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Daniel Gillespie, Robert Thompson and David Kirby of The American Legion Wayne M. Kidwell, Post 184 accept a \$5000 donation check from Signature Flight Support, a BBA Aviation Company. Pictured, from left: Wesley Lowery, Signature Flight Support; Daniel Gillespie, Post 184 Finance Office; Parwin Kurasz, Signature Flight Support, Robert Thompson, Post 184 1st Vice Commander; David Kirby, Post 184 Commander; Jean Best, Robert Grant, Katrin Phillips, and Tony Wright (Signature Flight Support).

American Legion Post Receives Donation

The American Legion Wayne M. Kidwell Post 184 located in Herndon, received a \$5,000 donation from Signature Flight Support and their parent company, BBA Aviation, as part of the company's Charitable Giving and Supporting Local Communities Program. The presentation took place Thursday, Dec. 29 at Signature Flight Support's facility at Dulles International Airport. The \$5,000 donation will be used through 2018 to support expenses for the Post's following activities: Memorial Day and Veterans Day Observances; the placing of American flags on the graves of all Veterans resting at Chestnut Grove Cemetery during Veterans Day and Memorial Day weekends; maintaining the Avenue of Flags at Chestnut Grove Cemetery; these are the 64 Casket Flags of Deceased Veterans Flown on Memorial Day and Veterans Day; providing American Legion Medals awarded to

Naval Junior ROTC cadets at the Herndon High School Annual Awards Ceremony; and sending 2-4 selected boys nominated by Herndon High School and South Lakes High School to American Legion Boys State.

Area Director of Signature Flight Support, Robert M. Grant, said, "Our corporation respects and is eager to support the Post or any organization that serves our veterans."

During the past several years, Signature Flight Support has also provided employee volunteers to help with several of the Posts activities.

We are very grateful to Signature Flight Support for this generous donation and for the many hours of volunteer time by their employees," said David Kirby, Commander, The American Legion Wayne M. Kidwell Post 184.

Herndon Village Network Elects Board

Herndon Village Network (HVN), a not-for-profit organization serving Herndon senior citizens, announces its 2017 Board of Directors.

President: Penny Halpern
Vice President: Charles Marts
Secretary: Rosemary Kendall
Treasurer: Nancy Boughn



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Herndon Village Network (HVN) celebrated its volunteers with a tea held on Sunday, Oct. 23 at the Four Seasons clubhouse.

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Communities Practice Disaster Recovery

Volunteer group forming to help Hunter Mill area recover from potential disaster.

BY FALLON FORBUSH
THE CONNECTION

More than 185 people registered to learn about forming a Community Resiliency Group for the Hunter Mill District, which would be activated to aid in the local area's recovery after a disaster.

Volunteer Fairfax and the Fairfax County Office of Emergency Management explained the county's new concept to participants during a seminar at the Heritage Fellowship Church on Fox Mill Road in Reston on Tuesday, Jan. 10.

"The complex terrorism stuff, it's out there," Roy Shrout, the deputy coordinator of Fairfax County's Office of Emergency Management, said during the seminar. "You know it is, it's everywhere. We have people here in Fairfax. We know they're here. You just have to be alert. You have to make sure you're ready to go."

POSSIBLE DISASTERS can range from terrorist attacks to weather events like storms and floods, to earthquakes, power outages and chemical spills.

Each magisterial district within the county will have its own Community Resiliency Group once the Fairfax County Community Collaboration for Disaster Resiliency Pilot Program is completely rolled out.

The program is funded from a grant from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Urban Area Security Initiatives Program and CRGs have already been set up in the Mason, Braddock, Sully, Dranesville, Lee and Mount Vernon districts.

"This allows more of the community to be more involved if something happens and allows the community to find out what they can do for each other," says Shrout. "We're



A table of first responders, representatives from area faith groups and the Reston Hospital Center discuss how their organizations could help during the recovery phase of a disaster situation.



Lee Falron, a Red Cross volunteer from Vienna, helps with the Red Cross disaster action team as well as the feeding team that supports first responders. She participates in an exercise during the seminar.

getting capabilities that we didn't know existed."

As part of the CRG, leaders must sign their organizations up to participate through Volunteer Fairfax. The participant form to sign-up requires participants to list resources and capabilities that may be available during a recovery effort, including

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Emily Swenson, the chief operating officer of Volunteer Fairfax, explains to seminar goers how her organization is part of the Fairfax County Office of Emergency Management's Emergency Operations Plan to coordinate volunteer and donations management.

transportation, generators, food, clothing, storage, tools, commercial refrigerators, commercial washers and dryers, volunteers, translators, communication networks, parking lots, counseling services and more.

Participant's capabilities are then added into a database that is managed by Volunteer Fairfax to use to help find volunteers and resources after a disaster occurs.



Fazia Deen, outreach coordinator for the Dar Al-Hijrah Islamic Center in Falls Church, volunteers to be her group's scribe during a tabletop exercise.

"We are asking leaders to fill out the participant form," Emily Swenson, the chief operating officer of Volunteer Fairfax, said during the seminar. "CRGs are really trying to harness and understand what the capabilities and resources are that your organizations have already that might be able to be brought to the table should there be an emergency and need for them."

Once an organization is signed-up, participation is always voluntary. But for organizations that already assist those in need, involvement in a CRG could provide additional protection.

"If you open up your facility without Fairfax County coming to you first, then you assume whatever liability that you have at that point in time," Shrout said during the seminar. "If Fairfax County comes to you ... then any issues that you may have at that point in time will be covered by Fairfax County."

However, the county's coverage is secondary to any other insurance a volunteer or volunteer organization may have already.

ON THURSDAY, FEB. 9, the Hunter Mill District CRG will meet again at the Heritage Fellowship Church on Fox Mill Road in Reston at 6 p.m. to practice how it would respond to a local snow disaster.

This will be done by conducting a tabletop exercise that has been developed by the Federal Emergency Management Agency National Exercise Program.

Community leaders in the Hunter Mill District are encouraged to get involved.

Townhouse Fire Displaces 6

The Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department responded to a townhouse fire on the 2500 block of Chase Wellesley Drive in Herndon on Friday, Jan. 6.

There were no reported injuries, but the fire displaced four adults and two children. The occupants accepted Red Cross assistance.

Two occupants were home and alerted to the fire by smoke entering the home before smoke alarms sounded.

Firefighters arrived at the two-story

townhouse and extinguished the fire on the rear deck after it had spread to the attic and roof of the unit. The fire was confined to the townhouse, but the adjacent unit experienced minor damage.

The fire was ruled accidental and was determined to have been caused by a propane cooking burner that was too close to combustible materials.

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A Close Encounter With History

Herndon students experience the birth of the nation.

BY ANDREA WORKER
THE CONNECTION

It's a good thing that Thomas Jefferson and Patrick Henry were hardy souls, given the myriad of activities and actions and travelling and time that they both gave to the formation of "these new United States of America," as our illustrious third President described the union the original thirteen colonies formed in 1776. It's equally fortuitous that two of their modern day re-enactors seem to possess the same level of interest in that formation, even 241 years later, and a similar level of stamina – enough to have them bring their knowledge and enthusiasm to youngsters at eight different schools around the Fairfax County Public School (FCPS) system in just three days.

Richard Shumann (AKA Patrick Henry) and Bill Barker (otherwise known as Thomas Jefferson) brought their "always in persona" living history lesson to hour-long assemblies of elementary school students in Falls Church, McLean, Chantilly, Herndon and Reston, and if you had been fortunate enough to attend one of these events, you would have found their presentation and energy as fresh at the last assembly of the day as at the first, some six hours earlier. The two men interpret their character for the Colonial Williamsburg Foundation and have been doing so for years.

There was very little "oration," as "Mr. Henry" described his introduction at each school. Instead, the program relied primarily on engaging the audience first with the visual of their costumed appearance, and then by simply letting them loose with whatever questions they had. Apparently a sound plan. The youngsters quickly caught on and got on board. There was never one of those awkward silences. You know. "Questions anyone? Anyone?" Hands were constantly being waved by students who wanted to know more about the men who influenced the founding of our country and the times they lived in. "I really enjoyed when they started to answer questions from us," was Chinmay Bhandaru's comment after the assembly at McNair Elementary in Herndon. "I loved that they really acted like Patrick Henry and Thomas Jefferson! They acted like friends, and would sometimes disagree on things," said Chinmay's schoolmate Deccan Maniam.

KUDOS, by the way, to the teachers and staff at McNair, the second stop on Wednesday's whirlwind tour. The assembled students seemed to already have a firm grasp on the subjects of the day. One young lady stood up and asked "Mr. Henry" if he would mind repeating a bit of his most famous speech. "Mr. Jefferson" quipped that his "esteemed friend" would never mind being asked to "orate" and any time or place, and as "Mr. Henry" finished his words with a shouted-out "Give me Liberty or give me Death," the assembly applauded vigorously.

The questions kept coming, but nothing seemed to stump the Colonial visitors who



Only minutes into the hour-long assembly at McNair Elementary School in Herndon, and "Patrick Henry" (brought to life by Richard Shumann) and "Thomas Jefferson" (realistically portrayed by Bill Barker) had all of the fourth and sixth graders seriously engaged. The pair of Colonial visitors have been re-enacting their characters for so many years, especially through the Colonial Williamsburg Foundation.

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Jim and CarolAnn Babcock of Reston love history, particularly the period that gave birth to the United States of America. Retired engineers, the Babcocks felt that this look at "who we are and how we got to be the people we are today" couldn't be emphasized enough. "In a few short years, these young people will be the voters and the hands at the helm of our country. They need to know as much as they can," said Mrs. Babcock.

answered always in the language and context of their "times." "It was amazing how they knew so much information," marvelled Srihan Kotnana. Both "Mr. Jefferson" and "Mr. Henry" openly expressed their delight at their knowledge and the quality of the questions that the fourth and sixth graders asked.

"Well done, Sir! Excellent question," praised "Mr. Henry," when asked why he had opposed the passage of the United States Constitution. "I am a Virginian," he replied, "and wish to remain so." Despite Henry's passionate belief in the need for the

Colonies to free themselves from the "tyranny of that most unpleasant of men, King George III," the real Patrick Henry did not believe that a united Federalist system was a good idea. Indeed, he predicted that to establish the government in that way would ultimately lead to a civil war.

Regardless of where the far-ranging conversation took them, "Henry" and "Jefferson" somehow always found a way to artfully weave in some of the central themes behind their program.

"Jefferson" often found ways to remind his audience about the need for education

and how lucky they were to have it so readily accessible to them. With an anecdote about how his "Declaration of Independence" was often "tossed into the gutter when handed to the citizenry, 'Jefferson' had the students looking aghast. "Why would they do that?" shouted out a few. "Why do you think?" he asked back. A small moment of silent contemplation, and one young lady tentatively responded, "Because they couldn't read it?" Exactly so, young lady!" said "Mr. Jefferson."

In the days of Henry and Jefferson, they were told, it was usually only white, rich males from landed families who had the education to read. "Don't squander this amazing opportunity that you have," was the advice given to the students.

The two men also spoke strongly about civic responsibility, telling their audience that the fate of the nation would pass into their hands. "History does, indeed, repeat itself," warned "Henry." He insisted that to deal wisely with the present and the future required understanding of the past. "If you know your History, you will be better prepared."

THE OPPORTUNITY to see "History come to life," as the program was described by McNair student Ayesha Kapoor, is made possible by the generous, personal funding of Jim and CarolAnn Babcock, both retired engineers who reside in Reston. The Babcocks have been partnering with The Colonial Williamsburg Foundation for about 8 years, each January bringing the informative and engaging program to schools in the Fairfax County system.

"We've always believed that understanding history is essential to understanding who we are as a country and a people," said Mrs. Babcock. They also like that a key focus of the program is helping the students to learn to research and to seek the "primary sources," rather than just accepting "circular reporting." In a day and age when the phrase "fake news" is being heard so often, the Babcocks want to do whatever they can to promote education and fact-finding. Over the years, their "gift to the future" has expanded from five schools, to twenty-two. All of the schools on the 2017 tour were new recipients of the Babcock mission.

The Babcocks not only fund the program, but they personally attend the assemblies, as well. In addition, they also provide scholarships for teachers to attend a one-week educational course at Colonial Williamsburg. This summer, the Babcocks will be sending 17 teachers to the Teachers' Institute. They are also helping to provide "Hands-on-History Kits" – one for each FCPS region - that contain items related to soldiers, slaves, and Native Americans of the Colonial times.

All of this seems like a lot of work, but CarolAnn insists that "It's a project of love. It really keeps us going, and we are doing what's important for the future of our country."

News

Hostage Situation, House Fire, Suspect Killed

Hostage situation results in house fire and officer-involved shooting death of suspect.

By FALLON FORBUSH
THE CONNECTION

The Fairfax County police shot and killed a male suspect in Herndon on Monday afternoon.

According to Police Chief Edwin Roessler, who briefed media at the scene around 6:30 p.m. on Jan. 16, the suspect had shot two men and had taken another man hostage in a townhome on the 13300 block of Covered Wagon Lane, outside the Town of Herndon. The suspect then set the townhome on fire while they were both inside.

The three victims are being treated at a nearby hospital. The two men who were shot by the suspect are brothers, according to Julie Parker, the director of the FCPD's Public Affairs Bureau. The officers, suspect and victims involved in the incident have not been identified.

At 2:41 p.m., officers from the Reston District Police Station responded to the townhome after receiving a report that the brothers had been shot by the suspect and had escaped and transported themselves to the hospital. According to Roessler, the brothers got into a heated dispute with the suspect, which prompted him to shoot them with a handgun.

The officers formed a barricade around the house and started negotiating with the suspect. During negotiations, the suspect set fire to the townhome and began firing a handgun in the house.

"We had an active shooter event and a fire in the home," Roessler said. "At the same time, we had a hostage that was in the home that called 911 and said he could not breathe."

That is when SWAT officers from the county's Special Operations Division reported to the scene. They made several attempts to make the suspect exit the townhome voluntarily.

The suspect exited the house and went back in, according to Roessler.

The suspect then came out of the townhome a second time while carrying a knife and advanced toward the officers, according to Roessler.



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The police department used both less-lethal and lethal force at the same time to take the suspect down and rescue the hostage from the burning home.

This prompted the officers to use less lethal force, including a taser and foam bullets. However, the police also shot the suspect with a lethal firearm.

"Our investigation will determine the sequence [of the lethal and non-lethal force from officers], but when you view the video ... the suspect was actively wielding what appears to be a knife and was a continuing threat to the safety of not only the officers and the community but the hostage that was in the home when the home was on fire, so we had to take action," he said.

Once the suspect was shot, medical care was given to him and officers retrieved the hostage.

"Officers then immediately rendered medical aid," Roessler said. "As those officers were rendering medical aid to the suspect, other officers successfully evacuated the hostage from the home."

The Fairfax Fire and Rescue Department then extinguished the fire while the suspect was rushed to a local hospital, where he died from his injuries.

"I'm real grateful to the community here that no one else was further harmed," Roessler said. "The bravery of the men and women of the Fairfax County Police Department truly saved the lives of not only community members, but of the hostage that was in harm's way."

The police department is currently investigating the incident and will provide further details to the public.

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Olivia Beckner Sets Another South Lakes High Record

South Lakes High School's Olivia Beckner capped off the regular season with a personal best and school record in the mile at the Virginia Showcase Invitational indoor track and field meet Jan. 13-14 at Liberty University in Lynchburg, Va.

Beckner ran a 4:57.30 for second right behind winner Heather Holt of Marshall High school, who finished in 4:57.26. Her mile time converts to 4:55.58 for the 1,600, which eclipses the SLHS record of 4:59.44 set by Anne Evans during the 1987-1988 season.

Beckner also teamed with sophomores Sophie Halkett, Cara Hutson and senior Devyn Jones for a 6A State Championship Meet qualifying time of 4:05.26 in the 4x400 meter relay at the meet which featured some of the top high school teams on the east coast and Jamaica.

Jones, who will continue her track career at the Air Force Academy, had Northern Region Championship meet qualifying times in the 55 meter hurdles (8.83) and the 300 meter dash (41.82). Halkett was second in the 1600 meter run in a Liberty Conference championship meet qualifying run a 5:20.83.

Junior Ronak Cuthill won the shot put competition with a throw of 47-01.00, which also qualified him for the region meet. Seniors Timiebi Ogobri and Don'ta Whitley ran region qualifiers in individual events and together as members of the 4x400 meter relay team. Ogobri ran a 6.62 in the 55 meters while Whitley finished the 300 meters in 36.65. They joined junior John Eggeman and sophomore Stevie Jones for a 3:32.76 in the relay.

Several members of the SLHS indoor track team also competed in a conference meet Saturday, Jan. 14 at the Thomas Jefferson Community Center in Arlington. Senior Jessica Rice won the shot put competition with a conference qualifying throw of 30-03.50.

South Lakes will compete in the Liberty Conference Championship Thursday, Jan. 19 at the Prince George's Sports and Learning Complex in Landover, Md. The two-day event will conclude Saturday, Jan. 28. SLHS is the five-time defending girls champion and has won the boys title eight consecutive years.

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JAN. 9 - JAN. 20

Coat Drive to Benefit Cornerstones at Reston Town Center Monday, January 9 through Friday, January 20, collection in building lobbies. Help us help those in need in our community stay warm this winter! Reston Town Center will be accepting new or gently used winter coats (in good condition and cleaned), and new hats, gloves and scarves. Items will be collected in boxes located in building lobbies for donation to Cornerstones. restontowncenter.com

THROUGH FRIDAY/FEB. 24

Diva Central Dress Drive with Reston Community Center. Monday, Jan. 23 through Friday, Feb. 24, collection in building lobbies. Reston Community Center's mission for the annual Diva Central Dress Drive is to promote



Olivia Beckner in the 4x400 meter relay race.

PHOTOS CONTRIBUTED



Devyn Jones, left, in a VA Showcase race Jan. 13.



Timiebi Ogobri competing in VA Showcase.

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confidence and self-esteem by providing high school students a free prom dress and other accessories. Donate new or lightly used formal dresses, shoes, jewelry, handbags & accessories, collected in boxes located in building lobbies. restontowncenter.com

THURSDAY/JAN. 19

Assistance League of Northern Virginia invites members of the community to help pack food for its Weekend Food for Kids program which provides nonperishable food over the weekend to children who receive reduced-price meals during the school year at Title I schools in Fairfax and Prince William Counties and the City of Alexandria. The food packing is at 10 a.m. at Dominion Resources, 3072 Centreville Road, in Herndon. Arrive at 9:30 a.m. to help with setup.

Event contact Karen Amster: karenamster@aol.com. www.northernvirginia.assistanceleague.org.

MONDAY/JAN. 30

Health Screening in Reston. Residents living in and around Reston can learn about their risk for cardiovascular disease, osteoporosis, diabetes, and other chronic, serious conditions with affordable screening by Life Line Screening. Washington Plaza Baptist Church at 1615 Washington Plaza in Reston will host this event. Packages start at \$149, but consultants will work with you to create a package that is right for you based on your age and risk factors. Call 1-877-237-1287 or visit www.lifelinescreening.com. Pre-registration is required.

I Think Therefore I'm Not



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

As much as I write a good game, and talk a good game, I don't think as good a game as I write and talk. As I sit and write this column, on Saturday, January 14, I am four days away from my regular, recurring, quarterly CT Scan, scheduled for Wednesday, January 18, followed up almost immediately by my normal post-scan, face-to-face appointment (I have had telephone appointments) with my oncologist two days later on Friday, January 20. As you all are reading this column, it's almost like real time, except you only know my feelings and some dates, but not the results/facts.

Nor do I, of course, as of this column's publication and of your reading it, and therein lies the reason for this column. Waiting, wondering, worrying and hoping is what I/Team Lourie will be doing for the next six days. And though we've all been through it before (nearly eight years of 'it'), enduring 'it' never gets any easier. In fact, it gets more difficult in a way. Partially because, given my original "13 month to two-year prognosis, this waiting for scan results shouldn't be happening. I can't help thinking that I'm borrowing time. I wasn't diagnosed as "terminal" for nothing. I was/am a stage IV, non-small cell lung cancer, meaning the cancer had (1) metastasized (spread) which is never good and (2) was inoperable, which is self-explanatory. Both of which determine a stage IV diagnosis thereby minimizing one's options. Ergo, my prognosis. Yet here I am, nearly eight years later, anticipating the results of my next CT Scan to learn whether I've been given another reprieve or another reminder of why I was diagnosed stage IV in the first place: tumor growth and/or movement.

Somehow, I must ignore the facts and the statistics, ignore the reality; and as Andy Dufresne said to "Red" in "The Shawshank Redemption:" Get busy living or get busy dying." Which as you regular readers know is what I try to do, or at least write like I try to do. And to friends and family, it appears to be what I'm doing. However, in my head, six days away from learning my fate (at least for the next three months until my next CT Scan/brain MRI), I am not exactly 'living' it. I'm stuck, more or less, between "why worry" and "what if?" As a consequence, I can't get out of my own way, sort of; heck, I can barely get out of other people's way.

Don't get me wrong. I'm not moping around "woeing-is-me;" that's not my nature. But I am having some difficulty deluding myself into thinking (living) that the next few days are somehow a random-type meaningless occurrence that will have no bearing on my life. Quite the contrary, it's everything. There's no more important time in my life than waiting for the results of the varying diagnostic tests that I have. And though I remain mostly asymptomatic now, (last week's column: "Slippery Hope" notwithstanding), I was also asymptomatic (generally speaking) when I was first diagnosed in February 2009. Consequently, feeling nothing does not provide the same comfort and joy as you might think. Granted, feeling symptoms would be worse. But considering that over the years feeling/not feeling symptoms have both lead to encouraging and discouraging results, I'm not comforted by anything until after my oncologist tells me if my warranty has been extended.

Feeling something, feeling nothing; I never know what to feel except fear — of the unknown, and for the next few days, my future is what's unknown. Living through that is always a challenge. If I've convinced readers and friends and family otherwise, all the better. Personally speaking, it's only easy writing and talking about it. Living it is another story entirely.

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CALENDAR

Send announcements to www.connectionnewspapers.com/Calendar/. The deadline is noon on Friday. Photos/artwork encouraged.

THURSDAY/JAN. 19

Artist's Critique Group at Greater Reston Arts Center 7 - 9:30 p.m. Call to local artists: Bring 1-2 recent artworks to the gallery for a group discussion and critique. Limited space. 703-471-9242 restonarts.org

THURSDAY & SATURDAY/JAN. 19 & 21

"Broadway Bound." Herndon High School Presents "Broadway Bound," featuring songs from West Side Story, Newsies, A Chorus Line, In the Heights, Rock of Ages, Little Women and many more. Herndon High School auditorium, Thursday and Saturday at 7:30 p.m. Tickets: \$10 at the door, \$5 for students and seniors.

SATURDAY/JAN. 21

Living with Arthritis Seminar 2 p.m. Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive. Join Dr. Mark P. Madden from Reston Regional Hospital Center to learn about the major types of arthritis and their treatment options, and what you can do to manage pain and preserve joint function, mobility and your quality of life. Adults only. Cost: Free. Please register online at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library

NextStop's Theater Presents Much Ado About Nothing 7 p.m. NextStop's Theater 269 Sunset Park Drive Herndon, VA 20170. The Shakespeare tale of Beatrice and Benedick, the original romantic comedy. The pair are locked in a constant battle of wits and share a mutual disdain for love. Cost: \$25 - average per ticket. www.nextstoptheatre.org/contact/

SUNDAY/JAN. 22

Springtime in Winter 2 - 4 p.m. 11400 Washington Plaza, Reston. Reception for a collaborative exhibit of poets, painters, and musicians, featuring readings and music created to complement the works of eight artists. The exhibit will remain on display through February 22. 703-930-5214 mikemaggio@mikemaggio.net

TUESDAY/JAN. 24

INOVA Blood Drive 12 - 7 p.m. beside Pavilion. Schedule appointments at 1.866.256.6372 or inova.org/donateblood. On-site registration.

WEDNESDAY/JAN. 25

Meet Me at the Movies - Senior Movie Day at Bow Tie Cinemas



PHOTO BY TRACI J. BROOKS STUDIOS/COURTESY OF NEXTSTOP THEATRE
From left — Kari Ginsberg (Beatrice) and Brittany Martz (Hero) in NextStop Theatre's 'Much Ado About Nothing' by William Shakespeare.

'Much Ado About Nothing' at NextStop Theatre

NextStop Theatre's production of "Much Ado About Nothing" by William Shakespeare at 269 Sunset Park Drive, Sunset Business Park, Herndon. Performances Jan.19 to Feb. 12, 2017. Fridays at 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 21 at 7 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 28 at 8 p.m. Saturdays, Feb. 4 and Feb. 11 at 2 p.m. & 8 p.m. Sundays, Jan. 22, Feb. 5 and Feb. 12 at 2 p.m., Jan.29 at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Tickets \$35. Call Ovation Tickets at 866-811-4111, or visit www.nextstoptheatre.org

Doors open at 9:15. Reston Association presents "The Hollars." Refreshments and door prizes provided prior to movie. Free to 55+. Information: Ashleigh@reston.org 703-435-6530 reston.org

SATURDAY/JAN. 28

In Their Own Words Women successfully reentering the community after incarceration, 10 a.m. to noon at Refraction (Reston Town Center). Featured speakers: Clients of Friends of Guest House. Education program from the Giving Circle of HOPE & Reston-Herndon Branch of AAUW. Free to attend. Free parking. RSVP to info@givingcircleofhope.org

Cooking Class at Il Fornaio 12 - 2 p.m. Includes three-course luncheon with wine and recipes. \$55. Tax and gratuity not included. Reservations: 703-437-5544 banquets.reston@ilfo.com

Rock & Roll Art and "Cerphe's Up" Book Signing at ArtInsights 2 - 5 p.m. Meet legendary DC DJ Cerphe Colwell, signing his new book, "Cerphe's Up," and see an exhibit of rock & roll musician art on display all through January until February 6. 703-478-0778 artinsights.com

ONGOING

Shepherd's Center of Oakton Vienna Caregivers Support Group Meetings are the first and third Thursdays of every month, i.e. January 19th, 2017 from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Join us at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Fairfax (UUCF) - Program Building, 2709 Hunter Mill Rd, Oakton. All caregivers are welcome to come for support anytime. For more info contact facilitator, Jack Tarr, 703-821-6838, jtarr5@verizon.net Lynn Rafferty, 703-508-1365 radmom8992@gmail.com

All-comers Group Fun Run at Potomac River Running Every Tuesday and Thursday, 6:30 p.m. For beginners or competitive runners, come out for a free, fun, low-key run that's safe and social. 703-689-0999 potomacriverrunning.com

NextStop's Shakespeare "Much Ado About Nothing" Jan. 19 - Feb. 12

NextStop Theatre 269 Sunset Park Drive, Herndon. Tickets at: www.NextStopTheatre.org 866-811-4111

"A Bird in the Hand" through spring 2017 Reston Town Square Park, 11990 Market Street, Reston Town Center. See and explore Patrick

Dougherty's monumental public art sculpture made from tree saplings. Presented by GRACE in collaboration with IPAR. 703-471-9242 restonarts.org

PenFed Realty Hosts Sievers'

Paintings during January 2017 at the office of PenFed Realty, 1886 Metro Center Dr. Reston. The exhibit is free and the office is open to visitors Monday through Friday from 9:00 am - 5:00 pm. Visit the LRA web site at www.leagueofrestonartists.org for more information on this and other events.

Little Hands Preschool Art Class at Greater Reston Arts Center

Saturdays, January 7 - 28, 10 - 11 a.m. Introducing young children to art by having them explore new artwork, materials, and skills each week. Four weeks of classes cost: \$80 for Reston residents, \$120 non-residents. 703-471-9242 restonarts.org

Exercise for Parkinson's Every Monday, 1:15 - 2:15 p.m. Reston Sport&health, 11445 Isaac Newton Square, Reston. This program brings together people impacted by Parkinson's Disease to participate in various physical exercises aimed at improving posture, balance and circulation and increasing strength, muscle control and mobility. Free. parkinsonsfoundation.org. ckacenga@sportandhealth.com 703-621-4148.

Teen and Adult Art Classes

ArtSpace Herndon Every Monday from 5:30 - 8:30 p.m. 750 Center Street, Herndon. Drawing and Mixed Media with Melanie Stanley - During Fall and Winter of 2016. Cost: \$45/class. The class will use a variety of techniques for drawing, painting, mark making, and collage using fine arts tools and materials. Students will be taken down a creative path to learn to use drawing tools and brushes more effectively. Register by emailing Melanie, and she will send you the supply list and payment options/information: ridingfree2@gmail.com. 703-956-9560. www.artspaceherndon.com

All-comers' Group Fun Run at Potomac River Running.

Tuesdays and Thursdays. Reston Town Center, 11900 Market Street, Reston. For beginners or competitive runners, come out for a fun, low-key run that is safe and social. For more information, call 703-689-0999 <https://potomacriverrunning.com>.

Herndon Regional Wind Ensemble Practice.

Every Tuesday 7-9 p.m. through May. Herndon Middle School, 901 Locust St., Herndon. For advanced high school students, college students, and adults who play a brass, woodwind or percussion instrument. 703-904-4800 HerndonRegionalWindEnsemble@gmail.com Cost: Free

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All Traffic Solutions Opens New Herndon Headquarters

Herndon Mayor Lisa Merkel cuts the ribbon next to All Traffic Solutions CEO Jim Weaver on Tuesday, Jan. 10. Weaver's company, which develops cloud-based traffic management solutions for law enforcement, transportation and smart cities, established its corporate headquarters in the town of Herndon. The company has invested more than \$100,000 to establish its new headquarters operation in Fairfax County. The new 4,336-square-foot facility is located at Worldgate Centre. The company plans to add 25 employees in 2017 and create up to 86 new jobs over the next three years. The Virginia Economic Development Partnership will support the company's new job creation through the state-funded Virginia Jobs Investment Program, which provides consultative services and funding to companies creating new jobs.



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