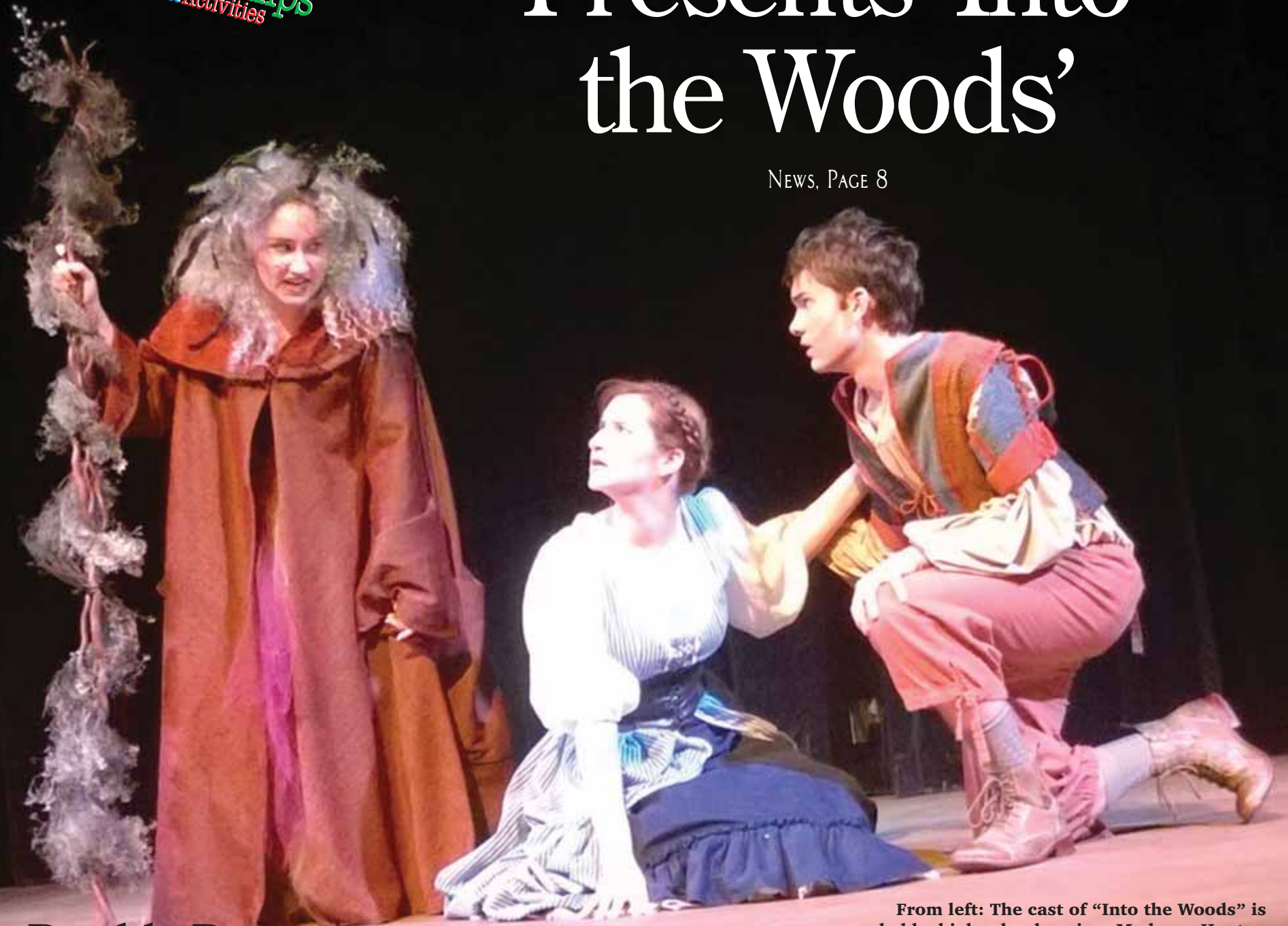




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From left: The cast of "Into the Woods" is led by high school seniors Madyson Hanton as the Witch, Julia Mahon Kuzin as the Baker's Wife and Matthew Cook as the Baker.

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**A renovation of Cherry Run Elementary School will add 21,000 square feet of space.**



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**Water in Woodglen Lake was drawn down as part of a \$3 million dredging project that is now mostly complete.**

## Neighborhood Development Outlook Update

BY TIM PETERSON

### 1 Burke Junction

*Guinea Road and Zion Drive area*

The site plan for a development of 17 single-family homes has been approved and the developer expects to start clear land at the end of April. Efforts to preserve the historical and environmental integrity of the site include the Potomac Chapter of the Virginia Native Plant society moving native plants to the site of a stormwater restoration project that was recently completed, as well as relocating the old post office that stood on the property to the grounds of the Silas Burke House.

### 2 Christopher at Kenilworth

*Braddock Road near Dequincy Drive*

The site plan for a development of nine single-family homes should be completed in the next 30 days. Construction should be under way this summer.

### 3 Giant Food at University Mall

*10681 Braddock Road*

Site plan review should be finished soon for renovation that would increase the size of the existing store considerably, up to 58,000 square feet. Construction dates are yet to be determined.

### 4 Lake Royal Dredging

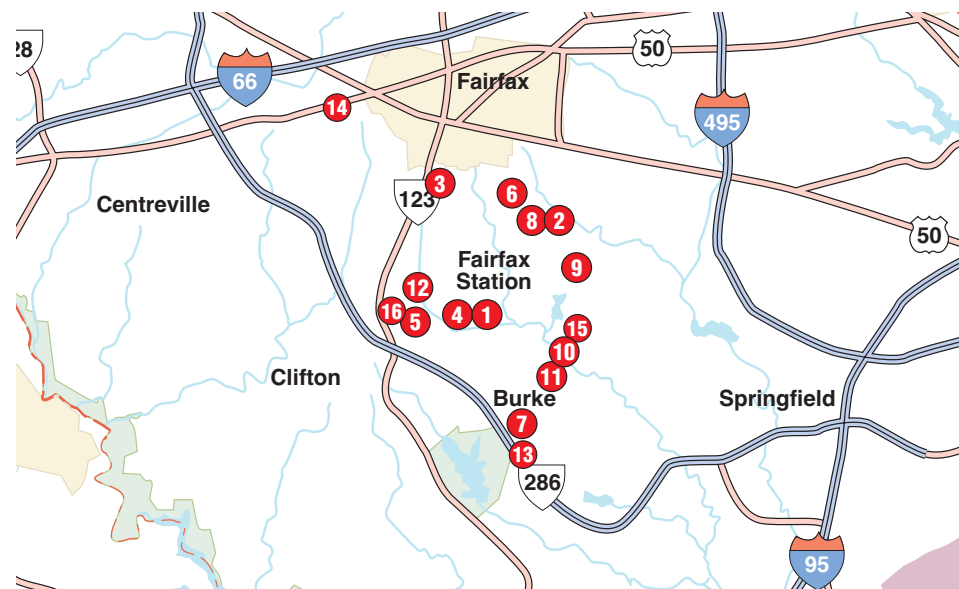
*Northeast of Guinea Road and Zion Drive*

The last of the area's lakes to be dredged, Royal's ten acres of dredged material will be more difficult to relocate than Woodglen Lake's five. The lake will be drawn down over the course of the summer, 2016. Supervisor Cook (R-Braddock) will host an informational "Pardon Our Dust" meeting about the \$6 million, year-long project on May 9 at Laurel Ridge Elementary School.

### 5 New Chick-fil-A

*5793 Burke Centre Parkway*

Chick-fil-A is moving into a former bank building near the Burke Kohl's. The project is currently under site plan review.



### 6 Northern Virginia

*Training Center 9901 Braddock Road*

All residents of the former state-owned residence and treatment facility for individuals with disabilities were relocated by March 2016, though some were moved to group homes sitting on the site's 80-acre property. The Commonwealth is in the process of selling the land and is in contract negotiations with the winning corporate offer. Currently, four acres of the land are planned to be held aside for construction of a new Department of Motor Vehicles office that would replace the one currently at Fair Oaks Mall.

### 7 Park Glen development

*5 acres around 6408 Spring Lake Drive*

The developer Van Metre is working on a subdivision of 12 single-family homes.

### 8 Penn's Crossing Subdivision

*Braddock Road and Dequincy Drive*

Construction is still underway on this ten-home infill project located around Braddock Road and Dequincy Drive. The land had been owned by the Penn family and sits within the Briarwood area.

### 9 Pilgrim Community Church

*4925 Twinbrook Road*

The plan for a 20,687-square-foot addition to the church with internal, private education facility, on 5.16 acres (zoned R-1) has been approved. Construction is expected to start over the summer.

### 10 Silas Burke House

*Along Burke Lake Road between Burke Centre Parkway and Shiplest Boulevard*

Site plan is under review as Sunrise Senior Living is planning to build an assisted living facility behind the Silas Burke House. At a date yet to be determined, the historic house will be joined on the top of the hill by the old post office from Burke Junction.

### 11 Townes at Burke Lake Crossing

*9537 Burke Lake Road*

Rezoning for Christopher Companies' planned 12 townhomes at the intersection of Burke Lake Road and Shiplest Boulevard has been approved and the project is now on to a site plan review.

### 12 Woodglen Lake Dredging

*Burke-Fairfax Station*

The project began with fish relocation to Lake Accotink in November 2014 and is now nearly complete. The contractor is adding vegetative plugs to the bottom of the lake that will support a new fish population. In late May or June this summer, the Department of Game and Inland Fisheries will begin restocking the lake with fish, the first in a three-year cycle.

### 13 Cherry Run Elementary School

*9732 Ironmaster Drive, Burke, VA 22015*

Work is just getting underway on a full renovation of the elementary school, adding 21,000 square feet and replacing an outdoor modular of eight classrooms for students with disabilities. The project should take around 20 months to complete and includes upgrades to all spaces, music classrooms, art labs, multi-purpose spaces and spaces for specialists such as counselors that do not currently exist in the school.

### 14 Forest Ridge

*Lee Highway at Forest Hill Drive*

NV Homes is working with an approved site plan to build 40 single-family homes. Land clearing began earlier in April, 2016.

### 15 Old Burke Lake Preserve

*Old Burke Lake Road at Lake Braddock Secondary School*

The developer is approved to begin clearing land for a three-long subdivision.

### 16 Shurgard Storage Monopole

*Located behind the Burke Centre Parkway Kohl's department store (5793 Burke Centre Parkway)*

A Verizon Wireless tree-pole is tentatively scheduled to be constructed and operational by mid-June 2016.

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# Double Duty

BY ANDREA WORKER  
THE CONNECTION

With the number and types of commitments made on their daily schedules, it takes a special occasion to gather the entire roster of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors in one place at one time outside the walls of their meeting chambers. The annual Leadership Fairfax (LFI) Board of Supervisors Breakfast was just that, with all ten members in attendance on April 22 before a packed auditorium of other elected officials, community and business leaders and members of local law enforcement – many of them alumni of LFI programs that the nonprofit sponsors to “create and support leaders.”

Welcoming remarks by LFI President and CEO Karen Cleveland and LFI Board Chair Brian Monday of event sponsor TD Bank got things started. Before the supervisors were called to the dais, however, there was an important presentation that had first to be made – a celebration of Bill Bouie, the recipient of the 2015 Katherine K. Hanley Public Service Award. Chairman of the Fairfax County Park Authority Board, Bouie is the embodiment of the award’s objective to recognize a member of the community “who exemplifies service above self and has had a positive effect on the County,” according to award presenters Rodney Lusk with the Fairfax County Economic Development Authority and award namesake Katherine Hanley.

“Under Bill’s leadership,” said Lusk, “the Fairfax County Park system received the Gold Medal for Best Large Park System, added 786 acres of parkland,” and impressively was the “only park system in the nation to receive a perfect score during accreditation. He’s a national leader and has truly made a positive difference in the lives of Fairfax County citizens.”

In addition to his work with the Park Authority, Bouie serves on numerous boards, including Wolf Trap Center for the Performing Arts, Reston Hospital Center and Reston Community Center Board of Governors. Bouie grew up next door to a Catholic Church and a convent and came from a family that firmly believed in a “life of service.” His service record is one that anyone could be proud of, but in accepting the honor Bouie admitted that he was unable to fulfill his late father’s greatest wish – “that I became the first black Pope! He had to settle for really great altar boy!”

Once the applause for Bouie had dissipated, LFI Class of ’99 graduate Casey Veatch, principal with Veatch Commercial Real Estate, took the helm as moderator. Not content with simple introductions, Veatch made sure the audience and the supervisors were all still engaged, calling his guest speakers to the stage with organized rhythmic clapping and having each one pass through a line-up of LFI “Super Fans” for



PHOTOS BY ANDREA WORKER/THE CONNECTION

**All of the Fairfax County Supervisors attended the Leadership Fairfax Breakfast with the Supervisors, even though not all could stay until the end of the event. Still standing, from left, Kathy Smith, Sully District; Jeffrey McKay, Lee District; John Cook, Braddock District; Sharon Bulova, Chairman; John Foust, Dranesville District; Cathy Hudgins, Hunter Mill District; Daniel Storck, Mt. Vernon District.**

some high-fives before taking their seats. “For all they do for the county,” declared Veatch, the supervisors deserved some “positive recognition.” Veatch started them off with a “soft-ball,” asking each supervisor to name a place or an event in the area that’s high on their favorites list, as well as a favorite musical group. Answers for the former included Lake Anne Plaza (courtesy of Hunter Mill District Supervisor Cathy Hudgins), Riverbend Park (Dranesville District Supervisor Foust), Clifton (“a place that will lower your blood pressure,” declared Springfield District Supervisor Pat Herry), and the Sully District Police Station, (“if I go by the frequency of my visits there,” said Sully District Supervisor Kathy Smith). Harry Connick, Jr. was Lee District Supervisor Jeffrey McKay’s musical pick. Kathy Smith went with Bruce Springsteen, while Braddock District Supervisor John Cook chose the group that “keeps having one last tour - The Who.”

After getting to know a bit more about our county’s elected legislators, Chairman Bulova was then called upon to deliver what she termed the “speed dating version” of the State of the County address – in *four* minutes or less.

**CHAIRMAN BULOVA’S** State of the County highlights:

❖ Progress on the Silver Line metro – the extension work beyond the Wiehle-Reston station is proceeding and the rail line is expected to begin service to Dulles Airport by 2020.

❖ I-66 Inside and Outside the Beltway improvements – planning, public input and decisions are on-going, but “at least we are

finally moving forward.”

❖ Tyson’s – so much has already been done, with many more projects well underway.

❖ Ad Hoc Police Practices Review Committee – a final report was delivered to the Board in October, 2015. The full report is available on [www.fairfaxcounty.gov](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov) website, but includes recommendations on new training and practices that stress “the sanctity of life.”

❖ Implementation of Diversion First Program – The county has adopted policies and procedures and is conducting Crisis Intervention Training to “decrease the use of arrest and incarceration” for persons experiencing mental health crises, “diverting them to treatment” wherever possible and allowing them to “access treatment at many points of contact.” As of Jan. 1, 2016 the Merrifield Crisis Response Center accepted its first “transfer of custody.” Bulova cited numerous benefits to the initiative including better outcomes for the individuals in crisis, enhanced safety of officers and the public, keeping law enforcement in action instead of awaiting mental health assessments and disposition, and considerable savings in cost to the County. According to research conducted for the program, persons with mental health issues remain incarcerated 4 – 8 times longer than those being held on the same charges, and at a cost 7 times higher.

❖ A more than 40 percent decrease in homelessness in Fairfax County. “Since making the commitment in 2008 to end homelessness in our area within ten years, the results show that our efforts are making a big difference,” said Bulova.



**Smiles from Bill Bouie, Chairman of the Fairfax County Park Authority Board and the recipient of the Katherine Hanley Award for Public Service. Kate Hanley, the award’s namesake, was on hand to help present the honor.**

❖ Preparation of the 2017 Budget – which Bulova said was a determined effort to find the “sweet spot” balancing revenue with the county’s many needs.

Once Bulova had completed her rapid summary, moderator Veatch began posing questions of the other supervisors, sometimes in a single-person responder format, sometimes in a “point-counterpoint” method, and even tasking three supervisors to communicate on different aspects of one major issue – Metro. Supervisor Cook commented on performance of the system, Hudgins on maintenance issues, and McKay on why we need to support Metro at all.

Cook pointed out that one of the problems with Metro is that it answers to some twenty different jurisdictions. “We need to operate more like the New York Port Authority, trimming it down to Federal, District of Columbia, Maryland and Virginia. Hudgins reminded the audience Metro is forty years old and was designed as a simple two-track system. “And we are still trying to secure a dedicated funding source to address maintenance, safety and growth,” she added. In general defense of Metro, Supervisor McKay said the state would have to add at least one more lane to every interstate if there were no more Metro. He also noted that most major economic de

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# State of the County Presented Over Breakfast

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velopment is taking place near Metro rail or other transit stations. "It's not that Metro is too big to fail, it's too important."

**TRANSPORTATION** continued to be a theme with Supervisors Herrity and Lynda Smith providing pro and con arguments about the proposals to improve I-66, inside and outside of the Beltway. Smith expressed concern that the project would be "worse than the Beltway construction," and mean major work at artery roads and intersections like Gallows Road, Nutley and Cedar Lane, disrupting the lives of many who "are already major users of transit." Herrity countered that the congestion to I-66 could not go unchecked, citing the improvement in travel times on the Beltway since the addition of the Express Lanes. "These improvements will give people choices in transportation and actually encourage transit usage and carpooling."

Re-visiting an issue from last year's event, Veatch asked for commentary from Supervisor Kathy Smith on the controversial proposed Meals Tax. Smith allowed that it was something that needed discussion. Smith, Herrity and several other supervisors expressed concern in this regard, indicat-



PHOTO BY ANDREA WORKER/THE CONNECTION

**Leadership Fairfax President and CEO Karen Cleveland, and Fairfax County Public Schools Superintendent Karen Garza listen as the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors offer their remarks on the school budget process and whether school boards should be given taxing authorities to raise funds.**

ing that a diversification of the revenue stream was critical. To considerable applause, McKay spoke about "Richmond's assumption of Northern Virginia's wealth" when it comes to the state's formula on providing funding for Fairfax County schools. To keep looking to real estate taxes is "unsustainable" said McKay.

One of the final questions was to Supervisor Herrity, asking him if he agreed that drug overdoses had become a "public health crisis." "Yes," was his immediate and succinct response. "More of our citizens die from heroin overdoses than car accidents." The supervisor noted that 75 percent of heroin usage has been found to have started with the use of legitimately prescribed drugs, often for pain from sports or other injuries. Herrity announced to the assembly that he would be hosting a Town Hall event on the topic in early May.

With final thanks to attendees, LFI staff, sponsors and speakers, Veatch brought the 2016 Leadership Fairfax Breakfast with the Board of Supervisors to a close with a reminder that the new LFI class year will begin in September with programs for current leaders, emerging leaders, and those transitioning towards, or in retirement. For more details, go to [www.leadershipfairfax.org](http://www.leadershipfairfax.org).

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## More Voters Might Not Mean Much More Voting

### Governor's action brings Virginia in line with 39 other states.

Last week, Gov. Terry McAuliffe (D) restored the voting and civil rights of more than 200,000 Virginians who were convicted of felonies, served their time and completed any supervised release, parole or probation requirements.

This moves Virginia into the mainstream; only 10 states have more restrictive policies about voting for people who have been convicted of felonies. Previously, Virginia had been one of the most restrictive states in terms of restoring voting rights. Fourteen states automatically restore voting rights once the individual's term of incarceration is over, and two states allow absentee voting from prison.

While some claim partisan motivation, with most of those affected presumed to be Democrats, getting these men and women registered to vote and to the polls is unlikely to result in 100,000 new voters in November. Studies show that people who were previously convicted of felonies who are eligible to vote register and

vote at lower levels than the general population, according to the New York Times <http://nyti.ms/26kNrS2>, with a registration rate of around 30 percent and about 20 percent actually voting, although some suggest voting rates of between 10-15 percent. If, as the studies suggest, 55 percent of those would vote Democratic, then likely new Democratic voters would be around 22,000.

While that's a lot less than 200,000, it's also more than the margin of victory in quite a few statewide races. Consider that Attorney General Mark Herring (D) won his race by about 900 votes out of more than 2 million cast. These new voters could have an impact on statewide races.

Districts for members of Virginia's General Assembly are so gerrymandered, it's hard to imagine that the impact of these new voters will be huge in terms of local representation.

In a Democracy, it's better when more people vote.

McAuliffe said: "If we are going to build a stronger and more equal Virginia, we must break down barriers to participation in civic life for people who return to society seeking a second chance. We must welcome them back and offer the opportunity to build a better life by taking an active role in our democracy."

Again, this action brings Virginia into line with 39 other states, with more than 20 states

having less restrictive policies. For example, on Feb. 9, 2016, the Maryland General Assembly overrode the Governor's veto and restored the vote to all convicted felons immediately upon their release from prison. Previously, people convicted felonies in Maryland had to complete all parole and probation before they were able to vote. In Virginia, such individuals have to complete their term of incarceration and their term of probation or parole before voting rights are restored.

— MARY KIMM

### Send in Mother's Day Photos

Mother's Day is May 8 this year and every year at this time this newspaper calls for submissions to our Mother's Day photo gallery.

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**Attending the April 13 working group meeting on the Springfield Senior Center, from left: Christopher Leonard and Evan Braff of the Neighborhood and Community Services; Corazon Sandoval Foley, Founding Chairman of the Burke/West**



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## Bulova Leads Progress Toward Springfield Senior Center

To the Editor:

On April 13, 2016, Fairfax County Chairman Sharon Bulova chaired a working group meeting that laid the foundation for concrete progress toward building a permanent facility for a senior center in Springfield District, the only district without a permanent senior center in Fairfax County. This issue has been the focus of civic activism over several years by the Burke/West Springfield Senior Center Without Walls, including petition with 1,000 signatures; election (with 4,228 or 19 percent of Springfield votes); Nov. 21, 2015 senior demonstration; and senior testimonies/folk dance per-

formance at the April 7, 2016 public hearing on the budget by the Board of Supervisors.

More working group meetings will be held to finalize agreements among the stakeholders of this important community project in Springfield District. I will continue to update your readers and thank you very much for your support of fairer treatment toward Springfield senior taxpayers and families. Many thanks go to Chairman Sharon Bulova for her outstanding leadership on this important issue.

**Corazon Sandoval Foley**  
Burke

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Clean Energy Creates New Opportunities

To the Editor:

This Earth Day, April 22, the United States signed the Paris Agreement, which required unprecedented international cooperation to address climate change by reducing carbon pollution. Even before the agreement is formally signed, countries have been taking action by investing in clean, renewable energy - a necessary step to meet commitments of carbon reduction.

The United States current contribution to climate action includes policies like the Clean Power Plan. Renewable energy innovation has created good jobs here in Virginia to supply clean, reliable power to our communities. Governor Terry

McAuliffe has repeatedly confirmed he will take strong climate action and cut harmful pollution. Gov. McAuliffe recognizes the risks of sea level rise that is already flooding Virginia's coast, threatening military assets, and cultural gems like Tangier Island.

The dirty fossil fuel industry is influencing our representatives in state governments and Congress to try to block the Clean Power Plan and other lifesaving public protections. Our smart economic, political and community leaders are seizing the opportunity that climate action provides to create thousands of jobs, drive innovation, and foster economic growth. This Earth Day, with the signing of the Paris Agreement, I celebrate the chance to protect our economy and our public health in Virginia.

**Kelsey Crane**  
Reston

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# Robinson Drama Presents ‘Into the Woods’

Rambunctious cast breaks a witch’s spell in dark musical.

BY MARTI MOORE  
THE CONNECTION

At first glance, it seems “Be careful what you wish for” is a lesson taught by local high school students as they take their audience “Into the Woods” for two consecutive weekends, May 6-14 at the Russell Theater in Robinson Secondary School. Cinderella wishes to attend the King’s festival, a poor boy named Jack wishes his cow would give milk, a Baker and his Wife wish for a child, Little Red Riding Hood wishes for bread and Jack’s mother wishes for gold.

Which wish shall the old Witch grant to her needy storybook characters in the enchanted forest?

Only time will tell.

Exactly three days to the stroke of midnight is what the Witch gives the Baker and his Wife to deliver four ingredients she needs to concoct a magic potion and break their curse of infertility:

the cow as white as milk  
the cape as red as blood  
the hair as yellow as corn and  
the slipper as pure as gold

**THE BAKER AND HIS WIFE** venture “Into the Woods” with their grocery list for an errand that is not as simple as it seems.

Both are hungry like a wolf to make their wish come true — so much it leads them on a bloody caper to snatch clothing from Little Red Riding Hood.

Time and opportunities slip away from the Baker’s Wife during her biological clock’s countdown to midnight as she makes one desperate attempt after another to steal a golden slipper from the elusive Cinderella.

Like the witch’s brew, this musical is a dark blend of traditional fairy tales and



Production poster.

the Brothers Grimm classics “Cinderella” and “Rapunzel.”

Assistant stage manager Quinn Moore, 16, believes the moral of the story isn’t about wishes at all.

“Be grateful for what you have” is the real message as this 10th-grader explains the characters “don’t realize what they have until it’s gone.”

This stage production of “Into the Woods” commands a crew of 52, a cast of 41 and a live orchestra of 17 high school students — directed throughout six performances by Robinson’s drama teacher Megan Thrift and band leader Andrew Loft.

They are the Rambunctious Theatre Company — a name Thrift coined two years ago to give the Robinson Drama Department a spunky name that pays homage to their school mascot: the ram.

**THE CAST** of “Into the Woods” is led by high school seniors Madyson Hanton as the

Witch, Matthew Cook as the Baker and Julia Mahon Kuzin as the Baker’s Wife.

Each of these veterans can count on their Robinson resume nearly a baker’s dozen, if not more, of theater productions since middle school.

Although Kuzin plans to study engineering next fall at Virginia Tech and Cook is considering his options at the Lewis & Clark College of Arts and Sciences in Portland, Ore., Hanton will pursue her passion for the performing arts and a bachelor’s degree in musical theater in Philadelphia at The University of the Arts.

Cast members agree “Into the Woods” will appeal to fans of gothic novels, fantasy and the popular ABC Television Network show “Once Upon a Time.”

The musical was created in the 1980s by Broadway dream team James Lapine and Stephen Sondheim. Their muse was a 1970s psychological study about the meaning of fairy tales, especially ones written by the Brothers Grimm that can frighten little kids.

This Pandora’s box released several fairy tales “Into the Woods” creators contained by weaving them into a narrative of their own, filled with recognizable children’s storybook characters.

A film adaptation was released at the end of 2014 and received critical acclaim within a few months at the Golden Globes and the Academy Awards.

Learn how wishes can have unintended consequences and find out why the magic potion is so important to the ugly Witch at 7 p.m. May 6, 7, 12, 13 and 14 at 7 p.m. at 5035 Sideburn Road in Fairfax. A special child-friendly matinee May 14 will entertain kids at 2 p.m.

Tickets start at \$10 for students and \$15 for adults. The one-day matinee costs \$5 for the show only — or \$10 if kids choose to hang out with the cast and crew afterward during a fun fairy tale festival.

For more information call 703-426-2100 or visit [www.robinsondrama.org](http://www.robinsondrama.org).



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Terri Jeffs of Burke nurses a cup of coffee at 7 a.m., wearing the bathrobe she will donate to the homeless as GW Parkway Classic 10-miler begins. Jeffs goes to the thrift store to buy a bathrobe before every race, wears it to stay warm in the morning chill, and then donates it.



Mary Palmer and Rodan Hollins run the 10-miler holding an elastic band which lets Hollins know where he is as he runs. Hollins and Palmer of Washington D.C. are running buddies who belong to the organization “Back on My Feet.” See [www.backonmyfeet.org](http://www.backonmyfeet.org)

# George Washington Parkway Classic: ‘Moving’ Experience

BY EDEN BROWN  
THE CONNECTION

They came from as far away as Cali, Colombia and Bristol, England. They were from Arlington, Burke, Alexandria, Lorton, Reston, Falls Church, and from Colorado and Canada. They were old — 88 — and they were young — 12-year-olds and babies in strollers. One woman from Silver Spring was running at seven months pregnant. One runner was blind.

The Star-Spangled Banner resonated across a crowd of 5,330 runners in the sunlight near George Washington’s home; American flags snapped in the breeze. People had goosebumps, and not just from the cold air at 7 a.m. because the most moving thing

about the George Washington Parkway Classic, now in its 32nd year, was the number of runners who came out to support veterans, the poor, the sick and the homeless.

The race was supported by an army of volunteers, some of whom have been coming for 20 years. They handed out water and gatorade. The moving company “Two Men and a Truck” took runners’ belongings and transported them. Starbucks served coffee. And all along the track, residents came out to cheer on moms and dad, grandmothers and grandfathers, neighbors, and team members.

Sometimes called the “Prettiest run this side of the Potomac,” the annual George Washington Parkway Classic 10-Mile and 5K races are for serious runners, new runners, and runners with a cause. The 10-mile race

## Bike to Work Day is Friday, May 20

Fairfax county invites residents, employers to participate in bike to work day.

Time to tune up those brakes and grab your helmet, the 16th annual Bike to Work Day is just around the corner. Bicyclists across the National Capital Area will bike to work on Friday, May 20, 2016 to take part in a healthy, clean, low-cost commute. With 14 pit stops in Fairfax County from Mount Vernon to Herndon, local cyclists will have the opportunity to take a break from their ride and be rewarded for participating in the event; registration is open at

[www.biketoworkmetrodc.org](http://www.biketoworkmetrodc.org).

Each pit stop will welcome bicyclists with refreshments, entertainment, and the chance to win great prizes, while supplies last. The first 15,000 to register will receive a free T-shirt at the pit stop of their choice.

“Bike to Work Day is a great program to remind everyone that there are more ways to get to the office than driving,” said Adam Lind, manager of Fairfax County’s Bicycle Program. “You can also participate in biking to public transportation, and use the bike racks on the front of Connector buses or se-

starts in Mount Vernon, and passes through Riverside Park, Fort Hunt Park, Collingwood Park, the Dyke Marsh Wildlife Preserve, on past Windmill Hill Park and Founders Park before coming along the finish line at Oronoco Bay Park in Old Town, Alexandria.

And that’s when the party began. The runners drank water and ate snacks handed out at the finish line. They took pictures with their teams, and listened to the live band, The Joe Chiocca Band, which did some great “rootsy rock” numbers, and were given a free brew by the Port City Brewing Company. And they met up with other runners, comparing times and causes. One local Alexandria resident was just glad to finish: Donald Trilling, 88, who has been running the race since 1987, and who was honored with running bib number 1— didn’t come in last.

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**Celebrate Fairfax! Fairfax Festival will be in the Fairfax County Government Center from June 10-12.**

## Celebrating Spring in the Area

### ONGOING

#### **Fleeting Grace: Teachings of Cherry Blossoms.**

Through May 1. Workhouse Arts Center, 9518 Workhouse Way, Lorton. Campus-wide exhibit inspired by the ephemeral nature of the Cherry Blossoms. Spanning six galleries, artists explore the symbolism behind the flower, including the exquisite transience and volatility in life and beauty. [workhousearts.org](http://workhousearts.org).

**Spotlight on the Arts Festival.** April 15-May 9. Various locations. Celebrates three decades of arts in the City of Fairfax. [fairfaxspotlight.org](http://fairfaxspotlight.org).

### SATURDAY/APRIL 30

**Springfest Fairfax 2016.** 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Workhouse Arts Center, 9518 Workhouse Way, Lorton. Earth Day and Arbor Day event. Family-friendly games, hands-on activities, bounce house, pony rides, farm animals and more. Free. [workhousearts.org](http://workhousearts.org).

### SATURDAY/MAY 21

**Observe the Moon Night.** 7:30 p.m. Burke Lake Park, 315 Ox Road, Fairfax Station. Observe the moon through a scope; see ancient lava flows; enjoy a campfire and stories; and go on a moonlit night hike. Children must be accompanied by an adult registered in the program. Canceled if rain. \$8/\$10. <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/park-events-calendar.htm>.

### SATURDAY-SUNDAY/JUNE 4-5

**Springfield Days.** 8 a.m.-8:30 p.m. Multiple locations in Springfield. Springfield Days is a community wide celebration that includes a 5K run, "Pet Fest" and car show. Visit [www.springfielddays.com](http://www.springfielddays.com) for more.

### SUNDAY/JUNE 5

**Cardboard Regatta.** 2 p.m. Lake Accotink Park, 7500 Accotink Park Road, Springfield. Witness the cardboard



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### **In Living Color headlines the Fairfax Festival on Sunday, June 12 at 4:30 p.m.**

boat creations race along Lake Accotink's shoreline at 2 p.m. Visit [www.springfielddays.com](http://www.springfielddays.com) for more.

### THURSDAY-SUNDAY/JUNE 2-5

**Workhouse Carnival and Arts Party.** Workhouse Arts Center, 9518 Workhouse Way, Lorton. Rides, games, music, vendors, food and family fun and will take place on the south side of the Workhouse campus. This event will raise funds in support of the Workhouse's arts, education and history programs. Admission to the carnival is free, including the live entertainment and film screening, however rides and vendors will require additional fees and tickets. Parking fee may apply. Contact the venue for updates, <http://www.workhousearts.org/get-involved/special-events/>.

### FRIDAY-SUNDAY/JUNE 10-12

**Celebrate Fairfax! Festival.** Friday, 6 p.m.-midnight. Saturday, 10 a.m.-midnight. Sunday, 11 a.m.-7 p.m. Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax. Musical performances, rides, games and food. Call 703-324-3247 or visit [www.celebratefairfax.com/](http://www.celebratefairfax.com/).



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THE CONNECTION

**Hundreds of spectators cheer on the participants in the 23rd Cardboard Boat Regatta at Lake Accotink Park in June 2013. This year's event will take place on May 31.**



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**Encore Chorale will perform romantic pieces, blues and Broadway favorites on Tuesday, May 3 at the Stacy C. Sherwood Center.**

## CALENDAR

Send notes to the Connection at [www.connectionnewspapers.com/Calendar/](http://www.connectionnewspapers.com/Calendar/) or call 703-778-9416. The deadline is the Friday prior to the next paper's publication at noon. Dated announcements should be submitted at least two weeks prior to the event.

### ONGOING

**Plant Clinic.** 9 a.m.-noon. Sundays till end of September. Lorton Farmers Market, 8990 Lorton Station Blvd., Lorton. Conducted by Master Gardeners. Answer gardening question, identify plants and insects, soil tests, etc. [fairfaxgardening.org](http://fairfaxgardening.org).

**People's Choice Exhibit.** Through April. Monday-Friday, 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Sunday, noon-5 p.m. Workhouse Arts Center, W-9, 9601 Ox Road, Lorton. Eighteen artists will display their artistic disciplines.

**First Tee Life Skills.** 5-6:30 p.m. May 10-June 21. Laurel Hill Golf Club, 8701 Laurel Crest Drive, Lorton. The Fairfax County Park Authority is partnering with The First Tee of Greater Washington, DC, to offer The First Tee Life Skills Experience Certifying Program, designed for young people ages 7-18. <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/press/html/ir040-16.htm>.

**"Disembodied."** 5 p.m.-midnight. April 16-June 11. Epicure Cafe, 11104 Lee Highway, Fairfax. Epicure's spring exhibit invites artists to explore the concept of disembodiment. [epicurecafe.org/](http://epicurecafe.org/).

**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](mailto:moorefitt@yahoo.com) or 703-499-6133.

**Adventures in Learning.** Mondays, 8:30 a.m.-2:45 p.m. April 4-May 9. Lord of Life Lutheran Church, 5114 Twinbrook Road, Fairfax. community, personal development, finance, and more. Afternoon breakouts are book club, bridge, and canasta. Bring a brown bag lunch. \$30. [www.scfbva.org](http://www.scfbva.org). 703-426-2824.

**"Reflections of the Spirit"** Art Exhibition. April 3-May 1. Workhouse Arts Center, 9601 Ox Road, Lorton. Exhibit by artist, Kathy Strauss. [workhousearts.org](http://workhousearts.org). 703-492-8215.

### THURSDAY-SUNDAY/APRIL 28-MAY 1

**"The Wedding Singer."** Thursday-Saturday, 7 p.m. Sunday 2 p.m. West Springfield High School, 6100 Rolling Road, Springfield. West Springfield High School's spring musical based on the movie of the same name. \$10. Age 13 and up. [www.spartantheatre.com](http://www.spartantheatre.com).

### FRIDAY/APRIL 29

**Lee High School Clean-up.** 8 a.m.-3 p.m. Robert E. Lee High School, 6540 Franconia Road, Springfield. Building beautification; plant trees, flowers and general Earth Day clean-up. <http://fcps.edu/LeeHS/>. 571-283-3279.

### FRIDAY-SATURDAY/APRIL 29-30

**"Shrek the Musical JR."** Check for times. Burke Community Church, 9900 Old Keene Mill Road, Burke. Come see this talented group of young actors ages 8-18 as they travel Far Far Away with everyone's favorite ogre, a wise-cracking donkey, and a cast of fairy tale misfits. \$14. [www.nvplayers.com](http://www.nvplayers.com).

### SATURDAY/APRIL 30

**Both Sides Tour.** 8:15 a.m. Franconia Museum, 6121 Franconia Road, Alexandria. The Both Sides tour will follow Stuart from Rowser's Ford on the Potomac River north to Gettysburg, making strategic stops at the sites of major skirmishes along the way. \$100, includes bus, lunch and a fast-food value card and site fees. For information, contact Don Hakenson, 703-971-4984 or [dhakenson@verizon.net](mailto:dhakenson@verizon.net).

**Classical Ballet Theatre Children's Series.** 2 p.m. 4 p.m. Ernst Theater, Northern Virginia Community College, 8333 Little River Turnpike, Annandale. "Day on the Ranch" and "Les Jeunes Filles" will be performed. \$10. <http://www.cbntva.org/childrenseries>.

**Fun Fair at Canterbury Woods Elementary.** 11 a.m.-3 p.m. 4910 Willet Drive, Annandale. Carnival games, crafts, face painting, bounce houses, raffle prizes/baskets, a bake sale, food trucks, activities for Cubs (4 years and younger), and much more. 703-403-4898. [cwespta.org](http://cwespta.org).

**Touch-a-Truck.** 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Lake Braddock Secondary School, 9200 Burke Lake Road, Burke. children can see,hear, touch — even climb — on trucks of all shapes and sizes. \$5. Free to children under 2. [facebook.com/springmartouchatruck](http://facebook.com/springmartouchatruck).

**Book Signing.** 2 p.m. Barnes and Noble Springfield, 6646 Loisdale Road, Springfield. Meet author Jake Russell and have your copy of "100 Things Nationals Fans Should Know & Do Before They Die" signed. Free. 703-971-5383.

### SUNDAY/MAY 1

**CroppMetcalf 5K Bug Run.** 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Pohick Bay Regional Park, 6501 Pohick Bay Drive, Lorton. The warm weather means both the running and swarming bug seasons aren't far behind. \$25. [croppmetcalfe.com/burgrun](http://croppmetcalfe.com/burgrun).

**Mother's Day Marketplace.** 1-5 p.m. 6001 Rutledge Drive, Fairfax Station. Catered event featuring 20+ vendors will take place in a gorgeous \$1.2 million dollar Fairfax Station estate. Event sponsored by the new ridesharing company for women, SafeHer. Free shuttle service. [www.mothersdaymarket2016.eventbrite.com](http://www.mothersdaymarket2016.eventbrite.com).

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**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](mailto:livingfree@jccag.org) or see [www.jccag.org](http://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](http://www.fbtministries.org).

**First Baptist Church of Springfield** offers Sunday school at 9:15 a.m., followed by a 10:30 a.m. worship service at 7300 Gary St., Springfield. 703-451-1500 or [www.fbcspRINGfield.org](http://www.fbcspRINGfield.org).



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**Back Row: From left, Coaches Jo Hee Sisco and Michael Hrabak. Front Row: From left, Virginia Fife, Minah Sisco, Emma Hrabak, Kasey Petrie, Reira Erickson, Katelyn Sullivan**

**From left, Virginia Fife, Katelyn Sullivan, Emma Hrabak, OMER (Odyssey of the Mind mascot), Minah Sisco, Kasey Petrie and Reira Erickson**

## White Oaks Elementary Fourth-Graders Go to Odyssey of the Mind Finals

BY KRISTEN ARSENEAU  
COORDINATOR FOR ODYSSEY OF  
THE MIND, WHITE OAKS ELEMEN-  
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Minah Sisco, Emma Hrabak, Katelyn Sullivan, Virginia Fife, Kasey Petrie, and Reira Erickson, fourth-graders at White Oaks Elementary in Burke, are headed to

the World Finals for Odyssey of the Mind in Ames, Iowa on May 25.

With guidance and encouragement from their coaches Jo Hee Sisco and Michael Hrabak, the team created and presented an 8-minute humorous performance depicting problem-solving from the perspective of three different animals. During their performance,

the animals were required to sing and dance, and show curiosity, sympathy, frustration and joy. The team not only had to write and perform their solution, but also created all their own props, costumes and set, all within a budget of \$125.

The fourth-graders also had to solve a spontaneous problem at each competition, where team

members don't know the problem until they enter the room, requiring them to creatively think on their feet.

The White Oaks team has established a GoFundMe page to help support their travel, accommodations, and tournament fees. To support the students, go to <https://www.gofundme.com/74znd698>.

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**Junior catcher Mitchell Clarke and the Woodson baseball team had their three-game win streak snapped by West Potomac on Tuesday.**



**Woodson pitcher Tyler Becklund and others will need to step up while staff ace Randy Prosperi is out after suffering a broken jaw during a win over Lake Braddock on April 21.**

# Woodson Baseball Runs Into Hot West Potomac Lineup

**Cavaliers drop to fifth place in Conference 7 with 5-5 record.**

BY JON ROETMAN  
THE CONNECTION

**T**he Woodson baseball team entered Tuesday's game at West Potomac having won three straight games and five of its last six, including a 10-7 victory over Lake Braddock on April 21.

The Cavaliers' streak of success came to a crashing halt, however, as the Wolverines teed-off on Woodson pitching for nine extra-base hits.

West Potomac tallied seven doubles and a pair of home runs and took over sole possession of fourth place in Conference 7 with a 7-2 victory over Woodson at West Potomac High School.

The Wolverines blew the game open with four runs in the bottom of the third inning. West Potomac used four doubles — including three straight to start the frame — and a solo home run to take a 5-1 lead.

Woodson left-hander Tyler Becklund suffered the loss, allowing five earned runs in 2 1/3 innings pitched. Senior Clayton Jackson pitched in relief.

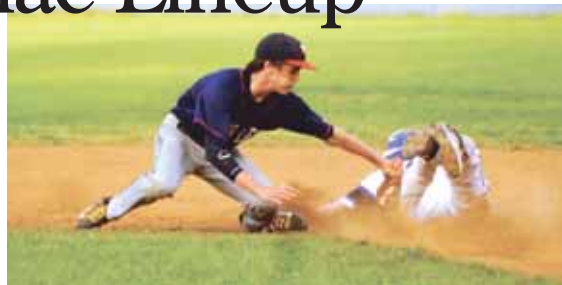
While Woodson head coach Brett McColley praised the efforts of Becklund and Jackson from a season standpoint, he said they didn't have their best stuff on Tuesday.

"[West Potomac is] a team that can hit mistakes," McColley said. "We left some pitches up, obviously. They had a ton of extra-base hits tonight."

Third baseman Peter Donohue was Woodson's most productive hitter on Tuesday, finishing 2-for-3 with a double and a solo home run. Donohue's solo shot came in the second inning and tied the score at 1.

The Cavaliers' other run came in the sixth on an RBI groundout by Jack Donohue. Mitchell Clarke led off the inning with a double.

The loss dropped Woodson's record to 8-7 overall and 5-5 in Conference 7, and moved the Cavaliers into fifth place behind Annandale (8-2), West Spring-



**Woodson shortstop Kyle Adie attempts to tag a West Potomac baserunner during Tuesday's game at West Potomac High School.**

PHOTOS BY CRAIG STERBUTZEL/THE CONNECTION



**Members of the Woodson baseball team congratulate Peter Donohue (23) after the third baseman hit a solo home run in the top of the second inning Tuesday against West Potomac.**

field (8-2), Lake Braddock (8-2) and West Potomac (6-4).

Woodson also suffered a blow during its win over Lake Braddock, when starting pitcher and staff ace Randy Prosperi suffered a broken jaw when he was hit by a line drive. McColley said Prosperi is out at least three weeks, putting his return for the postseason in doubt.

McColley said the Cavaliers were "looking for [Prosperi] to carry the team into the playoffs."

Woodson was scheduled to face McLean in a non-conference matchup on Wednesday, after The Connection's deadline. The Cavaliers will travel to take on Annandale at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, April 29.

## South County Softball to Face TC, Northern

The South County softball team will travel to face T.C. Williams at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, April 29 before hosting Northern at 1 p.m. on Saturday, April 30.

Northern is a powerhouse program located in Owings, Md. The Patriots entered Wednesday's action with a 13-0 record, according to maxpreps.com.

South County improved to 12-3 overall and 8-2 in Conference 7 with a 7-1 victory over West Springfield on Tuesday. The Stallions have won three straight after suffering back-to-back losses against Lake Braddock and West Potomac.



PHOTO BY CRAIG STERBUTZEL/THE CONNECTION

**Senior pitcher Aubrey Bates and the South County softball team are 12-3 entering this weekend's action.**

## Lake Braddock Baseball Blanks Mount Vernon

The Lake Braddock baseball team bounced back from a loss to Woodson with a 16-0 road victory over Mount Vernon on Tuesday.

The win improved the Bruins' record to 12-3. Lake Braddock is in a three-way tie with Annandale and West Springfield for first place in Conference 7 with an 8-2 record.

The Bruins were scheduled to face Riverdale Baptist on Wednesday, after The Connection's deadline. The Bruins will host West Potomac at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, April 29.

## Robinson to Honor Girls' Soccer Coach Rike

Robinson Secondary School will honor its girls' soccer coach, Jim Rike, prior to the Rams' home game against Potomac Falls at 7:15 p.m. on Monday, May 2.

Rike is in his 35th season with Robinson and 41st as a coach in Fairfax County. He has a career record of 525-152-61, placing him atop the list for career coaching wins for Virginia public school soccer coaches.

Rike led Robinson to state titles in 1984, 1994, 1996, 2002 and 2008.

## Robinson Boys' Lax to Face Landon

The two-time defending state champion Robinson boys' lacrosse team will close its regular-season schedule with a road game against private school power Landon at 7:15 p.m. on Tuesday, May 3.

Landon, located in Bethesda, Md., is ranked No. 16 in the latest Nike/Lacrosse Magazine national poll. The Bears are 13-3 heading into Friday's action.

Robinson improved to 12-1 overall and finished undefeated in Conference 5 play with a 10-1 victory over Herndon on Tuesday.

## Local Athletes to Compete at Capital Classic

Lake Braddock senior James Butler and West Springfield senior Lewis Djonkam will compete in the 43rd Annual Capital Classic on Thursday, April 28 at Catholic University.

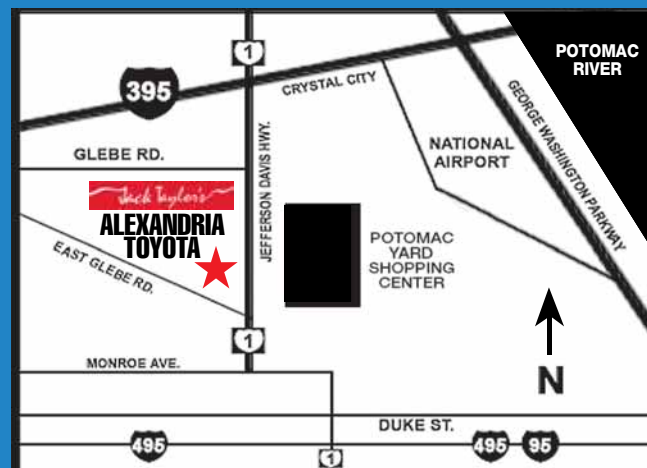
Butler, the 6A North Region Player of the Year and a first-team all-state selection, and Djonkam, a second-team all-state selection, will play for the Suburban All-Stars, who will face the District All-Stars at 6 p.m.

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## Lake Braddock Student Dies after Being Found Unresponsive in Bathroom

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Soto was pronounced dead after she was taken to Inova Fairfax Hospital.

Major Crimes Division detectives are investigating the incident.

A vigil for Soto is scheduled to take place at the Lake Braddock Secondary School

main entrance at 6 p.m. on Sunday, April 24.

—TIM PETERSON

## Public Comment on Bike Lanes Deadline May 3

Fairfax County Department of Transportation hosted a community meeting to discuss proposed bike lanes in the Braddock District on Tuesday, April 12 at Canterbury Woods Elementary School in Annandale. Representatives from FCDOT and VDOT talked about the plans for the project, which not only included bike lanes, but also safety, road diets and more.

Public can comment on the proposal till Tuesday, May 3.

For more information, go to <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/fcdot/bike/braddockdistrictbikelanes.htm>.

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**Interpreting Historic Maps and Aerials.** 7-8 p.m. Burke Centre Library, 5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke. Historical maps and aerial photographs can be informative as well as beautiful. Learn how to find and interpret them for a wealth of historical clues. Presenter: Jon Vrana. Presented by the Burke Historical Society. Free. For registration information, contact [slawski\\_brian@yahoo.com](mailto:slawski_brian@yahoo.com).

### THURSDAY/MAY 5

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**National Day of Prayer Event.** Noon-1 p.m.

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Send notes to the Connection at [connectionnewspapers.com/Calendar/](http://connectionnewspapers.com/Calendar/) or call 703-778-9416. The deadline for submissions is the Friday prior to publication. Dated announcements should be submitted at least two weeks prior to the event.

### THURSDAY/APRIL 28

**Access to Capital Conference.** 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Fairview Park Marriott, 3111 Fairview Park Drive, Falls Church. Small businesses and entrepreneurs can connect with funders. Find out more or register at <http://www.atc2016.com/>.

### FRIDAY/APRIL 29

**Annual Spring Event: Luncheon & Silent Auction.** 11 a.m.-2 p.m. International Country Club, 13200 Lee Jackson Memorial Highway, Fairfax. Hosted by Assistance League of Northern Virginia to benefit its Operation School Bell programs. Event will feature a presentation on Identity Theft and Personal Safety. \$65, \$30 is tax

Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Fairfax Government Center Parkway, Fairfax. Pray for America and its leaders. 703-383-1170. [jccag.org](http://jccag.org).

### FRIDAY/MAY 6

**Maranatha Singers.** 7:30 p.m. St. Stephen's United Methodist Church, 9203 Braddock Road, Burke. Evening of music. The theme of the concert will be "Songs of Spring." Refreshments will be served after the concert in the Welcome Center. <http://www.ststephensfairfax.org/>.

### FRIDAY-SATURDAY/MAY 6-7, 13-14

**Guys and Dolls.** 7 p.m. South County High School, 8501 Silverbrook Road, Lorton. In this Broadway classic, we follow the story of two high rolling gamblers that go head to head looking for cash, but end up finding love. \$7. 703-585-7321.

### SATURDAY/MAY 7

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**Understanding Mood Dysregulation in Students with Autism Spectrum Disorder.** 10 a.m.-noon. Dunn Loring Center for Parent Services, Entrance 1, Room 100, 2334 Gallows Road, Dunn Loring. Dr. Sajjad Khan, an experienced clinician and researcher at NeuroScience Inc., will cover assessment, and treatment of mood dysregulation in students with Autism Spectrum Disorder. Register at 703-204-3941 or <http://www.fcps.edu/dss/osp/prc/resources/events/documents/UnderstandingMoodDysregulationinASD.pdf>.

**Lee High School Clean-up.** 8 a.m.-3 p.m. Robert E. Lee High School, 6540 Franconia Road, Springfield. Building beautification; plant trees, flowers and general Earth Day clean-up. <http://fcps.edu/LeeHS/>. 571-283-3279.

### SATURDAY/APRIL 30

**NVTA Pop-up.** 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Workhouse Arts Center, 9518 Workhouse Way, Lorton. In-person

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**Concerts from Kirkwood-Washington Saxophone Quartet.** 3 p.m. Kirkwood Presbyterian Church, 8336, Carrleigh Parkway, Springfield. Free. [www.kirkwoodpres.com](http://www.kirkwoodpres.com). 703-451-5320.

**Spring Cleaning/Shredding Event.** 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Re/Max 100, 5501 Backlick Road, Springfield. Clear out your closets, make room in the garage, shred old paperwork. Free. 703-642-3380.

**Love, Laughter and Song.** 7:30 p.m. St. Marks Lutheran Church, 5800 Backlick Road, Springfield. Presents a collection of folk songs, Broadway hits and spirituals all done with distinctive Robert Shaw arrangements. Stay for dessert and coffee following the performance. \$10/\$15/\$20. 703-239-2180. [www.northernvirginiachorale.org](http://www.northernvirginiachorale.org).

### SUNDAY/MAY 8

**Mother's Day at the Fairfax Station Railroad.** 1-4 p.m. 11200 Fairfax Station Road, Fairfax Station. Mothers get in free. Free-\$4. [fairfax-station.org](http://fairfax-station.org). 703-425-9225.

meetings are designed to capture feedback from a broad range of participants. <http://www.thenovaauthority.org/>.

**Blood Drive.** 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Presbyterian Church, 12748 Richards Lane, Clifton. <http://www.inovabloodsaves.org/index.cfm?group=op&hlc=8025&hostlookupcode=8025>.

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### THURSDAY/MAY 12

**Understanding VA Benefits.** 3 p.m. Insight Memory Care Center, 3953 Pender Drive, Suite 100, Fairfax. Learn to navigate the VA's system of paperwork and phone calls to get the services you need. Free. Call 703-204-4664 to RSVP or visit [InsightMCC.org](http://InsightMCC.org) for more information.





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## Preparing for Sleep Away Camp

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL  
THE CONNECTION

A child's first residential  
summer camp experi-  
ence can be fraught  
with emotions that run  
the gamut from excitement to ter-  
ror. While glee at the thought of a  
summer filled with sports, swim-  
ming, crafts and new-found friend-  
ships can be the dominant feeling,  
the thought of an extended period  
of time away from home can cause  
sadness and anxiety for both par-  
ents and their children.

An American Camp Association  
study showed that 96 percent of  
children who attend sleep away  
camps experience homesickness at  
some point during their stay. While  
these emotions are normal, par-  
ents can help children tame the  
pre-camp jitters. The life-long les-  
sons gained from such camps  
make it worth the effort.

"Becoming comfortable with  
your child being away at summer  
camp, perhaps the first extended  
separation you have had, is a mat-  
ter of trust," said David Kaplan,  
Ph.D. of the American Counseling  
Association in Alexandria, Va.

"Trusting your child that they  
can handle themselves without  
your supervision. Trusting that  
they can handle relationships with  
other children. Trusting that they  
can get up in the morning, take a  
shower, wash their clothes, and  
change their sheets without your  
prodding."

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HOMESICKNESS** is normal and  
many campers experience it, can

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## From Colonial History to Future Entrepreneurs

Campers can explore diverse interests in specialty summer camps.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL  
THE CONNECTION

**T**his summer dozens of elementary school-aged children will travel back in time to the Colonial Era where, among other things, they'll learn to spin cotton into cloth for garments.

Learning how to run a lemonade stand like a Fortune 500 company and use the profits to invest in the stock market will

**“During the school year, there is so much emphasis on testing that the creative and collaborative nature of children gets lost.”**

— Carolyn Lorente, Ph.D.

be on the agenda for other local children. Both activities are offered by local specialty camps aimed at giving children opportunities to explore their interests in a way that they cannot during the school year.

“I think summer camps are a great way to promote thriving if it is done right,” said Carolyn Lorente, Ph.D., Professor of Psychology at Northern Virginia Community College in Alexandria and a camp consultant. “During the school year, there is so much emphasis on testing that the creative and collaborative nature of children gets lost. A great camp can create space for our children to flourish.”

**SPECIALTY CAMPS** offer young campers a chance to focus on a specific area of interest such as cooking, financial literacy and even gaming.

For example, Spark Business Academy, a Northern Virginia based organization that teaches financial literacy to young students, is offering its Future Millionaires Camp in Arlington. Students learn about money concepts that range from setting up a lemonade stand that makes a profit to understanding the stock market.

“The name is definitely tongue in cheek,” said Chuchi Arevalo, the organization’s founder. “We teach personal finance, leadership and innova-

tion. We give them life skills that they aren’t learning in school and promote financial literacy that is fun even for students in first and second grade.”

**RIISING FIFTH-** and sixth-grade students will get a chance to take a trip back in time this summer at Mount Vernon’s Camp Washington. During each of the three one-week sessions, campers explore the history of George Washington’s estate and learn about his legacy.



PHOTO COURTESY OF VISIT FAIRFAX

**Camp Washington at Mount Vernon gives campers a glimpse of early American life.**



PHOTO COURTESY OF MASON GAME & TECHNOLOGY ACADEMY

**Students in the Mason Game & Technology Academy Summer Camp will be offered classes in Game Design, Creation and Entrepreneurship, Minecraft and Cyber Defense.**

### For More Information

#### Game and Technology Summer Camps

[potomacacademy.gmu.edu/mgta/summer/](http://potomacacademy.gmu.edu/mgta/summer/)

#### Future Millionaires Bootcamp/ Stock Market Acres

[moneynewsforkids.com/](http://moneynewsforkids.com/)

#### Camp Washington and more at Mount Vernon

[www.mountvernon.org/plan-your-visit/calendar/events/camp-washington-summer-day-camp-at-mount-vernon/](http://www.mountvernon.org/plan-your-visit/calendar/events/camp-washington-summer-day-camp-at-mount-vernon/)

**YOUNG GAME DESIGN** aficionados can spend the summer with Mason Game & Technology Academy’s (MGTA) camps. Students take classes such as Game Design, Creation and Entrepreneurship, Minecraft and Cyber Defense.

“We run our classes at Mason in Fairfax, Loudoun, and Prince William,” said Vera Lichtenberg, Director of the Mason Game & Technology Academy at George Mason University.

“We also do a great deal of community outreach to train teachers, engage underserved students, and generally, help students realize that Game Design is a STEM field that not only engages those who love technology, but also those on the artistic side: writers, music composers [and] designers.”

MGTA is part of the Mason Computer Game Design Program and the Community Outreach Youth Program for the Virginia Serious Game Institute.

From farming and spinning fibers into cloth to making ice cream and meeting the estate’s heritage breed animals, hands-on activities will give campers a glimpse of many aspects of early American life at Mount Vernon.

“The summer camp is designed to help engage students while having fun,” said Melissa Wood, spokeswoman for Mount Vernon. “[It] gives kids the opportunity to go behind the scenes and experience history in their own backyard.”



## Academic Camps Combine Education and Fun

Local camps help students maintain school skills in a relaxed environment.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL  
THE CONNECTION

One summer Ana Lado created a summer camp activity for students at her neighborhood pool. The Marymount professor set up a picnic area, and included activities and books. Her plan was to engage the students and give them the opportunity to read and build reading skills while still enjoying fun activities traditionally associated with summer.

"I got six kids who were older to read to six kindergartners. I chose kids who had potential, but who were at risk," said Ana Lado, Ph.D., professor of Education at Marymount University in Arlington. "Reading with a kindergartner or first grader for 15 minutes got the students reading and built their confidence."

This summer Lado and her colleagues at Marymount are offering "3E: Explore, Enrich, Enjoy," one of several area camps with an academic component. Their goal is to enable students to brush up on, gain or maintain academic skills in a relaxed environment.

Marymount's 3E camp enables campers to choose what they focus on at camp. In addition to traditional camp activities, the camp will include academic projects like exploring science through nature and electronic gadgets, studying math by making boats, language arts by writing their own stories and fine arts by creating plays and cartoons.

For those who want an in-depth review of a school subject and the chance to participate in hands-on summer camp activities, academic camps fill both needs.

"[Academic camps] supplement what students are getting during the school year and allow them to experience subjects and topics that they're not getting in public school," said Dan Stalcup, Associate Director for Fairfax Collegiate, a Herndon-based organization that offers summer programs for students entering third through ninth grade.

Programs at Fairfax Collegiate run the gamut from filmmaking and robotics to engineering and classic children's literature. For example, third and fourth grade students can learn to craft their own short stories during a Story Writing course in Alexandria, Chantilly and Ashburn.

Campers who enjoy reading and want to delve into award-winning novels by authors such as Madeleine L'Engle or Rebecca Stead can take "Reading Newbury Winners" with sessions in Chantilly, Ashburn, Fairfax, McLean and Reston. Students can spend two weeks reading books that have been



PHOTO COURTESY OF MARYMOUNT UNIVERSITY

**Kara Dedon, a Marymount University graduate student, will be the director of the school's camp.**

awarded the Newbery Medal for excellence in literature for children.

Fifth and sixth graders who love math and want to hone their analytical and logical thinking skills can spend their time engaging in chess, Stratego and

other mind-bending activities in the "Brain Games" camp, which will be offered in Chantilly, Reston, Herndon, McLean, Alexandria and Oakton.

Future detectives might enjoy taking a forensic science class in Alexandria, Chantilly, Herndon, Ashburn, Falls Church and McLean. "Students learn about the science in criminal justice, like blood-typing and fingerprinting by actually doing the experiments and seeing them in action," said Stalcup.

"Students get a lot of personal attention because the classes are small, and the instructors either have or are pursuing a degree in the topic they're teaching," said Stalcup. "They're all very passionate about the subject they're teaching."

Academic camps might be a good fit for students who are curious about a particular area of study. "Many parents want something that is both fun and educational, meaning it will help their child keep [busy] and develop skills needed during the school year," said Tina M. Morris, Child Development Programs Consultant at George Mason University. "I think both parents and



PHOTO COURTESY OF FAIRFAX COLLEGIATE

**A fifth grade student learns about the structure of the human heart during a Human Biology and Anatomy at Fairfax Collegiate.**

educators realize that summer vacation does not have to be a break from learning."

The decision to send a child to a camp that focuses on reading, science, math or another school subject instead of a purely recreational camp is a personal one, says Lado. "There are some kids who can visit their grandparents in Maine all summer and they come back to school in the fall and pick up where they left off," she said. "Then there are other kids who can't pick up easily. Those are the kids who would benefit from an academic program."

Students appreciate the ability to focus on one subject in a relaxed atmosphere in an academic camp. "If kids are taking a subject at a fast-clip pace, but they don't do well, they miss key skills. The next year they

**"I think both parents and educators realize that summer vacation does not have to be a break from learning."**

**— Tina M. Morris, Child Development Programs Consultant at George Mason University.**

move to a higher level class, but the same problem still exists," said Lado. "When they take a week or two during the summer and immerse themselves in a subject, they go stronger into the next school year. In camp, it's the only thing they're doing academically and they can concentrate on it."

For example, The Madeira School in McLean is offering summer programs in Trigonometry and Geometry. "These courses are intended for advancement into higher level math classes, and based on our classes taught during the academic year," said Ashley Smith, Associate Director of Communications at Madeira. "A student who is interested in math and wishes to advance to higher levels will benefit, as well as students who need a refresher or a better understanding before moving ahead."

When choosing an academic camp, parents should look for camps that are not all work and no play. "I want to make sure it has a healthy balance of recreational and educational enrichment activities," said Morris. "If the campers are enjoying the activities and the counselors are skilled, the program should, as a natural effect, promote the building of positive relationships with their peers and their counselors."



## Providence Elementary STEM Lab Wins Excellence Award

Providence Elementary School's STEM Lab was recognized as one of 24 programs worldwide as a program of excellence from the International Technology and Engineering Educator Association (ITEEA).

Sponsored by the ITEEA and Paxton/Patterson, the Program Excellence Award is one of the highest honors given to Technology and Engineering classroom programs on the elementary, middle or high school levels. It is presented in recognition of outstanding contributions to the profession and students. The award was presented at the ITEEA annual conference earlier this month.

The Providence Elementary STEM Lab began in 2012. With two teachers dedicated to the lab, it welcomes all students in over 40 classrooms from grades K-6 throughout the year to solve challenging projects using the engineering design process. Each class rotates throughout the lab and spends five continuous days with each rotation solving a different challenge. The students work in teams and collaborate to find the best possible solution to their problem. Failure is encouraged to teach resilience, creativity and determination.

## PVI's Scott Allen Named Girls Basketball Coach of the Year

Scott Allen, the Varsity Girls' Basketball Coach at Paul VI Catholic High School in Fairfax, has been selected as the 2015-16 American Family Insurance ALL-USA Girls Basketball Coach of the Year.

Coach Allen has coached at PVI for 14 years. During the 2015-2016 season, Coach Allen led the Panthers to a 33-1 finish. The Lady Panthers won the Naples Shootout tournament, their 10th consecutive Virginia Independent Schools Athletic Association title and third consecutive Washington Catholic Athletic Conference title.

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# Sail Away the Summer

BY SHIRLEY RUHE  
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**A**my Zang says this year all of the Flying Scots were painted in the fall and are looking beautiful. “We’re now doing the bottom paint and then will check all of the boats to be sure they are ready to sail.” Zang is the Director and Owner of the Youth Sailing Day Camp at the Washington Sailing Marina. This year sailing camp begins May 31, the Tuesday after Memorial Day and ends the week of August 15-19th. “There won’t be many kids the first week because some schools are still in session, but we’ll have it anyway.” The classes run from 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. and are open to rising third graders through 15 years of age.

Zang says the Sunfish is for beginners and the Flying Scot for intermediates. “But we’re going to continue the Skippers Club this year for those kids who have received their Sunfish license and are ready for a less structured class. It’s more like a club, more get out and play games and have fun on the boat.” She says this really started by accident two years ago and became so popular that they have added another class this year. It is a small class of nine kids who have mastered sailing with instructors hopping on and off.

Sailing campers can move to the intermediate stage with a skipper or crew li-



**Sailors rig the Sunfish in preparation for beginning the day’s lesson at Youth Sailing Camp at the Washington Sailing Marina.**

cense. The Flying Scot is a 17-foot boat with five campers plus an instructor. It is a bigger boat than the Sunfish with two sails and heads out to the river. “Some kids learn better with the constant reinforcement of an instructor or they like the immediate feedback.”

“The advanced class sails a Hobie Cat that is harder to sail or some students choose racing 420’s.” Four weeks out of the summer, Adventures on a Big Boat is offered on Catalina 25. “The bigger the boat, it reacts differently.”

Classes are already more than 50 percent full for the summer. “Last year we had the best summer ever in my 24 years here or even the 56 years the camp has been in operation.” She continues, “we had just over 1,200 kids. Fantastic. It was due to my staff. If the kids are having fun, they want to sign up for more weeks.” Zang es-

timates that more than 50 percent of the camp attendees come back, often bringing a friend.

Looking back over the years Zang says she makes constant adjustments. One of these is to have enough instructors to keep up with populations such as learning disabled. Zang is a special education teacher during the school year.

“A number of instructors return every year so we can fine tune their training which makes new instructors this year. “Although Zang has 65 staff on the rolls, on any one day she is juggling 40 sailing counselors, 70 boats and 130 campers in sailing classes. “I tell my instructors everything has to be in its place to make the camp run smoothly.” Zang says, “I feel blessed and lucky. We are like a family.”

Zang says she is going to four weddings this year of previous counselors—in Argentina, Richmond, Alexandria and British Columbia.

Camp begins at 9:30 am with a half hour discussion on safety procedures and a look ahead at the plan for the day. Morning sailing is from 10-noon with an hour break for lunch, “and if it’s really hot, I turn on the sprinkler.” After a 15 minute recap of the morning lessons learned, they sail again from 1:30-3:40 pm. “The kids do it all. They put the boats together and take them apart.” Zang says on the days they can’t go out because it is too too windy they have come up with ways to occupy 130 kids on land by setting up stations where kids rotate from boat building, to flag making, to other things related to sailing. Zang adds there were only two of those non-sailing days last summer.

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**Beginning Sunfish classes sail from the dock on a summer morning to practice the day’s maneuvers.**



**Summer counselors at National Marina Youth Sailing Day Camp give the sailors a safety lesson each day before heading for the Potomac.**



# Preparing for Sleep Away Camp

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help children accept and cope with their emotions.

"Expecting to miss home and feel somewhat anxious helps children feel less surprised and overwhelmed when it occurs," said Barbara Meehan, Ph.D. executive director, Counseling and Psychological Services, George Mason University in Fairfax, Va.

A child's apprehension can be eased when parents share their own camp experiences, particularly positive memories.

"Don't let your child get caught up in your own anxiety about leaving for camp," said Linda McKenna Gulyn, Ph.D., professor of psychology at Marymount University in Arlington, Va. "Kids sometimes worry about the parents they left behind. Be positive, but not sad that your child is leaving."

Meehan says that developing a few self-soothing activities like playing outdoors or reading is one strategy for helping children deal with feelings of missing home. Identifying people with whom

young campers can share their emotions is another means for dealing with homesickness.

"Talking to a camp counselor and even peers can help ease the difficult feelings and often they will learn they are not alone," said Meehan.

Encouraging a child to make friends and become involved in camp activities will put the focus on the positive aspects of camp. Packing letters and stamped envelopes and developing a plan for letter exchange can help a child feel connected to their families.

"Isolating and avoiding what feels hard can often worsen anxiety and homesickness," said Meehan. "Remind your child they are stronger than they feel in the moment and that engaging in camp activities can be helpful."

There are times however when a child might not be ready for residen-

tial camps. The American Camp Association reports that while most cases of homesickness subside, there are cases — if a child is not eating or sleeping, for example — when it could be time to seek help. "Consult with camp professionals about resources if your child's anxiety worsens or persists," said Meehan.

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