

From left, Lt. Michael Berg, Sgt. Lawrence Whitmer and Cpl. Damien Austin of the Herndon Police Department take the Law Enforcement Oath of Honor after being promoted Wednesday, April 24.

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NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC OF AN APPLICATION
BY COLUMBIA GAS OF VIRGINIA, INC.,
FOR AUTHORITY TO AMEND ITS SAVE PLAN
PURSUANT TO § 56-604 OF THE CODE OF VIRGINIA
CASE NO. PUE-2013-00015

On March 21, 2013, in accordance with 5 VAC 5-20-80 of the State Corporation Commission's ("Commission") Rules of Practice and Procedure and § 56-604 of the Code of Virginia ("Code"), the Steps to Advance Virginia's Energy Plan Act ("SAVE Act"), Columbia Gas of Virginia, Inc. ("CGV" or "Company"), filed an application ("Application") with the Commission for approval of certain amendments to its SAVE Plan, which was approved by the Commission in Case No. PUE-2011-00049.

In its Application, the Company seeks the following amendments to its Current SAVE Plan ("Amended SAVE Plan" or "Amendments"): (1) the addition of measurement and regulation stations ("M&R Stations") to SAVE eligible infrastructure; (2) authorization to spend an additional \$5 million annually; (3) an increase in annual spending tolerance from 5% to 25%; and (4) the allowance of a 5% total SAVE Plan spending tolerance. The Company filed with its Application the testimonies and exhibits of Robert Horner, Danny G. Cote, and Michael Huwar.

In its Application, the Company states that the proposed Amended SAVE Plan will enhance the safety and reliability of CGV's distribution system and help prevent or reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Specifically, the Company states that the proposed Amended SAVE Plan will continue to result in a distribution system with an enhanced level of safety, resulting from the reduction or elimination of the highest risk/greatest leak rate or low frequency/high consequence segments of the CGV system. Additionally, the Company states that the proposed Amended SAVE Plan will result in a more reliable system for all customers as sections of the system most prone to failure (and thus to interruptions of service) due to corrosion, equipment failures, material failures or natural forces, are replaced with state-of-the-art facilities. With regard to the replacement of aged M&R Station components and control systems, the Company asserts that the proposed Amended SAVE Plan will help to reduce the risk of an uncontrolled release of natural gas or over- or under-pressurization of a natural gas delivery system. The Company states that this, in turn, will reduce the potential of greenhouse gas emissions emanating from the CGV distribution system.

To address the effects of the infrastructure projects proposed in the Application, the Company also proposes revisions to its SAVE Rider, the Infrastructure Reliability and Replacement Adjustment ("IRRA") rates that are currently in effect. As proposed, the SAVE Plan Amendments would increase the authorized annual capital expenditures from \$20 million to \$25 million for the years 2013 through 2016 and would increase the investment over the original five year SAVE Plan period from \$100 million to \$120 million. The Company states that the proposed Amended SAVE Plan does not change the manner of calculating the IRRA approved by the Commission in Case No. PUE-2011-00049. The IRRA is applicable to Rate Schedules RS, RTS, MPS, PDS, SGTS, SGS, ACS, ACTS, LGS1/LGS2, TS1/TS2, and EDS. According to the Company, in 2013 the addition of \$5 million in expenditures, via the proposed Amended SAVE Plan, to the proposed revised IRRA will increase a residential customer's annual bill by \$0.60.

The details of these and other proposals are set forth in the Company's Application. Interested persons are encouraged to review the Company's Application and supporting testimony and exhibits for the details of these proposals.

The Commission entered an Order for Notice and Comment that, among other things, directed the Company to provide notice to the public and provided interested persons an opportunity to comment on the Company's Application.

A copy of the Company's Application may be obtained at no charge by requesting a copy of the same from the Company's counsel, James S. Copenhaver, Esquire, Columbia Gas of Virginia, Inc., 1809 Coyote Drive, Chester, Virginia 23836. The Application and related documents also shall be available for review in the Commission's Document Control Center, Tyler Building, First Floor, 1300 East Main Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219, between the hours of 8:15 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding holidays. Interested persons may also download unofficial copies from the Commission's website: <http://www.scc.virginia.gov/case>.

On or before June 3, 2013, interested persons may file written comments on CGV's Application with Joel H. Peck, Clerk, State Corporation Commission, P.O. Box 2118, Richmond, Virginia 23218. Interested persons desiring to submit comments electronically may do so, on or before June 3, 2013, by following the instructions on the Commission's website: <http://www.scc.virginia.gov/case>. Comments shall refer to Case No. PUE-2013-00015.

On or before June 3, 2013, interested persons may request that the Commission convene a hearing on the Company's Application by filing a request for hearing with the Clerk of the Commission at the address set forth above. Requests for hearing must refer to Case No. PUE-2013-00015 and include: (i) a precise statement of the filing party's interest in the proceeding; (ii) a statement of the specific action sought to the extent then known; (iii) a statement of the legal basis for such action; and (iv) a precise statement why a hearing should be conducted in this matter.

On or before June 3, 2013, any interested person may participate as a respondent in this proceeding by filing a notice of participation in accordance with 5 VAC 5-20-140, *Filing and service*, and 5 VAC 5-20-150, *Copies and format*, of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, 5 VAC 5-20-10 et seq. If not filed electronically, an original and fifteen (15) copies of the notice of participation shall be submitted to the Clerk of the Commission at the address set forth above. Pursuant to 5 VAC 5-20-80 B, *Participation as a respondent*, of the Rules of Practice and Procedure, any notice of participation shall set forth: (i) a precise statement of the interest of the respondent; (ii) a statement of the specific action sought to the extent then known; and (iii) the factual and legal basis for the action. All filings shall refer to Case No. PUE-2013-00015.

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From Joy to Terror

Oak Hill resident recounts Boston Marathon experience.

BY ALEX McVEIGH
THE CONNECTION

After four hours and two minutes of constant exertion, Carol Byrne of Oak Hill finally felt relief. She crossed the finish line of the 2013 Boston Marathon, the eighth marathon she has run, and let herself relax.

"When you finish something like that, you're just so happy to not be moving your legs anymore, but you're spent," she said.

Less than 10 minutes later, twin explosions rocked Boston's Boylston Street, turning the scene from joyful to tragic.

"When the explosions went off, I could tell right away that it was something bad, and it just became chaos," she said. "People were running away in a panic."

Byrne was supposed to meet her daughter and her daughter's boyfriend, who had finished the race about 45 minutes previously, and for a few scary minutes, she didn't know where to find them.

"She'll often wait for me right at the finish line, but thank goodness she had decided to make her way to the family area," Byrne said. "I had my phone strapped to my arm, and I tried calling Mike, her boyfriend, but it took so long to get a call through."

Once Byrne was able to get through, it took her an hour to reconnect with her group.

"We sort of walked around for about half an hour, let people use our phones, and then we made sort of a bad decision," she said. "Mike decided to try and find our bags we had left behind, and soon after he left we all heard that the explosions were pretty clearly two bombs, and then we didn't know what could happen."

The group eventually returned to their hotel and were able to keep their original plans of leaving Boston Tuesday afternoon. They turned in photos and Byrne even called the tip line to tell them about someone she had witnessed running away from a tree with a backpack.

They found themselves glued to the TV throughout the week, all the while coming to grips with what they had been through.



From left, Carol Byrne, Mike Cerney and Kayley Byrne at this year's Boston Marathon. Carol Byrne finished the race approximately seven minutes before explosions went off at the finish line.

"She'll often wait for me right at the finish line, but thank goodness she had decided to make her way to the family area."

— Carol Byrne of Oak Hill

"We started to focus on questions such as why would someone do this?" Byrne said. "It's such a joyful event, such a community spirit, such positivity all around."

Byrne said that this year's Boston Marathon was originally going to be her last, but said after a few days, she found herself talking with her daughter about next year.

"It's so much work and training to get ready for a marathon, and we had said this one would be our last. But when we saw the suspect caught Friday night, I started thinking, 'We can't let these guys control us, to scare us away from something so wonderful,'" she said. "We have so many great memories, whether it's the girls from Wellesley blowing kisses, or the families gathered together to hand out oranges to the runners, we don't want our last memory to be of this horrible event."



Students at Hutchinson Elementary School display posters they created celebrating Arbor Day.

Tree Planting at Hutchison Elementary

The school celebrates Arbor Day.

BY RYAN DUNN
THE CONNECTION

On April 26, Hutchison Elementary School in Herndon celebrated Arbor Day by planting a dogwood tree on the school grounds. The tree planting ceremony was attended by teachers and students from the third and fourth grade classes in addition to several guests.

Principal Judy Baldwin welcomed everyone to the event. Grade school students who had made posters celebrating Arbor Day were invited to stand up and display their work. Baldwin then introduced Herndon Town Forester John Dudzinsky, who has served the Town of Herndon for 24 years.

"It is very important that we take care of our trees and environment," said Dudzinsky.

Town council member Sheila Olem, whose children had attended Hutchison Elementary

School, also spoke at the ceremony.

Jim McGlone, urban forest conservationist at the Virginia Department of Forestry, spoke about the Tree City USA awards and the requirements towns and cities must complete to achieve it. McGlone said Herndon had successfully met these requirements for its 24th year. McGlone announced, "You guys are part of Tree City USA so you should give yourselves a round of applause!" A Tree City USA flag was unraveled and presented to Dudzinsky.

Dudzinsky and several students and teachers completed planting the tree. The flowering dogwood is the official flower and tree for the Commonwealth of Virginia. After the ceremony, students in the fourth grade classes were given a tree seedling.

Hutchinson Elementary has been aided in its efforts to make students environmentally



From left, Jim McGlone, students, town council member Sheila Olem and John Dudzinsky hold the Tree City USA flag.

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'We Are the World' at Dranesville Elementary

International Night features world music, dance, food and exhibits.

BY ANDREA WORKER
THE CONNECTION

For the 11th time, the halls were alive with the sound of music at Dranesville Elementary's International Night Program on Friday, April 26, from 7 until after 9 p.m. The cafeteria was entertainment central. After Principal Kathy Manoatl got things started, the evening began with five first grade classes delighting the assembly with their individual performances of songs from Russia, Latin America, Germany, Indonesia and France. Music teacher Brian Klippel, who also directed the tuneful productions, admitted to a few moments of concern, especially during the opening number, "Sasha," by Mrs. Devine's class. The singing was accompanied by some energetic, arm-in-arm swinging Russian folkdance moves. "The boys really got into it," laughed Klippel. "I pictured one or two of them flying off the stage. I kept telling them 'easy, guys!'" The Dranesville Chorus and Drumming Dragons rounded out the musical selection with a rousing rendition of "Siyahamba," a South African hymn whose title translates as "We Are Marching" in the Zulu language.

A "PARADE OF NATIONS" then circled the room, led by ESOL teacher Jennifer Valbuena. Flags from more than 20 nations, representing the native lands or heritage of Dranesville students, were carried in by the children, many attired in the native dress of the country they represented.

International music wasn't the only thing on the evening's packed program. There was plenty of dancing as well. The Herndon-based Cardinal Cloggers entertained with several numbers. Cloggers may be best known for their performances of more traditional dances, but this group came prepared with a selection that had even the youngest audience members clapping, swaying and singing right along—especially when they were called up to join in the famous "Chicken Dance."

Even the audience barely had time to catch their own breaths after the cloggers' excitations, when the stage was claimed by



Keeping the beat—the Dranesville Drumming Dragons provide the tempo for the chorus as they perform the South African hymn, "Siyahamba."

PHOTOS BY ANDREA WORKER/THE CONNECTION



With an Olympic-style "Parade of Nations" representing the more than 20 different nationalities to be found among the student population, the children took to the stage with their country's flag, with many in traditional garb from their lands.

House of Angklung's (HoA) interactive Indonesian angklung performance. According to HoA's website, the angklung is an "instrument made from the joints of a piece of bamboo."

It's a good thing that visitors were provided with a map of the school facilities. Although most of the performances took place in the school's cafeteria, without that helpful guide guests might have missed out on displays from countries set up in the gym—something the children would not want to do as there was a passport contest afoot, with stamps distributed at each country's table visited. The tables were manned by teachers and family members, again, mostly wearing the traditional garb of the represented country, and standing by to talk about the items on display. There was a

hands-on craft area, "Curiosity Cove," culinary delights available in the aptly named "Taste of The World" exhibit, and Librarian Holly Conroy offered sessions of "World Tales," story telling in her domain.

IN JUST TWO HOURS on a Friday night, the Dranesville Elementary students, staff and volunteers really did take their guests on a whirlwind tour around the world, opening their eyes to the sights, sounds and tastes from the daily lives of many of our neighbors on the planet, and sharing a look into the cultures of much of the student population. Kudos to Parent Liaison Tania Bove, the army of staff and volunteers she marshaled over the last three months, and to the students of Dranesville Elementary.

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Mayor Lisa Merkel cuts the ribbon, formally accepting the mural, while CAH President Michael O'Reilly, artist Keith Naquin and members of the Herndon Town Council look on.



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'Count ON Us' Mural Presented to Town of Herndon

Town of Herndon Mayor Lisa Merkel, Council for the Arts of Herndon (CAH) President Michael O'Reilly and other dignitaries were on hand for the official presentation by the CAH to the town of a mural in the vestibule of the Herndon Municipal Center's ground level entranceway.

The mural, painted by artist Keith Naquin, depicts historic downtown Herndon on a sunny spring day. The iconic depot, red cabooses, municipal center and Nachman building are among the landmarks depicted

in the mural. The town's new branded logo and its customer service slogan—"Count ON Us!"—are also featured as a visible pledge to citizens and a reinforcement to employees who pass through the vestibule each day. Banner reproductions of the mural will be mounted in other town facilities as well.

Naquin was commissioned by CAH, in partnership with the town, to paint the mural. Town councilmember Grace Han Wolf, a former CAH president, facilitated the project in concert with town staff.

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OPINION

Springing for Jobs

Low-income neighbors face another barrier: sequestration.

BY AMANDA ANDERE
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR/FACETS

With colorful flowers blooming and the days getting longer and warmer, spring always signals renewal and hope. For those affected by poverty, we may need an extended spring this year in order to fully reap its benefits.

I know we've seen slow and measured progress with the healing of the economy. But for low-income residents in our community, they are often the first and last to feel the effects of a recession. Now they face another barrier: sequestration. Now counties—including Fairfax—are losing federal funding for housing vouchers, threatening to put vulnerable families out in the streets.

This is especially unfortunate since ending homelessness is a top priority in Fairfax and we have made progress in our efforts, with the number of people who are homeless in Fairfax County down 12 percent, according to the annual point-in-time survey. Despite the recessions, we've had real success at helping people stabilize their lives. This latest barrier may be more than we can overcome.

Vouchers are important tools to close the gap between earnings and the high cost of living in our region. The issues facing the most vulnerable are compounded by the lack of afford-



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able housing and the difficulty in finding employment that will cover the costs of living here. Local nonprofits work mostly with individuals who are low-skilled, have less than a 10th grade education (and in many cases less than sixth grade), and have limited English proficiency and low literacy levels. We are able, with significant effort, to find employment for many of these individuals. This employment, however, often offers low wages, little or no benefits, and may not last long term. We are all challenged in finding long-term employment with sufficient wages and benefits for the people with whom they work.

In our business, we call this underemployment. Nearly 40 percent of the homeless in our county are employed, but their earnings or their hours aren't enough to pay for housing and the basics. Nationwide, 7.6 million Americans are underemployed, due to the scarcity of full-time employment. Factoring in the 7.6 percent unemployment rate, the outlook does not seem as rosy for our struggling neighbors.

At FACETS, these realities have challenged us to put more emphasis on job placement and career development to help our clients obtain positions that will lead to better incomes and

careers. In tandem with this focus, we are also providing more life skills training to prepare them to manage their finances, set priorities, and be responsible tenants.

But it's still not enough. That's why we are recommending the county create a Workforce Innovation Fund to support a pilot workforce program, designed in conjunction with the county's nonprofit partners to achieve:

- ❖ Better coordination among all entities providing workforce development services in the county;

- ❖ An improved system for connecting people to available jobs, particularly in growth industries;

- ❖ An improved system to ensure more people complete community college and certification programs and obtain employment when they are done; and

- ❖ A plan for moving people from low-pay, low-skill entry level jobs along a career path to jobs with better pay.

Our individual programs along with this fund will be life changing for residents that are extremely low-income, enhancing their ability to move into jobs with sufficient salary. A renewed community commitment to helping get people sustainable employment will make this a season to remember.

FACETS, a nonprofit serving those suffering from the effects of poverty in Fairfax County/City. www.FacetsCares.org.

Five Myths About Public Libraries

BY SARAH TALLEY
SOUTHER

The Digital Age is well past its dawn and budgets are tight, leaving many people to question why we continue to fund libraries. After all, don't they just house a bunch of old books in print and everything you need is online ... right? Here's a few common myths about libraries:

1. Google and other search engines meet everyone's information needs.

Search engines can find amazing things, but only if you have access to the Internet. For many, the Fairfax County Public Library is their only means of access. Even in a wealthy area like Northern Virginia, almost 20 percent of families make less than \$50,000 per year, and depend on libraries for access to the Internet.

Not everything's online, or if it is, it's not free or it might be inaccurate. There's another hurdle: Not everyone uses search engines well enough to get to what they



need. Fairfax library staff teach people how to find and evaluate information sources all while protecting their privacy.

2. Books are becoming obsolete

Just as television and DVDs haven't killed movies, e-books haven't killed print. Over 13 million items were checked out from Fairfax libraries last year and most of them were books. Despite the uptick in demand for e-books, there are plenty of popular titles that aren't available because many publishers refuse to sell e-books to libraries.

3. The library is a quiet warehouse for books.

Odds are, no one will "shush!" you unless you're yelling on your cellphone in speaker mode. The library is a vibrant place that provides people with more than information. Early literacy story times, homework support, classes, book discussions, tax preparation assistance, tutoring, and other activities that support information literacy happen at the library. More

than 172,000 people took advantage of these events last year in Fairfax.

The Internet can bring people together, but libraries reinforce real-world communities because they are "bridging spaces" where people from many walks of life meet. Walk into a Fairfax library today, and you'll find a variety of new programs that bring people together, ranging from genealogy workshops to creative writing classes to one-on-one social media training.

4. This could all be done by volunteers.

While volunteers donated nearly 145,000 hours to the library last year, there is a limit to what volunteers can do. Staff members review collections for completeness and accuracy, present early literacy storytimes, make sure public computers run properly, and read extensively so they can provide book suggestions to all kinds of readers (including staunchly reluctant ones).

Library workers follow ethical codes that state they must try to make available accurate and complete information without bias and

protect your privacy. Much is asked of library workers, and information service expertise is necessary to provide customers with the services that they demand.

5. Public libraries are a drain on public coffers.

Libraries provide services to job seekers, businesses, consumers, and investors. Studies in Pennsylvania and Florida show that for every \$1 a community invests in its public libraries, it sees a return of about \$4.

When Thomas Jefferson said "Information is the currency of democracy," he did not envision the increasing gap between the technology "haves" and "have-nots." Access to the Internet is essential if you want to do homework, search for jobs, and interact with the government. For many in Fairfax, the library is their only means of access.

We invest resources in libraries and schools because they provide a public good in the form of educated, informed citizens during all stages of their lives. The fact that Fairfax County sees a monetary return on this investment is a wonderful bonus.

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Cole Bros. Circus of The Stars Comes to Dulles Town Center

The 129th Edition of Cole Bros. Circus of the Stars is coming to Dulles Town Center. The classic, American-style circus, complete with elephants, tigers, thrilling aerialists and acrobats, mystifying magic and hilarious clowns, will appear for performances on Friday, May 10, 4:30 and 7:30 p.m.; Saturday, May 11, 1:30, 4:30 and 7:30 p.m.; and Sunday, May 12, at 1:30, 4:30 and 7:30 p.m.

Cole Bros. Circus of the Stars' new, 2013 performance features Princess Vicenta's assemblage of white tigers, elephants with special guest star siblings babies Val and Hugo, and for the first time ever in the United States, the international award-winning high-wire artistry of Columbia's Tabares Troupe. From Kazakhstan, the amazing Lana dazzles with illusions and Argentina's Fassio Family present their cavalcade of captivating canines—elegant Afghans, loveable St. Bernards, and a mighty Chihuahua. The "daredevil" turns include ThunderDrome, the motoglobe of death, and The Human Cannonball, who bursts from the barrel of "The World's Largest Cannon" at 5g velocity. Comic relief arrives compliments of The Bermudez Troupe, who steal the show one smile at a time.

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From left, Lt. Michael Berg, Sgt. Lawrence Whitmer and Cpl. Damien Austin take the Law Enforcement Oath of Honor Wednesday, April 24, after being promoted at the town council chambers.

Three Officers Promoted

Cpl. Damien Austin, Sgt. Lawrence Whitmer and Lt. Michael Berg promoted in April 24 ceremony.

BY ALEX McVEIGH
THE CONNECTION

The Herndon Police Department promoted three of its officers Wednesday, April 24, during a ceremony at the town's council chambers. Cpl. Damien Austin, Sgt. Lawrence Whitmer and Lt. Michael Berg have a combined 65 years of service with the Herndon Police Department.

"This ceremony marks the time for these three officers to embrace their changing roles and responsibilities within the community and within our agency," said Herndon Police Chief Col. Maggie DeBoard.

DeBoard also took the time to thank the officers' families in attendance.

"It is the presence of the families of these officers that makes this event truly meaningful," she said. "We know they are the ones supporting these officers on a daily basis, and we know how much that support means for their success as a person and in their careers."



From left, Herndon Police Officer Cpl. Damien Austin and Col. Maggie DeBoard, chief of police, after Austin is promoted Wednesday, April 24.

rious service awards.

Berg has been with the department for 27 years, starting as a patrol officer, moving to the K-9 section and then as supervisor for the property and training section in 2005. He served as the department's quartermaster, responsible for equipment, hiring and training, managing of the evidence room and supervising crime scene technicians. He has also taught Spanish at police academies throughout the state.

He has been awarded the Commonwealth of Virginia Silver Medal of Valor, the Herndon Police Department's Bronze Medal of Valor, several meritorious service awards and was the second ever recipient of the Phil Farley Chief's Award in 2010.

Lt. Jim Moore of the Support Services Division said all three men must now be prepared to serve as leaders and examples to all of their fellow officers.

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THURSDAY/MAY 2

Chamasyan Sisters: 20th Century Russian Greats. 2:15-3:30 p.m., at Center Stage, Reston Community Center Hunters Woods, 2310 Colts Neck Road, Reston. International competition winners and sisters Monika Chamasyan, violin, and Marina Chamasyan, piano, play works by Shostakovich, Rachmaninoff and Babajanyan in the last of a series of seven free Thursday afternoon "Meet the Artists" concerts. 703-503-3384 or www.olli.gmu.edu.

Patty Larkin at Wolf Trap. 8 p.m., at the Barns at Wolf Trap, 1635 Trap Road, Vienna. Songstress and master guitarist Parry Larking brings her bluesy jazz-infused urban sound to the Barns at Wolf Trap. \$22. 1-877-WOLFTRAP or www.wolftrap.org.

FRIDAY/MAY 3

Sun, Sand, Surf and Song. 7:30 p.m., at the Elden Street Player's Industrial Strength Theatre, 269 Sunset Park Drive, Herndon. The music of the islands as sung by the Herndon Town Square Singers, with selections from "South Pacific," "The Little Mermaid," the Beach Boys and other favorites. \$12. 703-787-7300.

26th Annual Evening of Comedy. 8 p.m., at the Barns at Wolf Trap, 1635 Trap Road, Vienna. Comedians Jimmie "JJ" Walker, Kelly Monteith, Mitchell Walters bring their stand-up performances to the Barns of Wolf Trap. \$25. 1-877-WOLFTRAP or



Don Reno and Bill Harrell, the sons of the legendary Bluegrass Originals, have formed a new band dedicated to the music of their father. The band is performing at the Holy Cross Lutheran Church Friday, May 10.

www.wolftrap.org.

SATURDAY/MAY 4

Fourth Annual Courtney Schilling Memorial 5K. 8 a.m., at Forest Edge Elementary School, 1501 Becontree Lane, Reston. Race in memory of a teacher who died of cancer, with proceeds going to educational programs at the school. JFKenney@fcps.edu, mmalone@fcps.edu or www.courtneyschilling5k.com.

Reston Farmers Market Opening Day. 8 a.m.-noon, at Lake Anne, 1609 Washington Plaza N., Reston. Fresh vegetables and fruits from local farmers, meats, baked goods, kettle corn, soft ice cream, fresh milk, honey, flowers and fresh seafood from the Chesapeake Bay. www.restonfarmersmarket.com.

Pet Fiesta and Tails on Trails Dog Walk. 9 a.m.-4 p.m., at Reston Town Center, 11900 Market St., Reston. Metro DC dog lovers can spend a spring day walking their pooches in a scenic area while raising money for homeless dogs while an adoption event goes on concurrently at Reston Town Center all day. \$20 registration; \$5 per additional dog. mark@gooddogz.org.

Denim Recycling. 1-5 p.m., at the Walker Nature Center, 11450 Glade Drive, Reston. Reston Environmental Action collects used denim and sends it to the organization Cotton. From Blue to Green, which recycles fabric into environmentally-safe insulation for building homes. www.restonenvironmentalaction.org.

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Rescue Reston Spring into Action BBQ and Rally. 5-10 p.m., at Hidden Creek Country Club, 1711 Clubhouse Road, Reston. Dancing to music from a live band with dinner, a drink ticket and access to a silent auction included; benefits Rescue Reston, the organization dedicated to defending 166 acres of Reston's permanent open space on Reston National Golf Course. \$65. 571-449-6060 or www.rescuereston.org/events.

FRIDAY/MAY 10

129th Edition of Cole Bros. Circus of the Stars. 4:30 p.m., 7:30 p.m., at Dulles Town Center, 21100 Dulles Town Circle, Dulles. An American-style circus complete with elephants, tigers, aerialists and acrobats, magic and clowns. \$16. www.gotothecircus.com.

Step Out With the USO 2013. 6-11 p.m., at Hilton Washington Dulles Hotel, 13869 Park Center Road,

Herndon. A night of good food, dancing and fundraising with proceeds benefiting local USO programs and facilities including the USO Warrior and Family Center. \$50 per person; donations accepted and sponsorships available. 703-572-4876.

Reno and Harrell. 8 p.m., at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 1090 Sterling Road, Herndon. Reno and Harrell is a band composed of the sons of the legendary bluegrass originals, Don Reno and Bill Harrell; the sons have now formed a new band dedicated to the music of their fathers and have kept the original name of the band as well. \$12. Free for children under 12. 703-435-8377 or kd4fue2@verizon.net.

SATURDAY/MAY 11

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Fairfax Symphony Orchestra: Masterworks VI. 8 p.m. George Mason University Center for the Arts, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. Conductor Christopher Zimmerman, tenor Brennen Guillory and soprano Joni Henson perform Wagner's "Prelude and Liebestod," Tristan und Isolde and Prelude to Act 3, Lohengrin; Verdi's Overture to La Forza del Destino, Overture to I vespri siciliani, Love Duet Finale Act I Otello, "Dio ti giocondi, O Sposo" Otello, "Dio mi potevi, scagliar" Otello, Willow Song Otello and "Libiamo," La Traviata. \$25-\$55. 703-563-1990 or



"Foot Prints of Ladies," by My Phoung Nguyen

Fine Art Photography Competition Showcases Finalists

The work of 35 finalists in the 2013 Fine Art Photography Competition goes up in the Fine Art Photography exhibit, open through May 26, at ArtSpace Herndon, 750 Center St., Herndon. The 35 were selected from 76 photographers submitting over 200 entries; juror Barry Schmetter announced winners during the Opening Reception and Awards Ceremony on Saturday, April 27. www.artspaceherndon.com.

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SUNDAY/MAY 12

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Sunday Afternoon Dances. 2:30-4:30 p.m., at RCC Hunters Woods, 2310 Colts Neck Road, Reston. Dance and/or socialize at an afternoon featuring music of all genres; light refreshments served. \$3 for Reston

FRIDAY/MAY 17

Opening Night: Party On. 6-9 p.m., at Town Center Pavilion, Reston Town Center, Reston. The party with live music, entertainment, a silent auction, signature cocktails and local prominent business leaders and elected officials, provides an opportunity for art lovers, sponsors, media, donors and for the public to celebrate to benefit the Greater Reston Arts Center's educational program; \$75-\$250. <http://www.eventbrite.com/event/4769049355?Buy=Purchase+Tickets#>.

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SUNDAY/MAY 5

Rescue Reston Spring into Action Rally. 5-10 p.m., at Hidden Creek Country Club, 1711 Clubhouse Road, Reston. Join fellow Rescuers to eat, drink, bid on silent auction items to raise money to save Reston's open space. Silent Auction will provide financial support to Rescue Reston's attorneys to present a written statement before the hearing at the Board of Zoning Appeals hearing. \$65. RSVP required. 571-205-8874 or www.RescueReston.org/events.

SATURDAY/MAY 11

Life Without Attachment Buddhist Class. 10-11:30 a.m., at Unitarian Universalist Church, 1625 Wiehle Ave., Reston. Each class includes two guided meditations, a teaching and time for Q&A. \$12. 202-986-2257 or www.meditation-dc.org.

FRIDAY/MAY 31

Fairfax Adult Softball (FAS) Applications Due. FAS accepts applications for adult softball teams through May 31: men's, women's, coed, corporate coed, and Reston leagues are available. 703-815-9007, fairfaxadultsoftball.com or office@fairfaxadultsoftball.com.



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Herndon boys' basketball coach Gary Hall, center, was the head coach of the Capital All-Stars during the 40th Annual Capital Classic on Sunday, April 28, at T.C. Williams High School.



Herndon head coach Gary Hall, far right, and senior Will Ferguson, third from right, were part of the Capital All-Stars during the 40th Annual Capital Classic on Sunday, April 28, at T.C. Williams High School.

PHOTOS BY LOUISE KRAFT/THE CONNECTION

Herndon's Ferguson Represents Northern Region at Capital Classic

Ferguson scores three points in main event.

BY JON ROETMAN
THE CONNECTION

Being selected to compete in the 40th Annual Capital Classic was a testament to Khory Moore's talent as a basketball player. Still, the Wakefield senior wanted to leave his mark. He wanted to stand out.

While all-star games can at times be marred by lackluster effort, Moore hustled around the court, looking to make a difference. He snatched rebounds. He leaped on defense to disrupt a pass. He even took a charge—an unusual sight during an exhibition game.

"I don't like to lose," Moore said. "When they were going on a run, I had to do something different than everybody else was. I had to stand out [in case] a college coach was here."

Sunday's Capital Classic consisted of two contests. The opener was an all-local matchup between the Suburban All-Stars and the District All-Stars. The main event matched some of the best players in the area (Capital All-Stars) against some of the top talent from around the country (United States All-Stars).

ONE OF FOUR ATHLETES from the Northern Region competing for the Suburban All-Stars, Moore made his presence known during Sunday's opening contest. Moore led all Northern Region players with 12 points, including a pair of 3-pointers, but the Suburban All-Stars came up short against the District All-Stars, 118-88. Moore said participating in the event was a "great" experience, but it also served as a wake-up call.

"It made me realize that I'm not as good as I thought I was," Moore said about competing against the talented District team. "I've got to keep working every day in the gym and stay humble. That just humbled me a lot."

Moore led Wakefield to the 2013 National District championship. The Warriors finished Northern Region runner-up and advanced to the state semifinals. Moore said he is leaning toward attending Virginia Wesleyan College.

West Potomac point guard Brandon Pressley, Woodson forward Tommy Stepka and Fairfax guard Zack Burnett also played for the Suburban squad. The

four Northern Region players came off the bench, entering the game together for the first time with 5:37 remaining in the first quarter.

Pressley finished with nine points.

"It was a really good experience," he said. "It opened my eyes up to the type of competition that I'm going to be seeing next year trying to play on the next level."

Pressley, who is listed at 5-foot-7, said practicing against Suburban teammates JJ Epps (5-7 Magruder guard) and Magic Harris (5-11 Oxon Hill guard) was unlike anything he faced in the Northern Region.

"Both of those guys are about my size, extremely quick, extremely athletic and I haven't seen anything like that in our region," Pressley said. "I'm always used to being the quickest guy. It really makes me see that I have to work more on my skill and not just depend on getting by guys [with] quickness."

Pressley said he is undecided on where



Herndon senior Will Ferguson shoots during the main event of the 40th Annual Capital Classic on Sunday, April 28, at T.C. Williams High School.

Wakefield in overtime in the Northern Region championship game on Feb. 23. After capturing the school's first outright region title, the Cavaliers beat Battlefield in the state quarterfinals before losing to eventual state champion Henrico in the semifinals.

"Playing in the state semifinals, winning the region and playing in this all-star game," Stepka said, "I couldn't ask for a better senior year."

Stepka said he is undecided where he will attend college or if he will continue his basketball career.

Burnett finished with four points. He helped Fairfax advance to the 2013 Northern Region tournament.

IN THE MAIN EVENT, Herndon's Will Ferguson was the lone Northern Region representative to suit up for the Capital All-Stars, who lost to the United States All-Stars, 126-120. The Capital team was coached by Herndon head coach Gary Hall.

"It was good to play for him one last time," Ferguson said.

Ferguson, who said the opportunity to play in the game was a "blessing," finished with

three points. He led Herndon to the 2013 Concorde District championship and will attend Massanutten Military Academy next season.

Bishop O'Connell's junior Etou finished with 11 points for the Capital team. Etou helped O'Connell win the Washington Catholic Athletic Conference championship.

he will play college basketball.

Stepka finished with four points.

"It's great to play in an all-star game because it shows how much you worked throughout your high school career," Stepka said. "It's not really about the game. It's just more what you did to get to the game."

Stepka helped Woodson overcome a 19-point fourth-quarter deficit to beat

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Amanda Shipe, of Mind Your Body Oasis yoga studio in Arlington, assists a student with a downward facing dog yoga pose. Mind Your Body Oasis is one of several area studios offering free and \$5 classes during D.C. Yoga Week.

Yoga Week Comes to the Area

Local effort offers budding yogis a chance to improve their minds, bodies and spirits with free or \$5 classes.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL
THE CONNECTION

Amanda Shipe presses the palms of her hands into the back of one of her students. The student's body forms a triangle, her head dangling upside down, the balls of her feet squeezing against the coarseness of the yoga mat beneath her. Shipe's touch sends the student's sitting bones skyward.

"[This] is called 'downward facing dog.' We do a lot of hands on alignment in our yoga classes to make sure students are doing their asanas [postures] correctly," said Shipe, who runs Mind Your Body Oasis yoga studio in Arlington.

Shipe and other area yoga studio directors are welcoming new students into their doors this week as part of the eighth annual D.C. Yoga Week, an effort by the Washington-area community of yogis to raise awareness about the practice.

Participating yoga studios are offering free and \$5 classes along with discounts on merchandise and workshops. The weeklong event began April 26 and culminates with Yoga on the Mall, an outdoor yoga class of more than 1,000 yoga enthusiasts of all skill levels that will be held this Sunday, May 5, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

"There are a lot of people who are afraid to take yoga. Some people have a misconstrued perception of what yoga is. This week they can take a class without making a large investment and become more familiar with yoga," said Dawn Curtis of East Meets West Yoga Center in Vienna.

Shipe believes rampant misinformation fuels the trepidation that keeps some people at bay. "There are so many fears about yoga and so much talk out there in social media," said Shipe. "This event will raise awareness about how great yoga is for your mind, body and spirit. It will bring new people into yoga classes and remind people that yoga is pretty mainstream and very available at many studios."

Jatin P. Ambegaonkar, Ph.D., an associate professor in George Mason University's College of Education and Human Development in Fairfax, says the week-long focus on yoga is an opportunity to educate those who are unfamiliar with the practice.

"Scientific evidence has shown that the clear benefits of yoga include a sense of relaxation, a sense of well-being, a sense of cardiovascular wellness and musculoskeletal wellness," said Ambegaonkar, who lives in Centreville. "The problem with yoga is that in the last eight to 10 years, there have been a lot of hybrids that have branched out from the original Indian art form of yoga, like power yoga and hot yoga, that are somewhat of a fad."

Ambegaonkar added that while such popular forms of yoga are not necessarily harmful, more research is needed. He also offered a caveat. "One of the basic tenets of yoga is the focus on the body and recognizing it as being a temple," he said. "People who practice yoga regularly know when they have reached their limit."

According to its co-founder, Annie Mahon of Circle Yoga in Washington, D.C., Yoga Week began as a way to expand the yoga community and increase cohesiveness. "One goal is to make yoga accessible to a wider audience," she said. "We'd like to be able to do more community-based yoga, like therapeutic yoga and support yoga in different areas of the [region]. We want to create more community in the yoga world."

Freddy Margolis of Village Yoga in Potomac, Md., plans to join Yoga on the Mall. He also hopes D.C. Yoga week will unite local yogis.

"The D.C. area has one of the strongest yoga communities in the country," he said. "People get worried about their own studios, but it's nice for us all to come together and have a nice day out on the Mall."

For more information about D.C. Yoga Week, Yoga on the Mall or to find a list of participating studios, visit <http://dccy.org/>.

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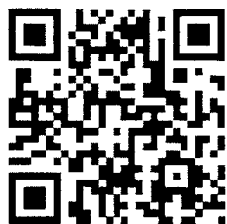
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