





Master Police Officer Joe Moore approaches the driver's side of a vehicle while the radar system in his police cruiser registers the speed of cars passing directly next to the shoulder.



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A Virginia State Trooper pulls over a driver that sped past a parked police car with its emergency lights flashing.

## Moving on 'Move Over'

By Tim Peterson
The Connection

airfax County Master Police Officer
Joe Moore's front and rearmounted radar machines whistle
and beep with varying frequency
as cars barrel past on Interstate 66 around
the Fairfax County Parkway.

He's sitting on the right-hand shoulder, parked, with his cruiser's emergency lights on. A dozen yards ahead of him, a Virginia State Trooper has a vehicle pulled over. A

black sport utility vehicle blasts by in the closest lane going 64 miles per hour. The additional lanes were all clear. Moore guns the aging Chevrolet Impala and flags the driver down.

During his first chat with the driver, Moore says she claimed she didn't know what she did was illegal. On his second visit, after running her driver's license and plates, she changes her tune. "Everyone was doing it," Moore recaps. "Honesty is rare," he added, as he begins writing her a ticket.

Moore was partnered with the trooper for

# Police crackdown, educate about law protecting emergency roadside vehicles and drivers.

Petersen's "Good Samaritan Overdose

Protection" law goes into effect July 1.

a multi-hour shift of "selective enforcement" of the "Move Over" law (looking for specific violations "but not turning a blind eye to other things," he said).

Virginia Code 46.2-921.1 requires drivers to either change lanes when approaching an emergency vehicle stopped on the highway with lights flashing or, if there's no option to move over, "proceed with due caution and maintain a safe speed for highway conditions."

**THE LAW** first went into effect in 2002 and was amended in 2010 with the addition of highway maintenance and roadside assistance vehicles whose amber flashing lights differ from the blue and red of police cruisers.

Enforcement of the law hasn't been "prevalent" however, according to 2nd Lt. Jason Long, traffic safety section supervisor with the Fairfax County Police. Accord

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## Make a Call; Save a Life

By Victoria Ross The Connection

ccidental overdose deaths are now the leading cause of accidental death in the United States, exceeding even motor vehicle accidents among people ages 25 to 64, according to a recently released study by the National Institute on Drug Abuse.

Last year, an estimated 210 heroin overdoses fatalities occurred in Virginia, with the highest number in Fairfax and Prince William counties.

"Many of these deaths are preventable if a friend or witness seeks emergency assistance right away," said state Sen. Chap Petersen (D-34). "But people using drugs or alcohol illegally often fear arrest if they call 911."

In an attempt to reduce overdose deaths, Petersen introduced Senate Bill 892 during last year's General Assembly session. The new law — the "Good Samaritan overdose protection bill" — was signed by Gov. Terry McAuliffe last week in Richmond, and goes into effect on July 1.

Commonly referred to in other states as "911 Good Samaritan," the law encourages witnesses at the scene of a suspected drug or alcohol overdose to seek emergency assistance right away with-



Photo contributed

The new law – the "Good Samaritan overdose protection bill" – was signed by Gov. Terry McAuliffe last week in Richmond, and goes into effect on July 1.

out fear of arrest for minor drug law violations.

Virginia now joins 20 other states, including the District of Columbia, that have enacted policies to provide limited immunity from arrest or prosecution for minor drug law violations for people who summon help at the scene of an overdose.

"This law provides an affirmative defense for individuals who take responsible measures to report an overdose, remain at the scene of the overdose until emergency services arrive, and identify themselves to the responding officer," Petersen said.

Petersen said a fellow Fairfax High School classmate, Gerard Lawson, a professor at

Virginia Tech, brought the issue to his attention.

Lawson was organizing a class project to lobby state legislators on criminal law reforms. His students had the idea to protect "Good Samaritans" who report a drug overdose to emergency services.

Lawson said his students noted that the chance of surviving an overdose, like that of surviving a heart attack, depends greatly on how fast one receives medical assistance.

Witnesses to heart attacks rarely think twice about calling 911, but witnesses to an overdose often hesitate to call for help or, in many cases, simply don't make the call, Lawson said.

Research confirms the most common reason people cite for not calling 911 is fear of police involvement.

But the new law, Petersen added, is not a "get-out-of-jail-free" card for those who sell or traffic large quantities of drugs, or those who commit acts of violence, felonies, or distribute drugs.

"The next step is to get the word out to young people: If a friend is in distress, you have a responsibility and now you have legal protections. Do the right thing. Make a call to save a life," Petersen said during the signing ceremony last week.

## **Bowl America**

# Robinson middle school students compete in national history and geography tournament.

By Tim Peterson The Connection

obinson eighth grader Megan Sullivan didn't have a history final — she's taking Civics — but spent a lot of time studying literary history in the last month. Sullivan and three classmates from the secondary school traveled to Louisville, Ky., for Memorial Day Weekend to compete in the Middle School National Championship of the National History Bowl.

"It was really stressful for a while," Sullivan said. "I had three SOLs in one week and a final in Latin I had to study for. And at the same time I had to study history and geography."

Sullivan joined the middle school's Quiz Bowl team as a seventh grader and competed in one local tournament. This school year, the foursome of Kate Augelli (seventh grade), Lily Britzinghoffer (seventh grade), Mason Cook (eighth grade) and Sullivan competed in a regional event last fall and ultimately qualified for the national bowl.

**THE TEAM BOWL EVENT** took place on Sunday, May 23. From a field of 72 teams, Robinson advanced to the quarterfinals, finishing in the top eight overall. The team from Longfellow Middle School in Falls Church was the overall champion of the event.

Cook and Sullivan also competed as individuals in the United States Geography Olympiad Middle School National Championship held that Friday. Out of 120 qualifying students, Cook finished 26th overall and Sullivan took 43rd.

On Saturday of the championship weekend was the National History Bee Middle School National Championship for individuals. Cook, Sullivan and Britzinghoffer tested their knowledge against 530 other students. Cook placed 25th and the two young ladies finished above the median.

"I was very pleased, very proud," said team head coach and Robinson Spanish teacher Michael P. Campana. "They put a lot of time, effort and dedication into it. They're gung-ho about trying to do it all again next year."

After deciding to accept the bid to com-



Photo courtesy of Elaine Sullivan

Louisville, Ky.

history and Quiz Bowl team, are working together to increase student participation in these groups.

From left, Robinson Secondary School students Kate Augelli

Britzinghoffer (seventh), Mason Cook

(eighth) and Megan Sullivan (eighth), and their coach Michael P. Campana repre-

sented Robinson at the Middle School

**National Champion-**

ship of the National

**History Bowl in** 

(seventh), Lily

"To be able to recognize, synthesize, analyze and react quickly," said Campana, "those skills apply in the long term, in school, in the world."

Though the increased workload around test-taking time was stressful, Campana and the students acknowledged it was doable.

"It will serve them well in the long run," Campana said. "When they get to high school and college, a lot of testing all falls in a block. They have to learn to manage that. I don't think we've done them any harm by doing that."

For now, Sullivan is happy to take her remaining finals with a little more free time to study the subjects at hand.

pete, the team committed to practicing several times a week after school. And thought preparation required prodigious sums of studying, the members relied on each other's strengths to cover more ground.

"Mason already know a whole lot about European history," said Sullivan. "Lily was really good at American history, especially the Civil and Revolutionary Wars. I took hist of literature and ancient hist. Kate just took whatever was left and made a whole lot of flashcards. That was something that really helped us."

**SULLIVAN** said a shared love of history and of learning brought them together as teammates and closer as friends. Those are just a few of the reasons Campana and Eugene Huang, the coach-sponsor of Longfellow's

Area Roundups

### Tent of Nations Member to Speak at Springfield Church

Amal Nassar, a member of the Palestinian Lutheran family that operates a farm called "Tent of Nations" in the Occupied Territories of the West Bank, will speak at Grace Presbyterian Church on Sunday, June 14, at 2:30 p.m. The church is located at 7434 Bath Street in Springfield.

This event is co-sponsored by Grace Presbyterian Church, Sabeel-DC, Palestinian Christian Alliance for Peace, Israel-Palestine Mission Network - National Capital Presbytery, Ravensworth Baptist Church, and the Alliance of Baptists' Justice in Palestine and Israel group. When she is not guiding visitors to the Tent of Nations, 6 miles from Bethlehem, Nassar works as a physical therapist at Caritas Hospital in Bethlehem, specializing in treatments for cystic fibrosis amongst infants. She is an educator who also works with Bedouin women who have a high percentage of children with the disease. She toured the U.S a few years ago as a member of Jerusalem Women Speak tours sponsored by the Partners for Peace. Also present will be Amal's brother Daher Nassar.

The long-term goal of The Tent of Nations is to prepare youth to make positive contributions to their future and society through the values of under-

standing, tolerance, and respectful coexistence.

### Recognizing Enlisted High School Seniors

Our Community Salutes of Northern Virginia holds its fifth Annual Enlistee Recognition Ceremony on Thursday, June 11, at George Mason University's Fairfax campus. The Northern Virginia Chapter of Our Community Salutes honors high school seniors from Fairfax, Prince William and Loudoun counties for their decision to serve in the U.S. Armed Forces following graduation. Local citizens, elected officials, officers and senior enlisted personnel will be in attendance at the ceremony to be the first to say "thank you" to these high school seniors for their decision to serve our country. NBC4 news anchor, Aaron Gilchrist, will emcee the ceremony. Our Community Salutes (OCS) was created in 2009 by Dr. Kenneth E. Hartman to recognize and honor high school seniors (and their parents/guardians) who plan to enlist into the military immediately after high school graduation. The ceremony will take place at 6:30 p.m. in Dewberry Hall located in the Johnson Center and is open to the public. More information about the event can be found at www.ocsnova.com or by contacting us at ocsnova@hotmail.com.



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#### THURSDAY/JUNE 11

Dementia & Driving. 3 p.m. nsight Memory Care Center, 3953 Pender Drive, Suite 100, FairfaxJoin us to discuss the many hard decisions involved with dementia and driving, and learn more about caregiver approaches for dealing with this difficult topic. Call 703-204-4664 to RSVP or visit InsightMCC.org for more information.

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Church Yard Sale. Friday & Saturday: 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. Sunday: 1-5 p.m. St. Raymond of Penafort, 8750 Pohick Road, Springfield.

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### **ONGOING**

Senior Outdoor Pickleball, April-October, Wednesdays 8-10 a.m. Audrey Moore Wakefield Park Fairfax County, Courts 9 & 10, Beginners welcome. No cost. Email Gerald Rhoads at

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Volunteer Fairfax seeks individuals, families, youth and corporate groups for service opportunities at a variety of nonprofit agencies. One-time special events or ongoing activities are available at www.volunteerfairfax.org or call 703-246-3460.

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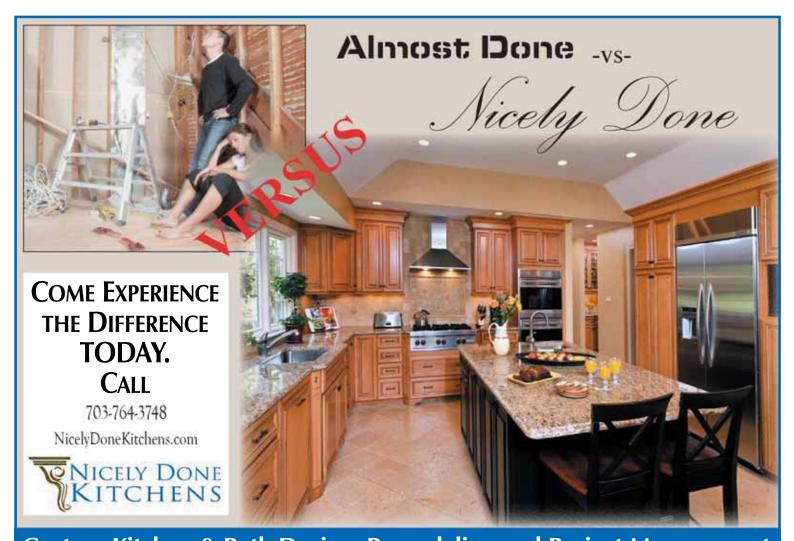
Online Scavenger Hunt. Visit Fairfax tasks those interested in becoming "citizen ambassadors" to the county (those informed on fun, creative weekend outings in the area) to find two Fairfax County Ambassador icons hidden throughout the fxva.com website in order to join the ambassador team; those who find all five hidden pins will receive a complimentary gift. www.fxva.com/online-ambassador.



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## Northern Virginia Training Center Property Put on Market

Facility for people with disabilities scheduled for March 2016 closure.

By Tim Peterson
The Connection

ccording to the Virginia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services, 63 residents still live and receive treatment at the Northern Virginia Training Center, located in Fairfax alongside Braddock Road.

The property, opened in 1973 and owned by the state of Virginia, is one of five regional facilities statewide for people with a variety of intellectual and physical disabilities.

In 2012, the training center had 152 residents and began a discharge process. The U.S. Department of Justice had called out the Commonwealth for isolating individuals with disabilities from their communities and and in its opinion discriminating against them.

The centers were also becoming less and less cost-effective to operate. Virginia and the Justice Department Settled in January 2012, with Virginia making a plan to close four of the five training centers and help residents transition to comparable housing options that are more integrated in communities.

**MONEY FROM ANY SALE** of land from the training centers, under Virginia Code, is designated for a Behavioral Health and Developmental Services Trust Fund.

"These funds are intended to improve services for individuals with behavioral health and developmental disorders, and to facilitate the transition of individuals from state training centers to community-based services," Meghan McGuire, a spokesperson for the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services, said in an amoil

The Northern Virginia Training Center was initially scheduled to close in March 2015, but last summer, the Behavioral Health and Developmental Services commissioner Dr Debra Ferguson announced a one-year extension. At the same time, she declared the nearly 80 acres of property as "surplus," meaning that with approval from the Virginia Secretary of Natural Resources and Governor, Virginia could sell the land.

On Friday May 22, the property came on the market, according to Dena Potter with the Department of General Services.

General Services "acts as the real estate agent" once a property becomes surplus, Potter said. The agency has contracted broker Divaris Real Estate, Inc., which put it on the public market. There's no stated asking price, though the state is required to receive at least fair market value in any of-



IMAGE COURTESY OF THE VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES.

The Northern Virginia Training Center spreads over 80 acres along Braddock Road, including facilities for administration, food service, programs, residences, a warehouse, transportation and therapy.



Photo courtesy of Chris McHugh

(Rear, from left) Donna A. McHugh, Kim McHugh Arthurs, Joseph E. McHugh Sr. and Chris McHugh celebrate with their brother and son Joseph E. McHugh Jr., who has been a resident at the Northern Virginia Training Center for 35 years.

fers it considers, Potter explained.

The public sale came as somewhat of a surprise to Fairfax County supervisor John Cook (R-Braddock). The Northern Virginia Training Center is located in his district. Cook said County staff had been communicating with Virginia agency staff for the better part of a year about an interest in the property.

Fairfax County would look to partner with a private sector company for a public-private project that could both offer educational and training services for people with disabilities, and generate revenue to support those services.

"The county sees the land as an opportunity to do some really necessary and visionary things for public purposes," said Cook.

"By partnering with the private sector, it would reduce the cost."

Cook said the vision could possibly include mixed use development, retail or office space, as well as career and technical education for public schools.

With the land for sale, Cook said the topic of action will likely come up at the Board's next meeting on June 2. "Certainly I'm going to advocate," he said. "I'd like to see the County look at making a proposal."

Whether the County is able to purchase the land with a partner, or another buyer comes away with it, Cook is adamant no changes will come quickly. The land is zoned R1 for light residential and designated in the County's comprehensive plan as a government facility.

"It's not the case anybody can just walk in, buy the property and do something on it." Rezoning and changing the comprehensive plan require approval by the Board of Supervisors and extensive public planning.

"No matter what is done, the community will have a very big say in how the land will be used," Cook said.

Del. Eileen Filler-Corn (D), who represents the 41st District in the Virginia General Assembly, said in an email, "While the majority of the residents have moved out or are in the process of finding alternative permanent housing, the closing of the Center has highlighted the need for improved community-based services for those needing the most care. That is why I am pleased that the revenue generated from the sale will be deposited into the Behavioral Health and Development Services Trust Fund and be used to continue to enhance services for individuals in our system."

Centreville resident Donna McHugh's brother Joseph has lived at the Northern Virginia Training Center for over 30 years with cerebral palsy and spasticity issues. His condition and required treatment regimen have made him very difficult to place in a local option for comparable care and housing.

"All I know is there is no place for Joey in Northern Virginia," McHugh said. "I'm worried about everybody else, also. I'm worried about a parent who has a child who hasn't been born yet, who has serious complications."

THE CLOSEST potential option the McHugh's have visited is a four-bedroom house in Prince William County. It doesn't have the same proximity to McHugh in Centreville or their sister Kim in Arlington. And it would be a step down in quality of life, according to McHugh, who said her brother currently has access to a summer camp, work environment, a pool and staff members who know him very well.

"I thought the goal was choice, placement and sustainability," said Chris McHugh, Joseph's brother and guardian together with Donna. "We have yet to have three comparable choices. For my brother's needs, they haven't met them yet."

McHugh is critical of what he said still feels like a "railroad job" getting residents out of the facility before enough appropriate options are available.

Maria Reppas, another spokesperson for Behavioral Health and Developmental Services, said the remaining Northern Virginia Training Center residents have "between two and three options to choose from," and that "one individual will be transitioning to another training center in the Commonwealth"

The McHughs say they have yet to see a truly viable option, though a vendor fair is scheduled for the families of training center residents in early June.

"I'd move Joey tomorrow if I had the appropriate placement," Donna said. "The reality is I want Joey close to Arlington. He has to have some consistency."

### **FAITH**

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

The Guhyasamaja Buddhist Center, 10875 Main St., Fairfax City provides free classes to both newcomers and advanced practitioners of Tibetan Buddhism. The center emphasizes working with the mind and learning how to understand the workings of the mind, overcoming innner causes of suffering, while cultivating causes of happiness. Under the direction of Lama Zopa Rinpoche, the center is a place of study, contemplation and meditation. Visit http://www.guhyasamaja.org for more information.

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

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

Clifton Presbyterian Church, 12748 Richards Lane, Clifton, offers Sunday worship services at 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Nursery care is provided. Christian education for all ages is at 9:45 a.m. 703-830-3175.

St. Andrew the Apostle Catholic Church, 6720 Union Mill Road, Clifton, conducts Sunday masses at 7:30 a.m., 8:45 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. It also offers a Saturday vigil at 5:30 p.m. and a Thursday Latin mass at 7 p.m. 703-817-1770 or www.st-andrew.org.

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 8304 Old Keene Mill Road, Springfield, offers casual worship services on Saturday evenings at 5:30 p.m. featuring contemporary music. More traditional services take place on Sunday mornings at 8:15 and 11 a.m. Sunday School is from 9:45-10:45 a.m. for children and adults. The church also offers discussion groups for adults. 703-451-5855 or www.poplc.org.

Kirkwood Presbyterian Church, 8336 Carrleigh Parkway in Springfield, supports a Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) program on the first and third Wednesday of each month. Meetings are 9:30-11:30 a.m. at the church. All mothers and children are welcome. The program provides mothers an opportunity to get to know other mothers through discussions and craft activities. Register. 703-451-5320.

JCCNV Mother's Circle program, for women who are not Jewish but are raising Jewish children. Free education in Jewish rituals, practices and values, while respecting the participant's choice to retain her own religious identity. Jewish Community Center of Northern Virginia, 8900 Little River Turnpike in Fairfax, Contact Laurie Albert, 703-537-HYPERLINK or "mailto:LaurieA@jccnv.org LaurieA@jccnv.org.





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# **OPINION**

## Overdose Deaths Are Preventable

### New "safe reporting" law encourages people to seek help in time.

he death rate due to heroin overdose more than doubled between 2010 through 2013, according to the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), with an average in-EDITORIAL crease of 37 percent per year in the

United States.

What the statistics don't say is that most of these deaths are preventable nearly to the last breath. Heroin and other opioids affect the part of the brain which regulates breathing, and opioids in high doses can cause respiratory depression and death.

Naloxone, which is effectively an antidote to opioid overdose, will completely reverse the effects of an opioid overdose if administered

Emylee Lonczak, a McLean teenager who died of an overdose in what was reported to be her first encounter with heroin, might still be alive if the people with her at the time had taken her to a hospital or called 911.

New legislation designed to protect people seeking help for friends experiencing overdose should make it simpler to do the right thing.

State Sen. Chap Petersen sponsored the bill, Safe Reporting of Overdoses, which was signed by Gov. Terry McAuliffe last week.

"The next step is to get the word out to young people: If a friend is in distress, you have a responsibility and now you have legal protections. Do the right thing. Make a call to save a life," said Petersen said after the Governor signed the bill.

The law also applies to alcohol overdoses. Petersen collaborated with a Fairfax High School classmate, Gerald Lawson, now a pro-

fessor at Virginia Tech, in pressing for protection for Good Samaritans in these circumstances.

The Food and Drug Administration last year approved a hand-held auto-injector designed for family and caregivers who might be witness to an overdose to administer a single dose of the drug naloxone.

#### Safe reporting of overdoses SB 892, summary as passed.

Establishes an affirmative defense to prosecution of an individual for (i) simple possession of a controlled substance, marijuana, or controlled paraphernalia; (ii) intoxication in public; or (iii) the unlawful purchase, possession, or consumption of alcohol if such individual sought or obtained emergency medical attention for himself or for another individual because of a drug-related or alcohol-related overdose and if the evidence for the charge was obtained as a result of the individual seeking or obtaining emergency medical attention. The bill provides that the affirmative defense may only be invoked by an individual who (a) remains at the scene of the overdose or at any location to which he is transported for emergency medical attention until a law-enforcement officer responds to the report of an overdose or, if no law-enforcement officer is present at either the scene or the other location, cooperates

with law enforcement, (b) identifies himself to the responding law-enforcement officer, and (c) cooperates, upon request, with any criminal investigation reasonably related to the drug or alcohol that resulted in the overdose. No individual may assert this affirmative defense if the emergency medical attention sought or obtained was during the execution of a search warrant or during the conduct of a lawful search or a lawful arrest.

### Send Photos for Father's Day

Father's Day is Sunday, June 21, 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  $\hat{\text{their}}$ children, grandfathers and their children and

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 a 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.

You can submit your photos online at www.connectionnewspapers.com/ fathersday. You can also email photos to editors@connectionnewspapers.com.

- Mary Kimm

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### Time to Re-think 'LEOBR' COMMENTARY

By Burton Jay Rubin

ome 20 months on, the Fairfax County police officer who shot and killed John Geer remains on "paid administrative duty," despite the \$2.95 million settlement the county has agreed to pay his family. The Commonwealth's Attorney is also seeking to empanel a grand jury to consider criminal charges.

Officer Adam Torres' continued tenure on the Fairfax County Police Force is due to something often referred to as "LEOBR," "Law Enforcement Officers' Bill of Rights;" a law in effect in Virginia that provides police officers with special job security protections unavailable to other workers.

Most members of the workforce, in contrast, are subject to the "employment-at-will" legal doctrine, under which they may be fired for the U.S. Supreme Court in a 1968 any reason or no reason at all, except for certain very limited discriminatory reasons. Under Virginia's LEOBR, if you are a police officer, you cannot be discharged, even if you hurt someone, disobeyed orders, abused your office, or even broke the law, LEOBR laws today.

without first being notified in writing of the basis for your dismissal, given an opportunity to respond orally and in writing, with the assistance of a lawyer if you wish, and then, after all that, given the right to file a grievance under state or local procedures, your choice.

There were no LEOBR laws for most of our nation's history. They came into effect in the early 1970s as a result of a campaign by police special interest groups. Prior to that time, police were actually held to a higher standard of conduct than citizens generally.

In New York City, for example, police officers were required to cooperate fully with criminal investigations to the point of waiving their constitutional privilege against self incrimination or lose their jobs. That requirement was found to be unconstitutional by decision called Gardner v. Broderick. Even though the officer in that case actually won, police interest organizations pressed the issue, resulting in what might be regarding as a "second helping" of employment rights reflected in

It is sometimes said that the extraordinary job security accorded to police officers is justified by the dangerous nature of their work. Just what the connection is between how dangerous a job is and the special job security provided to people in that job is not explained. At any rate, the fundamental premise is false. The average police officer serves his entire career without ever firing his weapon in defense of himself or anybody else.

According to Time.com, law enforcement is not even among the 10 most dangerous jobs in the United States. Logging and roofing are and we don't provide workers in those occupations with special job security rights. According to figures from the FBI, the number of officers killed by criminals has declined since the '70s when LEOBR laws came into effect, and now stands at its lowest point. Unfortunately, the number of citizens killed by police has increased during that same period and now stands at its highest point.

Sometimes, it is said that special job protection rights for police officers are justified because they are the targets for unjustified charges of wrongdoing. That police officers may be falsely accused of misconduct is undoubtedly the case, as it is for University of Virginia frat boys, Duke University La Crosse players and child care workers, yet none of these groups is accorded special legal protections unavailable to the general

Let's be very clear, we are not talking about punishing someone or in any way short circuiting the process to which everyone is entitled before being found guilty of a crime and possibly sent to jail. We are talking only about how long a community must keep a police officer on the job, paying him, after that community has lost all confidence in that officer and the officer has lost his ability to serve in the position for which he was hired.

When an officer has lost his community's confidence and trust, that community should be able to ask that individual to find employment elsewhere. We need to rethink our LEOBR laws.

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Protecting Emergency Vehicles and Drivers

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ing to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 138 law enforcement officers were struck and or killed on highways between 2003 and 2013.

"You would think with 13 years of a law being on books, people would know about it," Long said. "We don't want that to be the way people become aware of these laws."

To coincide with Virginia declaring June "Move Over Month," Fairfax County traffic police and Virginia State Police collaborated on a education and enforcement event Friday, May 29. Teams of policemen and troopers leapfrogged across major roadways including Routes 28, 50, 286 (Fairfax County Parkway), 267 (Dulles Toll Road) and Interstates 66, 495 and 95 for several hours in the late morning and early afternoon.

While one officer was stopped with another vehicle (pulled over for speeding, missing registration stickers, etc.) on the side of the road, the second officer would park with lights flashing to their rear and watch radar for vehicles speeding past. Once they pursued someone in violation of the Move Over law, the two would switch places.

Generally when a car is pulled over, there isn't another officer hanging around to enforce the law. However, the state and county police were able to staff this event to facilitate both enforcing and educating the public.



PHOTOS BY TIM PETERSON/THE CONNECTION

Master Police Officer Joe Moore asks a driver if they know about the "Move Over" law.

**OVER THE COURSE** of the event, Fairfax County officers issued 34 summonses and 8 warnings, 13 of which were for violation of the Move Over law. Virginia State Police handed out 160 summonses: 69 for the Move Over law, 6 for reckless driving and 27 for speeding.

Of the individuals Officer Moore personally pulled over, three said they didn't know about the law. Lt. Long said this type of anecdotal evidence is really the only way they have of measuring the success of efforts like the selective enforcement blitz.

"Everyone knows speeding is a traffic violation — they don't say, 'Oh, I didn't know I couldn't speed," Long said, adding that they want "to see at least the law is in people's minds."

Moore will testify in July about his results and perceptions of the day's event. In the mean time, he's anxious to try smaller versions of the same leapfrog approach on different days of the week and at different times to see how it will affect the results.



Master Police Officer Joe Moore watches his radar while parked behind a Virginia State Trooper that has pulled over a driver.

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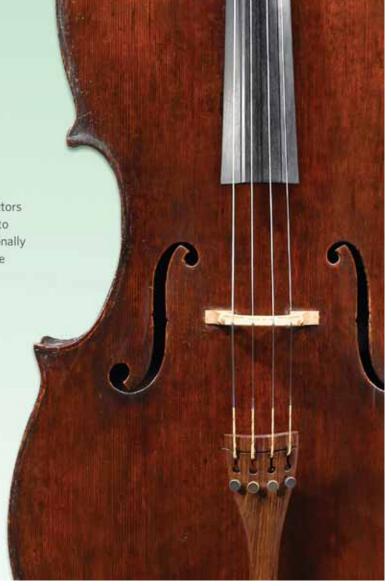
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### WELLBEING

# Summer Fun, Summer Safety

### Tips for averting summer danger.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL THE CONNECTION

beams down from mid-sum-

"People will have been walking on the mall all day and then go to Arlington National Cemetery to watch the Changing of the Guard and they start to feel light-headed and dizzy," said Lt. Sarah-Maria Marchegiani, spokeswoman for the Arlington County Fire Department. "The times that I've responded, they usually have only one small water bottle with them and they've been in the heat all day. It's often tourists, but people who live here,

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recreational water illness to heatrelated illnesses, summer fun can turn into a nightmare. Public health and safety officials have several tips for lessening summer safety risks.

WHEN THE TEMPERATURE t's a familiar call. The sun **SPIKES**, so does the risk of heatrelated illnesses. Lengthy exposure mer sky. Temperatures rise to 90-plus degree heat can lead to the list of summer safety precauabove 95 degrees Fahren- heat stroke, heat exhaustion tions. heit, but safety conditions start to cramping and, in extreme cases, death.

> "Heatstroke can occur when the ability to sweat fails and the body temperature rises quickly," said Kenya Fluellen, associate professor of nursing at Northern Virginia cially when we have a storm and Community College. "The brain and vital organs are affected as the body temperature rises to a dangerous level."

In addition to wearing loose-fitting clothes that are light in color and taking breaks from the heat and drinking two to four glasses of water for every hour one is exposed tions, trips to the pool, barbeques applying sunscreen, limiting physiand fireworks it also brings the cal activity and wearing a hat or potential for safety hazards. From using an umbrella to block direct

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sunlight should also be added to

"People can underestimate the power of the heat. Safety is always our number one priority," said Marchegiani. "If you have an elderly neighbor or anyone with mobility issues, check on them, espethe power goes out."

WHILE STRATEGIES for beating the heat include trips to the pool and water parks, these cool-down activities come with health precautions. Being aware of the potential for spreading germs can prevent recreational water illnesses, which to high heat, health officials say can occur as a result of swallowing or having other contact with contaminated water.

Health officials advise swimmers

to shower with soap before entering a pool, take bathroom breaks once per hour and take a rinse shower before returning to the

Washing your hands after changing diapers or using the restroom and checking a child's diapers every half-hour to an hour are tips that are also advised.

Water safety is another summer concern. "Enroll children over the age of three in swimming lessons," said Fluellen. "Don't rely on lifeguards to watch over your chil-

### **INSECTS ARE ANOTHER** sum-

mer sighting that can be a prelude to danger. In fact, the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors proclaimed June at Fight the Bite Awareness Month. One bite from a disease-carrying mosquito or tick can lead to life-changing illnesses precautions.' such as West Nile virus or Lyme

"Anyone can get infected with these illnesses, but people over the age of 50 are at greater of developing more severe forms," said Joshua Smith, Fairfax County en- and installing, repairing or replac-

vironmental health supervisor. "We can find mosquitoes with West Nile

Those safety measures include eliminating standing water, treating standing water and spraying your yard. Using an insect repellent containing DEET, remaining indoors at dawn and early evening,

virus anywhere in the county that

is why we encourage people to take

ing screens on both windows and doors to keep insects outdoors are also recommended.

"It is important to use common sense, stay hydrated and respect Mother Nature," said Kurt Larrick, spokesman for the Arlington County Department of Human Services. "And some groups are more at risk [such as] infants, teens. older adults, and those with certain health conditions."



Health officials are reminding the public how to stay stay safe while swimming or engaging in other popular sum-

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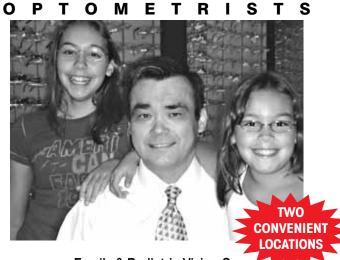
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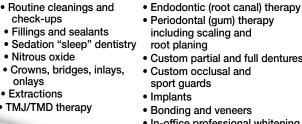
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## Fairfax, Vienna Residents Say Nay to Highway

### Call for alternatives to current I-66 expansion plans.

By Abigail Constantino The Connection

osing my house," said Kwong Hii, of Dunn Loring, is the consequence of easing traffic for residents who live west of I-66 outside the beltway.

Representatives from the Virginia Department of Transportation presented two alternatives of the I-66 expansion at a public hearing at VDOT headquarters in Fairfax on Wednesday, May 27.

VDOT deputy district administrator Renee Hamilton said that the final plan will be the best combination of alternatives 2A and 2B, with input from residents. Comments should be received by June 18.

The I-66 expansion plan spans west of Route 15 in Haymarket to east of the Capital Beltway, about 25 miles. Alternative 2A preserves the median for future rail extension while 2B has no median. The project, slated to start construction in 2017, will include three regular lanes and two express lanes in each direction, expanded commuter bus and a new rapid bus transit and direct access between the express lanes and the new or expanded commuter lots, said Hamilton in her presentation.

But residents who gave their testimonies following the formal presentation and members of the community group Transform 66 Wisely want VDOT to consider Alternative 3, the "do-nothing" or "no-build" plan, which was not included in the presentation. Transform 66 Wisely members call it "Do No Harm."

Between 11 to 15 residential relocations and 180 parcel impacts may be expected with Alternatives 2A and 2B. The numbers have been reduced from earlier plan estimates, said Hamilton.

Hii, whose house is one of those that will be demolished if the expansion goes through, said that "one eminent domain" is too much and urged VDOT not to take lands and homes "like they are free."

Jeff Ramella testified about the environmental and safety cost of the project to the Dunn Loring and Vienna communities. Stenwood Elementary School in Vienna will lose its ball field with the expansion. He said that air and noise pollution and increased vehicle traffic impact the safety, health and learning of students. He is a proponent of the "Do No Harm" plan.

But Hamilton said that doing nothing will result in traffic being in a standstill by

"We are the people who use Metro to go to work," said Siew Lee, whose property is also affected by the expansion plans. "We do not contribute to congestion."



Kim Lu and Mahala Hart study the map of Lu's property that will be affected by VDOT's I-66 expansion



Residents attend a public hearing on the I-66 expansion plan at VDOT Headquarters in Fairfax on Wednesday, May 27.

### VIEWPOINTS

### What concerns you most about the expansion of I-66? - Abigail Constantino

**Peter Cooper** 

"We own a fairly large chunk of real estate in Haymarket which is going to disappear if this project goes as planned here. And

we're trying to help VDOT find some alternatives. Primarily because we have just spent well over \$2 million having our property rezoned and ready for sale and they have come to decide that they want to put a parking lot on it."



"My goal is to try and humanize the issue. We're not a red line on a map. I've built the house, blood, sweat and tears, to be what I want my family in

and now I'm going to get forcefully relocated to, assuming, a less convenient place to the benefit of people who live out west."

looks like it might lose its ball field. So there's really not much of an area for the kids to play. Where would they have field activities?"

**Akiko Kato** 

Michael Lam-

"Main concern is

how they might take

some of the existing

land from some of

the houses along

Gallows, as well as

"I'd like to know the time limit. I'd like to know what's going to happen eventually, whether they're going to tear up the house or they're just going to

take a part of it because I don't know what's going to happen. I'm a senior citizen, too, almost 80. I'd like to know what's going to happen to my house."

some of the land along here. Stenwood



"Losing my house. I want them to build within the existing right of way. Don't take any homes."



**MANY RESIDENTS** who spoke during the hearing called for a rail solution. Flint Webb, environment chair of the Fairfax County Federation of Citizens' Associations, and Len Warren called for WMATA to be extended.

Hamilton said that WMATA's priorities at this time are focused on its current projects and extension of the Silver Line.

Mary Hagopian's house will have a view of an 80-foot high flyover ramp with the current plans that she said "punish those who chose to live close to D.C."

"The part that really frustrates me is a lot of these families that live in our areas are families that came here specifically for the benefits. They're willing to pay a little bit more, they're willing to spend more money to live in a neighborhood with good schools closer to the Metro, closer to transportation. So by paying more now they're being penalized by the government for doing something wise," said Del. Mark Keam (D-35). His constituents' homes are the most affected by the project.

"A lot of the minority families, especially Asian American immigrants and others, still look for places in our neighborhood. They may not want to pay as much if this construction devalues their homes," said Keam.

"I'd like to know what's going to happen to my house. I was going to sell it but now I can't because of the situation," said Akiko Kato of her Fairfax property.

"My goal is to try and humanize the issue. We're not a red line on a map. I've built the house—blood, sweat and tears—to be what I want my family in and now I'm going to get forcefully relocated," said Ben Stewart, whose house is along Pioneer Lane.

"There's so many things about this that I don't like but I'm also doing my best to be a mediator, to make sure that the concerns are raised and for the government to understand that maybe there's a way they can work this out," said Keam.

Fairfax County board of supervisor chairman Sharon Bulova, Supervisor Pat Herrity (R-Springfield) and representatives from the offices of Supervisor Cathy Hudgins (D-Hunter Mill) and U.S. Rep. Gerry Connolly (D-11th) also attended the meeting.

### FOR MORE INFORMATION about VDOT's

1-66 expansion plan and to register a comment, go to http://outside.transform66.org/ meetings/default.asp. To learn about the "Do No Harm" or "Do Nothing" alternative, go to http://transform66wisely.org/. Comments for the project must be registered by June 18.

### Burke Resident to Teach in Taiwan

Rebecca Lim, 22, of Burke is one of the 14 University of Virginia alumni and graduate students who have been offered grants, presented by the U.S. Department of State and the J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board. This puts them among 1,900 U.S. citizens who will travel abroad for the 2015-16 academic year through the Fulbright U.S. Student Program. Recipients of Fulbright grants are selected on the basis of academic and professional achievement, as well as demonstrated leadership potential. Lim, who graduated this month with a double major in East Asian studies and political and social thought, will teach English in Taiwan.

"It's such an awesome opportunity to live and work in a place where the language, history and culture are so different from what I am used to, learn by fully immersing myself in that unfamiliarity, and at the same time get to represent my own country and participate in an important cultural exchange," said Lim, who has previously traveled in China, but will be visiting Taiwan for the first time.

Lim graduated from Lake Braddock Secondary School.

Her achievements while at University of Virginia include: Editor-in-Chief of The Cavalier Daily, 2014-15; Intern, Miller Center of Public Affairs; Student Instructor, Cavalier Education Program (designed and taught a course on North Korea and the media last semester); Resident Advisor (third year); Class Council (second and third years); College Council Political and Social Thought Representative (third year); Lawn Resident; Raven Society; Intermediate



#### Rebecca Lim

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"I was particularly interested in teaching English in Taiwan because of my academic background-I am an East Asian Studies major and am studying Mandarin Chinese—and although I have studied and traveled in China extensively, I had not yet had the opportunity to visit Taiwan. Looking back at my own childhood, I realized that language played a vital role in my absorption, retention, and identification with different cultures. I applied for the Fulbright English Teaching Assistantship because I saw how powerful language can be in communicating not only words and meanings, but deeper cultural understanding,"

Photo contributed

Paola Villegas of Burke with McDaniel College board chair Marty Hill.

### Burke Graduate Honored at McDaniel College

Paola Villegas, of Burke, received the Edith Farr Ridington Phi Beta Kappa Writing Award for the graduating senior with the best honors research paper at McDaniel College's Commencement on May 23.

A biology major with minors in psychology and comparative culture studies, Villegas's paper titled "Morphological and Functional Properties of Cypriniform Gill Rakers across Trophic Niches" was based on her capstone research, which was selected for presentation

at the Society for Integrative and Comparative Biology (SICB) in West Palm Beach, Fla., in January 2015. She graduated from McDaniel College cum laude and a College Scholar with departmental honors in biology. Villegas was a writing center tutor and member of the Honors program at McDaniel, as well as an avid creator and writer of films and screenplays. She plans to work in biotechnology or a hospital before pursuing a M.D./Ph.D. program.

### SCHOOL NOTES

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Governor Terry McAuliffe and the state Board of Education announced on May 19, 2015, that 252 schools and four school divisions earned 2015 Virginia Index of Performance (VIP) awards for advanced learning and achievement. The VIP incentive program recognizes schools and divisions that exceed state and federal accountability standards and achieve excellence goals established by the governor and the board. 109 schools earned the Board of Education Excellence Award, the second-tier honor in the VIP program. The schools receiving Board of Education Excellence Awards are as follows:

Greenbriar West Elementary, Fairfax; Hunt Valley Elementary, Springfield; Hunters Woods Elementary for the Arts and Sciences, Reston; Keene Mill Elementary, Springfield; Mantua Elementary, Fairfax; Mosby Woods Elementary, Fairfax; Navy Elementary, Fairfax; Robinson Secondary, Fairfax; Sangster Elementary, Springfield; Springfield Estates Elementary, Springfield; Thomas Jefferson High for Science and Technology; West Springfield Elementary, Springfield; West Springfield High, Springfield; White Oaks Elementary, Burke; Willow Springs Elementary, Fairfax; and Woodson High,

Ryan Richardson, a history and social studies teacher at West Springfield High School, is one of 545 teachers from across the country selected as a National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH)M summer scholar. Richardson will attend one of 25 seminars and institutes supported by the NEH, a federal agency that, each summer, supports these enrichment opportunities at colleges, universities, and cultural institutions so that teachers can study with experts in humanities disciplines. He will participate in a Summer Institute for Teachers titled Teaching Connected Histories of the Mediterranean." The three-week program will be held at the University of Denver.

The institute represents a partnership between George Mason University and the University of Denver to offer secondary school teachers courses such as world history, world geography, world religions, and global studies the opportunity to focus on the Mediterranean region from a world historical perspective. Under the guidance of leading scholars in this field, participants will explore ways to incorporate the region into their existing courses. Building on the strengths of two leading universities in Middle East and Islamic Studies, this three-week summer program connects teachers with the recent scholarship on this region and allows them to access new curriculum materials developed under the direction of several prominent scholars, including some of the institute's faculty, for the K-12 classroom.

The Fairfax County Band Directors Association has recognized 16 Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) students for excellence in solo instrumental music performance as part of the 2015 Fairfax County Band Directors Association Solo Competition. A total of 33 schools were represented; 66 students competed in the event.

winners in the elementary school division: Third place: Maia Trafton (trumpet), Keene Mill Elementary School.

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Boats at the starting line in the Cardboard Boat Regatta as part of Springfield Days at Lake Accotink last Sun-



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Boats take part in the Cardboard Boat Regatta at Lake Accotink Park.

## Cardboard Boat Regatta at Lake Accotink Park

### A couple thousand people watch 60 boats race as part of Springfield Days on May 31.

bout 60 boats competed in the 26th annual Cardboard Boat Regatta at Lake Accotink Park in Springfield as part of Springfield Days on Sunday, May 31. The event sponsored by the Fairfax County Park Authority drew teams from as many as 30 Fairfax County schools and had about 2,000 people in attendance.

"The Cardboard Boat Regatta is a 26-year tradition that Lake Accotink Park is proud to host each year in conjunction with Springfield Days," said Julie Tahan, park supervisor for Lake Accotink Park.

Racers competed in boat various categories, including: Open 14-Under (Great White Hopeless is the winner), SACC (Big Wheelers from Waples Mill

SACC is the winner), School Civic Scout Group (Fingerbox is the winner), Adult & Child (Hopeful Puffin 3 is the winner), Open 15-50 (Batter Up is the winner), and Open 50-Over (Dixie Chicken is the winner).

Judges handed out plaques to the following teams: Most Likely to Float Award went to Laurel Hill SACC for Ghost Busters 2; The Titanic Award went to "Insert Name Here" from Girl Scout Troop 1040; The Best Costume Award went to the Red Strikers from Church Hill Road School; the Team Spirit Award went to The Apocalypse from West Springfield High School; the Pride of the Regatta went to Frizzles Crocks from Island Creek SACC; and the Best First Time Entry went to the Black Pearl.

– Steve Hibbard



The Patriot Team with Claire Higgins and Kate Lachman, both of Springfield, and Sebastian Ayala of Manassas.

The Cardinal Forest **SACC Team called** "Don't Worry, Be Happy" of Springfield. (Pictured): Evan Ewell, Natalie Houchins, Alanna Thompson, Garrett Waite, Tabitha Press, Katelyn White, Soren Trimble, Mikei King, Andrew Cullinane, Ben Jackson and Billy O'Connor.





**Boats take** part in the Cardboard **Boat Regatta** as part of **Springfield** Days at Lake **Accotink Park** on May 31.

### Calendar

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.

#### 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

#### THURSDAY/JUNE 4

### **Getaway to Private Gardens of**

Philadelphia. 7 a.m.-7 p.m. Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Rd., Alexandria. A getaway to the Philadelphia area to visit two private gardens. The first stop is Inta Krumboltz's Fox Hollow, a garden featured in Fine Gardening Magazine's Great Gardens. This site will wow you with its woodland gardens, mixed perennial borders, overflowing containers, and focal features. After lunch at Fox Hollow, we're off to the tranquil woodland gardens of Wyn Eden. Our final stop is the garden shop of Terrain at Styers to round out the day with some fabulous garden finds. \$138 Call 703-642-5173 to register.

#### 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.

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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 6**

Spring Campfire Saturdays. 7 p.m. Lake Accotink Park, 7500 Accotink Park Road, Springfield. An evening campfire for the whole family Adventure awaits as you explore the woodlands and lake front spots where wildlife hides and resides, guided by a naturalist. Program ends with a cozy campfire, bring whatever you like to roast, smores provided.

### Mount Vernon Nights: Melodime.

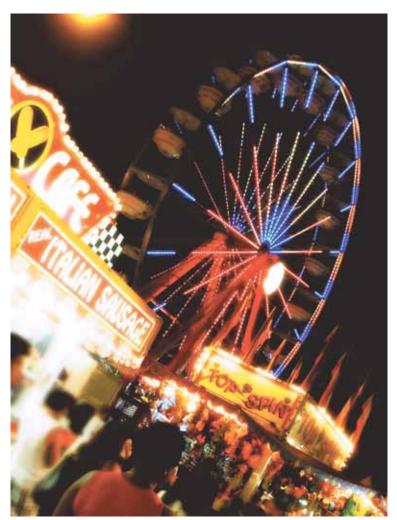
7 p.m. Workhouse Arts Center, 9518 Workhouse Way, Lorton. Mount Vernon Nights, a program of the Fairfax County Park Authority, will be returning to the Workhouse for it's fourth year in a row. Enjoy free public concerts featuring a different genre and musical group each week.

Fun Festival. 7550 Reservation Drive, Springfield. 9:30 a.m. - 2 p.m

#### **SATURDAY-SUNDAY/JUNE 6-7** Arlington Rose Foundation's 59th

Sunday: 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. Merrifield Garden Center- Fair Oaks location, 8132 Lee Highway, Falls Church. The Rose Show includes over 50 categories of rose excellence including photography, fragrance and

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Enjoy the giant Ferris wheel at Celebrate Fairfax! this weekend, June 5-7.

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a silent auction. Rose growers, both novice and expert, compete for awards. Consulting Rosarians will be available for any questions you may have about identifying and growing roses. Free. Contact 703-371-9351 or pam1powers@aol.com.

### SUNDAY/JUNE 7

### Walk for Nepal Earthquake

Victims. 7-10 a.m. Burke Lake Park, 7315 Ox Road, Fairfax Station. Nepal Earthquake - 7.8 magnitude followed by many aftershocks. The country is in desperate need of food, water, medical supplies, and housing. Millions of people have lost their homes and are living outdoors. The monsoon season is just around the corner and they need to build thousands of shelter for the homeless.

### MONDAY/JUNE 8

Discovery Time III. 9 a.m. Burke Lake Park, 7315 Ox Road, Fairfax Station. Prehistoric Creatures Week Theme-based activities such as games, crafts, special projects and hikes help children discover these wonders of science. Bring snack, lunch and drink daily. Register at http://parktakes.fairfaxcounty.gov/

### TUESDAY/JUNE 9

Pohick Daytime Book Discussion Group. 1 p.m. Burke Centre Library, 5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke. Code Name Verity by Elizabeth Wien.

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Afternoon Book Club. 1 p.m. Richard Byrd Library, 7250 Commerce Street, Springfield. Do you enjoy reading and appreciate the company of other book lovers? Join our afternoon book club, make new friends, and chat about books. This month's title is State of Wonder by Ann Patchett. Adults.

### FRIDAY/JUNE 12

### **Ancestors 101: Military Records.** 1

p.m. Burke Centre Library, 5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke. Track down your ancestors who served in the Revolutionary, Civil or World Wars and examine their military and pension records. Adults.

Kingstowne Farmers Market. 4-7 p.m. Fridays, May 1-Oct. 30. Giant Parking Lot, 5955 Kingstowne Towne Center, Alexandria. Vendors products include fresh organic honey and hand held pies and

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### SATURDAY/JUNE 13

Creative Writers Club. 2 p.m. Burke Centre Library, 5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke. Do you enjoy writing fiction, poetry, non-fiction and/or memoirs? Join us for sharing, discussion and feedback of works in progress. Teen volunteer facilitates. Age 13-18.

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.

Burke Farmers Market. 8 a.m.-noon. Saturdays, May 2-Nov. 21. 5671 Roberts Parkway, Burke. www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/ farmersmarkets/burkemkt.htm

Springfield Farmers Market. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Springfield Town Center, 6699 Spring Mall Drive, Springfield. www.smartmarkets.org.

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The Robinson girls' lacrosse team won the 6A North region championship on June 2 with a 15-6 victory over Oakton at Robinson Secondary School.

## Robinson Girls' Lacrosse Beats Oakton for Region Championship

### Schuler leads Rams with five goals, goalie Valenti tallies 10 saves.

By Jon Roetman The Connection

he Oakton girls' lacrosse team's patient approach and long possessions put the clamps on the Robinson Rams' potent offense early in Tuesday's 6A North region tournament final.

Robinson entered the contest averaging 20 goals per game, but managed just three in the opening 15 minutes.

Once Robinson got in a groove, however, the Rams would make up for lost time.

The Rams closed the first half on a 7-0 run, including a three-goal barrage in the final 20 seconds, and cruised to a region championship with a 15-6 victory over the Cougars at Robinson Secondary School.

It was the Rams' first region title since 2009, according to results on laxpower.com.

Goals by sophomore attacker Katie Checkosky and senior midfielder Mackenzie Schuler gave Robinson a 5-2 advantage and led to an Oakton timeout with 5:50 left in the opening half. Senior attacker Izzy Obregon found the back of the net and Schuler scored again, extending the Rams' advantage to four with 59 seconds on the clock.

**ROBINSON** then closed the first half with a three-goal flurry as Schuler, Checkosky and Obregon each scored in the final 20 seconds, giving the Rams a 10-2 halftime advantage.

"I think they were definitely hungry for the ball," Robinson head coach Liz Case said,

"and they were kind of like, 'All right, we're done playing [around]."

Goals by junior midfielder Taylor Caskey and sophomore midfielder Elli Kluegel early in the second half extended Robinson's lead to 12-2 and brought the running clock into effect. The Rams led by as many as 11 in the second half.

"I don't think we've ever wanted something more than this," Schuler said. "We've been working toward it all season and we finally achieved our goal."

Schuler tied a career high with five goals, including four in the first half, and added an assist.

Checkosky totaled three goals and two assists, and Kluegel finished with three goals and one assist. Obregon had two goals, Caskey tallied one goal and three assists, and junior attacker Kaitlin Luccarelli added a goal.

Oakton's lengthy first-half possessions "motivated us to keep getting that goal differential greater and greater because when they were holding the ball ... we definitely wanted to get the ball back," Schuler said. "We don't want the other team to have the ball. You can't win a game if the other team has the ball.'

While the Robinson offense took a while to get going, the Rams defense was solid throughout, limiting Oakton to its lowest goal-scoring output against a public school opponent this season.

"This is actually, I believe, the first game that we've had a team play like that against us, where they just take so much time off the clock," said Robinson junior defender and captain Emily Skrzypczak. "It was kind of weird at first, but I think we definitely worked well and used it to our advantage because they would take their time and that would help us get set up and be ready for when they do want to go. Then we're all

ready to crash and stop it and get the ball back.'

Junior goalie Danielle Valenti tallied 10 saves for Robinson, thwarting several free position shots by the Cougars.

"She always plays so well when we play great teams," Schuler said, "and she stepped up today ..."

What is Valenti's method to stopping free position shots?

"A lot of times coaches will scream, 'Shoot low!' or something, or I'll hear other players say certain things," Valenti said, "but, honestly, it's just reacting real fast. We take a lot of free positions in practice, so that

"I don't think we've ever wanted something more than this. We've been working toward it all season and we finally achieved our goal."

> - Robinson senior captain **Mackenzie Schuler**

helps me out too."

THE VICTORY improved Robinson's record to 19-1 and earned the Rams a first-round bye in the 6A state tournament. Robinson has won 13 in a row since losing to Georgetown Visitation, 18-11, on March 31.

The state tournament is scheduled for June 9-13 at Lake Braddock Secondary School.

"We've all been working so hard the entire year," Skrzypczak said. "Just to see it pay off is just so great."

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### Matthew J. DiFilippo

Matthew Joseph DiFilippo, 35, of Fredericksburg passed away Thursday, May 28, 2015.

Matthew was an avid Washington Redskins fan and enjoyed

He is survived by his father, Angelo DiFilippo; brother Frank DiFilippo; half-sisters Maria Beres and Margetta Hester; two nieces and a nephew Kasey, Ashley and Caden. He was preceded in death by his mother, Myung Ja Ki DiFilippo; and halfbrother Michael DiFilippo.

to 7 p.m. on Sunday, May 31 at Covenant Funeral Service. Fredericksburg Chapel with a rosary to begin at 6:45 p.m.

A mass of celebration will be held at 11 a.m. on Monday, June 1 at St. Mary Catholic Church. Entombment will take place at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, June 2 in Fairfax Memorial Park.

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