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## News A Complete Failure

### Fairfax County says Verizon 'failed completely' during June 29 derecho.

By Victoria Ross The Connection

he eerie silence is what Steve Souder, Fairfax County's 911 director, remembers about the night of June 29, when the derecho hit Fairfax County.

"The derecho was fierce and sudden, a lot of things most storms

aren't," Souder said in an interview on Friday. "We were busy as all get-out."

The fast-moving storms slammed Fairfax County at about 10:20 p.m., resulting in a record number of emergency calls-a 415 percent jump for 911 dispatchers and a 2,000 percent jump for Fire and Rescue. Approximately 30 minutes later, power flickered and then died in the McConnell Public Safety and Transportation Operations Center (MPSTOC), where 46 911 dispatchers were fielding hundreds of calls.

"We can't afford to be crippled, so our generators came on, and we're rocking and rollin' in the blink of an eye," Souder said.

At 1:30 a.m., the first wave of calls started to subside.

"We're taking a deep breath and looking ahead to sunrise, when we fully expected another wave of calls as people wake up and take a look around their homes at the damage," Souder said.

THE NEXT MORNING, as hundreds of thousands of county residents awoke to smashed cars, split fences and downed power lines from uprooted trees, the county's 911 operators braced themselves for another onslaught of calls.

But the next wave never came.

"The phones just stopped ringing. We were dead in the water... Never, ever, ever has this happened to us," said Souder, who has been in emergency op-

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**County 911 Director** 

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Fairfax County's 911 Call Center located in the McConnell **Public Safety and Transportation Operations Center,** named after former Fairfax County Supervisor Elaine McConnell.

erations for 44 years.

It would be several more hours before Souder and other County officials learned that no calls were getting through due to a problem with Verizon. According to Souder, all calls to Fairfax County's 911 go through the Verizon network, regardless of the commercial carrier service. From 7:36 a.m. until 3 p.m. on June 30, 911 service was completely down and for the next three days service was sporadic.

Souder said signs of trouble with Verizon came around 7 a.m., when Verizon sent a cryptic email to Fairfax County staff saying that the Arlington central office was without power or backup battery/generator. The references to Arlington, according to Souder, suggested that 911 service was affected only in Arlington County, so Fairfax County's 911 staff continued with their normal operations.

"We are completely unaware that incoming 911 call service from Verizon is slowly dying ... We don't get officially notified until about 10 hours after [the] whole mess begins, which is completely unacceptable," Souder said, adding:

"It's like the Captain of the Titanic telling passengers the ship hit an iceberg when the bow is on the bottom of the ocean floor."

As a result of this critical outage, Fairfax County submitted official comments to the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) detailing what happened, suggestions for Verizon to improve its service and exhibits to show supporting

documentation and actions.

"During and after a storm, and in any emergency or disaster, the loss of the public's ability to contact emergency responders is most profoundly felt," according to County officials. "Families in darkened homes crushed by fallen trees, motorists unable to get through roadways blocked by downed electric power lines, elderly residents in care facilities without power in temperatures over 90 degrees, and any other citizens in need of emergency services must be able to call 911 to seek assistance."

"Fairfax County is, and will stay, on top of this," said Fairfax County Board

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The popular Las Quetzales Mexican Dance Ensemble at the Burke Centre Festival.

## **Burke Centre Fall** Festival Sept. 8-9

Affordable family Festival Hours fun-and flash mob (maybe...)

live music and appetizers.

By Victoria Ross The Connection

urke hosts its biggest block party on Sept. 8 and 9 as the community welcomes friends and neighbors of all ages for the 35th annual Burke Centre Fall Festival. The event will be held at the Burke Centre Conservancy's (BCC) Festival Grounds, 6060 Burke Centre Parkway.

"This is still the most affordable family event around," said Jeannie Winslow, administration director for the BCC. "The goal is not to make money, but to celebrate the Burke Centre community."

Winslow said this year's event features community favorites, such as the quality arts and crafts show with a shopper incentive program where buyers can win prizes just for making a purchase, delicious food and live entertainment appealing to all ages.

"We've enhanced the event by adding more pony rides and face painters so the lines are not too long. I always say there's something for everyone, but it's true with this event," Winslow said.

She added that there is a surprise this year, which will "probably" happen on Sunday afternoon.

"I've wanted to do something like a flash mob at the festival for several years, but you have to come out and see if we can make that happen, maybe on www.burkecentreweb.com for Sunday afternoon around 1 p.m. You never know," she said, smiling.

10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 8 5 to 10 p.m. Wine Garden with Sunday, Sept. 9 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. \*Admission is free.

In addition to two days of live entertainment, including the popular Mexican Dance Ensemble, there are carnival rides, two moon bounces, a junior Ferris wheel, a 28-foot rockclimbing wall, interactive wildlife exhibits, face-painting, toddler play areas and pet care centers. New features this year include private areas for nursing mothers and diaper changing, TalkStory with Burke Living History Demonstrations (from 3-4 p.m. each day), and a classic Mustang raffle hosted by the Baileys Crossroad Rotary Club.

"We really try to find something that's appealing for all age groups, and everything is reasonably priced, so it's a very family-friendly event," Winslow said. "There are many free activities, and all of the entertainment is free, so you don't have to spend a dime. People are usually quite pleased with the variety of food, attractions and entertainment."

Her "insider" tip this year? Use the free shuttle buses, which will pick up festival-goers at the community centers and Metro bus lots. In addition, free parking is available along Burke Centre Parkway and at Knollwood Community Church on Saturday across from the conservancy. The festival typically draws about 10,000 people for the weekend, Winslow said.

Check out the website at more information about parking, sponsors and other event information.



Steve Souder www.ConnectionNewspapers.com

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## Feedback Sought on **Emergency Communications** Fairfax County online survey

now available.

fter filing a report last so that we can implement cor-Communications Commission on Verizon's 911 outages, Fairfax County officials are looking at how to improve their own communications during emergencies.

The county wants to know how it can better communicate with residents and businesses in a disaster like a derecho, hurricane or terrorist attack. Officials are seeking feedback in a short, online survey.

"We're asking for every resident to provide input, as well as business owners," said David McKernan, coordinator of the Fairfax County Office of Emergency Management. "It's important for us as emergency planners to learn how this storm affected our residents. businesses and infrastructure

week with the Federal rective measures and plans for a better response for future storms."

> To take the survey, visit https:// www.surveymonkey.com/s/ fairfaxemergencyinfo. This survey is part of the county's official review of its response to the July 2012 derecho.

> However, this storm is not the last time that the county could experience widespread, long-lasting power outages.

> Hurricane season lasts until Nov. 30 in the Washington, D.C. area, and forecasts calls for five to eight hurricanes in the Atlantic this year. It's not only the Gulf Coast that's at risk, officials say. In 2003, Hurricane Isabel left thousands in the area without power and water for days.

> > –Victoria Ross

### Fairfax Art League Hosts September Gallery Events

Fairfax Art League's September Gallery Shows at the Fairfax Old Town Hall Gallery and the Fairfax Village Gallery open Saturday, Sept. 8 and run through Wednesday, Oct. 3. These exhibits will be free to the public with an opening reception where guests may meet Atti Wheeler and the other Fairfax Art League artists at the Fairfax Old Town Hall Gallery in the City of Fairfax on Thursday, Sept. 13 from 7 to 9 p.m.

Atti Wheeler will be the featured artist at both Fairfax Art League Galleries this month, while a complete assortment of fine art paintings, drawings and fine art photography by members of the Fairfax Art League will also be on exhibit.

Atti Wheeler says she enjoys searching out artistic media because she always finds something new to discover, such as movement of lines, shape, colors, light, shade and form, which she says attract her.

She uses a mixture of oil painting and mixed media to express her reaction to her subjects. This often involves collages with earth materials, used for visual and textured effects. Wheeler says that for her, painting is copying the subject but a creative response conveying her appreciation and excitement about her subjects.

Wheeler received a B.F.A. degree in Fine Arts from Accademia Di Belle Arti University of Fine Arts in Rome, Italy, majoring in design and painting. She received many awards from The Fairfax Art League, Alexandria Art League and MOCA DC Art Gallery in Washington, D.C.

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Serenity II, oil/mixed media by Atti Vakili Wheeler from her Shells Dance show.

The Fairfax Old Town Hall Gallery September Art Show is on the second floor of the Old Town Hall at 3999 University Drive at the corner of Main Street in the City of Fairfax from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

Fairfax Village Art Gallery September Art Show will show "How We Survived

Summer," in which Fairfax League artists preset their accordingly-themed work. The Village Gallery is located at 3950 University Drive in the Old

Town Plaza within the City of Fairfax near Route 123. This gallery will be open Saturdays from 1 to 7 p.m. starting Sept. 8.



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### AREA ROUNDUPS Football Stadiums Raise Banners Against Underage Drinking

Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) high school football stadiums will sport new banners this fall encouraging parents and adults in the community to report underage drinking parties to the police. The banners, donated by the Unified Prevention Coalition of Fairfax County (UPC), are a part of the UPC's Parents Who Host, Lose the Most education campaign.

While there has been a decline in reported alcohol use by high school seniors from 2005 to 2010, the 2010-11 Fairfax County Youth Survey showed that 36.5 percent of high school seniors report they have used alcohol in the past 30 days and 20.5 percent reporting binge drinking during the past two weeks.

The main message of the campaign encourages parents and adults to support alcohol-free events and to report parties with suspected underage drinking to police. Parents and adults may call 703-691-2131; these calls can be anonymous.

Each FCPS high school has received a banner for its football stadium and gym, as well as Parents Who Host (PWH) fact cards about underage drinking laws with tips for parents for distribution at parent events, PWH posters for school offices frequented by parents, a poster on risks of underage drinking for posting in student areas, and a print advertisement for homecoming and football programs and for school and booster club websites.

The nonprofit UPC partners with more than 50 community organizations to prevent violence, alcohol, and other drug use by youth and young adults.

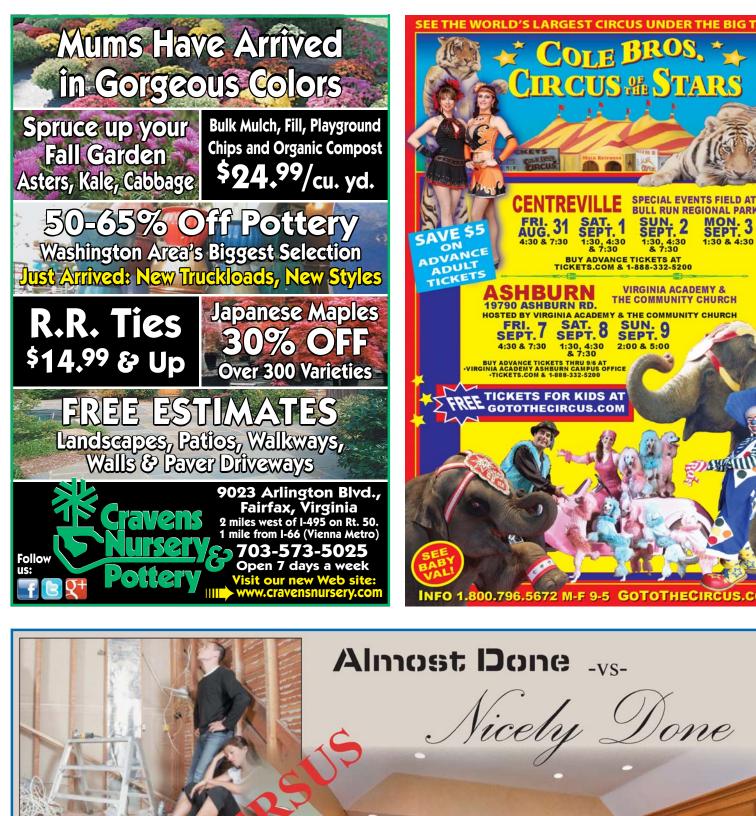
### Main Street Child Development Center Names New Director

The Board of Directors of Main Street Child Development Center, a nonprofit early learning center located in the City of Fairfax near George Mason University, has named Barbara Micek to the position of center director. Micek, who has been assistant director since July 2011, succeeds Elizabeth Egan, who retired in June.

In addition to Micek's appointment, the board elected new officers for the 2012-2013 fiscal year.

Linda O'Donohue of Fairfax, senior manager at Deloitte Tax LLP, was named president. Fern Hernberg of Vienna, president & CEO of Eagle HR, Inc., is vice president. Juli Clifford of Arlington, a real estate consultant at Keller Williams Tysons/Vienna, was elected secretary. Patrick Matus of Manassas, director, compliance & client services, for CompuGain, will continue as treasurer.

Along with those appointments, four new members were named to the board of directors: David Baker, of Fairfax, a senior consultant with CGI Federal; Elizabeth Egan, of Alexandria, retired executive director of the center; Allison Gilmore, of Arlington, director of communications and public relations for the Northern Virginia Technology Council; and Eric Laychock, of Centreville, an associate with Booz Allen Hamilton.



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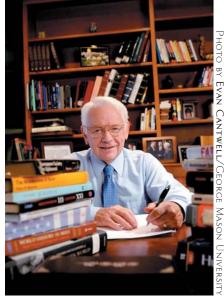
### GMU Provost Peter N. Stearns publishes book about modern times and happiness.

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



Peter N. Stearns

Rick Schroeder, member of The Rotary Club of Fairfax,

receiving the Service Above Self award. Photo courtesy of

The members represent a cross-section of local business, professional and community leaders. The club

is a member of Rotary International, an organiza-

tion of business and professional persons united

worldwide who provide humanitarian service, en-

courage high ethical standards in all vocations, and

help build goodwill and peace in the world. Rotary

Rotary Club of Fairfax meets on Mondays at 12:15

p.m. at the American Legion Hall on Oak Street in

Fairfax City. For more information about the Rotary

Club of Fairfax, visit the club's website at

www.fairfaxrotary.org. Or email Rotary Club of

Fairfax's Executive Director Irby N. Hollans, Jr., at

pursuit of 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-in-chief of The Journal of Social History. Satisfaction Not Guaranteed: Dilemmas of Progress in Modern Society is published by NYU Press. Find more on the author at: http:// provost.gmu.edu/stearns/ about/.

-DAVID SIEGEL

### Schroeder Receives Service Above Self Award

Irby Hollans.

The Rotary Club of Fairfax recently recognized Rotarian Rick Schroeder with the Service Above Self award. The annual award recognizes a member of the club who has demonstrated exemplary humanitarian service, with an emphasis on personal volunteer efforts and active involvement in helping others through Rotary.

The recipient of this year's Service above Self award was chosen by unanimous decision of The Fairfax Rotary Board of Directors. Schroeder demonstrated a handson personal philosophy of humanitarian service. "Rick has been instrumental in keeping things running smoothly here for our regular meetings by setting up and stowing away our Rotary banners, projector screen and other mate-

rials. He has been a regular at our desk where he greets us, takes our attendance, introduces our visiting Rotarians and guests and keeps our records for us. He has also been an active participant in our many club service activities throughout the year," said Dr. Laura Hills, president. "He presented an inspiring program to our club this year to enlighten us about the Guatemala Literacy Project, with which he has International's motto is "Service Above Self." The been involved for a number of years, showing tremendous personal dedication. This soft-spoken individual rolls up his sleeves, gives tirelessly of himself, and demonstrates every day the Rotary motto, Service above Self."

The Rotary Club of Fairfax is nonreligious and nonpolitical, and is open to every race, culture and creed. ihollans@earthlink.net.

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### Fairfax Station's Yat Places 3rd in Nation EACE TH On Saturday, Aug. 4, Fairfax

Station resident Emma Yates, 11, captured third place in the long-distance softball throw event at the 2012 Hershey Track and Field North American Final in Hershey, Pa.

Yates threw a career-best 140 feet. The winner threw 159 feet and the second-place finisher threw 154 feet. Yates qualified for the 2012 North American final after winning the 2012 Virginia state championship in July. She was also the Virginia state champion in 2010, but did not qualify for the North American final that year. Yates also won the 2012 Fairfax County and Northern Region events prior to the state event and qualified after her throw in Charlottesville was the longest throw in the Southeast Zone of the U.S.

Yates plays catcher, shortstop and pitcher for the SYA Xplosion 12U travel team.

"When she is behind the



Fairfax resident Elayna Tursky has been chosen to participate in the Lipper Internship Program at the Museum of Jewish Heritage—A Living Memorial to the Holocaust in Lower Manhattan. Tursky is one of 15 interns this semester who will learn how to teach twentieth century Jewish history and the Holocaust to young people. Since the Lipper program started in 1998, interns have worked with over 50,000 students from around the Northeastern United States.

Tursky is a senior at Temple University where she is studying anthropology. She plans to pursue a career

in the museum field. As part of her training, she will study the museum's exhibitions, hear testimonies from Holocaust survivors, and attend seminars led by Museum scholars. Once they have completed training, "Lippers" share the knowledge they have obtained with their communities' schools by giving presentations on Jewish heritage and the Holocaust. After introductory sessions, the interns bring groups of middle and high school students to the museum, where lessons are complemented by tours of the museum's Core Exhibition. Lippers return to the schools to discuss the material, encourag-



ing students to share reactions

Elayna Tursky

and insights. Chris Klumpp, a teacher at Windsor High School in Windsor, N.Y., praises the program as "a fantastic opportunity."

"The Holocaust is only briefly studied in our high school and this... allowed students to gain a more personal grasp of this horrible event."

This program is made possible through the support of the EGL Charitable Foundation. For more information about the Lipper Internship Program and other opportunities for students, please visit www.mjhnyc.org.



**Fairfax Station resident** Emma Yates, 11, placed third in the nation in the long-distance softball throw event at the 2012 **Hersey Track and Field** North American final.

plate, no one runs on her," said Yates' head coach. Jav Booth. "The kid has a cannon."

Yates is a rising sixth grader at Silverbrook Elementary School and will attend South County Secondary School.

## News



Photo contributed

**BalletNova Young Choreographers Competition first-place** winner Elizabeth Burr receiving her prize from BNYCC **Chair Punky Scruggs and BalletNova Artistic Director** Nancie Woods.

### Young Choreographers Competition

Choreographers Competition launches in September and is open to residents of Northern Virginia. Applicants must submit a videotape via YouTube plus a short essay and recommendation from their teacher. Five finalists will be chosen virtually by a slate of in-

The 2013 BalletNova Young ternationally recognized judges, and then the public is invited to vote for their favorite choreographer through Facebook. The popular vote counts 20 percent toward the total score. For more information on how to apply please con-BalletNova tact at info@BalletNova.org.



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## OPINION First Day of School Coming Up

### And never too early for parents to get involved.

he first day of school in most of Northern Virginia is Tuesday, Sept. 4. We don't agree with having the General Assembly dictate the first day of school, requiring the start date to be after Labor Day, but starting school after Labor Day does seem more hospitable than the Aug. 27 start in many other areas.

### Editorials

Attending Back to School Night and making contact with teachers is one of the most im-

portant things parents can do to set up the school year for success. Back to School Nights begin the first week of September. Find the date for yours:

Fairfax County http://www.fcps.edu/news/ backtoschool/.

This school year will be the last for superintendent for Fairfax County Public Schools Jack Dale, who has announced his retirement effective June 30, 2013. The School Board will

By Jim Moran

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spend much of the coming months in the search and selection of the new superintendent.

In Fairfax County, students will be encouraged to BYOD. That's "bring your own device." With written parental permission, students will be allowed to connect to school wireless with their smart phones, tablets and laptops. Students and parents should remember that school officials will be able to examine those devices and discipline students for content and activities that are in violation of conduct rules and act accordingly. More at http://www.fcps.edu/ it/byod.

### Reminder: **Check Voter Status**

While Northern Virginia has remarkable rates of voter registration, many changes to polling places, political district boundaries and rules for voting in Virginia, make it worth double checking your status now. Virginia's front seat role at the Republican National Convention serves as a reminder that every Virginia vote cast will count in November.

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To vote on Election Day, you must be registered at your current address no later than Oct. 15, 2012. You can check your registration status online by going to www.sbe.virginia.gov. There you can also download a voter registration form and mail it to your local elections office address.

Every Virginia voter should expect a new voter identification card in the mail at the beginning of October, very close to the Oct. 15 deadline, so better to check now.

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Correction: Last week's Newcomers and Community Guide omitted the name of an independent candidate, Mark T. Gibson, running for U.S. House of

Representatives in the 11th District. The same paragraph also mistakenly referred to that district by the wrong district number in a second reference. The correction have been made in our online and PDF editions.

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Earlier this summer, the EPA proposed a new stronger standard for soot and is accepting public comments on these standards until the end of August. What are the potential benefits of enacting the strongest standard? By cleaning up soot, we can prevent 35,700 deaths, 23,290 visits to the hospital and emergency room, 2,350 heart attacks, 1.4 million cases of aggravated asthma and 29,800 cases of acute bronchitis every year. An estimated 2.7 million days of missed work and school due to air pollutioncaused ailments would be avoided annually.

It's August in Washington and the humidity makes it hard enough to breathe for even the most healthy among us. While we see the haze of air pollution on really bad days, we do not see the particles within it. And those particles are a threat to our health and the health of our families and neighbors. I hope all Virginians and Americans will join me in asking the EPA to stand strong for a strong soot standard. We'll all breathe a bit easier when you do.

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Send notes to the Connection at south@connectionnewspapers.com or call 703-778-9416. Deadline is Friday. Dated announcements should be submitted at least two weeks prior to the event.

### **Senior Olympics** Deadline

Saturday, Sept.1., register at www.nvso.us for the 2012 Northern Virginia Senior Olympics, to take place throughout Northern Virginia, Sept. 15-26. Participants can compete in over 40

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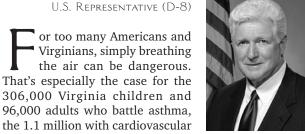
Workhouse Farmers Market. 3:30-7 p.m. Workhouse Arts Center, 9601 Ox Road, Lorton. Locally grown fruits, vegetables, meats and poultry; and local foods. Every Thursday through Oct. 25. www.WorkhouseArts.org. County Residents' Feedback on Derecho Emergency Response.

Through Sept. 7, the Fairfax County

Office of Emergency Management (OEM) requests feedback from businesses and residents to assess the county's response to the June 29 derecho storm. Find the survey at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/oem/.

**TUESDAY/SEPT. 4** 

Citizens' Advisory Committee. 7:30 p.m., in the West Springfield District Station, 6140 Rolling Road, Springfield. Join for a presentation from Captain Joe Hill on "State of West Springfield." http:// www.fairfaxcounty.gov/police/ stations/westspringfield/.



## News County Files FCC Complaint

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of Supervisors Chairman Sharon Bulova (D-at large). The County's response to the FCC, released last Thursday, lays the blame for the outage squarely at the feet of Verizon, and Verizon acknowledged some responsibility in its Aug. 13 report to the MWCOG.

After first denying it had major problems with Arlington County's 911 service, Verizon officials admitted they did not know 911 emergency service was out in Fairfax County until alerted by County officials.

In the Verizon report, officials said two major generator failures—one in Fairfax and one in the central Arlington office, which routes 911 calls to multiple centers—caused "multiple failures cascading from these specific generator problems."

Verizon also reported that it lost visibility over its own network, so that technicians did not know that power was draining from battery-operated generators until it was too late.

"When the batteries in the Arlington central office were being depleted... why was there a delay in deploying additional resources to remedy the situation before the Arlington facility went dark?" asked County officials, in concluding statements in the FCC report. "Verizon's 911 service in Fairfax County failed completely during the June 29, 2012, derecho. Both immediate and longer-term changes are needed to improve 911 service in the metropolitan Washington, D.C., area."

**THE CURRENT FCC REPORT** is one of several investigations launched into the 911 fiasco. Accord-

### How to Improve 911 Service in the Area?

Fairfax County's report to the FCC outlines immediate and long-term changes needed to improve 911 service in the area. To read Fairfax County official comments to the Federal Communications Commission, go to http://apps.fcc.gov/ecfs/ document/view?id=7022005003

To read Verizon's Aug. 13 report, go to http:// www.nena.org/resource/resmgr/GovAffairs/ Verizon911OutagesReport.pdf

ing to officials, Fairfax County is pursuing the issue from many angles, including the report to the FCC and regional work through the Metropolitan Washington Council of Government.

"We are very fortunate that no one died as a result of the 911 outage," said Supervisor Pat Herrity, (R-Springfield). Herrity is a member of the statewide 911 panel tasked with looking into the outage.

"I have every confidence that Fairfax County is up to whatever emergency comes our way—in as much as we have control. I'm more worried about third parties such as Verizon based on our 911 experience. Frankly, that was wholly unacceptable and we are going to do everything necessary to hold their feet to the fire," said Supervisor Jeff McKay (D-Lee).

Souder said it's gratifying to know Verizon is taking some responsibility, and attempting to fix its communication problems.

"The public should know that, seven weeks after this storm, we're still a long way from being done from making sure this (911 failure) doesn't happen again," Souder said.





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## News Char-a-oke Anyone?

or cheered on other participants.

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Albo, Mark Keam, Barbara

Comstock, Kay Kory, Alfonso

Lopez, Jim Scott, Ken Plum, Vivian

Watts and Tom Rust. Senators in-

cluded Dave Marsden and Barbara

Favola, as well as Fairfax County

Supervisor John Foust and Fairfax

County Public Schools (FCPS) Su-

"The atmosphere was electric,"

said Fairfax Chamber President &

CEO Jim Corcoran. "It was an in-

credible display of community in-

volvement, competition and just

plain fun, all in support of a great

cause - education." Corcoran said

the Education Foundation has

made contributions to FCPS of

over \$1 million in the past two

years. The event raised about

\$19,000 last year and \$30,000 this

vear.

perintendent Jack Dale.

\$1 million raised for Fairfax **County Public Schools** Education Foundation.

> By Victoria Ross THE CONNECTION cials and other notables who sang

isten, baby... "Ain't no mountain high. Ain't no valley low. Ain't no river wide enough, baby. If you need me, call me. No matter where you are. No matter how far."

The Motown classic "Ain't No Mountain High Enough," by Marvin Gaye and Tammi Terrell, has been a show-stopping favorite for decades.

The same was true Thursday night for the karaoke team from Northrop Grumman, who won bragging rights as the 2012 Best Performers during the Fairfax Chamber's second annual karaoke event to benefit Fairfax County Public Schools education foundation.

The team joined more than 250 members of the Northern Virginia business community, elected offi-

### **CHAR-A-OKE AWARD WINNERS**

Best Performance: Northrop Grumman Best Vocals: Dominion Virginia Power Best Moves: Cordia Partners Best Lyrics: McGladrey Tax Services Spirit Award: Helios HR Best Duet: Cardinal Bank Most Crowd Participation: John Marshall Bank

> The foundation, Corcoran said, is not a scholarship program, but a way to fund and support initiatives in Fairfax County's worldclass public school system.

> Corcoran said the event grew from five teams participating in the singing competition the first year to 22 karaoke teams this year.

> "What was really great about this event is that you didn't have just one sector participating. You had a who's who from companies of all sizes, government contractors, banks, elected officials, FCPS.'

> Corcoran said Helios HR in Herndon was the event's Signature sponsor. "Kathy Albarado, Helios HR's CEO, was great at creating enthusiasm for this event. You have no idea how excited people were."

Erin DeWaters, the Fairfax Chamber's vice president of com-



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BY JENNY RULEY/FCPS

munications, said some companies recruited interns to participate, while others got their CEOS on stage to perform, and some teams practiced all summer.

"It was also a great team-building effort and a way to boost employee morale," DeWaters said.

Members of the Northrop **Grumman PDP** Team (l-r) Andrew Tran, Stephanie Paone, Neetu Dhillon, **Candice Cur**rier, Vivian **Obando and Ashley Stone** celebrate winning Best **Performance at** Char-a-oke.

> Attendees were so enthusiastic about the event, all the teams took the stage together at the end of the night to sing "Summer Nights" from Grease.

Corcoran said last year he performed original lyrics to Billy Joel's "Piano Man." And this year? "They fired me," he joked. But DeWaters set the record straight: the event was so popular they filled the 22 slots quickly with chamber members



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## News

## Paul VI Runfest 5K Sept. 16 in Fairfax

Paul VI Catholic High School (PVI) Runfest 5K will return Sunday, Sept. 16, at 8 a.m., to the City of Fairfax. Previously run over 10 consecutive years, it was last held in fall 2009.

With strong support from the community, this year's race will raise funds for PVI's nationally recognized Options Program for students with intellectual disabilities. A portion of the proceeds will also benefit the PVI Cross Country programs.

The certified 5K course is a twoloop route with a few gentle hills; it starts and finishes in the PVI

### School Notes

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Seventeen Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) graduates from the class of 2012 have been named winners of college-sponsored scholarships by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC).

Recipients of college-sponsored scholarships from the NMSC, with their probable career fields in parentheses, are:

Meron Belayneh of Edison High School (mathematics), National Merit University of Chicago Scholarship.

\*David Kim of Lake Braddock Secondary School (undecided), National Merit Vanderbilt University Scholarship.

Dylan Kriz of Langley High School (international business), National Merit University of South Carolina Scholarship.

Nathaniel Banks of Robinson Secondary School (music), National Merit Vanderbilt University Scholarship.

Matthew Ferrell of Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology (TJHSST) (computer science), National Merit University of Alabama Scholarship.

Erika Fitzpatrick of TJHSST (unde-cided), National Merit Carleton College Scholarship.

Mingming Hu of TJHSST (computer science), National Merit Georgia Institute of Technology Scholarship.

♦Jerry Li of TJHSST (engineering), National Merit Washington University in St. Louis Scholarship.

Aimi Nguyen of TJHSST (dentistry), National Merit University of Texas at Dallas Scholarship.

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\*Zachary Williams of TJHSST (business/law), National Merit University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill Scholarship

Kerry Zhang of TJHSST (economics), National Merit University of Chicago Scholarship.

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fter a two-year hiatus, the parking lot behind the school at or in-kind donations," said Spon-10675 Fairfax Blvd. All race registrations, except for on race day, may be submitted online at http:// /tinyurl.com/pvirunfest2012.

> The entry fee for students and faculty is \$15; all others are \$25. The race-day fee is \$35 for everyone. Full race details, including Tshirt and packet-pickup locations, are at the Runfest website above; or contact Race Chairman Jim Turcol crosscountry7@verizon.net.

> "We are very grateful to the many local businesses that have given their support through cash

sorship Chairman Deirdre Kvartunas. "We still have more to do in order to defray costs and offer great prizes."

An excited team of volunteers has been working hard to make the 11th Runfest a race to remember, with traditional top-finisher and agegroup prizes, as well as many random prize drawings.

"It's great that the race has returned to PVI," said Turcol. "Many participants and volunteers have mentioned that they missed it and asked when it would be held again." -Bonnie Hobbs

Ready to take off: The starting line at a previous Paul VI **Runfest 5K race.** 

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## ENTERTAINMENT

## Love Letter Cabaret

The Jewish Community Center to present new performing arts series.

By David Siegel THE CONNECTION

fresh performing arts series will be opening with "Just Between Us: A Piano, A Mic and A Memory," featuring local performer Marilyn Hausfeld and pianist Alex Rybeck. This will be the premier performance before the two head up to the New York City Theater District to perform at the "Don't Tell Mama" cabaret club in the Big Apple.

According to Jeff Dannick, executive director of the Jewish Community Center (JCCNV) of Northern Virginia, "Just Between Us" is the first of the expansion of performing arts that "will feature entertaining and diverse programs which will engage people of all generations and backgrounds."

The performing arts series will "incorporate professional theatre, music and dance ... making the JCCNV a destination for

both our members and the general public," said Dan Kirsch, JCCNV cultural arts director.

Hausfeld, who recently completed a fellowship at the Yale International Cabaret Conference, described her cabaret "as an intimate musical conversation with an

audience. It is communicating on a personal level through song and storytelling." The performance will be music, song and patter to "celebrate life" taking place in a warm supper club atmosphere set-up for 100 patrons.

"While I love the

challenge of creating a role on stage, cabaret is such an honest one-on-one relationship. I also love the chance to re- storyteller, a singer and most impormove that fourth wall-to actually see tantly-myself. I can take my life expethe audience and establish rapport-to look into the eyes of the people who are watching you," said Hausfeld.

"The audience can expect to laugh, to be moved and to feel connected. I think



**Marilyn Hausfeld** 

an audience can easily relate to much of what I sing and talk about... growing up, learning who you are, falling in love, creating a family, dealing with new dreams and not being afraid to pursue your passions," she added.

She described her award-winning, piano accompanist Alex Rybeck as "the most

Where and When

"Just Between Us" at the JCCNV, 8900 Little River Turnpike, Fairfax. Performances are on Saturday, Sept. 8 at 8:45 p.m. (sold out) and Sunday, Sept. 9 at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. \$18-\$22. Call 703-537-3000 visit boxoffice@jccnv.org.

musical director I have ever had the pleasure of working with." He studied with Bernstein and Sondheim to mention a few. He worked with the Calloway sisters, Faith Prince,

talented pianist and

Tommy Tune and other Broadway stars.

"Cabaret allows me to be an actor, a riences and create an entertaining piece of theater that other people can identify with," said Hausfeld. "I may be a grandmother, but I am constantly discovering new ways to create."



Ben Cook in the debut show of Billy Elliot National Tour, in Louisville, Ky.

## Lorton Teen Takes The Role of Billy Elliot

Ben Cook, 14 plays Billy Elliot in Billy Elliot National Tour.

etropolitan Fine Arts Center's (MFAC) former student, Ben Cook, 14, is featured in the national tour of the Tony Award winning musical "Billy Elliot" in the lead role of Billy Elliot. Over the next six months, he will perform in 11 cities nationwide, including Baltimore

from Dec. 18-30. Cook is an alumnus of Lorton Station Elementary School in Lorton, where his family still resides. At age 7, Cook began theatre/dance training at Metropolitan Fine Arts Center in Alexandria and began to regularly audition for professional theatre

at 9 years old. "Ben was a natural performer from the very beginning...we helped hone his skills for dance and singing, creating a platform for him to jumpstart his career," said Melissa Dobbs, founder and executive director of Metropolitan Fine Arts Center of Alexandria and Fairfax Station. "We're thrilled to see Ben shine in Billy Elliott, as it's always exciting to see one of our students perform on a national stage," said Dobbs.

Cook trained at MFAC for more than two years, before they encouraged him to find a local agent in 2007 and begin auditioning. He moved to New York in 2009 for the Broadway revival of "Ragtime," performed in the "Billy Elliot" ensemble for 15 months, and attended the Professional Performing Arts School in New York City for two-anda-half years before joining the tour last fall. He is on the road with a guardian and is tutored for school.

Billy Elliot National Tour cities include: Boston, Detroit, Memphis, Buffalo, N.Y., Toledo, Ohio, Saint Paul, Minn., Indianapolis, Omaha, Neb., Austin, Texas and Baltimore.

Metropolitan Fine Arts Center (MFAC) of Alexandria and Fairfax Station is a multidisciplinary performing arts organization in



Ben Cook, 14, of Lorton, plays lead **Billy Elliot in Billy Elliot** National Tour.

the Washington, DC area that has taught dance, music and theater to more than 10,000 students since its opening in 2001. Founder and executive director, Melissa Dobbs, was classically trained at Duke Ellington School of the Arts in Washington, DC, George Mason University and the Royal Academy of Dance in London, where she became a registered teacher. Noted for its world-class instructors, MFAC offers high quality performing arts training in a ground breaking, holistic learning environment that cultivates creativity, builds community and empowers students. MFAC was featured in Dance Teacher magazine and Washington Families magazine. Many students go on to perform in prestigious arenas including Broadway, National Tours, The Julliard School, The Alvin

Ailey American Dance Theater, The Washington Ballet, The American Academy of Ballet, Universal Ballet Academy, The Kirov Ballet, The Hartt School, Marymount University (New York), Ford's Theater and Mark Morris Dance Company. MFAC is also affiliated with its non-profit company, Metropolitan Performing Arts Alliance. Call 703.339.0444 or visit www.metrofinearts.com, Facebook or Twitter.



## 'Senior Prank' Filmed in Area

Local talent recruited for "The Senior Prank."

he community has rallied together behind the new local film in progress, "The Senior Prank." Director Donald Leow, who also directed previous film "For the Glory," has brought in cast and crew from all over the country, while recruiting local talent for his film as well. Many members of the Fairfax community have gathered to be extras, show their talent on screen, help with tech, or just support the film.

Part of the excitement for the film comes from bringing in the talented actor of the hit 2011 movie "Courageous," Ben Davies, to play lead role Brandon. "The Senior Prank" is the story of a group of popular teenagers who decide to elect a girl with Down's Syndrome as their homecoming queen for a joke. This family drama with a Christian basis is sure to touch hearts as it displays the horrible truth of bullying.

The movie itself was filmed all over the area, in places like Manassas Baptist Church, The Kings Chapel in Clifton, Word of Life Christian Academy in Springfield, and even Great Harvest Bread in Lorton. Many locals have opened up their homes to the cast and crew for housing as well as to provide backdrops to shoot scenes.

The local participation and location in filming "The Senior Prank" makes the community very integrated and rightfully excited to see it on the silver screen.

-Hannah Bunting



Carys Meyer, who plays Carly, getting her make-up done before shooting.



### Faith Notes

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New and Prospective Member BBQ Picnic. On Sunday, Sept. 9, 5 p.m., at Congregation Adat Reyim, 6949 Conservation Drive, Springfield. Learn about the members of Congregation Adat Reyim. RSVP by Aug. 31 to office@adatreyim.org.

Adat Reyim Tashlich Service and Ice Cream Social. on Monday, Sept. 17, 4 p.m., at Lake Accotink Park, 7500 Accotink Park Road, Springfield. Join on Rosh Hashanah to cast off sins. Ice cream treats to follow. RSVP to religiouspractices@adatreyim.org.

**Clifton Presbyterian Church,** 12748 Richards Lane, Clifton, offers Sunday worship services at 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Nursery care is provided. Christian education for all ages is at 9:45 a.m. 703-830-3175.

St. Andrew the Apostle Catholic Church, 6720 Union Mill

Road, Clifton, conducts Sunday masses at 7:30 a.m., 8:45 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. It also offers a Saturday vigil at 5:30 p.m. and a Thursday Latin mass at 7 p.m. 703-817-1770 or www.standrew.org.

**Prince of Peace Lutheran Church**, 8304 Old Keene Mill Road, Springfield, offers casual worship services on Saturday evenings at 5:30 p.m. featuring contemporary music. More traditional services take place on Sunday mornings at 8:15 and 11 a.m. Sunday School is at 9:45-10:45 a.m. for children and adults. The church also offers discussion groups for adults. 703-451-5855 or www.poplc.org.

**Kirkwood Presbyterian Church**, 8336 Carrleigh Parkway in Springfield, supports a Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) program on the first and third Wednesday of each month. Meetings are 9:30-11:30 a.m. at the church. All mothers and children are welcome. The program provides mothers an opportunity to get to know other mothers through discussions and craft activities. Register at 703-451-5320.

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### New Rector Comes to St. Andrew's

The Reverend Tim Heflin will begin his tenure as rector of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Burke on Sunday, Sept. 9. Heflin recently served as associate rector and day school chaplain of Trinity Church in Baton Rouge, La., a church comparable in size to St. Andrew's, yet with a pre-k to fifth grade day school of nearly 200. As the associate rector, Heflin was responsible for the bulk of pastoral care, Christian education for all ages, Wednesday night dinners and programs, youth and young adults and outreach, as well as weekly school liturgical duties. He also served as priest-incharge as the church went through a rector transition and search process in 2011. Heflin was ordained at Trinity in 2008.

In life prior to ordained ministry, Heflin served in various management and chaplain positions in hospice programs across the country, from Chicago to Colorado, and in the metro New Orleans area following Hurricane Katrina in 2005. He was the director and volunteer recruiter of a medical clinic for homeless and low-income persons in his native Jackson, Miss. While attending graduate school in ite theologian, Simone Weil.

Princeton, N.J., Heflin completed internships in the Hell's Kitchen neighborhood of New York City and at Trenton State Prison of New Jersey. He has taught on the elementary grade level as well having taught college students and adults.

Heflin studied colonial American religion and philosophical thought as a history major at Mississippi College, where he spent some time running varsity crosscountry and track. He earned a Master of Divinity degree from Princeton Seminary in 1994, where he studied secularization theory and civil religion; he was awarded the Edward Howell Roberts Prize (Senior) for preaching while at Princeton. Heflin later focused on liturgy as he earned a Certificate in Anglican Studies prior to his ordination.

A passionate sports fan, especially of the SEC and New Orleans Saints, Heflin likes to read, and enjoys hiking and now more limited running, cooking the evening meals and spending time with his two favorite females-Alexis, his wife and a Latin/Classics teacher and Simone, their 4year-old yellow Labrador retriever named for Heflin's favor-

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### THURSDAY/AUG. 30

Activist Group. 7-9 p.m., at Oakton Library, 10304 Lynnhaven Place, Oakton. The Sierra Club/Great Falls welcomes all to learn about the Dominion Virginia Power Coal to Clean Energy Campaign and planning to bring offshore wind and solar energy to Virginia. Pizza and drinks provided. 703-506-4310.

#### FRIDAY/AUG. 31

- Slightly Something. 7:30 p.m., at Grist Mill Park, 4710 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway, Alexandria. Come enjoy pop music. 703-324 7469 or www.fairfaxcounty.gov/ parks/performances.
- Alte Kameraden "AUG-toberfest" Concert. 7:30 p.m., at Lake Accotink Park, Springfield. Enjoy a German band outdoor concert. www.fairfaxband.org.

#### SATURDAY/SEPT. 1

- 150th anniversary of the Battle of Ox Hill Commemoration. 10 a.m.-5 p.m., at the Ox Hill Battlefield Park, 4134 West Ox Road, Fairfax. Civil War re-enactors make artillery and infantry demonstrations; a souvenir craft available for children. www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/oxhill. **Public Reception: Han-Mee**
- Artists, Blurring Boundaries. 5-7 p.m. Workhouse Arts Center, 9601 Ox Road, Lorton. The Korean American Artists Association of Greater Washington, DC, an organization for artists of Korean heritage. Exhibit open Aug. 31-Sept. 23. www.workhousearts.org.

#### **MONDAY/SEPT. 3**

- **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. **Fourth Annual Doggie Splashdown.** 7 p.m., at Fairfax Swimming Pool, 4200 Roberts Road, Fairfax. The fourth annual Doggie Splashdown benefits the Humane Society of Fairfax County and your pet. Keep dogs on leashes until event begins. \$5 suggested donation. 703-273-1342 or betsyd@fairfaxpool.com.

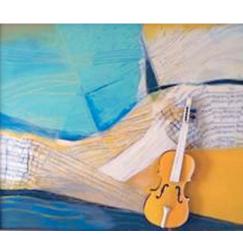
#### TUESDAY/SEPT. 4

- **Encore Chorale of Potomac** Academy. 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. The Woodlands Retirement Community, 4320 Forest Hill Drive, Fairfax. For singers age 55+. http:// encorecreativity.org
- Fairfax Old Town Hall Gallery Art Show. 10 a.m.-2 p.m., at Old Town Hall, 3999 University Drive, Fairfax. Tuesdays and Wednesdays the September Fairfax Art League exhibit opens to the public on the second floor. www.fairfaxva.gov.

#### WEDNESDAY/SEPT. 5

- **Encore Chorale of Springfield.** 1:30 3 p.m. Messiah United Methodist Church, 6215 Rolling Road, Springfield. For singers age
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#### FRIDAY/SEPT. 7

13 the Musical. 7:30 p.m. Lake Braddock Secondary School, 9200 Burke Lake Road, Burke. http:// www.metrotheater.org.

#### SATURDAY/SEPT. 8

- Burke Centre Festival. 10 a.m.-10 p.m., at the Conservancy Festival Grounds, 6060 Burke Centre Pkwy. Amusement rides, craft show, Mustang raffle, face painting, festival food, flash mob dance, live entertainment (dancers, singers, sorts demos), misting tents, puppet shows, book talks, a wine garden and
- **Expo.** 10 a.m.-6 p.m., at the Grand Court in Fair Oaks Mall, off I-66 at Route 50, Fairfax. Free and open to the public. 703-359—8302 or www.ShopFair.Oaks.Mall.com. Wakefield Skate Park Opening. 11
- Road, Annandale. Watch demos, enjoy light refreshments and live music and hear brief remarks by officials as they cut the ribbon. 703-324-8662 or www.fairfaxcounty.gov/ parks/skatepark.
- **13 the Musical.** 4 p.m. Lake Braddock Secondary School, 9200 Burke Lake Road, Burke. www.metrotheater.org.

#### SUNDAY/SEPT. 9

- Burke Centre Festival. 11 a.m.-5 p.m., at the Conservancy Festival Grounds, 6060 Burke Centre Pkwy. Amusement rides, craft show Mustang raffle, face painting, festival food, flash mob dance, live entertainment (dancers, singers, sorts demos), misting tents, puppet shows, a wine garden and wildlife shows. www.burkecentreweb.com Fair Oaks Mall Home & Lifestyle Expo. 11 a.m.-6 p.m., at the Grand Court in Fair Oaks Mall, off I-66 at
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- jkivlin@volunteerfairfax.org. Model Train Display. 1-4 p.m. 11200 Fairfax Station Road in Fairfax Station. The Northern Virginia NTRAK group will have running table top (T- Trak) model trains at the Fairfax Station Railroad Museum. \$3 for adults; \$1 for children. 703-425-9225, www.fairfax-station.org.
- "Rebuilding the Pentagon." 2 p.m., at the Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center, 10209 Main Street, Fairfax. Construction Project Manager Walker Lee Evey will discuss the massive rebuilding project in the year following the September 11, 2001

### **Blurring Boundaries**

Han-Mee Artist Association of Greater Washington, D.C. presents Blurring Boundaries at the Lorton Workhouse starting Friday, Aug. 31 through Saturday, Sept. 23. There will be an opening reception on Saturday, Sept. 1 from 5-7 p.m. The gallery is open from 11 a.m.-7 p.m. Wednesdays through Saturdays and from noon to 5 p.m. on Sundays. Email scotthabes@lortonarts.org for more information.

terrorist attack on the Pentagon. 703-385-8414.

#### MONDAY/SEPT. 17

**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.

#### SATURDAY/SEPT. 22

Fairfax Symphony Orchestra: Masterworks I. 8 p.m. George Mason University Center for the Arts, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. Conductor Christopher Zimmerman and pianist Jeffrey Biegel perform Adams' The Chairman Dances, Zwilich's Shadows for Piano and Orchestra, Bernstein's Three Dance Episodes from "On the Town" and Gershwin's Piano Concerto in F Major. \$25-\$55. 703-563-1990 or www.fairfaxsymphony.org.

#### SUNDAY/SEPT. 23

Solo Guitarist David Rogers. 8 p.m. Epicure Cafe 11213-A Lee Highway, Fairfax. 703-352-9193.

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#### SATURDAY/NOV. 17

Fairfax Symphony Orchestra: Masterworks II. 8 p.m. George Mason University Center for the Arts, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax Conductor Ken Woods and violinist Benjamin Beilman perform Beethoven's Overture to Coriolan, Op. 62, Symphony No. 2 and Violin Concerto. \$25-\$55. 703-563-1990 or www.fairfaxsymphony.org.

#### **MONDAY/NOV. 19**

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## Sports

Woodson junior Alex Lightfoot, right, competes for the ball against a Hayfield player at the "Under the Lights" tournament on Aug. 25 at Lee **High School.** 



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## Jarrell Leads Woodson Field Hockey Cavaliers fell short of regional tournament in 2011.

Meg Jarrell, a 2008 Lake

Braddock graduate, is in

her first season as

hockey coach.

Woodson head field

By Jon Roetman The Connection

irst-year Woodson head field hockey coach Meg Jarrell isn't much older than her players, but that hasn't stood in the way of the 22-year-old trying to light a competitive fire under the Cavaliers.

Jarrell took over a program that qualified for the state tournament as recently as 2009, but failed to advance to even the regional tournament in 2011. Woodson is off to a 3-1-2 start in 2012, including a 2-0-2 effort at the "Under the Lights" tournament Aug. 24-25 at Lee High School. Jarrell, a 2008 Lake Braddock graduate who played field hockey at

Davidson College, said the Cavaliers have responded to her maxeffort teachings.

"The girls, although the record might have been down [last season], they're a very disciplined squad and they're very talented, but I think they kind of [developed] this attitude, 'We win some, we lose some," Jarrell said. "Right from the get-go, our first scrimmage, I really made the impression on them a loss is not OK when you don't play your best. They've really taken that to heart and wins mean more to them and the losses hurt-and I want the losses to hurt because I want them to learn from them, not just go home and say, 'All right, we'll go out the next day and do whatever.'

"A team with this much talent not making it to the regional tournament is not acceptable and they know that, and they hold pretty high expectations."

Jarrell said having a small age

gap between coach and players helps her relate to ers, is out with an injury. the Cavaliers, and athletes still show her the respect of an elder.

After defeating Chantilly, 2-0, in their season opener on Aug. 22, the Cavaliers faced the Chargers again on the first day of "Under the Lights" and finished in a 1-1 tie on Aug. 24. Junior midfielder Alex Lightfoot scored Woodson's goal.

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we play," sophomore midfielder Isabel Obregon said after the tie against Chantilly. "We started off slow at our first scrimmage, but each game we've played I think we've gotten better and we're becoming more of a team."

In Woodson's second game of the day, the Cavaliers defeated T.C. Williams, 4-1, with goals from Jasmine Kim, Kelly Stegner, Obregon and Maddie Browning.

Woodson started strong on the second day, beating Hayfield, 6-1, on Aug. 25. Stegner, a junior midfielder, scored a career-high three goals against the Hawks.

"Once she learns to keep the ball moving as fast as her legs, she's going to be incredible," Jarrell said.

"I've only had her for two or three weeks if you go all the way back to the beginning of tryouts, and she's made incredible leaps and bounds. She's so fast and so athletic. She's been told she's one of the best athletes in the school and it shows."

Molly Wecker scored a pair of goals against Hayfield and Coco Armstrong added one.

Woodson closed the tournament with a 2-2 tie against Thomas Jefferson. Stegner and Kim scored goals for the Cavaliers.

On Aug. 27, Woodson lost to three-time defending Liberty District champion Fairfax, 1-0.

Defensively, Jarrell said junior right back Claudia Muratore and senior goalkeeper Jessica Peckins should be standouts for Woodson. At midfield, Jarrell described Lightfoot as "just a total brick wall." Senior forward Meghan Smiga, one of the team's top play-

Woodson will travel to face Westfield at 7:30 p.m. on Sept. 7. The Cavaliers' next home game is Sept. 12 against Oakton. Woodson will open Patriot District play on Sept. 14 against South County.

"I think we'll do really well," Stegner said. "Our coach is really solid, she has a lot of plays for us to do and we have really productive practices. I think "I think we're definitely improving with every game we're going to go really far. I'm excited."



West Springfield senior Tasy Novopachennaia battles for the ball against two Chantilly players during the "Under the Lights" field hockey tournament on Aug. 25 at Lee High School.

## Spartans Win 4 of 6

Spartans looking for first district title in nearly four decades.

> By Jon Roetman The Connection

he West Springfield field hockey team is in search of its first district championship since 1973. While the Patriot District tournament is more than five weeks

away, the Spartans started their journey by winning four of their first six games, including a 2-1-1 performance at the "Under the Lights" tournament Aug. 24-25 at Lee High School.

After beating Mount Vernon at home, 2-0, during its season opener on Aug. 22, West Springfield opened its "Under the Lights" competition with a 6-1 victory against Thomas Jefferson on Aug. 24. Natalie Ha scored a pair of goals for the Spartans, and Casey Nelson, Tasy Novopachennaia, Brittan Muir and Kara Kachejian each scored one. Later in the day, West Springfield tied Mount Vernon, 1-1, in a rematch with the Majors. Novopachennaia scored the Spartans' lone goal.

West Springfield faced TJ on Lee's turf field and played Mount Vernon on the outfield grass of the Lancers' baseball field. The Spartans' home field is turf, and fourth-year head coach Rosie Donaldson said the

team needs to better adapt to playing on grass.

"The first game we did very well," Donaldson said. "...The second game didn't go as well as I would have liked it to go. I think we need to adjust on the grass—we practice on turf and we play on turf-we need to adjust on grass and we just didn't do that very well. We played well enough-we didn't lose-but I think we have to learn how to adjust a little better because we are going to face some teams on grass this year."

On Aug. 25, the second day of the tournament, West Springfield defeated Oakton, 2-1, and lost to Chantilly, 3-1. On Aug. 28, the Spartans defeated McLean, 3-2, improving their record to 4-1-1.

Muir, a sophomore, and Novopachennaia, a senior captain, are two of the Spartans' top offensive threats. Marissa Trujillo, a senior, is one of the team's top defenders. Nelson, a senior, is also a captain. Julia Schwabenbauer, a senior, is the Spartans' starting goalkeeper.

West Springfield will travel to face Stuart at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 31. The Spartans will open Patriot District competition at home against Lake Braddock on Sept. 10.



West Springfield sophomore Brittan Muir plays center-midfield for the Spartans field hockey team.



## The Workhouse People's Choice Awards

hree artists from the Workhouse Associate Artists (WAA) were chosen as People's Choice Award winners for their current exhibitions in the Vulcan Gallery (Building W16) at the Workhouse Arts Center in Lorton. The winners were chosen during the Workhouse's monthly Second Saturday Art Walk on Aug. 11. The winners are Maria Bennett Hock (1st place), Jack Dyer (2nd place) and Richard Mallory Allnutt (3rd place).

**FIRST PLACE** went to Maria Bennett Hock, of Burke, for her piece Barefoot Ballerina. She specializes in painting portraits and figurative pieces that convey emotion. Her work has been shown at numerous galleries including locations in Dupont Circle, Washington, D.C, in Alexandria and Solomon's Island, Md.

Bennett Hock currently exhibits at the Lorton Workhouse Arts Center. Along with commissions and gallery exhibits, she is a member of the Portrait Society of America, Springfield Art Guild, Torpedo Factory Art Center and volunteers as a docent at the Workhouse Art Center in Lorton.

**SECOND PLACE** went to Jack Dyer, of Springfield, for his piece Lotus Blossoms. Dyer paints outdoors, on site, in various weather and values a chance to see, smell, listen, walk around, even to touch the subject, evoking a painter's response unobtainable in the studio. He graduated from the Massachusetts College of Art and worked as a newspaper artist and art teacher in Boston before he came to Virginia as the curator of art for the U.S. Marine Corps Museum. His work may be seen on a regular basis at the Lorton Workhouse's Vulcan Gallery W-16 and at



The first place winner, Barefoot Ballerina, by Maria Bennett Hock of Burke.

the Artists Undertaking Gallery, 309 Mill St., Occoquan.

**THIRD PLACE** went to Richard Mallory Allnutt, of Fairfax Station, for his piece Ice Fishing. A British-born photographer based in the United States, he focuses primarily on portraiture, but his passions for aviation and the natural world also play a strong role in his repertoire. His images have been published in books and magazines such as JazzTimes, Swing Journal, Smithsonian Air & Space and Capitol File. Allnutt has also worked as a set photographer on several motion picture films. He currently works primarily in Washington, D.C., New York, Ottawa and London.

You can find more information about the Workhouse Art Center at www.workhousearts.org. The gallery is located at 9601 Ox Road, Lorton.



Lotus Blossoms, by Jack Dyer of Springfield, won second place.







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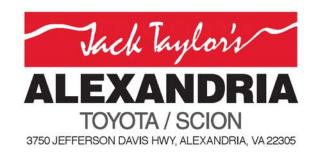
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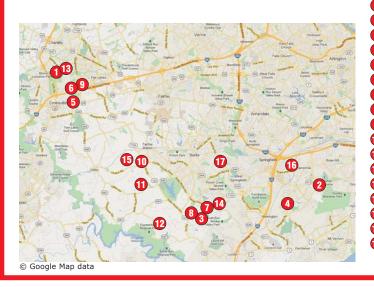
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