the call for photographs of fathers and their children, grandfathers and their children and grandchildren.

Send in photos as soon as possible, with the following information: the town where you live, the names of everyone in the picture, the approximate date the picture was taken, the ages of the children and sentence or two about what is happening and where the photograph was taken. Be sure to tell us your town name and neighborhood. Photos are due by June 15.

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Springfield Days, May 30-31

Springfield Days is a community-wide weekend-long celebration featuring free activities for a variety of interests May 30 – 31, including PetFest, a car show and, new this year, the Springfield Days Stride and the Springfield Market Expo. Events start Saturday morning with the Springfield Days Stride. A new event this year, the 2K race/walk is open to runners, walkers, strollers and pets, serving as the main health and wellness event of the festival.

New this year, Springfield Day volunteers bring you Springfield Market Expo. Visit booths of more than 50 local businesses selling their products at an outdoor marketplace in the parking lot of Springfield United Methodist church. Purchase jewelry, craft items, foodstuff, health and beauty supplies and more. The list is endless, and the businesses are local.

On Sunday, join neighbors at Lake Accotink Park for the highly anticipated Cardboard Boat Regatta. Cheer on teams from local elementary schools, scout troops and businesses, as well as families, friends and neighbors as they race to the finish in their homemade cardboard boats. Will they sink or will they float? Parking at Lake Accotink is \$4 per car on Sunday.

Event Schedule - Saturday, May 30: Springfield Days Stride – 8:30 a.m. PetFest – 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Market Expo – 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Farmers Market – 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Car Show – 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. **Sunday, May 31:** Cardboard Boat Regatta – 10 a.m. boat registration, 2 p.m. races begin. For a full schedule of events, registration forms and an updated sponsor list, visit springfielddays.com.

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Hundreds of spectators cheer on the participants in the 23rd Cardboard Boat Regatta at Lake Accotink Park in June 2013. This year's event will take place on May 31.

May

THURSDAY-SUNDAY/MAY 28-31

Herndon Festival. Thursday: 6-10 p.m. Friday 5-11 p.m. Saturday: 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Sunday: 10 a.m. - 7 p.m. Herndon Town Green, 777 Lynn Street, Herndon. Four day outdoor festival with three entertainment stages, a carnival, two fireworks displays, Kid's Alley with children's art area, arts and craft show and more! All ages. Visit www.herndonfestival.net for more information.

FRIDAY-SUNDAY/MAY 29-31

Workhouse Carnival and Arts Party. 5 p.m. Workhouse Arts Center, 9518 Workhouse Way, Lorton. Rides, games, music, vendors, food and family fun and will take place on the south side of the Workhouse campus. This event will raise funds in support of the Workhouse's arts, education and history programs. Admission to the carnival is free, including the live entertainment and film screening, however rides and vendors will require additional fees and tickets. There is a \$5 parking fee per vehicle.

SATURDAY/MAY 30

Arts & Crafts Fair. 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Dranesville Church of the Brethren, 11500 Leesburg Pike, Herndon. Silent Auction, homemade desserts and fine china light lunch. Funds will support a comprehensive emergency response and recovery program to assist the Nigerian families made homeless and suffering by the attacks of Boko Haram. The response will include temporary shelters, emergency food, household supplies, clean water and sanitation, and trauma healing programs helping to bring peace to Nigeria.

SATURDAY/MAY 30-SEPT. 5

Reston Concerts on the Town. 7:30-10 p.m. Reston Town Center. The 25th season is extended through September 5 and kicks off with swing/jump blues favorite Big Joe & the Dynafloes. Bring lawn chairs or picnic blankets and enjoy live music in the Pavilion Saturday nights. Free. Rain or shine. Presented by Reston Town Center and Reston Town Center Association. Alcohol permitted at restaurants only. Concert information: 703-912-4062 www.restontowncenter.com/concerts.

SATURDAY-SUNDAY/MAY 30-31

Great Falls Artfest on the Green. Saturday: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Sunday: 11 a.m. - 8 p.m. Great Falls Village Green. Great Falls Studios Spring Art Show and Sale under the big tent and

a few little tents, too. A plein air competition and quick draw. With prizes and a reception. Sponsored by Arts of Great Falls. Then, a grand finale "Blues Explosion" to close the weekend and start the always popular season of Concerts on the Green by Celebrate Great Falls. For complete schedule and updates visit <http://www.greatfallsart.org/artfest/> **Springfield Days.** 8 a.m.-8:30 p.m., South Run Park, 7550 Reservation Drive, Springfield. Springfield Days is a community wide celebration that includes a 5K run, "Pet Fest" and car show. Visit www.springfielddays.com for more.

Vintage Virginia Wine and Food Festival. 11 a.m. - 6 p.m. Bull Run Regional Park, 7700 Bull Run Drive, Centreville. A fun-filled day with food, musical entertainment and more. Visit www.vintagevirginia.com for more.

SUNDAY/MAY 31- AUG. 16

Great Falls Concerts on the Green. 6-8 p.m. Great Falls Village Centre Green. Come out on Sundays and listen to some live music. Full schedule list: <http://www.celebrategreatfalls.org/concerts-on-the-green/>.

SUNDAY/MAY 31- AUG. 30

Stars on Sunday Concert Series. 3 p.m. Workhouse Arts Center, 9518 Workhouse Way, Lorton. Featuring a lineup of performances that showcase the diversity of talent and culture in Northern Virginia. Concerts are free to attend and are perfect for families, a special date or a relaxing afternoon of music and dance.

SUNDAY/MAY 31

Avenue of Art. 1-5 p.m. Church Street in Vienna. Church Street becomes a pedestrian plaza with dozens of artists selling their original art and jewelry. There will be free art demonstrations, children's projects, face painting, caricatures, photo opportunities, food and wine. Music by the Difficult Run String Band. 703-319-3971. www.ViennaArtsSociety.org.

Cardboard Regatta. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Lake Accotink Park, 7500 Accotink Park Road, Springfield. Witness the cardboard boat creations race along Lake Accotink's shoreline at 2 p.m. \$4 vehicle fee. Call 703-569-0285 or email julie.tahan@fairfaxcounty.gov. Visit www.springfielddays.com for more.

June

MONDAY/JUNE 1

Great Falls Annual Charity Golf Tournament. Hidden Creek Golf & Country Club Reston. Join for a morning or afternoon round of golf



PHOTO BY DEB COBB/THE CONNECTION

Emma and Jack Carey with mom Tara Carey, of Centreville, meet one of the donkeys at the petting zoo at the 2013 Celebrate Fairfax Festival. This year's festival will take place June 5-7.

and support our three Great Falls elementary schools while you are at it. Individual golfers are \$175 and foursomes are \$600. Opportunities for sponsorships available! For more information: www.celebrategreatfalls.org.

FRIDAY-SUNDAY/JUNE 5-7

Celebrate Fairfax! Festival. Friday: 6 p.m.-midnight; Saturday: 10 a.m.-midnight; and Sunday: 11 a.m.-7p.m. Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax. Musical performances, rides, games and food. Call 703-324-3247 or visit www.celebratefairfax.com/.

SATURDAY/JUNE 13

Taste of Annandale. 10 a.m. - 8 p.m. Tom Davis Drive in central Annandale, between Columbia Pike and John Marr Drive. The first-ever Taste of Annandale will showcase local restaurants during a daylong family-friendly celebration aimed at building community spirit, engaging young people, and promoting local businesses. Other activities include a 5K "Diamond Dash" Fun Run, multicultural music, dance, and other live entertainment; a chill cook-off pitting Fairfax County police officers against firefighters; and a children's corner with performances, storytelling, and other activities.

SATURDAY-SUNDAY/JUNE 13-14

2nd Lake Anne Chalk on the Water Festival. 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Lake Anne Plaza, 1609 Washington Plaza, Reston. Chalk on the Water is a two-day street-painting festival where participants will create amazing street art. Festival goers can purchase a "plot" of brick space on the plaza and paint to their hearts delight whatever flows from their imagination. Cost for spaces are \$5 for children, \$10 for adults, and \$15 for professional artist. Individuals can register at www.chalkonthewater.com.

SUNDAY/JUNE 14

Love Your Body Yoga Festival. Yoga studios and wellness centers of Northern Virginia will be offering classes, services, and information on ways to care for your body, along with live entertainment and activities for children. Donations to participate in classes benefit Cornerstones. Presented by Beloved Yoga. www.belovedyoga.com.

FRIDAY-SUNDAY/JUNE 19-21

Taste of Reston. Friday: 3-11 p.m.; Saturday: noon-11 p.m. Sunday: 10 a.m. - 8 p.m. Reston Town Center, 11900 Market St., Reston. Carnival games and rides with a family fun zone. Visit www.restontaste.com for more.

SATURDAY/JUNE 20

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The Sandstorm Ride is a hit at the 2013 Burke Centre Festival. Don't miss this year's festival on Sept. 12-13.

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.

Lake Fairfax Arts in the Parks. 10 - 11 a.m. 1400 Lake Fairfax Park, Reston. 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 703-471-5414.

July

SATURDAY/JULY 4

Fairfax's Independence Day Celebration. 10 a.m.-10:30 p.m. in the Downtown Fairfax Historic District. Independence day parade, historical tours, games, entertainment and fireworks. Visit www.fairfaxva.gov/about-us/special-events/independence-day-celebration

FRIDAYS/JULY 10-AUG. 28

Braddock Nights Concert Series. 7:30-8:30 p.m. Lake Accotink Park, 7500 Accotink Park Road, Springfield or Royal Lake Park, 5344 Gainsborough Drive, Fairfax. Listen to musical performances in the great outdoors. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/performance/ for location and

schedule.

SATURDAY/JULY 11

Obon Festival. 5:30 -9 p.m. Highlighting Japanese culture at Ekoji Buddhist Temple, 6500 Lakehaven Lane, Fairfax Station. Visit www.ekoji.org for more.

SATURDAY/JULY 18

Clifton Film Festival. 7 p.m. Workhouse Arts Center, 9518 Workhouse Way, Lorton. Enjoy live music, food and original films under the stars. During the event there will be two awards ceremonies, student's awards will be given during intermission and the 19+ category at the closing of the festival. For more information, please visit cliftonfilmfest.com

FRIDAY/JULY 19

2015 Tour de Tysons Bicycle Races. 7 a.m.-5 p.m. Jones Branch Drive, Tysons Corner. Ten bicycle races, food trucks and vendors. The Tour de Tysons is a fun experience for the whole family — compete or simply enjoy. Visit www.tysonspartnership.com for more.

August

SATURDAY/AUG. 8

Silver Line Music & Food Truck Festival. 12-9 p.m. Lerner Town Square at Tysons II, 8025 Galleria Drive, Tysons. Admission is free, over 20 food trucks and fun.

SUNDAY/AUG. 30

29th Annual Pakistan Independence Day Festival. Noon. Bull Run Regional Park, 7700 Bull Run Drive, Centreville. The Pakistan Independence Day Festival includes musical performances, rides and games. Visit www.pakistanfestivalusa.com for more.

September

SATURDAY/SEPT. 5

Lake Anne Jazz Festival. 2 p.m. Lake Anne Plaza (Waterfront), 1609 Washington Plaza, Reston. Showcasing a variety of talented local emerging artista and national jazz performers. Beer garden on site. Visit <http://lakeanneplaza.com/event/9th-annual-lake-anne-jazz-festival/>.

MONDAY/SEPT. 7

Herndon Labor Day Festival. 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. at Herndon Town Green, 777 Lynn St., Herndon. Great music, a craft show, food, 12 wineries and micro-brews and culinary demonstrations. Visit www.herndon-va.gov for more.

SATURDAY/SEPT. 12

Great Tastes of Tysons Festival. 12-6 p.m. Lerner Town Square at Tysons II, 8025 Galleria Drive. World-renowned chefs, international wines and foods, outdoor grilling, workshops and more. Visit <http://tastetysons.com/> for more.

SATURDAY-SUNDAY/SEPT. 12-13

Burke Centre Festival. Saturday: 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday: 10 a.m.-5 p.m. at Conservancy Festival Grounds, 6060 Burke Centre Parkway, Burke. Enjoy face painting, food, rides, and other amusements at the Burke Centre Festival. Visit www.burkecentreweb.com for more.

SATURDAY/SEPT. 19

Dulles Day Plane Pull. 10:30 a.m.-4 p.m. at Dulles International Airport, Dulles. The 2014 Dulles Day Family Festival & Plane Pull is a full day of excitement with airplane and auto exhibits, the children's zone and bus pull, varied displays and activities, vendors, food and entertainment. Visit www.planepull.com for more.



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Springfield Days Stride 2K
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PetFest
9 a.m. – 3 p.m., South Run Park
Springfield Days Proclamation from Supervisor, Jeff McKay, vendors, entertainment, Amtrak K9 demonstration, Paws on Parade, The Blessing of the Pets and more. Find the full schedule online. Well-behaved, leashed pets are welcome to join in the fun with their owners.

Springfield Market Expo
9:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m., Springfield United Methodist Church parking lot
Shop more than 60 vendors including crafters, home-based businesses, local merchants, food trucks and more.
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Car Show
10 a.m. – 2 p.m., American Legion Post 176 in Springfield
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Farmers Market
10 a.m. – 2 p.m., Springfield Town Center

Sunday, May 31

Cardboard Boat Regatta
Lake Accotink Park
RACES BEGIN at 2 p.m.
Will they sink or will they float? You never know when it's a cardboard boat. Parking at Lake Accotink is \$4 on May 31.

Full schedule of events, more information, registrations and all updates at www.SpringfieldDays.com

SUMMER FUN

Celebrate Fairfax! Returns June 5-7

Festival at Fairfax County Government Center features headline bands: KONGOS, 3 Doors Down, The Amish Outlaws — and much more.

Northern Virginia's largest community-wide event, the 34th annual Celebrate Fairfax! Festival, is set to take place June 5, 6, and 7 on the grounds of the Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax. The Celebrate Fairfax! Festival features 25 acres of family programs, green living, thrilling carnival rides, nightly fireworks, and amazing concerts with more than 130 performances on eight stages. An exceptional lineup of national, regional, and local artists includes these headlining performances:

In addition to the outstanding entertainment schedule, there are plenty of enhancements to the festival programming at Celebrate Fairfax!, including Greenology, Fairfax County Karaoke Championship, the popular Silent Disco, a craft beer garden, the Fairfax County DockDogs Competition, The Hub — featuring local wineries, giant lawn games and two stages of entertainment — Emerging Artist Showcase, plus more than 40 carnival rides and attractions, and 30 food vendors with enough variety to please anyone.

General admission includes all performances; shows are included



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The Shupp Family enjoys their time in the Petting Zoo.



Giant Wheel at night.

with daily tickets to the event. Advance ticket sales began on April 1 at www.celebratefairfax.com, and as of May 1, tickets are available at all Northern Virginia Wegmans locations.

At the gates, general admission is \$15 per adult; \$5 per youth; free for children 2 and under.

Festival Hours: Friday, June 5, open 6 p.m. until 12 a.m.; Saturday, June 6, open 10 a.m. until 12 a.m.; Sunday, June 7, open 11 a.m. until 7 p.m. Find more information at www.celebratefairfax.com

The 34th annual Celebrate Fairfax! Festival is a presentation of Celebrate Fairfax, Inc. and will be held Friday, June 5 through Sunday, June 7 at Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax. Celebrate Fairfax, Inc. is a non-profit, 501(c) 3 organization commissioned in 1982 by the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors. Its mission, "The Celebration of Fairfax County and Its Communities," is met through the production of the Celebrate Fairfax! Festival, Fall for Fairfax KidsFest, and educational programs such as Events101. For more information call 703-324-3247 or visit the website at www.celebratefairfax.com.

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

FRIDAY/MAY 29

Community Walk to Support

Josiah Lanier. 6-8 p.m. Cardinal Forest Elementary School, 8600 Forrester Boulevard, Springfield. In April, Josiah was diagnosed with a very rare type of brain tumor: Diffuse Intrinsic Pontine Glioma (DIPG). It has a very low survival rate and requires aggressive medical intervention. The community will gather on the playground and then walk approximately a mile to Josiah's house (down Forrester Boulevard and Carrleigh Parkway) to show him how we all support him. Students and their families will be dressed in Josiah's favorite colors: black, blue and green. Join in the walk, where they will have the opportunity to provide a donation if you wish, or make a contribution: <http://www.gofundme.com/sxjs64v>

Arts Open House Extravaganza.

4210 Roberts Road, Burke. Come to the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at Mason for a Celebration of the Arts, including poetry and musical performances as well as photography and arts displays. Enjoy free coffee and home-made baked treats sold by Friends of OLLI. Register by calling the OLLI office: 703-503-3384.

Fun Flicks.

10:30 a.m. Pohick Library, 6450 Sydenstricker Road, Burke. Watch movies based on children's books. See "The Very Hungry Caterpillar," "Papa Get Me the Moon," "The Very Quiet Cricket" and "The Mixed-Up Chameleon" by Eric Carle.

FRIDAY-SUNDAY/MAY 29-31

Workhouse Carnival and Arts

Party. 5 p.m. Workhouse Arts Center, 9518 Workhouse Way, Lorton. Rides, games, music, vendors, food and family fun and will take place on the south side of the Workhouse campus. This event will raise funds in support of the Workhouse's arts, education and history programs. Admission to the carnival is free, including the live entertainment and film screening, however rides and vendors will require additional fees and tickets. There is a \$5 parking fee per vehicle.

SATURDAY-SUNDAY/MAY 30-31

Springfield Days. 8 a.m.-8:30 p.m., South Run Park, 7550 Reservation Drive, Springfield. Springfield Days is a community wide celebration that includes a 5K run, "Pet Fest" and car show. Visit www.springfielddays.com for more.

SATURDAY/MAY 30

Lights Out on the Bunny Brothers.

11 a.m. Kings Park Library, 9000 Burke Lake Road, Burke. Have fun learning about energy conservation with this fast-paced puppet show presented by Blue Sky Puppets. Cosponsored by Friends of the Kings Park Library. All ages.

Junior Robotics. 10:30 a.m. Pohick Library, 6450 Sydenstricker Road, Burke. Presented by Bricks 4 Kidz. All the fun of building with LEGO bricks, PLUS the challenge of computer programming! Cosponsored by Friends of Pohick Regional Library. Age 6-8.

King Giant. 7 p.m. Empire, 6355 Rolling Road, Springfield. Sixty Watt Shaman, Fog Hound. \$10-\$15.

Springfield Smart Markets

Farmers Market. 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Springfield Town Center, at the corner of Loisdale Road and Spring Mall Drive. Fresh local fruits and

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2015 Headline Entertainment Schedule for the Bud Light Main Stage

FRIDAY, JUNE 5 AT 8 P.M.:

KONGOS

The brothers KONGOS — multi-cultural, multi-faceted, multi-instrumentalists — craft a unique and irresistible sound spawned from shared DNA, diverse influences and spot-on melodic and lyrical sensibilities. On Lunatic, their Epic Records debut, the band's talent shines on "Come With Me Now"; the rock-alt crossover tune kicking off with the accordion, jumping into foot-stomping, staccato rhythms, slide guitar, and soaring epic soundscapes reminiscent of U2 and their South African upbringing. "I'm Only Joking," whose lyrics hint at the album's title, hits the mark with decisive tribal rhythms

and Pink Floyd-esque mysterious modern rock. Thanks to an earlier self-release of Lunatic, KONGOS are already stars overseas, playing their numerous hits off Lunatic for crowds of up to 65,000 at South African festivals.

SATURDAY, JUNE 6 AT 8 P.M. 3 DOORS DOWN

Since forming in 1995, Mississippi rock quintet 3 DOORS DOWN has sold more than 16 million albums worldwide, garnered three Grammy nominations, two American Music Awards, and five BMI Pop Awards for songwriting, including BMI's coveted "Songwriter of the Year" award. The

band's debut album, 2000s The Better Life, which is now certified six times platinum, featured the smash hit "Kryptonite." Their sophomore album, 2002s Away from the Sun, saw similar success with its radio mainstays "When I'm Gone" and "Here Without You." Their subsequent efforts 2005s platinum certified Seventeen Days and 2008s 3 Doors Down debuted at #1 on the Billboard Hot 200 Chart. In 2012, 3 DOORS DOWN released The Greatest Hits, a collection of nine #1 hits and three new songs, returning to the Top 5 at radio with "One Light." The band will begin recording their sixth studio album in early 2015.

SUNDAY, JUNE 7 AT 4:30 P.M.

THE AMISH OUTLAWS

THE AMISH OUTLAWS are made up of former and "Honorary Amish" men in full Amish garb that dance and sing a range of covers from Lady Gaga to Bon Jovi to Johnny Cash. THE AMISH OUTLAWS like to keep their audience guessing as to what they could possibly play next. The members include: Brother Amos Def, Brother Big Daddy Abel, Brother Eazy Ezekiel, Brother Elijah Rule, Brother Hezekiah X and Brother Jakob the Pipe Layer. According to their website, throughout each show, THE Amish OUTLAWS "spin yarns about the Brothers' upbringing and adventures since Rumpshinga."

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SUNDAY/MAY 31

Cardboard Regatta. 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
Lake Accotink Park, 7500 Accotink Park Road, Springfield. Witness the cardboard boat creations race along Lake Accotink's shoreline at 2 p.m. \$4 vehicle fee. Call 703-569-0285 or email julie.tahan@fairfaxcounty.gov. Visit www.springfielddays.com for more.

THURSDAY-SATURDAY/JUNE 4-6

Huge Summer Book Sale. Thursday: 3-9 p.m. Friday: 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Saturday: 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Richard Byrd Library, 7250 Commerce St., Springfield. Fiction, history, hobbies, vintage, and children's books, in pristine condition.

Friends of Burke Centre Library Summer Used Book Sale. Thursday: 1-9 p.m. Friday: 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Saturday: 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Burke Centre Library, 5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke. Great selection of books to read and gift for summer vacation.

FRIDAY-SUNDAY/JUNE 5-7

Celebrate Fairfax! Festival. Friday: 6 p.m.-midnight; Saturday: 10 a.m.-midnight; and Sunday: 11 a.m.-7p.m. Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax. Musical performances, rides, games and food.

SATURDAY/JUNE 6

Spring Campfire Saturdays. 7 p.m. Lake Accotink Park, 7500 Accotink Park Road, Springfield. Explore the woodlands and lake front spots where wildlife hides and resides, guided by a naturalist. \$8-\$10.



From left — Audrey Burr, Kiley Meadows, Kaitlyn Frady, Catherine Kiser, Lauren Rude and Gabi Terry.



From left — Ben Lee, Alicja Galecka, Lauren Rude, Gabi Terry and Kiley Meadows.

West Springfield High Students Complete Art Project

A children's artwork project transforms one of the three FCPS Child Find offices located at the Virginia Hills Early Childhood Center in the Alexandria section of Fairfax County. Staff members at the site contacted many high schools in FCPS to identify a volunteer group to venture to Virginia Hills to paint murals for the center in order to improve and create a child-friendly atmosphere. Lisa Schumacher, the Child Find program specialist; Gay Kaminiski and Kaye Titerance-special education teachers; along with Beth Hardy and Kelly Rowe-psychologists; supervised the students in the process as well. Katherine Rehm, a West Springfield High School art teacher, volunteered and connected the Virginia Hills Child Find office with the National Art Honor Soci-

ety (NAHS) high school art students. These West Springfield High School students offered their time to spruce up an otherwise stark testing center. It took months of planning and students driving miles to execute the plans after school. The project was riddled with obstacles including several snow days and even frozen paint; however, the students persevered through it all to create incredible artwork.

Three different murals were completed, which included scenes from two classic children's books, "The Giving Tree" by Shel Silverstein and "The Rainbow Fish" by Marcus Pfister and J Allen James; and a third mural depicting appreciation for developmental diversity. These murals transformed the bare walls by energizing them with life

and vitality. The students traced pictures from their cellular telephones onto the walls. Then, they applied paint to the designs over the course of days to produce the art. The students included the following: John Wilson, Sydney Cordoba, Samuel Stevens, Angie McGowen, Eileen Clinton, Katarina Naworal, Lauren Rude, Madeline Payne, Jody Briggs, Elaine Chan, Alicja Galeka, Ben Lee, Kiley Meadows, Gabi Terry, Audrey Burr, Kaitlyn Frady, Catherine Kiser.

An extra cheer goes to Gabi Terry, the student who came each painting day and organized most of the process. Twice, she was the sole student to be able to paint.

— KELLY ROWE

SPECIAL CONNECTIONS CALENDAR

Advertising Deadlines are the previous Thursday unless noted.

JUNE

6/10/2015.....Father's Day Dining & Gifts
6/10/2015.....HomeLifeStyle
6/17/2015.....A+ Graduations & Summer Learning
6/17/2015.....Father's Day Dining & Gifts
Father's Day is June 21

6/24/2015.....Independence Day Preview
6/24/2015...Professional Profiles & Business in the Community

JULY

7/1/2015.....Wellbeing
7/8/2015.....HomeLifeStyle
7/15/2015.....A+ Camps & Schools
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SPORTS



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The Robinson girls' lacrosse team won the Conference 5 championship on Friday, beating Centreville 19-13 at Westfield High School.



PHOTO BY LOUISE KRAFFT/THE CONNECTION

Robinson sophomore attacker Katie Checkosky, left, finished with four goals and four assists in Friday's Conference 5 championship game against Centreville at Westfield High School.

Robinson Girls' Lax Wins Conference 5 Championship

Rams beat Osbourn in opening round of regionals.

BY JON ROETMAN
THE CONNECTION

The Robinson girls' lacrosse team entered Friday's rematch with Centreville in search of not only a conference championship, but proof the Rams' regular-season victory over the Wildcats was about more than just yellow cards.

Robinson defeated Centreville 25-20 in each teams' regular-season finale on May 11. The Wildcats received six yellow cards during the game and, by rule, played part of the second half down as many as three players. The Rams capitalized, scoring the final six goals of the contest. Robinson handed Centreville its first loss of the season and earned the top seed in the Conference 5 tournament.

The two teams met again in Friday's conference championship game. After surviving a Wildcat rally in the second half, the Rams had the proof they were looking for — and a championship banner to go with it.

Robinson defeated Centreville 19-13 on May 22 at Westfield High School, capturing its first conference/district title since 2009, according to results at laxpower.com.

THE RAMS led 14-5 at halftime and extended their lead to 16-5 with early second-half goals by Taylor Caskey and Elli Kluegel. But Centreville came back strong with a 7-0 run during a 10-minute, 33-second stretch. Senior attacker Reagan Newell's



PHOTO BY LOUISE KRAFFT/THE CONNECTION

Robinson junior attacker Taylor Caskey earned first-team All-Conference 5 honors this season.

goal with 9:41 remaining cut the Rams' lead to 16-12.

But Centreville would get no closer as Robinson senior attacker Izzy Obregon put one in the net with 7:25 remaining and the Rams scored three of the game's final four goals.

During the regular-season meeting, Centreville received six yellow cards and Robinson received two. On Friday, officials issued Robinson three yellow cards and Centreville one.

"We just wanted to prove to them it wasn't

"We just wanted to prove to them it wasn't the yellow cards, it was our ability to stay in the game and keep our heads strong."

— Robinson junior Taylor Caskey

the yellow cards," Caskey said, "it was our ability to stay in the game and keep our heads strong."

With the victory, Robinson entered the 6A North region tournament as Conference 5's No. 1 seed. The Rams defeated Osbourn 24-0 on May 26 and will face McLean on Thursday, May 28.

Centreville is Conference 5's No. 2 seed and defeated Osbourn Park 20-1 on Tuesday. The Wildcats will face Woodson on Thursday.

"We knew that we were the better team and that we did come out on top [during the regular season] and we proved it," Robinson sophomore attacker Katie Checkosky said. "We really wanted to prove it again and reiterate that we were the better team."

How much confidence did the Rams have after beating the Wildcats during the regular season?

"A lot of confidence," Checkosky said. "We knew we were going to be seeing them again because they're a great team and they have great players."

While Centreville is led by co-conference Players of the Year Caroline Wakefield and Newell, it was the Rams who came out strong Friday, building an 8-2 lead in the first 12 minutes. After Wakefield scored her

first goal of the evening with 12:13 left in the opening half, Robinson responded with four straight goals, taking a 12-3 lead when Obregon scored with 8:11 on the clock.

Goals by Wakefield and Newell cut the Robinson advantage to seven, but junior attacker Kaitlin Luccarelli and Caskey each found the back of the net to extend the Rams' lead to 14-5 at halftime.

AFTER A SLOW START, Wakefield and Newell picked it up in the second half. Newell had three goals and an assist during Centreville's 7-0 run, and Wakefield added two goals and an assist.

Newell, who will play for James Madison University, finished with four goals and two assists. Wakefield, who will play for the University of North Carolina, had four goals and an assist.

"I think our defense played so much better," Robinson head coach Liz Case said. "... Our goalie did amazing. [Danielle Valenti], she came up with great saves. ... I think as a whole, we realized how dangerous [Newell and Wakefield] are on the field and we ... were going to do everything we can to stop them and play good, solid body defense."

Sophomore attacker Elizabeth Murphy and freshman attacker Emily Marciano each scored two goals for Centreville. Senior attacker Kara Waddell had one.

Robinson's Checkosky, Caskey, Obregon and Kluegel each scored four goals. Luccarelli finished with two goals and Mackenzie Schuler had one.

Checkosky tallied four assists.

"Today, obviously it proved that we are a good team and we are able to play and we show up and play," Case said. "I'm just really glad that they were able to prove themselves again."

Obregon, Checkosky, Caskey, Schuler, and Kluegel each earned first-team all-conference honors.

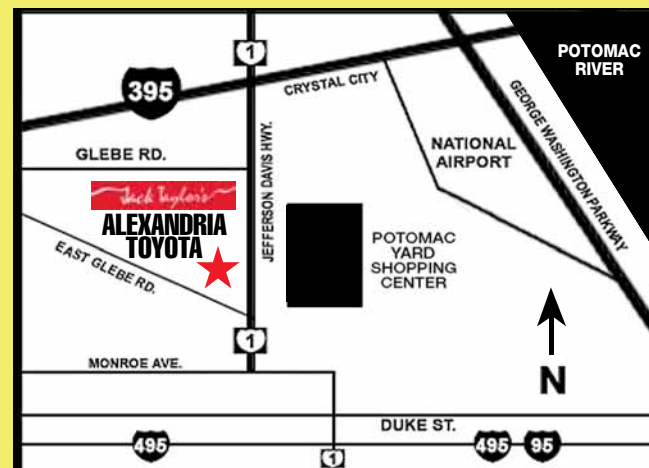
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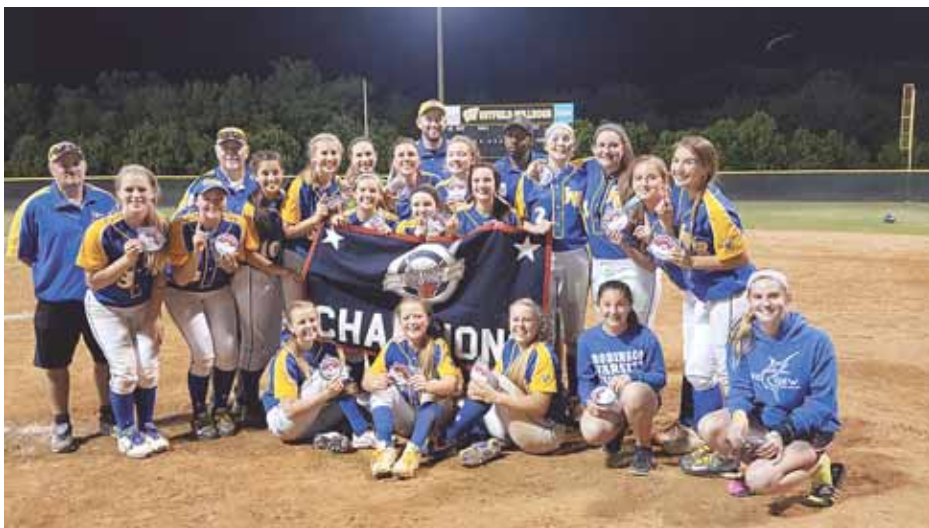


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The Robinson softball team defeated Centreville 12-11 to win the Conference 5 championship on May 22 at Westfield High School. It was the program's first conference/district title since 2008. Robinson will host Osbourn in the opening round of the 6A North region tournament at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, May 29.

Robinson Boys' Soccer Beats Oakton for Title

The Robinson boys' soccer team beat Oakton in penalty kicks to win the Conference 5 championship on May 21 at Oakton High School.

The win improved the Rams' record to 10-4-2.

Robinson faced Osbourn on Wednesday in the opening round of the 6A North region tournament, after The Connection's deadline.

South County Boys, Woodson Girls Win Lax Titles

The South County boys' lacrosse team defeated Woodson 12-7 in the Conference 7 championship game on May 21 at South County. Four days later, the Stallions defeated Fairfax 21-12 in the opening round of the 6A North region tournament on May 26.

South County will host defending state champion Robinson on Thursday, May 28.

In girls' action, Woodson defeated West Potomac 15-5 in the conference championship game. The Cavaliers beat Yorktown in the opening round of regionals on Tuesday and will host Centreville on Thursday.

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Woodson Girls' Soccer Knocks Off Top-Seed South County

The Woodson girls' soccer team upset No. 1 seed South County 3-2 in the Conference 7 championship match on May 21 at South County.

The Cavaliers' record improved to 13-2-1.

Woodson faced Langley on Wednesday in the opening round of the 6A North region tournament, after The Connection's deadline.

Lake Braddock Baseball, Softball Win Conference Titles

The Lake Braddock baseball and softball teams won Conference 7 championships on May 22, each defeating South County at home.

The baseball team won 12-4, improving its record to 17-5. The Bruins will host South Lakes in the opening round of the 6A North region tournament at 7 p.m. on Friday, May 29. The softball team shut out South County, 1-0, improving its record to 18-1. The Bruins have shut out their last five opponents, and 13 of 19 foes this season. Lake Braddock will host Hayfield in the opening round of regionals at 2 p.m. on Saturday, May 30.

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