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Annandale Man Arrested for Hate-Motivated Incidents

ylan Mahone, 20, of Annandale was arrested in connection with three hate-motivated incidents, Fairfax County Police said, including a pair overnight on April 11 at the Jewish Community Center of Northern Virginia and the Little River United Church of Christ.

Mahone was identified through a joint investigation with the Northern Virginia Community College Police into anti-Semitic flyers that had been posted around one of the campuses.

Video obtained by detectives of at least one of the incidents, police said, led to a positive identification of the suspect. He was charged with two counts each of felony destruction of property, placing a swastika on religious property with the intent to intimidate and wearing a mask in public to conceal one's identity.

For the NVCC alleged offenses, Mahone was charged twice more: one count of felony destruction of property and one count of wearing a mask in public to con-



Photo courtesy of Fairfax County Police On April 13, Fairfax County Police public relations bureau director Julie Parker (center) announces the arrest of Dylan Mahone of Annandale in connection with three hate-motivated incidents at the Jewish Community Center of Virginia and Little River United Church of Christ.

ceal one's identity. FCPD public relations bureau director Julie Parker said there could still be addi-

tional charges filed in the case. Speaking from the Jewish Community Center "The J" at an April 13 press confer-

"This horrific event is just something we will not tolerate in Fairfax County, or in this country." - Police Chief Edwin Roessler

ence to announce the arrest, police chief Edwin Roessler said, "this horrific event is just something we will not tolerate in Fairfax County, or in this country."

Roessler praised the work of detectives, with help from community engagement, to bring about an arrest within 48 hours.

The message for anyone who commits hate crimes in Fairfax County, Roessler said: "We will arrest you."

- Tim Peterson

Caring By Calling

PRS CareRing helps people aged 65 and older in Fairfax County to "age in place."

> By Fallon Forbush The Connection

ilary Crockett dials the next person on her list. It's a Friday morning around 10 o'clock and she wakes the woman on the other end from sleep.

She proceeds to ask if she had eaten breakfast and if she had any plans for the day. She is told that a caretaker would be coming to the home soon.

"She sounded very content," said Crockett, who is a stay-at-home mom with older children.

Her conversation with the woman was quick and humdrum-routine.

She moves on to the next person on her list. This time, she does not get an answer. She makes another attempt 10 minutes later.

She gets an answer this time.

"You start to know their routines," she said. Crockett asks her if she had taken her medication. She is told that she has ice packs on her legs, as her doctor recommended, because they "give her problems sometimes."

She wants to feel better so she can attend her she can head to the bank and work on Medicaid tion." paperwork.

TODAY IS A GOOD DAY for this call recipient, though she has been very anxious and overwhelmed on other days, according to Crockett.

Crockett is making her calls sitting in the base-

ment below the Virginia Hospital Center's Urgent Care facility on South Carlin Spring Road in Arlington. This is where PRS, Inc. runs its crisis and suicide prevention hotline.

While the hotline is accustomed to helping callers with emotional trauma, family crises and suicide prevention, Crockett is helping the organization with a new endeavor. She is a volunteer of CareRing 2.0, a program that provides regular outbound telephone calls to older Fairfax County residents who are isolated

PRS CareRing clients will receive daily or bi-weekly calls from trained volunteers like Crockett.

"It's a neat service," Crockett said. "People are mostly by themselves and isolated. Having people feel that they've been heard is a rewarding experience."

There are nearly 125,000 people aged 65 and over living in Fairfax County, according to the U.S. Census Bureau's 2015 American Community Survey. That is more than 11 percent of the county's total population.

"You realize there's a lot of people struggling and a lot of people who don't want to be alone," Crockett said. "These people do not or cannot leave their prayer group. She also needs to get dressed so home, so this phone call could be their one connec-

These people are aging in place.

These are people who really don't fit the criteria for assisted living facilities.

"These are individuals who may be quite capable

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Hilarv Crockett of Falls Church has been volunteering by making phone calls for the CareRing program on Friday mornings for the past year.



Fair Winds tasting room manager Jacquelyn Olejniczak said a constant goal is for the space to be familial: "You're welcomed in the door," she said. "There's something for everyone."



From left, Rowdy Griffin of Kingstowne, Kelli Thorpe of Fairfax Station, Dane Corbin of Lake Ridge and Mike Giroux of Upper Marlboro spend time in their 'third place,' the tasting room of Fair Winds Brewing Company.

It Takes TWOS Fair Winds takes back-to-back Best Local Brewery titles.

By Tim Peterson The Connection

e thought they would be bigger — that was, before they were installed.

Standing an imposing 20 feet tall and weighing more than 50,000 pounds (fully loaded), head brewer and Burke resident Charlie Buettner said the twin stainless steel tanks Fair Winds Brewing Company just added to its Lorton operation are the embodiment of the young brewery's swift success.

"We've wanted to expand," Buettner said, "but this has been fast in two years. It's a tribute to the staff, and the liquid."

Looking at the tanks dwarfing everything else in the 12,600 square-foot brewery, Buettner is still getting used to them, and described their heft with a few choice words not fit for print.

That liquid, Buettner's characteristically clean, crisp, nautical-themed libations including the Siren's Lure hop-forward Saison style and Howling Gale India Pale Ale, has already won high praise in the beer world.

Siren's Lure was a gold medal-winner from Denver's Great American Beer Festival in 2015. And in 2016, the Fair Winds took home gold, silver and bronze medals at the Virginia Brewers Cup.

The brewery's CEO and captain Casey Jones — he served 12 years with the U.S. Coast Guard — said they of course love the accolades from experienced judges. "But what's one, two degrees cooler," the Falls Church resident said, is when consumers take the time to vote for them.

FOR THE SECOND YEAR in a row, Fair Winds recently captured first place in the "Washington City Paper" Best of D.C. reader poll for Best Local Brewery.

"That was exciting," said Jones, "that they like the product that much."

Runners-up were more established craft heavyweights Port City Brewing Company in Alexandria and 3 Stars Brewing Company

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From the paper's announcement, it quoted readers as saying of Fair Winds: "A well run veteran-owned brewery. Good selection of beer styles available. Full-flavored and high quality beers. The tap room has a fun atmosphere, open, comfortable, great for socializing, or coming with your kids. And, the food truck that parks outside is excellent."

Fair Winds opened its brewery and taproom in March 2015 with the capacity to produce 4,000 barrels annually. Last year, Jones said they moved more than 2,800 barrels out the door. With the new 120-barrel (roughly 3,600 gallons) fermentation tanks, that yearly production potential jumps to 8,160 barrels. "Standing in there, watching people in there sitting around, the taproom has become 'third place.' It's not their home, it's not their office, but something in between. To gather, relax, I'm thrilled by that." — Fair Winds Brewing Company CEO

It's truly been the rule of twos for the brewery.

Casey Jones

Since they launched, Jones said the strategy has been an aggressive one: to double the work and success of what came before, on the way to becoming a packaging brewery player in the mid-atlantic.

Some elite microbreweries such as the Alchemist in Vermont have seen success while keeping supply limited and capitalizing on a strong reputation and a little mystique. Jones said Fair Winds' philosophy, alternatively, is boosting "the ubiquity of the beer, more about access."

In their first two years, Jones said they were lucky to form a good relationship with a distributor and have made their way into a still-increasing number of retailers and chain stores. The first true, erm, home run for distribution was landing a draft cart contract at Nationals Park.

Jones said it took a year of wooing the park management team and Levy Restaurant group, but that to win the "small bite of the apple" of being sold at alternating home stands is, in a word, "huge." As in, those sales alone more than double Fair Winds performance around D.C. for the same period. The philosophy of accessibility is consistent in the Lorton tasting room as well, where Jones said the bottom line is Fair Winds is selling a social product. Whether patrons want to chill out and banter with the bartender or geek out with them over hop styles and brewing techniques, "we'll meet you where you are," he said.

Tasting room manager Jacquelyn Olejniczak said constant goal is for the space to be familial: "You're welcomed in the door," she said. "There's something for everyone."

The national Craft Brewers Conference having just wrapped in Washington, D.C. was a reminder of the exponential growth of craft beer as a business venture. Around the country, two breweries are opening each day. Since Fair Winds started, the total number has jumped from 3,000 to 5,200.

IN GENERAL, and in that market, Jones said it's difficult to keep expanding. To do so, they've continued to invest in infrastructure (including the twin behemoths), invest in people, and in processes, including quality control such as testing for yeast viability and dissolved oxygen content. They've had to dump beer before sending it to market, because first impressions are one place where the rule of twos doesn't apply.

"It's awesome to be able to execute your dream... in a way that's accepted by people," Jones said. "We're thrilled our taproom does numbers two years into our existence that are two and a half, to three and a half times what we did when we opened our doors."

But it's never just been about the numbers for him.

"Standing in there, watching people in there sitting around," Jones said, "the taproom has become 'third place.' It's not their home, it's not their office, but something in between. To gather, relax, I'm thrilled by that."

So maybe it's the rule of threes after all.

Fair Winds Brewing Company is located at 7000 Newington Road, Suites K & L, in Lorton. For more information, visit www.fairwindsbrewing.com.

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of living in their own homes, keeping their homes and affording their own homes, but there is concern that they may be more vulnerable for exploitation or neglect, or maybe their faculties are good but not completely in place to remember to make payments on their bills and stuff like that," said Laura Mayer, the CareRing program director. "What we're looking to do is provide a service that is for those individuals who are not ready yet to need supportive care."

The goal of the program is to enhance aging in place by addressing social and emotional needs, providing medication reminders, helping prevent exploitation and neglect, and providing a simple connection with others.

"We often get adult children who are looking to find other resources to support their aging parents who are concerned because they may not be able to check on them every day," Mayer said. "We give them peace of mind that their mom or dad is being checked on regularly."

This also gives clients peace of mind because, a lot of times, older adults don't want to have to rely on their children for support, according to Mayer.

"They don't want to make their kids worry, so having a third party to do that puts less of a burden on their kids," Mayer said.

The calls are free for county residents, as the program is fully funded through a new two-year grant from the county's Consolidated Community Funding Pool program. This program funds organizations to provide human services or affordable housing development for the county.

"We were really lucky to get funding and it is unusual, but the gap is so great for older adults in the county," Mayer said.

Mary Havers, the CareRing supervisor, makes calls daily.

"I get to know these people and they're surface-level friends," said Havers. "I know how they're doing. I know how their dog is. I know when they went to the vet and I know when they went to the doctor. I know that they went and bought a new hat the other day and they're really excited about that."

Their emotions, and excitement, transfer onto her.

"Sometimes I'll be walking down the halls and I'll be super excited," she said. "People will be like, 'Why are you excited?' And I'll be like, 'Ken just got a hat!' So, it's really rewarding for me because I get to hear everybody's stories and it's positive for the most part."

Primary care physicians and faith communities often refer people to the program, according to Mayer, but individuals may also refer themselves.

The program can support up to 40 people in the program and spots are still available.

FOR INFORMATION about enrolling or referring someone who is at least 60 years old and is aging in place in Fairfax County for the CareRing 2.0 program, visit www.prsinc.org/crisislink/services/carering or call 703-516-6769.

PRS is also looking for more volunteers to help make phone calls for the CareRing program. Those interested can apply online at www.prsincvolunteers. applicantpro.com/jobs/ 500945.html.



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OPINION Mother's Day The Connection is seeking submissions for its annual photo gallery.

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in the photo, the approximate date, describe what is happening in the photo and include your name, address, email address and phone number. We will not print your full address or contact information.

You can upload photos and information directly to www.connectionnewspapers.com/ mothersday/ or email to editors@connection

Immediately after we publish our Mother's Day photo galleries, we will begin to ask for submissions for our annual Father's Day galleries. Each year we seem to receive many more photos for Father's Day.

We've always been curious whether that is because it is the second of the set so readers are more aware or because mothers are more likely to send in images of the fathers in their life.

Throughout the year, we ask for community submissions. Twice a year we ask you to tell us stories about your pets and how they have come into, touched and left your lives.

In late summer, we invite readers to share

what they know about their community for neighbors and newcomers alike.

And wrapping up the year, we gather writing and art from local students to fill our holiday edition. Each year, through an enormous effort by area teachers and school staff we receive more material than is possible to publish for most of our 15 editions.

In addition, regular contributions to our entertainment calendars, community bulletin boards, school notes, and business notes help us to share news in your community. We also always welcome photos and captions from community organizations (Scouts, sports teams, faith groups, school activities, etc.) and local businesses.

Letters to the Editor

County Economy Poised for Continued Growth

To the Editor:

The April 12 article, "Uncertainty Amid Growth," might have left readers wondering about the strength and future of Fairfax County's economy.

Much of the uncertainty arises from concerns about the direction of the federal budget, because many employers in Fairfax County and northern Virginia are involved in government contracting. However, more than two-thirds of the federal procurement dollars won by Fairfax County companies in fiscal 2016 involve three departments for which President Trump has indicated he would seek increased funding: Defense, Homeland Security and Veterans Affairs.

For that reason and others, I think the Fairfax County economy is poised for continued development. In 2016, the Fairfax County Economic Development Authority worked with 194 companies that added nearly 7,500 jobs to the county economy. Many of those companies are in the professional and technical industry sectors that will generate the most prosperity for the community.

Just since the beginning of 2017 the Fairfax County Economic Development Authority has announced several companies that are eligible to receive their Social are adding hundreds of jobs here. Some, like Favor TechConsulting or IOMAXIS, focus on work with ments have been going on for federal customers. Others such as All Traffic Solutions and Global Guardian, focus on private-sector customers. This is the hallmark of

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working in a variety of sectors and for a variety of customers and finding the kind of skilled talent they need to thrive. This kind of eco-

nomic diversity is what every community longs to attain. This work is never done, of course. In addition to Fairfax County's traditional business strengths, my office has targeted cybersecurity, data analytics and translational medicine as industry sectors with great growth potential here. The foundation is firmly in place to help Fairfax County achieve even greater economic stability and prosperity in the years

> Gerald L. Gordon, Ph.D. President and CEO Fairfax County Economic **Development Authority Tysons Corner**

Shocking Pension Practices

To the Editor:

ahead.

The April 13-19, 2017 issue of The Connection, included an article by Pat Herrity, Supervisor (R-Springfield) Fairfax Board of Supervisors, "Past Time for Pension Reform in Fairfax County." It was a shock to learn that Fairfax County pays a second pension in form of a "pre-social security supplement" to those employees who decide to retire before they Security entitlements.

Mr. Herrity tells us these paymany years adding 6 percent tax dollars to the the Fairfax County payroll and its yearly budget. This form of generosity makes Fairfax a mature economy: companies the only county that pays its retirees a second supplemental pension. No other county, state or federal governmental entity pays their employees, who decide on their own to retire early, an additional check until they reached the age to qualify for social security pay. We need new leadership representing us here in Fairfax County. And it starts with electing a new chairperson of the Fairfax Board of Supervisors.

> Ronald L. Baker Springfield

County Fiction* is Fact

To the Editor:

One may view fiction* as fact only if the asterisk note identifies fiction as fact. Fairfax County in its financial tables used wrong data dates on unfunded pension liabilities (UPL), except its tables often did not even include an asterisk.

Fairfax County's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) for fiscal year 2016 shows misleading dates. The table on page 90, e.g., wrongly identifies the UPL date as "6/30/2016" - with no footnote. Embedded in 78 pages of notes is an identification of reported UPL as being "reported with a one year lag." Thus, reported UPL dates, in fact, covered the prior year.

In its 11/18/2016 release, the County CAFR 2016 covers five main pension plans. All responsible public entities have good fiscal data available within three months of the reporting period. Oddly, this CAFR 2016 did not report actual 6/30/2016 UPL data. At least, it should report correct dates for data in all its tables rather than explain actual reporting dates in separate notes.

Such misleading reporting impacts pension understandings. While the County reported UPL on 6/30/2016 as \$4.8 billion, they actually were \$5.6 billion according to five pension CAFRs. The FY 2016 increase in UPL was an unsustainable \$0.8 billion-instead of the County reported \$0.6 billion-despite 2016 cash contributions of \$0.5 billion.

One may ask County officials why reported dates for County UPL data were misleading. More importantly, all future County financial reports should identifyaccurately and transparently-UPL at the end of reported years.

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Weighing Long-Term Benefits of Summer Camp

Camp experiences can enhance social and psychological development, say experts.

By Marilyn Campbell

s the end of the school year draws near, so does the beginning of summer camp experiences. Child development experts say that summer camps offer more than just fun; they present opportunities for emotional, social and psychological growth and development.

"Summer camps provide children with a sense of community where they can feel safe and learn through first-hand experiences, said Stacie Gottlieb, director, Bullis Summer Programs at Bullis School in Potomac, Md. "Within this setting, campers develop a sense of independence as they try new adventures in an environment different from the norm."

Children benefit from the nurturing structure of a summer camp in a way that is different from the structure they get during a school year, says Jim Supple, associate dean of students and director of Summer Programs at St. Stephen's & St. Agnes School in Alexandria. "Summer camps allow children to be children," he said. "They allow them to make new friends, try new things, and learn how to be part of a group. These are attributes of camps that will promote not only healthy interaction among peers, but also building a healthy image of what type of child they want to be."

A summer camp where children engage in new and memorable activities will sow seeds for learning during the upcoming academic year, said Shannon Melideo, Ph. D. associate dean of the School of Education & Human Services and associate professor of education at Marymount University. "For example, if your child's summer camp takes a field trip to a historical site that your son finds fascinating and then during the school year, the teacher introduces [the] same historical events and location, he has schema for the lessons. He is more likely to participate, learn more, be better prepared to read his social studies textbook, and even perform better on the exam.'

"Summer camp can be a terrific opportunity to grow your child's sense of competence and mastery over something that they love," added Carolyn Lorente, Ph.D., professor of psychology, Northern Virginia Community College. "By picking a camp where your child has an interest, they can

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be mentored in a passion in ways that a typical school day often can't."

When selecting a camp, Melideo advises parents to consider a complete picture of their child. "For example, while your daughter, Sophia loves softball, find a summer camp where she can refine [her] batting and pitching skills and engage with books, perform in skits, play math games, and try something new," she said.

A child's social skills can be boosted at camps which provide children with opportunities to make new friends or nurture existing friendships, says Colleen K. Vesely, Ph. D., assistant professor of Early Childhood Education and Human Development at George Mason University. "Developing new social and cognitive skills outside the physical walls and social boundaries of school can help promote healthy self-esteem in children, while spending time in nature can boost children's overall health and wellbeing." Camps offer an opportunity for children to gain skills that lead to independence. "For older children, over 8-plus years old, typically, sleep away camp offers opportunities to develop independence and self-reliance by providing children with space to navigate daily life away from the directing of parents but under the guidance of trusted adults," said Vesely.

For some parents, there are mixed emotions around enrolling a child in camp. "Sometimes working parents feel guilty for enrolling their children in summer camps because of the need for child care during the work day," said Ivy Beringer, Ed.D., professor of Early Childhood Education and Dean for Social and Professional Sciences at Northern Virginia Community College. "However, children are usually very excited to attend summer camps. This is especially true if the children have input into the camp selection."

"Summer camps allow for continuous learning that extends beyond the regular school year [and] provide a relaxed atmosphere that stimulates their brains for creative learning without the assessment anxiety that often accompanies school classroom learning," said Beringer. "[Summer camp] enhances self-esteem by offering special interest learning in small group situations and often with a lower adult-student ratio in school settings."

"A mother recently called me with a concern that her son only wanted to attend soccer camps this summer and she felt this was too limited of an experience," continued Beringer. "My response to her was that if he was interested in improving his soccer skills she should view this in a positive light. After all, he will be outdoors in the fresh air and sunshine everyday, exercising his body, and enhancing skills in a sport he loves. What's not good about that choice?"

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Honored for Entrepreneurship

Students from the Lake Braddock Secondary School chapter of Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) recently participated in a weekend leadership training conference held April 7-9 in Virginia Beach. Pictured here, these students were awarded in the Nutrition and Wellness category: Kaitlyn Sam, on the right, a senior, James Brandow, seventh grade and Maria Herbas, senior on left, received first place medal and trophy for Entrepreneurship.

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RTR Team Robotics #2421 at the VA/DC/MD District Championships, from left: Standing: Dylan Shoemaker (WSHS), Christos Roulidis (WSHS), Zach Polnow (Co-Captain, LBSS), Zach Wade (LBSS), Trey Cluff (Co-Captain, WSHS), Maria Euripides (LBSS), Christian Crawford (Homeschool); Kneeling: Eric Smith (LBSS), Seth Rothstein (LBSS), MinhTu Tran (WSHS), the robot VULCAN, Andrea Hatcher (LBSS), and JR Davis (WSHS); In Front: Julian Stapleton (LBSS). Not Present: Sam Sofge (LBSS), Veronica Grant (LBSS), Robert Quinn (LBSS), Ben Durkee (LBSS), Jason Lee (LBSS), Edward Liu (LBSS), Josh Piel (LBSS), Brandon Vaca (LBSS), Andrew Watson (LBSS), Athan Rodgers (WSHS), Joseph Carley (WSHS), and Gurinder Singh (WSHS).

Springfield, Burke Robotics Takes on the World

First-ever World Championship invitation for Springfield-Burke RTR Team Robotics.

TR Team Robotics earned their very first invitation to the FIRST World Championships in St. Louis 26-29 April. FIRST (For Inspiration & Recognition of Science and Technology) estimates that the World Championship will have more than 65,000 attendees watching 30,000 youth from 1,394 teams representing 39 countries.

RTR Team Robotics is a community-based FIRST robotics competition team accepting students from all educational environments (public, private and homeschoolers). Many robotics teams have high school sponsorship, including several other local teams who were also invited to the world stage: Teams 1418 (Vae Victus, Falls Church HS), 1855 (ILITE, Battlefield HS), 4456 (St. Johns College HS, DC), and 5243 (Centreville HS) are all scheduled to compete.

RTR's sponsorship comes from national and community organizations: Federal Acquisition Strategies, NASA, BAE Systems, Boeing, Springfield Plaza LLC, SoftTech, and the Air Force Officers' Spouses Club of Washington DC. They have dedicated adult mentors who monitor and advise the students, supportive parents, and their own drive to learn hard.

Team 2421 RTR Team Robotics will be 10 Burke Connection April 20-26, 2017



Getting ready to compete, from left: Seth Rothstein (LBSS), MinhTu Tran (WSHS), Josh Piel (LBSS) and Zach Wade (LBSS).

sending 11 students, two mentors and two parents to the event and could use the community's support to help them get there. For more information visit www.rtr2421.org or email FIRST2421@gmail.com.

Burke Man Sentenced to 115 Years for Armed Robberies

n April 14, Burke resident Larry Pyos, 35, received a sen tence of 115 years in prison for multiple armed robberies charges involving Fairfax County and Falls Church businesses. The announcement came from U.S. Attorney Dana Boente's office.

Pyos was indicted for conspiracy, armed robbery, using firearms in committing robberies and being a felon in possession of firearms. He shot at employees in two of his spree's robberies. The offenses began Christmas Eve 2015 when Pyos robbed Good Fortune Supermarket in Falls Church. In Springfield, Pyos robbed the Shri Krishna grocery store, Dollar Power store and Ding How Carryout.

Additional robberies included the Hong Kong Palace Restaurant in Falls Church in April 2016 and a McLean Subway sandwich shop in May 2016.

Pyos was arrested May 11, 2016 and found guilty by a federal jury on Oct. 20, 2016. His girlfriend and co-conspirator bought the handguns Pyos used in the crimes, the announcement said. She previously pleaded guilty to charges related to Pyos' robberies.

— Tim Peterson

Walk to End Sexual Assault Is Set for April 29

The Fairfax County Police Department joins the Office for Women and Domestic and Sexual Violence Services (OFWDSVS), along with other community partners in observing April as Sexual Assault Awareness Month. The commemorative month began in 2001 to recognize and remember those impacted by sexual assault violence, as well as those who strive to end it.

In 2016, the police department received 276 reports of sexual assault — an increase of 16.95 percent compared to 2015: 147 of these crimes (53.26 percent) have been successfully closed, but that's an average of nearly 23 a month, close to one a day — according to FCPD Media Relations Bureau. Many incidents, however, are believed to go unreported, so FCPD is helping to raise

School Notes

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Benjamin Levenson, of Burke, was named to the dean's list for fall 2016 at Seton Hall University (South Orange, N.J.).

William Gregorits and Thomas Gregorits, of Burke, were named to the dean's list for fall 2016 at University of the Sciences (Philadelphia, Pa.).

Danielle Kats, of Burke, has been named to the 2016 fall semester dean's list at Lafayette College (Easton, Pa.).

Taryn Falkenstein, of Burke, was named to the fall 2016 semester dean's list at Ithaca College's (Itaca, NY).

Megan A. Hart, of Burke, has been named to the dean's list at Clemson University (Clemson, S.C.) for the fall 2016 semester.

Savannah Bolton, of Fairfax Station, made the 2016 fall semester dean's list at Stevenson University (Owings Mills, Md.).

Tehan Dassanayaka, of Burke, a secondyear biomedical engineering major, has received an undergraduate research award at the University of Virginia.

was recognized at the Virginia DECA State Leadership Conference held March 3-5 in Virginia Beach.

Charles Pritz, of Lake Braddock Secondary,

Thomas Boudreaux, of Burke, has made

community awareness in a number of ways. For the first time, police vehicles, along with fleets from the county Fire and Rescue Department and Sheriff's Office, will display teal ribbon magnets as a symbol of remembrance and support of those who have suffered sexual assault.

On April 29, the OFWDSVS hosts the 3rd Annual Stop the Silence, Walk to End Sexual Violence starting at 10:30 a.m. at the Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway, in Fairfax. Participants can walk in honor of one of the 276 victims who reported a sexual assault in Fairfax County in 2016. A resource fair will be held after the walk. The first 100 participants who register will receive a free T-shirt. For more events this month, visit www.fairfaxdvcommunity.org/saam.

the dean's list at High Point University (High Point, N.C.) for the fall 2016 semester.

Timothy Johns Gleason, of Springfield, was named to the dean's list at Clemson University (Clemson, S.C.) for the fall 2016 semester.

Thomas Harwood Meiller, of Springfield, was named to the dean's list at Clemson University (Clemson, S.C.) for fall 2016.

Heather M. Berg, of Springfield, was named to the Clemson University (Clemson, S.C.) president's list for the fall 2016 semester.

Melissa Leigh Pratt, of Springfield, was named to the Clemson University (Clemson, S.C.) president's list for the fall 2016 semester.

Jad Ibrahim, from Springfield, graduated from Davenport University (Grand Rapids, Mi.) at the end of the fall 2016 semester.

Sierra Gleason and **Tania Kazi**, of Lee High School, were recognized at the Virginia DECA State Leadership Conference held March 3-5 in Virginia Beach.

James Mosteller, of Springfield, was part of a team of undergraduates from Worcester Polytechnic Institute (Worcester, Mass.) who were recently recognized as the third runner-up for the President's IQP Award for participating in a project titled "Evaluating the Need for a Consumer Focused Smoke Alarm Performance System in Washington, D.C."

Madeline N. Gabriel, of Springfield, made the Seattle Pacific University (Seattle, Wa.) 2016 autumn quarter dean's list.



Photo contributed

The day-long Officer Down Memorial Ride is meant to honor law enforcement officers who have died in the line of duty, and raise awareness of officers giving their lives while serving. Here officers lay a wreath during the 2016 event.

Officer Down Memorial Ride to Be Held April 22

airfax-based non-profit Officer Down Memorial Page will host its sixth annual Officer Down Memorial Ride event April 22, centered around a 60-mile motorcycle trek.

The day-long event is meant to

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airfax-based non-profit of \$100,000, live music, raffles Officer Down Memorial and a Police motor unit demon-Page will host its sixth stration are also planned for April annual Officer Down 22.

> According to Officer Down Memorial Page, there are more than 22,000 law enforcement officers who have died in the line of duty.

> The sixth annual Officer Down Memorial Ride is scheduled for April 22 in Haymarket, Va. For more information, visit officerdownmemorialride.com.

> > — Tim Peterson



In addition to the ride, which has seen more than 2,000 riders in past years and raised in excess of \$100,000, live music, raffles and a Police motor unit demonstration, like this one from 2016, are also planned for April 22.

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Entertainment

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ONGOING

- "Cherry Blossom Kimonos." Through April 30 at the Workhouse Arts Center, Building 9, 9518 Workhouse Way, Lorton. The kimonos show is part of a campuswide celebration of cherry blossom events in the region, titled "Late Bloomers." Visit www.workhousearts.org/event/
- exhibit-late-bloomers/ for more. **"The Late Wedding."** Various times through May 7, at the John Swayze Theatre at the New School of Northern Virginia, 9431 Silver King Court, Fairfax. A play by Christopher Chen that is both a spy thriller and a sci-fi love story. Visit www.thehubtheatre.org for more.
- Adventures in Learning. Each Wednesday through May 10, 9:15 a.m.-1 p.m. at United Baptist Church, 7100 Columbia Pike, Annandale. Each Wednesday starts with gentle seated yoga at 9:15. Lectures from healthcare experts from 10:45-11:45. Discussion group 12-1 p.m. \$35 for all six weeks or \$10 each. Call SCAS 703-941-1419 or visit at
- shepherdscenter-annandale.org. Senior Line Dancing 1-2 p.m. Little River Glen Senior Center 4001 Barker Court, Fairfax. Line Dancing is a gentle, social form of aerobic activity. Studies have shown it aids in warding off Alzheimer's disease. No previous experience needed. Cost: \$5 per 8 week session. barbriba@ hotmail.com 703-524-3739
- 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. 7 p.m. Every Friday. Fairfax Volunteer Fire Department, 4081 University Drive, Fairfax. Free coffee, entertaining callers, \$1,000 jackpot (with breaks for smoking friends). www.fairfaxvd.com. 703-273-3638.

THURSDAY/APRIL 20

Quilt Restoration. 10:15 a.m. at the Fairfax Antique Arts Association,



Spotlight

The 32nd Annual Fairfax Spotlight on the Arts Festival starts on April 21 with a glittering evening at Old Town Hall celebrating three decades of arts in the City of Fairfax. The festival will feature live music. Visit www.fairfaxspotlight.org for more. Green Acre Senior Center, 4401 Sideburn Road, Fairfax. Presentation and samples provided by Clara Sue Ashley and Chris Young of the Quilt Shop of Mclean on the varying processes that can be used with extraordinary results. Members are encouraged to bring in family pieces. Call 703-273-6090 for more.

Artists Talk. 7:30 p.m. at George Mason University, School of Art, Room 1007, 4400 University Drive, MS 2F5, Fairfax. "Radcliffe Bailey: The Great Dismal Swamp," on view from April 21 through Aug. 18. Visit cfa.gmu.edu for more.

APRIL 20-MAY 4

Earth Day Art Exhibit. Various times at the City Hall Atrium, 10455 Armstrong St., Fairfax. The City of Fairfax Environmental Sustainability Committee will host the 2017 Earth Day Art Exhibit "Natural Causes! Exploring the impact of nature on daily lives." A mixed media show with subject or materials related to the natural and built environment by local students. Visit www.fairfaxva.gov/ for more.

APRIL 21-MAY 9

Spotlight on the Arts Festival. Various times at Old Town Hall, 3999 University Drive, Fairfax. The 32nd Annual Fairfax Spotlight on the Arts Festival starts on April 21st with a glittering evening at Old Town Hall celebrating three decades of arts in the City of Fairfax. Opening Gala, is 7 p.m., Saturday, April 29. Visit www.fairfaxspotlight.org for more.

FRIDAY/APRIL 21

Wild Horse and Burro Adoption. noon-5 p.m. at Meadowood Special Recreation Area, 10406 Gunston Road, Lorton. Preview animals and submit applications. Animals will be available for \$125 to approved adopters on a first-come, first-served basis. Visit BLM.gov or call 866-468-7826 for more.

SATURDAY/APRIL 22

- Wild Horse and Burro Adoption. 8 a.m.-4 p.m. at Meadowood Special Recreation Area, 10406 Gunston Road, Lorton. Preview animals and submit applications. Animals will be available for \$125 to approved adopters on a first-come, first-served basis. Visit BLM.gov or call 866-468-7826 for more.
- ECHO Yard Sale. 8 a.m.-noon at St. Bernadette Catholic Church Gymnasium, 7600 Old Keene Mill Road, Springfield. Collectibles, accessories and housewares to benefit Ecumenical Community Helping Others (ECHO). Call 703-239-1678 for more.
- **Earth Day Clean Up**. 10 a.m.-noon at at Daniels Run Elementary School, 3705 Old Lee Highway. Park at the school and walk over to Daniels Run Trail to help clean the trail, make bird feeders from recycled products, decorate reusable bags, learn about waste reduction. Call 703-385-1695 for more.
- Family Fun Challenge. 11 a.m-2 p.m. at Van Dyck Park, 3720 Old Lee Hwy, Fairfax. GMU Women's basketball team leads activities to promote community through children's activities, hands on science, face painting, Yoga, inflatables, and family sports challenges. At the event, we will have a Homeless Shelter Party drive to collect small gifts for children and families in need: balls, dolls, books, gift cards, jump ropes, and frisbees. Visit parties2inspire.org/ for more. "Resilience" in Community. 7-10
- p.m. at the Sherwood Center, 3740 Old Lee Hwy, Fairfax. The evening



Wild Horse and Burro Adoption

Wild horses couldn't drag you away from the Wild Horse and Burro Adoption on Friday, April 21 from noon-5 p.m. at the Meadowood Special Recreation Area, 10406 Gunston Road, Lorton. Preview animals and submit applications. Animals will be available for \$125 to approved adopters on a first-come, first-served basis. Visit BLM.gov or call 866-468-7826 for more.

will include a juried art show with works by local artists for sale, live music by local Latin-Jazz band Batida Diferente, a live charity auction, appetizers, wine and beer tastings. The event supports Britepaths' work to provide emergency and selfsufficiency services to working families in the Fairfax County area who are struggling to make ends meet. \$45. Visit britepaths.org, email info@britepaths.org or call 703-273-8829.

APRIL 22-JUNE 10

- Spring Art Classes. 9:30-10:30 a.m. at Woods Community Centre, 10100 Wards Grove Circle, Burke. Instructor Carol Zeitlin watercolor and Chinese brush painting. Visit www.czartlessons.com or call 703-
- 250-6930 for more. **Spring Art Lessons for Youth Classes.** 9:30-10:30 a.m. at Woods Community Centre, 10100 Wards Grove Circle, Burke. Instructor Carol Zeitlin, drawing and watercolor for 8 years and older. Visit www.czartlessons.com or call 703-250-6930 for more.
- Spring Art Workshop for Teens/ Adults. 10:30-12:30 p.m. at Woods Community Centre, 10100 Wards Grove Circle, Burke. Instructor Carol Zeitlin, drawing, watercolor, Chinese brush and portfolio development. Visit www.czartlessons.com or call 703-250-6930 for more.

SUNDAY/APRIL 23

- **"Peter and the Wolf."** 2-4 p.m. at the Stacy C. Sherwood Center, 3740 Old Lee Highway, Fairfax. The Washington Chamber Orchestra under the direction of Jun Kim will perform Sergei Prokofiev's "Peter and the Wolf" Visit www.fairfaxva.gov for more.
- A Film Celebrating Earth Day. 4-6 p.m. at the Stacy C. Sherwood Center, 3740 Old Lee Highway, Fairfax. Documentary "The Anthropologist" views anthropology through the lens of a pair of female anthropologists and their daughters. Visit www.fairfaxva.gov for more.

WEDNESDAY/APRIL 26

Jazz Band Concert. 7-9 p.m. at the Stacy C Sherwood Center, 3740 Old Lee Highway, Fairfax. Fairfax High

School Jazz Band. Visit www.fairfaxva.gov for more.

THURSDAY/APRIL 27

- **2017 NOVA Student Film Festival.** 6-9 p.m. at the Bisdorf Building, Room 196 at the Alexandria Campus, 5000 Dawes Ave. Northern Virginia Community College will present a number of films created by NOVA students. Free. Visit blogs.nvcc.edu/ lgebre/ for more.
- Screenagers Documentary. 7-9 p.m. at Robinson Secondary School, 5035 Sideburn Road, Fairfax. Parents and students invited to watch the documentary film "Screenagers: Growing Up in the Digital Age." Ages 10 and older. Visit www.screenagersmovie.com.

SATURDAY/APRIL 29

- Run for the Children. 8-11 a.m. at Fairfax County Courthouse Complex, 4110 Chain Bridge Road. The 7th Annual Fairfax CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) Run for the Children 8K Race and 3K Run/Walk will be held in historic Fairfax City, starting and ending at the Fairfax Courthouse complex on Chain Bridge Road. Visit www.fairfaxrunforthechildren.com or
- www.fairfaxcasa.org for more. **History of Pimmit Hills**. 8:30 a.m. at the City of Fairfax Regional Library, 10360 North St., Fairfax The story of Fairfax County's first government subsidized housing development. Free. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/ library or call 703-293-6227.
- Family Fun Day. 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. at Providence Community Center, 3001 Vaden Drive, Fairfax. Foster, adoptive and kinship families gather for day of activities and learning at Spring Forward Family Fun Day. Dr. Bruce Thyer, professor at Florida State University and author of Science and Pseudoscience in Social Work discusses "What Really Works and What Doesn't for Tough Kids." visit
- www.FormedFamiliesForward.org or call 703-539-2904 for more. **Gilbert and Sullivan.** 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m. (forum), 8 p.m. start (performance) at the George Mason University Fairfax Campus. Forum participants will meet in the Fenwick Library Main Reading Room, Room 2001. Performances, exhibitions, and

a forum as part of a year-long celebration of the work of Gilbert and Sullivan. Email cdevlin6@gmu.edu for more.

- **Civil War Author**. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. at Historic Blenheim and the Civil War Interpretive Center, 3610 Old Lee Highway, Fairfax. "Fairfax Civil War Day" – living history programs, infantry and cannon firings, scholarly talks, music by the 2nd South Carolina String Band, military drills, historic house tours, wagon rides, youth activities, and barbecue. Admission: \$5/adults; \$3/youth, 12 and under. Visit 703-591-0560 for more.
- **Craft and Vendor Spring Fair**. 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at Burke United Methodist Church, 6200 Burke Centre Parkway, Burke. Jewelry, fashion, home decor, kitchen, garden, gourmet, and more. Free. Visit
- www.womansclubofspringfield.org. **Fairfax Civil War Day**. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. at Historic Blenheim and the Civil War Interpretive Center, 3610 Old Lee Highway, Fairfax. Living history programs, infantry and cannon firings, scholarly talks, music by the 2nd South Carolina String Band, military drills, historic house tours, wagon rides, youth activities, and barbecue. \$5/adults; \$3/youth, 12 and under. Visit www.fairfaxva.gov.
- Walk to End Sexual Violence. 10:30 a.m. at the Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax. Participants can walk in honor of one of the victims who reported a sexual assault in Fairfax County in 2016. Visit www.fairfaxdvcommunity.org/ saam for more.
- **Tea and Tour.** 3 p.m. at Historic Pohick Church, 9301 Richmond Highway, Lorton. Living history program beginning at 4 p.m. and music will be provided by the Apollo String Quartet. \$35. Email nbsage@aol.com or call 703-339-6572.
- **U.S. Army Chorus.** 5 p.m. at Westwood Baptist Church, 8200 Old Keene Mill Road, Springfield. Beyond the traditional military music and patriotic standards, the repertoire of the Army Chorus covers a broad spectrum which includes pop, Broadway, folk, and classical music. Call 703-455-2743 for more.
- **Coffee House/Open Mic Night.** 6:30-9:30 p.m. at Calvary Hill Baptist Church, 9301 Little River Turnpike, Fairfax. Free. Music by local talent, call or text Pete at 703-955-2039 if to perform.

SUNDAY/APRIL 30

- Burke Historical Society. 3:30 p.m. at Pohick Regional Library, 6450 Sydenstricker Road, Burke. Learn about the Carrington Event of 1859. Visit www.burkehistoricalsociety.org.
- Pohick Church EYC Coffeehouse. 6-8 p.m. at Historic Pohick Church, 9301 Richmond Highway, Lorton. An evening of entertainment, snacks, coffee and hot chocolate. Performers will include youth, adults and local musicians. The event is free, but donations will go toward the Pohick Church Episcopal Youth Community Senior High Summer Mission Trip. Email rusty@pohick.org or call 703-339-6572.

SATURDAY/MAY 6

Annual Community Spring Clean. 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at RE/MAX 100, 5501 Backlick Road parking lot. Documents securely shredded on site, propane tanks, electronics, household hazardous waste safely recycled/ taken to processing facility for proper disposal. Collecting coats, blankets and sleeping bags for local charities and entertainment by the Dr. Robert Band. Free. Email mawinutley@ wesellmore.com or call 703-642-3380.

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Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) is a training program administered through the auspices of the county fire and rescue department. The training prepares residents to help themselves, their families and neighbors in the event of a disaster in their community. Through CERT, residents can learn about disaster preparedness and receive training in basic disaster response skills such as fire safety, light search and

At this time, the next available CERT Class is scheduled to begin on Monday, April 24 the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Acad-

Area Roundups

Britepaths to Host Artful Living Fundraiser

Britepaths (formerly Our Daily Bread) will host its third annual Artful Living: An Evening of Art, Wine and Strengthening Community, in association with the Fairfax Spotlight on the Arts Festival. The theme is "Resilience." The evening will include a juried art show with works by local artists for sale, live music by local Latin-Jazz band Batida Diferente, a live charity auction, appetizers, wine and beer tastings. A Britepaths Financial Mentoring client who is now self-sufficient will share her story.

The event supports Britepaths' work to provide emergency and self-sufficiency services to working families in the Fairfax County area who are struggling to make ends meet. A portion of proceeds will also benefit the Spotlight on the Arts Scholarship Fund. Artful Living takes place Saturday, April 22 from 7-10 p.m. at the Sherwood Center, 3740 Old Lee Hwy, Fairfax. Tickets are \$45 in advance through Britepaths' web site and

\$50 at the door. Information and registration is available at britepaths.org. Contact info@britepaths.org or 703-273-8829.

Lorton Station Team Goes to Odyssey of the Mind Finals

A Lorton Station Elementary Odyssey of the Mind team is heading to the World Finals after placing second in their problem at the state competition. The World Finals, will be held from May 23-May 28 at Michigan State University. Team members advancing to the World Finals are Arjun Kumar, Baylor Shier, Emily Reinert, Luis Rivera Lopez, Kody Camp, Abigail Woldgebriel, and Brent Niner. Of these members, two of the students, Arjun Kumar and Baylor Shier, are actually attending two different world competitions, one for robotics (FIRST Lego League), and Odyssey of the Mind, that focuses on creative problem-solving. A second Lorton Station team placed fifth in an equally competitive problem.

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Coffee for Campers. April is the Month of the Military Child, and to honor our nation's littlest heroes, the National Military Family Association is asking if you'll give up your coffee shop coffee and donate that extra \$5 a day to send a military kid to Operation Purple Camp. Visit www.militaryfamily.org/get-involved/donate/ coffee-for-campers.html for more.

THURSDAY/APRIL 20

- Fairfax Connector Routes Meeting. 6-8 p.m. at Laurel Hill Elementary School, 8390 Laurel Crest Drive, Lorton. Discussion of proposed Routes 321 and 322 changes. Call 703-339-7200 for more.
- College Preparation Lecture. 7-9 p.m. at Woodson High School, Room D116A-B, 9525 Main St., Fairfax. "ADHD and Preparing for the College Experience" lecture by Dr. Jon L. Thomas, LPC., part of CHADD of Northern Virginia & DC Chapter's "Understanding ADHD" Lecture Series. Free. Call 703-655-8095 for more
- Solar Workshop. 7:30 p.m. at the Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway. Learn how to go solar by partnering with the Local Energy Alliance Program. Visit www.solarizefairfaxcounty.org for more.

SATURDAY/APRIL 22

"Darwin or Design?" 11a.m.-12:30 p.m. at Harvester Church, 7800 Rolling Road, Springfield. Look at the beginning of everything and how it affects our lives. Visit www.harvester.pca.org for more

SUNDAY/APRIL 23

NOVA Summit. 11 a.m.-5:30 p.m. at Fairfax High School, 3501 Rebel Run, Fairfax. The Fairfax Democrats will hold a NOVA Summit, an effort by local Democratic committees to bring together Democrats and grassroots activists from

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across the region. Visit http:// www.fairfaxdemocrats.org for more "Creation - What's the Big Deal?" 6:30-8 p.m. at Harvester Church, 7800 Rolling Road, Springfield. Look at the beginning of everything and how it affects our lives. Visit www.harvester.pca.org for more

TUESDAY/APRIL 25

Autism Awareness Month. 7-8:30 p.m. at Dunn Loring Center for Parent Services, 2334 Gallows Road, Entrance 1 - Room 100, Dunn Loring. Glen Finland's memoir, "Next Stop," is a moving account of a family caring for a child with special needs. Finland will share her own hardwon lessons as well as strategies and insights she has learned about the individual dynamics of families who have children with special needs. Register online at bit.ly/2nLCy9s or call 703-204-3941.

THURSDAY/APRIL 27

- Autism Awareness Month. 10 a.m.-noon at Dunn Loring Center for Parent Services, 2334 Gallows Road, Entrance 1 - Room 100, Dunn Loring. Individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorder and other cognitive disabilities may not recognize danger, react well in an emergency or be able to seek help. Attend this workshop to learn safety risks for individuals with special needs, proactive steps to reduce the risk of potential dangers, information on the new Yellow Dot Program and more. Register online at bit.ly/20gNf84 or call 703-204-3941.
- U.S. Constitution Teachings. 7 p.m. at Pohick Library, 6450 Sydenstricker Road. The national, non-partisan Convention of States Project's Northern Virginia (NoVA) team will hold three Open House meetings to inform and discuss with Commonwealth voters its efforts to amend the U.S. Constitution. Visit

www.ConventionofStates.com for more.

FRIDAY/APRIL 28

Chamber Scholarship Application Deadline. For the following high schools - Edison, Hayfield, Lake Braddock, Lee, South County and West Springfield. Open to students in private schools, and those being home-schooled, as well. Completed scholarship applications are due back to the Chamber office by Friday, April 28, 2017.

Finalists will be interviewed Tuesday, May 9.

Visit springfieldchamber.org, or call 703-866-

SATURDAY/APRIL 29

3500 for more.

- **Operation Medicine Cabinet Cleanout.** 8 a.m.–2 p.m. at West Springfield District Station, 6140 Rolling Road, Springfield and Mason District Station, 6507 Columbia Pike, Annandale. Drop off unused or expired medications at a Fairfax County Police district station (pills or liquids only, no pressurized canisters or needles). Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/csb or email
- wwwcsb@fairfaxcounty.gov for more Caregiver Bootcamp: Dementia 101. 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at Insight Memory Care Center, 3953 Pender Drive, Suite 100, Fairfax. Insight offers the free Caregiver Bootcamp on essential caregiving topics. Learn from experts in their fields, and gain knowledge on the basics needed as a caregiver. Topics include a dementia overview, financial concerns, legal considerations, and community resources. Contact Christi Clark,
- Christi.Clark@InsightMCC.org, 703-204-4664 or visit InsightMCC.org. **Housing Fair.** 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Northern
- Virginia Association of Realtors, 8497 Pennell St., Fairfax. Instructional housing fair with 15minute classes, free documents shredding, vendors, and refreshments. Free parking, call 703-207-3226 or visit nvar.com/Housing Fair.

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Free Training in Basic Disaster Response Skills emy. There are two sessions each week on

CERT training is free of charge and basic

To learn more about CERT, go to http://

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To sign up, visit bit.ly/2p0WUwE.

Mondays and Wednesdays that run until May 17. The class is 28 hours in length, plus the final practical exercise. gear is provided. The minimum requirements to participate in CERT training at any level is that residents be 16 years of age or older, and either be a Fairfax County resident, or work in the county.

rescue, and disaster medical operations.

CER The next available CERT Class is

scheduled to begin on Monday,

April 24 the Fairfax County Fire

and Rescue Academy.





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Notice is hereby given that on Monday. May 1, 2017 commencing at 10:30 AM, at 5801 Rolling Road, Springfield, Virginia 22152, in order to

enforce the warehouseman's lien for storage and related services, we

will sell by Public Auction the items in the accounts of: Judith Boston,

Salim Cadet, William Cammett, TJ Dunlap, Douglas B. Hitt, Daniel Lester, New Vision Engineering Group, Thomas Pauls, Patricia Bradley

Timothy R. Doremus, DJ McMulloch, Donald Munford, Eric Fedewa

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3901 Ironwood Place, Landover, Maryland; 22455 Powers Court, Sterling, Virginia; or 5801 Rolling Road, Springfield, Virginia. All parties

Obituary

Mary Barbara Scholz passed away on Thursday April 6, 2017 at INOVA Fairfax Hospital after an

extended illness. She was predeceased by her par-

ents Fritz Joseph and Mary Elizabeth Scholz, who were lovingly cared for by Barbara, during their

health challenges. She is survived by her brother

up in Roanoke, Virginia, graduated from Mary

Barbara affectionately known as BB by family, grew

Baldwin and received a Master's Degree from the

University of Virginia. Her Career in Education took her to Germany, Oregon, Maryland and finally to

Fairfax County, Virginia, where she retired as High

School English teacher. Anyone knowing Barbara

A memorial service will be held at a later date. In

understood her passion for reading and her love for dogs, as she had many in her home and heart.

Fritz J Scholz III of Leesburg, Virginia.

Fried & Rosefelt, Lorenzo Parker, and Sam Ponniah

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