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Community members assemble behind a Fairfax County Police officer before embarking on the Independence Day parade through the Orange Hunt neighborhood.

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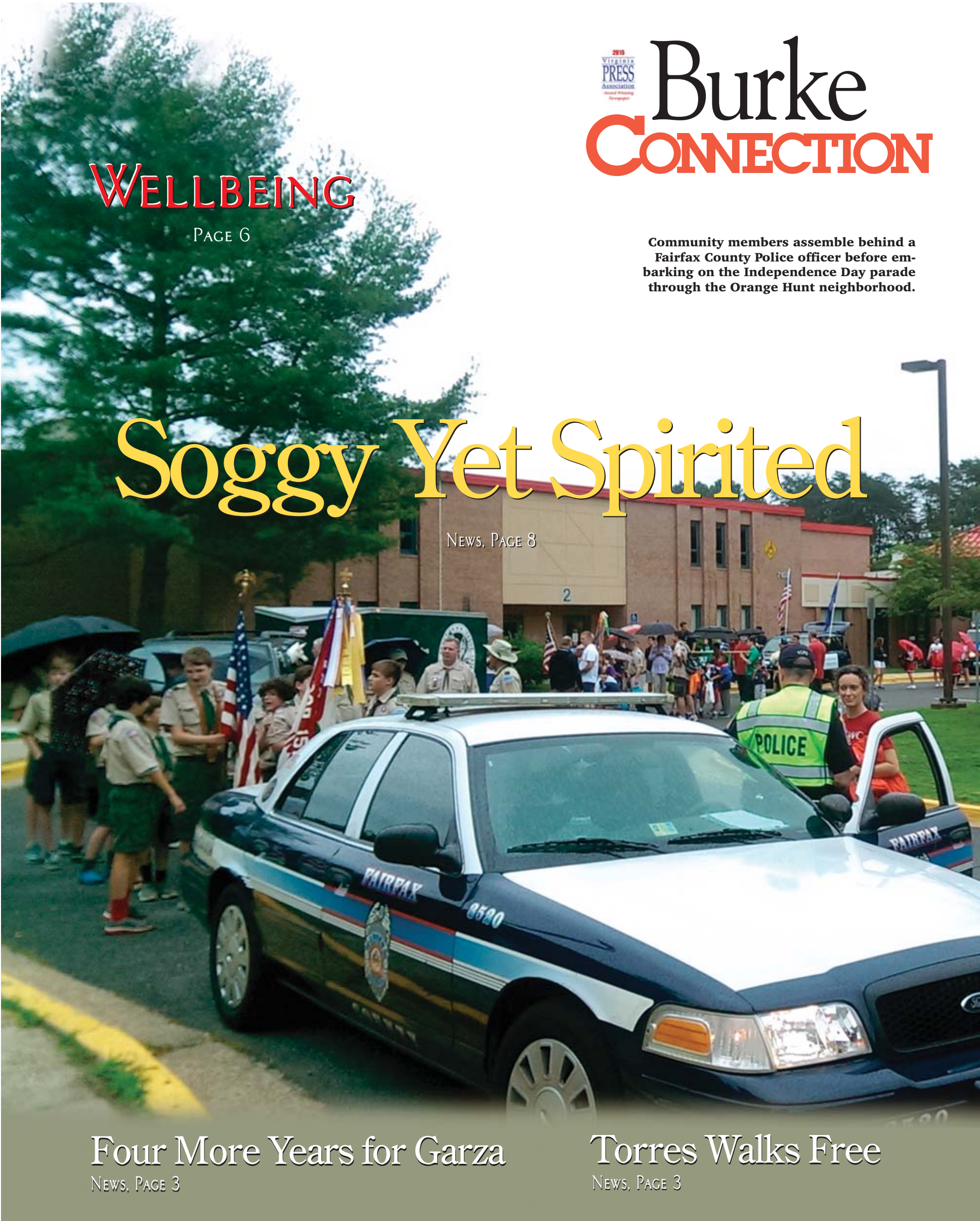
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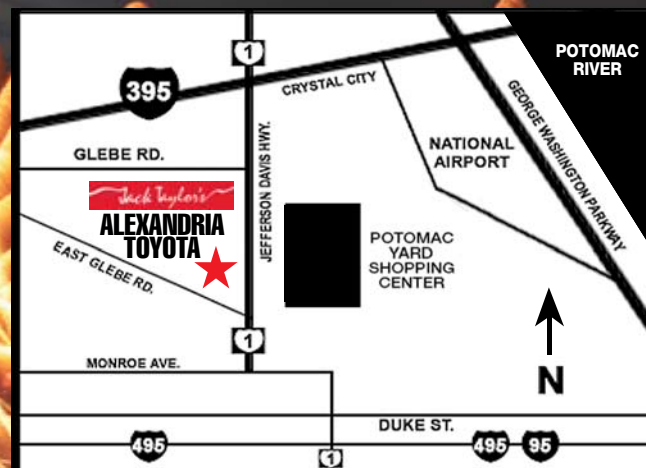
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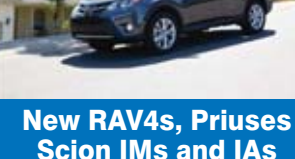
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Four More Years

BY TIM PETERSON
THE CONNECTION

Fairfax County Public Schools has secured four more years with Dr. Karen Garza at the helm as superintendent.

The School Board members voted unanimously to extend her contract through June 30, 2020 at their June 30 meeting.

“Dr. Garza has been an agent of positive change for Fairfax County Public Schools,” School Board Chair Pat Hynes, said in a statement, as she was absent from the meeting. “She has positively engaged the community in a number of critical issues and has been a passionate advocate for our students and teachers.

“Dr. Garza’s leadership has included creation of the Portrait of a Graduate, now viewed as a national model,” Hynes’ statement continued, “Ignite, FCPS’ five-year strategic plan; the implementation of later high school start times; the elimination of early-release Mondays; and investments in teacher pay and lowering class size, all of which have had a significant, positive impact for our students and staff members.”

At-large board member Ilryong Moon sec-

School Board renews Superintendent Garza’s contract.

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The Fairfax County School Board members applaud Dr. Karen Garza after renewing her contract as superintendent for four more years.

onded acting chair and Mason District representative Sandy Evans’ motion for the extension.

“Dr. Garza has not only the right skill set, but also temperament to continue leading,” he said.

Braddock District representative Megan McLaughlin added, “We are deeply deeply

fortunate in this great county of over one million people, the 10th largest school system in the country, that we have been able to not only bring you here, but continue building on a relationship with you.”

“You have led with vision and courage and innovation, and I want to thank you for that,” Evans said.



Dr. Karen Garza thanks the board, leadership team and school community for their continued support.

After the unanimous vote in support of Garza, she took a few moments to thank the board, the leadership team and the school community.

“You took a chance on me, that Texas girl, and brought me here,” Garza said. “Thank you for your continued support, absolutely, this vote of confidence.”

“I think we’re the best in the United States,” she continued. “The possibilities are endless for what else we can do in this school system, the ability to really shape and lead the work at the state and national level.”

Torres Walks Free

Former police officer released five days after sentencing for killing John Geer.



Former Fairfax County Police Officer Adam Torres walked free Wednesday morning, June 29. He was the first officer in the force’s history to be charged with killing someone.

Five days after being sentenced to serve 12 months in prison for the felony charge of involuntary manslaughter of Springfield resident John Geer in 2013, Torres was released from Fairfax County Adult Detention Center at 8 a.m. on June 29.

Torres had been in jail since August 2015. The Fairfax Circuit Court judge counted the time served in determining the release.

Commonwealth’s Attorney Raymond Morrogh said following the sentencing

that 10 months is typical for release of a prisoner serving a year-long sentence. At the time, Morrogh estimated Torres would be released within a few weeks of the sentencing.

Attorneys said Torres would be returning to a wife, two young children and an infant that was born recently.

Wearing a button-up blue-checked shirt and carrying a few personal effects, Torres walked to a car and declined to answer questions.

— TIM PETERSON



Burke Lake Park - Septic Field Study

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The 7,000-foot sewer line will connect to a new proposed clubhouse and facilitate connecting to other park amenities, a release from Fairfax County said.

Construction Beginning in August on Burke Lake Park Sewer Line

Construction is set to begin Aug. 8 on around 7,000 feet of sewer line running throughout Burke Lake Park.

The line will connect to a new proposed clubhouse and facilitate connecting to other park amenities, a release from Fairfax County said.

Construction is expected to last until April 2017.

Effects of the construction may include temporary trail closures or detours and in-

creased traffic around the park entrances. After Labor Day, the park’s volleyball courts will be closed for the remainder of the construction.

More information is available from project manager Eric Inman, whose contact information is eric.inman@fairfaxcounty.gov for email and 703-324-8698 by phone.

—TIM PETERSON

Farmers Markets in the Area

Thursday
♦Government Center: May 5 - Oct. 27, 3 p.m. - 7 p.m.; Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway.
Saturday
♦Burke: May 7 - Dec. 17, 8 a.m. - Noon; VRE

parking Lot, 5671 Roberts Parkway

Sunday
♦Lorton: May 1 - Nov. 13, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.; VRE parking lot, 8990 Lorton Station Blvd.; SNAP accepted, bonus dollar program.

OPINION

Hungry in Summer

There are hungry children in Northern Virginia, more so in summertime.

Summer for most children in Northern Virginia is a time of fun and activities, camp and vacation, trips to the pool and possibly to the library. Specialized camps and activities tuneup sports skills and academic skills. Parents try to ensure snacks are at least somewhat healthy.

In this environment, most of us don't come into much contact with families that might be having trouble feeding their children. We can't imagine that there are children who are hungry in summer.

But many children in our region don't know what their next meal will be in summer. During the school year, many have depended on school to provide breakfast and lunch during the school year. Volunteers have stepped in to provide backpacks to go home with hungry students on the weekend.

In the City of Alexandria, 60 percent of students in public schools qualify for subsidized meals at school.

In Fairfax County, that overall number is

lower at 27.5 percent, but in many areas, more than 50 percent of students qualify for subsidized meals at school.

In Arlington, more than 30 percent of students qualify for subsidized meals at school.

But most of the students who counted on school meals during the school year are not in school for the summer.

Submit Photos to Pet Connection

The Pet Connection, a twice-yearly special edition, will publish on July 27, and photos and stories of your pets with you and your family should be submitted by July 17.

We invite you to send us stories about your pets, photos of you and your family with your cats, dogs, llamas, alpacas, ponies, hamsters, snakes, lizards, frogs, rabbits, or whatever other creatures share your life with you.

Our favorite pictures include both pets and humans.

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Locations for Summer Meals

http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/ncs/pdfs/summer_meals-2016_open_sites.pdf
http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/ncs/pdfs/summer_meals-2016_closed_sites.pdf

Fairfax County operates more than 20 open sites in areas where more than 50 percent of students qualify for free or reduced meals where students can go in summer for breakfast and/or lunch. These locations are along the Route 1 corridor, in Herndon, Reston, Fairfax, Chantilly, Lorton, Falls Church and more. See links above for locations.

It also falls to many nonprofits and food pantries to fill the gaps, and those organizations need help keeping food available.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

What Was Founding Fathers' Intent?

To the Editor:

On this Independence Day (July 4, 2016) I am reading Paul Carlock's letter ("Gross Misreading of the Second Amendment," The Connection, June 29-July 5, 2016) setting forth his views on the meaning of the Second Amendment. In his letter he is suggesting that our Senator, Tim Kaine, and our Congressman, Gerry Connolly, "simply do not understand history." Well, I don't know how well either of these gentlemen understand history, but I sure hope they have a better grasp of it than does he. His insistence on his understanding of what he refers to as "the truth behind the Founder's intent when they wrote the Second Amendment," gives one pause. Let's review! Our nation was founded on July 4, 1776. Our Founding Fathers were those who, on that day, pledged their lives, their fortunes, and their sacred honor. During the course of the war that followed their proclamation of the creation of our nation, 13 of the 56 Founding fathers were killed or died from wounds and hardships caused by the war. But the infant Republic they had founded prevailed. Some years later, a determined group of men led by Alexander Hamilton

decided they didn't much care for the way the country was governed and constructed a new form of government with less Democracy and a much more powerful central government. But Alexander Hamilton, despite all the musical hoopla on Broadway, was not a "Founding Father." (He is more correctly referred to as a "Framer.") In fact, of the 56, Founding Fathers only a handful played any role in writing the Constitution or any of its amendments, and only six Founders signed the final document. Consequently, it's a bit of a stretch to claim to be able to discern what the Founding Fathers intended. They were, for the most part, hardly involved.

Peter M. Storm
Vienna

Joining Climate Defenders

To the Editor:

Since I was a young child, the environment has been an important part of my life. Climate change is threatening us today both near and far. Here in Burke, we had to deal with two foot snowfall for the past six years, which is very abnormal for this area of Virginia. Being 50 percent Brazilian, I feel strongly that the deforestation of the Amazon Rainforest is devastating a worldwide natural treasure.

Just last week, Governor McAuliffe signed an executive order to create a task force in order to target carbon emissions in our state of Virginia. I am very proud to have a governor that is truly taking action in trying to help out our environment of Virginia. With Richmond being one of the asthma capitals of the U.S., our state needs more environmentally conscious action from Governor McAuliffe. Though Governor McAuliffe has taken the first step, there is still more work to be done.

Due to my strong investment in wanting to better our environment, I joined Environment Virginia's Climate Defenders campaign. I work to mobilize voters to have their voices heard on environmental issues. I'm always looking for more volunteers to help us make a difference.

Join me in supporting clean power in Virginia by spreading the word. Write a letter yourself, call your State Senator, or get your friends involved in our campaign. Email me at tgoering@environmentvirginia.org to learn more.

Theo Goering
Burke

Focus on Wind and Solar Power

To the Editor:

Virginia's transition to clean energy is now underway. On Tues-

day, June 28, Governor Terry McAuliffe issued an executive order to create a workgroup that will spend the next year determining how to reduce Virginia's carbon emissions. This important first step will go forward in spite of opposition delaying President Obama's Clean Power Plan, making Virginia a key leader in combating climate change.

Having lived in northern Virginia all my life, I am proud to see our state standing up for the environment. Those living in Norfolk and Tangier Island are already struggling with rising sea levels, and Richmond has been named an Asthma Capital by the Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America. Across the state, myself and other asthma patients, today's children, and the elderly have and will continue to be particularly hurt by the effects of climate change. The action Governor McAuliffe took yesterday benefits us all.

I hope to see our state focus on wind and solar power as we go forward, not only for our own benefit, but for the sake of the example we will set for the rest of the country. As a recent high school graduate, I will be working with Environment Virginia this summer to focus on this cause. Contact daniel@environmentvirginia.org for volunteer opportunities to join me.

Marley Finley
Falls Church

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NEWS

Our Daily Bread Receives a \$30,000 Grant for Food Bridge Program

Fairfax-based nonprofit Our Daily Bread received a grant in the amount of \$30,000 from the Walmart Foundation's State Giving Program. The funds will go to the organization's Food Bridge Program to provide delivered food assistance to struggling families in the Fairfax County area and help Fairfax County Public Schools that partner with ODB provide weekend packs of food to children in need at their schools.

ODB Board Member Catherine Read and ODB Programs Director Christina Garris, who manages the Food Bridge Program, received the check at an award ceremony on May 26 at the Walmart Fredericksburg on Carl D. Silver Parkway. Six other nonprofits in Northern and Central Virginia also received funds at the ceremony.

Our Daily Bread's delivered food program has 60 families who reside in Fairfax County enrolled in the program at any given time, and often as many as 12 families on the waiting list to receive services.

The majority of the families have two or more children. While participating in the program, they receive a delivery of food and supplies, grocery store gift cards or a combination of assistance every two weeks for approximately four to six months.

This temporary food assistance is intended to help them maintain financial stability while they work through a crisis and get themselves back to a place where they will be able to provide for themselves.

ODB relies on local faith communities, businesses



PHOTO CONTRIBUTED

Our Daily Bread Board of Directors Member Catherine Read (second from right) and Programs Director Christina Garris (center) receive a grant check from Walmart Market Managers (from left) George Joyner, Leigh Belcher and Rodney Morrison at an award ceremony on May 26 at the Walmart Fredericksburg on Carl D. Silver Parkway.

and civic organizations to deliver the food and/or gift cards to 30 clients each Sunday, but often throughout the year there are gaps in the delivery calendar. A \$20,000 portion of the grant from Walmart will help ODB provide grocery gift cards to clients on eight Sundays where there are currently no organizations available to make the deliveries.

The remaining \$10,000 of the grant will be distributed to Fairfax County Public Schools that partner with ODB in its Food4Thought Program to provide packs of food to send home with children in need at their schools on Fridays so the children have food on the weekends.

Our Daily Bread's Executive Director Lisa Whetzel said, "The assistance that the Walmart Foundation is providing will help ease the struggle for many local families for several months, and also help children in need go back to school each week healthy and ready to learn."

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10U Firebirds Announce Tryouts

The 10U Firebirds — a competitive fastpitch softball organization dedicated to teaching softball, teamwork, leadership and sportsmanship to young ladies of above-average, athletic ability — have announced open tryouts for the 2016-2017 season. The organization focuses on creating a competitive team of girls having fun while playing the game they love.

Recent accomplishments of the team include winning the tournament championship at

both the Potomac River Clash and Crown Trophy NIT, while taking home third place in the Open Division at the NSA Virginia State Tournament in Williamsburg.

For the 2016-2017 season, the team is looking to add experienced players with 2006 birth years, but all players will be considered. Register for tryouts and join mailing list to be informed of the latest tryout information and start times:

<http://tinyurl.com/firebirds2016>

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Open practice: July 30, Tryouts: Aug. 6, both held at Wakefield Forest Elementary School, 4011 Iva Lane Fairfax.

Correction

In "To Detect and Preserve" [The Burke Connection, June 30-July 6] the name of the new senior living facility is Sunrise at Silas Burke House.

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WELLBEING

Strategies for Preventing Concussions This Summer

Local physician is pioneering traumatic brain injury treatment.

By MARILYN CAMPBELL
THE CONNECTION

Summer has been dubbed "trauma season" by health care professionals. Warm temperatures make swimming, biking, hiking, waterskiing and other outdoor activities irresistible during the summer, but this also means a rise in concussions and other injuries. In fact, every 19 seconds someone in the United States sustains a traumatic brain injury.

The National Institutes of Health define a concussion as mild traumatic brain injury caused by an external force, such as a blow to the head. Symptoms can include a headache or neck pain, nausea, ringing in the ears, dizziness or fatigue, while serious symptoms include seizures, trouble walking or sleeping, weakness, numbness, or decreased coordination, repeated vomiting or nausea,

confusion and slurred speech.

Michael Lewis, M.D. is the president of the Brain Health Education and Research Foundation in Potomac, Maryland. Lewis, who retired from the U.S. Army after more than 30 years of service, is dedicated to improving public health. He spent the last five years of his military career working on nutritional interventions to help prevent and treat brain injuries from physical and psychological trauma.

His interest in brain injury treatment was sparked by the 2006 explosion at the Sago coal mine in Sago, West Virginia. The blast and collapse trapped 13 miners for nearly two days.

"Only one guy survived," said Lewis. "They used high dose omega-3 fish oil to help his brain recover from carbon monoxide poison. I wondered if it would help soldiers recover from traumatic brain injury. I put together a pro-



Dr. Michael Lewis recently opened a medical practice in Potomac, Maryland that focuses on concussions and brain health.

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MICHAEL LEWIS

gram to do that kind of research for the military. How can we improve from the inside out for any soldier or athlete who is at risk for head injury?"

Lewis' focus is on the clinical use of omega-3 fatty acids for the prevention, acute treatment, and rehabilitation of brain injuries from traumatic brain injury and concussions, stroke, PTSD, and other conditions.

On a more personal level, Lewis' 16-year-old son Isaac attends Winston Churchill High School and plays two sports often associated with concussions: football and lacrosse. Lewis said his son has never sustained a concussion, but he is working with the school's athletic staff on strategies to prevent concussions among athletes. He also

makes sure his son takes fish oil every day.

"The value you get from sports far outweighs the risks, but we should mitigate the risks as much as possible," Lewis said. He also advises his patients to "take a fish oil supplement every day or eat good sourced salmon."

Symptoms of a concussion might not be immediately apparent. "The more subtle symptoms are those that appear days or weeks after an injury," said Lewis. "The personality might change, a person might become more irritable, have brain fog or have trouble thinking, or their head feels like it's stuffed with cotton."

Among the signs that one might have sustained a concussion are a "loss of consciousness, followed by

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—Michael Lewis, M.D., president, Brain Health Education and Research Foundation

marked confusion," said Robert Wade, Ph.D., dean of nursing, Northern Virginia Community College's Medical Education Campus, "Most likely a headache, too."

No two injuries are the same. "Each concussion is different, which means the same child could have different symptoms during different concussions," said Ryan Wildenhain, head of sports medicine at Marymount University.

When students are back in school, parents should watch for another common indicator of concussions in student athletes. "One of my warning signs are grades that are falling off," said Lewis. "A straight 'A' student whose grades drop is a warning sign. A good kid who all of a sudden becomes irritable should prompt questioning.

Kids are not always good at telling, they tend to want to play through it — it's part of our culture."

Wearing proper protective equipment is recommended as a way to prevent concussions. "Minimizing the risk of a child sustaining a concussion is extremely difficult and dependent on the type of activities the child does," said Wildenhain. "Every child should be properly educated on how concussions occur, the signs and/or symptoms of a concussion and how to avoid dangerous situations for the specific activity they intend to do."

Lewis warns that even protective equipment isn't foolproof.

"Even if you're wearing a football, hockey or motorcycle helmet, when you hit something, another helmet or another head, it causes injury," he said. "If coaches see anything that is any way questionable they should get them off the field and out of harm's way. I think it's a parent's duty to stop the game and pull the kid out of a game if they see something that a coach doesn't see or doesn't respond to."

Pushups For Charity Benefits Veterans

Local veteran opens gym, Rebel Fit USA.



PHOTO CONTRIBUTED

Air Force Veteran Beny Blaq, owner and founder of Rebel Fit USA, will host a Pushups for Charity challenge to support veterans and active duty military.

A local Air Force veteran is challenging the community to push their physical limits for a good cause. Beny Blaq, founder of Rebel Fit USA, is hosting a Pushups for Charity challenge to support veterans and active duty military. The challenge coincides with the grand opening of Blaq's new fitness facility located at 2088 Daniel Stuart Square, Woodbridge.

"As an Air Force veteran, the Pushups for Charity challenge is very important to me, especially knowing firsthand the sacrifices our military, veterans and their families make every day," said Blaq.

Rebel Fit USA is a team-oriented health and fitness community specializing in expert coaching through a personalized, hands-on approach. The

Pushups for Charity challenge starts at 9 a.m., after Rebel Fit's first morning class. Prizes will be awarded to the top fundraiser as well as the male and female who complete the most pushups within the 90 second timeframe. Rebel Fit USA has set a goal of raising \$10,000 and completing more than 5,000 pushups.

Registration for the Rebel Fit Pushups for Charity team is available online at: <https://www.crowdrise.com/benyblaq-pushupsforcharity2016/fundraiser/benyblaq>.

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PHOTOS BY TIM PETERSON/THE CONNECTION
Members of the community swim team Cottontail Cobias shouted cheers while riding in their parade float.



Boy and Girl Scouts groups were among the dozens of participants who made up the Orange Hunt Estates Independence Day parade, despite soggy conditions.

Soggy Yet Spirited

Orange Hunt Fourth of July parade rolls despite rain.

BY TIM PETERSON
THE CONNECTION

Light rain began to fall shortly before the 1 p.m. start of the annual Fourth of July parade across Sydenstricker Road in Springfield. Supervisor Pat Herrity (R-Springfield) said unlike the more robust City of Fairfax

parade earlier in the day, he was expecting a few more constituents in the parade itself than along the route.

"It's a sign of a strong community," he said.

As the Boy and Girl Scouts, swim team members and church groups paraded across Sydenstricker Road, spectators lined up along the sides of the streets.

Rain began to fall harder, but the parade rolled on, continuing from Hunt Valley Elementary School to Orange Hunt Elementary School. Soggy yet spirited, everyone enjoyed some ice cream and a little shelter at the conclusion of the route.



Del. Eileen Filler-Corn (D-41) distributes American flags and candy among constituents during the July 4 parade through Orange Hunt Estates.



Community members assemble behind a Fairfax County Police officer before embarking on the Independence Day parade through the Orange Hunt neighborhood.



Supervisor Pat Herrity (R-Springfield) hands out lollipops during the July 4 parade through Orange Hunt Estates.



Left, Del. Dave Albo (R-42) hands out his trademark mini foam footballs during the July 4 Orange Hunt Estates parade.

CALENDAR

Send notes to the Connection at connectionnewspapers.com/Calendar/ or call 703-778-9416. The deadline is the Friday prior to the next paper's publication at noon. Dated announcements should be submitted at least two weeks prior to the event.

ONGOING

Evenings on the Ellipse. 5:30-7 p.m. Thursdays through Aug. 25. Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax. Fun music and good company. Paradise Springs and The Winery at Bull Run will be offering complimentary tastings of their premium reds and whites. If it rains, concerts will be moved inside to the Government Center Forum. <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/performances/>

Storytime in the Park. Tuesdays, 10:30 a.m. Aug. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30. Old Town Square, 3999 University Drive, Fairfax. 703-385-2712.

Wednesday Morning Tai Chi. 6:30 a.m. Aug. 3, 10, 17, 24, 31. Old Town Square, 3999 University Drive, Fairfax. At the pergola. 703-385-2712.

Rock the Block! 6:30 p.m. Every fourth Friday through Oct. 28. Old Town Square, 3999 University Drive, Fairfax. Come any way you can - walk, run, ride your bike or drive! You don't want to miss out on this brand new concert series! Food is available for sale. Bring chairs and or blankets to sit on. Kids - wear swim suits and bring towels. Enjoy the new spray pad. No Pets allowed except service animals. fairfaxva.gov.

Redder Blood. Fridays and Saturdays, 8 p.m. Sundays, 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. July 8-31. New School of Northern Virginia, 9431 Silver King Court, Fairfax, Virginia 22031. A premiere co-production between the Hub Theatre and the Jewish Community Center of Northern Virginia, written by Helen Parfumi. Follows character Sadie, a woman who hears the voice of God. \$20-\$30. www.jccnv.org. thehubtheatre.org. 703-537-3000.

Color Me Happy. 7-8:30 p.m. Mondays 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.

Carolina Shag. Wednesdays. 6:30-10 p.m. Arlington/Fairfax Elks Lodge, 8421 Arlington Blvd., Fairfax. Free lessons at 7:30 p.m. No partners needed. Dinner menu. \$8. Under 21 free. nvshag.org.

Cafe Ivrit (Hebrew Cafe). Wednesdays. 8:15-9:15 a.m. Jewish Community Center of Northern Virginia, 8900 Little River Turnpike, Fairfax. Shalom (Hello)! Did you always want to converse in Hebrew? Join Na'ama each week for conversational Hebrew. You will learn and practice Hebrew in a fun and interactive way while learning more about Israel! Free (we ask that you try to attend regularly). RSVP Naama.Gold@jccnv.org.

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THURSDAY/JULY 7



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Cast members of Hub Theatre's "Redder Blood": (from left) Dawn Ursula (as the Voice of God) and Jenna Sokolowski (as Sadie) will perform at the John Swaye Theatre in Fairfax, July 8-31.

Summer Nights in the City — Summer Under the Stars. 8 p.m. Veterans Amphitheater, 10455 Armstrong St., Fairfax. Alte Kameraden. fairfaxband.org.

SATURDAY/JULY 9

Kidz Korner. 10:30 a.m. Old Town Square, 3999 University Drive, Fairfax. Mr. Skip. Our favorite song and dance man, Mr. Skip will have your little one moving and grooving to fun songs. Free. <http://www.mrskip.com/>.

Burke Lake Boat Fishing. 8 a.m. Meet at Burke Lake Marina, 7315 Ox Road, Fairfax Station. Students learn about the fish in Burke Lake as well as tricks to catch them. Clinic includes instruction and a trip around the lake by boat. Bring your own rods, bait and tackle or rent them from the park. Ages 10 - Adult. Children younger than 13 must be accompanied by a registered adult. Students over age 16 must have a valid fishing license, call park for details. \$35 in-county, \$37 out of county. <http://parktakes.fairfaxcounty.gov/>.

Campfire Saturdays: Stargazing. 8:30 p.m. Burke Lake Park, 7315 Ox Road, Fairfax Station. Enjoy a stroll along the shores of the lake and learn about the constellations, their stories and other features of the night sky. Our astronomical naturalist will identify the stars for you, along with having some telescopes on hand for folks to try out. The program concludes with a campfire s'more ingredients provided, hot dogs welcome. Ages 2-Adult. Children must be accompanied by an adult registered in the program. \$12. <http://parktakes.fairfaxcounty.gov/>.

SUNDAY/JULY 10

"Lipstick Brigade:The Untold Story of Washington's World War II Government Girls." 4 p.m. Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center, 10209 Main St., Fairfax. Personal stories of some 100,000 young women recruited from across the nation to staff wartime government positions. Book talk/signing. 703-385-8415.

TUESDAY/JULY 12

Take a Giant Leap. 10:30-11:15. Burke Centre Library, 5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke. Join Rainbow Puppets for a musical celebration of the wonders of flight from the Wright Brothers to Mars voyages of the future. Cosponsored by the Friends of the George Mason Regional Library. All ages. For sign-up information, 703-249-1520.

WEDNESDAY/JULY 13

Cops and Kids Day. 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Stacy C. Sherwood Community Center, 3740 Old Lee Highway, Fairfax. Meet the police chief, see demonstrations. Snacks and questions with officers. Contact Sgt.

Hinesley at police.information@fairfaxva.gov or 703-273-2889 to register.

Pop-Up Adventure Playground. 10 a.m.-noon. Van Dyck Park, 3720 Old Lee Highway, Fairfax. Free. All ages. Child care not provided. 703-385-7858. karen.lussier@fairfaxva.gov.

THURSDAY/JULY 14

Children's Concert. 6:30-9 p.m. City of Fairfax Veterans Amphitheater, 10455 Armstrong St., Fairfax. Join the City of Fairfax Band and Sandy Spring Bank for this annual Fairfax tradition. Free balloons and ice cream for the kids. Instrument petting zoo, followed by a concert of your favorite tunes. Free. fairfaxband.org.

Summer Sundae Series. 7-9 p.m. Immanuel Bible Church, 6911 Braddock Road, Springfield. Guest speaker is Richard Lee, International Justice Mission. immanuelbible.net.

Evenings on the Ellipse. 5:30-7 p.m. Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax. Doc Scantlin and his Imperial Palms Orchestra. Fun music and good company. Paradise Springs and The Winery at Bull Run will be offering complimentary tastings of their premium reds and whites. If it rains, concerts will be moved inside to the Government Center Forum. <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/performances/>.

FRIDAY/JULY 15

Summer Concert Series. 7:30-8:30 p.m. Lake Accotink Park, 7500 Accotink Park Road, Springfield. Featuring Billy Coulter. Bring your family and friends, and a picnic dinner. <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/performances/braddockknights.htm>.

SATURDAY/JULY 16

Goodbyes Book Release. 5 p.m. The Old Fire Station No. 3, 3988 University Drive, Fairfax. Rock and roll, red carpet celebration for Fairfax City author Leslie Welch's debut novel "The Goodbyes." www.lesliewelch.com.

Wilderness Survival Skills. 9 a.m. Burke Lake Park, 7315 Ox Road, Fairfax Station. Survival class for busy people preparing their next outdoor adventure. This fast-paced session covers essential survival skills for day hiking, backpacking, camping, hunting or fishing in the backcountry. Topics include survival preparedness, fire making, rescue signaling, shelter building, foraging for food, collecting and purifying water, finding time and directions, making natural cordage and preparing the ultimate survival kit. Bring snacks and water. Ages 13-Adult. 4 hours. \$48 in-county, \$63 out of county. <http://parktakes.fairfaxcounty.gov/>.

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Harvester Presbyterian Church, 7800 Rolling Road, Springfield, will hold Cave Quest Summer Bible Camp on July 18-22, 9:00 a.m.-Noon. The camp is for rising first-graders through rising sixth-graders. To register, go to www.harvesterpca.org. At the bottom of "Upcoming Events" click on "Register Here". There is no charge. For more information, call 703-455-7800 or email office@harvesterpca.org.

Grace Presbyterian Church in Springfield, 7434 Bath St., is hosting a Camp Hanover Day Camp July 11-15 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Children who have completed kindergarten to sixth grade are invited to attend. To register, or for additional registration, visit www.camphanover.org/grace-day-camp

Jubilee Christian Center of Fairfax is restarting its "Living Free" support groups for the Spring on Wednesdays, starting on Mar. 30, 7:15 p.m. The support groups are free, and will cover "Stepping into Freedom," "Concerned Persons Group" (for family and friends of addicts), "Understanding and Overcoming Depression," "The Image of God in You," and "Handling Loss and Grief." There will also be support groups meeting on Sundays, 10:10

a.m. 4650 Shirley Gate Road, Fairfax. For information or to register, call 703-383-1170, email livingfree@jccag.org or see www.jccag.org.

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.

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

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

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Grief Walk Support Group. 7-8:30 p.m.

Immanuel Bible Curch, 6911 Braddock Road, Springfield. A place where hurting people can find healing and hope in Christ.
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WEDNESDAY/JULY 13

Cops and Kids Day. 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Stacy C.

Sherwood Community Center, 3740 Old Lee Highway, Fairfax. Meet the police chief, see demonstrations. Snacks and questions with officers. Contact Sgt. Hinesley at police.information@fairfaxva.gov or 703-273-2889 to register.

Mental Health Resources for Local Youth.

1:30-3:30 p.m. Conference Center Rooms 9, 10, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax. Learn about the integrated network of community-based services and supports that are organized to meet the challenges of youth with serious mental health and other complex needs and the services designed to assist their families. Register at farifaxcounty.gov/ncs/cic. 703-324-3453.

THURSDAY/JULY 14

Traveling with Dementia. 3 p.m. Insight

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WEDNESDAY/JULY 20

COBRA/04 Industry Day. 8 a.m.-4 p.m. 6550

Loisdale Road, Springfield. Military medical research conference on the upcoming DoD solicitation Omnibus 4 to acquire military medical research. Elements include medical simulation and information sciences, infectious diseases, military operational medicine, combat casualty care, and clinical and rehabilitative medicine. Advanced registration is available and recommended. Free. phil.borja@gmail.com. www.ee-volve.com.

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THURSDAY/JULY 21

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Bistro at Courtyard Springfield, 6710 Commerce St., Springfield. Lake Accotink Master Plan. Landscape architect Gayle A. Hooper with the Park Authority will lead the discussion. For registration information, 703-866-3500.

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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.

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