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News

Four More Years

School Board renews Superintendent Garza's contract.

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airfax 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-vear 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-



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

"Dr. Garza has not only the right skill set, but also temperament to continue leading,'

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 sup-

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."

cated at 7045 Brookfield Plaza.

Torres Walks Free

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

ormer 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

Police Chief Releases Video of Deadly Collision

WEEK IN SPRINGFIELD

The crash investigation is still continuing into the April 2, 2016 fatal collision between a Fairfax County Police cruiser and 26-yearold Jeffrey Ponce Aguilar of Alexandria.

While the investigation is ongoing, Chief Edwin Roessler on July 1 released a video clip from the dashboard-mounted camera of the marked cruiser that struck the pedestrian.

The collision took place around 11 p.m. on a rainy Saturday night.

The patrol officer was driving northbound on Beulah Street when Aguilar stepped in front of them in the intersection at Old Beulah Street,

The car's windshield wipers can be seen going back and forth quickly to clear the heavy precipitation.

Commonwealth's Attorney Ray Morrogh concluded his investigation June 17. Morrogh's legal opinion was no criminal wrongdoing in the incident.

-TIM PETERSON

Dollar Tree to Open in Springfield

Dollar Tree plans to open a new store in Springfield. "Dollar Tree continues to grow," said Chelle Davis, Dollar Tree spokesperson. "We are proud to be part of the Springfield community and are looking forward to our July 14 grand opening." The Springfield store is 6,953 square feet and will be lo-

10U Firebirds **Announce Tryouts**

The 10U Firebirds — a competitive fastpitch softball organization dedicated to teaching softball, teamwork, leadership and sportsmanship to young ladies of aboveaverage, 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. The team practices yearround in Fairfax County and aims to compete at the "B" level and above.

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. The team is currently practicing and preparing for a July trip to Buffalo, New York to compete in the NSA Eastern World Se-

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

For questions, see the team website: http://nvgsafirebirds06.shutterfly.com, or contact Coach Ericka Burrini at: ecapra29@yahoo.com

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

Farmers Markets in the Area

❖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.

ummer 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 hun-

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.

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 Burke, we had to deal with two nation, 13 of the 56 Founding fa- foot snowfall for the past six years, thers were killed or died from which is very abnormal for this wounds and hardships caused by the war. But the infant Republic Brazilian, I feel strongly that the they had founded prevailed. Some deforestation of the Amazon years later, a determined group of Rainforest is devastating a worldmen led by Alexander Hamilton wide natural treasure.

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

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 area of Virginia. Being 50 percent

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 Tuesday, 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

> **Marley Finley** Falls Church

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PEOPLE

Chandra Kumar Selected as the New Executive Director at Greenspring

Chandra Kumar has been selected as the new executive director at Greenspring, an Erickson Living retirement community in Springfield. In this role, Kumar will oversee the daily operations at the 58-acre campus with nearly 2,000 residents.

Kumar has more than twenty years of experience in the senior living industry, including serving the past two years as the associate executive director at Riderwood, an Erickson Living community in Silver Spring, Maryland.

"We are very excited to have Chandra leading the team at Greenspring," said Erickson Living's vice president of Regional Operations Chip Warner. "She is a proven leader in senior living who has tremendous passion for this work and has consistently delivered superior quality services and health care for older adults."

Kumar's career history also includes serving as administrator for Friends House, a continuing care retirement community in Sandy Spring, Maryland, vice president for Amertel Communication, as well as health care administrator



Photo contributed

Chandra Kumar

and assisted living manager for Marriott Senior Living Services and its successor, Sunrise Senior Living.

Kumar holds a B.S. degree in Accounting from the University of Maryland, College Park, and an M.A. in Management of Aging Services from the Erickson School of Aging at the University of Maryland, Baltimore County. She has been a licensed Nursing Home administrator in Maryland for over twenty years.

Further information about Greenspring can be found at http://bit.ly/hRFmTc.

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Kyle Austin Walsh, of Fairfax, and **Abigail Lynn Lackey**, of Springfield, were named to the honors list for the 2016 spring 2016 semester at Averett University in Danville

Katherine Marie Hough, of Fairfax Station, is on the dean's list at George Mason University for spring 2016.

Anna Kormis, of Springfield, graduated from Emory and Henry

College in spring 2016.

Kyle Austin Walsh, of Fairfax, graduated from Averett University in June 2016. was among the 261 students to receive diplomas during Averett University's May 7 Commencement, Megan R. Seymour, Megan F. Cummins, Thomas S. Cohen, of Fairfax, Joshua D. Harlowe, Samantha E. Kinde, Melissa A. Schwartz, of Springfield; Sean C. Baird, of Fairfax Station; graduated from Boston University in spring 2016.

Helene J. Decosse, Alexis **J. Fahrney**, **Jessica M. Ochoa**, of Fairfax, are on the dean's list at Boston University for spring 2016.

Seth Lehman, **Thet San**, of Fairfax, graduated from Furman University in spring 2016

Luke Hartman, Natalie Heinitz, of Springfield, graduated from Manhattan College in spring 2016.

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.

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

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.

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WELLBEING

Strategies for Preventing Concussions This Summer

Local physician is pioneering traumatic brain injury treatment.

"trauma season" by health temperatures make swimming, biking, hiking, waterskiing sistible 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

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, nearly two days. ringing in the ears, dizziness or fatigue, while serious symptoms or sleeping, weakness, numbness, or decreased coordination, re-

By Marilyn Campbell peated vomiting or nausea, THE CONNECTION confusion and slurred speech.

Michael Lewis, M.D. is the presiummer has been dubbed dent of the Brain Health Education and Research Foundation in care professionals. Warm Potomac, Maryland. Lewis, who retired from the U.S. Army after brain injury. I put together a promore than 30 years of service, is and other outdoor activities irre- 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

> His interest in brain injury treatment was sparked by the 2006 ex- traumatic brain injury and concusplosion at the Sago coal mine in Sago, West Virginia. The blast and ditions collapse trapped 13 miners for

"Only one guy survived," said include seizures, trouble walking omega-3 fish oil to help his brain

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

soldiers recover from traumatic gram to do that kind of research for the military. How can we immakes sure his son takes fish oil prove from the inside out for any solider or athlete who is at risk for

Lewis' focus is on the clinical use of omega-3 fatty acids for the prevention, acute treatment, and rehabilitation of brain injuries from sions, stroke, PTSD, and other con-

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On a more personal level, Lewis' 16-vear-old son Isaac attends Winston Churchill High School and Lewis. "They used high dose plays two sports often associated with concussions: football and larecover from carbon monoxide crosse. Lewis says his son has never poison. I wondered if it would help sustained a concussion, but he is

working with the school's athletic fog or have trouble thinking, or staff on strategies to prevent contheir head feels like it's stuffed with cussions among athletes. He also

"The value you get from sports far

outweighs the risks, but we should

mitigate the risks as much as possible.

Brain Health Education and Research Foundation

-Michael Lewis, M.D., president,

Among the signs that one might

have sustained a concussion are a

"loss of consciousness, followed by

marked confusion," said Robert

Wade, Ph.D., dean of nursing,

Northern Virginia Community

College's Medical Education Cam-

pus, "Most likely a headache, too."

"Each concussion is different,

No two injuries are the same.

"The value you get from sports far outweighs the risks, but we should mitigate the risks as much as possible," Lewis said. "I implement this with my own 16-year-old son." He also advises his patients to "take a fish oil supplement every day or eat good sourced

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

have different symptoms during dependent on the type of activities different concussions," said Ryan Wildenhain, head of sports medicine at Marymount University.

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 con-

which means the same child could cussion is extremely difficult and the child does," said Wildenhain. "Every child should be properly When students are back in cur, 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."

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Challenge Benefits Veterans

Local veteran opens gym, Rebel Fit USA.

local Air Force veteran is challenging the community to push its 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,

"As an Air Force veteran, the Pushups for Charity challenge is



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.

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

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/benyblaqpushupsforcharity2016/ fundraiser/benyblaq.

- MARILYN CAMPBELL



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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

ight 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

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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/

performances/.

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.

The Farmer's Market at

Springfield Town Center. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Through November. Corner of Spring Mall and Loisdale roads, Springfield. Enjoy fresh baked goods, produce, vegetables & fruits, meats & cheeses, and a host of other vendors. springfieldtowncenter.com.

Mestey Films Productions presents: Live Onstage: The Wizard of Oz in Fairyland. 1 p.m. Workhouse W-3 Theatre, 9518 Workhouse Way, Lorton. Every Saturday from July 2-30. Children's theatre production combining the stories of "The Wizard of Oz" with "Aladdin," "Alice in Wonderland" and "Snow White." \$14.50 adults, \$11.50 children 12 and under. www.workhousearts.org. 703-584-

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.

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. nyshag.org.

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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.

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.

FRIDAY/JULY 8

Summer Concert Series. 7:30-8:30 p.m. Lake Accotink Park, 7500 Accotink Park Road, Springfield. Bring family and friends and a picnic dinner. Featuring Kings Park Band. http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/performances/braddocknights.htm.

SATURDAY/JULY 9

8th Annual Ice Cream Social.

Noon– 4 p.m. Workhouse Arts Center, 9518 Workhouse Way, Lorton. Includes a handmade bowl and ice cream, performance by The Great Zucchini, a raffle and a dunking machine (\$5 for three balls). All proceeds benefit the Workhouse Arts Center Ceramics Program. \$20. www.workhousearts.org. 703-584-

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Campfire Saturdays: Stargazing.
8:30 p.m. Burke Lake Park, 7315 Ox
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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.

WEDNESDAY/JULY 13

Springfield Christian Women's Connection. 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Springfield Golf and Country Club,

Springfield Golf and Country Club, 8301 Old Keene Mill Road, Springfield. Featuring DC Washington, Lavonde Moore. \$20. **RSVP by July 8** to 703-922-6438 or SpringWmConn@yahoo.com.

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THURSDAY/JULY 14

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/braddocknights.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.

Ballroom Social Dance. 8–10:30 p.m. W-16 McGuireWoods Gallery, 9518 Workhouse Way, Lorton. Features dancing, complimentary refreshments and cash bar. Professional ballroom instructors will lead the event. Arrive early for a 30-minute mini-lesson. Third Saturday of every month. All skill levels welcome. \$10. www.workhousearts.org. 703-584-

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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 sixthgraders. 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/graceday-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 seewww.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 medita-Visit tion. 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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THURSDAY/JULY 14

Traveling with Dementia. 3 p.m. Insight Memory Care Center, 3953 Pender Drive, Suite 100, Fairfax. Learn some tips for travel when your loved one has dementia; keeping your loved one safe, maintaining a routine, and setting realistic expectations for everyone. 703-204-4664 to RSVP or visit InsightMCC.org for more information.

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.

Dementia Roadtrip. 1 p.m. Insight Memory Care Center, 3953 Pender Drive, Suite 100, Fairfax. Taboo topics of dementia care, including taking away the keys, sexuality, incontinence, and wandering. 703-204-4664 to RSVP or visit InsightMCC.org for more information.

THURSDAY/JULY 21

Coffee and Conversation. 8:45-10 a.m. The 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.

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

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