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Madison designated hitter
Joey Goldsmith, left, greets
pitcher Matt Favero at
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Nearly Half a Billion for Schools, Fire, Police

Reston, Merrifield fire stations would be renovated or replaced.

BY KEN MOORE
THE CONNECTION

Voters 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 ap-

paratus 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 facilities.

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 million
- Emergency Vehicle Operations Center & K9 \$10 million
- 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 County.”

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

Tyson-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 got back to my office, they sent me an email, asking for ten guys. From there, I never looked back.”

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



COURTESY PHOTO

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 Awards “recognize outstanding performances 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.”



PHOTOS COURTESY OF OPTIMIST CLUB OF GREATER-VIENNA

The Optimist Club of Greater-Vienna maintains the caboose off Church Street, as well as hosting the Saturday Vienna Farmers Market. The annual Christmas tree sale raises money that goes directly back to the community.



The Vienna Optimists sponsor youth activities and recognition throughout the year. The local club's dedicated charity is supporting Growing Hope, a resource for families facing childhood cancer treatment. Every September, the Optimists hold a fundraiser on behalf of Growing Hope, a community-wide event featuring free fun for kids.

Vienna Optimists Host Community Anniversary Celebration

Live music, food and family fun offered on June 14, Town Green.

The Optimist Club of Greater-Vienna is celebrating its 60th anniversary serving the youth of Vienna, and the community is invited to celebrate with them, as well, at a free event on the Town Green, Sunday, June 14, from 2 to 5 p.m.

"We originally came up with the idea because we wanted it to be a celebration for the club, a bonding experience," said social committee chair, Lena Shrestha. "Then, as we talked about it, we decided to make it a community celebration to raise awareness of what we do."

Meetings, said membership vice-president Joe Miller, recognize students and community representatives, but afford little oppor-

tunity for "connecting" with one another in the club. The newly-created social committee set out to foster more social outlets.

Miller and Shrestha agreed that the focus of the 60th anniversary celebration is fun for the Vienna Optimists and the community at-large. "When people have fun, they remember that," Miller said. "They want to come back, and, maybe, they will join our club."

Giving a nod to its earliest years in Vienna, the Optimists Club of Greater-Vienna is featuring the music and ambiance of the 1950s and '60s. RSVP, a '60s cover band, plays live throughout the afternoon. Activities planned for the celebration include a dance contest – Lindy, anyone? – games for children, '50s

dance lessons for kids, and, even hula-hooping. Snack foods are provided at no charge. The Optimists hope that the community, kids and boomers, come out to remember the '60s, dressed in the style of the times.

"Bringing out the best in kids," is not just the slogan of the Optimists. It is their mission, too, said Shrestha and Miller.

"We do want to show everyone that we're here, been here for 60 years, sponsoring programs for youth of Vienna," Miller said. "This is a chance for us to socialize with the community, answer questions people have about the Optimists, and have fun."

The Optimist Club of Greater-Vienna was chartered by Optimist International on June 21, 1955. The club's dominant fundraising

vehicle is its annual Christmas tree sales on Maple Avenue in Vienna. Funds support a diversity of service projects, from scholarships to local students to essay contests for hearing-impaired children. The Vienna Optimists sponsors Walk and Family Fun Day for Growing Hope, supporting research and resources for families in treatment for childhood cancer. The Vienna Farmers' Market, producers-only, is managed by the Optimists, and the caboose off Church Street is maintained and opened by the club.

To learn more about the Optimists of Greater-Vienna or to join, go to www.OptimistClubofGreaterVienna.org. Guests are welcome to visit a meeting. Updates of the club are at [Facebook.com/ViennaOptimistClub](https://www.facebook.com/ViennaOptimistClub).

—DONNA MANZ

WEEK IN VIENNA

Vietnam Veterans to Discuss Museum's Aircraft Collection

Chapter 227, Vietnam Veterans of America Inc., invites all veterans, friends, and the general public to attend the June 18 chapter meeting at Neighbor's Restaurant, 262-D Cedar Lane, Cedar Lane Shopping Center, Vienna, at 7:30 p.m. Lawrence McKinley, a Vietnam War dustoff pilot veteran and a museum docent, will discuss the future and uniqueness of the Smithsonian Air & Space and the Udar-Hazy Museum's aircraft collection including Vietnam War aircraft. For information, call Len Ignatowski at 703-255-0353 or visit the web page at www.vva227.org.

The membership serves as a "Fire Sup-

port Base" for veterans who are seeking closure on their Tour of Duty and a renewal of their Vietnam camaraderie. The chapter supports veterans activities and non-veteran community projects.

Neighbor's Restaurant & Sports Bar Marks Anniversary

Hossein, owner and operator of Neighbor's Restaurant & Sports Bar, is marking the thirty-second anniversary in providing service to the community.

Neighbor's Restaurant & Sports Bar prides itself on being the center of the community by providing a meeting place with food and entertainment and an ongoing sponsorship

of local amateur sports. The respective sporting associations have been able to conduct business in the free private meeting rooms available.

During this time Neighbor's has evolved their establishment to include the Kabob Zone, Karaoke, big screen TVs, carryout and free delivery, and now a renovated smoke-free bar.

Neighbor's Restaurant & Sports Bar is located at 262-D Cedar Lane, Vienna. For further information or reservations, call 703-698-8010 or visit www.neighborsrestaurantva.com.

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For reservations or more information, call 703-255-3969 or visit www.toursnbeyond.com.

LETTER

Time to Protect Waterways

To the Editor:
I grew up kayaking and swimming in the Potomac River. I am upset to learn that the Potomac as well as other nearby waterways are put at risk due to polluting industries. It is critical that all residents of Vienna support the EPA's Clean Water Rule which would help protect and replenish over

28,000 miles of streams in Virginia.

This issue is affecting over two million Virginians' drinking water and closes in on our health and safety as a state.

Seventy-five percent of Virginians polled support increased protection of crucial waterways in Virginia but 75 percent of

Virginia's Congressmen voted against the people and against clean water. Now is the time, more than ever, for a call to action with Senator Mark Warner leading us to a future with cleaner water.

Sachi Soni
Vienna
Environment Virginia

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SUNDAY/JUNE 14

Tutorials on Chrysanthemum Growing. 2:30 p.m. Falls Church Community Center, 223 Little Falls Street, Falls Church. The Old Dominion Chrysanthemum Society will present tutorials on growing garden and exhibition chrysanthemums and answer questions from attendees. Plans for the October National Show in Fair Lakes will be discussed. Free. 703-560-8776.

MONDAY/JUNE 15

Effective English. 1 p.m. 1244 Oak Ridge Avenue, McLean. Get help with speaking and conversing, reading and writing, and listening and comprehending. Adults. <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/branches/dm/>.

Spanish Chat. 1 p.m. 9830 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. Come and converse in Spanish with native speakers. <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/branches/gf/>.

English Conversation. 10:30 a.m. 10304 Lynnhaven Place, Oakton. Non-native adult speakers can stop in for English practice. <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/branches/ok/>.

TUESDAY/JUNE 16

Preschool Story Time. 10:30 a.m. 9830 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. Meet up for stories, songs and activities. <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/branches/gf/>.

Computer One-on-One. 12 p.m. 10304 Lynnhaven Place, Oakton. Learn Internet basics, email, Microsoft Word, Excel and Powerpoint. <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/branches/ok/>.

English Conversation One-On-One. 1:30 p.m. 10304 Lynnhaven Place,

Oakton. Non-native speakers can drop by and practice English with a library volunteer. Call 703-242-4020 for appointments. <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/branches/ok/>.

WEDNESDAY/JUNE 17

Current College and Recent Graduates Career Seminar. 6:30-8:30 p.m. McLean VFW 1051 Spring Hill Road, McLean. Come join in for a two hour seminar. First hour on Killer Marketing Materials: Resumes, Cover Letters, and LinkedIn profiles. Second hour will include 30 minute in depth industry break out sessions (Sports, Sports Marketing, Consulting, Federal Government, Consumer Packaged Goods/Marketing, Not for Profit). Sign up at: <http://www.eventbrite.com/o/the-career-path-partners-8061588850>. info@thecareerpathpartners.com.

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OPINION

Bishops' Statement on Death Penalty Debate

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

BY BISHOP FRANCIS X. DILORENZO
AND BISHOP PAUL S. LOVERDE
CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF ARLINGTON

This 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 considered 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 dur-

ing 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 opposition 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 of life.

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."

COMMENTARY

Kurspahics To Receive Civic Courage Award

Honored by the Bosnia Memory Project.

Kemal 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 characterize the best of Bosnia, Herzegovina and United States," said Dr. Ben Moore, director of the Bosnia Memory Project. "They really believe in journalism as a vital part of the civic sphere, that



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.

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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 Fontbonne. The Bosnia Memory Project started in 2006 as a response to the large community of Bosnians and their children — around 40,000 — that settled in St. Louis after the war.

"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.

"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' experience of Bosnian culture."

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 Bosnian culture and history."

The Kurspahics are being recognized at a June 13 dinner held at the Grbic Banquet Center, a Bosnian restaurant 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.

"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

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Repairs Trigger Remodel

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

BY JOHN BYRD

Sometimes 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-year-old, 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 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

Sun Design Remodeling frequently sponsors tours of recently remodeled homes as well as workshops on home remodeling topics. Headquartered in Burke, the firm has a second office in McLean. Call 703-425-5588 or visit www.SunDesignInc.com for more.

“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.”

THE SPACIOUS NEW screened porch demonstrates how highly durable materials can be shaped to meet demanding aesthetics. The Ipe decking chosen as the porch flooring, for instance, is not only one of the most enduring materials offered for outdoor surfaces, but — installed in a tongue-and-groove pattern — is more effective in keeping out bugs than a screen mesh undergirding. Ipe, which is Brazilian walnut, was also specified for the porch handrails.

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 wide-screen 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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Kurt Jacobs, a fifth grade elementary teacher at Forestville Elementary School in Great Falls, visited Colvin Run Mill park in Great Falls with the Virginia 49th Infantry Regiment.



Visitors to Colvin Run Mill in Great Falls had the chance to learn about the historic era of the American Civil War and watch drilling and firing demonstrations beginning from the Virginia 49th Infantry Regiment.

Crafters And Re-enactors Visit Colvin Run Mill

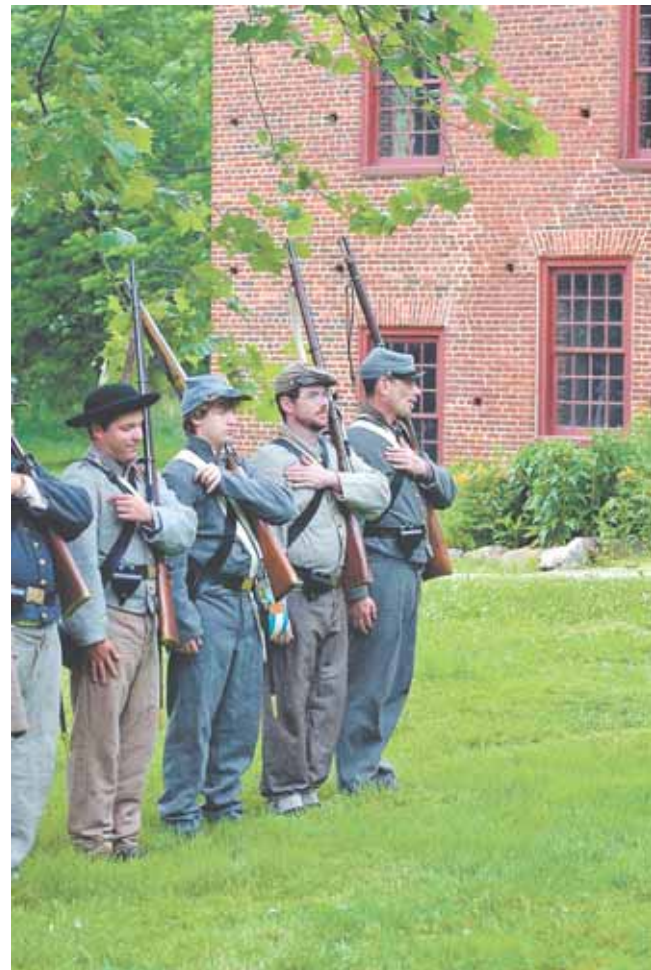
Great Falls Parks prepare summer activities.

BY RYAN DUNN
THE CONNECTION

On Sunday, June 7 Colvin Run Mill Historic Site was active with several events at the historic park. Colvin Run Mill was in action with grain grinding demonstrations, and visitors could see millers turn corn into meal and grits, or wheat into flour using the now restored, water-powered grist mill. The mill is often used on the first and third Sundays of the month. From noon to 4 p.m. blacksmiths swung hammers at the Colvin Run forge to create tools and other decorative items from iron. "We had all kind of events going on today," said park employee and historian Kathryn Blackwell.

The mill opened as a museum in 1972, and visitors can observe its historic machinery in full operation. The restoration work completed at Colvin Run Mill now completely shows the Oliver Evans' (1755-1819) automated process that revolutionized late 18th and early 19th century flour milling in America. In its heyday, Colvin Run Mill could have produced nearly 4,000 pounds of flour daily, enough to fill twenty 196 pound barrels. The park is operated by the Fairfax County Park Authority and located at 10017 Colvin Run Road in Great Falls. The mill is a popular year-round destination, with visitors including children on school field trips.

Since being restored, the mill has had an increased demand for grain from local restaurants. "We did a heavy grind, about 1,000 pounds of grain today. The normal amount is between 300 to 500 pounds," said Colvin Run Mill's miller,



Members of the Virginia 49th Infantry Regiment practiced their drilling and firing demonstrations outside at Colvin Run Mill park in Great Falls on Sunday, June 7.

Mason Maddox.

Other activities of the day included a visit by the Virginia 49th Infantry Regiment, which did drilling and firing demonstrations beginning at 11 a.m. "It is a fun way to reach out to the public and teach history," said reenactor Kurt Jacobs, a fifth grade elementary teacher at Forestville Elementary School in Great Falls. Members of the Virginia 49th Infantry Regiment visit Colvin Run Mill an-

nually in December for a Christmas Caroling event. To help with historic outreach, members of the Virginia 49th Infantry Regiment dress in attire similar to that used during the American Civil War. Also at Colvin Run Mill were members of the Northern Virginia Carvers, a group of wood carving enthusiasts who lend their tools and expertise to help others uncover artistic talents from a block of wood. One of the wood carvers was Great Falls resident Jack Edwards. Edwards brought with him several wood carvings. "My wife is a carousel lover, and after finding some design plans on the web, I began my work," said Edwards. Edwards has used basswood to carve the head of carousel horse. The Northern Virginia Carvers offers a free lesson, with nominal charge for wood blanks, and meet on the first and third Sundays at Colvin Run, June through August, noon-4 p.m. The mill opened as a museum in 1972. On Sunday, June 21, Colvin Run Mill will be open with free mill tours for all fathers accompanied by their children. Riverbend Park located at 700 Potomac Hills Street in Great Falls will host a Father's Day fishing event from 5 to 7 p.m. on June 21. 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.



From left, Jordan, Jackson and Deeann Franks, of Vienna, volunteer to stuff and decorate shoeboxes containing personal care items to be distributed to local area charities and nonprofit organizations during Do More 24 on Thursday, June 5 at Tysons Corner Center.

Volunteers Urge Residents to Do More

Do More 24 raises nearly \$1.5 million in a day.

BY ABIGAIL CONSTANTINO
THE CONNECTION

Donors, nonprofits and companies raised nearly \$1.5 million during Do More 24 on Thursday, June 5. At Tysons Corner Center, volunteers from companies, churches and nonprofit organizations decorated shoeboxes filled with personal care items to be distributed to area nonprofit organizations.

Last year, volunteers stuffed 4,000 shoeboxes and this year, Levina Kim, of United Way of the National Capital Area, hopes to fill more. Donations came from individuals, families and companies such as Wegman's.

Volunteer Thalia Sanders, of Capitol Heights, Md., came because she wanted to see the start of a project. She came with a



Volunteers decorate and fill shoeboxes with personal care items to be distributed to local area charities and nonprofit organizations during Do More 24 on Thursday, June 5 at Tysons Corner Center.

group from Shabach! Ministries, and she said that volunteering "puts a face to the people" she has been giving to.

United Way NCA chairman Ted Davies, of Oakton, said that donating to a local charity makes an impact in the community where one lives. "Money goes right back into the

place that's close to your home," he said.

Rosie Allen-Herring, president and CEO of the United Way NCA said that this is an opportunity to really and truly engage not just around philanthropy but around community building.

Do More 24 "may be the impetus but we expect people to give more, do more and be more as a community," she said.

More than 600 organizations in D.C., Northern Virginia and Maryland participated in Do More 24. Nonprofits who achieved

certain donation levels were given monetary awards from corporate sponsors as incentives to raise funds. For information about the Do More 24 movement go to <https://domore24.org/>; for United Way NCA visit <http://www.unitedwaynca.org/>.



COURTESY PHOTO

Lisa Funk and puppy Jeremiah

Vienna Woman Raising Puppy for Canine Companions for Independence

Canine Companions for Independence – a national nonprofit organization that provides assistance dogs for children and adults with disabilities, has announced that Vienna resident Lisa Funk recently began raising an assistance dog in-training for Canine Companions for Independence.

Puppy Jeremiah is a lab/golden retriever cross who will one-day know over 50 commands, and be matched with a person with disabilities.

Volunteer Puppy Raisers take the pups into their home at eight weeks of age, raising them, teaching them basic commands and socialization skills. The socialization is per-

haps the most important, because the dogs need to be exposed to any and all types of surroundings. With the special yellow capes they wear, these dogs are permitted to go to many public areas that family pets aren't allowed. When the dogs reach about a year and a half old, they are returned to the Canine Companions for Independence regional headquarters in New York. They begin 6 months of advanced training with the organization's instructors, before they are matched with a child or adult with disabilities.

For more information about becoming a Puppy Raiser, visit cci.org or call 1-800-572-BARK.



PHOTOS BY ABIGAIL CONSTANTINO

Ted Davies and Rosie Allen-Herring, of United Way of the National Capital Area, urge people to donate locally during Do More 24 on Thursday, June 5 at Tysons Corner Center.



From left — Dani Stoller as Evelyn Laverty, and Manu Kumasi as Vincent Heffernon in "The Good Counselor" at 1st Stage.

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Absorbing Examination of Human Nature

"The Good Counselor" presented at 1st Stage.

BY DAVID SIEGEL
THE CONNECTION

If you are seeking out magnetic theater that deals with unsettling, yet real-life, family issues and a search for the truth, make your way to 1st Stage. Under the confident, wise direction of Alex Levy, Kathryn Grant's award winning "The Good Counselor" is an evening of riveting performances.

"The Good Counselor" is disquieting as it circles around Vincent, a young public defender (convincing, nuanced Manu Kumasi) trying to understand and defend his client Evelyn (Dani Stoller full of tics and understandable rage). She is a mother accused of killing her 3-week son. Vincent must also come to terms with his own mother Rita (Deidra LaWan Starnes, judgmental with cause woman), who helped him succeed in life, but who seems a stern, hard-hearted woman dealing with the passing of her violent son Ray (charismatic Bueka Uwemedimo) to drugs, the older brother Vincent worshipped.

Add in that the defendant Evelyn is an angry, poor, rough-edged, perhaps racist Caucasian woman, and the public defender Vincent is a polished, confident, though fragile, African-American attorney. The attorney is guided to a deeper examination of life with the help of Maia, his supervisor (Alina Collins Maldonado).

It is Maia who reminds Vincent that "You must entertain all the possibilities. Mothers do all sorts of things that people don't want to think about." And his own mother's reactions to his probing, "You will never know the truth of my life. Children never know."

There are several scenes in this two act production that are searing in intensity and focus. For example, the audience will truly think itself on a train trestle with an oncoming locomotive with life in balance.

The 1st Stage technical artists have designed a vast two-level set for the cast and



From left — Manu Kumasi as Vincent Heffernon and Bueka Uwemedimo as Ray Heffernon in "The Good Counselor" at 1st Stage.

Where and When

1st Stage performs "The Good Counselor" at 1524 Spring Hill Road, Tysons. Performances through June 28. Performances are Fridays at 8 p.m., Saturdays at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. and Sundays at 2 and 7 p.m. Tickets are \$23 - \$28. Student and military tickets are \$15. Tickets online at www.1stStageTysons.org or by calling the 1st Stage box office at 703-854-1856. Note: Production has mature language.

the audience. It seems to have depth well beyond a physical space thanks to Kathryn Kawecki (set and costume designer), Robbie Hayes (lighting design), Rachel Barlaam (sound design), Debra Crierie and Kay Rzasa (props design) and Megan Behm (fight choreographer).

"The Good Counselor" is unhesitating in its aim and success at being meticulously thought-provoking. Furthermore, the audience finds itself as a jury of Evelyn's peers deciding her fate.

For those with a taste for the forthright complexity of human life, without formulaic characters and situations, Kathryn Grant's "The Good Counselor" warrants high-praise. The 1st Stage production has a brio of subject matter, terrific acting, and a "you are there" presence. It is powerful.

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"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://www.viennava.gov/DocumentCenter/View/2640>

THROUGH SATURDAY/JUNE 13

4 Artists Spring Show. The Frame Factory Gallery, 212 Dominion Road, NE, Vienna. 703-281-2350. www.theframefactory1.com.

THROUGH SATURDAY/AUG. 1

What's in Your Garden? Tuesdays - Saturdays at the Vienna Arts Society "Gallery in the Village Green", 513 Maple Ave. W, Vienna. Featured artist Loy McGaughy of Reston exhibits a colorful collection of watercolors inspired by her personal photographs. The exhibition includes more than a dozen other artists.

ART, MUSIC, THEATRE, ETC

WEDNESDAY/JUNE 10



Mary Ellen Larkins, whose glass jewelry is featured in local galleries and at C'Ville Arts in Charlottesville, will demonstrate how she creates landscapes on glass on June 11, 7:30 p.m. Vienna Art Center, 115 Pleasant St., NW, Vienna.

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.

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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>.

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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.

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.

SATURDAY/JUNE 13

Aria Jukebox. 3 p.m. Wolf Trap, 1645 Trap Road, Vienna. The 2015 artists sing your favorite opera highlights, with Kim Pensinger Witman at the piano. www.wolftrap.org.

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Vienna Sustainable Home and Garden Tour. 1-4 p.m. Vienna Community Center, 120 Cherry Street SE, Vienna. Your neighbors are opening their homes and gardens to you to show and discuss modifications that they have made. Learn about using reclaimed items in your renovation, energy efficiency, geothermal heating and cooling, native plants and gardening with deer. <http://www.viennava.gov/index.aspx?nid=955>.

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.

Classic Albums Live Presents The Beatles - Abbey Road. 8 p.m. Wolf Trap, 1645 Trap Road, Vienna. World-class musicians take on one of the greatest albums of all time. Tickets: \$25-\$45. www.wolftrap.org.

TUESDAY/JUNE 16

David Grey & Amos Lee. 7 p.m. Wolf Trap, The Barns, 1645 Trap Road, Vienna. Best known for the

multiplatinum hit "Babylon," this English indie rocker presents crowd favorites. Tickets: \$25-\$55. www.wolftrap.org.

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Madison Boys' Soccer Secures First State Tournament Berth

Irwin's late goal propels Warhawks past Woodson in region semifinals.

BY JON ROETMAN
THE CONNECTION

The Madison boys' soccer team focused on limiting mistakes during its 6A North region semifinal match against Woodson on June 3.

With 15 minutes left in regulation, it was an opponent's miscue that opened the door for the Warhawks to seize control.

Woodson captain Sean Garin received his second yellow card of the evening when he grabbed a Madison player in the 65th minute of a scoreless tie. With the Cavaliers playing down a man, the Warhawks took advantage and secured the program's first-ever state tournament berth.

In the 79th minute, junior defender John Dyson's long throw into the box deflected off Woodson goalkeeper Brian Breslin, and junior midfielder Joey Irwin found the back of the net, giving Madison a 1-0 victory at Woodson High School.

"We knew tonight was going to be based on whoever was going to make the most mistakes," second-year Madison head coach Matt Griep said. "We wanted to limit our errors by maintaining our possession. We knew if we were in possession of the ball that they could not hurt us. We got that quick counter and [Garin] tried to tug him down from behind and that was it. They were under the duress the rest of the half."

IRWIN SCORED the game-winner with less than 2 minutes remaining in regulation. Irwin also scored the game-winner in sudden-death overtime during Madison's 3-2 victory over Lake Braddock in the opening round of the regional tournament.

"I think that really changed the game," Irwin said about Garin's second yellow card. "But I think we were dominating before that, as well. I think we should have won and we did win."

It was Irwin's fourth goal of the season and Dyson's ninth assist.

"On a dry day, [Dyson's long throw is] amazing," Griep said. "He's got nine assists so far this season ... basically all from his big throw. We have a couple of different set pieces that we run off of it. As long as guys get to their spot, it's been where we've been the most dangerous all year."

Breslin, a first-team All-Conference 7 selection, attempted to catch the long throw but failed to hold on. The Woodson senior said he felt contact "right in the ribs," but added that he should have taken a different approach.

"I should have punched it out at a time like that," Breslin said. "I had both hands on it, but I could have easily double-fisted it out."

Woodson head coach Andrew Peck supported his goalkeeper.

"He got bumped," Peck said. "Brian is ... probably going to be all-state, he doesn't drop balls. You have to foul him to take that ball out of his hands."

Peck led Woodson to an 11-7-1 record in



Stephen LaRow is the Madison boys' soccer team's leading goal-scorer this season.



"It feels great. I think we deserve it. We worked hard and I think Coach Griep did a great job bringing us there."

— Madison midfielder Joey Irwin

his first season as head coach of the Cavaliers. Last year, Woodson went 5-5-3 and failed to qualify for the region tournament.

"To get one game from the state final four and the regional finals, that's a tremendous turnaround," Peck said. "I give a lot [of credit] to the seniors, the back line and the whole team overall just picked it up and started playing throughout the season [and] when it really mattered. Despite the loss tonight, they did well."

The Warhawks' leading scorer this season, with 10 goals entering the region semifinals, is senior midfielder Stephen LaRow. LaRow was named team co-MVP, along with senior defender Ben Cliff.

"It feels great," Irwin said about qualifying for the state tournament. "I think we deserve it. We worked hard and I think Coach Griep did a great job bringing us there."

ON JUNE 5, Madison lost to Langley 2-1 in the region championship match. The Warhawks will face 6A South champion Cosby in the state semifinals at 5 p.m. on Friday, June 12 at Robinson Secondary School.

"It's pretty awesome," Griep said about being involved with the first Madison boys' soccer team to qualify for states. "We've done a lot of things to try and redefine the culture [after] a decade of losing seasons. Two years ago, before the coaching staff came in, they were 3-9-1. We took huge steps last year with some of our senior leaders getting these underclassmen on the right pathway. This is what it's about. It's more important about that name on the front of your chest as opposed to the back.

"It's been special, but this wouldn't be possible if they didn't buy into what we were selling. The kids are starting to believe in it, they're starting to believe in themselves and you can kind of see that in the pace of play that they're showing."

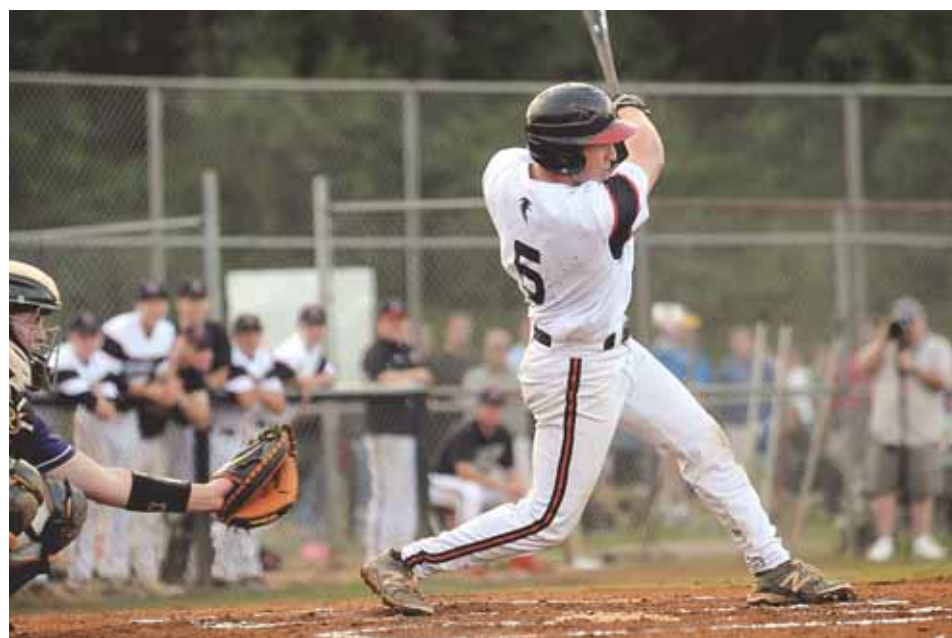
Madison junior Joey Irwin scored the game-winning goal against Woodson on June 3 in the 6A North region tournament semifinals at Woodson High School.

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The Madison baseball team won the 6A North region championship with a 9-0 victory over Chantilly on Friday at Madison High School.



Madison first baseman Jimmy Goldsmith went 1-for-3 with two RBIs against Chantilly on Friday.

Favero's Arm, Bat Lead Madison Baseball to Region Championship

Warhawks beat Chantilly 9-0 in Friday's 6A North region tournament final.

BY JON ROETMAN
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Matt Favero stood on the Madison High School baseball field following Friday's 6A North region championship game and recalled the mellow mindset he possessed while returning to the mound for the top of the fourth inning.

Madison's starting pitcher had held Chantilly without a hit for the first three innings. In the bottom of the third, Favero stepped to the plate and gave himself some breathing room, crushing a three-run homer.

"I was relaxed going back out [to the mound]," Favero recalled. "I knew I had some run support out there, so I could just pound the [strike] zone and keep doing my thing."

With Favero back on the hill, his teammates could have relaxed, as well.

The junior left-hander allowed just three hits in 6-plus shutout innings and the Madison baseball team captured its first region championship since 2003 with a 9-0 victory over the Chantilly Chargers.

FAVERO took a no-hitter into the sixth inning before surrendering a one-out infield single to Chantilly catcher Grant Bain. Designated hitter Matt Padeway followed with a clean single to right before Favero got out of trouble with back-to-back fly-ball outs.

Favero was pulled after he allowed a lead-off single to Chargers second baseman Kordell Hutzell in the top of the seventh. Favero finished with five walks and three strikeouts, and did not allow a Chantilly runner to reach third base.

Madison junior Matt Favero took a no-hitter into the sixth inning against Chantilly in the 6A North region championship game on Friday.

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Junior right-hander Pete Nielsen got the final three outs in relief.

"Matt was awesome," said Nielsen, the Warhawks' shortstop and leadoff hitter. "He's my cousin, so it's awesome to have family do that. He just pounded the zone and did his thing."

"That's why he's all-region."

Chantilly starting pitcher Forrest Wagner suffered the loss, allowing five earned runs on three hits in three innings. The junior left-hander walked four, hit one batter and struck out five.

Nielsen led off the bottom of the third inning with a solo home run to left field, giving the Warhawks a 1-0 lead. Madison then loaded the bases with one out, and left fielder Bryan Harthun extended the lead to 2-0 with a sacrifice fly.

That's when Favero stepped to the plate

and launched a three-run homer to right-center, boosting the Warhawks' advantage to 5-0.

Favero finished 2-for-3 with a double. Senior right fielder Owen Socher went 1-for-4 with an RBI. Junior first baseman Jimmy Goldsmith had a two-run single, and junior third baseman Carlo Alfano was 1-for-3.

"Our goal this year was to win the region," said Mark Gjormand, who is in his 20th season as Madison head coach. "Typically, we say let's win a state championship, but this year [the goal] was to win the region, so it's nice to accomplish a goal this year."

Madison has had strong teams in recent years but failed to advance past the region semifinals.

In 2010, Madison lost to eventual state champion West Springfield in the region

semifinals. The Warhawks returned to the region semis in 2011, but fell short against a South County team that won its first 28 games before losing to Great Bridge in the state final.

Madison won 22 straight games in 2013 before losing to Lake Braddock in the region quarterfinals, and won 21 of 22 in 2014, but ended its season with a loss to McLean in the region semifinals.

What is different about this team?

"I think it was the adversity we faced early," Nielsen said. "[We] lost a couple games; we had to kind of find ourselves, our identity. We just found it and now we're just rolling."

After a 6-0 start, Madison dropped three of four, including an 11-3 loss to Vienna foe Oakton on April 11. On May 8, a 4-0 loss to McLean cost the Warhawks the No. 1 seed in the Conference 6 tournament.

Madison would bounce back, winning conference and region titles. Friday's win was the Warhawks' eighth in a row and improved their record to 22-5.

"Right now, we're playing our best baseball at the right time," Gjormand said. "Last couple years we've won 22 in a row, [21 of 22], and I was worried [because] sometimes you can get stagnant. I think right now, it feels like they've caught fire and they're playing their best."

MADISON will face the 6A South region runner-up in the state semifinals on Friday, June 12 at Robinson Secondary School. Chantilly (20-6) will face the 6A South champion at 3 p.m. on Friday at Robinson.

Madison has three state championships in program history, the last coming in 2002. Chantilly won the 2014 6A North region championship and advanced to the state final, where the Chargers lost to Western Branch 6-4.

Socher, Favero and senior pitcher Brian Eckert received first-team all-region honors for Madison. Chantilly shortstop Brett Norwood and pitcher Matt Hogle were also on the first team. Chantilly head coach Kevin Ford was selected Coach of the Year.

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SALE OF PROPERTY OWNED BY HUNTER MILL WEST, L.C.

LOCATED AT
10736 SUNSET HILLS ROAD, VIENNA, VIRGINIA
SALE TO BE HELD AT THE FAIRFAX COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT

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

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 18, 2015, beginning at 4:00 p.m.

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TERMS OF SALE

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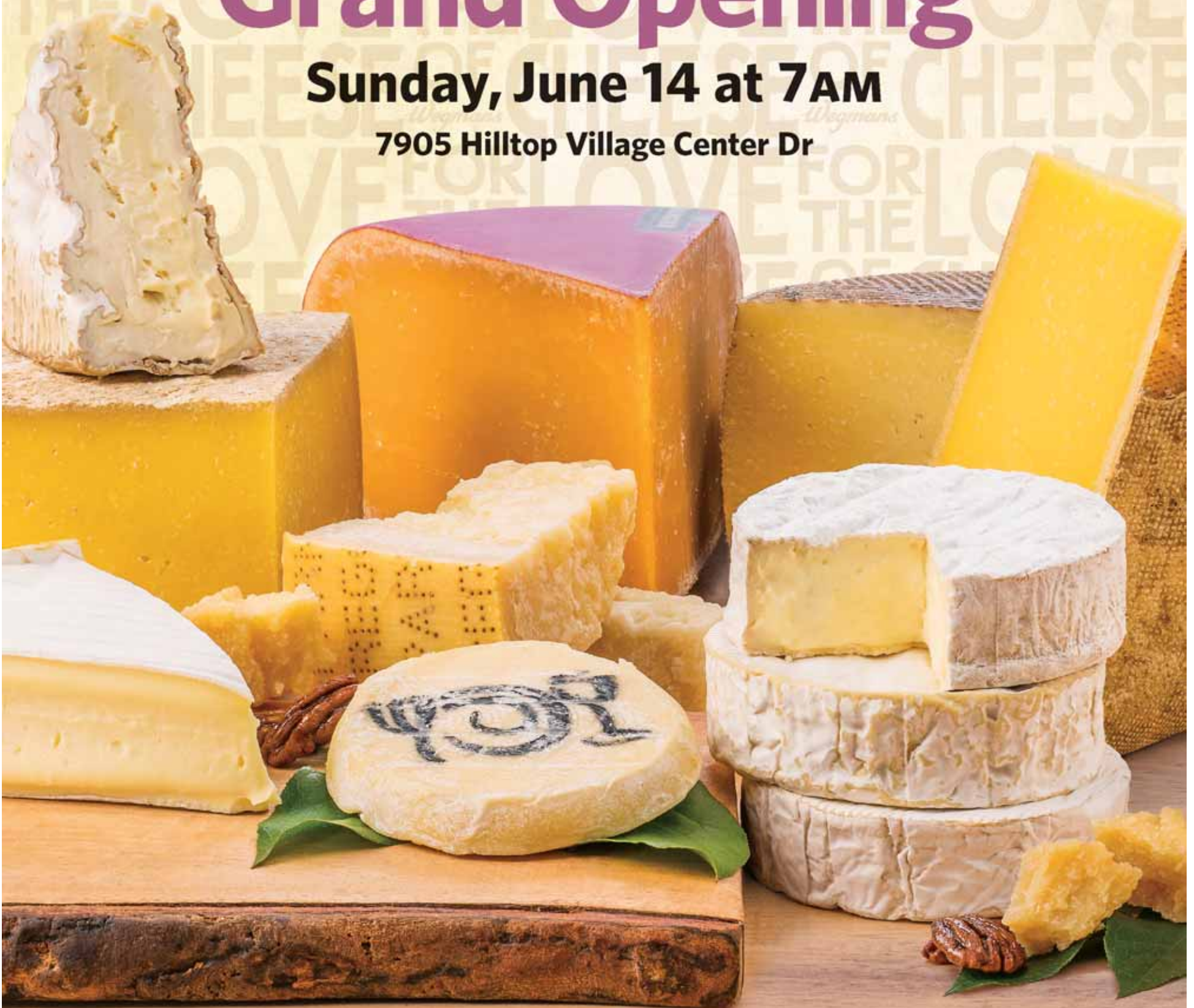
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