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From left, panelists at the Sept. 28 Lee District Association of Civic Organizations meals tax referendum meeting included (from left) Board of Supervisors Chairman Sharon Bulova, LDAGO president Chris Soule, Supervisor Jeff McKay (D-Lee) and Fairfax County chief financial officer Joe Mondoro.



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Meals Tax Statement Debated During Joint Budget Meeting

Text prepared by
Board of Supervisors
and FCPS board chairs.

BY TIM PETERSON
THE CONNECTION

There continues to be division, at least among several members of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors and School Board, on whether voters should approve a referendum allowing the government to levy up to a four percent additional tax on prepared foods and beverages at restaurants, as well as ready-to-eat foods from grocery and convenience stores.

Following presentations forecasting FY2018 budgets for both FCPS and Fairfax County, BOS chair Sharon Bulova introduced a statement on the “meals tax” prepared jointly with FCPS school board chair Sandy Evans.

Fairfax County claims the tax would raise an estimated \$100 million in a year, of which 70 percent would be directed to FCPS and their effort to make teachers’ salaries more competitive with the market and surrounding school districts. The other 30 would go to other county services such as public safety, mental health, libraries and parks.

FCPS Superintendent Karen Garza laid out FY2018 required expenditure assumptions totalling over \$58 million. Enrollment growth, retirement rate increases and health insurance rate increases were among those costs Garza said “are going to fluctuate but we have no choice but to pay.”

THE TOTAL nearly matches up with the standard three percent increase in transfer from the Board of Supervisors. That would leave out projected compensation needs including a planned step increase in teachers’ salaries — a \$44 million change alone from FY 2017 — and teacher scale implementation — a \$44.3 million increase.

Supervisor John Cook (R-Braddock) thanked Garza for “the cleanest fall presentation” he’s seen in his time on the board. “This tells us what we need to know,” he said. “If the meals tax passes, you get it, if it doesn’t, you don’t.”

There was confusion initially over whether the statement would be issued on behalf of both boards and therefore reflect their collective views. It was pointed out neither board had voted on the statement’s content.

Springfield District school board representative Elizabeth Schultz said in no uncertain terms she wouldn’t vote for releas-



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Joint Statement on Meals Tax

Joint statement from Chairman Sharon Bulova, Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, and Chairman Sandy Evans, Fairfax County School Board:

“The meals tax is intended to diversify county revenue and to supplement and not supplant support for school and county services.

The meals tax would create a new revenue source, paid by diners in Fairfax County who are county residents, tourists, and workers who live in neighboring jurisdictions.

The School Board has committed that its share, estimated to be almost \$70 million in new funding, will be used primarily to address teachers’ salaries, which have lagged behind neighboring communities.

Almost \$30 million would be available to address general county services or capital improvements such as in public safety, mental health services, libraries, and parks, as well as providing for property tax relief.

Note: the meals tax, if approved, would not be levied in the Town of Clifton, or in the Towns of Herndon and Vienna, where a meals tax has already been implemented.”

ing the statement. She said she was critical of the statement omitting text to help voters understand the “magnitude of the impact” the tax would have, especially on low income families.

Supervisor Pat Herrity (R-Springfield) spoke to some criticism the BOS has received over previous public mailings on the meals tax coming across as intended to influence voters to vote in favor of it.

“It depends on whether you think you have a spending problem or a revenue problem,” Herrity said. “This is PR.”

Chairman Sharon Bulova explained the statement was developed by both chairs to be used to explain how funds from the meals tax would be used.

Budget committee chair Supervisor Jeff

McKay (D-Lee) asked if any supervisor or school board member thought anything in the statement wasn’t factual.

Sully District school board representative Tom Wilson called the move for a meals tax “premature,” and that the Supervisors don’t have good information on the implications of the meals tax, if passed, on restaurants, families and other businesses.

“I don’t think it will have a negative impact on restaurants and staff,” responded Supervisor John Foust (D-Dranesville). “The opposition, they haven’t stepped forward,” with proof the meals tax will be the blow they say it will.

Schultz continued her opinion, following the meeting, calling the statement “classic liberal tax-and-spend mentality.”

“Instead of being more jobs- and economic growth-oriented, we’re going to make it more difficult to live in Fairfax County.

To Herrity, Schultz and others, Supervisor Dan Storck (D-Mount Vernon) said his response is, “Show me where we’re spending \$100 million wrong. I hear bits and pieces, but they’re small pieces. The issue is we’re talking about a much larger challenge.”

Storck said he’s supportive of finding other ways to fund education and reduce the burden on real estate property tax, but that the Virginia General Assembly limits the County’s options by withholding income tax and constraining other taxing power.

“I lament, I’m frustrated because state legislature needs to give local communities the trust they say they have in us,” Storck said, “to make the kind of local decisions frankly democracy was founded on. Give us those choices, those opportunities. I think that the referendum is a way to do that. We have to at least make an effort to see it through.”

MORE INFORMATION on the 2016 Meals Tax Referendum is available at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/mealstax, including the text of the ballot question in both English and Spanish.

Debating Pro & Con on Meals Tax

League of Women Voters hosts forum on Meals Tax issue.

BY ANDREA WORKER
THE CONNECTION

The League of Women Voters of the Fairfax Area sponsored a debate-style panel discussion on the Meals Tax issue which will go before county voters in the Nov. 8 General Election. At question is whether the county's Board of Supervisors will be granted the authority to implement a 4 percent tax on certain prepared foods and beverages — an enactment that requires approval by voters.

While an ordinance detailing the specifics of the tax will not be written unless the referendum passes, the general framework includes all ready-to-eat prepared food and beverage in restaurants, lunchrooms, cafeterias, coffee shops, cafes, taverns, delis, push carts, hot dog stands and food trucks, as well as ready-to-eat foods — like deli items and salad/hot food bars — at grocery and convenience stores. Among the exemptions would be general groceries and vending machines, as well as schools, hospitals, employee-only cafeterias, and churches and nonprofits serving meals as fundraising activities. If the referendum is passed, the Board of Supervisors has indicated that it may hold public meetings to determine if additional exemptions are needed before the ordinance goes into effect.

IN REQUESTING this new source of revenue, the Board of Supervisors states that they are looking to reduce dependence on real estate taxes, while shoring up gaps in the county's budget. Of the estimated \$99 million that the board projects will be generated by the Meals Tax, 70 percent of the net revenues would be earmarked for the Fairfax County Public Schools and 30 percent to "county services, capital improvements, and property tax relief."

Plenty of impassioned opinions on both sides of the Sept. 29 debate were displayed by panel members and members of the audience at Luther Jackson Middle School in Falls Church.

Two teams each offered opening statements for and against the proposal and then tag-teamed the questions put to them by moderator Mary Kimm, editor and publisher of the Connection Newspapers.

Representing those in favor were Fairfax County School Board member Pat Hynes (Hunter Mill) and former School Board member Phil Niedzielski-Eichner, a management consultant. Supervisor Pat Herrity (R-Springfield) and Jon Norton, CEO of Great American Restaurants (a Fairfax-based restaurant company), took to the stage in opposition.



From left: The Meals Tax forum panellists were management consultant Phil Niedzielski-Eichner and School Board member Pat Hynes representing the proponents, and Supervisor Pat Herrity (R-Springfield) and Great American Restaurants CEO Jon Norton, opposing the proposal. Mary Kimm, editor and publisher of the Connection Newspapers, was the moderator.

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From left: Fairfax County teachers Elaine Saunders and Precious Crabtree are with School Board member Pat Hynes (Hunter Mill District) after the Meals Tax Forum. All three are in favor of the referendum. "It's the right thing to do for the kids and the schools," said Crabtree, who thought that the opposition didn't offer any practical solutions to replace the proposed tax.

From a business perspective, Norton warned that passage of the meals tax could hurt area restaurants, cause establishments to hire less, and mean less tips for employees.

Hynes argued that meals taxes were in place in surrounding jurisdictions and that "people still eat out."

Niedzielski-Eichner also disputed the validity of the study Norton used to support his position, pointing out that it was just one study, conducted by a college student in Kentucky.

Despite major cuts to the central office and services and increased class sizes, the

county now spends \$1,000 "real dollars" less per child in the school system than in 2008, Hynes said and that "Richmond doesn't leave us many options. This is one of the few ways we can independently raise revenue." She is determined to see the monies raised utilized to increase Fairfax County teachers' salaries, among other school needs. Comparisons show that teachers in Fairfax County earn about \$20,000 less per year than those in surrounding school districts.

"This is a referendum on the quality of life in Fairfax County," added her team partner Niedzielski-Eichner. The rise in the

county's population and the increase in residents needing some form of assistance has put an additional strain on the county's resources. Niedzielski-Eichner and Hynes made a case that the quality of life and the economic health of the region are tied to the quality of our schools. "People expect excellent schools here," said Hynes, and a failure to deliver on that expectation will have a serious negative impact.

Herrity disagreed that there are no other options except to enact what he calls a "regressive tax," that will negatively affect low-income residents, and "working moms and the elderly." Herrity advocates more fiscal responsibility from the Board of Supervisors. He pointed to "\$12 million that went out the door" at the last board meeting on projects that he does not see ever coming to fruition.

Herrity also believes that a revived commercial tax base is a part of the solution. According to Herrity, studies show that the county's "culture of 'No'" is contributing to the historically low commercial occupancy rates the area is currently experiencing. Fixing that problem and addressing spending issues is what needs to be done, rather than continuing to "feed the revenue monster," he said.

As to the lack of funds that come back to the county from Richmond, Herrity said that the county needs to go to the General Assembly with a plan: "We need to do it smart." The supervisor said that there are ways to request funds for specific programs that will bring more money back to the community, rather than the 25 cents per dollar that is Richmond's current return to the county.

Hynes reminded the opposition that good schools and high-functioning safety services are required to build the commercial base, as well as the residential base. Hynes used the recent Washington Post article that suggests that Fairfax County, once a "model of wealthy suburban living" is "starting to fray at the edges," but Herrity countered that he did not believe that services were deteriorating. "We still have one of the best school systems in the country," he said.

Hynes agreed, but cautioned that low teacher salaries are causing good teachers to leave the system, and Fairfax County public schools face new challenges, with nearly 30 percent of students now eligible for free and reduced-price meals, while enrollment continues to grow, especially in the lower income brackets.

Ever-increasing taxes would precipitate an exodus from the county, in Herrity's view.

Herrity also suggested seeking more creative ways to fund schools, citing the use of name-endorsement to re-build a high school in Winchester. Hynes didn't think that was an effective solution, replying "Winchester has the one [high] school. We have 180 schools in Fairfax County."

Niedzielski-Eichner doesn't necessarily disagree with all of Herrity's solutions, but

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NEWS

A rider pulls onto the streets on a newly rented bike in Alexandria.

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THE CONNECTION



Bike Sharing Stations Open up Transportation Options

Capital Bikeshare expands to Reston, Tysons area.

BY MIKE SALMON
THE CONNECTION

Near the corner of Union Street and Prince Street in Old Town, Alexandria, there is a row of red Capital Bikeshare bikes for commuters, tourists and locals to rent, to offer biking as a transportation option without the hassle of congestion or parking that plagues the area. This bikeshare station near the waterfront is one of eight stations in Alexandria that is part of a nationwide approach to some of the problems plaguing metropolitan areas in this country.

Bikeshare is not a wave of the future, "it is a wave of the present," said Paul DeMaio, one of the leaders at Metrobike that manages Capital Bikeshare.

Capital Bikeshare stations are all over the Northern Virginia area, but mainly located in urbanized areas to increase their potential use. The stations are all over Arlington, especially in the transit-oriented development section of the Wilson Boulevard corridor through Clarendon and Rosslyn. In that area, it's easy for commuters to ride a bike to employment destinations across the Potomac River, and dock at one of the many stations in the District of Columbia.

IN SEPTEMBER, Capital Bikeshare expanded into Fairfax County with two satellite networks along Metrorail's Silver Line in Tysons and Reston. Officials are planning 15 stations in Reston near the Wiehle-Reston East Metrorail station and the Reston Town Center area and 14 stations in the Tysons Corner area serving multiple Silver Line stations, employment centers, and shopping and recreation destinations, according to their website.

DeMaio sees the advantages of Capital Bikeshare as "less traffic congestion, improved health of the rider, increased economic activity at the businesses near bikeshare stations, access to a wider range of jobs for low-income individuals, and a low carbon footprint," DeMaio said, via email.

The Capital Bikeshare stations are lumped under the umbrella definition of "transit," and although there is a cost to the rider, they are not sustained through user fees and sponsors. On average, only 54 percent of the bikeshare cost is recovered, and the rest is funded by local jurisdictions. In Washington, D.C., where the riderships are relatively high due to population density "there is a higher cost recovery



On the Potomac River, a ferry can be seen in the distance, just past the rental bikes and pedestrians in Old Town, exemplifying the variety of transportation available in Alexandria.

but I wouldn't say it's profitable," DeMaio said.

The red Capital Bikeshare bikes are made by Devinci, a Canadian company that manufactures the Bixi model, a rugged, thick-wheeled model that looks like they could ride through just about anything, and they just about can according to Any Truchon, media relations representative for Devinci. The Bixi was created for the city of Montreal in 2008, and are now available in 15 major cities in the world on three separate continents, Truchon said. In the design process, a rider went around the city with a computer in his backpack, going down stairs, over gaps, holes, and unpaved sections for a realistic experience. "None of them came back broken, it's a great source of pride for us," said Truchon in an email.

THE BIKES do sit in the stations for a majority of the time, exposed to the elements and potential vandalism. In Alexandria, there have been few complaints about the condition of the bikes, but according to Hillary Orr, program manager of the city's "Complete Streets," program, there's a way to report it on the station's computer. "If a bike is not working, a person can just dock the bike and lock it down by hitting the wrench key that will alert a technician that there's an issue with the bike," she said, via email. In August 2016, the city recorded an average of 246 Capital Bikeshare trips per day and each trip was just over two miles, the city statistics showed.

All fees are rendered via credit card but there is a cash option for those who do not have credit cards. In D.C., there is a program called "Bank On," where users deposit \$50, and in Arlington, users can sign up at any of their five Commuter Store locations.

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OPINION

Voting Never Mattered More

Consider voting absentee in person since more than 500,000 other voters are likely to turnout on Election Day.

With more than 655,000 active voters in Fairfax County, and as many as 500,000 voters turning out on Election Day, it's a good time to consider voting early, and preparing for a longer-than-usual process if voting on Election Day.

While the Presidential election will take top billing, every seat in the U.S. Congress is on the ballot, with one hotly contested race in Northern Virginia.

In Fairfax County, voters will decide whether to enact a four percent meals tax.

The Town of Herndon will have its first November election, moving from May in past elections, with the office of Mayor and six Town Council seats on the ballot. <http://herndonva.gov/government/mayor-and-council/town-elections>

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Virginia Voter ID

Virginia has a significant voter identification requirement, plan to bring photo identification with you to vote, whether that is absentee or on Election Day. But you can get a voter ID card if you don't have one of the other acceptable identifications.

Among accepted ID: valid Virginia Driver's License or Identification Card; valid Virginia DMV issued Veteran's ID card; valid U.S. Passport; other government-issued photo identification cards issued by the U.S. Government, the Commonwealth of Virginia, or a political subdivision of the Commonwealth; valid college or university student photo identification card from an institution of higher education located in Virginia; valid student ID issued by a public school or private school in Virginia displaying a photo; employee identification card containing a photograph of the voter and issued by an employer of the voter in the ordinary course of the employer's business.

Any registered voter who does not have one of the required forms of identification can apply for a free Virginia Voter Photo Identification from any general registrar's office in the Commonwealth. Voters applying for the Virginia Voter Photo ID complete the Virginia Voter Photo Identification Card Application, have their picture taken, and sign the digital signature pad. Once the application is processed, the card will be mailed directly to the voter.

A voter who does not bring an acceptable photo ID to the polls will be offered a provisional ballot.

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If you arrive at your polling place on Election Day without an acceptable form of photo identification, don't panic or give up. You will be given the opportunity to vote a provisional ballot. After completing the provisional ballot, the individual voting will be given written instructions from the election officials on how to submit a copy of his/her identification so that his/her vote can be counted.

A voter will have until noon on the Friday following the election to deliver a copy of the identification to the local electoral board or to appear in person to apply for a Virginia Voter Photo ID Card. Voters may submit a copy of their ID via fax, email, in-person submission, or through USPS or commercial delivery service. Please note that the copy of the ID must be delivered to the electoral board by noon on Friday, or the provisional ballot cannot be counted.

Also by noon on Friday following the election, the voter may appear in-person in the office of the general registrar, in the locality in which the provisional ballot was cast, and apply for a Virginia Voter Photo ID Card. At the completion of the application process, the voter may request a Temporary Identification Document. This document may be provided to the electoral board to suffice the identification requirement.

Absentee Voting in Person in Fairfax County

Voting begins Sept. 23, and with record turnout possible, voting early if you qualify is a good choice.

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Absentee Voting Begins Sept. 23

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COMMENTARY

Why Meals Tax?

Should it fail, the County will continue to rely predominantly on property taxes to generate revenue.

BY JEFF MCKAY
SUPERVISOR (D-LEE DISTRICT)



By now, you've no doubt heard about the meals tax referendum Fairfax County voters will face this November.

Should it pass, the Board of Supervisors will have the authority to implement a 4-percent tax on prepared foods to generate money for our school system, capital improvements, and to help with real estate tax relief. Should it fail, the County will continue to rely predominantly on property taxes to generate revenue.

But what I'd like to discuss today is how we arrived at this point.

As the chairman of our Board's Budget and Legislative Committees, I'm constantly looking for ways to fully fund our world-class school system and great County services while also ensuring we're not taxing our most vulnerable and aging residents out of Fairfax County.

Virginia law severely limits the ways the Board of Supervisors can raise revenues. In fact, real estate and personal property taxes accounted for approximately 79.7 percent of General Fund revenues in our recently-adopted Fiscal Year 2017 budget. The state does give the Board the authority to place a meals tax referendum on the ballot, however.

I supported this action because I believe our residents should weigh in on how best for us to diversify our tax base. Such a tax is estimated to generate \$100 million in new revenue, one-third of which is expected to come from non-residents visiting Fairfax County. It's certainly not the silver bullet

for our budget challenges, but constantly increasing property taxes is not the answer.

The needs of Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) are growing; our residents expect our county programming to remain fully

funded and operate at best-in-the-nation standards; yet our ability to look elsewhere to fund our budget is basically nonexistent. This is why you hear about significant potential cuts to school and County programming and budget shortfalls.

What's more, the Commonwealth chronically underfunds FCPS, only adding to our dilemma here in Fairfax County. It costs roughly \$13,000 to educate a student in our school system. Of that, Fairfax County pays about \$10,000. The state pays about \$3,000. In neighboring Prince William County, however, the county-state funding split is 50/50. It costs \$10,000 to educate a Prince William student, of which the state pays \$5,000 and the County pays \$5,000. This inadequacy is because of an outdated funding formula that primarily only measures wealth with no cost of living consideration in deciding how much money each school system in the state should receive. As you can imagine, this puts us in a real bind when compared to the rest of the state. The Board of Supervisors and School Board is working hard with most of our Northern Virginia delegation to help solve this, but it's no quick fix.

So when you send in your absentee ballots, vote in-person at one of our satellite locations, or hit the polls on Nov. 8, I'd hope you consider the predicament the County is in.

nual revenue.

❖ 28 percent of the revenue generated is anticipated to come from non-county residents and visitors to Fairfax County.

❖ 70 percent of net revenues from the Meals Tax are to be dedicated to Fairfax County Public Schools, 30 percent to County services, capital improvements, and property tax relief.

❖ The tax does not apply to groceries. It does apply to ready-to-eat foods sold by grocery stores, including food from the deli counter or salad bar. However, food from vending machines or served from food trucks is not included in the proposed tax.

❖ Alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages served with a meal are included in the Meals Tax.

Tom Repczynski, Chairman
South Fairfax Chamber of Commerce

LETTERS

South Fairfax Chamber of Commerce Supports Meals Tax:

To the Editor:

Fairfax County voters face several important decisions on the November ballot including a controversial Meals Tax.

The South Fairfax Chamber of Commerce (SFCC) Board of Directors has voted in favor of supporting the proposed county-wide 4 percent Meals Tax as a business-neutral, budget gap-filling option preferable to anticipated alternative County revenue generating options expected to be shouldered by local business owners.

The Board sees the Meals Tax as the reasonable, better alternative to anticipated broader-based hikes with less pass-through opportunity, such as on already high commercial real estate taxes, business and personal property taxes, and business licenses.

Tax Facts:

❖ The proposed Meals Tax is projected to generate \$90-\$100 million dollars in an-

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HOME SALES

In August 2016, 201 Springfield homes sold between \$1,030,000-\$162,000.
This week's list represents those homes sold in the \$1,030,000-\$448,000 range.
For the complete list, visit www.ConnectionNewspapers.com

Address	BR	FB	HB	.....	Postal	City	Sold Price	Type	Lot	AC	PostalCode
7539 RED HILL DR	5	4	1	.....	SPRINGFIELD	.....	\$1,030,000	Detached	0.31	.....	22153
6412 GAYFIELDS RD	6	5	1	.....	ALEXANDRIA	.....	\$945,000	Detached	0.19	.....	22315
8753 CENTER RD	6	5	1	.....	SPRINGFIELD	.....	\$860,000	Detached	0.28	.....	22152
8801 SCOTT ST	5	5	1	.....	SPRINGFIELD	.....	\$859,000	Detached	0.86	.....	22153
5933 EMBRY SPRING LN	4	4	0	.....	ALEXANDRIA	.....	\$830,000	Detached	0.09	.....	22315
8951 MOUNTAIN ASH CT	4	3	1	.....	SPRINGFIELD	.....	\$805,000	Detached	0.23	.....	22153
7005 SPRINGVILLE CT	6	4	0	.....	SPRINGFIELD	.....	\$799,000	Detached	0.33	.....	22150
6207 CARDINAL BROOK CT	6	3	1	.....	SPRINGFIELD	.....	\$790,000	Detached	0.30	.....	22152
5926 EMBRY SPRING LN	4	2	1	.....	ALEXANDRIA	.....	\$789,950	Detached	0.09	.....	22315
7714 STONE WHEAT CT	5	3	1	.....	ALEXANDRIA	.....	\$780,000	Detached	0.14	.....	22315
5924 EMBRY SPRING LN	4	4	1	.....	ALEXANDRIA	.....	\$775,000	Detached	0.09	.....	22315
9309 BRIAN RUN LN	5	3	1	.....	SPRINGFIELD	.....	\$758,000	Detached	0.24	.....	22153
7831 BELLEFLOWER DR	4	3	1	.....	SPRINGFIELD	.....	\$750,000	Detached	0.38	.....	22152
8101 DEERCREEK PL	4	3	1	.....	SPRINGFIELD	.....	\$750,000	Detached	0.20	.....	22153
7370 POHICK RIDGE CT	5	4	1	.....	SPRINGFIELD	.....	\$690,000	Detached	0.20	.....	22153
9221 BEACHWAY LN	4	3	1	.....	SPRINGFIELD	.....	\$659,888	Detached	0.35	.....	22153
7603 MODISTO LN	4	3	1	.....	SPRINGFIELD	.....	\$639,900	Detached	0.29	.....	22153
8213 LANGBROOK RD	5	3	1	.....	SPRINGFIELD	.....	\$633,000	Detached	0.24	.....	22152
9103 PALOMA LN	4	3	0	.....	SPRINGFIELD	.....	\$625,000	Detached	0.39	.....	22153
6600 THURLTON DR	3	3	1	.....	ALEXANDRIA	.....	\$624,000	Townhouse	0.07	.....	22315
7121 HANKS PL	4	3	1	.....	SPRINGFIELD	.....	\$612,500	Detached	0.25	.....	22153
6004 ROXBURY AVE	4	3	0	.....	SPRINGFIELD	.....	\$605,000	Detached	0.33	.....	22152
8003 LANGBROOK RD	4	3	1	.....	SPRINGFIELD	.....	\$600,000	Detached	0.24	.....	22152
7753 GAMID DR	4	2	1	.....	SPRINGFIELD	.....	\$589,999	Detached	0.25	.....	22153
6913 GILLINGS RD	5	2	1	.....	SPRINGFIELD	.....	\$587,000	Detached	0.21	.....	22152
7717 MULBERRY BOTTOM LN	4	3	1	.....	SPRINGFIELD	.....	\$587,000	Detached	0.28	.....	22153
8606 ET TA DR	4	2	2	.....	SPRINGFIELD	.....	\$585,000	Detached	0.22	.....	22152
6927 SPUR RD	4	3	1	.....	SPRINGFIELD	.....	\$582,210	Detached	0.21	.....	22153
5621 HEMING AVE	4	3	0	.....	SPRINGFIELD	.....	\$575,000	Detached	0.35	.....	22151
5275 BALIYCASTLE CIR	3	3	1	.....	ALEXANDRIA	.....	\$570,000	Townhouse	0.07	.....	22315
7688 GREEN GARLAND DR	4	3	1	.....	SPRINGFIELD	.....	\$565,000	Detached	0.25	.....	22153
6336 DUNMAN WAY	3	2	1	.....	ALEXANDRIA	.....	\$565,000	Townhouse	0.06	.....	22315
7449 GILLINGHAM ROW	4	3	1	.....	ALEXANDRIA	.....	\$563,000	Townhouse	0.06	.....	22315
7292 JOHN RYLAND WAY	3	2	2	.....	SPRINGFIELD	.....	\$560,000	Townhouse	0.05	.....	22150
7104 HADLOW CT	5	3	0	.....	SPRINGFIELD	.....	\$560,000	Detached	0.20	.....	22152
9107 FISHERMANS LN	4	3	1	.....	SPRINGFIELD	.....	\$560,000	Detached	0.25	.....	22153
7288 JOHN RYLAND WAY	3	3	1	.....	SPRINGFIELD	.....	\$558,000	Townhouse	0.06	.....	22150
5642 INVERCHAPEL RD	4	3	0	.....	SPRINGFIELD	.....	\$557,000	Detached	0.36	.....	22151
7837 ANSON CT	4	3	0	.....	SPRINGFIELD	.....	\$555,000	Detached	0.27	.....	22152
7205 GALGATE DR	4	3	0	.....	SPRINGFIELD	.....	\$555,000	Detached	0.21	.....	22153
5508 KINGS PARK DR	4	2	1	.....	SPRINGFIELD	.....	\$553,000	Detached	0.25	.....	22151
7801 ALBERTA CT	5	3	0	.....	SPRINGFIELD	.....	\$537,000	Detached	0.39	.....	22152
6326 ALBERTA ST	4	3	0	.....	SPRINGFIELD	.....	\$535,000	Detached	0.29	.....	22152
8118 LAKE PLEASANT DR	4	3	1	.....	SPRINGFIELD	.....	\$535,000	Detached	0.20	.....	22153
9160 ROCKEFELLER LN	4	2	1	.....	SPRINGFIELD	.....	\$535,000	Detached	0.30	.....	22153
7409 SALFORD CT	4	3	1	.....	ALEXANDRIA	.....	\$533,000	Townhouse	0.06	.....	22315
6015 GOOD LION CT	2	3	1	.....	ALEXANDRIA	.....	\$530,000	Detached	0.10	.....	22315
8720 REDMAN ST	3	2	1	.....	SPRINGFIELD	.....	\$529,900	Detached	0.53	.....	22153
8727 WHITSON CT	4	3	0	.....	SPRINGFIELD	.....	\$529,000	Detached	0.24	.....	22153
6654 PATENT PARISH LN	3	3	1	.....	ALEXANDRIA	.....	\$528,000	Townhouse	0.05	.....	22315
7304 WICKFORD DR	4	2	1	.....	ALEXANDRIA	.....	\$527,500	Detached	0.24	.....	22315
7324 FOUNTAIN SPRING CT	3	2	2	.....	SPRINGFIELD	.....	\$525,000	Townhouse	0.06	.....	22150
8122 LAKE PLEASANT DR	5	3	1	.....	SPRINGFIELD	.....	\$522,000	Detached	0.21	.....	22153
6705 ROYAL THOMAS WAY	4	3	1	.....	ALEXANDRIA	.....	\$522,000	Townhouse	0.04	.....	22315
7438 HEATHERFIELD LN	4	3	1	.....	ALEXANDRIA	.....	\$521,310	Townhouse	0.06	.....	22315
7004 MAPLE TREE LN	4	2	1	.....	SPRINGFIELD	.....	\$516,000	Detached	0.20	.....	22152
6607 SANDOVER CT	4	2	1	.....	SPRINGFIELD	.....	\$515,000	Detached	0.25	.....	22152
6362 REGAL OAK DR	3	3	1	.....	SPRINGFIELD	.....	\$515,000	Townhouse	0.06	.....	22152
6978 CONSERVATION DR	4	3	0	.....	SPRINGFIELD	.....	\$515,000	Detached	0.24	.....	22153
8218 GREELEY BLVD	4	3	0	.....	SPRINGFIELD	.....	\$510,000	Detached	0.34	.....	22152
6327 DUNMAN WAY	2	2	2	.....	ALEXANDRIA	.....	\$510,000	Townhouse	0.06	.....	22315
8710 BRIDLE WOOD DR	4	2	1	.....	SPRINGFIELD	.....	\$509,888	Detached	0.24	.....	22152
7069 KINGS MANOR DR	3	3	1	.....	ALEXANDRIA	.....	\$508,000	Townhouse	0.04	.....	22315
5900 GRAYSON ST	4	3	0	.....	SPRINGFIELD	.....	\$505,000	Detached	0.22	.....	22150
6529 ELDER AVE	5	3	1	.....	SPRINGFIELD	.....	\$500,000	Detached	0.40	.....	22150
7787 RICHFIELD CT	4	2	1	.....	SPRINGFIELD	.....	\$500,000	Detached	0.27	.....	22153
7811 WELCH CT	5	2	1	.....	ALEXANDRIA	.....	\$500,000	Detached	0.22	.....	22315
7022 DARBY TOWNE CT	3	3	1	.....	ALEXANDRIA	.....	\$500,000	Townhouse	0.03	.....	22315
6269 TALIAFERRO WAY	3	3	1	.....	ALEXANDRIA	.....	\$497,500	Townhouse	0.04	.....	22315
7371 HIDDEN KNOLLS CT	4	3	1	.....	SPRINGFIELD	.....	\$497,000	Townhouse	0.10	.....	22153
6417 CASTLEFIN WAY	3	2	1	.....	ALEXANDRIA	.....	\$495,000	Townhouse	0.04	.....	22315
7816 WELCH CT	5	2	0	.....	ALEXANDRIA	.....	\$493,000	Detached	0.19	.....	22315
7908 HILL STREAM CT	5	3	0	.....	SPRINGFIELD	.....	\$492,000	Detached	0.21	.....	22153
7524 AXTON ST	5	3	0	.....	SPRINGFIELD	.....	\$490,000	Detached	0.26	.....	22151
7634 WEBBWOOD CT	4	3	0	.....	SPRINGFIELD	.....	\$490,000	Detached	0.49	.....	22151
5501 BUTTERWORTH CT	4	2	0	.....	ALEXANDRIA	.....	\$490,000	Detached	0.22	.....	22315
6911 BARNACK DR	4	2	1	.....	SPRINGFIELD	.....	\$487,000	Detached	0.24	.....	22152
6433 EASTLEIGH CT	3	2	2	.....	SPRINGFIELD	.....	\$486,500	Townhouse	0.08	.....	22152
5215 QUEENSBERRY AVE	4	2	0	.....	SPRINGFIELD	.....	\$485,000	Detached	0.28	.....	22151
6623 CREEK POINT WAY	3	3	1	.....	ALEXANDRIA	.....	\$483,000	Townhouse	0.04	.....	22315
8718 PARLIAMENT DR	5	3	0	.....	SPRINGFIELD	.....	\$482,000	Detached	0.31	.....	22151
7706 HARWOOD PL	4	2	1	.....	SPRINGFIELD	.....	\$480,000	Detached	0.25	.....	22152
8112 WINTER BLUE CT	4	3	1	.....	SPRINGFIELD	.....	\$480,000	Detached	0.13	.....	22153
5522 JOWETT CT	3	2	2	.....	ALEXANDRIA	.....	\$480,000	Townhouse	0.04	.....	22315
6290 LEVI CT	4	3	1	.....	SPRINGFIELD	.....	\$475,000	Townhouse	0.06	.....	22150
8002 READINGTON CT	3	3	1	.....	SPRINGFIELD	.....	\$475,000	Townhouse	0.04	.....	22152
6495 ENGLISH IVY CT	4	3	1	.....	SPRINGFIELD	.....	\$474,900	Townhouse	0.38	.....	22152
6635 DEBRA LU WAY	3	3	1	.....	SPRINGFIELD	.....	\$470,000	Townhouse	0.03	.....	22150
6209 CLOUD DR	4	2	0	.....	SPRINGFIELD	.....	\$470,000	Detached	0.25	.....	22150
8909 CROMWELL DR	3	2	0	.....	SPRINGFIELD	.....	\$465,000	Detached	0.33	.....	22151
7461 GADSBY SQ	2	2	1	.....	ALEXANDRIA	.....	\$465,000	Townhouse	0.06	.....	22315
7715 NEWINGTON FOREST AVE	5	2	0	.....	SPRINGFIELD	.....	\$463,000	Detached	0.07	.....	22153
7352 WESTMORE DR	3	2	2	.....	SPRINGFIELD	.....	\$461,000	Townhouse	0.04	.....	22150
7123 CATLETT ST	3	2	0	.....	SPRINGFIELD	.....	\$460,000	Detached	0.26	.....	22151
7210 JOSHUA TREE LN	4	2	1	.....	SPRINGFIELD	.....	\$460,000	Detached	0.22	.....	22152
5952 ATTEENTEE RD	3	2	0	.....	SPRINGFIELD	.....	\$459,000	Detached	0.30	.....	22150
5728 SHROPSHIRE CT	4	2	0	.....	ALEXANDRIA	.....	\$455,000	Detached	0.20	.....	22315
5408 MONTGOMERY ST	3	2	0	.....	SPRINGFIELD	.....	\$454,000	Detached	0.31	.....	22151
7505 CADBURY ROW	2	3	1	.....	ALEXANDRIA	.....	\$454,000	Townhouse	0.03	.....	22315
5420 CAMROSE PL	4	3	0	.....	SPRINGFIELD	.....	\$450,420	Detached	0.29	.....	22151
6144 BARDU AVE	4	2	0	.....	SPRINGFIELD	.....	\$450,000	Detached	0.25	.....	22152
6800 ROLLING RD	3	2	0	.....	SPRINGFIELD	.....	\$450,000	Detached	0.25	.....	22152
7734 ASTERELLA CT	4	3	1	.....	SPRINGFIELD	.....	\$450,000	Townhouse	0.04	.....	22152
8270 RAINDROP WAY	4	2	1	.....	SPRINGFIELD	.....	\$450,000	Detached	0.21	.....	22153
6510 OSPREY POINT LN	3	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$450,000	Townhouse	0.04	22315
6036 LANDS END LN	3	2	2	ALEXANDRIA	\$448,000	Townhouse	0.04	22315

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Ava Kennedy Receives Lifetime Achievement Award

RE/MAX 100 Real Estate Agent Ava Kennedy earned the RE/MAX Lifetime Achievement Award in August 2016 for her commitment to her career and dedication to the RE/MAX Network.

The achievement award signifies a commitment of a minimum of seven years with the RE/MAX Network and the attainment of a major milestone in the volume of business conducted throughout an agent's career. Less than six percent of all active agents in the RE/MAX Network have achieved this award since its inception.

The award was presented to Ava Kennedy during a Sales Meeting at the RE/MAX 100 Springfield Office on Sept. 14, 2016. According to Kennedy, the honor was unanticipated.



Ava Kennedy

"I truly didn't expect it," said Kennedy. "This award really is an honor I owe to my clients. Their loyalty, commitment and referrals are what have allowed me to advance in my career and be a successful agent. I couldn't have done this without them."

Kennedy, who began her career as a real estate agent over 25 years ago, is committed to providing premier service to her clients and is recognized for having high standards of excellence. Kennedy is a graduate of the Real Estate Institute, has completed staging classes (ASP), distressed property classes (CDPE), buyer agency classes (ABR) and is an Associate Broker licensed in Virginia and Maryland. Other awards and honors attained by Kennedy include the RE/MAX Hall of Fame, NVAR Lifetime Million Dollar Club and NVAR Pioneer Club.

RE/MAX Realty Group and RE/MAX 100 have been in business for over 30 years and have the reputation of providing quality service to customers and a quality experience to their realtors by providing them with the tools they need to succeed.

WEEK IN SPRINGFIELD

West Springfield Pyramid Students Ready for Challenge Race

Students attending schools in the West Springfield Pyramid are getting ready for the upcoming Challenge Race, scheduled to begin at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 15. The race introduces students in grades K-6 to cross country style running, promotes school and community spirit, and supports Food for Others, a local food bank. Now in its 10th year, the race offers newly-designed half-mile and one-mile courses on the grounds of Irving Middle with trophies awarded to the school with the highest percentage of participants and the highest number of points according to finishing in the top 3 of

each race. A new addition this year is the inclusion of each elementary school mascot. Mascots will be on hand to cheer on their students and, to reveal the winners of the trophies, a mascot run (similar to the Washington Nationals Presidents race) will be held.

Registration is free, and each participant is asked to bring four cans of food to stock the food bank at Food for Others. Online registration is closed, but in-person registration is available the day of the race.

Contact Rolling Valley Elementary news liaison Emily Canny at ecanny@fcps.edu.

FAITH 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.

The Church of the Good Shepherd, 9350 Braddock Rd., Burke, is offering day and evening English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) classes to serve members of the community who wish to improve their English skills. Class levels offered are based on enrollment needs. Fall 2016 registration takes place Sept. 7-8 and classes begin Sept. 20. For more information call the church office at 703-323-5400. Leave your name and contact information and someone will get back to you.

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.

First Baptist Church of Springfield offers Sunday school at 9:15 a.m., followed by both traditional and contemporary worship services at 10:30 a.m. at 7300 Gary St., Springfield. 703-451-1500 or www.fbcspRINGfield.org.

Clifton Presbyterian Church, 12748 Richards Lane, Clifton, offers Sunday worship services at 10 a.m. and Cup of Fellowship at 11 a.m. Nursery care is provided from 9:45-11:15 a.m. Christian education for all ages is at 9:45 a.m. 703-830-3175.

St. Andrew the Apostle Catholic Church, 6720 Union Mill Road, Clifton, conducts Sunday masses at 7:30 a.m., 8:45 a.m., Latin mass at 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. It also offers a Saturday vigil at 5:30 p.m. and a Thursday Latin mass at 7 p.m. Additional mass offered Monday-Friday at 6:30 a.m. (except on Federal holidays) and 8:45 a.m. 703-817-1770 or www.st-andrew.org.

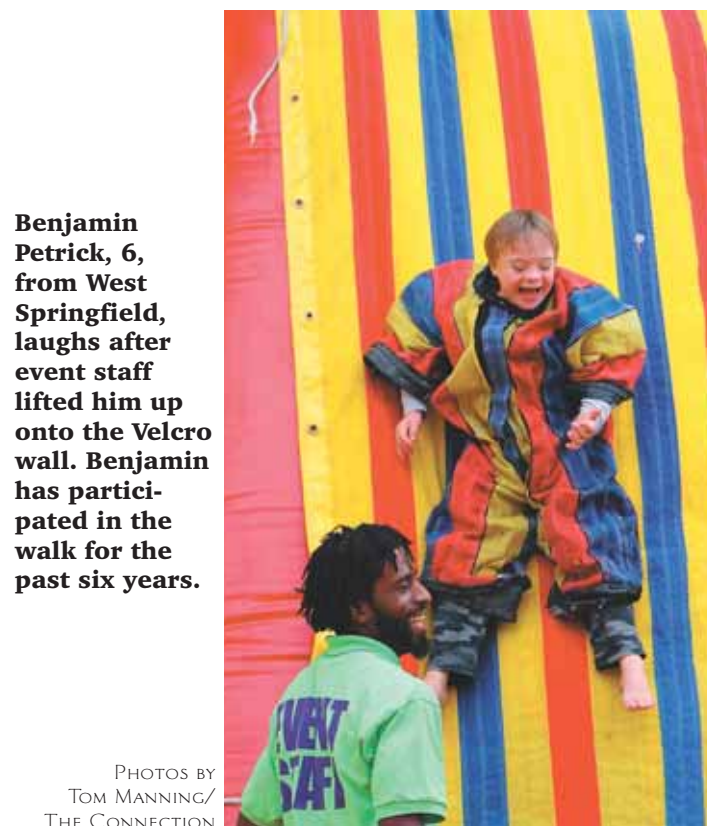
Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 8304 Old Keene Mill Road, Springfield, offers casual worship services on Saturday evenings at 5:30 p.m. featuring contemporary music. More traditional services take place on Sunday mornings at 8:15 and 11 a.m. Sunday School is from 9:45-10:45 a.m. for children and adults. The church also offers discussion groups for adults. 703-451-5855 or www.poplc.org.



A view from above as teams arrive for the 12th Annual Down Syndrome Association of Northern Virginia Buddy Walk.

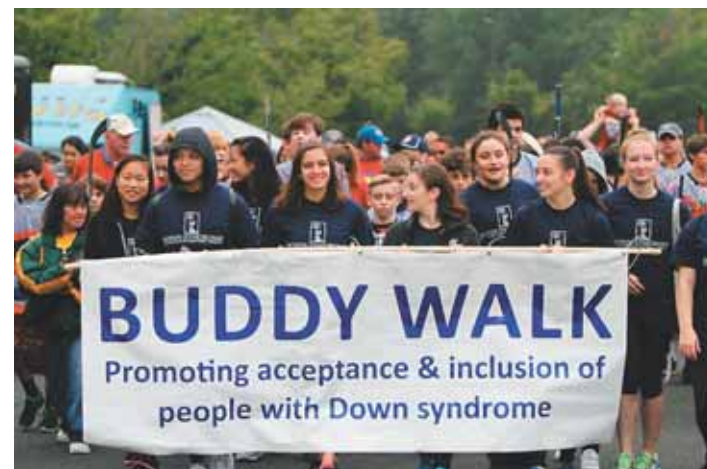
Celebrating Down Syndrome Awareness Month

The 12th Annual Down Syndrome Association of Northern Virginia Buddy Walk took place Sunday, Oct. 2, around the Mason Pond at George Mason University. The Buddy Walk was established in 1995 by the National Down Syndrome Society to celebrate Down Syndrome Awareness Month in October and to promote acceptance and inclusion of people with Down syndrome.



Benjamin Petrick, 6, from West Springfield, laughs after event staff lifted him up onto the Velcro wall. Benjamin has participated in the walk for the past six years.

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TOM MANNING/
THE CONNECTION



Volunteers lead the way at the start of the 2016 Buddy Walk around Mason Pond at George Mason University on Oct. 2.



The Vigilantes will rock the crowd from 5:30-8:30 p.m. at Old Town Square.



Addison Considine feeds a llama at last year's petting zoo.

Fairfax Fall Festival is Saturday, Oct. 8

Promises
entertainment
and fun for
all ages.

BY BONNIE HOBBS
THE CONNECTION

The City of Fairfax is the place to be this Saturday, Oct. 8, for the 40th annual Fairfax Fall Festival. (Rain date, Oct. 9). Admission is free and the live music will continue after dark. Vendors will be there from 10 a.m.-5 p.m., the carnival runs until 8 p.m. and musicians will jam in Old Town Square until 8:30 p.m.

Children will enjoy Touch-a-Truck on University Drive near Armstrong Street, where they can see and explore City work vehicles and equipment. There's also a Harley Davidson show-and-tell.

Crafts booths will line both sides of University Drive, Main Street and Sager Avenue, where more than 400 artisans will sell their handiwork. Visitors may also stroll

through the community market and business expo.

When hunger hits, people may feast on everything from burgers to barbecue, ice cream and pie. Food courts are at University Drive and Sager Avenue, and also at University Drive beside the SunTrust Bank parking lot. Three beer gardens are at: the Main Stage at University Drive and South Street, in Old Town Square and at University Drive and Sager Avenue.

❖ Old Town Square, at the corner of University Drive and North Street, will feature live entertainment into the night. From 10 a.m.-noon, Main Street Community Band; 12:30-3 p.m., Alex Hilton Band, (country music); 3:30-5 p.m., Wicked Olde (Celtic, bluegrass and blues); and 5:30-8:30 p.m., The Vigilantes (Top 40 music and classic rock).

❖ Also there will be a petting zoo, mechanical bull, baseball pitch game and silent disco (dancing to music via wireless headphones).

❖ The Main Stage and beer garden, at South Street and University Drive, will host from 11 a.m.-



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Mirage covers Fleetwood Mac and Stevie Nicks songs.

1:30 p.m., Vinyl Invention, playing classic and modern rock, R&B and funk; and 2:30-5 p.m., Mirage, playing Fleetwood Mac and Stevie Nicks songs.

❖ Old Town Hall, at 3999 University Drive, will host Art Alive! There'll be painting and a chalk festival, and attendees may do free, paint-and-take pottery or mosaic pumpkin plaques.

❖ The Children's Stage, in the SunTrust Bank parking lot, 4020 University Drive, will present: From 10:30-11:15 a.m., Mr. Skip; 11:30 a.m.-noon, Turley the Magician; 12:15-12:45 p.m., eMotion Dance & Fitness; 1-1:45 p.m., Rocknocos; 2-2:30 p.m., Tiger Eye Tae Kwon Do; 2:30-3 p.m., Reptiles Alive! (exotic animals); 3:15-4 p.m., Mad Science; and 4-5 p.m., Bach2Rock.

❖ Carnival rides will be there, too, plus face painting, balloon art and fake tattoos. Parents will find a baby rest stop at Sager Avenue.

Open houses will be at Fire Station 3, 4081 University Drive, in-

cluding Sparky's Harvest Bash, teaching children fire prevention and safety; City of Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center, 10209 Main St.; and Ratcliffe-Allison House, 10386 Main St. Or visit the Historic Blenheim and Civil War Interpretive Center, 3610 Old Lee Hwy.

Fairfax Circuit Court Historic Courthouse and Records, at 4000 Chain Bridge Road, will open for tours from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. See pages from George and Martha Washington's original wills and other historic documents.

Park at The Judicial Center parking garage B on Page Avenue and the Old Town Village parking garage on Chain Bridge Road. Shuttle buses run from Fairfax High and GMU's Rappahannock Parking Deck from 9:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Handicapped parking is at City Hall, 10455 Armstrong St., and Old Town Village parking garage. For more festival information, call 703/385-7858 or see www.FairfaxFallFestival.com.



Mr. Skip is a popular, children's entertainer in Fairfax.

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

Batting Cage Occoquan Regional Park 9751 Ox Road Lorton. Open through Oct. 30 Occoquan offers a baseball/softball batting cage, for hitters of all levels. Pitching machines offer other pitches like curveballs. Cost: 14 balls \$1.50 Team Rentals Per Cage: 30 min. \$18 60 min. \$34 <https://www.novaparks.com/parks/occoquan-regional-park/things-to-do/batting-cage>

Farmers Market & Food Trucks: 3-7 p.m. Thursdays through Oct. 27 at the Fairfax County Government Center front parking lot.

Rock the Block! 6:30 p.m. Every fourth Friday through Oct. 28. Old Town Square, 3999 University Drive, Fairfax. 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.

The Farmer's Market at Springfield Town Center. May 7- Nov. 19, 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.

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

Plant Clinic. 9 a.m.-noon. Sundays through Sept. 30 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. nvshag.org.

FUN-Exercise. Thursdays, noon-12:50 p.m. Grace Presbyterian Church Family Room, 7434 Bath St., Springfield. Inova certified exercise instructor leads a moderate level exercise class with music and current events conversation. Muscle, Balance, Strength Training using stretch bands and weights both standing and seated exercises. Instructor donation is \$5. moorefitt@yahoo.com or 703-499-6133.

EXERCISE PROGRAM Mondays and Fridays at 9:30 am year-round at Lord of Life Lutheran Church, 5114 Twinbrook Rd. Fairfax. The exercises are for strength, balance and maintaining limberness. Contact SCFB office at 703-426-2824 for more information.

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Plan Ahead Events

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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, however we ask that you try to attend regularly. RSVP Naama.Gold@jccnv.org.

Smoke Free Bingo (with breaks for smoking friends). 7 p.m. Every Friday. Fairfax Volunteer Fire Department, 4081 University Drive, Fairfax. Free coffee, entertaining callers, \$1,000 jackpot. www.fairfaxvd.com. 703-273-3638.

English Conversation Groups weekly at George Mason, Burke Centre, and Lorton Libraries Practice and improve your English. Day and start times vary. Visit: <https://va.evanced.info/fairfaxcounty/lib/eventcalendar.asp>

First Sunday Jazz Brunch 11 - 2 p.m. Recurring monthly on the 1st Sunday at **Bazin's on Church** 111 Church St N.W., Vienna. Enjoy brunch accompanied by the soft jazz sounds of Virginia Music Adventure. Visit: <http://www.fxva.com/listing/bazins-on-church/1686/>

Stories From Strawberry Park 10 - 11 a.m. Tuesdays in **Mosaic - Strawberry Park** 2910 District Avenue, Fairfax. Enjoy a live interactive performance each week taught by a group of unique storytellers. For ages 10 and under. Held outside in Strawberry Park. In inclement weather and October through April, storytime will be held in Angelika Film Center. Recurring weekly on Tuesday. Visit: <http://www.fxva.com/listing/mosaic-district/>

FRIDAY/OCT. 21

Superintendent's Revenge

2016. 10 a.m. Twin Lakes Golf Course, 6201 Union Mill Road, Clifton. Obstacle-filled layout. \$160 per team. Roberta.Korzen@fairfaxcounty.gov.

FRIDAY-SUNDAY/OCT 21-23, 2016

Annual Craftsmen's Fall Classic Art & Craft Festival. Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Sunday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Dulles Expo Center, 4320 Chantilly Shopping Center, Chantilly. Features original designs and work from hundreds of talented artists and craftspeople from across America. Visit http://www.gilmoreshows.com/craftsmens_classics_chantilly_fall.shtml

SATURDAY-SUNDAY/OCT. 22-23

Fall Harvest Family Days. 9

a.m.-5 p.m. at George Washington's Mount Vernon, 3200 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway. Enjoy autumn activities including wagon rides, wheat treating, 18th-century dancing demonstration, and straw bale

maze, and more. Included in estate admission. Visit www.mountvernon.org/ for more.

WEDNESDAY/NOV. 2

Chronology of the Civil War in Fairfax County, Part I (1859-part of 1863). Preservationist and former Topographer, Ed Wenzel, will discuss his recent book at the Fairfax Station Railroad Museum, 11200 Fairfax Station Road in Fairfax Station. Doors open at 7 p.m. Forum begins at 7:30. Copies of Wenzel's book will be available for purchase and signing. The Forum is free and open to the public. www.fairfax-station.org, www.facebook.com/FFXSRR. 703-425-9225.

SATURDAY/NOV. 5-6

Cox Farms Pumpkin Madness.

10 - 5 p.m. Cox Farms, 15621 Braddock Road, Centreville. Come out and smash, throw, and launch those old pumpkins. Bring back your used Jack-o'-lantern...We'll help you recycle it. Last admission 4 p.m. Visit: <http://www.coxfarms.com/fallfestival.aspx>.

FRIDAY-SUNDAY/OCT. 7-9, 2016

Fall Wine Festival and Sunset

Tour. 6-9 p.m. Mount Vernon Estate, 3200 George Washington Memorial Pkwy., Mount Vernon. Enjoy live blues and spectacular views of the Potomac River while sampling wine from Virginia wineries. Visitors learn about the successes and failures of our Founding Father's wine endeavors, enjoy live blues music, and meet "George and Martha Washington" on the Mansion's piazza. Visit www.mountvernon.org.

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College of William & Mary junior Laura Rutherford of Scotland (right) puckers up for Coulson at the Centreville Animal Hospital's dog-kissing booth. Rutherford was visiting her friend and Clifton native Emily Marter, coinciding with Clifton Day. This year's Clifton Day takes place on Sunday Oct. 9 beginning at 9 a.m. and lasts all day ending at 5 p.m. on the corner of Main Street and Chapel Road Clifton. The town's annual arts and crafts fair.

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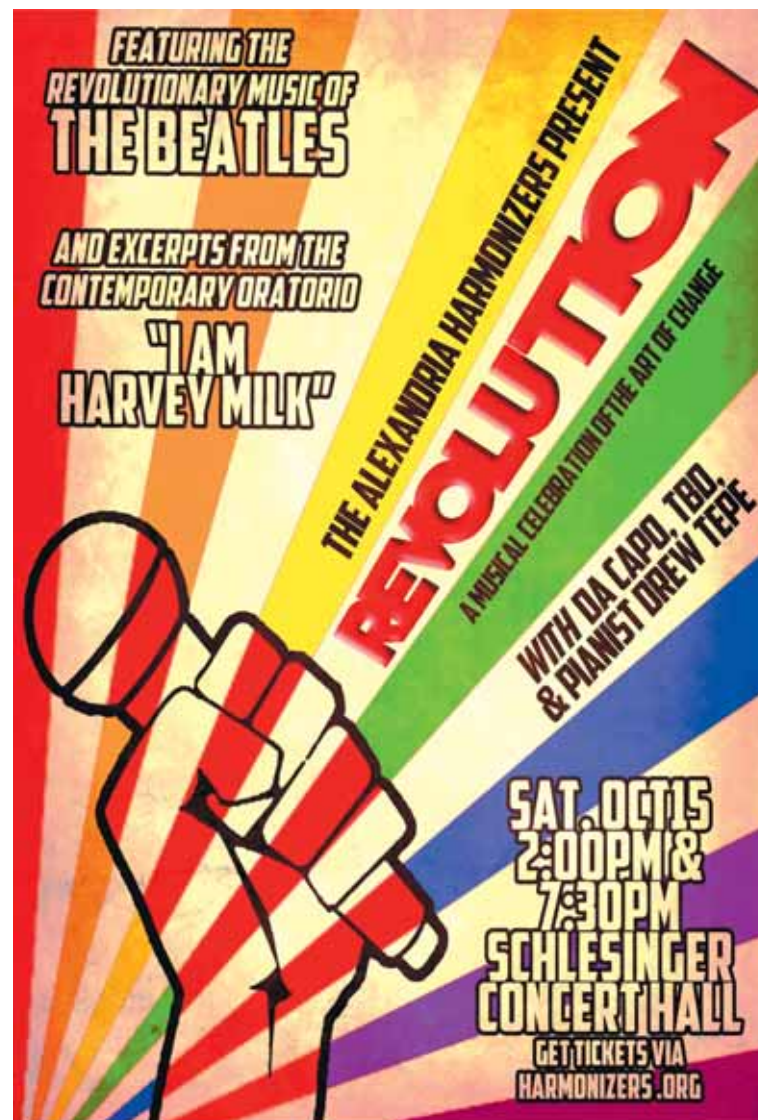
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Front row left, Supervisors Pat Herrity (R-Springfield) and Dan Storck (D-Mount Vernon) were also panelists at the Sept. 28 Mount Vernon Council of Citizens Associations meals tax referendum panel. Herrity has spoken out against the referendum and is critical there is no guarantee FCPS will put the estimated \$70 million Fairfax County would raise and direct to the school system towards teacher salaries. Storck supports the referendum though he also wishes the county had more flexibility from the Virginia General Assembly to generate revenue in other ways.

Civic Associations Hold Meals Tax Forums

PHOTOS BY TIM PETERSON/THE CONNECTION

Jane Hilder with the Burgundy Civic Association speaks at the Sept. 28 Lee District Association of Civic Organizations meals tax referendum meeting, saying property values depend on how good schools are. "We can't have huge classrooms and experienced teachers leaving," she said.



Lee District representative to the Fairfax County School Board Tammy Derenak Kaufax (center) explains to community members at the Sept. 28 Lee District Association of Civic Organizations meals tax referendum meeting how FCPS is doing a comprehensive study of the school system's employee benefits package. In particular, she said, they're hearing from young teachers retirement benefits are not as important in a total compensation package as salary.



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Peggy Knight (left) and Helen Kelly of the League of Women Voters of the Fairfax Area helped the organization sponsor a forum on a proposed Meals Tax referendum that will be decided by county voters on the Nov. 8 ballot.

Meals Tax Debated

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calls them "decades in the making" when the meal tax monies would stay locally and could be used immediately. "We are in deficit, we have real needs now ... for schools, firefighters and police equipment."

Another major portion of Herrity's solutions to address school funding shortfalls involves possible cuts to the pension plans and social security supplements of new-hire county employees. Seeing the current system as a major spending problem, Herrity doesn't believe that offering something that doesn't affect them until age 55 or older is really much of an incentive for new, younger job seekers.

Several of his attacks on spending practices had been applauded by the audience, but this one met with less enthusiasm from the crowd. Cheers greeted Hynes' reply, "Our employees deserve a dignified retirement after a lifetime of serving the community."

Kimm continued to referee the count-pointer count between the opposing teams. Before wrapping up, she said, "It seems like much of this debate is based

partly on trust." She asked the panel if they thought the Board of Supervisors would do what they said they would if the referendum is passed.

"It was worded to give it the best chance to pass," was Herrity's response. With no guarantees on where money will go, he repeated that the school's budget would be determined next April.

"The referendum is a clear signal to the board," responded Hynes. Hynes and other proponents say the board will be held to account to use the money as planned, as an addition to the general budget process and for the purpose of raising teachers' salaries and other school needs.

THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS is a nonpartisan political organization that encourages the participation of citizens in government and works to increase understanding of major public policy issues. As an organization, the LWVFA has taken a position in favor of the Meals Tax, but hosted the Meals Tax Forum without comment or expressing their opinions during the debate in order to allow for unbiased discussion and public education.

AREA ROUNDUPS

Merrifield Multicultural Health Fair Connects Many to Health Care Resources

More than 80 people attended the Multicultural Health Fair at the Merrifield Center on Sept. 28, hosted by the Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board and community partners. The event was part of the CSB's "BeWell" initiative and the county's ongoing effort to improve the overall health of people receiving CSB services through integrated behavioral and primary health care, along with wellness and health

promotion activities.

By the end of the festivities, over half of the participants had been newly connected with primary health care providers. In addition, attendees received a variety of free health screenings, including tests of blood pressure, liver function, vision, hearing, and more. CSB staff demonstrated the life-saving REVIVE! training that teaches people what to do if they are with someone who experiences an opioid overdose.

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The **Northern Virginia Long Term Care Ombudsman Program** needs volunteer advocates for residents in nursing homes and assisted living facilities. Contact Lisa Callahan at 703-324-5861, TTY 711 or email Lisa.Callahan@fairfaxcounty.gov. Also visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dfs/olderadultservices/ltombudsman/.

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.

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FALL 2016

Phil Case does his best Michael Phelps pose as he stands with five of his six gold medals won on the day. The Springfield resident came in first in all six events that he competed in for the 85-89 age group at the Claude Moore Recreation Center in Sterling on Sept. 16.

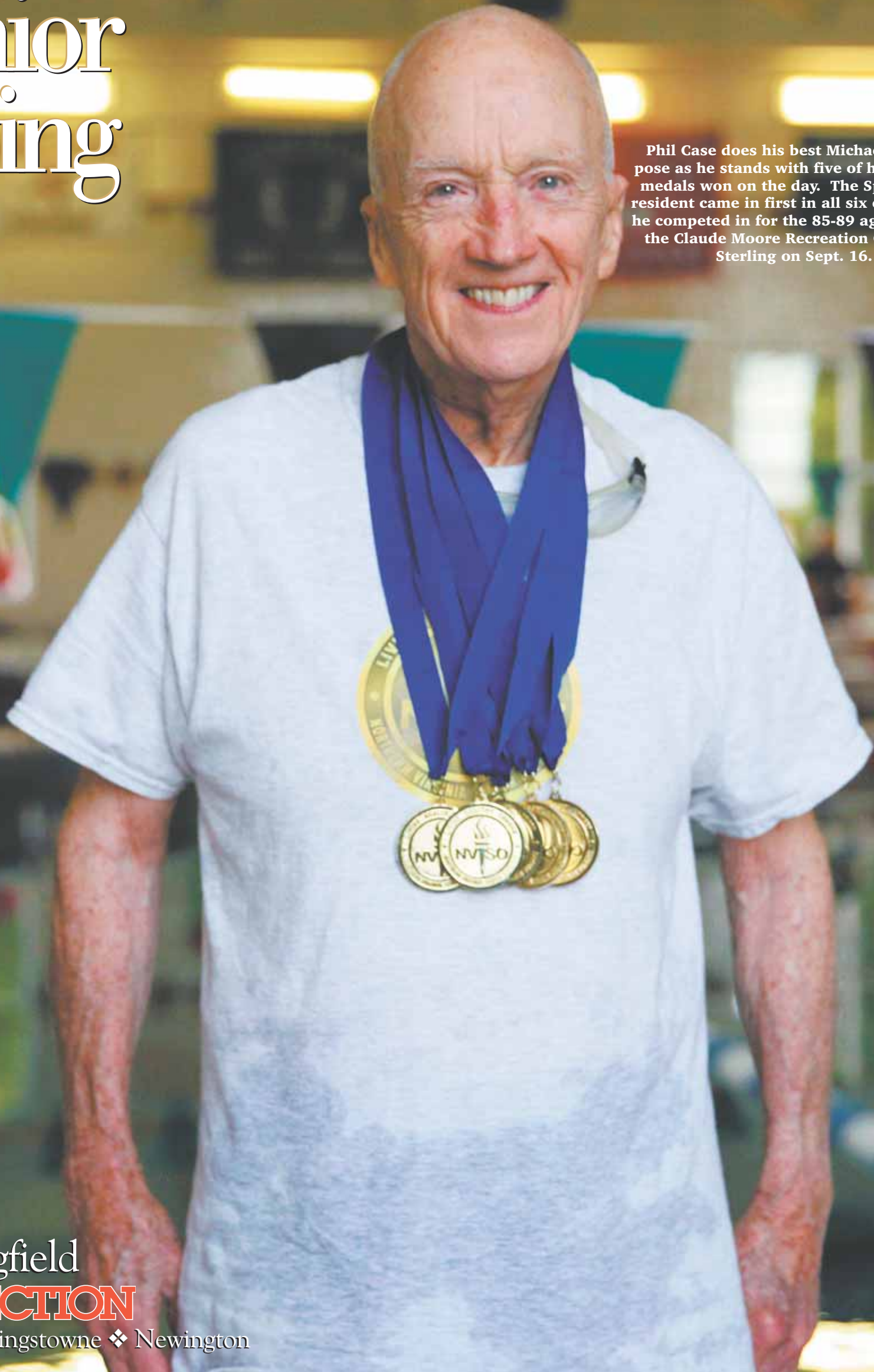


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Regaining Mobility

Local orthopedic surgeons offer keys for successful joint replacement surgery.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL
THE CONNECTION

Tired of the limited mobility and pain that have thwarted her love of foreign travel and fall hiking, Lynda S. Johnson, 72, scheduled a knee replacement surgery for later this month. She chose a doctor, found a pet sitter to watch her Cairn terrier, and enlisted her sister to live with her while she recovers.

"I had been debating for months about whether to have it," she said. "I was in so much pain, though, that I don't really think I have anything to lose."

For Johnson and approximately 7 million other Americans living with a hip or knee replacement, the decision to undergo such a surgery is fueled by a quest for less pain, more mobility and an overall boost to their quality of life.

Nearly 90 percent of patients who have knee replacement surgery experience less pain and 85 percent of the replacement joints still work after 20 years, according to the National Institute of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases. Most patients will feel better, and feel better quickly.

Addressing overall health issues like high blood pressure, diabetes and obesity can boost the chances that a joint replacement surgery will be successful, says Dr. C. Anderson "Andy" Engh orthopedic surgeon, Anderson Orthopedic Clinic at Inova Mount Vernon. "Work on both your overall health and conditioning," he said.

Patients should be up and out of their hospital beds as soon as possible. "Patients are walking with assistance hours after their surgery. The reason patients do better when they get up and move around is that they decrease the risk of pneumonia and blood clots," said Dr. Mark P. Madden, an orthopedic surgeon with OrthoVirginia. "We start out with patients using a walker and having someone assist them in walking, and they generally progress to become fully weight bearing without any assistance at all."

Also, have a support system in place prior to surgery, whether it's a significant other, grown child or close friend. Often dubbed coach or advocate, that person might at-

tend medical appointments with a patient prior to surgery, serve as their point of contact the day of surgery and provide morale support throughout the recovery process.

"The more eyes and ears in addition to the patient's, the better," said Engh, explaining why it's so helpful to have someone with the patient at appointments and throughout the recovery. "We approach things that we have to do with set expectations, and sometimes those expectations can keep us from hearing other things. Having another person there is a good reality check and note taker."

The coach should be able to spend a significant amount of time with the patient during the early recovery period. "That person can expect to be with you 16 hours a day for two to five days after surgery," said Engh. "I don't want someone alone by themselves all day during work hours. The coach or advocate is like a safety marshal who keeps the patient safe and reminds them to take their time during their recovery."

Dr. George Aguiar, an orthopedic surgeon at Reston Hospital Center, advises patients to determine how they will get help with grocery shopping, transportation, pet care and house cleaning in advance. "Having these types of things handled before you go into surgery can only help the recovery process."

Patients should plan ahead to safety-proof. "Do everything you can do to avoid a fall within the first two to three months after your surgery," said Engh. "Have clear pathways and be aware of rugs that can catch your feet. Have good, secure handrails on stairways to help prevent falls."

Timing also plays a role in the success of joint replacement surgeries. "Some patients ask if they're too old to have surgery," said Engh. "Don't wait until you're home bound to have this surgery because the recovery will be quite long."

To decide whether joint replacement surgery is the best option, says Madden, work with a physician and weigh the effect the pain is having on one's quality of life.

"There's no right answer for every patient," said Madden. "The real answer is to work with your doctor to find the right treatment."

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Medicare Open Enrollment Nears

Medicare beneficiaries preparing for open enrollment this month may want to consider their current health needs and the many preventive services covered by Medicare.

Pam Smith, the Virginia Insurance Counseling and Assistance Program state director, has these tips for older Virginians looking to prepare for the enrollment period, Oct. 15 - Dec. 7. New insurance will not take effect until Jan. 1, 2017.

"Just as your health needs can change, so can the coverage and costs of health plans," Smith said. "Your health care provider and medications may be covered this year, but that does not necessarily mean they will be covered next year when your enrollment takes effect. Plans can change the list of covered drugs, premiums may increase and providers may leave networks, making this annual evaluation critical."

Things to consider when evaluating a plan: Have health needs changed? Will the plan cover the services that are needed? Are the

beneficiary's medications still covered? Is the health provider still in network? Are premiums or out of pocket costs increasing?

Update the list of medications, preferred pharmacies and health care providers, and then consider contacting trained counselors through the local Area Agency on Aging for free, confidential assistance in making the best decision for this enrollment period. These counselors can also help determine if the beneficiary is eligible for low-income subsidies which may help pay some premiums and prescription costs.

Call your local AAA in advance to schedule an appointment as time slots fill quickly. A complete list of Virginia's AAAs and their contact information is online at www.vda.virginia.gov/aaalist.asp.

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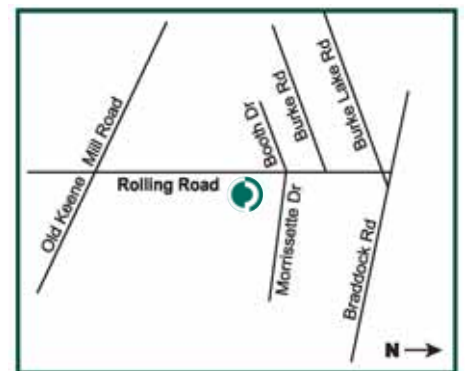
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Marge McNare from Fairfax bowls in the Senior Olympics at Bowl America Shirley on Edsall Road on Sept. 12 in the 90-94 year old age group.

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THE CONNECTION

Springfield resident Kathy Wilson sports a Bryce Harper jersey as she competes in the Softball Hit event in the 55-59 age group at Wakefield District Park in Annandale on Sept. 14. Wilson hit the softball 97' 10" to take home a silver medal.



Phil Doherty from Burke and his doubles partner Neil Lane from Reston won bronze medals in the men's doubles semi-finals match in the 80-89 age group held on Sept. 15 at Wakefield District Park in Annandale. They lost their match 9-7 (8 game pro set) after battling back after a slow start.



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From the Beginning to the End

982 participants signed up for 2016 Northern Virginia Senior Olympics.

The Northern Virginia Senior Olympics (NVSO) opened Sept. 10 and ran through Sept. 21 with another record registration of 918 participants. Saturday opening day ceremonies were followed by track and rowing events at Thomas Jefferson Community Center in Arlington and diving competition at Yorktown High School Aquatic Center.

Fifty events were held at 25 different venues across Northern Virginia including horseshoes and bocce at Fairfax Senior Center-Green Acres, field events at Stone Bridge High School Stadium, swimming at Claude Moore Recreation Center, tennis mixed doubles at Wakefield District Park and Wii Bowling at Greenspring Retirement Community Center in Springfield. There were two 100+ age group entries this year, Vera Punke from Arlington and Hilda Gross from Burke entered in the duplicate bridge competition held at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Arlington.

— SHIRLEY RUHE



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Phil Doherty from Burke playfully uses a towel to fan Bob Shellhouse from Alexandria and Wayne Bell from Annandale during a changeover during their 80-89 age group championship match on Sept. 14 at Wakefield District Park in Annandale.

TJ Student Creates 'HeartScribe' for Seniors

Mobile app helps manage health data.

BY TIM PETERSON
THE CONNECTION

When Vienna resident Rohan Taneja's grandfather experienced heart failure last year, he was inspired to create a mobile application that would help senior citizens to better manage their health metrics and share them with caregivers and doctors.

When a "Shark Tank"-style assistive technology challenge for Fairfax County High School students came across his radar, Taneja

decided it was the perfect opportunity to develop his app.

In March of this year Taneja, now a senior at Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology, presented his project called HeartScribe to the challenge judges as a finalist.

"Many seniors have to measure their blood pressure, glucose and other things every day, and write all that down," Taneja said. "This makes that job a whole lot easier. In a matter of seconds, you can record all that data on your phone and bring it to your doctor. It's an

electronic way of doing what they were already doing."

Using the app saves seniors time and the stress of losing their documentation, he said.

Taneja won first place in the competition, along with around \$1,300 in prize money. He used the money to make informational flyers, buy devices to demonstrate the app and help launch it.

Taneja wanted to take the project further. He started visiting several senior centers and talking with elderly people about his app, what they liked and didn't like.

"That's when I realized it could be really helpful," he said.

Though he wrote the app by

himself, he's also reached out to the tech world for advice, including the Refraction co-working space in Reston.

From his senior feedback, Taneja has made numerous tweaks to the app, including making the buttons significantly larger and simplifying the interface to make it easier to use.

The app is live and available for free in the Google Play store, and works with any Android device. Taneja makes no money from it. "I guess you could call it one big service project," he said. "It was fun making it."

The TJ senior chose Google to start because he learned the Java



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When Vienna resident Rohan Taneja's grandfather experienced heart failure last year, he was inspired to create a mobile application that would help senior citizens to better manage their health metrics and share them with caregivers and doctors.

coding language for Google in a programming class. However he's currently working on versions for iPhone and web browsers.