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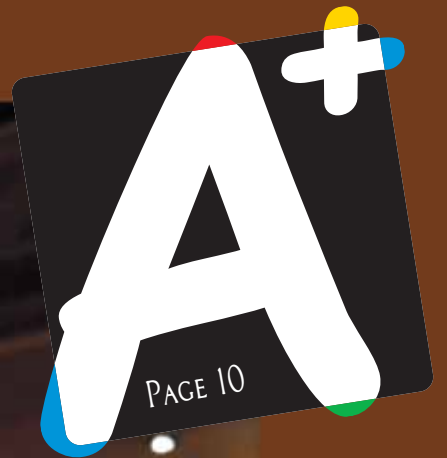
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“The Pub” full-service restaurant and bar at the new Alexandria Wegmans seats 80 and is the first of its kind among the Virginia stores. Some of the craft beers on tap include locals Port City and Dogfish Head, Chicago heavyweight Goose Island and a Wegmans collaboration brew with Pennsylvania-based Sly Fox brewery.



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Deb Funk from The Connection (left) talks with Kathy Haines, Wegmans director of restaurant operations in The Pub full-service restaurant and bar in the Market Café area of the new Hilltop Village Center Wegmans.

New Wegmans Opens in Area Nearly 2,000 in line for June 14 opening morning.

BY TIM PETERSON
THE GAZETTE

At any other Wegmans grocery store in Virginia, Woodbridge resident Braden Cheney’s job wouldn’t exist. A 2000 graduate of W.T. Woodson High School, Cheney is manager of The Pub, a full-service restaurant and bar operating within the store.

It’s a first for any Wegmans outside of Pennsylvania, also the first with its kitchen in the back of the house.

“It’s different from a typical restaurant,” Cheney said. “The values — we listen to our employees and empower them to come up with new ideas, things I might miss.”

Cheney, who’s spent seven years with Wegmans including a role as manager of the Café in the Woodbridge location, gave the example of the large napkin dispensers found in the dining area. Employees came up with the idea, thinking it would be less wasteful for people to take what they need. The company went for it.

THIS NEW WEGMANS in Alexandria opened its doors to customers Sunday, June 14 at 7 a.m.

According to Wegmans vice president of media relations Jo Natale, between 1,800 and 2,000 people were in line at the opening. Some of the first customers arrived at 3 a.m.

“The lines went in both directions from the front entrance and wrapped around both sides of the building,” Natale said in an email.

Though she wouldn’t release specific figures, Natale said it was a banner day: “In terms of sales, it was our biggest opening day ever, breaking the previous record of Northborough, Mass. in October 2011.”

Spanning 126,000 square feet, the immensely popular grocery store is more than just that. With 550 employees, it stands as a career launchpad opportunity for commu-



Wegmans vice president of media relations Jo Natale displays a large napkin dispenser in the Market Café area of the new Hilltop Village Center Wegmans.

Wegmans Invites Customers to Help ‘Fill the Bus’

From Sunday, June 21 through Saturday, July 4, Wegmans Food Market stores in Maryland and Virginia will hold a two-week “Fill the Bus” food drive to support local food banks’ increased summer needs. Customers are invited to help “Fill the Bus” by donating items that provide healthy meals for children when they do not have access to free or reduced-price meals at school.

Customer service desks at the 14 participating stores will post wish lists of non-perishable items that are intended to be nutritious and easy to prepare, like tuna fish, peanut butter, and canned soup. Products to donate will also be displayed by the registers and can be purchased at checkout and

nity members joining the family-owned company.

Stacie Henley of Manassas started as a cashier in the Syracuse location. A manager happened to come through her line and recruited her to the cheese department because of her “bubbly personality.” Twenty years later, Henley is still with the company and managing Alexandria’s vast cheese shop.

“Cheese is so versatile,” she said. “For appetizers, entrees, there’s so much. Not everyone can be experts, so we try to help.”

There’s also executive chef Joe McCarthy, a Fairfax Station resident, who serves up

then placed in the “Fill the Bus” collection bin located by the front of the store.

“The summer months are an especially challenging time for food banks because there’s an increased need for meals when children are home from school. These donations will help meet that critical need and reduce hunger in local neighborhoods,” said Wegmans Community Relations Manager Linda Lovejoy.

Donations will be collected and transported to the food banks that partner with each store, remaining in the immediate community. The food banks that will receive donations include: Capital Area Food Bank (Alexandria) and Food for Others (Fairfax).

Cucumber Roulades in The Pub — ribbons of cucumber rolled with roasted tomato and feta cheese — that can be replicated with ingredients found in the grocery store.

With the globe-crossing variety of prepared food in the Market Café as well as The Pub, Wegmans becomes more of a total gastronomic experience.

With this model, the line between where to go to eat and where to go to prepare to eat is blurring.

“We’re a dining destination as well,” said Kathy Haines, Wegmans director of restaurant operations. “People eat and shop, shop and eat — some take a split shift. We’re just



Fine wines are kept in a cool, climate-controlled room at the new Hilltop Village Center Wegmans in Alexandria.

giving them another option.”

ASIDE FROM THE PUB, this new Wegmans will feel familiar to anyone who’s shopped at different location. Each layout is meant to be custom, though navigation through the departments of bakery, deli, dairy, produce, health and wellness, household items, seasonal items, dry goods, wine and beer is fairly consistent with other stores.

One area that is expanded relative to those other locations is the prepared produce counter in the store’s midsection. “Every Wegmans starts with fresh produce,” said Natale. “It really is our crown jewel. And prepared vegetables are big.”

Customers at other locations can purchase pre-cut and washed produce, saving them from some of the more tedious and time-consuming aspects of cooking at home. Seeing this as a growing market, Alexandria devoted more real estate to this effort.

The Hilltop Village Center Wegmans is located at 7905 Hilltop Village Center Drive in Alexandria.

Normal operating hours after the June 14 opening will be Monday to Friday, 6 a.m. until midnight.

New Gunston Hall Roof Completed

Aproaching Gunston Hall in Mason Neck, the 18th-century plantation home of George Mason, its roof appears to gleam golden in the sunlight. The heavy slate tiles that previously topped the building where Mason may well have drafted the Virginia Declaration of Rights were recently replaced — not by gold, but Alaskan Red Cedar.

The wood shingles, which came from a mill in Washington State, are much closer to what Mason would have had on his roof, according to David S. DuVal, Gunston Hall director of marketing and public relations.

The slate tiles were added in the 1930s while the structure was still privately owned. Replacing them has been part of an “ongoing preservation and stewardship plan,” DuVal said.

Gunston Hall would have sought funding for the roof, but an anonymous private donor stepped forward five years ago and offered to finance the project.

A renovation plan began a year ago, according to DuVal, with construction starting at the beginning of January this year. It was completed just a few weeks ago, in plenty of time to celebrate George Mason Day on June 13. Total cost of the project was \$389,000.

“It’s putting the house back more in time,” said Gunston Hall tour guide and Lorton native Rhonda Williams.

“When you come, you’re stepping back in time. It’s peaceful here, and with the new roof it keeps it in a more authentic setting.”

In time, the vibrant cedar will weather to a brown-



Gunston Hall’s new roof is made of tiles of Alaskan Red Cedar and is estimated to last for about 50 years.

grey, similar to the slats seen on the outbuildings surrounding the main house. The roof is estimated to last around 50 years.

— TIM PETERSON

Don Ward of Franconia volunteers with the archaeology at Gunston Hall. He’s holding an animal bone excavated from what’s believed to have been a dumping area for servants of George Mason.



Alaskan Red Cedar shingles used in the new Gunston Hall roof came from a mill in Washington State and are similar to wooden slats George Mason would’ve had on his roof in the 18th century.



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Governor Terry McAuliffe and the state Board of Education announced on May 19, 2015, that 252 schools and four school divisions earned 2015 Virginia Index of Performance (VIP) awards for advanced learning and achievement. The VIP incentive program recognizes schools and divisions that exceed state and federal accountability standards and achieve excellence goals established by the governor and the board. 109 schools earned the Board of Education Excellence Award, the second-tier honor in the VIP program. The schools receiving Board of Education Excellence Awards are as follows:

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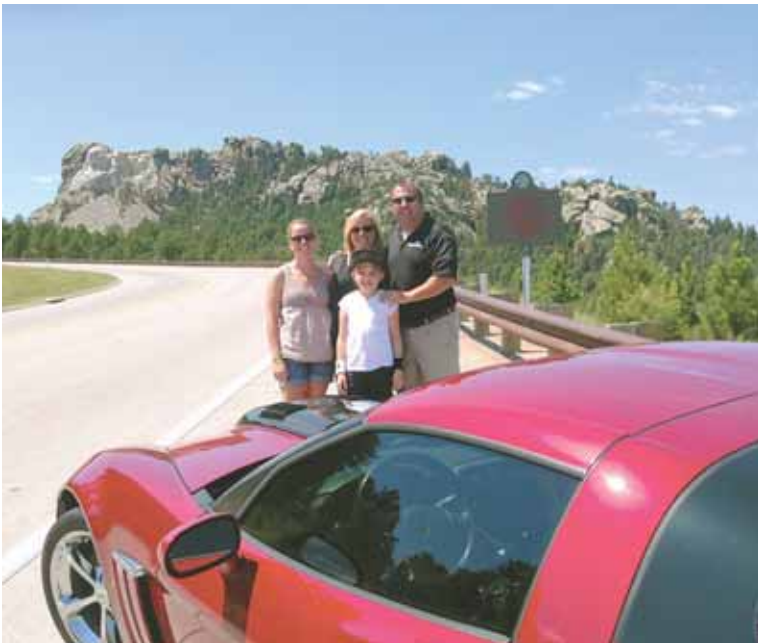
From Kindergarten to 6th Grade

Grandfather - Stanley C. Owen and granddaughter- Quira S. Wood (age 5 and again at age 11). Granddaddy is taking granddaughter to school on her first day of kindergarten, and again on her first day of 6th grade in Fairfax Station.



Dylan and Daddy, of Lorton, doing what they do best, dancing.

Paul Barry and daughter, Hannah, celebrating Mother's Day with a family lunch.



Traveling to Mount Rushmore and the Badlands of South Dakota, Chris Chessnoe, his wife Natasha and daughters Meg and Cait stopped for a picture near the monument.



Grandpa, Scott Harvey of Wake Forest, NC, meeting his newest grandson Michael while Michael's big brother Nathan — of Clifton — gives him a kiss.



"Dear Daddy, I was not feeling well the night before and while I was sleeping the next morning you surprised me with my very own Olaf! You are lot's of fun and are always there to help me when I need it. You are the BEST daddy in the whole world. Happy Father's Day! Love, Your Kitty Cat Braidyn."

Mike, Dad, and Chris Chessnoe celebrating Chris' sixth birthday many years ago.

Chris Chessnoe, of Fairfax Station, with his mom and dad in summer 2013.



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NEWS

Two-Year-Old Boy Rescued

A 2-year-old boy is in life-threatening condition at Inova Fairfax Hospital after being found, unresponsive, at the bottom of a pool, Fairfax County Police said.

The boy was discovered when the pool at Pirate's Cove Waterpark at Pohick Bay in Lorton was being cleared Sunday, June 14 for lightning.

Marine Patrol Unit officers from Fairfax County Police arrived at the pool first and initiated chest compressions on the boy. They were relieved by personnel from Fairfax County Fire and Rescue, who continued with cardiopulmonary resuscitation.

— TIM PETERSON

SCHOOL NOTES

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Ryan Richardson, a history and social studies teacher at West Springfield High School, is one of 545 teachers from across the country selected as a National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH)M summer scholar. Richardson will attend one of 25 seminars and institutes supported by the NEH, a federal agency that, each summer, supports these enrichment opportunities at colleges, universities, and cultural institutions so that teachers can study with experts in humanities disciplines. He will participate in a Summer Institute for Teachers titled "Teaching Connected Histories of the Mediterranean." The three-week program will be held at the University of Denver.

The institute represents a partnership between George Mason University and the University of Denver to offer secondary school teachers courses such as world history, world geography, world religions, and global studies the opportunity to focus on the Mediterranean region from a world historical perspective. Under the guidance of leading scholars in this field, participants will explore ways to incorporate the region into their existing courses. Building on the strengths of two leading universities in Middle East and Islamic Studies, this three-week summer program connects teachers with the recent scholarship on this region and allows them to access new curriculum materials developed under the direction of several prominent scholars, including some of the institute's faculty, for the K-12 classroom.

The Fairfax County Band Directors Association has recognized 16 Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) students for excellence in solo instrumental music performance as part of the 2015 Fairfax County Band Directors Association Solo Competition. A total of 33 schools were represented; 66 students competed in the event.

The following students were named winners in the elementary school division: **Third place: Maia Trafton (trumpet), Keene Mill Elementary School.**

The following students were named winners in the high school division: **First place: Hunter Lorelli (bassoon), West Springfield High School.**



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Political Prospects for Medicaid Expansion

BY KENNETH R. "KEN" PLUM
STATE DELEGATE (D-36)

Virginia voters in areas with contested primaries went to the polls last week to select their candidates for the Nov. 3 general election when all seats in the General Assembly are up for election as are many local offices. Primary elections attract mostly party faithfuls in small numbers and are not clear barometers of the mood of voters generally on issues. Some of the results in General Assembly primaries merit attention.

In the Republican dominated Shenandoah Valley, senior Senator Emmett Hanger who was one of the three Republicans in the General Assembly who supported Medicaid expansion had two more conservative challengers who made Medicaid expansion an is-

sue in the primary with both of them opposing expansion. Hanger won easily. In Hampton Roads, the lone Democratic incumbent who opposed Medicaid expansion lost to his primary challenger who supported it. Before jumping to the conclusion that Medicaid expansion has suddenly become popular in the Commonwealth, there is the primary involving the Speaker of the House of Delegates. The Speaker was reported as campaigning in part on his being able to keep Virginia from expanding Medicaid. Of course, his Tea Party opponent opposed Medicaid and suggested that the Speaker's opposition had not been strong enough. After campaigning hard and out-spending his challenger, the Speaker won easily.

Across the state a senate incum-



bent and a delegate incumbent, both Republican who opposed Medicaid expansion, beat their challengers who also opposed Medicaid expansion. The election results do not give a clear indication of the outcome of

what will be a critically important issue for the 2016 General Assembly session. The Governor remains committed to Medicaid expansion, but his having any chance of success is dependent upon the outcome of the Senate races.

In the November state senate races there will be several key contests. At a 21-19 advantage for Republicans, Democrats need to pick up at least one seat to give Democratic Lieutenant Governor Ralph Northam the opportunity to break ties. The seats being vacated by the two other moderate Republicans who supported Medicaid

expansion offer hope for Democrats, but Democrats need also to hang onto the seat vacated with the retirement of Democratic State Senator Chuck Colgan. The only Democratic state senator in western Virginia is in a three-way race.

If elections were based purely on facts, Medicaid expansion would be a sure winner. The White House Council of Economic Advisors issued a report recently that said expansion would reach an additional 179,000 Virginia residents with lifesaving care. The report also said Virginia will miss out on \$1.24 billion in federal funding in 2016 by not expanding Medicaid. That is billions of Virginia taxpayer dollars that could come back to the Commonwealth, freeing up state funds for crucial under-funded programs. Go to the polls this November, and in the meantime let friends and families know the importance of Medicaid expansion and that their votes will matter in making it happen.

How to Protect from Scammers

BY JOHN C. COOK
SUPERVISOR (R-BRADDOCK DISTRICT)

No one likes to be taken advantage of, and no one ever wants to hear that they've been scammed. Unfortunately, scams affect people nearly every day, and older adults are the most common targets. According to the AARP, those 65 years and older receive more telephone and mail solicitations than any other age group.

Scams come in many different forms. A scam may come in the form of a call from a "telemarketer" trying to sell something, a knock at the front door offering lawn services, or as a letter in the mail saying that you won the lottery and that you need to send money to cover the processing fee. Some scammers may even try to talk you into donating to a fake charity. Furthermore, today's improvements in technology make it even easier for criminals to get what they want through online shopping, identity



Cook

rather than trying to recover once you've become a victim. Start by having an honest conversation with your loved ones. Remind them not to trust strangers seeking personal information. Make sure that they understand that government agencies don't make unsolicited phone calls asking for personal information, or that a person never has to pay fees to collect lottery winnings.

Solicitation, the offering of goods and services for sale, is one very common tactic used by scammers. However, what many people do not realize is that every door-to-door solicitor must be licensed with the county. The safest

way to avoid scammers making door-to-door visits is to simply not answer the door. However, if you decide to answer the door, it is very important to see their solicitation license, and to do research on a vendor before signing any contracts.

Braddock District Aging in Place—a program that helps older adults live in their current homes longer and offers a support program to help them remain productive in their communities—will continue its series on scams with a presentation focused on how to recognize and avoid being scammed.

On June 17, a presentation was given by Tom Polhemus of the Fairfax County Police Department at my office located at 9002 Burke Lake Drive in Burke. The series will pause for the summer, and seminars on scams will resume again in the fall.

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FATHER'S DAY PHOTO GALLERY

Todd Harding, of Fairfax Station, enjoying the South Run Regency Memorial Day bike ride with his children, Ryan, 6; Ashley, 8; and Jack, 2.



Dad Erwin Lutz is in the center and left to right are Patrick, 19; Derek, 31; and Richard, 15. Every Father's Day for many years the family gathers for a cookout, fun and many laughs by the pool.



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fireside Grill



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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 pro-

gram 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

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,

Details

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

Give

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 on July 1 at noon. To donate, visit www.youthquestfoundation.org.

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



PHOTO BY CHRIS ROBERTS

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.

ing 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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FATHER'S DAY PHOTO GALLERY



This is daddy, Joe Harvey, of Clifton, with his two sons Nathan and Michael.



Sometimes the best kind of dad is one who keeps 'em coming. Here is Mike McCormick with his six children, spanning ages 21 years to newborn. From left to right: Sam, 16; Adriana, 4; Everly, 2 months; Olivia, 18; and Chase, 1. Olivia is heading to the University of South Carolina this year to study Public Relations.



Mike McCormick, of Clifton, and his oldest daughter, Leah, 21. Leah is a ballerina for the Nashville Ballet. This photo commemorates Leah getting her very first car after moving to Nashville.



Mike McCormick sledding with Adriana and Chase.



PHOTO COURTESY OF ADRIANNE CASEBEER

From left — Kate Geiszler, Linnae Casebeer, Madison Obermeyer, all from Clifton, and Ashley Yang, from Fairfax.

Friends-in-Action

Clifton sixth graders win STEM-in-Action grant from U.S. Army.

BY MARISSA BEALE
THE CONNECTION

A team of sixth grade friends in Clifton have designed a way to encourage kids to eat more vegetables. Linnae Casebeer, Kate Geiszler, Ashley Yang and Madison Obermeyer worked together to design surveys to test how their classmates would rate healthy foods, based on the way they were depicted.

“We found that if we enhance some of the good facts about veggies, for example saying that carrots are good for your eyes, then kids would be more likely to eat them,” said Casebeer.

On one survey, the girls also used brightly colored illustrations of vegetables, while on another one the vegetables appeared in black and white.

They found that their classmates viewed vegetables more favorably when they were brightly colored, and when the benefits were made more obvious.

For their research, the girls received a \$5,000 grant from the U.S. Army called STEM-in-Action, which is part of the Army’s 13th annual eCybermission competition.

The competition challenges students to identify real-world problems in their local communities and create solutions using science, technology, engineering and math (STEM). In addition, each girl received a \$2,000 savings bond.

“We’re going to use some of the money to take field trips to local colleges and talk to some scientists and experts in the food areas to get some of their input on our

project,” said Obermeyer.

Next year, the girls will be enrolled at different middle schools, but they plan to work together, using one school as their control group, and the other as an experimental group. One thing they would like to try is changing the labels on the foods and holding a competition to see who can draw the best “superhero veggie.”

To prepare for this year’s eCybermission competition, the team met for several weeks in one of their homes starting in the fall, and then submitting materials for their project by February. Their meetings were roughly two hours in length, and while they were already friends, working together taught them more about each other.

“My favorite part was working together as friends,” said Geiszler.

“It was really fun to be with some friends from school and work on something other than schoolwork together,” echoed Casebeer.

Their group name was “Secret Spyder Society: Veggie Detectives,” after one of their favorite books, “The Secret Benedict Society.” Teams were required to submit a team name as part of the competition.

“I think our name suits us because it’s kind of unique, and we’re all friends, and what’s surprising is we didn’t have many disagreements along the way,” said Yang.

For their research and their accomplishments, they have each been invited as special guests to the eCybermission National Finals, which will be held June 15-19 in Hyattsville, Md.

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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 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.

Cinematic Guitar Poetry. 7 p.m. Burke Centre Library, 5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke. Original acoustic compositions blending American folk & jazz with Japanese music performed by consummate artist, Hiroya Tsukamoto, on his Hongoh Handmade Guitar. Teens and adults. <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/branches/bc/>

Afternoon Reading Group. 1 p.m.

Fairfax Library, 10360 North Street, Fairfax. Come engage in a discussion on Grand Avenues: The Story of Pierre L'Enfant, the Visionary Who Designed Washington, D.C. by Scott Berg. <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/branches/fx/>.

FRIDAY/JUNE 19-SATURDAY/SEPT 5

Summer Reading Program. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Fairfax Library, 10360 North Street, Fairfax. Come to the library all summer for books and events. <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/branches/fx/>.

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.

FRIDAY-SUNDAY/JUNE 19-21

Taste of Reston. Friday: 3-11 p.m.; Saturday: noon-11 p.m. Sunday: 10 a.m. - 8 p.m. Reston Town Center, 11900 Market St., Reston. Carnival games and rides with a family fun zone. Visit www.restontaste.com for more.

SATURDAY/JUNE 20

Family Math Games. 10:30 a.m. Fairfax Library, 10360 North Street, Fairfax. Come as a family to have fun playing games that will build math and logic skills. <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/branches/fx/>.

Intro to iPads. 2 p.m. Fairfax Library, 10360 North Street, Fairfax. Learn the basics of using an iPad, including such features as Safari, Mail, the App Store, Siri, and iCloud. Bring your fully charged iPad. <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/branches/fx/>.

Master Gardeners- Plant Clinic. 10 a.m. Kings Park Library, 9000 Burke Lake Road, Burke. Masters Gardeners from the Fairfax County Cooperative Extension will host plant clinics each Saturday morning through the summer to answer gardening questions. Adults. <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/branches/kp/>

Rocknocos. 10:30 a.m. Kings Park Library, 9000 Burke Lake Road, Burke. Coach Cotton, Willibob and Boogie Woogie Bennie play their music for the whole family. All ages. Sign up each child and adult separately. <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/branches/kp/>

SRP Kickoff Party! 1 p.m. Kingstowne Library, 6500 Landsdowne Centre, Alexandria. Join in welcoming summer and SRP with a party! Come sign up for our Summer Reading Program, enjoy free food and fun activities. <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/branches/kn/>

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.

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

The Plights of Urban Bees. 10-11 a.m. Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Rd., Alexandria. Honey bees have a lot to show us about our food production, and our relationships with nature. Author Alison Gillespie followed mid-Atlantic beekeepers and shares their stories with you. \$12. Call 703-642-5173 to register.

SUNDAY/JUNE 21

Father's Day Cruise. 1, 3, 5, & 7 p.m. Lake Accotink Park, 7500 Accotink Park Road, Springfield. Reserve your spot and treat Dad to a special day at Lake Accotink Park. Sit back and listen while your tour boat guide shares interesting facts about the history of the park, the lake and the surrounding area. Boarding Fees: \$3 for dads; \$6 for other adults; \$4 for children ages 3 and up. <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/lake-accotink/events.htm>

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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. Campers will enjoy mini golf on one day. An activity fee is due on the first day (\$10 for 7-hr camps). For info call 703-689-3104 (Katydid camps); to register call 703-222-4664.

Download camp forms from <http://parktakes.fairfaxcounty.gov/>.

Junior Lakeside Explorers. 9 a.m. Lake Accotink Park, 7500 Accotink Park Road, Springfield. Younger campers will enjoy this half-day camp focusing on exploration, environmental awareness and fun. Campers will enjoy a variety of games, guided park walks, treasure hunts, nature lessons and arts and crafts. Campers will take advantage of the cooler early temperatures and enjoy the morning exploring the park. Register at <http://parktakes.fairfaxcounty.gov/>

Style Club. 3 p.m. Lorton Library, 9520 Richmond Highway, Lorton. Get together and decorate old clothing to create wearable fashion. Please bring item of clothing to decorate and parental note approving clothing choice. Limited sign-up. Age 10-13.

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

Music and Movin' With Miss Susan. 10:30 & 11:30 a.m. Fairfax Library, 10360 North Street, Fairfax. Enjoy story time and music with Miss Susan. <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/branches/fx/>.

Blue Sky Puppets Presents Superpig. 10:30 a.m. Pohick Library, 6450 Sydenstricker Road, Burke. Chester A. Pig dreams of having superhero powers. All ages. Register each child and adult separately. <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/branches/po/>

Storytimeplus for Preschoolers and Parents. 11 a.m. Richard Byrd Library, 7250 Commerce Street, Springfield. A three-part storytime series for parents and children that uses books, songs and activities to develop early literacy skills. Ages 4-5 with adult.

TUESDAY/JUNE 23

Magic Book Club. 2:30 p.m. Lorton Library, 9520 Richmond Highway, Lorton. Magic, music and fun with magician Brian Curry. Cosponsored by the Friends of the George Mason Regional Library. Age 6-12.

Short Book Conversations. 1:30 p.m. Burke Centre Library, 5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke. Discussion of Sula by Toni Morrison. Adults. <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/branches/bc/>

Jonathan Austin Magic and Juggling. 2:30 p.m. 10360 North Street, Fairfax. Kick off the Summer Reading Program with magic and juggling from Jonathan Austin. <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/>

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Honoring WWII Veterans. 9:30 a.m. Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax. Supervisor John Cook invites you to honor WWII veterans.

WEDNESDAY/JUNE 24

Storytime Picnic. 4 p.m. Lorton Library, 9520 Richmond Highway, Lorton. Bring a picnic lunch and listen to stories and songs. Age 0-5 with adult.

THURSDAY/ JUNE 25

Preschool Science 123. 2:30 p.m. Burke Centre Library, 5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke. Mad Science presents fun experiments. Ages 3-6 with adult. Sign up each child and adult separately. <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/branches/bc/>

Preschool Story Time. 10:30 a.m. Fairfax Library, 10360 North Street, Fairfax. Children can stop in with an adult and learn early literacy skills while enjoying stories, songs and activities. <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/branches/fx/>

Brain Games at the Library. 2 p.m. Fairfax Library, 10360 North Street, Fairfax. Children 8-12 can stop in and have fun and win prizes with board games and card games that challenge thinking and build skills. <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/branches/fx/>

SATURDAYS/JUNE 27-AUG. 22



Clifton Wine Festival: June 20

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Burke Arts in the Parks. 10 - 11 a.m. Burke Lake Park Amphitheater, 7315 Ox Road, Fairfax Station. Entertain children, teach them the importance of protecting our natural resources, introduce them to live entertainment in an informal kid friendly atmosphere, and forge a connection between kids and parks. Call 703-323-6601.

SUNDAY/JUNE 28
Railroad Artifacts Photography

Workshop. 1:30-3:30 p.m. Fairfax Station Railroad Museum, 11200 Fairfax Station Road. Volunteers will offer tips on editing and photo composition of railroad artifacts. Workshop is free but regular Museum admission rates apply. Museum members and children 4 and under, free; 5-15, \$2; 16 and older, \$4. Space is limited. Register by sending your name to events@fairfax-station.org.

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Robinson Girls' Lacrosse Wins First VHSL State Title

Rams defeat Oakton in state final, finish with 21-1 record.

BY JON ROETMAN
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The Robinson girls' lacrosse team had several motives for potentially sleepwalking into Saturday's 6A state championship game against Oakton at Lake Braddock Secondary School.

The Rams had already beaten the Cougars twice, each win coming with at least a seven-goal margin of victory.

Four days prior to the state final, Robinson earned a dramatic overtime victory against a Centreville team considered to be the Rams' toughest public school competition during the season.

And if those two reasons weren't enough for the Rams to experience a letdown, Robinson held its prom the night before the championship game.

When Saturday arrived, Robinson built a 9-3 halftime advantage and led 11-5 when sophomore attacker Katie Checkosky scored with 16:10 remaining in the second half. But as the Rams have done in the past, they allowed an opponent to creep back into a game.

Oakton scored five straight goals, six of the next seven and trailed 12-11 when sophomore attacker Stephanie Palmucci found the back of the net with 7:05 remaining.

"When we were on the field ... we rallied behind Danielle [Valenti], our goalie, and ... she would tell us, 'Guys, we are not going to lose this game. We've come so far, we're not going to lose this,'" Robinson sophomore All-American Elli Kluegel said. "When [head coach Liz] Case called a timeout when they started coming back, she ... just pretty much told us there's no other option than coming through with a victory."

Robinson took care of business when it mattered most, scoring four of the game's final five goals on its way to a 16-12 victory on June 13 and the program's first state championship since the VHSL started recognizing lacrosse as a varsity sport in 2006.

ROBINSON CLOSED THE SEASON on a 15-game win streak and finished with a record of 21-1, with its only loss coming against private school power Georgetown Visitation. The Rams won Conference 5 and 6A North region titles, and weren't going to let anything — on or off the field — stop them from capturing a state championship.

"[For] all the players, states is their first priority," said junior midfielder Taylor Caskey, who was one of the Robinson players

"You can have every night of your life to party and have fun, but states is a once-in-a-lifetime — maybe twice, if you're lucky — kind of thing. I think that's something we weren't going to take for granted as we went into this game and [prom] last night."

— Robinson junior Taylor Caskey



The Robinson girls' lacrosse team defeated Oakton to win the 6A state championship on June 13 at Lake Braddock Secondary School.



Junior midfielder Taylor Caskey helped the Robinson girls' lacrosse team finish with a 21-1 record in 2015.

to attend prom. "I know this for a fact: that we all knew this was the big thing. You can have every night of your life to party and have fun, but states is a once-in-a-lifetime — maybe twice, if you're lucky — kind of

thing. I think that's something we weren't going to take for granted as we went into this game and [prom] last night."

Robinson attacker Izzy Obregon finished with a game-high four goals, including a pair in the final 5 minutes, 29 seconds. The senior standout's high school career included playing for three different schools (Woodson, Bishop Ireton, Robinson), committing to the University of North Carolina, de-committing, and finally choosing to play at the University of Maryland.

"It's been a roller coaster — like an absolute roller coaster," Obregon said. "But I wouldn't change it for anything because I have grown as a person through it all."

Kluegel, Checkosky, and senior midfielder Mackenzie Schuler each scored three goals for Robinson. Junior attacker Kaitlin Luccarelli finished with two goals and Caskey added one.

Checkosky tallied five assists, Luccarelli finished with two and Schuler and Caskey each had one.

Goalkeeper Valenti totaled eight saves for the Rams.

Case took over as Robinson head coach in 2012 and led the Rams to a 3-10 record in her first season, according to results from laxpower.com. Robinson improved to 6-8 in 2013, and in 2014 the Rams finished 12-7, losing in overtime to Oakton in the region semifinals.

"I knew last year when we were making that turning point, I was on the right track," Case said. "I just knew that [if I] keep working hard and keep instilling good discipline and habits and keep challenging them every day at practice ... that this was what we could accomplish."

ROBINSON will lose just five seniors — Schuler (captain), Obregon, attacker Sasha Towne, defender Rena Pillow, and attacker Alana Clark (captain) — to graduation.

Caskey, Kluegel, Checkosky, Luccarelli, Valenti and junior defender, team captain and Ohio State commit Emily Skrzypczak project as Robinson's top returning athletes in 2016.

"We're losing some people," said Caskey, a George Mason commit and junior captain, "but at the same time we all know that we have such a strong connection that we can carry that on to next year and make another run at states, hopefully."

Was Saturday's win the start of a multi-year title run?

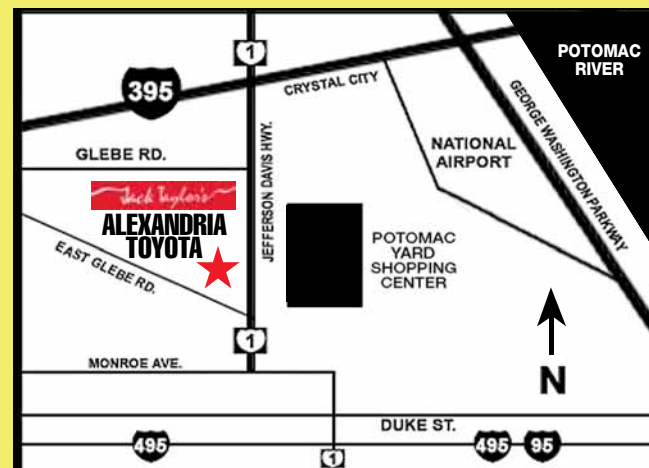
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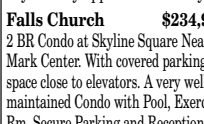
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