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2	\$900	The Effect of Nutrient Pollution and Algal Blooms on Our Local Watershed	Dogwood Elementary School
3	\$800	Ban the Bottle Continued	Lanier Middle School
4	\$700	Pesticides AVA	George Washington Middle School
5	\$600	Going Green 2K16	George Washington Middle School
6	\$500	Journey to a Jolly Watershed	Lanier Middle School
7	\$450	Ban the Bag!	Lanier Middle School
8	\$400	Green Roofs for VA; Development the Green Way	Lanier Middle School
9	\$350	Nitrate and Phosphate Levels in the Potomac River	George Washington Middle School
10	\$300	What Can We Do?	Meridian Homeschool Club





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News



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Mayor Scott Silverthorne (in suit) with City Council members (from left) Nancy Loftus, Janice Miller, Ellie Schmidt, David Meyer, Jon Stehle and

Election results for the City Council.

Silverthorne Re-elected; Changes on Council

Stehle is in; Greenfield is out - maybe.

By Bonnie Hobbs The Connection

t was a night of high drama and raw emotion as Scott Silverthorne held off a challenger to win re-election to his third term as City of Fairfax mayor. Meanwhile, Jon Stehle was elected to City Council for the first time, while Councilwoman Nancy Loftus unseated fellow Councilman Jeff Greenfield by a slim, four votes.

Tuesday, May 3, was Election Day in the City, and the candidates gathered at night in Historic Blenheim to await the results, along with family members and friends. In the mayoral race, Silverthorne beat challenger Tom Ammazzalorso by a healthy margin of 1,694 votes to 1,217, capturing nearly 58 percent of the vote.

In the Council race, seven candidates battled for six spots. The six, highest votegetters were: Ellie Schmidt, 2,059; David Meyer, 2,052; Janice Miller, 1,954; Michael DeMarco, 1,890; Stehle, 1,862 and Loftus, 1,818. Greenfield received 1,814 votes and, since the last two totals were so close, there could possibly be a recount.

As for the School Board, the one challenger dropped out earlier, so all five incumbents - Toby Sorensen, Carolyn Pitches, Mitch Sutterfield, Jon Buttram and Robert Reinsel - were re-elected. After all the results came in, the various candidates took to the podium, including Ammazzalorso, who gave a concession speech and vowed to stay involved in the City

THEN TO LOUD APPLAUSE, Silverthorne addressed the crowd. Thanking his friends, family, reelection team, Council colleagues and City residents who supported him, he said, "Thank you for



Happy School Board: From left are Robert Reinsel, Toby Sorensen, Carolyn Pitches, Mitch Sutterfield and Jon Buttram.

making me the 'Comeback Kid."

Last year was a rough one for him, since he had to overcome both financial and health problems. He had a malignant tumor on his neck and, following some grueling treatment, he's now cancer-free. Silverthorne also ran a clean campaign but, four days before the election, he was blindsided by a personal attack on him in a flier distributed by his challenger.

So the fact that he won such a decisive victory Tuesday night made it all the sweeter. "Politics can be a tricky business," said Silverthorne. "But if you run an honest, above-board, straightforward campaign, you will prevail."

He also congratulated Stehle for running a second time for Council, and winning. And he praised Greenfield, who "has served this community ably for 22 years." Silverthorne then thanked the many people he's served

with over the years. "Each and every one of you played a critical role in this campaign; thank you for all the love and support. It's been a tough year, but I've come back."

'We're at a crossroads and we can do great things if we work together collaboratively, going forward," he continued. "I'm enormously humbled and gratified - after a very spirited challenge - that the voters of this community continue to place their trust in me to keep their city moving forward."

the crowd, "Things happen; but now I'll get Sorensen said, "We work really hard to to spend more time with my wife and daughter. Thank you for all your support, these 22 years; I'm still the longest-serving member in the City's history."

Schmidt said she enjoyed hearing the citizens' and business people's concerns while campaigning and was pleased that they told



Mayor Scott Silverthorne

her, "The City is a great place." She added, "The future is bright and I'm looking forward to what it brings."

Meyer noted

that, in some parts

of the world, people lose their lives over elections, so he especially appreciated the ef-

forts of the voters and the elections officers. He thanked the residents for their faith in him and said it's his privilege to serve

Miller thanked her family and "the many people in this community who welcomed me into their homes and hearts. I'm prepared to roll up my sleeves and continue working hard."

DeMarco called it a "challenging" campaign and thanked the voters for the confidence they placed in him. He said Greenfield will be "sorely missed," but he looks forward to working with Stehle.

"This is awesome," said Stehle. "I take this job seriously and thank you so much for giving me the opportunity to take that next step forward."

"We may have disagreements, but there's no doubt in our dedication to the City." added Loftus. "Just four votes separate Jeff and I, and I have nothing but respect and admiration for him "

Regarding his outcome, Greenfield told AS FOR THE SCHOOL BOARD,

make our schools the best they can be. We have world-class education in neighborhood schools." Sutterfield said the Board members make a good team, and Reinsel said what makes the City of Fairfax great and gives it its small-town character is "its people."

City Council Adopts FY 2017 Budget

Real estate tax rate rises just a penny.

By Bonnie Hobbs The Connection

hen Fairfax City Manager Bob Sisson presented his proposed FY 2017 budget for the City, in February, he recommended raising the real estate tax by 2.7 cents, to \$1.0815 per \$100 assessed valuation

But when it came right down to it, City Council was able to adopt a budget last week that held the real estate tax increase to just one cent over the current rate of \$1.052 per \$100 assessed valuation, to \$1.062. Of that amount, \$.0225 is dedicated to the City's Stormwater Fund.

The Council also approved planned increases to the wastewater user rates and the commercial and industrial (C&I) tax rate. The wastewater rates will rise 10 percent. "Without this increase to make infrastructure improvements to the system – especially at the Noman Cole Wastewater Treatment Plant – there'd be a budget shortfall," explained Sisson. The



Schmidt

new rates will take effect with the July 1 wastewater utility bills.

Regarding the C&I tax, Finance Director David Hodgkins said staff recommends increasing it by two cents to \$.095 per \$100 assessed valuation. "It would generate \$1.7 million in funds for City transportation projects and would allow us to receive NVTA [Northern Virginia Transportation Authority] matching funds," he said.



DeMarco

IN A WORK SESSION just prior to the Wednesday, April 27 budget adoption, the Council members were able to make budget cuts lowering the real estate tax rate to \$1.07. So during that night's regular meeting, they continued whittling away at it to reduce it further.

Councilwoman Ellie Schmidt recommended reducing the litigation budget by \$25,000. Disagree-

ing, Councilman David Meyer said, "In the case of protracted litigation, we need to have as many resources as possible, so I'm not in favor of it."

However, Schmidt's motion passed, 5-1. She also suggested reducing the tuition-reimbursement fund for employees by \$22,000. This amount was for additional training and about \$47,000 would still remain. This motion also passed.

Schmidt also placed on the chopping block the \$200,000 earmarked for the employee compensation study. "I recommend that we hold off on that and not include it in the budget," she said. "The money would be for adjusting City employees' salaries up or down, once the results of the study come back."

But her motion failed, 4-2. "It's critical for us to pay competitive salaries," said Councilman Michael DeMarco. "So I think it would be prudent for us to keep that money in there."

Meyer wanted to add \$25,000 to the budget for the Commission

on the Arts for a piece of art to be installed at Old Town Square. "This would be an affirmation of the Public Art Policy that we adopted," he explained. But his motion failed.

DeMarco wondered if the recommended \$336,000 increase in the street repaving and concrete curb-and-gutter budget was necessary. But, replied Public Works Director David Summers, "We're behind in a lot of our repaving projects and this would help us catch up. And when we don't keep the base road in good repair, the overlays don't last as long and waterlines break. The \$2.5 million [total] is just to keep up."

Agreeing, Mayor Scott Silverthorne said, "I've had more complaints about our streets in the past two years, than in the 20 years I've been involved in local government. And it often costs a lot more to repair them after we've let them deteriorate, than if we'd kept up with them, in the first place."

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City Budget Approved

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Councilwoman Nancy Loftus recommended removing the \$25,000 budgeted for LED street signs. Summers said they'd be "for the Old Town area to help illuminate the intersections and crosswalks downtown because the gas lights don't provide a lot of light." The motion passed, 5-1.

Loftus was also against giving salary increases to City employees. "I can't raise the taxes on everyone else to raise employees' salaries," she said. "So I recommend we not fund the merit-pay increase." But no one seconded her motion, so it died.

Schmidt then suggested giving the employees a 2.5-percent merit increase, instead of the proposed 3.5 percent. But, said DeMarco, "If we don't keep up with the merit increases, we'll fall further behind other jurisdictions. So I recommend keeping it at 3.5 percent."

Furthermore, added Councilman Jeff Greenfield, "For several years during the recession, there were no pay increases, and we promised to make them once things got better." Schmidt's motion then failed, 4-2.

However, by the end of the night, the Council had made nearly \$100,000 in budget cuts and reduced the real-estate tax rate so that it wasn't far from just a one-penny increase over last year's rate. Councilwoman Janice Miller then moved to "direct the city manager to find that money to take out of the budget to bring the proposed tax-rate increase down to one cent, for a real-estate tax rate of \$1.062. I'd leave it to his discretion." Her motion was approved.

THE COUNCIL then set the employees' cost-of-living increase at 1.35 percent and merit-pay increase at 3.5 percent, both effective July 1. The vote on the real estate tax rate was approved 5-1, with just Loftus voting no.

"This was a much smoother process this year, than last year, and I want to congratulate my colleagues and City staff who [participated] in the budget document," said Silverthorne. "We all did our best to keep the tax-rate low, while balancing the services we provide."





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Breaking the Cycle of Crime with Treatment Instead of Jail

Fairfax County Budget Invests \$3.89 Million in "Diversion First"

> By Sharon Bulova Chairman, Fairfax County Board of Supervisors

ne in five adults in the U.S. experience mental illness, and more than half did not receive treatment within the past year. Across the country, more people with mental illness are in jail than in psychiatric hospitals, with 2 million people with mental illness brought to jail every year. The criminalization of mental illness is a social, health and justice issue that Fairfax County has tackled head-on in this year's FY2017 Adopted Budget.

Diversion First, a new Fairfax County initiative, aims to reduce the number of people with mental illness in our jail. When people with mental illness have a non-violent or low-level encounter with the law, police officers can take them to the Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board's (CSB) Merrifield Crisis Response Center for treatment rather than jail. During this January alone, 265 mental health investigations were conducted by Fairfax County police officers in the field, and 40 percent of those investigations involved the CSB Merrifield Crisis Response Center.

recommendation of Fairfax County's Ad Hoc Police Practices Review Commission. In the county's FY2017 Budget, officially adopted on April 26, 2016, the Board of Supervisors invested \$7.5 million to implement many of these recommendations, including \$3.89 million and a number of new staff positions for Diversion

Diversion First is a priority for the Board of Supervisors because the benefits of diverting people to treatment are enormous. First, people can recover from a mental health episode or become stabilized if they receive treatment. If brought to jail, chances of recovery are less likely and reentry back into the community adds even more challenges. With a record of jail time, applying for jobs and housing becomes extremely difficult, if not impossible. Guiding people to treatment instead of incarceration helps prevent a cycle of crime before it even starts, giving residents a better shot at managing and living successfully with mental illness, which benefits the entire community.

Diversion First not only saves lives, it also saves money. It is extremely expensive to the taxpayer to house people in jail who could be better served elsewhere. On average, people with mental illness remain incarcerated four to eight times longer than those without mental illness for the same charge and can cost up to seven times more. In Fairfax County, it costs an average of \$66,000 per year to hold one inmate in jail. Compare that to about \$8,000 for one year of the most intensive CSB care for

Fully implementing Diversion First was a an individual, which does not include housing. A jail diversion program in Bexar County, Texas (Fairfax County's model for Diversion First) saved taxpayers \$50 million in the past five years. We are aiming for a similar outcome here in Fairfax County that promotes a safer, healthier and less expensive way of helping people with mental illness.

> As part of Diversion First, Fairfax County police officers and deputy sheriffs are receiving 40 hours of state-certified Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) training to learn about the challenges of living with a mental illness and how to de-escalate crisis situations, both in the community and in the jail. CIT training is also aimed at changing the way law enforcement and the judicial system interact with people who have substance use disorders or intellectual and developmental disabilities.

> After completing the training, CIT officers and deputies are better equipped to identify individuals who are experiencing an episode related to mental illness. They can make an informed decision to take persons to the Merrifield Crisis Response Center for assessment rather than arresting them and bringing them to the Adult Detention Center. Or, CIT officers may be able to de-escalate the crisis and resolve the situation on the spot.

> If you call 9-1-1 for a mental health crisis or emergency, you can request a CIT-trained officer to respond. In a crisis that is not life threatening or when involving law enforcement is not necessary, you can call CSB Emergency Services 24/7 at 703-573-5679.

Goal: Involving Public in Police Use of Force Review

By John C. Cook Supervisor (R-Braddock DISTRICT)

ith the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors May 10 Public Safety Committee meeting just a few days away, it is important to remember what has been discussed so far, what is on the agenda for May

10, and what will be done in the Law Enforcement Agencies future. As the Chair of the Committee, my goal will be to include the public as much as possible in what is very much a community

The Public Safety Committee met on Feb. 9 to begin the review of the recommendations of the Ad Hoc Police Practices Review Commission — particularly police use of force practices. Chief Roessler of the Fairfax County Police Department (FCPD) noted that the



force review through the Police Executive Research Forum (PERF) and is pursuing national accreditation through the Commission on Accreditation for

(CALEA).

Reforming police practices through the Public Safety Committee has been more than mere discussion; we have directly revised the Criminal Justice Academy training to focus on the sanctity of life and have altered the methods of recruit training, crisis intervention team (CIT) training, and training for supervisors. We have certified 20 lead trainers on deescalation and critical decision-Department participates in use of making models, and have re-

cruited a civilian director of the Public Affairs Bureau. All of these reforms are actions taken to improve both FCPD's response to crime and public safety practices as a whole.

At the May 10 committee meeting, we will continue working through the recommendations from the Ad Hoc Commission. We will focus on national trends in police use of force and the recommendations made to Fairfax County from PERF. We will also talk about the recommendations of the Ad Hoc Commission Use of Force Subcommittee, and will hear from the Chief, who will present the current and proposed revisions to the use of force policy.

about the recommendations of the Communications Subcommittee from former Chief Public Information Officer Merni Fitzgerald. Commonwealth's Attorney Morrogh will present prosecutor's views on the release of information during use of force investigations, and Detective Sean Corcoran, speaking on behalf of the Fairfax Coalition of Police Local 5000, will share the views of officers on the release of names and information following a police incident. A representative from PERF will attend to discuss national trends in communications regarding use of force events. At the following meeting in July, we will be looking at the recommendations of the Oversight Committee, which includes a civilian oversight board.

Reforming our county's police practices has and will continue to be an open and transparent process. The Police Practices Review The Committee will also hear Commission, as well as the Public Safety Committee, will be performing significant work in the months ahead as we work with the FCPD, community members, and other, instrumental partners to ensure we have a police force in Fairfax County that is second to none.



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Emily Rusch and her SAPT team will join with teams around the world to raise money for the Alzheimer's Association.

Working to End the Longest Day

mother died a slow and heartbreaking death from Alzheimer's Disease. The experience felt continuous and excruciating.

"Caring for someone with Association's mission," Alzheimer's is really like one said Rusch. never-ending day," said Rusch, office manager for Strength & Per- also taking donations in formance Training, Inc. (SAPT) in

This June, she and her team of SAPT colleagues will join with hopes to do her part to teams of people around the world to participate in The Longest Day, a sunrise-to-sunset challenge to enced first-hand. raise awareness and funds for re-Alzheimer's Association. The name mother died. They of the event honors the strength, never really knew befacing Alzheimer's.

solstice, The Longest Day symbolthose living with the disease and aged to create their own experience as they fundraise and particiment." pate in an activity they love to

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required. There is no session on May 30.)

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> The SAPT team is advance and has raised nearly \$1,000 of their \$5,000 goal. Rusch halt the disease's cycle which she has experi-

"My daughters were advanced stages of

Held annually on the summer Alzheimer's," she said. "When I was a child, my grandmother had izes the challenging journey of Alzheimer's so I never knew her either. I'm doing the Longest Day their caregivers. Teams are encourbecause research is important to who play alongside seniors. finding a cure or viable treat-

Yuen De Anda, whose father has honor someone facing the disease. Alzheimer's, is participating in The event on June 18 by offering free Springfield's Team Bridge Heroes the team's first year, they finished two ways. Club members raise

Fairfax County is offering the follow-

free Chronic Disease



search programs of the 8 and 11 when my Cindy Schelhorn and Stephanie Fewsmith

of the Alzheimer's Association encourage community participation in the Longest passion and endurance of those cause she was in the Day for Alzheimer's research.

> United. The team, which is based in the top 20 teams in the nation. loved ones, yard sales [and] yoga." Springfield, is intergenerational. in the Top 10. There are high school students

This June will be their fourth the last three years, the team has De Anda. "Some kids have brought raised more than \$58,000 for the their grandparents to play." SAPT will hold a fundraising Longest Day and is the captain of Alzheimer's Association. In 2013.

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out of a retirement community in In 2014 and 2015, they finished "The [seniors] need exposure to 3900.

the disease.

different people to stay engaged and alert. The kids light up the year participating in the event. In room when they are there," said

The bridge club helps seniors in

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Caregivers of Older Adults:

Teams work to raise money for the Alzheimer's Association during the

Emily Rusch, pictured here

with her mother and infant

daughter, was inspired to

Alzheimer's Association by

her mother's battle with

raise money for the

Event to raise awareness and

Alzheimer's Association.

funds for research programs of

annual Longest Day event.

research by playing the game, and the game itself is an activity that keeps seniors engaged.

money for Alzheimer's

"You're forced to interact with other people and that helps you keep your sanity," said De Anda. "Social connection is huge."

While June 20 is the official date for The Longest Day event, the Alzheimer's Association encourages activities and fundraising around this date. Cindy Schelhorn of the Alzheimer's Association says that teams across the nation develop creative ways to raise money. "We've seen ... Rocking Chair Marathon

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ONGOING

"**Manifesto**." May 21-June 18. Open Tuesday from 6-9 p.m or by appointment. Olly Olly Art Space, 2nd Floor, 10417 Main St., Fairfax. Exhibition of five collections of art by the artists of Northern Virginia's Bunnyman Bridge Collective. 'Manifesto" will feature creative experimental art of the hidden away; including sculpture, installation, painting, collage, photography, video and performance. ollyollyart.com. 703-789-6144.

"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/.

"After the Holocaust." April 5-May 19. Jewish Community Center of Northern Virginia, 8900 Little River Turnpike, Fairfax. Exhibit. 703-323-

0880. jccnv.org.

Carolina Shag. Wednesdays. 6:30-10
p.m. Arlington/Fairfax Elks Lodge,
8421 Arlington Blvd., Fairfax. Free lessons at 7:30 p.m. No partners needed. Dinner menu. \$8. Under 21

free. nvshag.org. **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. 703-426-2824. Cafe Ivrit (Hebrew Cafe).

Wednesdays. 8:15-9:15 a.m. Jewish Community Center of Northern Virginia, 8900 Little River Turnpike, Fairfax. Shalom (Hello)! Did you always want to converse in Hebrew? Join Na'ama each week for conversational Hebrew. You will learn and practice Hebrew in a fun and interactive way while learning more about Israel! Free (we ask that you try to attend regularly). RSVP Naama.Gold@iccnv.org.

Smoke Free Bingo (with breaks for smoking friends). 7 p.m. Every Friday. Fairfax Volunteer Fire Department, 4081 University Drive, Fairfax. Free coffee, entertaining callers, \$1,000 jackpot. www.fairfaxvd.com. 703-273-3638.

After the Holocaust. April 5-May 19. The Jewish Community Center of Northern Virginia, 8900 Little River Turnpike, Fairfax. The Bodzin Art Gallery presents an art exhibit observing the 70th anniversary of the conclusion of the Nuremberg Trials. Watercolors by Alexandra Rozenman, a political refugee from Moscow, and sculptures by Paula Stern. Free.

www.jccnv.org. 703-537-3000. **Celebrating our Children's**

Creativity. May 19-June 20. The Jewish Community Center of Northern Virginia, 8900 Little River Turnpike, Fairfax. The J's Early Childhood Learning Center presents "A Reggio Exhibit," which showcases the philosophy of teaching art under the guidance of Sarah Vejvoda. Free. www.jccnv.org. 703-537-3000.

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

"Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf." April 22-May 8. Old Town Hall, 3999 University Drive, Fairfax. Edward Albee's "Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf' won the 1963 Tony Award for Best Play and is considered one of the masterworks of American drama, with its dazzling language and unforgettable characters.

fairfaxcitytheatre.org. **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

THURSDAY/MAY 5

National Day of Prayer Event.

Noon-1 p.m. Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Fairfax Government Center Parkway, Fairfax. Pray for America and its leaders. 703-383-1170. jccag.org.

FRIDAY-SATURDAY/MAY 6-7

"Into the Woods." 7 p.m. Russell Theater, Robinson Secondary School, 5035 Sideburn Road, Fairfax Everyone's favorite storybook characters together for a timeless yet relevant piece and rare modern classic. robinsondrama.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.

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"Diaspora" by Fairfax Station artist Lynn Goldstein will be on Display at the Jewish Community Center of Northern Virginia's "After the Holocaust" exhibit from April 5 to May 19.

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Community Joins Together to Bid for a Cause

Nearly 100 people gathered to raise money for communitybased children's programs on April 29 at Assistance League of Northern Virginia's "Annual Spring Event, Luncheon and Silent Auction."

Programs benefiting from event's proceeds were Weekend Food for Kids, Reading Express and New Clothing for Kids. Member volunteers and their guests, representatives from recipient schools, corporate and individual donors, event sponsors and community volunteers joined together to bid on a wide variety of items and services donated by generous businesses in the community.

From tickets to the theatre, golf outings, wine tastings and dinners-for-two to jewelry, photography sessions, teeth whitening packages and tickets to D.C. sporting events, the silent auction offered something for everyone and

Auctioneer Danial Sanders, the owner of Four Sales Estate Sales in Alexandria, donated his services in support of the live auction and special appeal.

Pat Thompson, president, Assistance League of Northern Virginia, hosted the spring event which took place at International Country Club in Fairfax



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Pat Thompson (right), president of Assistance League of Northern Virginia and Linda Shilts, vice president of resource development, recognize member volunteers, sponsors and donors during the Annual Spring Event, Luncheon and Silent Auction, on April 29.

for the second year. Sheehy Nissan/Manassas ShounBach, a family law firm based in Fairfax were sponsors for this fundraiser which featured a presentation by Master Police Officer, Wayne Twombly, FCPD on Personal Safety.

Claudia McDowell, social Worker, and Maggie Perez-Rives, Parent Liaison at Lynbrook Elementary School in Springfield spoke about how Assistance League programs, which provide essential food and clothing to children living in food insecure households, help their students focus on learning. Lynbrook Elementary is one of ten Title I schools in the Counties of Fairfax and Prince William and the City of Alexandria served by the nonprofit.

Tables were decorated with red roses and handwritten thank you notes from students receiving support from the allvolunteer 501(c)(3). Funds raised during the "Annual

led to a few friendly bidding wars. For the fifth year, Spring Event" will enable Assistance League to sustain and expand programs which feed, clothe and educate children in need.

> For more information about Operation School Bell programs and sponsorship opportunities, contact VP Resource Development Linda Shilts: lindamshilts@gmail.com.

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SATURDAY/MAY 7

A Special Mother's Storytime. 11 a.m. Barnes and Noble Fairfax, 12193 Fair Lakes Promenade Drive, Fairfax. In celebration of Mother's Day, read about becoming an expert grandma sitter in How to Babysit a Grandma followed by Mom School. 703-278-8527

Author Event. 11 a.m. Barnes and Noble Fairfax, 12193 Fair Lakes Promenade Drive, Fairfax. Sherry Harris's latest title "All Murders Final" is sure to please fans of her mysteries! Help celebrate this latest release by joining us for an author appearance and signing. Light refreshments will be served. 703-278-

Barbecue and Carwash. Carwash, 9 a.m. Barbecue, 11 a.m. St. George's UMC, 4910 Ox Road, Fairfax. Proceeds goes to support caring for the hungry and homeless in Fairfax County and repairing homes in the Appalachian region of North Carolina. The Youth's mission trip to Western North Carolina will depart in July and we appreciate your support for their mission. stgumc.org. 703-385-4550.

Forgotten Fairfax: Fairfax County's Nike Missile Sites. 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Fairfax City Regional Library, 10360 North St., Fairfax. Three Nike Missile sites were located right here in Fairfax County. For more information, http://bit.ly/ 1Nlix06 or (703) 293-6227 x6.

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. fairfaxstation.org. 703-425-9225.

THURSDAY/MAY 12

Spring Into Health Fair. 9 a.m.-1 p.m.. JCCNV, 8900 Little River Turnpike, Fairfax. Dr. Majid Fotuhi, speaker. Wellness vendors, free mini group fitness classes, free personal training assessments and screenings, raffle prizes, giveaways, healthy snacks, and more. \$8-\$15. For registration information, call 703-323-0880.

THURSDAY-SATURDAY/MAY 12-14

"Into the Woods." 7 p.m. with a 2 p.m. matinee on May 14. Russell Theater, Robinson Secondary School, 5035 Sideburn Road, Fairfax. Everyone's favorite storybook characters together for a timeless yet relevant piece and rare modern classic. The 2 p.m. May 14 show is recommended for children. Only Act 1 will be shown on May 14 but there will be a Fairy Tale Festival after. robinsondrama.org.

FRIDAY/MAY 13

Fairfax Fashion Show. 7:30 p.m. Sherwood Center, 3740 Old Lee Highway, Fairfax. Juniors and seniors of FCPS who are in the Fashion Careers class in the Fairfax Academy for Communications and the Arts present their student designed/ produced fashion show. \$15. fashioninmotion.ticketleap.com/ 2016.

SATURDAY/MAY 14

Art League Reception. 7-9 p.m. Fairfax Art League Village Gallery, 3950 University Drive, Fairfax. The Fairfax Art League's spring show. 703-385-5658

Italian Heritage Lodge. 6:30-9 p.m. Knights of Columbus Hall, 3700 Old Lee Highway, Fairfax. fun filled

group that meets monthly and participate in entertaining evenings and events. Call 703-818-7656 for

additional details.

Gospel Choir of the Castle Church.

7:30 p.m. Living Savior Lutheran Church, 5500 Ox Road, Fairfax Station. Forty-four member choir from Wittenberg Germany. Program will include traditional American spirituals as well as folk songs from other countries. Free. 703-352-1421.

SUNDAY/MAY 15

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The Northern Virginia Transportation Commission (nvtc) Is Seeking Public Input On The Multimodal Components Submitted For Fy 2017 Funding Consideration As Part Of The Virginia Department Of Transportation's (vdot's) Transform 66 Inside The Beltway Project.

Nvtc Will Select Multimodal Components For Presentation To The Commonwealth Transportation Board For Funding Using Toll Revenues From Vdot's Transform 66 Inside The Beltway Project. The Principal Objective Of The Transform 66 Inside The Beltway Project Is To Select And Fund Multimodal Components That Meet The Improvement Goals, Which Are To (1) Move More People, (2) Enhance Transportation Connectivity, (3) Improve Transit Service, (4) Reduce Roadway Congestion And (5) Increase Travel Options. The Improvement Goals Will Benefit The Users Of The Portion Of I-66 Between I-495 (the Capital Beltway) And U.s. Route 29 In The Rosslyn Area Of Arlington County.

Nvtc Urges The Public To Get Involved By Learning About And Commenting On The Proposed Multimodal Components During The Open House And Public Hearing On May 18, 2016. The Hearing Will Be Held At Reston Station, 1904 Reston Metro Plaza, Reston, Va 20190. The Open House Will Begin At 4:30 P.m. The Public Hearing Will Start At 6:00 P.m. A Hearing Officer Will Preside At The Public Hearing. Members Of The Northern Virginia Transportation Commission May Be In Attendance As Well.

The List Of Submitted Multimodal Components For The Transform 66 Inside The Beltway Project Is Too Extensive For Publication In This Advertisement. The List May Be Accessed By Visiting Www.novatransit.org/i66multimodal; Calling Nvtc At

703-nvtc-321 (703-688-2321); E-mailing I66multimodal@nvtdc.org; Or Visiting Nvtc's Offices At 2300 Wilson Blvd., Ste. 620, Arlington, Va 22201, Monday Through Friday, 9:00 A.m. - 4:30 P.m.

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SPORTS

South County shortstop Jade Williams went 1-for-3 with a double against Northern on April 30.



Photos by Craig Sterbutzel/The Connection

South County Softball Falls to Northern

Battle-tested Stallions to face Lake Braddock Friday.

By Jon Roetman
The Connection

he South County softball team managed just three hits during a 4-0 loss on April 30 to Northern, a powerhouse program from Owings, Md., that has won the last eight 3A MPSSAA state championships.

Stallions head coach Gary Dillow wasn't angry about the result and he didn't voice displeasure with the team's performance. Instead, he spoke about Saturday's contest with a big-picture perspective.

"I don't think we played that bad," Dillow said. "They're a phenomenal team, top to bottom. We didn't hit well, but give the credit to their pitcher (Kaylee Cross): she kept us off balance and moved the ball around.

"... Hopefully it makes us better. We've got [Lake] Braddock for the second time [on May 6] and playoffs coming up in two weeks, so that's really what we're trying to do: play the best competition we can to hopefully get better for the postseason."

Saturday's loss dropped the Stallions' record to 13-4 and snapped a four-game win streak. South County is a winning a program — Dillow noted "we don't lose a lot of games" — but even when the Stallions were at their best, they had to overcome some bumps in the road.

During South County's state championship season of 2014, the Stallions lost twice to Lake Braddock, including a 1-0 defeat in the Conference 7 championship game. South County responded by beating the Bruins in the region title game before going on to claim the top prize and finish the season with a 26-3 record.

Lake Braddock has gotten the best of South County the last two seasons, beating the Stallions in all four of their matchups by a combined total of 12-1. South County's next shot at the Bruins is at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, May 6 in Lorton.

"For whatever reason, Braddock has had our num-



South County pitcher Aubrey Bates struck out 11 during the Stallions' 4-0 loss to Northern on April 30.

ber the last two years and we've just got to figure out how to get by that hump," Dillow said. "They're good and I think we're right there with them, we've just got to show that on the field when we play."

Senior shortstop Jade Williams, one of four four-year varsity players on this year's South County team, said facing tough teams like Northern can help the Stallions in the future. After all, she was a key contributor as a sophomore when South County won the 2014 state title after losing twice to Lake Braddock.

"Everyone thinks it's all about being undefeated, but I think learning a few things along the way [is good]," Williams said. "Obviously, states [in 2014] is the perfect example. That year, we learned from our losses and we got better, so I think [Saturday's loss] will make us better."

Williams, who will play softball at Kent State, went 1-for-3 against Northern with a double.

"I learned a lot from [facing Northern]," Williams said. "I think it was motivating for us to get to that level."

South County third baseman Mollie Maglich, outfielder Carley Kastner and pitcher Aubrey Bates have also been on the varsity for four years.

Maglich and senior first baseman Zoe Corigliano each had a single against Northern.

Bates suffered the loss in the circle. She allowed four runs on nine hits while walking three, hitting one batter and striking out 11 in seven innings.

The Conference 7 tournament begins Monday, May 16.

Fairfax Connection Sports Editor Jon Roetman 703-752-4031 or jroetman@connectionnewspapers.com



Video screenshot by Jon Roetman/The Connection

Woodson's Sean Garin, right, defends against T.C. Williams' Kevin Nunez.

TC's Sosa, Weather Stop Woodson Boys' Soccer

Cavaliers fall short in battle for second place in Conference 7.

By Jon Roetman The Connection

second-half goal by Jose Bonilla Sosa and a persistent thunderstorm helped the T.C. Williams boys' soccer team secure second place in Conference 7 and left the Woodson Cavaliers wondering what could have been.

Bonilla Sosa's header in the 45th minute — his second goal of the match — gave T.C. Williams the lead and the Titans held on for a 2-1 victory in a weather-shortened contest in Alexandria.

Inclement weather forced teams off the field in the 64th minute with TC leading 2-1. Thirty minutes must pass after the last sign of thunder or lightning before play can resume. About an hour passed before the match was called and the result became official. Darkness was also a factor as T.C. Williams does not have lights on its field.

The win improved T.C. Williams' record to 11-1 overall and 5-1 in the conference, and the Titans secured the No. 2 seed in the conference tournament. TC's lone loss this season came against No. 1 seed and defending conference champion West Potomac

Woodson fell to 5-7 overall and 4-3 in the conference.

"They were taking it to TC," Woodson head coach Andrew Peck said about the Cavaliers' performance. "[TC] killed everybody else but West Potomac and then we come out here and they're 1-1 for 60 percent of the

match and then it gets called. ... This is something to build on."

Bonilla Sosa's first goal gave the Titans a 1-0 lead in the 15th minute. Woodson junior Sam Reeves netted the equalizer in the 35th minute.

"We kind of shot ourselves in the foot, came out flat in the first half," TC head coach Peter Abed said. "It's kind of been a little theme of ours we've got to correct. You can't always just out-play teams, you've got to out-work teams and [in] the West Po game and this game, I don't think that happened, and Woodson took advantage. They're a good team, they organize, they play hard and they came at us hard."

Not all of the Titans had an issue with working hard.

"Luckily Jose came to play today," Abed said. "He was playing for the full time."

What makes Bonilla Sosa a dangerous player?

"I think one of his best attributes is his work rate," Abed said. "He's able to get up and down the field at a phenomenal rate. He's all over the place. Today, he really came energized and ready to go. ... He just has ... impeccable timing of when to arrive on the far post for balls coming across, corner kicks, things like that. He just knows exactly when to get there ..."

T.C. Williams faced West Springfield on Wednesday, after The Connection's deadline. The Titans will host McLean at 4:30 p.m. on Friday, May 6.

Woodson will host Westfield at 7 p.m. on Friday, May 6.

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Northern Virginia Transportation Commission Open House/Public

Hearing. Open House, 4:30 p.m. Public Hearing, 6 p.m. Reston Station, 1904 Reston Metro Plaza, Reston. On the multimodal components submitted for FY 2017 funding consideration as part of the Transform 66 Inside the Beltway Program. The public comment period is also being extended through close of business on May 23, 2016. novatraansit.org.

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