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Supervisors Pat Herrity (R-Springfield), Jeff McKay (D-Lee) with daughter, Leann, 5, and Chairman Sharon Bulova (D-at-large) watch as Col. Gregory Gadson, garrison commander of Fort Belvoir, signs the Army Community Covenant during the 11th annual Springfield BridgeWalk, Tuesday, August 28.

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Supervisor Jeff McKay (D-Lee) and daughter Leann, 5, lead dignitaries in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance during the 11th annual Springfield BridgeWalk on Tuesday, Aug. 28. (From left) Del. Vivian Watts (D-39); Fairfax County Board of Supervisors Chairman Sharon Bulova (D-at-large); Fairfax County School Board Representative Tammy Kaufax; Supervisor Pat Herrity (R-Springfield); Sen. George Barker (D-39); and U.S. Rep. Jim Moran (D-8).



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Drum Roll, Please

11th Annual Springfield BridgeWalk celebrates community support of Fort Belvoir's soldiers.

BY VICTORIA ROSS
THE CONNECTION

For a few minutes on Tuesday Night, the only sound on Veteran's Bridge in downtown Springfield was the rhythmic drum roll and piercing call of the fife as the Ft. Belvoir Fife and Drum Corps led a contingent of soldiers, civic leaders and community participants across the bridge in the 11th annual Springfield BridgeWalk.

"To me this walk symbolizes the renewal of the relationship we have with the Springfield community," said Col. Gregory Gadson, who became the new garrison commander of Fort Belvoir in June, which houses 46,000 soldiers, civilians and their families.

IN 2007, while serving in Iraq during Operation Iraqi Freedom, Gadson lost both of his legs when he was injured by a car bomb. He also served during Operation Desert Storm, as well as in Bosnia and Afghanistan.

Before becoming the leader of Fort Belvoir, Gadson served as the director of the Army's Wounded Warrior Program. "My faith, my family and my friends got me through this. My faith has allowed me to expect things I can't explain," Gadson said.

Gadson, a 20-year Army veteran who has been awarded three Bronze Star medals and a Purple Heart, joined Supervisor Jeff McKay (D-Lee) and other community leaders in signing the Army Community Covenant, which affirms the community's support for the Armed Forces.

McKay, who hosts the annual Lee District event, read the covenant to the crowd of about 150 people gathered on the grounds of Springfield's American Legion Post 176 after the ceremony:

"We the community, recognize..."

*The commitment soldiers and their families are making every day.

*The strength of soldiers comes from the strength of their families.

*The strength of families is supported by the strength of the community.

*The strength of the community comes from the support of employers, educators, civic and business leaders and its citizens."

"The evening's bridge walk is especially significant to all of us because we are honoring our good friends from Fort Belvoir by renewing the Army Community Covenant," McKay said.

"We grew up together, and it's a special relationship the community has with Fort Belvoir," said Fairfax County Board of Supervisor's Chairman Sharon Bulova (D-at-large).

Supervisor Pat Herrity (R-Springfield) told the crowd that the significance of the event "hit home" for him after attending the funeral earlier in the day of United States Marine Corps Gunnery Sgt. Ryan Jeschke of Herndon.

"It's especially meaningful for me to be here tonight to renew this covenant and honor the sacrifice and commitment of our young men and women who serve every day in our military," Herrity said.

Other dignitaries who made brief remarks included U.S. Rep. Jim Moran (D-8), Sen. George Barker (D-39), Del. Vivian Watts (D-39), and Fairfax County School Board Representative Tammy Kaufax.

THE EVENT included patriotic music from the Kings Park Concert Band, light refreshments and door prizes. But the focus of the evening was clearly on Gadson, who received cheers and handshakes from hundreds of community leaders and residents.

Nicole Carrello, a sixth-grader at Crestwood Elementary School, attended the event with her parents and grandparents. She said her uncle served in Iraq.

Her father, Santiago Carrello, said he attended the event to show his "support for our troops."

"It's important to support soldiers like Col. Gadson," Carrello said. "Look what he sacrificed for us."

"It's an honor for me to be here and talk to people in the community," Gadson said. "It's wonderful to feel the community's support, because that means everything to the men and women in uniform who are fighting."



The Fort Belvoir Color Guard and the Fife and Drum Corp led participants on a march across Veterans Bridge during the 11th annual Springfield BridgeWalk on Tuesday, Aug. 28. Participants included members of Springfield's American Legion Post 176, VFW Post 7327, the Greater Springfield Chamber of Commerce, the Fort Belvoir Motor Cycle Department and the Buffalo Soldiers Motor Cycle Club.



The Veteran's Memorial at American Legion Post 176 in Springfield.

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NEWS

Burke Centre Fall Festival Sept. 8-9

Affordable family fun and flash mob (maybe...)

BY VICTORIA ROSS
THE CONNECTION

Burke 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

FESTIVAL HOURS

Saturday, Sept. 8—10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
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Sunday, Sept. 9—11 a.m. to 5 p.m.
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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 Sunday afternoon around 1 p.m. You never know," she said, smiling.

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 rock-climbing 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.

"Our goal is to make sure that people walk away smiling after having a great time with all members of their family. It's also a great way to learn about the community," Winslow said.

Check out the website at www.burkecentreweb.com for more information about parking, sponsors and other event information.

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Feedback Sought on Emergency Communications Fairfax County online survey now available.

After filing a report last week with the Federal 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 impor-

tant for us as emergency planners to learn how this storm affected our residents, businesses and infrastructure so that we can implement corrective 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

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WEDNESDAY/SEPT. 5

Encore Creativity for Older Adults. 1:30-3:30 p.m., at Messiah United Methodist Church, 6215 Rolling Road, Springfield. The Encore Chorale rehearses Wednesdays. www.encorecreativity.org.

SATURDAY/SEPT. 8

Yard Sale and BBQ. 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. Franconia United Methodist Church, 6037 Franconia Rd, Alexandria. 703 971-5151.

MONDAY/SEPT. 10

Disability Accessibility Presentation. 7:30-9:30 p.m. 6140 Rolling Road, Springfield. 703-324-5421. www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dfs/dspd/.

WEDNESDAY/SEPT. 12

NARFE Springfield Chapter Meeting. 1 p.m. American Legion Post 176, 6520 Amherst Ave, Springfield. 703 313-9387, jkadelg@yahoo.com.

THURSDAY/SEP. 20

NVRPA Strategic Plan Meeting. 6:30 p.m. 5400 Ox Road, Fairfax Station. The Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority releases its draft five year Strategic Plan. executiveoffice@nvrpa.org.

SATURDAY/SEPT. 22

Flu Shot Clinic. 10-11 a.m. Franconia United Methodist Church, 6037 Franconia Rd, Alexandria. Cost is \$30 (cash or check) or Medicare B (bring your card). bbartolain@yahoo.com.

'Somebody Else' Didn't Come

By DEL. DAVID ALBO
STATE DELEGATE (D-42)

Starting a small business comes with some amount of risk. Even the most diligent and talented owner faces challenges that could ground a business before it takes off. I can speak to that from experience. I started my own business 20 ago. My law firm started with me and my partner and now we provide approximately 20 jobs in Virginia. I am no Steve Jobs or Mark Zuckerberg, but I am proud of what I have been able to do.

As a small business owner, I experienced the ups and downs of getting a business off the ground. To push a business to success, you need to quit your steady paying job and "roll the dice" on a business that may or may not pay the bills. At first, there is no money coming in the door. The startup phase by definition means that all you have is money going in the business and none coming out. Is it risky? The whole venture involves risk—a lot of risk. Months of dinner consisting of just spaghetti or beans and rice. Constant choices of whether to pay your mortgage or your car payment. Lying in bed at night wondering if you have enough money to pay your employees. Not being able to take a vacation because there is no one else to run your business while you are gone... and the list goes on and on and on.

First-hand knowledge of this makes me very concerned about the president's recent statements towards business owners. He stated that "if you've got a business—you didn't build that. Somebody else made that happen." To be honest, that statement makes me very angry. During the startup years of my law firm, "somebody else" did not make my car payment when I was short. "Somebody else" did not say, "Dave, let me take you to a restaurant for a decent meal." "Somebody else" did not come help me out so I could go on vacation. My business succeeded



through hard work and sacrifice from myself, my law partner, and my employees.

Business owners make the sacrifices that create new products, open up new markets and provide jobs for their communities. I don't know why business success is all of a sudden a bad word. I don't know why the president is not congratulating entrepreneurs for their hard work and success.

There is no doubt that the economy is struggling. While we are doing much better in Virginia, the rest of our country is struggling. The most recent jobs report found unemployment hovering at 8.2 percent with stagnant job growth. This is the 41st straight month with unemployment over 8 per-

cent. American families cannot continue to sustain unemployment this high.

I never met an unemployed person that gave someone a job. The only people who provide jobs are successful business people. So why are some politicians trashing them? If we want to see unemployment and job growth figures turn for the better, we need to encourage business owners, pat them on the back, give them a high five—not attack them. Even better, pass laws that encourage success, not tax it. Eliminating the "Bush Tax Cuts" is a jobs killer. I guarantee you that I would have never started my law firm 20 years ago if my reward from Washington was higher taxes when I became successful!

I have never met our president, and I say "our president" because of the respect I have for him and the presidency. And to be honest, he seems as though he "practices what he preaches." You have to honor a person who tells people what he believes. But he and I just don't see eye to eye on business. I want to encourage entrepreneurs and let them know that there are rewards for creating jobs. He seems to believe business leaders as lucky people who were given their success by "Somebody Else."

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.

OPINION

First Day of School Coming Up

And never too early for parents to get involved.

The 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 important 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

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.

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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COMMENTARY

Our Health Depends on the Air We Breathe

BY JIM MORAN
U.S. REPRESENTATIVE (D-S)

For too many Americans and Virginians, simply breathing the air can be dangerous. That's especially the case for the 306,000 Virginia children and 96,000 adults who battle asthma, the 1.1 million with cardiovascular disease, the 154,000 with chronic bronchitis and the estimated 411,000 who live in poverty. But it is true for all of us and it's that way because of soot in our air.

Soot, or fine particulate matter (PM2.5), is composed of a mixture of solid particles and liquid droplets, usually made up of several different types of harmful chemicals. It's easy to recognize as it contributes significantly to the haze that blankets many cities and national parks. Smokestacks and tailpipes churn out soot and we breathe it in, every day.

The body reacts to it in much the same manner as it does to tobacco smoke. Smaller than a grain of sand and only visible with a micro-



scope, tiny soot particles travel deep into the lungs when inhaled and swiftly penetrate the bloodstream, immediately increasing the risk of severe respiratory distress, heart attacks and strokes.

Soot kills; leads to hospitalizations; triggers asthma attacks, heart attacks and strokes; and has been linked to causing permanent lung tissue and airway damage, reproductive complications and cancer.

For decades, the Clean Air Act has helped protect the air we breathe by letting us know and track what pollutants make it into our air and allowing us to set targets, make plans, and have accountability for reducing those pollutants over time. And perhaps most importantly, it requires that we review those standards as science helps us understand new risks.

That's happening now with soot. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is reviewing the current standard for soot, last set in 1997. Since then, more than 10,000 studies have demonstrated that soot is a public health

threat and that we must ensure that fewer smaller particles are able to get into the air and into our lungs.

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 pollution-caused 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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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

The 2013 BalletNova Young 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 internationally 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 contact BalletNova at info@BalletNova.org.

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A Complete Failure

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

BY VICTORIA ROSS
THE CONNECTION

The 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-



PHOTO BY VICTORIA ROSS/THE CONNECTION

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

"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."

—Steve Souder, Fairfax County 911 Director



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

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Sunday, Sept. 9

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*Admission is free.

BY VICTORIA ROSS
THE CONNECTION

Burke 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 Sunday afternoon around 1 p.m. You never know," she said, smiling.

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 rock-climbing 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 www.burkecentreweb.com for more information about parking, sponsors and other event information.

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NEWS

Are We Really Happy?

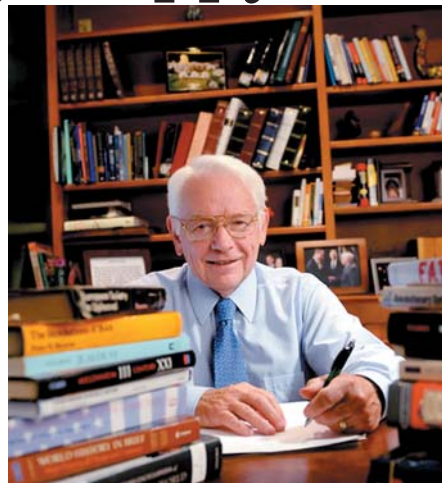
GMU Provost Peter N. Stearns publishes book about modern times and happiness.

“Satisfaction 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 balance.” He suggested “exploring how we can cope with the demands of modern life.” He leaves the reader of Satisfaction Not Guaranteed:



Peter N. Stearns

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

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The filming of "The Senior Prank."



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'Senior Prank' Filmed in Area

Local talent recruited for "The Senior Prank."

The 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



Ben Davies (Brandon) and Frank Stephens (Ben), play brothers in the movie.

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



Char-a-oke Anyone?

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

BY VICTORIA ROSS
THE CONNECTION

Listen, 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-

cial and other notables who sang or cheered on other participants. The list included Delegates Dave Albo, Mark Keam, Barbara Comstock, Kay Kory, Alfonso Lopez, Jim Scott, Ken Plum, Vivian Watts and Tom Rust. Senators included Dave Marsden and Barbara Favola, as well as Fairfax County Supervisor John Foust and Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) Superintendent Jack Dale.

“The atmosphere was electric,” said Fairfax Chamber President & CEO Jim Corcoran. “It was an incredible display of community involvement, 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 year.

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



PHOTO BY JENNY RULEY/FCPS

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.

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.

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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From left, Julie Clemente of McLean is a member of the First Lady's Initiatives Team Efforts (FLITE); Heidi Murkoff is the author of the best-selling "What to Expect" pregnancy and parenting series of books, website resources and apps; Jamilia Shipman, executive director of Operations for Operation Homefront DC Metro and local meteorologist Kim Martucci, who did the honors as the emcee.

Baby Shower for Military Moms

Virginia's First Lady, FLITE and Operation Homefront host the event at Waterford in Springfield.

It started with a phone call 28 weeks ago. What happened inbetween—the planning, the coordination, the logistics, the marshalling of personnel and resources, and just a lot of hard work—would have made a Pentagon strategist proud. It's a fitting analogy since the recipients of all this effort were more than 100 expectant and new military moms, representing all branches of military service, who attended a very special group baby shower at The Waterford in Springfield on Aug. 21.

The phone call was from first lady of Virginia Maureen McDonnell to Julie Clemente of McLean. When not absorbed in her role as the president of the Friends of Clemmyjontri Park in McLean, Clemente is often to be found involved in activities as a member of the First Lady's Initiatives Team Effort (FLITE). FLITE is Mrs. McDonnell's answer to her husband the governor's inaugural address call to pursue "A Commonwealth of Opportunity." One hundred women from across the state belong to FLITE, working to identity programs, activities, individuals and organizations that demonstrate exemplary achievement within the first lady's four key focus areas and providing assistance and support for their efforts. One of those focus areas targets military families, seeking ways to give back to those who serve and those who support.

"Of course you say 'Yes!' when the first lady of Virginia is on the line!" said Clemente when describing how the baby shower was conceived. "Especially when she's asking you to help in such a worthwhile effort."

The next step for Clemente was contacting Operation Homefront's DC Metro Chapter. Chapter co-founder and President Vivian Dietrich was delighted to co-host. The group has experience organizing military baby showers and gladly accepted the assignment.

Clemente and Dietrich then took things to the next level. Clemente contacted her friends, Heidi and Erik

Murkoff. Heidi is the creator of the best-selling "What to Expect" pregnancy, birth and parenting series and website that began with the book "What To Expect When You're Expecting." Hoping to receive a few signed copies of the book as giveaways at the shower, Clemente was nearly overwhelmed when Erik Murkoff offered books for all the attendees—and a guest appearance by Heidi who would also do a book signing and lead a Q&A session.

Operation Homefront DC Metro's Dietrich did her share of recruiting as well, lining up a speaker from Fort Belvoir to provide practical baby care information and snagging Emmy-award winning meteorologist Kim Martucci as the day's emcee. Martucci, who currently freelances in our area and can be seen doing the video forecast for NBC 4, couldn't have been a better choice, being close to the due date of her own pregnancy.

Throughout the day, Operation Homefront volunteers circulated to assist, often taking a baby for a stroll while the mom had a chance to eat, take notes, or just stretch and take a break.

Mrs. McDonnell also added to the baby shower swag that the moms would be taking home. She and the governor had red "onesies" made for each of the moms with "Our Little Hero" printed on the front and a "Thank You from Governor and Mrs. Bob McDonnell."

"I am the daughter and the daughter-in-law of men who served. My husband served, active and reserves, for 21 years. Even more recently, I have spent many long nights waiting anxiously for that phone to ring. Just like all of you, I waited to hear that beautiful voice and know that they're safe," said Mrs. McDonnell, referring to her daughter Jeanine who served as an Army signal corps officer in Iraq. "Virginia needs to remember our service men and women and their families. You all are the selfless, quiet heroes of the freedoms we all wake up to each morning."

Heidi Murkoff was next up, speaking and then leading a lengthy Q&A session. Hands just kept being raised. The moms seemed genuinely relieved to be able to ask a wide range of questions and ask for advice.

More photos and information at www.firstlady.governor.virginia.gov and Operation Homefront at www.operationhomefront.net/dcmetro.



In her remarks to the moms, Virginia's First Lady Maureen McDonnell admitted she gets nervous speaking to a crowd and would rather be out there holding the babies and that's just what she did: 7-week-old Connor Paszkiet seems pretty happy with the arrangement.



Michelle Toothman from the Franconia area, First Lady Maureen McDonnell and Patty Pacheco of Springfield share a few moments talking about "mom things." Michelle and Marine Drum and Bugle Corps David are expecting their first child. Patty's husband is an Army officer.



From left, Ashley Adams, Crystal Fichter, Aileen Brasse, Laura Piper. As the only one in the group with the experience of one already, Crystal had to show the other expectant moms how it's done, as they tried to prepare to transport the baby furniture won as a door prize.

CALENDAR

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.

FRIDAY/AUG. 31

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

Alte Kameraden "AUG-toberfest" Concert. 7:30 p.m. Lake Accotink Park, Springfield.

SATURDAY/SEPT. 1

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.

Screen on the Green. 7:30 p.m., at Paradise Springs Winery, 13219 Yates Ford Road, Clifton. See Bottle Shock on the lawn on a large outdoor projector screen. Bring a blanket, picnic, and enjoy your favorite wine while watching. Adults. www.paradisesspringswinery.com.

WEDNESDAY/SEPT. 5

Encore Chorale of Springfield. 1:30 - 3 p.m. Messiah United Methodist Church, 6215 Rolling Road, Springfield. For singers age 55+. <http://encorecreativity.org>

SATURDAY/SEPT. 8

Flea Market. 8 a.m.-4 p.m. VRE Commuter Rail Parking Lot, 6900 Hechinger Drive, Springfield. Sponsored by Springfield-Franconia Lions Club. Vendor fee \$20 per parking space. Proceeds benefit local charities. 703-569-3074 or <http://sfhostlions.org/fleamkt.html>.

Workhouse Education Open House. Noon-5 p.m., at the Lorton Workhouse, 9601 Ox Road, Lorton. Come learn about classes and workshops with demonstrations, on-site registration and instructors to answer questions. www.lortonarts.org.

Senior Solo Exhibition. 5-7 p.m., at the McGuire Woods Gallery, 9601 Ox Road, Lorton. The Workhouse Arts Center invited art students from the area to participate in an opportunity to have a solo exhibition in the McGuireWoods Gallery—this years exhibition features Threshold Consciousness, an exhibit of 12 large prints with sound elements accompanying. www.workhousearts.org.

2nd Saturday Art Walk. 6-9 p.m. Workhouse Art Center, 9601 Ox Road, Lorton. Meet each building's featured artist, a reception in W-16 from 6-7 p.m. and more. www.WorkhouseArts.org.

SUNDAY/SEPT. 9

Rally Day Cookout/Family Fun. Noon - 3:00 PM. Living Savior Lutheran Church, 5500 Ox Road, Fairfax Station. Free. All are welcome. 703-352-1421. <http://www.livingsaviorlutheran.org>.

Broadway Art Gallery presents Art Uncorked. 2-5 p.m., at Paradise Springs Winery, 13219 Yates Ford Road, Clifton. See an installment of Broadway Gallery hosts a meet and greet art show with local artists featured all month on the walls of the winery. www.paradisesspringswinery.com.

TUESDAY/SEPT. 11

Wakefield Chorale Practice. 7:30-

Blurring Boundaries

Han-Mee Artist Association of Greater Washington, D.C. presents Blurring Boundaries at the Lorton Workhouse 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.



9:30 p.m. North Springfield Elementary School, 7602 Heming Ct, Springfield. Meet in school cafeteria. 703-255-3489.

SATURDAY/SEPT. 15

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"Great Escape" Prison to Park Festival. 9 a.m.-5 p.m. at Laurel Hill Park, Giles Run Meadow, 8400 Lorton Road, Lorton. Witness the former Lorton Reformatory site with wagon tours inside the prison grounds, fishing, farm animals, children's games, live music, a giant sack slide, guided nature walks and disk golf and mountain bike demonstrations. \$2-10. 703-451-9588.

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.

Flea Market. 8 a.m.-4 p.m. VRE Commuter Rail Parking Lot, 6900 Hechinger Drive, Springfield. Sponsored by Springfield-Franconia Lions Club. Vendor fee \$20 per parking space. Proceeds benefit local charities. 703-569-3074 or <http://sfhostlions.org/fleamkt.html>.

SATURDAY/SEPT. 29

Public Reception: Washington Landscape Painters. 5-7 p.m. Workhouse Arts Center, 9601 Ox Road, Lorton. Works of The Washington Society of Landscape Painters on display in the Workhouse Gallery. Exhibit open Sept. 28-Oct. 21. www.workhousearts.org.

SATURDAY/OCT. 6

Flea Market. 8 a.m.-4 p.m. VRE Commuter Rail Parking Lot, 6900 Hechinger Drive, Springfield. Sponsored by Springfield-Franconia Lions Club. Vendor fee \$20 per parking space. Proceeds benefit local charities. 703-569-3074 or <http://sfhostlions.org/fleamkt.html>.

SATURDAY/OCT. 13

2nd Saturday Art Walk. 6-9 p.m. Workhouse Art Center, 9601 Ox Road, Lorton. Meet each building's featured artist, a reception in W-16 from 6-7 p.m. and more. www.WorkhouseArts.org.

Flea Market. 8 a.m.-4 p.m. VRE Commuter Rail Parking Lot, 6900 Hechinger Drive, Springfield. Sponsored by Springfield-Franconia

Lions Club. Vendor fee \$20 per parking space. Proceeds benefit local charities. 703-569-3074 or <http://sfhostlions.org/fleamkt.html>.

Elisabeth von Trapp Concert. 7 p.m. Franconia United Methodist Church, 6027 Franconia Rd, Alexandria. Free. <http://www.franconiaumc.org>.

FRIDAY/OCT. 19

Slide Lecture/Closing Reception: Robert and Gail Piepenburg Ceramics. 7-9 p.m. Workhouse Arts Center, 9601 Ox Road, Lorton. Raku and smoke-fired sculptures and vessels, in conjunction with a raku workshop Oct. 20-21. www.workhousearts.org.

SATURDAY/OCT. 20

Flea Market. 8 a.m.-4 p.m. VRE Commuter Rail Parking Lot, 6900 Hechinger Drive, Springfield. Sponsored by Springfield-Franconia Lions Club. Vendor fee \$20 per parking space. Proceeds benefit local charities. 703-569-3074 or <http://sfhostlions.org/fleamkt.html>.

SATURDAY/NOV. 3

Flea Market. 8 a.m.-4 p.m. VRE Commuter Rail Parking Lot, 6900 Hechinger Drive, Springfield. Sponsored by Springfield-Franconia Lions Club. Vendor fee \$20 per parking space. Proceeds benefit local charities. 703-569-3074 or <http://sfhostlions.org/fleamkt.html>.

SATURDAY/NOV. 10

2nd Saturday Art Walk. 6-9 p.m. Workhouse Art Center, 9601 Ox Road, Lorton. Meet each building's featured artist, a reception in W-16 from 6-7 p.m. and more. www.WorkhouseArts.org.

Flea Market. 8 a.m.-4 p.m. VRE Commuter Rail Parking Lot, 6900 Hechinger Drive, Springfield. Sponsored by Springfield-Franconia Lions Club. Vendor fee \$20 per parking space. Proceeds benefit local charities. 703-569-3074 or <http://sfhostlions.org/fleamkt.html>.

SATURDAY/NOV. 17

Public Reception: Mobile Works. 5-7 p.m. Workhouse Arts Center, 9601 Ox Road, Lorton. Mobile or cell phone photography that has been taken with deliberate intent, such as a photographer would do in traditional photographic methods. Exhibit open Oct. 26-Nov. 18. www.workhousearts.org.

Public Reception: Photographer Adam Jacono. 5-7 p.m. Workhouse Arts Center, 9601 Ox Road, Lorton. Alternative and traditional photographic processes, in combination with digital photography, video, web, printmaking and more. Exhibit open Oct. 26-Nov. 18. www.workhousearts.org.

Fairfax Symphony Orchestra: Masterworks II. 8 p.m. George Mason University Center for the Arts, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. Conductor Ken Woods and violinist

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Address	BR .	FB .	HB ...	Postal	City	Sold Price ...	Type	Lot AC .	PostalCode	Subdivision
8301 COVINGTON WOODS CT	5	...	5 ...	0	SPRINGFIELD	\$805,000	Detached	0.22	22153	COVINGTON WOODS
8305 COVINGTON WOODS CT	5	...	4 ...	1	SPRINGFIELD	\$800,000	Detached	0.21	22153	COVINGTON WOODS
7003 SPRINGVILLE CT	5	...	4 ...	0	SPRINGFIELD	\$774,500	Detached	0.33	22150	SPRING VILLAGE ESTATES
7025 HIGHLAND MEADOWS CT	6	...	3 ...	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$760,000	Detached	0.34	22315	CARRINGTON ESTATES
7030 HIGHLAND MEADOWS CT	4	...	3 ...	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$742,000	Detached	0.20	22315	CARRINGTON ESTATES
7420 BRIAN RUN CT	4	...	2 ...	1	SPRINGFIELD	\$689,000	Detached	0.47	22153	GLENWOOD MANOR
6317 WILLOWFIELD WAY	5	...	3 ...	1	SPRINGFIELD	\$650,000	Detached	0.20	22150	HIGHGROVE ESTATES
9313 JANPHIL LN	6	...	3 ...	1	SPRINGFIELD	\$649,900	Detached	0.27	22153	LAKEWOOD HILLS
7413 GRESHAM ST	4	...	3 ...	1	SPRINGFIELD	\$605,000	Detached	0.25	22151	NORTH SPRINGFIELD
6236 WINDHAM HILL RUN	3	...	2 ...	2	ALEXANDRIA	\$605,000	Townhouse	0.05	22315	KINGSTOWNE
6091 DEER RIDGE TRL	5	...	3 ...	1	SPRINGFIELD	\$602,000	Detached	0.20	22150	HIGHGROVE ESTATES
7622 SEABROOK LN	5	...	3 ...	1	SPRINGFIELD	\$600,000	Detached	0.40	22153	WHISPERWOOD
8987 SHADOWLAKE WAY	4	...	2 ...	1	SPRINGFIELD	\$600,000	Detached	0.21	22153	LAKEWOOD HILLS
6237 WINDHAM HILL RUN	3	...	3 ...	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$591,000	Townhouse	0.07	22315	KINGSTOWNE
8616 ETIA DR	4	...	2 ...	2	SPRINGFIELD	\$585,000	Detached	0.30	22152	KEENE MILL STATION
9220 PALOMA LN	4	...	3 ...	1	SPRINGFIELD	\$585,000	Detached	0.30	22153	LAKEWOOD HILLS
7302 WHITSON DR	5	...	3 ...	1	SPRINGFIELD	\$575,000	Detached	0.24	22153	ROLLING VALLEY
7200 HOMESTEAD PL	4	...	2 ...	1	SPRINGFIELD	\$556,000	Detached	0.54	22151	LEEWOOD
8455 RUSHING CREEK CT	4	...	2 ...	2	SPRINGFIELD	\$550,000	Detached	0.22	22153	NEWINGTON FOREST
8213 RUSHING CREEK DR	6	...	3 ...	1	SPRINGFIELD	\$545,000	Detached	0.24	22153	NEWINGTON FOREST
6334 DUNMAN WAY	3	...	2 ...	2	ALEXANDRIA	\$545,000	Townhouse	0.05	22315	KINGSTOWNE
8806 CUTTERMILL PL	4	...	2 ...	1	SPRINGFIELD	\$536,000	Detached	0.21	22153	ROLLING VALLEY
9218 PALOMA LN	4	...	3 ...	0	SPRINGFIELD	\$520,000	Detached	0.31	22153	LAKEWOOD HILLS
7710 GREEN GARLAND DR	4	...	3 ...	0	SPRINGFIELD	\$515,000	Detached	0.19	22153	AFTON GLEN
7333 HAMPTON MANOR PL	3	...	3 ...	1	SPRINGFIELD	\$510,000	Townhouse	0.05	22150	TOWNES OF MANCHESTER WDS
6806 REYNARD DR	4	...	3 ...	0	SPRINGFIELD	\$510,000	Detached	0.25	22152	ORANGE HUNT ESTATES
6605 THURLTON DR	3	...	3 ...	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$510,000	Townhouse	0.05	22315	KINGSTOWNE
6447 SUTCLIFFE DR	3	...	3 ...	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$504,500	Townhouse	0.05	22315	KINGSTOWNE
8813 SHADOWLAKE WAY	4	...	2 ...	1	SPRINGFIELD	\$502,499	Detached	0.21	22153	LAKEWOOD HILLS
8619 GREELEY BLVD	5	...	2 ...	1	SPRINGFIELD	\$500,000	Detached	0.23	22152	KEENE MILL STATION
5972 NORHAM DR	4	...	3 ...	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$500,000	Townhouse	0.06	22315	KINGSTOWNE
7807 BRAEMAR WAY	4	...	2 ...	1	SPRINGFIELD	\$496,000	Detached	0.31	22153	SARATOGA
5905 SANDRINGHAM CT	5	...	3 ...	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$493,000	Detached	0.42	22315	HAYFIELD FARM
6712 SULLIVAN WAY	3	...	2 ...	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$490,000	Townhouse	0.05	22315	ISLAND CREEK
7627 CRAWFORD CT	5	...	3 ...	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$485,000	Detached	0.32	22315	HAYFIELD FARM
5201 BALLYCASTLE CIR	3	...	2 ...	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$481,000	Townhouse	0.07	22315	KINGSTOWNE
6600 JENNY DEE PL	4	...	3 ...	0	SPRINGFIELD	\$480,000	Detached	0.30	22152	ORANGE HUNT ESTATES
6608 HUNTER CREEK LN	3	...	2 ...	2	ALEXANDRIA	\$476,400	Townhouse	0.05	22315	ISLAND CREEK
5505 SOUTHAMPTON DR	4	...	3 ...	0	SPRINGFIELD	\$474,000	Detached	0.24	22151	KINGS PARK
8006 PARKLANE CT	3	...	3 ...	1	SPRINGFIELD	\$472,500	Detached	0.23	22153	WOODSTREAM
7824 RICHFIELD RD	4	...	3 ...	1	SPRINGFIELD	\$470,000	Detached	0.22	22153	SARATOGA
7833 BROMPTON ST	5	...	2 ...	1	SPRINGFIELD	\$465,000	Detached	0.34	22152	KEENE MILL MANOR
6328 MILLER DR	3	...	2 ...	2	ALEXANDRIA	\$465,000	Detached	0.49	22315	GLYNALTA PARK
8820 ARLEY DR	4	...	3 ...	0	SPRINGFIELD	\$462,500	Detached	0.24	22153	ROLLING VALLEY
6621 HUNTSMAN BLVD	4	...	2 ...	1	SPRINGFIELD	\$461,000	Detached	0.27	22152	ORANGE HUNT ESTATES
7040 FIELDHURST CT	3	...	3 ...	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$460,000	Townhouse	0.04	22315	MEWS THE
6540 KELEY POINT CIR	3	...	2 ...	2	ALEXANDRIA	\$455,000	Townhouse	0.04	22315	KINGSTOWNE
6401 WAINFLEET CT	3	...	3 ...	1	SPRINGFIELD	\$450,000	Townhouse	0.17	22152	RHYGATE
7822 ATTLEBORO DR	3	...	2 ...	1	SPRINGFIELD	\$448,000	Detached	0.20	22153	SARATOGA
6911 GILLINGS RD	4	...	3 ...	0	SPRINGFIELD	\$445,000	Detached	0.20	22152	ROLLING VALLEY
7135 ROLLING FOREST AVE	4	...	3 ...	0	SPRINGFIELD	\$445,000	Detached	0.21	22152	ROLLING FOREST
6553 KELSEY POINT CIR	3	...	2 ...	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$445,000	Townhouse	0.04	22315	KINGSTOWNE
6726 BOSTWICK DR	5	...	2 ...	1	SPRINGFIELD	\$443,500	Detached	0.30	22151	EDSALL PARK
5233 PERTH CT	4	...	2 ...	1	SPRINGFIELD	\$442,000	Detached	0.25	22151	KINGS PARK
5828 HEMING AVE	3	...	2 ...	1	SPRINGFIELD	\$435,000	Detached	0.21	22151	NORTH SPRINGFIELD PARK
6157 SUMMER PARK LN	3	...	3 ...	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$433,500	Townhouse	0.03	22315	KINGSTOWNE
5721 MARBLE ARCH WAY	4	...	2 ...	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$432,500	Detached	0.25	22315	HAYFIELD FARM
6303 CHARNWOOD ST	4	...	2 ...	0	SPRINGFIELD	\$430,000	Detached	0.26	22152	KEENE MILL MANOR
7910 SAINT DENNIS DR	4	...	3 ...	0	SPRINGFIELD	\$430,000	Detached	0.25	22153	SARATOGA
7314 ELGAR ST	4	...	2 ...	0	SPRINGFIELD	\$429,900	Detached	0.24	22151	NORTH SPRINGFIELD
5215 JULIET ST	4	...	2 ...	1	SPRINGFIELD	\$426,838	Detached	0.32	22151	NORTH SPRINGFIELD
7503 ESSEX AVE	3	...	2 ...	0	SPRINGFIELD	\$425,000	Detached	0.33	22150	SPRINGFIELD
5227 PERTH CT	5	...	2 ...	0	SPRINGFIELD	\$425,000	Detached	0.30	22151	KINGS PARK
7232 LENSFIELD CT	3	...	3 ...	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$425,000	Townhouse	0.03	22315	KINGSTOWNE
7908 HAITERAS LN	3	...	2 ...	0	SPRINGFIELD	\$424,900	Detached	0.25	22151	RAVENSWORTH
6311 MILLWOOD CIR	3	...	3 ...	1	SPRINGFIELD	\$423,000	Townhouse	0.05	22152	MILLWOOD ESTATES
7472 WESTCREEK CT	3	...	2 ...	2	SPRINGFIELD	\$421,000	Townhouse	0.04	22153	WESTWATER POINT
7072 GATTON SQ	3	...	2 ...	2	ALEXANDRIA	\$420,000	Townhouse	0.04	22315	MANCHESTER LAKES
7439 DIGBY GRN	3	...	3 ...	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$419,000	Townhouse	0.04	22315	KINGSTOWNE
8310 GREELEY BLVD	6	...	2 ...	1	SPRINGFIELD	\$417,000	Detached	0.27	22152	ROLLING VALLEY
5614 HEMING AVE	3	...	2 ...	1	SPRINGFIELD	\$416,500	Detached	0.24	22151	NORTH SPRINGFIELD
5231 MILLAND ST	4	...	3 ...	0	SPRINGFIELD	\$415,000	Detached	0.36	22151	NORTH SPRINGFIELD
6804 BLUEFIELD CT	4	...	2 ...	1	SPRINGFIELD	\$415,000	Detached	0.33	22152	WEST SPRINGFIELD VILLAGE
6814 WILD ROSE CT	4	...	3 ...	1	SPRINGFIELD	\$412,500	Townhouse	0.04	22152	DAVENTRY
6035 JOUST LN	4	...	3 ...	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$412,000	Townhouse	0.03	22315	KINGSTOWNE
8009 FERNCLIFF CT	3	...	2 ...	1	SPRINGFIELD	\$410,000	Detached	0.24	22153	SARATOGA
7513 AMESBURY CT	3	...	2 ...	2	ALEXANDRIA	\$409,000	Townhouse	0.04	22315	HAYFIELD VIEW
6720 NEW HOPE DR	4	...	2 ...	0	SPRINGFIELD	\$403,500	Detached	0.25	22151	EDSALL PARK
7729 GLENISTER DR	5	...	3 ...	0	SPRINGFIELD	\$400,000	Detached	0.28	22152	WESTVIEW HILLS
7910 ORANGE PLANK RD	4	...	2 ...	0	SPRINGFIELD	\$400,000	Detached	0.33	22153	CHANCELLOR FARMS
7842 GODOLPHIN DR	4	...	2 ...	1	SPRINGFIELD	\$400,000	Detached	0.23	22153	NEWINGTON STATION
5513 HELMSDALE LN	4	...	2 ...	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$400,000	Detached	0.25	22315	HAYFIELD FARM
6178 GREEN HOLLOW CT	4	...	3 ...	1	SPRINGFIELD	\$387,900	Townhouse	0.03	22152	THE TIMBERS
6813 BRISBANE ST	3	...	2 ...	0	SPRINGFIELD	\$385,000	Detached	0.26	22152	WEST SPRINGFIELD VILLAGE
5313 DUBLIN AVE	3	...	2 ...	0	SPRINGFIELD	\$382,000	Detached	0.24	22151	EDSALL PARK
7213 BONA VISTA CT	4	...	2 ...	1	SPRINGFIELD	\$380,000	Detached	0.14	22150	BEN FRANKLIN PARK
8605 OLD KEENE MILL RD	4	...	2 ...	1	SPRINGFIELD	\$380,000	Detached	0.22	22152	KEENE MILL STATION
7789 NEWINGTON WOODS DR	4	...	2 ...	1	SPRINGFIELD	\$380,000	Detached	0.19	22153	NEWINGTON WOODS
8464 YELLOW LEAF CT	3	...	2 ...	1	SPRINGFIELD	\$379,900	Detached	0.16	22153	NEWINGTON FOREST
7465 RIDGE OAK CT	2	...	3 ...	1	SPRINGFIELD	\$379,000	Townhouse	0.05	22153	WESTWATER POINT
6919 ROLLING RD	4	...	2 ...	1	SPRINGFIELD	\$376,000	Detached	0.25	22152	WEST SPRINGFIELD VILLAGE
8115 BULLOCK LN	4	...	2 ...	0	SPRINGFIELD	\$375,000	Detached	0.25	22151	RAVENSWORTH
6926 SYDENSTRICKER RD	4	...	2 ...	1	SPRINGFIELD	\$375,000	Detached	0.30	22152	ORANGE HUNT ESTATES
7403 CHARLOTTE ST	3	...	1 ...	1	SPRINGFIELD	\$369,900	Detached	0.23	22150	SPRINGFIELD
8423 FORRESTER BLVD	3	...	2 ...	2	SPRINGFIELD	\$369,900	Townhouse	0.03	22152	CHARLESTOWN
5519 MILES CT	3	...	2 ...	2	SPRINGFIELD	\$369,500	Townhouse	0.05	22151	DANBURY FOREST
6563 COACHLEIGH WAY	3	...	2 ...	2	ALEXANDRIA	\$368,000	Townhouse	0.05	22315	AMBERLEIGH
8305 UXBRIDGE CT	3	...	2 ...	2	SPRINGFIELD	\$365,000	Townhouse	0.05	22151	DANBURY FOREST
8747 SHERIDAN FARMS CT	3	...	2 ...	2	SPRINGFIELD	\$365,000	Townhouse	0.04	22152	HILLSIDE RIDGE
8310 WICKHAM RD	3	...	3 ...	1	SPRINGFIELD	\$365,000	Townhouse	0.03	22152	CHARLESTOWN
5800 HANOVER AVE	5	...	2 ...	0	SPRINGFIELD	\$360,000	Detached	0.25	22150	SPRINGFIELD
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6614 GREENLEIGH LN	3	...	2 ...	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$360,000	Townhouse	0.03	22315	AMBERLEIGH
6642 ROCKLEIGH WAY	2	...	2 ...	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$355,500	Townhouse	0.03	22315	AMBERLEIGH
8041 SLEEPY VIEW LN	3	...	3 ...	1	SPRINGFIELD	\$354,000	Townhouse	0.06	22153	SARATOGA TOWNHOUSES
8494 RIPPLED CREEK CT	4	...	2 ...	1	SPRINGFIELD	\$352,000	Detached	0.15	22153	NEWINGTON FOREST

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NEWS

Love Letter Cabaret

The Jewish Community Center to present new performing arts series.

BY DAVID SIEGEL
THE CONNECTION

A 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 remove that fourth wall—to actually see the 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 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 talented pianist and 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, Tommy Tune



Marilyn Hausfeld

and other Broadway stars.

“Cabaret allows me to be an actor, a storyteller, a singer and most importantly—myself. I can take my life experiences 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.”

PHOTO BY LLOYD WOLF/COURTESY OF THE JCCNV

County Files FCC Complaint

FROM PAGE 8

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. According to officials, Fairfax County is pursuing the

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>

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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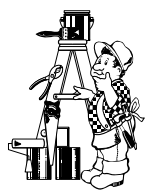
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Lee senior Meghan Cox scored a pair of goals during the “Under the Lights” field hockey tournament Aug. 24-25 at Lee High School.



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Lee Field Hockey Hosts ‘Under the Lights’

After defeating Wakefield, 6-0, in its season opener, Lee hosted the 2012 “Under the Lights” tournament Aug. 24-25.

BY JON ROETMAN
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After scoring the first goal of her high school career against Osbourn Park on Aug. 25, Lee senior Jean Garcia celebrated with a blissful dance resembling a youngster pleased with her holiday gift. The Lee field hockey team would lose the contest and finish 0-3-1 during the two-day “Under the Lights” tournament, but that didn’t keep the Lancers from enjoying the competition.

After defeating Wakefield, 6-0, in its season opener on Aug. 22, Lee hosted the 2012 “Under the Lights” tournament Aug. 24-25. The Lancers lost to Centreville, 6-0, and South Lakes, 5-1, during first-day action before tying Falls Church, 1-1, and losing

to Osbourn Park, 3-1, on the second day.

“At Lee, we always joke that we’re the little underdog in every sport,” third-year Lee head field hockey coach Lindsay Jones said, “and I always try to encourage the girls because ... it’s anybody’s game and a lot of the coaches overlook us and we get out there and they’re like, ‘Whoa.’”

Lee senior Meghan Cox, a standout soccer athlete, scored a goal against South Lakes and Falls Church during the tournament.

“She doesn’t do a lot with field hockey in the off-season,” Jones said, “but she’s just so talented, she picks it up so well.”

Senior captains Sophia Kim and Laura Martin are also key players for the Lancers.

“[Kim] came out her sophomore year, played JV, and she just picked it up,” Jones said. “She was such a captain right away. At JV she was a captain, even though she was a beginner she was leading the team, and that’s what I needed from her for her senior year and this team. She’s positive, she’s encouraging, and even [when] she messes up, she stays focused...”

“Laura has obvious stick skills, she’s got great speed and she’s just another person that controls the game up top—gets us opportunities, gets us those corners.”

Lee (1-3-1) will host South County at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 30.



Senior forward Laura Martin is a captain for the Lee field hockey team.



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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
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The 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

Three 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.

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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.

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

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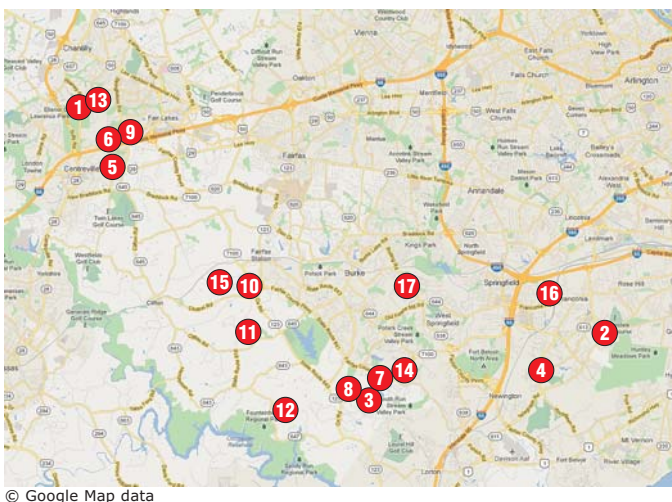
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2 7000 CLIFTON KNOLL CT	5	3	1	22315	ALEXANDRIA	\$740,000	Detached	0.23	22315	CEDAR KNOLL	06/29/12
3 7925 HOLLINGTON PL	5	4	1	22039	FAIRFAX STATION	\$739,000	Detached	0.29	22039	BARRINGTON	06/01/12
4 6420 CALEB CT	4	4	1	22315	ALEXANDRIA	\$735,000	Detached	0.13	22315	KINGSTOWNE	06/22/12
5 13477 CONEFLOWER CT	4	4	1	20120	CENTREVILLE	\$730,000	Detached	0.19	20120	FAIRCREST SOUTH	06/28/12
6 5101 HIRST VALLEY WAY	4	3	1	20120	CENTREVILLE	\$730,000	Detached	0.24	20120	FAIR LAKES CHASE	06/29/12
7 9011 SCOTT ST	4	3	1	22153	SPRINGFIELD	\$725,000	Detached	0.35	22153	SOUTH RUN FOREST	06/22/12
8 7902 GLENBARR CT	4	3	1	22039	FAIRFAX STATION	\$720,000	Detached	0.26	22039	BARRINGTON	06/29/12
9 5021 VERONICA RD	5	4	1	20120	CENTREVILLE	\$720,000	Detached	0.16	20120	FAIRLAKES CROSSING	06/29/12
10 6118 UNION CAMP DR	5	3	1	22039	FAIRFAX STATION	\$719,900	Detached	0.46	22039	FAIRFAX STATION	06/08/12
11 11200 SPLIT RAIL LN	5	3	1	22039	FAIRFAX STATION	\$710,000	Detached	5.00	22039	THE HOLLY FOREST	06/22/12
12 10609 TIMBERIDGE RD	4	2	1	22039	FAIRFAX STATION	\$708,000	Detached	5.00	22039	FOUNTAINHEAD / TIMBERLANE	06/29/12
13 4715 LEIGHFIELD VALLEY DR	4	3	1	20151	CHANTILLY	\$705,000	Detached	0.38	20151	POPLAR PARK	06/25/12
14 7700 WHITE WILLOW CT	4	3	1	22153	SPRINGFIELD	\$705,000	Detached	0.21	22153	WHISPERWOOD	06/29/12
15 11640 HAVENNER RD	4	3	1	22039	FAIRFAX STATION	\$700,000	Detached	0.58	22039	FAIRFAX STATION	06/01/12
16 6221 WILLOWFIELD WAY	6	3	1	22152	SPRINGFIELD	\$700,000	Detached	0.20	22152	HIGHGROVE ESTATES	06/22/12
17 8626 JAMES CREEK DR	5	4	1	22152	SPRINGFIELD	\$700,000	Detached	0.17	22152	JAMES CREEK	06/29/12

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