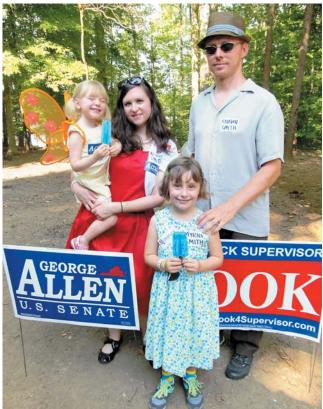


News



U.S. Senate candidate George Allen pets Salami and chats with owner Jorge Reyes during **Braddock Supervisor John Cook's 3rd annual** Big Braddock BBQ for volunteers Saturday, July 28, at Burke Lake Park.



The Smith family, from left: Amity, 3, Kassandra, Myrna, 6 and Shawn enjoy politics and popsicles at Braddock Supervisor John Cook's 3rd annual Big Braddock BBQ for volunteers Saturday, July 28, at Burke Lake Park. The event featured U.S. Senate candidate George Allen.



Supervisor John Cook (R-Braddock) with U.S. Senate candidate George Allen during Cook's 3rd annual Big Braddock BBQ for volunteers Saturday, July 28, at Burke Lake Park. "We had a great event. When I first started this, we had about four people, so it's great to see we had 200 people come through, which is pretty unbelievable for a summer political event. Our goal was 100," Cook said.

BBQ, Republican-Style

George Allen talks jobs, energy and education at Braddock district fundraiser.

> By Victoria Ross The Connection

.S. Senate candidate George Allen was energetic as he shook hands, posed for photos and made small talk with Republican supporters Saturday at Supervisor John Cook's 3rd annual Big Braddock BBQ for volunteers at Burke Lake Park.

The event, Allen's sixth and last campaign stop of the day, included political heavyweights such as former U.S. Rep. Tom Davis and Pat Mullins, chairman of the Republican Party of Virginia, in addition to more than 150 Fairfax County Republican volun-

On his way to the podium as the event's guest speaker, Allen chatted with dozens of volunteers, providing personal anecdotes and asking questions about their children, pets.

'Salami is a great name for a dog," Allen said to Jorge Reyna of Burke. "I love dogs, but we have three cats now. I don't think we'll be getting a dog for a while."

"I was a little surprised he spent so much time talking with everyone," Reyna said. "He seems to care about what people have

The candidate, who is in a toss-up race with former Governor Timothy Kaine to fill Senator Jim Webb's vacant seat, joked that his goal was to personally meet every one of Virginia's 8 million voters.

When Allen eventually made his way to the podium, he delivered a folksy speech, sticking mostly to positive messages on affordable education, economic growth and energy independence.

"Susan and I live in Mount Vernon, and our three children attended Fairfax County Public Schools. We know how taxes, regulations, congested roads and fuel prices affect families and small businesses," Allen said. "Like many of you, we have a daughter who just graduated from college and is living back at home while she looks for a job." Allen then pointed out several children in the audience he met earlier at the event. "We have Reagan here, who wants to be a vet and Amity over here, with the butterfly wings, who wants to be an astronaut...The job situation for young people is discouraging. We want to make things better. We want to send the message that Virginia is open for business again, that America is open for business again."

Allen also rallied the volunteers, telling them each volunteer is worth 100 votes and stressing how pivotal Fairfax County and Virginia will be this election year.

"Virginia will determine the future of America," Allen said, "and the future is

The loudest applause came when Allen



Supervisor Pat Herrity (R-Springfield) with former state Sen. Jeannemarie **Devolites Davis. Davis currently serves in the McDonnell administration.** She said she is gearing up to run for Lieutenant Governor in 2013.

said he would like to unleash the state's nates with everyone," Allen said. energy potential by lifting restrictions on coal and natural gas. If elected, Allen said his first bill would be to allow Virginia to drill for oil and gas off its coast, and use the revenues to fund the state's roads and transportation needs.

"Energy matters. It's an issue that reso-

Both Kaine and Allen have ramped up their rallies and speaking engagements in Northern Virginia in the past few weeks. Political strategists on both sides agree that whoever wins the seat vacated by Webb will have a powerful voice in determining control of the Senate next year.

News



Child care providers, parents and concerned citizens filled the Fairfax County Board Auditorium for the Child Care Town Hall. Representatives from Supervisor Pat Herrity's office reported that more than 350 people were in attendance.

Child Care Meeting **Draws Vocal Crowd**

Debate focuses on discrepancy in state, county regulations.

> BY ANDREA WORKER The Connection

udging by the crowd and the occasional calls for order, the topic under discussion in the Board Auditorium at the Fairfax County Government Center was a hot one. Over 350 home child care providers, parents, and interested citizens packed the Child Care Town Hall Meeting on the evening of Monday, July 23, sponsored by Fairfax County Supervisors Pat Herrity (R-Springfield) and Michael Frey (R-Sully) and Mac Cannon, Chairman of the Child Advisory Council.

level highlighted a discrepancy between state and county regulations. The Virginia Department of Social Services (VDSS), the state authority that licenses home day care businesses, implemented a policy change requiring new applicants and providers seeking license renewal to receive approval from their local zoning administration before the license is granted or renewed.



Supervisor Pat Herrity (R-Springfield) had to call for order several times, when some of the attendees reacted loudly to portions of the speakers' presentations and responses.

imposed by the two authorities. The state of Virginia allows up to 12 children to be cared for. Presently, the zoning ordinances in Fairfax County allow for five children to be cared for in a townhouse, apartment, or mobile home setting, or seven in singlefamily detached dwelling. Providers wanting to care for additional children in a single-family dwelling can seek a special permit from the Fairfax Board of Zoning Appeals (BOA) at a cost of a non-refundable \$1100 fee, plus any costs associated with providing the documentation required by the Board for the appeals process. Even if the applicant is successful, the maximum allowed under current zoning rules is 10 children, still less than the 12 allowed by

THE CONFLICT lies in the caps

A representative from Supervisor Herrity's office told the Con-

nection Newspapers that there are currently more Recent changes to licensing regulations at the state than 200 state-licensed providers caring for 12 children in the county, in perfect agreement with their licensing agreement, but in violation of the county's zoning codes. As the situation stands, those providers would be forced to apply for the special permit with no guarantee of success, and still have to lower the number of children they care for.

Several providers and parents took to the micro

SEE CHILD CARE, PAGE 4



Staff members from Fairfax County Public Library administrative offices and Access Services branch pose in front of the "Geek the Library" display in the Government Center on Tuesday, July 31, officially designated as "Geek the Library Day." Edwin S. Clay III, library director, is in the middle of the back row.

To Geek or Not To Geek. That is the...Verb

Library launches novel campaign to get people talking.

By Victoria Ross The Connection

uth geeks fairy tales. Katie geeks wildlife. Benjamin

County residents can now "geek" whatever their passion is at their local library during Fairfax County Public Library's (FCPL) "Geek the Library" campaign.

Funded by a grant from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, the campaign highlights what people are passionate about-or what they 'geek'and how local libraries can and do to support them.

Geek the Library introduces "geek" as a verb, and encourages the public to talk about what they geek—whether it's engineering, superheroes, art, politics or anything else, said Mary Mulrenan, FCPS marketing director. (Mulrenan personally geeks Downton Abbey.)

The campaign, which runs through September, is also designed to heighten awareness about funding issues public libraries face and provide information on how people can get active and support their local

"This is a fun campaign that we hope will get residents talking about the valuable role of the library and will encourage those who don't currently use the library to drop by or visit us online," said Edwin S. Clay III, library director. "We offer thousands of free eBooks; Wi-Fi at all our branches; meeting space; computer access; tutoring and so much more."

RESIDENTS CAN PICK UP

Geek the Library materials at their local branch and sign a GeekBoard. Facebook and Twitter followers can post what they

Geek online. To find out more, visit the library's website at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/Library, and click on the "Geek the Library" tab.

"This campaign is designed to provoke conversation about the vital role that public libraries and librarians play in today's challenging environment," said Cathy De Rosa, global vice president of marketing for Online Computer Library Center, Inc., a nonprofit library cooperative which led the campaign development. "We hope it will spark important community discussions about how public libraries can remain strong."

As the economy slowly recovers, Americans are turning to local libraries for educational opportunities, job searching resources and entertainment. According to Clay, other libraries have successfully used the campaign to position the library as a critical asset—for individuals to find jobs, reeducate themselves and enhance literacy, and for the community to gain access to technology and continue their education.

A new American Library Association (ALA) report sheds light on the importance of public libraries as a key access point for technology and job resources. According to the 2012 Public Library Funding & Technology Access Study, more than 60 percent of libraries report that they are the only provider of free computer and Internet access in their community.

"Fairfax County Public Library is fortunate to be expanding our hours in the fall thanks to an increase to the library budget in FY2013 by the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors," said Clay.

The Fairfax Library Foundation provided supplemental support for the campaign.

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Child Care Regulations Challenged

"We need to

balance...a safe

environment with

common sense."

— Supervisor Pat Herrity

(R-Springfield)

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phones to object to the situation. Some of the caregivers declared that they would be forced to close their business and seek other employment if required to drop their enrollment. Parents expressed similar concerns. Parent "Vanessa" told the assembly that if a franchise-type care center became the

only place left with room, she would have to quit her employment to stay at home and care for her children. "Two bodies of government have created a problem for the people. If I have to quit, welfare would be my only option. We are creating a revolving door that none of us wants," she said. "Delia" has run a state-licensed home day care for 13 years. "If they don't fix this mess, I think they will get a lot of illegal child care

going on. And that is not good for anybody, especially the kids," she worries.

Supervisor Herrity was in agreement with many of the sentiments expressed. In his opening remarks, he stated "I believe that the proposed child care regulations...are placing unnecessary strain on providers and pushing them out of business or worse, forcing providers to provide services without a license. We need to balance...a safe environment with common sense.'

SPEAKERS from the Fairfax Office for Children and from the Department of Planning and Zoning were part of the panel and outlined additional proposed

changes, most of which were met with a positive reaction, especially when Eileen McLane, outgoing Zoning Administrator, announced intentions of streamlining the entire application process. To cheers and applause, McLane and her successor, Leslie Johnson, told the gathering that Fairfax County would not enforce the limits against current state-licensed pro-

viders not in compliance while the regulations continue to be reviewed, unless doing so would pose a health or safety risk. The Zoning Department will sign off on the applications and renewals as they stand. The State has also agreed to leniency. Jenifer Nalli with the VDSS said that her department would renew existing licenses for their existing number of children unless otherwise notified

by Fairfax County, or until the situation is fully resolved. No specific date was announced, but mid-2013 was mentioned by most of the speakers as the time when the changes could be expected to be fi-

The meeting officially adjourned shortly after 9 p.m., but the members of the panel stayed to continue answering questions and address concerns.

In a statement released on July 24, Supervisor Herrity announced that he would be asking the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors at a committee meeting that day look at increasing the number of children that can be cared for without obtaining a special permit, to match the cap allowed by the State.





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Christian Kosko of Burke has been named to the dean's list at Radford University. He is a sophomore majoring in Criminal Justice and is a 2011 graduate of Lake Braddock Secondary.

Michael McVay of Burke has been named to the fall 2011 dean's list at the University of Northwestern Ohio in the College of Applied Technologies. He is a 2009 graduate of Lake Braddock Secondary School.

Monica Zinn of Burke has been named to the fall 2011 dean's list at the Savannah College of Art and Design, Savannah, Ga.

Natchanon Ketram of Burke is among the Marymount University undergraduate students who have been selected as national outstanding campus leaders and are included in the 2012 edition of Who's Who among Students in American Universities and Colleges. Ketram is majoring in Biology.

Kelsey Zinck of Burke has been named to the fall 2011 dean's list at The College of New Jersey of Ewing, N.J.

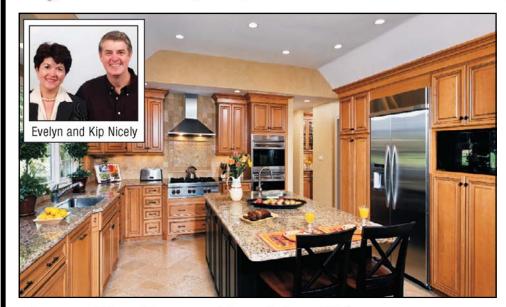
Jonathan Austin Kilbourn of Burke has been named to the fall 2011 dean's list at Clemson University of Clemson, S.C. Kilbourn is majoring in history.

Franklin Shakespeare of Burke was named to the fall 2011 dean's list at Bryant University of Smithfield, R.I. He is a senior accounting major.

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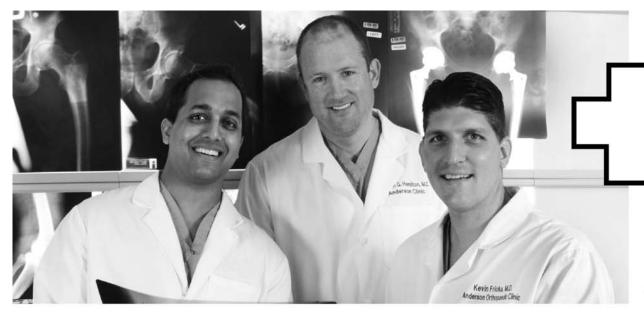


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OPINION

Readers Respond on TJ Admissions

"Stop making smart 8th graders feel inferior because they are not admitted."

eaders responded to last week's editorial, which cited a civil rights complaint about the apparent lack of access to gifted and talented programs and admission to Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology.

The larger impact of the disparities is evident in the demographics of the students who qualify for gifted and talented services at a certain level in elementary school, which affects more than 12,000 students. By comparison, the incoming class at Thomas Jefferson is 480 students.

From the complaint:

"Being 'identified' as eligible for Level 4 services is no easy task for Black or Latino students in Fairfax County. Data specifically broken down for elementary and middle school was not readily available. However, overall K-8 data is striking. Among the 12,044 elementary and middle school students identified last year as eligible for Level IV GT services by FCPS last year, substantial racial and ethnic disparities are evident."

Hispanic students make up 6.2 percent of those identified as gifted but 22 percent of students overall. Black students make up just 3.8 percent of those identified but nearly 10 percent of students overall.

The complaint was filed by Martina Hone, former school board member and founder of the Coalition of the Silence, and Charisse Espy Glassman, education chair of the Fairfax NAACP.

HERE ARE some excerpts from reader comments:

"The [editorial] was incomplete ... as it failed to address the relatively much larger issue of white students admission to Thomas Jefferson, which your article states as 26 percent of the class of 2016, which is versus a Fairfax County school system white student population of about 45 percent."

Brad Brewster, Fairfax Station underrepresented Asians (families from Viet-

"[Poor students are] not innately less talented, however they don't reach their full potential ... This should come as no surprise considering their home environment includes overworked parents that have 'no time' to micromanage a student, and no resources to hire a tutor. The stereotypical Asian 'Tiger Mom' is not just a stereotype, in my experience ... The persistent encouragement for success from such a parent is likely behind the large Asian representation at TJ. Having tu-

nam and the Philippines). But long ago, TJ decided that racial and ethnic diversity could not be pursued ... Many want TJ, not because they are interested in science and math, but because TJ is a safest way to be admitted to UVA. Make every school in Fairfax County as incredible as TJ is. Clearly many, such as those in our area, McLean and Langley, are already there. Provide access to advanced courses at George Mason for those who need special acceleration. And stop making smart 8th graders feel inferior because they are not admitted."

Eddie Eitches, McLean

Demographics

	White	Asian	Hispanic	Black
Fairfax County	62.7	17.6	15.6	9.2
FCPS	44	20	22	10
TJ	26.2	64.2	2.7	1.4
Gifted and Talented	51.3	32.4	6.2	3.8

tored a disadvantaged Hispanic student for the first time last year I noted he had access to cable TV and both the latest Xbox and Playstation gaming systems (all the distractions of a wealthier student) but lacked the encouragement from his mother (a single parent household) to reach academic excellence. This was an unfortunate combination."

Daniel Bronson, Arlington

"This is a culture contest pure and simple. One culture puts study and commitment to educational goals at the top of life's responsibilities and diversions. The others, not nearly so much. Change the cultures if you can."

William Smith, Fairfax

"There are sufficient talented African Americans in the jurisdiction to make up at least 10 percent of TJ, their percentage of the overall population. And this is true for Latinos and

DEMOGRAPHICS:

Whites make up 62.7 percent of Fairfax County population, 44 percent of students in Fairfax County Public Schools, 51.3 percent of elementary and middle school students who qualify for specific gifted services in FCPS and 26.2 percent of the incoming class at Thomas

Asians make up about 18 percent of the overall Fairfax County population, 20 percent of students in Fairfax County Public Schools, 34 percent of elementary and middle school students who qualify for higher level gifted ser-

dents who qualify for higher level gifted services in FCPS and 64 percent of the incoming class at Thomas Jefferson.

Hispanics make up about 16 percent of the overall Fairfax County population, 22 percent of students in Fairfax County Public Schools, 6 percent of elementary and middle school students who qualify for specific gifted services in FCPS and 3.8 percent of the incoming class at Thomas Jefferson.

Blacks make up 9.2 percent of the Fairfax County population overall, 10 percent of the students in Fairfax County Public Schools, 3.8 percent of the students who qualify for specific gifted services in FCPS and 1.4 percent of the incoming class at Thomas Jefferson.

Storms Provide Wake-Up Call

Dust off emergency plans; sign-up for Fairfax County alerts.

By Jeffrey McKay
Supervisor (D-Lee District)

've been thinking a lot about emergencies lately—a derecho, four days without power in a heat wave with two small kids, and a flooded kitchen floor will do that to you. So will a magnitude 5.8 earthquake such as the one we experienced last August.

In this part of the country, we're accustomed to weather emergencies that give a few days' notice. With hurricanes and snow storms, there's usually time to make a store run, secure loose items

around the house, and alter travel plans. Garden-variety thunderstorms are a normal part of our summers, and any power outages are usually short. The derecho violent straight line thunderstorms with the power of tornados - that roared into our area on June 29 was something else entirely, and a sharp reminder of what nature can do to our infrastructure. I'd say we've had a loud wake-up call to government at all levels, to utilities, and most of all, to us as individuals to plan for the unexpected. Back in the days and months af-

ter the 9/11 terrorist attack, you

couldn't read a news story or turn on the TV without hearing about family emergency plans. Many of us put those plans in place, and then - as the years rolled by without incident - those plans and emergency kits gathered dust and got shuttled off to a closet somewhere. Emergencies come in many different forms and some of the most damaging have natural causes. Now would be a good time to dust off and replenish those emergency kits and communication plans.

Fairfax County's web page has a lot of very useful information at http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/oem/residents/. If you go to http://family.readynova.com/you'll be guided through creating a family emergency plan. It'll be a half hour

well spent that could save you hours and days later.

If I could ask for just one thing, it's for every Fairfax County resident to sign up for the County's CEAN (Community Emergency Alert Network) text alert system. This system delivers important alerts, notifications, and updates during a major crisis or emergency, in addition to day-to-day notices about weather and traffic. You can sign up online at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/cean. Messages will be delivered to all devices you register, including email accounts, cell phones, text pagers, satellite phones, and wireless devices.

This is information that I hope you'll never need to use, but it can help you to sleep better at night knowing you're well prepared.

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Are We Really Happy?

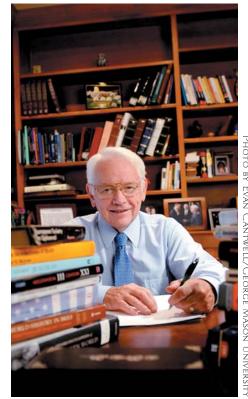
GMU Provost Peter N. Stearns publishes book about modern times and happiness.

atisfaction Not Guaranteed" is the title of a recently published book by local scholar, Peter N. Stearns, the George Mason University Provost. The book sifts through a question that some people may pose to themselves, "but are we really happy?"

As the book flap for Satisfaction Not Guaranteed: Dilemmas of Progress in Modern Society notes; Stearns "examines why the gains of living in modern urban, industrial, affluent societies have not proved more satisfying than they have."

In a recent conversation, Stearns discussed "Satisfaction Not Guaranteed." He spoke of "how we are shaped by powerful forces of modernity. It is important for us to identify and understand these forces and with thoughtfulness."

Stearns's emphasized that "there is a need for a pursuit of



Peter N. Stearns

balance." He suggested "exploring how we can cope with the demands of modern life." He leaves the reader of Satisfaction Not Guaranteed: Dilemmas of Progress in Modern Society with the hope that we continue to search for and "have a richer palette of personal goals" in our lives.

Currently and since 2000, Stearns is the Provost of George Mason University. He is the author of many books and articles. Since 1967, he has also served as editor-inchief of The Journal of Social History. Satisfaction Not Guaranteed: Dilemmas of Progress in Modern Society is published by NYU Press. More on the author is located at: http:// provost.gmu.edu/stearns/ about/

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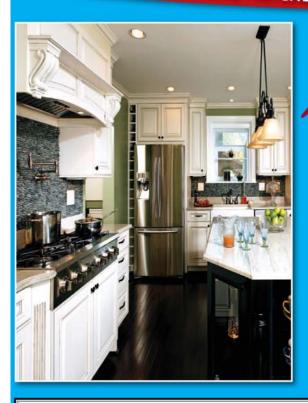
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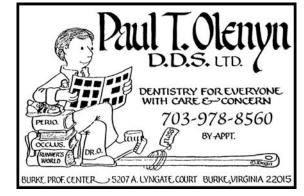


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WELLBEING

Taking Care of One's Teeth

American Dental Association says many Americans don't know basic oral care.

By Marilyn Campbell

ere's a pop quiz: How often should a person replace their toothbrush? "Once a year," said Terrie Andrews of McLean. When should a parent schedule a child's first dental appointment? "Just after their 6th birthday," said Julie Mahon, an Alexandria mother of 2-vear-old twins

Both answers are incorrect, but consistent with the findings of a new survey by the American Dental Association, which tested the average person's knowledge of oral health care. On average, Americans did not know the answers to questions ranging from how often to brush to what causes cavities.

THE SURVEY is part of an initiative, launched this summer, aimed at educating the public about maintaining healthy teeth. Dental care experts say prevention, care and treatment information are key to fighting gum disease and keeping teeth healthy. "Good dental health is important, as we are living longer

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and we need to make the one set of teeth we get last a lifetime," said Dr. Matthew Messina, ADA consumer

In fact, toothbrushes should be replaced every three **Dr. Matthew Messina of the Ameri**months or as soon as the bristles become fraved or can Medical Association says preworn. The ADA also recommends brushing one's teeth

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vention, care and treatment information are key to fighting gum disease and keeping teeth healthy.

While a toothbrush and floss are considered the keys to a beautiful smile, cosmetic dentists have new tools in the quest for perfect teeth. The American Academy of Cosmetic Dentistry (AACD) says a few technological advancements are ncreasing safety, efficiency and patient comfort during dental procedures. Topping the list:

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WELLBEING

Taking Care of One's Teeth

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twice per day and says a child's first dental visit should take place no later than six months after the first tooth appears.

More than 80 percent of those surveyed believe sugar causes cavities. They're actually caused by acid that forms when germs in the mouth feed on sugar. The acid attacks and weakens the tooth enamel, allowing a cavity to form.

The survey showed that many believe gums that bleed after brushing is normal, but experts say such bleeding could be a sign of early gum disease. "Periodontal disease is a slowly progressing disease where the early warning signs are subtle. There is seldom any pain until the disease is very advanced. Redness and puffiness in the gums around the teeth are something to watch for. Bleeding of the gums when someone brushes or flosses is not normal and should be evaluated. Eventually, pain and swelling from gum infections will occur, but the damage is advanced by that point," said Messina.

Diet plays a role in healthy teeth, as well. "Don't underestimate the role of nutrition and the role that food choices play in preventing gum disease and maintaining healthy teeth. The presence of too much or too little of any nutrient can have harmful effects, particularly on the mouth and teeth, and may contribute to oral diseases and infection," said Dr. Raymond K. Martin, spokesman for the Academy of General Dentistry. "Your teeth and jaws are made mostly of calcium. Without enough calcium in your diet, you risk of developing gum disease and tooth decay. Iron deficiency can cause your tongue to become inflamed, and sores can form inside your mouth." Martin added that a lack of vitamin B3 can cause bad breath and canker sores.

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THURSDAY/AUG. 2

Senior Fall Prevention

Classes. 1:30 p.m. The Woodlands Retirement Community, 4320 Forest Hill Drive, Fairfax. Classes designed to work on balance and core muscles to prevent injuries and falls; Instructor certified in back and hip rehab. Every Tuesday and Thursday in a heated indoor pool. \$10. Registration required at 703-667-9800.

SATURDAY/AUG. 4

Women and Children's Expo.

10 a.m.-6 p.m. Grand Court, Fair Oaks Mall. Showcasing career opportunities for women and enrichment programs for children. 703-359-8302. www.ShopFair.Oaks.Mall.com.

SUNDAY/AUG. 5

Parents Without Partners

Orientation Meeting. 2 p.m. City of Fairfax Regional Library, 10360 North Street, Room 214, Fairfax. RSVP 703-

Volunteers for Change

Orientation. 12-1 p.m. Volunteer Fairfax Office. 10530 Page Avenue, Fairfax. Orientation for those wishing to participate in local community service projects. Registration required at 703jkivlin@volunteerfairfax.org.

MONDAY/AUG. 6

Summer Exercise Sessions.

9:30 a.m. Lord of Life Lutheran Church, 5114 Twinbrook Road, Fairfax. Exercise for strength, balance and flexibility using chairs. Seven weekly sessions; \$7 per session. Sponsored by The Shepherd's Center Fairfax-Burke. 703-323-5886 or www.fairfax-burkesc.org.

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WEDNESDAY/AUG. 15

Ask the Experts: Alzheimer's

Open Q&A Session. 1:30 p.m. Alzheimer's Family Day Center, 2812 Old Lee Highway, Suite 210, Fairfax. Bring your questions and join a guided discussion with the help of dementia care professionals. 703-204-4664

FRIDAY/AUG. 10

Stroke and Osteoporosis

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Memories in Watercolor

Burke resident finds passion in painting.

By Amna Rehmatulla
The Connection

enneth "Bud" Aldrich painted his first watercolor 74 years ago when he was 15 years old. He would walk about five to ten miles to a library in Pittsburgh on Saturdays, where he had a class in which he was told to paint something from memory. "I painted a local railroad station looking down on it from above," Aldrich recalled. He didn't have any schooling in art. He was mostly self-taught. What he picked up was out of magazines and books. "There was an artist in Pittsburgh that did paintings for a magazine section of the Sunday newspaper and he did watercolors. He used to put some beautiful watercolors in there and I liked them. I guess I appreciated watercolors and how free and easy and sometimes when you're painting

you try to do something you like, it doesn't work out and other times it's an accident and works out beautiful for you," Aldrich said.

Aldrich was born and raised in Pittsburgh. He worked as a service manager in a body shop for a Chevrolet dealer and raised two daughters with his wife, Alice. She was the one who said he was an artist. "I didn't believe I was an artist. I didn't have time. Mostly at Christmas I would settle down and make a card for the kids," Aldrich said. Alice bought him his very first art table for Christmas and that got him started on watercolors again. When Aldrich's kids grew older and moved out, he created an art room. Painting watercolors was not his career. It was just a hobby that he pursued for most of his life.

ALDRICH'S BUSINESS CARD reads: "Memories in Watercolor," and that's exactly what he does. His paintings are stroked with nostalgia of a time and place. "For the family, I make something that they will remember," Aldrich said. His grandson used to play on a tank in a park and he loved that tank, so Aldrich finally got an old black and white picture of it and made that for him. Most of his artwork is composed of landscapes and sceneries of places that he's visited, such as Sanibel Island in Florida and his home in suburban Pittsburgh. When asked if he paints from memory, Aldrich said, "I have to be there to paint it and then I take a picture and bring it back. Sometimes I take a lot of pictures and combine them. Sometimes I decide yeah this is going to be a good composition and then I work from the photo. I don't normally work exactly from the photo. I change or delete. That's one good thing about painting you can take out or put in something you want."

Last Christmas, Aldrich made a calendar with his artwork. "I told him you have all these beautiful paintings why would you buy Christmas gifts for the children and grandchildren, so I told him let's make a calendar, "Tracey O'Malley, his daughter, said. Aldrich lives with his daughter, O'Malley, in Burke. He taught her how to paint watercolors. Sometimes, the father-



Daughter Tracey O'Malley and father Kenneth Bud Aldrich show their watercolor paintings that they worked on together.

daughter take their palettes, go out someplace and simply paint. Earlier in the summer, they were at the Georgetown C&O Canal painting for three hours. "He likes the company and I like to be there," O'Malley said. A lot of artists that O'Malley and Aldrich interact with at art shows are impressed that he does watercolors and turns out such beautiful products. Most of them say, "Oh, you do watercolor that's the most difficult thing to do," O'Malley said. Additionally, Aldrich taught his grandson how to paint watercolors that led to a career as a tattoo artist.

THESE DAYS, Aldrich's workstation is the kitchen table in O'Malley's house where he spends a lot of time painting. His favorite thing to paint is "Anything, anything outside, anything that's a memory that will serve me as memory. You go to the beach, a covered bridge, anything you see where the shadows are falling." The most difficult thing for him to paint is people and animals mainly because he didn't take any classes in painting them.

What inspires Aldrich in his paintings is "Life in general I guess. I just love life. I enjoy everything I see, I enjoy people, my wife inspired me quite a bit and Tracey too. Like I said, I just love life, that's all. When I get a chance, I put it down on paper." Most of the paintings Aldrich creates he gives away. He does it for his own enjoyment and other people's enjoyment. "We have always loved that he's gotten so much joy out of it (his watercolors). And we are very stingy my sister and I when he gives any away. We love and adore it. It brings him so much happiness. He's such a good role model as far as attitude towards life," O'Malley said.

Aldrich advises that with watercolors you need patience. All of your paintings will not be great. In order to become better, "Keep drawing and keep doing it. It's fun. The more you do it, the more fun you have and the better you get. Don't do it now and then two years later do it again. Keep doing it," Aldrich said.

He also adds, "It's nice if you have somebody that motivates you, which I had with my wife and my daughters now. The motivation means a whole lot. And you get pleasure showing them to people that would enjoy it."

CALENDAR

To have community events listed, send to south@connectionnewspapers.com or call 703-778-9416 with questions. Deadline for calendar listings is two weeks prior to event.

FRIDAY/AUG. 3

Pushcart Players: Happily Ever After... A Cinderella Tale. 10:30 a.m. Filene Center, 1551 Trap Road, Vienna. Featuring music by composer Larry Hochman. \$8-\$10 at 1-877-WOLFTRAP or www.wolftrap.org/TITW.

Wolf Trap Opera Company:
The Rake's Progress. 8 p.m.
Wolf Trap Center for the
Performing Arts, 1551 Trap
Road, Vienna. Preshow talk one
hour before performance.
www.wolftrap.org.

Dinner and Whiskey Tasting at George Washington's Distillery. 6:30 p.m. George Washington's Distillery & Gristmill, 5513 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway, Alexandria. Reception, dinner, distillery tour and more. \$150. MountVernon.org.

Incendio. 7:30 p.m. Grist Mill Park, 4710 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway, Alexandria. Latin. Free. 703-324-7469 or www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/ performances.

SATURDAY/AUG. 4

Traditional Vietnamese
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www.wolftrap.org/TITW.

SUNDAY/AUG. 5

Wolf Trap Opera Company: The Rake's Progress. 3 p.m. Wolf Trap Center for the Performing Arts, 1551 Trap Road, Vienna. Preshow talk one hour before performance. www.wolftrap.org.

MONDAY/AUG. 6

Children's Music Performance Series. 10:30 a.m. Old Town Hall, 3999 University Drive, Fairfax. First and third Mondays of each month. Free admission. 703-352-2787 or www.fairfaxarts.org.

TUESDAY/AUG. 7

Before the People Came. 10:30 a.m. Filene Center, 1551 Trap Road, Vienna. Based on an African fable, the production features a combination of poetry, dance, and delightfully imaginative costumes accompanied by a blend of jazz, blues, pop, and African rhythms. \$8-\$10 at 1-877-WOLFTRAP or www.wolftrap.org/TITW.

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FRIDAY/AUG. 10

Guy Mendilow Band. 7:30 p.m. Grist Mill Park, 4710 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway, Alexandria. World music. Free. 703-324-7469 or www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/ performances.

SATURDAY/AUG. 11

The United States Air Force Band Airmen of Note. 7 p.m. Workhouse Arts Center, 9601 Ox Road, Lorton. Big Band Jazz. Free. 703-324-7469 or www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/ performances.

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Wolf Trap Center for the Performing Arts, 1551 Trap Road, Vienna. Preshow talk one hour before performance. www.wolftrap.org.

MONDAY/AUG. 13

Make Something Mondays! 10 a.m. Burke United Methodist Church, 6200 Burke Centre Parkway. A free craft for preschoolers, elementary students and parents. www.burkeumc.org, 703-250-

Joe Walsh. 8 p.m. Filene Center, 1551 Trap Road, Vienna. \$48 in-house, \$30 lawn. www.wolftrap.com.

TUESDAY/AUG. 14

Lyle Lovett. 8 p.m. Filene Center, 1551 Trap Road, Vienna. \$42 in-house, \$25 lawn. www.wolftrap.com.

WEDNESDAY/AUG. 15 John Prine and Emmylou

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SPORTS



Great Falls native Kate Ziegler, seen at the U.S. Olympic Trials, will compete in her second Olympic games when she swims in the 800-meter freestyle on Thursday, Aug. 2.

Ziegler's Second Olympics

Great Falls native Kate Ziegler to compete in London.

reat Falls native and Bishop O'Connell High School graduate Kate Ziegler will swim in her second Olympic games on Thursday, Aug. 2, when she competes in heat five of the 800-meter freestyle in London.

Ziegler, 24, will swim in lane five of the heat, competing with Canada's Savannah King, Spain's Erika Villaecija Garcia, China's Yiwen Shao, Great Britain's Rebecca Adlington, New Zealand's Lauren Boyle, Australia's Jess Ashwood and Argentina's Cecilia Biagioli.

Fellow American and Bethesda, Md., native Katie Ledecky, 15, will swim in heat three. The top eight finishers will compete in the finals on Aug. 3.

Ziegler competed in the 2008 Olympics in Beijing, finishing 10th in the 800 and 14th in the 400. She won gold medals at the 2005 (1500 free, 800 free) and 2007 world championships (1500 free, 800 free), along with a silver (1500 free) and bronze (800 free) at the 2011 world championships.

In 2005, Ziegler first broke Sippy Woodhead's 25-year-old American record in the 800 freestyle during the FINA World Cup. At the time, Woodhead's record was the oldest American mark in the record book. In 2007, Ziegler broke Janet Evans' world record in the 1500 freestyle. Evans'



Bishop O'Connell graduate Kate Ziegler is seen at the U.S. Olympic trials in Omaha.

record was the longest standing swimming world record.

Ziegler, who stands 6 feet, was born in Fairfax and graduated from Arlington's Bishop O'Connell High School in 2006. She trains in Great Falls with her club team, The Fish, and coach Ray Benecki. She attends Chapman University in Orange, Calif.

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Supporting Troops First

Josh Marr, Hidden Creek Country Club's golf pro, played 16 hours of golf on Monday, July 23 to raise funds for Troops First, a foundation that aids in the rehabilitation of combat wounded soldiers. In total, Marr played 270 holes or 15 rounds of golf. He shot an average of 73 per round with an average time of 1 hour and 10 minutes per round. Once all the pledges are in, Marr believes he will have raised \$14,500. On Aug. 4, Hidden Creek will host the Foster Cup and raise funds through that event, also for Troops First.

Sports Roundups-

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Fuller is Lee HS Girls' Soccer Coach

John Fuller has been named the varsity girls' soccer coach at Robert E. Lee High School.

Fuller was the Lee JV coach last season and has been the JV girls' soccer coach at Connelly School of the Holy Child in Potomac, Md., for the last 10 years. He coached U16 girls' soccer for eight years with travel teams in Virginia and Florida,

winning regional titles and finishing second at the Walt Disney tournament in Orlando.

Fuller is the chief diversity educator for the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs in Washington, D.C., and is a former director of diversity for Johns Hopkins Hospital. He is a retired U.S. Army major and former U.S. Marine Corps sergeant with 26 years of military service.

Fuller graduated with a Doctor of Education degree from California Coast University, has an MS in business ethics and an MS in community leadership from Duquesne University, and an MA in education from Vermont College. He completed his undergraduate studies at Indiana University.

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