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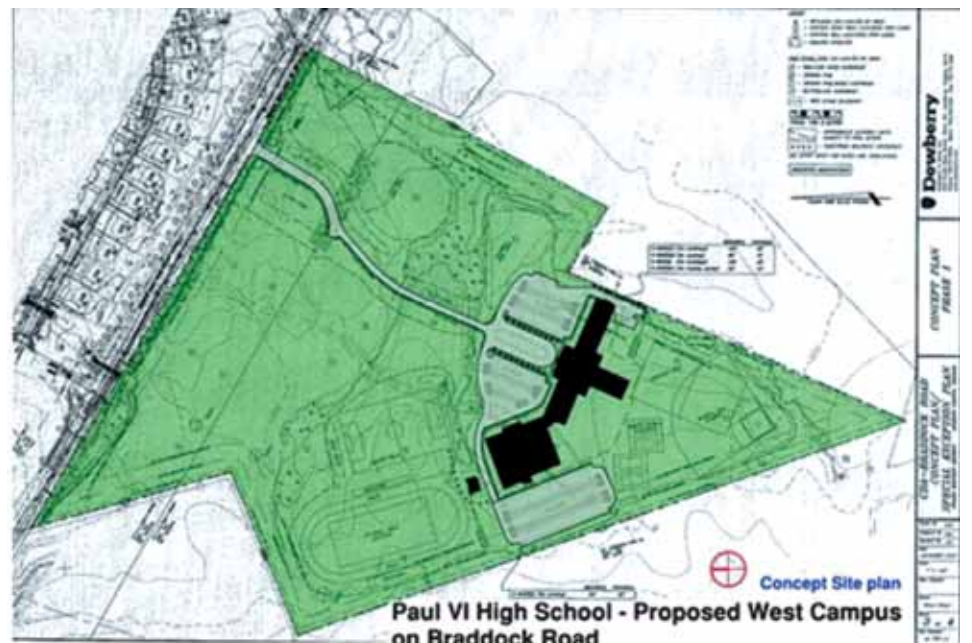
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Paul VI High will move from the City of Fairfax to South Riding in 2020.

Preliminary site-plan map of Paul VI's new campus in South Riding.

# Paul VI High Is Leaving Fairfax

School will move to a new, much larger site in Loudoun County.

BY BONNIE HOBBS  
THE CONNECTION

It's the end of an era and a done deal: Paul VI High School is leaving the City of Fairfax for a new campus in Loudoun County. And while it won't happen until 2020, it'll be a big change for both the school and the City – but one they both saw coming.

"We've worked in good faith with the PVI community to encourage the diocese to allow the school to stay in Fairfax," said Mayor Scott Silverthorne. "While the decision is deeply disappointing, it's also not unexpected."

The new location is 12 miles away, at the corner of Gum Spring and Braddock Roads in South Riding. The Catholic Diocese of Arlington acquired the property in 1987 and, in December 2013, expressed its intention to evaluate it as Paul VI's future home. Then last Wednesday, June 3, it announced the move.

According to the diocesan Office of Communications, it was determined that the current facilities are being used to their maximum potential and can't meet the long-term, educational needs of the students. The 80-year-old building, previously housing Fairfax High and GMU, has required substantial repairs since its acquisition by the diocese in 1983.

**OVER THE PAST 32 YEARS**, the diocese has invested \$15 million in Paul VI's campus, but the rising costs of building maintenance are unsustainable. Retrofitting the building is cost-prohibitive and, since site expansion isn't possible, there's a forced cap on enrollment. So the diocese is looking forward to relocating the school from its current 18-acre campus to a 68-acre property.

"The new campus will allow us a facility that fits our needs and strengthens our school's legacy of excellence, with state-of-the-art facilities able to accommodate diverse academic needs and robust extracurricular and athletic programs," said Principal Ginny Colwell. "Paul VI Catholic High School has been, and will continue to be,

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**End of an era: Paul VI High School is leaving the City of Fairfax.**

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an academic institution that stresses the Gospel values and teachings of St. Francis deSales, while educating the whole child."

The larger, modern, new school will cost an estimated \$60 million, and PVI students, faculty and staff will be involved in planning the new campus. Diocese spokeswoman Elise Italiano said the move won't affect any current Paul VI students or the incoming Class of 2019.

"I am so proud of the achievements of the students, faculty and staff of the Paul VI community," said Sister Bernadette McManigal, Superintendent of Schools for the Diocese of Arlington. "It is with great excitement that I look forward to PVI's future in a new complex which will enhance the students' educational opportunities."

Silverthorne has pledged to work with the diocese to make the transition as smooth as possible. Meanwhile, the diocese is now

in final negotiations with a developer who'll formulate plans for the property in cooperation with City planning officials. But any future land-use decisions about the campus will ultimately reside with the City Council after considerable input from the community.

Like the mayor, former City Councilman Dan Drummond is also sad to see the school move elsewhere. His wife attended Paul VI, as did two of her three brothers, so the Drummonds were "looking forward to [having] it as an option" for their two younger children "since it would have been right down the street from us." (Their eldest child is going to Bishop O'Connell next year, partly to play field hockey and row crew – two sports not offered at PVI).

"I'm disappointed in the decision of building a new high school in Loudoun and not keeping PVI in the City of Fairfax," said

Drummond. "It shouldn't have been an 'either/or' situation. Rather, the hope was that PVI would remain in the City, but the diocese would have also looked at building a new high school in Loudoun. That's obviously not what happened."

"The loss of PVI from the City of Fairfax is a loss for the whole community," he continued. "It will impact our local businesses, as well as be one less option for those parents wanting to provide their children a Catholic education. In short, the loss of PVI will leave a gaping hole in our community. It is a City institution that will be missed when it closes its doors in 2020."

But the diocese contends that the move to a brand-new building in more spacious surroundings is necessary for the school's continued success. "The relocation of Paul VI High School to a world-class facility ensures that future generations of students in our diocese will receive Catholic education at the highest level of excellence," said Arlington Bishop Paul S. Loverde.

Because almost half of Paul VI students this year traveled to school from points west of the City, the diocese believes the South Riding campus will serve them best. Furthermore, Since Paul VI was established in 1983, the diocese's population has skyrocketed in the region west of the campus. Indeed, some 92,000 Catholics live in western Fairfax County and Loudoun County.

**THE SOUTH RIDING CAMPUS** will be accessible to students in two of the diocese's most populous regions. And the diocese will provide bus transportation for students traveling to and from the new site and include stops within the City of Fairfax.

"While it will be hard to say goodbye to the many friendships we have established in the Fairfax area, PVI looks forward to establishing new friendships and relationships with our neighbors in Loudoun," said Colwell. "This is an exciting time for PVI, and I hope our community and alumni become engaged and involved in this transition. The spirit of PVI is who and what we are – it is not where we are. The traditions of PVI travel with us wherever we go, and I am looking forward to this journey."

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Sarene Macik, of Fairfax, enjoys the Hampton Cycle ride.

## Celebrate Fairfax! a Huge Success

**T**he 34th annual Celebrate Fairfax! Festival was held June 5, 6, and 7 on the grounds of the Fairfax County Government Center. The festival featured 25 acres of 40 carnival rides, family programs, green living, nightly fireworks,

and concerts with more than 130 performances on eight stages. The musical highlights included the brothers KONGOS, 3 Doors Down and The Amish Outlaws.

— STEVE HIBBARD



The Center Stage Dance Troop entertains the crowd at Celebrate Fairfax.



The Fire Ball ride provided thrills for people at Celebrate Fairfax.



## AREA ROUNDUPS

### Fairfax County Youth Football Registration Open

Across Northern Virginia, registration is now open for boys and girls ages 7 to 16 to register for fall football with their local clubs.

Founded in 1966, FCYFL is the largest independent football league in Virginia. It serves the Northern Virginia region and is composed of 22 youth football programs from Arlington, Fairfax, Prince William and Loudoun counties and Alexandria city. All programs run on a not-for-profit basis. This past season FCYFL fielded over 300 teams, 1,200 coaches and more than 6,000 players.

Links to all participating clubs are available on the league's website, [www.fcyfl.org](http://www.fcyfl.org).

FCYFL has a mandatory player participation rule. This means all kids who are enrolled must play in every game.

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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 — Sebily — in the background. Bosnians in St. Louis have built a replica of Sarajevo Sebily 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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# HomeLifeStyle

## 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

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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."

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

**Fairfax's Government Center Farmers Market.** 3-7 p.m. Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax. Thursdays, May 7-Oct. 29. Ten vendors including a Middle Eastern delicacy bakery and custom organic ice cream shop.

**Storytime Yoga.** 4:30 p.m. Burke Centre Library, 5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke. Join for stories, stretching and simple yoga poses. Bring a mat or towel and wear comfortable clothing. Presented by Karen Hamilton. <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/branches/bc/>

### FRIDAY/JUNE 12

**Ancestors 101: Military Records.** 1 p.m. Burke Centre Library, 5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke. Track down

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**Taste of Annandale.** 10 a.m. - 8 p.m. Tom Davis Drive in central Annandale, between Columbia Pike and John Marr Drive. Showcase local restaurants during a daylong family-friendly celebration aimed at building community spirit, engaging young people, and promoting local businesses.

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

**Burke Farmers Market.** 8 a.m.-noon. 5671 Roberts Parkway, Burke. Saturdays, May 2-Nov. 21. [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/)

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**Legos Kids Club.** 10:30 a.m. Pohick Library, 6450 Sydenstricker Road, Burke. Thousands of legos await. <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/branches/po/>

**George Mason Day.** 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Gunston Hall, 10709 Gunston Road, Mason Neck. Join Gunston Hall for a historic event and celebrate the ratification of the Virginia Declaration of Right. Enjoy a parade on the grounds, sample food from the hearth kitchen, and converse with historic characters about life in the 18th century.

### SATURDAY-SUNDAY/JUNE 13-14

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

### SUNDAY/JUNE 14

**Model Train Show.** 1-4 p.m. Fairfax Station Railroad Museum, 11200 Fairfax Station Road, Fairfax Station. The Northern Virginia NTRAK members will hold a N gauge T-TRAK model train show. Museum members, free; adults 16 and over, \$4; children 5-15, \$2; under 4, free.

**Fairfax Farmers Market.** 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Sundays, May 10-Oct. 25. 10500 Page Avenue, Fairfax. [www.fairfaxsatursdaymarket.com/](http://www.fairfaxsatursdaymarket.com/)

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**Famous Artists & Art Exploration.** Burke Lake Park, 7315 Ox Road, Fairfax Station. Campers learning about famous artists and creating their very own masterpieces using some of the same techniques. For information call 703-689-3104. (Katydid Camps) to register, call 703-222-4664.

**Chess Club.** 4 p.m. Pohick Library, 6450 Sydenstricker Road, Burke. Learn openings, strategy, tactics and more. Players paired with others of similar skill. <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/branches/po/>

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**Let's Hear it For the Girls.** 7 p.m. Kings Park Library, 9000 Burke Lake Road, Burke. All girls book discussion group. Book discussed is The One and Only by Katherine Applegate. Ages 9-12 with adult female. <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/branches/kp/>

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**Pohick Evening Book Discussion Group.** 7 p.m. Pohick Library, 6450 Sydenstricker Road, Burke. Me Before You by Jojo Moyes. Adults. <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/branches/po/>

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**Lunch, Tea and Fashion Show Event.** 11:30 a.m. Waterford Springfield, 6715 Commerce Street, Springfield. This events help to benefit scholarship funds and other projects relating to domestic violence victims. Tickets: \$36.

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**The Wonderful World of Bats.** 2:30 p.m. City of Fairfax Library, 10360 North Street, Fairfax. Learn about bats and make a bat T-shirt. Bring a white or light colored T-shirt or buy shirt for \$4. <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/branches/fx/>.

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## TUESDAY/JUNE 23

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Centreville senior Caroline Wakefield, right, defends Robinson junior Kaitlin Luccarelli during the 6A state semifinals on Tuesday at Robinson Secondary School.



Robinson's Mackenzie Schuler (12), MegMarie Stanchi (15) and goalkeeper Danielle Valenti defend against Centreville's Paige Richbourg during Tuesday's state semifinal matchup.

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## Robinson Girls' Lax Advances to State Championship Game

### Rams beat Centreville in overtime in state semifinals.

BY JON ROETMAN  
THE CONNECTION

**R**obinson senior and future University of Maryland lacrosse player Izzy Obregon lined up in free position Tuesday night with the chance to put the Rams on the verge of a trip to the state championship game.

But with 15 seconds remaining and the score tied, Obregon's shot failed to find the back of the net and Robinson's 6A state semifinal contest against Centreville would go to overtime.

"Honestly, I wasn't that worried because I just had a sense that our team, we weren't going to lose," Obregon said. "We weren't going to take no for an answer. We weren't going to get this far into the tournament and then just go home."

While Obregon had faith in her team, her own ability would prove a sufficient reason for the Rams not to panic.

Obregon scored two goals and contributed an assist during the first of two three-minute overtime periods, and the Rams held on for a 15-13 victory over the Wildcats at Robinson Secondary School.

Obregon's pair of overtime goals came 30 seconds apart, each with an assist from sophomore attacker Katie Checkosky, and helped Robinson build a 15-11 lead entering the second three-minute overtime period. Obregon finished with a team-high four goals.

"That's just Iz for you," junior midfielder Taylor Caskey said. "She is probably one of the [most mentally tough] players on our team. She's always the one picking everyone else up, so I think when she missed that shot it was our duty to talk to her ..."

Senior midfielder Mackenzie Schuler scored Robinson's other two overtime goals, including one with four seconds remaining before the break.

"That was amazing," is how Obregon described the Rams' performance during the first three minutes of overtime.

**ROBINSON WILL FACE OAKTON** in the 6A state championship game at 5 p.m. on Saturday, June 13 at Lake Braddock Secondary School.

One could say it was amazing Robinson even had a chance to win Tuesday night considering the Rams' inability to win draws for much of the evening. Centreville finished with an 18-8 draw control advantage, including 10-1 in the first half.

The Wildcats capitalized, taking a 10-7 lead when senior attacker Kara Waddell scored with 7:07 remaining in the second half. But the Rams started winning draws late in the second half and scored eight of the next nine goals including overtime.

"I think our big momentum swing was when we started winning those draws," Caskey said. "... When you lose the draw it's hard to stay confident."

How did Robinson keep it close despite a considerable draw control disadvantage? Part of the answer was having junior defender Emily Skrzypczak take draws late in the second half.

"Definitely kudos to our defense for keeping [Centreville] off and playing good, solid

### Robinson Boys' Lax to Face Chantilly in State Final

The Robinson boys' lacrosse team will face the Chantilly Chargers in the 6A state championship game at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, June 13 at Lake Braddock Secondary School.

Robinson defeated Patrick Henry (Roanoke) 11-6 in the semifinals on Tuesday.

Chantilly defeated Langley in the other semifinals.

defense," Robinson head coach Liz Case said. "We definitely had to change it up [with our draw-takers] ... and then finally we moved up Emily Skrzypczak, who truly is our ... safety net."

Down 10-7, Caskey started Robinson's comeback with back-to-back goals, pulling the Rams within one. Sophomore midfielder Elli Kluegel bounced in a free position goal

to tie the score at 10 with 4:18 remaining. Centreville senior midfielder Caroline Wakefield scored with 4:02 remaining, giving the Wildcats an 11-10 lead. Robinson junior Kaitlin Luccarelli's goal with 1:21 left in regulation tied the score at 11.

"This is huge for us," Caskey said. "I don't think I've ever been this excited in my lacrosse career. This was the biggest win for us, I think,

because Centreville is definitely one of our biggest rivals of the year and we knew they were going to come out for blood and we just had to keep fighting through that."

Tuesday's win was Robinson's third of the season against Centreville. The Rams beat the Wildcats 25-20 during the regular season on May 11, and 19-13 in the Conference 5 championship game on May 22.

nal matchup.

Saturday's meeting will be the fourth this season between Robinson and Chantilly. The Rams won the regular-season meeting 7-4 on March 26. The Chargers were victorious in the Conference 5 (10-7, May 22) and 6A North region championship (9-4, June 2) games.

"It means the world," Skrzypczak, an Ohio State commit, said of Tuesday's win. "... The other games that we played Centreville, it's been for seeding, not really as important. ... This game, we knew going into it this was [an] elimination [game] and this is it. This could be our last game."

Schuler finished with three goals and two assists for Robinson, and Caskey totaled three goals and one assist. Checkosky had two goals and five assists, and Kluegel scored two goals. Junior goalkeeper Danielle Valenti finished with six saves.

Centreville senior Reagan Newell totaled five goals and one assist. Wakefield had four goals and two assists. Freshman attacker Emily Marciano scored two goals, sophomore attacker Elizabeth Murphy had one goal and three assists, and Waddell had one goal and two assists. Senior goalkeeper Alex DeLaRosa tallied seven saves.

**ROBINSON IMPROVED** its record to 20-1. The Rams' lone defeat was an 18-11 loss to Georgetown Visitation, a private school, on March 31. Centreville finished the season with a 15-4 record.

Robinson will now face an Oakton team it has already beaten twice. The Rams defeated the Cougars 18-11 during the regular season on May 5, and 15-6 in the 6A North region championship game on June 2.

"We can't take it lightly at all," Checkosky said. "They're a really good team and we've seen them ... [go] into overtime, also, against Centreville [in the region semifinals]. We just need to play like we did in the first period of [tonight's] overtime."

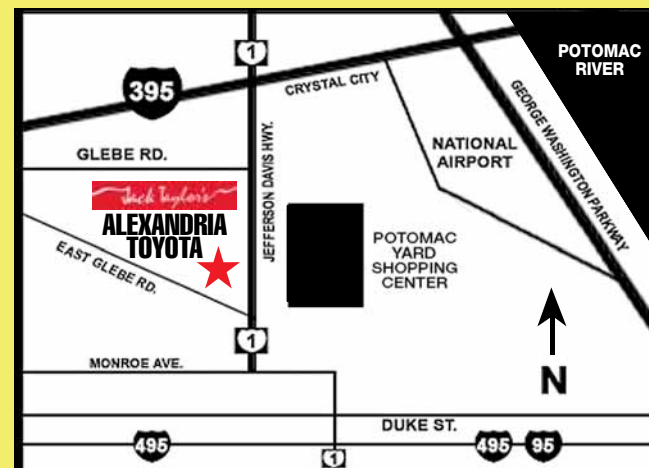


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**Carol Hermandorfer 703-216-4949**



**Annandale** \$525,000  
Immaculate 4 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath, 3-level colonial. Beautifully landscaped lot with great stonework. Carport with Storage shed. Beautifully maintained and nicely renovated. Granite, replacement windows, and appliances. Hardwood floors on main and upper levels.  
**Lee Scalzott 703-597-5583**



**Lake Anna** \$784,900  
Waterfront "Lake House." 5 bedrooms, 3 baths. Lots of room for everyone. Large 2 car garage with guest apartment. Western sunset views. Patio with stone outdoor fireplace. 2 bay boathouse.  
**Toni McQuair 703-795-2697**



**Clifton** \$729,000  
Beautifully colonial is move-in ready. Features renovated gourmet kitchen with granite counters, center island, gas cook top, stainless steel appliances. A breakfast area, great room with gas fireplace and walk-out lower level with full bath and guest suite is sure to please!  
**Carol Hermandorfer 703-216-4949**



**Lake Anna** \$425,000  
Water access. Custom Contemporary 3 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath home on beautiful lot bordered by meandering streams. Flooded with sunlight! Interesting materials & updates galore. Gorgeous multiuse outbuilding.  
**Toni McQuair 703-795-2697**



**Gainesville** \$435,000  
Heritage Hunt 55+. Beautiful 2 level "Oakleaf" corner lot! 4 BR (3 on main level), hardwoods, Kitchen w/island & pantry, Breakfast bay, Living, Dining, Sunroom addition, U/LVL w/BR 4, BA 3 & large storage closet, paver Patio, 2 car Garage, quality landscaping, irrigation system, close to Clubhouse & entry gate.  
**Amanda Scott 703-772-9190**



**Fairfax Station** \$675,000  
Beautiful updated 2-car, 4 bedroom, 3 bath home on 1 acre lot with over 3,100 square feet of living space. Hardwood flooring on main level, brand new kitchen, living, dining and family rooms. Ideal for families and entertaining.  
**Ngoc Do 703-798-2899**



**Warrenton** \$489,900  
Beautiful Colonial with 4 bedrooms & 2 1/2 baths in sought-after community. Large Family Room & Kitchen combo with gas fireplace, granite countertops and SS appliances. His and hers closets in MB. Private, treed backyard with large patio, two-car garage. And much more!  
**Sherri Kuckuda 703-869-1558**

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