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**Del, Eileen Filler-Corn (D-41) speaking at the VFW Post 5412 Memorial Day Commemoration in Burke. She also addressed the Greater Springfield Chamber of Commerce Memorial Day Commemoration at American Legion Post 176 in Springfield.**



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## West Springfield Senior Addresses School Board on LGBT Issues

**Board conducting community review of Family Life Education curriculum recommendations.**

BY TIM PETERSON  
THE CONNECTION

**B**ennett Shoop remembers first being bullied in second grade. He liked to dress all in black, wear weird shirts, be alternative in his outward expression.

“At that point, it wasn’t gay or queer or anything,” Shoop said, “just different. I looked funny. People didn’t like that.”

Shoop, a senior at West Springfield High School, considers himself “gay and gender queer: not male or female.” Though he was “assigned” male at birth.

Though he didn’t understand the terms and their significance when he was younger, Shoop said he’s always felt the way he now has words to describe.

“I always felt uncomfortable with the idea of masculinity and femininity,” he said. “I didn’t like that one was viewed, femininity, as a weakness, and masculinity what I was told I was supposed to feel.”

Shoop is president of the Gender-Sexuality Alliance at West Springfield, where he said he has long dealt with nasty looks, verbal bullying and even other students throwing things at him. He said the experience is typical for other lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender students.

He went to school administration about it during his freshman year. “I didn’t really see anything done about it,” Shoop said. “I just decided to handle stuff on my own.”

His plan to simply outlast the bullies and move on achieved some success.

“I feel like eventually, people just got tired of harassing me,” Shoop said.

**THINKING BIGGER**, Shoop has decided to act as a representative for LGBT students before the Fairfax County School Board.

His second time as a citizen participant was May 26. That night, the Board had updates to the Family Life Education curriculum on the agenda as new business. No action was scheduled.

“Due to the outrageous trans panic epidemic, trans students are beginning to feel unsafe without specific regulations in place,” Shoop said in his remarks. “I’ve heard many students talking aggressively about their hatred for trans students recently and I feel it’s very important that we



**West Springfield High School senior Bennett Shoop addresses the Fairfax County School Board regarding treatment of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender students at the May 26 meeting.**

follow the federal trans guidelines in order to further solidify the protection of trans students as well as utilize the FLE curriculum to educate about transgender people to dispel all the myths spread about us.”

In a statement released the same day, Fairfax County Public Schools was clear that the new business agenda item for that evening dealt with specific recommendations from the Family Life Education Curriculum Advisory Committee.

“The committee’s recommended lesson objectives include instruction on pregnancy and birth; teen dating relationships, teen dating violence, human trafficking along with prevention; and sexual assault education,” the statement said. “No lessons or curriculum are being proposed to incorporate any elements of the guidance recently issued by the U.S. Departments of Education and Justice which states that public schools must permit transgender students to use bathrooms and locker rooms consistent with their chosen gender identity.”

The statement goes on to say FCPS legal counsel is reviewing the guidance Obama’s administration delivered on May 13. The counsel is supposed to give the Board an interpretation.

In the meantime, FCPS has also been waiting for a ruling from Circuit Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit Court in the case of Gavin Grimm v. Gloucester County School Board.

Grimm was born female but now identifies as male and has requested to be able to use the male bathrooms at his high school.

“It would be premature for FCPS to issue a final regulation or procedures addressing all issues pertaining to transgender and gender nonconforming students,” the school system statement continued. “Once a final ruling is reached, FCPS can address these issues with the benefit of the court’s guidance and interpretation.”

Several additional citizen speakers supported the School Board’s actions in the last year adding gender identity and sexual orientation to the non-discrimination policy, as well as updates to the FLE curriculum.

However one of the more consistent and vocal opponents to those efforts, Traditional Values Coalition Executive Director Andrea Lafferty, was critical of the FLE. She called out elements from the curriculum and questioned their appropriateness for the grade level to which they were attached.

Lafferty also voiced her disapproval at what she said was the School Board ignoring citizens as it made decisions in these matters.

“Fairfax has been arrogant and you all, including the superintendent, have refused to apologize to parents,” she said. “Now you’re in cahoots with the Obama administration on this crazy guidance.”

David Aponte of Arlington was in the audience, though not being a Fairfax County resident, he did not speak. Aponte is Chairman of Northern Virginia chapter of the non-profit advocacy group Gay, Lesbian and Straight Education Network (GLSEN). The organization works with K-12 schools to advocate for policies to help protect and



**West Springfield High School senior Bennett Shoop is president of his school’s Gender-Sexuality Alliance club.**

make schools safer for LGBT students.

He follows Fairfax as well as other schools systems in the region and is pleased with the pace and direction Fairfax County has been moving.

**AFTER THE GUIDANCE** from Obama came out, Aponte said GLSEN sent a letter to all Fairfax County principals offering help if they had any questions.

“We’ve been working with various teachers, leadership in Fairfax County, to make sure they’re representing their LGBT students.”

Without formal guidelines from the school system, Aponte said sometimes teachers or administrators need help responding to a situation when a transgender student is targeted.

“What we’ve been fortunate to see is that much of the staff tends to be protecting the students,” Aponte said. “They’ve been very helpful in these areas.”

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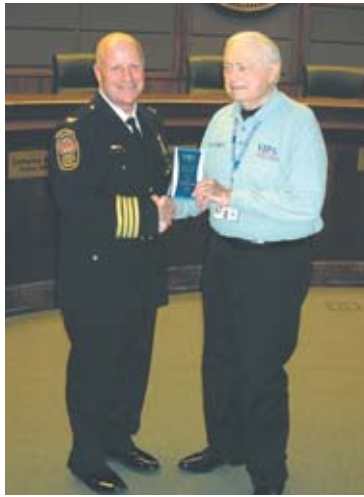
# County Police Hold Volunteer Awards Ceremony

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, helping 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, volunteers gave 32,610 hours; in the VIPS Program, they gave 22,599 hours; and in the Chaplains Unit, they gave 1,703 hours.



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



The Volunteers in Police Service (VIPS) of the Year went to George White of the West Springfield District Station.

The Fairfax County Police Department recently celebrated its 75th anniversary last summer.

— STEVE HIBBARD

## VIPS Service Hours Awards

500 Service Hours: VIPS Angela Coyle, VIPS Keith Kalinowski, VIPS Kara Reich, VIPS Juanito Roque, VIPS Philip Scianna, VIPS Laura Shugrue and VIPS Karen Sica

750 Service Hours: AS-VIPS Diana Gross, VIPS Gail Hollenbeck and AS-VIPS Kara Reich.

1,000 Service Hours: VIPS Kirk DeNee, VIPS Walter Lazear, and VIPS Deborah Neuberger.

1,500 Service Hours: VIPS Robert Bradford and VIPS Jimmy Clifton.

2,000 Service Hours: AS-VIPS Terri Baker and VIPS Philip Schroeder.

4,000 Service Hours: VIPS Mort Berger and VIPS Alton Summers.

18,000 Service Hours: VIPS Donna Spiewak.

## Certificates of Appreciation

APO Joseph Vitalie of the Reston District Station

APO Nelson Fernandez of the Sully District Station

Criminal Justice Academy — VIPS Laurian Cannon, VIPS Frank Cogdell, VIPS Purvis Dawson, VIPS Raoul Drapeau, VIPS Camille Kerrigan, VIPS Keith Kalinowski, VIPS Anthony Maiello, VIPS Deborah Neuberger, VIPS Robert Parillo, VIPS Michael Proffitt, VIPS John Sherburne, and VIPS Sean Smith.

## Points of Light Foundation

President's Council on Service and Civic Participation — Call to Service - Lifetime (4,000 Hours or More) — APOs David Carlo, Frank Detaranto, Charles Foster, Robert Moseley, James Pan and Anthony Pelegrin.

Volunteers in Police Service (VIPS) - Mort Berger

**VDOT** Virginia Department of Transportation

### Rolling Road Route 638 Widening Fairfax County

Public Information Meeting  
**Wednesday, June 22, 2016, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.**  
Rolling Valley Elementary School  
6703 Barnack Drive, West Springfield, VA 22152

**Find out** about plans to widen Rolling Road (Route 638) to four lanes between the Fairfax County Parkway and Old Keene Mill Road.

**Stop by** between 6:30 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. to view displays and learn more about the project. VDOT staff will be available to answer your questions.

**Review** project information at [www.virginiadot.org](http://www.virginiadot.org), at the information meeting, or during business hours at VDOT's Northern Virginia District Office at 4975 Alliance Drive in Fairfax. Please call ahead at 703-259-1724, 800-367-7623 or TTY/TDD 711 to ensure appropriate personnel are available to answer your questions.

**Give your written comments** at the meeting, or submit them by **July 22, 2016** to Hamid Misaghian, Project Manager, Virginia Department of Transportation, 4975 Alliance Drive, Fairfax, VA 22030, or email [meeting\\_comments@VDOT.virginia.gov](mailto:meeting_comments@VDOT.virginia.gov). Please reference "Rolling Road Widening" in the subject line.

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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 towards 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](http://www.fairfaxcrimesolvers.com) or by calling 1866-411-8477 or 703-691-2131.

### 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

### Theft in Springfield Town Center Investigated

Officers from the Franconia District station are investigating a grand larceny that occurred on Wednesday, May 5, at around 3:45 p.m., according to FCPD Public Affairs Bureau. The employees of the Sunglass Hut store located at 6500 Springfield Mall reported that two women concealed merchandise in shopping bags and left the store.

The suspects were described as black and approximately 20 to 25 years old. Both suspects were approximately 5 feet 3 inches to 5 feet 8 inches tall and were wearing dark pants, one with a red sweatshirt, and one wearing a black sweatshirt.

If you recognize them, or if you have any information about this crime, con-



**Suspects caught on video surveillance camera.**

tact Officer S. Carter at 571-835-4116.

Anyone with information is asked to contact Crime Solvers electronically by visiting <http://www.fairfaxcrimesolvers.org> by calling 1-866-411-8477; or call Fairfax County Police at 703-691-2131.

### Farmers Markets Around Springfield

#### Thursday

◆Annandale: May 5-Nov. 10, 8 a.m. - Noon; Mason District Park, 6621 Columbia Pike

#### 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

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](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/farmersmarkets).



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## 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.

But consider this.

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

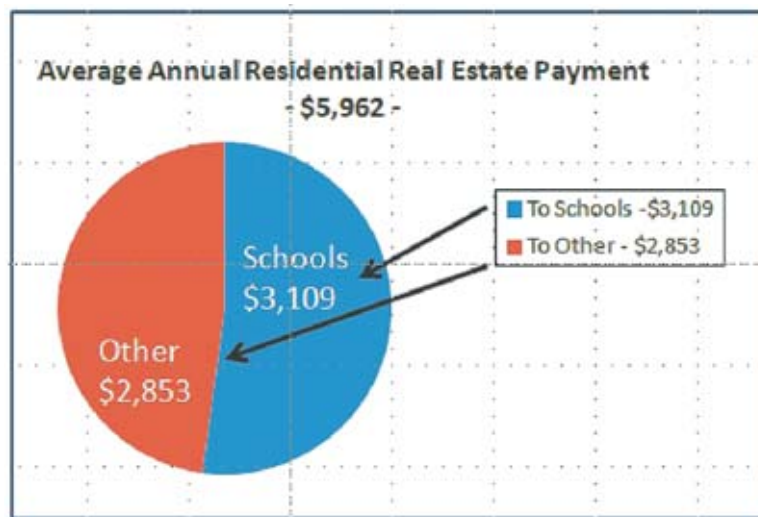
## Seniors Unfairly Tapped for School Budget

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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# NEWS



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## Zinburger Opens at Springfield Town Center

Zinburger opens with a ribbon-cutting at Springfield Town Center on Tuesday, May 3.

### VOLUNTEER

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**Meals on Wheels** needs **drivers, coordinators, and co-coordinators** for routes throughout the county. There is an urgent need for a route **coordinator** in the **Franconia** area. The majority of work for that position can be done from home via email and phone. For these and other volunteer opportunities, call **703-324-5406**,

TTY 711 or visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/olderadults](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/olderadults) and click on VolunteerSolutions.

The **Gum Springs Senior Program** in **Alexandria** is looking for a **Line Dance Instructor**. For these and other volunteer opportunities, call **703-324-5406**, TTY 711 or visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/olderadults](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/olderadults) and click on Volunteer Solutions.

# JUNE 11<sup>TH</sup>

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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

**A**s 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](http://www.cdc.gov/zika/prevention) or [www.ZikaVA.org](http://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](http://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](http://www.cdc.gov/zika/pregnancy)), women and couples considering pregnancy ([www.cdc.gov/zika/pregnancy/thinking-about-pregnancy](http://www.cdc.gov/zika/pregnancy/thinking-about-pregnancy)) and parents ([www.cdc.gov/zika/parents](http://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](http://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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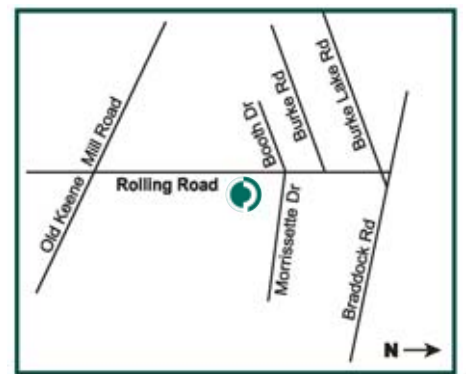
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# Staying Safe This Summer

## 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 immediately 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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**Veterans at the Greater Springfield Chamber of Commerce Memorial Day Commemoration at American Legion Post 176 in Springfield.**



**Del. Eileen Filler-Corn (D-41) speaking at the Greater Springfield Chamber of Commerce Memorial Day Commemoration at American Legion Post 176 in Springfield.**

# Honoring Fallen in Springfield

**D**el. Eileen Filler-Corn (D-41) honored those who made the ultimate sacrifice. Filler-Corn participated in several Memorial Day events over Memorial Day Weekend. On Friday, Filler-Corn joined with Delegate Vivian Watts (D-39) to commemorate Memorial Day with the Greater Springfield Chamber of Commerce at the American Legion Post 176.

Those in attendance watched as members of the American Legion laid a wreath to honor the memory of all veterans in the Greater Springfield area. Addressing the veterans and active duty military members

in attendance, Filler-Corn said, “You are truly heroes and your commitment to your country deserves the highest recognition and appreciation.”

Filler-Corn states that having a large military population in her district has encouraged her to both introduce and co-sponsor military and veteran friendly legislation during her tenure in the House of Delegates. In addition to co-sponsoring several military friendly measures this past General Assembly Session, in 2015, Filler-Corn introduced and passed a bill (now law) that reduces from 30 to 20 days the allowable application review period after which a regulatory

board within the Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation or the Department of Health Professions among others will be required to issue a temporary license to certain military spouses while the board completes its review.

Filler-Corn believes that this law will be beneficial to the many military spouses who leave their careers behind when their spouse gets transferred. Filler-Corn concluded by stating how proud she is to be a member of the General Assembly Military and Veterans Caucus which advocates for the interests of Virginia’s Veterans and Military communities.

## Springfield Days Return This Weekend

Springfielders (Springfieldians?) rejoice! Springfield Days is this weekend.

This year’s fun includes a 6K race around Lake Accotink, the beloved PetFest, shopping at the Springfield Market Expo, a car show, the 27th running (or is it paddling) of the Cardboard Boat Regatta and more. Check out the schedule below or go to [www.springfielddays.com](http://www.springfielddays.com).

### 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**



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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.**

# Guidance Under Review

FROM PAGE 3

The final citizen speech was a recorded video statement from Robert Rigby, Jr., a teacher at West Potomac High School and president of FCPS Pride, a certified FCPS employees group that supports lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender students, staff and families throughout the school system.

Rigby said he and FCPS Pride are supportive of the school system adopting regulations borne out of the Obama guidance.

He also expressed his own acceptance of transgender students as “a journey.”

At first when he learned about students being accommodated to use different bathrooms, Rigby said he wasn’t sure if he liked the idea.

But after meeting with parents of transgender youth, transgender adults and going to discussion groups, “They were no longer scary,” he said.

And so Rigby’s encouragement for people in opposition to Obama’s guidance and any action by the School Board to formally conform with it was to “go out and talk to people.”

“Reach out, meet several real transgender people,” he said. “If you have an open heart, you won’t be afraid or angry any more.”

The full text of the FCPS May 26 statement on Family Life Education update recommendations is available online at [www.fcps.edu/news/fle-comm-recs.shtml](http://www.fcps.edu/news/fle-comm-recs.shtml). A link to the community review page for FLECAC, being conducted until June 24, is accessible through the same page. The School Board is scheduled to take action on the FLECAC recommendations at its June 30 regular business meeting, held at Luther Jackson Middle School, 3020 Gallows Road in Falls Church.

### Photos for Father’s Day

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](mailto: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.

# CALENDAR

PHOTO BY AMY RIVARD

**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.**



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

## ONGOING

**Peace: Our True Nature: Watercolor Batik by Amy Rivard.** June 8-July 9. Workhouse Arts Center, Building W-9 Gallery, 9601 Ox Road, Lorton. Visitors will encounter watercolor batik paintings on Kinwashi rice paper, created by Rivard in the spirit of the present moment. [amyrivardpaintings.com](http://amyrivardpaintings.com).

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

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

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## 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](mailto: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.

**"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



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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.**

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](http://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](mailto:parksrec@fairfaxva.gov). 703-385-7858.

## 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](mailto: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.

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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

**D**an 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.

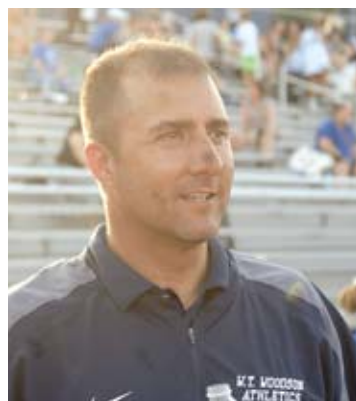
The Cavaliers will host Patriot in the opening round of states.

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.

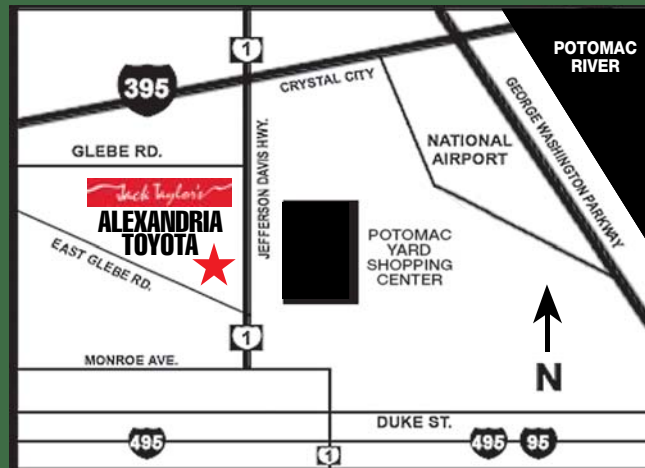
**ROBINSON** will host its state semifinal matchup on June 7 or 8. With one more victory, the Rams would reach the state championship game for the second straight season.

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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### 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](http://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](mailto: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](http://fairfaxcounty.gov/dpz).

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