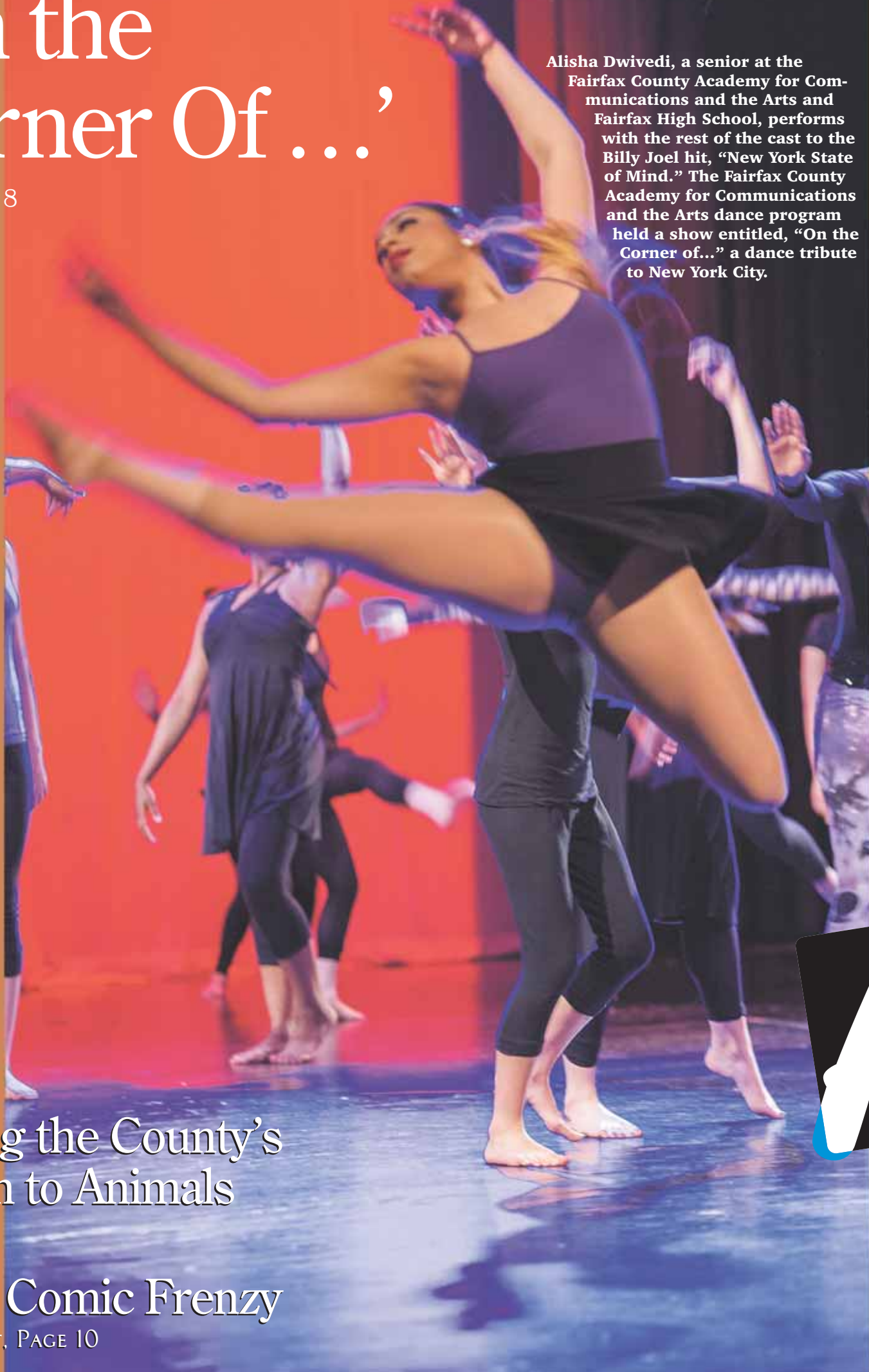


Dancing 'On the Corner Of ...'

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Alisha Dwivedi, a senior at the Fairfax County Academy for Communications and the Arts and Fairfax High School, performs with the rest of the cast to the Billy Joel hit, "New York State of Mind." The Fairfax County Academy for Communications and the Arts dance program held a show entitled, "On the Corner of..." a dance tribute to New York City.

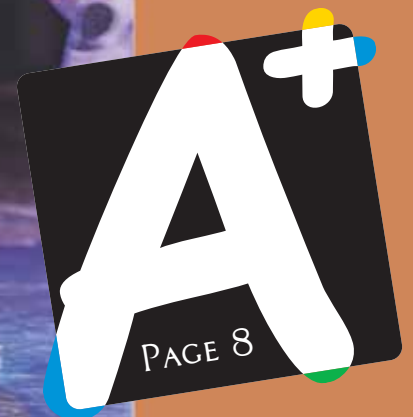


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2014 Contest Winners Announced

“What can you do to improve your local watershed?”



George Washington Middle School 2 students won top honors for their tree planting project addressing oxygen depletion in the Potomac and Chesapeake Bay.

Thank you to all the students, teachers and partners who participated this year! Hundreds of area students in grades 6-8 competed to develop solutions to watershed issues. Classroom teams presented their proposals at the School Environmental Action Showcase on April 10 at George Mason University in Fairfax.

This program empowers students to imagine, develop and create solutions in their local watersheds, as they develop research, problemsolving, budgeting, community- involvement and presentation skills.

Nearly \$13,000 was awarded in cash prizes and school awards. Agrium is also providing \$10,000 to help implement student ideas.

Turning ideas into realistic solutions is the key to improving our local watersheds.

Alexandria/Arlington/Fairfax Finalists, Grades 6-8

Final Place	Award	Proposal Name	School
1	\$1,000	Dissolved Oxygen Project	George Washington Middle School 2
2	\$900	Watershed Warriors Restoring Wetlands	George Washington Middle School 2
3	\$800	Keep in Line or Pay the Fine	Kenmore Middle School
4	\$700	H ₂ O Bottles Project	Ormond Stone Middle School
5	\$600	Chesapeake Bay Protectors	George Washington Middle School 2
6	\$500	Turn Off the Lights!	H-B Woodlawn Secondary Program
7	\$450	It's in Our Hands	Lanier Middle School
8	\$400	Rain Gardens and Impervious Surfaces	Kenmore Middle School
9	\$350	Alexandria Aquaponics	George Washington Middle School 2
10	\$300	Green Pesticides	Ormond Stone Middle School



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The Fairfax County Board of Supervisors presents a resolution to Animal Shelter Director Tawny Hammond. (From left) are Supervisors Michael Frey (R-Sully), Cathy Hudgins (D-Hunter Mill), Board Chairman Sharon Bulova, Hammond and Pat Herrity (R-Springfield).



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Honoring the County's Devotion to Animals

Shelter's renovation and expansion are celebrated.

BY BONNIE HOBBS
THE CONNECTION

Residents, politicians and even four-footed alumni flocked to the Fairfax County Animal Shelter on Saturday, May 17, to celebrate completion of its renovation and expansion. It was a long time in coming, so it made the event even sweeter.

"We're making history today for the animal shelter, Animal Services division, police department and county," said shelter Director Tawny Hammond. "Fairfax is a national role model and leader, and it's a very exciting day."

"This is a reality because of leadership all the way from the top leaders in the county down to the boots-on-the-ground volunteers," continued Hammond. "The volunteers are the backbone and foundation of all we do here; they make everything possible."

CALLING THE SHELTER a "great place," county Board of Supervisors Chairman Sharon Bulova said animals provide families and contribute to people's quality of life. "This beautiful facility, wonderful staff and inspiring program signals Fairfax County's commitment to animal services."

"Thank you for your vision, hard work and dedication in making this a reality," she continued. She also noted that, in March, Hammond received a Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments leadership award, as did some others involved with this shelter.

Bulova then presented a resolution from the Supervisors congratulating the shelter on its work. It also recognized that the shelter received the 2014 Compassion Award from the Virginia Federation of Humane Societies for its lifesaving efforts.

"In 2013, Fairfax County was the largest jurisdiction in the U.S. to have an animal-placement rate of 92 percent," said Bulova. "And the shelter took in more than 4,200 animals last year."

Supervisor Pat Herrity (R-Springfield) said it's "not just about the animals – it's about the volunteers, animal wardens and staff, too." He also acknowledged the efforts of county Planning Commission Chairman Pete Murphy "who was involved in this project early and worked hard to get the funding in the CIP [Capital Improvement Program]."

Herrity said the shelter was built in 1975 and upgraded in the 1980s, but couldn't keep pace with the county's explosive growth. And he noted that the

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About to cut the ribbon on the Dr. Karen P. Diviney Training Room are (from left) Ed Roessler Jr., shelter spokeswoman Kristen Auerbach, Pat Herrity, Tawny Hammond, Karen and Wayne Diviney, Sharon Bulova and Evelyn Grieves, president, Friends of the Animal Shelter.

Once Cramped, Outdated; Now Modern, Efficient

BY BONNIE HOBBS
CENTRE VIEW

When the Fairfax County Animal Shelter was built in the early 1970s, it was intended to be a dog pound to handle stray and homeless dogs. Renovated in the mid-1980s, it increased the number of kennels from 48 to 72 to better care for dogs in isolation and quarantine.

But as time went on and the county's human population skyrocketed to more than 1 million, the pet population also increased. Eventually, the shelter began taking in more cats than dogs.

And as area developers constructed higher-density homes – such as townhouses, apartments and condos – more people began keeping smaller pets, such as ferrets, snakes, hamsters, guinea pigs, gerbils, rats, iguanas, rabbits and birds. And although it was never designed to house such exotic creatures, the shelter began receiving them.

Soon, the small, 15,000-square-foot facility became cramped, crowded and outdated. But employees and animals alike had to make do with what little space they had.

BY FALL 2006, for example, one animal-control officer worked next to exposed electrical circuitry at a desk literally inside a closet. Wildlife was stored beneath the printer in the main office and small animals were housed in the same room with their predators.

Lining a hallway were ferrets, rabbits, an iguana and, sometimes, birds and guinea pigs. Making matters worse, the air-ventilation system was inadequate to prevent airborne diseases from spreading from sick to healthy animals.

Meanwhile, then-Shelter Director Karen Diviney had been beseeching the county for help – and, finally, it came. In November 2006,

residents passed a public-safety bond that included \$17 million for a much-needed shelter renovation and expansion. That started the wheels turning and, in 2011, ground was broken for the shelter's renewal.

It's now nearly doubled in size, to 29,000 square feet, and boasts separate lobbies for adoption and animal receiving, new animal-holding spaces, a small-animal room, play yards, training rooms, a new air-ventilation system, more space for employees, a veterinary suite, visitation areas for adopters to



PHOTO BY BONNIE HOBBS/THE CONNECTION
Volunteer Rebecca Walter in the new, small-animal area.

meet pets, plus additional parking.

After Saturday's ribbon-cutting for the new improvements, shelter volunteer Rebecca Walter showed visitors around the new room solely for small animals such as bunnies and ferrets. "Before the renovation, the room was packed with animals and they were in smaller cages," she said. "We make sure they get socialized and have some 'out time.' And now we can have multiple animals out at once, for visits from the public, because there's also a separate area behind a barrier for that."

Centreville's Carol and Tom Starr adopted a dog from the shelter six months ago and, on Saturday, he came to the shelter with them while they picked out a buddy for him, a mixed fox hound puppy.

"This is our fourth dog we've

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Tom Starr with Griffin, a 7-month-old Doberman-Labrador he adopted from the shelter in November.



Carol Starr and grandson Daniel Cress, 4, with Scout, a mixed fox-hound puppy Starr adopted Saturday.

Wonderful Place and People

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adopted from the shelter," said Carol Starr, of the Confederate Ridge community. "The first two lived their whole lives into their teens." Now, she's one of the shelter's biggest cheerleaders.

"There are so many wonderful dogs that need homes, and people can just come right here and get

them," she said. "This shelter, the employees and the volunteers are wonderful."

THE FAIRFAX COUNTY ANIMAL SHELTER is at 4500 West Ox Road and is open Tuesday through Friday, noon to 7 p.m., and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, go to <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/animalshelter>.

Animal Shelter renovated

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latest, extensive renovation was completed "in four phases over three years without closing the shelter to the public or relocating its services."

Also celebrating Saturday afternoon was Supervisor Michael R. Frey (R-Sully), himself an animal aficionado. "I have a German Shepherd, a guinea pig and a chinchilla," he said. "This is such a joy to be here."

He said a National War Dogs monument, dedicated to military dogs, will be located at this shelter. Frey also said the marker in the dog-walking area - previously dedicated to the late Susan Hall - "a veterinarian who gave an incredible amount of time to the shelter and worked hard to get the animal runs here" - would be rededicated.

Then, to everyone who supports the shelter, he said, "Thank you for all that you've done. Our county understands the importance of companion animals in our lives."

DEPUTY COUNTY EXECUTIVE (and former county Police Chief) Dave Rohrer recalled when Animal Control and the animal shelter came under the Police Department's control. And he remembered how former Shelter Director Karen Diviney kept telling him about the shelter's cramped conditions and

need for expansion.

"We've changed so much in terms of a community philosophy of what we want to do to protect and better the welfare of the animals," said Rohrer. He also noted that Deputy County Executive Rob Stalzer was an animal-shelter "champion behind the scenes," as are Friends of the Fairfax County Animal Shelter President Evelyn Grieve and Animal Services.

"Dr. Diviney helped drive so much of the change and was truly an advocate for the shelter," continued Rohrer. "And I'm confident in the leadership we have today."

County Police Chief Ed Roessler Jr. also praised Diviney's vision. "On her last day of work before she retired, we completed the first new wing of the shelter, and now she's here for the reopening," he said. "The training room was her idea, and it shall bear the name, 'The Dr. Karen P. Diviney Training Room.'"

Taking the podium, Diviney said, "I'm humbled and honored. This shelter stands as a symbol and a testament to the will of a community to end the needless euthanasia of homeless animals." She, too, thanked all those who'd made the shelter renewal possible. And, she added, "I'm in awe of the wonderful achievements happening here every day on behalf of animals, and I'll be forever grateful to have had a part in it."

'Click It or Ticket'

City of Fairfax police will be particularly enforcing seat-belt use during the national "Click It or Ticket" enforcement campaign, May 19-June 1. Drivers in violation of the requirement to "buckle up" will be subject to citations carrying \$25 fines.

Ride of the Patriots

The City of Fairfax will host the annual Ride of the Patriots on Sunday, May 25. The event honors military and public-safety personnel and is a staging area for Rolling Thunder, a national motorcycle event. That day, from 6:30-9:30 a.m., eastbound Fairfax Boulevard will be closed from Eaton Place to Fairfax Circle to accommodate the thousands of motorcycles expected to line up for the ride.

During this time, westbound Fairfax Boulevard from Eaton Place to Fairfax Circle will become a two-way street. The parade will begin at 7:30 a.m. on eastbound Fairfax Boulevard from Capt. Pell's Crab House near Plantation Parkway and will end at Patriot Harley-Davidson, 9739 Fairfax Blvd. Opening ceremonies will begin there at 8:05 a.m. Then at 9 a.m., the motorcycle riders will depart under police escort for the Pentagon.

Bleachers will be set up for spectators, and veterans groups will sell food and drinks on the route. Parking is available at Fairfax High and the Fairfax Circle shopping center.

Farmers Markets Are Open

Two farmers markets are open for the season in the City of Fairfax. They'll run through Nov. 1 at the corner of West and Main streets. The Downtown Fairfax Coalition Community Market is held Saturdays, from 8 a.m.-1 p.m. The Sunday Farmers Market will run from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. For more information, call 703-642-0128.

Board, Commission Vacancies

There are several vacancies on City of Fairfax boards and commissions. Residents interested in serving their community may view the

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Remembering on Memorial Day

Fewer deaths as military operations wind down, but 22 veterans a day die of suicide.

In Arlington over the coming Memorial Day weekend, the organization TAPS, or Tragedy Assistance for Survivors, will hold its 20th annual Military Survivor seminar and Good Grief camp for young survivors, children of all ages. TAPS offers support to anyone who is grieving the death of someone who died in the military, whether from combat, suicide, terrorism, homicide, negligence, accidents or illness.

<http://www.taps.org/>

One veteran of Iraq and Afghanistan recently related that he had lost more of his military family to suicide post-deployment than he did from combat. Reports by the Veterans Administration set the number of suicides among veterans nationwide at about 22 per day.

On Memorial Day, we remember all of those who have died in military service, more than 400,000 in World War II, more than 30,000 in Korea, more than 50,000 in Vietnam.

Since Sept. 11, 2001, more than 6,400 U.S. military service men and women have died in support of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Nearly 50,000 U.S. military service members have been wounded, although that number is likely to be revised upward. Last year, the military confirmed traumatic brain injury in more than 220,000 of the more than 2.3 million troops who have served in Iraq and Afghanistan. The long-term consequences of many of these injuries are unknown, but they will require a national commitment to excellence in health care and services for both active duty military personnel and veterans. Virginia's U.S. Senators Mark Warner and Tim Kaine continue to advocate for better service from the Veterans Administration.

Since Memorial Day 2013, with military operations winding down in Afghanistan, the Department of Defense announced the deaths of two military service members from Virginia. Army Sgt. Lyle D. Turnbull, 31, of Norfolk, died Oct. 18, 2013 in Kuwait, from a medical emergency. Capt. Brandon L. Cyr, 28, of Woodbridge, was one of four airmen who died April 27, 2013, near Kandahar Airfield, Afghanistan, in the crash of an MC-12 aircraft.

1st Lt. Robert J. Hess, 26, of the Kings Park West neighborhood of Fairfax, was killed by enemy fire on April 23, 2013, Afghanistan. Hess was known as "RJ" and graduated from Robinson Secondary School in 2005, where he played football, lacrosse and was the captain of the swim team. He was a U.S. Army Blackhawk helicopter pilot who deployed to Afghanistan on April 11, 2013. His family remembers his sense of humor and his natural leadership ability.

Lance Cpl. Niall W. Coti-Sears, 23, of Arlington, died June 23, 2012, while conducting combat operations in Helmand province, Afghanistan. Coti-Sears loved music, played the guitar, composed songs and entertained family and friends at holiday gatherings. Niall was very close to his grandfather, William Coti, who

was a Marine. "He was always my protege," William Coti told the Arlington Connection. "He always wanted to be a Marine and he followed my example. It weighs heavily on me that this had to happen."

Chief Warrant Officer Five John C. Pratt, 51, of Springfield, died May 28, 2012 in Kabul, Afghanistan, when his helicopter crashed. Staff Sgt. Jessica M. Wing, 42, of Alexandria, Va., died Aug. 27, 2012 in Kuwait City, Kuwait.

In February, 2012, Brig. Gen. Terence J. Hildner, 49, of Fairfax, was the highest ranking military officer to die in the war. Hildner died Feb. 3, 2012 in Kabul province, Afghanistan.

OTHER VIRGINIA DEATHS in Afghanistan in the year before Memorial Day 2013: Sgt. Aaron X. Wittman, 28, of Chester, Va., died Jan. 10, 2013 from small arms fire. Sgt. David J. Chambers, 25, of Hampton, Va., died Jan. 16, 2013 from a roadside bomb. Sgt. Robert J. Billings, 30, of Clarksville, Va., died Oct. 13, 2012 when enemy forces attacked with an improvised explosive device. Staff Sgt. Jonathan P. Schmidt, 28, of Petersburg, Va., died Sept. 1, 2012 from enemy small arms fire. 1st Lt. Stephen C. Prasnicki, 24, of Lexington, Va., died June 27, 2012, from a roadside bomb.

Here we remember the local men and women who have died since Sept. 11, 2001 in the wars that resulted from that day:

Aaron Carson Vaughn, 30, was one of 30 American service members and 22 Navy SEALs killed Aug. 6, 2011 when their Chinook helicopter was shot down in Afghanistan. Vaughn's family has ties to McLean and Burke. He is survived by his wife, Kimberly, and their two children.

Spc. Douglas Jay Green, 23 of Sterling, died Aug. 28, 2011. when insurgents attacked his unit using a roadside bomb in Afghanistan. Green enlisted in 2007, after attending Potomac Falls High School.

Pfc. Benjamin J. Park, 25, of Fairfax Station, died June 18, 2010 at Zhari district, Kandahar, Afghanistan, of injuries sustained when insurgents attacked his unit with an improvised explosive device.

May 12, 2010, Donald J. Lamar II, 23 of Fredericksburg, was killed in Afghanistan. Christopher D. Worrell, 35 of Virginia Beach, was killed in Iraq on April 22, 2010. Steven J. Bishop, 29 of Christianburg, was killed March 13, 2010 in Iraq. Kielin T. Dunn, 19 of Chesapeake, was killed Feb. 18, 2010 in Afghanistan. Brandon T. Islip, 23 of Richmond, was killed Nov. 29, 2009, in Afghanistan.

Stephan L. Mace, 21 of Lovettsville, died Oct. 3, 2009 in Afghanistan.

Bill Cahir, 40 of Alexandria, died Aug. 13, 2009 of a gunshot wound while conducting combat operations in the Helmand Province of Afghanistan. After 9/11, Cahir decided to leave his career as a journalist and join the Marine Corps. His application to become a Marine was denied because of his age, but he lobbied members of Congress to get a special exemption.

Lance Cpl. Daniel Ryan Bennett, 23 of Clifton died Jan. 11, 2009, in Helmand province, Afghanistan.

2nd Lt. Sean P. O'Connor of Burke died Oct. 19, 2008 while stationed at Hunter Army Air Field, Savannah, Ga. O'Connor was an athlete in soccer, baseball and football who attended Fairfax County Public Schools and was a 1999 graduate of Bishop Denis J. O'Connell High School in Arlington.

Pfc. David Sharrett II, 27 of Oakton, died Jan. 16, 2008 in Iraq. On Oct. 24, 2008, his father, David H. Sharrett, was on hand as the Oakton Post Office on White Granite Drive was renamed to honor his son. But the senior Sharrett has battled to learn the truth about his son's death, that he was killed by his lieutenant in the confusion of a firefight. In, April, 2012, Sharrett Sr. obtained documents confirming some of the details of his son's death and a subsequent cover-up.

Army 1st Lt. Thomas J. Brown, a George Mason University graduate and Burke resident, died on Sept. 23, 2008, while serving in Iraq. His unit came under small arms fire, and Brown, 26, died from his wounds.

Sgt. Scott Kirkpatrick, 26, died on Aug. 11, 2007, in Arab Jabour, Iraq. Kirkpatrick, who graduated from Park View High School in Sterling, and also considered Herndon and Reston as his hometowns, was a champion slam poet. His father, Ed Kirkpatrick, calls him the "warrior poet," and he and his wife help injured vets at Walter Reed through the Yellow Ribbon fund (www.yellowribbonfund.org).

Ami Neiberger-Miller of Sterling lost her brother, U.S. Army Spc. Christopher Neiberger, in August 2007 when he was killed by a roadside bomb in Iraq. He was 22.

Staff Sgt. Jesse G. Clowers Jr., 27, of Herndon, died when an improvised bomb exploded near his vehicle in Afghanistan on Aug. 12, 2007. Jonathan D. Winterbottom, 21, of Falls Church, died in Iraq on May 23, 2007, when an IED exploded near his vehicle.

Nicholas Rapavi, 22, of Springfield, died Nov. 24, 2006, during combat in Anbar province in Iraq. Army Cpl. Andy D. Anderson, 24, was killed by enemy fire in Ar Ramadi, Iraq on Tuesday, June 6, 2006.

Spc. Robert Drawl Jr., 21, a 2003 graduate of T.C. Williams High School, was killed by a bomb in Kunar, Afghanistan, on Aug. 19, 2006.

U.S. Army Specialist Felipe J. Garcia Villareal, 26 of Burke, was injured in Iraq and flown to Washington Hospital Center, where he died Feb. 12, 2006. He was a graduate of Herndon High School.

Capt. Shane R. M. Mahaffee, 36, a 1987 graduate of Mount Vernon High School, died May 15, 2006. He was a lawyer, married, with two children. His parents live in Alexandria.

U.S. Marine Lance Cpl. Nicholas Kirven, 21, was killed in Afghanistan in 2005 during a firefight in a cave with insurgents. He enlisted while still in high school after 9/11.

Fairfax Station resident Pfc. Dillon Jutras, 20, was killed in combat operations in Al Anbar Province of Iraq on Oct. 29, 2005.

Maj. William F. Hecker III, a 1987 graduate of McLean High School, was killed in action in Iraq, Jan. 5, 2005. Staff Sgt. Ayman Taha, 31, of Vienna, was killed Dec. 30, 2005, when an enemy munitions cache he was prepping for demolition exploded. Army Capt. Chris Petty of Vienna was killed Jan. 5, 2006.

Staff Sgt. George T. Alexander Jr., the 2,000th soldier to be killed in Iraq, was literally born into the Army here in Northern Virginia, at DeWitt Army Hospital at Fort Belvoir. Alexander died at Brooke Army Medical Center in San Antonio, Texas, Oct. 22, 2005, of injuries sustained in Iraq five days earlier.

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Lt. Col. Thomas A. Wren, 44, of Lorton, died in Tallil, Iraq on Nov. 5, 2005. Marine Capt. Michael Martino, 32 of the City of Fairfax, died Nov. 2, 2005, when his helicopter was brought down in Iraq.

1st Lt. Laura M. Walker of Oakton was killed on Aug. 18, 2005, in Kandahar, Afghanistan. CW4 Matthew S. Lourey of Lorton died from injuries sustained on May 26, 2005 in Buhriz, Iraq. Operations Officer Helge Boes of Fairfax was killed on Feb. 5, 2003, while participating in counterterrorism efforts in eastern Afghanistan.

Among other local lives lost: Lance Cpl. Tavon Lee Hubbard, 24, of Reston; 1st Lt. Alexander Wetherbee, 27, of McLean; 1st Lt. Jeff Kaylor, 25, of Clifton; Coast Guard Petty Officer Nathan B. Bruckenthal, 24, of Herndon; Army Chief Warrant Officer Sharon T. Swartworth, 43, of Mount Vernon; Command Sgt. Maj. James D. Blankenbecler, 40, of Mount Vernon; Capt. James F. Adamowski, 29, of Springfield; Sgt. DeForest L. Talbert, 22, of Alexandria; Marine Cpl. Binh N. Le, 20, of Alexandria; Staff Sgt. Russell Verdugo, 34, of Alexandria. Army Capt. Mark N. Stubenhofer, 30, from Springfield; Marine Gunnery Sgt. Javier Obleas-Prado Pena, 36, from Falls Church; Marine Sgt. Krisna Nachampassak, 27, from Burke; Army Staff Sgt. Nathaniel J. Nyren, 31, from Reston; Marine Lance Cpl. Tenzin Dengkhim, 19, from Falls Church, Navy Chief Joel Egan Baldwin, 37, from Arlington; Maj. Joseph McCloud, of Alexandria, and Major Gloria D. Davis, 47 of Lorton.

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OPINION

You and I Should Lead in Mental Health Response

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May is Mental Health Awareness Month. Unfortunately, we as a community and as a Commonwealth have not prioritized and advocated for mental health outreach and service solutions. The heartbreaking suicides by local high school students, the well-publicized suicide of Senator Creigh Deeds's son after help could not be found, and the disproportionate numbers of our veterans struggling with mental health challenges all highlight the critical need to reduce the stigma surrounding mental health and address the difficulty in finding treatment.

When faced with difficult issues, too often we ask "When is someone going to fix this problem?" Instead, let's all begin to ask, "What can I do to help?" We all have a role to play in addressing mental health challenges.

Reducing the stigma associated with mental illness is not something government can legislate. Becoming conscious of mental health must be an active and ongoing process for all of us. Take the time to communicate with your neighbors, and learn about the struggle. Our neighbors with mental health needs are contributing members of our community as well. For too long we have isolated parents and children who are suffering. Instead, we need to extend to them the same compassion and understanding as we do to someone with a physical health condition.

Fairfax County Public Schools have taken a strong step forward by adding a link on their schools' websites for mental health assistance. Woodson High School recently added mental health experts to its faculty. Fairfax County and its schools are working together to implement a new behavioral health initiative to help our children navigate today's challenges.

Once individuals with mental illness make the decision to seek help and brave the barriers, they need to be able to find high-quality medical resources and support. Fairfax County does not have enough mental health providers, and many do not accept insurance, much less Medicaid. Our neighbors are suffering from anxiety, depression, bipolar or post-traumatic stress disorder and they need support. Your County government recognizes this need, and we are working to find answers.

It is important to recognize that mental health issues are not uncommon in our community, although they may not be openly discussed. One in five Americans has a mental illness and many are reluctant to seek help for fear of stigmatization. Others may recognize that they would benefit from help but not know where to turn for care. As caring individuals it is our duty to help those struggling. Call on your state and local governments to streamline efforts and work collaboratively with community service boards to provide mental health treatment. Don't wait for someone else to do the job.

REMEMBERING

Honoring Those Who Have Died in Military Service

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OTHER VIRGINIA service members lost:

Capt. Jesse A. Ozbat, 28 of Prince George, Va., died on May 20, 2012 in Afghanistan from a roadside bomb. Constructionman Trevor J. Stanley, 22, of Virginia Beach, Va., died April 7, 2012 while deployed to Camp Lemonnier, Djibouti. Pfc. Michael W. Pyron, 30, of Hopewell, Va., died Jan. 10, 2012 in Afghanistan. Maj. Samuel M. Griffith, 36, of Virginia Beach, Va., died Dec. 14, 2011 in Afghanistan. Staff Sgt. James Ronald Leep Jr., 44 of Richmond, died Oct. 17, 2011 at Forward Operating Base Kalsu in Iraq. Spc. Levi Efrain Nuncio, 24 of Harrisonburg, died June 22, 2011 in Afghanistan. Capt. Michael Wray Newton, 30 of Newport News, died June 11, 2011 in Afghanistan. Capt. Charles A. Ransom, 31, of Midlothian was one of eight airmen who died April 27, 2011, at the Kabul International Airport, Afghanistan, from

gunfire. Sgt. Sean T. Callahan, 23, of Warrenton died April 23, 2011 in combat in Afghanistan.

Sgt. 1st Class Anthony Venetz Jr., 30, of Prince William died Jan. 28, 2011 in Afghanistan, after being seriously wounded months before.

Spc. Sean R. Cutsforth, 22, of Radford, died Dec. 15, 2010 in Afghanistan. Spc. William K. Middleton, 26, of Norfolk died Nov. 22, 2010 in Afghanistan. Staff Sgt. Christopher F. Cabacoy, 30, of Virginia Beach died July 5, 2010, in Afghanistan.

If you know of someone who should be included in this list, or if you would like to share how you are honoring the memory of a family member or friend lost, or about the progress of someone injured, please let us know.

— MARY KIMM,

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WEEK IN FAIRFAX

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current list of vacancies at <https://www.fairfaxva.gov/government/city-clerk/serving-on-boards-commissions>. For more information, call the city clerk's office at 703-385-7935.

Citizens Police Academy

People interested in law enforcement and who'd like to learn about the Fairfax County Police Department and meet many of those who serve in it may now do so. They may apply to join the Sept. 11-Nov. 15 session of the Citizens Police Academy.

It's a free, 10-week program put on by the Police Department and is open to people who live or work in this county.

Participants complete some 40 hours of learning to gain a better understanding of and appreciation for police via a combination of lectures, tours and hands-on activities. Topics covered include the 911 Call Center, patrol, traffic stops, Adult Detention Center, gangs, financial crimes and SWAT team.

To apply, go to <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/police/services/citizens-police-academy.htm> or email CPA@fairfaxcounty.gov.

PHILLIPS PROGRAMS

Notice of Request for Proposals for Food Service

PHILLIPS Programs invites contractors to submit sealed bids for providing food service for its sites. Phillips Programs participates in the U.S. Department of Agriculture National School Lunch Program. Specifications and proposals may be obtained at the address below beginning on May 21, 2014 from 8:30 am until June 4, 2014 at 4:00 pm.

Proposals presented in duplicate will be received by PHILLIPS Programs, 7010 Braddock Road, Annandale VA 22003, Attn: Trixie Herbert until June 13, 2014 at 4:00 pm for the period of August 15, 2014 through August 14, 2015 inclusive.

Proposals from those bidders meeting qualifications criteria will be opened on June 16, 2014 at 9:00 am with award to be made on or about June 23, 2014 at 9:00 am.

PHILLIPS Programs reserves the right to check all outside references. PHILLIPS Programs reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids and to waive any informalities in proposals received. All awards are made pending Maryland State Department of Education review for USDA regulatory compliance.



Friday - May 30, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Saturday - May 31, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Sunday - June 1, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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You’re Never Too Young for Poetry

Local educators say exposing children and even babies to rhyme and rhythm can help develop reading and language skills.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL
THE CONNECTION

Though Keith Ward’s son is still a baby, the young child is already being exposed to exposed to not just silly stories, but poetry, and a variety of poetic forms at that. “My son is only 6 months old, but soon I will be challenging him to find, for example, just the right word for the shade of green he is trying to describe — or imagine,” said Ward, who is head of the English department at the Madeira School in McLean. “Maybe it’s a word and a color we have yet to discover. He’s working on it, though.”

Local researchers and educators say that young children enjoy poetry. In fact, hearing rhythms, sounds and language patterns play important roles in a child’s literacy development.

“Rhythm and rhyme are some key factors in early literacy, and even something as simple as reading and memorizing nursery rhymes with your children can have a huge impact on their later development as readers,” said Holly Karapetkova, an associate professor of literature at Marymount University in Arlington. “One research study found that the 3-year-olds who knew eight nursery rhymes were the best readers in third grade. Hearing rhyme and rhythm in language can help children develop phonological awareness and predict word patterns and sounds.”

“Without realizing it, students hear poetry and think deeply about sounds and structures in sentences. As a result, they become better readers, thinkers, and writers,” said Blake Howard, an English teacher at The Potomac School in McLean.

Howard’s students recently studied structural elements, “Such as stanza formations, meter and rhyme, and sound devices like consonance and assonance in poems by Shelley, Keats, Dickinson and Frost,” he said. “They practiced scansion of evident rhythms in metrical poems. They learned how and why those devices enhance tone and thematic purpose in the selected poems. Next, they wrote original poems. Some students crafted sonnets with meter and rhyme. They admitted — some reluctantly — that the exercise of reading and writing poetry has made them appreciate the value of precise word choice and balanced syntax.” Ward also encourages the exploration of a variety of poetic forms. “Many students enjoy haiku, too, which are fun and approachable,” he said. “They often reward the young poet with a profoundly beautiful result, which builds confidence and appreciation.”

THE TYPE OF RHYME doesn’t matter, however. Young students at Grace Episcopal School, in Alexandria, explore a different nursery rhyme each month as part of their Music and Performing Arts class.

“We repeat the verses out loud week after week to internalize the cadence, define any challenging words, pair motions with phrases, and culminate the whole affair by acting out each month’s poem — complete with props and costumes,” said Penelope Fleming, the school’s librarian. This [emphasizes] the notion that language has rhythm and also expands students’ vocabulary.”

“A good poem really comes alive when it is read aloud,” said Barbara Vaughan, a sixth grade teacher



PHOTO COURTESY OF NORWOOD SCHOOL

Students at Norwood School participate in Poetry Day, an annual event at the school. Poetry is a way to help children develop essential skills while having fun.

at Norwood School, in Potomac, Md. “There is such variety in form, length, and subject. Poetry can help readers pause and look at the world in a different way.”

READING POETRY TOGETHER, especially funny poems, and asking a child to guess the rhyming word is a way of reinforcing phonemic awareness and introducing letter patterns, said Mandov. “Playing rhyming games is another fun way for preschool and kindergarten children to reinforce these skills. While driving in the car, try a rhyme chain. Ask your child for a word that rhymes with cat. Perhaps your child will say ‘bat.’ Then you give a word that rhymes with bat and continue rhyming back and forth. See how many rhymes you can make.”

“A good way to encourage children to create their own poetry is to devise alternate lyrics to the tunes of familiar songs, an easy activity that can be incorporated into bath time, car trips or even a way to pass the time while waiting in line,” said Fleming.

Karapetkova played similar games with her children. “These games are a favorite way to pass our time waiting in line or sitting in the car,” said the Arlington mother of two. “We start with a word — simple words with lots of rhymes for younger children and more complex words for older children — and see how many rhyming words we can come up with. We might also start with a word on a billboard or a word from a product while we’re shopping at the supermarket.” Poetry games that give children an opportunity to fill in the blank with a rhyming word are another way for parents to bring out their children’s inner poets. “You start a poem and let them fill in the rhyming word,” said Karapetkova. “For example, ‘Star light, star bright, first star I see ____.’ Both of my children also enjoy memorizing nursery rhymes and poems, and these nurture a deep appreciation of language and meaning.”

Karapetkova says two of her family’s favorite poets are Shel Silverstein and Langston Hughes. She encourages her children to try writing their own poems as well. “We often collaborate and write them together,” she said. “I might give a suggestion about how to start a poem, or about a topic to write on, and I might also suggest possible rhymes if they get stuck. My daughter, who is 4, makes up nonsensical rhymes about random things that come into her mind and my son, at 9, likes to write poems that are playful and humorous. I let their interests guide what they write.”



Katie Tomney, a sophomore at Fairfax High School, performs with her Fairfax Academy of the Arts classmates this past weekend during a year-end performance at Fairfax High School. Tomney and her fellow dancers were dancing to Washed Away by the Piano Boys.

PHOTOS BY ROBBIE HAMMER/THE CONNECTION



Fairfax Academy of the Arts dance students Monica Brown of Chantilly High School, Allie Smith of Lake Braddock and AnnaMarie Tiss of Westfield High School dance to Susan Tedeschi’s arrangement of “Ain’t Nobody’s Business.”



Kelly Anderson, a senior at Fairfax High School, is a student of the dance program with the Fairfax County Academy for Communication and the Arts. She along with her fellow dance students from around the county, performed in the end of the year performance at Fairfax High School this past weekend.



Monica Brown of Chantilly High School, Bennett Green of Fairfax High School, Allison Maeblus of Langley High School, Allie Smith of Lake Braddock Secondary School and Brittany Summers of Chantilly High School perform in Act 1:New York State of Mind to the music Johann Sebastian Bach in the 1st section of Preludium in the Fairfax Academy of the Arts year-end performance at Fairfax High School last weekend.



Alisha Dwivedi, a senior at the Fairfax County Academy for Communications and the Arts and Fairfax High School, performs with the rest of the cast to the Billy Joel hit, “New York State of Mind.” The Fairfax County Academy for Communications and the Arts dance program held a show entitled, “On the Corner of...” a dance tribute to New York City.



Dancers at the Fairfax Academy of the Arts performed a numbers of routines during their performance titled, “On the Corner of...” a dance tribute to New York City, including the musical number, “I Want to Be a Rockette.”

Fairfax Academy of the Arts Presents ‘On the Corner Of ...’



Marina Damon of Fairfax High School and Allie Smith of Lake Braddock Secondary School are members of the PM dance group at the Fairfax County Academy of the Arts dance program. The PM dance group consists of more experienced dancers.



Fairfax Academy of the Arts dance students Sarah Novak of Robinson Secondary School and Katie Tomney of Fairfax High School perform to “Washed Away” during the academy’s final performance of the year entitled, “On the Corner of...” a dance tribute to New York City.

I-495 Bicycle and Pedestrian Trail Improvements Fairfax County

Design Public Hearing

Wednesday, June 11, 2014, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

A brief presentation will begin at 7 p.m.

Fairhill Elementary School

3001 Chichester Lane, Fairfax, VA 22031

Find out about plans to improve facilities for bicycles and pedestrians on Idylwood Road (Route 695) and Chain Bridge Road (Route 123), providing connections at I-495 in Fairfax County.

Stop by between 6:30 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. to view displays and learn more about the project. VDOT staff will be available to answer your questions.

Review project information at www.virginiadot.org, at the public hearing, or at VDOT’s Northern Virginia District Office at 4975 Alliance Drive in Fairfax. Please call ahead at 800-FOR-ROAD (800-367-7623) or TTY/TDD 711 to ensure the availability of appropriate personnel to answer your questions. Property impact information, relocation assistance policies and tentative construction schedules are available for review at the above address and will be available at the public hearing.

This is an ancillary project to the I-495 Express Lanes project and in compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and 23 CFR 771, an environmental document in the form of a Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) was prepared with a Record of Decision approval in June 2006.

Give your written or oral comments at the hearing or submit them by **June 26, 2014** to Mr. Paul Nishimoto, Project Manager at the VDOT District Office address above. You may also e-mail comments to meeting_comments@vdot.virginia.gov. Please reference “I-495 Bicycle-Pedestrian Trail Improvements” in the subject line.

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CHIP GERTZOG/COURTESY OF PROVIDENCE PLAYERS OF FAIRFAX COUNTY

From left, Roxanne Waite (Cassie) and Zell Murphy (Glenn) in their Providence Players debut with Providence Players veteran Craig Geoffrion (Ernie) in Neil Simon's "Rumors."

Life as a Comic Frenzy

Providence Players present Neil Simon's farce, 'Rumors.'

BY DAVID SIEGEL
THE CONNECTION

Women in lovely evening attire and men in snappy tuxedos were walking about the stage of the James Lee Community Center theater. It was an early dress rehearsal for the Providence Players (PPF) production of "Rumors," a farce by award winning playwright Neil Simon. The PPF cast was getting a feel for the set as final touches were being made to a tastefully decorated, contemporary two-story New York City apartment.

"Rumors" is directed by Liz Mykiety. "Rumors" is a particular favorite of Mykiety. It is "a show with lots of laughter and great physicality. It will appeal to everyone. There is just so much great comedy that everyone can relate to."

Mykiety, who has appeared in a number of Providence Players productions, teaches acting workshops for StageCoachTheatre. She has assembled a cracker-jack cast of 10, including a number of newcomers for local audiences. In a recent interview, Mykiety spoke enthusiastically about the chemistry of each of the on-stage characters and how each actor is developing an on-stage presence such as being "magnets for each other."

What is "Rumors" about? It is a comedy about four couples of various ages and generations hoping to celebrate the 10th wedding anniversary of New York's deputy mayor. Alas, what was to be an evening of celebration turns into a frantic affair,

Where and When

Providence Players of Fairfax County present "Rumors" at the James Lee Community Center Theater, 2855 Annandale Road, Falls Church. Performances: May 30-June 4. Thursday-Saturday evenings at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday matinees at 2 p.m. on June 1 & 8. Tickets: \$17-\$20. For information call 703-425-6782 or visit www.providenceplayers.org.

full of off-stage gunshots, car accidents, no one to cook dinner, and assorted moments of total confusion. Oh, and there are plenty of rumors, gossip and innuendo. Then add the arrival of the police to investigate the gunshots and the couples are ready to hide.

Don Myers (Vienna) is one of the newcomers. While new to the Providence Players, he has worked the improv circuit in New York and Los Angeles. Myers finds the play "one of "high energy throughout, with a juicy script." He described his character Lenny as one with "all the snarky lines, with a New Yorker's edge to them."

Providence Players veteran, Zell Murphy described "Rumors" as a "high quality, Neil Simon comedy that will have the audience laughing from beginning to end."

The Providence Players will also be celebrating 10 years of performing at the James Lee Community Center Theater with the production of "Rumors."

Chip Gertzog, "Rumors" producer, noted that "Ten years and 36 productions later, what better way to celebrate than to fill the theater with laughter, once again, with another comedy classic."

ENTERTAINMENT

Send notes to the Connection at south@connectionnewspapers.com or call 703-778-9416. The deadline is the Friday prior to the next paper's publication. Dated announcements should be submitted at least two weeks prior to the event.

THURSDAY MAY 22-TUESDAY/MAY 27

Bodzin Art Gallery: On Deaf Ears. Jewish Community Center of NoVA, 8900 Little River Turnpike, Fairfax. Commemorate Yom Ha'Shoah, Holocaust Remembrance Day, with images of three local photographers. 703-323-0880. jccnvarts.org

THURSDAY/ MAY 22

Garden Stroll & Tea Program. 1-3 p.m. Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Rd, Alexandria. Garden tour and traditional English tea at 1784 historic house. \$29. RSVP 703-941-7987.

Designing with Native Plants. 7-8 p.m. Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Rd, Alexandria. Learn which VA native plants work best for home garden landscape design. \$18. RSVP 703-642-5173. fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/greenspring.
Legos in the Library. 4:30-5:30 p.m. Burke Centre Library, 5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke. What can you build in an hour? Join us for thematic activities building with a collection of thousands of LEGOS! Presented by Brixalot, Inc. Age 6-12. <http://brixalot.com/>

FRIDAY/MAY 23 - MONDAY/MAY 26

Memorial Day Weekend at

Paradise Springs. 11 a.m. - 7 p.m. Paradise Springs Winery, 13219 Yates Ford Road, Clifton. Adults-only event featuring live music all weekend with The J&A Duo Friday, Adam Bruno Saturday and Club Malbec Jazz Band Sunday. Saturday there will be a movie on the lawn, "Field of Dreams." More details and specific times available online. <http://www.paradisepresswinery.com/>. 703-830-9463.

16th Annual Ride of the Patriots Celebration Weekend. Various times. Patriot Harley-Davidson parking lot, 9739 Lee Highway, Fairfax. On Sunday nearly 5,000 motorcyclists ride to honor those in uniform. Other events include a BBQ and a Patriot Harley-Davidson Open House. Details available online. http://www.dwclcsolutions.com/rop_new/default.asp.

FRIDAY/MAY 23-SUNDAY/JUNE 1

The Fantasticks. Fridays & Saturdays at 8 p.m., Sundays at 1 p.m. Workhouse Arts Center, Lorton. The Fantasticks is a funny and romantic musical about a boy, a girl, two fathers and a wall. Tickets : \$15.

SATURDAY/MAY 24-SUNDAY/MAY 25

Swimming Pool Open House. 12-4 p.m. Fairfax Swimming Pool, 4200 Roberts Rd., Fairfax. Moon bounce and pizza for sale on Saturday. Free. Fairfaxpool.com

SATURDAY/MAY 24-SATURDAY, JUNE 14

Children's Theatre: Princess and the Pea. 1 p.m. Workhouse Arts Center, 9601 Ox Rd, Lorton. This original musical adaptation of the Hans Christian Andersen fairy tale is presented by Pandemonium Theatrical Productions. Admissions: \$9-\$12. www.workhousearts.org. 703-584-2900.

SATURDAY/MAY 24

Coffee Cupping: Tasting Party. 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m. Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Rd, Alexandria. Discover and taste coffee from different regions worldwide. \$30. RSVP fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/greenspring. 703-941-7987.

Floral Design: Grocery Bunch Makeovers. 9:30-11:30 a.m. Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring

Rd, Alexandria. Transform grocery floral bunch with vase shapes, flower supports, floral foam, steam height, and more. \$38 + \$25 supply fee. RSVP fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/greenspring. 703-642-5173.

Explosion Blowout - Outdoor Community Market. 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Irving Middle School, 8100 Old Keene Mill Road, Springfield. This family-friendly event showcases more than 50 local vendors and provides activities such as face painting and touch-a-truck. 703-440-8373.

Historic Fairfax City Walking Tours. 11 a.m. Ratcliffe-Allison House, 10386 Main Street, Fairfax. A tour guide leads a 90 min. walk through the historic section of Fairfax. Admission: \$3-\$5. 703-385-7414.

SUNDAY, MAY 25 & SATURDAY, JUNE 28

The Sixth Generation-Spring 1960s Sock Hop Series. Sunday at 5 p.m., Saturday at 8:30 p.m. Workhouse Arts Center, 9601 Ox Rd, Lorton. Award-winning rock-n-rollers The Sixth Generation will perform live in the McGuireWoods gallery, playing hits from the 1960s as well as original songs about the era. Admissions: \$10-\$15. www.workhousearts.org. 703-584-2900.

SUNDAY/MAY 25

Art Exhibit. 1-8 p.m. Wine tasting 5-8 p.m. Fairfax Station Railroad Museum, 11200 Fairfax Station Road, Fairfax Station. Members of the Art Guild of Clifton display and sell their works, which focus on local historic and natural themes. \$2-\$4. fairfax-station.org. 703-425-9225. Art Guild info at artguildofclifton.org

Art Guild of Clifton Art Exhibit and Sale. 1 p.m. - 8 p.m. Fairfax Station Railroad Museum, 11200 Fairfax Station Road, Fairfax Station. A wine tasting will take place while artists sell and exhibit pieces with the theme of "Virginia Crossroads" using mediums including painting, photography, fiber arts and jewelry. Admission: \$35, free for members of the Art Guild. 703-830-8466.

The Sixth Generation, 1960s Sock Hop Performed Live. 5 p.m. Workhouse Arts Center, 9601 Ox Road, Lorton. Award-winning 1960s style rock 'n' roll band performs live with an open dance floor. Admission: \$10-\$15. <http://www.workhousearts.org/events/performing-arts/sixth-generation-spring-1960s-sock-hop-series-0>. 703-584-2900.

MONDAY/MAY 26

Art Exhibit. 12-4 p.m. Wine tasting 5-8 p.m. Fairfax Station Railroad Museum, 11200 Fairfax Station Road, Fairfax Station. Members of the Art Guild of Clifton display and sell their works, which focus on local historic and natural themes. \$2-\$4. fairfax-station.org. 703-425-9225. Art Guild info at artguildofclifton.org
Ox Hill Battlefield Memorial Day Ceremony. 2 p.m. Ox Hill Battlefield Park, 4134 West Ox Rd., Fairfax. Memorial Day activities include wreath laying and speeches.

THURSDAY/ MAY 29

Fancy Nancy Tea Party. 4-5:30 p.m. Burke Centre Library, 5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke. Wear a fancy outfit, listen to a story, make a craft and enjoy herbal tea and pastries. Presented by Ms. Emily Murphy of Emily's Teas. Age 4-6. <http://www.emilysteas.com/index.html>

FRIDAY/ MAY 30

Gardening on a Shoestring. 1:30-2:30 p.m. Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Rd, Alexandria. Economical, beautiful landscapes and

gardens for beginning gardeners. \$10. RSVP fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/greenspring. 703-642-5173.

SATURDAY/ MAY 31

Virginia Sesquicentennial of the American Civil War. 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m., George Mason University, 4400 University Drive MS 3A2 Fairfax. The conference will juxtapose the Civil War with other internal conflicts during the same period; refreshments included. \$25. <http://www.VirginiaCivilWar.org>

Silent Auction & Fashion Show. 10:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Springfield Golf and Country Club, 8301 Old Keene Mill Road, Springfield. Silent auction and accessories until noon; lunch and fashion show after noon. Bring gently-used work attire to donate to Dress for Success. All proceeds benefit the missions of Messiah UMC. \$25. 703-569-9862. giggles.foryou@verizon.net for tickets.

Workshop: Crafted Flowering Allium. 9:30-11:30 a.m. Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Rd, Alexandria. Craft a painted, flowering allium for your garden using simple supplies. \$45. RSVP fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/greenspring. 703-642-5173.

Community Science Day. 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. Lee High School, 6540 Franconia Road, Springfield. IB Science Students at Lee HS invite the community to the third annual Community Science Day. Lee scientists have created thoughtful lessons to engage visitors of all ages. Event is open to all and drop in style.

Open Mic Coffee House. 7 - 9:30 pm. Calvary Hill Baptist Church, 9301 Little Turnpike, Fairfax. Bring your axe, and play your favorite tunes! Amps and keyboard provided. If you would like to come and share your talent, please call Pete at 703-955-2039.

Workshop: Crafted Flowering Allium. 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. Green Spring Garden, 4601 Green Spring Rd, Alexandria. Craft a painted, flowering allium for your garden out of surprisingly simple craft supplies at Green Spring Gardens from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. The cost is \$45 per person. Register online. For information, call 703-642-5173. <http://parktakes.fairfaxcounty.gov/>

SUNDAY/JUNE 1

Olivet Heritage Day & Homecoming. 12-2:30 p.m. Olivet Episcopal Church (at the corner of Franconia & Beulah). Come help us celebrate our 160 years in the Franconia community. Our Heritage Day & Homecoming event will include the history of the church and notable families, a photo quiz, a light meal, strawberry shortcake and a silent auction. All auction proceeds will be given to non-profit organizations in the Franconia community.

SATURDAY/JUNE 7

Spring Festival. 12 - 4 p.m. Fellowship Baptist Church, 5936 Rolling Road, Springfield. Activities will include a petting zoo, moon bounce, obstacle course, RC race course, games for all ages, crafts, cake walk, prizes and refreshments.

SATURDAY, JUNE 21

Ballroom Social Dance. 7:30-10:30 p.m. Workhouse Arts Center, 9601 Ox Rd, Lorton. Dress code is casual for both ballroom mini-lessons and open dancing. Mini-lessons begin at 7:30 and feature different styles, from ChaCha to Tango. Open dance begins at 8. All skill levels are welcome, and complimentary refreshments and cash bar are available. Admissions: \$5-\$10. www.workhousearts.org. 703-584-2900.

NEWS



PHOTOS CONTRIBUTED

From left — Store Manager Ashok Gupta, Sales Associate Matthew Knight, Virginia ABC Commissioner Judy Napier, Lead Sales Associate James Rodgers, Virginia Secretary of Public Safety and Homeland Security Brian Moran and Sales Associate Thobias “Ron” Clarence at the grand opening for the newest Fairfax ABC store on May 13.

New ABC Stores Open in Fairfax, Centreville

On Tuesday, May 13, the Virginia Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) held grand opening events for two new stores that will serve Fairfax and Centreville customers.

Virginia Secretary of Public Safety and Homeland Security Brian Moran attended the Twinbrooke Shopping Center store (9575 Braddock Road) event in Fairfax. That store measures 2,500

square feet, carries approximately 1,149 items and employs six people.

Both stores serve customers between 10 a.m. - 9 p.m. Monday through Saturday and 1 - 6 p.m. Sunday.

Customers were invited to attend the grand opening events. In celebration of ABC's 80th anniversary year, the first 80 customers received free non-alcoholic gifts.



Virginia Secretary of Public Safety and Homeland Security Brian Moran and Virginia ABC Commissioner Judy Napier helped cut the ribbon during the grand opening event for the new Twinbrooke ABC store (9575 Braddock Rd.).

FAITH NOTES

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

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South County Bats Come Alive in Conference 7 Tournament

Stallions produce season-high 13 runs against Woodson.

BY JON ROETMAN
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The South County baseball team produced its best offensive performance when it mattered most.

With its season on the line, the Stallions produced double-digit runs for the first time during the 2014 campaign and defeated Woodson 13-4 in the Conference 7 tournament quarterfinals on May 19 at South County High School. The Stallions pounded out 15 hits en route to securing a regional berth and advancing to the conference semifinals, where South County faced West Potomac on Wednesday, after The Connection's deadline.

"Everyone was seeing the ball well," South County senior designated hitter Dan Graham said. "That's something we haven't done all year is put up big numbers. It definitely felt good coming out with a big win. It builds confidence."

The Stallions took control in the third inning, when they scored five runs with two outs and built a 6-1 lead. Left fielder Kyle Foley and center fielder Jon Gentry each had an RBI single in the inning, and third baseman Taylor Platas had a two-run single.

Graham went 2-for-2 at the plate with a double and an RBI. Right fielder David Gemma finished 2-for-3, Foley went 2-for-4 with an RBI, and Platas was 1-for-2 with three RBIs.

"I think they stepped up and did a great job," South County head coach Robbie Smith said about the Stallions. "[They] did everything that I've asked."

While South County had a big night at the plate, junior right-hander Michael Cook gave the Stallions a solid start on the mound. Cook earned the win, allowing three hits and one unearned run over five innings. He walked one and struck out three.

"I thought he did great," Smith said. "We talked before the game about being confident and doing your job and not trying to overpower anybody and that's what he did. He stayed within himself and he's a great pitcher when he does it."

Sophomore right-hander Wyatt Hough suffered the loss for Woodson, allowing six runs — five earned — and six hits over 2 2/3 innings.

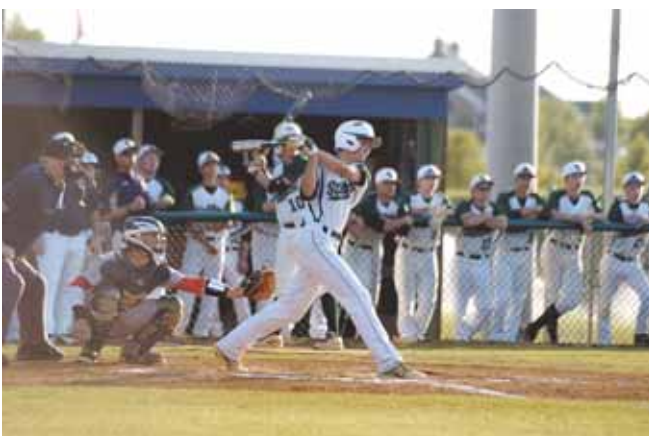
Senior third baseman Michael Szabo had a strong night at the plate for the Cavaliers, finishing 3-for-4 with a double and two RBIs.

Conference 7 has been a league of parity this season. South County, which won the 2013 Patriot District title, entered the tournament as the No. 3 seed despite a 6-6 record against conference foes. The Stallions' overall record improved to 11-10 with Monday's victory.

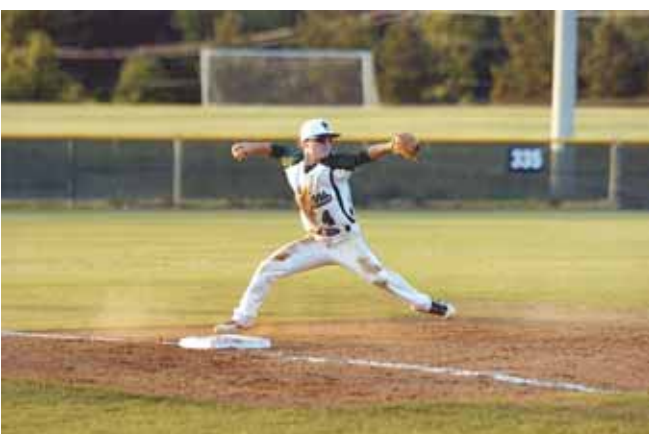
West Springfield entered the tournament as the No. 1 seed and earned a first-round bye. West Potomac is the No. 2 seed and defeated No. 7 T.C. Williams, 3-1. No. 5 Annandale defeated No. 4 Lake Braddock, the



South County third baseman Taylor Platas drove in three of the Stallions' season-high 13 runs against Woodson in the Conference 7 tournament quarterfinals on May 19.



Senior shortstop Michael Smith and the South County baseball team earned a regional berth by beating Woodson on May 19.



South County pitcher Michael Cook allowed one unearned run and three hits over five innings against Woodson on May 19.

2013 Northern Region champion, 3-2.

"It's anybody's tournament," Smith said. "It's been that way all year. There's not one dominant team. Everybody's played close games throughout the year, so it's anybody's ball game."

The winner of Wednesday's South County-West Potomac matchup would face the winner of West Springfield and Annandale in the conference championship game on Friday, May 23.



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Lucas Lombardozzi (23) and the South County boys' soccer team defeated West Potomac 1-0 on May 20 in the Conference 7 semifinals.

Stallions Advance to Conference Final

South County will face T.C. Williams after back-to-back upsets.

BY JON ROETMAN
THE CONNECTION

to coach [and] they're very resilient."

South County boys' soccer coach Erich Gunderman stood on the visitors' sideline at West Potomac High School on Tuesday night and put into perspective the Stallions' unlikely postseason journey.

"We lost to Hayfield 6-1," Gunderman said, "and now we're here."

When the Stallions suffered that lopsided loss to the Hawks on April 21, their record dipped to 1-6-1. South County concluded the regular season with a 2-9-2 record, including 1-4-1 against conference opponents, and entered the Conference 7 tournament as the No. 7 seed.

Thanks to some resiliency, however, the Stallions went from last place to "here," which is on their way to the conference championship game.

Junior forward Eusebius Dorr scored a first-half goal and No. 7 South County hung on to defeat No. 6 West Potomac 1-0 on May 20 in the conference semifinals. The Stallions will travel to face No. 1 T.C. Williams at 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 22 for the conference title.

"Absolutely, the kids have come together [and are] starting to do the things that we knew they were capable of and they're working hard," Gunderman said. "It's a great bunch of kids that enjoy being around each other. They're fun

South County kept its season alive by upsetting No. 2 West Springfield 2-1 in overtime in the quarterfinals on May 16. Junior defender Connor Cavoto scored on a penalty kick in overtime to lift the Stallions over the Spartans and secure a regional berth for South County.

"They're a good team. Take nothing away from West Springfield," Gunderman said. "They had some players that were out. Hey, it's an opportunity and we took advantage of it."

The Stallions (4-9-2) weren't done, however, as they found a way to beat West Potomac and continue on to the conference final, where they will face T.C. Williams. The Titans advanced to the championship game with a 1-1 (4-3) penalty-kick shootout victory against No. 5 Annandale in the other semifinal match on Tuesday. T.C. Williams (12-2) defeated South County 2-0 during the teams' regular-season meeting on April 4.

"It's going to be fun," Gunderman said. "Playing over at their place in the hot sun, it will be a challenge for us. TC, hey, they're the No. 1 seed for a reason. They have a lot of talented athletes over there, [they are] well coached by Marty [Nickley] and we have our work cut out."

"We're the underdogs coming in, but maybe it'll be our time."

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NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT AND DRAFT GENERAL CONFORMITY DETERMINATION FOR THE PROPOSED COVE POINT LIQUEFACTION PROJECT

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The EA assesses the potential environmental effects of the construction and operation of the Project in accordance with the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act. The DGCD was prepared pursuant to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's General Conformity Regulations (40 CFR Part 93, Subpart B), and addresses air emission impacts associated with the Project.

The EA and DGCD are available for review and comment. The FERC staff mailed copies of the EA with the DGCD to federal, state, and local government representatives and agencies; elected officials; environmental and public interest groups; Native American tribes; potentially affected landowners and other interested individuals and groups; libraries in the Project area; and parties to this proceeding. In addition, the EA with the DGCD has been placed in the public files of the FERC and is available for public viewing on the FERC's website at www.ferc.gov using the eLibrary link. A limited number of copies of the EA and DGCD are also available for distribution and public inspection at:

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For your convenience, there are four methods you can use to submit your comments to the Commission. In all instances please reference the Project docket number (CP13-113-000) with your submission. The Commission encourages electronic filing of comments and has expert staff available to assist you at (202) 502-8258 or efil@ferc.gov.

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