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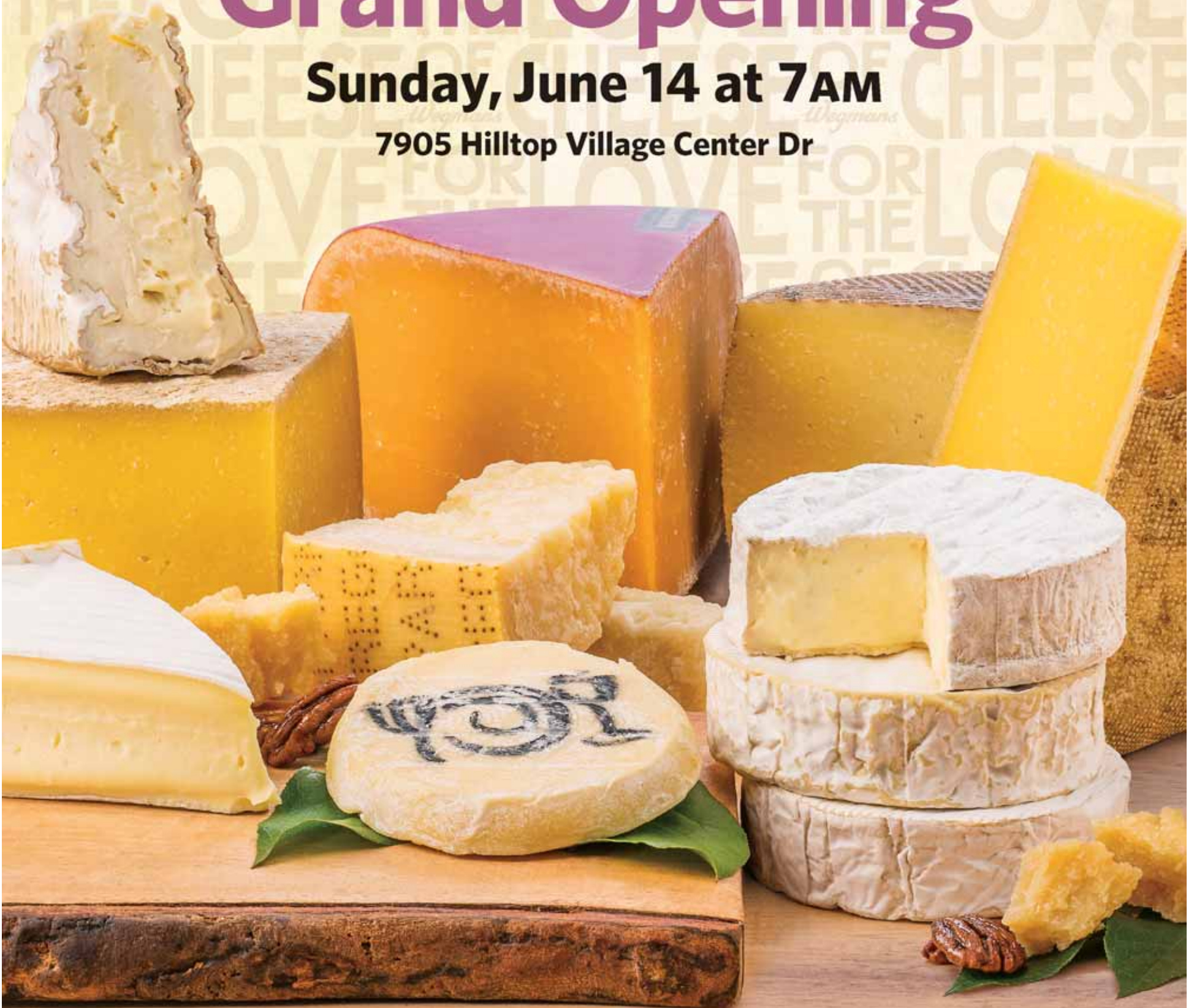
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Members of the Fairfax County Urban Search and Rescue Task Force 1 who were deployed to Nepal following the earthquake included (rear from left) Elizabeth Chaney and rescue dog Ventoux, planning manager John Morrison and Ryland Chapman. They joined members of Meekha Mathema's fifth grade class from Hunters Woods Elementary School in Reston in the Walk for Nepal earthquake victims: (front from left) Meekha Mathema, Annabel Lee, Summer Jakubowski, Caelin Rowell, Catherine Pak, Jake Hopp, Siddharth Kairpadi, Colin Simpson, Lauren Hannafin and Lindsey McNulty.

Helping, with Heavy Hearts

200 walk to support victims of Nepal earthquake.

BY TIM PETERSON
THE CONNECTION

When the 7.8 magnitude earthquake rocked Nepal in April this year, Madhu and Yashoda Bhandari of Lorton felt the shocks in their United States home. Both are originally from the Nuwakot district, one that was hit violently. Though Madhu's brothers and father live in Nepal's capital Kathmandu and were unharmed, "It was very painful," he said, of seeing the wreckage in the area of his roots. "With monsoon season, they need to have something."

"We have a heavy heart," Madhu's wife Yashoda said. "Every minute you want to do something. We're here to support."

The couple were two of over 200 people who came out early Sunday morning, June 7, as part of the Walk for Nepal fundraiser at Burke Lake Park.

Meekha Mathema, a fifth grade teacher in the Advanced Academic Program at Hunters Woods Elementary School in Reston helped organize the event.

"We had to do something," she said, "a way we could heal. I tried to think of a way I could include children, seniors."

Mathema goes walking at Burke Lake Park every weekend; ultimately she decided it was the perfect place. "It has a nice trail for all of us," she said.

Beginning close to 8 a.m. walkers chose either a one-mile course or the entire loop of Burke Lake — close to five miles.

OVER 200 PEOPLE registered for the walk and even more non-walking donors joined the cause. All told, Mathema esti-

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Narayan Mainali, minister counselor from the embassy of Nepal, encourages walkers to visit Nepal and consider expanding their businesses to the country.

mated the event raised between \$7-\$8,000.

A partnership between her late father's humanitarian nongovernmental organization the Daya Foundation and the United Nations-affiliated International Association for Human Values allows money donated from the walk to have an instant impact.

Madhu Kadari, a volunteer with the International Association for Human Values who spoke before the walk, said some of the money raised will help fund building temporary shelters for victims of the earthquake. Three hundred shelters are planned, costing \$150 each.

Other International Association for Human Values efforts, with funding of around \$62 million so far, include relief supplies, community shelters that can act as vocational training centers, solar lamps and trauma relief.

"There's a lot of grief and anxiety," Kadari said, explaining the importance of meditation and breathing techniques being taught at relief camps. "The first thing is to get out of the mental trauma."

Also before the walk, Narayan Mainali, Minister Counselor from the embassy of



Ryan (left) and Gene Walters (right) of Fairfax pause from their walk to support Nepal earthquake victims. Walters' daughter Lily is in organizer Meekha Mathema's fifth grade class at Hunters Woods Elementary School.

Nepal, thanked the United States Congress for its support of the country in crisis. "Nepal has so many helping hands," he said.

In addition to walking, Mainali encouraged walkers to visit Nepal and support the tourist economy, for business owners to consider expanding into Nepal and buying the country's crafts and carpets.

JOHN MORRISON, a planning manager with Fairfax County Urban Search and Rescue Task Force 1, was among the group that was deployed to Nepal as part of the international relief effort. He was recognized before the walk along with fellow Task Force 1 members Elizabeth Chaney, rescue dog Ventoux, and Ryland Chapman. "We were in awe of the Nepalese people," Morrison said. Ramya Griddahuri of Herndon is in Mathema's fifth grade class. "Where Nepal has been hit, it's scary for them," she said. "I want to help. Doing this walk, I know that I'm helping people."

For more information on the Daya Foundation, visit dayafoundation.org/np, for the International Association for Human Values, visit www.iahv.org.

Why are you walking today?



Madhu Bhandari of Lorton: I'm walking to help Nepal, to make awareness, give support. My family — father and brothers — live in Nepal. It's going to be monsoon season and the people need to have something.



Yashoda Bhandari of Lorton: It's just a good cause to be here. We have a heavy heart. Every minute, you want to do something. We're here to support.



Kamal Bhusal of Fairfax: I'm walking to unite the community to support a good cause. I came out with friends.



Durga Rimal of Potomac Falls: My daughter is involved in the support work and my brothers are there. This is some little thing we can do to help.

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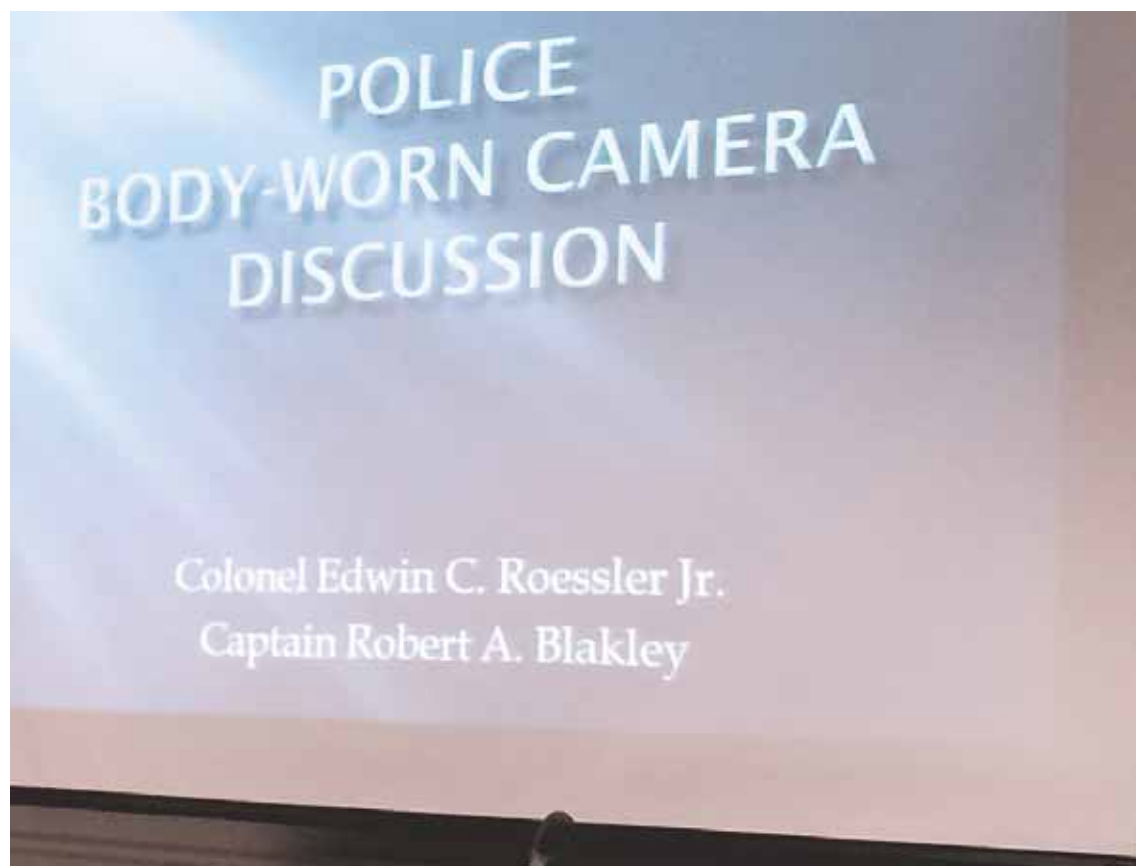
Supervising Public Safety

First meeting since 2011 includes packed agenda, full house.

BY MARY KIMM
THE CONNECTION

The Fairfax County Board of Supervisors Public Safety Committee, chaired by Gerry Hyland (D-Mount Vernon), met on Tuesday, June 9 for the first time since June 2011. Since then, there have been six officer-involved shootings in Fairfax County, including the August 2013 shooting death of John Geer. Police handling of the communications and investigation of that shooting led to the formation in March 2015 of the Ad Hoc Police Practices Review Commission.

All 10 members of the Board of Supervisors were in attendance, including Penny Gross, who excused herself after about 75 minutes saying: "I'm a little preoccupied today," to laughter. Gross (D-Mason) faced the first primary election challenge of her career, winning with 56 percent of the vote over challenger Jessica Swanson.



Presentation slide on body camera.

POLICE BODY CAMERAS

In a discussion of FCPD proposal to implement body cameras for all patrol officers Police Chief Edwin Roessler described cameras as "another step to total accountability." Cameras "capture officer's actions whether they are good or bad ... technology to hold ourselves accountable," he said.

"This is for public trust and transparency," said Deputy County Executive David M. Rohrer.

But the draft policy and procedures accompanying Capt. Robert Blakely's presentation did not list transparency or accountability among the purposes of the body cameras.

Purposes listed included: to capture criminal events and provide evidence of those events in court; to document crime scenes; to document victim, witness and suspect statements; to act as a deterrent for purposes of officer safety; to reduce unreasonable and/or false complaints against officers; to provide training and "performance mechanism to ensure the professionalism of all officers."

Cost estimates were \$4 million for startup and acquisition with ongoing operating costs of \$4 million a year. Estimating that cameras could capture an hour of video for each 8-hour shift for each officer, Blakely pointed to the need for massive data storage of more than two petabytes of data annually. That's more than 20,000 terabytes. Costs include the addition of eight-to-10 positions including a redaction specialist and three Freedom of Information clerks. And three "might not be enough," Blakely said.

Some jurisdictions "had to take action to block certain aspects of FOIA because the

demands were so high," Blakely said. Not all video would be subject to all the provisions of FOIA, he said.

Roessler told the cautionary tale of the early days of dashboard cameras in patrol cars which included VHS tapes, complicated chain of custody issues and a suspension of the program while the technology matured.

"The moral to this is, 'Nothing is simple,'" said Chairman Sharon Bulova. "This is complicated."

POLICE COMMISSION

Michael Hershman, chairman of the Ad Hoc Police Practices Review Commission reported to the committee that the commission is undertaking a large scope of work in a short time frame, using five subcommittees: Use of Force; Communications; Mental Health; Investigations and Oversight; and Recruitment and Vetting. There are 35 members of the commission, plus an additional 25 members of subcommittees.

In addition to reviewing internal policies and data, the commission is looking at other localities, reading independent reports, and reviewing best practices.

"We're trying to do a better job of being transparent and sharing information," said Bulova.

"We have a commitment to finish and give you recommendations in October, and we will be doing that," Hershman said.

It's a complex, emotional topic, and there are differences of opinion among members of the commission, he said. But "the disagreements we've had have been very civil."

"It's very possible there will be majority findings and minority findings when we bring our report to you."

Supervisors pressed Hershman to hold additional public forums in other parts of the county, including Mount Vernon, Reston and Culmore.

"This is a large county, this is a long-term issue," said Cathy Hudgins (D-Hunter Mill). "I would like to know that we are going to put it to bed as best we can with new policies and procedures."

Hershman responded: "Let me say this about putting this to bed once and for all ... it's healthy to review the state of policing every several years. It's a never-ending process."

Gross asked whether Hershman was comfortable with diversity on the commission.

"We weren't satisfied with the diversity ... of the commission," Hershman answered. "No, I'm not comfortable. But we have worked very, very hard, and we're not stopping, at every turn we reach out."

John Cook (R-Braddock) cited recent statistics indicating that at least 25 percent of people shot by police in the U.S. were people with mental illness: "I want to make sure that we are looking at that issue as a national phenomenon."

All meetings of the Police Commission and subcommittees are open to the public, and the documents and data gathered by the commission are available online. See <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/policecommission/> for schedule and materials.

CRISIS INTERVENTION/PEOPLE WITH MENTAL ILLNESS IN JAIL

The committee heard about police department goals to train 100 percent of its officers in crisis intervention, and efforts to re-

duce the number of people with mental illness in jails.

The new Community Services Board facility, the Merrifield Center, was built to accommodate a 24-hour drop-off for people with mental illness instead of having police take them to jail, but more money and resources will be needed to implement that, said, Tisha Deegah, executive director of the Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board.

Cook pointed to an 80 percent recidivism rate for people with mental illness who were incarcerated, vs. a 20 percent rate with diversion to treatment, and the economic cost associated with that.

Hudgins expressed frustration that the same goals were in place for mental health reform in 2007, but the resources have not accompanied the goals. "We actually substituted the jail for mental health services," she said.

Rohrer said that the resource shortage wasn't just on the part of county funding, but also state funding and choices made by hospitals to close beds that could serve people with mental illness in cri-

sis. Many nights every week, for example, officers are dispatched to deliver as far as Salem or Norfolk where a bed is available for treatment, tapping critical police resources, but also putting the person in crisis and that person's family in greater difficulty, Rohrer said.

POLICE & FIRE GAMES opening ceremonies for the nearly 10,000 registered athletes from around the world, are about two weeks away, and organizers appeared before the committee with enthusiasm and a small amount of trepidation. Opening ceremonies will be Friday, June 26, at RFK stadium, including lighting of a cauldron and a flyover. Tickets to the opening ceremonies are free, available at <http://fairfax2015.com>.

Athlete's Village, the social hub for the games, will be in Reston, with major venues around the county.

The public can attend any of the 1,600 medal events in more than 60 sports at more than 50 venues for free, no tickets required. See <http://fairfax2015.com/schedule>

More than 5,800 volunteers have signed up to fill some of the 18,000 shifts, said Bill Knight, executive director of Fairfax 2015. There are more than 930 medical volunteers.

Closing ceremonies will be at Wolf Trap, Sunday, July 5.

The committee also heard plans to develop legislation on animal cruelty that would include regulations on dog tethering. Currently the county can enforce state laws.

Disclosure: Mary Kimm is a member of the Ad Hoc Police Practices Commission.

AREA ROUNDUPS

Lorton Man Charged Sunday after Chase Around Fairfax Station

A number of residents in the Crosspointe, Barrington and nearby communities of Fairfax Station woke Sunday morning to the sound of helicopter blades whirring overhead. Fairfax 1, the helicopter unit of the Fairfax County Police Department, had been called in to assist with the search of a suspect on the run.

Around 5:49 a.m. on Sunday, June 7, police spokesperson Lucy Caldwell said, officers responded to a report of vehicle tampering near the 8600 block of Oak Chase Circle in Crosspointe. The suspect was described as a black male in his twenties wearing no shirt and athletic shorts. His vehicle was reportedly stolen out of Prince William County.

Fairfax 1 was called after the suspect was seen running behind homes in the area. A search involving the helicopter, numerous cruisers and the K9 unit continued for several hours.

Police were aided by phone calls from residents in the Crosspointe community area who reported seeing a stranger running behind their homes. This went on

throughout the morning and into the afternoon.

The suspect, a 25-year-old Lorton man, was finally caught and arrested by Heron Pond Lane in Crosspointe around 1:15 p.m. A K9 officer had spotted the man in the wood line and ordered him to stop. The suspect was bitten by the officer's dog after he ignored the command. He was transported to Lorton Healthplex to receive treatment for the bite.

Afterwards the man was taken to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center and charged with grand larceny auto and felony failure to appear in court.

Grill Causes Lorton Apartment Fire

Units responded to a garden apartment fire, Friday, June 5, at approximately 4:15 p.m., in the Lorton area of Fairfax County. The apartment is located at 7501 Woodside Lane.

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(From left) Del. Scott Surovell (D-44) celebrates with Dan Storck and Paul Krizek, unofficial winners of the Democratic primary for Mount Vernon supervisor and 44th District representative to the House of Delegates, respectively.

Storck Edges Three in Democratic Primary for Mount Vernon Supervisor

With just under 44 percent of the 5,995 votes cast in the Mount Vernon District, School Board member Dan Storck eclipsed Planning Commissioner Tim Sargeant's roughly 40 percent in the Democratic primary, according to unofficial results from the nonprofit Virginia Public Access Project. Storck will face Republican businesswoman and activist Jane Gandee in the November election to replace Gerry Hyland and represent Mount Vernon on the Board of Supervisors.

"I want to thank Gerry Hyland for 28 years of service," Storck said at a campaign event after the polls closed on Tuesday, June 9. "His

legacy will be very difficult to replace in the short term."

"There's a lot to get done, we got a great start here tonight," Storck continued. "Obviously funding schools fully, getting rail down Route 1, our environmental opportunities, building on our large tourist attraction — we need to get those moving more quickly."

Behind Storck and Sargeant were lifelong Mount Vernon resident, small business owner and appointee to the Human Services Council Jack Dobbyn with nearly 10 percent of the votes, and marketing and research firm owner Candice Bennett of Lorton with around 6 percent.

—TIM PETERSON

AREA ROUNDUPS

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Firefighters encountered smoke and fire coming from a third floor balcony of the three-story apartment upon arrival. Firefighters conducted an aggressive fire attack and brought the fire under control in approximately 15 minutes. Additionally, the fire extended into the ceiling of the apartment below. The occupants were not home when the fire broke out. Smoke alarms were inoperative in the apartment. A neighbor was alerted to the fire and called 911. Three adults and two children have been displaced from both apartment units. Red Cross is assisting all the occupants. There were no injuries. Damage is estimated at \$60,000. According to fire investigators, the fire was accidental. An improperly placed charcoal grill on the deck caused the fire.

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. FCYFL has a mandatory player participation rule. This means all kids who are enrolled must play in every game. The league makes this rule a point of emphasis, and any coach who fails to comply is subject to a variety of sanctions including suspension.

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Microsoft Access. 2:30 p.m. 10360 North Street, Fairfax. Stop in for an introduction in creating, modifying and mastering databases using Microsoft's Access program. <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/branches/fx/>.

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SUNDAY/JUNE 21

Burke Historical Society Meeting. 4:30 p.m. Abiding Presence Lutheran Church, 6304 Lee Chapel Road, Burke. A presentation entitled "Jazz in and around Burke."

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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



FAITH NOTES

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

The Guhyasamaja Buddhist Center, 10875 Main St., Fairfax City provides free classes to both newcomers and advanced practitioners of Tibetan Buddhism.

The center emphasizes working with the mind and learning how to understand the workings of the mind, overcoming inner causes of suffering, while cultivating causes of happiness. Under the direction of Lama Zopa Rinpoche, the center is a place of study, contemplation and meditation. Visit <http://www.guhyasamaja.org> for more information.

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

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

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

St. Andrew the Apostle Catholic Church,

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

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

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

JCCNV Mother's Circle program, for women who are not Jewish but are raising Jewish children. Free education in Jewish rituals, practices and values, while respecting the participant's choice to retain her own religious identity. Jewish Community Center of Northern Virginia, 8900 Little River Turnpike in Fairfax. Contact Laurie Albert, 703-537-3064 or [HYPERLINK "mailto:LaurieA@jccnv.org" LaurieA@jccnv.org](mailto:LaurieA@jccnv.org).

Franconia United Methodist Church, 6037 Franconia Road, Alexandria, offers traditional Sunday church services at 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. plus Sunday School classes for all ages at 9:45 a.m. Childcare is available 8:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m. There will be a Terry Hall Concert on Saturday, April 14 at 4 p.m. with old spirituals, classic hymns, southern gospel favorites and more. 703-971-5151 or admin@franconiaumc.org or www.franconiaumc.org.

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



The metal-clad overhang specified by Sun Design provides needed protection from rainfall — which had seriously damaged the previous garage doors.



Equipped with overhead fans, portable heaters and a wide-screen TV, Jeff and Sharon Roman's "outdoor room" is habitable in all but the coldest days. The porch's inside wall is finished in patterned stone work.



To assure the durability of the deck's surface, Sun Design specified Trex planking instead of wood, and narrowed the span between joists from 16 inches to 12 inches.

Repairs Trigger 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 reimagined 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.

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

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.

"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

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.

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.

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

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."

John Byrd (byrdmatx@comcast.net) has been writing about home improvement topics for 30 years.

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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.



The entire group of registered walkers gather before the walk.

Walk for Well a Success

Charity walk at Burke Lake raises funds to build a well in Uganda.

June 6 dawned sunny and cloudless over shelter C at Burke Lake. A crowd of 50 people clad in bright turquoise shirts gathered to complete a two-mile walk to raise funds to build a well in a Ugandan village called Natihalo.

It was a big day for Ceci

Stillwell, whose months of preparing for the area’s first ever Walk 4 Water event had finally paid off.

“We raised enough money to build the well thanks to everyone involved,” said Stillwell. “It will be done in August, and the well dedication in the village will take place in November. I am so happy with

the results.”

About 40 people pre-registered for the event and about 10 registered the day of the race.

“For the first Walk 4 Water Event that’s been in this area, this has been a great success,” said Terri Perry, a member of the New Hope Church in Lorton. “The fact that we raised enough money to build a well is amazing, and Ceci organized it all.”

At 8:40 a.m. children, fathers,



PHOTOS BY CAROLINE ALKIRE/THE CONNECTION

Ceci Stillwell sits at the registration table before the walk begins.

mothers (with strollers in hand) and dogs set off walking on the two-mile trail around Burke Lake. The distance they walked represented how far women and children in Uganda walk everyday to get dirty water for their families.

Todd Brymer, owner and founder of St. Michaels Corporation (one of the companies that helped to co-sponsor the event), was also at Burke Lake, ready to complete the walk with his wife

and kids.

“One of the best things about having a business is using the business to help other people,” said Brymer. “Walk 4 Water gave us a chance to help people on the other side of the world who don’t have basic needs, such as water, that we take for granted everyday. This event was great, and I believe we are making a difference.”

— CAROLINE ALKIRE

NEWS



Board of Supervisors honored Lake Braddock Secondary School's boys cross country team on Tuesday, June 2.

Fastest Ever: 'They Earned That Title'

The state championship rings won by Lake Braddock Secondary School's boys cross country team are engraved with: "Fastest ever."

"They earned that title," said their coach Michael Mangan. "And they worked very hard to get here."

The boys team ran the fastest average time in the history of the state meet, Mangan said, following up similar statistics in regional meets as well as individual accomplishments.

"Cross country is not a sport, especially on the boys side, when you show up on day one and you're in front," said Mangan. "It takes a lot of work to get yourself there."

Supervisors John C. Cook (R-Braddock) and Pat Herryty (R-Springfield) honored the boys team at the Board of Supervisors hearing at the Fairfax County Government Center on June 2.

"This team is a phenomenal team," said Cook. "The program year after year after year after year comes out on the top."

Cook said he has honored the team five times in the six years he has served as a Supervisor.

"That says something about the spirit of the program, each generation passes on to the next," he said, adding that the team comprises "stellar students as well" who have an average grade point average of

3.95.

"A couple of points behind the girls, just to put that in there," said Cook.

"I want to echo my congratulations," said Herryty. "It takes a lot of hard work, training, dedication and teamwork to win a state championship."

"I think I would be remiss if I didn't mention that 60 percent of Lake Braddock students live in Springfield [District]," said Herryty, who is the Springfield District supervisor. "Close behind them was West Springfield, and close behind them was Chantilly ... which makes Springfield clearly the fastest district in the county."

Coach Mangan said they are also a great group of people. "They are a team that takes care of their younger ones."

The athletes that attended the ceremony Tuesday represented all 72 boys in the cross country and track programs and all 72 girls as well, said Mangan.

Supervisor Cook read numerous team and individual accomplishments from the school year.

"I have admiration for cross country. It is a great sport, and running is a sport and activity that you do can do your entire life," said Chairman Sharon Bulova. "Thank you for making us proud. Some pretty impressive statistics that we just heard."

— KEN MOORE

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THURSDAYS

Annandale Farmers Market. 8 a.m.-12 p.m. Thursdays, May 7-Nov. 12. Featuring a master gardener plant clinic on site to answer questions about plants and landscaping. Mason District Park, 6621 Columbia Pike, Annandale. www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/farmersmarkets/annandalemkt.htm

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James Bond Is Coming to Workhouse

The one-man show is a lampoon and theater of the imagination of all things James Bond.

BY DAVID SIEGEL
THE CONNECTION

Dive into the world of that suave secret agent, James Bond, as he plants the British flag in a live theater production at the Workhouse. Bond won't be alone either; the production will have a wealth of eccentric characters; good and evil, male and female, along with original music adding urbane flair to the action and antics.

The one-man show is a loving lampoon and theater of the imagination of all things James Bond. It's called, "BOND: An Unauthorized Parody."

Each of the myriad characters in the show is played by one British actor, Gavin Robertson. He also wrote the script which has received rave reviews in England and now comes to America.

"BOND: An Unauthorized Parody" has



Gavin Robertson as James Bond in "BOND: An Unauthorized Parody."

been brought to the Workhouse by an American theatre production company with the memorable name, Tasty Monster Productions. Tasty Monster aims "to produce cutting edge theatrical and musical works for new audiences."

Heather Bagnall and Luke Tudball, are the Tasty Monster co-artistic directors. Bagnall, a D.C. and Northern Virginia area actor, called "BOND" not only fun, "but something you can bring your kids to. It is intelligently farcical and original." Tudball noted that "everyone needs a hero, needs a laugh and

needs an escape once in a while. And everyone enjoys a good spy story!"

Robertson described the production as "a distillation of typical Bond moments, atmospheres and jeopardy situations." As for the many characters, "Well...yes I play everybody...heroes, villains, women and bit-parts! I've likened it to a kind of Bond-meets-Scooby-Doo-in-a-suit kind of style. Imagine a cartoon onstage and that's pretty much it!"

When asked about the various actors who have played James Bond in the movies over

Where and When

"BOND: An Unauthorized Parody" at the Workhouse Arts Center, W-3 Theatre, 9601 Ox Road, Lorton. Performances: June 29 to July 3. The June 29-July 2 performances are 8 p.m. Tickets for the June 29 preview performance \$10. Tickets for June 30-July 2 performances are \$18-\$25. On July 3 at 7 p.m. there is a special VIP performance with tickets \$30. The July 3 performance includes a drink token redeemable for a serving of beer, wine or soft drink of choice. There will be a fireworks display following the performance (weather dependent) at the Workhouse Arts Center. VIP ticket includes free parking for this special event. Information call 703-584-2900 or visit www.workhouseart.org

the decades, Robertson indicated he "pokes good fun with each" as he has distilled and condensed cracking situations into an exuberant action-packed 60 minutes.

"I take the audience on a journey with a Bond film they think they've already seen but actually haven't! My challenge is to parody the style so well it's typical though in fact an original storyline. Of course, it's ridiculous and improbable," added Robertson.

Bagnall said that, "you'll have the time of your life in 60 minutes. This show is fun, fast-paced and family friendly. It's smart which means the kids will have a great time, but it's really written to the adults, the kid in all of us who always wanted to be a secret agent."

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ENTERTAINMENT

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

SUNDAY/MAY 31- AUG. 30

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

THURSDAY/JUNE 11

Toddler Time. 10:30 a.m. City of Fairfax Library, 10360 North Street, Fairfax. Join us for stories, songs, and activities. Library staff share with children a love for books, and parents learn to cultivate early literacy skills. Age 2-3 with adult.

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.

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/>

SATURDAY/JUNE 13

Father-Daughter Dance. 6-9 p.m. Sherwood Center, 3740 Old Lee Highway, Fairfax. Girls (ages 3-11) dress in their beautiful gowns and dads dress to impress. There will be special fairytale guests joining that evening so don't miss out. Girls celebrate Father's Day with your dads, granddads, big brothers,

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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.

Father's Day Cruises. 1, 3, 5, & 7 p.m. Lake Accotink Park, 7500 Accotink Park Road, Springfield. Spot soaring eagles and sunbathing turtles while enjoying a 30-minute cruise aboard the Lake Accotink Park tour boat. Reservations are required. Arrive 20 minutes before your cruise time to pick up your reserved tickets and get ready for boarding time. The fee is \$3 for Dad, \$6 for other adults, \$4 for children ages three and up. For information and to make a reservation, call 703-569-0285.

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 vendors. 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.

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The Supporting Actress in a Musical Award went to Cara Bachman for "Les Miserables" at South County High School.



The Supporting Actor in a Musical Award went to Cameron Powell for "Les Miserables" at South County High School.

Cappies Awards Honors High School Theater

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

This year's show included 58 public and private high schools in Fairfax County, Arlington, Fauquier, Loudoun, Montgomery, and Prince William counties, and the cities of Falls Church, Alexandria, Manassas and Washington, D.C. The Cappies season extended from late October to early May.

The Cappies program was launched in the summer of 1999 by Bowns, the theatre arts resource teacher with FCPS, and the late Bill Strauss (director, Capitol Steps), in cooperation with area theater teachers, for the purpose of celebrating and bringing public acclaim to high school theater.

— STEVE HIBBARD



The Male Vocalist Award went to Jack Gereski for "Les Miserables" at South County High School.

PHOTOS BY STEVE HIBBARD/THE CONNECTION

CALENDAR

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godfathers and family members.

There will be lots of dancing, games, prizes and good food.

Lorton Junior Chess Club. 2 p.m. Lorton Library, 9520 Richmond Highway, Lorton. Practice chess and learn new moves. Age 8-12.

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

Lorton Junior Chess Club. 2 p.m. 9520 Richmond Highway, Lorton. Practice chess and learn new moves. Ages 8-12. <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/branches/lo/>

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.

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.

Lorton Farmers Market. 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Sundays, May 3-Nov. 8. Featuring fresh produce, a Swiss bakery and potted plants and herbs. VRE Parking Lot, 8990 Lorton Station Boulevard, Lorton. www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/farmersmarkets/lortonmkt.htm

MONDAY/JUNE 15

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.

Lorton Evening Book Discussions. 7 p.m. Lorton Library, 9520 Richmond Highway, Lorton. Where'd You Go, Bernadette by Maria Semple. Adults.

FRIDAY/JUNE 19

Cinema Under the Stars: Grease. 7:30 p.m. Workhouse Arts Center,

9518 Workhouse Way, Lorton. Celebrate the 50s with a sing-a-long of Grease: The Musical.

SATURDAY/JUNE 20

Clifton Wine Festival. 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Children's Park, 7140 Main St., Clifton. Visit historic Clifton, with wine, food, music and arts and crafts to make it a celebration. Rain or shine. Visit www.cliftonwine.com for more.

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

MONDAY/JUNE 22

Nature's Secrets. 9 a.m. Burke Lake Park, 7315 Ox Road, Fairfax Station. Outdoor fun in nature through hikes, games and crafts. Explore and observe insects, trees and animals on the trails at the park. Bring a snack, lunch and drink daily. For info call 703-689-3104 (Katydid camps); to register call 703-222-4664.

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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.

Robinson Girls' Lax Advances to State Championship Game

Rams beat Centreville in overtime in state semifinals.

BY JON ROETMAN
THE CONNECTION

Robinson 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

"Honestly, I wasn't that worried because I just had a sense that our team, we weren't going to lose. 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."

— Robinson senior Izzy Obregon

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.

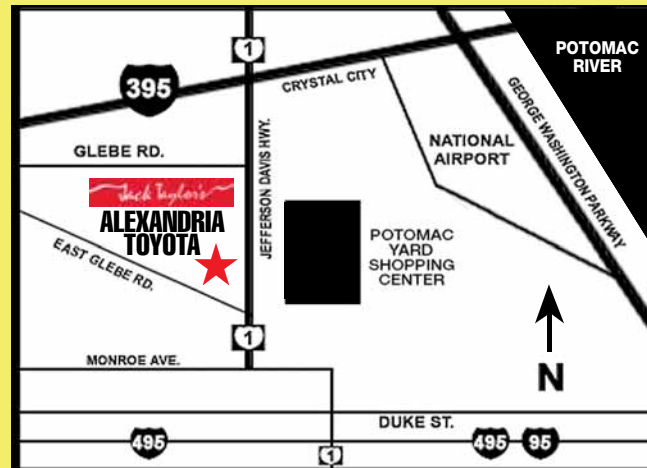
"We can't take it lightly at all," Checkosky said. "They're a really good team and we've seen them ... [go] into overtime, also, against Centreville [in the region semifinals]. We just need to play like we did in the first period of [tonight's] overtime."

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N. Arlington \$849,900
Gorgeous modern 3 BR, 2.5 BA with charming storybook exterior. New hardwoods, designer kitchen, updated baths, attic, shed, nice yard and plenty of parking. Walk Score 84.
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Alexandria \$859,900
Charming home in sought-after Belle Haven complete with moldings, nooks and crannies but updated where it counts! The kitchen is sleek and handsome while bathrooms are updated with quality appointments. Garage, basement and private back yard are just a few of the features.
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Centreville \$500,000
Move-in ready! Perfect lot sited between two cul-de-sacs...no thru traffic! Stately brick front, hip-roofed, center hall colonial. Formal LR & DR. Eat-in kitchen w/newer appliances. Adjoining family room with frpl & doors to deck. Pretty hdwds on main lvl. Large MBR w/lux bath w/dual vanities, soaking tub & sep shower. Nice-sized BRs. Upper hall bath w/dual vanities. BR #2 w/bath access. Fenced yard. Pool/tennis/trails.
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Gainesville \$585,000
Heritage Hunt 55+. Stunning 2-lvl "Tigerlily" Golf Course lot. 2BR, 3BA, Den, upgraded gourmet Kitchen w/granite, peninsular & prep sink, high end SS apps, Family room, hardwoods, 2 gas fireplaces, Dining room, Sunroom, fin LL has Bonus room w/windows, Rec room, Home Theatre system, woodworking room, Wine cave, Storage, Exercise room, Trex deck, stmpd concert patio, irrigation system, 2 car Garage w/outlet for electric car. Views!
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Nestled on 5.2 acres in beautiful Megills Crossing, this 5000 sq. ft. estate with 5 Bedrooms and 3.5 Baths boasts expert Craftsmanship throughout. Features an abundance of windows, hardwoods, decorative moldings & columns, octagonal solarium, patio and finished walk-out lower level.
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Fairfax Station \$829,500
Stunning Colonial! 6 bedrooms, 4.5 bathrooms, hardwoods, 2 story foyer, screened porch, formals, neutral carpet, granite counters in kitchen, lower level has bedroom, bath and rec room that walk out to lovely patio.
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Clifton \$775,000
5 private acres with large 6 stall barn with tack room. Spacious 4 BR's 3 Full BA's, Fully finished lower level with ceramic floors, Hardwoods throughout main and upper levels. New Wood Burning stove and GeoThermal heat, A/C and Hot Water. Perfect for the equestrian looking to board or co-op horses.
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Clifton \$925,000
Charming custom colonial with welcoming covered front porch, hardwoods, 2 fireplaces, large windows & French doors. Bonus upper level room and extra suite on lower level. Incredible indoor/outdoor setting with pool and extensive landscaping. Meticulously Maintained!
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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.
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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!
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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.
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Fairfax Station \$675,000
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