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Hayden Shock of Burke and his service dog Remy graduate together from Gallaudet University on May 13. Shock was diagnosed with acute kidney failure just two months earlier.

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Wayne Chiles (left) is awarded the President's Volunteer Service Award for his efforts to assist disaster survivors.



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Burke Man Awarded President's Volunteer Service Award

Wayne Chiles was awarded the President's Volunteer Service Award for his efforts in 2015 to assist disaster survivors. Chiles is a Burke area volunteer with ShelterBox USA.

When disasters like Cyclone Winston in Fiji and the Syrian refugee crisis strike, many want to help. Chiles took action for ShelterBox, an international disaster relief organization that delivers emergency tented shelter and other lifesaving supplies to survivors of disasters and other humanitarian crises.

Through Chiles' efforts of raising awareness and funds for ShelterBox, the organization was able to respond to more than 19 disasters last year, providing families with disaster relief tents, cook stoves, water filters, blankets, mosquito nets, children's packs and other essential equip-

ment. In one of the more busy years in ShelterBox history, ShelterBox has sent aid to support more than 30,000 families.

"I am incredibly honored to work alongside our volunteers, including Wayne," said Kerri Murray, ShelterBox USA president. "It is through their continuous efforts that we are able to bring shelter, warmth and dignity to so many families displaced by disaster around the globe."

The President's Volunteer Service Award is a special recognition presented on behalf of President Barack Obama. The award is part of a national recognition program created in 2003 through the President's Council on Service and Civic Participation for individuals of all ages who contribute a significant amount of time to volunteer activities.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

The Northern Virginia Long Term Care Ombudsman Program needs **volunteer advocates** for residents in nursing homes and assisted living facilities. Contact Lisa Callahan at **703-324-5861**, TTY 711 or email Lisa.Callahan@fairfaxcounty.gov.

Respite Care volunteers give family caregivers of a frail older adult a well-deserved break so they can go shopping, attend a doctor's appointment or just have coffee with a friend. Volunteers visit and oversee the safety of the older adult for a few hours each month. Support and training are provided. Contact Kristin Martin at **703-324-7577**, TTY 711, or Kristin.Martin@fairfaxcounty.gov.

The **Wakefield Senior Center** in **Annandale** needs **Front Desk Volunteers** and **Fitness Instructors**. Volunteer instructor positions could lead to part-time employment. For these and other volunteer opportunities, call **703-324-5406**, TTY 711 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/olderadults and click on Volunteer Solutions.

The **Lewinsville Senior Center** in **McLean** needs instructors for the following classes: **Line Dance**, **Certified Arthritis Exercise**, **Current Events**, and a **Facilities Attendant** to help with front desk duties and activities as needed. For these and other volunteer opportunities, call **703-324-5406**, TTY 711 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/olderadults and click on Volunteer Solutions.

Meals on Wheels urgently needs route assistance in the **Franconia** area, a volunteer to print and deliver updated route

pages to the Manchester Lakes Retirement Community building in **Kingstowne**, and **drivers, coordinators**, and **co-coordinators** for routes throughout the county. For these and other volunteer opportunities, call **703-324-5406**, TTY 711 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/olderadults and click on Volunteer Solutions.

Fairfax County needs volunteers to **drive older adults to medical appointments** and wellness programs. For these and other volunteer opportunities, call **703-324-5406**, TTY 711 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/olderadults and click on Volunteer Solutions.

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Shocked by Kidney Disease

Family searching, waiting for living donor.

BY TIM PETERSON
THE CONNECTION

Burke resident Hayden Shock graduated from Gallaudet University May 13 on the dean's list with a marketing degree. That was expected.

Fewer than two months before, he was diagnosed with acute kidney failure. For a healthy college senior — Shock threw javelin and competed for Gallaudet track and field — the diagnosis was totally unexpected.

March 17, Shock took a redeye flight home to northern Virginia after presenting on an introduction to language panel in California. After returning home, he complained of swollen ankles and cramping calf muscles.

Shock had spent a bit of time in the sun on his California visit, his mother Mary Ann said. That coupled with the redeye — they just suspected he was dehydrated.

The track and field team trainer thought Shock might have a blood clot, so they followed up at the hospital. Labs came back confirming no clots, but that his kidney function was only at 25 percent.

Shock had inherited kidney disease. "There is no rhyme or reason," Mary Ann said.

Diabetes and high blood pressure are the main causes of kidney failure in the United States, with the average age of patients in their forties to fifties. Sudden cases that are congenital are less common.

"Our last name is our state of mind," Mary Ann said.

THREE YEARS AGO, Mary Ann donated one of her own kidneys to her younger brother Chris, who has diabetes.

She had to fly to San Antonio for the surgery. Hayden was her escort.

"I'm living proof there's life after donating," Mary Ann said. "My quality of life hasn't changed; it's good, clean living."

The Shocks immediately got Hayden on living donor waiting lists at three hospitals, including Walter Reed National Military Medical Center and Inova Fairfax Hospital, Georgetown and the national transplant registry.

He could also take a kidney from a deceased donor, however a cadaver's organ has only half the life expectancy as one from a living person, which is anywhere from 20 to 40 years.

Without another kidney, Shock faces going to a dialysis machine if his kidney function slips down to six percent.

It's stabilized around ten percent for the last several weeks, Mary Ann said, thanks to blood pressure medication, a cocktail of pills and regular exercise.

"He's in great, great shape," she said, "working out at the gym faithfully. His spirits are great. Just in that waiting stage."

Shock's father Ed has progressed through a battery of compatibility tests as a poten-



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The Shock family has dealt with kidney failure and transplant before. From left, Logan, Ed, Mary Ann, Emery, Meredith, Austin, Madison and Hayden.

"Our last name is our state of mind."

—Mary Ann Shock



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Hayden Shock is on the waiting list at Inova Fairfax Hospital and two other hospitals in the area.

tial donor. However, because of their age difference, doctors are holding out for someone younger.

The wait list at Inova Fairfax is around 600, according to Nikki Gage, the hospital's Director of Kidney and Pancreas Programming, and an administrative nurse.

The hospital handles about 100 kidney transplants each year, she said. In 2015, they did 76. Walter Reed did 28.

Nationally, kidneys are the most highly sought organ.

Anne Paschke, spokesperson for the United Network for Organ Sharing that handles all organ transactions around the

country, said the total national organ waiting list is more than 121,173. And of those, more than 100,000 need a kidney.

Of the 30,969 total organ transplants in the United States in 2015, 17,878 were kidneys, Paschke said, and 12,250 came from deceased donors while living donors contributed 5,628.

At Inova, Gage said the ratio of transplants from living and deceased donors has been closer to 50-50. She credited Northern Virginia for being a highly populated and educated area where people are aware of the need for organ donation.

"It's a safe surgery," Gage said, "with

transplant success outcomes much higher for living than deceased donors."

Though she acknowledges potential donors may drop out of the process at any time, without hard feelings.

This has been a difficult reality for the Shock family, as they've seen several potential donors for Hayden exit the process.

"I don't blame them, I don't," Mary Ann said. "No lost love."

But, she said, "I'm scared. What if he has to go on a donor list for cadavers? We're not even thinking that right now."

THE FAMILY'S FAITH and previous experience with transplantation still give them confidence.

"We've walked this road before," Hayden's father Ed said.

"Hayden has a lot of faith," Mary Ann added. "He's at peace with this."

Shock had to turn down an internship in the Marshall Islands after his diagnosis, but has been accepted into a master's program at the Hult International Business School. His parents are encouraging him to travel and visit friends over the summer.

The Shocks ask anyone interested in learning more about donating a kidney to contact them at KidneyforShock@gmail.com.

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The stage was used to host performances that entertained participants at the relay.

Relay for Life Brings Community Together

Participants walked laps at Workhouse Arts Center to support cure for cancer.

BY JOHN ESPER
THE CONNECTION

Area residents came out on Saturday, June 4, at the Lorton Workhouse Arts Center to participate in the Relay for Life sponsored by the American Cancer Society. The Relay for Life is a fundraising event for cancer research.

Participants set up tents and walked around the art center completing laps in the name of finding a cure. Along with the relay there were food trucks, live entertainment and activities, such as crafting and sports. Among those participating were groups representing Target, United Hope, Boy Scouts of America and Weichert Realtors.

"I've lost too many coworkers and friends and family to cancer," said Kathy Crump

from Burke, an employee at Target who came out to the relay with fellow employees. "In our store we lost two young ladies in one year one to brain cancer and one to ovarian cancer." People who have been affected by cancer in one way or another, be it a family member, a friend or even themselves, participate in this event every year. Those who had cancer and are in recovery wear a sash that says "Survivor."

"Our chapter has been supporting this event for the last nine years... we get a lot out of it because a number of us have been stricken by cancer including myself," said Ted Nell, a retiree from Springfield who represented the Omega Psi Phi fraternity alumni group at the relay. Nell wore a sash showing he was a survivor.

The event took place on a humid, cloudy day; however people showed up in large numbers to walk their laps in support of cancer fundraising.

The event featured a martial art performance by a local dojo and live music. White paper bags lined the relay marking its path; they had encouraging messages of hope written on them by people who came to help support the relay.

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Bags with heartfelt message line the event, encouraging participants.

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VIEWPOINTS

What Brings You to the Relay for Life?

—JOHN ESPER

Marnie DiCristi, Alexandria, Instructor, United Hope team, pictured with fellow team member and cancer survivor David

"Initially I started doing relay for my grandparents who both suffered from cancer and then this team is because I am a cancer survivor of inflammatory breast cancer and I always try to encourage people to check themselves and see what it's all about because I didn't know what inflammatory breast cancer was...it's not just one cancer though it's about all cancer and to be able to help and educate and give them the help they need."



Mary Tanner, Kingstowne, Nanny, United Hope

"This is our 15th event, first time here, we all used to work at a preschool together, the director at the time was a breast cancer survivor but then it came back and we knew it wouldn't be good and that's what got us to come out, to do it in memory of her."



Kathy Crump, Burke, Target employee

"I've lost too many friends and coworkers and family to cancer, in our store we lost two young ladies in one year one to brain cancer and one to ovarian cancer. It was really hard to see a mom who was thirty something years old leave two babies behind and to see a young twenty something woman just be gone due to ovarian cancer."

Ted Nell, Springfield, Retired, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity

"Our chapter has been supporting this event for the last nine years, we decided after being asked by one of the organizers from American Red Cross to join this group about eight months ago based on our performance in previous relays, we've been to Vienna, we've been to a couple of high schools, George Mason University and now here. We are very focused on health affairs and health initiatives so we've always tried to help here."



Kevin Doyle, Springfield, Defense Contractor, Troop 1853

"Churches, and schools and scouts and swim team came together to start the relay, about three years ago our troop didn't really come out to do things here so I wanted to be a member here, first we did pancake breakfast in the morning and then we did first aid and now we make lunches for the teams."



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Lifelong Learning: Endless Possibilities

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COMMENTARY

In 1956 the then appointed Fairfax County School Board appropriated fifty dollars per month to be paid as a supplement to a school administrator to start an adult education program. Since the schools were still racially segregated, a program for white adults was started at Annandale High School, and a program for black adults was started at Luther Jackson School. The favorite offerings at both locations were classes in sewing including the Bishop Method of Clothing Construction, as well as typing and shorthand. The inexpensive, evening classes proved popular, and the program grew rapidly. Basic education classes for those adults who could not read and write were added as were night school classes to complete high school and to prepare for the G.E.D.

Recently I had the pleasure of attending a 60th anniversary celebration of the program at the Plum Center for Lifelong Learning on Edsall Road in the eastern part of the county. I was honored several years ago when the School

Board chose to name its first full-time adult education center for my work in adult and community education that spanned half the years of its existence. Starting as a part-time room coordinator in the evenings when I was a half-time intern teacher from the University of Virginia, I was able, for reasons too complex, to explain here to become an administrator of the program in three years. As many discover in pursuing a career, my good fortune of working in a program that I loved so much was more a case of being at the right place at the right time than any deliberate planning.

As Fairfax County and its school system grew, the adult education program that became known as the adult and community education program grew not only in enrollment but in the variety of its offerings. With the growth in the number of persons speaking English as a second language came classes in English for those speakers of other languages. Increased educational requirements in a soaring economy

resulted in more enrollment in evening adult high school and in vocational education programs.

While the adult and community education program afforded tax-paying citizens an opportunity to utilize the facilities their tax dollars had built, the program at the same time provided support for the school system's K-12 program. Students who were unsuccessful in the regular high schools were often allowed to transfer to the adult high school program as an alternative where they were often more successful. Parents could take classes in child development and parenting in order to help their own children. Adult and Community Education (ACE) provided administrative support for after-school enrichment classes in the elementary schools.

A catalogue of ACE classes and programs is mailed three times a year to Fairfax County residents and is available online at <http://www.fcps.edu/is/ace/documents/catalogs/2016/Summer2016.pdf>. As its literature promises, "the possibilities are endless." Endless for career and employment training, learning a new language, personal and academic enrichment. After all, as we have become aware—learning is lifelong.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Receiving Benefits, Ducking Responsibility

To the Editor:

John Knight's letter ("Seniors Unfairly Tapped for School Budget") in the last week's Connection made a case for a school tax "rebate" to senior property owners. His stated argument is that since elderly residents don't have children in the school system, they should get a financial break.

Since having no children in the system is the criterion, can we assume Mr. Knight would support cutting a rebate check for singles without children? Who knows whether they will ever use the system in these uncertain times? How about for families that send their children to private schools, don't they deserve a little break, too? And why, when you get right down to it, should businesses - that obviously don't put little ones into classrooms - not be entitled to a smidgen of property tax forgiveness?

Why pay for something you don't use? Pay for play! This thoughtful argument has potential application to a broad range of other areas of public policy, too. If I have health insurance, shouldn't I get a rebate for that share of my taxes that goes to pay for public health services? Shouldn't I get a modest re-deposit to my account

to compensate me for the cost of maintaining the county parks I don't use. I have never had a house burn down - not even once - and yet I'm expected to pay my full part of the taxes that fund Fairfax County Fire? How is that fair?

And just you wait until Mr. Knight starts in on figuring out which parts of the Commonwealth and Federal budgets don't apply him. We'll all be rolling in rebates!

But, of course, the world doesn't work the way Mr. Knight suggests it should. The same seniors whose real estate values have climbed over the years because of the quality of life - and the caliber of the public institutions - in Fairfax County, have a continuing obligation to pay to sustain that quality. The Fairfax County school system existed for their children because previous generations funded it. Having received the benefits, trying to duck the responsibility to keep the lights on for future generations is downright churlish.

Of course, getting that rebate is possible for those that really want to cash out. All it involves is selling and moving. Away.

Kyle Olson
Alexandria

Protect Homeowners, and School Budget

To the Editor:

Regarding John Knight's letter ("Seniors Unfairly Tapped for School Budget") in the last week's Connection: While the sentiment is nice and I would join anyone in complaining about the burden of taxes being put on all the homeowners; in my opinion businesses and developers get away with tax breaks. Our supervisors and planning commissions are over developing Tysons; creating traffic and other problems, and then they complain about the low occupancy rate. The fix to those problems is raising homeowner taxes. I don't think giving seniors a break due to the fact they no longer have kids in school is fair or wise. Those schools prepared

our kids and now have the task of preparing our and another generation of children's kids. Many of the people in our neighborhood who are young don't have kids. Shouldn't they also be given dispensation. I would prefer we pass the meals tax and stop giving other breaks to businesses and developers. That would be a much better means of supplemental funding of our schools and help to keep our homeowners' taxes from escalating. Well-educated children are resources to seniors, couples and singles without children and current parents alike.

Michael Knudsen
McLean

Send Photos for Father's Day Galleries

Father's Day is Sunday, June 19, and as in years past, this newspaper will publish a gallery of photos of fathers, grandfathers, great grandfathers and sons and daughters. Send your photos, including names of everyone in the photo, ages of children, town of residence and

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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 groups meeting on Sundays, 10:10 a.m. 4650 Shirley Gate Road, Fairfax. For information or to register, call 703-383-1170, email livingfree@jccag.org or see www.jccag.org.

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.

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Fairfax County Secondary Six Year Plan

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

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

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Burke Centre Library Book Fair Fuels Passion for Reading

The public library held a book fair Thursday to Sunday, offering great deals on great books.

BY JOHN ESPER
THE CONNECTION

The Burke Centre Library hosted a book fair last week Thursday, June 2 to Sunday, June 5. People came by to search the bookshelves of the library to find a great book for a low price.

Books are provided by donations from local residents coming by with boxes filled with books of all different genres, enticing all book lovers. This book fair helps kick off a summer of reading, encouraging kids to read over summer break and adults to find a good book or two to read.

"I love books per se and this neighborhood loves books," said Joy Whittington of

Burke, the book sale coordinator. "Even with the e-readers people still want books," Whittington said in an interview at the library in one of the backrooms; it was filled with boxes of books marked with different genre names.

Whittington said books are brought in by donations and this year received over 300 boxes of books. The books are sold a fraction of the price of what they were originally sold. Money received from selling the books is given to the library to help support it with whatever help it needs. This way money and books are recycled in a system of buying and donating and buying again.

Book sales is Whittington's job, she coordinates four large book sales along with two children's book sales. She also helps with a



PHOTO BY JOHN ESPER/THE CONNECTION

Joy Whittington of Burke, book sale coordinator: "Even with the e-readers people still want books."

daily sale in the library's hallway. "It's an everyday thing almost 24/7, not quite," Whittington said with a laugh.

The book sale was seen as a success. According to Whittington hundreds came out to look for books to bring back home while helping out their local library. People of all ages could be found looking for books of every genre.

"These little three-year-olds look up to you with their book and say 'Thank you for the book' ... it's just too cute," Whittington said.

The Netcasters' Homecoming

The Springfield-Burke area group to perform in Burke Saturday.

BY SUSIE NUÑEZ

The Netcasters, an ecumenical group from the Springfield-Burke area, seem to have a reputation for helping those in need and word of their music ministry is spreading.

On May 21 the ensemble of volunteers packed up their gear and performed at St. Paul's on-the-Hill in Winchester, Virginia, to support that church's annual fundraiser for their food pantry. Although The Netcasters do not charge admission for these concerts, the church collected a free will offering to support this cause. The money raised was enough to fully fund this program for a year.

"In June 2015, we did a benefit concert in Romney, West Virginia, with the proceeds going to the Romney Christian Ministerial Association," said Kathryn Boudreau, one of The Netcasters' co-directors. "A member of the St. Paul's on-the-Hill congregation was at that concert, and came back and told Rev. Susan (MacDonald) about us."

The Netcasters are noted for their ability to get audiences clapping and singing along as they perform their repertoire of gospel, "songs of yesteryear," and folk music favorites. All arrangements are done by co-director and musician Ether Smith, who regularly plays keyboard, soprano sax, and bas-



The Netcasters in concert.

soon. Previously, Smith served for six years as the commander of an Air National Guard band and played in television studio orchestra.

On this particular afternoon, he was also the substitute flautist on the Civil War lament, "Lorena," since not all Netcasters were available to make the trip to Winchester. The haunting song was made even more doleful when Flip Russell read two verses of the song with soft instrumental accompaniment. Russell is the group's electric bass player and his 7-year-old son, Philip, recently joined the group as a drummer.

However, not all the musical selections were this brooding. There was even some dancing in the aisles as The Netcasters encouraged the audience to participate in "The Hokey Pokey" midway through their 90-minute performance.

Mike Kilgore, one of the coordinators for the benefit concert, joked that MacDonald, the rector of the church, must have gotten

a special dispensation to permit dancing in the church sanctuary.

"I never thought I'd see that," laughed MacDonald, who has a musical background and sang the full program with The Netcasters. "It was the highlight of my week to be asked to sit in with the group."

Not all of the selections were presented as ensemble pieces. Soprano soloist Terri Butler was featured on "In The Garden," a lilting hymn from 1912, and was accompanied by Bart MacMillan on keyboards.

In conjunction with other folk-style songs in the program, Iván Nuñez-Barreiro offered "Today," accompanying himself on guitar.

The Netcasters' final performance of this season will be at Heatherwood Retirement Community in Burke on Saturday, June 11 at 3 p.m. They will entertain the residents and guests with a repertoire featuring war ballad, Big Band standards, and upbeat testimonials. They traditionally close each show with "Just A Closer Walk With Thee."

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Honored for Leadership, Excellence

Lake Braddock Secondary School JROTC Cadet Peter Bailey was awarded The Sons of the American Revolution Bronze Medal at a school awards ceremony on Friday, May 13. Presented by the SAR George Washington chapter, Cadet Bailey was honored for his leadership qualities and academic excellence.

ENTERTAINMENT

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

Lovers and Madmen. June 18-Aug. 19. Epicure Cafe, 11104 Lee Highway, Fairfax. Features local artists. epicurecafe.org.

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

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

FRIDAY-SUNDAY/JUNE 10-12

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

SATURDAY/JUNE 11

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

AUUC Burke Blaze 5K Run/Walk. 8 a.m. Accotink UU Church, 10125 Lakehaven Court, Burke. 5k run on a paved course and a 1k walk on a trail. Awards for top finishers. T-shirts and refreshments for all. \$20-\$35. Register by May 31 to get discounted rates. accotinkuuc.org. 703-503-4579.

SUNDAY/JUNE 12

Parents Bollywood Cardio. 11:45 a.m.-12:45 p.m. Burke Gymboree Play and Music, 6045 Burke Centre Parkway #204, Burke. Bollywood inspired dance fitness. One adult participates while second adult is in open gym with child, age 1-5. Must reserve space. Socks required for play room. hazengymboree@gmail.com.

TUESDAY/JUNE 14

Ali: Leaving an Ethical Jewish Legacy. Noon-1:30 p.m. Congregation Adat Reyim, 6500 Westbury Oaks Court, Springfield. Rabbi Bruce Aft leads a discussion on the meaning of Jewish ethics and what we want to pass along to our loved ones. \$24/\$36. 703-537-3068. jccnv.org.

WEDNESDAY/JUNE 15

Afternoon Tea at Strathmore. 11:45 a.m.-3:15 p.m. Jewish Community Center of Northern Virginia, 8900 Little River Turnpike, Fairfax. Enjoy full tea at the Shapiro Music Room at Strathmore. \$37/\$42. 703-537-3095. Michele.Endick@jccnv.org.

SATURDAY/JUNE 18

Civil War Mosby Bus Tour. 8:30 a.m. Truro Rectory, 10520 Main St., Fairfax. Visiting Miskell's Farm, Waterford, Loudoun Heights, Charlestown, West Virginia, the Jefferson County Museum, the Blazer's Fight site (Kabletown) and more. Arrive at 8 a.m. to sign in. \$75/\$65. Sign up at 703-971-4984 or dhakenson@verizon.net.

Lovers and Madmen Opening Reception. 8 a.m.-midnight. Epicure Cafe, 11104 Lee Highway, Fairfax. Exhibit of local artists.



The Lovers and Madmen exhibit at Epicure Cafe in Fairfax will be on view from June 18-Aug. 19.

epicurecafe.org.

Glimpse Behind the Badge. 1:30-4:30 p.m. Kings Park Library, 9000 Burke Lake Road, Burke. Attendees will be presented with an overview of the Fairfax County Police Department and will have the opportunity to gain insight into police policies and procedures. Other topics that will be covered are use of force, what to expect during traffic stops, and the everyday challenges that officers face. Free. No RSVP required. For questions, contact 703-280-0713.

Father and Daughter Dance. 6-9 p.m. Stacy C. Sherwood Center, 3740 Old Lee Highway, Fairfax. Girls dress in their beautiful gowns and dads dress to impress. There will be special fairy-tale guests joining. Girls celebrate Father's Day with your dads, granddad, big brothers, godfathers, and family members. There will be lots of dancing, games, prizes, and good food. \$30. fairfaxva.gov/parksrec. 703-385-7858.

SUNDAY/JUNE 19

Father's Day 5K and 10K Run/Walk. 8 a.m. Lake Accotink Park, Springfield. Charity proceeds will benefit the Northern Virginia Therapeutic Riding Program, specifically their Recovering Military Personnel riding program. Register at <https://www.signmeup.com/site/online-event-registration/112899>.

MONDAY/JUNE 20

Mommy Meet Up. 3:30-4:30 p.m. Burke Gymboree Play and Music, 6045 Burke Centre Parkway #204, Burke. Meet other moms with babies 0-15 months, relax and participate in low key fun activities. Refreshments. Socks required for play room. Please reserve space. Free. 703-249-1327.

Memoir Writing Group. 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Jewish Community Center of Northern Virginia, 8900 Little River Turnpike, Fairfax. This group will help you write, organize, and self-publish your life story. \$3. 703-537-3060. Carla.Rosenfeld@jccnv.org.

TUESDAY/JUNE 21

Grandparent Meet Up. 3-5 p.m. Burke Gymboree Play and Music, 6045 Burke Centre Parkway #204, Burke. Grandparents caring for a child 0-5 years old are welcome to come meet other grandparents, play and have refreshments. Socks required for play room. Free. 703-249-1327.

FRIDAY/JUNE 24

Daddy Meet Up. 5:30-7:30 p.m. Burke Gymboree Play and Music, 6045 Burke Centre Parkway #204, Burke. Meet other dads with child 0-5 years old. Relax with special open gym activities for dad and child. Refreshments. 703-249-1327.

FRIDAY-SATURDAY/JUNE 24-25

SkateFest/Sake for a Cause. Friday. 5-10 p.m. Saturday, 9 a.m.-8 p.m. Wakefield Skate Park, 8100 Braddock Road, Annandale. In addition to "Sk8 For A Cause" and the Skateboarding Competition, the festival will feature a live DJ, food, vendors, prizes, giveaways, moon bounces, and much more for the whole family. <http://skatefestfairfax.com/2016>. 703-425-5400.

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Frosh Connolly Helps Robinson Boys' Lax Reach State Final

Rams beat Colonial Forge, will try for third straight state title.

BY JON ROETMAN
THE CONNECTION

The Robinson boys' lacrosse team was playing well and Declan Connolly was holding his own, but the freshman attackman admitted he was still a little nervous after the Rams defeated T.C. Williams in the opening round of the region tournament.

Connolly has been one of Robinson's most dangerous playmakers, but he was still a ninth-grade starter in his first postseason with a program that had won the last two state championships.

Three weeks later, Connolly's postseason nerves seem to have disappeared. Meanwhile, opponents' hopes of keeping Robinson from reaching a third consecutive state championship game have also vanished.

Connolly totaled three goals and four assists and Robinson defeated Colonial Forge 14-3 in the 6A state semifinals on Tuesday night at Coffey Stadium. The Rams (19-2) will try to capture their third straight state championship when they take on James



CRAIG STERBUTZEL/THE CONNECTION

Robinson freshman Declan Connolly had three goals and four assists during the Rams' 14-3 win over Colonial Forge on Tuesday in the 6A state semifinals.

River in the state final on Saturday, June 11 at Lake Braddock Secondary School.

CONNOLLY scored the game's first goal and assisted the next three. Robinson led 9-0 midway through the second quarter and never looked back.

"I feel way settled in with the offense and the team now," Connolly said, "because [of] the practice we've put in and getting used to playing in these big games, like the Woodson game last week. ... I definitely feel more confident handling the ball and going to goal and taking shots that I know I can make."

The "Woodson game" was in reference to

"I definitely feel more confident handling the ball and going to goal and taking shots that I know I can make."

— Robinson freshman Declan Connolly

the 6A North region championship game on May 31. Robinson erased Cavalier leads of 6-1 and 13-6 before pulling out a 15-14 overtime victory that earned the Rams their second region title in three years and a first-round bye in the state tournament. Connolly had three goals and two assists in the contest.

"Honestly, [Connolly's performance on Tuesday was] nothing different than what I've seen all year," Robinson head coach Matt Curran said. "If he's had nerves, I haven't seen them. He's been solid all year long. ... He doesn't play like a freshman. He plays like a senior."

Johnny Daniel, one of Robinson's senior leaders, said Connolly has proven he belongs at the varsity level and the elder Rams rarely make No. 22 take care of such freshman duties as removing goals from the field after practice.

"At the start of the playoffs he was still

doing well, but it's natural for freshmen to get some nerves," Daniel said. "He's really ... grown into the player that he is and that he can become. At this point, he's not really even a freshman anymore. It's the end of the year, he's been starting for us almost every single game — basically all the games that he hasn't been injured. He's really not playing like a freshman at all anymore. I can count on him to handle any pass that I make to him. ... I always trust him and he's got some great vision, too."

Daniel and fellow senior VMI signee Austin Henry each had big games against Colonial Forge, as well. Henry finished with five goals and an assist and Daniel tallied four goals and an assist.

Junior attackman Liam Curran had four assists for Robinson. Junior midfielder Sam Swagerty and sophomore attackman Holden Patterson each had one goal and junior midfielder Nick Dillon had an assist.

"This season has been just an awesome ride," Daniel said. "I'm trying to leave a legacy with me and my brothers on my senior line ... for Robinson lacrosse for the younger guys to keep feeding off of. The guys above me did the same thing — people like (2015 graduates) Jack Rowlett and Chapman Jasien, (and 2014 graduates) Matt Smith and Sam Shaw the year before — I'm trying to be the same positive role model that I can be and try to get this last ring."

Defense Key as Robinson Girls' Lax Clinches Trip to State Final

Skrzypczak, Kluegel, lead Rams back to state title game.

BY AARON LUNDMARK
THE CONNECTION

There are many things to behold about the Robinson girls' lacrosse team.

The consistent offensive pressure, and regular faceoff success are a couple, but perhaps the most undervalued part of the Rams' success resides in the backend, with the reliable defense and goalkeeping they've been playing over the past two seasons.

The Rams' defensive play was key in driving them to a 19-7 victory over Centreville Tuesday night at Robinson Secondary School, earning them a trip back to the VHSL 6A state championship game, a game they won about a year ago.

"I think we've worked a lot on our defense this year, and it's shown," said Emily Skrzypczak, an Ohio State commit. "When our defense can get a takeaway and run it up, we can give such a good push for our offense."

The offense got a great push early on as three goals from Elli Kluegel and a goal from Taylor Caskey had them up 4-1 early on.



CRAIG STERBUTZEL/THE CONNECTION

Emily Skrzypczak and the Robinson girls' lacrosse team earned their second straight trip to the state championship game.

Centreville stormed back, however, with back-to-back goals by Elizabeth Murphy before a goal by Jamie Chang tied it at 4 midway through the first half, causing Robinson head coach Liz Case to call a timeout.

"I just basically said they had to get tougher and they had to want it," said Case. "[Centreville] showed up early ready to play—we had to show we wanted to win and fight back. For the most part I think we did that."

What Case said made a difference, as after the timeout the Rams scored seven unanswered goals, including two by Katie Checkosky and two more by Caskey, which gave Robinson the 11-4 halftime lead.

"It's not often you get to go to a state championship game twice in your career, but to win two state championships has become the goal now."

— Robinson junior Elli Kluegel

"Coach [Case] wasn't happy, I'm not going to lie," Kluegel said. "It's not often we're down like that early, so it was a different situation for us. But coach told us if we wanted to win this game it had to start right then, and we stepped on the gas and didn't let off."

That proved to be the big momentum swing of the match, as Robinson didn't look back from there, and the Rams' defense took over, allowing only three Wildcat goals the rest of the contest.

Another factor that helps the Rams defense stay consistent is the performance of goalkeepers Maddie Malone and Danielle Valenti.

"Our goalies are phenomenal," said Skrzypczak. "We all know we're going to make mistakes, but when you know you have someone behind you to back you up, it's a great feeling to know you have that."

After Centreville scored two quick goals to open up the second half, a momentum swing occurred again as Robinson rattled off another seven unanswered goals to push the lead to 18-6 with 12 minutes to play.

"The defense has been doing really well," said Case. "They're able to communicate well and do more things than they've ever done before. They've been working together for so long and they know each other well, so it's great to see them playing good together."

Each team would add one more goal each to make the final score 19-7 in favor of the defending state champs.

For Robinson, Kluegel and Caskey each netted five goals and an assist. Grace Tompkins, Kaitlin Luccarelli, and Checkosky also scored goals for the winners. Murphy scored four for Centreville while Chang and Emily Marciano also put in goals for the Wildcats.

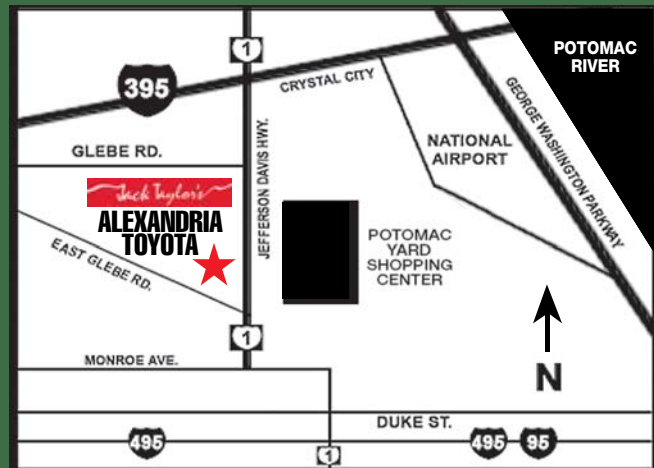
As for back-to-back state title hopes, you can bet it's on the players' minds.

"Honestly, as a senior, this will be my last game ever [at Robinson] and I expect nothing other than a win," said Skrzypczak. "I love these girls, we're a family. So I'm definitely excited to play my heart out one last time with them."

Robinson (20-0) will face Woodson for a shot at winning its second consecutive state championship Saturday, June 11 at Lake Braddock Secondary School.

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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.

Fairfax Alliance for Better Bicycling Meeting. 7:30 p.m. Richard Byrd Library, 7250 Commerce St., Springfield. Supervisor Jeff McKay (D-Lee District) will attend. fabbikes.org.

MONDAY-TUESDAY/JUNE 20-21

AARP Smart Driving Course. 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Jewish Community Center of Northern Virginia, 8900 Little River Turnpike, Fairfax. Learn to adjust your skills to compensate for changes in hearing, vision, flexibility, and reaction time. Participants who attend both days will receive a certificate for a discount on insurance for three years. \$15/\$20. Bring meatless lunch. 703-537-3060. Carla.Rosenfeld@jccnv.org.

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.

SCHOOL NOTES

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Irene Martinko, of Springfield, is on the spring 2016 dean's list at Muhlenberg College in Allentown Pennsylvania.

James F. Agnew, Kyle T. Deivert and Nathaniel Oliver, of Fairfax, are on the dean's list at Hampden-Sydney College.

Cameron Kisailus, of Franconia, graduated from Gonzaga College High School. He will be attending the University of Pittsburgh.

Michael Gerlach's, of Fairfax Station, is on the dean's list at James Madison University for spring 2016.

Kara Anne Crennan, an alumna of West Springfield High School Class of 2011, graduated from the United States Air Force Academy in June 2016.

Liana Ruiz was awarded the Virginia Credit Union Scholarship of \$2,500 scholarship She will graduate from Robinson High School in June 2016 and will attend Virginia Tech in the fall.

Ketty Klimchuk, of Fairfax, is on the spring 2016 dean's list at Johnson State College in Vermont.

Abdullah Al Nouman, of Fairfax, graduated with a master of science, biomedical sciences from Iowa State University in spring 2016.

Robel Teffera, of Fairfax, graduated in spring 2016 with a bachelor of science in international business from Quinnipiac University.

May 2016 Oregon State University graduates from Burke include, **Kimberly L. Ogren**, doctor of philosophy, geography; **Jacob M. Sage**, bachelor of science, cum laude, construction engineering management.

Jennifer S. Richards, of Lorton, graduated with a bachelor of science, earth sciences from Oregon State University in May 2016.

Jeffrey A Renner, of Fairfax is on the dean's list for spring 2016 at Baylor University.

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

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