

Aubrey Beasley, 4, dances with her mom, Jessica Tadlock of Fairfax, during the "Dress Up with Grown-ups" Gala, held Saturday, April 6, at the Mason Inn on the Campus of George Mason University.

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NEWS

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Dr. Tehreem Butt, who started Family Dentistry of Fairfax in 2008, received the Dr. Jorge Arnoldson Award for his “compassion and willingness to provide free dental services to children in need.” He attended the gala with his wife and children. (From left) Amna Tehreem, a student at George Mason University, Dr. Tehreem Butt, wife Naima Tehreem, Labibah Tehreem, a sophomore at Centreville High School, and Zukhruf, 14, a freshman at CHS



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Del. Eileen Filler-Corn (D-41) and Penny Bladich of Vienna, the vice president and treasurer of the M CCP board, hold a doctor Build-A-Bear. The Build-A-Bear Workshop Bear Hugs Foundation donated 40 bears, all dressed in medical attire, for the gala’s silent auction.

Children ‘Dress Up With Grown-ups’

Medical Care for Children Partnerships funds medical, dental care for children of uninsured working families in Fairfax County.

BY VICTORIA ROSS
THE CONNECTION

Men donned tuxedos; women wore glittering formal dresses, and children dressed in their cotillion finest.

But stuffiness was not invited to this black-tie gala.

As MC Andrew laid down hip-hop, old school and swinging Sinatra tunes, dozens of children and their parents danced and partied at the annual “Dress Up with Grown-ups Gala,” hosted by the Medical Care for Children Partnerships (MCCP) at the Mason Inn Saturday night, April 6.

Former Redskin player Charles Mann, the master of ceremonies, and Dr. Angel Cabrera, president of George Mason University, welcomed 250 guests to the annual fundraiser, which included many Northern Virginia business leaders and local legislators.

“Children’s health is our mission, and children are a special part of our celebration tonight,” said Alan Harbitter, president of the MCCP Foundation Board of Directors. “We really want everyone to have a fun and memorable time.”

Judging from the laughter and smiles on the dance floor, they did.

Although the gala was a child-centered celebration—featuring a magician, caricaturist and fire truck—the MCCP Foundation has a serious mission.

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funds healthcare for the children of uninsured working families in Fairfax County. MCCP-eligible children, many of whom are immigrants, have working parents who don’t have access to health insurance and whose incomes are too high for Medicaid but too low for adequate, regular healthcare. For a family of four in Fairfax County, the annual income level cut-off is about \$55,000, said MCCP Executive Director Margery Leveen Sher.

“We want these children to have the care that any other child has,” Sher said. “It’s a great cost savings for the community, because without MCCP they would go to the emergency room, and probably be a lot sicker and need more care. We are often the last safety net.”

Sher said the nonprofit foundation currently provides medical and dental care to approximately 2,500 uninsured children in low-income families in Fairfax County, and last year spent \$172,000 on children’s dental care alone. She said approximately \$600 covers the dental care needs for one child, and estimates about 9,000 children need the help of MCCP.

The MCCP Foundation also marked a milestone at the gala: providing \$1 million in healthcare costs to Fairfax County’s children of low income, uninsured families.

“I like the combination of corporations, healthcare providers and public entities coming together to provide a leveraged model for taking care of the healthcare needs of Fairfax County’s working poor. ... It’s an enriching, rewarding, innovative or-

ganization,” MCCP Foundation board member Harry Klaff said.

Partners of MCCP include Fairfax County government, corporations and individual financial supporters. Kaiser Permanente and 300 doctors and dentists provide low or no-cost care to MCCP children. Sher said Fairfax County provides case management for families, and support that includes transportation, language assistance and help accessing specialty care.

“MCCP is a unique partnership between healthcare service providers, like Kaiser Permanente, the county and the foundation that fills a critical need in our county—health and dental care for children that would not otherwise have access to it,” said Supervisor Pat Herrity (R-Springfield), who attended the event with his wife Nancy.

Herrity said MCCP “has a special place in my heart” because of his father’s involvement in its formation more than 25 years ago. “It is a great example of personal and corporate responsibility and giving.”

ONE OF THE EVENING’S HIGHLIGHTS was the presentation of the Dr. Jorge Arnoldson memorial award. Arnoldson, a pediatrician who passed away in 2009, was one of the original doctors of the MCCP program in 1988. The award is given to a person who embodies Dr. Arnoldson’s credo that “giving is a matter of conscience.”

Dr. Tehreem Butt, of Fairfax Family Dentistry, received the award.

“Dr. Butt has provided a welcoming dental home to our children for many years, and he is always willing to provide care in an emergency,” Harbitter said. “He always treats our children just like other patients in his practice, with kindness and compassion.”

“I like to see children smile,” Butt said as he accepted his award. “I want to help them stay out of pain. When they come to my office, sometimes they are kicking and screaming, but they leave happy. That’s the best part of my profession.”

Born and raised in Lahore, Pakistan, Butt attended dentistry school at the Nishtar Medical College in Multan. In 1986, he emigrated to the United States and completed a two-year dental program at New York University. In 2007, he and his family moved to Centreville, and he opened his Fairfax practice in 2008.

“Since then I have had the pleasure of treating children referred by MCCP. This experience has given a totally new meaning to my dental profession,” Butt said. “To me, children are the most beautiful creatures of God and there is nothing comparable to being able to give them a healthy and happy smile.”

Event sponsors included: Kaiser Permanente, Jones Lang LaSalle, Quest Diagnostics, INOVA, ICF International, Reston Hospital Center, and CareFirst BlueCross BlueShield.

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Pictured are Burke Rotary Officers (from left) Kevin Hooper, Travis White, Shaw Skurnick, Edward Robertson and Charles Sleeper.

Burke Rotary, Library Foundation Partner To Provide Community Scholarships

Fairfax Library Foundation will be able to provide more scholarships to the community this year—thanks to the Rotary Club of Burke. The Burke Rotary, an affiliate of Rotary International since 1984, has contributed a \$3,000 gift to fund additional undergraduate scholarships for the foundation's scholarship program in 2013.

Burke Rotary has supported vocational scholarships, primarily for Northern Virginia Community College students, for a number of years. This year, they have chosen to partner with the foundation to sponsor awards in keeping with their vocational service goals.

Fairfax Library Foundation has provided scholarships to the community since 2002, including annual academic scholarships for undergraduate and graduate students in Fairfax County and the City of Fairfax, and semi-annual continuing education scholarships for volunteers and staff of Fairfax County Public Library. The dead-

line for filing an application for an undergraduate scholarship is April 15th. More information can be found at <http://www.fairfaxlibraryfoundation.org/programswe support/baccalaureate.htm>.

"We are grateful to the Rotary Club of Burke for their work to bring affordable higher education to the people of Fairfax County and the City of Fairfax," said Executive Director Susan Harman of Fairfax Library Foundation.

Duwain Ketch, chairman of the Fairfax Library Foundation's Scholarship Committee, said that donations from all sources are important to the foundation's success in accomplishing its goals. He urges individuals, companies and groups to consider their contributions to the foundation to assure its success.

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OBITUARY

Theresa Marie Patchan "Terre" of Burke Dies

Theresa Marie Patchan "Terre" of Burke died Wednesday, April 3, unexpectedly at her home. She was born in Philadelphia, Pa. She is survived by her husband Peter D. Patchan; and her children, Amibeth (Benjamin) Griffin, and Peter T. Patchan. Terre is the daughter of Thomas and Florence Staker; sister of Thomas, Patricia, Cathleen, Steven and Jane, and aunt to many nieces and nephews. She is also survived by one grandchild, Natalie. She retired

after 30 years as a teacher with Fairfax County Public Schools. Friends called at Fairfax Memorial Funeral Home, 9902 Braddock Road, Fairfax on Sunday, April 7. Mass of Christian Burial was held at Church of the Nativity of our Lord, 6400 Nativity Lane, Burke, on Monday, April 8. Interment followed at Fairfax Memorial Park. In Terre's honor, donations may be made to Cherry Run Elementary Library, 9732 Ironmaster Drive, Burke.

NEWS

Animal Control Officer Nabs Elusive Shih Tzu

Officer's dogged pursuit saves sly pup from life on the streets.

BY VICTORIA ROSS
THE CONNECTION

Just 13 pounds of matted fur and fluff, "Biscuit," a sly shih tzu, evaded capture in the Franconia area for nearly two years, porch-surfing and stealing cats' food to survive.

Until Enna Lugo got on the case two months ago. A Fairfax County Animal Control officer, Lugo was dogged and determined to rescue the rogue pup.

According to police, Biscuit got his name from neighborhood children, who routinely caught glimpses of this lonely pup as he foraged for food or moved from one hiding place to another. Private citizens and rescue groups had been trying to catch Biscuit for many months when Lugo launched a doggie dragnet.

"Whenever I came to catch Biscuit, neighborhood residents would tell me the last place they had seen him," said Lugo, who has a shih tzu of her own. "Everyone tried to help get him off the streets."

She used several methods to try to catch



Before and after: Biscuit's hair was dirty and matted, and filled with ticks when Animal Control officer Enna Lugo nabbed the elusive shih tzu on Saturday, April 6. At the vet, Biscuit was sedated and shaved, and treated for a skin infection. Other than that, he was found to be in good health and was estimated to be around 3 to 4 years old.

him, including trapping and tracking. "He would always find an escape route," she recalled. "When we tried to trap him, he would lie next to the traps but he would never go inside."

His origins are a mystery. Some residents said his owner had died and he had been left to fend for himself; others claimed that his owners moved away and left him behind.

Lugo said she knew that she needed man-

power to catch the pup. This past Saturday, April 6, she and Animal Shelter staff worked together to assemble a team of officers and volunteers to bring Biscuit to safety.

When they arrived on the scene off of Manchester Boulevard and Beulah Road Saturday around 8 a.m., Biscuit was not in his usual spot under a residential patio, and Lugo was concerned that he had fled the area.

But he was soon spotted nearby, huddled

in a nest of leaves where he had made a bed. Animal control officers and volunteers surrounded him, caught him with a net and transported him to the veterinarian.

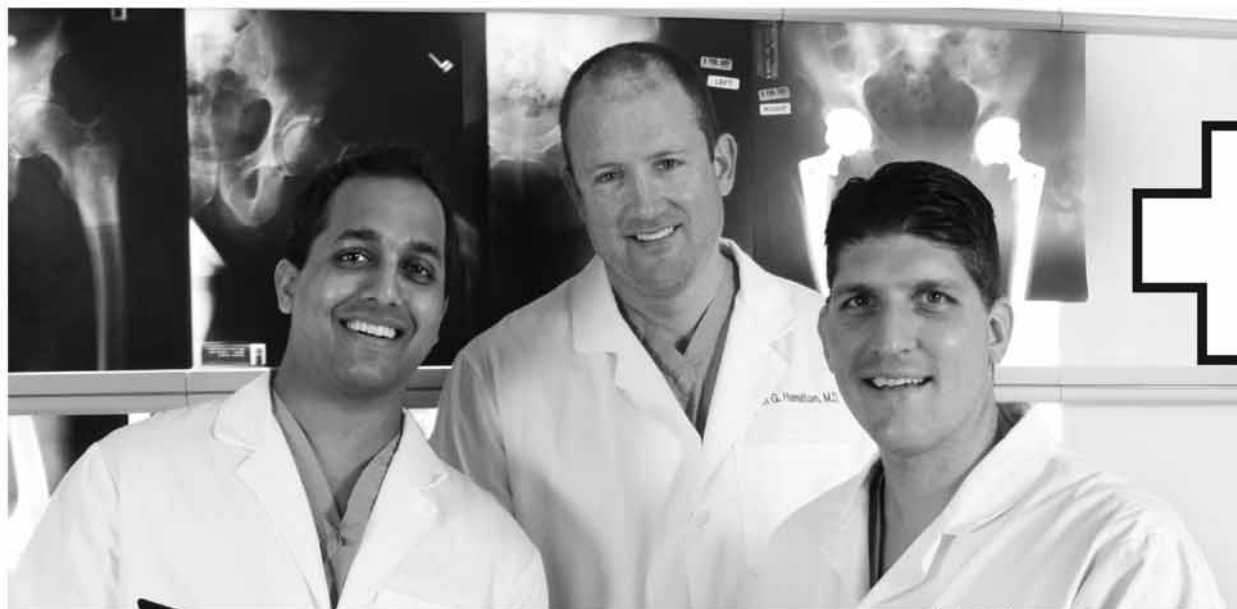
At the vet, Biscuit was sedated and shaved. The vet removed more than 40 ticks and treated him for a skin infection. Other than that, he was found to be in good health and was estimated to be around 3 to 4 years old.

"Most surprisingly, Biscuit allowed Officer Lugo and the veterinary staff to hold and pet him. He seemed to know that his struggle was over and that he was in caring hands," said Tawny Hammond, director of the Fairfax County Animal Shelter.

Lugo has offered to foster Biscuit to help him acclimate to living in a house with human companions. He will be available for adoption after he has had some time to re-adjust.

"Officer Lugo's initiative and tenacity exemplify the Fairfax County Police Department Animal Services Division's commitment to fulfilling our mission; her work ensured safety of the citizens of Fairfax County and the compassionate rescue of an animal in need," Hammond said.

Lugo said she was happy and relieved at the outcome. "I told the residents that even if it took me a year, I would catch Biscuit and get him to a loving home."



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OPINION

Voting Again

Every year is election year in Virginia, and it's a bit much.

The most hotly contested race for statewide office in Virginia, the Republican contest for lieutenant governor, will be decided at a statewide convention on May 18. That's about a month from now.

A statewide Democratic primary will take place June 11.

On Nov. 5, all eyes will turn to Virginia to follow the conclusion of a fascinating race for governor. Democrat Terry McAuliffe will face Republican Ken Cuccinelli in a contest that will appeal to more conservative Republicans and more liberal Democrats.

The race will feature massive efforts to turn out the vote. Mailboxes will fill up with glossy mailers. Airwaves will no doubt reflect the election.

Wait, didn't we just do this?

Yes, but in 2013, Virginia will choose governor, lieutenant governor, attorney general, and all 100 members of the House of Delegates. Arlington voters will also elect one member to the county board and one member to the school board. City of Alexandria voters will also elect a commonwealth's attorney and sheriff.

And it won't be simple.

Right now it appears that there are seven Republican candidates, two Democratic candidates and an Independent Green candidate running for lieutenant governor.

Republicans will choose from their seven can-

didates at a statewide convention on May 18. Here are the names of the seven: Jeannemarie Devolites Davis (R), former state senator and wife of former U.S. Rep. Tom Davis; E.W. Jackson Sr. (R); L. Scott Lingamfelter (R), state delegate; Steve Martin (R), state senator; Pete Snyder (R); Corey Stewart (R), Prince William County Board chair, and Susan Stimpson (R), Stafford County Board chair.

Democrats will choose a candidate for lieutenant governor in the statewide primary on June 11; candidates are Aneesh Chopra (D) and state Sen. Ralph Northam (D).

EDITORIAL

Two Republicans and two Democrats appear to be running for attorney general: Democrats Justin Fairfax and state Sen. Mark Herring would face off in the June 11 primary. Republicans would choose between candidates Del. Rob Bell (R) and state Sen. Mark Obenshain (R) at the state-wide convention May 18.

Town of Vienna voters will elect three members of its town council on May 7.

Virginia has a General Election every year on the Tuesday following the first Monday in November; that's Nov. 5, this year. Federal offices are elected in even-numbered years. State and local offices are elected in odd-numbered years. If primaries are called by the political parties, they are held on the second Tuesday in June; that's June 11, this year.

This is a formula for election fatigue, alter-

nating record voter turnout with tepid voter turnout. Realigning Virginia's election calendar so that the critical statewide races took place in presidential election years would increase voter participation, although this change is not simple and not likely.

The Virginia General Assembly voted this year to impose much more stringent voter identification requirements starting in July 2014, an unnecessary step that suppresses the votes of poor, elderly and minority voters. Instead, they should fund an annual mailing to all registered voters that summarizes what and who will be on the ballot. This would increase the integrity of elections, giving all voters a chance to arrive at the polls informed and engaged.

Here are some good sources for information on upcoming elections:

Virginia State Board of Elections, www.sbe.virginia.gov/.

Virginia Public Access Project, www.vpap.org/candidates?display=state.

Fairfax County Board of Elections, www.fairfaxcounty.gov/elections/ecalendar.htm.

Alexandria Board of Elections, www.alexandriava.gov/Elections.

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COMMENTARY

Paving the Way

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

The Reconvened Session of the General Assembly that met last week concluded work for this year on the most significant funding program for transportation infrastructure approved by the legislature since the historic special session in 1986. The bill that had previously passed the legislature in the 2013 Regular Session was sent to the governor for his approval and signature. He proposed a series of amendments that were voted on last Wednesday, April 3, and approved by the House and the Senate. The governor will now sign the bill into law.

There is no getting around the fact that the new law will cost the motoring public some extra dollars. One advantage of the bill is that it raises most of the money from those who use the roads. The more vehicles you buy, the more gas you use, or the more cars you title the more you will pay for the construction and upkeep of the roads. This very point allowed some legislators who were opposed to raising taxes to vote for the bill, for they considered the new revenues to be coming from "user fees." By whatever name is necessary to develop public understanding, the new law establishes a framework for revenue growth that will help keep up with the cost of inflation and growth. The cents per gallon gasoline tax for example will be replaced with a sales tax on the wholesale price of gasoline. It is doubtful that there will be a noticeable change in gasoline prices at the pump considering the fluctuations in gas prices that already occur based on market factors.

The purchase of new cars has always had a reduced sales tax rate. The current 3.5 percent will become 4 percent on July 1, 2013, and will increase slightly each year until it reaches 4.15 percent on July 1, 2016, still below the sales tax on all other purchases. For the special needs of Northern Virginia there will also be a "congestion relief fee" of \$0.15 per \$100 value of the net sales price of a home. A transit occupancy tax on hotel rooms at the rate of 2 percent is also established for Northern Virginia. While the new law strengthens the statewide maintenance and construction fund, it recognizes the unique needs of the suburbs of Northern Virginia and Hampton Roads and provides that the special funds that are raised in those regions stays there for use in the region. No more sending money to Richmond with a percentage of it not making its way back. Language in the law also requires that priority be given to projects that offer relief from congestion.

There is a strong mass transit component to the law that provides funding for inter-city rail and \$300 million off the top to help with the funding of the Silver Line. The additional funds should help keep tolls to a more reasonable level on the Dulles Toll Road.

The governor offered an amendment at my request and the urging of others that the alternative fuel fee be eliminated or reduced. He chose to reduce it from \$100 to \$64. The House leadership has committed to a study of the fee during this year to consider if it should be re-assessed and if so, the amount, and the special vehicles to which it should apply. I expect major revisions on this issue in the 2014 session. The job is not totally complete in other areas as well. Clearly, though, we have paved the way for Virginians and the future.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Alarmed by School Names

To the Editor:

Am I the only one alarmed by the presence of high schools named after confederate leaders? After our nation's long and divisive war, symbols of bigotry abound; this, however, is only amplified as a problem when the symbol is a high school.

To be clear, the "War of Northern Aggression" (as it is ridiculously called in some areas), and Virginia's part in it, are things to be ashamed of, not to glorify. Forcibly legitimizing treasonous villains, and allowing our children to be the recipient of our preposterous revisionism is wrong.

For example: The following high schools should be changing their names immediately:

Robert E Lee High School
JEB Stuart High School
Fairfax High School (Rebels)
Stonewall Jackson High School

To erroneously fight your country is wrong. To erroneously fight your country for your right to enslave is worse. To glorify those who have erroneously fought their country for their right to enslave is the worst thing we could be doing.

Kiran Hampton
Great Falls

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SATURDAY/APRIL 13

Bridging the Gap: Connecting Black Communities to the Green Economy. 10 a.m.-noon, at Braddock District Government Center (Braddock Hall), 9002 Burke Lake Road, Burke. Women in the NAACP gather for their general membership meeting. fairfaxnaacp@gmail.com.

SUNDAY/APRIL 14

Healthy eating: Making better dietary choices. 3 p.m., at ATFA, 3949 University Drive, Fairfax. Dr Gewa Constance talks about the interaction between dietary practices. RSVP required. <http://www.atfa.us/category/womens-club/>.

WEDNESDAY/APRIL 17

Overcoming Isolation and Setting Up a Social Network. 1:30 p.m., at Alzheimer's Family Day Center, 2812 Old Lee Highway, Suite 210, Fairfax. Join to discuss strategies to develop and maintain a social network. Call 703-204-4664 to RSVP and for more information.

SATURDAY/APRIL 20

Chapter 10, Disabled American Veterans and Auxiliary Meeting. 10 a.m., at American Legion Post 177, 3939 Oak St., Fairfax. Attend the annual election meeting where service officers will be available to help American veterans with claims. 703-273-5730.

MONDAY/APRIL 29

Kindergarten Orientation/Registration. 2 p.m., at Greenbriar East Elementary School, 13006 Point Pleasant Drive, Fairfax. Explore the option of enrolling your child; contact the office with questions regarding the registration process. 703-633-6400.

TUESDAY/MAY 14

Board of Supervisors' Public Hearing: Home Child Care Facilities. 4:30 p.m., at the Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax. A public hearing on the Home Child Care Facilities Zoning Ordinance Amendment; concerns number of children allowed to be cared for, parking, drop off and pick up areas, permit fees and conformance to use limitations in home child care facilities. www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpz/zoningordinance/proposed/.

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Senior Fall Prevention Classes. 1:30-2:30 p.m., at the Woodlands Retirement Community, 4320 Forest Hill Dr., Fairfax. Tuesday and/or Thursday classes in a heated pool designed to work on balance and core muscles for injury prevention. \$10. 703-667-9800.



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Robinson Students Commit to 26 Acts of Kindness

BY ANDREA WORKER
THE CONNECTION

Even if only 10 percent of Robinson Secondary School's almost four thousand students accept the Student Government Association (SGA)'s 26 Acts of Kindness Challenge during the month of April, that would still mean 10,400 random acts of kindness and courtesy added to the world. Not a bad achievement.

"Oh, no, we're going for them all!" declared the eight students who form the 26 Acts of Kindness SGA Committee. They have already run out of the custom-made t-shirts that read "26 Acts of Kindness" on the front and contain 26 lines on the back for each wearer to fill in daily between the 1st and the 26th of April with their participatory kindness (not to worry, more on the way!)

The number 26 is in honor of the 20 students and six staffers who were killed during the tragic Sandy Hook Elementary School shooting on Dec. 14 last year in Newtown, Conn. One of those lost lives belonged to Lauren Rousseau, cousin of Robinson Student Services Counselor Kirsten Wiley. Sophomore committee member RJ Holtzman said, "That connection just made us even more determined to do this right. Ms. Wiley means a lot to all of us. She's really a beloved counselor to so many

of the kids here. Maybe this can make her feel just a little better, and we've already done one act of kindness then."

THE IDEA of performing 26 Acts of Kindness to honor the Sandy Hook victims was proposed in an article and via Twitter by NBC news correspondent Ann Curry and quickly went viral. The kids at Robinson are taking it to a new level and making sure that neither the victims, nor the notion of remembering them by spreading kindness, gets lost in the noise of the next news cycle.

To get things started, the SGA crew produced a video that was made available to the entire student body and later uploaded to YouTube. Twenty-six students and members of the school's staff, captured in poignant black and white, were filmed throughout the campus, each holding the picture of one of the Sandy Hook victims. In the video, each picture is slowly turned to reveal an Act of Kindness that had been performed by the participant in memory of the lost person whose image they carry.

"We worked on that video for months," said Jessie Bond, a senior from Fairfax Station. "Not just because it was technically difficult, but because we wanted to respect the victims and we wanted to make something that would show people how important kindness is."

"You don't know what even the smallest



Robinson students signing the Pledge Banner while participating in the 26 Acts of Kindness campaign.

act of kindness might mean to someone," added Shannon Lopynski, a senior and resident of Clifton.

Next on the agenda was a Pledge Banner that accompanied talks about the project. The banner now takes up the back of the

SGA's classroom, filled with signatures and even a painted handprint or two.

The T-shirts serve several purposes. "One of the goals of the SGA," said Autumn Guckert, "is to promote unity among the students at Robinson. On the last day of our 26 Acts of Kindness challenge, we plan to get everybody together for a giant panoramic photo, all wearing their filled-in kindness t-shirts. What a way to show how all of us at Robinson pulled together to make a difference. Every time someone wears one of those shirts, the message gets broadcast again, maybe inspiring someone else to do something on their own."

The students plan to send the photo, along with a story about their efforts and words of encouragement, to Sandy Hook Elementary. "And, of course," said Will Rowson, a sophomore from Fairfax sounding very much like the next generation's business leader, "you know that things that get written and recorded are the things that get done."

Guckert also knows how to work the press and the social media avenues to get the message out. The junior from Clifton contacted several media sources, including the Connection Newspapers and the local NBC affiliate. "It's not about recognition for

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Promoting Kindness at Robinson

FROM PAGE 8

us,” said Guckert. “It’s a way to take this effort to a larger audience, even beyond the walls of Robinson.” The group was amazed that their 26 Acts of Kindness Twitter account “exploded on April 1st,” as Shannon Lopynski described it. “We started the day with 20 followers. Before the end of the day we were over 200.” At last check, there were 600-plus following the postings that good deed-doers were reporting. A browse through that Twitter log shows students and staff and friends and relatives excitedly adding their efforts to the quickly expanding list. “I made dinner for my family last night,” read one tweet. “I am writing Thank You notes to teachers.” “I made a donation to Autism Speaks.” “I just helped our janitor clean up a mess—and thanked her for what she does!” “I bought a Starbucks for the stranger in line behind me!” Scrolling down, good deeds, big and small, keep adding up.

“Sixty-two students will be cutting their hair to donate to Pantene’s Beautiful Lengths program that collects human hair to produce wigs for cancer patients,” said Alison Neun. Neun is a special education teacher at Robinson and the teacher co-sponsor of the SGA along with Daniel Clements, who teaches science. Neun and Clements both commented on how proud they were to be associated with the SGA. “All of them,” said Clements. “They all participate,” commented Neun. “They all support each other and the individual projects and campaigns they are working on. And they support the entire school by leadership and showing up for events, games, performances,



PHOTO BY ANDREA WORKER/THE CONNECTION

Daniel Clements and Alison Neun co-sponsor the SGA class at Robinson: Clements teaches science and Neun is in special education.

everything across all stereotypical boundaries.”

ROBINSON’S 26 ACTS OF KINDNESS campaign will come to its official close on April 26th, but if the members of the Student Government Association and the troops they have rallied throughout the school have anything to say about it, that date will not mark the end of the story—just the first chapter of a long series. Check out their YouTube video (search for 26 Acts of Kindness Robinson) and watch the good deeds multiply on their Twitter space at twitter.com/26Acts_Kindness.

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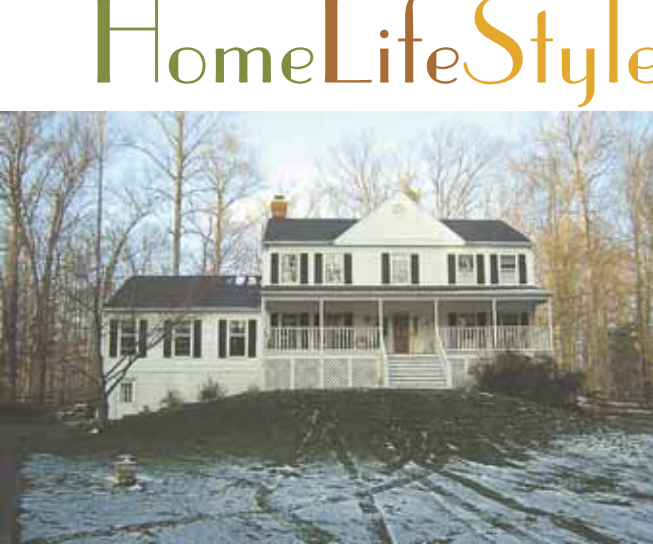
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The front facade to the house Scot Minesinger purchased in the late 1980s was undistinguished, even bland. The engineer found the cross-gabled roof line particularly misconceived, but hoped to eventually introduce a more cohesive architecture.



The Colonial-style elaboration developed by Sun Design Remodeling explores resonant 18th century detailing, starting with the cultured stone cladding on the lower level and chimneys. Decorative entablature above windows, crown molding and period railing spindles build a style-appropriate profile, yet the existing windows and shutters were re-used.



The entrance from the driveway emphasizes the soft, yet textured elements that characterize the design as a whole.

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A Family Home Evolves

By JOHN BYRD

Sometimes a good opportunity isn't obvious at first. To see what's possible, one must look past surfaces. The facade of a 3,400 square foot frame house at the end of a Fairfax Station cul-de-sac, for instance. The year is 1987. Engineer Scot Minesinger, then in his late 20s, is thinking about the future.

At a glance, there are many things about the frame house Minesinger doesn't like, starting with a faux cross-gabled roof line that seems to have no reference in any architectural style.

The "spindly" front porch and the white vinyl siding are also detractors, as is the facade that's not so much understated as "bland."

Around back, Minesinger finds nearly 60 linear feet of rear elevation varied only by smallish, builder-grade windows — a peculiar glazing design, given the lovely woodland setting all around.

Still, the house had been on the market for two years, and Minesinger is looking for something to build his dreams on — a place where a future family might thrive in the fullness of time.

Considered from this perspective: a house on two rolling acres has a lot to offer, the only real problem being to figure out how that emergent "family home" — re-designed to taste — will actually look.

"I wasn't in a hurry," Minesinger said, explaining the 25-year gap between the dream and its fulfillment. "I wanted a more sustainable home energy system first. And while I saw the potentials in the rear of the house, I was looking for the combination of suitable influences that would move the project forward."

So the big picture unfolds incrementally.

In 1996, after occupying the house for six years, Minesinger designed a geothermal-based energy system, which he installed in the front yard. "My winter utility bills dropped to about half," he said. "It was a step towards independence that makes other changes possible."

That said, it may be unsurprising to learn that one so ardently methodical eventually discovered how he wanted his house to look by hiring a design build firm to help him think it through.

"My wife, Carolyn, had been clipping stories from magazines for years," Minesinger said. "We wanted the house to be appropriate to this terrific setting, but we needed people with real experience to help us shape our ideas."

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"It was critically important to me to find a process through which Carolyn and I could explore our thoughts together. In this regard, the 3-D space modeling approach offered by Sun Design made everything much easier," Minesinger said.

The first breakthrough: recognizing that the existing, vaguely "eclectic" front facade needed to firmly define itself — as classic colonial with distinctive early American accents.

"The architectural identity became fairly obvious once we sat down with Sun Design," Minesinger said. "Carolyn's interest in using stone nudged us in a style direction that really fits the setting. In fact, you can still see this

kind of stone work in historical homes nearby — especially as you head west into hill country."

Thus, the spindly porch supports have been replaced by sturdier columns with a more stately profile. Porch railings are now period-specific. Decorative entablature crown each window.

At ground level, cultured stone cladding graces the exposed lower level, the new porch support piers and the chimneys. A second chimney has been added to the front facade, an architectural salute to Virginia's classic Georgians. Likewise, new siding — in tan and khaki with bright white trim — accentuates the new facade's textured warmth.

Meanwhile, on the rear elevation, Sun Design developed a distinctive indoor/outdoor plan purposed to multi-generational requirements.

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"The patio room evolved logically," Minesinger said. "It's directly linked to the dining room; a great spot to take in the view ... without getting your feet wet."

Still, the room is, by definition, "transitional" to the outdoor experience. Though it's over 400 square feet, there was no corresponding modification to the home's HVAC system. Instead, the design calls for two-ply insulated glass on three-sides, and features a floor-to-ceiling stone fireplace.

"The enclosure stays really comfortable without any additional heating or cooling support," Minesinger said, referring to the spaciouly open addition as "a second family room."

Sun Design Remodeling helps a local engineer find the indoor/outdoor solution he dreamed of for 25 years.

Overhead, a private balcony linked to the master bedroom suite gives the adult Minesingers a quiet treetop perch from which to take it all in.

Exiting the patio room through French doors, the open-air plan unfolds as a series of terraced activity zones: a 12-by-16-foot deck; a cozy covered porch cooled by a

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Both structures, in turn, segue along their respective low-rise staircases to a flagstone patio where the family generally gathers to enjoy grilling and warm weather dining.

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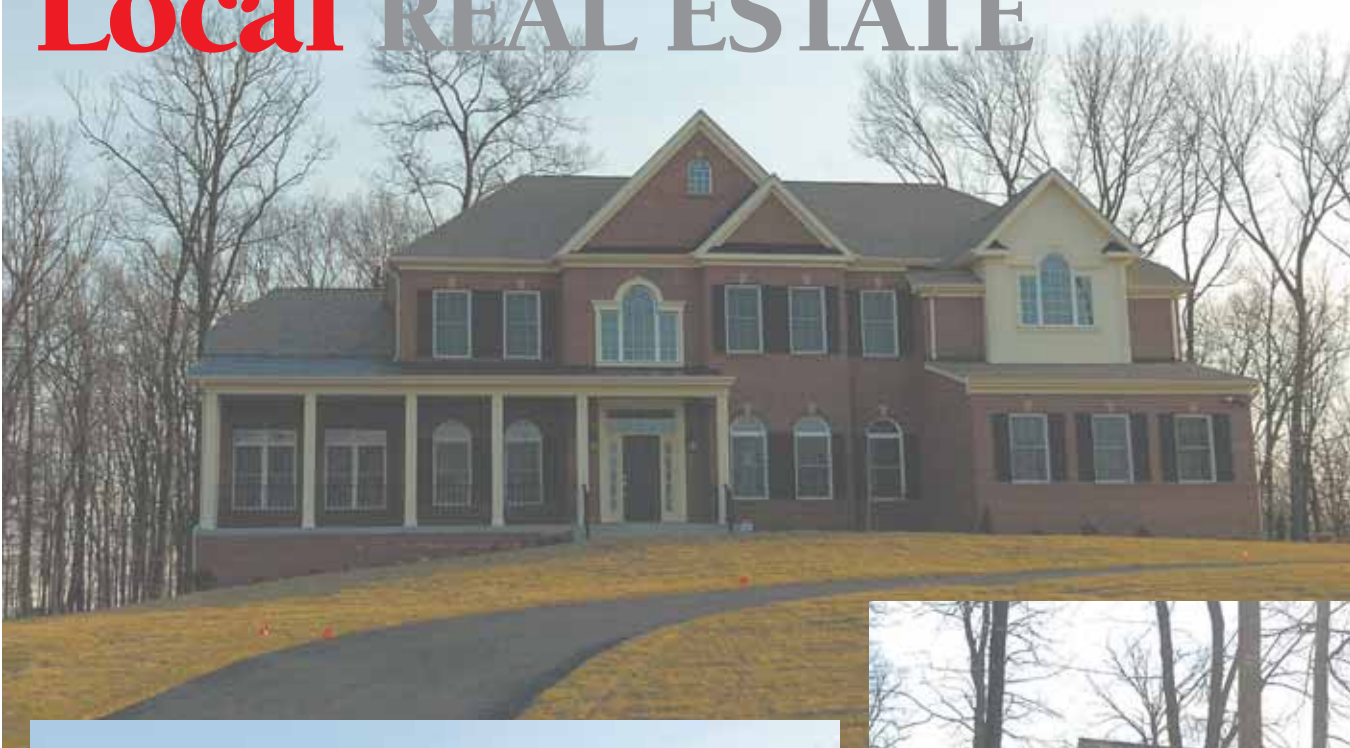
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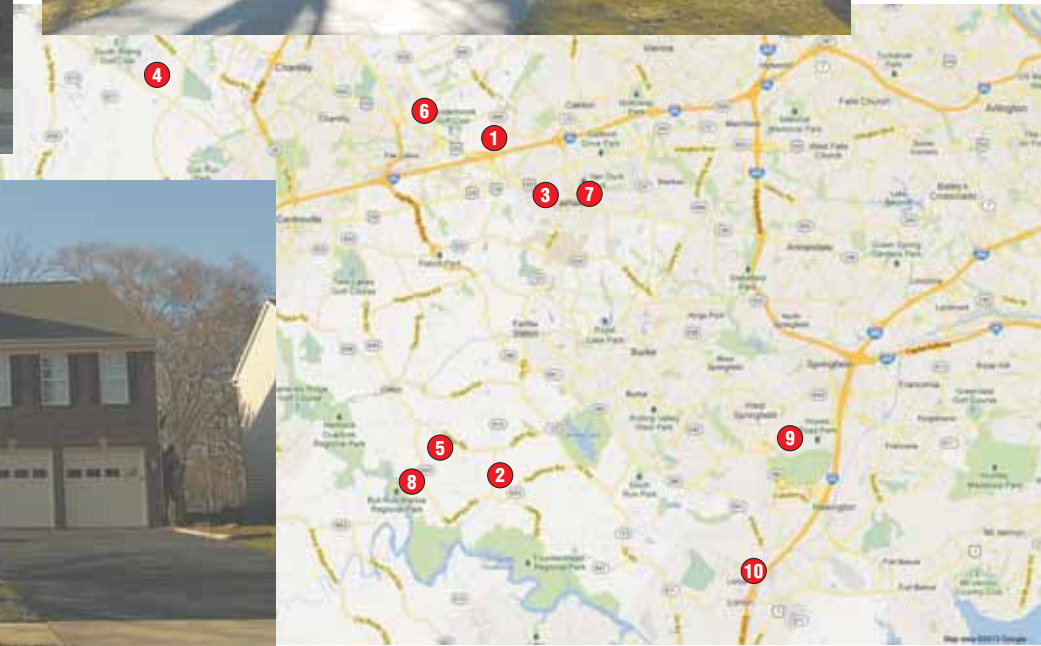


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Celebrating 80 Years

Virginia Historic Garden Week raises money to restore and preserve state's historic landmarks.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL
THE CONNECTION

Virginia will be in bloom later this month when more than 250 of the state's picturesque gardens, homes and historic landmarks open to the public for Historic Garden Week. The statewide event, which is in its 80th year and runs April 20-27, includes sites in the City of Alex-

andria and Fairfax County. The list is a who's who of any place your kids would visit on a school fieldtrip. We restored the Bowling Green at Mount Vernon with funding from the Historic Garden Week, for example."

Miller added that Historic Garden Week is the largest ongoing volunteer effort in Virginia and is put on by 3,400 volunteers who work year-round.

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— Karen Cauthen Miller, Historic Garden Week state director

andria and Fairfax County.

"Virginia is especially beautiful during Historic Garden Week," said Lynn McCashin, executive director of the Garden Club of Virginia, which sponsors the statewide house and garden tour. "Every year is different, and this one is extra special because of the anniversary."

Karen Cauthen Miller, Historic Garden Week state director, says the event will feature approximately 32 separate tours throughout the Commonwealth of Virginia. The event raises money to restore and preserve Virginia's historic landmarks.

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erty. The list is a who's who of any place your kids would visit on a school fieldtrip. We restored the Bowling Green at Mount Vernon with funding from the Historic Garden Week, for example."

There are 78 special events throughout the commonwealth of Virginia planned during the weeklong celebration. In Alexandria, for example, those who purchase tickets to the Old Town Alexandria tour will also have admission fees to George Washington's Mount Vernon Estate and Gardens waived on April 20.

Ticket prices for Historic Garden Week vary. For a tour schedule and ticket information, visit www.vagardenweek.org.

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SATURDAY/APRIL 13

JLNV Strides For Success 5K/1K.

8:30 a.m., at the Fairfax Corner Shopping Center, 11950 Grand Commons Ave., Fairfax. Novice to advanced-level runners welcome; benefits the Junior League of Northern Virginia "Kids in the Kitchen" anti-obesity program and other fitness initiatives along with Michelle Obama's Let's Move initiative. Register online or day-of. \$35 for 5K; \$20 for 1K fun run/walk; \$10 for children under 10 for either event. 703-442-4163, stridesforsuccess@jlnv.org or www.jlnv.org.

American Festival Pops Orchestra:

Cinema Magic. 8 p.m., at GMU Center for the Arts, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. Beloved movie masterpieces performed by the iconic Northern Virginia-based orchestra; tickets are half price for youth through grade 12 accompanied by an adult. \$24, \$40, \$48. 888-945-2468 or cfa.gmu.edu.

TUESDAY/APRIL 16

John Cage 101. 2 p.m., at Johnson Center Library Instruction Room 228, GMU, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. Assistant Professor of Music Dr. Guessford discusses his research on the source of John Cage's compositional procedures and techniques between 1933 and 1951 on the anniversary of John Cage's 101st birthday. www.gmu.edu.

WEDNESDAY/APRIL 17

Witness: The George Mason Show. 6-8 p.m., at The Mason Hall Alumni Gallery in Mason Hall, GMU, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. An opening reception featuring the work of Patrick Sargent and Erwin Thamm, who have collaborated the past three years on a "multilayered narrative of our heroes," among them being silk screen layered over woodwork portraits of Andy Warhol, J Edgar Hoover and Paul McCartney. Facebook.com/gmu.soa.

FRIDAY/APRIL 19

The Marriage of Figaro. 8 p.m., at the GMU Center for the Arts, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. The final installment of the Virginia Opera 2013 season: Rossini's characters of



Vincent Oppido plays in the Northern Virginia American Festival Pops Orchestra Saturday, April 13, at 8 p.m. at GMU.

"The Barber of Seville" find themselves in a day of lunacy, as Figaro fights and outwits enemies to be with his betrothed, Susanna. \$44, \$72, \$86. 888-945-2468 or cfa.gmu.edu.

SATURDAY/APRIL 20

Fitness Workshop. 1 p.m., at City of Fairfax Regional Library, 10360 N. St., Fairfax. Cohen, a personal trainer since 2005, with clients ranging in age from teens to senior citizens and who holds certifications for advanced health and fitness specialist and personal training through American Council on Exercise will discuss the aspects of a healthy lifestyle. <https://www.facebook.com/GetInShapeWithDavid>.

Fairfax Symphony Orchestra.

4 p.m., at Stacy C. Sherwood Community Center, 3740 Old Lee Highway, Fairfax. A preview concert for the 2013-2014 season with performances by the winners of the 2013 Feuer Competition and FSO musicians. \$10. www.fairfaxsymphony.org.

SUNDAY/APRIL 21

The Robinson Crew Team Annual Plant Sale. 10 a.m.-8 p.m. at Burke Nursery and Garden Center at 9401 Burke Road, Burke. The sale includes annuals, perennials, stones, hanging baskets, shrubs, trees and master gardener/landscaping design; flyer required. www.robinsoncrew.org or contact Kay Billings at plantsale4crew@gmail.com.

NOVA Simcha Party-planning Expo. Noon-4 p.m., at Gesher Jewish

Day School, 4800 Mattie Moore Court, Fairfax. A one-stop expo for those planning a milestone celebration—DJs, caterers, invitations, party favors, photographers, venues, decorations and the like abound. 703-323-0880 or www.jcncv.org.

Ringling Bros and Barnum and Baileys' Dragons. 1 p.m., at the Patriot Center, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. Circus performers from the farthest reaches of the earth have assembled for DRAGONS to showcase their astounding talents. \$15. 800-745-3000 or www.ticketmaster.com.

The Marriage of Figaro. 2 p.m., at the GMU Center for the Arts, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. The final installment of the Virginia Opera 2013 season: Rossini's characters of "The Barber of Seville" find themselves in a day of lunacy, as Figaro fights and outwits enemies to be with his betrothed, Susanna. \$48, \$80, \$98. 888-945-2468 or cfa.gmu.edu.

Woven Green In Concert. 4 p.m. at Accotink Unitarian Universalist Church, 10215 Lakehaven Court Burke. In advance: \$10; at the door: \$12; family: \$25. 703-503-4579 or www.wovengreenmusic.com, www.accotinkuuc.org, or administrator@accotinkuuc.org.

Victims' Services Hosts 5k Walk. 4:30 p.m., at Fairfax Corner, 4100 Monument Drive, Fairfax. Join the caring professionals that support local victims of homicide, trauma, sexual and domestic violence, child physical and sexual abuse, stalking human trafficking and suicide as they walk together. Registration required. www.fairfaxcounty.gov/survey/crimevictimsrights.htm.

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FRIDAY/APRIL 12

Leading to Well Being: Facilitating Leadership for a Well-Lived Life. 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m., at the Mason Inn & Conference Center, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. Notable scholars and industry leaders address innovations in leadership and well-being. Mason students: \$225; general: \$300. wellbeing.onmason.com or info@cct.gmu.edu.

SATURDAY/APRIL 13

Bridging the Gap: Connecting Black Communities to the

Green Economy. 10 a.m.-noon, at Braddock District Government Center (Braddock Hall), 9002 Burke Lake Road, Burke. Women in the NAACP gather for their general membership meeting. fairfaxnaacp@gmail.com.

SUNDAY/APRIL 14

Healthy eating: Making better dietary choices. 3p.m., at ATFA, 3949 University Drive, Fairfax. Dr Gewa Constace talks about the interaction between dietary practices. RSVP required. <http://www.atfa.us/category/womens-club/>.

WEDNESDAY/APRIL 17

Overcoming Isolation and Setting Up a Social Network. 1:30 p.m., at Alzheimer's Family Day Center, 2812 Old Lee Highway, Suite 210, Fairfax. Join to discuss strategies to develop and maintain a social network. Call 703-204-

4664 to RSVP and for more information.

SATURDAY/APRIL 20

Chapter 10, Disabled American Veterans and Auxiliary Meeting. 10 a.m., at American Legion Post 177, 3939 Oak St., Fairfax. Attend the annual election meeting where service officers will be available to help American veterans with claims. 703-273-5730.

MONDAY/APRIL 29

Kindergarten Orientation/Registration. 2 p.m., at Greenbriar East Elementary School, 13006 Point Pleasant Drive, Fairfax. Explore the option of enrolling your child; contact the office with questions regarding the registration process. 703-633-6400.

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Of Burke, VA passed on April 3, 2013; unexpectedly at her home. Born in Philadelphia, PA. Beloved wife of Peter D. Patchan; devoted mother of Amibeth (Benjamin) Griffin, and Peter T. Patchan; daughter of Thomas and Florence Staker; sister of Thomas, Patricia, Cathleen, Steven and Jane. She is also survived by one grandchild Natalie; and aunt to many loved nieces and nephews. She retired after 30 years as a Teacher with Fairfax County Public Schools. Mass of Christian Burial was held at Church of the Nativity of our Lord, 6400 Nativity Lane, Burke, VA 22015 on Monday, April 8, 2013 at 1 p.m. Interment to follow at Fairfax Memorial Park. In Terre's honor, donations may be made to Cherry Run Elementary Library, 9732 Ironmaster Drive, Burke, VA 22015.

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LEGAL NOTICE
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Forty-four undergraduate researchers at the University of Virginia have been selected for the Harrison Undergraduate Research Awards, which allow them to conduct independent research projects during the summer of 2013. The research awards support students who present detailed plans for projects that have been endorsed by a faculty mentor. A faculty senate committee selected the winners, who receive up to \$3,000.

Among the award recipients are:

Juyeon Park, 21, of Fairfax, a third-year neuroscience major in the college, who is researching developmental neurobiology and the effect of a switch in growth factor availability during development of neurons on Coronin-1's ability to mediate axonal

growth.

Andrew Lankenau, 20, of Fairfax, a second-year chemistry major in the college, who is researching the separation of the aromatizing enantiomers, which has potential pharmaceutical applications.

Alexander Clark, 21, of Burke, a third-year biomedical engineering major in the Engineering School, who is researching developing a program to improve the specificity and decrease inter-observer variability when identifying children with rheumatic heart disease from 2D ultrasound images.

Jonathon Blonchek, 20, of West Friendship, Md., a third-year computer engineering major in the Engineering School; **Shiv Sinha**, 20, of Clifton, a third-year electrical and computer engineering double major with a minor in engineering business; **Anish Simhal**, 21, of Burke, a third-year electrical engineering major; and **Vinay Dandekar**, 20, of Fairfax, a third-year computer engineering major, are jointly seeking to develop a sensor system to determine occupancy in study spaces in Rice Hall, the newest engineering building.

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SPORTS



Lake Braddock shortstop Jack Owens had a pair of doubles against West Springfield on April 5.



Lake Braddock senior Thomas Rogers has been cleared to pitch on a limited basis.

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Lake Braddock Baseball Getting Healthy

Bruins blast West Springfield as team bounces back from injuries.

BY JON ROETMAN
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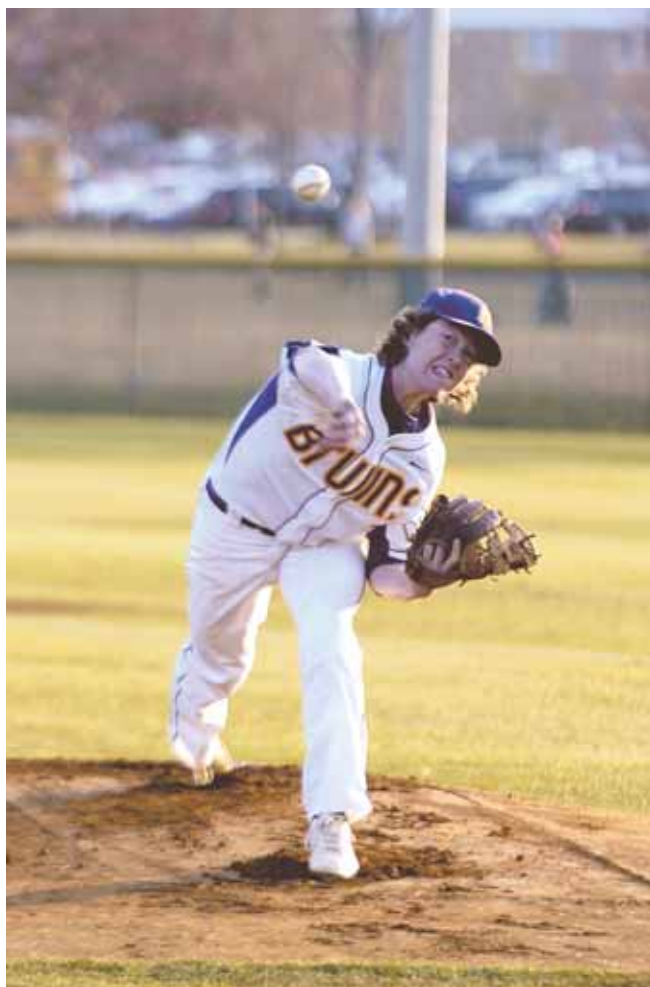
The Lake Braddock baseball team has labored through a slew of injuries early in the season, with several key athletes either missing time or limited in their contributions.

The Bruins lost two of their first five games after entering the season ranked No. 12 nationally by MaxPreps.com. Last season, when Lake Braddock won the program's first state championship, the Bruins started 9-0 and did not suffer their second loss until game No. 19.

Now, nearly one month into the season, Lake Braddock is starting to get some players healthy. Left-handed pitcher Thomas Rogers, who threw a four-hit shutout in last year's state championship game, is cleared to pitch on a limited basis after having Tommy John surgery on Aug. 27. Sophomore pitcher Matt Supko returned from a back injury with hopes of becoming a key contributor on the mound.

As others progress, Lake Braddock figures to improve. But even though the Bruins aren't at full strength, they were plenty good enough on April 5 to avenge last season's loss to rival West Springfield in the Northern Region championship game.

LAKE BRADDOCK, ranked No. 2 in the latest Northern Region coaches poll, defeated West Springfield 11-1 in five innings at Lake Braddock Secondary School. After beating the Spartans twice during the 2012 regular season and again in the Patriot District championship game, the Bru-



Lake Braddock junior Joe Darcy earned the win against West Springfield on April 5, allowing one unearned run in four innings.

ins lost to West Springfield in the region final before running the table at states. On Friday, junior pitcher Joe Darcy limited the Spartans to one unearned run in four in-

nings while earning the victory. The right-hander allowed two hits while walking one and striking out three.

"He did good," Lake Braddock head coach Jody Rutherford said. "He's one of the guys that's getting healthy. I really wasn't expecting him to go four. He kept his pitch count down which ... got him deeper into the game."

"I wouldn't say [we're] hitting our stride. We've still got our best ball in front of us."

— Lake Braddock baseball coach Jody Rutherford

At the plate, junior shortstop Jack Owens had a pair of doubles and an RBI. Senior third baseman Alex Lewis had a hit and three RBIs. Rogers finished with a double and an RBI, Supko had a two-run single and Darcy had an RBI single.

"It's been tough, but I think it's made us a better team," Owens said about the Bruins dealing with injuries. "The chemistry in the dugout, we've all gotten strong. Kids who normally wouldn't play [when others are] healthy ... have played and they got a taste for what it's like ..."

While things are looking up for Lake Braddock, Rutherford said the team has room for improvement, including finding

someone other than senior Nick McIntyre to step up from a pitching standpoint.

"I wouldn't say [we're] hitting our stride," Rutherford said. "We've still got our best ball in front of us. I thought we played a pretty good game against South County [on April 3]. I was pleased that we came out and performed good today."

West Springfield, on the other hand, is struggling. The Spartans got the leadoff man on base in the first inning when shortstop Taylor Boyd led off with a single, but they came up empty. In the bottom half of the inning, a two-out Spartan error opened the door for three Lake Braddock runs.

Starting pitcher Blake Bird allowed eight runs — three earned — and six hits over four innings. The left-hander hit four batters and struck out two.

"We've got a lot of growing up to do," West Springfield head coach Jason Olms said. "We're inexperienced, we're young, but those are just excuses. We've got to get better. We're nowhere near we need to be right now. ..."

"I think Blake did a pretty good job. We're going to need him to go longer, but I think he did a pretty good job — we didn't help him out at all. He kept guys off balance and threw strikes for the most part, just ended up getting a little tired in the fourth."

WEST SPRINGFIELD lost to South County 5-1 on Tuesday, dropping its record to 3-7 overall and 0-4 in the Patriot District. The Spartans have dropped five straight and were outscored 29-3 by T.C. Williams, Lake Braddock and South County.

West Springfield will host Lee at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, April 12.

Lake Braddock defeated West Potomac 8-2 on Tuesday to improve to 8-2 overall and 4-0 in the district. The Bruins have won five in a row and will host Woodson at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, April 12.

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