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The Braun family's Georgian brick-style home on Robeys Meadow Lane was featured as part of the 2016 Clifton Fairfax Homes Tour.



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From left, high school students Joel Galloway, Austin Ludolph, Kirsten Chase, Annie Saavedra and Michael Murphy are congratulated by Rep. Barbara Comstock (R-10) for their essays on “What the First Amendment Means to Me.”

Republican Women of Clifton Awards Scholarships to 4 Local High School Seniors

Four local graduating high school seniors received scholarships from the Republican Women of Clifton (RWC) Club for their essays on “What the First Amendment Means to Me.”

The scholarship decision was determined on service to the community, leadership, academic performance and the essay.

First place winner, Michael Murphy, Lake Braddock Secondary School, received a \$1,000 schol-

arship. He will be attending the University of Florida.

The second place scholarship of \$100 was awarded to Austin Ludolph who attends Robinson Secondary School.

The tie for third place went to Joel Galloway, West Springfield High School, and Kirsten Chase, Lake Braddock Secondary School. Each received a \$50 scholarship.

All of the students who submitted essays were invited to accom-

pany RWC President Bonnie Burkhardt on a visit to the office of Rep. Barbara Comstock (R-10) in Washington, D.C. There was also a private tour of the Capitol, which included watching Congress in session from the House Gallery, and a tour of the Supreme Court.

The scholarship awards were presented during the May meeting of the RWC held at Fairview Elementary School in Fairfax Station.

SCHOOL NOTES

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

Natalie Heinitz, 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.

Twins **Brian** and **Kevin Zamfino**, West Springfield High School Class of 2015, graduated from U.S. Air Force Basic Military Training in March 2016. They are the sons of Joe and Joanne Zamfino.

James Lau, of Springfield, was inducted into Omicron Delta Kappa, the national leadership honor society for college men and women at Hampden-Sydney College in Farmville, Va.

Kayla Zellmer of Fairfax has been named to the Dean's List for the fall 2015 semester at St. Mary's College in Indiana.

Reilly Brown, a sophomore English major at Dickinson College in Carlisle, Pa., has been named to the dean's list for the fall 2015 semester. She is a graduate of West Springfield High School, she is the daughter of Patrick Shaw and Nicole Brown of Springfield.

John Hollinger, of Fairfax, was awarded Dean's list at Canisius College in Buffalo, N.Y.

Brian P. Bosse graduated with a degree of master of arts in International Relations from Boston University.



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Underfoot throughout the Braun house runs reclaimed random plank heart pine from West Virginia, Jane Elizabeth's childhood home.



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Richard and Jane Elizabeth Braun of Fairfax enjoy opening their home for parties, small fitness classes Jane Elizabeth teaches, and other gatherings.

Rare Sun Blesses 44th Clifton, Fairfax Homes Tour

Braun home breathes history and inviting warmth.

BY TIM PETERSON
THE CONNECTION

May 19 was far from the first time Richard and Jane Elizabeth Braun of Fairfax have opened up their home to numerous guests.

The couple and their two sons entertain at their grand Georgian home with school functions, New Year's parties and an annual Pirates and Mermaids pool party, complete with actors recreating the famous Disney "Pirates of the Caribbean" ride jail scene and non-costumed guests walking "the plank."

"We like opening up this house because the house isn't ours, we're just sharing what God shared with us," said Richard.

"When you have bounty, you share it," his wife Jane Elizabeth added.

Community members had the opportunity to share in some of that bounty, visiting the Braun's property on Thursday, May 19 as part of the Clifton Fairfax Homes Tour.

THE 44TH ANNUAL HISTORIC TOUR also included a silent auction and book signing at the Clifton Presbyterian Church Acacia Masonic Lodge.

Each year, the Clifton Community Woman's Club that organizes the event donates nearly all of the homes tour ticket sales to scholarships for local students, food banks and local, national and international charities.

Joane Neckel of Fairfax Station has been part of the homes tour for ten years. She welcomed guests into a dining room off the entryway in the Brauns' house, pointing out a 200-year-old French chandelier and an antique late 15th- to early 16th-century French vestment table.

"People always come to these to get ideas," for things to do in their own homes, Neckel said. "It's fun to see the 'oohs' and

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A downstairs master bedroom takes up the first floor of an addition the Brauns completed to their 1986 home five years ago.



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'ahhs' as people come through."

Sharon Gottlieb, whose more modern, Frank Lloyd Wright-esque home in Clifton was on the tour last year, said people are always interested in "seeing how other people live, how they decorate."

Gottlieb is particularly impressed with how the Brauns mix old and new in their

home. She also appreciates how the house feels "intimate despite the size."

"She's done so much to make it welcoming and warm," Gottlieb said of Jane Elizabeth.

The main house was built in 1986 and they completed an addition five years ago. However, the kitchen features a backsplash

built with Civil War-era brick and massive reclaimed wooden beams.

Underfoot throughout the house runs reclaimed random plank heart pine from West Virginia, Jane Elizabeth's childhood home.

Behind the main house is a two-story stone cabin that's said to have belonged to General George Washington's half-brother Lawrence. It hasn't been moved, Richard and Jane Elizabeth said.

When the family moved in, they said they had a pair of historians date it at around the 1740s — pre-Revolutionary War.

Despite the serenity and splendor of the lush landscaped backyard (complete with edible blossoms) and detailing throughout the house, the Brauns dealt with homeowner's headaches shortly after moving in, just like everyone else.

Maybe more so.

A massive flood in the basement, invading bugs and mice, and falling tables had Jane Elizabeth wanting to move out.

"I couldn't take it," she said. "We called it the Ten Plagues."

WITH ALL THE HISTORY buried (figuratively) in the property, the Brauns decided there was truly something evil going on at a spiritual level.

They decided to exorcise the entire house, Richard said.

"It was definitely occupied by something," said Jane Elizabeth.

Together, the family walked the four corners of the property and dedicated it to God, the couple said. After that, things improved. A minor break here and there, but no more plagues. A different, more positive presence came over the house.

"We look at it as not really ours, on loan to us, on loan from God," Jane Elizabeth said. "We receive nothing but blessings from that."

This gratefulness is at the heart of the Brauns' openness and passion for entertaining many and large groups of people. They simply like to keep the house brimming.

"When they come here, they feel this peace," Jane Elizabeth said. That is, as long as they wear a costume and play nice with the mermaids.



Lt. Brian Ruck from the Fairfax County Police Department (center) gives a brief demonstration of the “ready gun,” “tactical ready” and “modified ready” carry positions using a blue fake firearm.



Supervisors (from left) John Cook (R-Braddock), Pat Herrity (R-Springfield) and Kathy Smith (D-Sully) discuss further police use of force and communications questions at the May 24 meeting of the Fairfax County Public Safety Committee meeting.

PHOTOS BY TIM PETERSON/THE CONNECTION

Supervisors Review Use of Force Guidelines

Public Safety Committee meets before June 21 vote: gun carry positions, release of information, body cameras discussed.

BY TIM PETERSON
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The Fairfax County Board of Supervisors is standing by its Chief of Police and his department. The board’s Public Safety Committee met May 24 to discuss additional questions that lingered or developed following its May 10 meeting to review recommendations for updating and improving the ways Fairfax County Police handles use of force situations and communications.

At that meeting and this latest one, the supervisors reviewed language that will become an action item — along with a matrix of recommendations, estimated costs and implementation statuses from the Ad Hoc Police Practices Review Commission and Police Executive Research Forum — for the board to vote on on June 21.

Deputy County Executive and former Chief of Police David Rohrer said he’s working on converting the text. It should be ready for the Board to review, prior to the vote, by June 7.

Supervisor Cathy Hudgins (D-Hunter Mill) began the discussion with a question from a constituent regarding how police are trained to aim guns at or around a person’s center mass. Lt. Brian Ruck from the Fairfax County Police Department gave a brief demonstration of the “ready gun,” “tactical ready” and “modified ready” carry positions using a blue fake firearm.

“It’s all about angles, so I can see the offender,” Ruck said, while raising and low-



Chief of Police Edwin Roessler said the department is moving toward the goal of requiring every officer carry an Electronic Control Weapon or taser, a commission recommendation.

ering his arms slightly to differentiate between the specified positions.

Ruck also demonstrated how officers are taught to keep their trigger finger on the frame of the weapon and off the trigger until the moment they intent to fire.

“They need to articulate an immediate threat, a reasonable threat,” he said.

Supervisor Kathy Smith (D-Sully) expressed concern that a pilot for body cameras on police officers might not move forward until next year: “I’d hate to see us wait that long to deal with this.”

Supervisor Jeff McKay (D-Lee) said one of the concerns with not moving forward yet had been legislation in the Virginia General Assembly on body cameras. “We don’t know what the state’s going to do,” McKay said.

Supervisor Pat Herrity (R-Springfield) expanded that being on the “bleeding edge” versus “cutting edge” of the technology might not be in the county’s best interests.

Supervisor Penny Gross (D-Mason) acknowledged her rare agreement with Herrity in this instance. “We could be bleed-



Lt. Brian Ruck explains how an officer’s trigger finger is meant to stay on the frame of the handgun and off the trigger until he is prepared to fire.

ing a lot of taxpayer money if we get ahead of the law,” Gross said.

Phillip Niedzielski-Eichner, chairman of the Ad Hoc commission Use of Force subcommittee, brought up the recommendation that every police officer be required to have an Electronic Control Weapon (or taser) on their person while on patrol. Currently it’s only optional, he said.

Chief of Police Edwin Roessler said the department is “moving toward that goal,” and confirmed that every officer certified to use the weapon may carry one at their discretion. There was little additional conversation on tasers from the supervisors.

Merni Fitzgerald, chair of the Ad Hoc commission communications subcommittee, spoke about the need for a community engagement team as a formal way to make sure there’s “back and forth” exchange with the public and the police department.

Roessler responded that his department has recently applied for a Department of Justice grant that would help fund such a team.

Also during the communications discus-

sion over release of information following an officer-involved incident, Smith said she was concerned about language for the action item. Roessler has said he needs up to 10 days following the incident to conduct a thorough threat assessment for the officer and his or her family.

The way the item reads, Smith said, the supervisors would be able to overturn that action by the chief and force the release of an officer’s name sooner.

“No one’s saying the board would overturn that,” Chairman Sharon Bulova said. But, she said, “the Board needs to be given latitude to have a discussion.”

Supervisor John Cook (R-Braddock), chairman of the Public Safety Committee, expanded on Bulova’s comment. “The public needs to know it’s our job to come out of closed session, get in front of a camera and say it was the chief’s decision and we’re backing up the chief,” Cook said. “The chief had a recommendation, we were briefed on it. It’s a public obligation.”

The next meeting of the Public Safety Committee is scheduled for July 19.

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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.

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.

ONGOING

Burke Rotary Club Meeting.

Tuesdays from 7:15-8:30 a.m. Anita's Restaurant, 9278 Old Keene Mill Road, Burke. Meetings with breakfast and program. www.burkerotary.org.

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Remembering on Memorial Day 2016

Observe a moment of silence.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

EDITORIAL

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

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

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

Chief Warrant Officer Five John C. Pratt, 51, of Springfield, died May 28, 2012 in Kabul, Afghanistan, when his helicopter crashed.

Staff Sgt. Jessica M. Wing, 42, of Alexandria, died Aug. 27, 2012 in Kuwait City, Kuwait.

In February 2012, Brig. Gen. Terence J. Hildner, 49, of Fairfax, was the highest ranking military officer to die in the war. Hildner died Feb. 3, 2012 in Kabul province, Afghanistan.

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

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

Spc. Douglas Jay Green, 23, of Sterling, died Aug. 28, 2011, when insurgents attacked his unit using a roadside bomb in Afghanistan. Green enlisted in 2007, after attending Potomac Falls High School.

Pfc. Benjamin J. Park, 25, of Fairfax Station, died June 18, 2010 at Zhari district, Kandahar, Afghanistan, of injuries sustained when insurgents attacked his unit with an improvised explosive device.

May 12, 2010, Donald J. Lamar II, 23, of Fredericksburg, was killed in Afghanistan. Christopher D. Worrell, 35 of Virginia Beach, was killed in Iraq on April 22, 2010. Steven J. Bishop, 29 of Christianburg, was killed March 13, 2010 in Iraq. Kielin T. Dunn, 19, of Chesapeake, was killed Feb. 18, 2010 in Afghanistan. Brandon T. Islip, 23, of Richmond, was killed Nov. 29, 2009, in Afghanistan. Stephan L. Mace, 21, of Lovettsville, died Oct. 3, 2009 in Afghanistan.

Bill Cahir, 40, of Alexandria, died Aug. 13, 2009 of a gunshot wound while conducting combat operations in the Helmand Province of Afghanistan. After Sept. 11, 2001, Cahir decided to leave his career as a journalist and join the Marine Corps. His application to become a Marine was denied because of his age, but he successfully lobbied members of Congress to get a special exemption.

Lance Cpl. Daniel Ryan Bennett, 23, of Clifton died Jan. 11, 2009, in Helmand Province, Afghanistan. 2nd Lt. Sean P. O'Connor of Burke died Oct. 19, 2008 while stationed at Hunter Army Air Field, Savannah, Georgia. O'Connor was an athlete in soccer, baseball and football who attended Fairfax County Public Schools and was a 1999 graduate of Bishop Denis J. O'Connell High School in Arlington.

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

Army 1st Lt. Thomas J. Brown, 26, a George Mason University graduate and Burke resident, died on Sept. 23, 2008, while serving in Iraq, from small arms fire.

Sgt. Scott Kirkpatrick, 26, died on Aug. 11, 2007, in Arab Jabour, Iraq. Kirkpatrick, who graduated from

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Staff Sgt. George T. Alexander Jr., the 2,000th soldier to be killed in Iraq, was literally born into the Army here in Northern Virginia, at DeWitt Army Hospital at Fort Belvoir. Alexander died at Brooke Army Medical Center in San Antonio, Texas, Oct. 22, 2005, of injuries sustained in Iraq five days earlier.

Lt. Col. Thomas A. Wren, 44, of Lorton, died in Tallil, Iraq on Nov. 5, 2005. Marine Capt. Michael Martino, 32 of the City of Fairfax, died Nov. 2, 2005, when his helicopter was brought down in Iraq.

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

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

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

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LETTERS

Budget Reflects Commitment to Education

To the Editor:

The April 21-27, 2016 edition included an article discussing the Supervisors' approval of a 4-cent tax increase as part of an overall budget. This budget increased funding for the Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS). More importantly, it reflected a commitment to education and was an increase over the earlier Fairfax County advertised budget. The article quoted Springfield District School Board member Elizabeth Schultz. Rather than noting the importance of the funding to maintain the quality of our school and focusing on teachers and students, Ms. Schultz chose to bring up her perception of the need for less adversarial communication with the Board, more collaboration with the Board, and more clarity on spending. We should all remember that Ms. Schultz voted against the FCPS budget and wanted FCPS to submit a budget that reflected the County's initial advertised budget. That was the wrong position to take. We should thank Dr. Garza and the school board members who pressed forward with the budget request and the justifications that resulted in the increase....no thanks to Ms. Schultz.

Michael Spatola
Fairfax Station

'Meal Tax' and Fiscal Responsibility

To the Editor:

The never ending push for new revenue streams for Fairfax County with their tax and spend policies really knows no end. The overall real estate tax bill for the typical Fairfax county household increased by 154 percent between the years 2000 and 2016, and now the county will try for a new source of revenue called the "meal tax." In the same period of time, household income increased by 35 percent with overall inflation at roughly 49 percent. Somehow the word needs to be conveyed to the county supervisors that they need to practice some fiscal responsibility. The taxpayers can't afford their Cadillac health plans, pensions with retirement at 55 along with overall 3.5 percent raises for 33,000 county school employees. Fairfax should not try to compete with nearby Maryland county's spending policies. I would like to know how many recommendations the FCSB implemented from the task force set up to find cuts in school spending? Wait, I know the answer; None. If the Fairfax county voters are naïve enough to approve a meal tax in the name of "diversifying the revenue" stream the future increase in the meal tax and property taxes will be well deserved by the voters.

Dudley Losselyong
Great Falls

Remembering on Memorial Day

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

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

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

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

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



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

Robinson Girls' Lax Comes Back to Beat Langley

Rams earn state playoff berth, advance to region semifinals.

BY JON ROETMAN
THE CONNECTION

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Luccarelli, a senior midfielder, finished with five goals.

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

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

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

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

draws early in the game. The move paid off.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

PHOTO BY JON ROETMAN



Quashie's OT Goal Gives Lake Braddock Conference 7 Title

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

BY JON ROETMAN
THE CONNECTION

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Bishop Pitches Bruins to Conference 7 Championship

Lake Braddock baseball wins second straight conference title.

BY AARON LUNDMARK
THE CONNECTION

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

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

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

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

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

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

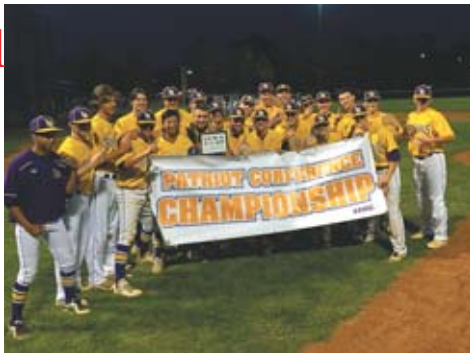


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The Lake Braddock baseball team won the Conference 7 championship on May 20.

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

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

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

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

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

Robinson Boys' Lax Earns State Tournament Berth

Rams pull away from Yorktown in second quarter.

BY JON ROETMAN
THE CONNECTION

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

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

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

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



PHOTO BY CRAIG STERBUTZEL/THE CONNECTION
Nick Dillon and the Robinson boys' lacrosse team earned a state tournament berth with a 12-5 win over Yorktown on May 19.

is the only public school program to beat Robinson at Coffey Stadium in the last three seasons.

"Besides Chantilly, Yorktown plays us probably the best straight up," Robinson senior Austin Henry said. "Whenever we play them, our games seem to be good games. ... When they come, they come to play."

The Rams pulled away in the second quarter of Thursday's game, avoiding a second home loss to the Patriots in as many years.

"When it comes down to it, talent is always going to win out," Robinson head coach Matt Curran said. "You can have the best coaching in the world, but if you don't have talent, you're not going to [win]. [The Patriots] have talent, especially [senior

the threat.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Connolly received praise from his coach, as well.

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

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

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

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Springfield Days. 8 a.m.-8:30 p.m. Multiple locations in Springfield. Springfield Days is a community wide celebration that includes a 5K run, "Pet Fest," car show and a cardboard regatta. Visit www.springfielddays.com for more.

THURSDAY-SUNDAY/JUNE 2-5

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



PHOTO BY ABIGAIL CONSTANTINO/THE CONNECTION
Children on bicycles participate in the Clifton Independence Day Parade.

FRIDAY-SUNDAY/JUNE 10-12

Celebrate Fairfax! Festival. Friday, 6 p.m.-midnight. Saturday, 10 a.m.-midnight. Sunday, 11 a.m.-7 p.m. Fairfax County Government

Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax. Musical performances, rides, games and food. Call 703-324-3247 or visit www.celebratefairfax.com/.

MONDAY/JULY 4

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

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

SATURDAY/JULY 9

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

SATURDAY/JULY 23

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

SATURDAY-SUNDAY/SEPT. 10-11

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



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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/ 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

Fairfax Rotary Club Meeting.

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

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.

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

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. 703-789-6144.

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>.

FUN-Exercise. Thursdays, noon-12:50 p.m. Grace Presbyterian Church Family Room, 7434 Bath St., Springfield. Inova certified exercise instructor leads a moderate level exercise class with music and current events conversation. Muscle, Balance, Strength Training using stretch bands and weights both standing and seated exercises. Instructor donation is \$5. Contact Chris Moore at moorefitt@yahoo.com or 703-499-6133.

SATURDAY/MAY 28

Jump In. 7 p.m. W-3 Theatre, Workhouse Arts Center, 9518 Lorton Road, Lorton. By the Next Reflex Dance Collective. \$18/\$15/\$10. nextreflex.org. 703-927-0073.

SUNDAY/MAY 29



Next Reflex Dance Collective presents Jump in on Saturday, May 28 at the Workhouse Arts Center.

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

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.

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.



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News

Clifton 5K a Success Despite Weather

Residents come together for night of running and fun despite poor weather.

On a rainy Saturday night, residents of Clifton and surrounding areas came together for the 19th Annual Clifton Caboose Twilight Run at the intersection of Clifton Road and Main Street. The Twilight Run offers a 5K along with a 1-mile walk that participants could join if they paid a small fee. The Run brought the Clifton community together while raising funds for the Clifton Betterment Association, a program that helps improve areas of Clifton. Live entertainment along with food and drink provided to the runners at a local barnhouse followed the race. "Money supports the CBA which we use for projects such as the barn, which we put in a lot of work in to renovate," said Gary Anderson, the administrator for the event. Anderson has been organizing the 5K since 2005 and believes that it helps bond the community tighter together.

"A lot of people have been coming out for years. I see a lot of the same faces again. Some of the kids who started out doing the one-mile are now doing the 5K so I would say it's a great community event."

Although the weather was dreary, the attitudes of the runners were anything but. "I think it's a



Runners take off at the start of the Twilight Run 5K.



Location of live entertainment and food after race.

lot of fun. It feels like this small town area but a lot of people come out and support it," said Ralph Navarrete, a runner in the 5K. The winner of the race was Keith Freeburn with a time of 17:15.

"It felt good [to win]... Clifton is such a cool town," Freeburn said. To find the full results of the Twilight Run visit www.cliftonva.org/events/clifton-5k-race.

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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

Fairfax Circle Church will hold Christian Sports Camp Monday-Friday, June 27-July from 5-8:15 p.m. The church is located at 3110 Chichester Lane, Fairfax.

Offers basketball, cheerleading and soccer, as well as a special program for the 4-5 year olds. Children four years to sixth-grade. \$40. fairfaxcirclechurch.org. sportscamp@fairfaxcirclechurch.org.

Jubilee Christian Center of Fairfax is restarting its "Living Free" support groups for the Spring on Wednesdays, starting on Mar. 30, 7:15 p.m. The support groups are free, and will cover "Stepping into Freedom," "Concerned Persons Group" (for family and friends of addicts), "Understanding and Overcoming Depression," "The Image of God in You," and "Handling Loss and Grief." There will also be support

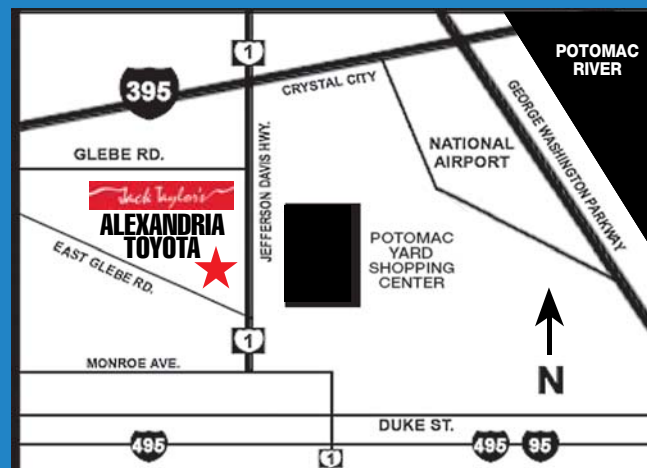
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Fairfax Baptist Temple, at the corner of Fairfax County Parkway and Burke Lake Roads, holds a bible study fellowship at 9 a.m. Sundays followed by a 10 a.m. worship service. Nursery care and children's church also provided. 6401 Missionary Lane, Fairfax Station, 703-323-8100 or www.fbtministries.org.

Lord of Life Lutheran offers services at two locations, in Fairfax at 5114 Twinbrook Road and in Clifton at 13421 Twin Lakes Drive. Services in Fairfax are held on Saturdays at 5:30 p.m. and Sundays at 8:30 and 10 a.m. Services in Clifton are held on Sundays at 8:15 and 10:30 a.m. 703-323-9500 or www.Lordoflifeva.org.

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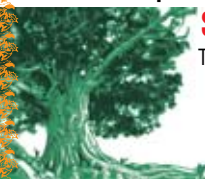
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