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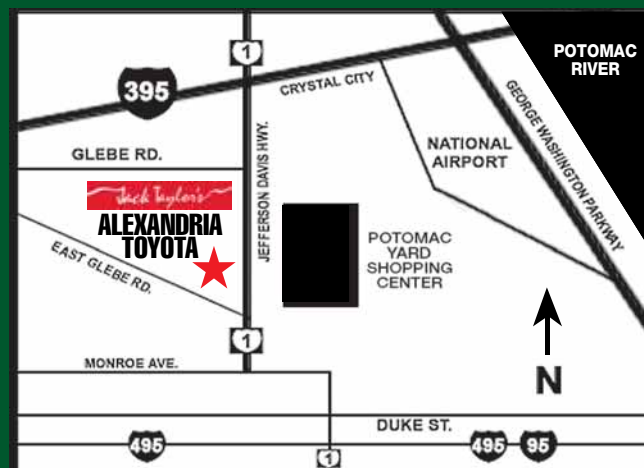
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Mega Sports, Fitness and Wellness Complex Approved for Springfield

435,000 square foot Sports/Fitness Complex to feature many sports under one roof.

The Board of Zoning Appeals approved a new 435,000 square-foot sports, fitness and wellness complex in Springfield on Wednesday called the St. James Sport and Wellness Center. Land use planners believe this facility will be the largest on the East Coast, next to Chelsea Piers in Connecticut.

St. James Group LLC will construct the two-story building at the 6800 block of Industrial Drive, near Backlick Road and the Mixing Bowl. This is the kind of development that Strategic Economic Success Plan encourages. This economic success plan calls for promoting healthy living through increased physical activity, better nutrition and expanded to recreation; creating places where people want to live, work and play; and re-using empty or obsolete commercial spaces.

The 24/7 complex will rise up on an industrial property that is owned by Washington Gas, and the utility's building and

parking lot will be torn down to make way for the new center.

Some of the features of the center include:

- ❖ A multi-purpose turf field for full-length competitive soccer, lacrosse, football, field hockey and softball.
- ❖ Two NHL regulation-sized ice rinks for hockey, figure skating, open skating and curling.
- ❖ Aquatics center.
- ❖ Basketball and volleyball center.
- ❖ Baseball and softball center.
- ❖ Golf and racquet center.
- ❖ Gymnastics and dance center.
- ❖ Laser tag, rock climbing walls, and party rooms in a family entertainment center.
- ❖ Health and wellness center that will include orthopedic medicine, pre- and post-operative rehabilitation and pediatric care.
- ❖ Health club with cardio and strength training equipment and yoga, spinning and Pilates studios.



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The 24/7 complex will rise up on an industrial property that is owned by Washington Gas, and the utility's building and parking lot will be torn down to make way for the new center.

The center will be membership based, but non-members will be able to sign up for programs. It will accommodate 1,240 people, plus 900 spectators. In addition to regular sports and fitness activities, the center plans to host special events like tournaments, meets and athletic showcases on weekends.

As part of its zoning approval, St. James will pay to build and install a bus shelter. The location is already served by Fairfax Connector, but the stop currently lacks a shelter. The complex also will provide 22 bike parking spaces, bike lanes on Industrial Drive and other road improvements.

Source <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/>

Daycare for Pets Opens in Springfield

Reserved Barking's second location finds home on Fullerton Road.

BY ABIGAIL CONSTANTINO
THE CONNECTION

Doggy daycare Reserved Barking opened its second location in Springfield on Saturday, March 19. But for owners Ahsan Saeed and Bilal Malik it is more than that.

"Dogs have become family members. This is not doggy daycare, this is a child care for dogs," said Saeed.

Saeed has a background in childcare centers. Malik, on the other hand, has a background in pet behavior and have been rescuing dogs since he was a child.

Reserved Barking in Springfield has separate sections for large and small dogs. Each section has introductory doors—half-doors that open into double-gated crates used to introduce a dog into the daycare area.

"We put the dog inside [the crate], let the energy calm down. Let the other dogs sniff and lose a bit of interest and then release the door and the dog goes into the pack," said Saeed. The introductory door is Malik's suggestion gained from



From left, Ahsan Saeed and Bilal Malik discuss the lessons they learned and obstacles they overcame in opening the second location of Reserved Barking in Springfield.

his background with animals.

Small and large dogs also have outdoor play areas, where dogs can play and relieve themselves.

Having an outdoor play area was very



From left, Laura Romero, Brian Umbach, Safa Baqir, Bilal Malik, Ahsan Saeed, Betsy Winslow Trimber and Ricardo Turcios cut the ribbon to officially open Reserved Barking in Springfield on Saturday, March 19.

important for Malik and Saeed. They did not want to open a facility that did not allow for an outdoor space.

"Having an outdoor area, it's [the dog's] natural habitat," said Malik, who has seen dogs regress on their potty training from spending time in daycares that have no outdoor capabilities.

Nancy-jo Manney, of the Greater Springfield Chamber of Commerce, said that people have a bigger and bigger love of pets. There are "lots of businesses that are pet friendly. There are banks in the area that are pet friendly. A lot more pet-related businesses are popping up."

Opening in the Springfield location has been quite a journey. They learned a lot

from doing the grunt work of opening in the new location.

Saeed and Malik said that Fairfax County's zoning ordinances are very strict and behind the times when it comes to businesses such as doggy daycares.

The county, said Malik, has not had the time nor the foresight to add doggy daycare in its zoning ordinance and thus applies rules of kennels to the facility.

"We are not a kennel," said Malik. "It's going to take a few years before doggy daycare becomes a household reality."

The Springfield location is at 7500 Fullerton Road. For more information about Reserved Barking and its services, go reservedbarking.com.

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NEWS

Community Foundation for Northern Virginia Awards \$380,000 in Local Grants

PHOTOS BY TIM PETERSON/THE CONNECTION

Five of 36 grant awardees speak at “Cocktails & Conversation” event.

BY TIM PETERSON
THE CONNECTION

When Lorton residents Marcy Mager and husband David Lunter’s daughter Michell Merhige was killed in 2009, they wanted to establish a scholarship in her honor but knew handling the financial logistics would be tricky.

“Michell was a very generous person, with her time and talents,” Mager said. “She was a businesswoman, worked for orphanages and the youth ministry at her church.”

Mager and Lunter adopted Merhige at 14. She had been homeless, lived in orphanages herself and foster homes.

Four years ago, Mager and Lunter connected with the Community Foundation for Northern Virginia, a philanthropy organization that helps connect donors around the region with the community. In Fiscal Year 2015, the Foundation awarded \$4.2 million in grants to local nonprofit organizations, faith groups and schools, and \$215,000 in scholarships to graduating high school seniors.

“They were a vehicle for us establishing this scholarship,” Mager said, which is now awarded to one graduating Fairfax County senior each year. With the Foundation administering the scholarship funds, it allows Mager and her husband to focus on collecting money and organizing the selection committee.

Though not necessarily a requirement, they tend to look for a senior who’s overcome obstacles, who may have been orphaned or spent time in foster homes like their daughter. Or it may be a student who has to work to help support their family.

Mager and Lunter joined other donors and members of the Community Foundation for Northern Virginia March 15 at the Capital Grille in McLean to celebrate the Foundation’s Community Investment Fund grantees.

With the biggest cycle of the year, the Foundation awarded \$380,418 to 36 organizations around Northern Virginia. The categories for nonprofits included Child, Youth Development and Education; Health, Mental Health and Aging; Poverty Relief; and Military Personnel and Their Families.

The 36 grantees were chosen from a field of 119 applications by committees filled with community experts in each field that were set up by the Community Foundation.

“These represent our most critical needs,” said Community Foundation of Northern Virginia president and CEO Eileen Ellsworth, of Oakton.

Representatives from one grantee from



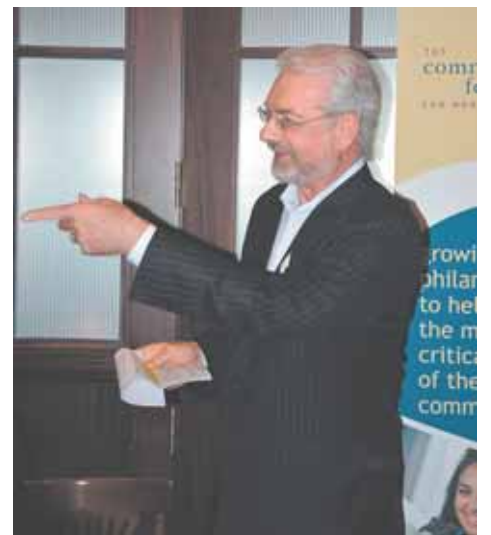
The Community Foundation for Northern Virginia hosted a “Cocktails & Conversation” event March 15 at the Capital Grille in McLean to celebrate awarding \$380,418 in 2016 Community Investment Grants.



Sari Raskin, director of Grants and Community Leadership for the Community Foundation for Northern Virginia, based in Oakton, speaks at the “Cocktails & Conversation” event March 15.



Maria Vasquez is executive director of INMED Partnerships for Children, which received a Community Investment Fund Grant for the Child & Youth Development category.



Community Foundation for Northern Virginia Board of Directors chair Paul Leslie, CEO of Dovel Technologies in McLean, said he loves having the opportunity “to be part of an organization that’s giving something back to the community, after building businesses here for 30 years.”



Jeanne Comeau is president and CEO of NAMI Northern Virginia, based in Reston, that received a Community Investment Fund Grant for the Health, Mental Health and Aging category. NAMI Northern Virginia is the local, self-sustaining chapter of the National Alliance on Mental Illness, serving Alexandria, Arlington, Fairfax, Falls Church, and Loudoun.



Ernie Spycher is Northern Virginia program manager of Serving Together, Mental Health Association of Montgomery County, that received a Community Investment Fund Grant for the Military Personnel & Their Families category.

each category said a few words about their nonprofit and the significance of the grant.

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Marcy Mager and husband David Lunter of Lorton worked with the Community Foundation for Northern Virginia to set up a scholarship in honor of their daughter who died in 2009.

which provides mental health and other services and resource information for military veterans and their families.

“The Community Foundation is more than a funder, they’re a partner,” Spycher said. “They help provide connections. It’s an amaz-

ing feeling, to know we have that support.”

For the full list of all 36 local nonprofits that were awarded 2016 Community Investment Grants, visit www.cfnova.org/our-programs/community-investment-funds/2016-awardees.

Paving Schedule for Lee District Discussed

Delegate Mark Sickles (D-43) and Supervisor Jeff McKay (D-Lee) met with representatives from the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) to discuss the 2016 spring paving schedule for Lee District.

"Meeting with VDOT was extremely productive and a testament to the tremendous benefits of the 2013 state transportation package," said Del. Sickles. "The new revenues generated by HB 2313 were desperately needed in order to meet our rapidly expanding infrastructure needs, and to restore VDOT's purchasing power by diversifying funding sources that were last adjusted in 1986."

"VDOT is now in its third year of the revitalized paving program with more than \$130 million budgeted for Northern Virginia. VDOT is making considerable effort to efficiently spend the new funding with maximum impact," said Del. Sickles. "It's encouraging to hear about VDOT's efforts to increase paving schedule transparency and accessibility with future rollouts of new online tools and their increased coordination with local government and utilities to implement projects with minimal impact on our communities. I look forward to working with VDOT throughout this year to reduce construction impacts to the maximum extent practicable."

"Today's meeting was another major step forward for our community and towards the repairing of our primary and secondary roads," said Supervisor Jeff McKay. "Delegate Sickles and I have been working with our neighborhoods to identify and resolve ex-



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isting transportation problems – and I'm pleased to see VDOT committing to help. In fact, crews are preparing to begin work as we speak.

"It's always good to have a strong state-local partnership, especially when we can partner together to improve the community. I couldn't be happier that we're again seeing a major state investment in our infrastructure."

Del. Sickles is a member of the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation. Supervisor McKay is a member of the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission.

WEEK IN SPRINGFIELD

Legislative Wrap-Up Forum

Learn what your area legislator did during the Virginia General Assembly at SALT's Richmond Wrap-Up on Sunday, April 3. The forum is from 2-4 p.m. at the Virginia International University Conference Room (VD-102), 4401 Village Drive, Fairfax.

Hear from state legislators. Bring your questions. Join the discussion.

For more information go to s-a-l-t.org/ or call 703-591-7042 ext. 352.

Nominations Accepted for No Roof Left Behind

Orion Home Improvement, of Fairfax is now accepting nominations for its fourth No Roof Left Behind (NRLB) Campaign in Fairfax and Arlington county and Alexandria. NRLB is a nationwide program that relies on local contractors to help provide free roofs to local community members in need.

Nominations are being accepted at <http://norooftleftbehind.com/program/va/1258/> now through April 30, 2016. Anyone can nominate a friend, neighbor or family member (even themselves) for a free new roof. From the submissions, Orion's community volunteers will select four finalists.

The four finalists' stories and photos will be displayed on Orion's No Roof Left Behind homepage. Public voting for the free roof winner will take place from May 8-22, 2016. The winner will be revealed May 29, 2016 and the roof will be installed shortly afterwards.

Nominees for Orion's current roof giveaway must own and reside in the home nominated and be a resident of either Fairfax or Arlington county or Alexandria. Free roof recipients must be current on his/her mortgage payments. For more information visit <http://www.orionhomeimprovements.com>.



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OPINION

Purple State

Nonpartisan redistricting could support the best interests of the population, not the politicians.

While the case of Virginia gerrymandering argued before the Supreme Court on March 21 does not impact Congressional Districts in Northern Virginia, it shows again that partisan efforts have diminished voter power in the Commonwealth.

This is one of multiple challenges in the courts about how political boundaries are drawn in Virginia.

Consider that in statewide elections, Virginia voters have chosen Democrats in the last two presidential elections, for U.S. Senate, for Governor, Lieutenant Governor and Attorney General, as we have said in previous editorials.

Here are the actual numbers:

In 2013:

McAuliffe (D) 1,069,789; Cuccinelli (R) 1,013,389

Northam (D) 1,213,155; Jackson (R)

980,257

Herring (D) 1,103,777; Obenshain (R) 1,103,612

In 2012:

Obama (D) 1,971,820; Romney (R) 1,822,522

Kaine (D) 2,010,067; Allen (R) 1,785,542

It's reasonable to assume that a state so evenly divided would be about evenly divided in political representation.

How is possible then that Virginia House of Delegates consists of 67 Republicans and 33 Democrats?

Why is it that Virginia's delegation to the U.S. House of Representatives consists of 11 Republicans and three Democrats?

Virginia's 11 Congressional districts should be split about evenly. You could understand a split of five Dems and six Republicans; or five Republicans and six Democrats. A four and

seven split would smack of some unusual circumstance. But three and eight?

The answer is gerrymandering. Political parties should not control the drawing of political districts. Gerrymandering thwarts the will of the voters.

Both political parties have been guilty of this when in power, although new technology and better data have made the process more egregious, the effects more damaging.

The courts will have a hand in redrawing boundaries in some Virginia districts. It's past time for courts to challenge political gerrymandering in general. Virginia's current system is an incumbent protection plan. Every incumbent who sought reelection to the General Assembly last November won. Why? Their districts were drawn for them, not for the voters who live there.

Virginia should embrace nonpartisan redistricting that supports the best interests of the population, not the politicians.

— MARY KIMM

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Hug Your Dog

To the Editor:

Dogs have always been a huge part of my life. My first dog, Leroy, was here before I was, and would follow me around the house to keep me out of trouble. He was some kind of German shepherd hound mix, so he was the biggest dog I've ever owned. When I was only four, we got a puppy.

She was a tiny fluffball named Lacy — a Yorkie/Bichon cross. We got her from a breeder, and I didn't understand that we should have gotten our puppy from a shelter. I mean, who cares, right? A puppy is a puppy.

Maybe a year or two years after Lacy came to the family, Leroy died, unfortunately, of cancer. He was only eight — way too young. Lacy was an only dog for a couple of years, and she loved it. However, that didn't last.

My mom decided that she wanted a puppy. She scoured the Internet, looking for the perfect puppy. They were all cute, but none were just right. Until, we came across a small litter of two Cavachons. Sugar and Sweetie were photographed in flower pots, work boots, flower cans, flower beds and covered in dirt. They were being sold from Lancaster, Pa. After lots of convincing, we took the four hour drive on my parent's anniversary to pick up one of the pups. She was supposed to be my mom's anniversary present, but as soon as I laid eyes on the two fluffy munchkins with their "adoptive mother" - a German shepherd - I knew that wasn't happening. She rode home in my arms, and the whole way we were thinking up a name. I was the one to pick it out. "Lulu!" And it stuck. Lulu was mine, I was hers. I started training her as soon as she turned four months. We did obedience, rally and showmanship. We even got so good that we won first place in shows. When she was about a year, I started



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My dogs have taught me that sometimes it's ok to slow down, take some deep breaths, and just hug your dog.

her in agility. She loved it. We got her CGC, we did more shows.

I registered her with AKC partners. Then the family decided we should foster dogs. The first foster we were emailed about was the one we chose. A black and white beagle mix, sweet. Oh, one more thing - she's pregnant. She wasn't recommended to us first time fosters, but whatever. We loved the face staring up at us. She had eight adorable puppies in the midst of a snow storm. We couldn't go anywhere, so it's good there weren't any complications. We found out that she was actually a beagle/springer Spaniel/other stuff. They were all named after Peanuts characters, mama was

Sally. She had a little bit of food aggression towards Lacy, but other than that she was perfect. She had nothing to do with what happened next. One day, while my mom was off at a meeting for work, Lulu started yelping. I was scared, so I said we should go to the vet. My dad said no. After about an hour of begging, though, he finally agreed. We went to Pender vet, and they promised to take good care of my three-year-old doggy. When they came back they delivered the news that she had medial luxating patella. As serious as that sounds, it's just the sliding in and out of the knee cap, but it is extremely painful. That meant that I couldn't jump her, so we couldn't do agility shows. Unless we got the surgery, which we still haven't decided on.

While thinking about this, I have realized that getting upset about the no-more-agility thing is extremely selfish. I should be really happy that nothing is seriously wrong with Lulu, and that at least now she can feel a little better. Have you ever heard that "life's about the journey, not about the destination?" I would agree with that, but it's really not true. Life is a destination. You need to slow down sometimes, and look at what you've accomplished. You don't always need to know exactly where to go, or what you are doing. You don't need to go anywhere! When you stop and think about it, life isn't a journey at all. Because you have to appreciate what you have, because that can change in an instant. I didn't know that the Sunday before we took Lulu to the vet might be the last time we did agility! My dogs have taught me that sometimes it's ok to slow down, take some deep breaths, and just hug your dog.

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Seventh-grader/Sydney Lanier Middle Fairfax

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News



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On a Bank Day, March 16, area students meet Burke & Herbert Bank chairman & CEO E. Hunt Burke: (From left) Micala Gimenez (Osborn Park HS, Manassas); CaiLynn Birts (Mt. Vernon HS, Mt. Vernon); Nisan Shretha (Hayfield HS, Alexandria); Mr. Burke; Olivia Ireland (West Potomac HS, Alexandria); Jordan Randle (St. Agnes/St. Stephens School, Alexandria); Yasmin Azam (Robinson Secondary, Fairfax); Melisa Dag (Lake Braddock Secondary, Burke); and Doriana Lichter (W.T. Woodson HS, Fairfax).

High School Seniors Tour Local Bank, Compete for Scholarships

On March 16, Virginia high school seniors from eight schools across the area spent the day at Burke & Herbert Bank as part of Bank Day, a statewide effort sponsored by the Virginia Bankers Association (VBA) Education Foundation and the Virginia Bankers Association Leadership Division. The purpose of the day is to expose students to the banking industry and provide an opportunity for the students to learn about banking, financial services and the vital role a bank plays in its community.

The third Tuesday in March was declared Bank Day by the Virginia General Assembly in 1991 and Burke & Herbert Bank hosted students for this program. From their experience, participating students will write an essay for the chance to win a scholarship. Six regional scholarships of \$2,500 each will be awarded, and from those six win-

ners an overall statewide winner will be chosen. The statewide winner will receive an additional \$5,000 scholarship and receive \$7,500 in total. There will also be six honorable mention scholarships of \$1,000 each. In all, twelve students will receive scholarships totaling \$26,000.

During their visit, the students visited with lenders to learn about the loan process, the importance of good credit, and the profile of a qualified borrower. They toured a branch and learned about the daily functions of a branch manager. They learned about Burke & Herbert Bank's involvement in the community and the importance of a bank in the vitality of its local community. Chairman & chief executive officer E. Hunt Burke shared his experience and a few stories with the students from the Bank's 163-year local history.

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Budget Town Hall. 7-9 p.m.
Community Room, West Springfield Government Center, 6140 Rolling Road, Springfield. County Executive Ed Long and representatives from the Department of Management and Budget will be available to answer questions. Sponsored by Supervisor Pat Herry (R-Springfield). 571-585-4540.

SATURDAY/APRIL 2

Breathe Out. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Fairfax United Methodist Church, 10300 Stratford Ave., Fairfax. Breathe Out has been developed to address teen stress. Registration required. breatheoutnow.wix.com/goldaward.

Donation Drop-Off. Noon-3 p.m. The Historic Sydenstricker Schoolhouse, 8511 Hooes Road, Springfield. Community drop-off for household items, clothing, etc. to be sold at upcoming yard sale. Donations tax-deductible. sydenstrickerschoolhouse.org.

SUNDAY/APRIL 3

Richmond Wrap-Up. 2-4 p.m. Virginia International Conference Room, 4401 Village Drive, Fairfax. Learn what your area legislator did during the Virginia General Assembly. Hear from state legislators. Bring your questions. Join the discussion. For more information go to s-a-l-t.org/ or call 703-591-7042 ext. 352.

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Gina Bucholz is comfortable behind the bar serving craft brews while the Rocklands truck out front deals with the food.



Neil and Anne Pappalardo frequent the Fair Winds parking lot in Lorton on certain weekends.

Food Trucks are the Kitchen at Local Breweries

Food trucks serving microbrewery customers across the area.

By Mike Salmon
The Connection

At Port City Brewing in the western Alexandria, the “pearl,” a layered dish of macaroni and cheese, baked beans and barbecue meat, is downed with a micro beer so it’s known to bring on a “food coma” of sorts. Port City is one of the many microbreweries that serve no food but rely on independent food trucks that pull out outside for their food source. The pearl is the creation of Rocklands Barbeque and Grilling Company, one of the trucks known around the circuit.

“They layer it in a bowl, it’s fantastic,” said Gina Buchholz, a Port City manager. “After eating it, you need a nap but it’s totally worth it,” she said.

FOOD TRUCKS serving microbrewery customers are a work-around that fits the bill at many microbreweries across the area though. Ever since the Virginia legislators passed State Bill 604 in May 2012, saying “tastings” were allowed at breweries, the number of breweries across the state multiplied. And people drinking beer need food, and that’s where the food trucks come in, like Rocklands that makes regular stops at Port City. “I think people appreciate having that as an option,” Bucholz said. Alexandria resident Derek Fargino, a Rocklands driver, said the menu “depends on what goes well with beer, we mix it

up.” Chadwick Kanney, a student from Roanoke, split a Rockland’s pork sandwich and beef brisket with her boyfriend. “We like to hit all the breweries around here,” she said.

Julie Drews, manager of the Brew Shop in Arlington, loves the food truck convenience when she’s sipping on “craft brew,” as it’s known. The Brew Shop sells craft beer and homebrewing supplies so Drews has her finger on the pulse of the local brew scene. “It’s a cool thing, they don’t have to have a kitchen and deal with all that,” she said.

According to Jennifer Guild, public relations Specialist at Virginia Alcoholic Beverages Control, SB 604 was a big deal. “Senator Jeffrey McWaters sponsored Senate Bill 604, which added additional privileges to the brewery license. Brewers formerly were required to obtain a second license to sell beer for off-premises consumption, and they had to obtain a restaurant license in order to sell beer for on-premises consumption. Under the new law, brewers are able to operate more like a Virginia farm winery, with on- and off-premises sales privileges combined into the brewery license,” she said, responding by email.

According to Guild, there is no food requirement to hold a brewery license. “More and more breweries take it upon themselves to invite food trucks and outside food delivery to their facility on higher traffic days,” she said.

Both the food trucks and breweries benefit from this arrangement, says Jeff Maisey, publisher/

editor Virginia Craft Beer Magazine, a monthly publication for the brew crafters in the area.

“Breweries want to brew and serve beer to their consumers without the hassle and expense of operating a kitchen/restaurant and food trucks have a captive audience at breweries as patrons get hungry” he said in an email.

Although legitimate restaurants and food trucks have had disputes before, “most breweries are in industrial areas not directly near an established restaurant,” said Maisey. This is true with Port City, which is located in warehouse area off the beaten path. “The breweries in downtown areas make the inclusion of food truck service less likely — as it should be,” said Maisey.

Arlington’s newest microbrewery, New District Brewing Company, does have a relationship with a nearby food truck vendor, which parks in front of the brewery when it’s open. So far, the arrangement is working.

Localities have adopted rules on the trucks as well. In Alexandria, the City Council adopted regulations last May that allow food truck vending in certain off-street locations, including private property, public property and farmer’s markets, with the permission of the property owners. The demand for the additional food choices provided by food trucks was part of their decision. In August 2015, Arlington launched a pilot program in Rosslyn for food trucks that creates four exclusive zones where vendors can offer restricted curbside lunch spots without having to compete for parking space with other vehicles, similar to an outdoor food court. In Arlington, the designated spots will be active weekdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.,

giving vendors at least two hours more than they are usually allowed in traditional parking spaces. The program is designed to create pedestrian-friendly food truck access for area workers and residents and the participation is voluntary, meaning food trucks can park in other areas of Rosslyn and the County, provided owners observe the parking rules for those streets.

ROCKLANDS DRIVER Derek Farino stops at the New District Brewing Company, as well, and even though it’s frequented by other food trucks, there’s plenty of business to go around. “We’re good friends with the other trucks,” he said. The Urban Bumpkin BBQ is one of the food truck competitors that specializes in handmade fried dough “native/Indian frybread” topped with a variety of ethnic treats cooked to order on the truck with wonton wraps. The food truck menus don’t really resemble a health food diet, but then again, it’s brewery food we’re talking about. They are part of the food truck community, according to Urban Bumpkin BBQ official John Nguyen. “The breweries have a rotation of different trucks for variety,” he said.

Neil Pappalardo drives his Grand Slam BBQ truck from Manassas to the parking lot of the Fair Winds brewery in Lorton where their big seller is the “Scotch Eggs,” a hard boiled egg wrapped in sausage. “I cannot make them fast enough,” he said, noting that the brisket and pot roast sandwiches do well at Fair Winds, as well. His truck also visits the Vint Hill area in Warrenton.

SPRING FUN & ENTERTAINMENT

Magical, Fictional ‘Almost, Maine’

Providence Players present a romantic-comedy aimed directly at the heart.

By David Siegel
The Connection

Love can be so utterly complex, yet so invigorating as the unexpected comes into view. But then what? The Providence Players will help answer what next in its production of the clever whimsy of “Almost, Maine.” The play is about the appeal of the love with all of its unconventional aspects by the usually grounded citizens of a small town not on any real map in northern Maine. And with surprises.

Written by award winning actor John Cariani, “Almost, Maine” is more than just a sly tale of what happens on a cold moonless night for the inhabitants of rural “Almost, Maine.” The plays provides charm and a chewiness as the characters share their prickly personalities, awkward moments, complicated relationships and search for that special someone to share life with. Veteran Providence Players director Chip Gertzog called the play “delightful, full of romance, mystery and plenty of humor. It is like



From left — Jack Read as Jimmy, Julie Janson as the waitress and Elizabeth Floyd as Sandrine in the Providence Players production of the comedy “Almost, Maine.”

little one-acts connected together in absurdly unexpected ways as it examines love from many angles.”

Gertzog said that “Almost, Maine” is a contemporary look about people who fall in love and work to remain in love; even with the inevitable bumps along the way. He promised a “delightful, crowd pleasing evening” for patrons.

Award-Winning ‘in a word’ Receiving Area Premiere

A dark comedy at Fairfax’s Hub Theater.

By David Siegel
The Connection

Fans of new plays have an opportunity to take in a “beautiful and funny play” about regular people trying to make sense of a family mystery, said Helen Pafumi, artistic director, Fairfax’s Hub Theatre. It is an imaginative tale written by award-winner Lauren Yee, called “in a word.”

“We have two people, besieged by a great loss, swimming in an abyss, and there seems to be no way to connect with each other,” said Pafumi. “But even after the hardships and the utter bone weariness that their lives have brought, two people find a way to say the right words at the right time in the right way to bring each other back.”

The mystery that the parents face is the disappearance of a son. Nothing makes sense. There is the mother, a seemingly blasé husband

PHOTO COURTESY OF HUB THEATER

The cast of “in a word,” from left, Kerri Rambow, Robert Bowen Smith and Colin Hovde.

and an incompetent detective along with the kidnapper as key characters. The mother delves back into her memories trying to peel away missing pieces even as grief and comedy collide.

Yee writes “about the good and bad things that make us ache inside. She is extremely adept with the poetry of her words, and highly tuned in to the human condition,” added Pafumi. “She writes what we love best at The Hub. Stories about our common humanity.”

In a sit-down interview with a number of the 14 member cast including, Amanda Ranowsky, Bob Thompson, Susan Kaplan, Jack Read, Elizabeth Floyd, Julie Janson and Allison Turkel, all were in unison that “Almost, Maine” will resonate with audiences. Their characters will seem honest people just trying to make their way in their convoluted world.

Where and When

Providence Players present “Almost, Maine” at James Lee Community Center Theater, 2855 Annandale Road, Falls Church. Performances April 1 to April 16. Thursday, Friday and Saturday at 7:30 p.m., with Sunday Matinees on April 3 and 10 at 2 p.m. Tickets \$17-\$20. Call 703-425-6782 or visit www.providenceplayers.org.

For Ranowsky her character Ginette is “a sensitive, trusting soul who can be so awkward and quiet.” Thompson described his character East as “just a regular guy, set in his ways, yet finding himself fixing someone’s broken heart.” Kaplan’s Glory is a “nervous person in need of mending her heart.” Janson described her character Rhonda as “that person we all know, acting all cool on the outside, to cover her inner fears.”

Inviting audiences to the production, Floyd said it “will resonate with everyone, they will know these people as real people,” while Turkel noted that the play depicts “many trajectories of emotion as the characters begin to expose their inner feelings.”

“This is not a goofy play, but one where humor is heartfelt and real,” said Reed. “Almost, Maine,” a romantic-comedy aimed directly at the heart.

Where and When

“in a word” presented by the Hub Theatre performed at The John Swayze Theatre, The New School of Northern Virginia, 9413 Silver King Court, Fairfax. Performances April 1 to April 24. Fridays at 8 p.m., Saturdays at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m. Tickets \$30, \$20 for 65+ seniors and for students. Call 800-494-8497 or visit www.thehubtheatre.org.

struggles and joys as the parent of a young child in this play.” Yee uses “absurdist, magical-realist humor to discuss trauma, grief and a basic, and the desperate need for connection.”

“in a word” demands actors who are smart, honest and collaborative, noted Bassett. He has cast three actors, all of whom are 2016 Helen Hayes Theater Award nominees including Colin Hovde, Kerri Rambow and Robert Bowen Smith.

Time is fluid in the play. There will be shifts, jumps, fights, re-winds, even trees growing before the audience’s eyes. But, it is a play that depicts how strong human connections can be, even in the worst of times.



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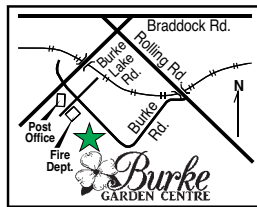
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News



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The Burke Centre Library book sale is organized by the Friends of the Burke Centre Library. Volunteers collected some 10,000 donations for the sale that ran Thursday, March 17 till Sunday, March 20.

Great Finds at the Burke Book Sale

BY ABIGAIL CONSTANTINO
THE CONNECTION

The Burke Centre Library book sale had a steady trickle of customers despite the steady trickle of rain on Saturday, March 19.

Volunteers spent hours processing and pricing some 10,000 donations for the four-day book sale.

“Everyday, all day, every time the library’s open” donations came in, said Joy Whittington, the book

sale chair of the Burke Centre Friends of the Library.

Books are priced between a quarter to a third of how much it would cost on Amazon.

Behind a glass book case are more expensive or rare items but they still only cost between \$5 to \$15.

Allen Schmidt, of Fairfax Station, found something he’s been looking for for a few years, a first edition Brad Thor book that costs \$60 on Amazon. He paid \$2. The four-day sale netted over \$11,000, which will be used to support the library and its programs.

VIEWPOINTS

What did you find today? What do you look for when you shop at library book sales?

“Looking for books for our grandkids. There’s a wide variety of books that you can get here—anything from kids book to historical books to just fun books to read.”

—**State Sen. George Barker (D-39), Clifton**



“Photo books that cost in the area of \$50 each. Here they cost \$2, \$3...less than \$10.”

—**Malcolm Phillips, Fairfax**



“I found three books—‘A Train in Winter,’ ‘Provence 1970’ and ‘The Good Earth.’ I find books that have been on my reading list for years but I never seem to make it to the library. But I like owning books, so when I find books that have been on my list and they’re a good price, it’s great to take advantage of that.”

—**Ellen Olson, Burke**



“I found a Brad Thor first edition book that I’ve been looking for for five or six years. It’s \$60 on Amazon and it’s \$2 here.”

—**Allen Schmidt, Fairfax Station.**



“A Santana CD so far. I’m pretty eclectic. I buy anything. I’ve bought old English navy novels...any kind of thing.”

—**Steve Strobidge, Springfield**



“Just some normal books, Chapter books for girls, Baby Sitters Little Sister’s series. I like a lot of books of those series.”

—**MacKenzie Maisel, 9, Woodbridge**



FAITH NOTES

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Harvester Presbyterian Church will hold Easter Sunday Service on March 27 from 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. The church is located at 7800 Rolling Road, Springfield. www.harvesterpca.org

An Easter Cantata, “Risen,” will be presented at **Jubilee Christian Center** on Easter Sunday, March 27, 8:45 and 11 a.m. services. The center is located at 4650 Shirley Gate Road, Fairfax. There is no Easter Sunday evening service. Call 703-383-1170, or see www.jccag.org.

Lenten Soup Supper. Fridays from Feb. 26-March 18. 5:30-7 p.m. will be offered at **Holy Spirit School** Cafeteria, 8800 Braddock Road, Annandale. Meatless soup suppers on Fridays during Lent, followed by the Stations of the Cross in the Church at 7 p.m. Free. Contact Lambie Renner, lrenner@holyspiritchurch.us.

Jubilee Christian Center of Fairfax is restarting its “Living Free” support groups for the Spring on Wednesdays, starting on Mar. 30, 7:15 p.m. The support groups are free, and will cover “Stepping into Freedom,” “Concerned Persons Group” (for family and friends of addicts), “Understanding and Overcoming Depression,” “The Image of God in You,” and “Handling Loss and Grief.” There will also be support groups meeting on Sundays, 10:10 a.m. 4650 Shirley Gate Road, Fairfax. For information or to register, call 703-383-1170, email livingfree@jccag.org or see www.jccag.org.

Fairfax Baptist Temple, at the corner of Fairfax County Parkway and Burke Lake Roads, holds a bible study fellowship at 9 a.m. Sundays followed by a 10 a.m. worship service. Nursery care and children’s church also provided. 6401 Missionary Lane, Fairfax Station, 703-323-8100 or www.fbtministries.org.

The Guhyasamaja Buddhist Center, 10875 Main St., Fairfax City provides free classes to both newcomers and advanced practitioners of Tibetan Buddhism. The center emphasizes working with the mind and learning how to understand the workings of the mind, overcoming inner causes of suffering, while cultivating causes of happiness. Under the direction of Lama Zopa Rinpoche, the center is a place of study, contemplation and meditation. Visit <http://www.guhyasamaja.org> for more information.

Lord of Life Lutheran offers services at two locations, in Fairfax at 5114 Twinbrook Road and in Clifton at 13421 Twin Lakes Drive. Services in Fairfax are held on Saturdays at 5:30 p.m. and Sundays at 8:30 and 10 a.m. Services in Clifton are held on Sundays at 8:15 and 10:30 a.m. 703-323-9500 or www.Lordoflifeva.org.

CALENDAR

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ONGOING

Scholarship. Deadline April 1. The Bull Run Civil War Round Table in Centerville is offering a \$1,500 scholarship to a high school senior who resides in Fairfax or Prince William counties and will attend college or community college in fall 2016. Information and application instructions can be found at <http://bullruncwrt.org>.

Cell Phones for Soldiers. March 1-April 18. Liberty Tax, 5622-G Ox Road, Fairfax Station. Donate unwanted cell phones to help active duty military and vets call loved ones. 703-323-5580.

FUN-Exercise. Thursdays, noon-12:50 p.m. Grace Presbyterian Church Family Room, 7434 Bath St., Springfield. Inova certified exercise instructor leads a moderate level exercise class with music and current events conversation. Muscle, Balance, Strength Training using stretch bands and weights both standing and seated exercises. Instructor donation is \$5. Contact Chris Moore at moorefitt@yahoo.com or 703-499-6133.

Lake Accotink Park Campfire Saturdays. March 26, April 16, May 14. Starts between 6:30-7 p.m. Lake Accotink Park, 7500 Accotink Park Road, Springfield. Adventure awaits as you explore the woodlands and Lake Accotink spots where wildlife hides and resides, guided by a naturalist. Program ends with a cozy campfire. Bring whatever you like to

roast. S’mores provided. Topics vary each month. \$8-\$10. <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/lake-accotink/>.

Foon Sham: Culture House. Through April 3. W-16 Vulcan Gallery, 9518 Workhouse Way, Lorton. Foon Sham was born in Hong Kong and received a BFA from the California College of Arts and Crafts, and a MFA from Virginia Commonwealth University. He is professor of Art at the University of Maryland, College Park. www.workhousearts.org. 703-585-2900.

Spotlight on the Arts Festival. April 15-May 9. Various locations. Celebrates three decades of arts in the City of Fairfax. fairfaxspotlight.org.

“Reflections of the Spirit” Art Exhibition. April 3-May 1. Workhouse Arts Center, 9601 Ox Road, Lorton. Exhibit by artist, Kathy Strauss. workhousearts.org. 703-492-8215.

Skating Equipment Collection. Mondays, 7-9 p.m. through May 9. Fairfax Ice Arena, 3779 Pickett Road, Fairfax. Gently used skating equipment needed for Kids on Ice. For information, contact dondes@cox.net.

SATURDAY/MARCH 26

Easter Egg Hunt. 10-11:30 a.m. Sangster Elementary School, 7420 Reservation Drive, Springfield. Parkway Bible Church will hold an Easter Egg Hunt.

There will be separate egg hunts for the little tykes and the school aged kids. Pre-K and school-aged children and families. Free. www.parkwaybibleva.org.

Breakfast and Easter Egg Hunt. 9 a.m. Grace Presbyterian Church,

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Children’s Performance Series.

10:30 a.m. Old Town Hall, 3999 University Drive, Fairfax. Good Gollie, It’s Mollie. Free. fairfaxarts.org.

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SATURDAY-SUNDAY/MARCH 26-27

Laurel Hill Junior Shootout. Laurel Hill Golf Club, 8701 Laurel Crest Drive, Lorton. By the Hurricane Junior Golf Tour (HJGT). Open to golfers 8-18 years old. Register by March 16. <http://hjgt.org/>.

FRIDAY/APRIL 1

Annual Funfair. 6-9 p.m. Cardinal Forest Elementary School, 8600 Forrester Blvd., Springfield. family friendly event that combines food, a raffle, carnival type games as well as moon bounces, a rock wall and an obstacle course to create an exciting, fun-filled evening. Tickets for sale at the door to purchase food, play games and enter the raffle. More information at <https://sites.google.com/site/cardinalforestpta/home/Funfair>

FRIDAY-SATURDAY/APRIL 1-2

Children’s Consignment Sale. Friday, 9 a.m.-8 p.m. Saturday, 9 a.m.-noon. Cameron United Methodist Church, 3130 Franconia

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SATURDAY/APRIL 2

Local Civil War Sites in Fairfax Station, Clifton and Centreville. 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Departs from Fairfax Station Railroad Museum, 11200 Fairfax Station Road, Fairfax Station. Local Civil War Historian, John McAnaw, will lead the tour. Good walking shoes advised. Brown bag lunch or eat at a nearby Centreville restaurant. events@fairfax-station.org. 703-425-9225.

SUNDAY/APRIL 3

Hands On Activities Day. 1-4 p.m. Fairfax Station Railroad Museum, 11200 Fairfax Station Road, Fairfax Station. A variety of education activities including train modeling and history will be featured. Local experts may be available to demonstrate techniques with track layouts, scenery design, building and painting. Other activities might focus on artifact restoration and preservation. Materials are included in the admission. Free-\$4. www.fairfax-station.org. 703-425-9225.

MONDAY/APRIL 4

Annual Meeting of Fairfax Station Railroad Museum. 7:30 p.m. 11200 Fairfax Station Road, Fairfax Station. Local Eagle Scout Project Leaders will be honored that evening for their contributions and work for the Museum. A video presentation will be shown that evening to showcase the Scouts' projects. fairfax-station.org.

FRIDAY/APRIL 8

Fairfax Volunteer Awards. 8 a.m. The Waterford, 6715 Commerce St., Springfield. Join Volunteer Fairfax, Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, and other community leaders to celebrate the work of volunteers. Purchase tickets by April 4. \$50. For information and tickets go to www.volunteerfairfax.org.

SATURDAY/APRIL 9

Opening Reception. 6-9 p.m. W-9, Workhouse Arts Center, 9601 Ox Road, Lorton. Artist Kathy Strauss will be present for her exhibit "Reflections of the Spirit." workhousearts.org.

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Shamanism - An Introduction. 2-4 p.m. Unity Spiritual Center, 8136 Old Keene Mill Road, Springfield. Three-part series exploring the fundamental aspects of Shamanism. \$20/\$55. 410-733-0994.



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SATURDAY/APRIL 2

Spring Forward. 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Providence Community Center, 3001 Vaden Drive, Fairfax. Celebrate foster and adopted families with face painting, balloon making, and more for the whole family. Free/\$5. formedfamiliesforward.org. 703-539-2904.

FRIDAY-SUNDAY/APRIL 8-10

Spring Book Sale. Friday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Sunday, 1-3 p.m. Fairfax Regional Library, 10360 North St., Fairfax. Thousands of gently read books in all categories including art and architecture, history, military, cooking, gardening, spirituality, reference, classic and popular fiction. Big selection of DVDs, CDs, and audiobooks. 703-644-4870.

SATURDAY/APRIL 9

City of Fairfax Yardsale. 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Green Acres, 4401 Sideburn Road, Fairfax. Proceeds benefit the 2016 City of Fairfax Independence Day Celebration. Donated items may be dropped off at Green Acres on Friday, April 8 between 5-8 p.m. Do not price items. No adult clothing or books. Free. 703-485-7858.

SUNDAY/APRIL 17

Ninth Annual Spotlight Bluegrass Festival. 6 p.m. The Auld Shebeen, 3971 Chain Bridge Road, Fairfax. fairfaxspotlight.org.

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Woodson sophomore attackman Bobby Solomon, left, had one goal and two assists against Chantilly on March 19.



Woodson goalie Nathan Kim had 11 saves against Chantilly on March 19.



Woodson senior attackman Nick Roberts scored six goals against Chantilly on March 19.

Woodson Boys' Lax Falls to Chantilly in OT

Attackman Roberts scores six goals in defeat.

BY JON ROETMAN
THE CONNECTION

The Woodson boys' lacrosse team showed on March 19 that it has what it takes to compete with the region's elite.

However, the Cavaliers also received a reminder that they need to finish the job.

Facing a Chantilly program that finished state runner-up last season and has reached the state final six of the last eight seasons, Woodson led by three goals in the third quarter and by one with less than 20 seconds remaining, but couldn't put away the Chargers.

After Chantilly's Colin Zimmerman netted the game-tying goal with 8 seconds remaining in regulation, Chantilly's Colin Meehan ended the game with an overtime goal, giving the Chargers a 15-14 victory over Woodson at Robinson Secondary School.

Woodson led 12-9 in the third quarter but Chantilly scored the next four goals, briefly taking a 13-12 lead when Zimmerman scored with 9:10 left in the fourth quarter.

Senior attackman Nick Roberts' goal with 2:34 remaining gave Woodson a 14-13 advantage. The Cavaliers needed a stop in the closing seconds to pull out the win, but Chantilly's playmakers came through.

"I think it's a good group of guys," Woodson head coach Ryan Hilliard said. "Fourteen seniors, we've been through a lot. We're all experienced enough to realize it's early. We obviously want to beat Chantilly. It's a non-district game [and] it's only going to help us get better."

Roberts scored six goals for the Cavaliers. Junior attackman Jackson Miller finished with three goals and three assists and senior attackman Noah Guttendorf totaled three goals.

Sophomore attackman Bobby Solomon and junior midfielder Alex Olson each scored one goal. Solomon and senior attackman Ian Lefcourt each had two assists.

Hilliard praised junior goalkeeper Nathan Kim, who finished with 11 saves.

"I thought Nathan played great," Hilliard

said. "He was getting shelled. Meehan and Zimmerman we definitely giving him their best shots every time."

Woodson won 22 of 31 faceoffs, thanks in part to senior midfielder/faceoff A.J. Krstulovic, who won 11 of 16. Junior Jung Hun Shin won 10 of 13.

Woodson opened the season with a 19-6 victory over Mount Vernon on March 17 and, after the loss to Chantilly, responded with a 17-6 win over Fairfax.

Woodson faced McLean on Wednesday, after The Connection's deadline. The Cavaliers will host Lake Braddock at 7:15 p.m. on Tuesday, March 29.

"We feel like if we can put some things together, we can certainly compete with the top teams in the region," Hilliard said, "but ... we've got to keep getting better."

Robinson Boys' Lax Avenges Loss to Yorktown

BY JON ROETMAN
THE CONNECTION

The Robinson boys' lacrosse team suffered losses against two public school opponents during its state-championship season of 2015.

Robinson got another crack at one of those opponents on March 19 and the Rams were out for payback.

Facing a Yorktown team that opened the season with victories over perennial powers Chantilly and Langley, the Rams avenged last season's loss to the Patriots with a 7-3 victory at Robinson Secondary School.

Robinson shut out Yorktown in the first half and never trailed.

After opening the 2015 season with five straight wins, Robinson lost to Yorktown, 7-5.

"We lost to these guys last year," Robinson head coach Matt Curran said. "Not that that was the only motivation — obviously we want to win every game — but, yeah, we wanted this one."

Curran praised the Rams' defensive effort, specifically the performances of senior goalkeeper Matthew Bethard and junior



Robinson senior Johnny Daniel, seen during the Rams' season opener against Broad Run, scored five goals against Yorktown on March 19.

defenseman Joe Otero, who matched up against Yorktown standout C.J. Stowell.

"I think, offensively, we could have played better," Curran said, "but I'm not sure if, defensively, we could have ... been better prepared or played better — executed that

game plan better than we did."

While the Robinson defense shined, senior Johnny Daniel took care of the offense. The VMI-bound attackman scored five goals and was the only player to score in the first half as the Rams built a 3-0 halftime advantage.

"I thought he was unbelievable because, for the most part, he was playing against one of the best long poles in the area in Conor Shears," Curran said. "... I think that makes the performance that much better."

Senior midfielder Austin Henry and junior attackman Liam Curran each scored one goal for Robinson.

Yorktown scored a pair of goals in the first two minutes of the second half, cutting Robinson's lead to 3-2. Yorktown's Pearson Savarino scored his second goal of the game with 3:22 remaining in the third quarter, pulling the Patriots within one at 4-3, but the Rams outscored the Patriots 3-0 in the fourth quarter.

"Coming into this game, a lot of the emphasis was on coming back and beating them this year — getting a little revenge on them," Bethard said. "Everyone just wanted it a little more. All the seniors really wanted ... to beat them this year. They wanted to shut them up from last year."

Robinson lost to Northern 7-5 on March 21, dropping the Rams' record to 2-1.

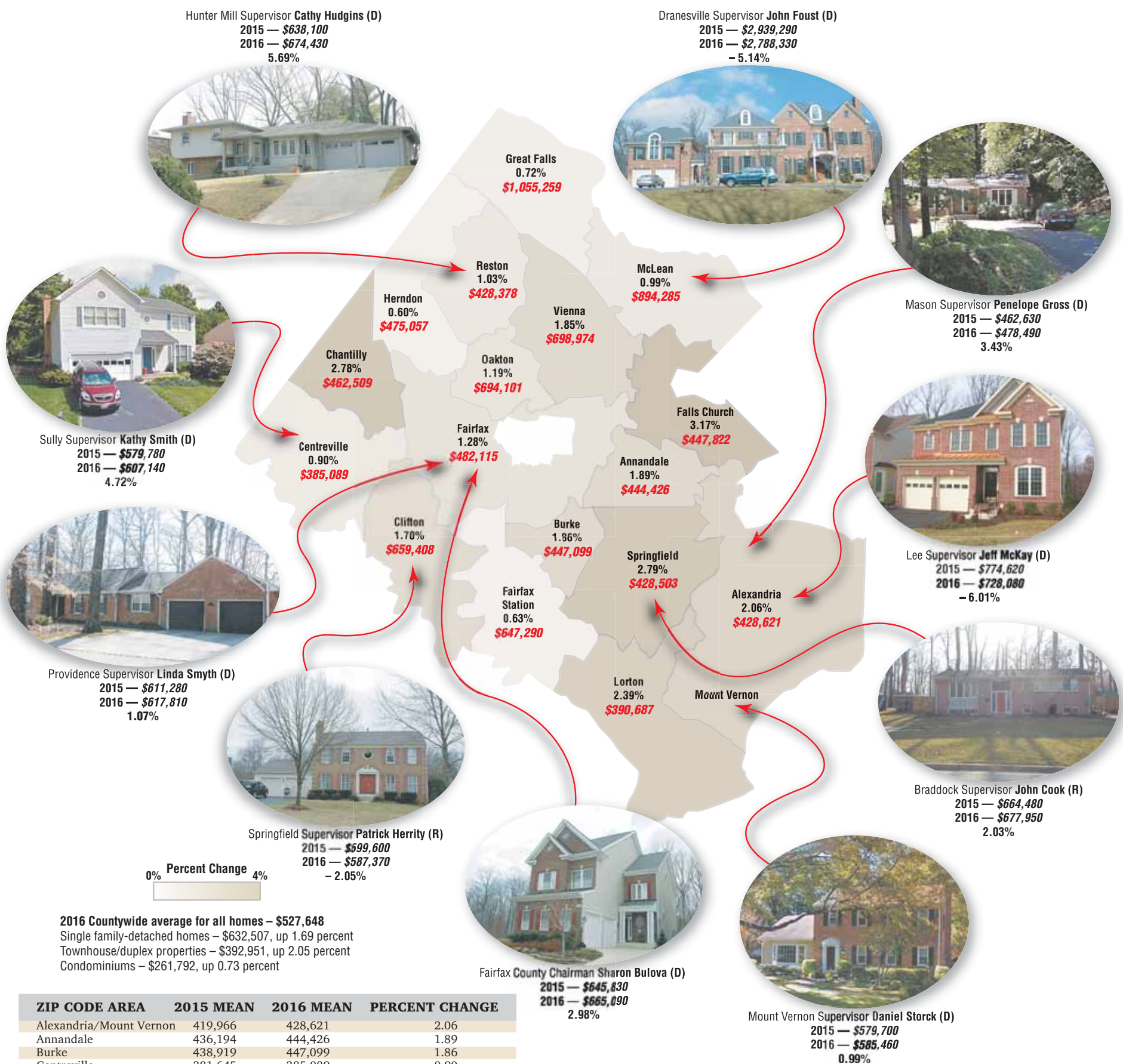
Robinson faced Langley on Wednesday, after The Connection's deadline. The Rams will host St. Ignatius College Prep (Illinois) at 7:15 p.m. on Tuesday, March 29.

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Burke	438,919	447,099	1.86
Centreville	381,645	385,089	0.90
Chantilly	450,015	462,509	2.78
Clifton	648,374	659,408	1.70
Fairfax	476,037	482,115	1.28
Fairfax Station	643,207	647,290	0.63
Falls Church	434,062	447,822	3.17
Great Falls	1,047,755	1,055,259	0.72
Herndon	472,236	475,057	0.60
Lorton	381,572	390,687	2.39
McLean	885,556	894,285	0.99
Oakton	685,967	694,101	1.19
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ABC LICENSE

Chipotle Mexican Grill of Colorado, LLC trading as Chipotle Mexican Grill, 6230 Rolling Rd, Ste Y, West Springfield, VA 22152. The above establishment is applying to the VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL (ABC) for a Beer On Premises license to sell or manufacture alcoholic beverages. M. Steven Ellis, Manager
NOTE: Objections to the issuance of this license must be submitted to ABC no later than 30 days from the publishing date of the first of two required newspaper legal notices. Objections should be registered at www.abc.virginia.gov or 800-552-3200.

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PUBLIC HEARING FOR TOWN OF CLIFTON

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO SPECIAL USE PERMIT

JOINT PUBLIC HEARING TOWN OF CLIFTON PLANNING COMMISSION AND CLIFTON TOWN COUNCIL

April 5, 2016

Notice is hereby given that the Town of Clifton Planning Commission and the Town Council will hold a joint Public Hearing on Tuesday, April 5, 2016 at 7:30 P.M. at the Town Meeting Hall, 12641 Chapel Road, Clifton, VA 20124 to consider a request for a special use permit for Peterson's Ice Cream Depot, located at 7150 Main Street. The special use permit request includes an expansion of the existing use, including, but not limited to, the increase in number of seats; an increase in parking; an expansion of the hours of operation; an increase in employees, from the previously issued special use permit. The application for this special use permit is available for review and downloading on the Town's website at www.clifton-va.com and a hard copy may be examined at the Clifton Post Office, 12644 Chapel Road, Clifton VA, 20124. All interested parties are invited to attend the joint public hearing of the Town of Clifton Planning Commission and the Town Council and express their views with respect to the requested special use permit for Peterson's Ice Cream Depot.

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This meticulously colonial has 5 Bedrooms, 3.5 Baths on 3 finished levels. Almost 3,200 total square feet. Lower level is a walk out to premium wooded lot.
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Gainesville \$539,900
Heritage Hunt 55+ (50+ ok). Updated 3 level beauty! 4BA, 4BA, Hdws on 2 levels, Gourmet Kitchen with new SS appliances & Quartz counters, Living, Dining, Sunroom, Loft Fin LL with Rec room, BR, BA & storage. 2 car Garage, Irrigation system, HVAC 2013, Tankless HWH. Cul de sac. WATER VIEW!
Amanda Scott 703-772-9190



Fairfax Station \$1,079,000
Gorgeous 5 Bedroom, 3 Full/2 Half Bath Home. Approx 6400 sq ft. 3 Finished Levels. 5+ acres. Gourmet Kitchen, Large Formal Dining Room, Hardwood & Ceramic Tile Flooring, Large Library with Custom Built-In Bookshelves. Much More.
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Haymarket \$649,900
Pristine home overlooking pond, golf course & mountains. Stunning views from screened porch, deck & patio. 3BR, 3BA with MBR on main & fin. LL. Close to clubhouse & amenities in 55+ Regency. See <http://15478-legacy.LFlisting.com>.
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Cathy DeLoach 571-276-9421



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Heritage Hunt 55+. Beautiful 3 fin levels. Golf course view! 3BR, 3BA, Den/BR 4, Kitchen with new SS Appliances, Hdwd, Dining, Family room with Gas Fireplace, main level MBR with WIC, Loft. Walkout LL with Rec room & BA (poss in-law suite), 2 car Garage, Deck, Patio, backs to trees!
Amanda Scott 703-772-9190



Lake Anna \$549,900
Immaculate custom built 4 bedroom, 3 bath Lake Anna Access home in park like setting.
David Lewis 703-980-3090



Springfield \$570,000
Bigger Than It Looks. 5BR/5BA. First floor in-law-suite with separate entrance. Fabulous MBR suite with separate sitting room. BR #2 with full bath. Updated Kitchen. Open floor plan. Great room with fireplace & doors to deck. Lower level rec room opens to carport. List price is LOWER than appraised value.
Ki Hatch 571-214-1870



Spotsylvania \$610,000
Beautiful horse property near Lake Anna. 15 acres with option to purchase all 48, 3 ponds, and 7600 sq. ft. barn. Home features double front porch, 4 bed, 4 baths, finished basement, hardscrapped hickory floors, time to choose cabinets, countertops, appliances.
Jonda Light 540-455-8333



Arlington \$435,000
This spacious 2 BR, 1 BA condo w/sunroom, gourmet kitchen, granite, ss appliances, new carpet, garage space w/built-ins and walk-in closet is in the heart of Arlington. 1 block to metro and 2 blocks to mall.
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