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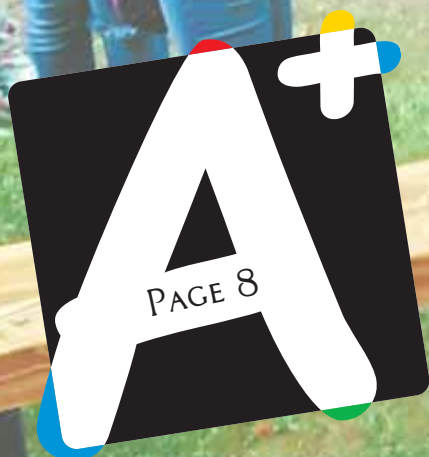
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Students from around Virginia gather in the First Baptist Church of Springfield after their first day on job sites as part of the week-long Impact service project camp.



Impact service camp volunteers sing along with artist Dana Jorgensen at the First Baptist Church of Springfield.

The House Love Rebuilt

Church youth campers repair four Lorton homes in a week.

BY TIM PETERSON
THE CONNECTION

Jeff Moten started the week with 31 teenagers on his lawn. Baptist youth from around Virginia arrived at his Lorton property around 9 a.m. on Monday, July 13. By 10, they had cleared much of the natural overgrowth in his front and back yards, begun stripping his home's roof and removing debris from a rear room where the floor had collapsed.

Moten has lived in the house 45 years, since his family moved there in 1970. Now living with a disability, he's found it difficult to maintain the home. "I was the type that was always helping someone," he said. "I've had a hard time asking for help."

While he wouldn't ask for himself, Moten said his mailman got in touch with Buck Rodgers of Virginia Baptists, who decides which houses will be taken on by "Impact" church youth service camps for repairs.

EACH SUMMER, Baptist youth from around Virginia participate in these local mission trips to repair or rebuild homes for people who need help. Referrals come from churches, the Department of Family Services and nonprofits such as the Lorton Community Action Center. Youth volunteer their time and actually pay to attend the mission trip. The camp also receives funding from the Northstar Church Network.

"We choose based on the amount of need," said Rodgers, who is from Stafford. "This house is a true Impact project. It looks pretty bad, but I've seen worse. The good Lord is teaching us humility and perseverance this morning."

Though they're working on four sites in Lorton, all the youth and chaperones are spending the week at First Baptist Church of Springfield. They work from about 9 a.m. to about 4 p.m. each day, then return to the church to shower, eat, participate in a worship service and spend time with their home church groups.



Jeff Moten, of Lorton, is the owner of one of the homes being worked on by the Impact service camp youth.

Lorton native Jeannine Purdy is with the Virginia Hills Baptist Church in Alexandria, which helped organize the camp and whose youth make up some of the participants.

"We know there are needs everywhere in our state, even in wealthy Northern Virginia, and want to be sure our youth understand that as well," she said in an email.

Walking on to the site for the first time Monday morning, there was no mistaking work had to be done.

"You began to understand why we're there," said Diana Gilbert of Springfield, a chaperone with a daughter on the Impact team, "and what the need is."

Megan Cloer of Burke recently became a member of First Baptist in Springfield after her family moved to Virginia two weeks ago from Jacksonville, Fla. She spent the morning on the roof, removing aged shingles. "It's hard work," she said, "but you see the difference we're making in the homeowner's life, serving him and serving God."

"It's the summer, it's raining — you'd think we would have a hard time getting kids to work," said John Williams, a volun-



PHOTOS BY TIM PETERSON/THE CONNECTION

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teer crew chief on the site, as he measured new floor boards with his sons Bryce and Seth. "The problem is getting them to not work, to come down off the roof. They're ministering to the homeowner, working with him, interacting with him. The kids here are pretty awesome."

Rising high school senior Will Lewis, of Chesterfield, helped take out the floor in the rear room. "I just like helping people in need," he said. "It's satisfying. And it's great to take a break from the rest of life, to unplug."

AROUND 100 youth from all over Virginia are helping repair four houses in Lorton, including yard-clearing, roofing, flooring and other structural work. Youth Pastor Danny Quirin of Roanoke is serving as the camp pastor for the week, delivering a ser-

mon each night during the worship service. He's been ministering to youth for over 30 years. The theme of the camp is "Just Because," and his messages center around experiencing and sharing the love of God. The sentiment is meant to motivate the youth in their daily work on the job sites and in the future.

"You can't give something you don't have," he said in his Monday night homily. Once you've experienced that love, he explained, the camp is about teaching youth to get in the habit and mentality of serving other people with love in their hearts.

When Quirin first saw the Lorton property, he thought, "Wow. Sometimes, you think truly the best thing for a house would be a match. But this house is going to be transformed. Then it will be, Wow, we did that. It's such an awesome feeling."



Best of Braddock award-winners, their family and friends squeezed into the Braddock district government office off Burke Lake Road.



Winners of the 2015 Best Of Braddock Awards stand at the front of the Braddock District government office with local elected officials.

PHOTOS BY TIM PETERSON/THE CONNECTION

Not Waiting on the World to Change

Volunteers and county workers recognized at Best of Braddock Awards.

BY TIM PETERSON
THE CONNECTION

Thanks to Jim Watkins, a striking statue of a barracuda emerging from the water now graces the Commonwealth Swim Club. Watkins and other volunteers, members of the club, have helped maintain and repair areas of the facility, including restoration of the storm runoff channel, new lighting and landscaping.

"It was so overgrown," said Watkins, a pile driver by trade. "Something's gotta change here."

Watkins and the other volunteers were recognized for their efforts at the July 8 Best of Braddock Awards with the Neighborhood Enhancement or Beautification distinction.

"The improvements and changes to the physical appearance of the swim club have not gone unnoticed by the community and local neighbors," said Cliff Keenan, chairman of the Braddock District Council, "and have helped bring in new members, providing a greater degree of financial stability."

Watkins said he tends to spend more time around the pool facilities working than at home and that he "loves doing it."

Each of the Best of Braddock winners had a different story of motivated civic engagement, both from private volunteers and government employees that went above and beyond the normal call of public works.

Opening the program, supervisor John Cook (R-Braddock) referenced the John Mayer song "Waiting on the World to Change." "We are the direct opposite of



Duwain Ketch, of Burke Centre, was named Citizen of the Year at the 2015 Best of Braddock Awards and recognized for his work to support the Kings Park and Burke Centre Libraries.

that," Cook said. "Not every county has that same spirit of volunteerism and dedication to the community that's exemplified by people getting awards tonight."

Keenan echoed Cook, saying these citizens are "doing so many amazing things." Then, speaking directly to the audience packed into the Braddock District government office meeting hall, said, "I encourage each of you to get as involved as possible."

The full list of Best of Braddock Award-winners includes:

❖ **Special Recognition** for a team of public employees, awarded to the **Fairfax County Park Authority** team that worked with Olde Forge-Surrey Square neighborhood residents to renovate their area playground.

"We all know how these efforts required



Amy Zydel, of Olde Forge-Surrey Square, was also named Citizen of the Year at the 2015 Best of Braddock Awards. She was recognized both as a champion for foster care children and parents in Braddock District and around Fairfax County.

an incredible degree of coordination, an incredible degree of patience and an incredible degree of perseverance," said Keenan.

❖ **Neighborhood Enhancement or Beautification** in the Braddock District went to **James Watkins and members of the Commonwealth Swim Club.**

❖ **Neighborhood Enhancement or Beautification** also went to **Marilyn Stoney and other residents of the Kings Park West Townhouse Homeowners Association.** Stoney spearheaded a stormwater improvement project that relied on obtaining a Neighborhood Enhancement Partnership Program grant.

"She oversaw the accomplishment of community goals while being a good stew-

ard for the Chesapeake Bay watershed," Keenan said.

❖ **Club or Organization Making a Difference** in the Braddock District was awarded to **Friends of Long Branch Stream Valley**, an advocacy group that organizes trash clean-up activities, works with the Park Authority on trail maintenance and helps sponsor informational nature walks.

❖ **Most Can-Do Public Employee-Local** was presented to **Dennis Barton** of the Fairfax County Park Authority for his help on Jonathan McCarty's Eagle Scout service project to build a drainage ditch near Lake Accotink. The project required removing an estimated 26,000 pounds of dirt.

❖ **Young Person of the Year** went to **Jonathan McCarty**, an Eagle Scout with Boy Scout Troop 1115 whose final service project involved digging a drainage ditch along the main hiking trail to the west of Lake Accotink. McCarty has since become an adult leader with Cub Scout Pack 1115.

❖ **Citizen of the Year** was awarded to **Duwain Ketch**, a 35-year resident of Burke Centre. Ketch has served the Kings Park and Burke Centre libraries as an executive board member of the Fairfax Library Foundation, a charter member of the Friends of Burke Centre Library and a member of the Burke Centre Conservancy board of Trustees.

"Duwain is a shining example of a model volunteer who works diligently and with a pleasant demeanor," said Keenan, "and one who volunteers willingly without need for recognition."

The second **Citizen of the Year** award went to **Amy Zydel**, a resident of Olde Forge-Surrey Square. Introduced by Keenan as "a pre-eminent champion for foster care children and foster care parents," Zydel was recognized for her operation known as "The Closet," a garage stockpile of foster parent supplies and equipment culled from churches, yard sales and donations.

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English Conversation Group. 10:30 a.m. Lorton Library, 9250 Richmond Highway, Lorton. Practice speaking English with others and improve your skills. Adults.

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Career Building: Book Signing. 7 p.m. Holiday Inn Express, 6401 Brandon Avenue, Springfield. This mini-seminar will empower you with proven strategies to guide you and equip you for the challenges ahead in finding new opportunities that await you. Free.

MONDAY/JULY 20

Planning for Health Care and Retirement. 7 p.m. Kings Park Library, 9000 Burke Lake Road, Burke. Guiding participants on covering their medical expenses and creating a health care financial plan. Visit fairfaxcounty.gov/library/branches.

TUESDAY/JULY 21

Home Money Management- 3 Week Session. 12:30 p.m. Lorton Library, 9250 Richmond Highway, Lorton. Learn to curb expenses, review bills and develop good habits in this basic budgeting class.

Neighborhood Plant Clinic. 10 a.m. Richard Byrd Library, 7250 Commerce Street, Springfield. The Fairfax Master Gardeners Association provide tips and advice. Adults.

English Conversation Group. 7 p.m. Richard Byrd Library, 7250 Commerce Street, Springfield. Practice and improve your English. Adults.

TUESDAY/JULY 22

Friends Quarterly Meeting. 7 p.m. Kingstowne Library, 6500 Landsdowne Centre, Alexandria. The Kingstowne Library will be holding its quarterly meeting. Visit fairfaxcounty.gov/library/branches.

THURSDAY/JULY 23

Spanish Conversation Group. 2 p.m. Kings Park Library, 9000 Burke Lake Road, Burke. Participants can practice and improve their Spanish with a native speaker. Visit fairfaxcounty.gov/library/branches.

FRIDAY/JULY 24

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OPINION Backpacks for All

Thousands of students will begin school this fall at a disadvantage; help now so they have the basics.

The first day of school each year is fraught with anticipation and anxiety. Many local students will be concerned about what they wear, who they will see, what it will be like. They've already had multiple shopping trips, online and otherwise, to be sure they have the supplies and extras they need.

We live in an area where many if not most families have the means and desire to do almost whatever it takes to give their children the best chances for success.

But for thousands of students, families lack the financial resources to equip them for success on the first day of school and beyond.

In our affluent area, there are many poor families.

In Fairfax County Public Schools, more than 27 percent of more than 184,000 students are poor enough to qualify for subsidized meals. That's more than 50,000 children in Fairfax County who are going through the summer without their usual access to breakfast and lunch. For many of those children, having a fully equipped backpack on the first day of school is out of reach.

In the City of Alexandria, about 60 percent of the Alexandria Public Schools students are poor enough to qualify for subsidized meals. That's more than 8,000 of the city's 13,000-plus students.

In Arlington, more than 32 percent of the county's 23,000-plus students are poor enough to receive subsidized meals; more than 7,000 students.

Help these students get started on the right foot by contributing to one of the many local backpack drives.

Virginia sales tax holiday for school supplies and clothing is Aug. 7-9. Purchases of certain school supplies, clothing and footwear are exempt from the Virginia sales tax. Each eligible school supply item must be priced at \$20 or less, and each eligible article of clothing and footwear must be priced at \$100 or less. See <http://www.tax.virginia.gov/content/school-supplies-and-clothing-holiday>.

This is a good place to start, but these students need more than backpacks. In this area, we need to address the impacts of income inequality in the schools.

If we succeed in effectively educating these students, the savings overall will be enormous. These students need protection from budget cuts in their classrooms. They need help addressing inequality in the face of "bring your own device policies," and other technology needs.

Here are a few ways to give:

❖ **Fairfax County Collect for Kids** is a public private partnership that provides local children from economically challenged families with the school supplies they need to begin the school year, and has provided 90,000 supply kits and backpacks in its first three years. They seek donations of cash, backpacks donated by citizens and calculators donated by businesses. Contact Jay Garant in Fairfax County Public Schools Office of Business and Community Partnerships at 571-423-1225 jay.garant@fcps.edu or Sherry Noud SMNoud@fcps.edu 571-423-4300, Fairfax County Public Schools Office of Social Work Services.

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to School program runs each summer in partnership with with Collect for Kids in a county-wide effort to ensure that the neediest children in our community receive the supplies they need to succeed in school. The program is made possible through a partnership with Kids R First, Fairfax County Public Schools, the Fairfax County Office of Public and Private Partnerships, Apple Federal Credit Union and numerous community-based organizations and businesses in the Fairfax County area who are working together to provide supplies in a more cost-effective and efficient way. Contact Dawn Sykes at 703-273-8829.

❖ **Arlington Partnership for Affordable Housing** APAH is collecting backpacks and supplies for more than 400 children among the 1,200-plus households a year served by APAH, providing low income families with affordable housing. Purchase items on their list. Donations can be dropped off at the APAH office: 2704 N. Pershing Drive in Arlington. Questions? Contact Emily Button, Resident Services Manager, at 703-851-3635 or ebutton@apah.org. Visit www.roonga.com/apahschoolsupplydrive/

❖ **United Community Ministries** annual Back to School campaign is underway, and they rely on your support to meet the needs of students from low-income families in the Mount Vernon community. They especially need larger-sized backpacks for middle and high school students, and seek cash contributions to buy supplies. <http://www.ucmagency.org/back-to-school-2015.html>.

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COMMENTARY

Legislation Combats Sex Trafficking

BY TIM HUGO
STATE DELEGATE (R-40)

On July 1, legislation that I sponsored, HB1964, went into effect. This new law is Virginia's first stand-alone human trafficking statute and creates stricter penalties for traffickers, greater protections for sex trafficking victims, and provides needed tools for prosecutors and law enforcement to stop human trafficking in Virginia.

At a recent forum on human trafficking at George Mason University, Det. Bill Woolf of the Fairfax County Police Department Human Trafficking Unit shared a bit of startling news. Woolf stated that without the passage of HB1964, only 11 of the 120 or so open cases dealing with human trafficking could be pursued. According to Woolf, because of this new law, almost all of these cases can now be pursued.

Until today, Virginia was the only state in the nation without a dedicated human trafficking law and was one of only two states that did not specifically criminalize sex trafficking. The enactment of this law marks another goal reached for Virginia's many organizations and



Hugo

individuals engaged in stopping this abhorrent crime. Thanks to the efforts of many, the General Assembly has established laws to combat the scourge of sex trafficking in Virginia; as a result of these long-term efforts, Virginia finally has a strong sex trafficking law in place.

This new section of the Virginia Code establishes the new offense of sex trafficking, which provides substantial penalties, including a Class 3 felony when the victim is a minor — regardless of whether the child was forced, intimidated or coerced. This distinction reflects the disturbing reality of how traffickers prey on the vulnerability and trust of young victims and ensures greater protections for Virginia's children.

The new law also closes a gap in Virginia law by criminalizing the recruitment of minors and adults for commercial sex. Further, the law provides for the use of multijurisdictional grand juries and includes sex trafficking as a

predicate crime under Virginia's racketeering and criminal street gang statutes — ensuring that prosecutors and law enforcement can use these laws to combat criminal enterprises that engage in sex trafficking across jurisdictional lines.

I would like to thank the many people, elected officials, and community groups that had a hand in crafting this legislation; particularly, the Kids Are Not For Sale in VA Coalition and the Richmond Justice Initiative.

The threat of sex trafficking is closer to home than many realize, and in the General Assembly we are committed to eradicating this crime against our young people. This stand alone statute will now send traffickers the message that they are not welcome here and that our kids are not for sale in Virginia. Not now, and not ever.

This will be the fourth piece of legislation in four years introduced by Hugo aimed at human trafficking. HB1898, introduced by Hugo in 2011, passed into law, making abduction for the purposes of child prostitution a felony. HB1606, which became law in 2013, increased the punishment for those soliciting minors for prostitution. Most recently in 2014, he passed HB485, which empowers law enforcement to better track down and arrest suspected traffickers.

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LETTERS

Costs of Not Expanding Medicaid

To the Editor:

The concern expressed in the letter regarding Medicaid Expansion in Virginia ("How to Pay for Medicaid Expansion?," Connection, June 24-30) focused on the question of "how to pay for it" and that those favoring expansion "do not discuss cost specifics."

The writer would have readers believe that we in Virginia have not already paid for Medicaid expansion with our tax dollars, Virginia tax dollars that are now going to other states, states that have expanded Medicaid; and some of those states are led by Republican governors that have favored Medicaid expansion because they saw it as a good deal financially as well as a reasonable way of making healthcare accessible to so many of their working poor — 400,000 in Virginia would benefit from the expansion.

With respect to the writer's fiscal concerns, that issue has been addressed multiple times by The Center on Budget and Policy Priorities and The Commonwealth Institute. The conclusion, which is documented by the numbers cited in the various reports, is this: "Medicaid Expansion is Producing Large Gains in Health Care and Saving States Money."

The letter-writer's fiscal concerns have already been essentially addressed, but opponents

have apparently already made up their minds and have manifested little interest in the documentation provided. This documentation has been cited numerous times, and it is not reasonable to assume that Del. Ken Plum, a delegate re-elected multiple times that takes seriously his fiduciary responsibilities, and other legislators in solidarity with him have not looked at the numbers before advocating for the expansion of Medicaid.

Dr. Paul Krugman, an economics professor at Princeton and the winner of the Nobel Prize for Economics in 2008, recently asked this question: "But why would any state choose to exercise that option (not expand Medicaid)? After all, states were being offered a federally-funded program (a program already paid for by taxpayers) that would provide major benefits to millions of their citizens, pour billions into their economies, and help support their health-care providers. Who would turn down such an offer?"

It is the same question many of us in Virginia have been asking and have not received any satisfying answers from the Republican legislators that dominate the Virginia House and Senate.

John Horejsi (and SALT's 1,200 advocates)
SALT Coordinator
Vienna

The Act in Sheep's Clothing

To the Editor:

A few weeks ago the House passed HR 2042, the Ratepayer Protection Act. Sounds great, right? Wrong. The Ratepayer Protection Act is a wolf in sheep's clothing and attacks EPA's ability to curb climate change. Specifically, the Act goes after the Clean Power Plan, set to be finalized this summer, which would require states submit carbon reduction plans to the EPA. Carbon pollution is a serious health threat to all Americans, but especially to those with chronic lung disease like asthma. Carbon emissions fuel climate change, and as temperatures rise so does the risk of experiencing unsafe levels of ozone pollution in the air we breathe. Ozone kills and as someone who has had asthma since childhood I am concerned for the nearly 24,000 children with asthma who live in the county.

Exposure to unhealthy levels of ozone is linked to worsened asthma, increased risk of hospitalization and even premature death. Have you ever seen a child have an asthma attack? Have you ever been forced to watch as their lips tinge blue and panic sets in as they fight to get in a full breath of air but can't? It's something I've experienced firsthand; no child should have to suffer in that way.

That's why I'm disappointed that Representative Barbara Comstock voted in support of the Ratepayer Protection Act. Fairfax County received an F for ozone pollution according to the American Lung Association's 2015 State of the Air Report. Is the Representative okay with that? Her vote sure implies as much.

Jennifer Kaufer
The American Lung Association in Virginia
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Art supplies and games that allow for creative play can be an important part of unstructured free time.

Unsheduling Summer Play

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL
THE CONNECTION

What was once a time for catching fireflies, swimming and exploring has evolved into a period of elite day camps, academic enrichment classes and top-dollar sports clinics.

For many children, summer is packed with so many activities that it can hardly be called a break, say local educators, reminding parents of the benefits of unregulated play.

“Camps and activities are fine in moderation because children need structure,” said Andrew Clarke, Ph.D., an Arlington-based child psychologist. “But allowing children to have free time during the summer is important for their self-confidence and overall well-being. ... Children can become enriched simply by being allowed to explore their own environments.”

NOT ALL CHILDREN are naturally self-directed, but parents can provide minimal structure through which children can gain the benefits of unstructured free time.

For example, help children develop a list of potential activities that might interest them. This could assist children who have difficulty thinking of things to do on their own or who might be prone to saying “I’m bored” when faced with free time and no planned activities.

“I recommend giving kids suggestions of various activities and having them choose,” said Stacie B. Isenberg, Psy.D., a child psychologist based in Bethesda, Md. “Sometimes it is helpful to make a list together with them and post it on the refrigerator or

Experts praise the benefits of free play for children.

other prominent place.”

Isenberg suggests including activities such as playing board games, reading books, hula hooping, kicking around a ball, blowing bubbles, doing mazes, puzzles or painting. “When it’s time for a new activity, have them check out the list,” she said.

It’s especially beneficial if the activity won’t require constant supervision. “Provide safe spaces for them to play in,” said Joan L. Ehrlich, Ph.D., a coordinator in the Interpreter Services Office at Northern Virginia Community College. “If you know the space is safe, you can give them more leeway to play on their own, and can pull back on the direct supervision.”

PARENTS SHOULD ALSO SET boundaries and standards regarding acceptable and unacceptable activities, she continued.

“When my kids were small, we had designated ‘no screen’ time. It was wonderful to hang back and watch them engage in a board game or card game. You would be amazed at what kids will choose to do when televisions, computers [and other electronics] are not an option. Nothing against those devices, but, let’s face it, they can be addictive which makes it

hard to compete with other healthy, educational options.”

“All you need to do to facilitate unstructured downtime is to not over schedule them ... and provide an open-ended learning environment,” added Gail Multop, an early childhood education professor at Northern Virginia Community College. She believes the tools for such play are simple: “Puzzles, books, an art table with supplies and time outdoors in nature.”

A Beginning, Not an End

School board approves “Ignite” Strategic Plan, new chairman and vice chairman.

BY TIM PETERSON
THE CONNECTION

Citizen Michael Ducharme has lived with dyslexia since he was a student. His two daughters both have dyslexia. The father, representing the parents’ movement Decoding Dyslexia, spoke at the July 9 school board meeting in support of the proposed Fairfax County Public Schools Strategic Plan that specifically addresses challenges in the schools facing students with dyslexia.

“We’re now faced with the fact tomorrow is today, the fierce urgency of now,” Ducharme said. “It’s time for vigorous and positive action in this plan.”

The plan, which the board approved on Thursday night, is a long-term strategic document with four main objectives of student success, caring culture, premier workforce and resource stewardship. It was developed with input and feedback from over 30,000 “stakeholders,” according for Fairfax County Public Schools.

“Our growing and vibrant school system is now the 10th largest district in the United States, and having a clear plan and focus is critical to meet the needs of every child and deliver our Portrait of Graduate,” superintendent Dr. Karen Garza said in a statement. “Ignite is about energy – it is about expending the time and effort on the actions necessary to close achievement gaps, support our teachers, provide resources to our schools and help our students succeed in life.”

According to the release from Fairfax County Public Schools, some of the specific areas for attention and priorities highlighted in the plan include:

- *Developing a more holistic approach to education by addressing students’ social and emotional needs

- *Eliminating achievement gaps
- *Helping students develop real-world skills

- *Creating a balanced assessment framework as a way to decrease instructional emphasis on test preparation

- *Increasing instructional time available to prepare students for success along with providing more equitable access to resources, especially technology

- *Hiring and retaining high quality teachers

- *Confronting budget issues that have led to the elimination of educational programming and employee positions

The board voted 11 to 1 in favor of the plan, with Springfield representative Elizabeth Schultz as the only dissenting opinion.



Michael Ducharme of Decoding Dyslexia applauds the new Strategic Plan for Fairfax County Public Schools for specifically addressing challenges for students with dyslexia.



Steven L. Greenburg, president of the Fairfax County Federation of Teachers, voices his support for the new Strategic Plan being voted on by the School Board.



Pat Hynes accepts the gavel from Tammy Derenak Kaufax and begins her term as school board chairman.



Fairfax County Public Schools Superintendent Dr. Karen Garza comments on the new Strategic Plan during the school board’s July 9 regular meeting.

Board members spoke highly of Hynes’ nine years as an elementary school teacher in Fairfax County Public Schools as well as her law background.

“I think the combination of your lawyerly skills and your very recent and constant view from the classroom to be very important to this board,” said Strauss.

Mason representative Sandy Evans said Hynes “has been a very thoughtful member of our board as well as a very candid one.”

Schultz offered her criticism that she would’ve liked to see more competition for the position, rather than a decision being made prior to the meeting. I think it’s healthy for us as an organization,” she said. But she didn’t withhold her support for Hynes, saying the candidate is “going to get a cautious yes from me... the proof will be in the pudding.”

After receiving the gavel from now former-chair-

man Derenak Kaufax, Hynes said, “The job of the chairman and vice chairman is to protect the process for everyone. Collaboration is an important skill and I will be relearning it this year and looking forward to it.”

Ted Velkoff nominated Sandy Evans for the vice chairman position. Evans also ran unopposed and also carried the vote.

“I would say she played a critical role in a couple of the signature accomplishments of this board,” said Velkoff, including “reform of discipline process, later high school start times.”

“The key trait,” Velkoff added, “is willingness to compromise.”

For more information on the “Ignite” Strategic Plan, visit the Fairfax County Public Schools website www.fcps.edu/news/strategic.shtml.

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The Billy Coulter Band performs a rendition of Johnny Cash's "Ring of Fire" toward the beginning of its Royal Lake concert on Friday, July 10. The group performed a blend of its singles and covers throughout the hour-long event.

PHOTO BY THOMAS FRIESTAD



Billy Coulter Rocks Lake Royal

Fairfax locals gather for night of Americana music at lake hillside, for the first of Braddock Nights' summer concerts.

BY THOMAS FRIESTAD
THE CONNECTION

Picnic blankets and lawn chairs coated the hillside at Lake Royal Friday, July 10, as dozens of Fairfax residents attended the first of Braddock Nights' free musical performances this summer. The Billy Coulter Band serenaded the crowd with an hour of music, which it described as a blend between Americana, Roots Rock and Power Pop.

"It's been hit or miss with our recent outside concerts due to weather, so we're so glad it's a Braddock night here tonight," lead vocalist Billy Coulter said, as children rolled down the hill and dogs greeted each other with gusto in the background.

Throughout the evening, the band played a mixture of its singles, as well as covers of famous hits, such as Johnny Cash's "Ring of Fire" and Dwight Yoakam's "Fast as You." The group's singles covered themes relatable to the audience, such as "If You Can't Live Without Me" (regarding the allure of social media) and "Gimme One More Try" (about an apology to a significant other).

Coulter also spent portions of the program sharing his personal stories that inspired some of the band's songs, including his experience reading tarot cards to lonely callers over the phone in New Mexico. According to the group's website, Coulter has been nominated for over 30 Washington Area Music Awards over the past 10 years.

Braddock District Supervisor John Cook spoke at the concert's conclusion, thanking the concert's sponsors, as well as hosting a raffle for Billy Coulter band T-shirts and a set of invasive species playing cards.

"I've seen many returning faces here, including the swan," Cook said, gesturing to a passing waterfowl. "It's great to see so many people out here tonight for Braddock Nights' start of the summer concerts."

VIEWPOINTS

What did you enjoy the most about this Braddock Nights concert event?

— THOMAS FRIESTAD



Anne Lawrence and Lauree Stevens:

"I really liked how casual it was. There were boaters, children, dogs, people were laughing and having a great time, and there was great music at the same time. It was a lot to offer at once."

"I really liked the atmosphere. It was really low-key and just a nice evening out for an hour to take in the atmosphere, the music's outside and the park's really nice."



Michelle Lynch:

"I like being able to bring my dog down. The dogs seem to enjoy the concert, you get exercise for them, and you get to hear a little music, so it's a perfect combination."

John Cook:

"I like the fact that families come out with their kids and their dogs, and everyone has a good time and enjoys being with the community. This is the program's sixth summer since I've been elected and we're going to keep it going."



Sean Wilson:

"[The concert was] really, really good. It's such a great community event, and when they start playing, I can hear it from my house, so I can know when to start coming out to listen. You just come out and chill, or you can even walk around the lake and hear the whole concert."

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ONGOING

Evenings on the Ellipse Summer Concert. Thursdays, through Aug. 20. 5:30-7 p.m. Fairfax County Government Center Ellipse (Backyard), 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax. Relax with music, tastes of local wines and great company.

Burke Arts in the Parks. Saturdays, through Aug. 22. 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.

Stars on Sunday Concert Series. Sundays, through Aug. 30. 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.

Summer Reading Program. Friday-Saturday, through Sept. 5. 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/JULY 16

Afternoon Reading Group. 1 p.m. City of Fairfax Regional Library, 10360 North St., Fairfax. "The Girls of Atomic City: The Untold Story of the Women Who Helped Win World War II" by Denise Kiernan.

Bedtime Stories: Superhero Training. 7 p.m. Pohick Regional Library, 6450 Sydenstricker Road, Burke. Learn to be a superhero. Stories, activities and a craft. Wear your best superhero attire. Age 3-5 with adult.

We All Scream for Ice Cream. 2 p.m. Kingstowne Library, 6500 Landsdowne Centre, Alexandria. A class where participants can paint their own ice cream bowl. Visit [fairfaxcounty.gov/library/branches/](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/branches/).

Magic Tree House Club. 4:30 p.m. Burke Centre Library, 5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke. Stop by to read and discuss story 16 in the "Magic Tree House" series. Visit <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/branches/bc/>.

Teen Video Production Workshop. 7 p.m. Burke Centre Library, 5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke. Learn basic editing, cinematography and camera settings from Sam Sikors, an award winning cinematographer and Robinson High School Student. Teens. Visit <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/branches/bc/>.

Library Playdate. 10:30 a.m. Burke Centre Library, 5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke. Drop in with 1-2 year olds to allow them to play with other toddlers. Visit <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/branches/bc/>.

THURSDAY-SUNDAY/JULY 16-19

Springfield Town Center's Restaurant Week. Springfield Town Center, 6500 Springfield Mall. Springfield Town Center's Restaurant Week ends this weekend Sunday, July 19. Restaurants participating are Nando's Peri Peri, &pizza, Maggiano's Little Italy, Yard House and Chuy's. Restaurant Week allows diners to try a pre-fixed special menu at an

affordable price. Visit <http://springfieldtowncenter.com/restaurantweek>.

FRIDAY/JULY 17

Fun Flicks. 10:30 a.m. Pohick Regional Library, 6450 Sydenstricker Road, Burke. Watch movies based on children's books.

Children's Yoga. 10:30 a.m. Kingstowne Library, 6500 Landsdowne Centre, Alexandria. A yoga class for children. Visit fairfaxcounty.gov/library/branches/.

"Goodnight Walk: Night Sky." 8-9 p.m. at Hidden Oaks Nature Center, 7701 Royce St., Annandale. Stories and crafts under the night sky. \$6. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov.

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SATURDAY/JULY 18

Uno, Dos, Tres Con Andres. 10:30 a.m. Kings Park Library, 9000 Burke Lake Road, Burke. Musician Andres Salguero will be performing music for participants to sing and dance to. Visit fairfaxcounty.gov/library/branches/.

Baskin Robbins Grand Opening Celebration. 12-4 p.m. Tower Shopping Center, 6432 Brandon Avenue, Springfield. Baskin Robbins is celebrating the "Re-Grand Opening" of its store. Special events will take place at the store such as \$0.99 ice cream cones, face painting and more.

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

SUNDAY/JULY 19

Hooray for Hollywood. 7:30 p.m. Richard J. Ernst Cultural Center, 8333 Little River Turnpike, Annandale. The concert will focus on musical themes from some of Hollywood's most popular motion pictures such as "Titanic," "Apollo 13," "Schindler's List," the James Bond movies, and a 50th anniversary salute to "The Sound of Music." Tickets \$15.

MONDAY/JULY 20

Chess Club. 4 p.m. Pohick Regional Library, 6450 Sydenstricker Road, Burke. Learn openings, strategy, tactics and more. Players paired with others of similar skill. Ages 8-16.

Paws to Read. 4:30 - 5:15 p.m. Kings Park Library, 9000 Burke Lake Road, Burke. Kids can practice their reading skills by reading to Wylie, a trained therapy dog. Sign up online for a 15 minute session. Visit fairfaxcounty.gov/library/branches/.

Let's Hear it for the Girls! 7 p.m. Kings Park Library, 9000 Burke Lake Road, Burke. A book discussion group for girls will be discussing the book "The Wonderful Wizard of Oz" by L. Frank Baum. For more information go to fairfaxcounty.gov/library/branches/.

TUESDAY/JULY 21

Afternoon Book Discussion Group. 1:30 p.m. Kings Park Library, 9000 Burke Lake Road, Burke. A discussion of the book Someone by Alice

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PHOTO CONTRIBUTED

A scene from the Tiny Dancers Fairfax recital presentation of "Jungle Book."

Tiny Dancers Perform 'Jungle Book'

Thunderous applause from family and friends at Tiny Dancers' spring performance of "Jungle Book" brought smiles of accomplishment to the young dancers as they took their bows. The annual recital, held on June 21 at W.T. Woodson High School, was the culmination of months of preparation for the more than 200 students participating. The story, inspired by the Rudyard Kipling book of the same name, offers a view of life in the jungle and the adventures of an abandoned "man cub," Mowgli. Using specially choreographed classical and modern dance, the show included such hit songs as "Who's

Afraid of the Big, Bad Wolf?," "Pink Panther" and "Bear Necessities." The emotional favorite of the performance was the opening number, which gave the Wiggletoes students (age 2) a chance to share their first dance with daddy.

Tiny Dancers, located in Fairfax City and opening soon at Mosaic, offers a specialized program of ballet, tap, hip-hop and musical theater for children ages 2-12. In addition to the regular school-year program, the studio offers a full schedule of summer classes and camps. For more information, visit www.tinydancers.com or call the studio at 703-385-5580.

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McDermott. Visit fairfaxcounty.gov/library/branches.

Legos in the Library. 4:30 p.m. Kings Park Library, 9000 Burke Lake Road, Burke. Kids can participate in LEGO building activities. Visit fairfaxcounty.gov/library/branches.

Pohick Evening Book Discussion Group. 7 p.m. Pohick Library, 6450 Sydenstricker Road, Burke. Discuss "The Snow Child" by Eowyn Ivey. Adults.

S.T.E.A.M Story Time. 2 p.m. Burke Centre Library, 5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke. Stop by for stories and activities involving science, technology, engineering, art and math. Ages 4-5 with adult. Visit <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/branches/bc/>

WEDNESDAY/JULY 22

Make Your Own Ice Cream Bowl. 2:30 p.m. Kings Park Library, 9000 Burke Lake Road, Burke. Clay Café Studios will be offering a class where participants can paint their own ice cream bowl. Visit fairfaxcounty.gov/library/branches.

Beatles and Bubblegum. 10:30 a.m. Pohick Library, 6450 Sydenstricker Road, Burke. Sing, dance and explore the music of The Beatles, The Monkees and other popular artists from the '60s and '70s. All ages.

THURSDAY/JULY 23

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

Under the Sea. 2:30 p.m. Burke Centre Library, 5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke. Meet live sea creatures. Visit <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/branches/bc/>

FRIDAY/JULY 24

Fun Flicks. 10:30 a.m. Pohick Library, 6450 Sydenstricker Road, Burke. Watch movies based on children's books. All ages.

Fun and Games. 2 p.m. Burke Centre Library, 5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke. Stop by to play board games. Ages 6-12.

Americas Adopt A Soldier 5th Annual Fundraising Golf Tournament. Golf Club at Lansdowne Resort, 44050 Woodridge Parkway, Lansdowne. Former major league baseball player Michael Pagliarulo "Pags" will host the golf tournament. America's Adopt A Soldier, an established nonprofit organization who has through grass roots volunteerism, donations, and partnerships; provided a positive impacted to our Nations Wounded, Deployed Service Members, Homeless Veterans, Veterans and their Families. All donations go directly to support their projects and programs. Visit Americasadoptsoldier.org to register or call 703-278-3718 for more information.

SATURDAY/JULY 25

Creative Writers Club. 2 p.m. Burke Centre Library, 5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke. Stop by for sharing, discussion and feedback on works in progress. Ages 13-18. Visit <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/branches/bc/>

MONDAY/JULY 27

Around the World Musical Adventure. 10:30 a.m. Kings Park Library, 9000 Burke Lake Road, Burke. Miss Susan will be performing music for participants to sing and dance to. Visit fairfaxcounty.gov/library/branches.

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SPORTS

Q&A: West Springfield's D'Anna Committed to IUP Hoops

All-region post player enjoys country music, scary movies.

Maura D'Anna has started since her freshman year for the perennial power West Springfield girls' basketball program, giving the Spartans a presence in the paint.

As a junior, the 6-foot D'Anna averaged a double-double and earned second-team All-6A North region honors. She helped the Spartans finish 24-3 in 2015, win their second straight Conference 7 title and reach the region semifinals, where they lost to eventual region champion Oakton.

In May, D'Anna committed to play basketball at Indiana University of Pennsylvania. The Crimson Hawks compete at the Division II level in the Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference.

D'Anna recently participated in a Q&A via email with The Connection.

Connection: You're committed to playing basketball at Indiana University of Pennsylvania. What made IUP the right choice for you?

D'Anna: I felt a strong connection to all of the coaches there, the facilities are brand new and I want to compete for a national



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West Springfield rising senior Maura D'Anna is committed to play basketball at Indiana University of Pennsylvania.

championship. It really came to trusting head coach [Tom] McConnell and his staff and their vision for how I could fit in their system. I just knew that playing for him was the right choice.

Connection: What position(s) will you play?

D'Anna: I will play primarily a 5 and a little stretch 4.

Connection: How, if it all, do you feel

committing prior to your senior year benefits you?

D'Anna: Oh, it benefits me a lot. It allows me a year to watch just their games, not a different college game every night, to see how I fit in their system and watch opposing players and their game. I will be able to train on what IUP will need me to concentrate on. Also, instead of visiting different colleges I can spend more time studying.

Connection: At what age did you start playing basketball?

D'Anna: 6.

Connection: When did you realize playing college basketball was an option for you?

D'Anna: In seventh grade I made a decision to stop swimming competitively and go for basketball. I enjoyed the team concept more than the individual events. I had to put in extra work to get on the "A" teams for AAU because I had put in so much time with swimming. It also helped that I grew a lot. After my freshman year I thought that maybe I had a shot at playing in college.

Connection: What is a positive of being a 6-foot tall girl in high school?

D'Anna: It sure helps playing basketball and seeing who is down the hall.

Connection: What is a negative of being a 6-foot tall girl in high school?

D'Anna: It is hard to find clothes and shoes that are appropriate.

Connection: Why is the West Springfield girls' basketball program consistently successful?

D'Anna: Tough love and a focus on defense.

Connection: What is one thing you have yet to accomplish as a high school athlete that you would like to accomplish as a senior?

D'Anna: I am still after the state championship. We fell short my sophomore year.

Connection: Do you have a specific game day routine?

D'Anna: I like to have chicken tenders before a game and go watch my mom's freshman team play. She is the head coach of the freshman team at West Springfield.

Connection: Are you a pro sports fan? Which team(s) do you root for?

D'Anna: I don't watch much pro sports but I was rooting for Steph Curry during the NBA Finals. I do watch some Steelers games during the winter, too.

Connection: What location is the farthest you've traveled from the Washington, D.C. metro area?

D'Anna: Orlando, Fla., like five times for basketball.

Connection: What's your favorite food?

D'Anna: Chicken tenders and fries, mac n' cheese, pizza.

— JON ROETMAN

Q&A: Woodson Grad Breslin to Play Soccer at R-MC

Goalkeeper enjoys eating calamari, watching 'Braveheart.'

While Brian Breslin lacks the size of a prototypical goalkeeper, his skill and quickness led him to a senior season of accomplishment.

Breslin spent three seasons as the Woodson boys' soccer program's varsity goalkeeper. In 2015, the 5-foot-8 Breslin earned first-team All-Conference 7, first-team All-6A North region and second-team all-state honors while helping the Cavaliers advance to the region semifinals. Woodson finished 11-7-1 and fell one victory shy of qualifying for the state tournament one season after going 5-5-3 and losing in the opening round of the conference tournament.

Breslin, a 2015 Woodson High School graduate, will play soccer at Randolph-Macon College. The Yellow Jackets compete at the Division III level in the Old Dominion Athletic Conference.

Breslin recently participated in a Q&A via email with The Connection.

Connection: You'll be playing soccer at Randolph-Macon College next season. What made R-MC the right choice for you?

Breslin: Randolph-Macon is a smaller college where I feel like I can succeed, it

has smaller classes and it's easy to get necessary help and actually get to know your professors. I like the idea of being a part of a class that could potentially change the tradition of the program as well as having a coach that has a past of winning.

Connection: What are you most looking forward to about going to college?

Breslin: I'm looking forward to meeting new people at college as well as developing as a keeper.

Connection: At what age did you start playing soccer?

Breslin: I started playing soccer when I was really young with my family and started house league when I was 5. I was originally a midfielder but got converted to keeper when I tried out for BRYC when I was 11.

Connection: When did you realize playing college soccer was an option for you?

Breslin: Sophomore year is when I realized I could play in college. I made ABGC and had a coach who helped with recruiting a lot and knew how to push me and made me work harder.

Connection: How does your height (or lack thereof) affect the way you approach being a goalkeeper?

Breslin: Being 5 feet 8 means I have to have very good positioning and communicate as much as possible. I'm quick so that helps being able to come off my line and cut balls out early.

Connection: What is your favorite



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Former Woodson goalkeeper Brian Breslin will play soccer for Randolph-Macon College next season.

memory of playing soccer at Woodson?

Breslin: My favorite memory was beating Stonewall Jackson in PKs this year, and getting mobbed by the team.

Connection: What is the most difficult part of being a goalie?

Breslin: The most difficult aspect of being a goalie is learning how to forget mistakes you made and stay positive in situations where it's hard to keep a level head.

Connection: Have you ever tried a sport and found out you were embarrassingly bad at it?

Breslin: I went to a driving range with my family on vacation and found out that golf is the only sport that I play where I'm so bad to the point that I almost explode with frustration.

Connection: What do you like to do when you're not playing a sport?

Breslin: When I'm not playing sports I like playing FIFA, watching TV and hanging with my family because we are very close.

Connection: Are you a pro sports fan? Which team(s) do you root for?

Breslin: I'm a Wizards, Nationals, Redskins, and Real Madrid fan. I follow Madrid very closely; I either watch every Madrid game on TV or live stream it.

Connection: What location is the farthest you've traveled from the Washington, D.C. metro area?

Breslin: The farthest I've ever been from the U.S. is Aruba, which is also my favorite place I've ever been.

Connection: What's your favorite food?

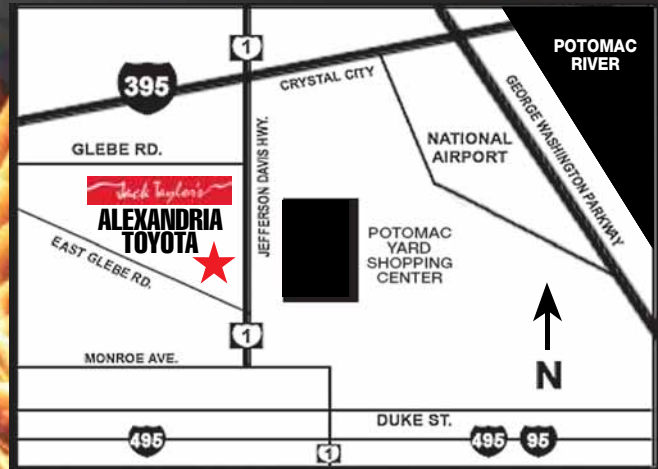
Breslin: My favorite thing to eat is calamari. I order it at most places where it's available.

Connection: What is your favorite movie?

Breslin: 'Braveheart' is my favorite movie.

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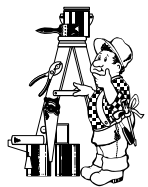
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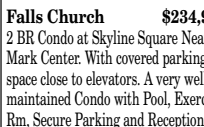


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