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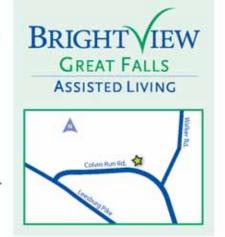
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OBITUARY

David Torrey Wells, of Reston, Dies

David T. Wells, a long-time Reston resident (1970-2006) passed away peacefully after a battle with cancer, on Monday, Oct.30, 2014 at the age of 84 in his home in Scottsdale, Ariz.

He will be buried with full military honors on Monday, Aug. 24, 2015 at Arlington National Cemetery at 9 a.m. A reception with the family will immediately follow the burial services.

In 1970 David, his wife Mary LaRue Wells and their four children, Gray Torrey, Jon and Greg moved to Reston to make it their permanent home. They raised their children in the same Charter Oak townhouse they first bought in 1970 and became very active in the community. His wife, Mary LaRue Wells was active from the start in several art organizations, including GRACE and became well-known in the Washington area. All four children graduated from Herndon High School.

David joined the new Reston Home Owners Association in 1974 in a management position and worked there for the next 19 years. This job enabled him to serve his community, work close to home and coach in sons' soccer teams.

Dave was born in New York City in January 1930 to parents Margaret Michie Wells and David Torrey Wells, Sr. David attended preparatory school at Phillips Academy in Andover, Mass., before he followed his maternal grandfather, Brigadier General Robert E. L. Michie to the United States Military Academy at West Point; Dave was class of 1953. During his 21 years with the U.S. Army, David served two tours in Korea, one in Japan, and one in the jungles of Vietnam. David also spent three years in Brazil with the Joint Brazil-U.S. Army Military Commission. David received numerous military awards and decorations, including the Bronze Star.

In 1977, David received his Juris Doctorate from George Washington University Law School. He was a member of the Bar in both Virginia and the District of Columbia.

David always maintained an active lifestyle. He participated in water polo and boxing at West Point, and racquetball and tennis thereafter; the later he enjoyed well into his 70's. David was reserved, even-tempered and very

FAITH NOTES

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Trinity Presbyterian Church, 651 Dranesville Road, Herndon, has



David Torrey Wells

witty. He was also intelligent, loyal, and loved by his family and friends.

David was pre-deceased by his parents and his sister, Gray Wells Josephs. He is survived by his wife of 57 years, Mary LaRue Wells, and their children, Gray Wells Harris (C. Daniel Harris), David Torrey Wells III (Gie Concillo Wells), Jonathan Beachy Wells (Petra Zirner Wells), and Gregory Christian Wells (Hillary Jensen Wells); and grandchildren Jesse Harris, Frankie Harris, Carina Wells, Maike Wells, Gray Wells, Hunter Wells, Ainsley Wells and Libby

David will be laid to rest with full military honors at Arlington National Cemetery on Monday, Aug. 24, 2015. He will be interred beside his father, David Torrey Wells, Sr., his mother, Margaret Michie Wells, and his grandmother, Gray Beachy Michie, the wife of Brigadier General Robert E.L. Michie (who died during WWI and is buried in the U.S. military cemetery in Suresnes, France).

Services will begin at 9 a.m. at the Old Post Chapel (204 Lee Ave) in Fort Myer. Arrive at the Hatfield Gate by 8:30 to get through security in time to be seated by 8:55. A valid driver's license will be required of all adults to gain access to the post. (Hatfield Gate is near 2nd St South & Washington Blvd.)

Following the chapel service, the cortege, headed by the Caisson and Honor Guard, will proceed from the Old Post Chapel to the burial site. A reception with the family will follow the graveside services at Spates Hall, 214 McNair Road, Fort Myer.

No flowers please. Cards and notes can be sent to: Mrs. David T. Wells, 6958 East Shooting Star Way Scottsdale, AZ 85266-7023.

Sunday worship services at 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Nursery and childcare are provided and youth and adult Sunday school classes are held prior, from 9:40-10:45 a.m. 703-437-5500 or www.trinityherndon.org.

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Former Police Officer Charged with John Geer Murder

Adam Torres Indicted by Special Grand Jury.

BY TIM PETERSON The Connection

dam Torres has been charged with murdering John Geer. Though Torres shot the unarmed man once in the chest nearly two years ago, the then-Fairfax County Police officer remained on the department's payroll until being terminated July 31, 2015.

Commonwealth Attorney Raymond Morrogh had convened a special grand jury to hear testimony from officers and other witnesses to determine whether Torres had committed any criminal wrongdoing. It first met for a week beginning July 27 and resumed on Aug. 17. The indictment of sec-

ond-degree murder was announced later in the day Aug. 17.

Fairfax County Chief of Police Edwin Roessler and Board of Supervisors chairman Sharon Bulova held a joint press conference to discuss the new charge.

Roessler opened by sharing that he had reached out to the Geer family to again offer them "my personal condolences and sympathy." But he didn't stop there. "To the men and women of Fairfax County Police Department and our great community, my heartfelt sympathy to everybody, because the loss of life in this

case impacts the Geer family and all of us."

TORRES was in the process of surrendering himself and being processed at the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center while the press conference was taking place. He's currently being held without bond, a



Fairfax County Chief of Police Edwin Roessler expressed his sympathy for the Geer family, police officers and the community at a press conference announcing the indictment of former officer Adam Torres for second degree murder of John Geer.



Photos by Tim Peterson/The Connection

Board of Supervisors chairman Sharon Bulova called Monday "a sad day" for the Geer family and police department, with one of their own being charged with murder.

police report said.

On Aug. 29, 2013, Geer had been standing in the doorway of his Springfield home for around 40 minutes, talking with officers who had their guns trained on his chest. Geer's longtime partner Maura Harrington called the police earlier because Geer had been throwing her belongings out of the house after she previously told him she was planning to move out of the residence and he became upset.

In police reports of the incident, Torres claimed to see Geer quickly lower his arms, presenting a threat.

The following incidents were reported by the Reston District Police Station.

The other officers present provided contradicting accounts, that Geer's movements were slower and nonthreatening. Torres fired once, striking Geer in the chest.

Roessler said he decided to terminate Torres because after reviewing the incident investigation, "the use of force was not rea-

sonably necessary in this matter" and violated police general order 540.1.

Despite the tragedy of the incident itself, Geer's case drew public and media attention because it highlighted a perceived lack of transparency and accountability in the way Fairfax County and the police department handled communication and other policies such as use of force.

One response to the criticism was Board of Supervisors chairman Sharon Bulova's creation of an ad hoc commission to review police policies.

"Fairfax County has learned a lot through this very difficult process," Bulova said at the press conference, "learned a lot about sharing information in a timely way."

Though Geer was killed Aug. 29, 2013, very little information about the case was made public, much less released to Geer's family following the incident. Ongoing investigations by the police department, Commonwealth Attorney's Office and Department of Justice were cited as reasons why information such as the name of the officer who shot Geer was withheld for a year and a half.

Geer's family finally filed a \$12 million civil suit against the county, including the request for information. Fairfax County settled out of court, paying nearly \$3 million, and released over 11,000 pages of documents from the incident investigation.

"This is the first time we've had a situation like this where there has not been a relatively fast resolution to a police-involved shooting," Bulova said. The chairman referred to the situation as a "convoluted" one that "held things up in a way that frustrated the Board of Supervisors. We were not happy that things ended up not moving forward to resolution, that instead it wound up at the fed level."

THE AD HOC COMMISSION is scheduled to present its final recommendations to the Board of Supervisors in October, however Bulova and Roessler said the county hasn't waited to begin already implementing some of the suggestions that have already been put forward by the com-

"I have every confidence a scenario like this won't happen again," Bulova said.

PHOTO COURTESY OF FAIREAX COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT **Adam Torres was fired** by Fairfax County Police on July 31 and indicted for the second-degree murder of

John Geer on Aug. 17.

CRIME REPORT

UNLAWFUL ENTRY: 10700 Falls Pointe Drive, Aug. 9. A resident reported an unknown person entered the residence through an unse-

ATTEMPTED ROBBERY:

cured door.

11700 block of Sunset Hills Road, Aug. 7 at about 7:17 a.m. A man walked into a business, displayed a knife and demanded money. When the victim refused to give the suspect any money he ran away. The victim did not require medical attention. The suspect was described as a white male, wearing a red hooded sweatshirt, black sweatpants and a mask.

STOLEN VEHICLES:

12000 block of Greywing Square, 2015 Honda Civic. 12800 block of Framingham Court, 2003 Honda Accord.

LARCENIES:

1600 block of Oak Spring Way, wallet from residence. 2000 block of Colts Neck Road, wallet from vehicle. 2200 block of Compass Point Lane, wallet from vehicle. 2300 block of Glade Bank Way, license plate from vehicle. 1700 block of Jonathan Way, property from vehicle.

11600 block of Stoneview Square, purse from vehicle. 2200 block of Stone Wheel Drive, phone from residence. 2400 block of Masons Ferry Drive, property from business. 2200 block of Springwood Drive, wallet from vehicle. 2300 block of Woodland Crossing Drive, bicycle from business.

2300 block of Pimmit Drive, electronic equipment from

2100 block of Astoria Circle, property from residence. 12700 block of Builders Road, bicycle from residence. 2200 block of Covent Gardens Court, license plate from vehicle.

2500 block of Farmcrest Drive, property from business. 11200 block of Roger Bacon Drive, property from business.

OPINION

Sea Changes in Policing?

Report offers blueprint for transforming aspects of policing, jail and services for people with mental illness.

esterday, for the first time in the history of Fairfax County Police Department, a Fairfax County Police officer was charged in a shooting death.

On Monday, Aug. 17, former Fairfax County Police officer Adam Torres was charged with the second-degree murder of John Geer, following an indictment returned by a special grand jury convened by Fairfax County Commonwealth's Attorney Ray Morrogh. It appears to be only the second time in history that the Commonwealth's Attorney has convened a grand jury in an officer-involved shooting.

John Geer was shot dead in the doorway to his own own home on Aug. 29,

2013 after police were called in a domestic dispute. Torres was fired in July 2015, almost two years later.

FCPD began by releasing almost no information. It took a year-and-a-half, a judge's order, a U.S. senator's probing, and public outrage (the most important of these being the court order) to get information about the in-

But the public outrage led the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors to form the Fairfax County Ad Hoc Police Practices Review Commission, which has been meeting since April both as a commission and five subcommittees involving thousands of hours of work by about 70 people. Areas of focus by committee include Use of Force; Communications; Mental Health; Recruitment, Diversity and Vetting; and Independent Investigations and Oversight.

Communications recommendations came out last month, well worth reading on the commission website.

Police and county officials recognize that the world is changing around them, and have engaged in the process. The kind of changes needed represent a massive change in culture and approach, and none of it will happen overnight, but the process has started.

Several developments, beyond the indictment of Torres, mark progress and opportunity for change.

EDITORIAL Last week, FCPD Chief Edwin Roessler posted a website summary of all officer involved shootings, a major step and a work in progress. The department is wrestling with communications initiatives on many

> This week, the report released from the Mental Health and Crisis Intervention Training Committee marks a remarkable opportunity for Fairfax County to transform the way it provides services to people with mental illness. Recommendations reach beyond the police department to the county iail and the Community Services Board, which provides mental health services in the county.

> Police are often the first responders in a mental health crisis. The jail is the county's largest facility for people with mental illness. The costs, financial and human, of dealing with

The public is invited to speak at the next meeting of the Fairfax County Ad Hoc Police Practices Review

Monday, Sept. 14, 7:30 p.m. Walt Whitman Middle School

2500 Parkers Lane, Alexandria VA 22306
http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/policecommission/
Read the Mental Health Subcommittee's final report and recommendations:

http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/policecommission/

materials/mhcit-draft-report-august14.pdf See Fairfax County Police Department website on Officer Involved Shootings

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mental health in this way are enormous. The 26 recommendations of the Mental Health Subcommittee, presented by committee chair and state delegate Marcus Simon, offer the county a path to getting it right.

Recommendations including fully implementing the "Memphis model" of crisis intervention, which provides for response teams including officers specially trained in de-escalating situations with people in mental health crisis; creating a system of getting treatment rather than incarceration for people with mental illness; creating a mental health docket in the courts; funding a second Mobile Crisis Unit under the Community Services Board; establish strategically located, 24-hour crisis intervention sites where police can safely transfer custody of person in crisis without taking them to jail.

How much will it cost? It will require upfront money, but it costs \$50,000 annually to house someone in the Fairfax County Detention Center. To provide intensive therapy in the community costs \$7,500 a year.

MARY KIMM

Public Trust above Party

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

hifting from a relaxing vacation back to work is always challenging, but my return this past week from the mountains, streams and lakes of Glacier National Park to a special session of the General Assembly has been a particularly stark contrast. The special session of the General Assembly called by Governor Terry

McAuliffe that started on Monday of this week was to deal with court-ordered redistricting, but before we got to the Capitol in Richmond an additional issue arose that makes the special session particularly contentious.

A federal court found that Virginia's congressional redistricting was unconstitutional, and that decision was upheld twice by appeal courts. While the districts were numerically about even, district lines were drawn in such a way as to pack minorities into the 3rd Congressional District ensuring the likelihood of the election of a minority member and at the same time reducing the possibility of electing



more than one. Federal courts have thrown out redistricting in other states that had the same effect. The majority party that drew the lines in the first place has been trying to delay responding to the court's order apparently hoping that a higher court would change the decision that has a Sept. 1 deadline. Changing the lines may give a racial minority a greater opportunity

to elect another member of Congress, and at the same time it may give the minority political party the chance to elect another member. The majority party that controls both the House and Senate in Virginia refused requests from the minority party to work together with the governor to come up with a new plan in a transparent way that would meet the court's equal protection requirement choosing instead to develop a plan of their own in secret.

Adding to the friction of the situation is the majority party leadership announcement that they will reject the appointment by Gov. McAuliffe of a Supreme Court justice. Gov.

McAuliffe made an interim appointment of a justice when a vacancy occurred as he is authorized by the Constitution to do. That appointment is subject to General Assembly confirmation when it meets. Such confirmation is generally routine except in this case the majority leadership says it was not consulted and will not confirm the appointment of a woman who everyone agrees is superbly qualified. The contention of not being consulted is dubious when it was a ranking member of the majority party who chairs the committee that reviews judicial appointments that brought her to the attention of the governor and who spoke on behalf of her appointment when the governor announced it.

Behavior in the State Capitol in Richmond is getting to be too much like the United States Congress. I have not made reference to specific parties in expressing my concern about what is happening because it is not about Republicans or Democrats; it is about doing the people's business without pettiness or arrogance. What is going on now is wrong whether done by Democrats or Republicans. The concern is not about party; it is about misbehavior that is not worthy of the public trust.

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Jewish New Year Message

By Rabbi Leibel Fajnland

Director of Chabad of Reston-Herndon

t is challenging to write about the festivals (*Yom Tov* in Hebrew) of the Jewish calendar in the English language. It's available words do not seem to capture the essence of these landmarks in Jewish time. Holiday? Too frivolous. Holy Day? Too somber. Festival? Better, but still not quite the right word. The Hebrew phrase *Yom Tov* simply and blandly translates as "good day." How, indeed, to describe the days' paradoxes of reverence and revelry, seriousness and exuberance, liturgy and *Lokshen Kugel* that is a Jewish festival?

In particular, the first festival of the Jewish year, Rosh Hashanah (this year Sept. 14 - 15), seems to fit no familiar mold. It is the day on which Jews the world over, fill their synagogues, and tremulously submit to the Divine sovereignty by "coronating" Gd as their king, and accepting His judgment for the upcoming year.

But as the Jewish mystical tradition points out, a coronation is always a festive event, with bands playing in the streets, and crowds picnicking in the parks and fields. Thus, although Rosh Hashanah is the day on which we stand in judgment before G-d, the day on which the Heavenly Court rules "who shall live and who shall die...who shall be impoverished and who shall be enriched... who shall fall and who shall rise;" It is also the day on which we "eat delicious foods and drink sweets... for the joy of the Eternal is your strength." The Talmud offers the image of a person coming to court where a life-or-death verdict

HIGH HOLIDAY SERVICES SCHEDULE

In anticipation of the upcoming Jewish New Year, Chabad of Reston-Herndon has announced its High Holiday Services schedule.

Information for Chabad's open to the community Services for Rosh Hashanah (Sept. 14–15) and Yom Kippur (Sept. 22-23), as well as to reserve, can be found at www.chabadrh.org.

Membership is not required to join. All are welcome, regardless of background or affiliation. We do ask for you to make a reservation however so that seating can be assured.

The services will be user-friendly, with a Hebrew-English Prayer Book (Machzor) making it enjoyable and meaningful for both the seasoned and the unversed. The services will be traditional, yet with a thoroughly contemporary message, interspersed with traditional and modern Jewish tunes, English readings and a running commentary led by Rabbi Fajnland.

In addition, a special children's program will accompany the adult services.

For more information on the above event, call Rabbi Leibel Fajnland at 703-476-1829 or write to Rabbi@chabadrh.org

will be handed down to him, but he is dressed in white and has a feast awaiting him at home, so confident is he that he will be victorious in trial.

No single article can capture the paradox of Rosh Hashanah, much less explain it. To understand Rosh Hashanah, one needs to experience it — spend those hours praying in synagogue, hear the *shofar's* hundred notes, dip the apple in honey, and eat *tzimmes* and all the other holiday delicacies with family and friends.

As in previous years, Chabad will open its doors to the entire community, irrespective of synagogue membership or lack thereof, denomination or background. At this time of year our tradition tells us the doors to heaven are wide open....and so are ours!





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Vajrayogini Buddhist Center, Unitarian Universalist Church, 1625 Wiehle Ave., Reston, holds weekly classes starting Sept. 12, Thursdays 7-8:30 p.m., for the general public which use Buddhist teachings to practice meditation. \$12. 202-986-2257 or www.meditationde.org

St. Anne's Episcopal Church, 1700 Wainwright Drive in Reston, holds Sunday services at 7:45 a.m., 9 a.m., 11:15 a.m. and contemporary service at 5 p.m. Nursery, Sunday school and adult education available. Morning prayer on Monday at 9:30, Holy Eucharist Wednesday at 8:15 a.m. 703-437-6530 or www.stannesreston.org.

Adult Sunday school will be held 9:30 a.m. Sundays at the Washington Plaza Baptist Church at Lake Anne Village Center. The group is studying the Gospel of Mark. Services follow at 11 a.m.

HAVEN of Northern Virginia offers a variety of free bereavement support groups, meeting on a weekly basis. Contact 703-941-7000 or www.havenofnova.org for schedules and registration information.

The Jewish Federation of Greater Washington and the Jewish Outreach Institute offer the Mothers/Parents Circle, an umbrella of free educational events and resources. Jewish rituals, ethics and the creation of a Jewish home, regular meetings and group Shabbats and holidays. Participants in-

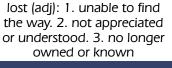
clude Sha'are Shalom, Congregation Beth Emeth, Temple Rodef Shalom and the Jewish Community Center of Northern Virginia. ShalomDC.org.

Epiphany United Methodist Preschool, 1014 Country Club Drive, N.E. in Vienna, is now enrolling 3- to 4-year-old students for the 2010/2011 school year. 703-938-2391 or www.epiphanypreschool.com.

Hope Fellowship Church will temporarily be meeting at Woody's Golf Range, 11801 Leesburg Pike, Herndon. Sunday worship services for the Southern Baptist church are at 10:45 a.m. The public is invited to join a Bible believing, multi-ethnic/multi-cultural congregation, with Bible-based sermons and

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News

Reston Town Center Becomes an Outdoor Canvas

IPAR's ChalkFest at Market Street on Sept. 11 and 12.

n immediate success when it was launched last year, ChalkFest at Reston Town Center, presented jointly by the Initiative for Public Art – Reston (IPAR) and Reston Town Center, returns Friday and Saturday, Sept. 11 and 12, rain or shine.

A special opportunity to uninhibitedly express your inner artist in an atmosphere of fun and camaraderie, ChalkFest, whose canvas will be Town Center's Market Street divided into 4-by-8-feet spaces, is open to both professional and amateur artists, businesses, families, and kids of all ages. In addition to the sheer joy of creating street-art with chalk, prizes will be awarded in the various categories, including "Audience Choice Awards."

The two-day ChalkFest will be open Friday, noon to 11 p.m. to professional artists, company team-building groups and sponsors. On Saturday, from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., it will be open to participants of all ages and artistic abilities.

"IPAR's ChalkFest has opened my eyes to a whole new—at least new to me—world of art," said Penny Hauffe, a returning artist and the first-prize winner in last year's professional artist category. Someone who has always "enjoyed painting in public places" because of the social interaction, Hauffe—an internationally known painter and sculptor who resides in Leesburg—relishes the opportunities it affords her to "share my artistic vision ... to welcome discussion with strangers, who may be artists themselves, art students, art appreciators, or simply passers-by tickled by an idea scribbled onto the sidewalk."

Looking forward to another ChalkFest experience, its challenges as well as its fun, Hauffe described it as a "not-to-be-missed opportunity." She explained, "We are all enriched by each other's imaginations and efforts."

Exercising their creativity as a corporate team and sponsor also is one of the chief appeals of Leidos' participation, said Chris Doud, the science and technology company's creative services director.

He explained: "We have an amazing staff of creative talent at Leidos, from graphic artists to video and sound experts. We're

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and uplifting music. 703-599-3527 or www.hopefellowshipchurchloudoun.org

Knitters needed the first and third Wednesdays of the month, at 7 p.m., at St. Timothy's Episcopal Church, 432 Van Buren St., Herndon. The church's Shawl Ministry is offering free knitting instruction while providing shawls, blankets

passionate and creative, and we're excited to be supporting this year's ChalkFest, benefiting Reston's Initiative for Public Art."

For Leidos, a 2015 Best of Reston honoree, added Mike Coogan, who is its director of corporate responsibility and communications, ChalkFest offers another opportunity to be a good corporate citizen.

He said: "We're committed to supporting the communities where we live and work and that includes in Reston, where we're helping tackle issues such as affordable housing, veteran care, workforce development, and enriching the community through the arts. Reston is home for us, and it's important that we give back."

May Bernhardt, owner of Mayflowers in the Reston Town Center and a longtime IPAR supporter, like Leidos, is a two-time ChalkFest supporter. A 2013 Best of Reston honoree, she sees the ChalkFest as one of a myriad of ways that IPAR is helping to continue to make Reston "a livable community." She explained, "Children should not be raised in a place where they are starved for art."

She added, as a professional floral designer whose business deals everyday with color, design and textures, "I love painting and color, and I think using the street as a canvas, giving art awareness and fun at the same time is great."

Bernhardt would love to see other Town Center retailers participate, too. She enthused, "It's a good way to bond with employees and at the same time give them a chance to express their creativity as well as raising money for IPAR. I'd like to see Reston explode with art."

To register and for more details on participation fees, prizes, rules and sponsorships, visit IPAR's website at www.publicartreston.org, email info@publicartreston.org or call 703-467-9797. Sponsorships range from \$250 to \$3,000.

IPAR also is offering a free chalk workshop with artist Patrick Owens on Saturday, Sept. 5, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. in front of the Pavilion at Reston Town Center. All are welcome to try their hands at chalk drawing and to register.

IPAR, co-presenter of the ChalkFest at Reston Town Center, is dedicated to inspiring an ongoing commitment to public art and creating a new generation of artworks in Reston. It also works to stimulate a community-wide discussion about the role that public art can play in urban places and community life.

and other knitted items for people in need. No cost and yarn can be provided. E-mail shawl@saint-timothys.org or visit the Pastoral Care page at www.saint-timothys.org.

Nondenominational Christian businessmen meet for prayer, Biblical discussion and fellowship 7 p.m. Fridays at Anita's, 1051 Elden St., Herndon and 12 p.m. Thursdays at 555 Grove St., Suite 200, Herndon. Call 703-795-1257.



Aldrin's Young Scholars Explore Watershed and Chesapeake Bay

The students participating in the Aldrin SELT Program had an exciting summer exploring the Watershed and Chesapeake Bay. The Young Scholars curriculum offered many opportunities for hands-on learning, experiments, and real-life connections. Students participated in many activities in addition to the classroom learning. They investigated the campus to learn how run-off from school impacts the Chesapeake Bay. Students took part in a table-top watershed demonstration, worked with

a guest speaker from the Living Classroom to learn about oysters in the Chesapeake Bay, saw mounts and pelts from wildlife in the watershed with a naturalist from the Walker Nature Center and took a field trip to River Bend Park. It was incredible to hear students discuss concepts in the classroom and connect them with everyday life outside school doors. The curriculum offered an enriching opportunity for students while remediating their reading and math skills.





Raising Money for Aldrin Garden

Avery from Aldrin Elementary School hosted a lemonade stand this summer to support the Aldrin student garden. She offered flowers, herbs and lettuce from the garden to those who donated. Nearly \$50 was raised.



Checking the Back-to-School Healthcare Blocks

Local governments, clinics offer free immunizations for all and physical exams for the uninsured.

> BY MARILYN CAMPBELL THE CONNECTION

s the lazy days of summer wind down, beach trips, lemonade stands and lax bedtimes give way to alarm clocks, textbooks and backpacks. Public health officials say that a back-to-school list should include more than pencils and paper. For many, the first order of business is a well-child physical, a dental exam and required immunizations.

During a physical exam, parents should double check that immunizations are up to date, ask if their child's growth is on target and what normal developmental changes they should expect during the next year. Parents should also be prepared to answer questions about their child's sleep patterns and eating habits.

"Vision checks are an important part of a routine school entry physical so make sure to ask for one," said Caroline Sutter, a familv nurse practitioner. DNP-BC, co-director of Mason and Partners (MAP) clinics and an assistant professor of nursing at George Mason University in Fairfax. "Dental exams are important to maintain health. Ask for a referral for a dental visit."

George Mason University's College of Health and Human Services runs MAP clinics, which offers school entry physicals at no cost.

The Fairfax County Health Department provides free school-required immuniza-



Fairfax County Health Department

Back-to-school physical exams — medical, dental, as well as required immunizations are important parts of back-to-school preparations.

tions at five locations in the county. "We are offering some special extended hours in August and September to accommodate the back-to-school rush, but we recommend that parents make the appointment now," said John Silcox, public safety information officer, Fairfax County Health Department.

In conjunction with Inova Health System's Partnership for Healthier Kids, the Fairfax County health department also offers free physicals for school entry to uninsured children. The health department also operates three dental clinics that provide services to children based on eligibility.

"We operate three health centers in Falls Church, Alexandria and Reston that provide primary health services for low income, uninsured residents who cannot afford primary medical care services for themselves and their families," said Silcox.

Dental services are available for eligible children in Arlington through high school age. Vaccines required by Arlington County Public Schools are also available free of charge.

Health Clinic provides preventative health services for infants and children through age 5, and

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physicals for daycare and school entrance through age 11. The

tine immunizations for infants, teens and The Montgomery County Maryland,

Alexandria Health Department offers rou-

Health and Human Services Department offers an Immunization Program with walkin immunizations to children under the age of 19. The county also offers dental care for children ages three to 18.

Sutter says proper sleep and physical activity are also part of the pediatric health

In Alexandria, the Child care picture and should not be overlooked. Transitioning from a summer of sleeping late to a school year of early wake-up calls can be challenging if children are not pre-

> pared. "Establish a sleep schedule now," said Sutter. "With summer coming to an end, it is important to get kids on a regular sleep schedule before school starts.

"Stress the importance of routine physical activity with your child," she con-

tinued. "Talk about sports they might be interested in during the school year or other ways to stay physically fit but most important set a good example. Exercise regularly yourself or with your children."

For those experiencing anxiety about returning to school, Sutter suggests addressing the issue before the first day of school. "Come up with a good plan to address them," she said. "Talk to your children about kindness and what to do if he or she is a victim of bullying and how to ask for help if needed."

Health Care Resources Mason and Partners (MAP) Clinics

For physical exams: Tuesdays: Manassas Park Manassas Park Community Center 99 Adams Street Manassas Park, VA 8 a.m.-1 p.m.

Wednesdays: Springfield Springfield Family Resource Center 7224 Commerce Street, Apartment T4 Springfield, VA 22150 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

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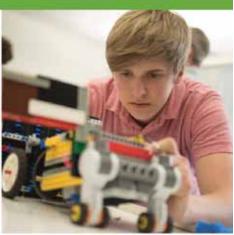
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Herndon rising senior Kristen Caron tries to score against goalkeeper Sophie Campbell during a drill at a recent practice.



Rising junior midfielder/defender Grace Caron, right, and rising senior goalkeeper Jessica Corum are two of the Herndon field hockey team's

Herndon Field Hockey Graduates Tons of Talent

Sammy Stone returns for defending Conference 5 champ.

By Jon Roetman THE CONNECTION

erndon's Sammy Stone is a talented field hockey player who plans to one day compete at the collegiate level. During the 2014 season, she totaled 12 goals and nine assists, according to stats from the Washington Post, helping the Hornets finish with a 19-3 record.

While Stone was an offensive threat for the best Herndon field hockey team in more than three decades, her accomplishments were often overshadowed by those of her older sister.

TAYLOR STONE wrapped up her high school career with a monster senior season. She scored 23 goals, tallied 20 assists and piled up the accolades. She received 6A North region Player of the Year and VHSL first-team all-state honors, and was named All-Met Player of the Year by the Washington Post. Stone is now a freshman on the University of Louisville field hockey team.

"It's hard not to feel a little bit of pressure," Sammy Stone said when asked about having a successful older sibling. "You always hear people talk about your sister. I'm referred to as Taylor Stone's little sister. ... I can't live in her shadow forever."

Now a rising junior, Sammy Stone has a chance to leave her own mark on the Herndon program. But thanks to the efforts of Taylor Stone and fellow 2015 graduates Sofia Palacios, Jamie Wright and Alexis Duke, life won't be easy for the younger Stone and her Hornet teammates, who enter the 2015 season with targets on their backs.

Last season, Herndon won its first conference/district title since 1979, beating defending state champion Westfield 3-2 in

the Conference 5 championship game. Taylor Stone scored all three of the Hornets' goals. Herndon would fall one victory shy of qualifying for the state tournament, losing to eventual region champion Fairfax 2-1 in the 6A North semifinals.

Palacios tallied 24 goals and 30 assists in 2014, earned firstteam all-region and all-state honors, and now plays for the University of Pennsylvania. Duke was a second-team allstate selection, and Wright now plays for Dickinson Col-

"There are certainly a lot of opportunities for other kids and they know that."

> — Herndon field hockey coach Mary Miller

"Everybody's really eager to step up," Sammy Stone said, "and fill the shoes of [last year's seniors]."

The cupboard isn't bare at Herndon, but the returning Hornets will have to adapt to with Sammy Stone, who could play forward or midfield, se-

defender Kaley Selner will be looked to for leadership. Mainor and Selner were named



new responsibilities. Along Rising junior Sammy Stone will be one of Herndon's top offensive threats in 2015.

nior midfielder Seara Mainor and senior to the all-tournament team last year for want to beat us a little bit more. ... [I]t also their performances during the Hornets' three-game run to the conference title.

"It's just finding your role on the team," Selner said. "Taylor and Sofia and Jamie and all of them were amazing and we found our role with them and supporting them."

Rising junior midfielder/defender Grace Caron, rising junior defender Meghan Graby and rising senior goalkeeper Jessica Corum are also key returners.

"There are certainly a lot of opportunities for other kids and they know that," fourthyear Herndon head coach Mary Miller said. "Not that they weren't trying hard last year [but] ... now it's kind of like 'I've got to try to play, not for me, but to increase the level for everybody."

HERNDON will open the season on the road against Langley at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 24. The Hornets' first home game is Aug. 27 against T.C. Williams.

The Hornets will host the Herndon Invitational on Sept. 11-12.

Herndon started the 2014 season with 13 straight wins, recorded several lopsided victories and claimed the Conference 5 championship. Regardless of how much talent the team lost to graduation, the Hornets figure to have their opponents' attention in 2015.

"To me, |the conference title] should give us confidence," Miller said, "and it's also going to make people

gives us a little bit more to work for to try to keep that tradition."

Calendar

ONGOING

"Paint and Beyond," through Aug. 28 at U.S. Geological Survey, National Gallery, 12201 Sunrise Valley Drive, Reston. The League of Reston Artists is displaying paintings, mixed media, and two-dimensional works suitable for wall hanging. Many of the artworks reflect USGS's environmental mission. The exhibit is free and open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

"Birds of a Feather." Saturday, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. and Sunday, 12-5 p.m. through Sept. 3 at Reston Art Gallery & Studios, 11400 Washington Plaza, Reston. Marie Straw works with different media, discovering the changing properties in each. In her works of acrylics and collage elements on paper, canvas, plywood and even tar paper, she is constantly experimenting to attain the look she wants to achieve. Straw is primarily self-taught through study with several local artists, art books and visiting art shows and museums.

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.

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 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/.

WEDNESDAY/AUG. 19

Reston Duplicate Bridge Club. 7-9 p.m. Reston Community Center, 2310 Colts Neck Road, Reston. Novice-intermediate and open games are offered. Teachers are available for those who wish lessons. The game is held every Wednesday evening on a year-round basis. Light snacks and beverages are provided. \$7-\$8.

Wonderful Ones. 11 a.m. Herndon Library, 768 Center Street, Herndon. Spend time with your child while enjoying rhymes, songs, stories and music. Age 12-23 months with adult.

THURSDAY/AUG. 20

Rock On, Reston! 5:30-8:30 p.m. 11900 Market St., Reston. Bring a lawn chair or blanket and enjoy live music from the decades in the Pavilion.

Herndon's Walk to End

Alzheimer's. 6-9:30 p.m. Jimmy's Old Town Tavern, 697 Spring Street,



Charlene Fuhrman-Schulz's oriental brush painting, "Flight of Imagination," capturing a landscape in classical brush technique, is on display at the "Paint and Beyond" exhibit at U.S. Geological Survey in Reston through Aug. 28.

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THURSDAY-SUNDAY/AUG. 20-23 Friends of the Reston Library Children/Teen Book Sale.

Thursday: 10 a.m. - 8 p.m. Friday: 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Saturday: 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Sunday: 1 - 3:30 p.m. Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston. Books and materials for children, teens and

THURSDAY-SUNDAY/AUG. 20-SEPT. 13

Kiss Me, Kate. A jazzy musical comedy about a divorced couple staging an outlandish musical version of "Taming of the Shrew." For tickets and show timings visit www.nextstopHerndon.com.

FRIDAY/AUG. 21

RCC End of Summer Pool Party. 4-7 p.m. Dogwood Pool, 2460 Green

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

Range Road, Reston, Come and have a last hurrah before school starts. The pool party will have food starting at 5 p.m., entertainment, and fun for the whole family.

SATURDAY/AUG. 22

Back 2 School Bash. 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. South Lakes High School, 11400 South Lakes Drive, Reston. An afternoon filled with interactive activities and important information to help prepare children of all ages and grades to go back to school.

Reston Concerts on the Town

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www.restontowncenter.com/ concerts.

Reston Farmers Market. 8 a.m.noon. Saturdays, May 2-Nov. 14. Named the best farmers market in Northern Virginia by Virginia Living Magazine. Lake Anne Village Center, 11401 North Shore Drive, Reston.

SUNDAY/AUG. 23

Reston Century Bike Tour. 6:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. Pavilion & W&OD Trail. Riders select 33, 66 or 105 mile routes. Rain or shine. Post-ride party with food and music for participating cyclists; friends and family join for a \$15 fee. Register online. restonbicycleclub.org.

MONDAY/AUG. 24

Mr. Knick Knack, 10:30 a.m. Reston Town Center, 11900 Market St., Reston. Heart-centered music for children.

TUESDAY/AUG. 25

Pokemon Club. 2:30 p.m. Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston. Bring your Pokémon trading cards to trade or play the Pokémon game with your friends. Age 6-12.

WEDNESDAY/AUG. 26

Meet Me at the Movies: Senior

Movie Day. 10 a.m. Reston Town Center, 11900 Market St., Reston. Reston Association presents "American Sniper." Refreshments and door prizes provided prior to movie. Free to 55+. Information at Ashleigh@reston.org, 703-435-6530, or reston.org.

Octopus' Garden. 7 p.m. Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston. Join Busia Bear for family storytelling adventures with his underwater friends. All ages

Rock On, Reston! 5:30-8:30 p.m. 11900 Market St., Reston. Bring a lawn chair or blanket and enjoy live music from the decades in the Pavilion.

Group Fun Run. 6:30 p.m. Potomac River Running, Reston Town Center, 11911 Democracy Drive, Reston. For beginners or competitive runners, come out for a fun, low-key run that's safe and social.

SATURDAY/AUG. 29

Asian Sauces Cooking Demo. 9 a.m. Big Bowl, 11915 Democracy Drive. Reston. Learn how classic Asian sauces are made. \$10-\$25

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SUNDAY-SATURDAY/AUG. 30-SEPT. 5

Lake Anne Plaza Jazz Week. Lake Anne Plaza, 1609 Washington Plaza, Reston. The week will feature a variety of jazz themed events that will take place from live music. merchant activities, to a featured film part of Lake Anne's ongoing Summer Film Festival series.

SUNDAY/AUG. 30

Lake Anne Summer Film Festival: Jazz on a Summer's Day. 8 p.m. Lake Anne Plaza, 1609 Washington Plaza, Reston. The free outdoor festival will take place each month on selected Sunday's and will feature some great flicks from classic to comedy. Grab a date, the family or a group of friends, bring the lawn chairs and a picnic and enjoy flicks

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Accommodate or Exacerbate

By KENNETH B. LOURIE

As a diagnosed-as-"terminal" cancer patient (is that better, Rebecca?), I feel I am due some accommodations. However, when offered or given, I am hesitant to accept (not always, though; I'll be honest). I don't want to weaken my resolve or stoke the internal fires that burn inside many of us cancer patients: Why me? Why now? When am I going to die? Is there something I did/didn't do that caused the cancer? Am I being a compliant patient? Or am I being stubborn and stupid and rationalizing my behavior way too much? Am I one of the 17 percent of non-small cell lung cancer patients to survive beyond five years for a reason, or am I akin to a blind squirrel who sometimes finds an acorn? Am I closer to the end of my life or merely further from the beginning? Yet sometimes I do feel as if I'm entitled. Let an able-bodied person not undergoing chemotherapy every three weeks do the heavy lifting, literally and figuratively. It's not my job to prove myself up to the task any more than dying while trying is somehow beneficial. I don't want to be remembered fondly for pushing myself to an early grave. I'd rather be alive and pulling myself forward to a longer life. Until I know otherwise, I'd prefer to see how the movie ends rather than walk out early and read my obituary in the paper. As Curly Howard of The Three Stooges once said in an episode, while admiring himself in the mirror: "I'm too young to die, too handsome; well, too young anyway."

And given that I'll be 61 in September, and both my parents lived into their mid to late 80s, with minimal health problems – AND NO HISTORY OF CANCER, I feel succumbing now to my disease would be inappropriate somehow - and rather disappointing. Not that I feel any twinges or tweaks of late that have given me pause to refresh my thinking and constant self-assessing/selfevaluating, but let's be realistic here: mortality matters, no more than after you receive the kind of "13 month to two year" prognosis that I did back in early '09. And just like Radar said to Captain Pierce (in a M*A*S*H episode) about the nickname "Stinky" tending to stick with a fella, so too does a diagnosis of inoperable/metastasized stage IV non-small cell lung cancer stick with you. As much as you want to shake free of its hold (you'll note I didn't say grip), it's sort of an itch you can't really scratch - or scratch enough so that you forget it.

Constant reminders you don't need, so you try - at least I do, to live my life as normally as possible. However, as a cancer patient undergoing chemotherapy, there are many challenges, and unless certain compromises or acceptances to reality are accepted, you'll never make it the movie to even buy the ticket. But giving in to the disease doesn't seem prudent either. Most of all though, I want to remain alive. Pushing, pulling, overdoing it, "underdoing" it; when to stop, when to go? Is accepting help a sign of weakness or a sign of maturity? Unfortunately, there's no handbook. There's only your own life's experiences, your own instincts and your own wishes/preferences concerning how you want to live the rest your life under the most difficult of circumstances. Even more complicated: days are different. Some days, I want help. Other days, I don't. I wish there were some regularity/predictability to it, but there isn't. There's only the ups-and-downs-and-allarounds all us terminal patients have to accept and maybe even understand. It's not perfect. But I'll take alive and perplexed over dead and buried any time.

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ENTERTAINMENT

Touring Artist Series Returns to Reston

Reston Community Center announces new season.

eston Community Center (RCC) announces the 2015-2016 Professional Touring Artist Series at the CenterStage. The season begins in September 2015 and continues through May 2016 with performances by an exciting mix of new artists and those that Reston audiences have come to know and love. Whether they're a returning favorite or making a Reston debut, these artists are sure to entertain with new and moving, funny or touching shows for all ages and tastes. Tickets are on sale.

"This year's Professional Touring Artist Series is going to be sensational," says RCC Director of Arts and Events Paul Douglas Michnewicz. "From the special Veterans Day event Beyond Glory starring Stephen Lang, to the thrilling harmonies of Black Nativity, to the highspirited beats of The Rhythmic Circus, the whole family will be delighted by this CenterStage season. Our youngest audience members (and the young at heart) will be amazed at the hijinks of our four-legged

friends when Mutts Gone Nuts arrives and woofs its way into our hearts."

Featured performances in the 2015-2016 Professional Touring Artist Series include:

❖ Donal Fox, Pianist: Inventions in Blue Sunday, Sept. 13 at 3 p.m. (\$15 Reston/ \$20 Non-Reston)

Praised by The Boston Globe as "unique and utterly commanding," pianist and Steinway Artist Donal Fox expertly fuses jazz, Afro-Latin, and classical idioms in intricate new works and electrifying perfor-

QuinTango: Tango Along the Silk Road Sunday, Sept. 20 at 3 p.m. (\$15 Reston/ \$20 Non-Reston)

This quintet of two violins, cello, bass and piano uniquely interprets tango music universally experienced as the eternal dance of a man and a woman. Internationally renowned QuinTango will be joined by bandoneonist Emmanuel Trifilio for this Silk Road journey.

2015 National Heritage Award Fellows at the Reston Multicultural Festival

Saturday, Sept. 26, at Lake Anne Plaza (Free; performance times vary)

(NEA) National Heritage Fellowships are the nation's highest honor in tolk and traditional arts. Reston Community Center is proud to welcome two Fellows to the annual Multicultural Festival. Wayne Henderson is a master luthier and guitarist who received a 1995 National Heritage Award. Rahim AlHaj is a virtuoso oud mu-

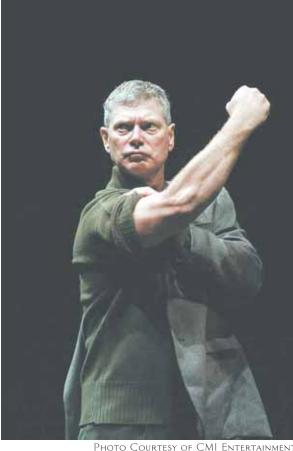


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Stephen Lang will star in the special Veterans Day event Beyond Glory.

sician and composer who has been named as a 2015 National Heritage Fellow.

❖ The Marcy & Zina Show

Saturday, Oct. 3 at 8 p.m. (\$15 Reston/ \$20 Non-Reston)

Wonderfully wacky and heartbreakingly sincere, Marcy and Zina stand ready to take Broadway by storm with their new musical version of the Drew Barrymore Cinderella film "Ever After." Marcy and Zina will have the whole family laughing through their

❖ Gin Dance Company: Chasing Horizons Wednesday, Oct. 21 at 8 p.m. (\$15 Reston/\$20 Non-Reston)

Gin Dance Company is a metropolitan DC-based dance company that blends eastern and western sensibilities with ballet and modern dance. Featuring music by Steve Reich, this evening of uplifting dance includes two World Premieres choreographed by Artistic Director Shu-Chen Cuff that will leave audiences breathless.

Stephen Lang: Beyond Glory

Tuesday, Nov. 10 at 8 p.m. (\$25 Reston/ \$35 Non-Reston)

Award-winning actor Stephen Lang brings The National Endowment for the Arts the stories of eight different Medal of Honor recipients to life in this moving one-man show. Adapted from Larry Smith's book, this Veterans Day tribute will reach into your soul and keep you thoroughly spellbound.

❖ The Richter Uzur Duo

Friday, Nov. 13 at 8 p.m. (\$15 Reston/ \$20 Non-Reston)

Brad Richter (guitar) and Viktor Uzur



Melinda Doolittle brings charm and powerhouse vocals to the stage in a soulful evening of songs ranging from American Standards to Top 40 Hits in **Reston's Professional Touring Artist** Series at the CenterStage.

(cello) pair exquisite originals with blazing improvisations and iconic works by composers such as Bartok, Gershwin, Rimsky-Korsakov and Saint-Saëns to produce an eclectic sound that is all their own.

❖ Langston Hughes' Black Nativity – a concert version presented by Theatre Alli-

Wednesday, Dec. 2 at 8 p.m. (\$25 Reston/ \$35 Non-Reston)

This retelling of the Christmas story from an Afro-centric perspective is infused with rich gospel, blues, funk, jazz, and dance with griot-style storytelling. The result is a deep exploration of cultural identity, pride, and unity that brings a fresh voice to this holiday classic.

❖ Melinda Doolittle: It Must Be Love Saturday, Dec. 19 at 8 p.m. (\$25 Reston/ \$35 Non-Reston)

Since rising to fame on American Idol, Doolittle has wowed audiences from the White House to the Kennedy Center and Carnegie Hall. She brings charm and powerhouse vocals to the stage in a soulful evening of songs ranging from American Standards to Top 40 Hits.

❖ Anna Deavere Smith: From Rodney King to Michael Brown

Sunday, Jan. 17 at 8 p.m. (\$25 Reston/ \$35 Non-Reston)

Using interviews she has conducted since the aftermath of the first Rodney King trial in 1992, acclaimed actress Anna Deavere Smith offers an update to her Twilight: Los Angeles, 1992 show with this relevant exploration of race relations in America.

Tickets

The general public, along with Reston residents and employees, can purchase tickets. Box Office Business Hours are as follows: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday: 4 – 9 p.m.

Saturday: 1 – 5 p.m. Two Hours Prior to Curtain Time for Each

To find the programs or events that are right for you, visit www.restoncommunitycenter.org or call 703-476-4500.

* Anne Deavere Smith: Keynote

Reston Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday Keynote Address & Community Lunch

Monday, Jan. 18 at 12 (\$5 Reston/ \$10 Non-Reston)

Ms. Smith returns to present an informed and inspired conversation that celebrates Dr. King's message and seeks to reconcile it in today's context. The weekend concludes with a community lunch to celebrate the diversity, progress, and hope in our community.

❖ VOICE with Matt Haimovitz: If Music Be the Food of Love

Wednesday, Feb. 24 at 8 p.m. (\$15 Reston/\$20 Non-Reston)

Lúnasa with Tim O'Brien Wednesday, March 2 at 8 p.m. (\$25 Reston/\$50 Non-Reston)

* Julian Sands: A Celebration of Harold Pinter, directed by John Malkovich

Saturday, April 2 at 8 p.m. (\$20 Reston/ \$30 Non-Reston)

❖ Mr. Vaudeville and Friends: The Great Vaudeville Radio Hour, with Mark Brutsché Sunday, April 3 at 3 p.m. (\$5 Reston/\$10 Non-Reston)

❖ The Rhythmic Circus: Feet Don't Fail Me Now

Friday, April 8 at 8 p.m. (\$20 Reston/\$30 Non-Reston)

❖ Mutts Gone Nuts – A comedy dog act Sunday, April 24 at 11 a.m. (\$5 Reston/ \$10 Non-Reston)

Sunday, April 24 at 3 p.m. (\$5 Reston/ \$10 Non-Reston)

❖ Nejla Yasemin Yatkin: What Dreams May Come, in partnership with Dance Place Wednesday, May 4 at 8 p.m. (\$15 Reston/ \$20 Non-Reston)

* Roz Chast: Can't We Talk About Something More Pleasant?

Wednesday, May 11 at 8 p.m. (\$15 Reston/\$20 Non-Reston)

The Reduced Shakespeare Company: The Complete History of Comedy (abridged)

Friday, May 20 at 8 p.m. (\$25 Reston/ \$50 Non-Reston)

Saturday, May 21 at 8 p.m. (\$25 Reston/ \$50 Non-Reston)

Unless otherwise noted, all performances take place at the CenterStage, located at Reston Community Center Hunters Woods. Additional information about each of the performances is available online at www.restoncommunitycenter.com.