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Lord of Life Lutheran offers services at two locations, in Fairfax at 5114 Twinbrook Road and in Clifton at 13421 Twin Lakes Drive. Services in Fairfax are held on Saturdays at 5:30 p.m. and Sundays at 8:15, 9:45 and 11:15 a.m. Services in Clifton are held on Sundays at 8:15 and 10:30 a.m. 703-323-9500 or www.Lordoflifeva.org.

First Baptist Church of Spring**field** offers sunday school at 9:15 a.m., followed by a 10:30 a.m. worship service. 7300 Gary Street, Springfield. 703-451-1500

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In a new outreach and social media engagement program, the Burke Presbyterian Church launched a sermon series on Sept. 9 focused on connecting: with the community, with conflict, with hope, etc... As part of the sermon series, the congregation has been invited to participate in a weekly challenge that matches the sermon theme and to share anecdotes of their experiences on Facebook. The first week's sermon focused on Connecting with the Community, and congregants were sent out from the service with a charge to do something nice for a service worker or member of their community that doesn't get enough kudos.

The Burke Presbyterian Church (BPC) has several local and regional mission opportunities for church and community members coming up this

❖The BPC Snacks and Backpacks program begins another year of tutoring students from local elementary schools on Monday afternoons.

❖September is the church's month to stock the food pantry at ECHO and also to help donate school supplies.

❖The annual Bikes for the World bike collection event will take place on Saturday, Oct. 6. The Bikes for the World organization collects bikes and parts and delivers them to community programs in developing countries.

❖The Burke Area CROP Hunger walk, which has been fighting hunger in the region for 20 years, will be held on Sunday, November 18. Signup begins Saturday, Oct 27 and Sunday, Oct 28.

The Burke Presbyterian Church Youth Connections and "Rainbow' children's programs start this month with weekly meetings, dinners, and activities for young people. Both programs offer a great environment to connect with other local kids, to develop healthy relationships, and to stay active in the community. More information and registration forms are available on the BPC website. www.burkepreschurch.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.st-andrew.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.

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News

Dam Project Worries Neighbors

South Run residents want unofficial park entryway shut down permanently.

> By Victoria Ross THE CONNECTION

hris Amans and his wife, Brenda Riffe, have lived in the leafy neighborhood of South Run in Fairfax Station since the community was developed in the mid-1980s.

Bordered by Lee Chapel Road, Route 123, and the Fairfax County Parkway, many of the community's 500 homes, which sell for close to \$1 million, back up to Burke Lake Park.

While they love the neighborhood's mature trees, expansive 1/2-acre lots and access to Burke Lake Park, they have never been happy with the fact that their Laketree Drive cul-de-sac has become an unofficial entrance to the popular Burke Lake trails.

ON WEEKENDS, the cul-de-sac is often filled with cars parked haphazardly on their street, as park-goers use the 4foot gravel berm as a de-facto parking

"There's been more outsider traffic to use entry to the park, and it damages the road," Riffe said. "I've seen 12-15 cars parked here at one time," Amans

Riffe and Amans were joined Saturday night, Sept. 15, by several other South Run neighbors who met Supervisor Pat Herrity (R-Springfield) on Laketree Drive, asking that Fairfax County permanently close off the entryway.

Burke Lake Dam Project —What You Need to Know

Beginning in mid-September, the dam at Burke Lake Park will be undergoing repairs to comply with new state dam regulations. In addition, note the following changes at the park during the renovation of the dam:

*While there will be closure of some trails in proximity to the dam, the trails used by the schools for cross-country races will not be impacted by the construction. Teams will also be able to use alternative routes for practice.

❖There will be no access going to or coming from the neighborhoods in South Run.

♦Construction of the wall and other improvements will require a drawdown of the water in the lake of 4.5 feet for the duration of the project (three to four

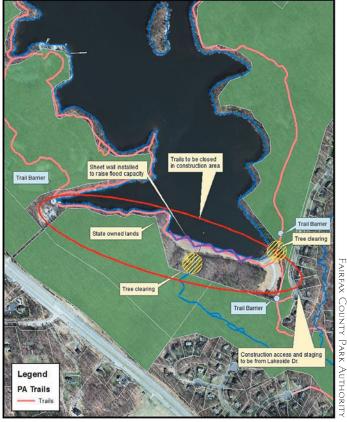
❖FCPA boating opportunities will cease during the trail closure and lake draw down. The VDGIF boat ramp also will not be usable.

❖Events and shelter rentals will be accommodated through alternative routes and facilities.

♦Construction vehicles will access the dam from Laketree Drive for the duration of the project.

Project updates and information will be posted in park kiosks and as available on the park authority

For information and updates, visit VDGIF online at www.dgif.virginia.gov/alerts.



The park authority is estimating that it will take 90-120 days to complete the project. During that time, signs will be erected throughout the park alerting users of the trail to the temporary change. The map shows the three points along the trail that will be affected by the dam repair. Take a look at the map and plan your walks along the trail keeping in mind that a full loop will not be possible while the dam is being repaired.

> Chris Leach, a longtime South Run homeowner and member of the South Run Regency, told Herrity that while some people are respectful of the neighborhood's speed limits, other frequently zip through the neighborhood without regard to children playing in their front yards.

> "I've literally been passed on this street by drivers flying by to get to the trail, and people haul canoes and all kinds of gear without any respect that this is a neighborhood with small children. There's no need for them to do that," Leach said.

> Now that the dam at Burke Lake Park will be undergoing repairs this month to comply with new safety standards, residents are even more concerned about the volume of traffic and the added hassle of heavy construction equipment, since the unofficial entryway on Laketree Drive has been identified as the official entry point of state contractors rehabbing the dam.

> The Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries (VDGIF), the state agency responsible for maintaining the lake, has notified the park authority that work is scheduled to begin on the dam later this month, and will last 90 to 120 days.

> Residents who met with Herrity had several concerns. They said VDGIF did not need to rip out 30feet of mature trees, or pave over the area with blacktop, to gain access to the dam. Some residents did not want Laketree Drive used as the construction entrance at all.

> "You can't convince me that there's not going to be construction equipment obstructing the street," said resident Shelly Bralich. "I don't care how much it SEE BURKE LAKE, PAGE 4



A 40-foot tree, uprooted by the June 29 derecho storm, landed on a sidewalk at George Mason University.

County Launches Safety Campaign

The Connection

n the past 12 months, Fairfax County residents have experienced an unprecedented number of emergencies, from an earthquake and a tropical storm to floods, a tornado and a derecho.

The June 29 derecho—a fastmoving line of thunderstorms that rolled through the area without warning—wreaked the most havoc, surprising residents with 50-80 mph winds, toppling trees and knocking out power to more than 1 million homes.

In the wake of the these emergencies, Fairfax County's Office of Emergency Management (OEM) launched an emergency preparedness campaign called "Fairfax Prepares: 30 Ways in 30 Days." The multi-media campaign is a month-long effort to promote emergency preparedness through daily tips, ideas and outreach efforts. The campaign coincides with National Preparedness Month (NPM), sponsored by FEMA in partnership with Citizen Corps. NPM is held each September to encourage Americans to make sure they are prepared for disasters or emergencies in their homes, businesses, and communities.

"We encourage your participation and, even more importantly, your willingness to share these tips with your family, friends, coworkers, faith community, interest groups and neighbors," said Marcelo how diverse our community is Ferreira of the OEM. "We're always at risk for other incidents such as terrorism."

this campaign:

❖Each day, check the new

post on the OEM emergency blog at fairfaxcountyemergency .wordpress.com/

❖Each idea will have an "ask" for you to accomplish-something practical.

❖When you complete the ask (or if you were already prepared for a specific tip), then tell the OEM through one or many of these ways:

❖Post a quick reply in the blog comments section such as "I've done this."

❖Use the Twitter hashtag #fairfaxprepares and tweet your accomplishment.

❖Like the Facebook page for this campaign to leave comments and share tips.

♦Email staff publicaffairs@fairfaxcounty.gov that you accomplished an ask.

"Try to accomplish as many asks as you can in the 30 days (all asks may not apply for example, if you don't have pets).

"Tell us how you customized an ask for your family or personal situation. And again, please share these tips with your networks of friends, neighbors, faith community members and more," said Ferreira.

Currently, the Virginia Department of Emergency Management offers preparedness brochures in 10 key languages. These can be printed and shared with people you know who speak those languages.

"More than 160 languages are spoken in Fairfax County Public Schools. That's one measure of today," according to OEM officials. "While we will predominantly publish emergency infor-Here's how to participate in mation in English, we need our whole community to be engaged in emergency preparedness."

News

Burke Lake Dam Project to Impact Trail, Park Users

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costs to move the entrance of the project (out of the neighborhood). These roads were not made for heavy construction equipment, and we're the ones who are going to incur the costs of damages when the construction crews leave."

OTHER NEIGHBORS said they were concerned about construction crews trampling through their yards, using the park entrance as a bathroom, and interfering with the four school bus runs that pick up and drop off students each day.

"They won't have to deal with the aftermath. To me, that's just wrong," Bralich said.

"I'm dreading having problems with people running in and out of our yard," said Eileen Daly. "People who use the park already walk through our yard, and let their dogs run off leash. My children can't play in the front yard now, and (the VDGIF) people say they don't know the size of the workforce. Is it going to be 50 people? More than that? They should be able to tell us by

Herrity said the road Laketree Drive is public and it's not likely the state will change the construction entrance. He also noted the six-foot-tall boulder marking the unofficial entryway makes it a natural park entry-point, and residents admitted the



South Run residents in Fairfax Station meet with Supervisor Pat Herrity (R-Springfield) to discuss concerns about the Burke Lake Park Dam project. From left, Chris Leach, Chuck Caposell, Tony Bralich, Jim Robinson and Pat Herrity.

boulder has become a landmark in the neighborhood.

He told residents he believed the dam construction project was an opportunity to get people out of the habit of using Laketree Drive as a park entrance.

"The best solution is to live with the shortterm inconvenience for a long-term solution," Herrity said.

He said if residents can live with the short-

term inconvenience of construction, there was a long-term opportunity to shut down the unofficial entryway and re-direct parkgoers to an entrance off Old Keene Mill Road, which is far less developed.

He said another goal is to take the blacktop out of the project, and work with the park authority to get substantial trees to replace the ones that get taken down.

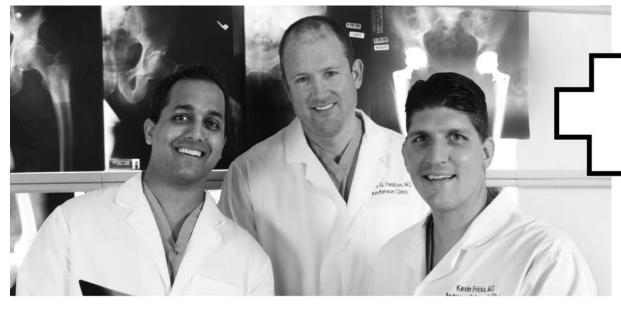
Herrity said he would continue to work with the Fairfax County Park Authority and other agencies to address the concerns of South Run residents.

Herrity said he and his staff have been working to publicize the project and the impact it will have on some of the facilities and the trails, which routinely accommodate more than 60,000 park-goers each week.

"As those who frequent the park know, the dam is a critical segment of the popular 5-mile trail loop that runs around the lake," Herrity said. "The project will close the segment of the trail which runs over the dam."

The remainder of the trail, he added, will remain open, but due to the location of the segment over the dam, users of the trail will not be able to make a complete loop and will be required to turn around prior to reaching the dam.

"Fairfax County's award winning park system is a big reason we are the envy of the region and our parks are well attended," he said.



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Lorton's Attic is hosting an evening wear and accessories sale from Oct. 4-15.

Fashionista Alert

Lorton's Attic hosts sale to support community programs.

orton's Attic, the Lorton Community Action Center (LCAC) thrift store, is holding an Evening Wear Sale from October 4-13. Shop the store for cocktail dresses, accessories, costume jewelry and much more.

"Homecoming, Halloween and holiday gatherings are just around the corner," said Andrea Cochrane Tracey, LCAC's development director. "You can find a great dress and accessory items for bargain prices and support a local charity at the same time."

Tracey said LCAC held a successful purse sale in May and wanted to offer residents another "theme" sale that related to upcoming activities and seasonal gatherings.

"And don't forget that a thrift shop can be a great source for the makings of a Halloween costume," Tracey said. "We want to remind people that Lorton's Attic is a great thrift shop, and a great place to donate items."

Lorton's Attic is a thrift store owned and operated by the Lorton Community Action Center (LCAC). The store serves the dual purpose of providing clothes and household items to clients, as well as a revenue stream to support the organization. For more information on LCAC and Lorton's Attic, go to www.lortonaction.org or call 703-339-5161, ext. 130.

—Victoria Ross

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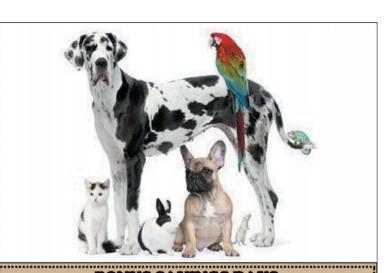
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OPINION

Bill of Rights Makes Democracy Work

Rare opportunity to see George Washington's copy of the Constitution and the Bill of Rights.

n June 22, 2012, the Mount Vernon Ladies' Association emerged from intense bidding at a Christie's auction in New York, securing George Washington's personal copy of the Acts of Congress. The price at the auction was just under \$10 million.

This week, this volume containing George Washington's personal copy of the Constitution, the Bill of Rights, and other legislation passed by the first session of Congress, with his handwritten notes in the margins, went on display at the Mount Vernon Estate, on Constitution Day which was Monday, Sept. 17. The book will be on display at Donald W. Reynolds Museum and Education Center at the Mount Vernon Estate through President's Day in February 2013.

It is certainly worth the trip to see.

The Constitution and the Bill of Rights, the first 10 amendments, are a model of spare writing, packing every word and phrase with meaning, anticipating much and providing a framework for future. Here is the text of the Bill of Rights, courtesy of the Library of Congress. I cannot imagine that 500 words anywhere from any era convey so much power. These 500 words are what make democracy Original Amendments to The Constitution of the United States in force December 15, 1791. **Article I**

Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.

Article II

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Article III

EDITORIAL

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Article IV

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A BILL OF RIGHTS as provided in the Ten be compelled in any Criminal Case to be a witness against himself, nor be deprived of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law; nor shall private property be taken for public use, without just compensation.

Article VI

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Article VIII

Excessive bail shall not be required, nor excessive fines imposed, nor cruel and unusual punishments inflicted.

Article IX

The enumeration in the Constitution, of certain rights, shall not be construed to deny or disparage others retained by the people.

Article X

The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the States, are reserved to the States respectively, or to the people.

— Mary Kimm, MKIMM@CONNECTIONNEWSPAPERS.COM

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

A Major Disappointment

To the Editor:

The Sept. 13-19 issue of the Connection was a major disap-

The page headline was "News" and yet the main article (Bow Hunting in Fairfax County Parks) concentrated on sensationalism and offered no opposing material on the subject. Any reader could easily tell that the top left deer photo was "enhanced" with the arrow—most likely with Photoshop or similar editing software. It wasn't News; was it a paid advertisement? If so, it was in poor

The article, and the cited web site, was rife with incorrect or misleading statements. I believe the Connection Publishers owe it to their readers to investigate the facts. What better source than Victoria Monroe, the Fairfax County wildlife biologist. Ms. Monroe runs the Parks Bow Hunting Program and does a credible job.

I could have attached a legiti-

mate photo of a sick and starving deer within Fairfax County-but that serves little except to tug at the emotional heartstrings. Overpopulation of deer in Fairfax County is a reality and it is a problem that must be faced square-on, using science, biology, personnel majoring in the wildlife career field and an understanding of the alternative costs of managing the deer herd. If citizens don't understand that an overpopulation of deer causes sickness, hunger, stress and death for the deer themselves, that it causes the understory/browse in our parks to disappear, that it leads to a reduction in the diversity of wild birds, plants, flowers and other wildlife. that it increases auto-deer collisions-then managing and controlling the deer population is that much harder.

Bow hunting in the parks is one method of managing the deer herd. Your readers need to know that the participant bow hunters are not just a group of careless individuals who just picked up their bows yesterday for the first time. Ms. Monroe's program sees to it that the hunters demonstrate the ability to hit what they aim at. And, many of these hunters have taken the Hunter Safety Course and the International Bowhunter Education Course. Many of the hunters shoot hundreds, and even thousands, of arrows yearly to maintain their proficiency. Once in the hunting program, the participants must adhere to a strict set of rules; otherwise, they're out of the program. Do hunters sometimes miss or wound a deer? Certainly. But I maintain that the participants in the parks program minimize the wounding through responsible hunting.

Because firearms use, by the public, in Fairfax County is too dangerous, the bow hunting program is effective. If one were to look more closely at the "proven effective alternatives" that are often espoused, it becomes apparent that they are effective only in very limited conditions—and, many would be very costly to the tax-

Joel J. Lutkenhouse

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Did President Obama say, "If you were successful, somebody along the line gave you some help.... If you've got a business—you didn't build that. Somebody else made that happen"?

Using the president's rationale: No, he did not! Somebody else made that happen. Over many centuries, others created the words that the president used to express himself, and teachers in his life showed him how to use those words.

Oh, yes he did! When he spoke those words, none of those creators or teachers were there to help him put those words in the proper order. Others can instill knowledge in you and give you the skills to put the knowledge and skills together to create a product or service, but no one can make you do that.

Someone can put a gun to your head and say, "Do this." But, you make the choice. No one can make you create a business. No one can make you take over a business built by others. No one can make you eat your vegetables.

> **Darrel Salisbury** Lorton

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Area Roundups

Democratic Women to Discuss School Issues

The Democratic Women of Clifton (DWC) will meet Sunday, Sept. 23, from 3-5 p.m., in the Clifton Town Meeting Hall, 12641 Chapel Road in Clifton. All Democratic women in Northern Virginia are invited. Democratic Fairfax County School Board members have been invited to discuss later school start times, parental notification and discipline policy reform, school lunch reforms, renovation queues for schools, the superintendent search and the budget.

For more information, e-mail cliftonwomendems@aol.com or visit www.democraticwomen ofclifton.org.

Recycle During Electric Sunday

Residents may recycle old TVs, computers, peripheral electronic devices—such as keyboards, speakers, printers and scanners, as well as household hazardous wastes—including fluorescent light bulbs and tubes, for free, during Fairfax County's "Electric Sunday" events. The next one is slated for Sunday, Sept. 23, from 10 a.m.-3 p.m., at the I-95 Landfill Complex, 9850 Furnace Road in Lorton. For more information, call 703-324-5052.

Clifton Day is Oct. 7

The annual Clifton Day festival will be held Sunday, Oct. 7, from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. (Rain date, Oct. 14). The family-friendly fun includes crafts, food, antiques, jugglers, bagpipe players, unicyclists, music, pony rides, civil war reenactments and children's activities. For VRE train schedule plus parking information, go to www.cliftonday.com.

BULLETIN BOARD

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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.





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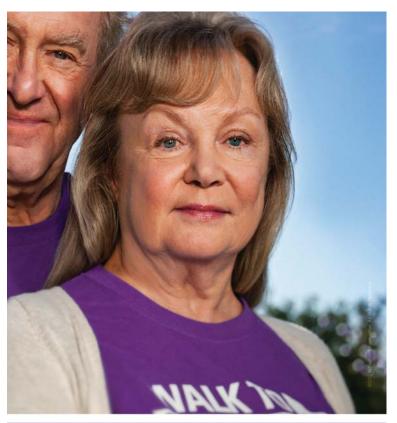


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Teaching Kids About Money

Experts offer advice on raising financially savvy children.

By Marilyn Campbell
The Connection

oney comes from my daddy," said Ian, a 7-year-old boy from Arlington, who is missing his front teeth.

"My parents got it from an ATM," said 6-year-old Claire when asked about the origins of the \$10 bill that she was using to buy a scoop of chocolate ice cream.

Financial experts say that as soon as children are aware of the purchasing power of money, parents should start teaching them how to use it wisely. Children who develop sound financial habits

when they are young will become adults who know how to budget, save and use credit judiciously.

"No matter how young a child is, they can always learn good money practices," said Theresia Wansi, an associate professor of finance at Marymount University in Arlington, "What matters in life is not how much money you earn, but how you manage your finances. We hear stories all the time about people who make millions and end up broke."

Potomac, Md., resident Glen Buco, president of West Financial Services, says many financial advisers in his McLean, office are also parents who are passing along penny-wise know-how to their children. "When their chil-

dren receive money, the parents help them develop a budget using a "three bucket system," said Buco. "One bucket is for saving, one is for spending and one for charity."

Experts like Buco say wise shopping is a key component of money smarts: "When children want items like clothing or electronics, help them develop a budget with the money they've saved and then shop around," he said. "One of the mothers in my office helped her 9-year-old daughter shop for shoes online by comparing prices, looking for discounts and free shipping."

Ilham Nasser, an associate professor of early childhood education at George Mason University



Ilham Nasser, Ph.D., of George Mason University in Fairfax, says parents can teach children delayed gratification by using simple games like 'Simon Says.'



Herndon resident Theresia Wansi, Ph.D., of Marymount University in Arlington, encourages parents to help children keep track of their money by writing down the amount they spend each day.

Photos courtesy of Marymount University



Theresia Wansi, Ph.D., who teaches finance at Marymount University in Arlington, believes that those who develop sound financial habits when they are young will become adults who know how to budget, save and use credit judiciously.

in Fairfax, says impulse control is often a stumbling block to financial stability. "Parents can teach self-regulation by using techniques like telling their children to count to 10 or take a deep breath or by playing simple games like 'Simon Says' to teach delayed gratification."

Wansi says children should also be taught to keep track of the money that passes through their hands. "Everyone should have a spending diary," she said. "Use a spreadsheet where the child lists what they spend. They might see that they are spending much more than they thought they were."

Setting financial goals and working toward them is another strategy for managing urges to spend money frivolously. "Everyone can set short-term, intermediate and long-term financial goals," said Wansi. "The goals you set have to be realistic and specific in measurable terms. For example, 'I am going to get a part-time job to save for a \$2,000 car in six months."

WHEN IT COMES TO LEARN-

ING to save, experts say to start early. "Even an elementary school student who has \$5 can be taught to save \$2 in a piggy bank," said Wansi. "When they are old enough to open a savings account, they can save money there."

Parents can help their children understand expenses and how simple actions can save money by PRIVATE SCHOOLS

Applying to Private Schools: Starting the Process

As the application period gets underway, local independent school officials offer suggestions.

START SURFING. "I would encourage parents to visit a variety of school websites to get a feel for the wide range of fabulous independent school options available. A comprehensive directory of schools with website information [can be found at http://www.independenteducation.org]." Mimi Mulligan, assistant head and director of admission and enrollment management, Norwood School, Bethesda, Md.

WATCH AND RUMINATE. "Observe your child and think about the learning style that's best for him or her. What are the values of your family? What are your hopes for your child's education?" Diane Dunning, director of admission and financial aid at St. Stephen's & St. Agnes School, Alexandria.

AVOID FOLLOWING THE PACK. "Don't be swayed by popular opinion or reputation. Instead, visit every school you're considering, talk to current or alumni parents and students, and then decide whether that school may fit your child's interests, personality and needs." Tim Simpson, director of admission, Bullis School, Potomac, Md.

ESTABLISH PRIORITIES AND START SLEUTHING. "Create a list of five or 10 things that are important to you and your child. Check the athletic schedules and the theatrical and fine arts performance schedules, which are posted on the websites of [independent schools]. You should come to those events ... because the more time you spend on a campus, particularly at an event that is not run by an admissions office, you're going to get a much better sense of what that [school's] community is like. For example, do you see students there who you could see yourself being friends with? Do you like the way that the adults are interacting with the students in the community?" asked Ann Miller, director of admission, Madeira School,

MAKE A LIST AND CHECK IT.

"List out the schools you think you may want to apply to and check on their application processes and deadline dates. Many schools have parts of the application that are extremely time sensitive, such as signing up for admission testing as well as filing for financial assistance." Pat Harden, director of admissions and financial aid, Connelly School of the Holy

DEAL WITH STICKER SHOCK.

Child, Potomac, Md.

"Don't eliminate a school from your search because of the cost of tuition without looking into financial aid [or] merit and scholarship awards that may help reduce the cost." Scott Conklin, director of admissions, Episcopal High School of Virginia, Arlington.

FIND A CLEAR PICTURE. "When considering schools, take a moment to actually visit the campus and ask the tough questions. A school's website may or may not be the full picture. The question for the parent is, how real is the image they are seeing online? A few conversations with parents and teachers go a lot farther in this regard. Ask admissions officers what their schools' mission is, how it is different from that of other schools and how they implement the mission." Rich Moss, director of admissions, The Heights School, Potomac.

GET ORGANIZED. "Finally, once you have decided that you will be applying to a school for your child, get out that calendar again and write down all deadline information – application deadline, financial aid deadlines, supporting documents and testing deadlines." Mimi Mulligan.

— Marilyn Campbell

allowing them to see bills, due dates and the amount of money owed.

"If your children leave lights on all over the house and you yell at them, they're not going to get it. You have to share your bills with your children," said Wansi, who lives in Herndon. "When my kids were away at college, my bill was around \$100 dollars ... and when they came back [for a school break] it was \$500. I took the bills for them to see and they were amazed that a bill could be that expensive. Then everybody starting turning off lights without being asked."

Nassar suggests parents use a show and tell approach: "Part of raising a child is being a role model and showing an ability to manage expenses," she said. "When you go to the grocery store, take your children and say, 'We have \$100 today and we need to get these things. Let's see which

are the most important things.' Help them think about priorities."

Understanding credit is critical part of financial management, says Wansi: "In the U.S., it is hard to live without good credit. Teach children the advantages and pitfalls of credit. Beginning at middle school, it is important for children to understand the importance of good credit. I've talked to high school students who didn't know that when you use credit cards you have to pay the money back."

Buco says that debit cards might be a good alternative. "I've seen parents use these when their kids go off to college," he said. "They would put money in the account and the kids can use the debit card. Several parents in my office who have 12- and 13-year-olds have set up debit cards with zero balances. When the kids find something they want to buy, [they can] move money out of savings into checking."

ENGAGEMENT

Matthew Egeland and Kaylee Ahnberg Engaged

USAF Colonel (Ret.) Loren and Kathy Ahnberg of San Antonio, Texas (formerly of Fairfax Station) have announced the engagement of their daughter, Kaylee Danielle, to Matthew Nicklas Egeland.

Matthew is the son of Thomas and Charlene Egeland of Fairfax Station.

The bride-to-be is a 2008 graduate of South County Secondary School and a 2012 graduate of Texas A&M University with a bachelor's degree in environmental geoscience. Kaylee received her commission in the U.S. Air Force in August 2012 and is a 2nd lieutenant currently stationed at Vandenberg AFB undergoing training as a space and missile officer.

The groom-to-be is a 2009 graduate of South County Secondary School and is completing requirements for a combined BS (2013) and MS (2014) in Ocean Engineering at Florida Atlantic University. Matthew is employed

part-time at Pompano Dive Center, in Pompano Beach, Fla. as a divemaster, and recently completed an internship at Naval Surface Warfare, Carderock, Md.



Egeland and Ahnberg

Kaylee and Matthew look forward to celebrating their wedding with family and friends in Virginia Beach on Aug. 17,





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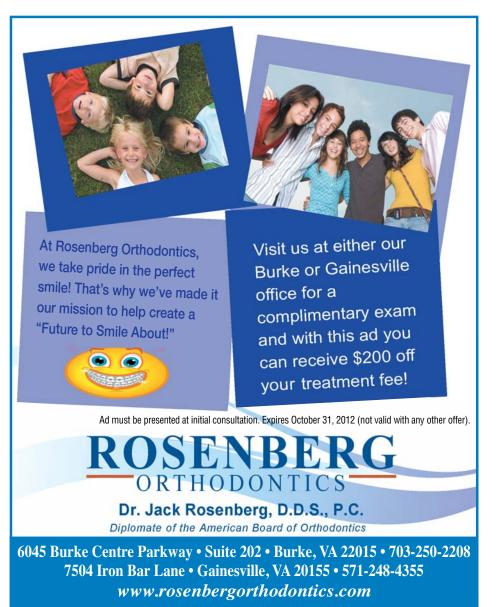
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CALENDAR

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FRIDAY/SEPT. 21

Korpiklaani. 5 p.m., Empire, 6335 Rolling Road, Springfield. Finland's traditional folk metal ensemble plays on one of the opening nights of their U.S. tour. \$18. 703-569-5940 or www.empire-nova.com.

Screen on the Green. 7:30 p.m., at Paradise Springs Winery, 13219 Yates Ford Road, Clifton. Showing "Sideways." Bring a blanket, picnic and enjoy your favorite wine while watching one of the best wine movies ever made, "Sideways." www.paradisespringswinery.com.

SATURDAY/SEPT. 22

Yard Sale. 8 a.m.-1 p.m., at the Lorton Volunteer Fire Hall, Armstead Road, Lorton. Ladies Auxillary Community Projects will be selling beverages, baked goods, hotdogs and snacks; spaces available for \$20. 703-819-9983.

Smart Matkets' Farmer's Market, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., American Legion Post 176, 6520 Amherst Ave., Springfield. Shop on Saturdays for seasonal produce, goods and wares. www.smartmarkets.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.

Sean's Walk for Childhood Apraxia. 10 a.m., at Burke Lake Park, 7315 Ox Road, Fairfax Station. Join local mother Tina Donbeck and her son with Apraxia, Aidan Donbeck, to help bring awareness to the motor speech disorder as well as raise funds to benefit the Childhood Apraxia of Speech Association of North America (CASANA), a 501(c)3 nonprofit public charity. tdonbeck@gmail.com or www.apraxia-kids.org/northernvawalk.

Homecoming and Reunion. 11 a.m.-4 p.m., The Workhouse Quad, 9601 Ox Road, Lorton. Lorton Correctional Complex current and former employees are invited; brief program, followed by food (catered by Dixie Bones Barbeque) and The Amazing Gospel Souls, whose members are former offenders from Lorton, and DJ Darryl Stewart of KDDZ Entertainment. \$30, adults; \$15, teens; \$12, children. www.lortonarts.org/events.

Families & Friends of ServiceSource Fall Picnic. Noon-5 p.m., a the Thieberger residence, 10811 Harley Road, Lorton. Food, music, games, hayrides and camaraderie at a beautiful country home. \$5. RSVP. 703-970-3683 or tothstevej@aol.com.

Sydenstricker Schoolhouse Coffee House. 6-9 p.m., 8511 Hooes Road, Springfield.
Beverages and desserts available for small donation to benefit preservation of the Historic Sydenstricker Schoolhouse. https://www.facebook.com/sydenstrickerschoolhouse/info

10th Anniversary of Miss Greater Springfield Pageant. 7:30 p.m., at the Village Square Auditorium, 7440 Spring Village Drive, Springfield. The "Where Dreams Come True" pageant. \$15. www.missgreaterspringfield.com.

SUNDAY/SEPT. 23

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Noon-4 p.m., Jon David Hair Salons, 6720 Commerce Street, Springfield. Jon David Hair Salon joins in the annual HopeCuts Fund-Raiser for Cancer, HIV/AIDS Research by reducing prices by 50 percent and giving proceeds to benefit research at City of Hope National Medical Center and Beckman Research Institute. Reservations. 703-924-3835 or http://jondavidsalon.net/.

TUESDAY/SEPT. 25

Family Day at the Main Street Pub. 8 a.m.-10 p.m., 7140 Main Street, Clifton. Eat dinner with your children and don't pay for their dinner (ages 12 and under eat free). 703-266-6307 or www.themainstreetpub.net.

WEDNESDAY/SEPT. 26

Moms Event: Cherished Friends. 10-11:30 a.m., Kirkwood Presbyterian Church, 8336 Carrleigh Pkwy., Springfield. Coffee, tea, homemade treats, casual dress, childcare and a

talk on friendship. \$5. MomsOnTheRun4@gmail.com.

Robert and Gail Piepenburg Ceramics Exhibition. 11 a.m.-7 p.m., at the W-16 McGuire Woods Gallery, 9601 Ox Road, Lorton. Gail and Robert's Raku and smoke-fired sculptures and vessels in conjunctio with their Raku Workshop (to come, Oct. 20-21) is open

through Oct. 21. www.workhousearts.org.

"Cheers" Showing. 8 p.m.-10 p.m., 7140 Main
Street, Clifton. Thirty years ago this September,
Cheers premiered on NBC. Pull up a stool and
join Norm for a cold one. 703-266-6307 or
www.themainstreetpub.net.

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.

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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

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SATURDAY/NOV. 3

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SATURDAY/NOV. 10

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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.

COMMUNITY

Children Enjoy Kid Fest in Clifton

id Fest, a day of fun reuniting children sent to other schools after Clifton Elementary was closed, was held Saturday, Sept. 15, in the Clifton Town Park.

Children

the park





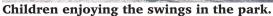


Timmy Coleman, 9, an Oak View Elementary third-grader, takes the wheel of this fire engine from Clifton's Station 16.



Clifton's Ryan Thompson, 4, holds his balloon sword.







Children playing on the seesaw.



A teen band entertains the crowd.

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SPORTS

Lake Braddock Field Hockey Beats TC

By Jon Roetman The Connection

he Lake Braddock field hockey team fell behind T.C. Williams in the first three minutes of their Sept. 14 match-up in Alexandria. Midway through the first half, Bruins Head Coach Amy Worrest called timeout with a message for her players: be aggres-

"Sometimes we don't always start in a good rhythm," Worrest said, "so I called a timeout to have them go after every ball."

Lake Braddock needed overtime, but the defending Patriot District champions responded with a 2-1 victory over the Titans. Senior forward Rachel Wimer tied the score with a goal with less than five minutes remaining in the first half and senior midfielder Maria Jose Pastor scored the game-winner in overtime.

The victory came two days after Lake Braddock lost to West Springfield, 2-1, in overtime. The Bruins improved to 7-3, in-



Lake Braddock's Maria Jose Pastor, left, scored the game-winner against T.C. Williams on Sept. 14.

cluding 2-1 in the district. They have won seven of eight since starting 0-2.

Wimer is the team's leading goal scorer. Worrest said Pastor, Taylor Livick and

Megan Moody have been playing well.

Lake Braddock will host defending Northern Region champion South County at 4 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 21.

West Springfield Football Remains Undefeated

Spartans beat rival Lee to improve to 3-0.

> By Jon Roetman The Connection

est Springfield quarterback Tyler Sutter limped through the post game handshake line on Sept. 14 with a bare right foot and ice wrapped around his ankle.

The senior entered Friday's Patriot District opener against rival Lee as the Spartans' leading rusher, teaming with running back Jonathan Dunn to form a potent ground attack. But a right ankle sprain and tendon pull suffered in the previous week's win over Robinson kept Sutter on the sideline for the first two series against Lee and limited his mobility once he was on the field. On this night, however, Sutter's right arm, two Dunn touchdowns and a strong defensive effort were enough to keep the Spar-

West Springfield defeated Lee, 33-14, in a match-up of 2-0 Springfield rivals at WSHS. Last season, the teams met in a similar situation, with Lee winning, 30-9. This year, it was the Spartans who improved to 3-0, thanks in part to a defense that forced four turnovers, scored a touchdown, produced a safety and limited Lee standout running back Michael Jolly to 81 yards in

"I've got to look to the defense," West



West Springfield running back Jonathan Dunn scored a pair of rushing touchdowns against Lee on Sept. 14.

"They came out and got a safety, got a score...and really did a great job..."

Nathan Pham, Frank Sturek, Matthew Ahola and Benjamin Armstrong each intercepted a pass for West Springfield. Ahola, a defensive lineman, returned his interception five yards for a touchdown, giving the Spartans a 26-0 lead with about eight minutes remaining in the third quarter.

West Springfield's defense scored the first points of the game when the Spartans tackled Jolly in the end zone for a safety with 8:53 remaining in the second quarter.

Offensively, a hobbled Sutter watched from the sideline during West Springfield's Springfield Head Coach J.T. Biddison said. first two possessions before entering late in

the first quarter of a scoreless tie. Sutter, who rushed for a team-high 243 yards and four touchdowns in the Spartans' first two games, wasn't much of a threat on the ground due to his injured ankle, but he completed six of 16 passes for 138 yards and a touchdown, giving him four scoring tosses this season.

"It was difficult," Sutter said about not being able to run. "Me being as mobile as I am, probably half my game is running the ball. Not being able to run the ball... it was a lot different."

West Springfield will travel to face Chantilly at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 21. Lee will travel to face Woodson.

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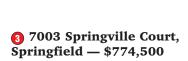
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