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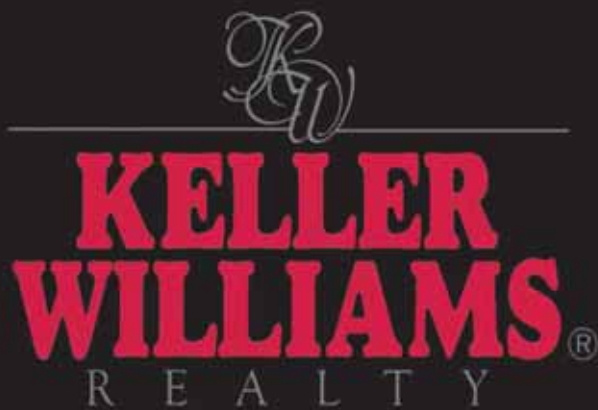
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News

Comstock Wins 10th District GOP Canvass

Sole female Republican candidate sweeps party polls, will face John Foust in November election.

BY REENA SINGH
THE CONNECTION

Del. Barbara Comstock (R-34) is the 10th Congressional District Republican pick for Congressman Frank Wolf's open seat.

The current delegate reined in more than 7,000 votes at the party canvass on Saturday.

"It is an honor and a privilege to win my party's nomination for Virginia's 10th Congressional District and follow in the footsteps of my mentor, Congressman Frank Wolf," she said in a press release.

A call to her office remained unanswered Sunday. "Barbara Comstock is a tremendous person who is going to be one of the finest Congressional candidates," said 10th District GOP Chairman John Whitbeck Jr.

He was very happy with how the canvass went, saying it was the first time the district opted to run it themselves rather than have the state Board of Elections take care of a primary. He noted the canvass costs nothing for taxpayers rather than the "hundreds



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Barbara Comstock wins 10th Congressional District GOP support.

of thousands of dollars" it would have cost to hold a primary.

"We had an incredible turnout of voters," he said.

More than 13,000 voters came to the 10 polls scattered throughout the district. According to a press release, the voting breakdown was Barbara Comstock (7,337), Robert "Bob" Marshall (3,829), Howard Lind (1,108), Stephen Hollingshead (816), Robert Wasinger (301) and Marc Savitt (218).

"I sent an email to Barbara and offered my support for her," said Mr. Savitt. "We all have to get together to support her. The voters have decided. We are united and need to retain Frank Wolf's seat."

He said it is "up in the air"

whether he will run for another office seat.

Now with both the Democratic and Republican primaries over, the race between Fairfax County Supervisor John Foust (D- Dranesville) and state Delegate Comstock has begun.

"The election in November will be about my plans to get the economy growing again, creating jobs, and repealing and replacing Obamacare," Comstock said in the statement. "Congress is in desperate need of problem solvers and I intend to use my common sense principles to better the lives of my constituents when I am elected in November."

Whitbeck said if Comstock is elected to the office, the seat will likely remain hers for a long time to come.

"We firmly believe Barbara Comstock will be the next Congresswoman," said Whitbeck.

Fairfax County Honors 'Superheroes'

22nd Annual Fairfax County Service Awards presented.

BY REENA SINGH
THE CONNECTION

Maybe they don't wear capes and flashy uniforms, but local volunteers are superheroes.

That was the theme for the 22nd Annual Fairfax County Service Awards, where more than 100 volunteers were recognized for their work with breakfast Friday, April 25, at The Waterford in Springfield.

More specifically, this year's theme was "Ordinary People, Extraordinary Impact," which was reflected in the comic book-inspired table decor and introductions by master of ceremonies Jeff Goldberg, Virginia Bureau Chief for ABC7 and News Channel 8.

"You make this a better place to play, to live and to work," said



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Margaret Malone, right, was awarded the Dranesville District Community Champion award, presented by Supervisor John Foust's aide Jennifer Boysko.

Volunteer Fairfax Executive Director Jeanne Sanders. "Every year, this is the most humbling event."

In addition to the 16 competitive awards, the organization recognized volunteers who contributed more than 100 volunteer hours. According to a fact sheet, seven individuals clocked between 100 and 249 hours, 25 contributed 250 to 499 hours, six made between 500 and 999 hours and

three clocked in more than 1,000 hours last year.

In all, 164 people nominated for awards donated more than 122,500 hours outside of their work and school hours.

Winners of the competitive awards were:

❖ Patti Schule - Adult volunteer under 250 hours

❖ Ashleigh Soloff - Adult volunteer
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The Board of Supervisors met to approve the FY 2015 budget markup on April 22.

County Budget Markup Passes

Three supervisors still oppose the budget.

BY REENA SINGH
THE CONNECTION

Fairfax County is another step closer to having an approved budget for the next fiscal year.

The Board of Supervisors approved the 2015 budget markup at its April 22 meeting at the county Government Center.

Supervisors Linda Smyth (D-Providence), Pat Herrity (R-Springfield) and John Cook (R-Braddock) opposed the markup.

"The good news this year is that real estate values are beginning to rebound," said Chairman Sharon Bulova. "The bad news is that only residential values are rising; business taxes are flat and commercial assessments are a 0.1 percent decrease from fiscal year 2014."

The tax rate will rise half a cent from \$1.085 to \$1.090. For homeowners, there will be a \$25 increase in county taxes.

In addition, the School Transfer is a 3 percent, rather than the advertised 2 percent, increase — augmenting the county aid to schools by \$17 million. "With this added percentage, the total increase in the School Transfer will be \$51.5 million," said Bulova. "An expected increase in state funding of approximately \$30 million will help to fund additional school requirements."

Neither Smyth or Herrity supported the increase in taxes.

"I think we could have done better for our taxpayers," said Herrity. "I've supported budgets

in the past, but I'm not going to support this budget."

Cook said the problem with the budget is that the county spending increases every year. He said the county would be able to give more to the schools if spending was maintained.

"I'm afraid this budget takes us off track," he said.

Supervisors Michael Frey (R-Sully District) and Catherine Hudgins (D- Hunter Mill) supported the budget but did not feel it reflected the needs of the community.

Hudgins said the residents in her area would support more taxes if it went towards services that the community needed. She also did not support the county asking parents to pay more for the School Age Child Care (SACC) Program.

"It's these kinds of things that say I don't know if we're listening to the community," she said.

However, many were happy with the compromise Bulova made with the markup.

"Given these challenges and the options available to the board, I believe the markup package is a significant improvement," said Dranesville Supervisor John Foust.

Some members of the audience did not feel the budget reflected their needs.

"Our official position is that the funds are just not adequate," said Fairfax Education Association President Kimberly Adams. "This is going to impede our abilities to compensate our employees."

In other business, the board approved the FY 2014 third quarter review, the FY 2016 budget recommendations, the FY 2015 to 2019 Capital Improvements Program and a Meals Tax Task Force.

More information about the task force will be shared at future meetings.



From left, the leaders of the 2014 Relay for Life to Fight Cancer, Langley High School event Co-Captains Harris LaTeef and Ava Shomaker, McLean High School Co-Captains Ann Liu and Margaret Duvall led dozens of students who devoted hundreds of hours to make the Relay a success.



Showing their enthusiasm and dedication to the cause, Fairfax County School Board Member At Large Ryan McElveen and Chairman Ilryong Moon raced to the finish of the first lap in the Langley and McLean High Schools Relay for Life fight against cancer fundraiser.

All-night Long Relay for Life Langley and McLean High Schools join forces in fight against cancer.

BY ANDREA WORKER
THE CONNECTION

The students of Langley High School (LHS) and McLean High School (MHS) most often see each other as arch rivals, particularly when vying for local supremacy on sports fields and courts, so the fact that the two schools joined forces and pulled off a joint effort in the American Cancer Society-sponsored Relay for Life fundraiser on Saturday, April 26, made the event much more special. Langley Co-Captains Harris LaTeef and Ava Shomaker started planning the 2014 Relay immediately after the 2013 happening, which was Langley's first time to participate, and which won them Best Rookie Relay in the region while raising \$57,000. Knowing that upcoming renovations to Langley would probably mean that a 2015 event would have to be on borrowed ground from MHS, joining forces for this year's Relay just made sense. McLean Co-Captains Margaret Duvall and Ann Liu, both seniors, rallied their troops and the combined energies and efforts of the two schools was a sight to behold at Langley's track and field stadium when the opening ceremonies began just after 6 p.m.

"Cancer doesn't care if you go to Langley or McLean, or if you're associated with one or the other," said LaTeef. "It really is something special that these two schools could do this together," added Will Pfadenhauer, the Sponsorship Chair for the Langley group. "This really turned out to be a community thing."

Another factor that made this fundraiser unique is that it was completely student organized. "We are one of only two student-run events in the state, and the only one in the county," reported Langley Publicity Chair Clare DaBaldo. Considering that some 5,200 communities in 20 countries hold Relay For Life events each year, no wonder



The first lap of the all night relay honored cancer survivor guests, who were joined on the track by Langley and McLean administrators and guest dignitaries.

the Langley and McLean students see their all-student organization as something to be proud of. "But we couldn't have done it without a lot of help," said Co-Captain Shomaker. Both schools were quick to acknowledge the support of a large cast of students, teachers, administrators, staff, friends and family, thanking them during the opening remarks.

SEVERAL SPEAKERS took to the podium to welcome the crowd of more than 600. Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) Board Chairman Ilryong Moon praised the efforts of all, and added his words of honor to the guest cancer survivors who had been treated to a lunch earlier in the school cafeteria. Moon said that he had not planned to speak, but seeing the "incredible spirit and cooperation between these schools" and

having been a cancer survivor himself, he felt compelled to add his personal congratulations and express his admiration. FCPS Dranesville District School Board member Jane Strauss, who was greeted with wild applause, also addressed the crowd. She, too, has been touched by cancer, having lost her husband to the disease six years ago. She particularly praised the "millennial generation." "You will be the ones who go forth and 'Finish the Fight,'" she said. Langley Principal Matt Ragone spoke of his family's own loss of his young brother Tim to cancer, as he and McLean Principal Ellen Reilly added their congratulations and thanks before it was time to cut the ribbon and get the relay under way.

The various dignitaries and the cancer survivor honorees took the first lap around the stadium. LaTeef and Shomaker then

announced each team in the order of the amount of funds each raised and set them on the track. In keeping with their mantra, "Cancer Never Sleeps So Neither Will We" – at least during the Relay – someone will be walking around the track at all times from the first lap until the following morning at 6 a.m. Contests, games, music, and special "theme" laps will help keep the participants and the support staff awake and going strong throughout the night. Publicity Chair DaBaldo described the "Mz. Relay" contest in which male students volunteered to don dresses "and maybe heels" to walk a lap. A "Luminaria Lap" was also scheduled for 9 p.m. White paper bags, lit by candles and labeled in honor of lost loved ones, current cancer fighters or survivors were purchased by the dozens. The bags were set up on the bleachers to spell out the words "Hope" and "Cure" during this special lap. "It's very emotional. Very moving," noted LaTeef, who in addition to co-captaining the Langley Relay for Life will be joining the Fairfax County School Board as its Student Representative for the 2014-2015 term.

IF THE GOAL of the student organizers of the 2014 Langley/McLean Relay for Life was to raise funds to fight cancer, and to prove that working together really does make a difference, then the results of their efforts proved their point. They hoped for 500 participants. They got more than 600. They hoped for at least 50 teams. They got 52. They were looking to raise \$70k. As the first relay lap was completed, LaTeef announced that they had just passed \$90k. On Sunday morning that figured jumped to more than \$102k.

"You just know you can do something. Make a difference in your own community and all around the world if you just get together and try," was LHS Co-Captain Shomaker's comment.

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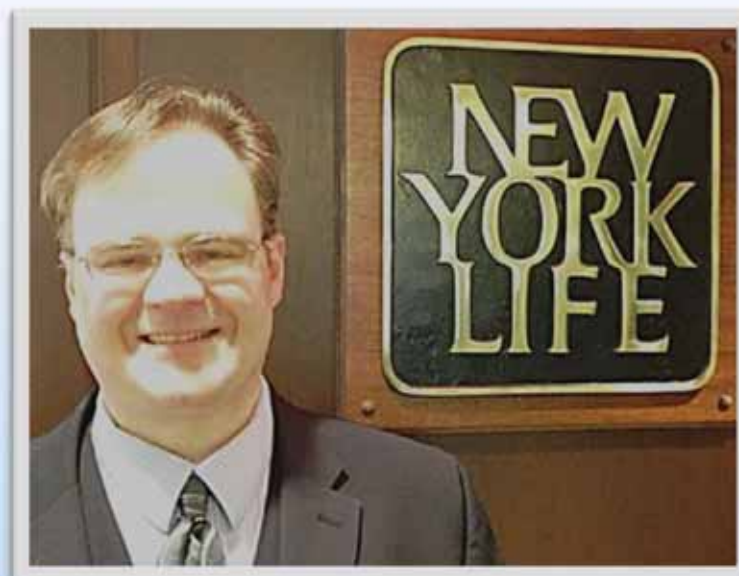
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- ❖ Doris Crawford - Senior volunteer
- ❖ Food for Others - Volunteer program
- ❖ Jonah Basl - Youth volunteer
- ❖ Cherry Blossom chapter of the National Charity League - Youth Volunteer Group
- ❖ Ana and Kat Hayes - Family volunteer
- ❖ Roberto Quinones - Integrate individual
- ❖ St. Stephen's United Methodist Church - Integrate group
- ❖ John Bauer - Fairfax County volunteer
- ❖ Ready to Read Volunteer Program - Fairfax County Volunteer Program
- ❖ BB&T - Corporate Volunteer Program
- ❖ Sharon Page - RSVP Northern Virginia Award
- ❖ Nicholas Hartigan - Rising star
- ❖ Ramona Watson Morrow - Lifetime achievement

"Upon hearing my name announced as the award winner, I was shocked and still trying to pro-

The founders of Amy's Amigos pose with Fairfax County Board of Supervisors Chairman Sharon Bulova.

cess that announcement, when the award was handed to me on stage," said Page, of Herndon. "When you volunteer, you never think about being recognized in such a big way for the help you give to people."

She is the senior co-coordinator for the Hogar Immigrant Services English as a Second Language program at the St. Joseph's Catholic Church Parish in Herndon.

Hartigan was also surprised to have won an award — the Rising Star award. As the founder of

Reston Young Professionals, he provides young Restonians the opportunity to volunteer in their community. He was nominated by Reston Historic Trust board member Lynn Lillenthal.

"I thought it was kind of cool," he said. "I do a lot in the community and it's nice to be recognized once in a while."

He said several people spoke to him at the end of the ceremony with hopes to connect with his group.

— REENA SINGH

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Becoming a Leader - The Grange Way

Great Falls Day, Sunday, May 4, to explore the story of local Grange.

BY KATHLEEN J. MURPHY
PRESIDENT, GREAT FALLS
HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The National Grange was formed in 1867, two years after the wrenching Civil War that took more lives than any war since. Mired in mistrust of neighbor, impoverished by outdated farming practices throughout the south, the Grange served as a platform for improving farming practices and farmers economics while building trust.

The Great Falls Grange became a subordinate Grange in 1920, and then opened its Grange building on May 4, 1929, after local fundraising and taking out a loan. This occurred right at the time that the stock market collapsed, ushering in the Great Depression, causing pricing to become highly volatile. Farmers in our community sought the Grange membership as a way to anchor our community in authentic values and mutual trust. We look to this coming Sunday, May 4, Great Falls Day, to explore the story of our local Grange as symbol of old-fashioned country neighborliness - from 1 to 5 pm (at the Grange, 9818 Georgetown Pike).

According to the National Grange website, "For generations, people have credited their involvement in the Grange with personal growth, character development, leadership skills and confidence. The Grange structure allows everyone an equal voice, and nurtures skills and values through a structured program..." (www.nationalgrange.org)

Trust is cultivated like a fine garden. Members of the Grange pass through seven degrees of belonging or levels of initiation into fellowship. The meaning of their seven degrees has as much relevance to us today as it had for local farmers searching for economic stability close to a century ago.

Each local Grange initiates its members through the first four degrees, which celebrates the essential virtue inherent in the passage of each season. The first degree honors spring. Remember the onset of this past spring? We were having snowstorms as the daffodils peeked their heads above the ground? Did you ever wonder whether spring would actually come? Did you have a tinge of fear that it might not? The first virtue is Faith. Having faith that the unseen is there and will manifest. What was planted years ago or months ago or weeks ago will cultivate under the soil and spring forth at its appointed time. The one with faith can be a beacon for others through uncertain times.

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The second degree honors summer. Remember last summer - The heat, the dry spell, the stinkbugs? The noble farmer works with Hope. Caring for his crop. Hoping that his efforts will lead to solid results, in spite of all that can go wrong. Keeping an attitude of hope inspires the farmer to maintain the best practices, even when things look particularly hard or discouraging. Remaining steady in one's efforts, regardless of how things seem, hoping for the best,

is a market of a person of character.

The third degree honors autumn. The farmer is guided to harvest with Charity (a.k.a. Love). As the farmer harvests his crop, he is guided to work from a spirit of love and acceptance in his heart. By not judging, he will harvest all the fruits of his labor.

The fourth degree honors winter. The farmer can rely on his storage crops to make it through the winter. The fields are brown and

barren. The farmer is guided to maintain a spirit of Fidelity. This is an important guidance. When things look empty and dark, it does not mean that all is lost. It merely signifies that things are happening out of site. Being loyal as the fields rest and things look barren is the mark of a person of character. Only when the Granger has mastered the first four degrees can he or she participate in the fifth degree at the State level and sixth and seventh degrees at the Na-

tional level. The virtue of Hope (Pomona) is symbolized by a basket of fruit in the fifth degree. The virtue of Charity, symbolized by a bouquet of flowers, is the sixth degree, conferred at the National Level. The virtue of Faith is the seventh and highest degree, symbolized by a bunch of wheat, which does not bend with the moving light but grows straight up to the heavens.

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OPINION

Trending in the Right Direction

Commitment to ending homelessness shows progress, but more affordable housing is needed.

On one night in late January, local jurisdictions in our area fanned out to count the number of people who were literally homeless. Fairfax County released its numbers last week; Arlington and Alexandria will do so in the near future.

In Fairfax County, the commitment in 2010 to end homelessness in 10 years has resulted in significant progress, even in the wake of the great recession. The number of people literally homeless decreased by a third from 2008 to 2014, from 1,835 to 1,225 counted this year.

Many non-profit organizations have partnered to prevent homelessness one family or individual at a time for those on the brink and to house chronically homeless individuals. There is so much still to be done.

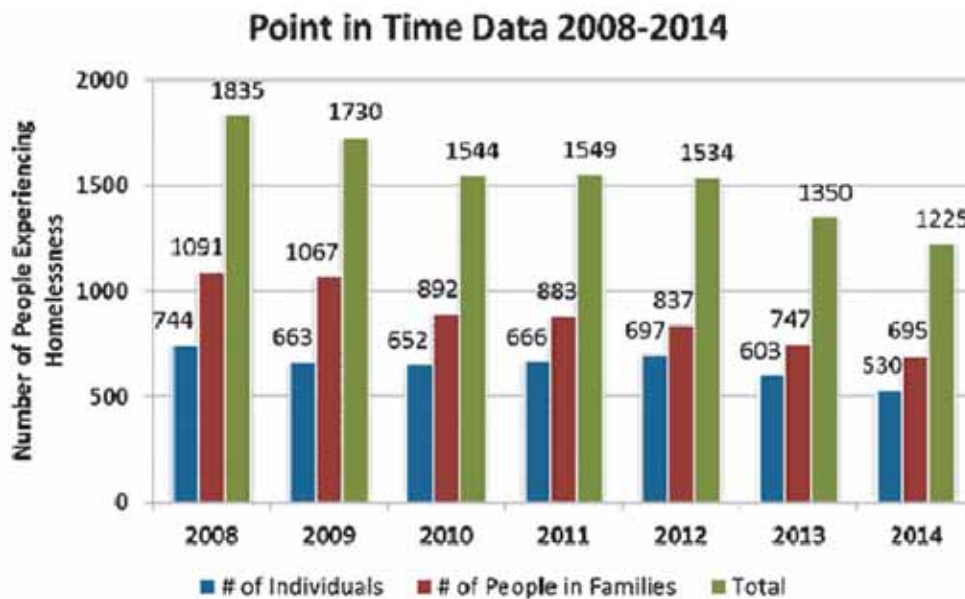
On the night of Jan. 29, 2014 there were 1,225 people who were literally homeless in the Fairfax-Falls Church community, a 9 percent reduction from January 2013, or 125 fewer people.

The 2014 point-in-time count of people experiencing homelessness includes people who are described as “literally homeless,” those who are in shelters, in time-limited transitional housing programs, or unsheltered and living on the street at one “point in time.” It does not count the individual who might be homeless but is sleeping on a friend’s sofa or the family squeezed into an uncle’s “spare” bedroom after being evicted from their own apartment.

Two sentences from the county report are worth repeating, even if they are obvious:

“The results would be even more substantial if additional housing options were available. The reduction in homelessness will not continue at the same pace in the future without significant increases in the availability of affordable housing.”

A year ago, the coalition of partners committed to ending homelessness embarked on the local piece of a nationwide effort to provide housing for the chronically homeless people in our community. There were an estimated 150 such individuals, living in the woods and in cars and on the street, in the county, and a year later, FACETS and others met this



Point-in-time data on the number of people literally homeless 2008-2014.

year’s milestone of bringing 50 such individuals into housing. These are people who need a continuum of services get on their feet.

Despite the good news on the steady decline, the past few months have been marked by push-back from some residents about allowing more affordable housing in the form of efficiency apartments and by several members of the Board of Supervisors expressing lack of support for even the concept of providing more affordable housing.

This misguided attitude on the part of some county leaders ignores the fact that this region cannot be economically vibrant if there is no place affordable to rent even for households who make \$50,000, never mind the households that get by on less than half of that.

Two full-time \$10 an hour positions yield \$40,000 a year. Last year, a family needed an annual income of \$56,472 to afford to pay the \$1,412 per month rent on the “fair market rate” for a two-bedroom apartment in Fairfax County. Rents have continued to rise.

Many working families living in Fairfax County struggle financially, balancing choices every month between rent, transportation, food, medical costs and other expenses that are not optional.

— MARY KIMM,

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PHOTO BY MARY KIMM

After being homeless for five years, Sandara Perry, left, recently moved into permanent housing with ongoing support provided by FACETS. Perry grew up on Route 1 in Mount Vernon, and was placed in foster care while her mother struggled with addiction. Without support to make the transition from foster care, Perry struggled with alcohol and abusive relationships. She shared her story at the FACETS annual breakfast last Thursday, April 24, and she is pictured here with FACETS Executive Director Amanda Andere.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Fighting for Tigers

To the Editor:

As a senior at Penn State University, I am taking a course on human geography and sustainability. As a citizen of Virginia, I am concerned. There is an international issue that is threatening one of our greatest, most majestic creatures in the world, and we are not doing enough to protect and preserve them. While

the tigers that we nobly admire at the National Zoo are safe and secure, the wild tiger population of Southeast Asia is being poached to near extinction. As my class has taught me this semester, it is our duty as human beings to sustain the environment for future generations, thus making it our duty to put an end to the illegal poaching and trading of tigers throughout the world. While it is simple to adopt an “out of sight, out of mind,” mentality with these creatures, the rapidly declining tiger

population will directly impact our future generations here in the Washington, D.C. area. If we want our children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren to admire the majesty of a tiger, we need to take responsibility for human action and strive for change. The keeping of tigers for pets, the illegal hunting, the black market for tiger bones - these are all actions of humans that are directly contributing to the inevitable extinction of the tiger population. But how can we help? We aren’t the ones

buying tiger bones for ancient medical practices, or poaching tigers in the wild. We are, however, the ones with the significant financial and political means to end this global epidemic. As an American, I urge you to donate to organizations such as World Wildlife Foundation, write letters to your congressmen, and generate as much attention for this issue as possible. We must fight for the tigers.

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Dr. Jeanette Coutin-Gentry creates a relaxing experience at Fontaine de Jeunesse Medical & Dental Aesthetics Spa.

Dr. Jeanette Coutin-Gentry started Fontaine de Jeunesse Medical & Dental Aesthetics Spa last summer.

'Fountain of Youth' in Great Falls Plaza

Fontaine de Jeunesse Medical & Dental Aesthetics Spa opened since June 2013.

BY REENA SINGH
THE CONNECTION

In an unassuming Georgetown Pike plaza is a spa-like experience promising to tighten clients up without a nip and tuck.

Fontaine de Jeunesse Medical & Dental Aesthetics Spa, a self-proclaimed fountain of youth in the heart of Great Falls, has been noninvasively treating men

and women of all ages since last summer.

Fontaine de Jeunesse translates to "fountain of youth" in French.

The owner, Dr. Jeanette Coutin-Gentry, started the business as a way to help other women age gracefully through menopause without being self-conscious.

"I found out that diet and exercise alone was not taking care of losing the weight," she said.

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David Snyder, in his role as Vice-Chairman of the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission, addressed the Commonwealth Transportation Board. To read Snyder's testimony go to www.thinkoutsidethecar.org. Snyder presented the organization's case for increased transit funding in Northern Virginia.



Douglas Stewart represents the Virginia Chapter of the Sierra Club at the Commonwealth Transportation Board's public hearing. Proponent of more funds for multi-modal transit systems, Stewart cited a recent report by Smart Growth America stating that 18 percent of Virginia's road were in poor condition, up from 8 percent only three years ago.

VDOT Holds Six-year Improvement Plan Hearing

Public input sought on transportation improvement plan.

BY ANDREA WORKER
THE CONNECTION

It was Northern Virginia's turn last week when Virginia Secretary of Transportation Aubrey Layne and the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) held a public hearing at the offices of the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) in Fairfax. The CTB is conducting meetings throughout the state to garner public opinion before their scheduled June vote on the state's Six-Year Improvement Plan 2015 - 2020 (SYIP). Various entities have held numerous meetings in recent months, particularly since HB 2313 - the first comprehensive transportation funding bill in the state for more than 27 years - passed in the General Assembly last year. Those meetings were often standing-room-only affairs, could witness dozens of citizens lined up to comment on particular projects or to suggest others, and frequently got a bit heated.

The April 24 CTB hearing featured more representatives from local jurisdictions and organizations than individual citizens. More praise and invitations for cooperation may have been heard than in the past and there was less of the "stop sign on this corner, please! wishlist" atmosphere that marked many of the open transportation meetings of late. There were even several acknowledgements of VDOT's Herculean efforts to keep Virginia roads clear and safe during the recent long, snow and ice-filled winter. Not to say that those who spoke for the record weren't there to support the projects of particular interest to their constituents, or that there weren't some negative comments on parts of the Plan or on the process.

SECRETARY LAYNE introduced the at-

"Congestion mitigation is the most heavily weighted factor by law when analyzing projects to be selected and funded in urban areas."

— Virginia Secretary of Transportation Aubrey Layne

Virginia Secretary of Transportation Aubrey Layne hosts the Commonwealth Transportation Board's (CTB) public hearing at the Virginia Dept. of Transportation offices in Fairfax

tending members of the CTB as well as guest panelist Martin Nohe, Chairman of the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority, who noted that his inclusion shows the admirable level of cooperation being fostered between the state and the region. Layne summarized the agenda and the discussion on the table. Recently passed HB 2 received a large share of Layne's remarks. The new law, which takes effect on July 1, mandates a prioritization process for transportation project selection. "Congestion mitigation is the most heavily weighted factor by law when analyzing projects to be selected and funded in urban areas," Layne explained. Other factors include economic development, accessibility, safety and environmental quality. "HB 2 is designed to inject more objectivity, to help insure that the funds are used wisely," he added. Exempt from the scoring process would be projects already under way, and those funded by revenue sharing.

Layne warned that there were challenges ahead. "We may not get this all right the first time. And there is the threat looming in August with about \$1b in federal funds



up for re-authorization." He commented that most in the room had probably heard something about a budget scuffle going on in Richmond, referring to the state's budget impasse, largely over the inclusion of a full rollout of Medicaid, which the Governor supports but Republicans oppose. "What we are working with here are mostly non-general funds, so they will not be significantly impacted by the budget discussions."

Before opening the floor to testimony on the SYIP, several of the panelists provided facts and figures about current or upcoming projects for regional transportation improvements. Charles Kilpatrick, the state's new Highways Commissioner noted \$700m underway today, while newly appointed Director of the state's Dept. of Rail and Public Transportation Jennifer Mitchell outlined spending allocations for VRE capital funds, the new Potomac Shores station, and other transit station improvements, including the allocation of 80 percent of the \$365m for transit and rail work next year.

Some of the speakers to address the CTB panel included:

Virginia Delegate Jim LeMunyon, (R-67),

whose comments included the need to fully fund and move forward with the I-66/Rte. 28 expansion and improvements, and to avoid any options that put more traffic on to Rte. 50.

Loudoun County Board Supervisor Suzanne Volpe (R-Algonkian District) expressed that the county felt "blindsided" by some of the proposals in the SYIP Draft that would significantly cut certain funds for road maintenance and improvement. Volpe also wanted the CTB to know that with the Draft only becoming available on April 18 - six days prior to the hearing - the timing of its release made any real review and analysis virtually impossible and that further review and commentary would be forthcoming.

David Snyder, Vice Mayor of Falls Church and the Vice-Chairman of the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission (NVTC) read a statement for the record, presenting an economic case for increased and sustained funding for transit in Northern Virginia. "This is a whole new generation today. They want transit that isn't cars and highways," he said. Snyder outlined "core capacity investments" that "will remove 35,000 cars from the road." The NVTC was all in favor of a metrics system to evaluate projects, but stated that "the calculation of trips in the operating formula unfairly excludes trips made by tourists and many trips taken from airports, and uses a formula that only counts trips made by Virginians who live in Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) jurisdictions. Snyder said that the NVTC would continue to work cooperatively to see these issues addressed in the final version of the SYIP.

Arlington County Board Member Mary Hynes, like Snyder, urged the CTB to emphasize the multi-modal approach to project approval. "Walking, biking, and transit for Arlington are not optional," said Hynes, "to ensure the economic health of all the region, as well as the quality of life of Arlingtonians. With the highest job density

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Fountain of Youth In Great Falls Plaza

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The procedure, which can take between 20 minutes and a few hours depending on the parts of the body being treated, can be done between running errands or during a lunch break because of its noninvasive nature.

A television mounted on the wall plays a beach scene with waves lapping on the shore while the treatment is being done.

The Venus Freeze yields results without having the client take downtime like they would with plastic surgery, according to Jean Gallina, registered nurse.

"A lot of people are so busy that they cannot take the time to do something invasive - or they don't want to have that type of procedure," she said.

Tracey Kennedy, Hayfield, has had five treatments on her neck and thighs. She found Coutin-Gentry's business after searching for a clinic that had both the Venus Freeze and friendly estheticians.

"I lost 38 pounds and had all this loose skin on my neck and thighs," she said. "I've already seen great results. Really shocking results."

Kennedy said the option is cheaper than

plastic surgery and took no downtime to heal.

"Now that I'm getting the results I wanted, I'm going to get all my friends to do it."


Pat Alden, registered nurse, says both men and women come to get work done. She said many men get their faces and necks treated while women tend to focus on their thighs. Her own husband had his hands treated to alleviate his arthritis pain.

"A lot of our customers are repeat customers," she said. "What we find is when people come in to get one part worked on, they want to get other parts worked on after."

The location was chosen because Coutin-Gentry thought Great Falls and McLean residents would not want to travel to traffic-congested Tysons Corner to do this type of procedure.

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Citizens Debate Transportation Priorities

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and the 2nd highest population, Arlington is unique, acting as something of a funnel for people on the move through and to and from Arlington.”

THE REPRESENTATIVE from the citizens’ organization “Arlingtonians for Sensible Transit” was there to protest the planned Columbia Pike Streetcar project, calling it a “staggering waste of money,” and making a strong argument for more buses to handle the area’s traffic needs.

The citizens of Vienna also worry that their quality of life and the “Main Street Village” they have worked for years to protect are being endangered by any plans that don’t place transit over more cars, especially as the Tyson’s Corner development continues. Vienna Vice-Mayor Carey Sienicki was there to represent the Town.

Bob Chase, President of the Northern Virginia Transportation Alliance had appreciation for all the hard work put in to date, but cautioned that the “Plan is an



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Members of the Commonwealth Transportation Board listen to the public’s comments Six-Year Plan 2015-2020.

enigma to the average citizen,” citing difficulty in wading through the VDOT website, the 55 pages of Northern Virginia projects and all of the related information and articles.

Chase also stressed that it was important not to lose a sense of urgency as a result of the passage of HB2. “We’ve already been wait-

ing a real long time,” he reminded the panel.

As the meeting concluded, the audience was reminded that VDOT was still conducting additional hearings, and that public commentary was most welcome for consideration. If unable to attend one of the public hearings, contact information is available on

the website at www.vdot.virginia.gov. Comments must be received by June 2 in order to be considered prior to the vote on the SYIP. Also on the website is a list of all the projects being considered for approval in the current SYIP. Click on Northern Virginia as the “District” for the projects database.

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NEWS

Cooper Middle Presents 'Aida'

Spring production runs
Wednesday through
Saturday, April 30-May 3.

BY REENA SINGH
THE CONNECTION

It's the timeless story of star-crossed lovers - with a twist. Cooper Middle School is performing "Aida," the story of a deep love stirring in the midst of a war between two nations, starting today. "The music's excellent and it's a beautiful show," said theater arts teacher and play director Meg Baber. "I love the drama of it and how meaningful it is. And I do like to keep challenging them. I don't want to make it too easy."

The story follows Aida - an enslaved Nubian princess as she falls in love with Radames - an Egyptian soldier already promised to the Pharaoh's daughter.

"As their forbidden love blossoms, Aida is forced to weigh her heart against the responsibility she faces as leader of her people," Baber said in an email. "Aida and Radames' love for one another proves transcendent of cultural differences and ushers in a time of unprecedented peace between the warring nations." She said it is a very mature, challenging play for

the middle school age group, but believes that many of the actors are talented enough to handle it. About 70 people are a part of the show's cast and crew.

"It's a very hard show, musically," she said. "There's one school in the county that has done it at the middle school level. We have some really, really talented kids this year, so I kinda knew it would be the year to do it."

Chris Obolensky, 14, plays Radames.

"My dad is in the military, so it really helped because I knew how I was supposed to act," the eighth grade actor said. "I was really surprised about how much love is in the show. It's going to be a really fun show." Unlike Romeo and Juliet, he said, the lovers in Aida do not just have a shallow-level of love for one another.

"This is nothing the middle school has done before," said 13-year-old Kaitlyn O'Connor, eighth grade. She plays Aida, the secret Nubian princess.

"She's a very deep character," she said. "In the first part of the play, she wants to save her people." Aida then feels like she has to choose between her love for

Radames or her love for her country.

"I think we'll put on a good show," she said.

The middle school will perform Aida on Wednesday and Thursday, April 30-May 1, at 2:30 p.m., as well as Friday and Saturday, May 2-3, at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$5 for students and \$10 for general admission at the door.

"This is nothing the middle school has done before."

— Kaitlyn O'Connor,
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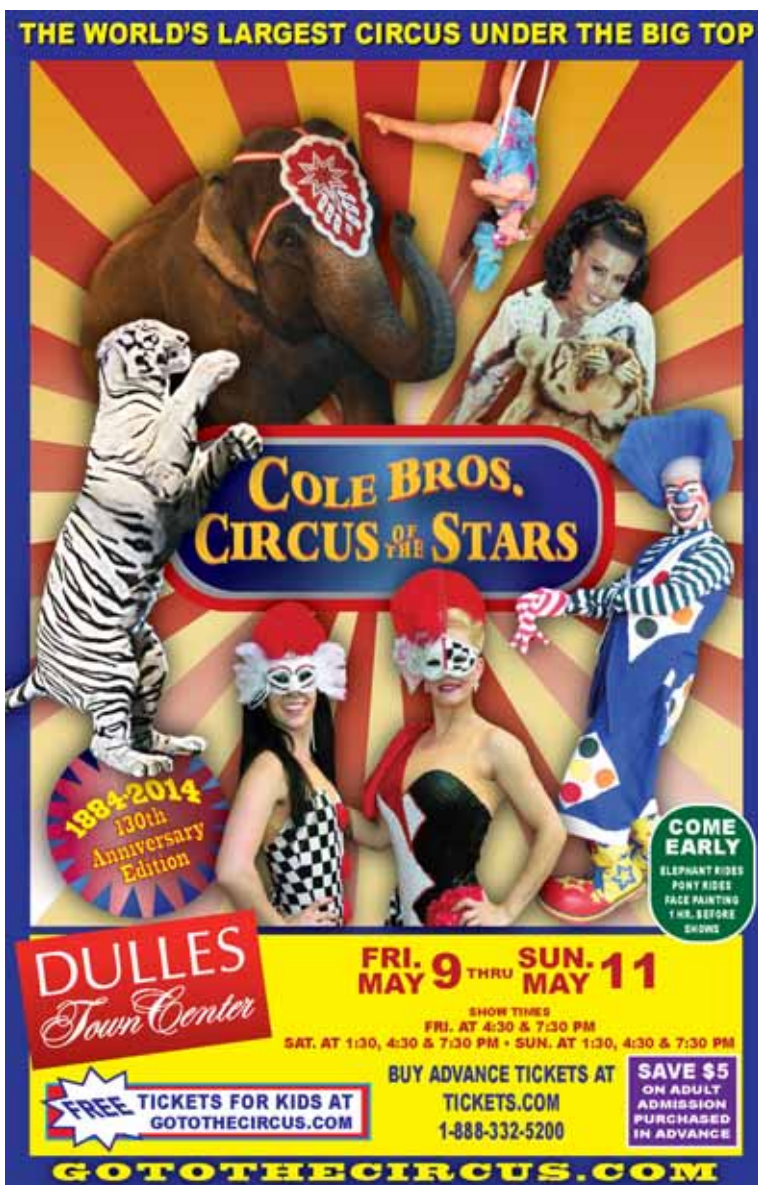
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THURSDAY/MAY 1-SATURDAY/MAY 3

"The Music Man" Musical. 7:30 p.m. Matinee at 2:30 p.m. on May 3. James Madison High School, 2500 James Madison Drive, Vienna. Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$15 at the door. Tickets can be purchased at madisondrama.com, in the JMHS main office or at the door.

FRIDAY/MAY 2

"Mutts Gone Nuts" Family Night. 6 p.m. Vienna Elementary School, 128 Center St S, Vienna. Rescued canines are the stars when entertainers Scott & Joan Houghton (alias Jesse and James) bring their popular-from-coast-to-coast comedy show to

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From left — Julie the chambermaid (Rebecca Fischler) gives her opinion of the goings on to the members of the wedding party (Carole Steele, Jessica Inzeo, Will MacLeod, and Caity Brown) in the McLean Community Players' production of 'Perfect Wedding.' Playing at the Alden Theatre, McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Ave, McLean through May 10, Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m. and Sunday matinees at 2 p.m.

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FRIDAY/MAY 2-MONDAY/MAY 5

Six Artists Return. 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday. The Frame Factory, 212 Dominion Road NE, Vienna. An exhibition and sale of paintings, drawings, sculpture and jewelry by local artists Jackie Elwell, Elaine Florimonte, Debbie Glakas, Lisa Neher, Sarah Swart and Barbara Wagner. www.theframefactory1.com

FRIDAY/MAY 2-SUNDAY/MAY 4

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FRIDAY/MAY 2- SATURDAY/MAY 10

“Perfect Wedding.” Friday-Saturday at 8 p.m. Sundays at 2 p.m. The Alden Theatre, McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. An awkward morning-of-the-wedding situation and then spins out of control in the McLean Community Players production of this farce/romantic comedy. 703-790-9223. www.McLeanPlayers.org. \$16-\$14.

SATURDAY/MAY 3

Six Artists Return Closing Reception. 2-8 p.m. The Frame Factory, 212 Dominion Road NE, Vienna. An exhibition and sale of paintings, drawings, sculpture and jewelry by local artists Jackie Elwell, Elaine Florimonte, Debbie Glakas, Lisa Neher, Sarah Swart and Barbara Wagner. www.theframefactory1.com

Social Justice Yard Sale. 7 a.m. – 1 p.m. 2709 Hunter Mill Road, Oakton. Sale benefits four charities including The Shepherd’s Center of Oakton/Vienna, NAMI, Mosaic Harmony and the UUCF Partner Church. Donations of sale items are welcome on April 30, May 1 and May 2. Visit www.uucf.org or contact Joanna Walker at joannaw.walker@gmail.com.

Vienna Farmers Market Free Kids Events on Opening Day. 8 a.m. – 12 p.m. 301 Center Street S., Vienna. TJ Micheals, balloon artist will also be creating at the market.

Community Yard. Sale. 8 a.m.-2 p.m. 10100 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. You can reserve a space (\$20) to sell your own treasures or donate items to the church (we will pick up). Come shop, donate and/or sell your own things. 703-759-3705

Bike Rodeo. 9 a.m. -12 p.m. Volunteer Fire Department parking lot, 400 Center St S., Vienna. Under the guidance of a veteran cyclist, the Rodeo will help children who already know how to ride a bike develop safety skills including breaking, balancing, basic road rules and how to handle obstacles. Kids must have a helmet to participate. Free bike and helmet checks will be available.

Patrick Henry Library Book Sale. 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Patrick Henry Library, 101 Maple Avenue East, Vienna. Featuring thousands of top quality used books, hardback fiction, ton of non-fiction and quilting books and cook books.

Garden Club Flower Show. 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Great Falls Library, Georgetown Pike. The show, entitled “Sounds and Sights of Spring”, will feature horticulture and design entries, an educational display, and artistic crafts. Admission is free. For further information call Karen Lucas at 703-759-5547.

SUNDAY/MAY 4

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TUESDAY/MAY 6

Happy Hour Fundraiser. 6-8:30 p.m. The Old Brogue, 760 Walker Road, Great Falls. Fundraiser hosted by Fred and Cindy Dibbs of Reston Smile Partners, who aim to provide dental care to uninsured, disadvantaged adults in our community who are working with Cornerstones, our local social services agency. Tickets: \$125 per person, includes drinks, appetizers and a raffle. RSVP by April 30 to Cindy: cldibbs@aol.com.

SATURDAY/MAY 10

Ayr Hill Garden Club Plant Sale. 8 a.m. – 12 p.m. Vienna Town Green, 131 Church Street, NW, Vienna. The annual Ayr Hill Garden Club plant sale returns. These are plants that have grown well in Vienna supplied from the gardens of AHGC members. Selections for sun and/or shade, deer resistant plants, and drought tolerant plants will be offered.

Recycle Your Bike. 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. The Potomac School, 1301 Potomac Road, McLean. Each year since 2005, the Potomac School has held a used bike collection to benefit Bikes For The World, a locally-run 501(c)(3) charity that collects unused bicycles from the United States and sends them to its partners overseas, where the bikes become much-needed transportation for people who otherwise would have none.

Taste of Asia 2014. 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. Everest College, 8620 Westwood Center Drive, Vienna. Sample food, learn about Asian countries, try on clothes, get your name written in different languages and more.

Fourth Silent Auction Benefit. 1-4 p.m. The Frame Factory, 212 Dominion Road NE, Vienna. The Shepherd’s Center of Oakton-Vienna (SCOV) is hosting its Silent Auction Art Benefit at the Frame Factory. Enjoy light refreshments while chatting with local artists and viewing their donated art work. Free and open to the public.

SUNDAY/MAY 11

Mothers for Mental Health. 8 a.m. – 12 p.m. Turner Farm, 925 Springvale Road, Great Falls. A positive day raising money for suicide prevention, bereavement camps for kids, and to bring light onto the epidemic of young people taking their lives in our community. Activities include family fun rides and activities, including moon bounces, climbing wall, pony rides, games and face painting, silent auction, 5K run/walk, 5K ride in Turner Farmer Park, and more. www.beckylovefoundation.org.



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McLean goalkeeper Lydia Erickson, right, has allowed just two goals this season.



McLean senior Maire Shine assisted the game-tying goal in the 53rd minute and scored the game-winner in overtime against Madison on April 28.

Shine's OT Goal Lifts McLean Girls' Soccer Over Madison

Highlanders remain undefeated, improve to 6-0-3.

BY JON ROETMAN
THE CONNECTION

Prior to Monday's match against Conference 6 foe McLean, Madison girls' soccer coach Grant Massey stressed to the Warhawks the importance of containing senior forward Maire Shine, the Highlanders' primary offensive threat.

Late in the first half, Shine had an opportunity to break a scoreless tie, but shot the ball directly at Madison goalkeeper Lexi Graham, who made the save.

Later in the evening, Shine again found herself in position to give the Highlanders the lead. This time, No. 5 showed why she was the focal point of the Warhawks' defense.

Shine scored late in the first of two overtime periods, lifting McLean to a 2-1 victory on April 28 at Madison High School.

"I just needed to redeem myself from the one I missed in the first half," Shine said. "I just knew the clock was ticking down and we tried to take shots, whether it was open or not."

Shine's goal helped keep McLean undefeated with a record of 6-0-3.

"The difference is their one special player who stepped up and made the play," Massey said. "We tried to prepare for her. We certainly focused on her in our pregame talk and everything and she was able to get free. We had about a five-second mental breakdown and [allowed] her to get on her right foot and put it by us."

SHINE, a first-team all-region selection as a junior last season, also assisted McLean's first goal, when sophomore Tess Brookes tied the score at 1-all in the 53rd minute.

"It's just a player wanting to win," McLean head coach Rob Bouchard said about Shine, "and she put her stamp on the game."

While Shine came up clutch in overtime, it was Madison that took the game's first lead on a goal by sophomore midfielder Michelle Paredes in the 43rd minute. Usually, one goal would assure Madison of at least a tie as the Warhawks had not surrendered two goals in a contest since tying Herndon, 2-2, in the season opener on March 20. However, the goal seemed awaken the Highlanders, who eventually pulled out the win.

While McLean is undefeated, the Highlanders have scored just 11 goals in nine games.

"I'm just happy our girls responded," Bouchard said. "We can't score a lot, so ...



Madison girls' soccer coach Grant Massey said junior midfielder Alia Abu Hawa has been a key part of the Warhawks' defensive success this season.

we can't put ourselves in many holes."

Part of the reason McLean has been so successful despite limited scoring has been the play of sophomore goalkeeper Lydia Erickson, who on Monday night allowed just her second goal of the season.

"She's been phenomenal all year, let two goals in this whole year," Bouchard said. "... Every time she lets in a goal, she gets upset with herself and works harder the next time."

Bouchard also praised the efforts of de-

fenders Audrey Freeman, Meaghan O'Reilly and Kaela Mahoney.

MADISON has also played well defensively this season. After Monday's loss, the Warhawks have a record of 6-2-2 and have outscored opponents 22-7. Madison scored seven goals against Wakefield on April 8 and four against Lee on March 31.

"I think we're typically pretty organized in the back," Massey said. "We struggle scoring goals and struggle creating a lot of chances to. We usually don't give up two — usually we give up one or zero — and that keeps in every game. I know we can defend. We're organized, our goalkeeper is very solid and that keeps us in every game."

Massey said senior defender Cia Makrigiorgos and junior midfielder Alia Abu Hawa have been key contributors to the Warhawks' defensive success this season. Senior defender Susie Carter and junior defender Morgan Duffy are also strong players but have battled injuries.

Senior forward Kaitlyn Dorka is Madison's leading goal scorer.

Madison will travel to face South Lakes at 7 p.m. on Thursday, May 1. McLean will host Stone Bridge at the same time.

"We're getting better and better and I can't be upset," Bouchard said. "The girls have fought every game. We feel if we put our best team out there, we can contend with everybody."

Langley College-Bound Athletes Recognized

Langley High School's college-bound student-athletes were honored during an April 23 ceremony.

The following Langley athletes will compete in collegiate sports.

Baseball: Jake McSteen (University of Nebraska).

Basketball: Garrett Collier (Denison University).

Crew: Sabrina Lamont (George Mason) and Tyler Seckar (Trinity College).

Football: Nick Casso (Catholic University of America), Austin Denham (California Polytechnic State University), Alex Kolencik (Davidson College), Brooks Norris (William & Mary), and Dylan Novak (Frostburg State).

Golf: Edric Wung (Dartmouth).

Lacrosse: Lauren Clubb (Claremont McKenna), Jordan Simonides (Marquette), JT Meyer (Kenyon College), Billy Orme (Wagner College), and Hunter Yates (Washington & Lee).

Soccer: Sepehr Harandi (Longwood), Eddie Martinez (Drew University), Jamie Terpak (Kentucky), Madi Card (Butler), and Anusheh Kafi (Emory).

Swimming: Gretchen Roesel (West Point).

Track and field: Alexander Jacobsen (Transylvania), and Thomas Endean (Bates College).

Volleyball: Lexy Donaldson (Mary Washington), and Alex Andrejev (Columbia).

Wrestling: Alex Pratte (Pittsburgh).



PHOTO CONTRIBUTED

Langley senior Garrett Collier, right, is pictured with boys' basketball coach Scott Newman during the school's college commitment ceremony on April 23. Collier will play basketball at Denison University.



Henry Greenbaum and Jennifer Flanagan met when she did a project about him during her junior year in high school.

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Holocaust Survivor Speaks in Great Falls

In Auschwitz they took the last thing he had for himself - a name - and tattooed a number on his forearm.

BY REENA SINGH
THE CONNECTION

Henry Greenbaum has more than earned each of the 86 years he has been alive. He spent five years as a teenager being forced from one concentration camp to another during the Holocaust, losing most of his family before he was finally liberated in 1945.

Greenbaum, born Chuna Grynbaum in Poland, told his story to an audience of nearly 80 people at Great Falls Library on April 23. However, he has not stopped telling his story since the his "death march" from Flossenbury towards Dachau.

"We promised one another during the march that if you survive, make sure you tell," he said.

THE LIBRARY PRESENTATION was organized by Jennifer Flanagan, a senior at Stone Ridge School of the Sacred Heart. She wrote a paper on him during her junior year and was inspired to volunteer at the Holocaust Museum after learning his story. She plans to major in genocide studies at the University of Notre Dame next year.

"The museum wants the ambassadors to reach out to 100 people in their community," she said.

Her paper's subject, Greenbaum, spent his childhood attending school and playing soccer in Starachowice until his father, Nauchem, sent him to work at a munitions factory with his three sisters as protection from a possible German invasion.

The factories did not offer as much protection as the family hoped for.

Two months after Greenbaum's father passed away, Nazi soldiers invaded the country. Greenbaum's mother, Gittel, took her children to a nearby farm to avoid the bombing and being sent to the ghettos. Henry and his brother David spent the days picking tomatoes for the farmer.

"All of a sudden, we see a Polish soldier and my brother knew who he was," he said.

His brother ended up running away from the farm with the soldier to escape the country, leaving him, his sisters and his mother behind.

David ended up surviving and was reunited with Henry after the war.

He did not spend too long on the farm, however, before his family was forced into the overcrowded Starachowice ghetto. The family stayed there for two years, he said, until his mother and two of his sisters were sent away to Treblinka and killed. Greenbaum and three of his sisters were shipped to a nearby slave labor camp. Two of them died after being murdered for missing work because they had Typhoid.

"One day, I walked in and she was not there," he said about one of his sisters - who he would visit every day at the camp. "I asked the Polish policeman where she went. He said, 'She died during the night. We buried her at the bottom of the stone quarry.'"

He later saw that sister, dead, piled into a truck to be sent to a mass grave, the same "trenches," he said, that he had been forced to dig at the camp.

The last of his sisters was killed during an escape attempt she made with Greenbaum and a Jewish policeman.

She died after being shot at that night. Greenbaum had a bullet graze his head, a two inch deep wound that would remain infected until he was liberated. Until he was sent to Auschwitz in 1944, he had worn the same clothes for four years. In the summers, those in the concentration camps would bath by putting mud all over themselves, then washing it all off.

"In the wintertime, we all got lice-infested because we couldn't wash," he said.

HE REMEMBERS AUSCHWITZ and the Buna-Monowitz camp as strongly - the sight and smell of gray flakes coming down from the sky like a snow-storm after a group of people were incinerated.

"The flesh burning, you could smell it," he said.

He said the infamous Auschwitz was where they took the last thing he had for himself - a name - and tattooed a number on his forearm.

After he was liberated by American soldiers on April 25, 1945, Henry eventually reunited with his brother and a sister who married and immigrated to the U.S. before the war.

He was one of the few who survived the Holocaust to have multiple family members who made it through.

Others were not so lucky. After a question and answer period at the presentation, Gita Wolke walked up to his table and pulled back her sleeve, revealing a series of numbers on her own forearm.

"I'll never forget those memories," the 90-year-old resident of Silver Spring said. "It's still painful for me. You never forget."

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Father and Son "Together"



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

As a born, bread and buttered Bostonian (Newton Centre, a suburb, to be specific), one of my enduring and genetic passions has been to live and die (figuratively speaking; this is not a cancer column) for The Boston Red Sox. My father sold concessions at Fenway Park (the stadium home of the Bosox since 1912), during the Depression when he was a little boy (not yet an adolescent even). He was nicknamed "Beezo," (his given name was Benet, although he was always called Barry) so he could gain full acceptance to a local knothole gang. Named after the wooden planks which surrounded the old Braves Field in Boston (a National League team called Boston its home as well back in the day), the kids ("gangs") would stand and peer through the knotholes in the wooden planks which otherwise blocked their view. It was a privilege and an honor for my father to be so connected to the game this way. He grew up loving baseball, and as a parent, he passed his love of the game on to me – and my brother.

Growing up in the suburbs, there were no planks surrounding our fields and no knotholes. The grass might have been a little thin though. It was on these fields where I played "sandlot" baseball. Close to home but miles away from Fenway Park. Here we mapped out our own base paths and used hats, gloves, coats, etc. to identify the bases, the pitcher's mound and of course, home plate. To fill out the respective teams, we often split however many kids we had into however many positions we needed filled, often with some kids playing multiple positions on both teams. Anything to get a game in. I spent many afternoons and evenings before the age of 10 practicing in this manner.

I thought I had become pretty good, too – for a kid, so when Little League tryouts were announced – for ages 9–12, I was very excited. My goal was to play baseball. My older brother had done so; now it was my turn. Unfortunately, my tryout was not very successful. I was not picked for "The Majors." I was picked by a "Minor" League team and that's where I began my career. I pitched a few games, even caught a few games, not really distinguishing myself in either endeavor. Still, about halfway through the season, I was called up to "The Majors," by the Boston Red Sox, (Little League version). I was thrilled by the selection and even more excited that I'd be playing for the Red Sox – of all teams, wearing a similar uniform and colors of my heroes at the Big League level. I chose uniform number 16; to this day, I always look to see who's wearing that number on the current Sox (Will Middlebrooks, currently) and then envision myself being in that uniform. Wearing that uniform, and hat, solidified my dream. I wanted to play for the Boston Red Sox in Fenway Park when I grew up, and for the next 10 years or so, through Little League, Junior High School, Babe Ruth League, High School; in spring, summer and fall, I pursued that dream. I tried out for my college team, but ultimately, that's where the dream ended.

Still, it was during these extremely formative years when my father and I built the foundation of our relationship: baseball. We practiced together, played catch together, attended all my games together, went to Fenway Park together, listened to games on radio together, watched games on our black & white television together, and filled up my scrapbook together; in essence, we enjoyed our life together – through baseball.

And even though the prospects of fulfilling my dream were never particularly realistic, its common pursuit by me and my father made for memories that have lasted over 50 years. My father may be gone, but he'll never be forgotten. Every time I watch a baseball game, I remember how it all began – for me, throwing a ball to my father. That was no field of dreams; that field was, and is, my reality.

Kenny Lourie is an Advertising Representative for The Potomac Almanac & The Connection Newspapers.

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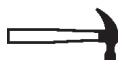
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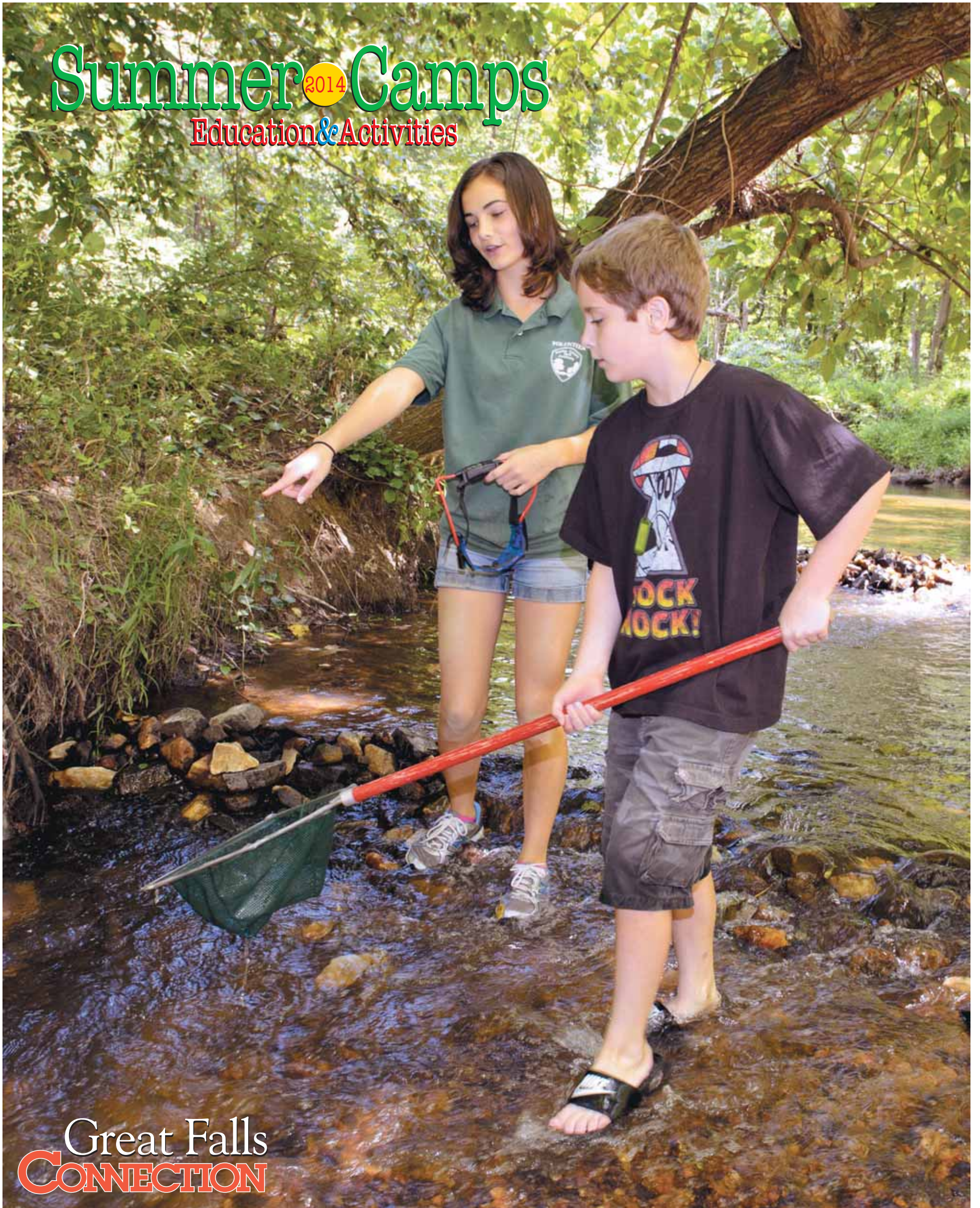
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Choosing a Summer Camp

Now is the time to register for summer camp; nearly infinite choices.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL
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Many families with school age children will plan to have their children spend some of the much-anticipated summer season in camp. If you haven't yet selected camps for your children, now is the time.

"Popular classes and programs always fill early," said Kevin Rechen, camp director of Summer at Norwood in Potomac, Md.. "Families that are choosing a camp based on a specific program or class should register as soon as they can."

Whether you choose a traditional day camp, a specialty camp or a sleep away camp, the Washington, D.C. region has a multitude of offerings. The array of options can be overwhelming for some parents, but summer camps can be an important part of a child's development. Local child development experts say there are a few things to keep in mind when choosing for a camp.

"Summer camp is an opportunity for children to develop social skills with their peers," said Linda Guly, Ph.D., professor of psychology at Marymount University in Arlington, Va. "Camps give the benefits of social interaction in a more relaxed setting."

When selecting a camp, there are factors that parents should keep in mind. "When parents are looking for a camp they should try to find a camp where they're comfortable with the facility, the programming and counselors and staff," said Rechen.

An array of specialty camps offer children a chance to focus on one activity.

"Developmentally, as children get older they get more specialized in their skills and interests," said Guly. "Summer camp is an opportunity to hone in on those skills. Go with the child's interest and skills and further develop those because they are an important part of a child's identity."

Specialty camps can help children develop creative thinking and problem-solving skills.

For example, St. Stephen's & St. Agnes School in Alexandria offers camps that include Quadcopters and Video Editing, MiGiDo Mixed Martial Arts, CSI Detective, Hunger Games, Civil War, Fantasy Battle Gaming, Filmworx Movie Making, Eco-Adventures, Junior Musical Theater, Zoology, [and] Junior Veterinarian, said Linda Stratton of SSSAS.

OTHER SPECIALTY CAMPS include cooking camps, yoga camps and sports camps that run the gamut from tennis to hockey.

"A specialty camp gives children a sense of one particular area for a short period of time and allows them to decide if it is something that they want to pursue long-term," said Bethesda, Md., resident Deborah Helfeld who has taught art and yoga summer camps.



PHOTO COURTESY OF FAIRFAX COUNTY PARK AUTHORITY
Campers at Hidden Oaks Nature Center find something interesting while exploring the creek.

"Camps give the benefits of social interaction in a more relaxed setting."

— Linda Guly, Ph.D.,
 Marymount University

At George Mason University, high school juniors and seniors will have an opportunity to attend a camp that will give them a head start on college. "It's not your parents' summer camp," said Sudha Kamath. "Mason is giving high school juniors and seniors the chance to take some rare classes for college credit, covering everything from insects that crawl underground to objects that spin through outer space."

Cathy Evans, director of special projects at George Mason University said, "Subjects include astronomy, biology, chemistry, computer science, economics, environmental science, ethics, global affairs, health behavior, history, mathematics, nutrition and public speaking. The sky's the limit as students explore topics like 'Stars, Galaxies and the Universe' and 'The Ecosphere.'"

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Camp Greenway at The Madeira School offers three options for two-week camp sessions with outdoor and indoor activities, said Laura Temple, spokeswoman for school in McLean, Va. "Water sports, games, team sports, music, arts and crafts, and MAD Science are all part of the daily action for campers."

The Fairfax County Park Authority offers camps nature camps that are designed to immerse children in the outdoors. "We want the children to connect with the world around them," said Judy Pedersen, Public Information Officer, Fairfax County Park Authority. "When they leave camp, we hope that they have a deeper appreciation for the world around them for and the environment." You don't need to be a resident of Fairfax County to attend the camps, Pedersen said.

The Arlington Art Center offers summer camps for children and teens that meet daily for several sessions throughout the summer, 3550 Wilson Blvd, Arlington. Classes range from portfolio development to drawing, acrylic painting, and contemporary landscapes with oil paint.



MADEIRA SCHOOL PHOTO

Activities from summer camps held at Madeira School in McLean.

ANOTHER OPTION is sleep away camp, which can sometimes be a nerve-wracking but rewarding experience for both a parent and a child.

How does a parent know that their child is ready for to make this leap? "It is going to vary from child to child and family to family," said Michele C. Garofalo, Ed.D., assistant chair, Department of Counseling and a professor of Psychology at Marymount University in Arlington. "I think if a child has spent time having sleep overs with friends and has done ok, and is independent and feels comfortable sleeping at friends' houses then it should be fine."

Garofalo suggests that the first sleep away camp experience should be brief.

"I think you want to do a shorter experi-

ence to get them ready. The first summer, send them to a four-day camp to test the waters. Their first experience should be at a camp that is close to home. Don't send them to a camp in California the first time."

An open dialog between parent and child is key. "Explain to the child that they are going to be on their own and tell them what will be expected of them," said Garofalo. "Parents can prepare their children and have an honest conversation about what will happen at the camp."

Those who think they can't afford the cost of summer camp should research financial aid options.

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Local Farm Provides Fresh Food for Underserved

Arcadia hosts mobile market and camp for children.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL
THE CONNECTION

For many, spring symbolizes fresh flowers, new beginnings and baseball, but for those who work at Arcadia Center for Sustainable Food and Agriculture, located on the grounds of the Woodlawn Estate in Mount Vernon, spring means another season of working to ensure that all members of the community have access to fresh, healthy food.

"All of our programs start up again in spring," said Morgan Maloney, farm education manager.

Arcadia runs a camp where children from ages 6-11 get to experience life on a farm and learn about the source of their food. Arcadia officials are raising money to offer financial assistance to those who need it.

"Campers spend most of their time in our educational garden," said Maloney. "One fourth of the farm is specifically designed for that age group and is called the groundhog garden."

"I am really excited because we have 30 farm camp scholarships, but we still need more money to make it happen for families who would not be able to send their children to camp," said Hess.

She is passionate when she talks about her mission to ensure that all children are able to attend a camp where they are safely immersed in the outdoors. "This camp counteracts nature deficit disorder," she said. "There are no electronics. The children are sweaty and happy. They have a lot of inde-



PHOTO BY GENE BUONACORSI

Arcadia runs a camp where children from 6-11 years old get to experience life on a farm and learn about the source of their food.

pendence and freedom to make choices."

Arcadia offers other educational opportunities for children. "In the spring when school is in session, I am running field trips," said Maloney. "Kids come to the farm for purpose of hands-on learning."

"We have efforts going on right now to expand all of the organization's services," said Hess.

OTHER PROGRAMS, which advance Arcadia's mission and serve the community, include the Arcadia Farm, which serves as an example of environmentally and economically sustainable growing practices; the Mobile Market, which distributes fresh, affordable food to underserved D.C. area neighborhoods; the Food Hub, which provides services that support and promote

local sustainable farms, and the Farm to School program, which provides healthy, local food for school meals as well as hands-on food and farm education.

"There is always a lot of work to do in the off season," said Benjamin Bartley, mobile market director. "It is exciting because we've been able to expand our services each year. We've expanded our number of stops to 10 this year. I feel particularly good about the way that we've gone. I feel pretty prepared for the market season."

"The mobile market is very effective," said Pam Hess, Arcadia's executive director. "They are in the right places, our prices are great, the food is fresh. We get first quality food and bring it to low income people. We don't take leftovers like mushy apples or

How to Get Involved

For more information on becoming a member of Arcadia Center for Sustainable Food and Agriculture, The Arcadia Mobile Market Seasonal Cookbook, the Arcadia Farm Camp, Spring Dinner or any of the organization's other programs, visit <http://arcadiafood.org/>.

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bruised bananas and give it to them."

"It is easy to eat well in this town if you have money," she continued. "One thing we've learned from our customers is that they care about eating healthy, but have less economic power to make those wishes known."

The staff is also excited about their new cookbook, "The Arcadia Mobile Market Seasonal Cookbook," written by Arcadia's culinary educator and mobile market outreach coordinator JuJu Harris.

"We put together seasonal recipes that incorporate ingredients that are WIC (The Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children) staples," said Bartley. "We are going to be giving these away to those who use food assistance programs. We're looking forward to getting it into the hands of those who it was written for."

Summer Learning Activities

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL
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When summer vacation begins and school ends in a few weeks, learning doesn't have to take a hiatus. Students can keep their academic skills sharp without entering a classroom or even sitting down with a pencil and paper.

Local educators say opportunities for reading, math, science and history skills are plentiful and none require that children set foot in a school. From a walk in the park to a trip to the grocery store, teachable moments are virtually everywhere.

"There are a thousand ways to do it, but reading is critical," said Marjorie Myers, Ed.D., principal, Francis Scott Key Elementary School in Arlington. "I think the most important thing to do is read in a fun way. Read as a family. Parents can read challenging books to their children. Go to your local library and take advantage of fun ac-

tivities there.

Some elementary schools encourage their students to read and discuss what they are reading with their parents.

Blake M. Giliotti, staff development teacher at Potomac Elementary in Potomac, Md., said, "We ask kids to read and then have discussions with their parent about what they are reading. We don't ask them to do anything written because we don't want them belabored by school work during summer."

The book discussions or questions that parents ask their children about books don't need to be complicated, Giliotti said. "It can also be as simple as saying, 'Tell me about what you are reading.' Engaging in a natural conversation about a book can give you insight into what your child understands and helps build oral communication skills," she said.

WHEN IT COMES TO science, Len Annetta, Ph.D., professor of Science at

George Mason University says he and his wife Jennifer spend a lot of time at the Smithsonian museums with their two children, Samantha, 13, and Joey, 11.

"We particularly like the Air and Space Museum," he said. "It keeps them engaged in science. We walk around together and we ask them questions after we leave a museum. When they get home they get to go online and do more research on things that interest them."

There are subtle science lessons to be learned even when taking a summer stroll. "We're out for a nature walk and we see an animal or plant and we start talking about it," said Annetta. "We also look at and talk about grasses and trees and animals."

For parents who don't have a science background, Annetta suggests looking up information on a smart phone during a walk or museum trip.

A shopping trip can also be an opportunity for a math lesson, said Myers. "Take

your children to the grocery store and use actual money instead of credit cards, so the children can see a value for money and numbers," she said. "Give children an allowance so they can make the connection between money and the cost of things they want to buy. Sitting in a class room with fake money doesn't quite get it."

This area offers an abundance of locations for history lessons. "I go out to the battle fields near Manassas," Anetta said. "There are placards that help describe what is going on. There are a lot of local museums that offer the same opportunities."

Keeping a journal is another way to keep skills sharp outside of a structured setting.

"Keeping a travel or camp journal is a fun and easy way to support academic skills," said Benita Cathey, director of admissions at Grace Episcopal School in Alexandria. "A travel or camp journal reinforces writing, geography and social studies and organizational skills."