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Razan Abdurrahman Idris of Springfield, a graduate of United World College in Montezuma, N.M., and daughter Noura Harran and Abdurrahman Idris, is among seven incoming freshmen at Duke University selected as winners of the Reginaldo Howard Memorial Scholarship.

The full value of each "Reggie" scholarship, which covers full tuition, room, board and mandatory fees, is more than \$240,000 over four years. Duke provides this award annually to first-year students of African heritage who have demonstrated outstanding leadership ability, academic achievement, community involvement and a serious commitment to social justice. The Reginaldo Howard Memorial Scholarship is named for the first black student body president at Duke, who died in a car

accident in 1976.

For more information about the incoming class of "Reggie" Scholars, visit the scholarship's website at reggies.duke.edu.

Jacob Augelli, an eighth grade student at Robinson **Secondary**, finished in fourth place overall in the 2014 United States Geography Olympiad, junior varsity division.

The competition consisted of two parts: a written exam and a

quiz bowl tournament; Augelli placed sixth in the exam and tied for seventh in the quiz bowl tournament; overall scores were compiled by averaging each 2014 International Geography competitor's ranking for each part. Over 70 junior varsity students from as far away as Guam competed in the written exam and in a preliminary quiz bowl round, while those with high scores advanced to the final quiz bowl round.

Questions ranged in difficulty from naming countries by their capital to identifying obscure islets in the North Atlantic. The top four varsity students earned the right to represent the USA at the Olympiad in Krakow, Poland, this summer. The Geography Olympiad was sponsored by Houghton Mifflin Harcourt and HISTORY, commonly known as the History Channel, which also sponsors the National History Bee and Bowl. For more information on the competition, please www.geographyolympiad.com.

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Virginia Governor Terry McAuliffe congratulates Mason Neck State Park for winning second place in the "America is Your Park" campaign.



Richard Kennedy, co-president of the Friends of Mason Neck State Park, talks about Coca-Cola's contest, which led to the park receiving a \$50,000 grant.

Governor Launches Outdoor Fitness Challenge at Mason Neck

Mason Neck receives \$55,000 grant, is named one of "America's Favorite Parks."

By Janelle Germanos
The Connection

ocated just miles from busy Interstate 95, Mason Neck State Park is a gem in the area for those looking for some outdoor recreation and an escape from the stress of Northern Virginia. The park's allure was recognized last week as it received a \$50,000 grant from Coca-Cola for being named one of America's Favorite Parks through the "America is Your Park" campaign.

"Mason Neck is a gem in terms of the conservation it offers and the recreational opportunities that are here on Mason Neck," said Jess Lowry, park manager at Mason Neck State Park.

Virginia Governor Terry McAuliffe joined park officials at Mason Neck to accept the check from Coca-Cola. The grant is being used to open an Outdoor Fitness Challenge. "It's a great pleasure and an honor to have



Virginia Governor Terry McAuliffe walks with Ranger Parker Redfox, the mascot of Virginia State Parks.

Governor McAuliffe as a guest, since it's only been four years since the previous governor proposed closing this state park, and four others, because of Virginia's budget problems," said Richard Kennedy, co-president of the Friends of Mason Neck State

McAuliffe promised he would not close state parks during his time as governor, but rather strive to open new parks.

"I don't believe in closing parks, I believe

in opening state parks," he said.

Mason Neck received over 270,000 votes and won second place in the contest out of 11,000 other state parks. The first place winner was Veteran's Park in Moore, Okla., the site of a tornado last year that killed 24 people and injured hundreds others.

Mason is the closest state park to Washington, D.C., Kennedy reminded park visitors, and diplomatic license plates into the park are very frequent.

"It's a great park for Virginians, but it also serves as an ambassador for U.S. State Parks to the rest of the world," Kennedy said.

The state park is also the closest one to Fort Belvoir, and Kennedy said the park is looking for ways to connect to Wounded Warriors at Fort Belvoir. In about a month, Kennedy said a special photography and hiking group for wounded warriors is likely to begin.

Mason Neck State Park played an amazing role in the recovery of the American Bald Eagle, said Joe Elton, deputy director of operations of the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation. The park and other recreational areas along Mason Neck were preserved because citizens didn't want to see everything paved and developed, he said.

"You almost can't visit this place without seeing the American Bald Eagle," Elton said.

The Outdoor Fitness Challenge is aimed at young people and will allow them to learn through technology, Elton said.

"Getting young people today to get off the couch and to put down the device that they are attached to like an umbilical cord 8 hours a day and get them launched into the outdoors is the challenge we face today," Elton said.

McAuliffe joined park officials for a short hike at the park, which he said was enjoyable



Joe Elton, deputy director of operations, Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation, said the citizens of the region have made Mason Neck the great park it is today.



Lisa Davis, marketing unit sales vice president at Coca-Cola, said that Mason Neck State Park received over 270,000 votes in the "America is Your Park" campaign.

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Representatives from chambers throughout the area, including Holly Doughtery, president of the Mount **Vernon-Lee Chamber** of Commerce (far right) and Nancy-jo Manney, president of the Greater **Springfield Chamber** of Commerce (fourth from left) posed with project staff with a signed pledge to discourage distracted

Distracted Driving Rising in Fairfax County, Interstate 95

Drivers are encouraged to avoid their phones.

By Janelle Germanos
The Connection

lthough April was designated as National Distracted Driving Awareness Month, the issue continues to affect drivers in and around Fairfax County throughout the year.

According to the Fairfax County Police Department, distracted driving resulted in 1,175 crashes in 2013. In the Lee district, Franconia Road and South Van Dorn Street was a top location for crashes involving distracted drivers.

A recent survey has also found that distracted driving is on the rise along Interstate 95, although construction of the express lanes has kept the area busy with construction.

The report, released on May 8 by Transurban-Fluor and AAA Mid-Atlantic, found that distracted driving rose to 62 percent this year, up from 56 percent in 2013.

"Distracted driving is dangerous under the best conditions - it is even more dangerous in a work zone," said Aubrey Layne, Virginia Secretary of Transportation, in a press release on May 8. "Transportation safety and the safety of those who report to work each day to improve Virginia's infrastructure is our top priority. Drivers can make our roads significantly safer by taking one simple step - put down the phone while behind the wheel."



Police officers from jurisdictions around the area, including Fairfax County, stand next to the Fairfax County Police Department's police car that displays messages intended to prevent distracted driving.

THE REPORT surveyed 1,023 drivers who live in Northern Virginia and travel along the express lanes construction. The number of distracted drivers who have had an incident or a near-miss is now at 31 percent, up from 24 percent in 2013, the report says.

The survey also found that work-related demands could be a cause of distracted driving, as 54 percent of distracted drivers were found to have at some point responded to an issue relating to work. And, those who respond to work-related issues are more likely to respond to texts and emails.

"The issue of distracted driving in Virginia starts and ends with this: if you're driving distracted, you're dangerous to everyone on the road," Mahlon G. "Lon" Anderson, AAA Mid-Atlantic spokesman, stated in the May 8 press release. "Employers must actively work to change their culture and discourage employees from driving distracted by changing policy. When it comes to distracted driving, being passive won't work. Changing behavior to save lives demands aggressive action."

The Fairfax County Chamber of Commerce, the Mount Vernon-Lee Chamber of Commerce, and the Greater Springfield Chamber of Commerce joined other chambers throughout the area at the second annual "Orange Cones. No Phones." Distracted Driving Safety Campaign press conference to remind the public not to use their cell phones while driving and to avoid distracted driving.

IN MARCH, the Fairfax County Police Department held its first class on distracted driving to train officers on the dangers of this occurrence. Distracted driving is anything that causes drivers' eyes to leave the road, their hands to leave the wheel, or their mind to be taken off driving.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, more than nine people are killed every day in crashes involving a distracted driver. And since construction of the 95 Express Lanes is continuing from Stafford County into Fairfax County near Edsall Road in Springfield through the end of 2014, it may continue to be a problem for commuters in the area.



Governor Terry McAuliffe and Del. Eileen Filler-Corn (D-41) at the bill signing event at Kiddie Country in Burke.

Expanding Background Check for Childcare Providers

lly Lafkin's baby, Cami, died tragically two years ago in a home daycare center in Harrisonburg, Va. She and her family experienced firsthand the need for expanded legislation regarding Virginia's current background check process for childcare providers.

Last week, at Kiddie Country in Burke, Elly joined Del. Eileen Filler-Corn (D-41) and Governor Terry McAuliffe for a ceremonial bill signing of new legislation inspired by the death of her infant baby, Cami.

Current Virginia law requires a background check for anyone responsible for caring for six or more unrelated children. Unfortunately, however, such background searches do not include a fingerprint check run through the Central Criminal Records Exchange and the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), which access national databases of crimes committed in other states and the use aliases. Elly left the care of her newborn baby in the hands of woman who passed a background check, however a fingerprint check would have caught her five aliases and felony record.

"Let's be clear, Camden's death was preventable, if Elly had known about this woman's criminal record, of course she would never have trusted her to take care of her child," said

Governor McAuliffe.

The new legislation signed by the Governor on Wednesday directs a work group to review current state and federal laws and regulations with regard to criminal history background checks for child care providers and to make recommendations to implement a fingerprint check screening system.

This legislation, spearheaded by delegates Filler-Corn and Rich Anderson and state senator Emmett Hanger passed the General Assembly unanimously and calls for a report to the Governor by Nov. 1.

"As a mother of two, knowing how important it was for me to have someone trustworthy, qualified and responsible caring for my kids when they were young, I knew something had to be done. I am proud of this first step. The safety and care of children across the Commonwealth has always been among my highest priorities," said Del. Filler-Corn.

Virginia's neighbors, North Carolina, Tennessee, West Virginia, Maryland, and Washington, D.C. already require a fingerprint check for child care providers. Governor McAuliffe expressed his zero-tolerance attitude toward those who put children in danger and demanded a thorough report that can lead to expanded legislation in next year's General Assembly Session.

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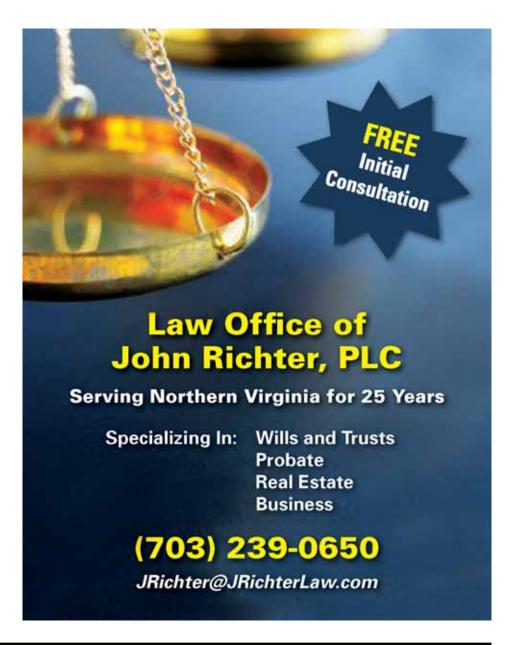
Faith Campbell on her horse, Tiger, who is a 31-year-old thoroughbred, pictured at Meadowood Special Recreation Management Area in Lorton. Campbell has owned Tiger for 24 years, and is a volunteer with the Bureau of Land Management at Meadowood.

Fun Opportunities at Meadowood

eadowood Special Recreation Management Area, popular for horseback riding, birding and hiking, contains a variety of terrains and vegetation types, including gently sloping open meadows, mature hardwood forests along steep slopes and floodplains, and riparian areas, freshwater ponds and streams. The diversity of plant communities within

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Some Good News and a Lot of Uncertainty

Realtors discuss the mortgage market at finance summit.

By Andrea Worker
The Connection

he Northern Virginia Association of Realtors (NVAR) hosted Finance Summit 2014 at their Fairfax Headquarters on Wednesday, May 21. The event brought together a panel of speakers with an impressive collection of credentials and expertise. Moderator Ken Harney's "Nation's Housing" column is nationally syndicated. Harney is also a member of the Federal Reserve Board Consumer Advisory Council, an author and commentator on real estate and mortgage issues, and the host of CNBC's "Real Estate Magazine" weekly television program.

Tony Porto, Regional Manager from event sponsor Access National Bank, opened the program. "There are some 11,000 members in your organization," he said, "and more than 50 choices of lenders. Service is what will differentiate one from the other." Porto had pens flying across notepaper when he explained the key features of a new lending product being offered by Access for loans up to 760K with no PMI and only 5 percent down required.

Joseph Minarik. Sr. V.P. and Director of Research - Committee for Economic Development, was the first presenter to address the gathering. With multiple degrees from Yale and Georgetown, and a background that includes a post as the Chief Economist of the Office of Management and Budget during the Clinton administration, Minarik warned that the financial "crystal ball" was cloudier than ever, particularly since "there is no real history for a downturn such as we have experience over that last seven years." Minarik spoke of the "Shadow Labor Force" - those who had virtually quit looking for work during this time - and the fact that no one could truly predict how many of them would come back into the workforce, and at what levels of productivity and income.

A FORMER COLLEAGUE of current Federal Reserve Chair Janet Yellen, Minarik expressed faith in the Fed and its monetary

—Viewpoints—

What are your thoughts about the current mortgage environment: How is it affecting real estate market in Northern Virginia?"__ANDREA WORKER

Margaret Ireland, Associate Broker, Weichert "Interest rates are actually pretty good, especially compared to where they've been in the past. But the public doesn't see that. I agree that there needs to be a bit of a let up in all of the rules and regulations and challenges to the buying process, still keeping the risks in mind to avoid a repeat of this collapse."



Tracey Barrett, Barrett & Associates, LLC, Elite Group Realtors

"Whatever is going on, with proper coaching I can set up expectations to meet goals and deadlines. It's still a good time to buy, and a good time to sell. Rates are historically low, sellers can still get excellent prices. We all may have to work a little harder, but good business is there."



"For most buyers the mortgage marketplace has not impacted their ability to obtain financing. The loan underwriters remain conservative in their analysis and are requiring more documentation from the borrowers then ever before. This often will elongate the loan approval process a bit, but typically does not hinder the borrowers ability to obtain financing. Borrowers need to be prepared to respond quickly to lenders questions and provide comprehensive information when asked."





policies, but less in the country's fiscal policy. "We are still at risk," he said. "We are not pre-destined to have a happy ending"

Steve Farbstein, Chairman, Virginia Bankers Association Mortgage Executives Committee and Richard Owen, VP Community Bank Division & Government Relations – Atlantic Bay Mortgage Group, did a combined presentation that spoke to some of the changes brought to the lending market by the 2,319 pages of the Dodd Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act. Most realtors in the room acknowledged that they had not as of yet felt any

real negative effects from the legislation, even though it kicked in on Jan. 11 of this year. Farbstein credited much of the smoothness to the start up to the "Dodd Frank checklists that banks, brokers and other lenders have been working on for months." Both Farbstein and Owen reminded their audience that a strong realtor/lender partnership was still the best way for both to succeed, and to best satisfy their mutual costumer - the homebuyer. The duo projected an overall positive outlook on the current mortgage market, saying that credit availability is getting better. homeownership in the region is up, while delinquencies and foreclosures are down. "Yes, rates are rising a bit," said Owen, "but maybe we should use the times of the Savings and Loans crisis as a reminder. Compared to 17, 18, even 21 percent, 4 percent looks pretty good to me."

When it was his turn to present, Ken Harney took some time to chastise the lending policies that demand "a too high credit score, keeping many qualified people out of the buying process." Harney is also critical of the high, layered fees that he sees as "blocking growth." "There have been five increases in FHA lean fees in the last several years." Harney sees the mortgage market in something of a "vicious circle." Although he strongly agrees that no one wants to see a return to the boom/bust housing market, "too many people are afraid to let one (risky loan) through."

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apologized in advance of his remarks. "Sorry," said Stan Collender, Exec. VP, Qorvis/MSLGroup . "I don't have a PowerPoint. And I really only have a few things to say, starting with 'get use to it." Collender, who has worked for the House and Senate Budget Committees as well as three U.S. representatives on the House Budget and Ways and Means Committee thinks the way things are right now is the new normal for at least the rest of the decade. Providing numerous firsthand anecdotes of what he sees as fairly entrenched partisan politics on the Hill, Collender's prediction is that this Congress "will name some new post offices, but that's about it. There will not be any new Federal dollars, nothing new in the Federal budget arena, certainly no tax reform before 2019 at the earliest. "Describing a continued "tight and difficult period," Collender thinks that this will translate into people less likely to sell, even those ready to downsize. Many realtors in the room nodded in agreement, some commenting that the lack of inventory in some of the price ranges is definitely a barrier to their business.

The 2014 Finance Summit is just one of the many forums, seminars, networking events and educational programs offered by the NVAR at both their Fairfax headquarters, at the NVAR Herndon Center and elsewhere. More information is available on their website at www.nvar.com and on their Facebook page.

– Area Roundups -

Be Prepared for Hurricanes

Since hurricane season begins June 1, Gov. Terry McAuliffe has recognized May 25-31 as Hurricane and Flooding Preparedness Week across Virginia. Accordingly, Fairfax County emergency-management officials encourage all residents to have an emergency kit of supplies on hand. It should start with three days of bottled water and non-perishable food, plus a battery-powered and/or hand-crank radio with extra batteries to hear emergency information. Other items to include are flashlights and extra batteries, a first-aid kit and an extra supply of prescription medicines.

Teen Girls May Explore Law-Enforcement

Rising 10th through 12th grade girls are invited to consider a career in law-enforcement by attending a weeklong class this summer.

A select group of young girls will learn firsthand about core police functions, such as patrol, K9 and crime-scene investigations.

They'll also discover the importance of having leadership skills, will meet today's female law-enforcement leaders in Fairfax County and explore what it takes to become a police officer.

This unique opportunity is free but, to be selected, girls must first complete and submit an application and medical form by June 25. In return, they'll either receive an acceptance letter or be notified that they're on a wait list.

This class will be held Monday, Aug. 11, through Saturday, Aug. 16, at the Gatehouse Administration Building, 8115 Gatehouse Road in Falls Church. Participants are expected to attend the entire session. For more information, call 703-280-0713 or email CPA@fairfaxcounty.gov. Download an application and medical form at http://www

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Sharing A Passion for STEM Summer Keating of Fairfax Station starts STEMaze group.

By Janelle Germanos THE CONNECTION

ummer Keating is only in sixth grade at Silverbrook Elementary School, but the 11-year-old Fairfax Station resident is already sharing her passion for science and math with the community.

"We usually don't do any science in school, because there is no science SOL," Summer said. "When we do it, it's not as creative."

After she felt like she wasn't getting enough STEM education while at school, Keating founded STEMaze, a group dedicated to promoting hands-on science and math learning, especially among girls.

"When we actually started doing science in school, it wasn't hands-on. It was more worksheets and stuff that you didn't really remember the next year," she said. "I want to make everyone like it the way I like it."

Summer, who has loved science since pre-school, is shocked by how many more men than women pursue STEM careers. She is working to change that with STEMaze and other advocacy work in her community.

"In social studies, we learned the women didn't have the right to vote. It has changed from that, but maybe not all the way," she said.

ACCORDING TO SUMMER'S MOTHER. Shaista Keating, the journey of bringing STEM to the school and to the community has been interesting.

Through STEMaze, Summer brought a STEM Fair to her school, which brought a couple of its own challenges.

"Sometimes people wouldn't think the STEM Fair would be cool. I went around and heard people say 'no, I think it will be boring.' But then I would try to fix it," Sum-



Summer Keating, a sixth-grader at Silverbrook Elementary School, has started a group called STEMaze to promote excitement in learning STEM subjects.



Fairfax Station Resident Summer **Keating** enjoys science so much that she started a group called STEMaze. Here, Keating conducts a water stacking experiment.

mer said.

The STEM fair was a success, with over 50 students participating. It's helped to increase interest in STEMaze at her school.

STEMaze makes science and math fun, Summer said, through activities like the STEM Fair and trips to museums.

"All the STEMaze girls came over to my house and had a sleepover, and when the meteor shower was supposed to happen, we went outside and watched it," Summer

Summer is also using STEMaze to mentor younger girls, like earlier this year when the group went with Summer's younger sister's Girl Scout troop to an aquarium.

Now her sister, who is in secondgrade, is also thinking about starting a STEMaze group.

"Each older girl had three younger ones, so we took them around and explained things that they couldn't understand," Summer said. Mentoring is part of Summer's personality. When she was only in fourth grade, she wanted to be a math tutor.

"I still have the flyer. I told her she would have to wait, but she would be a great math tutor," her mother said.

Summer is an active member of Girl Scouts, plays violin, and is in a math club.

"Math is Summer's thing," said Karen Walters, her math club

coach who is also the assistant dean of Mathematics at Northern Virginia Community College. "We need girls like Summer to advocate for math and science to fill gaps in these fields in higher education."

IN EARLY APRIL, Summer advocated for STEM at the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors public hearings on the 2015 budget, along with other girls in the STEMaze club. She's also hoping to find a way to help underserved kids in the community learn more about STEM.

"I think that a lot of the main reason we don't have exciting STEM in schools is because we don't really have any money to buy the experiments and things we need to use," she said. "I thought if we had more money it would be a lot easier and we could have more STEM activities."

Summer, who wants to be a patent lawyer when she grows up, is planning on spending part of the summer planning more STEMaze activities and goals for next year as she transitions to South County Middle School. She is also planning on staying with Girl Scouts, where she recently was honored with the President's Award, the youngest so far to receive this award, and the Silver Award for her leadership demonstrated through her STEM advocacy.

Summer knows that she has to be good at math in order to do science, and recognizes that is why science is hard for some kids. She hopes Fairfax County will recognize that students need more hands-on science learning in school. As for Summer's mom, she is ecstatic that her daughter loves STEM subjects so much.

"It's a mom's dream come true to have a math and science girl," she said. "It's been so successful it's overwhelming."



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New Measure: More Living in Poverty

Many households living in poverty in our region, invisible to most of us most of the time.

EDITORIALS

nside the Beltway, that is Alexandria, Ar-housing and other necessary goods, poverty poverty. In Fairfax County, 26 percent of erty Measure showing a poverty rate of 12.3 children live in or near poverty.

This is according to the Weldon Cooper Center for Public Service at the University of Virginia.

"While Northern Virginia counties and cities enjoy some of the highest median incomes in the nation, the Virginia Poverty Measure shows that the extent of economic deprivation in the region is significantly greater than suggested by official poverty statistics."

Taking into consideration the high cost of segregated.

lington and parts of Fairfax, 32 percent rates for Northern Virginia residents are surof children are living in poverty or near prising. Inside the Beltway, the Virginia Pov-

> percent, much higher than the official rate of 7.4 percent. In Fairfax, the Virginia Poverty Measure shows a poverty rate of nearly 10 percent (9.7 per-

In Fairfax, that's more than 100,000 individuals living in poverty.

But for the most part, the affluent residents in our area do not see any of this poverty. Our schools and neighborhoods are economically

When thinking about affordable housing, about funding for schools, about expanding health coverage, it's important to hold these numbers, these children, these families in

Father's Day Photos

Father's Day is June 15, and as in years past, The Connection will publish a gallery of photos of fathers, grandfathers, great grandfathers and sons and daughters. Send your photos, including names of everyone in the photo, ages of children, town of residence and a brief description of what is happening to editors@connectionnewspapers.com

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COMMENTARY

A Moral Imperative

BY KENNETH R. "KEN" PLUM STATE DELEGATE (D-36)

ecently the New York Times editorial board wrote about the "health care

showdown in Virginia." Their comments were not favorable. "In Virginia, there are 400,000 low-income people who can't afford health care coverage but don't qualify for federal subsidies," they wrote. "If they lived across the state line in Maryland, West Virginia or Kentucky, which have expanded their Medicaid programs, they could get the coverage they

need." The reason they cannot; "a group of recalcitrant Republicans in the House of Delegates" have blocked Medicaid expansion at every opportunity.

Highly regarded retired

editorial writer for the Virginia Pilot, Margaret Edds, wrote about the current impasse in Virginia two weeks ago. Drawing on her extensive command of Virginia's history, Edds points out that Virginia was the last state to join Social Security in the 1930s. She argues that there is a moral imperative that "we cannot afford to take this risk" of not expanding

Medicaid. She writes that "design-

ing a health care system that embraces everyone is the right thing to do." Reston resident, Elliot Wicks, in a recent letter to the editor makes the same argument that closing the coverage gap morally is the right thing to do.

In an unprecedented move, the Virginia Chapter of the American Association of Retired People (AARP) called a press conference to announce that letters sent by the Speaker of the House and other Republican lawmakers to their constituents over age 60 contained "inaccurate information about changes in Medicare." These letters from Speaker Howell and other lawmakers implied that expanding Medicaid in Virginia would hurt Medicare beneficiaries. "Expanding Medicaid to uninsured Virginians won't harm the Medicare program or its beneficiaries," the AARP spokesperson said.

Revenues for the Commonwealth are expected to fall short of projection for this year by as much as \$300 million. Ironically, Virginia is losing \$5 million a day amounting now to three-fourths of a billion dollars paid by Virginians that could be returned to the state through Medicaid expansion. The money could not be used to balance the budget in the current year, but in future years more than \$200 million that Virginia pays for indigent care from its general tax revenue could be paid by Medic-

State and local chambers of commerce, medical and health care associations, and editorial boards of the major newspapers in the state have endorsed Medicaid expansion. A major compromise in the form of Marketplace Virginia, proposed by three Republican senators and endorsed by all Democratic legislators, has been introduced. The compromise proposed in Marketplace Virginia addresses the Republicans' stated concerns by including a provision to discontinue the program if the federal government reneges on its commitments. It is time for Republicans in the House of Delegates to agree to the compromise. Their insistence on separating Medicaid from the state budget is a costly stalling tactic that is hurting a large number of Virginians and threatens to hurt even more if the budget stalemate continues.



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School Board Passes Budget

Schools to cut out more than 700 positions countywide.

> By Reena Singh The Connection

airfax County Public Schools' 2.5 billion budget passed during a six hour meeting Thursday.

The School Board approved the fiscal year 2015 budget 9-3 after debating through a list of amendments, approving a step increase for employees in November but cuts out more than 700 positions countywide.

Mount Vernon representative Dan Storck, Braddock District representative Megan McLaughlin and Springfield representative Elizabeth Schultz opposed both the adjusted budget and the two amendments that passed during the meeting.

"We knew we were going to have to cut things that we cared about, and that \$97 million is full of things we cared about," said Hunter Mill representative Pat Hynes. "The money is not there. We have combed through our budget and it is not there."

Reductions totaling \$97 million represent not only employee positions, but also the reduction of \$3.9 million in health and retirement benefit costs.

THE BOARD also eliminated the fees for International Baccalaureate and Advanced Placement exams, taking on the \$4 million burden in the budget. Some board members felt that money could have gone towards other line



The Fairfax County School Board voted on the final budget modifications at the last meeting.

items, like more Head Start and pre-kindergarten classrooms than the two that were approved at the meeting.

Storck prefaced his vote hours earlier by stating he would not be able to approve of a budget that had not gone through the democratic process. He felt the modifications presented after the county Board of Supervisors approved the school transfer did not represent the board's wishes.

He made a motion to divide the budget motion to allow board members to vote on each budget modification. "The purpose of dividing the motion is for the board to approve of something rather than to accept it at default," he said.

However, the motion failed.

"If it takes until 5 a.m., I really don't care," said Schultz, who agreed with Storck. "That's what we were elected for."

She said that "if we didn't start from a place of principle, I don't think I'll be able to agree on the whole thing."

The two amendments that and would have only or passed during the six-hour session ers another half cent.

included reducing funding for outof-school support due to the savings projected by a partial inschool suspension position lost at Thomas Jefferson School of Science and Technology and increasing the staff reserves by 3.0 positions.

Fairfax Education Association president Kimberly Adams brought a group from the FEA during the public comment period to let the board know before they voted what teachers will face if compensation is kept low with the increasing demand on hours and students. "This budget is definitely full of furious cuts," she said after the meeting. "When you cut 731 positions, you increase the workload for everyone else."

She noted that the money being spent to pay for IB and AP exams could have been spent on moving the step increase in pay to October rather than November.

ON THE COUNTY'S END,

Adams said an \$11.5 million increase could have been "doable," and would have only cost taxpayers another half cent.



Pictured in the group photo of Troop 707 and women dressed as suffragists are, from left: Back row: (Suffragists) Julianne Smith, Sue MacIntyre, Lynne Dudurich, (scout leader) Karan Wright, Savannah Dingle, Sally Miller, Kathryn Wingard, Grace Strong, Maryn Ballard, and (scout leader) Erika Malos-Keil. Front row: Annette Wright, Alexandria Strong, Lily Miller, Kiera Gilbert, Ellen Keil, and Henry Keil.

Springfield Girl Scouts Campaign For Suffragist Memorial

n Saturday, May 17, the Girl Scouts of Troop 707 of Springfield manned a booth at the Occoquan River Festival for the Turning Point Suffragist Memorial (TPSM). A few weeks ago, the Girl Scouts met with TPSM Association member, Myra Lindsey, during their regular scout meeting to learn about the history of women in the United States who protested for the right to vote. These women were called Suffragists.

The suffrage movement began in the United States in 1848 at the Seneca Falls Convention, an historic meeting of over 300 people who discussed the numerous inequities that women suffered under the U.S. legal and political system. Decisions were made at that convention that began a civil rights movement to advance women's rights such as the right to pursue a college education, the opportunity to enter various professions then closed to women, and of course, the right to vote in U.S. elections.

In 1917, in retaliation for daring to picket at the front of the White House gates on 1600
Pennsylvania Avenue, more than 70 suffragists were imprisoned in the Occoquan Workhouse, located within the Lorton Prison complex. The imprisoned women were beaten. When they refused to eat, the women were force fed the names of the improvement, information the name of th

in the prison. The entire country learned of the terrible, inhumane treatment of the women, which became a major "turning point" in their efforts to introduce and ratify the 19th Amendment. It wasn't until 1920 that the 19th Amendment was ratified, giving women the right to vote.

The girls of Troop 707 hail from three different elementary schools in Springfield: Cardinal Forest, Keene Mill, and Sangster. The Troop's community service will help them earn their Bronze Award, the highest award for Junior Girl Scouts in the 4th and 5th grades. They baked goods, sold them at the TPSM booth, and donated the proceeds to raise money for the memorial. The girls also handed out pamphlets about the memorial and talked with the public at the festival. Plans are underway to build the Turning Point Suffragist Memorial in Lorton, as part of the Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority. The memorial will include plaques bearing the names of the imprisoned women, informational and educational stations, and a meditation garden. The TPSM Association is a nonprofit organization. If you'd like to help or make a donation to this memorial, go to the TPSM website, www.suffragistmemorial.org

ENTERTAINM

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FRIDAY/MAY 30-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.

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/MAY31-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-SUNDAY/MAY 31-JUNE 1

Springfield Days Festival 2014.

Loisdaile Rd, Springfield. Annual community festival in the heart of greater Springfield area. Activities for all ages, with 5K, Farmer's Market, PetFest, Cardboard Boat Regatta and Car Show. Free. Detailed information at www.springfielddays.com and www.runspringfield.org.

Tournaments for Turf: Moonlight Madness. 6 p.m.-10 a.m. Braddock Park, Braddock Rd, Clifton. All night, co-ed adult softball extravaganza includes three-game, 55-minute game guarantee. \$275-\$300. Registration deadline: May 28. www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/tournaments-for-turf. 703-324-8759.

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

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,



Oak View Elementary School SACC, or School Aged Child Care, built this "Lobster" boat for the Cardboard Boat Regatta held at Lake Accotink Park on June 3, 2013. This year's Springfield Days Cardboard Boat Regatta will be June 1, 2 p.m. at Lake Accotink Park, as part of the Springfield Days Festival 2014.

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-

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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.

South Boundary A Capella

Ensemble. 5-6 p.m. Fairfax Baptist Church, 10830 Main St, Fairfax. From Aiken, SC, South Boundary presents a range of genres, from Rennaissance to Broadway. Free.

Unmentionables: 19th Century
Undergarments. 1-3:30 p.m.
Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green
Spring Rd, Alexandria. By popular
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Hottenstein returns to display and
discuss her extensive collection of
Victorian undergarments. Learn
about and view the outrageous
hidden paraphernalia that women
were obliged to wear! \$15-\$35. 703-

THURSDAY/JUNE 5- SUNDAY JUNE 8

Celebrate Fairfax!. Celebrate Fairfax!, Northern Virginia's largest community-wide celebration, arrives June 6-8 to the Fairfax County Government Center. Twenty-five acres of vendors, exhibitors, rides, and nightly fireworks. 703-324-FAIR (3247) for all details.

THURSDAY/JUNE 5

Summer Used Book Sale. 1-9 p.m. Burke Centre Library, 5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke. Over 8,000 books in every genre – kids, history, mystery, romance, popular fiction and more on sale.

FRIDAY/JUNE 6

Cool Cow Comedy Presents: Jared Logan and Kara Klenk. 8 p.m.
Workhouse Arts Center, 9601 Ox Rd, Lorton. Headliner Jared Logan appears with Kara Klenk for a night of comedy. Due to material, all patrons must be 18 years old to attend the performance. Admissions: \$15-\$20. www.workhousearts.org. 703-584-2900.

Summer Used Book Sale. 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Burke Centre Library, 5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke. Over 8,000 books in every genre – kids, history, mystery, romance, popular fiction and more on sale.

FRIDAY/JUNE 6-SUNDAY/JUNE 8

Cabaret Series: One Night at the

Moulin Rouge. Friday-Saturday 8 p.m. Sunday at 1 p.m. Workhouse Arts Center, 9601 Ox Rd, Lorton. Our vocalists celebrate the music and humor of the famed Parisian hot-spot with songs from inspired by the cabaret style. Although performers are fully costumed, it is recommended for adult audiences due to suggestive humor and some language. Admissions: \$25-\$30. www.workhousearts.org. 703-584-2900.

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.

Bukas Loob sa Diyos of
Washington presents Leyte
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School, 3501 Rebel Run, Fairfax.
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Typhoon Victims. \$20-\$50. 703-203-

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Mount Vernon Nights: April Verch (Bluegrass). 7-8 p.m. Workhouse Arts Center, 9601 Ox Road, Lorton. Internationally touring Canadian fiddler, step dancer and singersongwriter April Verch will be performing on the quad. Picnic baskets, lawn chairs and blankets are welcome, but outside alcohol is not permitted. www.workhousearts.org. 703-584-2900.

Dog Adoption. 12 - 3 p.m. at PETCO, Greenbriar Towncenter, 13053 Lee Jackson Memorial Highway, Fairfax. 703-817-9444. hart90.org.

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Outrageously Funny and Deadly Serious

Katy Chmura, Artistic Director, Unquiet Theatre Company. Picture courtesy of Katy Chmura.



Unquiet Theatre brings the edgy, bold "Some Girls" to Workhouse.

By David Siegel
The Connection

he Workhouse continues to be a "go-to" incubator venue for new theater companies in Northern Virginia. Next up is Unquiet Theater Company and its production of Neil LaBute's "Some Girls." LaBute is a film director and screenwriter as well as a playwright.

The Workhouse marketing material described LaBute as "American theater's great agent provocateur" and the show is "by turns outrageously funny and deadly serious."

"Some Girls" focuses on a man only identified as "Guy," a college professor, who is newly engaged. "Guy" is a charmer who decides to visit his ex-girlfriends before his imminent marriage. Each of his ex's is from a different time in Guy's life. Each of the visits can be expected to be intense as Guy tries to explain himself and his actions. He had not treated his previous four girlfriends very

Where and When

Unquiet Theatre Company presents "Some Girls" at The Workhouse, W-3 Venue, 9601 Ox Road, Lorton. Performances: June 13, 14, 15, 20, 21, 22. Friday & Saturday evenings at 8 p.m. and Sunday matinees at 2 p.m. Tickets \$15-\$20. Call 571-402-5328 or visit www.unquiet-theatre.org. Note: Not recommended for children under the age of 16.

well. Two well-known male television stars have played Guy on stage including David Schwimmer ("Friends") in the London production and Eric McCormack ("Will and Grace") in the New York production. The New York production also featured Fran Drescher ("The Nanny").

Unquiet Theatre Company was founded by Northern Virginia's Katy Chmura. "I wanted to establish my own company because I wanted to be able to bring new and exciting works of art to the Northern Virginia area."

Chmura selected LaBute's "Some Girls" not only because it is "different," but because "it doesn't just skim the surface of relationships, it digs, pokes, and picks at them. It shows the true aftermath of a breakup. The show flows so naturally and is incredibly relatable, raw, and real," added Chmura, the production's director. The show requires "very strong and very versatile" actors.

Becca Harney who has been seen in recent Fairfax County productions at the Elden Street Players and Providence Players noted that her ex-girlfriend character speaks the truth for many women. "What she says to him is what every girl has ever wanted to say to a guy that breaks up with her."

When asked what she would like audiences to come away with seeing "Some Girls" Chmura said, "Honestly, I want audiences to really feel for the characters, even Guy who, most audience members, won't like in the least bit. I want audiences to be able to relate to at least one of the characters and to really have compassion for their story, no matter if it be good or bad."

FAITH NOTES

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Graduates' Recognition Sunday. Greater Little Zion Baptist Church, 10185 Zion Drive in Fairfax, will host Dr. James A. Williams, Assistant Professor at James Madison University and author of "From Thug to Scholar: An Odyssey to Unmask My True Potential," as the guest speaker for their Graduates' Recognition Sunday.

Sunday, June 8, at the 8 a.m. and 11 a.m. services.

The event and is free and the service is open to the public. For additional information, contact the church Admin Staff at 703-764-9111.

Fairfax Baptist Temple, at the corner of Fairfax County Parkway and Burke Lake Roads, holds a bible study fellowship at 9 a.m. Sundays followed by a 10 a.m. worship service. Nursery care and children's church also provided. 6401 Missionary Lane, Fairfax

Station, 703-323-8100 www.fbtministries.org.

The Guhyasamaja Buddhist Center, 10875 Main St., Fairfax City provides free classes to both newcomers and advanced practitioners of Tibetan Buddhism. The center emphasizes working with the mind and learning how to understand the workings of the mind, overcoming innner causes of suffering, while cultivating causes of happiness. Under the direction of Lama Zopa Rinpoche, the center is a place of study, contemplation and meditation. Visit http://www.guhyasamaja.org for more information.

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

First Baptist Church of Spring- field offers Sunday school at 9:15 a.m., followed by a 10:30 a.m. worship service at 7300 Gary St., Springfield. 703-451-1500 or www.fbcspringfield.org.

Clifton Presbyterian Church, 12748 Richards Lane, Clifton, offers Sunday worship services at 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Nursery care is provided. Christian education for all ages is at 9:45 a.m. 703-830-3175.

St. Andrew the Apostle Catholic Church, 6720 Union Mill Road, Clifton,

conducts Sunday masses at 7:30 a.m., 8:45 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. It also offers a Saturday vigil at 5:30 p.m. and a Thursday Latin mass at 7 p.m. 703-817-1770 or www.st-andrew.org.

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 8304 Old Keene Mill Road, Springfield, offers casual worship services on Saturday evenings at 5:30 p.m. featuring contemporary music. More traditional services take place on Sunday mornings at 8:15 and 11 a.m. Sunday School is from 9:45-10:45 a.m. for children and adults. The church also offers discussion groups for adults. 703-451-5855 or www.poplc.org.

Kirkwood Presbyterian Church, 8336 Carrleigh Parkway in Springfield, supports a Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) program on the first and third Wednesday of each month.

Meetings are 9:30-11:30 a.m. at the church. All mothers and children are welcome.

The program provides mothers an opportunity to get to know other mothers through discussions and craft activities. Register. 703-451-5320.

JCCNV Mother's Circle program, for women who are not Jewish but are raising Jewish children. Free education in Jewish rituals, practices and values, while respecting the participant's choice to retain her own religious identity.

Jewish Community Center of Northern Virginia, 8900 Little River Turnpike in Fairfax. Contact Laurie Albert, 703-537-3064 or HYPERLINK "mailto:LaurieA@jccnv.org" LaurieA@jccnv.org.

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West Springfield Baseball Wins Conference Final

Spartans capture first conference/ district title since 2009.

> By Jon Roetman The Connection

est Springfield se-Matt Meinhofer looked over at head coach Jason Olms, who returned a nod of acknowledgement. West Potomac pitcher Michael Barnes had been using a slow windup and the Spartan duo saw an opportunity to capitalize.

Meinhofer, who reached base via bunt single and was now at third, took a lead and broke toward the plate. The all-conference catcher arrived safely with a successful steal of home, extending West Springfield's lead to five runs in the bottom of the sixth inning while tying the program's singleseason record for stolen bases (25) in the process.

The West Springfield Spartans defeated the West Potomac Wolverines 8-5 on May 23 in the Conference 7 baseball tournament championship game at Tugwell Yards. In a meeting of the conference's top two seeds, No. 1 West Springfield spent the evening making things happen while No. 2 West Potomac suffered through mental lapses.

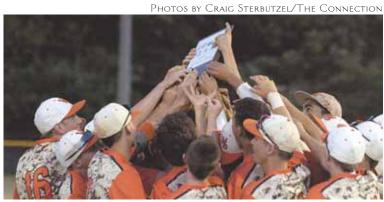
The Spartans bunted runners over. Their pitchers worked out of jams. Meinhofer stole home.

Meanwhile, two Wolverine base runners got picked off and another ran into a tag for the third out of an inning. An infielder forgot to cover a base, turning a West Springfield sacrifice bunt attempt into a hit. West Potomac pitchers hit four Spartan batters.

The result was a West Springfield celebratory dog pile near the mound and the program's first conference/district championship since 2009. The Spartans won a state title in 2010 and a region championship in 2012.

"In our locker room, we believed in each other and we knew we had a pretty good squad and we knew we had a lot of talent," Olms said. "We just had to put it all together and go out and compete."

The victory was also the next step in redemption for a decorated



The West Springfield baseball team celebrates winning the Conference 7 tournament on May 23.



West Springfield senior catcher Matt Meinhofer stole home in the sixth inning of the Spartans' 8-5 victory over West Potomac in the Conference 7 final on May 23.

program that finished the 2013 season on a sour note. Last season, the Spartans failed to qualify for regionals after losing to Lee, a program that has struggled in recent years, 5-4 in the opening round of the Patriot District tournament. West Springfield finished the 2013 campaign with a 9-12

"It definitely weighs a lot," Meinhofer said of last year's season-ending loss. "It was the first time, I think, in 30-something vears we didn't make it to the region tournament. We definitely had that in our minds."

After earning the top seed and receiving a first-round bye in the 2014 Conference 7 tournament, West Springfield's pitchers were well rested for the championship game. Staff ace and all-conference performer Brandon Padgett, who pitched three innings in the Spartans' semifinal victory over Annandale on Wednesday, got the start against West Potomac and earned the win. Padgett allowed one run and six hits over five innings. He walked two, hit one batter and struck out four.

"Brandon did an outstanding job just throwing strikes [and] pitching through some tough spots," Olms said. "When he's on the mound, I think we're comfortable [and] relaxed."

Padgett said having a pitchingto-contact approach requires trust in one's teammates.

"[It's about] just relying on everyone else, realizing we're a team, just [coming] together and then just [relaxing]," Padgett said. "That's the biggest thing: just have fun. That's what our coaches have been preaching to us this whole year: just have fun out there and don't make it like last year, because last year was so stressful."

West Springfield right fielder Joseph Basse went 2-for-3 with three RBIs. All-conference designated hitter Blake Bird was 3-for-4 with a double.

Meinhofer, Timothy Yonkers, Louis Perez, Adham Nabhan, and Thomas Meiller each had a hit for the Spartans. "We have played three bad games this year — [all against West Springfield]," Sullivan said. "As long as we're not playing them, we seem to play a good game. Right now, they've got our number for some reason."

West Springfield (16-6) will host Osbourn in the first round of the 6A North region tournament at 7 p.m. on Friday, May 30. West Potomac (14-8) will host Patriot at 4 p.m.

South County senior **Darwin** Vasquez (22)scored a goal against T.C. Williams in the Conference 7 championship match on May 22.



South County Falls In Championship Match

Stallions prove resilient in defeat against T.C. Williams.

By Jon Roetman The Connection

he South County boys' soccer team had a chance to take control of the Conference 7 championship match when senior Darwin Vasquez scored in the 57th minute on a windy evening at T.C. Williams High School.

Vasquez's goal tied the score at 1 and the Stallions would have the wind at their back for the remainder of the second half. South County failed to capitalize on the opportunity, however, rendering the Stallions' next goal a show of resiliency rather than a potential game-winner.

Top-seeded T.C. Williams defeated No. 7 South County 3-2 on May 22 to capture the Conference 7 title. After Vasquez netted the equalizer, TC sophomore Kevin Nunez's second goal gave the Titans a 2-1 advantage in the 60th minute. TC junior Eryk Williamson added an insurance goal in the 64th.

What happened after South County tied the match?

"The difference there is, 'Hey, we got one back,' and we ease off the gas a little bit," South County head coach Erich Gunderman said. "We've done that a lot."

didn't quit. With 6 minutes remaining, Darren Roe served the ball in with a corner kick and Diego Bermudez finished with a header, cutting the TC lead to 3-2. By then, however, it was

too little, too late.

"A lot of teams would have folded and it could have been [4-1] or 5-1, but 3-2 says a lot for the kids," Gunderman said. "They work hard, we just needed a little bit more in the first half.'

Nunez gave TC a 1-0 lead with a goal in the 27th minute.

South County reached the conference championship game despite finishing the regular season with a 2-9-2 record and entering the tournament as the last-place No. 7 seed. The Stallions upset West Springfield in the opening around and beat West Potomac in the semifinals before falling to TC.

"Hats off to South County," TC head coach Martin Nickley said. "What a thing for them to have been able to regroup in this sort of second season and really march into the finals. What a great job and I think they'll do well in regionals next week, as well. They played with a lot of heart. They didn't stop attacking and they kept believing."

South County entered the 6A North region tournament with a 4-10-2 record. The Stallions hosted Stonewall Jackson, the No. 3 seed from Conference 8, on Wednesday, after The Trailing 3-1, the Stallions Connection's deadline.

> "There are a lot of teams that would have loved to have been in the [conference final], and we sent two of them home," Gunderman said. "They're happy about that."

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Clifton Town Meeting Hall, 12641 Chapel Road, Clifton, Va.
20124 to consider a proposed FY2015 Town Budget. The
FY2015 proposed Town Budget will be posted the Town's
website (www.cliftonya.us). All interested parties are invited to website (www.cliftonva.us). All interested parties are invited to attend to express their views with respect to the proposed FY2015 Town Budget. Town residents are strongly urged to attend. The Regular Town Council meeting will follow.

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OBITUARY

Bernacki, Michael William

Mike, 61, passed away at home in Anthem, AZ from pancreatic cancer on March 19th, 2014. Mike was born in Philadelphia, PA on Aug. 28, 1952. Growing up he would spend summers in Long Island Beach on the Jersey Shore. He graduated from St. Vincent's College in Latrobe, PA. Mike graduated from St. Vincent's College in Latrobe, PA. Mike had a 30-year distinguished career in the FBI working in NYC and Quantico, VA. After retirement, he helped form Tactical Operations Support Services (TOSS) and served as an instructor for the company. He was an avid sports lover and a huge Philadelphia Eagles fan. He is survived by his mother Anne, wife Shira, daughter Heather (Matt) Wilkey and step-daughters Jessi and Amanda Calkins. He is predeceased by his wife of almost 20 years, Sherry Swank Bernacki. He was a kind, compassionate man and a loving father. A graveside service will be held on Saturday, June 7th at 10:30 in the morning at Fairfax Memorial Park, 4401 Burke Station Road in Fairfax, VA (GPS address). In lieu of flowers, the family respectfully requests a donation be made to the Wounded respectfully requests a donation be made to the Wounded

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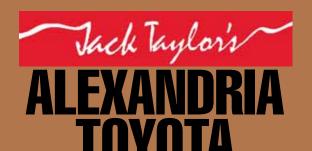
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This expanded Briarwood model features 5 bedroom, 4.5 baths, hardwood flooring throughout the main and upper level, two-story family room with fireplace, spacious tion room wet bar, bedroom, full bath and game room. Ngoc Do 703-798-2899



Springfield Glen

ormer model loaded with extras in 3,240 sq ft home with fin. LL walkout plus deck, patio, gazebo on 1/3rd acre backing to trees & common area. Extended 4/3/1 Barron - hardwoods, updated kitchen, sunroom, library, skylights & more. Walk to Metrobus & Rideshare. See photos www.CallMaryNow.com

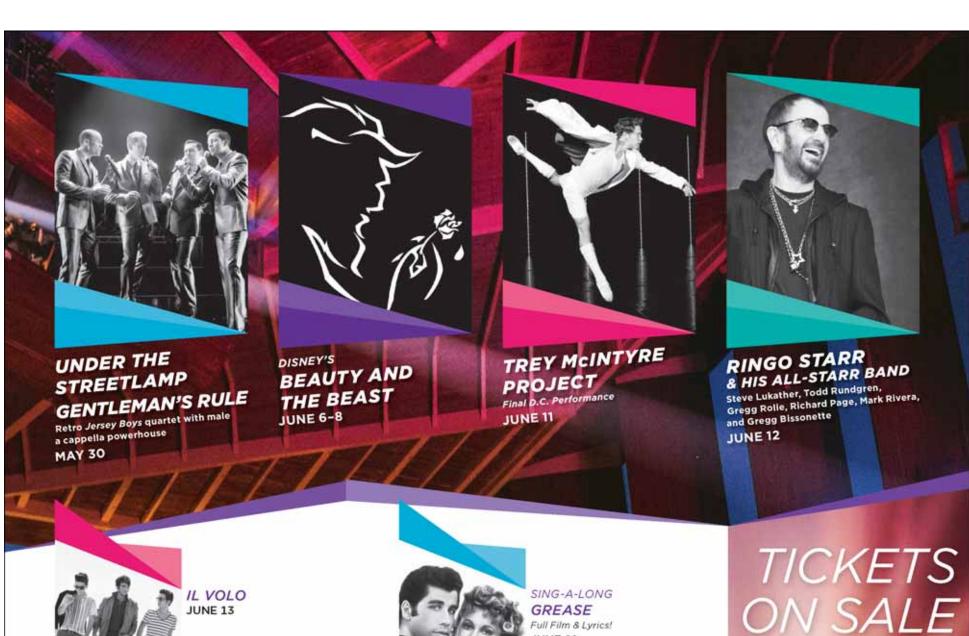
Mary LaRoche 703-919-0747



home is perfectly suited for country living! 4 BRs, 2.5 BAs, family room addition with vaulted ceiling & floor to ceiling windows, huge living room and two wood-burning fireplaces. Country kitchen has plenty of room for an extra dining table & lots of chairs. Deck off family room overlooks sweeping lawn, trees, and a large private pond Mary Wharton 703-795-0587

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JUNE 13

WOLF TRAP'S 25TH ANNUAL LOUISIANA SWAMP ROMP™

Big Sam's Funky Nation BeauSoleil avec Michael Doucet Stooges Brass Band JUNE 14

JOHN BUTLER TRIO ALLEN STONE JUNE 18

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GREASE Full Film & Lyrics! JUNE 21

BEN FOLDS

NATIONAL SYMPHONY **ORCHESTRA** Steven Reineke, conductor

JUNE 25

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The Joseph V. Gartlan Jr. Great Marsh Trail provides spectacular views of the 250-acre Great Marsh, one of the largest on the Potomac River.

This Summer, Escape Into Nature

Lorton area has low-priced nature getaways.

raveling along Gunston Road in Lorton, area residents have several choices when it comes to summer fun. On a small stretch of road, there's George Mason's Gunston Hall, Mason Neck State Park, Pohick Bay Regional Park, and The Joseph V. Gartlan Jr. Great Marsh Trail.

Residents looking for a weekend getaway that doesn't require long rides in the car or drains on their wallets should consider a camping trip to Pohick Bay Regional Park this summer. Entrance to the park is free for residents of Fairfax County. For a family of four to set up a traditional tent at a nonelectric site, the cost is \$28 per night.

For those who don't want to buy their own camping supplies, the Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority is now offering camper ready sites at Pohick Bay and Bull Run parks. For \$25, the package includes a tent, two chairs, lantern, and six pieces of firewood.

Pohick Bay also offers guided canoe and kavak tours, which allow visitors to the park to view birds in the area. There's also Treasure Island Miniature Golf for only \$3 per person, and disk golf for \$2 per person.

Also at Pohick Bay is the Pirate's Cove Waterpark. For those planning on visiting any of the NVRPA waterparks in the region this summer, consider buying a Bounce pass for \$85 and \$75 for each additional family member. The pass includes entry into all five NVRPA waterparks for one year from date of purchase.

On Saturday, June 7, pirates will battle and invade the park for the annual Pirate's Day celebration.



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Pirate's Cove Water Park, located at Pohick Bay Regional Park, features water-slides, a beach and a bucket that dumps 300 gallons of water.



The Joseph V. Gartlan Jr. Great Marsh Trail is wheel-chair accessible and only three fourths of a mile each way, making it perfect for the entire family. PHOTOS BY JANELLE GERMANOS/THE CONNECTION



Not far from the entrance to the Joseph V. Gartlan Jr. Great Marsh Trail is Pohick Bay Regional Park, which includes free admission for residents of Fairfax County. The park is also home to the Pirate's Cove Water Park.

Families who aren't quite ready for a full night camping, but who are looking for an afternoon with nature, should consider a visit to Mason Neck State Park. Mason Neck offers spectacular views of Belmont Bay, as well as miles of hiking trails. The park is known for its bird watching, particularly of

For an even shorter nature experience, there's the Joseph V. Gartlan Jr. Great Marsh Trail, part of the Elizabeth Hartwell Mason Neck National Wildlife Refuge. The handicap-accessible trail takes hikers through the woods and onto stunning views of the 250acre Great Marsh, one of the largest marshes on the Potomac River. Visitors will find dragonflies and pond lilies during the summer. It only takes 15 minutes to reach the marsh from the parking lot at the entrance to the trail, making it perfect for younger children who can't handle too much walking.

POHICK BAY REGIONAL PARK

703-339-6104 Kayak Tours at Pohick Bay * Morning Tours: 8 a.m. – noon 5/3, 6/1, 6/29, 7/26, 8/16, 8/24, 8/31, 9/21, 9/ 27, 10/11 * Evening Tours: 5 p.m. – 8 p.m.

5/10, 5/24, 7/20 Moonlight Tours: 7 p.m. - 10 p.m.

6/13, 7/12, 8/10, 9/12

MASON NECK STATE PARK INFORMATION

Admission: \$4 on Weekdays, \$5 on Weekends Park office: 703-339-2385 7301 High Point Road, Lorton, VA 22079

THE JOSEPH V. GARTLAN JR. **GREAT MARSH TRAIL**

Parking lot is on Gunston Road, in the Mason Neck Wildlife Refuge

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THURSDAYS THROUGH JULY Alexandria Boutiques Up Late.

Times vary by location. Accompanied by special block parties with in-store events emphasizing different sections of Alexandria's King Street, from 6-8 p.m. Thursdays from May 8-June 5, 2014. Boutiques will continue to remain open until 8 p.m. throughout July. Check website for specific hours and block party locations. Free. Visit www.OldTownBoutiqueDistrict.com for more.

THROUGH JUNE 16

Arlington National Cemetery

150th Anniversary Observation Join the 150th anniversary commemoration of the establishment as a National Cemetery. Features guided tours, lectures, and ceremonies. Ticketed and free. Check www.arlingtoncemetery.mil for

THURSDAY-SUNDAY/MAY 29-JUNE 1 MONDAY/JUNE 2

34th Annual Herndon Festival. The Town of Herndon's Parks and Recreation Department hosts the annual Herndon Festival. This is a town-wide event and attracts more than 80,000 people from the greater Washington, D.C. Metropolitan area. There is no admission fee to enter the Herndon Festival. Visit www.herndonfestival.net for more.

SATURDAY/MAY 31

Spring into Summer. 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Tysons West, 1500 Cornerside Blvd., Tysons Corner. Activities for all ages plus goodies, sidewalk chalking, nopscotch, and a bouncy house. Bring oikes for donation to Bikes for the World. Free. Rain or shine. 703-476-

Vintage VA Winefest Bus Trip. 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Clyde's, Reston Town Center, 11905 Market St., Reston. Hop on the All-Inclusive Vintage VA Winefest Bus, including VIP admission ticket, amenities and souvenirs \$49.99+. Call 703-251-4800.

SATURDAY/MAY 31-SUNDAY/JUNE 1

Great Tastes of Tysons. 1-6 p.m. Lerner Town Square at Tysons II, 8025 Galleria Drive, at the Tysons Corner Metro Stop (between Tysons Corner Mall and the Galleria). Enjoy a festival of all sorts of food. Visit www.tastetysons.com for more

Vintage Wine and Food Festival Bull Run Regional Park, 7700 Bull Run Drive, Centreville, A fun-filled day with food, musical entertainmen and more. Visit

www.vintagevirginia.com for more Clifton, Tournaments for Turf: Moonlight Madness. 6 p.m. Braddock Park, Braddock Road, Clifton. All night (begins 6 p.m., Sunday, May 31 and wraps up Sunday morning), co-ed adult softball extravaganza includes three-game, 55-minute game guarantee. \$275-\$300. Registration deadline: May 28. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/ tournaments-for-turf or call 703-324-

Great Falls Studios Spring Art Show & Sale. Saturday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday, 11 a.m.-8 p.m. 790 Walker Road, Great Falls, Twenty-five Great Falls Studios member artists painters in oil acrylic, watercolor and nixed media, potters, photographers, jewelers, fiber artists, a weaver and one who works in glass – are participating. Visit www.greatfallsstudios.com/

calendar.php for more. Springfield Days/Party in the Park. 8 a.m.-8:30 p.m., South Run Park,

7550 Reservation Drive, Springfield. Springfield Days is a comm celebration that includes a 5K run, "Pet Fest," car show and more. Movie in the Park begins at dusk. Visit

SUNDAY/JUNE 1

Cardboard Boat Regatta. 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Lake Accotink Park, 7500 Accotink Park Road, Springfield. Witness the cardboard boat creations race along Lake Accotink's shoreline at 2 p.m. \$4 vehicle fee. Call 703-569iulie.tahan@fairfaxcounty.gov. Visit www.springfielddays.com for more.

SUNDAYS/JUNE 1 -AUG. 17

Concerts on the Green. 6-8 p.m. Great Falls Village Green. Sundays in June, July and August. Visit www.gfvcca.com/concerts.htm for

Reston, Annual Golf Tournament 7:30 a.m. Hidden Creek Country Club, 1711 Clubhouse Road, Reston Proceeds to benefit local elementary schools. Register online at www.celebrategreatfalls.org.

WEDNESDAYS/JUNE 4- AUG. 27 Lee District Nights Concert Series.

7:30 p.m. Lee District Park Amphitheater, 6601 Telegraph Road Franconia. Enjoy a wide variety of acts from The Nighthawks to The U.S. Air Force Band. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/ performances/.

FRIDAY/JUNE 6

Go West! Alexandria West End

Food Truck Rodeo. 11 a.m.-7 p.m. Parking lot of Southern Towers Apartments, 4901 Seminary Road, Alexandria. Visitors can look forward to favorite trucks like the popular Red Hook Lobster truck, sips from local Port City Brewing Co. as well as nonfood vendors and children's activities. Free admission. Visit www.AlexandriaWEBA.com for more

FRIDAY/JUNE 6-SUNDAY/JUNE 8

Celebrate Fairfax! Festival. Friday: 6 p.m.-midnight; Saturday: 10 a.m.midnight; and Sunday: 11 a.m.-7p.m. Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax, Musical performances, rides games and food. Call 703-324-3247 or visit www.celebratefairfax.com/

FRIDAYS/JUNE 6-AUG. 22

Herndon Friday Night Live! 6:30 p.m. 777 Lynn Street, Herndon. Listen to great music on Friday nights during the summer. Visit herndonrocks.com/ schedule.php for more.

SATURDAY/JUNE 7

Alexandria, Canine Cruise, 11 a.m. Also July 19 and Aug. 9. Alexandria City Marina, 1 Cameron St., Alexandria. Tour the Alexandri Seaport on this 60-minute waterfron excursion. Dogs must be on 6 ft. flat leash at all times, \$15/adults; \$9/ children; dogs ride free. Call 703-684-

www.PotomacRiverboatCo.com/caninecruise.php.

SATURDAY/JUNE 7

Historic Fairfax City Walking Tours. 11 a.m. Ratcliffe-Allison House, 10386 Main St., Fairfax. Join a seasoned tour guide for a walk through the historic section of Fairfax, eaturing the Old Courthouse and other historic sites. Approximately 90 minutes, weather permitting. \$3-\$15. Call 703-385-8414.

SATURDAY-SUNDAY/ JUNE 7-8 Lake Anne Plaza's Chalk on the

Water Festival. 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Lake Anne Plaza Waterfront, 1609 Washington Plaza, Reston. If you ever wanted to paint the bricks without getting in trouble, all ages are velcome to paint Lake Anne Plaza in a Technicolor hue as participants turns the plaza into a chalk art gallery. \$5-\$15. Register at www.chalkonthewater.com for more.

SUNDAY JUNE 8

Lake Anne Summer Film Festival. 8 p.m. (sundown). Recurring monthly on the 2nd Sunday (July 13, Aug. 10 and Sept. 14). Lake Anne Plaza, 1609 Washington Plaza, Reston, For a full list of films shown, visit http:// lakeanneplaza.com/event/lake-annesummer-film-festival/

THURSDAYS/JUNE 12-26

Garden Stroll & Tea. 1-3 p.m. Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road, Alexandria. Tour some of the glorious demonstration gardens with a master gardener docent who will nspire you with stories of Green Spring past and present. Afterwards, traditional English afternoon tea served in 1784 historic house. Register online. \$29. Call 703-941-7987 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/ parks/greenspring for more.

FRIDAY-SATURDAY/JUNE 13-14

Taste of Reston. Friday: 3-11 p.m.; Saturday: noon-11 p.m. Reston Town Center, 11900 Market St., Reston. Carnival games and rides with a family fun zone. Visit www.restontaste.com for more

SATURDAY/JUNE 14

War of 1812 Commemoration Boat Cruise. Boarding at 6:45 p.m., cruise 7-10 p.m. Alexandria City Marina, 1 Cameron St. This tour includes period-inspired food, accounts of the Battle of the White House at Fort Belvoir and Fort Washington, \$75 \$100/sponsor-level. 703-746-4242. Visit www.VisitAlexandriaVA.com/ 1812 for more.

Art in the Courtyard. 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Lorton Station Town Center. Artists from the Workhouse Arts Center, the Torpedo Art Factory and Historic Occoquan will be featuring their works including paintings, jewelry, sculpture, photography, blown glass, pottery, wood work, and digital artwork. Visit

calendar-of-events.html for more. Once Upon a Time...(Costume Ball **Fundraiser).** 7:30-10 p.m. Workhouse Arts Center, 9601 Ox Rd, Lorton. The evening includes music dancing, silent auction, food, and performances by cabaret vocalists. Costumes with a fairy-tale theme are not required for entry, but there will be door prizes for the most imaginative costumes. Admission is limited, so early reservations are strongly recommended. \$40. Visit www.workhousearts.org or call 703-

Tasting Party: Teas of Korea. 10:30 a.m.- 12 p.m. Green Spring Gardens, Green Springs Road, Alexandria. Korean teas reflect the country's rich forest landscapes. Sample and access some of these delicious tisanes served with traditional Korean foods. \$25. Call 703-941-7987.

Free, Call 703-838-4565 or visit www.VisitAlexandriaVA.com/ arts2014 for more.

Celebrate Fairfax takes place Friday,

June 6 - Sunday, June 8, at the Fairfax

County Government Center, 12000 Gov-

ernment Center Parkway, Fairfax.

Friday, June 6: 6 p.m.-midnight; Satur-

day, June 7: 10 a.m.-midnight; and

Sunday, June 8: 11 a.m.-7 p.m. Visit

http://celebratefairfax.com/ for details.

Air & Space Museum Parkway, Chantilly. See 50 visiting vintage SATURDAY-SUNDAY/ JUNE 14-15 recreational, military, and homebuilt aircraft, on display outside the Center **Engine #62 Trackless Train Rides** for one day only. Talk to pilots and find out what skills are needed to fly.

Become a Pilot Family Day and

Aviation Display. 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

Inside the Center, test your piloting

Visit http://becomeapilot.si.edu for

Teams of two compete in an 18-hole

scramble format in three divisions:

Father/Jr. 7-12; Father/Jr. 13-17;

Father/Adult partner. Closest to the

pin contests. Prizes for 1st, 2nd, 3rd

first 48 teams. Registration begins

includes lunch. Call 703-323-1641.

The Old Town Arts and Crafts Fair

in collaboration with ArtsFEST.

2-8 p.m. Market Square, 301 King St.,

Alexandria and the Torpedo Factory

Art Center, 105 N. Union St. Visitors

can browse artisan stalls and purchase

entertainment, or watch performances

handmade pieces while enjoying live

and participate in special activities.

Fee due at time of registra

SATURDAY/JUNE 14

place in all three divisions. Limited to

two weeks prior to event. \$65/team.

skills in flight simulators, talk to

National Air & Space Museum, 14390

Emma and Jack Carey with mom Tara Carey, of

Centreville, meet one of the donkeys at the petting

zoo at the three-day 2013 Celebrate Fairfax Festival.

at Lake Fairfax. 1400 Lake Fairfax Drive, Reston. Hit the pool and hitch a ride on the trackless train, running on the second week of June, July, and aviation experts, and enjoy story time Aug. Special runs also May 31, June , and July 4. Watermine park opens and hands-on activities with the kids. May 24. \$3. Call 703-471-5416.

Father's Day Golf Tournament. SUNDAY/JUNE 15 Burke Lake Golf Center, 7315 Ox Road, Fairfax Station. 8 a.m.-12 p.m

Free Father's Day Museum Tours. 1-5 p.m. Gadsby's Tayern Museum. 134 N. Royal St., Alexandria. Stabler Leadbeater Apothecary Museum, 105-107 S. Fairfax St., Alexandria. Free for visiting fathers. Call 703-746-4242 or visit www.VisitAlexandriaVA.com/ calendar-of-events/summer.

Sully Antique Car Show. Sully Historic Site, 3650 Historic Sully Way, Chantilly, Up to 400 cars on show field, restoration displays, tour the historic house, music and food, kid's tent, flea market, cars for sale. \$10 for adults, \$8 for seniors, and \$6 per child. Historic house will be open at no additional cost. Visit ww.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/sully-

historic-site. 5th Annual Father's Day Pig Roast. 2 p.m. Paradise Springs Winery. 13219 Yates Ford Road, Clifton. Join

www.ConnectionNewspapers.com

us for our 5th annual Father's Day

gourmet Cuban Lechung Pig Roast. Call to RSVP 703-830-9463.

SATURDAY/JUNE 21

Alex Childs, of Springfield,

midway game Wipeout at

tests his agility in the

the three-day 2013 Cel-

ebrate Fairfax Festival

Clifton Wine Festival. 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Children's Park, 7140 Main St., Clifton. Visit historic Clifton, with wine, food, music and arts and crafts to make it a celebration. Rain or shine. Visit www.cliftonwine.com for

3rd Annual Alexandria Food & Wine Festival. Noon-5 p.m. John Carlyle Square, 300 John Carlyle St.

Alexandria. At this event enjoy live entertainment, children's activities food and wine tasting and a food and dessert competition between local restaurants. Free (tickets required for food and wine samples). 703-746-5592. Visit www.AlexandriaFoodandWine.com

Frying Pan Farm Arts in the Parks. Strawberry Festival. 2 p.m. Ellanor C. Lawrence Park, 5040 Walney Road, 10-11 a.m. Frying Pan Farm Park Amphitheater, 2739 West Ox Road Chantilly. Play croquet, savor strawberry ice cream and learn school Herndon. Entertain children, teach lessons about Machens grove. Visit them the importance of protecting our www.parktakes.fairfaxcounty.gov for natural resources, introduce them to live entertainment in an informal kid-**Ballroom Social Dance.** 7:30-10:30 friendly atmosphere, and forge a

p.m. Workhouse Arts Center, 9601 Ox Road, Lorton. Put on your dancing shoes and come out to the Workhouse for an evening of social ballroom dance. Bring a friend, a date or a group and enjoy a casual, fun night out. Visit www.workhousearts.org for

www.ConnectionNewspapers.com

Celebrate Fairfax

Celebrate Fairfax!, Northern three-day run.

The 25-acre site is filled with more than 300 exhibitors, food vendors, crafters and interactive activities. Celebrate Fairfax! showcases live concerts on eight stages, ExxonMobil Children's Avenue, a petting zoo, the Fairfax County Karaoke Championship, carnival rides, and great festival foods. Another fun activity for children is the Inova Train Ride.

Nightly fireworks, presented by Leidos, are a highlight of the festival, and one of many great family programs. This year's Bud Light Main Stage features top national headline performers: The All American Rejects, Cheap Trick and The Hunts.

a volunteer, sponsor, performing artist, or simply to attend, visit http://celebratefairfax.com/, or contact the Celebrate Fairfax, Inc. office at 703-324-3247.

Herndon Centennial Golf Course

Short Game Challenge. 8 a.m.

909 Ferndale Ave., Herndon, 703

www.herndongolf.com for more

Sundaes in the Park. 1 p.m. Hidden

Oaks Nature Center, 7701 Royce St.

Annandale. Bring the family for a

by the campfire area for a ice crean

Create your own confection with the

toppings and enjoy a scoop of farm

WEDNESDAYS/JUNE 25-AUG. 20

fresh vanilla ice cream while it lasts.

sundae before or after your visit.

www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/

Sunday stroll along the paths around

Hidden Oaks Nature Center and stop

SUNDAY/JUNE 22

471-5769. Visit

Sundaes \$2. Visit

Call 703-437-9101.

FRIDAYS/JUNE 27-AUG. 29

or Royal Lake Park, 5344

Braddock Nights Concert Series.

7:30-8:30 p.m. Lake Accotink Park.

7500 Accotink Park Road, Springfield

hidden-oaks for more.

Virginia's largest communitywide celebration, takes place June 6-8 at the Fairfax County Government Center. Presented by Celebrate Fairfax, Inc, the annual festival hosts tens of thousands of visitors during the

For more information on any of the festival's programs, or to become a part of the festival as

Gainsborough Drive, Fairfax. Listen to musical performances in the great outdoors. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/ performances/ for location and

SATURDAY/JUNE 28

Del Ray Music Festival. Noon-9 p.m. 2701 Commonwealth Ave., Alexandria. This event will feature local food vendors, children's activities and a variety of live music ranging in genre from reggae to jazz, blues to rock. Free. Visit www.DelRayMusicFestival.com for

SATURDAYS/JUNE 28-AUG. 23

Burke Arts in the Parks. 10-11 a.m. Burke Lake Park Amphitheater, 7315 Ox Road, Fairfax Station. Entertain children, teach them the importance of protecting our natural resources, introduce them to live entertainment in an informal kid friendly atmosphere, and forge a connection between kids and parks. Call 703-323-6601.

Mason District Arts in the Parks. 10-11 a.m. Mason District Park Amphitheater, 6621 Columbia Pike, Annandale. Entertain children, teach them the importance of protecting our natural resources, introduce them to live entertainment in an informal kid friendly atmosphere, and forge a connection between kids and parks.703-941-1730.

E.C. Lawrence Arts in the Parks. 10-11 a.m. E.C. Lawrence Park Amphitheater, 5040 Walney Road Chantilly. Entertain children, teach them the importance of protecting our natural resources, introduce them to live entertainment in an informal kid friendly atmosphere, and forge a connection between kids and parks 703-631-0013.

SUNDAY/JUNE 29

2nd Annual Tour de Tysons Bicycle **Races**. 7:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Jones Branch Drive, Tysons Corner. Ten bicycle races, food trucks and vendors. The Tour de Tysons is a fun experience for the whole family compete or simply enjoy. Visit www.tysonspartnership.com for more

Summer Concert Series: The United States Navy Band, The Commodores. 6-7 p.m. 14390 Air & Space Museum Parkway, Chantilly, Listen to a free musical performance on the Museum's lawn. Visit http:// airandspace.si.edu/events/ detail.cfm?id=10362 for more

FRIDAY/JULY 4 **Great Falls Fourth of July**

Celebration. 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Great Falls Village Centre, 776 Walker Road, Great Falls. Walk/run, parades festivities, fun and food. Fireworks at Turner Farm Park on Saturday, July 6. Visit www.celebrategreatfalls.org for more. Lorton's Fourth of July Parade. 11

a.m.-2 p.m. VRE Parking Lot, 8990 Lorton Station Blvd., Lorton. Lorton's fourth annual Independence Day parade.

ount Vernon's An American Celebration. 8 a.m.-5 p.m. George Washington's Mount Vernon, 3200

Mount Vernon Memorial Highway, Mount Vernon. Fireworks in patriotic colors fired over the Potomac River. The event also includes an inspirational naturalization ceremony for 100 new citizens, military reenactments, a special wreath-laying ceremony, free birthday cake for all and a visit from the "first" first

START SUMMER OFF AT WOLF TRAP

As America's National Park for the Performing Arts, Wolf Trap plays a valuable leadership role in both the local and national performing arts communities. A typical season at Wolf Trap includes theatre, and musical performances ranging from country to pop to orchestra. Wolf Trap, 1645 Trap Road in Vienna, is accessible from the Metro and parking is free. Visit www.wolftrap.org for more.

FRIDAY-SUNDAY/JUNE 6-8

Disney's Beauty and the Beast. "Be Our Guest!" Belle and her enchanted entourage prove love conquers all in this family-favorite musical with an Oscar-winning score featuring "Something There" and "If I Can't Love Her." Tickets: \$22-\$80.

WEDNESDAY/JUNE 11

Trev McIntvre Project. 8:30 p.m In their final DC performance, this nventive and bold contemporary ballet company performs to Queen's glam-rock stylings. Tickets: \$10-\$44.

THURSDAY/JUNE 12

Ringo Starr & His All Starr **Band.** 8 p.m. Celebrate an era with a band of rock 'n' roll virtuosos from the Beatles Santana, Toto, and more. Tickets: \$35-\$65

FRIDAY/JUNE 13

Il Volo. 8 p.m. Pop-opera trio of Italian teen heartthrobs combines soaring voices with playful charm. Tickets: \$30-\$65.

SATURDAY/JUNE 14

Louisiana Swamp Romp. 2 p.m. The Big Easy party is back! Dance to Louisiana's hottest Cajun zvdeco, and brass bands and jump in the second line parade. Tickets:

WEDNESDAY/JUNE 18

John Butler Trio. 7:30 p.m. There's nothing "Better Than" acoustically driven roots-rock and reggae ballads from heartfelt Australian multi-instrumentalists. Tickets: \$32-\$40

Daryl Hall & John Oates. 8 p.m.

Hall of Famers are the most

Pixar in Concert. 8:30 p.m. All

on the big screen including

Monsters, Inc., paired with

your favorite animated Pixar films

Finding Nemo, Up, Toy Story, and

memorable scores played by the

National Symphony Orchestra.

Grease Sing-A-Long. 8:30 p.m. Rev

mate summer night with the

Rydell High gang and sing-a-long

with the hits you're hopelessly

devoted to as the original 1978

the lawn with lyrics on screen.

up your vocal chords for an

successful pop duo of all time.

Still making your dreams come

true with unforgettable soul and

rock anthems, these Rock and Roll

THURSDAY/JUNE 19

Tickets: \$35-\$60.

FRIDAY/JUNE 20

Tickets: \$30-\$58.

SATURDAY/JUNE 21

Tickets: \$25-\$38.

WEDNESDAY/JUNE 25

Beethoven's 9th. 8:15 p.m. Triumphant performance of Beethoven's "Ode to Joy" masterpiece and more by preeminent singers and one of the world's leading orchestras in its only 2014 DC-area appearance. Tickets: \$25-\$65.

Pixar in Concert: Watch

mated Pixar films on the

all your favorite ani-

big screen including

Finding Nemo, Up, Toy

Story, and Monsters, Inc.,

The Sing-Off showcases his new

arrangements of pop hits with the

piano concerto and orchestral

National Symphony Orchestra.

Handel Giulio Cesare. Check

website for exact showtimes (also

on Sunday, June 29 and Tuesday,

July 1). New production, sung in

Italian with English supertitles.

Inside the Opera preshow talk

begins one hour before curtain.

paired with memorable

scores played by the

National Symphony

Orchestra June 20.

Tickets: \$25-\$60.

FRIDAY/JUNE 27

Tickets: \$36-\$88.

SATURDAY/JUNE 28

SUNDAY/JUNE 29

Diana Ross. 8 p.m. Motown's supreme legend has inspired generations of singers with an endless stream of No. 1 hits from "You Can't Hurry Love" to "I'm Coming Out." Tickets: \$35-\$60. Handel Giulio Cesare. Check

website for exact showtimes (also on Tuesday, July 1). New production, sung in Italian with English supertitles. Inside the Opera preshow talk begins one hour before curtain. Tickets: \$36-

TUESDAY/JULY 1

Pilobolus. 8:30 p.m. Wild creativity and daring, athletic modern dance Tickets: \$10-\$48 Handel Giulio Cesare. Check website for exact showtime. New production, sung in Italian with English supertitles. Inside the Opera preshow talk begins one hour before curtain. Tickets: \$36-

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Ben Folds. 8:15 p.m. Front man of

couple, "General and Mrs. Washington," Visit www.mountvernon.org for

Herndon 4th of July Celebration.

6:30 p.m. Bready Park at the Herndon Community Center, 814 Ferndale Ave., Herndon. A family-fun event featuring games, arts and craft activities, bingo, food face painting, balloon artists, and fireworks. Visit www.herndon-va.gov for more.

Fairfax's Independence Day Celebration. 10 a.m.-10:30 p.m. in the Downtown Fairfax Historic District. Independence day parade, historical tours, games,

entertainment and fireworks. Visit www.fairfaxva.gov/about-us/specialevents/independence-day-celebration for more.

Vienna 4th of July Festival and Fireworks Show. 11 a.m.-9 p.m. Live musical entertainment, arts and crafts for kids, antique and classic car show and fireworks. Visit www.viennava.gov for more.

SATURDAY/JULY 12

Obon Festival. 5:30 -9 p.m. Highlighting Japanese culture at Ekoji Buddhist Temple, 6500 Lakehaven Lane, Fairfax Station. Visit www.ekoji.org for more.

USA & Alexandria Birthday

Celebration. 7:30-10 p.m. at Oronoco Bay Park, 100 Madison St., Alexandria. Enjoy a concert by the Alexandria Symphony Orchestra. birthday cake, food and fireworks. The evening culminates in Tchaikovsky's "1812 Overture." Free. Visit www.alexandriava.gov for more.

SATURDAY-SUNDAY/JULY 12-13

Fort Ward Civil War Reenactment

Weekend. Saturday: 10 a.m.-5 p.m. and Sunday: 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at Fort Ward Museum & Historic Site, 4301 W. Braddock Road, Alexandria. To commemorate the 150th anniversary of the Battle of Fort Stevens, Fort Ward Museum & Historic Site will feature an interpretation of the historic battle, highlights of Union and Confederate camps, military and civilian living history activities and a President Lincoln interpreter. Suggested donation \$2/adults, \$5/ families. Call 703-746-4848 or visit www.AlexandriaVA.gov/FortWard for more.

SATURDAY/JULY 19

Clifton Film Festival. 4 p.m. Workhouse Arts Center, 9601 Ox Road, Lorton. Clifton Film Fest is an award winning indoor and outdoor film festival. Original films made by the surrounding community are

showcased. Visit www.cliftonfilmfest.com/index.html for more.

August

SATURDAY-SUNDAY/AUG. 2- SEPT. 7

4th Annual Workhouse Clay National Ceramics Exhibition. at McGuireWoods Gallery, 9601 Ox Rd, Lorton. View the breadth of contemporary ceramic artwork being created throughout the USA during the Workhouse Clay National Ceramics Exhibition. Visit www.workhousearts.org for more.

SUNDAY/AUG. 3

Bolivian Independence Day Children's Festival. 4:30 p.m. GMU, Center for the Arts, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. A Bolivian Independence Day celebration complete with dance, music and singing. Tickets: \$10-\$15. Visit www.proboliviausa.org for more.

TUESDAY/AUG. 5

National Night Out. 6- 9 p.m. Strengthen community connections and heighten crime-prevention awareness in the City of Fairfax. Visit www.bonniebrae.net for more.

WEDNESDAY-SUNDAY/AUG. 6-10

Arlington County Fair. Thomas Jefferson Community Center, 3501 Second St. South. Indoor and outdoor activities. Visit arlingtoncountyfair.us for more.

SATURDAY/AUG. 23

Wags 'N Whiskers. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. The Village at Shirlington, 2700 S Quincy Street, Arlington. Wags n' Whiskers is a community-oriented event for animal-loving shoppers of all ages to spend an afternoon at The Village at Shirlington with their pet. The event features 50+ onsite exhibitors ranging from pet services and accessories to onsite adoptions. In addition to the onsite exhibitors, Wags n' Whiskers hosts pet photos (\$5), live music, demonstrations and children's activities such as face painting, balloon art, strolling entertainment and more. Visit villageatshirlington.com for more.

SUNDAY/AUG. 24

27th Annual Pakistan **Independence Day Festival** USA. Noon at Bull Run Regional Park, 7700 Bull Run Drive, Centreville. The Pakistan Independence Day Festival includes musical performances, rides and www.pakistanfestivalusa.com for

September

SATURDAY-SUNDAY/SEPT.6-7

37th Annual Burke Centre

Festival. Saturday: 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday: 11 a.m.-5 p.m. at Conservancy Festival Grounds, 6060 Burke Centre Parkway, Burke. Enjoy face painting, food, rides, and other amusements. Visit

www.burkecentreweb.com for more.

SATURDAY/SEPT. 6-SUNDAY/SEPT. 28

Live Onstage: Alice in

Wonderland. 1 p.m. at Workhouse Arts Center, 9601 Ox Road, Lorton. Featuring songs based on the poetry from the original text, the Cheshire Cat, the Red Queen, the White Rabbit and the rest of the cast will be on hand as Alice adventures through Wonderland. \$8-\$12. Visit www.workhousearts.org or call 703-584-2900.

THURSDAY/SEPT11-THURSDAY/SEPT18

Fairfax's Fall for the Book

Festival. 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. Enjoy literature and hear authors give readings at the Fall for the Book Festival. Visit www.fallforthebook.org for more.

SATURDAY/SEPT. 20

Dulles Day Plane Pull. 10:30 a.m.-4 p.m. at Dulles International Airport, Dulles. The 2014 Dulles Day Family Festival & Plane Pull is a full day of excitement with airplane and auto exhibits, the children's zone and bus pull, varied displays and activities, vendors, food and entertainment. Visit www.planepull.com for more.

Irish Folk Festival. 12-6 p.m. Sherwood Community Center, 3740 Old Lee Highway, Fairfax. Traditional Irish dancing and music. Visit www.fairfaxva.gov/about-us/ special-events/fairfax-irish-folkfestival

FARMERS MARKETS

SATURDAYS

Arlington Farmers Market at

Courthouse. Adjacent to the Arlington County Courthouse Parking Lot, at the intersection of N. Courthouse Road and N. 14th Street. This is a 'producer only' market with more than 30 producers. From January through March, the market is open on Saturdays 9 a.m.-noon. Visit www.arlingtonfarmersmarket.com for a list of vendors.

Clarendon Farmers Market. Year-round, has locally produced breads and pastries, organic vegetables, flowers, soap, sorbet and more. Saturdays and Sundays, 8 a.m.-noon at Courthouse Parking Lot, 3195 North Wilson Blvd, Arlington. Also year round on Wednesdays from 3-7 p.m. at Clarendon Metro Station. Visit www.Clarendon.org. Call 703-812-8881.

Old Town Farmers Market. 7

a.m.-noon Saturdays, year round. Sells meat, dairy, fish, fruits and vegetables. Local farmers and artists have been selling products there since 1753. Market Square, 301 King St., Alexandria. Call 703-746-3200 or contact oldtownfarmersmarket@ alexandriava.gov.

Del Ray Farmers Market. 8 a.m.-noon Saturdays, year round. Features fresh vegetables and fruits in season, meats, eggs, fresh pasta and sauces, Amish cheese, yogurt, bakery goods and more. Located at the corner of East Oxford and Mount Vernon avenues, Alexandria. Contact pmiller1806@comcast.net.

Mount Vernon Farmers Market. 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturdays, May 31-Oct. 18. Fresh local food, artisan crafts, live music, kids activities, cooking demonstrations and special events. Corner of Cleveland Ave. and Snoqualmie St., Mount Vernon. Visit

www.mountvernonfarmersmarket.org. Burke Farmers Market. 8 a.m. noon. Saturdays, May 3-Nov. 22. 5671 Roberts Parkway, Burke. www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/ farmersmarkets/burkemkt.htm

Reston Farmers Market. 8 a.m. noon. Saturdays, May 3-Nov. 9. Named the best farmers market in Northern Virginia by Virginia Living Magazine. Lake Anne Village Center, 11401 North Shore Drive, Reston. www.restonfarmersmarket.com.

Oakton Farmers Market. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Year round. Unity of Fairfax Church, 2854 Hunter Mill Road, Oakton.

www.smartmarkets.org/ **Springfield Farmers Market.** 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Springfield Mall, 6417 Loisdale Road, Springfield.

www.smartmarkets.org. **Great Falls Farmers Market.** 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Year round. Great Falls Village Centre, 778 Walker

Road, Great Falls. www.celebrategreatfalls.org/ FarmersMarket.html.

Vienna Farmers Market. 8 a.m.-12 p.m. Faith Baptist Church Parking Lot, 301 Center Street South, Vienna.

www.viennafarmersmarket.com. Fairfax Farmers Market. 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturdays, May 10-Nov. 1. 10500 Page Avenue, Fairfax. www.fairfaxsaturdaymarket.com.

SUNDAYS

Clarendon Farmers Market.

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Anne Plaza features artisans, global imports and health products



8 a.m.-noon at Courthouse Parking Lot, 3195 North Wilson Blvd. Visit www.Clarendon.org. 703-812-8881.

Four Mile Run Farmers & Artisans Market. 9 a.m.-1 p.m Sundays from April 27-November. Brings fresh nutritious foods to people of all

income levels. Located at the entrance to Four Mile Run Park at 4109 Mount Vernon Ave., Alexandria. Visit www.4mrmarket.org/ for more. West End Farmers Market, 8:30

a.m.-1 p.m. Sundays from May-November. Fresh, locally grown, inseason vegetables. Vendors also sell fresh-squeezed orange juice, freshbaked pastries and more. Located at Ben Brenman Park, 4800 Brenman Park Drive, Alexandria. Visit

www.westendfarmersmarket.org. **Lorton Farmers Market.** 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Sundays, May 4-Nov. 2. Featuring fresh produce, a Swiss bakery and potted plants and herbs. VRE Parking Lot, 8990 Lorton Station Boulevard, Lorton. www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/ farmersmarkets/lortonmkt.htm

McLean Farmers Market. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Parking lot of the National Automobile Dealers Association 8400 Westpark Drive, McLean. www.smartmarkets.org/

Tysons Farmers Market. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. NADA Campus, Greensboro & Westpark Drive. www.tysonspartnership.org

Fairfax Farmers Market. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Sundays, May 11-Oct. 26. 10500 Page Avenue, Fairfax. www.fairfaxsaturdaymarket.com/

Fair Lakes Farmers Market. 9 a.m.-1 p.m. 4501 Market Commons Drive, Fairfax. www.greentowns.com/ initiative/farmers-market/fair-lakes farmers-market-fairfax-va.

TUESDAYS

The Crystal City FRESHFARM

Market is open April-November on Tuesdays, 3-7 p.m. with a selection of foods and goods from local producers, in front of 251 S. 18th St, Arlington. Visit www.crystalcity.org.

WEDNESDAYS

Mount Vernon Farmers Market. 11

a.m.-4 p.m. Wednesdays, June 4-Sept. 24. Fresh local food, artisan crafts, live music, kids activities, cooking demonstrations and special events. 415 E Kincaid St., Mount Vernon. www.mountvernon farmersmarket.org/

Wakefield Farmers Market. 2-6 p.m. Wednesdays, May 7-Oct. 29. Features an average of 21 vendors including a fish vendor, knife sharpener and soap vendor. Cooking demonstrations and live music some weeks. 8100 Braddock Road, Annandale. www.wakefieldfarmersmarket.com/

Reston Farmers Market. 3-7 p.m. 12001 Sunrise Valley Drive, Reston. www.smartmarkets.org.

Frying Pan Farmers Market. 8 a.m.-12:30 p.m. 2709 West Ox Road, Herndon.

www.farmersmarketfryingpan.novaantiques.com.
Fair Lakes Farmers Market.

3:30-7 p.m. 4501 Market Commons Drive, Fairfax. www.greentowns.com/initiative/ farmers-market/fair-lakesfarmers-market-fairfax-va.

THURSDAYS

Rosslyn Farmers Market and

Concert. 11 a.m.-2 p.m.. Thursdays, May 29-Sept. 25, across the street from Cupid's Garden Sculpture, 1401 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, The market offers fresh foods and goods from regional vendors including bread and pastries, farm-fresh and organic produce, herbs and spices, exotic teas and specialty coffees Visit www.rosslynva.org/do/ rosslyn-farmers-market1.

Annandale Farmers Market. 8 a.m.-12 p.m. Thursdays, May 2-Nov. 7. Featuring a master gardener plant clinic on site to answer questions about plants and landscaping. Mason District Park, 6621 Columbia Pike, Annandale. 703-941-1730. www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/

farmersmarkets/ annandalemkt.htm

Herndon Farmers Market. 8 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Thursdays, May 1-Nov. 13. Twelve Vendors sell a variety of products including kettle corn and fresh made Italian pasta. Old Town Herndon, 700 Block of Lynn St, Herndon. www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/ farmersmarkets/herndonmkt.htm

Fairfax's Government Center Farmers Market. 3-7 p.m.

Thursdays, May 1-Oct. 30. Ten vendors including a Middle Eastern delicacy bakery and custom organic ice cream shop.Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax. www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/ farmersmarkets/governmentcntrmrkt.htm

Lorton Farmers Market. 3-7 p.m. Thursdays. New Hope Church, 8905 Ox Road, Lorton. www.smartmarkets.org.

FRIDAYS

McLean Farmers Market. 8 a.m.-12 p.m. Fridays, May 2-Nov. 21. Vendors include an orchard and

winery company and specialty berry farm. 1659 Chain Bridge Road, McLean.

www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/ farmersmarkets/mcleanmkt.htm Kingstowne Farmers Market. 4-

7 p.m. Fridays, May 2-Oct. 31. Giant Parking Lot, 5955 Kingstowne Towne Center, Alexandria. www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/ farmersmarkets/ kingstownemkt.htm

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Paint Herndon. At ArtSpace Herndon, 750 Center Street, Herndon. An allday celebration of the arts and the anniversary of the opening of ArtSpace Herndon. Visit www.artspaceherndon.com for more.

Tysons BBQ, Bourbon and Beer.

Tysons Townsquare. Join us at the festival for a great day of beer sippin', bourbon tastin', music listenin', cigar smokin', and barbeque eatin'. Visit www.beerandbourbon.com/tysons/ show-info for more.

SATURDAY-SUNDAY/SEPT. 20-21

Colonial Market & Fair, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. George Washington's Mount Vernon, 3200 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway, Mount Vernon. Fifty colonial-attired artisans demonstrate 18th-century crafts and sell traditional wares such as baskets. woodcarvings, tin and ironwork, leatherworkings, weavings, furniture, and much more. Visit $www.mountvernon.org\ for\ more.$

2nd Annual Arlington Festival of the Arts. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Highland Street in the Clarendon District, Arlington. More than 100 artists will showcase their work including paintings, jewelry, pottery, glass, and much more. Visit artfestival.com for

SUNDAY/SEPT. 21

Herndon Kids Triathlon. 8 a.m. Herndon Community Center, 814 Ferndale Ave., Herndon. This event is designed for youth ages 6-16, regardless of athletic ability or prior triathlon experience. The courses and distances were created to be achievable for all participants. Visit www.herndon-va.gov for more.

SATURDAY/SEPT. 27

Clarendon Day Run. 7-9:30 a.m., Corner of North Highland Street and Wilson Blvd., Arlington. Kick off the Clarendon Day Festival with a 10K, 5K, and a Kids Dash. \$10-\$55. Visit runpacers.com/race/clarendon-day-10k-5k-kids-dash for more.

Reston Multicultural Festival. 11 a.m.-6 p.m., Lake Anne Plaza, Reston. The Reston Multicultural Festival celebrates all the entertainment. dress, food, and cultural treasures from all over the world that are all here in Reston. Rain or shine. Free.

www.restoncommunitycenter.com/ MulticulturalFestival.shtml

SUNDAY/SEPT. 28

Walk to End Alzheimer's. 2 p.m. Reston Town Center, 11900 Market Street, Reston. Help raise money and support for treatment for Alzheimer's Disease at the annual Walk to End Alzheimer's. Visit act.alz.org/ for

NatureFest. 1-5 p.m. Runnymede Park, 195 Herndon Parkway, Herndon. A family-focused event to explore various stations throughout the park that include hands-on activities, educational events, wildlife visitors and crafts. Visit herndon va.gov for more.

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THROUGH SEPT. 26

Baseball Boat to Nationals Park.

imes vary upon Nationals schedule Departs from the Alexandria Marina, 1 Cameron St., Alexandria. Take a cruise from Old Town to Nationals Park along the Potomac River. Onlineticket purchases include free parking. 703-684-0580. Visit

www.BaseballBoat.com for more.



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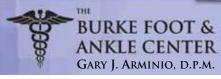


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Summer Fun Food Arts Entertainment

Celebrate Fairfax! Returns June 6-8

orthern Virginia's largest communitywide event, the 33rd annual Celebrate Fairfax! Festival, is set to take place June 6-8, 2014 on the grounds of the Fairfax County Government Center at 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax. The Celebrate Fairfax! Festival features 25 acres of amazing concerts, family programs, green living, thrilling carnival rides and nightly fireworks. Among the festival's highlights are the more than 120 concerts and performances on eight stages, with an exceptional lineup of national, regional and local artists. Included are three fantastic headlining performances.

2014 Headline Entertainment Schedule for the Bud Light Main Stage:

❖ Friday, June 6, at 8 p.m. — THE ALL-AMERI-CAN REJECTS

Starting out in 2003 with their self-titled platinum debut, followed by a double platinum release of Move Along in 2005 including singles "Move Along," "Dirty Little Secrets," and "It Ends Tonight," The All-American Rejects continued to soar the charts with their third album When the World Comes Down in 2008. Their single "Gives You Hell" became their first international hit, the No. 1 most-played song of 2009, spending four weeks at No. 1 at Top 40 radio, and sold four million copies in the U.S. alone. After a short time of musical and personal growth, The All-American Rejects released their fourth album Kids in the Street (2012). This synth-driven album incorporates horns and different instrumentation than the band has used in the past while still boasting their trademark earworm melodies, bright harmonies, and potent rhythmic energy. Lead singer Tyson Ritter said, "... if you were a Rejects fan and maybe have disconnected with us along our journey, Kids in the Street will be the album that reels you back in. And if you've stuck around, then thanks for growing up with us. Because that's what we've been doing for the last ten years - growing up. Audibly."

❖ Saturday, June 7, at 8 p.m. — CHEAP TRICK With timeless classics such as "I Want You to Want Me," "Surrender," and "The Flame," Cheap Trick is a musical institution. Since the 70's they've been blending elements of pop, punk and even metal in a way that is instantly catchy and recognizable. Having performed more than 5,000 shows, with 20 million records sold, 29 movie soundtracks, and 40 gold and platinum recording awards, Cheap Trick was honored in October 2007 by the Chicago Chapter of the National Academy of Recording Arts & Sciences for their contributions to the music industry. Their most current release, The Latest, has garnered glowing reviews worldwide and continues Cheap Trick's reign as power-pop progenitors as they continue their legacy of over 35 years in the music industry.

Sunday, June 8, at 4:30 p.m. — THE HUNTS The Hunts are an indie-folk band from the southlands of Chesapeake, Virginia. These seven brothers and sisters bring to the stage an amazing chemistry and powerful presence meticulously driven by violin, acoustic and electric guitar, banjo, mandolin, accordion, ukulele, piano, and rounded out with



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Giant ferris wheel at the Celebrate Fairfax! Festival.

crisp harmonies. The Hunts have completed 7 U.S. tours, including performances in 42 states, and traveled worldwide for over 10 years. In November 2012, they released their newest album We Were Young. featuring 10 original songs. The album's first track, "Make This Leap," started receiving airplay from key market radio stations almost immediately after the album's release and was picked up by Milk-Bone for a national commercial in May of 2013. The Hunts recently signed a 6-album deal with Cherrytree Records, a label under the umbrella of Interscope

In addition to the outstanding entertainment schedule, there are plenty of enhancements to the already extensive festival programming at Celebrate Fairfax!, including areas such as Greenology, the Fairfax County Karaoke Championship, the Fairfax is Beautiful Photo Contest, the Craft Beer Garden & Silent Disco, the Fairfax County DockDogs Competition, Emerging Artist Showcase featuring three talented local artists, plus more than 40 carnival rides and attractions, and over 30 food and drink vendors with enough variety to please anyone.

General admission seating is available for all performances; shows are free with daily tickets to the event. Advance tickets are on sale starting May 1 at all Northern Virginia Wegmans locations, and online www.celebratefairfax.com.

The 33rd annual Celebrate Fairfax! Festival is a presentation of Celebrate Fairfax, Inc. and will be held Friday, June 6 through Sunday, June 8, 2014 at the Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax, VA 22035. Celebrate Fairfax, Inc. is a nonprofit, 501(c) 3 organization commissioned in 1982 by the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, Its mission, "The Celebration of Fairfax County and Its Communities," is met through the production of the Celebrate Fairfax! Festival, Fall for Fairfax KidsFest, and educational programs such as Events101. For more information call (703) 324-3247 or visit the website at www.celebratefairfax.com.



This year's Springfield Days Cardboard Boat Regatta will be June 1, 2 p.m. at Lake Accotink Park. The event, now in its 25th year, is part of Springfield Days.

Top Ten ... and More Summer Fun Events

By Rachel Stone The Connection

ere's your top ten list this summer.

Springfield Days/Party **in the Park.** May 31. 8-10 a.m. South Run Park, 7550 Reservation Drive, Springfield. Springfield Days is a community wide celebration that includes a 5K run, "Pet Fest" and car show! This is an event your summer calendar won't want to www.springfielddays.com.

Cardboard Boat Regatta.

June 1. 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., Lake Accotink Park, 7500 Accotink Park Road, Springfield. Witness cardboard boat creations race along Lake Accotink's shoreline! This is the family event of the season! \$4 vehicle fee. 703-569-0285 julie.tahan@fairfaxcounty.gov. h t t p : www.springfielddays.com.

Celebrate Fairfax! Festi**val.** June 6, 6 p.m. – 12 a.m.; June 7, 10 a.m.- 12 a.m.; June 8, 11 a.m. -7p.m. Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax. This is your community-wide summer festival with musical performances, rides, games and food! Come one, come all! 703-324-3247 or h t t p: www.celebratefairfax.com/.

Historic Fairfax City Walking Tours. June 7. 11 a.m. Ratcliffe-Allison House, 10386 Main St, Fairfax. Join a seasoned tour guide for a walk through the historic section of Fairfax. Approx. 90 min, weather permitting. \$3-\$15. 703-385-8414.

Father's Day Golf Tour**nament.** June 14. 8 a.m.- 12 p.m. Burke Lake Golf Center,

7315 Ox Road, Fairfax Station. Gather on the course with dad for the golf event of the summer! Teams of 2 will compete of events to check out in all divisions. \$65/team. Registration includes lunch: 703-323-1641.

> **Braddock Nights Concert Series.** Fridays, June 27- Aug. 29. 7:30-8:30 p.m. Lake Accotink Park, 7500 Accotink Park Road, Springfield; or Royal Lake Park, 5344 Gainsborough Drive, Fairfax. Listen to musical performances in the great outdoors! http:// www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/ performances/

> **Burke Arts in the Parks.** Saturdays, June 28- Aug. 23. 10 - 11 a.m. Burke Lake Park Amphitheater, 7315 Ox Road, Fairfax Station. Entertain children, teach them the importance of protecting our natural resources, introduce them to live entertainment in an informal kid friendly atmosphere, and forge a connection between kids and parks! Fun for all ages. 703-323-6601.

> Fairfax's Independence **Day Celebration.** July 4. 10 a.m. - 10:30 p.m. Downtown Fairfax Historic District. Celebrate with our Independence Day parade, historical tours, games, entertainment and firehttp:// www.fairfaxva.gov/about-us/ special-events/independenceday-celebration

> 37th Annual Burke Centre Festival. Sept. 6, 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sept. 7, 11 a.m.- 5 p.m. Conservancy Festival Grounds, 6060 Burke Centre Parkway. Enjoy face painting, food, rides, and more. http:// www.burkecentreweb.com.

> Fairfax's Fall for the Book Festival. Sept. 11-18. 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. A great festival for all book lovers. www.fallforthebook.org