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Ron Hilbig's small business Turtle Hill Originals is one of many without a brick-and-mortar presence that can benefit from public exposure during the 2016 Springfield Days Market Expo.



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Sailors compete in the 2015 Cardboard Boat Regatta held at Lake Accotink Park as part of the Springfield Days community festival.

Springfield Days Returns to the Sweet Spot

Market Expo, PetFest, Cardboard Regatta among community festivities.

BY TIM PETERSON
THE CONNECTION

Springfield resident Ron Hilbig's small business Turtle Hill Originals was supposed to be a fun retirement job. Now in his second year of creating custom decorative mirrors, picture frames and treasures boxes, he still works full time as communications director at Immanuel Bible Church in Springfield.

Hilbig graduated from college with a fine arts degree and worked in graphic production for 40 years. Though he hasn't taken Turtle Hill Originals on full time yet, he's excited that it's pretty much the first time he's put his degree to use.

"For the first time, I get to combine a painting style, things I really enjoy," he said. "Plus, I really like making products."

Hilbig has a web shop and sells his products through Etsy, but like many small business owners, he still lacks a brick-and-mortar presence.

"There's nothing quite like having people walk up to your table, pick up your stuff and look at it," he said, describing his first experience at the Springfield Days Market Expo in 2015.

THE EXPO is an open air marketplace for crafters and other vendors held in the parking lot of Springfield United Methodist Church. It's one of several major community events held over the weekend following Memorial Day as part of the larger celebration Springfield Days.

"Sales were low," last year, Hilbig admits, "but for me, it was a super opportunity just



Diana Greiner, one of the Springfield Days PetFest organizers and owner of the store Felix and Oscar mans the tent with store manager Matt O'Leary during the 2015 PetFest held behind South Run RECenter.

to meet people, get some feedback."

Market Expo organizer Margaret Panik of North Springfield said "helping area businesses get out there," is one major goal of the event. "It's connecting people to the business, so they don't have to go outside the Springfield bubble."

Panik said between 35 to 40 businesses and crafters from the greater Springfield area and Burke are expected at this year's Market Expo.

Springfield-based food truck Urban Bumpkin BBQ is scheduled to be at the expo from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m., Panik added.

In addition to the Expo, Saturday of Springfield Days includes a 6-kilometer run around Lake Accotink Park, a Car Show at American Legion Post 176 and a Book Sale at the Richard Byrd Library.

Springfield Days Schedule

SATURDAY, JUNE 4

Springfield 6K: **8 a.m. at Lake Accotink Park**
PetFest: **9 a.m. - 3 p.m. at SouthRun RECenter**
Market Expo: **9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. at Springfield United Methodist Church**
Car Show: **10 a.m. - 2 p.m. at American Legion Post 176**
Book Sale: **10 a.m. - 5 p.m. at Richard Byrd Library**

SUNDAY, JUNE 5

Cardboard Boat Regatta: **2 p.m. at Lake Accotink Park**

For more information, visit www.springfielddays.com.

Springfield Days falls in the sweet spot after Memorial Day but before most high school graduation parties, Nancy-jo Manney of the Greater Springfield Chamber of Commerce said. And before the Celebrate Fairfax festival.

Saturday's festivities also include PetFest, a fair for four-legged friends held in the field behind the South Run RECenter.

Visitors are encouraged to bring any pets that can be put on a leash or otherwise enclosed. They also need to be comfortable around many other animals and people, said co-organizer Diana Greiner.

Greiner owns Felix and Oscar, a pet food store in Springfield that also hosts a vendor tent at PetFest.

Griener said the event started eight years ago as a "community event that embraces the importance of pets in our life."

As such, there will be a spectrum of pet-related vendors, from food shops and vets to boarders, rescue organizations and shelters.

Sharing information and resources is a big part of it, Griener said. Some additional vendors include spay and neuter clinics, trainers and a blood bank for pets.

"People don't think about having pets give blood as well," she said. "They can get in accidents and have serious injuries," that require donated blood. The bank won't be

drawing any pet's blood at PetFest, but providing information about the process.

"The whole concept is we love our pets," said co-organizer Dixie Eng. "Many people get a pet and really don't know what to do with it."

Eng said PetFest is a great venue to learn "responsible parenting, responsible pet ownership."

SUNDAY'S ONLY EVENT is the 27th running of the Cardboard Boat Regatta.

Though open to contestants in the community, the largest contingent of racers comes from the Fairfax County Public Schools School Age Child Care (SACC) after school program.

SACC supplies between 600 and 650 students from 27 programs around Fairfax County, according to SACC program head teacher Kali Pellegrino.

This will be the 15th year SACC has participated in the regatta.

Pellegrino said staff picks a theme for the boats in January, which is integrated as an extension of the education curriculum. This year, they went with "Global Adventurers."

Each SACC site chose three countries to dive into as inspiration for their watercraft.

"We explore their culture, arts, science, social studies and history throughout the school year," Pellegrino said. "Egypt, China, Germany, Japan, Brazil — these different places are going to be represented in our boats."

The head teacher also appreciates how the regatta challenges students to use and develop design, engineering and teamwork skills.

"Having to build a boat out of cardboard that's going to function as a true boat for them to get in is definitely very hard," she said. "It's one of the funniest, most exciting things you're going to watch. Some don't leave the beach. Some go out to that buoy, come back and look like never been in the water."

All Springfield Days events are free, though the 6K requires pre-registration. For more information, visit www.springfielddays.com.

Suspects Arrested in May 21 Armed Robbery Case

Two men from Waldorf, Md. await extradition to Fairfax County.

BY TIM PETERSON
THE CONNECTION

Three days after an armed robbery and gunfight that broke out in Springfield's Brookfield Plaza, Fairfax County Police announced Tuesday, May 24, that two men have been arrested in connection with the case.

The robbery and shooting occurred around 12:22 p.m. on Saturday, May 21, at the Dubai Jewelry Store.

William Timothy Franklin IV, 24, was arrested Monday May 23 at his home in Waldorf, Maryland.

Also Monday evening, police said, U.S. Customs, Border Patrol and officers with the Port Authority Police of New York and New Jersey arrested Jasminder Sethi, 26 at Newark Airport in New Jersey. Sethi is also from Waldorf.

Police have felony warrants for both men: Robbery for Sethi and Robbery plus Use of a Firearm in the Commission of a Felony for Franklin. The process of extraditing the arrestees to Fairfax County is underway.

Depending on whether they waive the extradition or fight it, the process can take anywhere from two days to two months, said Captain David M. Smith, Commander of the Major Crimes Division of Fairfax County Police.

Captain Smith and Fairfax County Chief of Police Edwin Roessler addressed members of the media about the arrests at the Fairfax County Government Center on May 24.

Roessler gave a brief recap of the incident. He explained how an officer in the area first responded to the 911 call reporting the robbery and established a "position of cover and conceal, as he's trained to do."

THE OFFICER challenged the suspect who was exiting the jewelry store. The suspect then fired at the officer. The officer, a seven-year veteran of the department whose name has not been released yet, returned fire.

Police believe a bullet from the suspect's gun struck a motorist who was driving behind the officer. Roessler wouldn't comment on the condition of that citizen. By the last update from police, the condition was listed as non-life-threatening.

The extent of the volleys hasn't been released. Roessler simply stated "many shots were fired."

The suspect fled on foot. He carjacked a vehicle, which he crashed at Spring Village Drive and Hampton Creek Way. The suspect carjacked another vehicle, which Roessler said he drove to the 7600 block of Hooes Road before fleeing further on foot. Patrol officers, the K-9 unit, helicopter



PHOTO BY ABIGAIL CONSTANTINO/THE CONNECTION

Police block off Brookfield Plaza in Springfield following the robbery on Saturday, May 21



Fairfax County Chief of Police Edwin Roessler addresses members of the media about two arrests in the May 21 robbery in Springfield.

William Timothy Franklin IV, 24, was arrested Monday May 23 at his home in Waldorf, Maryland.



U.S. Customs, Border Patrol and officers with the Port Authority Police of New York and New Jersey arrested Jasminder Sethi, 26, at Newark Airport in New Jersey.

Fairfax 1 and Virginia State Police Troopers immediately began searching the area. Neither Roessler nor Smith would comment on any prior criminal history of either arrestee in the case, citing an active investigation.

When asked how they were found, Roessler answered, "good, old-fashioned detective work." He praised the Federal

Bureau of Investigation's Violent Crimes Task Force, the Prince George's County Maryland Police Department and the Charles County, Maryland Sheriff's Office for their assistance in apprehending the men, as well.

"The primary goal was to get these guys in custody," Smith said. "That's where we're at. We still have a long way to go."



PHOTOS BY TIM PETERSON/THE CONNECTION

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THREE INVESTIGATIONS into the incident are now underway: criminal, administrative and Internal Affairs. Smith and Roessler also declined to answer whether they are pursuing additional suspects connected with the case, or whether the suspects in custody committed further crimes after the initial robbery in Springfield.

Chief Roessler's initial statement from the scene of the robbery on the Fairfax County police's Facebook page.



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The BWSSCWoW welcomes Chairman Sharon (third from left) Bulova at its luncheon.

Recognizing Seniors' Contributions to Community

On Friday, May 13, Chairman Sharon Bulova joined the Fairfax County Senior Citizens' Council in honoring the community contributions of senior citizens at a Senior Recognition Luncheon at Waterford, Springfield.

The Burke/West Springfield Senior Center Without Walls (BWSSCWoW) was honored with two outstanding senior awards to Elaine Nixon for her leadership in strengthening the tai-chi program and to Corazon Sandoval Foley for founding BWSSCWoW.

And the Virginia Commonwealth Council on Aging 2016 Best Practices Awards recognized with the Honorable Mention the BWSSCWoW "Seniors Giving Back to Community Project" in which BWSSCWoW seniors provide free community service to support "Aging-in-Place."

The community service involves international folk dancing for seniors to share world heritage and cultural enrichment to our community; as well as local history and career seminars to support residents of all ages in Fairfax County.



Roberto Quinones of the Virginia Commonwealth Council on Aging presenting the 2016 Best Practices Honorable Mention Award to Corazon Sandoval Foley, Founding Chairman of the Burke/West Springfield Senior Center Without Walls (BWSSCWoW), along with Lee District Supervisor Jeff McKay, Chairman Sharon Bulova, Braddock Supervisor John Cook and Hunter Mill Supervisor Cathy Hudgins.

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Remembering on Memorial Day 2016

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On Memorial Day, we remember all of those who have died in military service, more than 400,000 in World War II, more than 30,000 in Korea, more than 50,000 in Vietnam.

As many as 620,000 soldiers died in the line of duty in the Civil War, stunningly about 2 percent of the population at that time. To compare, while more than 2.5 million soldiers have served in Iraq and Afghanistan, that number is still less than one percent of the U.S. population.

Since Sept. 11, 2001, more than 6,880 U.S. military service men and women have died in support of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

On Memorial Day, there are many ways to remember the fallen, including a visit to Arlington National Cemetery, or many other local commemorations. But at a minimum, wherever you are, you can observe a moment of silence at 12:01 p.m. along with Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America (IAVA), or you can set your own moment at some point during the day.

More than 52,000 U.S. military service members have been wounded in action, although that number is likely to be revised upward. In 2013, the military confirmed traumatic brain injury in more than 220,000 of the more than 2.5 million troops who have served in Iraq and Afghanistan. The long-term consequences of many of these injuries, including mental health consequences, are unknown, but they will require a national commitment to excellence in health care and services for both active duty military personnel and veterans. Virginia's U.S. Senators Mark Warner and Tim Kaine continue to advocate for better service from the Veterans Administration.

Since Memorial Day 2014, the Department of Defense announced the death of one service member from Virginia, Marcus D. Prince, 22, of Norfolk, Virginia, who died April 26 in Juffir, Bahrain.

Between Memorial Day 2014 and 2015, two military service members from Virginia. Sgt. Charles C. Strong, 28, of Suffolk, died Sept. 15, 2014 in Herat Province, Afghanistan while conducting combat operations. Sgt. David H. Stewart, 34, of Stafford, was one of three Marines who died June 20, 2014 while conducting combat operations in Helmand province, Afghanistan.

EVERY YEAR before Memorial Day, this newspaper names the local men and women who have died in military service since Sept. 11, 2001.

Army Sgt. Lyle D. Turnbull, 31, of Norfolk, died Oct. 18, 2013 in Kuwait, from a medical emergency. Capt. Brandon L. Cyr, 28, of Woodbridge, was one of four airmen who died April 27, 2013, near Kandahar Airfield, Afghanistan, in the crash of an MC-12 aircraft.

1st Lt. Robert J. Hess, 26, of the Kings Park West neighborhood of Fairfax, was killed by enemy fire on April 23, 2013, Afghanistan. Hess was known as "RJ" and graduated from Robinson Secondary School in 2005, where he played football, lacrosse and was the captain of the swim team. He was a U.S. Army Blackhawk helicopter pilot who deployed to Afghanistan on April 11, 2013. His family remembers his sense of humor and his natural leadership ability.

Master Sgt. George A. Banner Jr., 37, of Orange, died Aug. 20, 2013, of injuries sustained when enemy forces attacked his unit with small arms fire in Wardak Province, Afghanistan.

Spc. Caryn E. Nouv, 29, of Newport News, was one of two soldiers who died July 27, 2013 in Ghazni Province, Afghanistan, of wounds suffered when enemy forces attacked their vehicle with an improvised explosive device and small arms fire.

Lance Cpl. Niall W. Coti-Sears, 23, of Arlington, died June 23, 2012, while conducting combat operations in Helmand province, Afghanistan. Coti-Sears loved music, played the guitar, composed songs and entertained family and friends at holiday gatherings. Niall was very close to his grandfather, William Coti, who was a Marine. "He was always my protege," William Coti told the Arlington Connection. "He always wanted to be a Marine and he followed my example. It weighs heavily on me that this had to happen."

Chief Warrant Officer Five John C. Pratt, 51, of Springfield, died May 28, 2012 in Kabul, Afghanistan, when his helicopter crashed. Staff Sgt. Jessica M. Wing, 42, of Alexandria, died Aug. 27, 2012 in Kuwait City, Kuwait. In February 2012, Brig. Gen. Terence J. Hildner, 49, of Fairfax, was the highest ranking military officer to die in the war. Hildner died Feb. 3, 2012 in Kabul province, Afghanistan.

Sgt. Aaron X. Wittman, 28, of Chester, Virginia, died Jan. 10, 2013 from small arms fire. Sgt. David J. Chambers, 25, of Hampton, Virginia, died Jan. 16, 2013 from a roadside bomb. Sgt. Robert J. Billings, 30, of Clarksville, Virginia, died Oct. 13, 2012 when enemy forces attacked with an improvised explosive device. Staff Sgt. Jonathan P. Schmidt, 28, of Petersburg, Va., died Sept. 1, 2012 from enemy small arms fire. 1st Lt. Stephen C. Prasnicky, 24, of Lexington, Virginia, died June 27, 2012, from a roadside bomb.

Aaron Carson Vaughn, 30, was one of 30 American service members and 22 Navy SEALs killed Aug. 6, 2011 when their Chinook helicopter was shot down in Afghanistan. Vaughn's family has ties to McLean and Burke. He is survived by his wife, Kimberly, and their two children.

Spc. Douglas Jay Green, 23, of Sterling, died Aug. 28, 2011. when insurgents attacked his unit using a roadside bomb in Afghanistan. Green enlisted in 2007, after attending Potomac Falls High School. Pfc. Benjamin J. Park, 25, of Fairfax Station, died June 18, 2010 at Zhari district, Kandahar, Afghanistan, of injuries sustained when insurgents attacked his unit with an improvised explosive device. May 12, 2010, Donald J. Lamar II, 23, of Fredericksburg, was killed in Afghanistan. Christopher D. Worrell, 35 of Virginia Beach, was killed in Iraq on April 22, 2010. Steven J. Bishop, 29 of Christianburg, was killed March 13, 2010 in Iraq. Kielin T. Dunn, 19, of Chesapeake, was killed Feb. 18, 2010 in Afghanistan. Brandon T. Islip, 23, of Richmond, was killed Nov. 29, 2009, in Afghanistan. Stephan L. Mace, 21, of Lovettsville, died Oct. 3, 2009 in Afghanistan.

Bill Cahir, 40, of Alexandria, died Aug. 13, 2009 of a gunshot wound while conducting combat operations in the Helmand Province of Afghanistan. After Sept. 11, 2001, Cahir decided to leave his career as a journalist and join the Marine Corps. His application to become a Marine was denied because of his age, but he successfully lobbied members of Congress to get a special exemption. Lance Cpl. Daniel Ryan Bennett, 23, of Clifton died Jan. 11, 2009, in Helmand Province, Afghanistan. 2nd Lt. Sean P. O'Connor of Burke died Oct. 19, 2008 while stationed at Hunter Army Air Field, Savannah, Georgia. O'Connor was an athlete in soccer, baseball and football who attended Fairfax County Public Schools and was a 1999 graduate of Bishop Denis J. O'Connell High School in Arlington.

Pfc. David Sharrett II, 27, of Oakton, died Jan. 16, 2008 in Iraq. On Oct. 24, 2008, his father, David H. Sharrett, was on hand as the Oakton Post Office on White Granite Drive was renamed to honor his son. But the senior Sharrett has battled to learn the truth about his son's death, that he was killed by his lieutenant in a "friendly fire" incident. In April 2012, Sharrett Sr. obtained documents confirming some of the details of his son's death and a subsequent cover-up.

Army 1st Lt. Thomas J. Brown, 26, a George Mason University graduate and Burke resident, died on Sept. 23, 2008, while serving in Iraq, from small arms fire. Sgt. Scott Kirkpatrick, 26, died on Aug. 11, 2007, in Arab Jabour, Iraq. Kirkpatrick, who graduated from

Park View High School in Sterling, and also considered Herndon and Reston as his hometowns, was a champion slam poet.

Ami Neiberger-Miller lost her brother, U.S. Army Spc. Christopher Neiberger, in August 2007 when he was killed by a roadside bomb in Iraq. He was 22.

Staff Sgt. Jesse G. Clowers Jr., 27, of Herndon, died when an improvised bomb exploded near his vehicle in Afghanistan on Aug. 12, 2007. Jonathan D. Winterbottom, 21, of Falls Church, died in Iraq on May 23, 2007, when an IED exploded near his vehicle.

Nicholas Rapavi, 22, of Springfield, died Nov. 24, 2006, during combat in Anbar province in Iraq. Army Cpl. Andy D. Anderson, 24, was killed by enemy fire in Ar Ramadi, Iraq on Tuesday, June 6, 2006.

Spc. Robert Drawl Jr., 21, a 2003 graduate of T.C. Williams High School, was killed by a bomb in Kunar, Afghanistan, on Aug. 19, 2006.

U.S. Army Specialist Felipe J. Garcia Villareal, 26, of Burke, was injured in Iraq and flown to Washington Hospital Center, where he died Feb. 12, 2006. He was a graduate of Herndon High School.

Capt. Shane R. M. Mahaffee, 36, a 1987 graduate of Mount Vernon High School, died May 15, 2006. He was a lawyer, married, with two children.

U.S. Marine Lance Cpl. Nicholas Kirven, 21, was killed in Afghanistan in 2005 during a firefight in a cave with insurgents. He enlisted while still in high school after Sept. 11, 2001.

Fairfax Station resident Pfc. Dillon Jutras, 20, was killed in combat operations in Al Anbar Province of Iraq on Oct. 29, 2005.

Maj. William F. Hecker III, a 1987 graduate of McLean High School, was killed in action in Iraq, Jan. 5, 2005. Staff Sgt. Ayman Taha, 31, of Vienna, was killed Dec. 30, 2005, when an enemy munitions cache he was prepping for demolition exploded. Army Capt. Chris Petty of Vienna was killed Jan. 5, 2006.

Staff Sgt. George T. Alexander Jr., the 2,000th soldier to be killed in Iraq, was literally born into the Army here in Northern Virginia, at DeWitt Army Hospital at Fort Belvoir. Alexander died at Brooke Army Medical Center in San Antonio, Texas, Oct. 22, 2005, of injuries sustained in Iraq five days earlier. Lt. Col. Thomas A. Wren, 44, of Lorton, died in Tallil, Iraq on Nov. 5, 2005. Marine Capt. Michael Martino, 32 of the City of Fairfax, died Nov. 2, 2005, when his helicopter was brought down in Iraq.

1st Lt. Laura M. Walker of Oakton was killed on Aug. 18, 2005, in Kandahar, Afghanistan. CW4 Matthew S. Lourey of Lorton died from injuries sustained on May 26, 2005 in Buhriz, Iraq. Operations Officer Helge Boes of Fairfax was killed on Feb. 5, 2003, while participating in counterterrorism efforts in eastern Afghanistan.

Among other local lives lost: Lance Cpl. Tavon Lee Hubbard, 24, of Reston; 1st Lt. Alexander Wetherbee, 27, of McLean; 1st Lt. Jeff Kaylor, 25, of Clifton; Coast Guard Petty Officer Nathan B. Bruckenthal, 24, of Herndon; Army Chief Warrant Officer Sharon T. Swartworth, 43, of Mount Vernon; Command Sgt. Maj. James D. Blankenbecler, 40, of Mount Vernon; Capt. James F. Adamowski, 29, of Springfield; Sgt. DeForest L. Talbert, 22, of Alexandria; Marine Cpl. Binh N. Le, 20, of Alexandria; Staff Sgt. Russell Verdugo, 34, of Alexandria. Army Capt. Mark N. Stubenhofer, 30, from Springfield; Marine Gunnery Sgt. Javier Obleas-Prado Pena, 36, from Falls Church; Marine Sgt. Krisna Nachampassak, 27, from Burke; Army Staff Sgt. Nathaniel J. Nyren, 31, from Reston; Marine Lance Cpl. Tenzin Dengkhim, 19, from Falls Church, Navy Chief Joel Egan Baldwin, 37, from Arlington; Maj. Joseph McCloud, of Alexandria, and Major Gloria D. Davis, 47 of Lorton.

Capt. Jesse A. Ozbat, 28, of Prince George, Virginia, died on May 20, 2012 in Afghanistan from a roadside bomb. Constructionman Trevor J. Stanley, 22, of Virginia Beach, died April 7, 2012 while deployed to Camp Lemonnier, Djibouti. Pfc. Michael W. Pyron, 30, of Hopewell, Virginia, died Jan. 10, 2012 in Afghanistan. Maj. Samuel M. Griffith, 36, of Virginia Beach, died Dec. 14, 2011 in Afghanistan. Staff Sgt. James Ronald Leep Jr., 44, of Richmond, died Oct. 17, 2011 at Forward Operating Base Kalsu in Iraq. Spc. Levi Efrain Nuncio, 24 of Harrisonburg, died June 22, 2011 in Afghanistan. Capt. Michael Wray Newton, 30 of Newport News, died June 11, 2011 in Afghanistan. Capt. Charles A. Ransom, 31, of Midlothian was one of eight airmen who died April 27, 2011, at the Kabul International Airport, Afghanistan, from gunfire. Sgt. Sean T. Callahan, 23, of Warrenton died April 23, 2011

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LETTERS

Budget Reflects Commitment to Education

To the Editor:

The April 21-27, 2016 edition included an article discussing the Supervisors' approval of a 4-cent tax increase as part of an overall budget. This budget increased funding for the Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS). More importantly, it reflected a commitment to education and was an increase over the earlier Fairfax County advertised budget. The article quoted Springfield District School Board member Elizabeth Schultz. Rather than noting the importance of the funding to maintain

the quality of our school and focusing on teachers and students, Ms. Schultz chose to bring up her perception of the need for less adversarial communication with the Board, more collaboration with the Board, and more clarity on spending. We should all remember that Ms. Schultz voted against the FCPS budget and wanted FCPS to submit a budget that reflected the County's initial advertised budget. That was the wrong position to take. We should thank Dr. Garza and the school board members who pressed forward with the budget request and the justifications that resulted in the increase....no thanks to Ms. Schultz.

Michael Spatola
Fairfax Station

Remembering on Memorial Day

FROM PAGE 6

in combat in Afghanistan. Sgt. 1st Class Anthony Venetz Jr., 30, of Prince William died Jan. 28, 2011 in Afghanistan, after being seriously wounded months before. Spc. Sean R. Cutsforth, 22, of Radford, died Dec. 15, 2010 in Afghanistan. Spc. William K. Middleton, 26, of Norfolk died Nov. 22, 2010 in Afghanistan. Staff Sgt. Christopher F.

Cabacoy, 30, of Virginia Beach died July 5, 2010, in Afghanistan.

If you know of someone who should be included in this list, or if you would like to share how you are honoring the memory of a family member or friend lost, or about the progress of someone injured, please let us know.

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Greater Springfield Chamber Awards Scholarship to Lake Braddock Senior

The Greater Springfield Chamber of Commerce has awarded Holly Erika Leinz of Burke a scholarship in the amount of \$2,000. Holly is a senior at Lake Braddock Secondary School, an officer in DECA – an international business club and association of marketing students, and a volunteer with Shine for Girls – a program that empowers elementary and middle school girls through tutoring, mentoring and the use of kinesthetic learning.

Holly attended the Greater Springfield Chamber of Commerce's May 19 networking mixer, where she had the opportunity to meet Chamber members and be recognized for her high school achievements and volunteer work in the Greater Springfield community.

Holly will graduate from Lake Braddock Secondary School on Thursday, June 16. This fall she plans to begin pursuit of a business-finance major at the University of Virginia.

This is the eleventh year the Chamber's Foundation has awarded scholarships to deserving stu-



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Nevin Gibson, chair of the Greater Springfield Chamber of Commerce Community Affairs Committee congratulations Holly Leinz, recipient of the Chamber's 2016 college scholarship.

dents in the Greater Springfield area. Criteria for the scholarship include maintaining a GPA of 3.0 or higher, residency in the Greater Springfield area and plans to pursue a business related major while in college.

For more information about the Chamber visit springfieldchamber.org.



PHOTO GALLERY!

"Me and My Dad"

To honor dad on Father's Day, send us your favorite snapshots of you with your dad and The Connection will publish them in our Father's Day issue. Be sure to include some information about what's going on in the photo, plus your name and phone number and town of residence. To e-mail photos, send to:

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Robinson senior Kaitlin Luccarelli scored five goals against Langley on May 19.



Robinson senior Taylor Caskey finished with three goals and two assists during the Rams' 13-11 win over Langley on May 19.

Robinson Girls' Lax Comes Back to Beat Langley

Rams earn state playoff berth, advance to region semifinals.

BY JON ROETMAN
THE CONNECTION

Katie Checkosky glanced up at the Coffey Stadium scoreboard as she cradled the ball in her stick pocket, watching the final seconds tick off the clock while she ran around the field. After the horn sounded, the Robinson attacker tossed the ball in the air and hugged teammate Elli Kluegel before the rest of the Rams arrived to celebrate.

The Robinson girls' lacrosse team, which won the 2015 state championship and hasn't lost to a public school opponent since 2014, faced a rare test on May 19. Taking on a Langley team that went undefeated during the regular season, the Rams trailed 7-5 at halftime and found themselves down by a goal with less than 20 minutes remaining in the contest.

In a postseason matchup that arrived sooner than expected, Robinson scored six of the final nine goals and kept its season alive.

The Rams defeated the Saxons 13-11 in the 6A North region quarterfinals at Robinson Secondary School. Robinson remained unbeaten, earned a state tournament berth and advanced to the region semifinals, where the Rams faced Patriot on Wednesday, after The Connection's deadline.

Langley's season came to a close. The Saxons finished the year with a 17-2 record.

"This is a huge boost-up win," Kluegel said. "This pumps us up so much. It's made us really hungry, knowing that this is potentially the hardest or one of ... the hardest teams we're going to face this year. To beat them and to come out with a great victory like we did, that's just driving us forward."

LANGLEY scored the first two goals of the game and led 5-2 after Elise Kim put one in the cage with 14:18 remaining in the opening half. Rebecca Bair scored with 23 seconds left, giving the Saxons a 7-5 halftime advantage.

"It was weird for us being in that situation because we've never been down, except for against Westfield earlier this year," said Kluegel, the Conference 5 Player of the Year. "That was a little alarming, how fast they came out ..."

After Robinson tied the score at 7 with goals by Kluegel and Kaitlin Luccarelli early in the second half, Langley senior Halle Duenkel, the Conference 6 Offensive Player of the Year, put a free position goal in the cage for an 8-7 Saxons lead with 19:22 remaining.

A goal by Robinson's Kate Mulvenon tied the score at 8 with 18:05 on the clock and, less than a minute later, Luccarelli put the Rams ahead to stay with her third goal of the contest.

Luccarelli, a senior midfielder, finished with five goals.

"We got together at half and we had a talk," Luccarelli said, "and we realized that this is our home stadium, this is our game and we need to keep continuing on, that we're not going to lose tonight, that we're better than this — we're undefeated and we're a better team all around and that this is our game."

Robinson head coach Liz Case said the Rams became more aggressive as the game progressed.

"[Our halftime talk] was basically, like, we need to stop being scared and go out there and play tough and get those groundballs," Case said. "I think a lot of the time we were waiting for [Langley] to pick it up and [then we would be] ready to play defense. No, we've got to go get the groundball first."

Case had senior defender Emily Skrzypczak start taking draws for Robinson after Langley, thanks in part to junior midfielder Emma Crooks, had success with

draws early in the game. The move paid off.

"If it wasn't working one way, we've got to switch it up quickly because it was all about the draw, and we weren't winning the draw," Case said. "Once we switched it up, we started winning the draw. ... [Skrzypczak is] our powerhouse coming up off of defense."

Robinson senior midfielder Taylor Caskey finished with three goals and two assists. Kluegel tallied three goals and Checkosky totaled one goal and two assists.

Langley's Duenkel finished with three goals and three assists, Crooks had three goals and two assists and Bair scored two goals.

ROBINSON-LANGLEY was once viewed as a potential state championship matchup. But after the Saxons lost in their conference championship game, Langley entered the region tournament as the No. 2 seed from Conference 6, meaning a likely second-round meeting with the Conference 5 champion Rams.

Despite winning 17 of its first 18 games, Langley had to face an undefeated opponent early in the region tournament and came up short.

"I'm beyond proud of our team," said Duenkel, who will play for James Madison University. "... Even though this year we couldn't quite make it, next year I have full faith that this program has been turned around by [head coach] Maggie [Kovacs] and [assistants] Bucky [Morris] and Annie [Swanson]. It's just a very different team than it was at the beginning of the season."

While Langley will lose Duenkel to graduation, Kovacs said a talented Great Falls feeder system makes for a bright future.

"I coached last spring the seventh-/eighth-grade 'A' team for Great Falls [and I'm] counting down the days until those eighth-graders get here," Kovacs said. "... This is a little heartbreaking for me because these seniors were the first kids I ever coached lacrosse to [from] a team standpoint ... but Langley has a really bright future ahead of it."

The Lake Braddock boys' soccer team defeated T.C. Williams 4-3 in overtime on May 20 to win the Conference 7 championship.

PHOTO BY JON ROETMAN



Quashie's OT Goal Gives Lake Braddock Conference 7 Title

Bruins beat T.C. Williams after surrendering pair of two-goal leads.

BY JON ROETMAN
THE CONNECTION

The Lake Braddock boys' soccer team twice held a two-goal lead during Friday's Conference 7 tournament championship game against T.C. Williams, only to find itself headed to overtime after a Titans goal in the closing minutes of regulation.

But rather than succumbing to the negative feelings of letting victory slip through their fingers, the Bruins instead traveled a championship path that merely took a little longer.

Late in the second five-minute overtime period, Lake Braddock midfielder Danny Cabrera headed the ball to forward Nico Quashie, who used his left foot to beat a trio of Titans with his second goal of the game and lift the Bruins to a 4-3 victory over T.C. Williams on May 20 in Alexandria.

It was Lake Braddock's first conference/district title since 2013.

"I just saw the ball in the air and as soon as the ball was in the air I just followed it," Quashie said. "... I just wanted it more than the other guy."

LAKE BRADDOCK head coach Joe Soos praised Quashie's ability to finish.

"He's a difficult player to deal with," Soos said. "He finds himself in good scoring chances and he's going to convert them."

Despite starting roughly 25 minutes after arriving on the field for a scheduled 4:30 p.m. kickoff, Lake Braddock jumped out to a 2-0 lead in the first half, thanks to goals by Ahmed Abdalla in the 14th minute and Quashie in the 24th. The Bruins took the two-goal advantage into halftime before a T.C. Williams corner kick in the 44th minute turned into a goal by Elvis Gomez, cutting the Lake Braddock lead in half.

The Bruins regained their two-goal cushion when Nico Ortiz DeZarate found the back of the net in the 54th minute, but the Titans weren't done. Trailing 3-1, TC scored on a penalty kick by Kevin Nunez in the 60th minute before Reuben Bosompem netted the equalizer in the 78th minute.

Undeterred, Lake Braddock managed to pull out the win in overtime.

"We knew that there was going to be no quit in TC — they never quit," Soos said. "They're always a great opponent. ... If you're going to do it, and you want to test yourself, then having to do it against TC is a real accomplishment because of how tough they always play from beginning to end."

T.C. Williams head coach Peter Abed said he felt the Titans controlled the run of play for a good portion of the contest but Lake Braddock was able to capitalize on its opportunities.

"I thought the first two [Lake Braddock goals] were definitely against the run of play a little bit," Abed said. "I thought we really controlled the match for a while. We created a lot of chances. I thought we were in good position a lot of the time. That's what we told the guys at halftime is I know it's 2-0, but it's 2-0 because of two mistakes. I thought it was very evenly played, if not a little bit slanted our way. ... I thought we really had the run of play and just kind of got unlucky on three or four occasions and they really pounce on it. ... They're just really good at pouncing on any mistake, any loose ball, and they've got skilled players to finish it off. All the credit to them, for sure."

Lake Braddock entered the Conference 7 tournament as the No. 4 seed. After beating No. 5 South County 6-1 in the quarterfinals and earning a 6A North region tournament berth on May 16, the Bruins knocked off No. 1 seed West Potomac 4-2 in the semifinals on May 18. Lake Braddock then captured the championship and extended its win streak to nine games with a win over No. 2 T.C. Williams.

"It's been so fun," Quashie said. "We're so happy and that gives us more confidence coming into the next game."

Lake Braddock's next game arrived on Tuesday and the Bruins beat Robinson 4-0 in the opening round of the region tournament. The victory improved the Bruins' record to 14-3 and extended their win streak to 10 games.

Lake Braddock will host defending state champion Langley in the quarterfinals at 7 p.m. on Thursday, May 26.

Bishop Pitches Bruins to Conference 7 Championship

Lake Braddock baseball wins second straight conference title.

BY AARON LUNDMARK
THE CONNECTION

Redemption had never felt so sweet for the Lake Braddock Bruins.

After falling to West Springfield twice earlier this season, the Bruins were fueled by a five-run top of the third and a dominant three-hit shutout by pitcher Peyton Bishop and secured the Conference 7 championship with an 8-0 victory on Friday night at Tugwell Yards.

"They were just tougher than us the first two games," Lake Braddock head coach Jody Rutherford said after the game. "That wasn't the case tonight."

Toughness might have been the key early on, as both teams went down pretty quietly through the first two innings. Then Lake Braddock struck in the top of the third inning.

After a leadoff walk to Justin Luedecking, second baseman Ryan Baker reached on a bunt single. The next batter was Ethan Rolland, who hit a comebacker to starting pitcher Jacob Kisner, but reached on an errant throw that pulled the first baseman off the bag, leaving the bases loaded with nobody out.

The next batter was Nate Contrino, who delivered a two-run single to left field, putting the Bruins ahead 2-0. Following that, Matt Thomas would add another two-run single,

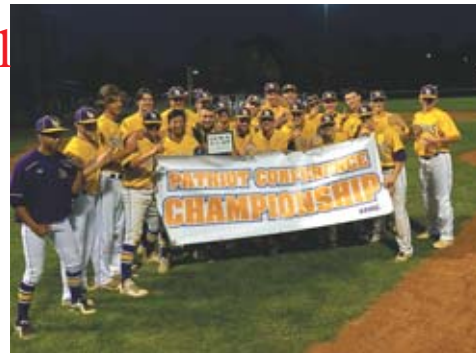


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The Lake Braddock baseball team won the Conference 7 championship on May 20.

and Ryan Tobin would add a sacrifice fly to make it 5-0 after three innings. That would prove to be all the run support Bruin starter Peyton Bishop would need.

"He changes speeds and he pounds the strike zone," Rutherford said. "He has confidence in his defense behind him and he never gets rattled on the mound."

BISHOP threw a complete game shutout, allowing just three hits to go along with three strikeouts and only one walk.

"He just battled out there tonight," said Bruin catcher and Conference 7 player of the year Logan Driscoll. "He threw all of his pitches right where I wanted them, it was unbelievable."

West Springfield looked like it was about to answer in the bottom half of the third. After a two-out walk and the Spartans' first hit by Matt Stallings, Brendan Fletcher roped a line drive but right at the right fielder Luedecking to end

the threat.

What was the major difference in this game compared to the first two meetings that the Spartans won?

"Well, the first two games were tight, one play here or there, they could have gone either way," said West Springfield head coach Jason Olms. "Tonight we made some defensive mistakes early whereas they didn't and we just didn't come out ready to play like they did."

The Lake Braddock defense was tremendous all night, receiving consistent play from third baseman Matt Thomas and shortstop Ethan Rolland.

LAKE BRADDOCK added on two more runs in the sixth inning without the help of a hit to make its lead 8-0. Bishop got the final out of the game on a groundout in the seventh, which ignited the celebration.

Despite the loss, Olms didn't seem too concerned about getting the Spartans ready to play next week.

"A lot of teams aren't playing anymore and we're still going, but we have a long way to go," he said. "We have a home game on Wednesday and we know that's the main thing you want going into a region tournament because once you're in the dance, you're in the dance and anything can happen."

Kisner took the loss for West Springfield, allowing five earned runs on six hits while striking out one and walking two.

West Springfield faced Westfield on Wednesday, after The Connection's deadline. Lake Braddock hosted Robinson on the same day.

Robinson Boys' Lax Earns State Tournament Berth

Rams pull away from Yorktown in second quarter.

BY JON ROETMAN
THE CONNECTION



PHOTO BY CRAIG STERBUTZEL/THE CONNECTION

Nick Dillon and the Robinson boys' lacrosse team earned a state tournament berth with a 12-5 win over Yorktown on May 19.

The Yorktown boys' lacrosse team was

on the receiving end of multiple compliments following its 6A North region quarterfinal matchup with Robinson on May 19. Unfortunately for the Patriots, the praise came in the form of a parting gift.

The Rams, two-time defending state champions, jumped out to a five-goal first-half lead and defeated the Patriots in as many years. Robinson secured a state tournament berth for the third consecutive season and advanced to the region semifinals, where the Rams faced Madison on Wednesday, after The Connection's deadline.

Yorktown ended the season with a 12-7 record. The Patriots finished runner-up in the Conference 6 tournament.

The May 19 meeting was the fifth between the two programs in the last three years, with Robinson winning four. Yorktown's lone victory over Robinson during that stretch came last season, when the Patriots knocked off the Rams 7-5 during spring break. Yorktown

defenseman] Conor Shears and [senior] Mason Pollack in the cage. Those guys are amazing. When you have those guys, the rest of it just kind of [works]."

Robinson is a talented team, as well, and the Rams took care of business, earning a trip to the region final four. Henry, who will play for VMI, and freshman Declan Connolly each scored four goals for the Rams. Henry added an assist.

"He's added so much to our offense," Henry said about the young standout Connolly. "I think without him, we wouldn't be scoring the goals we've scored."

Connolly received praise from his coach, as well.

"At this point — I think I've heard [Duke men's basketball coach] Mike Krzyzewski say this — at this point, you're no longer a freshman," Curran said. "This far into the season, he's started 17 games for us. He's [one of our top scorers]. He's a special talent, he really is. He did an amazing job, again, tonight."

Junior midfielder Nick Dillon scored two goals and had two assists for Robinson. Danny Krug and Devin Townsend each had one goal, and Johnny Daniel, who will play at VMI, had three assists.

Robinson entered Wednesday's contest with a 16-2 record.

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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," car show and a cardboard regatta. Visit 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/>.



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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 June 4 to 5.

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/.

MONDAY/JULY 4

Clifton Independence Day Parade and Picnic. Children on bikes, deck-out lawnmowers and other modes of transportation teeming with patriotism and walkers and pets perambulate down the picturesque streets of Clifton. Picnic follows the parade. See updates at <http://clifton-va.com/>.

City of Fairfax 5th Independence Day Celebration. Celebrations throughout the City. Fireworks, music, parade, tours. For more information, <http://www.fairfaxva.gov/> (Click on Government, then Parks and Recreation and then Special Events).

SATURDAY/JULY 9

Obon Festival. Highlighting Japanese culture at Ekoji Buddhist Temple, 6500 Lakehaven Lane, Fairfax Station. Visit www.ekoji.org for more.

SATURDAY/JULY 23

Clifton Film Festival. Workhouse Arts Center, 9518 Workhouse Way, Lorton. Enjoy live music, food and original films under the stars. During the event there will be two awards ceremonies, student's awards will be given during intermission and the 19+ category at the closing of the festival. For more information, please visit cliftonfilmfest.com

SATURDAY-SUNDAY/SEPT. 10-11

Burke Centre Festival. Saturday: 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday: 1 a.m.-5 p.m. at Conservancy Festival Grounds, 6060 Burke Centre Parkway, Burke. Enjoy face painting, food, rides, and other amusements at the Burke Centre Festival. Visit www.burkecentreweb.com for more.

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ONGOING

Fairfax Rotary Club Meeting.

12:15-1:30 p.m. Mondays. American Legion, 3939 Oak St., Fairfax. Meetings with luncheon and program. fairfaxrotary.org.

"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/.

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.

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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.

SATURDAY/MAY 28

Pool Open House. Noon-4 p.m. Fairfax Swimming Pool, 4200 Roberts Road, Fairfax. Visit the pool. Free moonbounce and pizza for sale. fairfaxpool.com.

SUNDAY/MAY 29

Ride of the Patriots. 7:30 a.m. Captain Pell's Fairfax Crabhouse, 10195 Fairfax Blvd., Fairfax. Short parade featuring both City and County of Fairfax officials along with state and congressional representatives, police, fire and rescue units, Veterans groups, the Fairfax High School Marching Band, and the Firefighters' Emerald Society Pipe Band. 703-628-2429. ken_lyons@comcast.net.

WEDNESDAY/JUNE 1

Jazz and Wine Fundraiser for OAR. 7:30 p.m. The Winery at Bull Run, 15950 Lee Highway, Centreville. Benefit for nonprofit OAR of Fairfax. Evening under the stars in a beautiful and historic



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One of the works to see in "Manifesto" at Olly Olly Art Space in Fairfax, running from May 21-June 18.

location. The Gregg Byrd Band will provide live jazz music. Heavy hors d'oeuvres will be provided and fine Virginia wines will be available. \$50. <http://www.oarfairfax.org/2016-fundraiser>.

THURSDAY-SUNDAY/JUNE 2-5

Summer Book Sale. Thursday, 3-9 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday, noon-2 p.m. Richard Byrd Library, 7250 Commerce St., Springfield. 703-451-8055.

THURSDAY-MONDAY/JUNE 2-6

"Sail into Summer" Book Sale. Call for times. Burke Centre Library, 5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke. Bag sale on Sunday. 703-249-1520.

FRIDAY/JUNE 3

Interfaith Voices Live Radio Event. 2:30 p.m. The Hub Ballroom, George Mason University, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. Join Maureen Fiedler of NPR's Interfaith Voices Radio as she records her program at George Mason University. Beginning with the question, "Is Religion a Problem or a Solution in your Life?" - Maureen hopes to engage college age people as to why fewer of them claim no affiliation with traditional religious institutions. Free. minister@accotinkuuc.org. 703-503-4579.

SATURDAY/JUNE 4

Forgotten Fairfax: Mill Ruins in Fairfax County. 11 a.m. Fairfax City Regional Library, 10360 North St., Fairfax. Mills once filled the Fairfax County landscape in the 19th Century. Debbie Robison, a preservation consultant, will talk about Fairfax County's forgotten mills and locating historic mill ruins. All ages. Free. 703-324-8380.

Springfield Burke Relay for Life. 10 a.m.-10 p.m. Workhouse Arts Center, 9518 Workhouse Way, Lorton. Food trucks, music, entertainment, carnival rides, crafts demos, etc. Free. springfieldburkerelay.org. 703-409-1096.

SUNDAY/JUNE 5

Wine, Whiskers and Wags. 1-5 p.m. Paradise Springs Winery, 13219 Yates, Ford Road, Clifton. Family- and dog-friendly wine tasting event hosted by the Friends of the Fairfax County Animal Shelter to raise funds

for shelter pets in need. www.fccas.org.

TUESDAY/JUNE 7

Discovering Local History. 7-8:30 p.m. Burke Centre Library, 5935 Fred Oaks Way, Burke. Enjoy an overview of the huge range of websites and resources available to those researching history and genealogy in the Northern Virginia area. Presenter: Debbie Robison of the Fairfax County History Commission. Free. Register at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/events/>.

WEDNESDAY/JUNE 8

Springfield Christian Women's Connection. 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Speakers will be Linda Snider, world-traveler. Reserve by Friday, June 3. \$20. 703-922-6438. SpringWmConn@yahoo.com.

FRIDAY/JUNE 10

Teen Pizza Party. 7 p.m. Barnes and Noble Fairfax, 12193 Fair Lakes Promenade Drive, Fairfax. Pre-party for author event. Full cafe menu available. 703-278-8527.

Author Thomas Jones. 8-10 p.m. Barnes and Noble Fairfax, 12193 Fair Lakes Promenade Drive, Fairfax. Author of "Skywalking and Stargazing." Reserve space at CRM2937@bn.com.

FRIDAY-SUNDAY/JUNE 10-12

White Elephant Sale. Call for times. St. Mary of Sorrows, 5222 Sideburn Road, Fairfax. Church rummage sale. Antiques, jewelry, furniture, electronics, tools, etc. 703-323-0345.

SATURDAY/JUNE 11

ETAP's Spring Show. 8-10 p.m. Richard J. Ernst Community Cultural Center, 8333 Little River Turnpike, Annandale. Enjoy an evening of exciting entertainment, Broadway Style. This All Dance Revue features some of ETAP's most iconic numbers from the past 20 years, and many new ones as well. All ages. \$19-\$23. Encore-tap.org.

AUUC Burke Blaze 5K Run/Walk. 8 a.m. Accotink UU Church, 10125 Lakehaven Court, Burke. 5k run on a paved course and a 1k walk on a trail. Awards for top finishers. T-shirts and refreshments for all. \$20-\$35. Register by May 31 to get discounted rates. accotinkuuc.org.

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NEWS

History in Basements

Nathaniel Lee's book inspires new look at railroads.

BY JOHN ESPER
THE CONNECTION

Nathaniel Lee was always inspired by the long history of trains and railroads. As a child he stumbled upon an abandoned train station while exploring the woods of Northern Virginia. "I grew up next to the railroad. What started me on the book was I walked back into the woods and found the old roadbed and a missing station that no one knew about," Lee said. In his presentation of his book "The Iron Road of Franconia: A History of the RF&P Railroad in Fairfax County" to the Burke Historical Society on Sunday, May 22, at the Abiding Presence Lutheran Church, Lee wove the history of the RF&P Railroad with interesting sources, funny anecdotes and a keen understanding of the history. He also provided an old map of the railroads in the Northern Virginia area to help provide a better understanding of this work.

Lee works for the Franconia Museum and searched high and low in the Franconia area to find sources and information for his book, "Most of our history because we are such a local community, is in people's basements, in their old dairies... that's where you get the best information." It took Lee 11 months to write his book and he feels that

it has shed a lot of insight into the local history of Franconia. "We found things we didn't know, new ways of understanding how our community name developed, how our community developed from a farming community into a much larger community because of the railroad," said Lee. Members of the Burke Historical society were impressed by his book discussion and thanked him for his time. Nathaniel Lee's book can be bought at www.createpace.com/6190241 or on retail bookselling sites, such as Amazon.



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Nathaniel Lee pictured with a map of railroads in the Virginia area on loan from the Franconia Museum.

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Public Hearing Notice Fairfax County Secondary Six Year Plan

The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) and The Board of Supervisors of Fairfax County, in accordance with Section 33.2.331 of the Code of Virginia, will conduct a joint public hearing in the Board Auditorium, Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax, VA 22035 at 4:30 p.m. on June 21, 2016.

The purpose of this public hearing is to receive public comment on the Secondary Six Year Improvement Plan for Fiscal Years 2017 through 2022. Copies of the proposed plan may be reviewed at the VDOT's Northern Virginia District Office at 4975 Alliance Drive, Fairfax, VA 22030.

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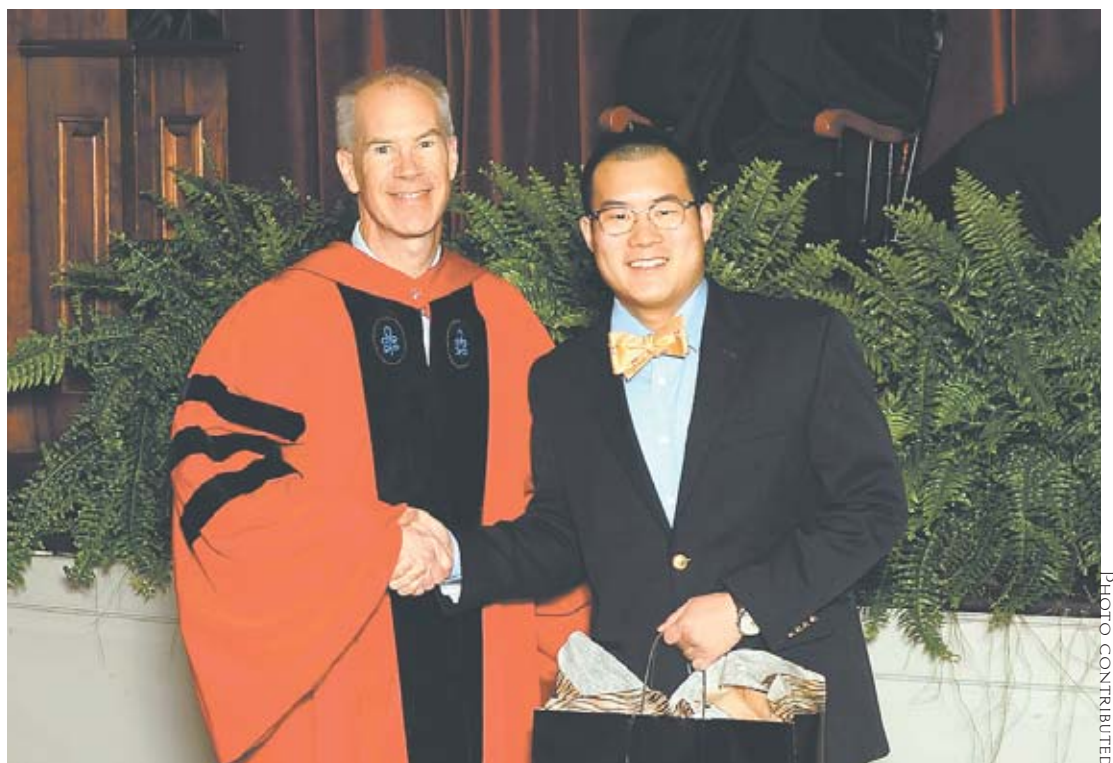


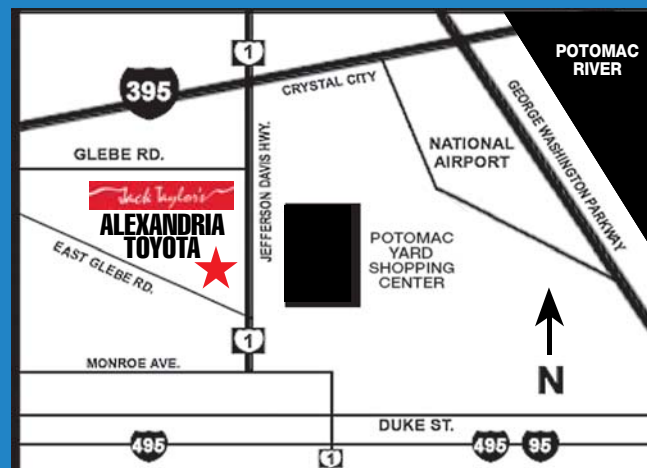
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Springfield Student Wins University Award

James Lau, from Springfield, was presented with the H.B. Overcash Award at Hampden-Sydney College's final convocation on April 21. This award is presented to an outstanding premedical student in honor and memory of a much respected and revered Professor of Biology. James is the son of Michael and Audrey Lau of Springfield.

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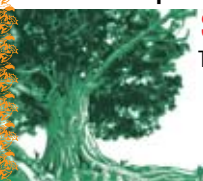
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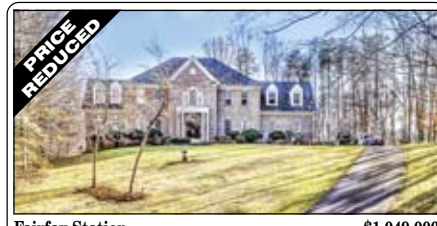
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