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News

Nearly Half a Billion for Schools, Fire, Police

Reston, Merrifield fire stations would be renovated or replaced.

By Ken Moore The Connection

oters will decide in November on nearly half a billion dollars in bond sales for schools and public safety projects. The Fairfax County Board of Supervisors authorized the referendum on the two possible bond issues at its last Board meeting, Tuesday, June 2.

If approved by Fairfax County voters, \$151 million would be available to renovate five fire stations, build a new police station and animal shelter in the South County area, plus renovate several police facilities.

The \$310 million school bond would renovate nine elementary schools, two middle schools and two high schools, along with funding an addition to South Lakes High School and plan a new Northwest County area elementary school.

The Fairfax County School Board adopted its own resolution on May 7, urging the



The Fairfax County Board of Supervisors recognized the Fairfax County Police Department for its 75th anniversary.

Board of Supervisors to authorize the bonds.

FIVE AGING fire stations, Merrifield, Reston, Penn Daw, Woodlawn and Edsall, would be renovated with \$51 million. The stations range in age from 36 to 48 years, and require the replacement of major systems "which have reached the end of their useful lives," according to Fairfax County documents. "These stations do not meet the current operational requirements of the Fire and Rescue Department."

Renovations will expand equipment bays to provide adequate space for current apparatus and current station staffing requirements, including bunk rooms and locker facilities for male and female personnel.

THE POLICE would use \$100 million to: build a new animal shelter and police station in the South County area; renovate Franconia District Police station; do construction and renovation for the police heliport, K9 Center and several other facili-

The new police station would create smaller coverage areas.

"This is a critical need given the signifi-

Public Safety Bonds

Merrifield Fire Station \$8 million Reston Fire Station \$13 million Penn Daw Fire Station \$10 million Woodlawn Fire Station \$10 million Edsall Fire Station \$10 million South County Police Station and Animal Shelter \$30 million

Heliport \$13 million Police Tactical Operations Facility (Pine Ridge) \$24

Emergency Vehicle Operations Center & K9 \$10

Franconia Police Station \$23 million

cant current and future population growth in the area," according to county documents. "A new station will allow the department to organize smaller patrol areas and decrease response times throughout the

Fairfax County has the highest credit rating possible for any government, and this means bonds sell at low interest rates.

This plan, including the proposed fall 2015 referendum was approved as part of the FY 2016 - FY 2020 Adopted Capital Improvement Program.

The School bond sales will be maintained in the annual amount of \$155 million. The County will issue a pamphlet about the bonds to be mailed to all county households in the fall.

Startup Staffing Agency Earns Awards

Red Apple Consultants, LLC enjoys fruit of its labor.

BY THOMAS FRIESTAD The Connection

ysons-based staffing agency Red Apple Consultants is no stranger to accolades, despite being founded just last year. CEO Arsalan Sajjad, winner of a national Business Development Executive of the Year 2015 award, will receive an American Business Award for "Startup of the Year" in Chicago on June 22. For Sajjad, this marks a high point in the company's history, which began in January 2014 when he founded it with \$500 in his pocket.

"My very first month, I only made \$1,000 and my bills were \$2,000, so I was like, okay, I'm in the negatives, let's see where this goes," Sajjad said. "There was a company I was targeting, calling nonstop and email blasting. One day, I got a call from them, asking for my prices. There was silence, then a month after, they said 'we like your prices, can you come in for a meeting?' Before I even never looked back."

SAJJAD said his reaction upon receiving Red Apple's nomination for The



Arsalan Sajjad, Red Apple Consultants, LLC CEO, will receive an **American Business Award for** "Startup of the Year" in Chicago June 22. Sajjad said his reaction to being nominated for this award was "disbelief, happiness and excitement."

Stevie Awards' "Startup of the Year" was disbelief, but happiness and excitement as well. According to its website, The Stevie got back to my office, they sent me an Awards "recognize outstanding perforemail, asking for ten guys. From there, I mances in the workplace worldwide." In its first year, Red Apple earned \$1.6 million in revenue, created 200 jobs, 80 percent of which were military veterans, and opened up a second location in New York.

"I still don't know who ended up nominating me; I believe it was a client, but I don't know for sure," Sajjad said. "I just couldn't wait for the results to come back and see if I had won or not. When I won, I called all my clients personally and thanked them, because those clients gave me a chance and believed in me when I just had an idea of what I wanted to do."

Client Mike Moreno said, as Red Apple has grown, so has its role in relation to his company.

"We basically hire every employee we get through [Sajjad]," Moreno said. "I think he had about four or five people he was representing at the beginning, when he was running out of a little tiny office space, and now, we interview five to ten guys a week from him. [Red Apple] has turned into one of our biggest resources."

Sajjad said he founded Red Apple because he observed potential talent being wasted regardless of quality. He said he fell in love with his line of work after an experience with a homeless individual in Arlington.

'I was driving once and I came across this homeless guy asking for money, so I gave him a \$5 bill and my business card, and I asked him if he was looking for work," Sajjad said. "He said yes, so I said give me a call tomorrow and I guarantee I'll put you

to work. He called me the next day and I got him an interview with a client of mine. The best feeling was when he called me the next day and he got the job, and he goes 'thanks for you and your company, after two weeks, I won't be homeless anymore."

MORI GHAZZAWI, Vice President of the Knowlogy Corporation, has worked with Sajjad for the past year for the recruitment of sales reps and accounting staff. Ghazzawi said he expects a bright future from Red Apple due to Sajjad's admirable qualities.

"We met at one of those business chamber meetings, I gave him a chance to send me one person, and I liked his service and his professionalism," Ghazzawi said. "Here we are a year later and many candidates later. If he treats everybody the way he treats and deals with me, then the sky's the limit."

Sajjad launched an additional branch of Red Apple June 8 in McLean, featuring a new division focusing exclusively on veterans and the homeless. Sajjad opened a fundraising campaign at www.gofundme.com/arsalansajjad to help achieve this aim.

Sajjad said, "I've always wanted to be the person who makes a difference. You don't get to live forever, but I wanted to create something that would live forever."

News

Taking a Stand for **Future Generations**

County boards, McLean High students tackle "civil rights issue of our era."

The Connection

atherine Reed of Equality Virginia thanked McLean High School junior Darrell "DJ" Valdez for the effect he will have on the future, and on all civil rights.

"If it wasn't for courageous people willing to stand up for the next generation, believe me, it'd be a lot harder for all of us," said Reed. "It's been 26 years of hard work to get where we are today."

Valdez will be the president of McLean High School's Gay Straight Alliance next year.

"Even in an area as progressive as McLean, it still feels as if our voice isn't heard. It means a lot that you would voice this for us and with us. We are very grateful," Valdez told the Board of Supervisors.

The Fairfax County Board of Supervisors designated June as Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Pride Month in Fairfax County with a proclamation issued on June

By Ken Moore 2, 2015 in the Fairfax County Government Center.

> "Fairfax County has a diverse LGBT community that includes people of all ethnicities, religions and professions," said Supervisor John Foust (D-Dranesville). "Everyone should be able to live without fear of prejudice, discrimination, violence or hatred based on gender identity or sexual orientation."

> The proclamation "urges all residents to respect and honor our diverse community and celebrate and build a culture of inclusiveness and acceptance," said Foust.

> Six students from McLean High School and members of the GSA attended the cer-

> "I suppose all I really have to say is thank you," Valdez said.

> "TOO MANY individuals continue to encounter discrimination and mistreatment," said Foust. "Young people in particularly can find navigating sexual orientation very difficult and threatening during their teen



Members of the McLean High School Gay Straight Alliance were among those on hand as the Board of Supervisors designated June as Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Pride Month in Fairfax County.

years. That's why it's so important that we all join the fight against all discrimination."

Supervisor Jeff McKay (D-Lee) referenced the May 7 School Board hearing, where the School Board added the words "gender identity" to its nondiscrimination policy.

"The School Board recently dealt with and grappled with a very touchy subject and I had the unfortunate opportunity of watching that entire public hearing and seeing some of the worst disrespect and hatred that still exists out there in our community," he

"Many people have called this the civil rights movement of our era. Like all civil rights movement, it takes education, it takes advocacy if we are to make change happen," McKay said. "I'm proud of what our school board did, I'm proud of people who came out to testify in support of it, I was disappointed in some of the things that were said that are just frankly untrue."

"This is a human rights issue, plain and simple. We are all different in different ways," said Board of Supervisors Chairman Sharon Bulova.

One of the McLean students who is transgender, thanked the Board for "everything that has happened this year."

Doug Hansen, a Fairfax County employee with Department of Planning and Zoning, stood in alliance with the McLean students, representing all county employees in the LGBT community. Tara Dwyer, the faculty advisor also stood in support of her students. "As a person who falls under this umbrella, we would have never ever been so welcomed when I was a teenager," she said.







OPINION

Bishops' Statement on Death Penalty Debate

To build a culture of life we must respect the sanctity of even "unlovable" lives.

COMMENTARY

BY BISHOP FRANCIS X. DILORENZO AND BISHOP PAUL S. LOVERDE Catholic Diocese of Arlington

his year, through the advocacy of the Virginia Catholic Conference, our Church spent considerable time opposing legislation related to the death penalty. The proposed measure would have permitted the Commonwealth to arrange with compounding pharmacies to mix drugs for use in executions, hiding from the public

the identities of the pharmacies and materials used. Thankfully, this bill was defeated. So, too, was a measure the Virginia General Assembly con-

sidered last year — also opposed by the Conference — that would have forced death row inmates to be electrocuted if lethal injection drugs are not available.

Meanwhile, Pope Francis delivered a message which sharply contrasted these disturbing debates. "There is discussion in some quarters about the method of killing, as if it were possible to find ways of 'getting it right',' the Pope wrote in a recent letter about the death penalty. "But there is no humane way of killing another person."

Pope Francis' keen observation adds an exclamation point to the rejection of these "method of execution" bills. In Virginia, we are indeed having the wrong debate — a reality clearly visible in light of all we celebrate during this Easter season.

In these final joyful weeks of Easter, the Church continues to celebrate the gift of eternal life offered through the Resurrection. In our pilgrimage to that life, we follow Jesus, who loved and forgave us from the Cross, by living out the teaching of our faith that all human life is sacred, from the moment of conception until natural death.

This conviction is reflected in our understanding that the poor and vulnerable have the first claim on our consciences, in our opposi-

tion to abortion and euthanasia, and in our responsibility to welcome immigrants and refugees. But our faith also challenges us to declare sacred

even the least lovable among us, those convicted of committing brutal crimes which have brought them the ultimate penalty, the penalty of death.

The Church's teaching on the death penalty is succinctly stated in a 2005 U.S. Bishops' statement, "A Culture of Life and the Penalty of Death:" "No matter how heinous the crime, if society can protect itself without ending a human life, it should do so." This statement is the teaching of the Catechism, and for decades Popes John Paul II, Benedict XVI and Francis consistently have urged us to embrace it.

To be sure, this teaching challenges many people, including ourselves when we reflect on violent crimes and lives lost in senseless and unimaginable ways. The deep pain, grief and suffering of those who have lost loved ones to violence cry out for our care and attention. More killing, though, is not the answer: The death penalty does not provide true healing for those who mourn, nor does it embody the Gospel of Life, which each of us is called to affirm even in the most difficult circumstances.

It is also important to note that people have been executed despite serious doubts about their guilt, and inmates who languished on death row for decades have been freed after their innocence was proven. Since 1973, some 152 death row inmates nationwide - including one in Virginia — have been exonerated. We must also be aware of the racial inequity inherent in the system, and that the death penalty has been administered to individuals with severe intellectual disabilities.

These circumstances further illustrate that, in Virginia and elsewhere, we are having the wrong debate. We should no longer debate which inmates we execute or how we execute them. Instead, we should debate this: If all human lives are sacred and if a civilized society such as ours can seek redress and protect itself by means other than taking a human life, why are we continuing to execute people?

By ending the use of the death penalty we would take one important step — among significant others we must take - to abandon the culture of death and embrace the culture

As Pope Francis reminds us, there is no humane way of taking a life. Let us not choose whether to use lethal drugs, electric chairs, gas chambers or firing squads. Let us take the more courageous step and choose life instead, even when it seems "unlovable."

"We have a second generation

that's coming of age now," Moore

said. "Twenty years after the war,

they don't have an understanding

of their parents' and grandparents'

Vesna Kurspahic is the curator

of "Documenting Hometown and

Family History in Stari Majdan,

Bosnia," a photography exhibition

that Moore said is helping to show

the "beauty and complexity of

nized at a June 13 dinner held at the

Grbic Banquet Center, a Bosnian res-

taurant in St. Louis. Moore said he

recently discovered Vesna's mother

was a teacher and school principal

to the owners, husband and wife,

Sulejman and Ermina Grbic.

Bosnian culture and history." The Kurspahics are being recog-

experience of Bosnian culture."

■ McLean

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Kurspahics To Receive Civic Courage Award

Honored by the Bosnia Memory Project.

emal Kurspahic and his wife Vesna of McLean are being honored as recipients of the inaugural Civic Courage Award from the Bosnia Memory Project at Fontbonne University in St. Louis.

Kemal Kurspahic, the managing editor of The Connection, was editor-in-chief of the Bosnian newspaper Oslobodjenje during the three and a half-year siege of Sarajevo, between 1992 and 1995. He led a multi-ethnic staff that continued to publish a daily edition throughout the siege, despite the newspaper building being bombed and facing gunfire while trying to reach the office.

"They have stood for the kinds of civic ideas and ideals that char-Herzegovina and United States," Bosnia Memory Project. "They retal part of the civic sphere, that St. Louis after the war.



Vesna and Kemal Kurspahic in Sarajevo in 2006 with old Turkish fountain — Sebilj - in the background. Bosnians in St. Louis have built a replica of Sarajevo Sebilj in their new hometown.

Photo Contributed

people of all ethnicities and backgrounds can find common understanding."

Kurspahic's book about the experience, "As Long As Sarajevo Exists," is required reading for a course Moore teaches at acterize the best of Bosnia, Fontbonne. The Bosnia Memory Project started in 2006 as a resaid Dr. Ben Moore, director of the sponse to the large community of Bosnians and their children ally believe in journalism as a vi- around 40,000 — that settled in

"What he did during the siege of Sarajevo, keeping the paper running and refusing to yield to the chauvinism and bigotry, is an ongoing inspiration for what we're doing," Moore said.

The core of the project is producing an ongoing oral history to preserve stories and artifacts from the war and genocide. Another goal is to lay the groundwork for a center of Bosnian studies at the university.

"This is a classic case of the recipients honoring the award more than the other way around," said Moore. "The challenge, with the plan to offer this award annually, is finding people who rise to the same level."

- Tim Peterson

News

Langley High Sophomore **Receives STEM Excellence Award**

Ayesha Javaid, a sophomore at Langley High School, was honored at the annual dinner of the McLean Area Branch of American Association of University Women (AAUW) as the 2015 recipient of the branch's STEM Excellence Award. The STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) Excellence Award is given to a female student from a high school in the McLean area with an outstanding science fair project in the field of Engineering. The award, presented to Ayesha on May 13 at River Bend Country Club, recognized her project to purify contaminated water into safe drinking water for under \$5.

While visiting family in Pakistan, Ayesha decided to undertake her water purification project after seeing people drinking from dirty puddles in the streets. She set up an experiment that created a solar cooker to boil water and tested before and after samples for purity. Her project finished in first place in the Materials and Bioengineering category at Langley High School, and at the Fairfax County Regional Science and Engineering Fair, she was recognized as a Second Place Winner in the Environmental Engineering

Her work was commended by keynote speaker Bob Ryan, a Washington broadcast meteorologist since 1980. He was chief meteorologist with NBC4 for 30 years and, before retiring in 2013, served as senior meteorologist and head of digital weather strategies at ABC7. During his career Ryan has remained ac-



Ayesha Javaid, center, receives congratulations from Peggy Stotz, co-president of the AAUW McLean Area Branch, far left; Bob Ryan, meteorologist and keynote speaker; her mother Naz Basit, second from right; and Judy Page, McLean area branch STEM coordinator, far right, at the branch's annual dinner on May 13. Ayesha was honored by the AAUW McLean area branch as the 2015 recipient of their STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) **Excellence Award.**

tively involved in the science of meteorology. He served the American Meteorological Society (AMS) in several positions, including as its president in 1996 (the only broadcast meteorologist elected president of the AMS). He co-chairs a new AMS Committee on Effective Communication of Weather and Climate Information, and his presentation included a discussion of numerous weather trends.

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Public Information Meeting

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NEWS



The Best Musical Award went to McLean High School for "Big Fish." From left: Jack Posey, Emma Gold, Amy Poe, Marielle Burt. Rachel Lawhead, and Alex Stone.

The Critics' Team Award went to McLean High School. From left: Marielle Burt, Isabel Zapata, Jessica Scarano, Gillian Wright, Emma Paquette, Jack Posey, Sam Miller, Zoe Lemenestrel.



The Lead Actor in a Musical **Award went to Alex Stone** for "Big Fish" at McLean High School.

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The Costumes Award went to "Big Fish" at McLean High School. From left: Miranda Creason, Marzanne DeLapp de Anya, Jessica Scarano and Breezy Johnson.



The Best **Song Award** went to "Be the Hero" for "Big Fish" at McLean High School. From left: Chris Oakley, Linus Stroik and Nora Logsdon.



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Cappies Awards Honor **High School Theater**

he 16th Annual Cappies Gala honoring high school theater was held Sunday, June 7 at The Kennedy Center. Of the 39 awards, winning the top prizes were Robinson Secondary School for the Best Play Award summer of 1999 by Judy Bowns, the theatre arts for "Neverwhere," and McLean High School for the Best Musical Award for "Big Fish." This year's Masters of Ceremony were Judy Bowns, Janie Strauss and Ed Monk.

This year's show included 58 public and private high schools in Fairfax County, Arlington, Fauquier, Loudoun, Montgomery, and Prince William coun-

ties, and the Cities of Falls Church, Alexandria, Manassas and Washington, D.C. The Cappies season extended from late October to early May.

The Cappies program was launched in the resource teacher with FCPS, and the late Bill Strauss (director, Capitol Steps), in cooperation with area theater teachers, for the purpose of celebrating and bringing public acclaim to high

— STEVE HIBBARD



The Comic Actress in a Play Award went to Vivian Vaeth for "Book of Days" at Langley High School.



The Special Effects Award went to "Big Fish" at McLean High School to Kate Callahan and Isabel Zapata.





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HomeLifeStyle

Repairs Trigger Remodel

Great Falls renovation evolves from basic, needed repairs to an extensive family-friendly remodel.

By John Byrd

ometimes a significant home improvement starts with small repair considerations. In fact, as Roger Lataille, senior design consultant at Sun Design Remodeling, recalls, his first discussion with Jeff and Sharon Roman of Great Falls concerned how to solve a water drainage problem.

"There were no gutters over the three garage ports, and rain water splash-back was causing the garage doors to deteriorate," Lataille said. "Also, the front entrance was too exposed. And the original wooden deck on the back of the house had decayed so badly it wasn't being used much at all."

Then there was the problem with woodpeckers regularly attacking the house, a reflection of moisture build-up and bug-infestation under the home's sprayed-on stucco exterior.

Yet rectifying these everyday dysfunctions turned out to be a comparatively small part of the Romans' agenda, as Lataille soon discovered.

As the conversation progressed, the outlines for a sweeping, state-of-the-art makeover began to take shape even as the home's exterior was gradually re-imagined as an architectural statement fully integrated with its setting.

At 6,500 square feet, the nearly 20-yearold, six bedroom center hall Colonial offered considerable grandeur, yet the facade lacked detail, definition, even warmth.

"There were a lot of distinctive architectural themes in place," Lataille said. "Our first concern is always helping the owner articulate a program that suits their goals, and then initiating an effective collaboration process."

With this in mind, the solutions proposed for the home's front elevations came right to the point. A metal-clad overhang supported by decorative brackets above the garage doors not only re-directs rainwater into a discrete functional drainage system, but also gives the facade a unifying accent that ties in with the redesigned front entrance.

The defective stucco cladding has been replaced with sand-colored Hardiboard and a stonework "water table" motif that scales back the mass of the looming three level facade, making the whole feel more intimate and approachable.

LIKEWISE, on the rear elevation, opportunities for self-expression quickly became inspirations.



The new portico lends needed definition to the entrance way of the Jeff and Sharon Roman's Great Falls home. The metal-clad roof is visually unified with a garage overhang supported by decorative brackets.

Situated on two rolling acres and surrounded by woodland, the home's setting provided a sprawling backdrop for an indoor-outdoor solution.

Boasting a southwesterly view from the rear elevation, the existing rear deck was usually bathed in soft sunsets on summer evenings. The visual display was, likewise, available from the house — except the windows were too small and the only exits to the outside converged in a recessed hyphen joining the two main blocks on the rear of the house.

"Ironically, we've always loved spending time outdoors," Sharon said, "so it's surprising that we hadn't changed the exterior of the house in the 13 years we've lived here."

During summer vacations at Deep Creek Lake in Maryland, however, the Romans discovered how much they enjoy sitting by a fire pit on pleasant evenings. This revelation prompted thoughts of adding not only a fire pit, but a screen porch on the rear of the house — one that could be used from early spring and well into fall.

"I also pictured more natural light in the back of the house," Sharon Roman said. "A rear elevation with oversized windows and doors that invites in the beauty all around us."

As the vision evolved, the Romans decided on a plan with four main components: a 20-foot-by-15-foot screened porch, a 21-foot-by-16-foot grilling deck, a ground level sunken patio that exits from a lower level room, and a stand-alone fire pit with seating for six.



PHOTOS BY GREG HADLEY

The spacious new screened porch demonstrates how highly durable materials can be shaped to meet demanding aesthetics. The Ipe decking chosen for the porch flooring is one of the one of the most enduring natural hardwoods offered for outdoor surfaces; installed in a tongue-and-groove pattern, it keeps out bugs more effectively than screen mesh. The fiberglass charcoal screen, likewise, makes it hard to see the porch interior from the outside.

Details

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"We were thinking ahead in many ways," Sharon Roman said. "Jeff and I have elderly parents, and a lot of family in the area. A direct entrance to the lower level, for instance, might make it easy to convert the space into an in-law suite if needed."

Overall, the Romans sought the capacity to comfortably entertain up to 40 or 50 people.

Of course, for a fete of that size — well-constructed decking is essential. Phase one to the new plan was, thus, a nod to necessity: re-design the decking system to accommodate traffic circulating from directions never previously in the picture.

"We learned immediately that the concrete supporting the existing 20-year-old deck hadn't been properly set," Lataille said. "Also, to assure the durability of the deck's surface, we specified Trex instead of wood, and narrowed the span between undergirding joists from 16 inches to 12 inches."

Structurally, the new decking is not only an upgrade, but thoroughly necessary since it's now directly accessible through oversized double glass doors from the family room, the dining room and the billiards parlor. It's also linked via a new flagstone walkway to the both fire pit and the new rear entrance to the lower level.

"Access to the outdoors from the house is one of the most fundamental features of an

integrated indoor/outdoor solution," Lataille said. "Bringing the aesthetics of nature into your daily life is a lifestyle change. The goal is to create spaces that can be easily maintained, yet allow owners to comfortably extend the open-air season."

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Meanwhile, the fiberglass charcoal screen — which makes it hard to see the porch interior from the outside — creates a cozy sense of closure. Overhead, the fir-beaded tongue-and-groove wood ceiling lends a natural burnish to the open-air ambiance.

Taking the lead from other finish work details, the design team installed a stone work "water table" for the porch's inside wall — a textured backdrop for the widescreen TV.

Equipped with both overhead fans and portable heaters, the outdoor room is habitable in all but the coldest days of winter.

"It's really our preferred family room now," said Sharon Roman. "With overhead fans, shades and other convenient adjustments, we can use the porch from early spring to late fall."

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SPORTS



Langley senior striker Zach Meyers battles for the ball with Madison's Matt Genberg during the 6A North region championship match on June 5. North region title on Friday with a 2-1 victory over Madison.



Daniel Levetown (10) and the Langley boys' soccer team won the 6A

Langley Boys' Soccer Wins Region Championship

won the first region championship in program history with a 2-1 victory over Madison on June 5 at Langley High School.

After falling behind, Langley's Jacob Labovitz netted the equalizer and Sam Golan scored the game-winner.

"It felt really good to win the region title," Langley senior Daniel Levetown wrote in an email. "It was very surreal

he Langley boys' soccer team for me. We were down most of the game, and being able to come back and win it in that fashion made it that much better. Nevertheless, we set our goal on winning the state championship. We celebrated after the game, jumped around a little and took some pictures, but we quickly got back to work preparing for the next game. But we do know that this is a very tough region and that it's an honor to take the title."

The victory improved Langley's record to 18-1-1, including a win against Fairfax in the Conference 6 tournament final. The Saxons are 15-0-1 since losing to McLean on April 7.

"Langley has had some great teams in the past and it's a travesty if none of them ever won the regional title," Levetown wrote. "I guess it's up to us to set the record straight and to show everyone what the Langley soccer tradition is all about. I am pleased that we were able to win the region title to represent Langley soccer and all of the great Langley teams and players in the past."

Next up for the Saxons is a state semifinal match against 6A South runner-up James River at 7 p.m. on Friday, June 12 at Robinson Secondary School.

Langley's last appearance in a state final was 2004, when the Saxons lost 1-0 to West Springfield.

Marshall Baseball Earns State Tournament Berth

Statesmen fall to Stone Bridge in 5A North region final.

> By Jon Roetman The Connection

he Marshall baseball team traveled to face Patrick Henry on June 5, qualified for the state tournament with a 3-2 victory in the 5A North region semifinals, and returned home from Ashland around 11 p.m.

The following day, the Statesmen hosted Stone Bridge for the region championship. After digging out a 5-0 hole and briefly taking the lead, Marshall finished runner-up on its home field, losing 10-7 on June 6.

After Stone Bridge dog-piled in celebration and trophies were awarded, Marshall players and coaches met for a postgame talk in right field.

What did head coach Aaron Tarr say to the Statesmen?

"You don't always have to tell them something, depending on how they react," Tarr said. "If they're upset, or if they're sad about how things go, then you've got to say, 'Hey, we're in states, let's pick this back up.' But



PHOTO BY CRAIG STERBUTZEL/THE CONNECTION **Marshall catcher Mitch Blackstone** went 2-for-4 with an RBI during the Statesmen's 10-7 loss to Stone **Bridge in the 5A North region** championship game on June 6.

they're more angry than sad, and angry guys are going to come back to work hard on

"That's indicative of having 11 seniors [who] want to get back after it."

THE MARSHALL BASEBALL team fell short of a region championship, but its season will continue after the Statesmen qualified for the state tournament for the first time in more than 20 years.

"We're pretty mad that we lost — especially to Stone Bridge, because we don't like losing to them," Marshall senior Will Brooke said. "[We're] excited for states and hopefully we get a chance to play them again [because] that's what we all want to do."

Before a potential rematch with Stone Bridge, Marshall will face 5A South champion Hickory in the state semifinals at 3 p.m. on Friday, June 12 at Lake Braddock Secondary School.

"It's incredible," Marshall senior catcher Mitch Blackstone said. "My freshman year, I had no thoughts about will this team ever get to states, and certainly not my sophomore year."

In 2012, Blackstone's freshman year, Marshall finished 12-8 and lost in the opening round of the AAA Northern Region tournament. The following year, the Statesmen started 0-7 but caught fire late in the year and reached the region semifinals before losing to Lake Braddock. Last year, after moving to 5A as part of the VHSL's six-class re-alignment, Marshall won the Conference 13 championship and again reached the region semifinals before losing to Stone Bridge and falling one victory shy of the state tournament for a second

This season, Marshall repeated as conference champion and secured a state berth with Friday's win over Patrick Henry. On Saturday, despite a pair of pitching changes in the first two innings and an early 5-0 deficit, the Statesmen continued to battle and gave themselves a shot at a region title.

An RBI double by second baseman Justin Han and a run-scoring single by Blackstone cut the Marshall deficit to 5-2 in the third inning. In the fifth inning, the Statesmen scored four runs, including a game-tying two-run single by first baseman Shane Russell. Two batters later, Marshall took a 6-5 lead thanks to a Stone Bridge throwing

MARSHALL'S LEAD was short-lived, however, as Stone Bridge scored three runs with two outs in the top of the sixth and led for the remainder of the game.

Marshall enters the state tournament with a 20-6 record, having won 12 of its last 13 games. Tarr said Brooke (Coastal Carolina) will start on the mound against Hickory on Friday.

Calendar

ONGOING

TUESDAY/JUNE 2 - SATURDAY/JUNE 27

"Happiness Is?" 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., Tuesdays - Saturdays, June 2 – 27. Vienna Art Center, 115 Pleasant Street, NW, Vienna. Members of the Vienna Arts Society exhibit and sell original artworks in several continuing shows in the area. FRIDAYS-SUNDAYS/

JUNE 5-SEPT. 27

Vienna's Summer on the Green Concert Series. 6:30 p.m. Vienna Town Green, 144 Maple Avenue E, Vienna. Come out on the weekend and listen to some good music. Full schedule here: http://

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ART, MUSIC, THEATRE, ETC

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Mystery Book Club. 1 p.m. Oakton Library, 10304 Lynnhaven Place, Oakton. Join in the monthly unraveling of a whodunit or thriller. The June selection is the "Cuckoo's Calling" by J.K. Rowling and Robert Galbraith. Adults.

Northern Faces, Let it Happen, No Blitz - Concert. 7:30 p.m. Jammin Java, 227 Maple Ave E, Vienna. No Blitz is a four-piece American Rock band based in Washington, D.C. Their desire for a mid-90's Alt Rock revival is reflected in their dynamic music. Tickets: \$10. http://https://jamminjava.com.

THURSDAY/JUNE 11

Tysons Summer Concert Series:

Gavin DeGraw. 7:15 p.m. The Plaza at Tysons Corner, 1961 Chain Bridge Road. A private, outdoor performance from Gavin DeGraw as well as fireworks and much more. Tickets: http://

www.tysonscornercenter.com/ events/GavinDegraw **Artist's Demonstration.** 7:30 p.m.

Vienna Art Center, 115 Pleasant St., NW, Vienna. Mary Ellen Larkins, whose exquisite glass jewelry is featured in local galleries and at C'Ville Arts in Charlottesville, will demonstrate how she creates landscapes on glass. Using enamels, glass powder and frit, she achieves intriguing results after several firings in a kiln. Free.

Artists Meet for Coffee. 8:30-10 a.m. Katie's Coffeehouse, Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. Local artists meet for coffee and conversation.

FRIDAY/JUNE 12

The Marriage of Figaro. 7:30 p.m. Wolf Trap, The Barns, 1645 Trap

Road, Vienna. Sung in Italian with English supertitles. Tickets: \$32-\$88.

www.wolftrap.org.

Playdate Cafe. 10 a.m. Great Falls
Library, 9830 Georgetown Pike,
Great Falls. Toys and play space for
children. Coffee and conversation for
grownups.

Drop-in Chess and Board Games. 3:30 p.m. Great Falls Library, 9830 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. Dropin and play chess and assorted board games. All skill levels and ages

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Henry Library, 10304 Lynnhaven
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Dance for Everyone. 7-11:30 p.m.

Father's Day Fun

SUNDAY/JUNE 21

Father's Day Family Fishing. 5-7 p.m. Riverbend Park, 8700 Potomac Hills Street, Great Falls. Celebrate Father's Day at Riverbend Park with fishing. The cost is \$8 per person and includes supplies and equipment or you may bring your own rod and reel. All fish caught will be released. 703-759-3211

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Antique Car Show. 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. 3650 Historic Sully Way, Chantilly. Celebrate Father's Day at Sully's 42nd Annual Antique Car Show with more than 400 antique and classic cars. You can buy the car of your dreams at the Car Corral or search for the perfect accessory in the flea market with more than 100 ven—dors. Treat Dad to a delicious lunch and get your toes tapping to music reminiscent of the heyday of these classic automobiles. A tour of the first floor of the 1794 house is included. No reservations are required. The cost is \$10 for adults, \$8 for seniors, and \$7 for children. For more information, call 703-437-1794.

Father's Day Golf Tournament. 9 a.m. Oak Marr Golf Course, 3200 Jermanstown Street, Oakton. For ages 8-17, young competitors will be playing with their fathers in a two-person scramble format tournament. There will be trophies awarded for each age category. The registration will begin on June 1. The cost is \$40 per team and is due at the time of registration. For information, call 703-255-5390.

Sunrise Kayak Tour. 7-9 a.m. Riverbend Park, 8700 Potomac Hills Street, Great Falls. Enjoy breathtaking views as the summer sun rises over the Potomac River. Paddle with a naturalist and learn about the historical and natural beauty of this island-dotted section of the Potomac. The cost is \$38 and includes one and two person kayaks. For information, call 703-759-3211

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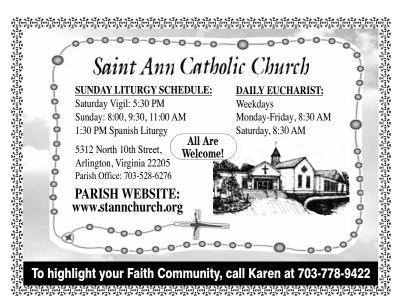
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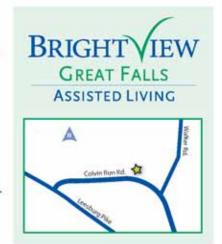
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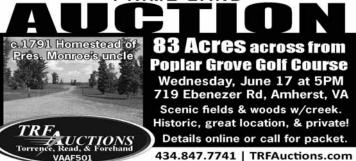
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JUNE 18, 2015, AT 4:00 P.M.

In execution of a certain Credit Line Deed of Trust and Security In execution of a certain Credit Line Deed of Trust and Security Agreement dated November 19, 2008, and recorded November 20, 2008 in Deed Book 20183 at Page 0376 among the land records of Fairfax County, Virginia (the "Deed of Trust"), made by HUNTER MILL WEST, L.C., a Virginia limited liability company, now securing CATJEN LLC, a Virginia limited liability company (the "Noteholder"), default having occurred in the payment of the debt secured thereby, and being instructed to do so by the Noteholder, the undersigned Substitute Trustees, will offer for sale the property described below at public auction by the main entrance to the Fairfax County Circuit Court, located at 4110 Chain Bridge Rd, Fairfax, VA 22030 on June located at 4110 Chain Bridge Rd, Fairfax, VA 22030 on June

beginning at 4:00 p.m.

The real property encumbered by the Deed of Trust that will be offered for sale by the Substitute Trustees is commonly known as 10736 Sunset Hills Road (Tax Identification Number: 0183-02-0004) located in Vienna, Fairfax County, Virginia, as more particularly described in the Deed of Trust, and all improvements, fixtures, easements and appurtenances thereto (the "Property").

TERMS OF SALE
ALL CASH. The Property will be offered for sale "AS IS,
WHERE IS" and will be conveyed by Substitute Trustees' Deed
(the "Substitute Trustees' Deed") subject to all encumbrances,
rights, reservations, rights of first refusal, conveyances, conditions, easements, restrictions, and all recorded and

unrecorded liens, if any, having priority over and being superior to the Deed of Trust, as they may lawfully affect the Property.

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including without limitation, any warranty relating to the zoning,
condition of the soil, extent of construction, materials, habitability, environmental condition, compliance with applicable laws,
fitness for a particular purpose and merchantability. The risk of
loss or damage to the Property shall be borne by the successful bidder from and after the date and time of the sale.

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A bidder's deposit of \$150,000.00 (the "Deposit") by certified or cashier's check shall be required by the Substitute Trustees for such bid to be accepted. The Substitute Trustees reserve the right to prequalify any bidder prior to the sale and/or waive the requirement of the Deposit. Immediately after the sale, the successful bidder shall execute and deliver a memorandum of sale with the Substitute Trustees, copies of which shall be

with the Substitute Trustees, copies of which shall be available for inspection immediately prior to the sale, and shall deliver to the Substitute Trustees the Deposit and the memorandum of sale. The balance of the purchase price shall be paid by the Purchaser. Settlement shall occur within thirty (30) days after the sale date, TIME BEING OF THE ESSENCE with regard to the Purchaser's obligation. Settlement shall take place at the offices of Venable LLP, 8010 Towers Crescent Drive, Suite 300, Tysons Corner, Virginia 22182 or other mutually agreed location. Purchaser shall also pay all past due real estate taxes, rollback taxes, water rents, water permit renewal fees (if any) or other.

pay all past due real estate taxes, rollback taxes, water rents, water permit renewal fees (if any) or other municipal liens, charges and assessments, together with penalties and interest due thereon. The Purchaser shall also pay all settlement fees, title examination charges, title charges and title insurance premiums, all recording costs (including the state grantor's tax and all state and county recordation fees, clerk's filling fees, congestion relief fees and transfer fees and taxes), auctioneer's fees and/or bid premiums, and reasonable attorneys' fees and disbursements incurred in the

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The Purchaser shall be required to sign an agreement at settlement waiving any cause of action Purchaser may have against the Substitute Trustees, and/or the Beneficiary for any condition with respect to the Property that may not be in compliance with any federal, state or local law, regulation or ruling including, without limitation, any law, regulation and ruling relating to environmental contamination or hazardous wastes. Such agreement shall also provide that if notwithstanding such agreement, a court of competent jurisdiction should permit such a claim to be made, such agreement shall serve as the overwhelming primary factor in any equitable apportionment of response costs or other liability. Nothing herein shall release, waive or preclude any claims the Purchaser may have against any person in possession or control of the Property.

If any Purchaser fails for any reason to complete settlement as

If any Purchaser fails for any reason to complete settlement as provided above, the Deposit shall be forfeited and applied to the costs of the sale, including Trustees' fees, and the balance, if any, shall be delivered to the Beneficiary to be applied by the Beneficiary against the indebtedness secured by and other amounts due under the Deed of Trust in accordance with the Deed of Trust or applicable law or otherwise as the Beneficiary shall elect. There shall be no refunds. Such forfeiture shall not limit any rights or remedies of the Substitute Trustees or the Beneficiary with respect to any such default. If the Property is resold, such re-sale shall be at the risk and the cost of the defaulting bidder, and the defaulting bidder shall be liable for any deficiency between its bid and the successful bid at the re-sale as well as the costs of conducting such re-sale. Immer-sale.

re-sale as well as the costs of conducting such re-sale. Imme diately upon conveyance by the Substitute Trustees of the Property, all duties, liabilities and obligations of the Substitute Trustees, if any, with respect to the Property so conveyed shall be extinguished, except as otherwise provided by applicable

Henry F. Brandenstein, Jr., Substitute Trustee Patrick W. Lincoln, Substitute Trustee FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: Henry F. Brandenstein, Jr., Esq. Venable LLP 8010 Towers Crescent Drive, Suite 300 Tysons Corner, Virginia 22182 Virginia 22182

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