



# Springfield 16 Year Old Missing

Cesar "Steven" Boquin Zambrano of Springfield was last seen Monday, June 1 around 6:30 a.m. at Robert E. Lee High School, according to Fairfax County Police. The missing 16-year-old was reportedly wearing gray pants and a gray sweatshirt with blue sleeves at the time. Police are asking anyone with information to call 703-691-2131, contact Crime Solvers by phone at 1-866-411-TIPS/8477, e-mail at www.fairfaxcrimesolvers.org or text "TIP187" plus the message to CRIMES/274637.

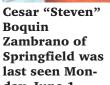
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—Tim Peterson

Springfield was



# Unattended Cooking day, June 1. Causes Springfield House Fire

Units responded to a house fire Sunday, June 7, at approximately 9:55 a.m., in the Springfield area of Fairfax County. The single-family home is located at 8678 Center Road.

Firefighters encountered smoke and fire coming from the split-level home upon arrival. Firefighters conducted an aggressive fire attack and brought the fire under control in approximately 10 minutes. The occupants discovered the fire and escaped unharmed. Three occupants have been displaced. Red Cross support was offered but declined by the occupants. Smoke alarms were inoperative in the home. There were no injuries.

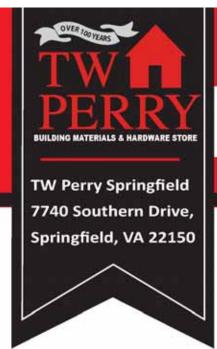
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According to fire investigators, the fire was accidental. Unattended food on the stove caused the fire.

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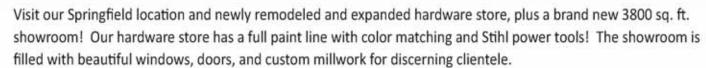
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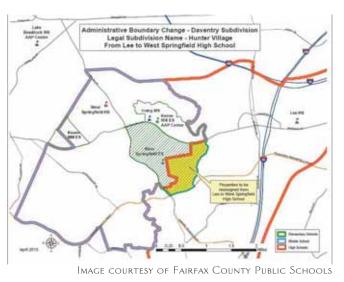


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# News

An administrative boundary change will cause the Daventry subdivision of Springfield to feed into West Springfield High School rather than Robert E. Lee High School.



Springfield School Board representative Elizabeth Schultz





West Springfield principal Michael Mukai

# Daventry Reassigned from Lee to West Springfield High School

Change scheduled to take effect for 2015-2016 school year.

By Tim Peterson
The Connection

elly Wevley's daughter will be in middle school next year. As a Daventry subdivision resident, she will attend Washington Irving Middle School in Springfield. And under previous boundaries, she would eventually continue to ninth grade at Robert E. Lee High School while friends and classmates outside of Daventry would attend West Springfield High School.

On top of simply becoming a teenager, Wevley said the impending divide "was already causing her anxiety." Thanks to an administrative boundary change, announced to parents in a May 20 letter from Fairfax County Public Schools superintendent Karen Garza, Wevley's daughter will have one fewer concern going into high school. The update reassigns the entire Daventry (Hunter Village) subdivision from Lee to West Springfield, effective for the 2015-2016 school year.

Students from Daventry currently progress from West Springfield Elementary School to Irving to Lee, and are the only ones from that elementary school that don't feed into West Springfield High School.

On hearing the news about the shift, Wevley said her daughter "felt a huge sense of relief, comfort."

Because it affects less than five percent of enrollment of both the sending and receiving schools, Fairfax County policy puts the change at the discretion of the superintendent.

A function of School Board policy 8130.7,

the process isn't used often, according to Springfield School Board representative Elizabeth Schultz.

"But it has its place," she said. "The real intention was to fix very small cohorts of children, a bad split-feeder. Instead of a major upheaval, we had to look strategically and do small fixes that are common sense-based."

**THE SPLIT-FEEDER** situation in Daventry came up previously nearly a decade ago. Current West Springfield principal Michael Mukai was an assistant principal at the school at the time. He said the proposed change was met with more opposition. "It did not happen," he said. "This time, it's a different set of circumstances."

The primary difference is total student population at West Springfield. Mukai said eight and nine years ago it was at capacity, around 2,400 students. With declining graduating class sizes of late, enrollment for

the 2015-2016 school year is projected to be around 2,100.

"It's a challenge," said Mukai. "It means you have fewer kids selecting classes and that's how you staff a building."

Currently, the principal said with the projected drop of around 125 students schoolwide for the 2015-2016 school year, nine teachers will be impacted — receiving new assignments elsewhere in the county — based on the formula of need determined by Fairfax County.

And though the addition of students from Daventry won't make up for the loss, "Every student we add changes the ratio slightly," said Mukai.

As West Springfield moves closer to beginning a long-awaited renovation, Schultz and Mukai said developing a stronger community and stability across students and staff is critical.

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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

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

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

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

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



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

Board of Supervisors to authorize the bonds.

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

Renovations will expand equipment bays to provide adequate space for current 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

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

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.

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# News

The Graduating Critic
Award went to
Katie
Wattendorf of
Hayfield Secondary 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 cit-

ies 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 Featured Actress Award went to Rebecca Symmes for "Les Miserables" at South County High School.



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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.

COMMENTARY

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

"We have a second generation

that's coming of age now," Moore

said. "Twenty years after the war,

they don't have an understanding

of their parents' and grandparents'

Vesna Kurspahic is the curator

of "Documenting Hometown and

Family History in Stari Majdan, Bosnia," a photography exhibition

that Moore said is helping to show

the "beauty and complexity of

The Kurspahics are being recog-

nized at a June 13 dinner held at the

Grbic Banquet Center, a Bosnian res-

taurant in St. Louis. Moore said he

recently discovered Vesna's mother

was a teacher and school principal

to the owners, husband and wife,

Sulejman and Ermina Grbic.

Bosnian culture and history."

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# Kurspahics To Receive Civic Courage Award

### Honored by the Bosnia Memory Project.

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

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

"They have stood for the kinds of civic ideas and ideals that characterize the best of Bosnia, Fontbonne. The Bosnia Memory Herzegovina and United States," said Dr. Ben Moore, director of the sponse to the large community of Bosnia Memory Project. "They really believe in journalism as a vi- around 40,000 — that settled in tal part of the civic sphere, that St. Louis after the war.



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

Photo Contributed

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

Kurspahic's book about the experience, "As Long As Sarajevo Exists," is required reading for a course Moore teaches at Project started in 2006 as a re-Bosnians and their children -

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

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

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

- Tim Peterson

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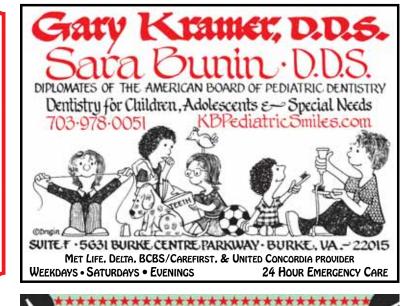
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# HomeLifeStyle

# Repairs Trigger Remodel

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

By John Byrd

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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



PHOTOS BY GREG HADLEY

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

#### **Details**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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 widescreen TV.

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

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

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

# News

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"If I can stabilize the experience for the kids coming in, for the employees in the building as well," said Schultz, "that's what I was so determined to advocate on behalf of."

**KELLY WEVLEY,** whose 14-yearold son will enter ninth grade at West Springfield instead of Lee, agreed this should help unify the geographic and academic communities.

"Even if it's eight or nine out of 500 kids, to those kids, to have to leave your friends is kind of traumatic at that point," Wevley said. "From the time they're in elementary school, you get invited to West Springfield High School sports camps, cheerleading, to play sports — you're over there. To be pulled away to Lee, having never been in the building, felt kind of ostracizing."

"The biggest thing is we'll continue to show is kids that move to us have always been welcome here," Mukai said. "We have dozens who come from all over the country each year and we do a great job of helping them become a part of the Spartan community."

WEEK IN SPRINGFIELD

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## Neighborhood Rabies Canvass Underway

Animal Control Officers will be handing out rabies information pamphlets to residents in the Rose Hill area after a dog was bitten by a rabid fox in the 4400 block of Upland Drive last week. Fortunately, the dog was vaccinated and there were no other known exposures to the fox.

So far, in 2015 there have been 20 positive rabies cases investigated by Animal Control Officers; there were 50 in 2014.

Rabies is a preventable viral disease of mammals most often transmitted through the bite of a rabid animal. The vast majority of rabies cases reported to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) each year occur in wild animals like raccoons, skunks, bats, and foxes. Domestic animals account for less than 10 percent of the reported rabies cases, with cats, cattle, and dogs most often reported rabid.

More information on the rabies virus, exposure prevention tips, and what to do if an animal bites is available: http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/hd/rabies/



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#### 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
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to attend and are perfect for families,
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of music and dance.

#### THURSDAY/JUNE 11

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/

#### FRIDAY/JUNE 12

Ancestors 101: Military Records. 1
p.m. Burke Centre Library, 5935
Freds Oak Road, Burke. Track down
your ancestors who served in the
Revolutionary, Civil or World Wars
and examine their military and
pension records. Adults.

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

farmersmarkets/kingstownemkt.htm

#### 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, grandads, big brothers, godfathers and family members. There will be lots of dancing, games, prizes and good food.

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.

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

Taste of Annandale. 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.

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

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#### 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.fairfaxsaturdaymarket.com/

Fair Lakes Farmers Market. 9 a.m.-1 p.m. 4501 Market Commons Drive, Fairfax.www.greentowns.com/initiative/farmers-market/fair-lakes-farmers-market-fairfax-va.

#### MONDAY/JUNE 15

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/

Pohick Prose Society. 7 p.m. Pohick Library, 6450 Sydenstricker Road, Burke. Teens talk about books. Call for title. Ages 13-18. http:// www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/ branches/po/

#### TUESDAY/JUNE 16

Classics Book Club. 7 p.m. Richard Byrd Library, 7250 Commerce Street, Springfield. This month's title: "Animal Farm" by George Orwell. Adults.

#### THURSDAY/JUNE 18

**Springfield Writers' Group.** 7 p.m. Richard Byrd Library, 7250 Commerce Street, Springfield. Share your work, give and receive feedback in a supportive setting. Adults.

#### 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. www.cliftonwine.com

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# Sports



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

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- Robinson senior Izzy Obregon

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## Rams beat Centreville in overtime in state semifinals.

By Jon Roetman The Connection

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

"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 threeminute 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

"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 because Centreville is definitely one of our 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 semifi-

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 jun-Kaitlin ior 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,

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.

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

"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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