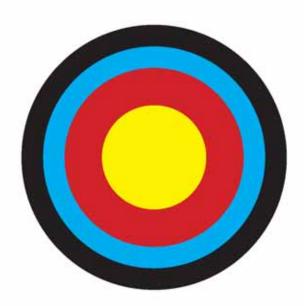


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Herndon's Hopeologist

By Ken Moore The Connection

illiam Bates, Herndon High School's principal, gave a glimpse of the inspirational power of "hopeology" on June 23 before the Board of Supervisors.

"I am a treasure hunter and a hopeologist and I believe in the power of hope," said Bates. "As adults, we have the capacity to instill hope in all children.

"As an adult and treasure hunter, I am committed to search for all of their talents and skills and success and intelligence that exists in all children and youth," said Bates. "I believe that all children are capable of success. No exceptions."

BATES, Herndon High School's principal since 2009, is this year's Fairfax County Public Schools Principal of the Year.

"We have the ability to get those who don't believe in themselves to accomplish the most amazing things," said Bates.
"I b

Supervisor John Foust and the Board of Supervisors formally honored Bates on June 23 at the Fairfax County Government Center

"I was at graduation last week and it's so much fun watching him around the kids. They love him," said Foust. "I can't imagine anything better you can do for a child than

to give him hope."

The Board of Supervisors recognized Bates for creating an environment at Herndon High School that is "conducive to learning and fosters creativity and personal development."

"Being a Herndon High School parent, it's exciting to see what is happening," said Supervisor Cathy Hudgins.

"It gives these kids a real expectation of where they can go," she said.

Bates has worked in the Fairfax County Public Schools system for 15 years and is also currently president of the FCPS High School Principals Association.

Being a high school principal is "unlike anything else," he said.

"Believe. We believe that children achieve when they are connected to adults who believe in them," said Bates.

"Connect. We believe that children succeed when they have meaningful sustainable relationships with adults," he said.

"I believe that all children are capable of success. No exceptions."

— William Bates, Herndon High School principal

"Time travel. We believe that students achieve when they have adults who can help them articulate their future and come back to the present and articulate a game plan



William Bates, Herndon High School's principal and FCPS Principal of the Year, honored on June 23 before the Board of Supervisors.

for that future," said the Herndon principal.

Foust said the principal has changed the culture at Herndon by improving school

spirit and ownership. "He discusses with students topics ranging from bullying and suicide awareness, to the physical conditions of the school ... and expectations for academic achievement," said Foust. "Mr. Bates, thank you so much for all you do."

"I UNDERSTAND THE POWER of hope," said Bates. "Kids without hope are kids without futures. Kids without hope are kids who

make destructive decisions. Kids without hope are kids who don't feel connected to their school and don't get involved in activities because they don't believe they can succeed," he said.

"But let us not be confused. Kids without hope are not kids who aren't smart nor are they kids or students who lack talents but because of their life experiences don't believe the things they do will make a positive difference," he said.

"As the caring adults, we have the capacity to change that mindset by inspiring hope in our students. But we first have to change the mindset and behaviors of adults before we can change the mindset of our children."

Herndon Celebrates Completion of Station Street

Ribbon cutting at downtown Herndon street.

By Ryan Dunn The Connection

n Tuesday, June 16, residents of Herndon celebrated the reopening of the new and improved Station Street. Mayor Merkel, economic development manager Dennis H. Holste, Jr., former mayor Michael O'Reilly, Melissa Jonas and town councilmember Jasbinder Singh were some of the local officials who attended the ribbon cutting ceremony at the corner of Station and Center Street.

The vision for an improved Station Street goes back many years. The initial concept for the project was approved by the Herndon Town Council in 1998. The town applied and received grant funding for the project from VDOT so the expense was not borne entirely by Herndon taxpayers. "Our objective was to improve this important thoroughfare in our downtown and make it attractive, easily-traversed street for vehicles and



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pedestrians alike," said Mayor Merkel. "I never thought I would be this excited about a curb and gutter."

New features of downtown Station Street

include brick crosswalks, a replaced water main, improved storm drainage, and a new curb and gutter. Merkel mentioned the town was grateful to many people and businesses which helped with the project including Griffin-Owen, the Herndon Moose Lodge, and Ron Sasher, owner of the Total Auto Parts Lot, who donated right of way or easements.

Contractors for the project included Celtek Inc. and A&M Concrete Corporation. The Herndon Department of Public Works provided oversight for the project. Light poles will be installed along the street this fall. Although the Station Street was temporarily closed on some days during construction, the town hopes people will enjoy the end result of a new street for homes and business.

The Town's Master Plan envisions a mix of retail, office and residential development, to include four-story mixed-use/residential structures; three-story mixed-use/commercial structures; a jointly-funded public/private parking structure; and more. Underground wires and red brick sidewalks wide enough for wheelchairs and strollers were two of the aesthetic improvements Herndon elected to fund at Station Street. The Town of Herndon gives residents the opportunity to track progress on the downtown projects on its website www.herndon.vagov.

OPINION

Open Letter to Elected Officials and Candidates

Spend some of your campaign dollars in newspapers.

ere at the Connection, our email boxes are filling up with messages from people running for office. It's not surprising, since in November, virtually every state and local office in the commonwealth is on the ballot.

It's a good predictor for what will happen next in brick and mortar mailboxes of voters around the region.

What do candidates want from local news-

Candidates, many of them incumbents, want to be quoted. They would like a reporter to come to their campaign announcements, to their kickoffs,

to their forums. Candidates would like us to cover and print their statements on a variety of interesting and important issues. They would like to have their photos appear on the print and web pages of our newspapers

And for the most part, we will. We will cover the issues, the campaigns, the opinions, the fundraising, the political record.

While competition in local races is limited, money is not.

Current campaigns are on track to top the money spent in 2011 State Senate races. In 2011, Virginia State Senate candidates spent more than \$42.5 million. They have already spent more than \$20 million in 2015.

In Virginia state house races, in 2013 (members of the Virginia House of Delegate, like U.S. Congress, run for reelection every two years) candidates spent \$35.9 million.

attract, here is an extreme example from two That's not why we do what we do. years ago. In the 2013 race for House of Delegates District 34, Barbara Comstock raised \$1.4 million, narrowly defeating Kathleen Murphy (50.64 percent to 49.21 percent) who raised nearly \$700,000. Comstock went on to win the U.S. House seat vacated by longtime Rep. Frank Wolf, and Murphy went on to win the District 34 seat in a special election.

Comstock to her credit spent more than \$5,000 (about one-third of one percent) on newspaper ads (most in Korean publications), but more than \$87,000 on mailers. More surprising in a race for Virginia House of Delegates was that Comstock spent more than \$500,000 on TV and radio ads.

Murphy spent \$29,570 on mailers, \$950 on newspaper advertising and \$161,200 on TV

and radio ads. (SOURCE: VPAP.org) In other contested House races in EDITORIAL 2013, it was more common to see ex-

penditures between \$100,000 and \$300,000 per candidate. Most candidates spent zero dollars in community newspapers. Nearly every candidate spent tens of thousands of dollars on filling up voters' mailboxes with glossy mailers.

Of course it makes sense for candidates to target individual voters by mailing directly to their homes.

But does it really make sense to do that to the exclusion of other methods of reaching voters? Consider that 91 percent of voters who contribute to campaigns read newspapers in print or online, according to an independent study in 2012.

The Connection will not be endorsing candidates in the November elections. We'll be covering the local races to the best of our ability no matter who spends money on advertising. Other local newspapers will also cover the In an example of the money these races can races without regard to advertising dollars.

But to put on my publisher's hat (and not my editor's hat) for a minute, if you have a big marketing budget, and you value coverage of local newspapers (not just ours), why wouldn't you spend a portion of that budget (any portion) supporting that platform? There is a cautionary tale in the recent and abrupt closure of the chain of local papers that served Montgomery and Prince George's counties in Maryland, as a recent and extreme example.

One California community in Los Angeles proposed legislation to let residents opt out of receiving election-related mail during a hotly contested mayoral election "where both campaigns and their supporters had flooded the mailboxes of registered voters with dozens of direct mail pieces," according to The Argonaut, a weekly newspaper there. Sound familiar?

But it's more than a charitable effort.

For the same reasons that the campaigns know they want local newspaper coverage, newspaper advertising is an effective way to reach voters.

According to an independent study during the last presidential campaign, cited by the National Newspaper Association: 86 percent of voters who cast ballots in the last local election read newspapers in print or online; 79 percent of voters ages 18 to 34 read newspapers in print or online; newspapers and their websites consistently outscore other media for being "reliable," "accurate" and "in-depth" about local civic and political issues; newspaper political advertising is the least "annoying" of any medium; 91 percent of voters who contribute to campaigns read newspapers in print or online.

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- MARY KIMM, MKIMM@CONNECTIONNEWSPAPERS.COM

On Interns Past and Lessons Learned

Joan Brady

... it is really

By Joan Brady

arlem, 1991. Pregentrification. It was an unlikely location for a book club. But every week, I hopped the subway and headed to the Children's Aid Society Center at 103rd and Columbus to lead a group of young teens in book discussions.

Looking back, "The Catcher in the Rye" seems like an odd choice,

a story seemingly so far from the dayto-day experiences of my young readers. My notes from that time are simply scrawled list of discussion

"I have learned that I have fun working ...

questions: "How did Holden feel about adults? peers?" "Why did he of an internship. His frame of ref-

break the windows of the station wagon." I wish I could remember how the kids related Holden's feelings and experiences to their own.

I was working at Channel 13/WNET at the time and the kids thought it was super cool that I

worked in TV. The fact that it was public television, rather than MTV, didn't seem to matter. The fact that

I wasn't on TV or even working on the production end of the business, didn't seem to matter either.

Ralph was particularly interested. So much so

easy to get along with one had gotten out of the another ...

that we discussed the possibility

erence limited him to asking about an internship in the mailroom. Ultimately,

the station hired him to be my (unpaid) marketing services intern.

As an intern, Ralph did what

high school interns do. He stapled. He made copies. He as a full-time employee, but darn came in a few days a week after school.

write down what he internship.

"I have learned that I have fun working...

...it is really easy to get along with one another...

...to work in a big building with others you have to get along...

...you can't come in mad and then take it

out on everyone else... ...if you're angry stay

home don't come work..." Ok that last might be

impractical

if it doesn't make some sense.

I can't help but wonder what When the time ever happened to that kid who came for us to part learned the importance of getting ways, I asked him to along with others at work, when

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LETTER

Patriotic display

To the Editor:

I am attaching a photo of our window mural painting that was created to show our Patriotic 4th of July Spirit for the Patriotic challenge in the Town of Herndon. This painting faces the ninth hole at the Herndon Centennial Golf, 909 Ferndale Avenue, Herndon. I have run the deli here at the golf Course for the last 18 years. My brother-in-law, Horacio Carrera, and my wife, Jackie Johnson, created this wonderful mural. I hope you're able to share this with your readers.

> **Jeff Johnson** Herndon



Call for Pet Connection Photos

The Pet Connection, a twice-yearly special edition, will publish on July 22, and photos and stories of your pets with you and your family should be submitted by July 15.

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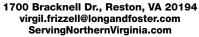


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- Lieutenant Sarah-Maria Marchegiani, **Arlington County Fire Department.**

July 4th Safety

From swimming to fireworks, safety precautions for a festive Independence Day.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL The Connection

t was a near accident at camp last summer that sparked action by one parent. Elementary school-aged campers splashed in the pool. Everyone was having fun. Then tragedy almost

Jackie Wheeler says one second her 7-year-old son was frolicking on top of the water and the next he was bobbing just below the surface, gasping for air.

"One of the counselors took his eyes off of Noah for one second, and he started to struggle," said Lee. "Ultimately, the lifeguard had to jump in and save him."

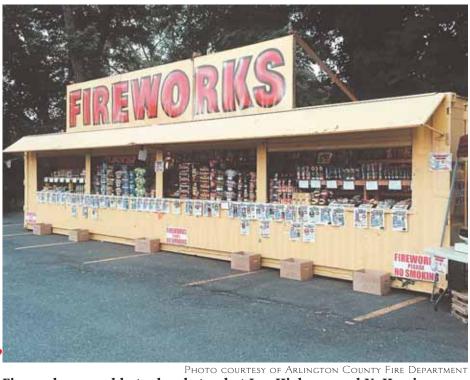
Wheeler didn't witness the incident, but its recounting was difficult for her to hear. That brush with danger became a defining moment for

her family. She enrolled her son, who is now 8, and her daughter Ava, who is 4, in private swimming lessons at the YMCA in Bethesda, Md.

"I want them to be safe around the water, and I want them to be able to save themselves or someone else if necessary," said Wheeler. She's not the only one thinking about safety. As Independence Day approaches and time spent at the pool, outside in sweltering temperatures and at fireworks shows increases, public health and safety officials are working to raise awareness about HEAT SAFETY potential hazards.

WATER SAFETY

Ensuring that children learn to swim and keeping a close watch on them at the pool or beach are two ways that officials encourage



Fireworks are sold at a local stand at Lee Highway and N. Harrison Street in Arlington. Fireworks are synonymous with July 4th celebrations, but creating a fireworks display at home is illegal in some local jurisdictions.

Details

Local Fireworks Laws and Safety Information

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Alexandria: http://alexandriava.gov/fire/info/

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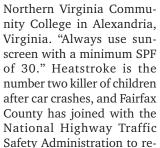
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Fairfax County: www.fairfaxcounty.gov/hd/eh/pools/pool-safety.htm

Montgomery County: www.montgomerycountymd.gov/mcfrs-info/tips/ citizens/pool.html



mind parents and caregivers about the dangers of leaving children unattended in a car, particularly during the summer, which can lead to heatstroke and even death.

"You should never leave a child alone in the car, and that is certainly true in the summer when the temperatures are on the rise and cars get hot very quickly," said John Silcox, public safety information officer, Fairfax County Health Department. Fairfax County officials say there were 30 heatstroke deaths of children left in vehicles in 2014. Most parents simply forgot their children were with them. "Put something in the back of your car, such as a bag or a cell phone, so you'd be certain to check before leaving the car," said Silcox.

FIREWORKS SAFETY

While fireworks are synonymous

with July 4th celebrations, creating a fireworks display at home is illegal in some local jurisdictions. In both Alexandria and Montgomery County, Md., for example, all fireworks are illegal to possess or discharge, including gold label sparklers. In Fairfax County, any firework that explodes, emits a flame, sparks higher than 12 feet, or performs as a projectile is prohibited. Arlington County has similar prohibitions.

"We always remind people that the best and safest way to enjoy July 4th is to go to a professional show and let the professionals handle it and just enjoy the show," said Lieutenant Sarah-Maria Marchegiani, spokeswoman for the Arlington County Fire Department. "Some people don't know that sparklers are dangerous for kids. They burn hot enough to cause third degree burns. We recommend that adults be the only ones to ignite fireworks."

If you do want to put on your own backyard Independence Day illumination show, check local regulations, allow fireworks to cool completely and douse them with water before discarding them, advises Marchegiani.

Week in Herndon

Herndon Without Hunger Helps **Families**

On July 11, Foundation for Appropriate and Immediate Temporary Help (FAITH) will be holding its 11th Annual Herndon without Hunger (HWH) event. This event will be held at Herndon High School from 5 to 6 p.m. The food distribution corresponds with the Islamic month of Ramadan. For over a decade, FAITH has coordinated Herndon without Hunger to provide families in need with a supply of essential food items. The idea behind this concept is to temporarily remove the burden of purchasing food so that struggling families may focus their efforts on taking care of other expenses or improving their current life circumstances.

"The issue of hunger has been very close to my heart. To feed a person that is hungry is a noble deed and as Muslims we are required to serve our neighbors," said Tanveer Mirza, president of FAITH. In the humble beginnings of the HWH, canned food items and grocery store gift cards were distributed to approximately 60 people. Last year, FAITH served 3,100 individuals with a three week supply of staple food items such as rice, oil, salt and a variety of fresh produce. In order to provide additional food distributions, FAITH has reached out to community groups and businesses such as Eastern Motors. For more information visit www.faithus.org

Momentum Realty Awards Scholarship

Holly Weatherwax have announced the recipient of the 2015 Momentum Realty Book Scholarship at Herndon High School. This year's recipient, Ester De La Cruz of Herndon, will attend Northern Virginia Community College where she plans to study nursing. The award was given on June 11 at the Herndon High School Senior Awards Ceremony. Momentum Realty is a privately owned real estate brokerage located in Potomac Falls, Va.



Photo courtesy of Jacqueline Wheeler Lee

Ava and Noah Lee take private swimming lessons in Bethesda, Md. Safety officials encourage parents to make sure their children learn to swim.

water safety.

Parents and caregivers should also be mindful of recreational water illnesses, which are caused by swallowing or coming in contact with contaminated water in swimming pools and other bodies of water. Help reduce the risk of recreational water illnesses by showering with soap and water before entering a pool, taking frequent bathroom breaks and conducting regular diaper checks followed by washing hands with soap and water, say local health officials.

Sunburn is another health concern when swimming outdoors.

"Protect your skin and eyes from the sun's damaging rays [by] wearing protective clothing and sunglasses," said Kenya Fluellen, associate professor of nursing at

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Fairfax County Summer Food Program

any students who receive free meals during the school year need assis tance in the summer.
Fairfax County Public Schools will participate in the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) summer food

service program for children, a program established to ensure that students who qualify for free and reduced-price meals during the school year continue to receive nutritious meals when school is not in session. Free meals that meet federal nutrition guidelines will be provided to

children at approved sites throughout Fairfax County.

Meals will be provided to all children without charge. Acceptance and participation requirements for the program and all activities are the same for every child regardless of race, color, national origin.

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| 7939 Janna Lee Avenue, Alexandria | | | |
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| 8100 Fordson Road, | | Lunch | 12:00 - 1:00 |
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| Meadow Woods 7242 Fordson Road, Alexandria | Jul 9 — Aug 14 | Lunch | 12:30 – 1:15 |
| (5) Sacramento Neighborhood Center 8792-E Sacramento Drive, Alexandria | Jul 6 — Aug 21 | Lunch | 1:30 – 2:30 |
| 1 South County Teen Center 8350 Richmond Highway. Suite 309, Alex | Jun 22 — Sept 4 andria | Breakfast/ Lunch | 9:00 - 10:00/ 12:00 - 1:00 |
| Westford Community Center 3013 Westford View Court, Alexandria | Jun 30 — Aug 22 | Breakfast/ Lunch | 9:30 – 10:15/ 11:30 – 12:15 |
| Parliaments 7409 Eastmoreland Road, Annandale | Jun 22 — Aug 28 | Lunch | 12:30 – 2:30 |
| 13 Bailey's Community Center 5920 Summers Lane, Falls Church | Jun 22 — Sept 4 | Breakfast/ Lunch | 9:00 – 9:30/ 12:00 – 1:00 |
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Herndon High alumnus Brian Rose (right) covering the opening ceremony of the World Police & Fire Games in D.C. with other volunteers from Herndon Community Television (HCTV). HCTV volunteers have been covering 2015 World Police & Fire Games events.



Herndon Police Department Sergeant Bobby Galpin, Officer Eddie Stapleton and Officer Ron Eicke participated in the 2015 World Police and Fire Games Motorcycle Skill Competition.

Herndon Takes Part in World Games

Herndon police and residents cheer on 2015 Fairfax Games.

By Ryan Dunn The Connection

eston Town Center has been serving as the central location for the 2015 World Police & Fire Games athletes as they arrived. Reston Town Center was selected to host the Athletes Village, and at the Town Center Pavilion, a variety of social activities and entertainment has been planned. Residents of neighboring Herndon have also been excited about the 2015 games.

"Herndon is thrilled to welcome participants of the World Police & Fire Games, as well as their families," said Town of Herndon Mayor Lisa Merkel. "The World Police & Fire Games represents a tremendous opportunity for the entire county, and certainly for the Town of Herndon, to showcase the many programs and amenities we offer." Many businesses are participating in a patriotic decorating contest, designed to welcome Games participants. Local art gallery ArtSpace Herndon located at 750 Center Street has several photos of first responders and firefighters on display, in addition to the Town Calendar Photography Exhibit on display until July 26.

Volunteers with Herndon Community Television or HCTV have been covering sports events at locations including Herndon, Reston, and the National Harbor. Herndon High students Jack Norcross and Emily Yen attended the opening ceremony at Friday, June 26 at Robert F. Kennedy Memorial Stadium in D.C. "The number of athletes and different countries they represent is impressive," said Brian Rose, who helped tape the opening ceremony. A closing ceremony will be held on July 5 at Wolf Trap National Park in Vienna. Herndon Community Television is a non-profit, cable access PEG station broadcasted on both Cox and Verizon. Earlier in June, HCTV



Herndon Police Officer Denise Randles and Herndon Police Officer Eliezer "Eli" Calo Espinet. Calo Espinet participated in the Weight Lifting Bench Press event held at Herndon Community Center, Monday June 29.

Herndon Police Department News

In May this year, Herndon Police Department held an Awards Ceremony. Members of the Department were recognized for their service and dedication over the past year. Officer Eli Calo was chosen as the Officer of the Year, Mr. Fred Kibler, of the Herndon Citizens Support Team was selected as the Volunteer of the Year and Communications Manager, and Ms. Jane Ross was the Department's Civilian of the Year.

The Herndon Police Department will be hosting a week long Youth Police Academy in July. Topics covered in this free Academy include: Traffic Enforcement, Forensic Investigation, Criminal Investigation, Communications, Canine and Computer Crimes. Youths between the ages of 14 and 17 who are interested in a career in law enforcement are encouraged to register for this class. For further information contact Officer Denise Randles at 703-435-6800 ext. 2343 or email at denise.randles@herndon-va.gov. The Academy will be held daily July 13 through July 17 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

covered the 18th Annual Korean American Sports Festival (KASF) hosted in Herndon.

The Herndon Police department has several officers participating in the World Police and Fire Games. This includes: Officer Eliezer Calo - Weightlifting Event (Bench Press); Chief Maggie DeBoard - Outdoor Soccer; Corporal Chris Farbry - Toughest Competitor Alive; Lieutenant Jim Moore - Golf; Officer Rob Ronk - Weightlifting Event (Push/Pull); Officer Jonathon Sorg - Basketball 5v5; and Sergeant Bobby Galpin, Officer Eddie Stapleton and Officer Ron Eicke in the Motorcycle Skill Competition.

The Weight Lifting Bench Press event was held at Herndon Community Center, Monday June 29. The Weight Lifting Push Pull event will be held at the Herndon Community Center on July 2. Herndon Community Center is located at 814 Ferndale Avenue in the Town of Herndon. Many participants in the athletic events have expressed satisfaction with the way the games have been laid out. "The people have been very hospitable and fantastic," said Eric Winterbottom, a member of the Northern Ireland group and participant in the Weightlifting event.

CALENDAR

Send announcements to reston@connectionnewspapers.com. The deadline is the Friday prior to the following week's paper. Photos/artwork encouraged.

ONGOING

Reston Concerts on the Town. Saturdays, through Sept. 5. 7:30-10 p.m. at Reston Town Center. Bring lawn chairs or picnic blankets and enjoy live music in the Pavilion Saturday nights. Free. Rain or shine. 703-912-4062. www.restontowncenter.com/concerts

Take a Break Concert Series. Thursdays, through Sept. 3. 7-9 p.m. at Reston Community Center, 2310 Colts Neck Road, Reston. Listen to some great music live.

Herndon Friday Night Live. Fridays, through Aug. 28. 6:30 p.m. at 777 Lynn Street, Herndon. Listen to great music on Friday nights during the summer. herndonrocks.com/schedule.php.

Summer Reading Program. Saturdays, through Sept. 5. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Reston Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston. Come to the library all summer for books and events. http:// www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/branches/rr/.

Frying Pan Farm Arts in the Parks.

Wednesdays, through Aug. 19. 10-11 a.m. Frying Pan Farm Park Amphitheater, 2739 West Ox Road, Herndon. 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 703-437-9101

MONDAY-FRIDAY/JUNE 29-JULY 3

World Police & Fire Games Athletes'
Village: Billards. 8 a.m. - 6 p.m. Breakers Sky
Lounge, 2445 Centreville Road, Herndon.
Fairfax2015.com.

THURSDAY/JULY 2

Herndon Farmers Market. 8 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Thursdays, May 7-Nov. 12. 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

SATURDAY/JULY 4

Herndon 4th of July Celebration. 7 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.

MONDAY/JULY 6

Magic Book Club. 2:30 p.m. Herndon
Fortnightly Library, 768 Center Street, Herndon.
Magic, music and fun with magician Brian
Curry. Ages 6-12.

WEDNESDAY/JULY 8

Precious Preschoolers. 11 a.m. Herndon Fortnightly Library 768 Center Street, Herndon. Sharks: We'll sink our teeth into books about these very special fish and learn through songs, poems, and movement. Ages 3-5 with adult.

FRIDAY/JULY 10

Senior Tea. 1-2 p.m. ArtSpace Herndon, 750 Center Street, Herndon. Every month seniors are invited to visit the gallery to view the current exhibit and enjoy a cup of tea and a sweet treat. All teas are free and open to the public. http:// www.artspaceherndon.com/events-2/seniortea/.

SATURDAY/JULY 11

11th Annual Herndon Without Hunger. 5-6 p.m. Herndon High School, 700 Bennett Street, Herndon. For over a decade, Foundation for Appropriate and Immediate Temporary Help (FAITH) has coordinated Herndon without Hunger to provide families in need with a supply of essential food items. The idea behind this concept is to temporarily remove the burden of purchasing food so that struggling families may focus their efforts on taking care of other expenses or improving their current life circumstances. www.faithus.org.

MONDAY/JULY 13

Terrific Twos. 11 a.m. Herndon Fortnightly Library, 768 Center Street, Herndon. Let's go on a picnic: Feast on summer fun with picnic themed stories, songs, games and movement. Age 2 with adult.

Lego Club. 2 p.m. Herndon Fortnightly Library,

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ENTERTAINMENT

International Songwriters Collective Concert Held In Herndon

Music and calls for art at Hendon art gallery.

By Ryan Dunn The Connection

n Thursday, June 25, the International Songwriters Collective (I.S.C.) Tour made a stop at ArtSpace Herndon. musicians-singer songwriters are on a one-month tour: Jimmy Robinson from New Orleans, Lily Kiara from Holland. and Floatstone (born Brick de Bois) from Antwerp, Belgium. The musicians played a variety of music, mostly their own compositions, but also crowd pleasing favorites from The Beatles and Joni Mitchel. Music played at the concert included some new songs which have not yet been recorded. Amsterdam native Lily Kiara said she enjoyed performing at ArtSpace Herndon, where she had a captive audience. Kiara first met

Robinson at the Amsterdam Song Writers Guild, and they soon became friends.

Among the 50 guests at the concert were local friends and family members of the musicians. "It has been a long time since I've seen virtuosos like this live. I am smiling from ear to ear. Tonight was a night to remember," said Kitt Potter, ArtSpace Herndon executive

'We had a blast. It was a really great audience," said Jimmy Robinson, who has previously performed at ArtSpace Herndon, and has relatives in the D.C. area. Robinson, 61, said his early influences were bands like the Beatles and the Stones and guitarists like Jimi Hendrix. From there he took an interest into other styles such as King Crimson. Robinson studied classical guitar in college (Loyola University in New Orleans) and was then inspired by complicated acoustic soloists such as Michael Hedges. Robinson has toured with musicians from several genres: Jeff Beck, John McLaughlin; Bela Fleck and the Flecktones, Adrian Belew and



Musicians and songwriters Floatstone from Antwerp, Belgium with Amsterdam native Lily Kiara (right) played on June 25 at ArtSpace Herndon.

John Fahey. Floatstone bridges the singer-songwriter world with the progressive-instrumental. From his bio: "He brings several guitars, all in a different tuning along with a portfolio of funky, ballady, rootsy, original songs." Lily Kiara's songs have drawn comparison to Suzanne Vega and Joni Mitchell for poetic lyrics and pretty melodies. Helping with the light and sound was Herndon guitarist and musician Al Robertson. "This group were consummate performers, it was an example of good programing by ArtSpace Herndon,"

said Robertson. Also attending the concert were Herndon councilmember Jasbinder Singh and HFCA Board members Harlon Reece and Mercia Hobson. "I think tonight's show with the emotion, harmony and melody from different countries blended perfectly. It enforces the idea of what music is. Each of the musicians complemented each other," said ArtSpace Herndon volunteer Liz Zidel.

Located at 750 Center Street in Herndon, ArtSpace Herndon is a community art gallery created and supported by art lovers in the

greater Herndon area providing opportunities for local artists to exhibit their art, teach classes and offer workshops. The gallery currently has an exhibit presenting the 5th annual Herndon Town Calendar Photography Competition. Winners of this competition will be used for the Town's calendar. Visitors to the gallery can vote for the People's Choice Award. Winners and People's Choice will be announced during the Awards Reception on Saturday, July 25, 7-9 p.m. The exhibit closes on July 26, and is sponsored by Griffen Owens Insurance Group.

Call for Art

Reston Bicycle Club (RBC) and ArtSpace Herndon invite all 2D artists to enter the Reston Century T-shirt Art Competition. All 2-dimensional media are acceptable including painting, drawing and photography. Artwork and photography entered in this year's competition must carry a theme that identifies it with Reston and road cycling. The deadline for submission is Monday, July 13, at 11:55 p.m.

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768 Center Street, Herndon. Use your imagination and keep your engineering and problem solving skills flowing with an abundance of LEGO bricks. Ages 6-12.

Writers Group. 7 p.m. Herndon Fortnightly Library, 768 Center Street, Herndon, Join the Writers Group to receive support and feedback including all levels of writing experience. The group reviews works-in-progress from up to three members each month. Adults.

TUESDAY/JULY 14

Craftly Kids. 2 p.m. Herndon Fortnightly Library, 768 Center Street, Herndon. Create summer crafts to take home. Ages 6-12.

WEDNESDAY/JULY15

Wonderful Ones. 11 a.m. Herndon Fortnightly Library, 768 Center Street, Herndon. Rhymes, songs, stories with music for parents and children while building an early literacy foundation. Ages 12-23 months with adult. Openings.

Playing With Poetry. 2 p.m. Herndon Fortnightly Library, 768 Center Street, Herndon. Listen to, create and share poetry with fellow poets. Ages 6-12. Openings.

THURSDAY/JULY 16

Under the Sea. 2:30 p.m. Herndon Fortnightly Library, 768 Center Street, Herndon. Meet live sea creatures. Ages 6-12.

MONDAY/JULY 20

Preschool Science 123. 2:30 p.m. Herndon Fortnightly Library, 768 Center Street, Herndon. Mad Science presents fun and amazing experiments Ages 3-6 with adult.

WEDNESDAY/JULY 22

I'm A Builder! Story time With Wood Blocks, 11 a.m. Herndon

July 4th in Fairfax County

SATURDAY/ JULY 4

Vienna 4th of July Festival and Fireworks Show. 12-9 p.m. Vienna Town Green, 144 Maple Avenue, East, Vienna. Free event with food and drink, music, family games, children's entertainment and more. Fireworks show begins at 9:15 p.m. http://www.viennava.gov/index.aspx?nid=894

McLean 4th of July Fireworks Celebration. 8 p.m. Cooper Middle School, 977 Balls Hill Road, McLean. Food and music. Shuttle buses will be available at St. John's Episcopal Church at the McLean Community Center. http://www.mcleancenter.org/special-events

Great Falls 4th of July Celebration & Parade. 8 a.m. - 6 p.m. Village Centre Green, 776 Walker Road, Great Falls. 5K walk/run, blood drive, Little Patriot Parade, and floats, horses, antique cars and pets making a loop in the Main Parade. Fireworks start after dusk at Turner Farm Park. http://www.celebrategreatfalls.org.

Herndon 4th of July Celebration. 6:30 p.m. Bready Park, Herndon Community Center, 814 Ferndale Avenue, Herndon. A family-fun event featuring games, arts and craft activities, bingo, food face painting, balloon artists, and fireworks. Fireworks show is choreographed to music and begins at dark, approximately 9:30 p.m. www.herndon-va.gov.

Lake Fairfax Fireworks Spectacular. 4-8 p.m. Lake Fairfax, 1400 Lake Fairfax Drive, Reston. Live music, enjoy the Water Mine park and more http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/lakefairfax/

Firecracker 5K for the Troops. 8 a.m. Reston Town Center, 11900 Market Street, Reston. A 3.1 mile race, live music, face painting, waving

flags, and free massages. prraces.com/firecracker/ **Historic Pohick Church 4th of July Tours.** 1-3 p.m. Pohick Church, 9301 Richmond Highway, Lorton. Costumed history docents will give free guided tours of the historic colonial church. http://www.pohick.org

July 4th in Paradise. 11 a.m.-7 p.m. Paradise Springs Winery, 13219 Yates Ford Road, Clifton. Open for normal business hours with live music and food available throughout the day. http://www.paradisespringswinery.com

Fairfax's Independence Day Celebration & Fireworks. 10 a.m.-10:30 p.m. in the Downtown Fairfax Historic District. Independence day parade, historical tours, games, entertainment and fireworks begins at 7 p.m. www.fairfaxva.gov.

Mount Vernon's An American Celebration. 8 a.m.-5 p.m. George Washington's Mount Vernon, 3200 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway, Mount Vernon. Daytime fireworks in patriotic colors fired over the Potomac River at 1 p.m. The event also includes an inspirational naturalization ceremony for 100 new citizens, military re-enactments, a special wreathremony free birthday cake for all and a visit from the "first" couple, "General and Mrs. Washington." www.mountvernon.org.

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NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES

July 2, 2015, AT 4:00 P.M.

July 2, 2015, AT 4:00 P.M.

In execution of a certain Credit Line Deed of Trust and Security Agreement dated November 19, 2008, and recorded November 20, 2008 in Deed Book 20183 at Page 0376 among the land records of Fairfax County, Virginia (the "Deedof Trust"), made by HUNTER MILL WEST, L.C., a Virginia limited liability company, now securing CATJEN LLC, a Virginia limited liability company (the "Noteholder"), default having occurred in the payment of the debt secured thereby, and being instructed to so by the Noteholder, the undersigned Substitute Trustees, will offer for sale the property described below at public auction by the main entrance to the Fairfax County Circuit Court, located at 4110 Chain Bridge Rd, Fairfax, VA 22030 on July 2, 2015, beginning at 4:00 p.m. The public auction for the deed of conveyance and to sign as 5.

located at 4110 Chain Bridge Rd, Fairfax, VA 22030 on July 2, tlement waiving any cause of action Purchaser may have 2015, beginning at 4:00 p.m. The public auction for the sale of against the Substitute Trustees, and/or the Beneficiary for any the property previously scheduled for June 18, 2015 was continued to July 2, 2015.

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Quality of Life





Throughout my nearly six and a half years of cancer treatment, starting at the initial Team Lourie meeting on February 27, 2009, when my oncologist suggested I take that vacation I've always dreamed of (to which I exclaimed "WHAT!?"), my quality of life has always been important to him. Whenever there has been a treatment blip on my radar, and changes had to be considered/made to my protocol, my oncologist has regularly asked if I wanted to continue treatment, take a break from treatment or stop it altogether and enjoy, if possible, whatever above-average good health I was experiencing while I could, because I might not experience it again and if I did, it might not last too long. Ergo my quality of life. Diagnosis-to-date however, I have always opted to continue to damn the torpedoes and infuse full speed. Oddly enough, continuing to infuse has worried me less than not infusing at all.

As I progress through year seven, I am wondering yet again about quality of life. Though we are not at any kind of crossroads - treatment or otherwise, and my lab work continues to indicate that my body is able to tolerate my every-three-week infusions of Alimta, I do have my less-than-stellar moments. This is particularly so for the seven to ten days immediately following my infusion. It is during this time when a certain predictable side effect occurs, having first manifested itself about six months ago, to make me less pleasant than I'd prefer to be. What happens is I don't eat, not too much anyway. Because I can't. Because I won't. Because something somewhere - internally, psychologically, physically - is preventing me from doing so. In general, the whole idea of eating is a total turn off. And given my nature/proclivities, I need it to be a turn on. As a result, I'm always hungry. And then I get tired from not eating (no energy). Then I take a nap. Then at bedtime, I'm unable to fall asleep because I've slept some already. Eventually, I do get some sleep, but I end up having a restless, interrupted, short, REM-less sleep and wake up tired the next day when the routine starts all over again; except now I'm tired to begin the day and don't have any interest in breakfast, so I get no boost to start. The marijuana pills I wrote about don't help. Consequently, I seem to be stuck in this cycle of depressing miserableness (is there any other kind?). Not gaining any pleasure from one of the staples of my existence is an extremely discouraging set of circumstances and is making Kenny a very dull boy, or at least duller than I usually am.

But, and it's a HUGE but, the treatment is so-far-so-good, working; the tumors have not grown or moved - and I'm alive and reasonably well.

Still, one week of every three, I'm not a happy camper (and if I were actually camping – out of doors – I'd be even less happy, since I don't camp). The question becomes, sort of: is camping all that important (euphemistically speaking)? Obviously, to me, living hungry is more important than dying satiated. But I don't like being depressed and miserable one third of my time. That is an in-e-quality of life with which I'm not particularly pleased. Life goes on though, and or that, I'm over-the-top grateful amazingly, maybe even randomly, lucky. I just wish I could savor my next meal as much as I savor my survival. As my Auntie Irene used to say: "This too shall pass," until two weeks from now, that is.

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