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‘Showing the Soul of a Community’

County, private sector unite to build workforce housing.

BY BONNIE HOBBS
THE CONNECTION

With an eye toward providing workforce housing in the local area, Fairfax County recently broke ground on a 270-unit apartment complex in Fair Oaks.

“This is a celebration in many ways and a great day for Fairfax County,” said Greg Lamb, executive vice president of the Jefferson Apartment Group, the project’s developer. “It took determination, dedication, persistence and commitment.”

He was speaking May 5 in the county Government Center’s forum, during a ceremony prior to the groundbreaking. The apartments are being built on county-

owned land off Monument Drive, on the Government Center’s perimeter, so they’re named Residences at the Government Center.

On some 9 acres across from the Fairfax Corner shopping center, they’ll offer a 5,800-square-foot amenity space including an outdoor pool, fenced playground, two courtyards and connections to walking trails. The apartments will include green and energy-saving features and will be available to people making up to 60 percent of the area median income (AMI).

Calling it a great addition to the county, Robert Schwaninger, chairman of the county’s Redevelopment and Housing Authority (FCRHA), said it took nine years to bring it to fruition. And Lamb said it was actually “birthed by Congressman Gerry Connolly (D-11)” when he was the Board of Supervisors chairman in November 2006 and made ending homelessness one of the county’s eventual goals.

After the recession hit in 2008, the county asked first responders if they’d live in Fairfax County if affordable housing were built for their income levels, and 68 percent said yes. A plan to build it was proposed and approved, and construction documents and permits were obtained through 2013. But, said Lamb, “Rising interest costs made it unfinanceable.”

However, in June 2014, the project became the first of its kind in Virginia to structure the financing via a combination of both 9-percent and 4-percent tax-credit allocations from the Virginia Housing Development Authority (VHDA), plus tax-exempt bonds from the FCRHA and other financing sources. It’s a public-private partnership between the county, the FCRHA, Jefferson Apartment Group and Stratford Capital Group. The apartment complex will be LEED-certified, with its marketing targeted to Fairfax County employees, although availability won’t be restricted to them. And besides being affordable to households earning up to 60 percent AMI, at least 20 percent of the units are geared for households at or below 50 percent AMI.

Paradigm Construction Co. is the general contractor. There’ll be studio, plus one-,



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Dignitaries and stakeholders officially break ground for Residences at the Government Center.

two- and three-bedroom apartments. For people with yearly incomes of \$38,000-\$70,000, the rents will range from \$1,000-\$1,700 per unit. Site work actually began in April, and the first apartment is expected to be available for occupancy by October 2016.

Steve Wilson, president of Stratford Capital, which provided the financial backing for this project, also spoke during the ceremony. He said the Residences will improve the quality of life for those living there, but “We’ve only just begun. This was a real Rubik’s cube of a deal with lots of moving parts, but we were able to do it.”

“The affordable-housing problem continues to grow every year — especially in large, metropolitan areas — and Northern Virginia is no exception,” continued Wilson. “We couldn’t have done this without help from the local community. The county provided the land, effectively, at no cost to the developer.”

“What we’re celebrating today is a value system — a community that understands we need a mix of housing and that people need to be able to afford to live here,” said Connolly. “And I can’t thank my colleagues on the Board of Supervisors, years ago, enough for their commitment to make this happen. This is the fulfillment of that pledge — allowing people who want to live here to do so.”

Board of Supervisors Chairman Sharon

Bulova called it “a project that refused to die; people stepped in at various times to save it.” And she thanked Connolly for his vision and her board colleagues for “having the courage to make this happen.”

Because the developer was able to lease land from the county, and federal low-income, tax credits were obtained, said Bulova, “This is being done at no cost to the county. By providing workforce housing, many young people, low-income families and those having long commutes to jobs here will be able to live here. And because the property is privately owned, it’ll also be a source of revenue for the county. It also illustrates an innovative use of smart growth, going forward.”

VHDA Executive Director Susan Dewey said her organization’s sole mission is affordable housing, and she thanked everyone involved in this project “on behalf of the 270 families who’ll live here. It’s difficult to do affordable housing; it takes a long time and a lot of people to put it all together.” Thanking the supervisors and county staff for making sure the county has affordable housing, she said, “The tax credits amounted to \$26 million of equity that made this project possible.”

Agreeing, Schwaninger told those gathered, “Affordable housing is vital because it shows the soul of a community — its compassion. And I ask you to go out and tell others about it.”



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Sal Speziale and 1st Lt. Matt Owens.

Restaurant Owner Honored

Sal Speziale, owner of Italian restaurant Ciao Osteria in Centreville’s Centreville Plaza, was recently honored with a plaque from the Sully District Police Station. It was “in appreciation for [his] outstanding support” of the station and its Citizens Advisory Committee. “He donates gift cards to our Officers of the Month,” said 1st Lt. Matt Owens, the station’s assistant commander. “And in December, he hosted a free lunch for an entire [police] squad.”



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NEWS

‘It Keeps Him Alive for Us’ Family, friends raise funds in Jimmy Breslin’s name.

BY BONNIE HOBBS
THE CONNECTION

A Fairfax County firefighter for 28 years, Jimmy Breslin died of cancer last year at age 55, but he’s never far from the thoughts of his friends and family. And in tribute to him, they raise money for and participate in The Ride to Conquer Cancer.

This bicycling event doesn’t happen until September, but the eight members of Team Jim Breslin — captained by his brother Tim — are already training and raising funds.

“It means a lot because I’m doing something in honor and memory of my brother,” said Tim Breslin. “And the money raised truly benefits people in their treatments and in the prevention of cancer.”

Both brothers have ties to the local area. They were born and raised in Fairfax and graduated from Woodson High. And Jimmy Breslin served at both Centreville Fire Stations 17 and 38.

The Ride is Sept.19-20; proceeds go to the Johns Hopkins Kimmel Cancer Center, plus Sibley Memorial, Suburban and Howard County General hospitals. It’s not a race, so cyclists of all abilities may participate.

To donate or register, go to www.ridetovictory.org or call 855.822.RIDE. Or contribute directly to Team Jim Breslin at www.ridetovictory.org.

Jimmy Breslin and his wife Janet had three children and three grandchildren. “He was a real, family man,” said Tim Breslin. “His family was his number-one priority, so it was incredibly tough when he died.”

Yet Jimmy Breslin definitely left his mark on the world. After retiring as a firefighter, he became a special-needs bus driver and route manager for Prince William County Public Schools. “He asked for special-needs children; that was his second calling in life,” said Breslin. “He loved them like his own kids and, in his house, he’d show you stuff



Members of last year’s Team Jim Breslin and their families.

they’d made for him.”

But in 2012, Jimmy Breslin was diagnosed with esophageal cancer and battled it as best he could.

“Then in January 2014, one of our sisters, Maureen Romano, heard about the Ride and told us about it,” said Tim Breslin. It’s 150 miles — 75 miles/day over two days — in Maryland and Washington, D.C., and each rider has to raise a minimum of \$2,500.

“I’d never done anything like that before,” said Breslin. “But she and I wanted to do it to support our brother because he was in the fight of his life.” Two months later, on March 27, 2014, Jimmy Breslin lost his battle. “We were just running individually,” said Tim Breslin. “But when Jimmy died, other friends and family members asked if they could join, and soon we became a team. And altogether, we raised \$38,153.”

Now they’re preparing for the second annual Ride to Conquer Cancer. Besides Tim Breslin, a 28-year police officer in Chesapeake, Va., the other members of Team Jim Breslin are: Brent Schnupp, a firefighter/paramedic with Station 38; Patrick Breslin, one of Jimmy’s sons; Michelle Breslin, married to Jimmy’s son Joey, also a Fairfax County firefighter; Jason Smith, married to Jimmy’s daughter Jennifer; Fairfax County firefighter/paramedic Kristin Gaulard and her husband Jeff; and Mike Ashley, son of retired county firefighter Dave Ashley, who worked with Jimmy.

“Last year, I raised \$12,489; so this year, I want to raise \$1 more,” said Tim Breslin. “So far, I’m at \$2,495, so I’ve got some work to do.” Basically, he solicits donations from family, friends and associates. And on his Facebook page, he posts photos of his week-end bike rides to remind people of the up-

coming event and let the contributors see how he’s getting ready.

“I try to ride three or four times a week and work out in the gym on the treadmill and elliptical,” he said. “And I’ve come to enjoy the mental and physical aspects of riding and exercising.” For Tim Breslin, the toughest parts of the Ride are the hills, because there aren’t any hills where he lives. It was also difficult for him to ask people for money, but he knew the funds would benefit people like his late brother.

The best part was arriving at the finish line of last year’s event. “We all stopped about a minute away and called Jimmy’s wife to tell her we were about there,” said Tim Breslin. “As we approached and were announced, there were so many friends and family members cheering us on — and all of them were wearing their ‘Team Jim Breslin’ T-shirts.”

“It was overwhelming to see them there, knowing they’d been waiting for us for hours,” he continued. “And it felt good to be part of something so big and important that’s really going to help people. Some cancer survivors ride, too, with big orange flags on their bikes, and seeing them is also inspirational.”

Describing his brother as kind, generous, loving and witty, Tim Breslin said he always had something funny to say. “People enjoyed working with him and knew they could count on him,” said Tim Breslin. “Jimmy made others feel special; he asked about them and showed an interest in them, so they were drawn to him. In his jobs with the Fire Department and school system, he liked serving others and valued the bonds he formed with his friends and co-workers.”

So, said Tim Breslin, it meant a great deal to his brother that people were donating money to cancer research because of him. And that’s why doing the Ride in his name is “really special,” said Tim Breslin. “It keeps him alive for us, and he continues to help people, even though he’s no longer with us.”



Tim Breslin (in front) out for a bike ride.



Jimmy Breslin with his nephew, Tim Breslin Jr., then 3.



Trying out the police seatbelt convincer is George Tunaya, 7, as MPO Patrick Nolan Jr. (on left) looks on.



As Trooper Ronchez Hancock watches, Cindy Cruz, 7, wears a State Police vest and shield.

Little Children, Big Vehicles

Third annual Touch A Truck was Saturday, June 13, outside the Chantilly Regional Library.



The Kadayam siblings, Anjali (left), 9, and Tejas, 5, in a Bobcat.



Sitting in a Bobcat from Fairfax Water is Austin Kang, 7.



Evelyn Cook, 3-1/2, has fun in a VDOT grader truck.



Grant Leeds, 6-3/4, inside a Chantilly Fire Station 15 ambulance.



Trying out a police motorcycle is 4-year-old Eunice Heou, while grandmother Myunghui Heou smiles.



Cecilia Hale, 7-1/2, is on top of the world inside this fire engine.



Darren Kim, 4, pets Tucker, a Police Department bomb-sniffing dog.

Sully Police Honor Compher

Recently honored as the Officer of the Month by the Sully District Police Station and its Citizens Advisory Committee was MPO Wayne Compher. And according to the station's assistant commander, Lt. Matt Owens, it was something well-deserved.

"He's a hard worker and a well-respected member of the station," said Owens. "Normally, one person nominates someone for Officer of the Month; but he was nominated by his entire squad."

Compher's supervisors, Trafton Parr and Sgt. Brad Avery, submitted the following writeup:

"Master Police Officer Wayne Compher is an informal leader of the Sully Evenings A squad. He has a wealth of knowledge, experience and skills which he readily shares with every squad member on a daily basis. He's actively involved in all of the major cases with the squad and is always willing to assist or take the lead on the various events that present themselves throughout the patrol shift.

"Many times, Compher is the first unit on the scene of events, as he always keeps tabs on the pending events in the district. He never hesitates to self-dispatch on cases, regardless if it's a simple complaint or a complex investigation.

"He's a dedicated officer with an exceptional work ethic. As such, he's an excellent role model for both younger and se-



PHOTO BY BONNIE HOBBS

Lt. Matt Owens (left) presents an Officer of the Month certificate to MPO Wayne Compher.

nior officers. Compher assists with conflict resolution between squad members and entire squads. Whether the conflicts are of a personal or professional nature, they have exceptional outcomes when he assists. He shows he truly cares about the working relationships of his co-workers.

"Compher is also acutely aware of the dangers involved with this career and has no inhibitions about informing co-workers of unsafe conditions, so as to protect them from possible harm. He also shares and encourages a great relationship with the citizens of the Sully District.

"With 34-plus years as a Fairfax County Police Officer, he's an asset to have on the Evenings A Squad at the Sully District Station and the squad genuinely supports his nomination."

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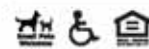
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ME & MY DAD

Reader submissions for the Connection's Father's Day photo gallery.



Andy Miller of Chantilly with daughter Gracie (6) and son Eli (4) at Nationals Park on April 19 celebrating Eli's 4th birthday.



Andy Miller of Chantilly with daughter Gracie (6) and son Eli enjoyed Bring Your Own Cup Day at the Centreville 7Eleven. They love Slurpees ... especially when it's all you can slurp.



"Dads ... not getting enough credit, ever:" Mike Calsetta of Oak Hill with sons Justin (now age 10; 9 in the photo) and Zach (now age 6; 5 in the photo) on an excursion into D.C. to see the museums in March 2014.



Matt Borkowski with Lauren (right), 19, and Emily, 16, on their back deck in Centreville in April 2015.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

I-66: Quality Of Life Issue

To the Editor:

I read with interest "Diverse Travel Choices?" as well as the letter to the editor by Jeffrey Parnes, transportation co-chair of the FCFCA — both published in the June 10 edition of Centre View. As a long-time user of I-66, what strikes me is the one-dimensionality of this debate and the considerations presented. This is not just about a "traffic problem" I would argue, but most importantly an issue of quality of life, affordability and fairness. I now regularly travel the new toll road

on the Beltway towards the Cabin John bridge, and several things have become abundantly clear: it is expensive to do this on a daily basis and as a result many people stay on the non-toll part of I-495, while the exit from the toll road back onto the final non-toll segment towards the bridge has increased overall congestion, not reduced it ...

The proposals for I-66 are most likely going to have similar consequences as the new toll roads can be expected to be prohibitively expensive for thousands of drivers — raising real-life and practical questions of fairness and affordability for thousands of families. Additionally, Mr. Parnes' ar-

gument against a possible (cheaper) light rail addition because of the Rosslyn tunnel congestion seems to defy any logic — he must have been misquoted one would hope — as for many people their destination is not D.C. at all but office locations along the Beltway in Virginia and Maryland. Again, look at this multi-dimensionally: if employers and/or employees would be offered certain benefits (e.g., small tax deductions or lower fares) for frequent use of taking the Metro/light rail train from Haymarket-Gainesville-Manassas-Centreville instead of jumping in the car every day, financing of a rail system may be facilitated, peak-time tolls more

affordable, congestion reduced and ... many suburban family lives made much happier and of higher quality, thus enhancing real-estate values and the tax base, etc. etc. One should see the virtuous cycle in this argument.

Being originally from Netherlands, I advise that VDOT spend some consulting dollars and invite Dutch and German transportation experts to objectively evaluate the current proposals as they have a wealth of experience over there with very similar public-private transportation/quality of life dilemmas.

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Centreville

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English Conversation Group. Thursdays, 7 p.m. at the Chantilly Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Practice English with a group of students and adults. Free. Call 703-502-3883 to reserve a space.

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with adult. Free. Call 703-502-3883 to reserve a spot.

Ladies Day. Thursdays starting at 11 a.m. at The Winery at Bull Run, 15950 Lee Highway, Centreville. Women get 50 percent off a first glass of wine and select menu items. Free to attend. Visit www.wineryatbullrun.com for more.

Live After Five. Fridays at 5:30 p.m. at The Winery at Bull Run, 15950 Lee Highway, Centreville. Every Friday night a band plays on the patio of the winery. Free to attend. Visit www.wineryatbullrun.com for a full schedule.

Family Fridays Movie Series. Fridays at sunset through June 26, at The Manassas Campus of Northern Virginia Community College, 6901 Sudley Road, Manassas. Admission is \$3, free with NOVA ID. Visit www.novamanassas.wix.com/movies.

Singing. 7:30 p.m. at Lord of Life Lutheran Church, 13421 Twin Lakes Drive, Clifton. The Fairfax Jubil-Aires rehearse every Wednesday which includes training by an award-winning director. Visit www.fairfaxjubilaires.org for more.

Art Exhibit. Through June 30, 10 a.m.-8 p.m. at the Clifton Wine Shop, 7145 Main St., Clifton. Art Guild of Clifton presents Davi D'Agostino, Artist of the Month Exhibit. Includes classic fine art oil paintings of European settings; doors, windows, and flower shops. Free. Call 703-830-8466 for more.

"Creating Across the City." Through July at Dulles International Airport. Three organizations; Critical Exposure, The National Building Museum and ARTLAB+ have teamed up for "Creating Across the City: A Teen Art Showcase," which provides

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YouthQuest Runs ThinkLink

Experts say 3D printing can open a world of imagination and critical thinking.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL
THE CONNECTION

Adonis Gonzales had always wanted to become a master electrician, but when he was asked to leave high school at 16 because of a poor attendance record, his prospects looked bleak. He enrolled in Freestate ChALLNGe Academy, a tuition-free program that offers 16- to 18-year-old high school dropouts an opportunity to earn a GED and learn a trade. A 3D printing technology class that Gonzales took through the program proved to be eye-opening.

"When I first went into the class, I saw the computers and printer and thought that it was going to be too hard," said Gonzales. "But then the instructor said that if we could imagine something, then we can create it. The first thing I made was a heart with my daughter's name on it." The class was part of an initiative called 3D ThinkLink, a program designed to teach critical thinking and problem solving skills through 3D design and printing. The class was run by YouthQuest, a Chantilly-based nonprofit that provides at-risk youth with educational scholarships to pursue their college or vocational aspirations.

Linda Mann, Ph.D., one of the



PHOTO BY CHRIS ROBERTS

organization's founders, believes young children can benefit from ThinkLink because the lessons and life skills learned extend beyond technology. The class will be offered as part of a camp this summer at the Boys and Girls Clubs of Greater Washington, Culmore Character Club in Fairfax County.

"I discovered that we could use 3D printing to teach critical thinking and problem solving to the kids we served," said Mann. "Many of the kids hadn't learned to think critically or to problem solve. They'd learned that failure was a way of life, but with 3D printing, they learn that failure isn't the end, it's the beginning."

BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB staffers agree,

saying ThinkLink will inspire students.

"It will be an excellent opportunity for the youth here, who sometimes are in difficult living situations, to see that if they work hard and put in effort, they can have a bright future," said Chris Roberts, science, technology, education and math (STEM) regional director of the Boys and Girls Clubs of Greater Washington. "I think the students will be excited. It will be inspirational and have activities that will lead them to think more about what they can do in their future and what the future will bring." "It will reinforce their existing STEM skills, but we hope it will boost their self-confidence," said Wonhee Kang, D.Min., senior director, Fairfax County Region, Boys and Girls Clubs of Greater Washington. "They

A variety of summer camp activities are offered at the Boys and Girls Clubs of Greater Washington, Culmore Character Club in Fairfax County. 3D printing will be a new activity this summer.

Details

The group hopes to raise \$8,000 to publish an introductory 3D design and printing curriculum for students of all ages. The campaign will end July 1 at noon. Visit www.youthquestfoundation.org.

To learn about the Culmore Boys & Girls Club summer camps, visit www.bgcgw.org/culmore.

can imagine something and then see their idea turn into reality. That will really give their self-confidence a boost."

Gonzales said troubleshooting was an unexpected skill he acquired during the class. "They showed us that you can create anything that comes to your mind," he said. "If one of us had a problem, then we brainstormed as a group on how to do it differently."

Learning to solve problems like that, work through difficulties and simply dream, are basic but foreign concepts to many disadvantaged children. Mann hopes that changes this summer.

"It is important for them to see that they can make a difference in the real world," said Mann. "They could be brilliant scientists or teachers or whatever they want to be," she said. "For people who have succeeded, it's important to give back. That's what keeps our community. It's important to make a difference with the skills and talents that we have."



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SPORTS

Injured Moore Helps Robinson Boys' Lacrosse Win State Title

Rams beat Chantilly in double OT to repeat as state champion.

BY JON ROETMAN
THE CONNECTION

Griffin Moore's religious faith kept him from participating when the Robinson boys' lacrosse team defeated Langley in the 2014 state championship game.

On Saturday, Moore got a second chance to play in a state final, and nothing — not even agonizing pain — was going to keep him off the field.

Moore suffered an injury to his right knee early in the second quarter and had to be helped off the field. Not wanting to end his high school career on the bench, the senior would return to the game and put forth an inspiring performance.

Moore was helped off the field three times during the June 13 contest, but he continued to return to action and won 18 of 20 faceoffs, helping Robinson to a 10-9 double-overtime victory over Chantilly at Lake Braddock Secondary School.

Moore said a postgame examination revealed he had likely torn his ACL.



David Zaman and the Chantilly boys' lacrosse team finished the 2015 season with a 20-3 record, a Conference 5 championship and a 6A North region title.

"It hurts a good amount, but I knew I had one half of lacrosse left and that's all it took," said Moore, who doesn't plan to play

college lacrosse. "I just needed to get in there and finish it up."

Moore won the faceoff at the beginning

of each overtime period. Midway through the second OT, senior attackman Chapman Jasien scored the game-winner with an assist from senior long-stick midfielder Jack Rowlett.

"I just kept saying, 'Let me play, let me play. It's my last game, ever. I've got it, Coach,'" said Moore, who will undergo an MRI this week. "They trusted me with it."

Robinson head coach Matt Curran honored Moore's request.

"When I helped him off the field a couple times, he said to me, 'Coach, I'm not done. I'm going back out there,'" Curran said. "If he could go out there, I was going to put him out there because I knew that we had a solution to him needing to run with the ball."

Last year, inclement weather moved the 6A boys' lacrosse state final from Saturday, June 14 to Sunday, June 15. Moore, a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, opted not to play. Robinson beat Langley 9-7 to win its first state title since 2007.

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The Chantilly baseball team lost to Madison 6-5 in the 6A state championship game on June 13 at Robinson Secondary School. The Chargers finished state runner-up for the second year in a row.



Chantilly junior Jared DiCesare pitches against Madison during the 6A state championship game on June 13 at Robinson Secondary School. The Chargers finished state and 6A North region runners-up in 2015, but captured the Conference 5 championship.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Westfield, Chantilly To Compete in 7-on-7

The Westfield and Chantilly football teams will compete in the 7on7 University "Bulldog Classic" passing tournament on Sunday, June 21 at Westfield High School.

Check in is at 9 a.m., pool play starts at 10 a.m. and the single-elimination tournament starts at 1:30 p.m. Twenty-four teams will compete in the event, including Conference 5 opponents Robinson and Oakton.

Westfield, Chantilly, Hayfield and Langley will each have two teams at the event.

The 7on7 University Never Give Up #26 National Championship will be held July 10-

11 at Oakton High School. The event will be held in honor of Faith Boone, who died of heart disease in 2004 at the age of 3, and former Oakton football player Packy Purcell, who died of colon cancer in 2013 at the age of 26.

All proceeds from the 7on7 University Never Give Up Foundation National Championship will go to the Never Give Up #26 Foundation to raise money for Jill's House, a "respite resort" for children ages 6 to 17 with intellectual and physical disabilities, located in McLean, and the Georgetown Lombardi Cancer Center.

Donations can be made to <http://www.nevergiveup26.com/donate-contact-us.html>.



Karina Castillo, right, and the Chantilly girls' soccer team lost to Frank W. Cox in the 6A state semi-finals on June 12 at Robinson Secondary School. The Chargers ended the season with a 12-4-3 record, won the Conference 5 championship, and finished 6A North region and state runner-up.

No Joke, But Funny Nonetheless

By KENNETH B. LOURIE



Not that I ever want to use my having cancer as an excuse, but you have to admit, it's a doozy. And it's probably the best thing about the diagnosis/prognosis. However, it's not as if there are a number of other advantages to the disease. Nevertheless, having such a readily-available, go-to, slam dunk of an excuse is not exactly like a "Get-out-of-jail" card made desirable in the original Monopoly board game, but let's be realistic: us cancer patients need/deserve all the help we can get. And just like a little compassion goes a long way toward fluffing our pillow, so too does having a beyond-reproach excuse occasionally simplify a muddled state of affairs, personally and professionally. It's an equal opportunity "excuser."

And "muddled;" morning, noon or night; conscious, subconscious and probably even unconscious, is how this cancer patient, as most others I would bet, live their lives. Whether you want to or not, it is impossible – with a capitol "I," to not view your new cancer-diagnosed life/life expectancy through the prism of your diagnosis. Not that that prism has to make you a prisoner of your prognosis (or alliteration), but to think it's not going to change your perspective, your priorities and your decision-making is to not accept your new reality. And accepting that new reality doesn't mean compromising your principals or giving in or giving up or even yielding the floor. It simply means that you're able to move on. Resistance is not futile. Cancer is not "The Borg." Moreover, assimilating this terrible fact into your head and heart and not obsessing about it opens up your life to more potentially fulfilling and rewarding experiences that might actually enable you to survive and maybe even thrive. Otherwise, as the doctor in Miles City, Montana Territory (at the time) said to Augustus McCray in part IV of "Lonesome Dove" after Gus refused to let him amputate his remaining infected leg – which would ultimately lead to his death: "I assure you, sir, the alternative is gloomy." But Gus wasn't gloomy. He was thoughtful and self-effacing. He explained his refusal for not allowing a second amputation: "I like to kick a pig every once in a while. How would I do that?"

Well, as much as possible, even though I have been diagnosed with a "terminal" form of cancer: stage IV, non-small cell lung cancer, I am not going to be a negative Nellie or a dismal Jimmy. I'm going to try and remain an upbeat Kenny. Certainly I'm not thrilled about my circumstances and I do have my moments when I'm not great company. Still, making fun of an incredibly heavy burden is the only way I know how to lighten the load. And lightening the load is my path of least resistance. It's not futile at all. It's who I am. It's what I do. Now if the cancer will just continue to cooperate, we can all live forward and have a few laughs.

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SPORTS

Boys' Lacrosse

FROM PAGE 9

This year's state final was played on its originally scheduled date.

"It feels great — finishing my senior year on the highest note possible," Moore said. "Last year, I actually didn't end up getting to play in the game, so it feels great to be out here with my guys."

Not only did Moore play, he was a difference-maker.

"That brought all of us up," Jasien said of Moore playing injured. "He's such a warrior. ... You could see the intensity that he was trying to give."

Rowlett appreciated Moore's effort.

"It means everything in the world," Rowlett said. "... To see him fight and battle as hard as he did in his first real state title [game], it was heart-warming to see him play like that."

Robinson's 2014 state title came with minimal resistance. The Rams won their final 17 games, including a 15-3 victory over Langley in the 6A North region championship game.

Robinson returned most of its talented roster this season and won 13 of its first 15 games, including a 7-4 victory over Chantilly on March 26. But the Chargers responded with a 10-7 victory over the Rams on May 22 in the Conference 5 championship game, and defeated Robinson 10-4 on June 2 in the region final.

On Saturday, Robinson won the fourth meeting between the teams. Trailing 9-8, Rams attackman Johnny Daniel scored the tying goal with 36 seconds remaining in regulation. After a scoreless overtime period, Jasien scored the game-winner in the second OT.

"I do like how we had a little more [adversity] this year, losing to them twice," Jasien said. "We felt like the underdog coming in and I think that helped us out a little bit."

Jasien, Daniel and senior attackman Chris White each scored three goals. Daniel scored each of his goals in the fourth quarter.

White and Rowlett each had two assists.

Junior goalkeeper Ryan Keith finished with 14 saves and played "absolutely phenomenal," Rowlett said.

Senior midfielder Evan Hargreaves led Chantilly with three goals. Senior midfielder Justin Mundt finished with two goals, and senior midfielder Sean Comerford, senior attackman Jack Kiewel and senior attackman Ryan Rizzo each had one goal.

Chantilly finished the season with a 20-3 record. The Chargers have reached the state final in six of the last eight seasons, winning championships in 2008 and 2013.

"This one, it felt different because we were the underdog," Rowlett said. "They beat us twice and in the region [final] they actually destroyed us — it wasn't even close — so we felt like we had a lot to prove."

On Saturday, Moore proved his toughness and the Rams proved they were still state champions.

"Anyone can hurt for half an hour if it's your last one," Moore said. "... It's nice that [it] paid off."

ENTERTAINMENT

FROM PAGE 7

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Young Actors' Workshop. Rising students in grades 2-6 may participate in a workshop 9 a.m.-12 p.m., July 20-24 at Westfield High School, 4700 Stonecroft Blvd, Chantilly. The fee is \$125. Visit www.westfieldtheatreboosters.com.

FCPS 2015 Summer Programs.

Registration is now open for the following Fairfax County Public Schools summer camps. Students should register for programs based on the grade they are in during the current 2014-15 school year. Visit www.fcps.edu/is/summer/index.shtml for more.

❖ **Tech Adventure Camp** will be held July 20-31 at Robinson Secondary School from 8:30 a.m.-2 p.m. for students currently in grades 5-7. This camp allows students to explore careers and technology by rotating through eight areas including graphic design, automotive technology, culinary arts, television production, robotics, and computer technology.

❖ **STEM Camp.** Held in two sessions at Robinson Secondary School: July 6-10 and July 13-17 both from 8:30 a.m.-2 p.m., daily. STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) Camp is a one-week camp for students currently in grades 3-5 to explore careers and technology as they rotate through activities focused on science.

❖ **Elementary Institute for the Arts.** Held July 13-24 at Robinson Secondary School from 8:30 a.m.-2 p.m. daily, Monday through Friday. Designed for students currently in

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❖ **Institute for the Arts.** Held July 6-30 at Robinson Secondary School from 8:30 a.m.-2 p.m. daily, Monday through Friday. Designed for students currently in grades 6-11, IFTA allows students to create, perform, experiment, and explore—all in various music, dance, visual art, and theatre venues.

❖ **Robinson Extended Day Adult and Community Education Enrichment.** Programs will be held July 6-31 at Robinson Secondary School and will begin after Tech Adventure Camp, STEM Camp, IFTA and E-IFTA end. These programs are for students currently in grades 1-11 and will provide a continuum of activities for students who want additional programs and activities. Programs will include the Foreign Language Experience Program (FLEX), Culinary Adventure Camp, Language Immersion Camp, Creative Writing, Computer Graphics, and Chess.

❖ **Credit Recovery Academy.** This program will be held at Fairfax High School for students seeking credit for high school level courses. Students will be able to take one course during each of the two sessions from June 29-July 16 and July 20-Aug. 4.

❖ **Online Campus.** For credit recovery, acceleration, and enrichment for middle school and high school students. Health, Physical Education, and Geometry Honors run June 29-Aug. 4; all other courses run July 6-Aug. 4.

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❖ **Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology Summer Technology Institute.** The Institute will be held July 13-Aug. 7 at Woodson High School. Students currently in grades 7 and 8 will be introduced to science, technology, engineering, and mathematics through week-long sessions that allow them to explore a STEM topic of interest.

❖ **Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology Academic Summer School.** This program will be held July 6-Aug. 6 at Woodson High School. Current TJHSST students and incoming freshmen choose from a variety of courses for academic credit.

❖ **Adult and Community Education.** Programs include Thomas Jefferson High School for

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NoVa Summer Brewfest. 11 a.m.-7 p.m. at Bull Run Regional Park, 7700 Bull Run Drive, Centreville. Find seasonal craft beer from local and regional breweries alongside vendors, exhibitors, music, and food. Tickets are \$35 for adults on the day of the event, \$25 in advance and \$10 for designated drivers. Children under 16 may attend at no cost. Visit www.novabrewfest.com.

SUNDAY/JUNE 21

Antique Car Show. 10 a.m.-3:30 p.m. at 3650 Historic Sully Way, Chantilly. Celebrate Father's Day at Sully's 42nd Annual Antique Car Show co-sponsored by the FCPA and The Model A Ford Club of America. Find 400 antique and classic cars, cars for sale, a flea market, food and music. Admission is \$10 for adults, \$8 for seniors and \$7 for children. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov.

Father's Day in Paradise. 11 a.m.-7 p.m. at Paradise Spring Winery, 13219 Yates Ford Road, Clifton. Dads are invited for a pig roast, live music pop-up barber shop and a swagger and cigar bar. An adult ticket to the pig roast is \$75, and a child's ticket is \$45. Other prices vary. Visit www.paradisepresswinery.com.

Father's Day at the Winery. 11 a.m.-7 p.m. at The Winery at Bull Run, 15950 Lee Highway, Centreville. Dads and families are invited to celebrate Father's Day with live music, barbeque, cigar rolling and a photobooth. Free to attend. Visit www.wineryatbullrun.com.

Dinosaur Babies. 2:30 p.m. at Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road, Chantilly. DinoRock performs a musical puppet show. Free. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov.

TUESDAY/JUNE 23

Build-a-Bot. 2-3 p.m. at Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road, Chantilly. Teens (grades 7-12) are invited to learn what it takes to build a simple robot. Materials provided by library. Free. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov.

Father's Day Beer Dinner. 7 p.m. at Dogfish Alehouse, 13041 Lee Jackson Highway, Fairfax. A five-course menu will be available. Each course will be paired with a different beer. Tickets are \$60. Visit www.dogfishalehouse.com.

WEDNESDAY/JUNE 24

The Wonderful World of Bats. 10:30 a.m. at the Chantilly Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Learn about bats and make a bat T-Shirt. Bring a white T-shirt or purchase one for \$4. Ages 6-12, Free. Call 703-502-3883.

FRIDAY/JUNE 26

Sipping & Painting. 6:30 p.m. at The Winery at Bull Run, 15950 Lee Highway, Centreville. Drink wine and decorate your own wine glass. Tickets are \$39. Visit www.wineryatbullrun.com for more.

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