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The **Fairfax Commission on Aging** meets on **Wednesday, June 15 at noon** at the Kings Park Library, 9000 Burke Lake Rd., Burke. (Please note new meeting location.) The public is welcome to attend and join in the comment period that begins each session. Find out more at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dfs/olderadultservices/coa.htm. Call **703-324-5403**, TTY 711 for meeting access needs.

Fairfax County is offering a free **Medicare 101 workshop, Wednesday, June 15, 2-4 p.m.** Learn the facts about health insurance for seniors. Reston Community Center, 2310 Colts Neck Rd., Reston. To register, call Karen Brutsché at **703-390-6157**, TTY 711.

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The **Kingstowne Center for Active Adults** in **Alexandria** needs Instructors for the following classes: **Country-Western Line Dance, Hula Hoop and African Style Dance**. For these and other volunteer opportunities, call **703-324-5406**, TTY 711 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/olderadults and click on Volunteer Solutions.

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NEWS

School Board Adopts \$2.7 Billion Budget

FY 2017 budget aims to raise teacher salaries, lower class sizes.

BY TIM PETERSON
THE CONNECTION

The Fairfax County School Board has made good on Superintendent Dr. Karen Garza's promise when she introduced a FY 2017 budget for the school system.

"The most important announcement for our students and teachers may be what the proposed budget does not do," Garza said at a press conference held Jan. 7, 2016 at West Potomac High School, "it makes no further cuts."

At the Board's May 26 regular meeting, its members adopted a \$2.7 billion budget that will take effect July 1.

Highlights of the budget include a salary increase plus one percent market scale adjustment for all employees who are eligible, \$40 million to make teacher salaries in particular more competitive in the region and \$10 million aimed at lowering elementary school class sizes.

School Board Chairman Pat Hynes praised the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors in



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a statement for engaging with their educational counterparts to overcome an early gap between the two bodies' advertised budget that eclipsed \$70 million.

"Working together, we were able to secure the funding necessary to make critical investments in teacher pay, reduce the size of some classes in our elementary schools and maintain our instructional programs and services to our students," Hynes said.

"We sincerely want to thank the members of the community who rallied to call for increased support for their students, teachers, and schools."

It took the supervisors adding an extra cent to the real estate tax and directing that additional revenue to the school system to make the Fairfax County transfer to FCPS really viable for Garza's goals.

"I am hopeful that this budget represents

a turning point for our schools," Superintendent Garza said in a statement. "This reinvestment in our community's most important asset will provide great dividends for all the citizens of Fairfax. We are already looking ahead to FY 2018 and will continue to work as partners with the Board of Supervisors to solve these vital challenges for our community."

Fairfax County's transfer to the School Operating Fund ended up being a 4.8 increase over the FY 2016 Budget. FCPS also benefitted from an increase in state aid and sales tax, and \$6.7 million in reductions from the previous year because of reductions in student enrollment.

The Board also approved several add-on motions that carried with the FY 2017 budget. Those included Hynes calling for continued collaboration with the Board of Supervisors and focusing joint discussions on the Successful Children and Youth Policy Team.

Providence representative to the School Board Dalia Palchik's motion for the Board to encourage the Supervisors to move a meals tax to referendum in this fall's election was successful as well.

More information about the FY 2017 FCPS budget and the budget process are available at www.fcps.edu/news/fy2017.shtml.

Bracing for Shutdown Surges in Face of Metro Crisis

Fairfax County shares plan for mitigating effects of Safe Track maintenance.

BY TIM PETERSON
THE CONNECTION

If you use Metrorail from Vienna or Reston or Tysons, be on notice: the Orange and Silver lines will be the first affected.

Beginning June 1, the Washington Area Metropolitan Transit Authority (WMATA) will initiate the first of 15 "surges" of rail system shutdowns for maintenance, as part of its robust "Safe Track" effort.

Safe Track is advertised as condensing three years of work down to about one.

The severe timetable comes following a series of maintenance incidents including cars filling with smoke and fireballs sparking inside underground stations.

"It's unfortunate," said Fairfax County Board of Supervisors Chairman Sharon Bulova, that the rail system has arrived at this point "without what should have been plans for investment, replacement."

"That should've happened," Bulova continued.

Fairfax County Board of Supervisors Chairman Sharon Bulova called the maintenance situation that brought about Safe Track "unfortunate" but supports the effort as "the right thing to do."

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Regardless, the chairman said she's supportive of Safe Track and that it's "the right thing to do."

After June's kickoff, the repairs are scheduled to last until March 2017, WMATA representative Jack Requa told members of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors Transportation Committee in a May 24 meeting.

The first surge from June 4 to 16 will cause the Orange and Silver lines to run on continuous single-track status from East Falls Church to Ballston. To supplement the slowed service, WMATA is offering limited Metrobus shuttles.



For other surges, there will be supplemental service from Fairfax Connector buses.

In addition to the alternate public transit options, Bulova and Fairfax County Department of Transportation Director Tom Biesiadny also encouraged people to look into carpooling and ride-sharing as much as possible during the surges.

Bulova also said she's sent a letter to employers around the Fairfax County encouraging them to be more flexible with employees looking to telework.

"We're not crying over spilled milk here," she said. "Right now we have a crisis. We

June 4-16 Disruption

- ❖ Orange Line trains between Vienna and Ballston will operate every 18 minutes
 - ❖ Additional Orange Line trains will operate between Ballston and New Carrollton only
 - ❖ Silver Line trains will operate every 18 minutes
 - ❖ At 10 p.m. all trains will operate every 20 minutes
 - ❖ Metro closes at midnight seven days a week for the duration of all safety work
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- ❖ Supplemental trips in the Dulles/I-66 corridor on express Route 599 from Reston to Pentagon.
 - ❖ Express rush-hour shuttle service from Vienna Metrorail Station via I-66 to Pentagon.
 - ❖ Existing express service on routes 393 and 394 from Saratoga Park-and-Ride via I-95/395 to Pentagon.
- SafeTrack supplemental and shuttle service fare is \$4 per trip.

have to make sure we're flexible. People are resilient; we'll find a way to get through this."

Fairfax County has launched a website listing the dates and details of the surges, along with suggestions for alternate transit. The website address is www.fairfaxcounty.gov/fcdot/safetrack.

Operators with the same information are available by phone at 703-339-7200.



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Members of VFW Post 8469, American Legion Post 177, elected officials and community members held a ceremony observing and celebrating Memorial Day Monday, May 30.

Honor and Celebration

VFW 8469 and American Legion 177 hold Memorial Day ceremony.

BY TIM PETERSON
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Aron Coffin of Fairfax is proud to say “Happy Memorial Day.” Some people say the national holiday to honor fallen soldiers should be sullen, reflective affair. But the ten-year Army veteran said he wouldn’t want it that way. Nor would anyone he’s served with.

“My service was voluntary,” he said. “I’m glad to do this for you, so others don’t have to. The last thing I’d want anybody to do was think back about my service and feel bad because it ended in death.”

Coffin said people may not notice, but flags are only flown half-mast on Memorial Day until noon. After that, they’re raised back up the pole.

Memorial Day, he said, is a day to not only remember and honor people who have served and perished, but also to “celebrate the freedoms they fought for, celebrate their sacrifice.”

“It doesn’t have to be black, mourning shrouds and heavy hearts all day,” he said.

Prior to noon on Memorial Day, Coffin helped lead a remembrance ceremony hosted jointly by the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 8469 (Fairfax Station) and American Legion Post 177 (Fairfax).

Due to soggy ground, it was held on the steps of Fairfax City Hall. The bulk of the program comprised elected officials, veterans and community members reading the names of fallen soldiers from Fairfax County or Fairfax City.

After each name, a tap from the VFW’s one-foot World War II U.S. Navy bell rang out.

“When you hear the name, the bell, it really sinks in that that is a life that is gone,” said Jacob Flores of Vienna, who was commander of the VFW 8469 post before Coffin. “The sound makes it more vivid.”

Coffin also said it was to “add punctuation, severity, solemnness to the significance



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of the name.”

The two group’s list of soldiers goes back to World War I and is added to each year. The reading of names took about half an hour.

“It makes it personal, that they’re not just a number,” Flores said. “We all get a number when we’re in the military. It becomes more meaningful to pronounce your name. You feel it. There’s a sensation you get that.”

For Del. David Bulova (D-37), one name that sticks out each year is James W. Robinson, namesake of his high school, where his children now attend.

“Realizing these are people from Fairfax County, Fairfax City, who have died to give us the freedoms we have today, is very emotional,” Bulova said.

“When you think about the fact these were our friends, neighbors, it’s hard not to focus on the fact that they are no longer with us.”

Bulova, who read ten names of WWII veterans, said Fairfax Councilmember David Meyer told him one of the soldiers whose name he read still has family living in Vienna.

In his remarks, the Bulova mentioned his father is military, as were both of his grandfathers. He also still gets to see his dad. The grandparents made it home from WWII and died with family and friends not too far away.

“This is about those who didn’t get to do that,” he said. “Now we are their family. We go ahead and celebrate them, and make sure we’re there for them as well.”

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Area Students Receive Research Awards

This summer, pairs of University of Virginia student researchers will receive funding to examine local mentoring programs, women's health and ion channels in immune cells, among other projects.

The University has awarded 17 "Double 'Hoo" research awards, which fund pairings of undergraduate and graduate students collaborating on research projects. Each project is awarded up to \$6,000 toward research expenses, plus \$500 to compensate a faculty mentor. The research grants are funded through the strategic investment fund of the Cornerstone Plan, which captures many student, faculty and staff aspirations, organized around the theme of leadership.

The funding will allow some students to continue research they have already started. For others, it will be an opportunity to expand what they have been doing or to start something new.

"The Double 'Hoo Award fosters meaningful interactions between the University's undergraduate and graduate students," said Brian Cullaty, director of undergraduate research opportunities at UVA's Center for Undergraduate Excellence. "The graduate students gain valuable mentoring skills that will serve them well in their future careers, and the undergraduate students benefit from the learning that comes from serious scholarly inquiry."

"The relationships also provide an opportunity for the undergraduate students to learn more about the life of a graduate student and inform their decisions as they consider their own future education."

Archie Holmes, UVA's vice provost for educational innovation and interdisciplinary studies, thinks academic scholarship is one of the more exciting endeavors in which undergraduates can get involved at the University.

"Through research, scholarships or creative works, a student learns to collect and assimilate the information and knowledge needed to answer questions in their area of interest, think clearly through complex issues and present their findings in a clear manner," he said. "These are important skills that are invaluable in whatever students choose to do in their professional and personal lives."

This year's awardees include the following students from the area:

❖ Ani Chandrabhatla of

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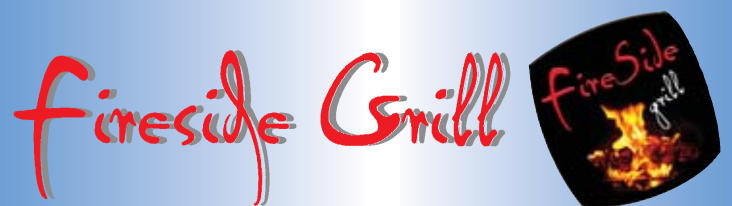
Find out about plans to improve the Fairfax County Parkway and Terminal Road intersection. Improvements include: converting the existing southbound right-turn lane to a right-turn/through lane on Fairfax County Parkway at Terminal Road, reconstructing a traffic signal, channelization islands, median, shoulder and guardrail, and adding an additional southbound through lane with merge area, south of Terminal Road to the next traffic signal at Backlick Road.

Review project information at www.virginiadot.org or at VDOT's District Office at 4975 Alliance Drive, Fairfax, Virginia 22030. Please call ahead at 703-259-1794, 800-367-7623 or TTY/TDD 711 to ensure appropriate personnel are available to answer your questions.

If your concerns cannot be satisfied, VDOT is willing to hold a public hearing. You may request that a public hearing be held by sending a written request to Mr. Terry Yates, P.E., Virginia Department of Transportation, at the above address on or prior to **June 23, 2016**. If a request for a public hearing is received, notice of date, time and place of the hearing will be posted.

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Saint Mary of Sorrows Honors Fallen American and Irish Veterans

Perched on a hill, the stately white St. Mary's church overlooks Ox Road in Fairfax Station. Highlighting the cemetery's 400 or so graves, some dating back to the time of the Roman Catholic church's first mass in 1860, are American and Irish national flags placed on Memorial Day.

The annual tradition of placing flags goes back nearly 30 years, according to church historian and grounds committee member John Patrick Murphy of Fairfax Station.

This Memorial Day before a special mass, a group of around 130 (plus a bagpiper) marched around the cemetery and placed the flags.

"It's a moving time, a reminder: Look at the gravestones, One Irish name after another," Murphy said. He explained there was a heavy concentration of Irish families in the Fairfax Station area building the Orange and Alexandria Railroad. The flags serve as a reminder of that heritage as well.

"Typically, people go about their business, go to mass.

They don't look at the graves, the names. They just walk past. This way, it allows us to highlight something. Gee, why is that flag there?"

Sponsored by the Ancient Order of Hibernians, the special flag-placing and mass were for all soldiers, sailors and servicemen who have been killed in previous wars.

Though Murphy points out St. Mary's church served a crucial purpose as a field hospital after the second battle of Manassas and Chantilly during the Civil War.

Six Union soldiers were interred at the cemetery following local battles, Murphy said, as well as one Confederate soldier, James W. Kidwell.

The Union soldiers were even-



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tually moved and reburied at Arlington National Cemetery, while Kidwell remained at St. Mary's.

—TIM PETERSON



Highlighting the St. Mary's church cemetery's 400 or so graves are American and Irish national flags, placed there on Memorial Day.



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AREA ROUNDUPS

Fire Chief Bowers Involved in Crash

Fairfax County Police and Deputy County Executive for Public Safety David Rohrer are investigating a collision between Fire and Rescue Department Chief Richard Bowers' county vehicle and another car.

Fair Oaks District station officer responded to the intersection of the Fairfax County Parkway and Lee Highway after Bowers called to report the crash on Thursday, May 26 at 8:01 a.m.

Bowers was on duty at the time, a release from Fairfax County Police said, driving a 2015 Chevrolet Tahoe, southbound on the Lee Highway ramp to-

wards the ramp to the parkway heading north. A 36-year-old Fairfax man was driving a 2002 BMW on the northbound Fairfax County Parkway ramp approaching Lee Highway. The front of Bowers' vehicle collided with the right side of the BMW in the intersection, the police release said.

The BMW's driver sustained non-life-threatening injuries and was taken to Inova Fair Oaks Hospital. Bowers wasn't injured.

Fairfax County Police spokesperson Lt. Brian Gaydos said there's no estimate how long the investigations might take.

Police are asking anyone who witnessed the crash or who has information about the incident to contact Crime Solvers at www.fairfaxcrimesolvers.com or by calling 1866-411-8477 or 703-691-2131.

—TIM PETERSON

Police Continue to Investigate Brookfield Plaza Robbery

Fairfax County Police haven't announced any further arrests in connection with the May 21 armed robbery that took place at the Dubai Jewelers store in the 7000 block of Brookfield Plaza in Springfield.

So far, they have made two arrests: 24-year-old William Timothy Franklin IV and 26-year-old Jasminder Sethi, both of Waldorf, Maryland.

Major Crimes Division and Internal Affairs Bureau detectives are continuing to work on their respective criminal and administrative investigations, a May 31 release from

Fairfax County Police said.

The release also said a citizen who was injured in the crossfire between suspects and police has been released from a local hospital.

Though police believe the citizen was struck by a bullet fired by one of the suspects, they said the officer involved with the shooting is still on desk duty.

The May 31 release named the officer as ten-year veteran PFC Lane M. Leisey. The announcement ten days after the incident is consistent with with Police Chief Edwin Roessler's stated standard for releasing an officer's name following an incident where deadly force was used.

—TIM PETERSON

NEWS

Grants

FROM PAGE 5

Herndon, a first-year biomedical engineering major, and Angela Zeigler of Clemson, S.C., a fifth-year medical scientist training program student and third-year graduate student in the biomedical engineering program, who are looking to identify drugs that could have a therapeutic effect on heart failure after a heart attack.

❖ Emily Jane Cox of Fairfax, a second-year art history major with a French minor, and Elizabeth Doe of Concord, Mass., a third-year history of art and architecture doctoral student, who will focus on figural painting, formal portraiture and artistic exchanges in the Belle Époque, roughly 1870 to 1914.

❖ Dory DeWeese of Reston, a third-year chemistry major with a minor in astronomy, and Vlad Serbulea of Thousand Oaks, Calif., a fourth-year pharmacology graduate student, who will investigate oxidized phospholipids and their role as a major source of inflammation in adipose tissue cells, connected to diabetes.

❖ Lilian Roth of Vienna, a second-year global studies interdisciplinary major, and Lauren N. Haumesser of Walnut Creek, Calif., a doctoral candidate in history, who will explore the relationship between gender and politics in the 1856 election, with an eye toward instructive parallels to the election of 2016.

Send Photos for Father's Day Galleries

Father's Day is Sunday, June 19, and as in years past, this newspaper will publish a gallery of photos of fathers, grandfathers, great grandfathers and sons and daughters. Send your photos, including names of everyone in the photo, ages of children, town of residence and a brief description of what is happening to south@connectionnewspapers.com or upload directly to <http://www.connectionnewspapers.com/fathersday/> Please include the words "Father's Day" and your town of residence in the subject line.

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OPINION

Talk to Your Teens

So much at stake as teens approach graduation and summer.

It's hard to talk to your teens and young adults about alcohol and drugs.

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Last year, more people died in Virginia of heroin overdose than in car accidents, more than 700 in all. There have been multiple overdoses of high school students in the last few months, high school students like yours. At this point in the opiate epidemic, you also need to talk about heroin and pills.

On graduation day in 2007, West Potomac High School endured the unimaginable tragedy. Two young women who had graduated just hours before died in a car driven by another young woman who had alcohol in her system. The driver and another passenger, a 2005 West Potomac graduate, also died in that crash.

More recently, in June, 2015, Alex Murk and Calvin Li, shortly after graduation from Thomas Wootton High School in Rockville, Maryland, died in a car accident after leaving a party where alcohol was served. The owner

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of the house where the party took place, the father of the student hosting the party, was fined for knowingly allowing underage drinking. A newly passed law in Maryland, named for Alex and Calvin, means parents who knowingly host underage drinking parties in Maryland could face the possibility of up to a year in jail if an underage drinker leaves their home and is injured or killed in a car crash. The driver recently pled guilty to two counts of vehicular manslaughter.

Summer is the most dangerous time of year for teenagers.

Many teenagers will be celebrating, or possibly self-medicating, with alcohol. Many will engage in binge drinking.

While drinking and driving, or getting into a car with a driver who has been drinking, can kill, there are many other problems that come along with binge drinking. The question of consent and sexual activity looms. Young men and women need to hear from their parents that they are expected to respect the idea of

consent, all the more so in circumstances where alcohol or drugs might be involved. The potential consequences are enormous.

Parents owe it to themselves to talk to their teens about it, even as the teen turns away, rolls eyes, and otherwise indicates he or she is ignoring everything you say, some information will go in. They do hear you. They can't hear what you don't say.

Keep talking. Tell them you love them. Tell them it's been too much work to get them to this point to risk losing them now. Tell them not to text and drive. Tell them not to drink and drive. Tell them not to get in a car with anyone driving who has been drinking or otherwise under the influence. Tell them to wear their seatbelts.

Tell them you'll come pick them up anytime that they need a safe ride home, with the only consequence that they have to talk to you about it the next day.

— MARY KIMM

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

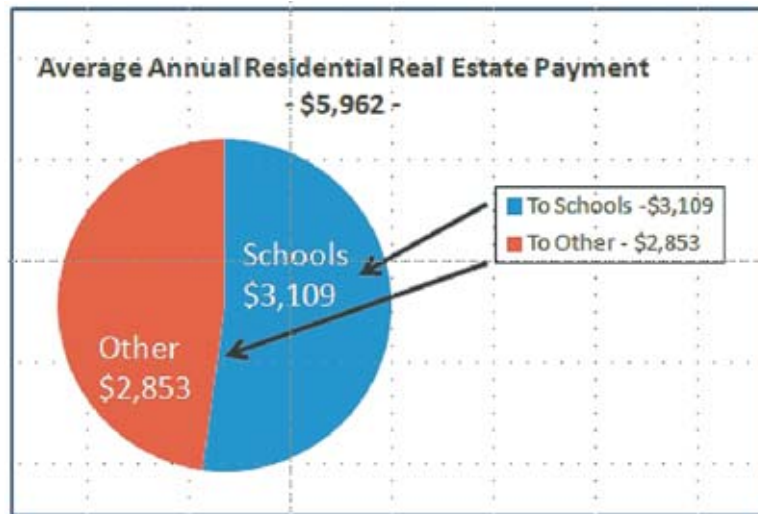
Seniors Unfairly Tapped for School Budget

To the Editor:

The May 19-25, edition of the Connection had an opinion page article titled, "In Search of Diversified Revenue – Fairfax County residents expect to see meals tax question on November ballots." The article began by saying that local governments pay for almost all of local services, including schools, by taxing a single industry, property owners.

It's time to address a real estate tax inequity, i.e., the continued full taxation of elderly homeowners who have not had children in the school system for years and years. The average annual real estate tax per household after the recent FY 2017 rate increase is \$5,962; 52.2 percent of that (a little over \$3,100) goes to support the county school system. (See chart.)

Residential homeowners pay the full real estate tax whether or not they have children in schools.



There is never any age at which a homeowner sees a dime's decrease in his or her taxes. Parents of students do not pay any "tuition."

My proposal is that elderly homeowners, starting at age 65 or maybe 70, be given a small "tax forgiveness" rebate, funded by a per-student user fee assessed at annual school registration. This would be revenue-neutral to the county. The fee would pass through the county from parents

to elderly taxpayers via a tax reduction. Here's the math for a hypothetical example for 65 year old and over taxpayers:

❖ The county's 2015-16 school enrollment is about 187,000 (K through 12).

❖ In 2015, there were about 412,000 housing units in Fairfax County (Source: "Demographic Reports 2015, County of Fairfax, Virginia"). In 2014, about 19.1 percent of housing units were oc-

cupied by persons 65 years old or older (Source: U.S Census Bureau, 2014 American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates"). So, assume that roughly 19.1 percent of those 412,000 housing units, or 78,692 units, were owned by 65-and-older persons (actual ownership data not available to author).

❖ An annual school system revenue-neutral "user fee" of \$100 per student, paid at the time of annual registration, would yield about \$18,700,000 (187,100 students x \$100).

❖ Now, spread the \$18,700,000 over about 78,692 housing units (the estimate of housing units owned by folks age 65 and over) and it would yield about \$238 per year for each of those senior households (\$18,700,000/78,692). That is a very modest 4.0 percent annual tax "rebate" from the average 2017 tax bill of \$5,962 per household. The seniors deserve a little break.

See what your supervisors think.

John A. Knight
Springfield

SCHOOL NOTES

Send notes to the Connection at south@connectionnewspapers.com or call 703-778-9416. Deadline is Friday. Dated announcements should be submitted at least two weeks prior to the event.

Alexandra Hoenscheid, of Springfield, received the University of Mary Washington Alumni Award upon her graduation in May 2016.

Thet San, of Fairfax, is on the dean's list at Furman University in South Carolina for spring 2016.

Natalie Heintz, of Springfield, received Manhattan College's Gunn Alumni Medal during the 2016 commencement.

Allison Campbell, a 2007 graduate of West Springfield High School, graduated from Washington University in St. Louis Olin Business School in May 2016.

Peter Wang, a student at South County High School, has been named a 2016 U.S. Presidential Scholar, a program administered by the U.S. Department of Education.

William Greenwood, Burke, graduated with a bachelor of science in Aerospace Engineering from the University of Kansas in May 2016.

The following area students graduated from Hampden-Sydney College:

Kyle Thomas Deivert, of Fairfax, graduated *cum laude* with a B.S. in biology. **Nathaniel Tillman Oliver**, of Fairfax, graduated *cum laude* with a B.A. in economics and business. **Ali Adil Sali**, of Fairfax, graduated with a B.A.

in history. **Austin Mitchell Perryman**, of Fairfax, graduated with a B.S. in mathematical economics.

John Cossio, of Springfield, graduated from Illinois Wesleyan University in spring 2016. He majored in voice.

James Lau, of Springfield, was elected to the honor society Phi Beta Kappa. Membership recognizes the highest academic achievement, moral character, responsible citizenship, and broad intellectual curiosity. James is the son of Michael & Audrey Lau of Springfield.

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Chief of Police Colonel Edwin C. Roessler, Jr. gave the opening remarks.

County Police Hold Volunteer Awards Ceremony

More than 200 volunteers give 56,912 hours; help save county \$1.4 million.

The Fairfax County Police Department honored its volunteers who gave 56,912 hours of service last year at an awards ceremony on Friday, May 20 at the Fairfax County Government Center. The volunteers do everything from assisting with traffic control, to sobriety checkpoints, administrative duties, help-

ing with photography and other crime prevention activities. In 2015, more than 200 volunteers from the Auxiliary Police Program, Volunteers in Service Program, and Chaplain Unit were assigned to every local district police station and other facilities. They saved the county more than \$1.4 million by providing their time, insight and valuable resources to the community. In the APO Program, they gave 32,610 volunteer hours; in the VIPS Program, they gave 22,599 hours; and in the Chaplains Unit, they gave 1,703 hours. The Fairfax County Police Department recently celebrated its 75th anniversary last summer.

— STEVE HIBBARD

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Mosquitos, Zika and a Healthy Summer

Zika virus spreads through bite of infected Aedes mosquito, a type present in Virginia in summer.

BY SENATOR TIM KAINE
U.S. SENATOR

As warm weather returns and the last days of school draw near, I'm sure that, like me, you're looking forward to spending a lot of time outdoors this summer. As you read troubling headlines from Latin America and other parts of the world about the Zika virus, I'm also sure you are concerned about how to keep yourself and your family safe.

Let's first understand the virus and the threat it poses to Virginia. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the Zika virus spreads primarily through the bite of an infected Aedes mosquito, which is one of the types of mosquito present in Virginia during the summer months.

According to the CDC, Texas, Florida and Hawaii are likely to be the U.S. states with the highest risk of experiencing local transmission of Zika virus by mosquitoes, based on prior experience with similar viruses. However, additional states

are assumed to be at some risk due to the presence of Aedes mosquitoes. While, as of May 11, there have been 15 cases of Zika virus among individuals traveling abroad and returning to the Commonwealth (or among family members and close contacts of such individuals), there have been no recorded cases of someone contracting the virus from a mosquito in Virginia. Furthermore, while I'm writing this, no one has been shown to have acquired the virus from a mosquito bite anywhere within the continental United States.

Most people infected with the Zika virus display no symptoms. Among those whose infections do develop into Zika virus disease, the illness is largely mild and marked by fever, rash, joint pain and/or red eyes for two to seven days. An infection usually does not lead to hospitalization, and death from Zika is extremely rare.

As you probably already know, though, the virus does pose significant risks to a fetus during pregnancy. The CDC and the World Health Organization (WHO) have

both concluded that Zika infection during pregnancy is a cause of microcephaly and other severe fetal brain defects.

Because of the connection between Zika and birth defects and the rare health threats the virus can pose to infected individuals, it is important for us to prevent the spread of the disease now and minimize our own risk of infection.

On Thursday, May 19, the Senate voted to approve a bipartisan \$1.1 billion package to prevent transmission of the virus and treat infections. I also supported a larger \$1.9 billion package that provided more resources to the Department of State, the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), and the Department of Health and Human Services to address this crisis both at home and abroad. Combined with efforts already underway by the Virginia Department of Health (VDH) and many localities, this federal effort would ensure that a robust public health initiative is in place to help control this pandemic.

With public health officials at each level of government working to combat this disease, we should consider our own role in preventing infection and stopping the potential spread of the virus. VDH recommends that Virginians follow the CDC's guidance for preventing Zika. By visiting www.cdc.gov/zika/prevention or www.ZikaVA.org, you can learn about what types of insect repellent are most effective at preventing mosquito bites and how bed nets, water treatment tabs, permethrin spray and condoms can help prevent the transmission of the disease in your home and outdoors. On www.ZikaVA.org, you can see the state Zika plan and other Virginia-specific information. The CDC's site contains specific guidance for pregnant women (www.cdc.gov/zika/pregnancy), women and couples considering pregnancy (www.cdc.gov/zika/pregnancy/thinking-about-pregnancy) and parents (www.cdc.gov/zika/parents).

The Aedes mosquito does not fly far from where it breeds. Therefore, it is important to prevent the

population of mosquitoes from growing in and around your home. Make sure to use window and door screens; regularly clean, turn over, cover or throw out any indoor and outdoor items that hold water (e.g. tires, flower vases, toys, garbage bins); and use sprays or foggers to kill mosquitoes. For more information on where to look out for mosquitoes and what products to use in controlling them around your home, you can visit www.cdc.gov/zika/prevention/controlling-mosquitoes-at-home.

It's important to reiterate that there are currently no reported cases of mosquitoes transmitting the Zika virus in Virginia or anywhere else in the continental United States. While this fact offers us some reassurance, it also provides us with a clean slate and golden opportunity to prevent or lessen the severity of a large-scale outbreak in the coming months. With proactive and responsive steps from all levels of government and due care from each of us, we can take control of this public health threat and enjoy this summer to its fullest.

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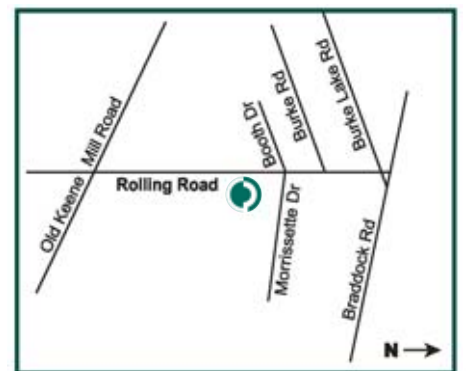
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Staying Safe This Summer

Tips and precautions for avoiding warm-weather hazards.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL
THE CONNECTION

The start of summer means pools and backyard grilling. It also means an increased risk of accidents and injuries. Local safety officials are offering safety tips during June, which is National Safety Month.

With warm weather come health threats posed by ticks and mosquitoes. In addition to the Zika virus, which is not currently a local threat, mosquitoes can carry the West Nile Virus, while ticks can spread Lyme disease.

Recommended defenses against these pests include using insect repellent to protect against mosquito bites and eliminating potential mosquito breeding sites like pools of standing water or heavily foliated spaces such as tall grass, where bugs often hide.

"We ... have to be prepared and be ready in the event that we get local spread of [the Zika virus]," said Mary Anderson, a spokeswoman for Montgomery County. "The information on preventing bites and ridding your property of mosquitoes is good whether we have Zika or not."

Local county health departments, including Montgomery and Fairfax, have established websites with current information on the Zika virus. Anderson also recommends a Zika virus webpage, created by the Centers for Disease Control, which includes a map with updated information on areas where Zika is spreading: <http://www.cdc.gov/zika/index.html>

"We're taking the Zika virus seriously and preparing as though as though it could be a potential threat," said Kurt Larrick, spokesman for the Arlington County Department of Human Services.

In addition to insect bites, time spent outside in hot weather can lead to heat-induced illnesses like sunburns, heat rashes, heat exhaustion and heat stroke, and the elderly and very young children are at greatest risk. Health officials say that the best lines of defense include limiting sun exposure, especially between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m., the period considered the peak intensity hours. Wearing a hat and sunglasses that provide 97-100 percent protection against

Safety Tips

From the Centers for Disease Control
Water Safety

- ❖ Learn how to prevent recreational water illnesses (RWI)
- ❖ Always supervise children when in or around water.
- ❖ Teach kids to swim.
- ❖ Learn CPR
- ❖ Install a four-sided fence around home pools.

Boating Safety

- ❖ Wear a properly fitted life jacket every time you and your loved ones are on the water

Heat Safety

- ❖ Never leave infants, children, or pets in a parked car, even if the windows are cracked open.
- ❖ Dress in loose, lightweight, light-colored clothing.
- ❖ Schedule outdoor activities carefully, for morning and evening hours.
- ❖ Stay cool with cool showers or baths.
- ❖ Seek medical care immediate if you or your child has symptoms of heat-related illnesses

Sun Safety

- ❖ Cover up. Clothing that covers your and your child's skin helps protect against UV rays.
- ❖ Use sunscreen with at least SPF (sun protection factor) 15 and UVA (ultraviolet A) and UVB (ultraviolet B) protection every time you and your child go outside.

Protection from Mosquitoes and Ticks

- ❖ Use an effective insect repellent when spending time outdoors.
- ❖ Make your backyard a tick-safe zone.
- ❖ Check yourself and your children for ticks.

Prevent Injuries

- ❖ Check to make sure that the surfaces under playground equipment are safe, soft, and well-maintained.
- ❖ Supervise young children at all times around fall hazards, such as stairs and playground equipment.
- ❖ Use stair gates, which can help keep a busy, active child from taking a dangerous tumble.
- ❖ Learn concussion signs and symptoms and what to do if a concussion occurs.
- ❖ Make sure kids and teens wear the right protective equipment for their sport or recreation activity.

For More Information

Fairfax County
<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/living/summer/>

both UVA and UVB rays, and applying sunscreen even on cloudy days and reapplying it every two hours or after swimming or sweating are also advised.

"You want to dress lightly and intake a lot of fluid, but avoid alcohol and sugary, sweet drinks when you're in the heat," said Captain Troy Gibbs, a spokeswoman for the Alexandria Fire Department's Community Services Unit. "Staying hydrated by drinking a lot of water is your best bet."

Health officials recommend checking on elderly neighbors who don't have air conditioning and avoiding leaving pets, small children and older adults in small, enclosed spaces like cars, where conditions can turn deadly even after a short period of time in extreme heat.

Local county facilities, including libraries and community centers, are air conditioned and open to the public. Know the warning signs that it's time to get out of the heat, says Gibbs.

"If they stop sweating, that can be a bad sign," she said. "Profuse sweating can be an indicator that the body is trying to compensate, but if a person stops sweating totally, that is usually not a good

sign." While spending time at the pool is a popular cooling method during hot weather, residents should be aware of the potential threat of recreational water illnesses (RWI). Taking a shower with soap and checking the diapers of small children frequently can help keep germs that lead to RWI out of pool water. Health officials say that chlorinated water doesn't kill all germs, diapers sometimes leak and both adults and children should stay out of the public pool when they are sick. Other preventative measures include frequent hand washing, discouraging children from drinking water that is used for swimming and giving young children bathroom breaks at least every 60 minutes.

"We take safety seriously all the way across the board from pools to barbecuing to riding bikes and even walking," said Larrick.

In addition to RWI, other water-related dangers spike during the summer. Ensuring that children know how to swim, watching young children very carefully when they are near water, swimming with a partner and wearing a life vest when boating are important safety precautions.

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Lesley Field and Joel Choi: When Joel's foster mother left town for a multi-week trip, he was sent to Field's home in Vienna.



Joel Choi and Melissa Hish: They served together on the Fairfax County's Youth Advisory Committee where Melissa observed Joel's "great leadership skills and follow through."

Joel's Story

After foster care experience: Architecting his own path.

BY JOAN BRADY
THE CONNECTION

Slight and soft-spoken, Joel Choi has an unexpected inner strength that comes through as he tells his story of a father with high expectations, a son's mortal fear of not meeting them and what it has meant to take control of his own life.

Joel was taken into foster care when he was a high school junior, after reporting to a coach what was going on at home. Schools are "mandatory reporters," and, as such, they are legally compelled to call social services in a case like Joel's.

Joel said he doesn't remember much about those early dark days. He's been told that it is likely because he was in shock. But they included having to process the past and the present while going back and forth between foster care/group homes and his parents' house. Ultimately he was removed from his parents' home for good and placed in a foster home with a single, foster mother.

The foster care system anticipates that there may be times when a foster parent either needs a break, or needs coverage for their foster children. In those cases, the children are temporarily moved to "respite" homes. When Joel's foster mother left town for a multi-week trip, he was sent to Lesley Field's home in Vienna.

TODAY, AT 20, Joel doesn't recall their first interaction, but Lesley smiles broadly as she remembers the text she received from him, "Are there any rules I should know about?" "Good manners, good grammar and don't let the cat out," she said she texted back.

Joel was accustomed to rigidity and rules from adults, "I wanted the opportunity to make my own mistakes and learn from them," explains Joel, "[Even in those few short weeks], Lesley gave me that chance."

He recalls, that her "attentive listening" style reassured him that she wouldn't judge and that she truly wanted to help. They remained in contact after he returned to his foster home.

When Joel left for Christopher Newport University at 18, he was out of foster care for good. But, as a foster care alumnus, working and in college, he was eligible for an independent living stipend.

With scholarships, including a Gates Millennium Scholarship, stipend and income from babysitting and caddying at a country club, one might think Joel was set. But budgeting carefully is just one of the things this newly emancipated college student needed.

CNN reported that Barbara Duffield, policy director of the National Association for the Education of Homeless Children and Youth said "58,158 college applicants indicated that they were homeless on federal financial aid forms for the 2012-13 academic year." And she feels that that number is likely understated.

Joel didn't have a place to spend holidays and breaks. With no place to go, Joel turned to Lesley, with whom he has remained in touch. Leslie said she did not hesitate to take him in. "I wanted him to know that even though he was 18, he could always count on me. No one is really an adult at 18, and I wanted him to know he had support," she said.

And Lesley hasn't just provided a place for Joel to crash on breaks. He acknowledges that he doesn't know what he would do without Lesley, "She gives great feedback. She is always there. No matter how stressed she is, she is willing to drop everything. She is always smiling and ready to help."

Joel keeps close track of his income and expenses, but with just a net positive of \$50 each month, after expenses and \$100 to savings, more than one day of work missed

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Joel Choi with Missy Jackson and Melissa Hish: He is appreciating the opportunity they have given him.

Joel's Story

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or one unexpected expense can derail his budget and eat through his meager savings quickly.

Last fall he needed a tonsillectomy, it was fortunately covered by his Medicaid insurance (available to foster care alumni until they are 26), but it meant he couldn't work for two weeks. Joel said he hates having to ask for money, but when he has needed a bridge loan, he is thankful that he has Lesley to step into the breach.

Melissa Hish and Joel served together on the Fairfax County's Youth Advisory Committee, through the Fairfax County Department of Family Services. That was where Melissa observed how Joel quietly watched for young members of the committee who were uncomfortable and figured out how to draw them in. Melissa said she saw, "great leadership skills and follow through."

Melissa appreciates the support she got from her own parent. Her father was able to introduce her to people in her chosen field to help her get her foot in the door. "I had to work hard and prove myself once I was at the table, but he made sure I actually got a seat at the table," said Melissa. She has seen that kids who grow up in foster care don't have the same support she did and decided, "[If] I had an opportunity to provide a seat at the table for someone else I should do so."

After Joel graduated from James Madison high school in 2014, she suggested he contact her in January to talk about an internship at Wells and Associates in Tyson's, where she is an executive vice president. Joel's goal is to become a CPA and while Wells isn't an accounting firm, Hish's department includes finance.

THE SUMMER OF 2015, Joel was a full-time, paid intern at Wells & Associates, working directly for Melissa (Missy) Jackson. Missy was very impressed by Joel's, "dedication to his job, willingness to learn and fascination with all aspects of the department." Last week, having completed his sophomore year of college, Joel is was once again back at work at Wells.

Joel truly appreciates the opportunity that Melissa and Missy have given him, "The best things about working at Wells are the hands on experience, the people and the environment of the workplace." And he values "getting used to office hours and working in a cubicle" as part of his work experience. Joel is thrilled to have returned for the summer of 2016, "Because this is my second year, I understand a lot more of what I'm asked to do and that's definitely something I don't take for granted."

Throughout, Lesley has been Joel's constant. Joel said that he and Lesley's foster daughter are very close. When they first



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Joel Choi about Lesley Field: "So 20 years from now? She will still be my mom."

met, Lesley's foster daughter said that she quickly realized how important Joel was to Lesley. She describes what it was like to get to know Joel, "It didn't feel comfortable, it felt cozy."

The laughing 15-year-old explains their relationship, "We like to compete. About everything. He always helps me with homework or something I might be struggling with. He's a great kid. Well... almost adult." Hearing that, Joel pipes in, "I'm an adult already!" These two are truly siblings.

It's clear how proud Lesley is of Joel, who appears on her Christmas card each year and whose family loves him as much as she does. "Joel has so much talent, spirit and resilience.

I'm just helping. He is architecting his own path," she said.

Joel anticipates that things won't change much between them going forward, "I see us being just as close. I don't know where I'll be living. But I see her as a mom. So 20 years from now? She will still be my mom."

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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 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/JUNE 2

South County Golf Classic. 11 a.m. Laurel Hill Golf Course, 8701 Laurel Crest Drive, Lorton. Benefits SCHS Athletic Boosters Club and PTSO. \$150. guinman100@gmail.com.

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

Civil War Living History Day. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Fairfax Station Railroad Museum, 11200 Fairfax Station Road, Fairfax Station. This Living History Day will introduce visitors to the life of the common soldier during the American Civil War. Demonstrations will include the essentials of camp life. \$2-\$5. fairfax-station.org.



Amy Rivard, *The Three, 2016*, Watercolor Batik on Kinwashi Rice Paper will be available to view at the Workhouse Arts Center W-9 Gallery from June 8-July 3.

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

Fairfax Station Railroad Museum and Barnes and Noble Book Fair. 9-11 a.m. Barnes and Noble, 12193 Fair Lakes Promenade Drive, Fairfax. The Museum will receive a percentage of net sales during the day for most purchases when patrons present a voucher from the Museum web site or just mention the Station at the check-out. Local authors will also be in the store that day signing books. For more information, www.fairfax-station.org, www.facebook.com/FFXSRR. 703-425-9225.

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. 703-503-4579.

Landscaping Painting Workshop. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Fairfax Art League Village Gallery, 3950 University Drive, Fairfax. Artist Fritz Treyz will guide you through a simplified process of capturing and expressing the essence of natural elements and organizing the elements into a cohesive pictorial statement using oil paint. \$75/\$85. knstark72@gmail.com. 703-569-8760.

station.org.
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.

"The Sounds of Pohick." 4 p.m. Historic Pohick Church, 9301 Richmond Highway, Lorton. Musical groups featured are the St. Francis Choir and St. Cecelia/St. Alban Choir, both for children; the Pohick Pickers, an instrumental group; the Pohick Bell Choir, who will ring handbells and handchimes; the Pohick Early Church Music Ensemble, which sings 16th and 17th century anthems; and the Choir of Pohick, the nearly 40-voice adult choir. 703-339-6572. www.pohick.org.

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. <http://relayforlife.org/SpringfieldVA>. 703-409-1096.

Clean the Bay Day. 10 a.m.-noon. An annual opportunity for the whole family, office, civic or church group—anyone!—to give back to local waterways. For more information or to sign up, go to, <http://www.cbf.org/events/clean-the-bay-day/northern-va-hemlock-overlook-regional-park>.

Furfax Fido Fest. 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Sherwood Center Civic Green, 3740 Old Lee Highway, Fairfax. Vendors, doggy activities, contests, demonstrations, canine splash zone and more. Free. parksrec@fairfaxva.gov. 703-385-7858.

SUNDAY/JUNE 5

Wine, Whiskers and Wags. 1-5 p.m.



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

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.ffcas.org.

Civil War Ballroom Dancing. Noon-5 p.m. Fairfax Station Railroad Museum, 11200 Fairfax Station Road, Fairfax Station. Watch and learn authentic dance steps from 150 years ago from members of the Victorian Dance Ensemble of the Civil War Dance Foundation. \$2-\$5. www.fairfax-station.org.

TUESDAY/JUNE 7

Discovering Local History. 7-8:30 p.m. Burke Centre Library, 5935 Freds 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/>.

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Maynes Found Guilty of Sex Trafficking

Quick verdict on four-day trial.

BY SHIRLEY RUHE
THE CONNECTION

All rise. The court is in session. Judge Liam O'Malley opened the sex trafficking criminal trial USA vs. Maynes et al on Monday, May 18 in Federal District Court in Alexandria. Michael Lawrence Maynes, with several aliases including Horseblock, Jr., was charged with conspiracy to commit sex trafficking; sex trafficking by force, fraud and coercion; and kidnapping.

The indictment brought charges in Fairfax and Arlington counties. The co-conspirators prostituted women all up and down the East Coast but they focused much of their prostitution in Fairfax as well as Arlington and Alexandria.

The first witness for the prosecution, Britany Walker, testified as both a co-conspirator and a victim of sex trafficking. While Walker had worked with Maynes to traffic prostitutes, she also had been a victim herself. She had been charged with commercial sex trafficking in an earlier trial, pled guilty and was facing a mandatory 15-year sentence. She testified she was hoping to get a reduced sentence for cooperating with the prosecution. Walker said she didn't consider herself as a victim at the time of her guilty plea a few months ago, "but things have definitely changed here today." Defense attorney Gregory E. Stambaugh asked his client if there was some reason Walker would be saying things falsely about him. Maynes said, "Our children have been taken away from us. She wanted to get them back.

She had to cooperate. I understand why she did it."

Walker said Maynes held onto her ID so she couldn't use it and she couldn't have friends or talk to other men. "He liked to keep me secluded. I told him I didn't want to do this, and we had big fights." Walker testified that at one point she tried to get away from him: "He choked me until I passed out. I ran and locked myself in the car. I was screaming. He broke the car window to get in."

Walker explained she had worked as Mayne's "bottom bitch," the girl who is the boss in charge of the other prostitutes. She said everyone wanted to be the "bottom bitch" because they got special attention from the pimp, more privileges, a little more control. "The girls all wanted to spend time with the pimp; they considered him a boyfriend," she said. Many of the girls testified they got Maynes' upside down horseshoe logo tattooed on their body as a sign of loyalty. Hers was on her inner thigh, "his favorite spot on me." And many of the girls considered the pimp to be the only family they have ever known.

Maynes testified that Walker, the mother of his two children, was the love of his life. Lead Assistant U.S. Attorney Patricia T. Giles asked him how he could prostitute the love of his life and he replied "that has nothing to do with my love." Walker said Maynes told the jury that you don't want to think of yourself as a prostitute; it's just work."

Walker and 10 other prostitutes laid out for the jury a culture of coercion and force, balancing the need to be taken care of with the loss of freedom and verbal and physical abuse. The second witness, Betty Jo Avery, testified she was 18 when she started prostituting for Maynes. She said she knew

a 15-year old working for him. She testified Maynes said, "I don't care if she is underage. I'll take any girl." During the testimony Avery stared intensely at the ceiling and said she was trying to forget everything. She testified she left Maynes several times but came back. Other witnesses laid out a pattern of broken promises, children withheld and their earnings forcibly taken. The prosecution played a phone call in which Maynes was heard to say, "I know how to lie to get whatever I want, to make people think whatever ... I want so I can get what I want." The final witness for the prosecution was Fairfax County Detective William Woolf, who had been with the case since the beginning — investigating along with Homeland Security — tracking down victims and witnesses, interviewing them, gathering and analyzing evidence. He said this was an important case because of the sense of the operation itself, the depth of the investigation, number of victims identified and with multi co-conspirators. He said it took a long time to get the trust of these women and to convince them to testify. In closing arguments, Assistant U.S. Attorney Whitney Dougherty Russell argued Maynes had committed fraud by making promises to prostitutes such as giving them housing or letting them keep a portion of their earnings which he called "donations." Flashing up pictures of the victims, Russell

said, "In essence, it's all a lie." They didn't get a home, and the money they made was put in a bank account controlled by Maynes and given out sparingly for things like Pampers for their children. Maynes denied these charges, saying "in this kind of game, you don't make promises. That's just common sense." And he said that he wasn't here to keep a female; they were here to keep him.

Maynes was also charged with coercion. Russell said he withheld access to their children until they had brought in their quota of dollars, sometimes threatening them with force, took their ID's and social security numbers, set their rates and number of dates.

Russell concluded, "These are real women with real histories and challenges. Maynes preyed on them using their own vulnerabilities."

Gilles, addressing the jury said, "These women have a voice now. You are their voice."

The judge instructed the jury to follow the law, not what they think the law ought to be. "You must not be swayed by prejudices or sympathies."

After three hours of deliberation the jury found Maynes guilty on all sex trafficking counts. Maynes was acquitted on the kidnapping charge. Sentencing of Maynes is scheduled for Sept. 9 with the range of 15 years to life.

Farmers Markets in Fairfax County

Fairfax County's Farmers Markets opened in May. There are 11 locations of the county's Park Authority's Farmers Markets.

Find fresh produce, meats, cheese, baked breads, honey, ice cream, sweets and cut flowers our region has to offer.

FCPA Farmers Markets are strictly "producer-only," which means that all vendors must grow or produce everything they bring to market. This provides customers with the unusual opportunity to connect directly with farmers, who are eager to answer questions about their growing practices, animal care, recipes and more.

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Select locations accept SNAP benefits (formerly food stamps), including McCutcheon/Mount Vernon, Reston, Lorton, and Herndon farmers markets.

For more information, including locations, directions and vendor lists, contact the Community Horticulture Office at 703-642-0128; or go to www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/

farmersmarkets.com.

Locations and Days

Wednesday

- ❖ McCutcheon/Mount Vernon: May 4 - Dec. 14, 8 a.m. - Noon, Sherwood Library, 2501 Sherwood Hall Lane, SNAP accepted, bonus dollar program
- ❖ Oak Marr: May 4 - Nov. 16, 8 a.m. - Noon; Oak Marr Recreation Center, 3200 Jermantown Road
- ❖ Wakefield: May 4 - Oct. 26, 2 p.m. - 6 p.m.; Wakefield Park, 8100 Braddock Road

Thursday

- ❖ Annandale: May 5 - Nov. 10, 8 a.m. - Noon; Mason District Park, 6621 Columbia Pike
- ❖ Government Center: May 5 - Oct. 27, 3 p.m. - 7 p.m.; Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center Pkwy; CLOSED for Celebrate Fairfax set up June 9

Friday

- ❖ Kingstowne: May 6 - Oct. 28, 4 p.m. - 7 p.m.; In the Giant parking lot, 5935 Kingstowne Towne Center

Saturday

- ❖ Burke: May 7 - Dec. 17, 8 a.m. - Noon; VRE parking Lot, 5671 Roberts Parkway

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The Robinson girls' lacrosse team celebrates winning its second consecutive 6A North region championship on Tuesday.



Robinson junior Katie Checkosky had three goals and three assists during Tuesday's 18-7 win over Woodson.

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Dan, Katie Checkosky Make Best of Awkward Situation

Robinson girls' lax beats Woodson to win region title.

BY JON ROETMAN
THE CONNECTION

Dan Checkosky watched Tuesday's 6A North region girls' lacrosse championship game with his "hands in his pocket." The 11th-year Woodson director of student activities was at Robinson Secondary School to support the Cavaliers as they took on the rival Rams. At the same time, Checkosky was pulling for No. 9 on the opposing team — Robinson junior Katie Checkosky, his daughter.

After the game, Dan Checkosky talked about the awkward situation in a positive light. Katie shared her thoughts, as well — after she celebrated winning another championship.

Robinson jumped out to an 8-0 lead, built a 10-goal halftime advantage and repeated as region champion with an 18-7 victory over Woodson. The Rams remained undefeated and secured a first-round bye in the state tournament.

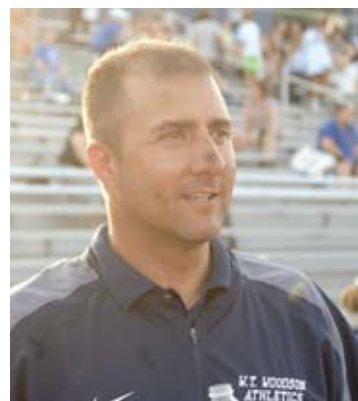
The Cavaliers will host Patriot in the opening round of states.

Katie Checkosky, a James Madison University commit, finished with three goals and three assists, including two goals and an assist during the Rams' 8-0 run to start the game.

"I'm proud of Katie's performance," Dan Checkosky said, "... and I'm definitely happy that the Woodson Cavaliers get to host a game on Friday, so that's definitely a win-win situation."

CHECKOSKY, a Cleveland-area native whose wife, Blake, attended Robinson, said he "absolutely" has had conversations with Katie about how to handle Robinson/Woodson matchups and lets his daughter know he loves her and supports her.

"She wants me to sit on the Robinson side with a Robinson shirt and I want my daughter to do well."



During Robinson/Woodson matchups, Woodson Director of Student Activities Dan Checkosky supports the Cavaliers — and Robinson junior Katie Checkosky, his daughter.

ter to do well," Checkosky said. "I want her to do well and I'm happy when her team does well, but it's mixed emotions when Woodson's playing. As much as I care about my daughter, I also care about the Woodson kids. ... I try not to make it about me at all ... but it's difficult. I have a son that's a freshman and another daughter that's 9 years old, so there will be many friendly rivalries."

After games against Woodson, including an 18-13 regular-season Rams win on April 15, Checkosky hugs Katie and tells her he's proud of her, and said he hasn't received any complaints for doing so.

"I think they do a great job" of handling the situation, Robinson head coach Liz Case said. "They absolutely do a great job. Dan is definitely one that doesn't want to touch certain things, he just kind of watches from a distance. Of course, he's a father, but he's a very professional person about it."

How does Katie feel about the situation? "I just want to make him proud," Katie said, "and ... I know he works at Woodson and I go to Robinson, so there's tension because we're [rivals], but I know there's no rivalry in the house because he still loves me."

Katie and the Rams made their fans proud Tuesday night, improving their record to 19-

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— Woodson DSA Dan Checkosky, father of Robinson junior Katie Checkosky

0 while extending their win streak to 34 games, dating back to last season. Robinson's last loss came against Georgetown Visitation on March 31, 2015. The Rams haven't lost to a public school opponent since 2014.

While Robinson has struggled at times with slow starts, the Rams wasted no time burying Woodson. Kaitlin Luccarelli got Robinson on the board with a free position goal 47 seconds into the contest and the Rams kept pouring it on.

Luccarelli's free position goal with 16:07 remaining in the first half gave Robinson an 8-0 lead. Taylor Caskey scored with an assist from Checkosky with 6:42 on the clock, bumping the Rams' lead to 11-1. Caskey scored again in the final minute of the half, with an assist from Luccarelli, and Robinson entered halftime with a 13-3 advantage.

"The past few games, we've kind of had slow starts and we came into this game knowing that Woodson's a very good team and they'll jump on us," Katie Checkosky said, "and we just had to get the jump first and we had to have our momentum going from the first whistle."

Robinson junior Elli Kluegel, the Conference 5 Player of the Year, finished with six goals and one assist.

Robinson Boys Win Region Championship

The Robinson boys' lacrosse team won its second region championship in the last three years on Tuesday with a 15-14 overtime win over Woodson.

"I feel like I've kind of stepped up in my role on the team," Kluegel said. "I feel like I have more of a leadership role."

It's not only because ... I have more opportunities, [but] with the [2015] class graduating, someone had to step up. I think Katie and I both did a really good job of doing that our junior year. ... For myself, this season has been a wake-up call and I'm really proud of how I've stepped up to the challenge."

Caskey finished with four goals and three assists and Luccarelli had three goals and three assists.

"Kaitlin, Katie and I have been playing together since sixth grade, so we already know everyone's tendencies and how they work," Caskey said. "Elli has kind of fit right into our little puzzle of attackers."

Robinson goalies Danielle Valenti and Maddie Malone and three and six saves, respectively. Emily Skrzypczak, MegMarie Stanchi and other Rams defenders helped hold Woodson to one goal in the first 20 minutes.

Woodson's record dropped to 13-4. Meredith Mackay and Gina Gorgone each scored two goals for the Cavaliers, and Natalie Gates, Emma Vinnall and Grace Stephan each had one.

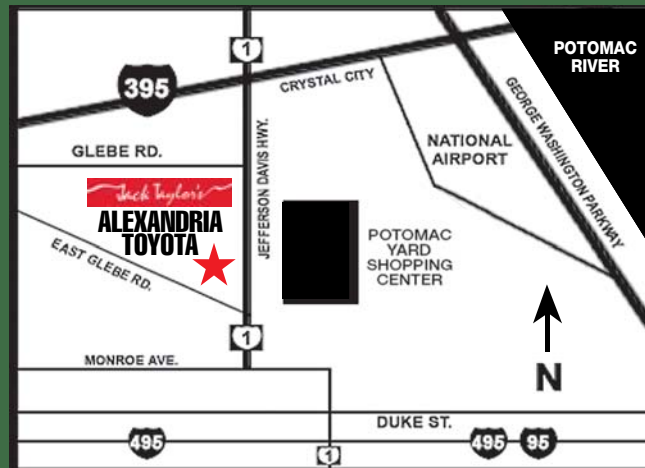
ROBINSON will host its state semifinal matchup on June 7 or 8. With one more victory, the Rams would reach the state championship game for the second straight season.

Woodson would need to win twice to set up a potential third meeting with Robinson — and another awkward situation for a father and daughter.

"We're not going to come out trying to get [the Cavaliers] because Katie's dad is the AD," Caskey said, "but it feels a little good to know Katie's going home to tell her dad that she beat Woodson."

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SATURDAY/JUNE 4

Clean the Bay Day. 10 a.m.-noon. An annual opportunity for the whole family, office, civic or church group—anyone!—to give back to local waterways. For more information or to sign up, go to, <http://www.cbf.org/events/clean-the-bay-day/northern-va-hemlock-overlook-regional-park>.

Relay for Life of Springfield-Burke. 10 a.m.-10 p.m. Workhouse Arts Center, 9601 Ox Road, Lorton. To participate, cheer or support, go to <http://relayforlife.org/SpringfieldVA>.

WEDNESDAY/JUNE 15

Public Hearing on Monopoles and Towers Zoning Ordinance. 8:15 p.m. Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax. Planning commission hearing. fairfaxcounty.gov/dpz.

Community Forums on Community Accessibility. 6:30-8:30 p.m. Mott Community Center, 12111 Braddock Road, Fairfax. Hosted by Fairfax Area Disability Board. The board will review the forum information to develop an action plan that addresses community recommendations, barriers, and service gaps. disabilityservices@fairfaxcounty.gov. 703-324-5874.

TUESDAY/JUNE 21

NVTA Workshop. 7-9 p.m. Providence District Office, 3001 Vaden Drive, Fairfax. In-person meetings are designed to capture feedback from a broad range of participants. Register at <https://www.eventbrite.com/>. Type Northern Virginia Transportation Authority to search for the public workshops.

Public Hearing on Monopoles and Towers Zoning Ordinance. 3:30 p.m. Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax. Board of Supervisors Hearing. fairfaxcounty.gov/dpz.

WEDNESDAY/JUNE 29

Community Forums on Community Accessibility. 6:30-8:30 p.m. Richard Byrd Library, 7250 Commerce St., Springfield. Hosted by Fairfax Area Disability Board. The board will review the forum information to develop an action plan that addresses community recommendations, barriers, and service gaps. disabilityservices@fairfaxcounty.gov. 703-324-5874.

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Jubilee Christian Center offers Living Free support groups in June on Wednesdays, 7:15 p.m. The support groups are free, and will cover "Concerned Persons Group" (for family and friends of addicts), "The Image of God in You," and "Handling Loss and Grief." There are also support groups meeting on Sundays, 10:10 a.m. The church is located at 4650 Shirley Gate Road, Fairfax. For information or to register, call 703-383-1170, email livingfree@jccag.org or see www.jccag.org.

Grace Presbyterian Church in Springfield, 7434 Bath St., is hosting a Camp Hanover Day Camp July 11-15 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Children who have completed kindergarten to sixth grade are invited to attend. To register, or for additional registration, visit www.camphanover.org/grace-day-camp

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Fairfax \$799,000

Beautiful 4 bed, 3.5 bath home on 1 acre w/ large family room leading to gourmet kitchen w/ SS appliances and granite counters. Sliding doors lead to large patio that surrounds the pool and leads to the outdoor bar, great for entertaining.



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