

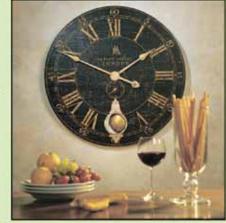


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Student Peace Award recipients pose after the ceremony.



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Mission: Promoting Peace

22 receive Student Peace Awards for efforts to promote peace.

BY REEM NADEEM
THE CONNECTION

ith causes ranging from antibullying efforts to human trafficking awareness to interfaith dialogue, students in Fairfax County were recognized for their peacemaking efforts at the 11th Annual Student Peace Awards of Fairfax County on March

Students and student groups in any of 29 Fairfax County Public high schools, as well as three private high schools, were eligible for nomination. This year, 22 students or student groups received the Student Peace Award, for their efforts to promote peace.

"As one of their counselors said, these are people who not only looked for opportunities to do good things, they went out and created the opportunities. So many, many of these students have gone and created their own organizations and their own clubs to help whatever the issue is they wanted to work on," organizer Margaret Fisher said.

Mason Professor Al Fuertes, who travels to areas affected by war and natural disaster, spoke at the ceremony. Fuertes congratulated the recipients and spoke about his personal and professional experiences with fostering peace. Students received awards for a variety of peacemaking activities, however.

"As long as a student's contribution is something for peacemaking or nonviolent resolution of conflict, the schools could decide for themselves what that meant, because we didn't want to limit their thinking, and there's just millions of ways you can make peace either in your life, or in your school, or the greater community or the world as a whole," Fisher said.

EACH HIGH SCHOOL is responsible for selecting students to receive the recognition. Club leaders or counselors make recommendations and some schools allow students to self-select. Recipients of the award were informed in December so that they could include the recognition on college applications.

Because the awards are given to high school

juniors and seniors, the Student Peace Awards program aims to give students another achievement to strive for, in addition to academics and athletics.

"What we want to do is find a way to promote peace, that's the only goal of this is to promote peace. We thought that encouraging young people to find projects that do that would be worth doing and we wanted to get the word peace into the conversation in schools," Fisher said.

In addition to rewarding good student behavior, The Awards also aim to promote nonviolent solutions within the community, which in turn can spread globally, according to planner Paul Murphy.

"We need to reward positive behaviors. And to get people thinking in problem solving modes, not just whenever there's a problem in the world, to think that it requires a military solution, but beginning with our communities, expanding nationwide and then internationally." Murphy said. "I think it's very important for people to see that there are alternatives to violence, and these kids are beginning to show it at a very young age and we want to encourage them."

Once nominated for the award, recipients were guided through the process by representatives. Nancy James, who has served as a representative for several years, said she was assigned to work with senior Laith Abuhaija of the Islamic Saudi Academy, who was recognized for his interfaith efforts and volunteer work.

As the award program has grown, so has its importance to families of nominees. Luis Urbina drove from North Carolina to attend the ceremony for his daughter and award recipient, Renata Urbina Dela Flor, a senior at Lake Braddock Secondary School.

"We talked and she mentioned some stuff, but it's good to see that it's a lot more than what she said. You know, she's very humble so it's nice to see something like an award," Urbina said.

RECIPIENTS were awarded \$250 as well as \$100 to be donated to an organization of their choice. However, according to organizer Nancy Davis, the monetary reward is certainly not the most valuable gift.

"I love to see the families' expressions," Davis said. "The families are just so happy to see their children recognized for this type of work. It's not the athletic field - which is important too - and the monetary gift isn't great but I think it's wonderful seeing the parents so proud."

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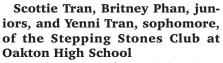
What Did You Do to Win Peace Award; What Inspired You to Get Involved?

—Reem Nadeem

Aditi Takle, senior, South Lakes High School

"I volunteer at Cornerstones which is a local organization, I volunteer at the Herndon Neighborhood Resource Center, where once a week I'll go and tutor elementary school students who are generally underprivileged, so I'll help them with whatever homework they have, I'll read to them, just to help get them to grade level or past grade level. Another reason is that I'm the president of our school's chapter of Girls Learn International, so that's a national organization that advocates and fundraises for girls rights to education. So what we do at our chapter is that we fundraise and then we also do an advocacy event. Last year, we screened a documentary "Half the Sky." And then this year, we're screening another documentary, "He Named Me Malala." Our funds go to our partner school in India.

I really got involved in the club because I think what they do is a really good cause especially because girls lack



Phan: "We're here for our club, Oakton Stepping Stones, we're a sex trafficking awareness club, and we host awareness weeks and we just reach out, educate the school."

Tran: "I had a friend who was interested in starting this club, and we just basically came up with this idea because we were really passionate about this topic, we watched a documentary on sex trafficking, and it just really affected us. That's why we started this club.

Phan: One of the local Fairfax County detectives talked to us about this issue and I think all of the members and all officers were really affected by the issue when we heard him talk to us.

Kenzie Hines, senior, James Madison High School

"I'm the president of Amnesty International and Girls Learn International at my school. Mostly through Amnesty, we try to involve the student population in mostly Socratic discussions about tolerance, things that are happening around the world. And since we live in such a diverse area, how we affect that, how we feel about it because in this bubble nothing really seems real. So it's a lot of trying to educate the student population, my friends and people around me on how different the world is and how to accept that. Education breeds tolerance.

When I was an underclassman, I knew a bunch of seniors who were really involved in Amnesty and the Amnesty club at my school is extremely welcoming, we do a lot of events that are a lot of fun and I wanted to be a part of that, so now I lead it."



Aditi Takle

in education around the world. I got into Cornerstones just because I like tutoring, my sister used to tutor so I thought that would be a good opportunity for me but I really do like working with the kids."



Scottie Tran, Junior, Britney Phan, Junior, Yenni Tran, Sophomore - Oakton High School



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LETTERS

Enjoying Awesomeness of Reston

To the Editor:

Over the past two weekends, I have been out walking around the neighborhoods of the Lake Anne/Tall Oaks district to meet residents and learn what is important to them with regard to Reston Association. I have met some great people who care about our community and have ideas to make it an even better place to live. This past weekend, I walked around and met many of the Lake Anne merchants. What struck me was how unique each merchant was and how warmly I was greeted. I want to share a few examples.

The adorable Chesapeake Chocolates shop is not only a place to purchase delicious chocolate, but wine too! And to top it off, you can mail a package at the Bob Simon Post Office while you are there. What a great service for the community. I then walked into the Lake Anne Barber and it was packed. All the gentlemen were talking among themselves or watching the small TV in the waiting area. This shop reminded me of going to the barber with my dad over 40 years ago. My next stop was the Small

Change Consignments shop. There a little girl was trying on Easter dresses. She was quite the model. Following the runway show, I sat and talked with the manager of Singh Thai. She was very interested in the revitalizing of Lake Anne. I then stopped in the Reston Art Gallery & Studios where I saw two children working on an art project with seashells, a cute little dog that wanted to be scratched, and a wonderful women who greeted me warmly and took the time to listen to my "campaign speech."

I stopped in all the stores and I could tell a little story about each one, but the point of this article is to say that we are fortunate to have a place like Lake Anne to shop, eat, play, and gather as a community. My hopes are that as Reston continues to evolve, we will preserve these gathering spaces across Reston, in our village centers, parks, etc.

The RA elections started last week, so please fill out the ballot and send it in. Everyone should have a voice.

Sherri Hebert

Reston

Voting for Reston's Next 50 Years

To the Editor:

It seems like you can't open your computer or turn on your TV these days without hearing about this year's presidential election. If you follow the news at all, you've been bombarded with stories about the candidates and their plans for the country. But there's another election going on right now, one that has a direct impact on our community, and you've probably barely heard about it at all. I'm referring to the Reston Association Board of Directors' election taking place this month.

They say that decisions are made by the people who show up. And when it comes to deciding who's on the RA board, far too few Restonians are showing up with their vote. Even though the ballot and electronic information are mailed or emailed right to you, and even though voting online or by mail takes just a couple of minutes, turnout in these elections usually hovers in the 15 percent to 20 percent range. It seems that a lot of Restonians don't know about the election or think it's important enough to vote. That's a shame, because who represents us on the RA board matters a great deal to the future of our community.

There are countless ways in which the RA board affects the future of Reston, but to-day I'll focus on one: the development and redevelopment of our community.

For better or for worse, Reston is changing. The Silver Line is a reality now, and every time you drive past the Wiehle station or over by the International Center, you can see that change is underway. The new development sparked by the Silver Line will bring a lot of opportunities and challenges here in Reston. On the positive side, it will bring new jobs, an influx of younger residents, and exciting new shops and restaurants. On the other hand, it will also bring more traffic, more pollution, and more demands on our facilities, our infrastructure, our open space.

How are we going to ensure that the new development is consistent with Bob Simon's vision? How are we going to ensure that we can enjoy the benefits of our bigger, more urban, more connected community without losing the qualities that make Reston special? Who is going to represent us, the citizens, with the developers and local government to make sure that our interests are considering during all this change? The RA board, that's who.

In recent years, RA has really stepped up its game. They recognized how important this development and redevelopment is to Reston's future. They've worked hard to strengthen their relationships with the development community and with our elected officials in order to make sure Reston's citizens have a seat at the table when redevelopment proposals are considered. They've gotten better informed about the changes coming to our community, so that they can make sure Restonians stay informed as well.

Let's not kid ourselves: the issues surrounding redevelopment and the challenges we have to address as a community aren't easy. We're going to have to work hard to protect our open space, our environmental resources and our natural beauty. We're going to have to get creative to provide recreational facilities for our new residents while dealing with the reality that money and land aren't limitless. We're going to have to find a way to maintain, refresh, and renew our aging infrastructure without driving assessments through the roof. We're going to have to adapt the principles of Reston to meet the realities of the next 50 years.

If we're going to do all this, it's going to take a lot of hard work. It's going to take smart, dedicated, principled, and capable people representing us on the RA board and its committees. And the only way we're going to make sure we have a Board that truly SEE LETTERS. PAGE 5

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CRIME

Reston Crime Reports

Notable Incidents from the Fairfax County Police Blotter from March 7 to 14.

Dwelling - 13100 block of Diamond Mill Drive March 5, 2:30 a.m. A resident heard what sounded like a gunshot. He invesbedroom wall. He then located a bullet on the bedroom floor. The bullet was turned over to police and a canvass was conducted. There were no injuries and it is unknown where the bullet was fired

Burglary - 2200 block of Chamblee Place March 6, 3:45 a.m. A resident reported that someone entered the residence and took property.

Larcenies

13100 block of Fox Hunt Lane, bicycle from

Missile Into Occupied 2300 block of Glade Bank Way, from property 11900 block of Market Street, merchandise from business 13200 block of Stable Brook Way, tigated and found a hole in a back license plate from vehicle 11600 block of Sunrise Valley Drive, property from vehicle 2400 block of Centreville Road, purse from business 13000 block of Farthingale Drive, phone from 2100 block of Monaghan Drive, generator from residence 11800 block of Sunrise Valley Drive, beer from business 1300 block of Yellow Tavern Court, purse from business

Stolen Vehicles

2400 block of Rolling Plains business Drive, 2004 Lexus RX330

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represents the community is if we take the time to vote.

So when you receive that election packet in the mail or in your inbox, don't toss it in the trash. Take a few minutes and read it. Take the time to learn about the candidates and their plans for the community's

future. And then cast your vote.

If you're feeling election fatigue these days, I don't blame you. But this is one election that requires your attention, and your vote. The future of our community depends on it.

Colin Mills

Reston

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OPINION

Homelessness on Its Way Out in Fairfax

Homelessness should be rare, brief and non-recurring; 776 fewer homeless individuals in 2016 than in 2008.

Fairfax County in every major category, a fact confirmed on Jan. 28, 2016, the annual Point in Time Count.

There were 145 fewer individuals homeless than the Point In Time Count a year earlier, 138 of those in families, and seven fewer homeless individuals. There also were no families in overflow motels, and no families were unsheltered in the 2016 count.

EDITORIAL Sixty-four percent of the 577 family members who were literally homeless on Jan. 28, 2016 were in transitional housing, with the rest in emergency shelter. There were vacancies in emergency shelters for families and in domestic violence shelters; no families were unsheltered

"This trend is beautiful," said Sharon Bulova. chairman of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors. "The things we're doing are making a difference."

In 2008, the Fairfax County established the Office to Prevent and End Homelessness with a plan to end homelessness within 10 years.

'Seeing the numbers decrease in so many different areas is encouraging after working on the 10 year plan," said Dean Klein, director of the Office to Prevent and End Homelessness. Since 2008, the number of people who are literally homeless on the day of the Point in Time Count has decreased by 776 individuals. "Since 2008 there has been a 42 percent reduction in the number of people counted as homeless, from 1,835 people in 2008 to 1,059 in 2016,"

omelessness is down in Klein reported to the Board of Supervisors on Monday, March 14.

> Julie Maltzman, manager of Continuum of Care, reported the details to the Governing Board of the Fairfax-Falls Church Partnership to Prevent and End Homelessness on Monday afternoon.

> A coordinated effort among partners, more housing options and flexible funding helped

to get formerly homeless families into more viable housing with appropriate services, said Joe Meyer, executive director of Shelter House. More public

awareness around homelessness is also making a difference, Meyer said.

Still, 341 children under the age of 18 were among those literally homeless in this year's Point in Time Count, 32 percent of all home-

Eighty percent (190 people) of the adults in homeless families were female; 66 percent of adults (155) in homeless families were employed; a slight increase from 62 percent in 2015. Twelve percent (21) of families were considered "youth households," with all family members under 25 years old.

Single adults made up 46 percent of all homeless people counted, a total of 482. Fortytwo percent (202 people) of single adults who were homeless suffered from serious mental illness and/or substance abuse, a 13 percent decrease from last year. Many had chronic health problems and/or physical disabilities as

Thirty percent (146 people) were experienc-

ing chronic homelessness. This is a significant decrease from last year when 42 percent (203 people) were experiencing chronic homelessness.

Among the factors helping to reduce homelessness, Maltzman said: the adoption of a Housing First approach; increased homelessness prevention and rapid rehousing efforts; prioritizing housing for individuals with the longest history of homelessness and highest vulnerability; additional permanent supportive housing for singles experiencing chronic homelessness; focus on housing veterans including use of Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (VASH) vouchers; new permanent housing opportunities for families with chil-

To find out more, see http:// www.fairfaxcounty.gov/homeless/

Support the effort to end homelessness by contributing to the Build a Village campaign found there as well.

Support the nonprofit partners working to end homelessness, including FACETS, Cornerstones, New Hope Housing, Northern Virginia Family Services, Shelter House, United Community Ministries, Good Shepherd Housing, Alternative House, Homestretch, Pathways Homes and others.

- Mary Kimm

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Mary Kimm is a member of the Governing Board of the Fairfax-Falls Church Partnership to Prevent and

The purpose of the legislative session is A Circus Show serious business and not entertainment BY KENNETH R. "KEN" PLUM like the circus. There are times, however,

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ronically Ringling Brothers and Barnum and Bailey Circus moved into the Richmond Coliseum for its annual stand at the same time last week that a few blocks away the General Assembly concluded its annual meeting and members packed up and went home. Circus promoters need to come up with a new theme each year to keep its patrons returning; this year's theme was "Extreme." Reviewers are likely to come up with very different assessments of the General Assembly session. It was not as extreme as some sessions, but as always there were some really good things that happened and some not so good.

Legislative sessions tend to be ponderous nothing as exciting as a flying trapeze or person being shot out of a cannon. Progress in changing laws is made mostly in small, incremental steps. This session I am pleased that small steps were taken to reduce the flow of students going from the classroom to the courtroom. More emphasis will start to be given to providing alternatives for youth who misbehave but who should not be treated like criminals. Very small steps were made in gun safety

that it may be difficult to tell the difference. by facilitating background checks for those not McAuliffe's appointee had nothing to do with required to have one to purchase a gun but who volunteer to do so. My bill to require background checks for all purchases at gun shows was defeated. A new law will deny gun ownership for those against whom a permanent

School reform continues at a slow pace, but there seems to be a clear recognition that there is too much standardized testing. School systems struggling with their budgets will receive more state aid but still at a level below 2006. Economic development funds are increased which should help the super salesman Governor McAuliffe attract more businesses to the Commonwealth.

protective order has been issued. Persons who

receive protection from the court through such

an order will find an easier path to getting a

concealed weapon permit, an idea I did not

For the first time in history the legislature removed a Supreme Court Justice from office. The refusal to confirm Governor the credentials of the justice who was acknowledged by all to be eminently qualified but had to do with personalities and struggles between the legislative and executive branches. A one-day discussion of the possible nomination of former Attorney General Ken Cuccinelli brought a public outcry. The legislature in the end confirmed a new justice (without my vote) who is as ideologically conservative as Cuccinelli but not a political activist.

The biennial budget brought good news to many programs as the economic recovery has produced more revenue than in the past. Unfortunately, my bill to expand Medicaid coverage was not approved.

The purpose of the legislative session is serious business and not entertainment like the circus. There are times, however, that it may be difficult to tell the difference.

Information about legislative results from this session is at http://lis.virginia.gov/lis.htm.



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Aqua Egg Hunt. 1:30-4:20 p.m. Herndon Community Center, 814 Ferndale Ave., Herndon. Children will collect as many floating and sinking eggs as possible in the time allowed. \$10 for one child and one parent. Check for age group times. herndon-va.gov. 703-435-6800 ext.

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SATURDAY/MAR. 26

Traditional Easter Egg Hunt. 9-11:30 a.m. Check for times for age groups. 777 Lynn St., Herndon. Easter Egg Hunt, featuring: craft projects, story time, petting zoo, coloring mural, potting station, and photos with the Easter Bunny. Bring a basket or bag to collect your eggs in the hunt. \$9/\$10. Register at 703-435-6800, ext. 2106. herndon-va.gov.

SUNDAY/MARCH 27

Easter Egg Hunt. 10:15 a.m. Forest Edge Elementary School, 1501 Becontree Lane, Reston. Join Restoration Church for an Easter service followed by a free egg hunt! Our Egg Hunt will begin around 11:15 a.m. immediately following the 10:15 a.m. Easter service. Come enjoy an egg hunt, moon bounce, snacks and more. restorationreston.org/egg-hunt. 703-405

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Herndon's traditional Easter Egg Hunt will be on Saturday, March 26 in Lynn Street.

treats and treasures of the grounds of Colvin Run Mill Historic Site. Separate hunts by age group. Before the hunt, make egg-cellent crafts to take home. Bring your own basket; program will be held rain or shine. Ages 2-9. \$6/\$8. Register at http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/ parks/colvinrunmill/events.htm

Old-Fashioned Egg Hunt and Roll. 10:30-11:30 a.m. Freeman House, 131 Church St., NE, Vienna. Children 12 and under and their parents are welcome to participate in an egg roll and visit with Easter Bunny, hosted by Historic Vienna, Inc. 703-938-5187.



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'Do You Keep a Gun in Your Home?'

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- Amy L. Best, Ph.D., George

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Starting conversations about gun safety can help prevent play date tragedies.

By Marilyn Campbell
The Connection

tarting the conversation felt awkward. After all, she didn't want to offend another parent. It also felt necessary, because putting her 5-year-old son in harm's way was not an option. After procrastinating, role-playing and even discussing it with a therapist, Sara Hayes finally initiated the dialogue. Before scheduling a play date, she wanted to know if the families of her son's friends owned guns.

"My son had started making friends in kindergarten and of course I wanted him to have playmates and go on play dates," said Hayes. "But I had this fear of him being in someone's house where there was a gun that he could get his hands on."

Statistics from the Brady Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence indicate that one out of three homes in the Unites States with children have guns and almost 1.7 million children live in a home with a gun that is unlocked and loaded. Child development experts say that because many children are naturally curious,

the odds of a child finding and playing with a gun that is relatively accessible are high. Even if a parent has never thought to ask about guns in a home or finds the topic too uncomfortable to raise, the conversation is vital to helping parents make decisions about safety, because simply telling a child to stay away from a gun is not enough to change that child's behavior.

"Each family needs to decide what information they would like

to know. Parents should be aware that children's judgment alone is not a reliable security measure," said Bethesda, Md.-based child psychologist Stacie Isenberg, Psy.D. "Way too often curiosity wins over judgment."

A study by a researcher at Eckerd College showed that educating preschool children about the potential dangers of guns didn't prevent them from playing with guns. In writing about her findings, Marjorie Hardy, Ph.D., explained, "... We brought a police officer to a class of 60 children and he told them: "Don't touch guns — they're dangerous. If you see a gun, leave the area. Go tell an adult."

After the officer's presentation, the children could repeat what they'd been taught to do when they saw a gun. "But when we left them alone with disarmed guns, they picked them up and shot everything in sight," she wrote.

Officer Roger Henriquez of the Fairfax County Police Department, Franconia District Station says that parents might consider asking a parent before a play date: "How many guns do you own, and how do you keep them stored?' 'Do you have a lock box or other safety features ... like trigger locks?' 'Do you take your kids to a firing range?""

Such questions will help parents gather information to determine whether their child's playmates' parents share their views on gun safety and storage, since parenting philosophies run the gamut from lax

Tips

The Center to Prevent Youth Violence has created a resource for parents who want to inquire if there are firearms where their children play. They offer these tips, which might make it easier to open a dialogue:

- which might make it easier to open a dialogue:

 * Ask with other questions. Include the question along with other things you might normally discuss before sending your child to someone's house such as seat belts, animals, or allergies.
- * Use the facts. Over one-third of homes with children have a gun. Many of those guns are left unlocked and loaded. That is why you are asking you just want to make sure that your child is safe.
- **♦ Don't be confrontational.** Present your concerns in a respectful manner. You are simply trying to make sure your child is in a safe environment.

For more information, visit: https://askingsaveskids.org

to strict where guns are concerned. "Some parents take their kids to a firing range and other kids are told nothing except 'Stay away from this box," said Henriquez.

Starting such conversations can be fraught with anxiety, and many parents are reticent to broach the subject, especially with friends. "It's uncomfortable to talk honestly with other parents about issues such as guns because they are so politically divisive," said Amy L. Best, Ph.D., professor and chair of the Department of Sociology and Anthropology at George

Mason University in Fairfax. "It's also difficult to ask other parents questions that may be taken as a judgment on [their] parenting."

To increase the chance of a smooth and amicable conversation, Best suggests that bringing up questions about possible firearms and their storage should happen well before a play date, rather than when a child is dropped off at a friend's house.

"A parent can begin with letting the hosting parent know if your child has any allergies," said Best.

"This can be followed by 'I just wanted to make sure if you have guns at home, they are secured in a lock box." A straightforward approach is an essential part of initiating these conversations. "It is important to be honest about your concerns," said Isenberg. "Parents can tell the other family that prior to a play date at a new home, they always inquire as to the presence of guns."

The statistics, say child researchers, bear out the importance of overcoming initial discomfort about a potentially controversial conversation. "I think most parents support firearm safety, if that means keeping children safe," said Best.

SCHOOL NOTES

Send school notes to north@connectionnewspapers.com by Friday.

Etienne Ying-Hong Dailly, a graduating senior at South Lakes High School in Reston, Virginia, has been named one of more than 4,000 candidates in the 2016 U.S. Presidential Scholars Program. The candidates were selected from nearly 3.3 million students expected to graduate from U.S. high schools in the year 2016.



Guests and visitors stop by the information booth at Langston Hughes Middle School at the third annual Mini Maker Faire held at Reston. NoVa Mini Maker Faire is independently organized by Nova Labs and is operated under license from Maker Media, Inc. Nova Labs is located at 1916 Isaac Newton Square West in Reston.

Creativity on Display in Reston

An estimated 5,000 persons come to this year's Maker Faire.

> By Ryan Dunn The Connection

he family-friendly showcase of invention and creativity returned to Reston on Sun-day, March 13. Tech enthusiasts and innovators gathered in Reston for the third annual NoVa Mini Maker Faire at South Lakes High School and Langston Hughes Middle School. Features for this year's event included additional guest speakers, a trebuchet at the school tennis courts, as well as representatives with institutions such as George Mason University and Northern Virginia Community College. Also returning were members of local drone clubs. In February, the FAA shrunk the "No Drone Zone" from a 30 mile radius to 15 miles from Washington, D.C. "I am happy they made the change," said Burke resident Christopher Vo.

Guest speakers included beekeeper David Wright, Jennyfer Peterson, and Reston filmmaker Rebekah Wingert-Jabi. Wingert-Jabi discussed the process of making a documentary film, and shared about her recent film: "Another Way of Living: The Story of Reston, VA." Wingert-Jabi recently spoke with WAMU's "The Kojo Nnamdi Show" and Herndon Community Television. SLHS senior Everest Gromoll demonstrated blacksmithing outside



Makers of all ages attended the March 2016 NoVa Mini **Maker Faire at South Lakes High School and Langston Hughes Middle. Artist Mike** Heilman, who teaches classes in rug making displayed his work at SLHS.

South Lakes High School. Ruben Najera, TV producer with the Comcast Cable Studio in Reston, covered the event with other Comcast crew.

Makers shared their knowledge through hands-on projects for adults and children on topics ranging from primitive skills to 3D printing, drones and robots to creative reuse of recycled materials to creative art-making. "It is pretty awesome, there is a lot of things to do here," said Langston Hughes Middle School student and event volunteer Gabe Mravlja. Del. Ken Plum (D-36) also visited the event.

Entire families could attend and participate in this exhibit and showcase of local tech talent and crafts. Members of the Hogarty family gathered by Mike Hogarty's welding display. Mike is a master mechanic and owner of Hotrods 2 Hybrids or H2h, which services the northern Virginia area for vehicle

service and custom builds. Mike is a member of Nova Labs and his daughters also appreciate tech and applications. His father, Jim Hogarty, displayed the 3D printer his granddaughter made. "This is a great place to network and to make your idea into an actual product," said Mike Hogarty.

GMU students displayed some of the recent work. Senior Adrian Cabal spoke about his work on the application of drone movements and formation. Alex Goldstone, Brian Ruiz, Phi Nguyen and Michael Kepler spoke about their project constructing a robotic adult sized, sign language using arm that uses motion capture. The South Lakes STEM club also attended the event. The STEM club was formed and approved in 2016, and includes robotics, JAVA and rocketry. Corporate sponsors for the club include Bechtel and Orbital. "We've always been big fans of the Maker Faire," said SLHS senior Noah Wallace. Club mentor and parent Mary Thompson also attended with her son Andrew, a SLHS sophomore. The Langston Hughes robotics club now feeds into the SLHS club, called the <C://>Hawks.

In the SLHS hallways, David Gray and Ken Gray displayed Penny Farthing bikes. The South Lakes gym, cafeteria and additional locations were used to showcase displays. One of the local artists attending for the first time was Mike Heilman, who teaches classes in rug making.

It was estimated 5,000 persons attended this year's Maker Faire. "It is an amazing opportunity for a diverse group of makers. It is all about learning," said Children's Science Center executive director Adalene "Nene" Spivy.

Week in Reston

Dresses, Accessories Needed for Prom Dress Drive

Reston Community Center is accepting dresses, shoes, jewelry, handbags, shawls and other accessories for students as part of the annual Diva Central Prom Dress Drive. Donations are tax deductible and may be dropped off at either Reston Community Center facility through Saturday, March 26. All donations are appreciated but should be in good condition, no older than 5 years (circa 2011), and should be dry cleaned before they are donated. If dry cleaning is not possible, indicate at the time of drop-off. Dress donations will benefit students in Reston and sur-

This year's prom dress giveaway event is planned for Saturday, April 23, from 12 to 6 p.m. at RCC Lake Anne, 1609-A Washington Plaza in Reston. All local high school students are invited to attend and "shop" for dresses, shoes and other accessories for free. Registration is not required.

For further information, or to become involved as a volunteer or sponsor, contact Joe Brown, Teen and Family program assistant, at 703-390-6179 or Joseph.Brown@fairfaxcounty.gov.

Scout Collects Welcome Home Kits for Formerly Homeless

Over the next five months, a nonprofit organization called Pathway Homes will be moving formerly homeless people into new homes. Life Scout Will McLauchlin needs your help rounding up cleaning items for their new homes as part of his Eagle Scout Project. He has put up an Amazon wish-list of all the items he needs for Home Welcome Kits, https://goo.gl/uqk4Gd.

How to help

- Send anything you would like to buy from the Amazon wishlist. Or you can send similar items from any store.
- ❖ Send items to: Pathway Homes C/O Will McLauchlin 2505 Red Clover Court; Reston, VA 20191.

McLauchlin and his Scout supporters will organize your gifts into Home Welcome Kits for Pathway Homes to give to its clients as they move in. For more details about Pathway Homes see www.pathwayhomes.org.

If you have any questions, you can email McLauchlin at Willmcl@yahoo.com or call him at 571-355-4068.

Career Day Speakers Needed

Langston Hughes Middle School in Reston seeks local speakers to represent various careers for Career Day on Thursday, April 7. Contact school counselor Marissa Brooks marissalbrooks@fcps.edu.

Volunteers Needed for Food Packing Event

Assistance League of Northern Virginia invites community members to help pack food for the Weekend Food for Kids program which benefits 1500 schoolchildren who receive reduced-price meals during the week. The next food packing event is at 10 a.m. on Thursday, March 17 at Dominion Virginia Power, 3072 Centreville Road, in Herndon. Arrive at 9:30 a.m. if you would like to help with setup. Event contact: karenamster@aol.com.

FAITH NOTES

Faith Notes are for announcements and a.m. events in the faith community, including nollaay services. reston@connectionnewspapers.com. Deadline is Thursday.

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

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.meditation-dc.org.

Founder's Day Becomes Founder's Week

Community groups come together to honor legacy of Bob Simon.

obert E. Simon, Jr. passed away on Sept. 21, 2015 at his home on Lake Anne Plaza. Bob was 101 years young and left a community that experienced his death as a shock despite his age.

As community civic and nonprofit organizations began planning for Reston's annual Founder's Day event in 2016, it became evident that the scope and number of commemorative activities would expand. Thus Founder's Day for 2016 has evolved into Founder's Week. From Sunday, April 3 at Lake Anne Plaza, to Sunday, April 10 at Reston Town Center, and throughout the week at many locations throughout the community, we will remember our founder, his incredible life and the legacy he leaves community groups announced in a joint

Few people can claim to have established not just a "new town" but even more remarkably, a new way of living in the United States. Planned events will celebrate Bob's vision, his love of the arts, the impact of his bold venture on land use in the United States and how his fervent desire to create a thriving community has been realized in

The Founder's Week celebrations will give those who live, work and play in Reston a chance to reconnect with Bob and the spirit of his life.

As a participating organization, Reston Community Center has announced the Founder's Week schedule of events. A Founder's Week program will be distributed in the community in late March and is viewable online at RCC's and other organizations' websites. Additional information is available

www.restoncommunitycenter.com/ foundersweek or by visiting participating organization's websites.

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Founder's Week Schedule, April 3-10

A Youth Art Month exhibition: Emerging Visions: Contemplating Community

March 15 - April 9 Greater Reston Arts Center (12001 Market Street, Suite 103, Reston)

In conjunction with National Youth Art Month, students from Herndon, Oakton, and South Lakes High Schools reflect on and are inspired by the continuing relevance of Bob Simon's vision in today's world. Presented by Greater Reston Arts Center and sponsored by Hughes Group Architects.

MORE AT http://restonarts.org/exhibition/ youth-art-month/

❖ League of Reston Artists' Founder's Day Exhibit: The Way I See...

March 28 - April 25

Reception: Sunday, April 3, 2-4 p.m.

Jo Ann Rose Gallery - RCC Lake Anne (1609-A Washington Plaza, Reston)

League of Reston Artists presents a collection of art that considers that reality is not what we see but what we discover and create for ourselves. The show chair is Antonella Manganelli; the exhibit will be judged by League of Reston Artists founder Pat Macintvre. Free.

MORE at www.leagueofrestonartists.org

Lecture. Reston: From New Town to Metro by Roger K. Lewis, FAIA

Monday, April 4, 7:30 p.m.

Greater Reston Arts Center (GRACE) (12001 Market Street, Suite 103, Reston)

Presented in conjunction with the Emerging Visions exhibit, Greater Reston Arts Center presents a lecture exploring Reston's place in the New Town movement. An expert in urban design, development, suburbanization and sustainability, Professor Lewis will explore Mr. Simon's legacy locally and more broadly. The lecture will be followed by a champagne/dessert reception from Red Velvet Cupcakery. Presented by Greater Reston Arts Center and sponsored by Hughes Group Architects. \$10 suggested donation

MORE at 703-471-9242 or www.restonarts.org

. Documentary Screening. "Levitated Mass" by Doug Pray

Tuesday, April 5, 7:30-9 p.m.

CenterStage - RCC Hunters Woods (2310 **Colts Neck Road, Reston)**

This film documents the incredible and inspirational journey of a 340-ton solid granite boulder through California neighborhoods before it came to its final resting place outside the Los Angeles County Museum of Art. It is presented by Reston Community Center in collaboration with the Initiative for Public Art - Reston (IPAR) as part of a film series intended to foster a community conversation about public art. Free

MORE at www.publicartreston.org

❖ Lecture. The Future of the American Suburb: Lessons from Reston by Patrick Phillips

Wednesday, April 6, 7-9 p.m. Jo Ann Rose Gallery - RCC Lake Anne (1609-A

Washington Plaza, Reston)

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lecture by an expert in land use who will discuss the impact Reston has had on suburban development. Mr. Phillips is Global CEO of Urban Land Institute (ULI) and President of the ULI Foundation. Free.

MORE at www.restonmuseum.org

❖ Best of Reston Community Service Awards Gala

Thursday, April 7, 6 p.m.

Hyatt Regency - Reston (1800 Presidents St., Reston)

The 25th Annual Best of Reston Gala event highlights individuals and organizations that make our community the unique and marvelous place it is, while raising funds to support the mission of Cornerstones to provide affordable housing and help families and individuals build more stable lives. This 25year partnership between the Greater Reston Chamber of Commerce and Cornerstones exemplifies Robert E. Simon's vision of a vibrant, connected community where all may "live, work, play and serve." Tickets may be purchased through Cornerstones

MORE at www.cornerstonesva.org/BOR

❖ The Rhythmic Circus: Feet Don't Fail Me

Friday, April 8, 8 p.m.

CenterStage – RCC Hunters Woods (2310 Colts Neck Road, Reston)

Reston Community Center presents a family-friendly performance by a hard-hitting, high-spirited tap dance ensemble featured last year on America's Got Talent. The CenterStage was one of Bob Simon's favorite places to enjoy the performing arts. He

would have thoroughly enjoyed this show and enjoyed seeing everyone sharing the joy of a CenterStage performance. \$20 Reston/\$30 non-

MORE INFORMATION:

www.restoncommunitycenter.com

❖ Faith Communities Honor Robert E. Simon Jr. April 8-10

Throughout Greater Reston

In conjunction with Cornerstones and its sponsoring religious organizations, various faith communities in the greater Reston area will contemplate the legacy of Robert E. Simon, Jr. during the Founder's Week celebration of his life. Presented by Cornerstones and participating religious

INFORMATION:

kerrie.wilson@cornerstonesva.org

❖ Founder's Day Saturday, April 9, 10 a.m.–4 p.m. Lake Anne Plaza

The Reston Historic Trust and Museum presents the annual family-friendly community celebration, featuring a 50-foot Ferris wheel sponsored by Reston Association (RA), children's activities, children's art projects in cooperation with IPAR, musical entertainment, guided walks around Lake Anne Plaza, and remarks by local elected officials. Lake Anne of Reston Condominium Association (LARCA) and IPAR will also present The Wooden Horse, constructed by Reston artist Marco Rando. This commissioned public artwork is inspired by the Lake Anne original (of the same name) created by artist Gonzalo Fonseca in 1965. Please check out



A week-long celebration of Bob Simon's legacy, April 3-10 in Reston.

the dining and drink specials at Lake Anne all week. Founder's Day is a free event; certain activities may require a fee.

MORE 703-709-7700, restonmuseum@gmail.com www.restonmuseum.org

❖ Documentary Screening. "Fun, Beauty, Fantasy: Reston's Public Art" Directed by Rebekah Wingert-Jabi

Saturday, April 9, 10-11 a.m. and 2-3 p.m.

(Screening every 15 minutes) Jo Ann Rose Gallery - RCC Lake Anne (1609-A

Vashington Plaza, Reston)

IPAR presents screenings of a 15-minute documentary celebrating Reston's public art. Featuring interviews with Robert E. Simon, Jr. and others, it includes historic footage and details about the sculptures and fountains at Lake Anne and Reston Town Center, as well as the mosaic work at the Glade Drive underpass. Free.

MORE at www.publicartreston.org/public-art/ reston-the-art-of-community

Exhibit: Joyful Color in Reston By Joan S. Kelly Saturday, April 9

Opening Reception: 1–4 p.m.

Reston Art Gallery and Studios (11400 Washington Plaza West, Heron House,

Artist Joan Kelly presents a collection of artwork honoring Robert E. Simon, the joy she has felt as a Reston resident, and the beauty of the diverse ar-

MORE at www.restonartgallery.com or 703-

* A Gift to Bob's Community: In Celebration of Robert E. Simon, Jr.

Sunday, April 10, 2-4 p.m.

Hyatt Regency - Reston at Reston Town Center (1800 Presidents Street, Reston)

Celebrate the life of Robert E. Simon, Jr. with the Audubon Quartet, a short film about his extraordinary life created by Storycatcher Productions, and stories from his family and friends. Light refreshments will be served. Free, Reservations required. To make reservations, beginning March 29, call the CenterStage Box Office at 703-476-4500, and Press 3. There is a limit of 4 reservations per household. Presented by Reston Community Center, Reston Town Center and Hyatt Regency -

MORE at www.restoncommunitycenter.com

Mercury Fountain Celebration Sunday, April 10, 4:30 p.m.

Mercury Fountain at Reston Town Center,

Following the Bob Simon Celebration at the Hyatt, join the community to turn on the Mercury Fountain for the 2016 season! Enjoy music, refreshments, family fun, and a brief dedication, Mon Ami Gabi and Tavern 64 are offering special cocktails to honor Bob Simon. Fountain Celebration is free.

MORE at www.restontowncenter.com

❖ Outdoor Documentary Screening "Another Way of Living: The Story of Reston"

Directed by Rebekah Wingert-Jabi Sunday, April 10, 7:30 p.m.

Reston Town Center Pavilion (11900 Market Street, Reston, VA)

Washington West Film Festival, in cooperation with Reston Town Center Association, is proud to present an outdoor screening of this film about our community's beloved founder, Robert E. Simon, Jr. and the creation of Reston. Bring blankets or chairs to sit on in the RTC Pavilion. Additional support provided by Moonflicks Outdoor Movies and Storycatcher Productions. Free.

MORE INFORMATION:

WASHINGTON WEST FILM FESTIVAL: www.wwfilmfest.com

www.anotherwayoflivingfilm.com

Participating Organizations

Founder's Week is a collaborative community effort with activities presented by the following organizations: Audubon Quartet, Boston Properties, Cornerstones, Fairfax County Government, Family & Friends of Robert E. Simon, Jr., Greater Reston Arts Center, Greater Reston Chamber of Commerce, Hughes Group Architects, Hyatt Regency - Reston, Initiative for Public Art - Reston, Lake Anne Plaza, Lake Anne of Reston, Condo minium Association.

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Calendar

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

WEDNESDAY/MARCH 16

Opening Reception Mind, Heart,

Vision. 6-8 p.m. ArtSpace Herndon, 750 Center St., Herndon. Juried exhibit showcases the extraordinary artworks of Herndon High School art students embarking upon their senior thesis. Free. artspaceherndon.com. 703-956-9560.

WEDNESDAY/MARCH 17

Classic Cinema Series. 7 p.m. Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston. Join for a quirky Irish comedy to kick off your St. Patrick's Day celebration. Call library for title. Adults. 703-689-2700.

FRIDAY/MARCH 18

Emerging Visions: Contemplating

Community Reception. 6-8 p.m. Greater Reston Arts Center, 12001 Market St., 103, Reston. Opening reception to celebrate Youth Art Month exhibit. Free.

www.restonarts.org. 703-471-9242. **Holly Montgomery Band**. 9:30 p.m. Kalypso's Sports Tavern, 1617 Washington Plaza North, Reston. kalypsossportstavern.com. 703-707-

SATURDAY/MARCH 19

Victor Haskins. 7-9 p.m. ArtSpace Herndon, 750 Center St. Herndon. Trumpet and electronic wind instrument player, composer/ arranger, bandleader, and educator. Originator of ImproviStory, a genre/ concept of music where storytelling drives the creation of improvised music, all derived from audience suggestion and interaction. \$10-\$15. ArtSpaceHerndon.org. 703-956-6590.

St. Patrick's Day/St. Joseph's Day Party. 6-9:30 p.m. St. Veronica's Church, 3460 Centreville Road, Chantilly. This is a family event that includes food, drink, sing-alongs, Irish dancers and plenty of smiling Irish eyes. Adults \$7, Children \$5, drinks extra.

http://www.stveronica.net/ or 703-773-

Aqua Egg Hunt. 1:30-4:20 p.m. Herndon Community Center, 814 Ferndale Ave., Herndon. Children will collect as many floating and sinking eggs as possible in the time allowed. \$10 for one child and one parent. Check for age group times. herndon-va.gov. 703-435-6800 ext. 2128.

Children's Parent/Child Projects.

10 a.m.-noon. Reston Art Gallery, 11400 Washington Plaza West, Reston. "Hole books", each page has a cut out to the next page as the story continues. 3-11 years. restonartgallery.com. 703-481-8156.

SUNDAY/MARCH 20

Run for Haiti 5K. 9 a.m. South Lakes High School, 11400 South Lakes Drive, Reston. Use your love of running to help a mother, a child, a family — live a better life. Run the 5k or the 1 Mile and you'll provide monetary aid to Project Haiti and GHATES. Ran on track. http://www.prraces.com/runforhaiti/.

Brahms Requiem. 7 p.m. Vienna Presbyterian Church, 120 Park St., NE, Vienna. Soloists will be Metropolitan Opera soprano Danielle Talamantes and Washington Opera bass-baritone Joshua Hong. Pianist Kristina Schenck, Manassas Chorale accompanist, will play the challenging accompaniment. Free "Crimes of the Heart" plays at NextStop Theatre in Herndon, Feb. 25-March 20.



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Ongoing

New Forms and Horizons: Abstract Art and Sculpture. April 5-May 1.
ArtSpace, 750 Center St., Herndon. Featuring contemporary landscape artist
Jorge Luis Bernal and sculptor Eric Garner. artspaceherndon.com. 703-956-9560.
Reston Art Gallery and Studio March Group Show. March 3-31. Reston Art

Reston Art Gallery and Studio March Group Show. March 3-31. Reston Art Gallery and Studio, 11400 Washington Plaza W, Reston. RestonArtGallery.com.
Joyful Color in Reston. April 7-May 5. Reston Art Gallery and Studio, 11400
Washington Plaza W, Reston. Joan Kelly's colorful acrylic paintings of Reston scenes will be on exhibit in unison with Founder's Week, a celebration of the life of Reston founder, Robert E. Simon, Jr. RestonArtGallery.com.

Mind, Heart, Vision. March 15-27. ArtSpace Herndon, 750 Center St., Herndon. Juried exhibit showcases the extraordinary artworks of Herndon High School art students embarking upon their senior thesis. artspaceherndon.com. 703-956-0560

Herndon Town Calendar Photography Competition. Deadline June 7 at 2 p.m. ArtSpace Herndon and the Council for the Arts of Herndon present the Sixth Annual Herndon Town Calendar Photography Competition. Professional and amateur photographers are invited to submit entries to the Herndon Town Calendar Photo Competition. Subjects for all entries must be located within the corporate limits of the Town of Herndon. artspaceherndon.com. 703-956-9560.

"Namaste Nepal." Through April 15. Executive Center 1, 1851, Alexander Bell Drive, Reston. Dawn Murphy's photographic journey demonstrating the experiences of Nepalis during the earthquake of 2015. Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Free. www.leagueofrestonartists.org.

Book Drive. Through March 18. Herndon United Methodist Church, 701 Bennett St., Herndon. The church is collectingbbooks, movies, and CDs. Funds generated from this drive will be used to support local, national, and international mission projects. 703-206-8988.

Emerging Visions: Contemplating Community. March 15-April 9. Greater Reston Arts Center, 12001 Market St., 103, Reston. Fairfax County high school students the opportunity to work directly with GRACE's curatorial staff to create thoughtful, well-crafted artworks that will be exhibited in the gallery. This year, GRACE is dedicating its celebration of Youth Art Month to Bob Simon's vision for a New Town. www.restonarts.org. 703-471-9242.

Dress Drive for Prom. Jan. 2-March 26. Monday-Saturday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Reston Community Center, 2310 Colts Neck Road, Reston. RCC is collecting formal dresses, shoes, handbags, scarves and shawls, jewelry and accessories for Diva Central. All donations are appreciated, however, we ask that donations are in good condition, no older than 5 years old (circa 2011), and dry cleaned before they are donated. 703-390-6158.

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TUESDAY/MARCH 22

Folk Club of Reston-Herndon. 7:15 p.m. Amphora Diner Deluxe, 1151 Elden St., Herndon. Mid-Atlantic Song Contest winners Letitia VanSant and Woody Lissauer perform. \$9/\$10. 703-435-2402.

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WEDNESDAY/MAR. 23

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THURSDAY/MARCH 24

"Another Way of Living: The Story of Reston, VA." 6:30-8:30 p.m. National Building Museum, 401 F St. NW, Washington. Documentary of the story of Reston will be shown at the Environmental Film Festival. http://anotherwayoflivingfilm.com/screenings/.

FRIDAY/MARCH 25

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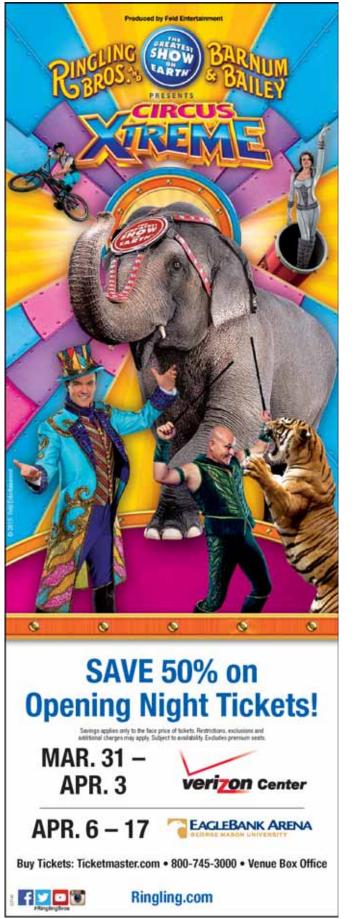
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Sports

Herndon Girls Fall to Cosby in State Semifinals

Hornets fall to eventual champion Cosby.

By Jon Roetman
The Connection

he Herndon girls' basketball team's first trip to the state tournament started with an upset victory over 6A South champion Woodside and ended with a lesson in competing with the best.

The Hornets lost to the Cosby Titans 64-33 in the state semifinals on March 8 at VCU. The following night, Cosby defeated Langley in the championship game and took home its third consecutive title.

Herndon trailed 17-14 early in the second quarter and 30-20 at halftime, but Cosby outscored the Hornets 17-4 in the third quarter and pulled away.

Despite the lopsided loss, Herndon accomplished much during the 2015-16 season.

THE HORNETS finished with a 21-8 record two years after winning just three games during the 2013-14 campaign. Herndon started the year 10-0 and went on to finish runner-up in Conference 5, losing to Oakton in the tournament final. The Hornets earned the program's first state berth with a win over Battlefield in the region quarterfinals and Herndon beat Woodside in the state quarterfinals.

"It's been a remarkable year going from three wins three years ago to nine to 21," Snead said. "... I couldn't be any prouder of these young ladies."

Snead said he had lofty goals when he was hired as the Herndon girls' basketball coach prior to the 2013-14 season.

"When I interviewed I ... said, 'Within three to five years, I want to win a district championship and get to the state tournament," Snead said, "so right now we're on schedule."

Things didn't start smoothly for Snead, who started a freshman and four sophomores in his first season with an eye on the future. The result was a three-win season.

"That first year," he said, "I knew we were going to get it handed to us."

The freshman who started on that team was guard Indeya Sanders, who reached 1,000 career points as a junior this year.

"Past years, I never really had the confidence that we would get this far," Sanders said, "but knowing that we had built such a stable program ... and [adding] the two transfers, [junior] Janiece [Loney] and [senior] Shawnice [Gresham], I just knew that those were the building blocks that we needed for championships "Tolbert to grant and the confidence of the confidence that we would get this far," Sanders and such as the confidence that we would get this far," Sanders and such as the confidence that we would get this far," Sanders and such as the confidence that we would get this far," Sanders and such as the confidence that we would get this far," Sanders and such as the confidence that we would get this far," Sanders and such as the confidence that we would get this far," Sanders and such as the confidence that we would get this far," Sanders and such as the confidence that we had built such as the confidence that we had built such as the confidence to be returners needed to be returners needed for championships.

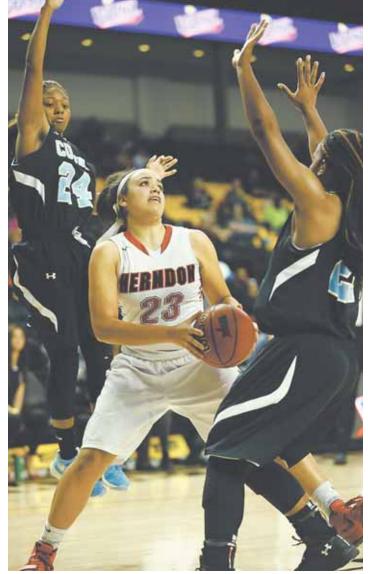
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SANDERS LED HERNDON with seven points in the state semifinals against Cosby. Sophomore guard Devyne Newman, senior forward Sabrina Tolbert and sophomore



Photos by Will Palenscar

Junior guard Indeya Sanders scored seven points against Cosby in the state semifinals on March 8.



Senior forward Sabrina Tolbert helped the Herndon girls' basketball team qualify for the state tournament for the first time in program history.



Sophomore guard Devyne Newman figures to be one of Herndon's top returners next year.

guard Marlise Brunson each scored six for the Hornets.

Herndon will lose starters Gresham and Tolbert to graduation, but figure to return key guards Sanders, Loney and Newman.

Snead said he told the Hornets, "You got here, so you have a taste of it. Now when you come here next year, you'll want to go ahead and finish the job."



South Lakes Girls' Soccer Opens the Season

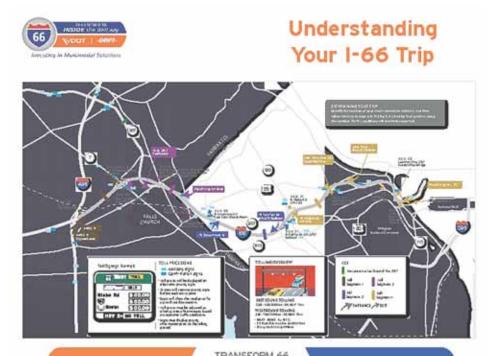
Audrey LaMothe and the South Lakes girls' soccer team opened the 2016 season with a 3-0 home loss to Briar Woods on Monday. The Seahawks will host rival Herndon at 5:45 p.m. on Wednesday, March 16.

News



Photo by Andrea Worker/The Connection

At the table were Todd Horsley from the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation, Nick Nicholson of the I-66 Team, and Renee Hamilton, VDOT deputy district administrator. Amanda Baxter, VDOT special projects manager stands behind the lectern.



SLIDE FROM THE VDOT/DRPT PRESENTATION

The slide was one of many used in the presentation by VDOT special projects manager Amanda Baxter to assist the public in understanding the scope and design of the proposed changes to I-66 inside the Beltway.

No E-Z Answers on I-66

VDOT's Transform I-66 Inside the Beltway meeting leaves public waiting for answers.

By Andrea Worker
The Connection

he Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) and their partner the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation hosted the third and final Design Public Hearing on their plans to improve I-66 inside the Beltway by the addition of another lane of traffic and by the conversion of the road to a completely tolled thoroughfare during peak morning and evening travel hours. The meeting, postponed from January when Storm Jonas came to town, was held on Wednesday, March 9, at VDOT's Northern Virginia District headquarters in Fairfax, but despite the lengthy delay imposed by mother nature, some of the audience members left with the feeling that they were being asked to wait even longer for answers to their questions and concerns. "By the time we get the answers," said Robert Bear, a resident from the Fair Lakes area, "they will have already awarded their contracts and the work will be underway."

AFTER MAKING THE PRESENTATION

on the project's current status, Amanda Baxter, VDOT special projects manager who was helming the podium, did announce that the evening's proceedings would not take a "dialogue format" but that "team technicians would be available to respond to comments and questions." When adding her concerns about overspill traffic from motorists seeking to avoid I-66 and the tolls into the public record, Ginger Harrison of Arlington asked for clarification of that re-

sponse period. "I am a bit confused about the format," she asked. "Will we not get answers to any of our questions or be able to generate any comments this evening?" Baxter reiterated that the agenda was to receive comments, then there would be time remaining for technical experts to respond. "So we will get answers this evening. That's helpful, thank you," said Harrison. Some of the speakers and others in attendance seemed taken aback then, when Baxter concluded the meeting after the last official comments and invited the assembly to move out into the hallway where presentation boards were on display, manned by project representatives.

When it seemed that there wasn't a rush to accept this invitation, Fairfax County Board of Supervisors Chairman Sharon Bulova asked, "At what point will these comments and questions be addressed?" Baxter replied that comments would be welcomed from the public through March 24 and that VDOT expected to have responses available by the end of April. "So, you're not going to have some response tonight?" asked Bulova. "No," responded Baxter, adding that the format for the Design Meetings has been to accept comments and then allow for interaction individually with the technicians and for examination and explanations of the project materials. Further inquiry from Chairman Bulova did result in the announcement by Baxter that there would be published responses via the Transform I-66 Inside the Beltway website and other

So, what were some of those comments and questions that were left, at least tem-

porarily, unanswered?

SEVERAL OF THE SPEAKERS questioned why the "transformed" I-66 would require an E-Z Pass or E-Z Pass Flex transponder to pay the toll. Fran Taylor of Falls Church cited examples of other jurisdictions around the country and in other parts of world that had alternative tolling methods. "The technology exists," she said. "Some places, you can call in, go online, or even use a machine at a gas station to pay within 24 hours of using the toll road. Why can't we do that?"

Jeff Barnes agreed, expressing concern for what would happen to those who get on the toll road following maps or GPS instructions "like tourists and other visitors, or people travelling to and from the airport." He said that these drivers were "valued guests, not the 'violators' that VDOT is calling them. This is not a good philosophy for Virginia."

Barnes also added his voice to Harrison's and several others who are unconvinced that "secondary" and connecting roads would not be negatively impacted, especially when the "free ride" for 2 or more passengers per vehicle changes to 3 or more in 2020. Barnes asked to see what studies had been done and what percentage of drivers VDOT expected would discontinue using the toll road under those requirements and return to the secondary routes.

Robert Bear, too, worries that when the already-crowded secondary routes receive the additional traffic from drivers avoiding the tolls, "You'll never get out" of those neighborhoods. "Has anyone who wrote these plans ever used these roads?" he asked.

There were also questions and comments of a financial nature. Rob Whitfield with the

Fairfax County Taxpayers Alliance attends most of the transportation-related meetings in the region. He called the decision to only toll in one direction "a discriminatory plan." He also has serious reservations about the appointment by resolution of the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission (NVTC) to be the body that will handle the net toll revenue and distribute the funds for approved projects along the I-66 corridor. "The NVTC is unfit to govern this process or these funds," he said, believing that the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority would be better suited and also includes members from affected jurisdictions that are not represented on the NVTC.

Questions were also posed about noise and environmental impacts that had yet to be addressed in materials currently available on the website.

Eventually, many from the audience did leave the meeting room and engage with the technical team, all of whom seemed eager to assist, even shepherding some of the questioners to other team members with expertise in particular areas of interest or concern. "They were really pleasant and seemed to want to help," said Robert Bear, "but I heard a lot of 'it's because of this jurisdiction, or that politician or that regulation or this study.' Honestly, I am leaving here with more questions and concerns than when I got here. I guess I'll just have to wait."

The website www.insidetransform66.org contains all of the materials presented at the meeting, as well as full plans for the project and many of the studies that have already been done. Comments and questions can also be submitted on the site by the March 24 deadline. Construction of the tolling gantries is expected to begin in 2017, with tolling operational by 2018.

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"I Have Cancer"



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

Hardly a news flash, as you regular readers know. But when I said it the other day in response to some general conversation, I almost couldn't get the words out. It was peculiar, since I'm not usually uncomfortable discussing cancer or any of the associated experiences, and I certainly spend enough time writing about it. But when I said these words, I almost shook with anxiety or fear or something. And it scared me because it was a reaction/sensation I had never felt before; well, hadn't felt in a long time, anyway.

And it's not as if I spend a majority of my time denying my affliction. I wouldn't say I embrace it, but neither do I shrink from the responsibility of living with it and trying to overcome it. Nor do I mind being asked questions about cancer or my feelings before, during and throughout any and all ongoing treatments, scans, appointments and lab work and how it all relates and impacts. I'm open and honest and try to be "self-effacingly" positive in the midst of/against terrible odds. Generally speaking, not much bothers me. In fact, I've found a little humor goes a long way, and a lot of humor can mask a multitude of negative/ unproductive emotions. (As you might imagine, there's no shortage of these.)

So it was odd – to me, when I went unexpectedly negative, experiencing an almost physical reaction to words (which aren't supposed to hurt me; after all, they're not "sticks and stones"). Words which I must have said in some context hundreds of times since I was diagnosed seven years ago, and rarely if ever shuddering – literally, at the mention of them. But shudder I did. I thought I had become accustomed to acknowledging them. Perhaps not?

But this is what cancer does; it sneaks up on you and takes control, physically and emotionally. And not merely when you least expect it, but when you thought you had passed the point of expecting it because you felt you had been there and doing it long enough that you were resistant to its ravages. Well, I was reminded quite clearly by this recent conversation that I will likely never get out from underneath its influence and effect. And here I thought I was Mister Well-Adjusted/Cancer Cool. Not so much, apparently. I'm just another cog in the cancer machine. Granted, I have my moments where I'm Charles and in charge, but this past week has shaken me to the core.

Not that I'm rethinking my approach to being a cancer patient/survivor; more that I've gained newfound respect for my adversary. You know, all things considered, I've had an amazingly easy time of it since I was diagnosed in late February, 2009, and perhaps I've misjudged/miscalculated/totally misinterpreted that amazing good fortune, thinking that somehow I was immune to cancer's insidious nature. Well, if I wasn't convinced before, I'm definitely convinced now. I don't suppose cancer schemes, but now I sort of feel like a pawn in a chess match and all I am is the timer.

But it is Spring Training (baseball) when all things are possible and hope is eternal. And though I have admitted some of my deepest and darkest fears, nothing is inevitable. My original prognosis was "13 months to two years" SEVEN YEARS AGO, so I'm not easily swayed. Presumably, in the future, there will be blips on my health radar, but it's nothing I can't handle. This recent experience actually confirmed it. It made me rethink some of my situational self-assessments and encouraged me in a way. I'm not exactly sure how or why but strangely enough, I sort of feel stronger and more capable going forward. On the whole, an excellent result.

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



Kendra Scott and Blue Mercury are two relatively new stores at Reston Town Center. Joe Grooming, which had a retail space at Reston Town Center is now PR Barbers. The Ben & Jerry's, which closed at Reston Town Center in September has begun renovations for a new location at 11916 Market St.



Photos by Ryan Dunn/The Connection

In downtown Herndon, the space formerly occupied by infrared sauna studio Hot Spot at Station Street has been replaced with an Ana Bella Salon Spa.

Herndon, Reston Business Update

By Ryan Dunn The Connection

oe Grooming, which had a retail space at Reston Town Center is now PR Barbers. The business will be operated by Reg Laws, an owner of PR at Partners Salons. Roosters Men's Grooming Center has a lease for space at 11990 Market St., the ground level of the Midtown condos. Roosters is a franchise operation with locations in Franklin Farm in Herndon, and more than 70 others nationwide. The Ben & Jerry's, which closed at Reston Town Center in September has begun renovations for a new location at 11916 Market St. Reston Town Center is a mixed-use development featuring offices, retail stores and restaurants in Reston.

Chick-fil-A announced plans to build a restaurant at North Point in Reston.

According to a Fairfax County Planning Department staff report, the Burger King building will be torn down and replaced with a new restaurant. Chick-fil-A has a location at 12160 Sunset Hills Rd, in Reston. In downtown Herndon, the space formerly occupied by infrared sauna studio Hot Spot at Station Street has been replaced with an Ana Bella Salon Spa.

Galaxy Atrium LLC purchased a 130,000-square-foot, Class A office building in Herndon for \$19.6 million. The sale was announced by Cambridge Property Group LLC on behalf of its client. The seller of the building at 205 Van Buren St. was AEW Capital, represented by Cushman and Wakefield. The property is located on 6.3

acres adjacent to what will be the Herndon Metro Station.

Phase 2 of the Metro Silver Line is expected to open in 2020, and will link Dulles International Airport to the Metro system. General Dynamics has expressed interest in moving headquarters to the south side of Sunset Hills Road, north of the Dulles Airport Access Road and west of Hunter Mill Road, at 11011 Sunset Hills Road. The arrival of the Metro Silver Line is expected to spur mixed-use transit oriented development projects next to the metro station.

Reston's The Wise Investor Group at Robert W. Baird & Co., a team of financial professionals announced it is donating over \$14,000 to Raising Enthusiasm for Science, Engineering and Technology (RESET). RESET is a Washington, D.C.-based nonprofit organization whose mission is to use handson experiments and classroom activities to introduce the joys of STEM education to pre-kindergarten through eighth-grade students. In addition to RESET, The Wise Investor Group is active with other charity organizations such as Hopecam, Neediest Kids and Foster Care to Success.

Herndon council members celebrated the grand opening of café GreenFare at Herndon's K-Mart Shopping Center. Richmond-based Ravenchase Adventures is opening a location nearby. Co-owner Omer Aru says Escape Room Herndon may open in early May, and will be 4,000 square feet with different rooms. Escape rooms are team-based games conducted inside a uniquely designed room. They can resemble anything from science labs, an underground

bunker or even a pirate ship.

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The first residential building at Reston Station, adjacent to the Wiehle-Reston East Metro, is open and has been welcoming its first residents. BIVD Luxury Apartments is the building by the Reston Station Plaza, and visitors can tour Comstock's newest residential project. BIVD features 450 apartments and is the first building to open at Reston Station. BIVD's leasing center at Reston Station is open seven days a week. Rents will start at about \$1,900 a month for a studio to more than \$3,000 for a three-bedroom plus den model.

The Reston Zoo will reopen on March 19 with a new name, Roer's Zoofari. Roer's Zoofari offers opportunities for visitors to discover and connect with animals through educational encounters and hands-on interactions. Roer's Zoofari offers summer camps, birthday parties, corporate events, season passes and an outing in a zoological setting for people of all ages. New owners Vanessa Stoffel and Jacob Roer are excited to reopen Roer's Zoofari. The zoo hired Mario Lawrence as director last July.

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SATURDAY/MARCH 19

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SATURDAY/APRIL 2

Nature House 5K Volunteers. 7:30-9:30 a.m. Walker Nature Center, 11450 Glade Drive, Reston. The Walker Nature Center needs volunteers to help with the Nature House 5K. Volunteers for race marshals must attend an orientation on Friday, April 1 from 6-7 p.m. http://bit.ly/NatureHouse5K.

SUNDAY/APRIL 3

Richmond Wrap-Up. 2-4 p.m. Virginia
International Conference Room, 4401 Village
Drive, Fairfax. Learn what your area
legislator did during the Virginia General
Assembly. Hear from state legislators. Bring
your questions. Join the discussion. For more
information go to s-a-l-t.org/ or call 703-5917042 ext. 352.

TUESDAY/APRIL 12

Library Forum. 7-8:30 p.m. Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road, Chantilly. Help plan the libraries' future by sharing your input. fairfaxcounty.gov/library. 703-324-8319.

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Kritika Singh (left), a senior at TJHSST in Alexandria, is the CEO of her own nonprofit, Malaria Free World. Here she discusses her work with Kate Dalby, president of Inspiring Test Preparation.



Aaron Joy, a fifth-grader at the Nysmith School, explains his science fair project on bio-plastics to U.S. Congressman Gerry Connolly (D-11), who was also an event speaker. During his remarks, Connolly praised Fairfax County in particular for its investment in education, but cautioned that "other countries have caught up to us, we need to continue and advance our investment in STEM, in research and development and in improving our infrastructure."

Encouraging STEM-curious Youth

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e need people in the Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) fields today, tomorrow and as far as we can envision."

That quote came from speaker Eric Schierling as he addressed the crowd packed into the gym at the Nysmith School for the Gifted in Herndon during one of four presentations offered at the Third Annual STEM Symposium. Schierling, a director with Vencore, Inc.'s Space Group and a former Naval Top Gun Pilot, was joined throughout the day-long event by a plenitude of accomplished and engaging speakers, from former astronauts to high school and college students, a U.S. Congressman, leaders from STEM-related businesses and agencies, and school principals and headmasters. Regardless of what position each speaker held, what point in their careers at which they had arrived, or whether they worked for the government, the private sector, a nonprofit, or had yet to complete their studies and enter the workforce, their remarks all contained an echo of Schierling's statement. Somewhere in each speaker's address there was a cautionary note that STEM-proficient people are not only in high demand, but in critically short supply. Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology's (TJHS) principal Dr. Evan Glazer insisted that "we need to keep searching for ways to encourage our STEMcurious young people." Exposure, encouragement, opportunities and resources are key to developing the "STEM-inclined." Glazer's presentation included excerpts and numerous slides that highlighted the STEM fields with the most projected growth for the near future, as well as practical advice for parents and teachers on how to encourage STEM interest, and where to look for support and resources.

JD Kathuria, founder and president of

WashingtonExec, an online media, membership and events company in D.C, is a staunch supporter of STEM education. He is so convinced that investment in STEM education is invaluable, that he launched the Symposium in 2014 to bring together the best, the brightest and the most involved to elevate STEM education to the foreground of the region's concerns.

IN THIS THIRD, and ever-growing edition of the event attended by some 2500 people, Kathuria and WashingtonExec gathered sponsors like Aerospace, Vencore and Siemens to achieve the mission of "bringing industry and students together." In addition to the speakers' sessions, attendees were treated to more than forty exhibitors filling the hallways and classrooms of Nysmith. Some of the exhibitors, like George Mason University and Sweet Briar College, Nysmith and TJHSST represented formal educational opportunities. Others, like Fairfax Collegiate, Microsoft in Education, Patriots Technology Training Center and STEAMtrix, LLC Learning Program offered outside-theschool term STEM activities, workshops and camps.

Nonprofits, outreach groups and organizations run by kids themselves were also on hand. Robotics for Youth, Inc., which occupied a double booth, was manned by some 20 student volunteers, and still had a crowd three-deep waiting to try their hands at operating some of the robots the group had built. The nonprofit was formed just last year by three teenagers -Bharath Maniraj from Fairfax High School, Rishabh Venketesh from TJHSST, and Pranay Sukumaran from River Bend Middle School. "The Bureau of Labor Statistics predicts that there will be a million computing job openings by 2024," is one reason why co-founder Maniraj took his interest in the field to the outreach level. "We are doing our best to increase awareness among

Third Annual STEM Symposium draws a crowd at the Nysmith School.



"Scientists" Anju Advani and Esha Madamalla, both second graders at the Nysmith School for the Gifted in Herndon, are pleased to welcome the attendees to the Third Annual STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) Symposium being hosted at the school.

school-aged kids." The Robotics for Youth gang also serve as mentors for Lego League competition participants.

The Children's Science Center was another exhibitor that attracted significant attention, with hands-on activities and experiments available for youngsters of different ages and abilities – with a few adults who just couldn't resist mixed in. The Center currently operates at Fair Oaks Mall in Fairfax but is in the planning stage to develop a full-scale, state-of-the art, STEM-centered interactive museum at the Nokes Boulevard exit off of Route 28 in the Dulles area.

MENTORING GROUPS were also well represented. LaShaunda Ford who works at Dell, Lauren Medley from Booz Allen Hamilton, and Elizabeth Goodson with Lightower Fiber Networks were pleased to be able to reach so many young women at one venue as they offered information about the "Girls in Technology" mentoring program they belong to.

Several local youth were given the opportunity to showcase their competition-bound Science Fair projects and made admirably poised presentations explaining their work from drawing board to finished product, or from hypothesis to practice. Aaron Joy, a fifth grader at Nysmith, looked calm and comfortable as he discussed his work with U.S. Rep. Gerry Connolly (D-11) who toured the exhibits, demonstrations and projects after his speaking duties at the symposium were completed earlier in the day.

The organizers of the STEM Symposium, mindful of the ages and activity levels of many in their audience, also provided some outdoor adventures, including the opportunity to race against President Thomas Jefferson himself – at least as personified by the Washington Nationals baseball team's official presidential mascot. There were also flight simulators courtesy of sponsor Vencore, drone displays and "connected" cars with Internet access and other high-tech accessories.

The STEM symposium brochure handed out upon check in to the event described the mission of the organizers to be joining "a community of teachers, mentors, parents and local leaders to nurture a child's curiosity in the STEM fields. Linking science and mathematics taught in the classroom to impactful careers is an ongoing national challenge. Bottom Line: The opportunities for students who are STEM-proficient are endless." More information, resources, and a Parent-STEM action plan are available at www.stemsyposium.com.