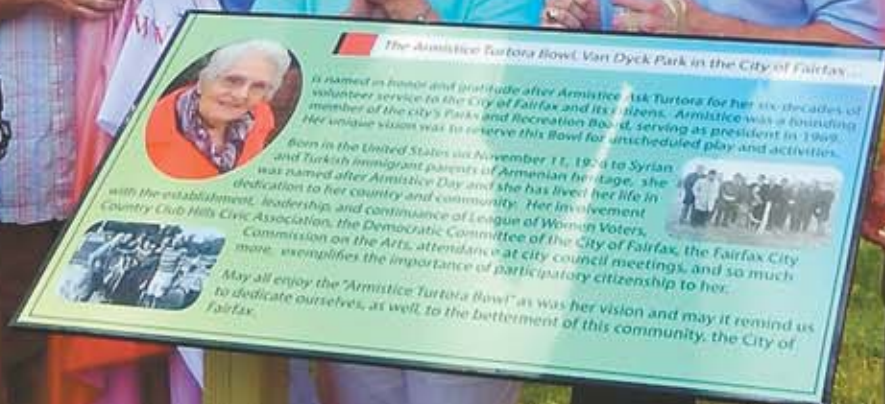


Honoring 'Remarkable Record of Service'

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Armistice Turtora (in pink) gets her first look at the marker in her honor, with (from left) Mayor Scott Silverthorne and City Council members Jon Stehle, Janice Miller, Michael DeMarco, Jeff Greenfield, David Meyer and Ellie Schmidt.



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Providence Players Hold Open Auditions for 'Amadeus'

The Providence Players of Fairfax are holding auditions June 23, 27 and 28 for its production of "Amadeus."

Auditions will be held at The James Lee Community Center Theater, 2855 Annandale Road, Falls Church, from 6:45-9:45 p.m.

Auditions for the part of Salieri will be on Thursday, June 23.

Callbacks by invitation will be on Thursday, June 30.

There are 14 roles (8 men, 3 women, 3 flexible) for ages 20 and up with a full range of difficulty level.

Auditions will consist of readings from the script.

Performance dates are weekends from Sept. 30-Oct. 2, Oct. 6-9, and Oct. 13-15. The director is Julie Janson.

For more information, visit providenceplayers.org.

Farmers Markets in Fairfax County

Fairfax County's Farmers Markets opened in May. There are 11 locations of the county's Park Authority's Farmers Markets.

FCCA Farmers Markets are strictly "producer-only," which means that all vendors must grow or produce everything they bring to market. This provides customers with the unusual opportunity to connect directly with farmers, who are eager to answer questions about their growing practices, animal care, recipes and more.

Buying from your local Farmers Markets helps to keep money circulating through the local economy.

Select locations accept SNAP benefits (formerly food stamps), including McCutcheon/Mount

Vernon, Reston, Lorton, and Herndon farmers markets.

For more information, including locations, directions and vendor lists, contact the Community Horticulture Office at 703-642-0128; or go to www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/farmersmarkets.

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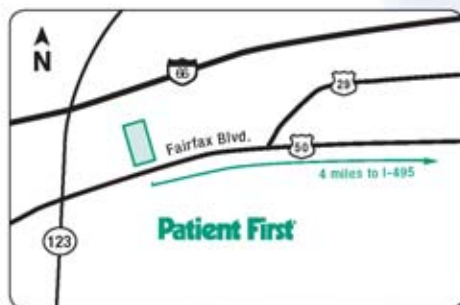
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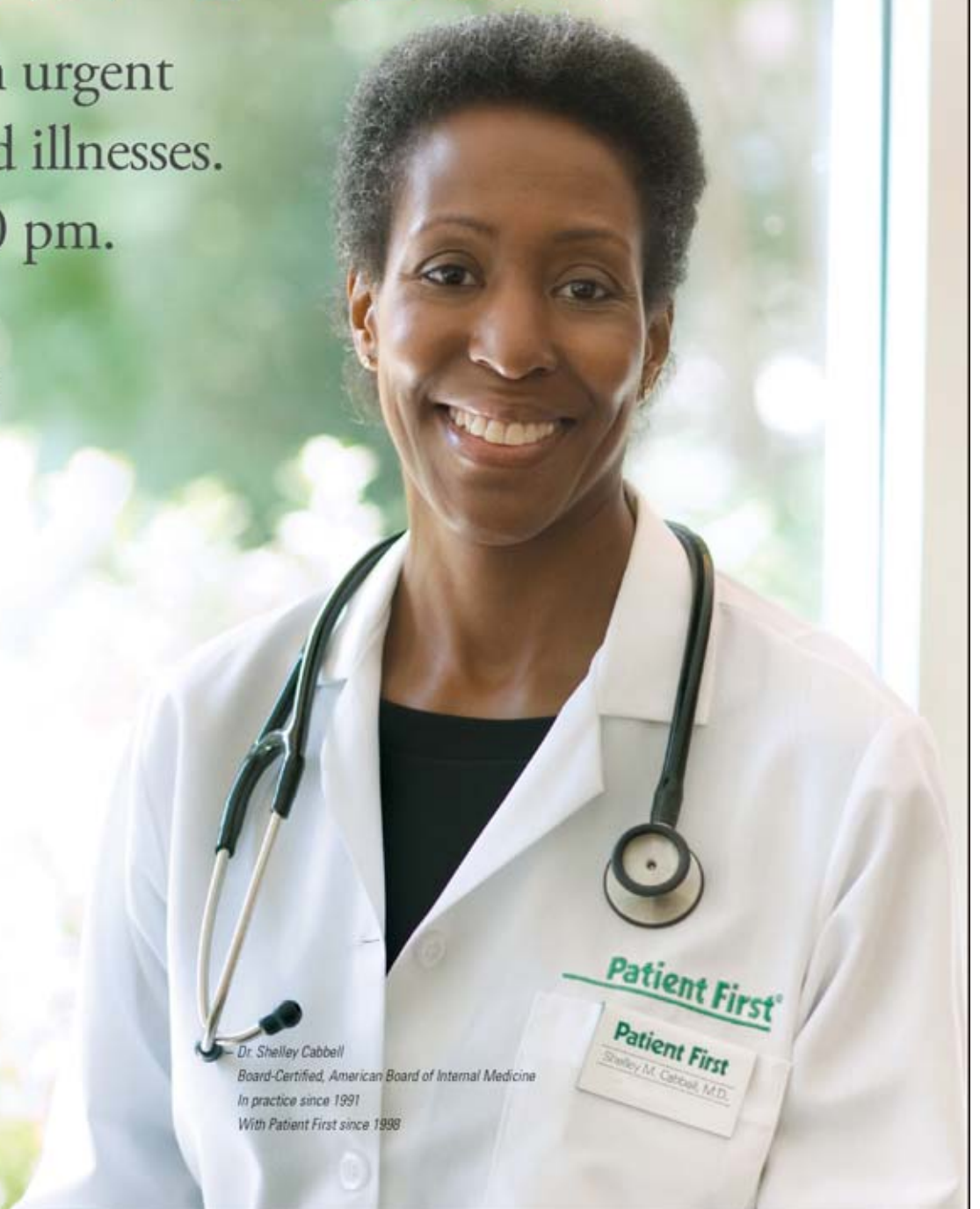
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Friends, family and City officials honor Armistice Turtora (in bright pink).



With the Armistice Turtora Bowl in the background, Mayor Scott Silverthorne addresses the crowd.

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‘What a Remarkable Record of Service’

Van Dyck Park’s field is named in honor of Armistice Turtora.

BY BONNIE HOBBS
THE CONNECTION

Armistice Turtora is the very definition of a community activist and someone who cares deeply about the betterment of her city. For the past 60 years, she’s demonstrated it in her words and deeds.

And last Saturday, June 11, under a bright blue sky, the City of Fairfax honored her in a fitting way. From now on, the open field called “The Bowl” at Van Dyck Park will be known as Armistice Turtora Field.

“This is a great day – the sun is shining bright on Armistice Turtora,” said Fairfax Mayor Scott Silverthorne. Addressing her directly, he added, “What a great crowd – and that speaks volumes about you, Armistice.”

As if her parents knew their daughter was destined to someday accomplish significant things, they gave her a meaningful name. The United States formerly observed Nov. 11 as Armistice Day, in commemoration of the signing of the armistice (agreement) ending World War I in 1918. So when Turtora was born in the U.S. on Nov. 11, 1926, her immigrant parents of Armenian heritage named her Armistice.

Now 89, she’s lived in Fairfax since 1959. As a wife and mother, she became actively involved in her neighborhood as part of the newly created Country Club Hills Civic Association. She served as a block captain, newsletter editor and, eventually, president.



Armistice Turtora cuts the cake after her ceremony.

But that’s not all. Turtora organized and served as the first president of the City of Fairfax Federation of Citizens Assns., organized the Bicycle Path Committee and was a member and costume designer for the Fairfax Community Theatre. From 1959-84, she was a member of the City’s League of Women Voters and also served as its chairman. And she worked on voter-registration drives, as well as open-space and education studies.

Turtora was also the former chairman of

the City of Fairfax Democratic Committee – which was groundbreaking then because she was the only woman in the bunch. In addition, she worked on many political campaigns and put in long hours at the polls on Election Day.

In 1969, she was the first chairman of Fairfax’s Parks and Recreation Board, which she helped establish, and she tirelessly advocated for the purchase and development of parks throughout the City. And for the past decade, she’s served on the Commission on the Arts.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON, family, friends and City officials gathered at Van Dyck Park for the unveiling of a marker with her name and picture on it, plus information about her many accomplishments. It reads, in part, “The Armistice Turtora Bowl, Van Dyck Park in the City of Fairfax, is named in honor and gratitude after Armistice Ask Turtora for her six decades of volunteer service to the City of Fairfax and its

citizens.

“Armistice was a founding member of the City’s Parks and Recreation Board ... Her unique vision was to reserve this bowl for unscheduled play and activities ...

May all enjoy the “Armistice Turtora Bowl” ... and may it remind us to dedicate ourselves, as well, to the betterment of this community, the City of Fairfax.”

During the ceremony, Silverthorne noted how active and involved Turtora has always been. “My dad [former City Mayor Fred

Silverthorne] referred to her as ‘Army’ because she was able to accomplish what groups of 10-15 men couldn’t do,” he said. “She’s been active in civic affairs in the community for six decades – what a remarkable record of service.”

“Nobody has done more for this city than Armistice Turtora,” continued Silverthorne. “And on behalf of the City Council and the City of Fairfax, we are so grateful. In the ’60s, when this park was built, she fought to keep this bowl as [a place for] open and active recreation.” And, he told Turtora, “There’s no more fitting honor than naming this bowl after you.”

Also expressing appreciation was former Parks and Recreation Board Chairman Jon Stehle, who thanked Turtora on behalf of the Board. Then came the unveiling and remarks from the guest of honor, herself.

“I didn’t have a great plan when I started doing this,” said Turtora. “It just kind of grew, and I found a way to make good use of my time. [For example], we didn’t have any bicycle paths for my son to ride safely, so I worked for them. And from then on, whenever I saw a need, I tried to fill it. But I didn’t do it alone; I had lots of help and cooperation from so many people. Thank you so much for this day.”

AMONG TURTORA’S RELATIVES in attendance were her daughter, Janice Zagardo, and her family. Afterward, she said how impressed she was with “the people running this city who dug up all the research” on her mother.

“It’s important to honor people who’ve worked hard,” said Zagardo. “That’s what keeps the City running – people who volunteer and ask for nothing in return.” As for the field being named after her mom, she said, “It’s an incredible honor.”



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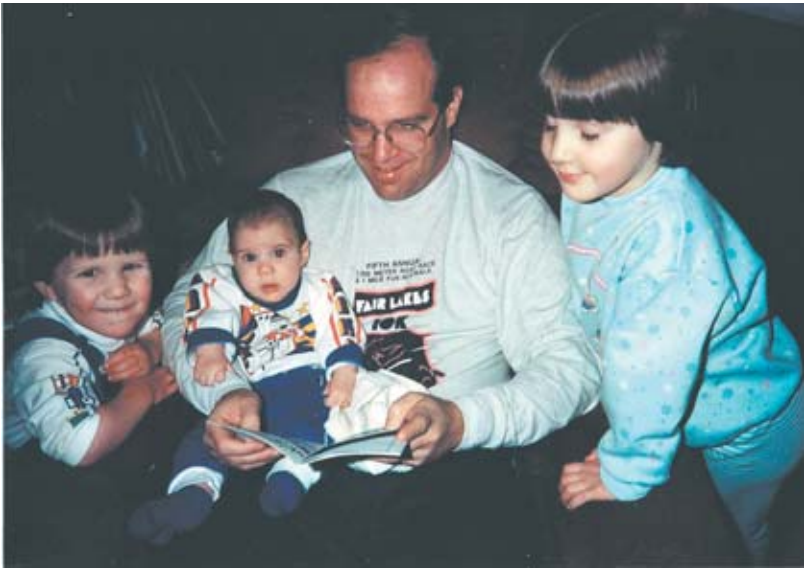
FATHER'S DAY

A gallery of photos contributed by readers.

Steve Straker of Fairfax coaching his daughter Carly (age 7) at her soccer game, with Carly's grandfather, Dr. Mike Maloney, lurking in the background.



Dr. Mike Maloney of Fairfax reading to his three children: Brian (age 2), baby Stephen, and Claire (age 4).



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Respite Care volunteers give family caregivers of a frail older adult a well-deserved break so they can go shopping, attend a doctor's appointment or just have coffee with a friend. Volunteers visit and oversee the safety of the older adult for a few hours each month. Support and training are provided. Contact Kristin Martin at **703-324-7577**, TTY 711, or Kristin.Martin@fairfaxcounty.gov.

The **Wakefield Senior Center** in **Annandale** needs **Front Desk Volunteers** and **Fitness Instructors**. Volunteer instructor positions could lead to part-time employment. For these and other volunteer opportunities, call **703-324-5406**, TTY 711 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/olderadults and click on Volunteer Solutions.

The **Lewinsville Senior Center** in **McLean** needs instructors for the following classes: **Line Dance**, **Certified Arthritis Exercise**, **Current Events**, and a **Facilities Attendant** to help with front desk duties and activities as needed. For these and other volunteer opportunities, call **703-324-5406**, TTY 711 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/olderadults and click on Volunteer Solutions.

Meals on Wheels urgently needs route assistance in the **Franconia** area, a volunteer to print and deliver updated route pages to the Manchester Lakes Retirement Community building in **Kingstowne**, and **drivers, coordinators**, and **co-coordinators** for routes throughout the county. For these and other volunteer opportunities, call **703-324-5406**, TTY 711 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/olderadults and click on Volunteer Solutions.

Fairfax County needs volunteers to **drive older adults to medical appointments** and wellness programs. For these and other volunteer opportunities, call **703-324-5406**, TTY 711 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/olderadults and click on Volunteer Solutions.

The **Mott Community Center Senior Program** in **Fairfax** is looking for a volunteer **Tai Chi** instructor. For these and other volunteer opportunities, call **703-324-5406**, TTY 711 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/olderadults and click on Volunteer Solutions.

The **Gum Springs Senior Program** in **Alexandria** is looking for a **Line Dance Instructor**. For these and other volunteer opportunities, call **703-324-5406**, TTY 711 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/olderadults and click on Volunteer Solutions.

The **Kingstowne Center for Active Adults** in **Alexandria** needs Instructors for the following classes: **Country-Western Line Dance**, **Hula Hoop** and **African Style Dance**. For these and other volunteer opportunities, call **703-324-5406**, TTY 711 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/olderadults and click on Volunteer Solutions.

The **Hollin Hall Senior Center** in **Alexandria** needs instructors for the following classes: **Basic Woodworking**, **Italian** and **Ballroom Dance**. For these and other volunteer opportunities, call **703-324-5406**, TTY 711 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/olderadults and click on Volunteer Solutions.

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Greenfield Declared Winner in Historic Vote Recount

City Council race is finally decided.

BY BONNIE HOBBS
THE CONNECTION

The votes are in, the ballots have been recounted, and Jeff Greenfield has officially regained his seat on the Fairfax City Council. In a history-making event – Virginia's first-ever recount for a multi-candidate race – he gained enough votes to edge out his nearest contender, Nancy Loftus.

"I won," he said jubilantly after the Wednesday, June 8, recount. "I picked up five votes and beat her by three. And I'm glad; regardless of the outcome, I wanted to make sure what the intent of the voters was."

The City Council election was held May 3, with voters choosing six of seven candidates. But with Loftus coming in sixth place with 1,819 votes to Greenfield's 1,816 for seventh place, just three votes separated them.

So Greenfield petitioned Fairfax County Circuit Court for a recount; and after a June 1 court hearing, a three-judge panel granted it. And since the vote totals for two other Council candidates, Michael DeMarco and Jon Stehle, were also close – within 1 percent of each other – the judges ordered the votes recounted for all the candidates.

The process began around 7:45 a.m. at the courthouse. Machines counted ballots where voters selected six candidates. All other ballots with votes cast for less than six had to be hand-counted. There were four vote-scanning machines and 15, sworn-in recount officials representing all seven candidates, plus at least one observer per machine (up to seven observers were allowed).

"Essentially, today was Election Day," said Greenfield that night. "And now we know the will of the voters. I picked up some votes that weren't counted by the machines originally, plus some challenge ballots, as well, where it wasn't clear who the voter intended to vote for. So the judges had to weigh in on them, and I got about



BONNIE HOBBS/THE CONNECTION
Jeff Greenfield

a half dozen of them."

The recount took some 12 hours and, said Greenfield, "All day long, I didn't know where I stood. It wasn't until about 7:30 p.m., when they told me it looked like I'd won. And then at 8 p.m., the judges officially certified the election results." And although all seven candidates' votes were tallied, only Greenfield and Loftus were in jeopardy of not being reelected. So, said Greenfield, "This was a race between Nancy and me."

Regarding the outcome, he said, "I have a lot of emotion. I'm happy and excited, and I'm glad I accomplished what I wanted – to ensure that, whoever it was, the right person won. But the priceless moment for me was when my daughter asked, 'Did you win?' and I said, 'Yes.'" On May 3, Greenfield's little girl burst into tears when it looked as if her dad had lost. But on June 8, he said, "Her tears were for another reason" – because she was so happy.

Furthermore, he'd always maintained that "the voters were duped because of the negative campaigning" shortly before the May 3 election. "I've never seen that level of it in my 49 years here," said Greenfield afterward. "The misinformation and mudslinging was appalling to me." So that made his June 8 victory all the sweeter for him.

Now, he said, "My daughter knows that you always do the right thing. And this time, the good guy who ran a positive campaign won. The machines didn't get it right, but the voters did. And the person who was supposed to win did. It's been an emotional rollercoaster

for more than a month, so it's a relief that it's over. I always tell my daughter, 'Don't have regrets,' and I didn't want to have any regrets that I didn't ask for a recount."

Loftus, however, had concerns about the procedure and the validity of the results. "Everybody else gained votes in the recount, except for me," she said. "I lost one vote [overall]." She gained one vote in precinct three, but lost another vote due to a disputed ballot.

She also contends that "there was a ballot missing from the City Hall precinct, and I lost a vote there. The envelope [for that precinct] listed one more ballot than it actually contained. How do you lose a ballot? It matters."

At the end, Loftus was down one vote from May 3, while Greenfield gained five to beat her by three votes. So even if she had received one more vote from the City Hall precinct, she still would have lost by two votes.

Loftus said she has "no idea" if she'll ever run for City Council again. Meanwhile, she said, "I'm

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NEWS

Apartment Fire Proves Fatal

Community mourns
Bill Patton, 74.

BY BONNIE HOBBS
THE CONNECTION

An early-morning apartment fire last week caused an estimated \$250,000 damage and took the life of a 74-year-old Fairfax man. According to the City of Fairfax Fire Department, firefighters were able to remove Bill Patton from his bedroom but unable to revive him.

The blaze began shortly before 3 a.m., last Tuesday, June 7. Someone living in the apartment above Patton's, in the 10100 block of Mosby Woods Drive, called the fire department at 2:49 a.m. to report it. Fire officials say the caller was alerted to the fire by a smoke alarm sounding in Patton's bedroom, where the fire started.

Initially, four fire engines, two ladder trucks and a medic unit raced to the scene, along with a battalion chief and an EMS supervisor – about 26 people. Then additional units were dispatched, as well, for

a total of some 40 people altogether responding.

The fire department says “improperly discarded cigarettes” in the victim's bedroom caused the fire. Fire officials are also reminding City residents of the importance of having working smoke alarms in their homes. They will provide them to anyone needing one; call 703-385-7830.

Those who knew Patton were saddened by his loss, including Fairfax Mayor Scott Silverthorne, who mentioned him at the June 7 City Council meeting. He also thanked the firefighters for all their hard work.

Mourning Patton, as well, was City Councilman Jeff Greenfield. “I've known Bill for over 25 years, first as a friend and then a supporter,” said Greenfield. “Bill proudly served our country in the Marine Corps and as a past commander of American Legion Post 177. Bill was a consistent voter, including in the May 3 general election. The City of Fairfax lost a great member of the community with Bill's passing. Our thoughts and prayers go out to his children.”

A June 10 statement on Post 177's Facebook page says, “It is with great sadness that we have lost Past Post 177 Commander Bill Patton. The American Legion and Post 177 was dear to his heart. Bill will be remembered by many. May he rest in peace.”

Greenfield Wins in Recount

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not going to appeal. I think the City voters have had enough delay and expense with the recount.” (However, the City didn't have to pay for the recount; the state bears the cost).

“I think this precedent-setting recount raised more questions than I'm able to answer,” said Loftus. “But I expect that, perhaps, the electoral board and City voters will want some of these issues reviewed before another City election is held. There are some changes that could be made to the process to ensure that everyone has confidence in the integrity of the results. But I accept the results of the recount and I congratulate Mr. Greenfield and all the other Council members, and I wish them nothing but the best.”

On June 9, the City of Fairfax Electoral Board also certified the election with the following vote totals: Ellie Schmidt, 2,068; David Meyer, 2,058; Janice Miller, 1,964; Michael DeMarco, 1,898; Jon Stehle, 1,869; Jeff Greenfield, 1,821; and Nancy Loftus, 1,818.

According to City of Fairfax General Registrar and Director of Elections Brenda Cabrera, “The recount was conducted according to state election law and under court order and supervision. The ballots were examined in an established process by sworn, recount officials and supervised by recount coordinators appointed and sworn by the court. Votes were tallied under the close scrutiny of observers chosen by the candidates. Any ballots questioned by officials were reviewed by the three-judge panel.”

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

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Korean Meals on Wheels needs drivers to deliver meals in **Falls Church** and **Annandale** (Speaking

Korean not required.) For these and other volunteer opportunities, call **703-324-5406**, TTY 711 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/olderadults and click on Volunteer Solutions.

The **Bailey's Senior Center in Falls Church** is in need of a **Volunteer Trip Assistant**. For these and other volunteer opportunities, call **703-324-5406**, TTY 711 or visit

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Support for Police in Reforms

Police commission recommendations go to Board of Supervisors for approval, implementation.

In some ways, the Fairfax County Ad Hoc Police Practices Review Commission, brainchild of Board of Supervisors Chairman Sharon Bulova, was a bit of a miracle.

The 32 voting commission members included at least nine representatives from Fairfax County Police; former Commonwealth's Attorney Robert Horan; current and former law enforcement officers with experience from the FBI, DEA, state police and others; other former county officials; mental health advocates; attorneys; high powered consultants. Ranks of those participating swelled to 80 when others were appointed the five subcommittees.

How could such a large, intense group with so many viewpoints get anything done? It seemed crazy to expect much. But Bulova, apparently, was crazy like a fox. Bulova and commission chair Michael Hershman, expressed unwavering commitment to the process.

The 142 recommendations, the result of democracy in action, provide support and more resources to the FCPD, while providing for transparency and public confidence.

Police, Commonwealth's Attorney Ray Morrogh, county attorneys and others provided answers to questions and consulted on recommendations every step of the way. The commission and subcommittees met for literally hundreds of hours over nine months. Individual members took on in-depth research projects and reported back to subcommittees.

Members of the Mental Health subcommittee, chaired by Del. Marcus Simon, traveled to Texas for a first-hand look at an effective Crisis Intervention program. In January, the Community Services Board, Police and Sheriff's

Office launched Diversion First, to get people having a mental health crisis who come into contact with law enforcement into treatment instead of jail. If this were the only accomplishment of the police review commission, it would be an achievement.

The Independent Oversight and Investigations subcommittee unanimously recommended formation of an Independent Auditor and a Civilian Review Panel. Independent oversight is a national best practice, and these issues come before the Board of Supervisors next month.

The commission recommends the implementation of body worn cameras, a recommendation that appears to be set for delay. This might be necessary, but if so, the delay should come with a timetable for next steps.

Changing the culture from withholding information to sharing as much as possible, as soon as possible, and responding to Freedom of Information requests with as much information as possible are part of the recommendations of the Communications subcommittee. Police departments in Northern Virginia have invoked a blanket exemption to FOIA requests, which has been part of the erosion of public trust.

The robust collection and reporting of demographics covering all stops, frisks, citations, arrests, and use-of-force incidents by district station and magisterial district is also key to public trust and departmental excellence.

Bulova and the Board of Supervisors formed the commission in the wake of the death of John Geer in August of 2013. Geer, a Springfield resident, was standing unarmed with his hands up in the doorway of his own home when he was shot by Officer Adam Torres. Torres, charged with murder, was the first Fairfax County Police officer in the history of the department to be charged in such a death. Torres entered a guilty plea to involuntary manslaughter, with a likely sentence of 12 months; his sentencing is scheduled for next week.

Public outrage over Geer's death was compounded by obfuscation and silence, the failure to communicate,

and a lack of public accountability. The police and county refused to release any information on the case for more than a year, and only then after repeated court orders. This tragedy and its aftermath no doubt had a negative impact on morale in the FCPD. The commission's recommendations ac-

knowledge the excellence of the Fairfax police. It's a credit to the department that Chief Edwin Roessler aspires to make FCPD the best in the nation. It's a high bar, county residents expect no less, and steps in that direction are a positive reflection on every member of the department.

It now falls to Supervisor John Cook, chairman of the Public Safety Committee, to guide these recommendations through for approval by the Board of Supervisors overall. The process is underway, and deserves public attention to the details.

— MARY KIMM

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Mary Kimm served as a member of the Fairfax County Ad Hoc Police Practices Review Commission. Read more at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/policecommission

Key recommendations include Independent Auditor, Civilian Review Panel, commitment to transparency, body cameras, data collection.

ADAMS Condemns Orlando Mass Shooting

The All Dulles Area Muslim Society (ADAMS) condemns the tragic and horrific Orlando mass shooting, and rejects any possible motive for this terrible act, whose perpetrator is still being investigated as a possible hate crime, mentally unbalanced individual, and/or lone wolf terrorist sympathizer.

We send our thoughts, prayers, and condolences to the families and loved ones of all those killed or injured.

We appreciate the Orlando Muslim community's response in condemning this attack, and we join in urging the entire Muslim community to take part in a blood donation drive for those injured in the attack.

For us in Virginia, this tragedy brings back horrible memories of April 2007, when Virginia Tech student Seung-Hui Cho killed 32

people on the Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University campus in Blacksburg, Va.

This is also too reminiscent of the equally horrific hate crimes like the attack in South Carolina on an African American Church, attacks in movie theaters and schools and too many more. Such incidents are a too frequent reminder of the number of individuals driven by hate to commit unspeakable acts.

This horrific Orlando attack however should not be used to vilify and stereotype the peaceful and law abiding Muslim community in America. Islam absolutely condemns and forbids terrorism and extremism. The Quran, Islam's revered text, states: "Whoever kills a person, it is as though he has killed all mankind. And whoever saves a life, it is as though he had saved all mankind."

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The Korean Fan Dancer Showcase featured ten dancers (in alphabetical order): Amy Ahn, Sunny Ahn, Maggie Ayers, Mallory Hipp, Heera Hong, Sara Hong, Clara Kim, Sabrina Mai, Allissa Nguyen and Vivian Nguyen.

Fairfax Academy: A Showcase of Accomplishment

BY ALEXANDRA TECCO
THE CONNECTION

Area residents and alumni of Fairfax Academy for Communications and the Arts gathered for its annual awards ceremony on Wednesday, June 8, at Fairfax High School. The wide array of genres the Academy instructs were showcased and its students honored.

Over 550 students attend the Academy, taking its advanced classes in art, design and language, in addition to required courses at their primary high school within the Fairfax County Public School system. Diego Wilson, the administrator of the Academy, considers the showcase and awards a “culmination of student accomplishment and what they have learned.” Students from eight of the Academy’s nine schools created performances or displays for visitors to enjoy during the showcase.

Guests were free to explore the students’ work. Dances, photography displays, wearable art displays, Chinese calligraphy, Korean fan dancing and film from students in the TV Production class created while interning with Rebel Run Sports were displayed inside.

Many enjoyed the food in the outdoor courtyard catered by the 29 Diner, a long-time supporter of the Academy, according to Erin Bloom, while listening to the students playing music.

THE AWARDS, hosted by Assistant Superintendent of City of Fairfax Public Schools Dr. Phyllis Pajardo, was a chance to “...all get together and reward each other ... thank you’s for all the hard work...” and to let the students know that the Academy “will always be there for them,” according to Michael Replogle, instructor of the Musical Theatre and Actor’s Studio. The winners made their way to the stage amongst whirling spotlights to receive their Oscar-inspired golden trophy and congratulations.

Throughout the ceremony were performances more suited to the stage. Korean Samulnori drumming led by the instructor



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Shelley Mead, graduating senior, and a selection of her photography work. Her three years spent at the Academy’s photography program helped her “see the details in everyday life.” She plans to put that to use in pursuit of a criminal justice degree.

of Korean language, Song Johnston, provided a lively and dramatic ceremonial start. “She Who Dances,” choreographed by instructor Andrea Heining combined different levels of the dance program into a cohesive whole while still managing to highlight each dancer through its use of short solos.

The Academy’s Professional Musical Theatre and Actor’s Studio performed “Mama Who Bore Me,” from the musical Spring Awakening. Replogle chose to present the piece in traditional musical theater style,



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Vi Vo, high school junior studying Fashion Design and “Phantasia,” a wearable arts piece inspired by daily activities, made from loofas, tulle, tablecloth and handmade clay accents in the shape of food which dot the clear vinyl illusion top.

without amplification, assuring students that they “can do more than (they) think.” The 11 students that took the stage successfully projected their voice, presence and the drama of the piece to the back rows of an auditorium capable of seating 1,100, about the same number of seats as the Eisenhower Theatre in the Kennedy Center.

The students’ and faculty’s response to an unanticipated technical problem effectively displayed their professionalism and students’ ability to thrive under pressure. The final performance of the evening was a fash-



PHOTO BY GINNY CATE

From left — Dr. Phyllis Pajardo, assistant superintendent of Fairfax City Public Schools, Master of Ceremonies Diego Wilson, Fairfax Academy administrator and Erin Bloom, career experience specialist.

ion show by student designers Hannah Thomas and Alexis Beuchert. However, the accompanying music would not play.

Eventually a student model stepped authoritatively into the middle gap of the curtains at the back of the stage and the audience fell silent in the theater. The methodic stab of heels on wood was the only sound as each imaginative design and its model filled the void taking defiant strides across that black silent stage to its edge, posing above the audience.

The intense and diverse colors, bold designs and striking cuts became raw statements, all the more dramatic as the fashion was stripped down to its fundamentals by the lack of music: haute couture and the model it was fitted for.

THE CROWD broke into overwhelming cheers and applause. Eventually the music kicked in and the show finished with its accompaniment.

“Collaboration, communication, creativity, critical thinking skills ... (and) commitment” are Cs the Fairfax Academy teaches according to Administrator Wilson’s opening remarks. This year’s annual award ceremony and showcase succeeded in displaying them.

The Gap Year Trend

The pros and cons of taking a break in academic studies before college.

By Marilyn Campbell
The Connection

Reappelling down an 80-foot waterfall, the ground appearing miles away, zip lining through thickets of dense, steamy rainforest, treating wounded travelers in the wilderness and engaging in other limit-pushing adventures — that’s how three local young adults spent their time after graduating from high school.

“Scuba was definitely my favorite part of the course because of a strong reinforcement that I would enjoy working as a scuba instructor one day,” said A.J. Galindo of Alexandria. His adventure was part of Outward Bound’s Costa Rica program.

Galindo took what is known as a “gap year,” which means taking an academic break for a year or a semester before beginning college. Gap year programs offer students an opportunity for “personal growth in ... leadership, self-awareness [and] ... character development,” said Soizic Hagege, spokeswoman for Outward Bound Costa Rica.

After completing his Outward Bound program, Galindo enrolled in Thompson Rivers University in British Columbia, Canada.

The American Gap Association (AGA), an organization that accredits and sets standards for gap year programs, reports that taking a gap year has become an increasingly popular choice for American students. The association has seen renewed interest since Malia Obama’s recent decision to take a year off before beginning her studies at Harvard University.

A RECENT AGA STUDY showed that students who took a gap year over performed academically in college. The organization released the results from a survey of its 2015 alumni. More than 90 percent of the alumni surveyed credited their gap year with increasing their self-confidence and maturity as well as offering time for personal reflection.

Uncertainty about future plans is one of the reasons students decide to take time off between high school and college. “Some don’t know yet what they want to study, or want to take the opportunity to travel or work to get experience in the real world,” said Francesca Reed, associate vice president for Enrollment Management and director of Graduate Enrollment Services at Marymount University. “A gap year ... can be a great opportunity for a person to mature and discover their interests before pursuing a college degree.”

Experiences gained during a year away



PHOTO COURTESY OF OUTWARD BOUND

A.J. Galindo of Alexandria, Benjamin Waters of Fairfax and Kirby Nassetta of Arlington participated in Outward Bound Costa Rica’s Gap Year program.

“Sometimes a year of reflection can help a student focus.”

— Jim McClellan, Ph.D., Northern Virginia Community College

from school can offer clarity, says Jim McClellan, PhD, dean of Liberal Arts at Northern Virginia Community College in Alexandria. “Few students know what they want from life or what will be their life’s work when they first enroll in college,” he said. “Few finish college in the same major where they began. Sometimes a year of reflection can help a student focus. A year abroad or in some environment beyond their previous experience can offer new perspectives. Working at a 7/11 convinced me I needed to continue college.”

While the AGA reports that 90 percent of students are actively enrolled in a four-year institution of higher learning within one year of completing a gap year, the organization acknowledges that this option is not for everyone. The decision to delay college comes with a caveat that students may lose the academic momentum they gained through high school.

“There is a set of skills that a student learns moving through each grade level. Like playing tennis or any other sport, the more practice, the better the performance,” said McClellan. “Laying out for a year leads to skills atrophy. [For some students] it is better to continue on while in top form than to try to rebuild lost skills and regain good study habits.”

Even for students who feel certain that they want to take a gap year, Reed advises completing the college application process if obtaining a college degree is future goal.

“It is easier while they are still in school

to gather letters of recommendation and use the resources of guidance departments when applying for college,” she said. “It will also keep them focused with a future plan. If the student decides to go abroad or work full-time, it may be difficult to request a letter of recommendation while they are busy overseas or with work. Once accepted into college, they can defer their admission a semester or a year.”

Boosted by a belief in the benefits of a gap year experience, a growing number of colleges and universities are supporting students who want to take time off between high school and college. “Most colleges are accommodating and will move their start date to the following year,” said Reed. “Colleges and universities like to see students with a plan and a degree of motivation before entering college, and the gap year may be the perfect opportunity to do just that.”

RESEARCHING OPPORTUNITIES, thinking about goals and having a plan in place about how the time will be spent are critical components of a successful gap year. “They shouldn’t wait until they graduate to start planning,” said Reed. “Do you want to travel abroad? Learn a new language or improve your foreign language skills? Volunteer either at home or abroad? Explore career interests? It’s important to have something meaningful in mind. There are many programs available for students that are considering a gap year.”

McClellan suggests an alternate option for students and parents who are concerned that a gap year could slow a student’s academic progress. “Spending the junior year abroad is a better idea since no academic momentum is lost and the experience of living and studying abroad is of incalculable value,” he said. “Plus, with two years of college completed and added maturity, the junior year abroad is more meaningful than a gap year.”

Considering Private School?

Small steps this summer can minimize stress of application process.

By Marilyn Campbell
The Connection

The school year has just come to an end ... which means it’s the ideal time to prepare to apply to leading independent schools.

A supply versus demand imbalance for a coveted spot at one of the local, top-tier private schools makes advanced planning a critical part of the process. Local admissions directors offer suggestions on what can be done during the laid-back days of summer before the demanding fall application process begins.

“Do your research over the summer,” said Mimi Mulligan, assistant head of school and director of admission and enrollment management at Norwood School in Bethesda, Maryland. “Spend time educating yourself on the wide variety of independent school options in the area.”

Perusing school websites and becoming familiar with a school’s mission and philosophy toward education can help narrow down choices. Reading social media postings can give parents a sense of a school’s culture and community.

Have a family conversation about the type of school that would best serve your child, advises Mulligan, who warns that a school’s perceived prestige or reputation as a “top school” doesn’t necessarily translate into a good match.

“Be realistic about your child’s strengths, weaknesses, and learning style, then create a list of schools that you feel would be a good fit for your child and your family,” she said. “This list should be based on your child’s needs, not the name recognition of the school. By the time September is here, you will be ready to contact schools for their admission materials and to schedule a visit.”

Talking to parents and students at prospective schools is one way families can get a sense of a school’s environment.



PHOTO COURTESY OF NORWOOD SCHOOL

Middle School Science teacher Debbie Pakaluk works with eighth-grade students in the chemistry lab at Norwood School.

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— Mimi Mulligan, Norwood School

“Create a chart to compare [factors such as]: How the students treat each other. What is the teacher-student relationship like? How does the school care about each individual student and other things that are important to you?” said Terri Collins of Oak Crest School in McLean. “Ask to speak with two current parents to get their perspective of what they see as the strengths and weaknesses of the school.”

“I think one of the things would be to identify the type of school: a boarding school or a day school,” said Scott Conklin, director of admissions at Episcopal High School in Alexandria. “Once you’ve come up with a list of schools, visit some of them. Most are probably open during the summer. Walk around campus and meet the admissions directors.”

“Once families have narrowed down the list, they can send for information and begin to map out their fall visits,” said Clare Dame, director of enrollment management at Randolph-Macon Academy. “Plan to visit no more than two schools in one day so that

they have time to fully investigate each one and will have the time to assimilate the information.”

Garnering logistical information is important in planning an application strategy for the fall. “What are the processes? What are the dates? When are the Open Houses?” asks Richard S. Moss, director of admission at the Heights School in Potomac, Md.

However, Moss underscores the importance of creating a balance between advance planning and enjoying a summer respite, and questions the wisdom of focusing too much energy on an academic year that is more than 12 months away.

“Most importantly, families should ... have a good, restful, and productive summer,” said Moss. “It is easy to think about the long-term goal of admission while sacrificing the immediately important goal of having a truly great break. ... Though it is good, as a parent, to be generally aware of the process so that in September you can hit the ground running.”

SCHOOL NOTES

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

Maria Larrazabal Carrillo, of Fairfax is on the dean’s list for May 2016 at Iowa State.

Kayse McGough of Fairfax is on the dean’s list for May 2016 at St. Mary’s College.

Jared Rondeau of Clifton, graduated May 2016 Triple Major in Physics, Mathematics, and Chemistry from Emory and Henry College.

Moriah Dreisbach, of Fairfax, is on Union University’s president’s list for spring 2016.

Irene Martinko, of Springfield, is on the spring 2016 dean’s list at Muhlenberg College in Allentown Pennsylvania.

James F. Agnew, Kyle T. Deivert and Nathaniel Oliver, of Fairfax, are on the dean’s list

at Hampden-Sydney College.

Cameron Kisailus, of Franconia, graduated from Gonzaga College High School. He will be attending the University of Pittsburgh on a full scholarship.

Michael Gerlach’s, of Fairfax Station, is on the dean’s list at James Madison University for spring 2016.

Kara Anne Crennan, an alumna of West Springfield High School Class of 2011, graduated from the United States Air Force Academy in June 2016.

Liana Ruiz was awarded the Virginia Credit Union Scholarship of \$2,500 scholarship She will graduate from Robinson High School in June 2016 and will attend Virginia Tech in the fall.

Ketty Klimchuk, of Fairfax, is on the spring 2016 dean’s list at Johnson State College in Vermont.

Abdullah Al Nouman, of Fairfax, graduated with a master of science, biomedical sciences from Iowa State University in spring 2016.

Robel Teffera, of Fairfax, graduated in spring 2016 with a bachelor of science in international business from Quinnipiac University.

May 2016 Oregon State University graduates from Burke include, **Kimberly L. Ogren**, doctor of philosophy, geography; **Jacob M. Sage**, bachelor of science, cum laude, construction engineering management.

Jeffrey A Renner, of Fairfax is on the dean’s list for spring 2016 at Baylor University.

Thet San, of Fairfax, is on the dean’s list at Furman University in South Carolina for spring 2016.

Natalie Heinitz, of Springfield, received Manhattan College’s Gunn Alumni Medal during the 2016 commencement.

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Salem catches the ball from handler Jeff Wheeler of Hampton, Virginia at the Fairfax County Dock Dogs competition.



Area Residents Celebrate Fairfax!

A three-day event draws more than 70,000 visitors.

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The 35th annual Celebrate Fairfax was held from June 10-12 at the Fairfax County Government Center. The annual event brings more than 70,000 visitors during the three-day event. The festival is held the second weekend after Memorial Day.

According to Meagan Butkus, vice president and managing director for Celebrate Fairfax, Inc., "This is the official county fair of Fairfax. The actual history of the start of the first Fairfax County fair can be traced back to the House of Burgess. But this version of the event, the Celebrate Fairfax! Festival, (formerly called Fairfax Fair) was first held in 1981 at George Mason's Patriot Center.

In the early '90s the event outgrew that space and was moved to the Fairfax County Government Center where it still takes place today." Butkus also mentioned some of the top performers Celebrate Fairfax has drawn including Pat Benatar, Three Doors Down, Third Eye Blind, Charlie Daniels Band, Little Big Town, Rick Springfield, The Bangles, Gin Blossoms, and Kansas.

This year's performers included the B-52s, Plain White T's, and Living Colour. The music performed included B-52s hit song "Love Shack" from 1989, Plain white T's hit song from 2005 "Hey there Delilah" and Living Colours "Cult of Personality" released in 1988.

Gold sponsor AT&T deployed a temporary cell on wheels (COW) for expanded mobile broadband coverage to accommodate the expected increased wireless network demands of high numbers of smartphone users attending Celebrate Fairfax!

The capacity augmentation helped improve reliability and data speeds at the event.

Individuals visiting Celebrate Fairfax could partake in more than 300 exhibits and vendors. A carnival with a large ferris wheel provided a spectacular view of the festival and the surrounding area. A silent disco, Fairfax County Dock Dogs Championship, Fairfax County Karaoke Championship and a 5K run were just a few of the many things to enjoy at Celebrate Fairfax. With temperatures on Saturday reaching the 90s, many stopped by the tent of Fairfax Water to hydrate.

On Friday and Saturday at 9:30 p.m. a spectacular fireworks show was presented by Leidos.

The Fairfax County Sheriff's Office in addition to providing safety to all patrons, provided Child ID cards to children and demonstrated the different types of child safety seats.



Fireworks fill the air of the Celebrate Fairfax 2016 on June 11, 2016.

The Fairfax County Fire Department provided a place for children to test their skills crawling through a tunnel, spraying water hoses and rescuing a cat, after climbing a ladder.

Food was everywhere. Who could go to a festival and ignore the sights and smells of sausages, turkey legs, funnel cakes and fresh lemonade?



A young boy practices his skills as a firefighter at the 2016 Celebrate Fairfax.



Ali with Gina on his lap in the tram at Dulles taking them from the plane to the airport terminal.

A Memory of Meeting the Greatest

Fairfax family meets Muhammad Ali.

BY ERIC HODGKINS

This is Ali as heavy-weight champ in 1979 after he beat Leon Spinks in a rematch. I was 12 and my sister was 4. In LAX she sat on his lap, he and his bodyguards asked, "Who is the greatest?" She said, "Gerd Muller" as we are a soccer family. Ali and his guys were speechless. My mom and I said, "Oh my God Gina, no. Muhammad Ali is the greatest." They still had their index fingers up indicating who is number 1. I think we tried to get Gina to put her index finger up.

We went on the airplane and lo and behold Ali did, too. He was at the end of first class and I was at the beginning of economy across from him. So, I stared at him in awe. After a long period of time, he looked at me and winked and smiled. That did the trick. He dealt with

this a million times.

A pretty lady came from the back of the plane and flirted, yapped and giggled; and then gave him her phone number.

This picture is in the tram at Dulles taking us from the plane to the airport. Ali waved my sister over to be on his lap again. My mom lifted the camera, then the flirty lady forced herself between Ali and his bodyguard and smiled like they were together all along. This left me out of the picture.

Walking out of the tram, into the airport, I held Ali's hand. He was unbelievably charismatic and everybody was drawn to him. I think he was the most recognizable, famous person on earth. He loved engaging people. I think he was at peace after all the past controversies. He loved people, especially children. And, I would like my sister to know that Muhammad Ali was the Greatest.



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Inova Fair Oaks Hospital Auxiliary hosted the Virginia Association of Healthcare Auxiliaries and Volunteers (VAHAV) Northern District Spring Meeting on May 16.



The Female Dancer Award went to Katie Tomney, “The Wedding Singer,” Fairfax High School.



The Lead Actor in a Musical Award went to Elijah King, “The Wedding Singer,” Fairfax High School.



The Featured Actor Award went to Tommy Kelleher of Fairfax, “A Midsummer Night’s Dream,” Paul VI Catholic High School.

Gala Honors High School Theater

The 17th Annual Cappies Gala honoring high school theater was held Sunday, June 12 at The Kennedy Center. Winning the top prizes for the Best Musical was Woodrow Wilson High School in the District for “Hair;” and winning Best Play was Duke Ellington School of the Arts in the District for “The Story.” This year’s Masters of Ceremony were Judy Bowns, Janie Strauss and Ed Monk, who is retiring from Chantilly High School this year.

This year’s show included 57 public and private high schools in Fairfax County, Arlington, Fauquier,

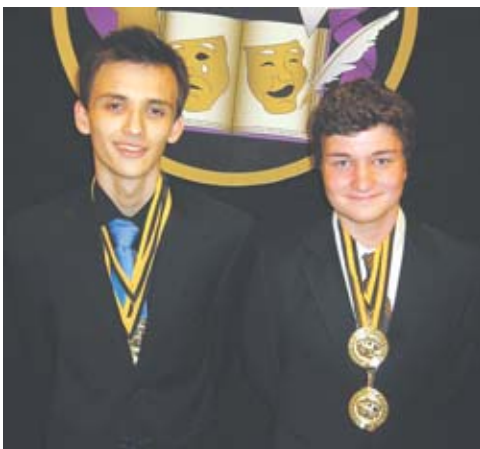
Loudoun, Montgomery, and Prince William counties, and the cities of Falls Church, Alexandria, and Washington, D.C. The Cappies season extended from late October to early May.

The Cappies program was launched in the summer of 1999 by Judy Bowns, the Theatre Arts resource teacher with FCPS, and the late Bill Strauss (director, Capitol Steps), in cooperation with area theater teachers, for the purpose of celebrating and bringing public acclaim to high school theater.

— STEVE HIBBARD



The Choreography Award went to “The Wedding Singer,” Fairfax High School. From left are Lila Johnson and Katie Tomney.



The Special Effects Award went to “The Wedding Singer,” Fairfax High School. From left are Jonah Hurley and Aren Tiftt.



The Marketing and Publicity Award went to “The Wedding Singer,” Fairfax High School. From left are Nour Halabi, Chryne Lillo, Lauren McGrail, and Parker Stephens.

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Fairfax Students Shine at Cappies Gala

Fairfax High a school with highest number of awards.

BY LYNDA ROZELL

“While Broadway’s got the Tonys, we’ve got something too,” sang Fairfax High School senior Elijah King in a solo spotlight as students from D.C., Maryland and Virginia high schools kicked off the seventeenth annual Cappies Gala Sunday night at the Kennedy Center. For three hours, nominees were announced, envelopes opened to announce winners, and selected schools performed excerpts of their work in this annual recognition program for high school thespians. Students danced, sang, and acted on the Concert Hall stage before a full house.

Paul VI Catholic High School senior Tommy Kelleher took home the Featured Actor award. He was one of four nominees from Paul VI’s production of “A Midsummer Night’s Dream” – including his brother, Bobby Kelleher, nominated for Supporting Actor in a play; JJ Cummings, nominated for Comic Actor in a play; and Sonya Chinje whose original composition scored a Creativity nomination. As he received his award, Tommy thanked his fellow cast members, director, parents and brother. “This is crazy – I did not believe I would ever get a Cappie,” he said.

“I’m delighted for Tommy for the win and the others for their nominations,” said PVI Director of Theatre Arts Katherine Miller, “This is a wonderful group of kids, and I’m going to miss them terribly.”

“It was such a great thing to experience as a senior.”

—Katie Tomney, Fairfax High

With five awards out of eighteen nominations, Fairfax High School students went home with the highest number of Cappies of any school at the Gala for their work in “The Wedding Singer,” a musical comedy set in the 1980s. Katie Tomney reacted to receiving two awards: one as Female Dancer and a second with junior Lila Johnson for Choreography. Katie stated, “I’m just honored to be up here with these other talented people. It was such a great thing to experience as a senior.” Lila said, “The cast played a big role in our success. They were our main support system and they threw a lot of positive energy at us. Our director gave us a lot of freedom and trusted us a lot.”

Carbon dioxide smoke blasts and Flash Dance-esque water effect helped earn Jonah Hurley and Aren Tiftt the award for Special Effects and/or Technology. Aren said, “It feels really good to win. When I first knew I was nominated it was such an honor and when they called my name tonight I was so pumped and so excited.” It felt “weird to win,” stated Jonah, “It was great.”

Lauren McGrail agreed that “It feels really great” to win a Cappie. As part of Fairfax’s enthusiastic Marketing and Publicity team, she and her fellow nominees — Nour Halabi, Chryne Lillo and Parker Stephens – were delighted to win the award in their category. “I’m so happy,” said Parker. “I was shaking when they announced the nominees,” stated Nour, “I didn’t even want to hear then I got so happy when it was announced.” Chryne added, “I was already lightheaded and now I’m at the point where I might fall over.”

Elijah King won Lead Actor in a Musical for his portrayal of Robbie Hart in The Wedding Singer. “I feel honored knowing the other nominees were all so talented, and I’m thankful for Fairfax’s program,” he said.

What made Fairfax High School Artistic Director Erich DiCenzo most proud was “watching my kids honestly and genuinely act as young professionals,” he said. “We came into the Gala as the school with the highest number of nominations, but you would never guess,” DiCenzo explained, “The modesty, humility and grace that these students possess and embody is beautiful, especially for people of their age. I feel honored to call them ‘mine’.”

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Color Me Happy. 7-8:30 p.m. Mondays. June 20, July 18, Aug. 15. Kings Park Library, 9000 Burke Lake Road, Burke. Discover your inner Picasso. coloring pages from books designed especially for adults. Coloring pages, pencils and markers provided. Free. 703-978-5600.

Lovers and Madmen. June 18-Aug. 19. Epicure Cafe, 11104 Lee Highway, Fairfax. Features local artists. epicurecafe.org.

Fairfax Rotary Club Meeting. 12:15-1:30 p.m. Mondays. American Legion, 3939 Oak St., Fairfax. Meetings with luncheon and program. fairfaxrotary.org.

Peace: Our True Nature: Watercolor Batik by Amy Rivard. June 8-July 9. Workhouse Arts Center, Building W-9 Gallery, 9601 Ox Road, Lorton. Visitors will encounter watercolor batik paintings on Kinwashi rice paper, created by Rivard in the spirit of the present moment. amyrivardpaintings.com.

"Manifesto." May 21-June 18. Open Tuesday from 6-9 p.m. or by appointment. Olly Olly Art Space, 2nd Floor, 10417 Main St., Fairfax. Exhibition of five collections of art by the artists of Northern Virginia's Bunnyman Bridge Collective. "Manifesto" will feature creative experimental art of the hidden away; including sculpture, installation, painting, collage, photography, video and performance. ollyollyart.com. 703-789-6144.

Plant Clinic. 9 a.m.-noon. Sundays till end of September. Lorton Farmers Market, 8990 Lorton Station Blvd., Lorton. Conducted by Master Gardeners. Answer gardening question, identify plants and insects, soil tests, etc. fairfaxgardening.org.

First Tee Life Skills. 5-6:30 p.m. May 10-June 21. Laurel Hill Golf Club, 8701 Laurel Crest Drive, Lorton. The Fairfax County Park Authority is partnering with The First Tee of Greater Washington, DC, to offer The First Tee Life Skills Experience Certifying Program, designed for young people ages 7-18. <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/press/html/ir040-16.htm>.

THURSDAY/JUNE 16

Book Signing. 6-9 p.m. Franconia Museum, 6121 Franconia Road, Alexandria. For the Book "A Tour Guide and History of Col. John S. Mosby's Combat Operations in Loudoun, County, Virginia." dhakenson@verizon.net.

SATURDAY/JUNE 18

Civil War Mosby Bus Tour. 8:30 a.m. Truro Rectory, 10520 Main St., Fairfax. Visiting Miskell's Farm, Waterford, Loudoun Heights, Charlestown, West Virginia, the Jefferson County Museum, the Blazer's Fight site (Kabletown) and more. Arrive at 8 a.m. to sign in. \$75/\$65. Sign up at 703-971-4984 or dhakenson@verizon.net.

Lovers and Madmen Opening Reception. 8 a.m.-midnight. Epicure Cafe, 11104 Lee Highway, Fairfax. Exhibit of local artists. epicurecafe.org.

Glimpse Behind the Badge. 1:30-4:30 p.m. Kings Park Library, 9000 Burke Lake Road, Burke. Attendees will be presented with an overview of the Fairfax County Police Department and will have the opportunity to gain insight into police policies and

procedures. Other topics that will be covered are use of force, what to expect during traffic stops, and the everyday challenges that officers face. Free. No RSVP required. For questions, contact 703-280-0713.

Father and Daughter Dance. 6-9 p.m. Stacy C. Sherwood Center, 3740 Old Lee Highway, Fairfax. Girls dress in their beautiful gowns and dads dress to impress. There will be special fairy-tale guests joining. Girls celebrate Father's Day with your dads, granddad, big brothers, godfathers, and family members. There will be lots of dancing, games, prizes, and good food. \$30. fairfaxva.gov/parksrec. 703-385-7858.

SUNDAY/JUNE 19

Father's Day 5K and 10K Run/Walk. 8 a.m. Lake Accotink Park, Springfield. Charity proceeds will benefit the Northern Virginia Therapeutic Riding Program, specifically their Recovering Military Personnel riding program. Register at <https://www.signmeup.com/site/online-event-registration/112899>.

Sunday Afternoon in the Park. 4-6 p.m. Old Town Square, 3999 University Drive, Fairfax. 7th Position Trombone Quartet. Free. fairfaxva.gov/parksrec. 703-385-7858.

NTRK Scale Model Train Show. 1-4 p.m. Fairfax Station Railroad Museum, 11200 Fairfax Station Road, Fairfax Station. Free to \$4. 703-425-9225. fairfax-station.org.

MONDAY/JUNE 20

Mommy Meet Up. 3:30-4:30 p.m. Burke Gymboree Play and Music, 6045 Burke Centre Parkway #204, Burke. Meet other moms with babies 0-15 months, relax and participate in low key fun activities. Refreshments. Socks required for play room. Please reserve space. Free. 703-249-1327.

Memoir Writing Group. 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Jewish Community Center of Northern Virginia, 8900 Little River Turnpike, Fairfax. This group will help you write, organize, and self-publish your life story. \$3. 703-537-3060. Carla.Rosenfeld@jccnv.org.

Children's Performance Series. 10:30-11:30. Old Town Square, 3999 University Drive, Fairfax. Free. fairfaxarts.org. 703-385-7858.

Color Me Happy. 7-8:30 p.m. Kings Park Library, 9000 Burke Lake Road, Burke. Discover your inner Picasso. coloring pages from books designed especially for adults. Coloring pages, pencils and markers provided. Free. 703-978-5600.

TUESDAY/JUNE 21

Grandparent Meet Up. 3-5 p.m. Burke Gymboree Play and Music, 6045 Burke Centre Parkway #204, Burke. Grandparents caring for a child 0-5 years old are welcome to come meet other grandparents, play and have refreshments. Socks required for play room. Free. 703-249-1327.

WEDNESDAY/JUNE 22

Lunchtime Live. Noon-2 p.m. Old Town Square, 3999 University Drive, Fairfax. Pack a lunhc and eat in the pergola. Music, art and more. fairfax.gov/parksrec. 703-385-7858.

THURSDAY, MONDAY, TUESDAY/ JUNE 23, 27, 28

Open Auditions: "Amadeus." 6:45-9:45 p.m. the James Lee Community Center Theater, 2855 Annandale Road, Falls Church. Fourteen roles are open for production of "Amadeus," running Sept. 30-Oct. 15.

Ten U.S. Air Force Band Conductors Assemble For 75th Anniversary

The U.S. Air Force Band celebrated its 75th anniversary with a reunion concert on June 11 at the George Mason Center for the Arts.

Secretary of the Air Force Deborah James welcomed the audience to the event.

Nine former commanders returned to the stage to conduct, including Fairfax Station resident Lt. Col. (Ret.) Mark Peterson, who directed the sweeping emotional work "Elsa's Procession to the Cathedral from 'Lohengrin'" by Richard Wagner.

Current and former members of the Concert Band, Air Force Strings, Ceremonial Brass and Singing Sergeants played a wide variety of classic and new music. The program included world premieres of civilian composer John Mackey's rhythmic labyrinth "Liminal" and band member Master Sergeant Kent Baker's (French horn) Ceremonial Brass feature "75/29/30," written specially for the anniversary performance.

The final two pieces, "The Battle Hymn of the



Secretary of the Air Force Deborah James (bottom left) welcomes the audience to the U.S. Air Force Band 75th Anniversary Reunion Concert, held at the George Mason Center for the Arts on June 11.

Republic" and "Air Force Song," saw the largest assembly of U.S. Air Force musicians on stage at the same time.

—TIM PETERSON



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The U.S. Air Force Band 75th Anniversary Reunion Concert brought back former conductors including (from left) Col. (Ret.) Dennis Layendecker, Lt. Col. (Ret.) Mark Peterson of Fairfax Station, Lt. Col. (Ret.) Craig Jessop, Lt. Col. (Ret.) Phillip Carl Chevallard, Lt. Col. (Ret.) Amy Mills, Col. (Ret.) Arnald Gabriel, Secretary of the Air Force Deborah James, current Air Force Band conductor Col. Larry Lang, Col. (Ret.) Lowell Graham, Lt. Col. (Ret.) Alan Sierichs and Col. (Ret.) H. Bruce Gilkes.

For more details, visit www.providenceplayers.org or email providenceplayers@cox.net.

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SATURDAY/JUNE 25

Sherryn Craig Author Event. 11 a.m. Barnes and Noble Fairfax, 12193 Fair Lakes Promenade Drive, Fairfax. Athor of "Midnight Madness at The Zoo." 703-278-8527.

Antique Car Show. 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Fairfax City Hall, 10455 Armstrong St., Fairfax. With bluegrass music and food. Free. visitfairfax.com. info@nvrg.org.

Hope and Health Festival. 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Lorton Park, 9518 Richmond Highway, Lorton. Sponsored by Lorton Community Action Center, South County Cares, and INOVA. Free health screenings, food, inflatables, kids' games and activities will be available to all in attendance. LortonAction.org. 703-339-5161, ext. 140.

Kidz Korner. 10:30-11:30 a.m. Old Town Square, 3999 University Drive, Fairfax. Variety of Children's activities and entertainment. fairfax.gov/parksrec. 703-385-7858.

SATURDAY-SUNDAY/JUNE 25-26

Vienna Wireless Society National Field Day. 2 p.m. Burke Lake Park, 7315 Ox Road, Fairfax Station. Local

Handbook Oversight Reignites Controversy

Board adds sexual orientation and gender identity to student handbook.

BY TIM PETERSON
THE CONNECTION

Students in Fairfax County Public Schools started the 2015-2016 school year without the words “sexual orientation” or “gender identity” as part of the nondiscrimination guide within their student handbook.

While the School Board approved adding those two terms to the laundry list of other qualities and characteristics for which no employee or student in the system should be discriminated against or excluded because of, the new language didn’t automatically appear in the handbook, the Students Rights and Responsibilities.

The error was an “oversight,” according to Superintendent Dr. Karen Garza and board chair Pat Hynes.

In order for the handbook to reflect the current policy, which was updated with the additional terms in November 2014 and May 2015, the board needed to amend its action on approving the 2016-2017 student handbook.

What was billed in the agenda as a mere administrative action of aligning the hand-

book with existing policy became a heated debate at the School Board’s June 9 business meeting.

Opponents of passing the handbook update said the process had been rushed and that the community should have a chance to weigh in on changes that will directly affect how their children may be disciplined.

A private consultant was hired to review current practices affecting transgender students and compare them with other schools around the country, but the findings and conclusions have yet to be released.

At-large member Jeanette Hough, who was just elected to the board last fall, was critical that the body hasn’t been briefed in a year.

“We don’t have clarity as adults,” Hough said. “How can we ask students to sign something we haven’t discussed?”

Springfield representative Elizabeth Schultz repeatedly emphasized the board had not discussed gender identity formally since last year’s policy change.

“Why haven’t we talked about it in 399 days?” Schultz asked.

Sully representative and another recently elected member Tom Wilson also cited the



PHOTO BY TIM PETERSON/THE CONNECTION

After nearly three hours of debate, the FCPS School Board voted 9-3 in favor of adding sexual orientation and gender identity to the nondiscrimination guide in the student handbook.

lack of discussion as a reason for his multiple amendments in favor of postponing a vote on approving the student handbook.

“We haven’t had those conversations, those discussions,” he said. “We need to do better.”

Mount Vernon representative Karen Corbett Sanders admitted members “all agree we got here through a very messy process.”

Though Hynes reminded that the Students Rights and Responsibilities is not “an implementation plan of policy.”

“It’s not a question of whether that policy is clear,” Hynes said. The current handbook should, she continued, reflect “existing language of our policy at this point.”

After nearly three hours of debate, the board voted 9-3 in favor of At-Large member Ryan McElveen’s amendment to update and align the language in the student handbook. Hough, Schultz and Wilson were the “no” votes.

Video from the June 9 meeting is available online at www.youtube.com/watch?v=jMS21yVGqDY&feature=youtu.be.

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The Robinson boys' lacrosse team won its third consecutive state championship with a 14-2 victory over James River on Saturday at Lake Braddock Secondary School.



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The Robinson girls' lacrosse team repeated as state champion with a 13-9 victory over Woodson on Saturday at Lake Braddock Secondary School.

Robinson Boys, Girls Win State Titles

Rams boys' lax clinches third, girls' second consecutive championship.

BY AARON LUNDMARK
THE CONNECTION

When asked about the feeling of winning a third consecutive state championship, Robinson senior attacker Johnny Daniel had one word to describe it. "Satisfying," replied Daniel. "That's the one word I'd give it."

Indeed it was satisfying as the Rams' were able to dominate this year's state championship, as opposed to last year's double overtime victory, with a 14-2 win over James River at Lake Braddock Secondary School Saturday evening.

"It feels great," said Robinson head coach Matt Curran. "The last two years we won it, but it was different, with last year being in double overtime. But it's the state championship, so it still feels great."

THE RAMS were able to jump out early as sophomore Reid Scarborough scored through a mob of three defenders to give them the 1-0 lead.

After that, Robinson added goals by Scarborough, Austin Henry, Nick Dillon and Nick Rowlett, giving the Rams a commanding 5-0 lead.

"We knew going in with their short sticks that myself and Holden [Patterson] were going to have good matchups," said Scarborough. "We knew if we took our guys and beat them off the first dot we were going to have great opportunities to score."

"When we got up early like that it's definitely relieving," said Robinson goalkeeper Matthew Bethard. "But we saw last week

in our Woodson game us come back from being down seven, so you never know and that's why you always have to stay sharp like we did."

Bethard and the rest of the defense were huge in this one. After the goal that cut the Robinson lead to 6-2, the Rams did not allow the Rapids to score again the rest of the contest.

"They were huge," said coach Curran. "Our defense played extremely well, and our offense was very patient which also kept the ball out of their offense's hands. But we knew exactly what we wanted to do to these guys and thankfully that worked for us."

Scarborough scored again, giving him the first half hat trick, then another goal by Henry and a goal by Declan Connolly with just nine seconds left in the half gave the Rams' an 8-2 at halftime.

To start the second half, another goal by Scarborough, his fourth, gave the Rams a 9-2 lead. Then, Scarborough would assist on a Patterson goal and Daniel found one of his shots in the back of the net and Robinson had control.

WINNING a single state championship is an accomplishment, but winning three in a row and creating a dynasty is pretty interesting, according to coach Curran.

"It's an amazing year seeing as how we graduated 19 seniors last year — one of which was an Under Armour All-American — a bunch of guys on defense, and two of our leading scorers," said Curran. "So these guys not only worked really hard, but they stepped up—a lot of young guys, freshmen, sophomores—and they really stepped up and kind of made it their team."

As for the Rams' shot at a fourth state title, chances look good as they only graduate 10 seniors compared to last year's 19.

"My freshman year, we lost in the regional playoffs and I saw my senior teammates crying," said Daniel. "So me and Austin [Henry], as the only two freshmen on varsity, made a pact that we'd never let that

happen again. So being here right now, it feels really good to have been able to follow through with that promise."

Girls Win Back-to-Back Titles

Elli Kluegel came off a screen set by teammate Katie Checkosky, and before Kluegel even took the pass from Grace Tompkins, head coach Liz Case was fist pumping on the sideline screaming, "Yes!"

Coach Case knew her team had run the perfect play, which went into the Rams finishing off the perfect season.

Robinson defeated Woodson 13-9 and brought home its second consecutive state championship Saturday afternoon at Lake Braddock Secondary school.

"They play with such heart and they're so close to one another," said Case after the game. "This feels good. The girls have worked really hard this year, and they continued to work hard throughout this game."

Early on, the story was Robinson senior goalkeeper Danielle Valenti, who stopped numerous Cavalier shots, which led to the Rams' first goal by Haley Prosser just four minutes in.

Normally, Case switches her goalkeepers at halftime, inserting Maddie Malone, but that wasn't the case Saturday as Valenti played so well the first half, she got the nod for the second half, as well.

"Danny had a really great first half," said Case. "It was a decision that was made up on the spot, we hadn't thought about it at all prior to this game."

The next goal in the contest came eight minutes later, when Rams captain Taylor Caskey scored back-to-back goals to give Robinson a 3-0 lead.

"I think we were even more pumped this year, this game, than last year," said Caskey. "We knew people were gunning for us, but I couldn't imagine winning states with anyone else."

Woodson would respond, however, as goals by Grace Stephan, Emma Vinall, and Meredith Mackay would tie the game 3-3. From there, the Rams would take over, by scoring five unanswered goals to close the half.

THE KEY TO THE RUN was a switch in the faceoff circle, as Case moved senior Emily Skrzypczak to start taking the draws, and that started gaining momentum for the Rams.

"[Woodson] was really good at taking the draws," said Case. "Once we moved Emily up, she started winning it, so she did a really good job for us."

Robinson got two goals from Checkosky during that stretch before halftime and she finished the game with five.

"I think the halftime lead was the most important part of the game," said Checkosky. "It gave us a lot of momentum. Getting that five-goal cushion was really important for us, mentally."

"I wouldn't have wanted this season to end any other way," said Checkosky. "I think the bond we all have with each other is amazing. We're a family and we love each other so much so this feels incredible."

Valenti would finish the game with nine saves, capping off a great effort from her.

ROBINSON could have a shot at another title next year, as only five seniors are graduating from the team.

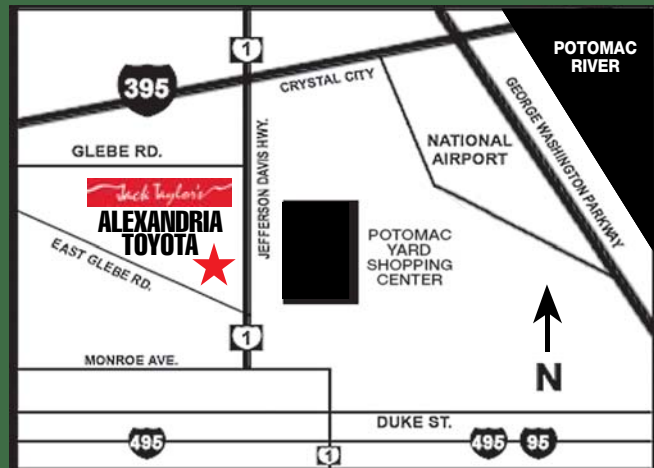
"We have a nice young team, along with a lot of strong juniors," said Case, "and I think they'll be able to carry the team next year, as well."

Robinson finished their perfect season with a 21-0 record, winning their conference, region, and state tournament titles.

"It really is an incredible feeling," said Checkosky. "I've been playing with some of these girls since fifth grade, so winning these two state championships with all our hard work—it's the best feeling in the world."

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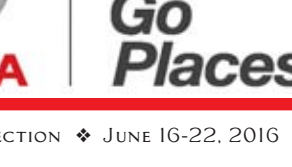
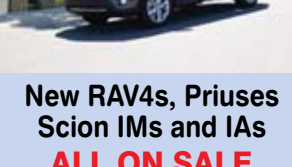
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AARP Smart Driving Course. 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Jewish Community Center of Northern Virginia, 8900 Little River Turnpike, Fairfax. Learn to adjust your skills to compensate for changes in hearing, vision, flexibility, and reaction time. Participants who attend both days will receive a certificate for a discount on insurance for three years. \$15/\$20. Bring meatless lunch. 703-537-3060. Carla.Rosenfeld@jccnv.org.

TUESDAY/JUNE 21

NVTA Workshop. 7-9 p.m. Providence District Office, 3001 Vaden Drive, Fairfax. In-person meetings are designed to capture feedback from a broad range of participants. Register at <https://www.eventbrite.com/>. Type Northern Virginia Transportation Authority to search for the public workshops.
Public Hearing on Monopolies and Towers Zoning Ordinance. 3:30 p.m. Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax. Board of Supervisors Hearing. fairfaxcounty.gov/dpz.

WEDNESDAY/JUNE 29

Community Forums on Community Accessibility. 6:30-8:30 p.m. Richard Byrd Library, 7250 Commerce St., Springfield. Hosted by Fairfax Area Disability Board. The board will review the forum information to develop an action plan that addresses community recommendations, barriers, and service gaps. disabilityservices@fairfaxcounty.gov. 703-324-5874.

ONGOING

Burke Rotary Club Meeting. Tuesdays from 7:15-8:30 a.m. Anita's Restaurant, 9278 Old Keene Mill Road, Burke. Meetings with breakfast and program. www.burkerotary.org.
Burke Lake Seniors Golf League seeks members. Interested golfers are invited to join the Burke Lake Seniors Golf League. Must be 55 and older, meeting new people and having an all-around good time. Reserved tee times on Tuesday and Thursday mornings at the Par 3 Burke Lake Golf Course on Ox Road. Annual dues for the season are \$20 plus green fees. Call Charlie Ryan 703-690-4227.
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Fairfax Baptist Temple, at the corner of Fairfax County Parkway and Burke Lake Roads, holds a bible study fellowship at 9 a.m. Sundays followed by a 10 a.m. worship service. Nursery care and children's church also provided. 6401 Missionary Lane, Fairfax Station, 703-323-8100 or www.fbtministries.org.

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