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



Bags with heartfelt messages lined the relay event, encouraging participants.

Relay for Life Brings Community Together

Participants walked laps at Workhouse Arts Center in support of a cure for cancer.

By John Esper The Connection

rea 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 par-

ticipating 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.



Jerry Prout

Fairfax Station Author Writes about the Gilded Age in Washington

Fairfax Station resident Jerry Prout wrote a book on the first "march on Washington" titled "Coxey's Crusade for Job: Unemployment in the Gilded Age." It is published by Northern Illinois University Press.

During the depths of a depression, a highly successful businessman named Jacob Coxey led a group of jobless men on a march from his hometown of Massillon, Ohio, to the steps of the US Capitol. Popular newspaper accounts of the marchers' life on the road helped humanize the idea of unemployment.

The book can be purchased at SEE VIEWPOINTS, PAGE 5 http://www.niupress.niu.edu/.



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Gov. McAuliffe visits with Springfield residents and American Legion Post 176 members (from left) Floyd Cline, Charlie Buettner, Sr. and Tony Dzerski.





McAuliffe Announces Site for New Puller Veterans Care Center

120-bed facility to be built in Fauquier County.

By Tim Peterson
The Connection

ov. Terry McAuliffe (D) said he's working on making Virginia the most veteranfriendly state in America. Though the Commonwealth, he said, is the first and only one to have "functionally ended veteran homelessness," it still has one of the lowest ratios of available care centers to number of veterans in the country.

Seven years ago, he and the General Assembly started the process of increasing the number of care centers to serve Virginia's around 800,000 veterans.

In 2015, they authorized a new veterans care center. Tired of waiting for assistance from the federal government, McAuliffe said, this year Virginia is moving forward on its own with building a pair of new centers.

"Talk is over, talk is cheap," McAuliffe said, "we now have action."

McAuliffe visited American Legion Post 176 in Springfield on June 1 to sign House Bill 477, which allows for \$29.3 million in bonds plus financing costs for constructing veterans care centers in Northern Virginia and the Hampton Roads areas.

The Northern Virginia location, he announced, would be built on the Vint Hill Farm area, land donated by Fauquier County.

The 120-bed facility will be named in honor of Central America, World War II and Korean War veteran Gen. Lewis B. "Chesty" Puller, his son Lt. Lewis B. Puller, Jr., a Vietnam War veteran and Purple Heart-winner, and Lewis' wife Toddy.

Linda Todd "Toddy" Puller entered the General Assembly in 1991 as a delegate, then became a senator representing the 36th district in 1999. She has brought numerous veteran-focused pieces of legislation forward, including special veteran court dockets and last year's move for two new care centers.

Before McAuliffe's announcement, Puller said she had no idea her name was going to be on the new facility.

"I'm very proud for it to include my father-in-law and husband," she said after the ceremony, "not just one Puller."

In her remarks, Puller said the new veterans care center should help veterans to get to a place where they can find employment and direction in their lives, saving themselves from homelessness.

"The Vietnam era I grew up in was 50 years ago," Puller said. "I don't want our country and its people to forget about our veterans ever again. They need to be emulated and copied."

Del. Mark Sickles (D-43) said the Pullers were "so deserving" of the naming honor. "That family, family, everyone has done so much to promote the military and marine corps in particular. It's very appropriate."

The Virginia Department of Veterans Services will manage both new centers, which will each offer services including long- and short-term treatment, physical rehabilitation and other mental health treatment.

Commissioner John L. Newby II from Veterans Services said the total appropriation for the two centers is \$96 million, and that the state has already gotten on the list to be reimbursed by the federal government. That isn't guaranteed, however.

Regardless, American Legion Post 176 member Floyd Cline of Springfield is happy about the new care center. "A lot at our post could use a close by veterans care center," he said. "With this center, it will be a lot easier."

After the bill-signing Gov. McAuliffe meets with Toddy Puller (center), who previously served the 36th Virginia Senate district, and other Virginia General Assembly members.





Photos by Tim Peterson/The Connection

Fairfax County Animal Shelter volunteer Nichol Lee (left) of Reston facilitates a meeting with Yena Lee (right) of Springfield and 9-year-old shelter dog Nugget at Springfield Days' Petfest.

Excess Waggage

Petfest 2016 offers resources, new friends and psychic readings.

By Tim Peterson
The Connection

iane Roadcap of Springfield wants people to understand that animals are spiritual beings.

Ever since she was a girl of five and felt drawn to a box at the local dump in Luray that contained a dog duct-taped to the inside, doomed to be incinerated, she says she's had the gift of being able to translate for animals.

She claims to communicate with them telepathically, though they share images, pictures with her, rather than words.

Roadcap runs a business providing this service to pet owners experiencing behavior problems, the loss of loved ones, or with rescued animals who have suffered abuse or neglect.

"I help people understand their anxiety level is a projection," Roadcap said. "[Pets] reflect so much of who we are."

Under company banner "Animals Talk Too," she brought her private practice to the public as one of dozens of vendors at the 2016 Petfest. The annual Springfield Days event was held Saturday June 4 behind the South Run RECenter in Fairfax Station.

The free event gave pet owners and their four-legged friends the chance to roam free among each other and numerous vendors. The vendors ranged from animal shelters and veterinary hospitals to trainers and boarders.



From left, Oliver, Diane and Mark Saade of North Springfield take in Springfield Days' Petfest with their pit bull and pit mixes Sugar, Sweetness and Spuds.

News

Books for a Bargain

Friends of Richard Byrd Library host Summer Book Sale

BY OLIVIA DEWENTER The Connection

undreds of custom ers from Springfield and neighboring communities filed in and out of the Richard Byrd Library for the Summer Book Sale, June 2-5.

Over a span of six months, about 10,000 books were donated to the sale organized by Friends of Richard Byrd Library.

"A good sale for us would come out to be anywhere from \$8,000 to \$9,000. But this will be a record-breaking year, so I'd say we'll be making close to \$10,000," says Chris Peterson, former President of Friends of Richard Byrd

On the last day of the sale, Friends of Richard Byrd Library sold paper bags donated by Whole Foods and Trader Joe's. Sold in front of the library, customers could buy a bag and fill it with books for just \$5.

Money made from the book sale goes toward the library, including funds for children's programs, adult speakers, magazine and newspaper subscriptions, and English language programs.



Customers skim through books that pique their interests in the divided genre sections.



Books separated into categories by genre. Young adult and books on computers displayed here.

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What Did You Look for at Summer Book Sale?

Teresa Delgado, **Springfield**

"I didn't have any real strategy looking for books, I went through the fiction section and chose what looked interesting.'





Yvonne Meding, Springfield "I tend to look for gardening books, and I also like World War

II history books. I bought some of those here on Saturday. I glanced at the travel books, which I also enjoy, yesterday, but didn't find too many. And then every now and then I'll buy a fiction book for summer reading which I also bought."

-OLIVIA DEWENTER

Jason Korrasik (pictured with his children)

"I'm looking for books for my students to read. I teach English privately and need books for different reading levels."

AREA CRIME REPORTS



PHOTO COURTESY OF THE FAIRFAX COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT

The suspect in a robbery in Springfield on June 3 fled in a 2008 to 2012 Nissan Altima with possible partial license plate '2057.'

Man Robs Elderly Woman in Springfield

Detectives from the Franconia District are investigating a strongarmed robbery that occurred in the 6600 block of Loisdale Road. On June 3 around 10:16 a.m., an 89-year-old woman had just entered her vehicle and was approached by a man. The man allegedly assaulted her, grabbed her purse, and fled. The victim sustained non-life-threatening injuries and did not require medi-

The suspect was described as black, approximately 20 to 30 years old, 5-feet-8 inches to 5-feet-10 inches tall, with a muscular build. He had short black hair and was clean-shaven. The suspect's vehicle was described as a 2008 to 2012 Nissan Altima with a possible partial license plate of "2057."

If you recognize the suspect, the vehicle pictured, or have any information about this crime, contact Detective J. Reid at 703-

You may also contact Crime Solvers electronically by visiting http://www.fairfaxcrimesolvers.org or by calling 1-866-411-8477. Or call Fairfax County Police at 703-691-2131.

Residents Who Encountered Rabid Cat Asked To Call Health Department

Residents are being asked to contact the Fairfax County Health Department if they encountered a rabid cat that attacked a pedestrian in the Springfield area on Sunday, June 5.

The incident took place near the 6200 block of Levi Court. A man was walking along the Long Branch trail, about a quartermile north of Franconia-Springfield Metro Station, when he encountered and was scratched by the cat around 8 a.m. The cat was extremely aggressive and died during the attack. The cat was tested for the rabies virus on Monday, June 6 and the results came back positive for rabies. The victim is undergoing preventative treatment for exposure to rabies.

During the time it was infectious, the cat may have had contact with other people or pets. The cat is described as a domestic shorthair, with a black and brown tortoise shell coat pattern and a clouded left eye. It is an adult female estimated to weigh up to 15 pounds. If you had direct contact with the cat between May 27 and June 5, you are urged to call the Fairfax County Health Department's Rabies Coordinator at 571-274-2296, TTY 711.

Rabies is a disease caused by a virus that can infect both people and animals. People usually get rabies when they are bitten or scratched by an animal that is sick with the disease. Protect yourself and your family from rabies: stay away from wild animals and be sure pets are vaccinated against rabies every year.

If bitten or scratched by an animal, wash the wound thoroughly with soap and water and seek medical attention right away. In Fairfax County, residents should also immediately report animal bites, as well as sick or injured animals, to Animal Control Services at 703-691-2131, TTY 711.

More information on the rabies virus, exposure prevention tips, and what to do if an animal bites, is available: http:// www.fairfaxcounty.gov/hd/rabies/.

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What Brings You to the Relay for Life?

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

"Twe 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."



Rolling Road Route 638 Widening Fairfax County

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

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

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

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

Give your written comments at the meeting, or submit them by **July 22, 2016** to Hamid Misaghian, Project Manager, Virginia Department of Transportation, 4975 Alliance Drive, Fairfax, VA 22030, or email meet-

ing_comments@VDOT.virginia.gov. Please reference "Rolling Road Widening" in the subject line.

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Photo Gallery!

"Me and My Dad"

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

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OPINION

Lifelong Learning: Endless Possibilities

BY KENNETH R. "KEN" PLUM STATE DELEGATE (D-36)

n 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 pro-

gram 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



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Board chose to name its first fulltime adult education center for my work in adult and community education that spanned half the years of its existence. Starting as a parttime 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 be-

come 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 pro-

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 awarelearning is lifelong.

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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 forgive-

Why pay for something you don't use? Pay for play! This thoughtful argument has potential application to a broad range of 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 other areas of public policy, too. If possible for those that really want I have health insurance, shouldn't 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 childrens' 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

Send Photos for Father's Day Galleries

19, and as in years past, this happening lery 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

Father's Day is Sunday, June a brief description of what is newspaper will publish a gal- south@connectionnewspapers.com or upload directly to http:// www.connectionnewspapers.com/ fathersday/

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Chairman Corey Holeman

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Northern Virginia Black Chamber of Commerce Re-launched

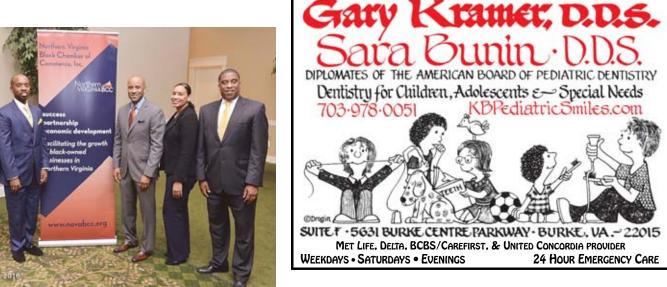
The Northern Virginia Black Chamber of Commerce (NVBCC) re-launched its organization efforts with an evening networking session keynoted by activist author Maggie Anderson, author of "Our Black Year: One Family's Quest to Buy Black in America's Racially Divided Economy," on Tuesday, May 17 at the Waterford in Springfield.

"Supporting and encouraging each other is what we're called to do," said the new NVBCC Chair Corey Holeman, co-owner of Holeman Enterprises, based in Woodbridge. NVBCC is committed to promoting prosperity within the Northern Virginia African American community through leadership and the

identification of resources, initiatives, and establishing educational opportunities.

Holeman said, "One of the many practical ways to support the community and black business is by joining the Chamber. It immediately puts you in a network with many other businesses and allows us to bring more training, education, and resources to the community of business owners. That is our first level of success as an organization, and we need your sup-

For more information on the Northern Virginia Black Chamber of Commerce, please visit http:// www.northernvirginiabcc.org



Virginia Department of Transportation

Public Hearing Notice Fairfax County Secondary Six Year Plan

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

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

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Persons wishing to speak at this public hearing should contact the Office of the Clerk to the County Board of Supervisors at 703-324-3151.





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HomeLifeStyle

Creating Low Maintenance Outdoor Oasis

this Summer

Simple ideas for enjoying outdoor space and reducing yard work.

By Marilyn Campbell The Connection

arm weather and sunshine offer opportunities for spending time relaxing and entertaining outside. Local landscaping gurus offer suggestions for creating a low maintenance backyard that will allow for more time spent enjoying it and less time taking care of it.

Building an outdoor room or patio means less foliage to maintain and more space for entertaining. "It's low maintenance because if you have a patio with pavers you only need to spend a half hour once or twice a year maintaining it," said David Watkins, general manager of Merrifield Garden Center in Falls Church.

"You need to sweep more sand in and take care of any weeds that come up between the stones. When the ground freezes and thaws, you'll get movement in the ground, which might cause two or three of the pavers to heave up. All you'll need to do in that case is pull up, break up and smooth out the base material and lay them back down."

When creating a patio, using a stone that will stand up to the elements and ensure wear and tear is a key consideration. "Bluestone is durable and more high-end, but it's going to last forever," said Dianne Duvall of American Plant in Bethesda, Maryland. "Another option is manufactured paving blocks that will mimic the look of cobblestone or brick and create a uniform look. It's important that it be permeable so that water will soak through rather than pooling up or running off."

Furniture and accessories made of high quality, durable fabrics and other materials can add to the low maintenance appeal of patios and outdoor rooms, says Philip Smith, consultant with Offenbachers, an outdoor furniture finish blooming, and for most of and accessories company with showrooms in Springfield and Fairfax. "Sky's the limit when it comes to color ... the season is full probably only need to water them of vibrant pops and soothing un- two or three times throughout sumdertones sure to please every style mer, during at time when we are interior design trends."



Adding a stone patio creates a low maintenance and aesthetically appealing outdoor space.

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home was inspired by a

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Droughttolerant plants are aesthetically appealing and require little care once established.

ing and require little care once established. "You'll fertilize them in the fall and prune them after they these plants that's all the maintenance vou'll need to do," he said. "Once a plant is established you'll

and preference," he said. "It is without rain for a couple of weeks." Mizer, which retain and then re- covers the whole plant bed," said proving to be a very organic and Coneflowers and other native lease water when the soil becomes Watkins. "If you layer a ground lovely extension of the season's plants require little care, while dry. "It helps potted plants retain covering plant it adds texture, color adding potted plants to a landscape moisture because as the soil dries and height difference and fills in a When selecting low-maintenance adds variety while preserving a up, it releases moisture and can cut plant bed. After 2-3 years the plants, says Watkins, look for yard's low-maintenance appeal. "If your watering down tremen- whole ground is covered, and the woody ornamental varieties such as you have patios, you have to have dously," said Watkins. boxwoods, hydrangeas and aza- potted plants, it's like putting cur- Adding hostas or other ground spend on the yard each year be-

"If you have patios, you have to have potted plants, it's like putting curtains on a window."

— David Watkins, Merrifield Garden Center

leas, which are aesthetically appeal-tains on a window," said Watkins. cover plants can decrease pesky comes less and less."

He recommends adding water- weeds and cut down on yard work. absorbing crystals called Moisture "Try to plant with landscaping that Photos courtesy

Octagonal Dream Home on the Market

"I think the feature I

like the most ... is the

summer afternoon or

- Susan Jordano, McLean

covered porch where

we can sit out on a

Home's shape and large windows make it a sun-drenched space.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL

t was during a trip to California almost 20 years that McLean resident Susan Jordano first laid eyes on her dream home. The feature that she found most appealing was its octagonal shape.

In 2008, she was able to replicate the West Coast

property, when she asked architect Joe Burton to design an eight-sided house in McLean. The resulting design was 6,400-square foot, fourbedroom, six-bathroom

home with eight-foot win-

dows and French doors. "I think the feature I like the most ... is the covered porch where we can sit out on a summer afternoon or entertain as many as 65 entertain as many as 65 for a sit-down dinner," said for a sit-down dinner." Jordano. "It is also delightful to sit out on a warm, rainy

day and be protected."

An expansive breezeway is topped with a 16x16foot skylight and connects the main house to a twostory garage. The octagon shape, which allows an abundance of natural light to stream into the home, is still one of the features that Jordano finds most

"I ... like the irregular shapes of the rooms and how well furniture fits in them," she said.

Her desire for the freedom to travel on a whim is behind Jordano's decision to sell her dream home and downsize to a condominium.

"This home is truly sun-drenched," said Marilyn Cantrell, real estate agent with McEnearney Associates. "We took photos with the lights off. We didn't

need them because there's so much daylight that comes into the house.'

This home is located at 1115 Capitol View Court in McLean and is on the market for \$2 million.

"I will miss my garden most with the iris that are getting ready to bloom now," said Jordano. "I always cut them and bring them in and they make a lovely display. I have five or six different varieties and colors that will be blooming soon."



Large windows and an octagonal design allows light to stream into this home.

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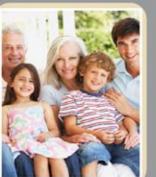
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Plant Clinic. 9 a.m.-noon. Sundays till end of September. Lorton Farmers Market, 8990 Lorton Station Blvd., Lorton, Conducted by Master Gardeners. Answer gardening question, identify plants and insects, soil tests, etc.

fairfaxgardening.org.

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-

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-

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



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

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

ETAP's Spring Show. 8-10 p.m. Richard J. Ernst Community Cultural Center, 8333 Little River Turnpike, Annandale. Enjoy an evening of

exciting entertainment, Broadway Style. This All Dance Revue features some of ETAP's most iconic numbers from the past 20 years, and many new ones as well. All ages. \$19-\$23. Encore-tap.org.

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

Clifton Community Yard Sale. 8 a.m.-2 p.m.

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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.

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

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Kings Park Library, 9000 Burke Lake Road,
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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

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The Netcasters' Homecoming

By Susie Nuñez

he 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 onthe-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 bassoon. Previously,



Photo contributed

The Netcasters in concert.

Smith served for six years as the commander doleful when Flip Russell read two verses 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

of an Air National Guard band and played 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 en-

couraged the audience to participate in "The Hokey Pokey" midway through their 90-minute performance.

The Springfield-Burke area group

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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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

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.

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.

SATURDAY/JUNE 25

Antique Car Show. 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Fairfax City Hall, 10455 Armstrong St., Fairfax. With bluegrass music and food. Free. visitfairfax.com. info@nyrg.org

Hope and Health Festival. 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Lorton Park, 9518 Richmond Highway, Lorton. Sponsored by Lorton Community Action Center, South County Cares, and INOVA. Free health screenings, food, inflatables, kids' games and activities will be available to all in attendance. LortonAction.org. 703-339-5161, ext. 140.

SATURDAY-SUNDAY/JUNE 25-26

Vienna Wireless Society National Field Day.

2 p.m. Burke Lake Park, 7315 Ox Road, Fairfax Station. Local amateur radio operators ("hams") will join thousands nationwide on the weekend of June 25-26 to show off their amateur-radio and emergency-communications capabilities. To learn more about amateur radio, visit http:// viennawireless.net/ or go to http:// www.arrl.org/newham.

WEDNESDAY/JUNE 29

Weekday Outing: United States Botanic

Garden. 9:45 a.m.-2 p.m. Jewish Community Center of Northern Virginia, 8900 Little River Turnpike, Fairfax. In celebration of the 100th anniversary of the National Park Service, enjoy a day at the U.S. Botanic Gardens. Bring lunch. \$10/\$14. Must preregister. 703-537-3060. Michele.Endick@jccnv.org.

THURSDAY/JULY 21

Lunch N' Life. Noon-2 p.m. Burke Presbyterian Church, 5690 Oak Leather Drive, Burke. Features the Capital Swing Quartet, a woman's a cappella group. For reservations, call Faye Quesenberry at 703-620-0161, by July 15. \$10.00; checks payable to SCFB. If transportation is needed, call the SCFB office 703-323-4788. scfbva.org.

SATURDAY/AUG. 6

Forgotten Fairfax: Uncovering Slaves in

County Records. 11 a.m. Fairfax City Regional Library, 10360 North St., Fairfax. Curious about the history of enslaved African-Americans in Fairfax County? Heather Bollinger, assistant archivist at the Fairfax Circuit Court Historic Records Center, will present how they're creating a slavery index from county records. All ages. Free. 703-324-8380.





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Sports

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

he 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

here 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 gether."

"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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Case No. 09-FA-716

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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-

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Meeting. 7:30 p.m. Richard Byrd Library, 7250 Commerce St., Springfield. Supervisor Jeff McKay (D-Lee District) will attend. fabbbikes.org.

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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

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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

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 Ver-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.

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