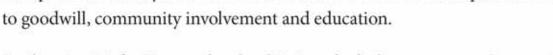


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# Police Release Use of Force Review

## Review explained at latest Ad Hoc Police Practices Review Commission meeting.

early a year ago, Fairfax
County sought an outside
opinion on its police
department's use of force.
That July 2014 commission went to the
Washington, D.C.-based Police Executive
Research Forum.

The organization gained access to unredacted files and case information going back ten years, as well as police academy training sessions and other areas of the department while conducting the review. While not pursuing cases currently under investigation, the review team did look at use of force cases and deadly force cases.

The concept then was to compare Fairfax County's policies and practices to other jurisdictions and best practices, and make recommendations for how the county could improve.

Fairfax County published the completed review report online the weekend immediately after they received it. The following Monday, June 22, Police Executive Research Forum executive director Chuck Wexler and director of applied research and management Tom Wilson attended the meeting of the Fairfax County Police Practices Review Commission to give an overview of the document.

**THE REVIEW** includes 71 recommendations, spanning 92 pages. It and Wexler are generally positive about Fairfax County's police.

"This is a good department that wants to be better," said Wexler, "not just good but one of the best in the country."

If the organization's recommendations are implemented, the review text states, it would "significantly enhance the [Fairfax County Police Department's] internal operations and its ability to serve the community in ways that build trust and cooperation, while increasing the professionalism with which use-of-force incidents are handled in the county."

Wexler chose five main areas for improvement to highlight in his presentation of the review. These included more comprehensive use of force training for police officers that is scenario-based, holistic and would be implemented department-wide.

The second area was a recommendation to explore implementing a policing practice called the Decision Making model, adopted from use in Scotland and across the United Kingdom.

"What they've done is designed a format for officers to look at any given situation," said Tom Wilson, and answer, "What is your threat?" This method, Wilson and Wexler said, is a crucial part of any effort to de-



Police Executive Research Forum executive director Chuck Wexler (right) and director of applied research and management Tom Wilson speak to the ad hoc commission on June 23.

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Commission chairman Michael Hershman asks Police Executive Research Forum executive director Chuck Wexler follow-up questions after his presentation over the forum's report on Fairfax County police use of force.

escalate a situation. It requires officers to slow down or take a step back.

Next were recommendations for police recruit training. The review organization found new Fairfax County officers were first given firearms training, rather than starting "with the most significant principles of policing," Wexler said.

"They ought to hear... about the sanctity of human life, those terms, before being handed firearms."

The fourth area was how Fairfax County responds to people who are emotionally disturbed or have mental illness. According to Lt. Col. and commission member Tom Ryan with the police department, 43 percent of officers have received Crisis Intervention Training to better handle such situations. Police Chief Edwin Roessler has stated his goal of having 100 percent of officers trained, which Wexler said the review fully supports.

On improving use of force policies, the Police Executive Research Forum recommendations include prohibiting officers from shooting at moving vehicles, investigating all cases where deadly force was used regardless of if the officer hit the target,

making sure electronically controlled weapons are used appropriately, prohibiting chokeholds and discontinuing the use of the "precision immobilization technique" for stopping moving vehicles.

"The department is already doing a lot," Wexler said, "and we have suggestions for how they can do more."

Commissioner Eric Clingan of the NOVA Law Firm asked how long Wexler expected it would take to "change the culture" with respect to the recommendations from the Police Executive Research Forum, and what kind of monitoring should be done.

Wexler responded that changes would have to come both from Fairfax County Police leadership and the training academy. "I don't think the leap is that far to go," he said. "The department is already going in that route."

Commissioners John Lovaas, a Reston resident, and Sal Culosi, father of Dr Salvatore "Sal" Culosi Jr., who was killed by a Fairfax County Police officer, asked if citizen oversight and use of Special Weapons and Tactics teams were covered in the review. Wexler said those topics were "not part of the scope" of the review.



Subcommittee member Jose Santos of Great Falls asks for the Police Executive Research Forum's opinion on how Fairfax County Police release information. "There's a kneejerk reaction," he said, "a reluctance to air out their dirty laundry."

In answering a commission member, Board of Supervisors chairman Sharon Bulova explained this review was separate from the outside review of police policies for releasing information, something the supervisors decided to move forward with earlier this year. That review, being a budget item for the new fiscal year in Fairfax County (July 1), has not moved forward much.

"I'm disappointed in the timing," Bulova said. "It's no excuse."

### FOLLOWING THE PRESENTATION by Weyler and Wilson, Dr. Steve Band spoke

Wexler and Wilson, Dr. Steve Band spoke to the commission on the "human element" — the psychological and biochemical effects of being a police officer faced with lifethreatening situations.

"It's 'Oh sh-t, that awareness of extreme vulnerability," said Band. "Once you jump on that continuum, it's like deer in the headlights. Gaining control of that situation requires muscle memory and committing to action."

The meeting concluded with reports from each of the five subcommittees — Use of Force, Communications, Mental Health and Crisis Intervention Training, Recruitment, Diversity and Vetting, and Independent Oversight and Investigations — all of which have different deadlines for submitting recommendations to the full commission.

Monday, July 27 is the next date scheduled for the meeting of the full Ad Hoc commission at the Fairfax County Government Center. Chairman Hershman said county staff is working on securing an alternate location that would be convenient to residents that may have difficulty reaching the government center.

The full text of the Police Executive Research Forum review of Fairfax County police use of force and practice can be found through the county website's pages on the ad hoc commission, www.fairfaxcounty.gov/policecommission, or directly at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/policecommission/materials/fairfax-county-police-dept-final-report-june19.pdf. Dr. Band's presentation is also available on the commission website.



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Leon Plenty was general manager of the Lee District RECenter from 1982 until his retirement in December, 2014. Across his career in Fairfax County parks, he worked at seven out of the nine RECenters, as well as Lake Accotink Park. At a ceremony on June 17, Plenty was recognized for his work with the renaming of Lee District's amphitheater in his honor.

"He was instrumental in establishing the Our Special Harbor Spray Park, treehouse, free summer concert series and so much more," supervisor Jeff McKay (D-Lee) said in a statement. "Leon started as a park specialist 1 and climbed his way through the ranks in the Park Authority to become a general manager."

-TIM PETERSON

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Leon Plenty is honored by Fairfax County Park Authority board member Ed Batten (left) and supervisor Jeff McKay (D-Lee, right) for his three decades managing the Lee District RECenter.



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# New Americans Take Oath

ince 2009, the Fairfax County Asian American History Project has sponsored a yearly naturalization ceremony for new Americans. At the ceremony Friday, June 12 at the Fairfax County Government Center, 100 new Americans hailing from 38 countries took an oath of allegiance.

Kimberly Zanotti and Hans Siebert of the Washington Field Office of the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services were on hand to officiate and present the new citizens with certificates.

Burke resident and candidate for Springfield district supervisor Corazon Foley founded the Asian American History Project in 2007.

The organization started sponsoring the naturalization ceremonies, Foley said, "to commemorate the many years of struggles for citizenship rights by the Asian American community and to celebrate the progress in American civil rights, particularly in Fairfax County."

—TIM PETERSON

New Americans take an oath of allegiance at a naturalization ceremony held at the Fairfax **County Government center June** 12. (Front) Board of Supervisors chairman Sharon Bulova (left) and Ret. Maj. Gen. Antonio Taguba (right), born in the Philippines, observe the ceremony.







Store manager Scott Belcher (left) and supervisor John Cook (R-Braddock) cut the ribbon to officially open the new Giant Food grocery store at Kings Park Shopping Center.

# New Giant Opens at Kings Park

waiting for the return of their neighborhood grocery store. "The neighborhood has been buzzing for months," supervisor John Cook (R-Braddock) said before the ribbon-cutting ceremony for the new Giant Food grocery store at Kings Park Shopping Center.

The new 50,000-square-foot store is twice the size of the one it replaced. The total demolition and brand new construction project are one of several improvements taking place in the area.

"Things are happening, infrastructure is being updated," said Cook. "There's a sense of progress, that things are moving.

Store manager Scott Belcher is excited about the high level of in-store technology. That includes storewide free WiFi, handheld "Scan It" devices that allow customers to begin checking out while they navigate the store. "Weigh It" is another time-saving fea-

ings Park-area residents have been ture process where customers tag produce with a barcode before checking out; with "Order It" shoppers can have food prepared ahead of time in the made-to-order deli for a more speedy pickup.

But perhaps the store's most impressive technology feature is the use of carbon dioxide refrigerants in its produce and cold sections — the first store in the mid-Atlantic region to do so. According to Giant, this system should reduce their greenhouse gas emissions by 948,150 pounds of carbon dioxide equivalent per year, or a third of most supermarkets.

"This is part of our commitment to help out our environment," said Belcher.

The new Giant is in the process of obtaining Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design certification from the U.S. Green Building Council.

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(From left) Store manager Scott Belcher is joined by state Sen. Dave Marsden's (D-37) wife Julia Marsden, Del. Eileen Filler-Corn (D-41) and supervisor John Cook (R-Braddock) at the opening of the new Kings Park Shopping Center Giant.



# **OPINION**

# Safe Planning for Independence

### Talking and planning about celebrating July 4, and throughout the summer months.

EDITORIAL

ndependence Day is a national celebration, and for many, that celebration includes alcohol. The summer overall and July 4 in particular are times of greater risk for drinking and driving.

This is true for the young adults over 21 living with you, and unfortunately also for many teens who are under 21. More on that below.

For all revelers in independence: Make a plan. Plan to celebrate with access to public transportation. Plan to have a designated driver. Plan to celebrate in a place safe and comfortable to spend the night.

But in case those plans go awry, here is an alternative safety net.

On the night of Saturday, July 4, the Washington Regional Alcohol Program will offer free taxi rides home (up to \$30), beginning at 10 p.m. for six hours until 4 a.m. the morning of July 5. Participants must be at least 21. Call 1-800-200-TAXI.

On July 4, 2014, more than 150 people used WRAP's SoberRide service rather than possibly driving home impaired.

In summer, 44 percent of all U.S. traffic deaths are caused by alcohol-impaired drivers, according to statistics provided by WRAP. SoberRide is a way to help keep local roads safe from impaired drivers during this traditionally high-risk holiday.

On July 4, historically, nearly 40 percent of traffic deaths in the U.S. are caused by drunk

> drivers; more than 20 percent of the drunk drivers involved in those deaths during the 2013 July 4 holiday had blood alcohol concentrations of nearly

twice the legal limit, said Kurt Erickson of

For parents of young adults who may be living at home and parents of those under 21, this is time to talk. Ask about plans, ask specifically about getting home. Remind those over 21 to take the WRAP phone number with

While you hope that young adults under 21 aren't drinking - because there are lots of dangers to binge drinking beyond drinking and driving — you know that many of them will be drinking. Talk with your teens about the problems of binge drinking. Let your younger family members know that you would much rather pay for a cab or come get them yourself than run the risk of losing them.

This is a message important for the tail end of graduation season and good for the whole summer, which is the time of the highest risk for teen drivers.

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#### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

# What Does the County Want for Lee High?

To the Editor:

The decision to move Daventry to West Springfield continues a county pattern of concentrating poverty at Lee High School. Lee has a Free/Reduced lunch rate of 52 percent, up 28 percent from just 24 percent in 2002. West Springfield's rate is only 11.2 percent. Moving Daventry is the second time in the last 10 years that the county has taken one of the wealthiest groups of students out of Lee and placed them into West Springfield. The previous time was in 2005 when South County opened and a number of neighborhoods off of Gambrill Road were moved to West Springfield.

There was another solution for Daventry. Students could have been moved from Irving to Key for middle school. While not as close as Irving, it is perfectly reasonable via bus transportation (about boundary changes throughout three miles). My children traveled six miles via bus to Key.

The number of students coming out of Daventry will likely be greater than the county's facilities

longer pupil place [another county enabled drain on Lee] out of Lee to other high schools (primarily Lake Braddock) and instead choose to go to their new base high school, West Springfield. In addition, Daventry will probably see an influx of new families.

One of the worst aspects of this entire process was the complete secrecy. The only ones who knew about it were a few school board members, a few administrators, and the neighborhood of Daventry. It was never posted on the county page for proposed administrative boundary changes. What is done is done, but by actively making Lee poorer, what is it that the county wants for Lee?

> **Jason Tucker** Lee High School Parent

### Acting Proactively

To the Editor:

Much of the conversation on Fairfax County Public Schools focuses on overcrowding. But the reassignment of Springfield's Daventry subdivision, which The reported on Connection team promised as students no ("Daventry Reassigned from Lee to

West Springfield High School," Springfield Connection, June 11-17, 2015), demonstrates how vast and diverse our County is-how vastly circumstances vary between districts and how diverse the County's needs are.

Starting next year, students from Daventry, who attend West Springfield Elementary, will continue through Irving Middle and West Springfield High Schools with their peers. Before the change, Daventry residents attended Lee High School; the reassignment spares students grief in an already difficult transition.

But it's worth noting that the reassignment was only possible due to declining enrollment at West Springfield High. A decade ago, with the school at capacity, the initiative failed. So while the Superintendent and School Board should be commended for their decision—and, more importantly, for consulting residents and FCPS personnel—the Daventry case should motivate them to act more proactively.

Rather than wait for circumstances to change, the School County School Board (At-Large). Board might consider the root causes of enrollment instability. Board members can continue working around overcrowding and under-enrollment, but a serious

inquiry into residential and commercial development is necessary for more effective action to be weighed earlier. Although it has no decision-making power in such development cases, the School Board has an obligation to hear and make heard the voices of those they represent. This requires engagement with students and staff, but also with decision-making bodies—the Board of Supervisors,

It would only be appropriate: after their budget battle in May, both Boards vowed to improve their relationship for the County's good. What better way to hold them accountable than to elect candidates with proven collaborative drive and public service experience? With both Boards up for election in November, there's no need to wait another decade.

> **Omar Fateh** Annandale

Omar Fateh, a lifelong Fairfax County resident and a former Academic Advisor at Northern Virginia Community College, is running for Fairfax

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# LETTERS

### A Huge Step for Virginia Healthcare

To the Editor:

I would like to graciously thank everyone involved in making The Commonwealth of Virginia the 30th state to screen all newborns for Severe Combined Immune Deficiency (SCID), commonly known as the bubble boy disease. Babies with SCID appear healthy at birth, but without early treatment, most often by bone marrow transplant from a healthy donor, these infants cannot survive. It has taken the efforts of many to finally reach this historic moment for the Commonwealth, and all those who have been involved richly deserve to be applauded.

The Virginia Genetic Advisory Committee and its subcommittee, the Virginia Newborn Screening Committee, approved the addition of SCID in 2011, subsequently sending the recommendation to the Commissioner of Health. A SCID Planning Workgroup began preparing all additional facts required by the Commissioner in 2012 after which a Notice of Intended Regulatory Action (NOIRA) was signed by the Commissioner and approved by the Board of Health. The progression for the NOIRA was, by statute, a lengthy and arduous process which required that it be reviewed by the Offices of Planning and Budget, the Attorney General, the Secretary of Health, the Cabinet Secretary and the Governor on 3 different occasions.

During this time, the NOIRA had to cross the desks of two different governors, requiring a new approval each time.

Mandating screening for SCID will prevent infant fatalities and avoid potential expensive lifelong care that places an enormous burden on families and society. This law takes a huge step forward for Virginia healthcare policies, and I am grateful that all Virginia babies will now have the chance at a healthy life. It is my hope that every state includes SCID on their newborn screening panel immediately to save lives. Thank you all for making this day a reality here in the Commonwealth.

Barbara L. Ballard

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# GRADUATION 2015

# Spartans Cross the Stage

West Springfield Holds 48th Commencement Ceremony.

> By Tim Peterson The Connection

irst-year principal Michael Mukai commented that after his brief time with West Springfield's graduating seniors, he wasn't ready for them to go yet.

"And your parents, after 18 years, aren't ready for you to go yet either," Mukai said, to a mix of applause and laughter from the audience at George Mason University's Patriot Center.

604 navy-gowned graduates, one of the school's largest classes, sprawled across the floor of the basketball arena.

Honor Graduate student speaker Grayce Angle triumphantly assured her fellow grads, "We did it! We're finally ready to close the booklet on standardized testing."

Angle was one of 130 "honor graduates" recognized for their high final grade point average. "It's an awesome accomplishment," said assistant principal Johnny Pope.

Angle used testing as a framework for her address, explaining high school was also an opportunity to learn skills "that cannot be measured on a standardized testing sheet." She closed by quoting author John Green, saying on the test of life, "Everything, everything will be on it. Good luck, your time starts now."



Honor Graduate Grayce Angle tells her fellow West Springfield graduates, "We did it."



Families cheered, waved and took videos as West Springfield graduates exited the Patriot Center.



West Springfield graduates exit the Patriot Center to meet up with their families.

West Springfield English Teacher Jamie O'Neill followed Angle with the keynote speech. Inspired by the wise turtle character from the movie "Kung Fu Panda," she offered the advice: "Yes-

terday is history, tomorrow is a mystery, today is a gift — that's why they call it the present.

"Today is also something you can give," O'Neill added. "Embrace today."



West Springfield English teacher Jamie O'Neill delivers the keynote speech at the school's June 17 graduation.

#### **VIEWPOINTS**

# What's the most important thing you learned in high school?

Hannah Newby plans to get a job.

"Friends are transient but family is forever."





(Left) **John Hoang** is joining the U.S. Marine Corps, leaving the Sunday following graduation.

"Stay true to yourself and work hard"

(Right) **Tanner Sanzi** plans to spend the next six months hiking the Appalachian Trail with a friend.

"Always be yourself and do whatever you think is right."



(Left) **David Green** plans to attend Northern Virginia Community College and study business. "Determination."

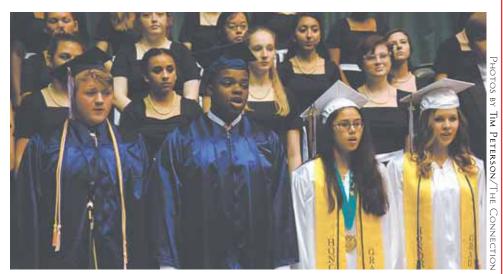
(Right) **Brayan Mejia** plans to attend Northern Virginia Community College and study engineering. "Have confidence."

**Jamie Dorsey** plans to attend St.
John's University and study psychology.

"Live life to the fullest and be happy."



### Graduations 2015



The Edison Commencement Choir performs "For Good" from the musical "Wicked" at the June 22 graduation ceremony.

# Eagles Leave the Nest

### Thomas A. Edison High School graduation held June 22.

By Tim Peterson
The Connection

ofty eagle imagery permeated the Thomas A. Edison High School commencement exercises. Principal Pamela Brumfield challenged graduates "to lead and soar as an eagle." Class vice president Sara Meyer explained "Eagle Pride" as the intangibles related to working your hardest. And keynote speaker and Edison teacher Michael Hohenwarter referenced a friendly rivalry with neighboring high school Hayfield Secondary Hawks, reminding students that if faced with a question they should have learned the answer to at Edison but didn't or forgot, to "tell them you're from Hayfield."

The graduation was held on a steamy Monday morning, June 22 at the George Mason University Patriot Center basketball arena

Brumfield also commented on the "distinct maturity" of the class of 2015 — that there hadn't been a senior prank, to her knowledge — one that has ambition and focus. In her closing the principal pulled an inspirational quote from Thomas Edison



Honor Graduate Hayalneh Gessessew gives his speech during the Edison High School graduation ceremony on June 22.

himself, who said, "Your worth consists in what you are and not in what you have."

Honor Graduate Hayalneh Gessessew followed the principal at the podium. He acknowledged "our senior year has been very eventful" and referenced the Ebola crisis, extremist threats and actions, and natural calamities. "Now we hold the responsibility," Gessessew said to his fellow graduates, "of presenting such events in the future."

After brandishing a selfie stick to begin his address, teacher Michael Hohenwarter spoke about graduation as part of a process of becoming a more productive member of society.

"The process doesn't end here today," he said, encouraging them to "leave this world a better place than you found it."



Edison High School principal Pamela E. Brumfield addresses the graduating class of 2015 at a June 22 ceremony.

#### VIEWPOINTS

# Where do you see yourself in 10 years?

Joselyn
Castro plans
to attend
George Mason
University and
study nursing.
"Being a
nurse, and
helping my
parents find
their own
home."



Sabrina
Sayyad plans
to attend
Northern
Virginia
Community
College, then
George Mason
University, and
study neuroscience.



"Getting my Ph.D. somewhere, working in mental health. I love the brain."

(Left) **Santiago Estela** plans to attend Northern Virginia Community College and then George Mason University, and study animation. "Working for Lucasfilm."

(Right) **Andrew Drescher** plans to enlist in the U.S. Army and report to Oklahoma in July. Eventually he would like to go back to school and study computer science and programming. "I see myself still in the military, doing computers on the side."



(Left) **Alisa Holloway** plans to attend Texas Southern University, play soccer for the school and study psychology. "Getting my Ph.D."

(Right) **Sophie Horville** plans to attend the University of Mary Washington and study business. "I could see starting my own company, maybe working with my younger sister who's an artist to do something in interior design or fashion."



Photos by
Tim Peterson/
The Connection

Senior class president

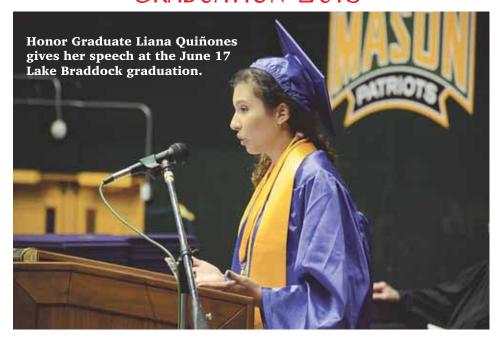
Mohamed Negash plans to
attend Virginia Commonwealth
University and study network
marketing. "The future is
bright."





Glenn Marcus Bazemore takes a solo during the Edison Symphonic Band performance of "When You Wish Upon a Star."

# GRADUATION 2015



# **Bruins Burst Forth**

# Lake Braddock Secondary School Commencement held June 17.

By Tim Peterson The Connection

urple robes flooded the floor of the George Mason University Patriot Center basketball arena as Lake Braddock Secondary School graduates processed to their seats.

In his acknowledgements, Principal Dave Thomas recognized 114 students who received the Civic Seal, 24 who are planning to serve in the military, 10 who are receiving Reserve Officer Training Corps scholarships and three who have appointments to the major service academies.

"I'm extremely grateful for your dedication to community and school," Thomas said.

Speaking to the class as a whole, he referenced President Abraham Lincoln's thoughts that each person has three names: One is inherited, one is given by parents and one is what you make for yourself.

"Reflect on the type of person you want to be," said Thomas, "and go for it."

Senior class president Nathan Zelalem drew from a more modern source in his remarks: "As the great philosopher and poet Katy Perry once said, 'Baby you're a firework, come on show 'em what you're worth.""

In her speech, Honor Graduate Liana Quiñones spoke about the "absent awards," intangible achievements like overcoming the awkward, painful and wonderful high school experience that the graduating class can list among their other certificates and honors

"These are the absent awards and they are infinite," she said. "These achievements can't be captured by cords alone. There's no way for diplomas to capture what it has meant to us individually."

Lake Braddock's keynote speaker was former athletic director Mark Martino. "Raise your hand if you'd rather be looking at your phone than looking at me," he said.

Among his pieces of advice, Martino stressed that while "technology is the crux" of the world the students are graduating into, it's important to learn to pick your head up from the screen once in a while. He encouraged them to take a public speaking course in college.

"It's inevitable you'll have to hold an intelligent conversation with someone," he said, "without looking at your phone."

After Martino's speech, senior class executive board member Madison Shock explained the class gift of a new flagpole for Lake Braddock's football field.

Retired athletic director Mark Martino delivers the Lake Braddock graduation keynote speech.



#### **VIEWPOINTS**

# What advice would you give next year's senior class?

— Tim Peterson

Matthew Lefkowitz plans to attend Virginia Tech and study biomedical engineering.

"Never give up. Just keep conquering any obstacles."





Linh Buckley plans to attend Le Moyne College in Syracuse, N.Y. and study nursing.

"Do your college applications early so you have less stress first semester."

**Grace Allas** plans to attend Virginia Commonwealth University and study physical therapy.

"Cherish every moment — it goes by fast."

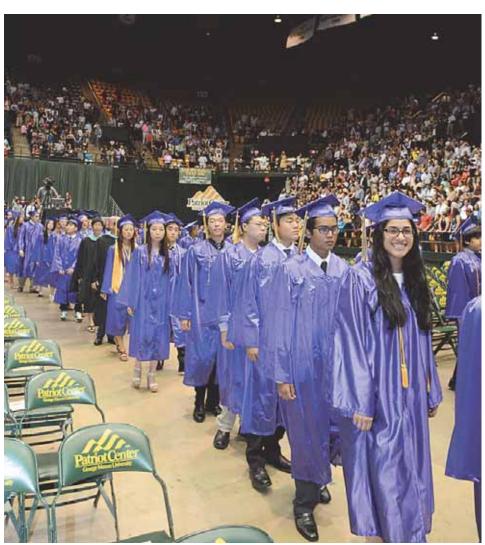
**Ryan Alexander** plans to attend Old Dominion University and study physical therapy.

"Take easy classes senior year.'





(Center) Omar Rakin plans to attend Northern Virginia Community College, then George Mason or Virginia Commonwealth University and study information technology and engineering. "Have fun."



Lake Braddock graduating seniors process into the George Mason University Patriot Center on June 17.

# Fired Up

Orange Hunt Elementary School Teacher Receives 2015 History Teacher of the Year Award.

> By Natalia Kolenko The Connection

range Hunt Elementary School teacher Abby Seeley was awarded the 2015 Virginia History Teacher of the Year Award on Wednesday, June 17.

Seeley, a sixth grade teacher at Orange Hunt, received her award from the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History in front of family and friends at a reception held for her at the elementary school. Along with the award, Seeley received a \$1,000 check. Guests ranging from current and former students to Del. Dave Albo (R-42), were in attendance to celebrate Seeley.

Seeley, who was one of 27 nominees for the award this year, said it was very nice to be recognized.

"Teachers don't get a lot of recognition other than the students telling you how much they love you, ...so it feels good to be recognized by professionals who are in the business and they looked at the work I did and they're giving me this award," Seeley said.

The reception opened with a few remarks from the Orange Hunt principal, Jason Pensler, followed by the recognition of Seeley by Alice Reilly, the coordinator for PreK-12 social studies for Fairfax County Public Schools.

"We are very excited as a school system to be recognized and to have a teacher be



Abby Seeley accepting her award at a reception thrown for her at Orange Hunt Elementary School. Seeley was one of 27 nominees for the award in Virginia this year.

recognized by an entire state. Abby has done a lot for social studies," Reilly said. "Abby in her creativeness has truly put back the story in history and that's really what engages kids."

Betsy Barton, a history specialist for Virginia Department of Education, then went on to explain that the award began in 2004 and was designed to promote, celebrate, encourage and honor the teaching of United States history in American classrooms.

Barton said that the award recognizes one teacher from all 50 states that demonstrates a deep career commitment to teaching American History, evidence of creativity and imagination in the classroom that addresses literacy, and close attention to the use of documents, artifacts, historic sites and other primary source materials of history. Seeley was the 17th teacher in Virginia to receive the Virginia History Teacher of the Year award. "She inspired a life-long love of history [for me and] she definitely deserves this award," Emily Mohl, a former student of Seeley's, said.



Photos by Natalia Kolenko/The Connection

Abby Seeley (center) looks over her 2015 History Teacher of the Year Award with the coordinator for PreK-12 social studies for Fairfax County Public Schools, Alice Reilly, (left) and Orange Hunt Elementary School principal Jason Pensler (right). Seeley is a sixth grade teacher at Orange Hunt.



Abby Seeley (left) receiving her award from Betsy Barton (center), a history specialist for Virginia Department of Education, and Alice Reilly.

Seeley said that the award has refueled her desire for teaching and she will continue to do so for a while to come. "Some people said time to go out on a high note," said Seeley, "and I said no, I'm fired up. I'm ready to go now."

# Police Still Looking for Springfield Student

Fairfax County detectives in the Police Department unit that handle missing persons are continuing to search for missing Robert E. Lee High School student Cesar "Steven" Boquin Zambrano of Springfield.

Zambrano was
last seen Monday,
June 1 around 6:30
a.m. at Robert E.
Lee High School,
according to Fairfax
County Police.

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Cesar "Steven"
Boquin
Zambrano of
Springfield was
last seen Monday, June 1.

The missing 16year-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.

—Tim Peterson

#### WEEK IN SPRINGFIELD

### Edison High Graduate Receives Chamber Scholarship

The Greater Springfield Chamber of Commerce Foundation, Inc. awarded Edith M. Chavez-Guerrero of Alexandria a scholarship in the amount of \$1,000. Edith is a student at Thomas A. Edison High School, an ESOL tutor for elementary students and a public relations volunteer in her church's women's ministry department.

Edith attended the Greater Springfield Chamber of Commerce's June 18 networking mixer where she had the opportunity to meet members and be recognized for her achievements. She graduated from Edison on Monday, June 22 and has been accepted to George Mason University. This fall she plans to begin pursuit of a business communications major.

This is the tenth year the Foundation has awarded scholarships to deserving students in the Greater Springfield area. Criteria for the scholarship include maintaining a GPA of 3.0 or higher, residency in the Greater Springfield area and plans to pursue a business related major while in college.

# VRE Offers Discounts for 4th of July Celebration

The Virginia Railway express will offer \$10 roundtrip tickets to Washington D.C. for the Fourth of July fireworks at the National Mall. Firecracker Special tickets are available online from June 2-24.

Pick-up times in Fredericksburg and Manassas start at 3:45 p.m. on Saturday, July 4. The trains will drop off passengers at Union Station in Washington, D.C. between 5:30 to 6 p.m. Fireworks are scheduled to begin at 9:10 p.m. Trains will return southbound one hour after the fireworks end starting at 10:45 p.m.

For more information, visit http://www.vrespecialevents.org/firecracker-trains.htm. Space is limited. For more information on Independence Day at the National Mall, go to http://www.nps.gov/foju/index.htm.

# Entertainment

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

#### SUNDAY/MAY 31- AUG. 30

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

#### 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/.

#### 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/.

Chapter Book Chat: Storytime for Bigger Kids. 4 p.m. Pohick Library, 6450 Sydenstricker Road, Burke. Come listen to a chapter book read aloud. Ages 8-12. http://

www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/branches/po/
Author Event: Martha Jefferson Randolph.
7 p.m. Kings Park Library, 9000 Burke Lake
Road, Burke. Author Dr. Billy Wayson will
discuss the world of Martha Jefferson Randolph
and her famous father, Thomas Jefferson.
Wayson illuminates life at Monticello via family
correspondence. Book sale and sign. Teens and
adults. http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/
branches/kp/

#### FRIDAY/ JUNE 26

Classic Tails. 10:30 a.m. Burke Centre Library, 5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke. Develop children's early literacy skills with stories, song and activities. Ages 3-5 with adult. http://

www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/branches/bc/ **Fun Flicks.** 10:30 a.m. Pohick Library, 6450
Sydenstricker Road, Burke. Watch movies based on children's books. Register each child and adult separately. All ages welcome. http://

www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/branches/po/ **Game On!** 6 p.m. Pohick Library, 6450 Sydenstricker Road, Burke. Food and movies. Grade 6-12. Teen. http://

www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/branches/po/ **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.gov/
parks/farmersmarkets/kingstownemkt.htm

#### FRIDAY-SUNDAY/JUNE 26-JULY 5

World Police & Fire Games. Thousands of athletes from 70 countries will converge in Fairfax County for 10 days of competitions. Entertainment and activities will be hosted by Reston Town Center during the games. Fairfax2015.com

#### SATURDAY/ JUNE 27

Creative Writers Club. Burke Centre Library, 5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke. Join for sharing, discussion and feedback on fiction, poetry and non-fiction works. Teen volunteer facilitates. Ages 13-18. http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/branches/bc/

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

**Springfield Farmers Market**. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Springfield Town Center, 6699 Spring Mall Drive, Springfield. www.smartmarkets.org.

Fairfax Farmers Market. 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturdays, May 9-Oct. 31. 10500 Page Avenue, Fairfax. www.fairfaxsaturdaymarket.com.

#### SATURDAYS/JUNE 27-AUG. 22

**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.

Fairfax's Government Center Farmers
Market. 3-7 p.m. Thursdays, May 7-Oct. 29.
Ten vendors including a Middle Eastern delicacy
bakery and custom organic ice cream
shop.Fairfax County Government Center, 12000
Government Center Parkway,
Fairfax.www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/
farmersmarkets/governmentcntr-mrkt.htm

#### 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.

events@fairfax-station.org.

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.

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

#### **MONDAY/JUNE 29**

Uno, Dos, Tres Con Andres. 10:30 a.m. Fairfax Library, 10360 North Street, Fairfax. Sing and move with music and dance from Latin America with Andres Salguero. All ages. http://

www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/branches/fx/. **The Kindercise Show.** 10:30 a.m. Kings Park
Library, 9000 Burke Lake Road, Burke. Sing and
dance with Wolf Trap teaching artist John
Taylor. All ages. Sign up each adult and child
separately. http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/
library/branches/kp/

Sheep Dog Detectives. 10:30 a.m. Kingstowne Library, 6500 Landsdowne Centre, Alexandria. Kaydee Puppets presents Dudley Dog and friends, who solve crimes in a fun show. http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/branches/kn/Gymboree: Infants! 10:30 a.m.- 11:15 a.m.

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Pohick Library, 6450 Sydenstricker Road, Burke.
Gymboree instructor presents play-based
activities. 4-8 months with adult. http://
www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/branches/po/

#### MONDAY/JUNE 29 - FRIDAY/JULY 3

Bond: An Unauthorized Parody. 8 p.m. Workhouse Arts Center, 9518 Workhouse Way, Lorton. A typical adventure, yet an original story, Gavin Robertson plays a variety of characters with minimum staging and maximum effect. With original music by collaborator Danny Bright, this is one spy story you won't see on the big screen... Run, don't walk to this fantastic show. Tickets: \$10-\$30.

#### **TUESDAY/ JUNE 30**

Sheep Dog Detectives. 10:30 a.m. Burke Centre Library, 5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke. Kaydee Puppets presents Dudley Dog and friends, who solve crimes in fun a fun and fast paced show. All ages. http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/ branches/bc/

Paper Mache Art Workshop. 2:30 p.m. Kings Park Library, 9000 Burke Lake Road, Burke. Create a unique form from gooey paper in this unique workshop that celebrates the traditional art of mache, from making a mirror form to a hollow sculpture. Teens. http://

www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/branches/kp/ **Pokemon Club.** 7 p.m. Kings Park Library, 9000
Burke Lake Road, Burke. Bring your Pokemon
trading cards to trade or play the Pokemon
game. Age 6-12. http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/
library/branches/kp/

#### WEDNESDAY/JULY 1

Fair Lakes Farmers Market. 3:30-7 p.m. 4501 Market Commons Drive,



Woodson High School's Color Guard marches in last year's Fairfax City Independence Day parade.

#### July 4th in Fairfax County

#### SATURDAY/JULY 4

**Historic Pohick Church 4th of July Tours.** 1-3 p.m. Pohick Church, 9301 Richmond Highway, Lorton. Costumed history docents will give free guided tours of the historic colonial church. http://www.pohick.org

**July 4<sup>th</sup> in Paradise.** 11 a.m.-7 p.m. Paradise Springs Winery, 13219 Yates Ford Road, Clifton. Open for normal business hours with live music and food available throughout the day. http://www.paradisespringswinery.com

**Fairfax's Independence Day Celebration & Fireworks.** 10 a.m.-10:30 p.m. in the Downtown Fairfax Historic District. Independence day parade, historical tours, games, entertainment and fireworks begins at 7 p.m. www.fairfaxva.gov.

Mount Vernon's An American Celebration. 8 a.m.-5 p.m. George Washington's Mount Vernon, 3200 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway, Mount Vernon. Daytime fireworks in patriotic colors fired over the Potomac River at 1 p.m. The event also includes an inspirational naturalization ceremony for 100 new citizens, military re-enactments, a special wreath-laying ceremony, free birthday cake for all and a visit from the "first" first couple, "General and Mrs. Washington." www.mountvernon.org.

Vienna 4th of July Festival and Fireworks Show. 12-9 p.m. Vienna Town Green, 144 Maple Avenue, East, Vienna. Free event with food and drink, music, family games, children's entertainment and more. Fireworks show begins at 9:15 p.m. http://www.viennava.gov/index.aspx?nid=894

McLean 4<sup>th</sup> of July Fireworks Celebration. 8 p.m. Cooper Middle School, 977 Balls Hill Road, McLean. Food and music. Shuttle buses will be available at St. John's Episcopal Church at the McLean Community Center. http://www.mcleancenter.org/special-events
 Great Falls 4th of July Celebration & Parade. 8 a.m. - 6 p.m. Village Centre Green, 776

Walker Road, Great Falls. 5K walk/run, blood drive, Little Patriot Parade, and floats, horses, antique cars and pets making a loop in the Main Parade. Fireworks start after dusk at Turner Farm Park. http://www.celebrategreatfalls.org.

**Herndon 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration.** 6:30 p.m. Bready Park, Herndon Community Center, 814 Ferndale Avenue, Herndon. A family-fun event featuring games, arts and craft activities, bingo, food face painting, balloon artists, and fireworks. Fireworks show is choreographed to music and begins at dark, approximately 9:30 p.m. www.herndon-va.gov.

Lake Fairfax Fireworks Spectacular. 4-8 p.m. Lake Fairfax, 1400 Lake Fairfax Drive, Reston. Live music, enjoy the Water Mine park and more. http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/lakefairfax/

**Firecracker 5K for the Troops.** 8 a.m. Reston Town Center, 11900 Market Street, Reston. A 3.1 mile race, live music, face painting, waving flags, and free massages. prraces.com/firecracker/

Fairfax.www.greentowns.com/initiative/ farmers-market/fair-lakes-farmers-marketfairfax-va.

#### THURSDAY/JULY 2

Patriotic Floral Design Workshop. 1:30-3:30 p.m. Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road, Alexandria. Create a centerpiece in red, white and blue just in time for your Fourth of July holiday picnic. The centerpiece includes flowers, flags and patriotic trim. \$35/person plus \$25 supply fee. Register at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/greenspring.

#### FRIDAY/JULY 3

#### Independence Day Fireworks & Concerts.

5:30 p.m. Workhouse Arts Center, 9518 Workhouse Way, Lorton. This year's event features "The Sixth Generation;" fireworks; games and children's activities; a variety of food trucks and beer and wine garden; and extended evening gallery hours. "The Sixth Generation" is an authentic 1960s rock band that never fails to

delight audiences with their family-friendly, fun and upbeat performances.

Youth Jazz Concert. 8-9:30 p.m. Little River United Church of Christ, 8410 Little River Turnpike, Annandale. The concert will showcase the veritable talent of these Monterey-based high school honor ensembles.

#### SATURDAY/JULY 4

Free Art of Movement Classes on the Quad: Pilates. 8 a.m. Workhouse Arts Center, 9518 Workhouse Way, Lorton. Enjoy free, drop-in Art of Movement classes featuring pilates. No experience is necessary, bring your own mat.

#### SUNDAY/JULY 5

Stars on Sunday Concert Series: Just Wingin' It Bluegrass Band. 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.



**Leslie Bazemore** 

### A Gratitude to a Crossing Guard

As the school year comes to a close, it's nice to recognize there are essential personnel who help to make sure the school day starts and finishes in a safe manner. A grateful parent wrote to Fairfax County Police Department about the outstanding job that crossing guard

Leslie Bazemore does at her post in front of Rolling Valley Elementary School in Springfield. "Ms. Bazemore is a gem, and should be recognized for her dedication," said Ms. Barlow. "Thank you to Leslie and all our dedicated crossing guards. Have a great summer!"







side at King Farm, Rockville, Maryland



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# Sports

Volunteers have been registering to assist at the 2015 Fairfax World Police and Fire Games at 1800 Cameron Glen Drive in Reston. More than 10,000 police and fire rescue personnel from all over the world will compete in the games, which run from June 26 to July 5 at locations in Fairfax County.



# World Police and Fire Games Coming to Fairfax County

he World Police and Fire Games are coming to Fairfax County June 26-July 5.

Athletes will compete in more than 60 different events in locations around the county and surrounding areas. Events include archery, basketball, dodgeball, tug of war, wrist wrestling and many others. All events are open to the public free of charge, though boxing and bodybuilding require a complimentary ticket due to space restrictions at George Mason University Center for the

The opening ceremony will be held at 6 p.m. on Friday, June 26 at RFK Stadium. Seating tickets are required. Complimentary tickets are available at fairfax2015.com.

The Athletes Village will be held in Reston Town Center and offers food, games and live music, among other forms of entertainment, for both credentialed athletes and the general public.

On Friday, competition will begin with the police motorcycle street competition (7 a.m. at Dulles Expo Center in Chantilly), tennis (8:30 a.m. at George Mason University and Robinson Secondary School in Fairfax), and 5-on-5 basketball (10 a.m.-1 p.m. at George Mason University).

The closing ceremony will be held in Vienna at 6 p.m. on July 5 at Wolf Trap National Park for the Performing Arts.

For a schedule of events and more information, visit fairfax2015.com.



At Reston Town Center, preparations are being made for the 2015 Fairfax World Police and Fire Games. The games will take place Friday, June 26, through July 5 at 53 venues, and Reston Town Center will host the Athletes Village.

# Lake Braddock Football Qualifies for National 7on7 Tournament

yle Edwards helped the Lake Braddock football team reach the 2014 6A North region semifinals in his first season as the Bruins' starting quarterback.

Now a rising senior, Edwards said he feels comfortable and confident as he prepares for his second season at the helm. On June 21, he led the Bruins to the semifinals of the 7on7 University Bulldog Classic at Westfield High School. Reaching the tournament final four earned Lake Braddock a berth in the 7on7 University National Championship Tournament on July 10 and 11 at Oakton High School.

"It's good," Edwards said, "but we wanted to win this last one."

Lake Braddock lost to Chantilly in the semifinals. The Chargers finished runnerup, falling to John Champe in the tournament final.

The Bruins finished 2-1 in pool play, outscoring opponents 79-63.

Edwards, a dual-threat quarterback, led Lake Braddock to a 10-3 record in 2014.



Photo by Craig Sterbutzel/The Connection

Rising senior quarterback Kyle Edwards helped Lake Braddock reach the 7on7 University Bulldog Classic semifinals on June 21 at Westfield High School, and earn a spot in the national tournament on July 10 and 11 at Oakton High School.

"I just feel comfortable," said Edwards, a three-sport athlete at Lake Braddock. "I just feel confident. Last year was sort of a grow-

ing process and this year it's like, OK, I've been here before. ... It feels more like a leadership role."

Greg Quigley is entering his eighth season as a member of the Lake Braddock coaching staff. During his time with the Bruins, he said he has seen quarterbacks thrive with multiple seasons in the team's offensive system.

"I see [Edwards'] reads and progressions on the field are better," Quigley said. "... Everybody that's played in this system two years, their first year they struggled a little bit or did OK. The second year is really their coming-out year. They're able to pick it up, they see the field better, they know where the receivers should be, they know what the routes are, they know what the defense is and what routes are going to beat that defense, and I think that's what Kyle is starting to figure out now."

Quigley said rising senior receiver Trey Stephens also performed well Sunday.

"He did great," Quigley said. "He stepped up. He's a physical kid. If somebody tries to push him around, he's right back with them. ... He'll do real well for us this year."

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**English Conversation.** 7 p.m. Burke Centre Library, 5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke. Practice speaking English with others. Adults. http:// www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/branches/bc/

Library Tech Help. 11 a.m. 10360 North Street, Fairfax. Get library-related electronic resource questions answered for eBooks and compatible devices. http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/ branches/fx/.

#### **TUESDAY/JUNE 30**

#### **Tuesday Morning English Conversation** Group.

10:30 a.m. 10360 North Street, Fairfax. Practice English with others to improve speaking skills. http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/ branches/fx/.

#### THURSDAY/JULY 9

Person Centered Dementia Care. 3 p.m. Insight Memory Care Center, 3953 Pender Drive, Suite 100, Fairfax.It's hard to keep individuals with dementia active and engaged; learn to gear activities to them to make your time together enjoyable, frustration free, and memorable. Call 703-204-4664 to RSVP or visit InsightMCC.org for more information.

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