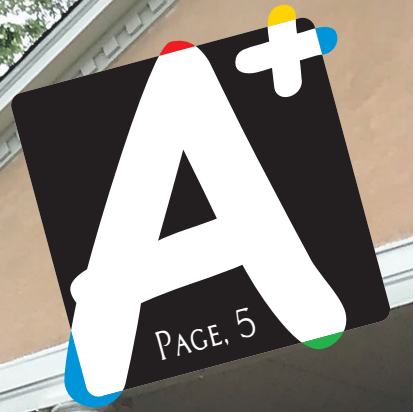


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News



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Summer Grand students rehearse Disney's *Beauty and the Beast*.

Disney's *Beauty and the Beast* on Stage in Herndon

The Herndon High School Drama Boosters Club production of Disney's *Beauty and the Beast* is in its last days of rehearsal. Summer Grand students present three performances of the family-friendly, musical adventure that follows Belle as she discovers friendship and love in unexpected places.

Samba Pathak, camp counselor and publicity for the event that involves 70 campers, said, "Working on a typical high school musical takes roughly four-to-five months to execute. However, these hard working students have one month to get this 'tale as old as time' together."

Faith Hargadon, who plays Belle, described the play as "a beautiful story of love and acceptance."

Emma Harris, who plays Mrs. Potts, called

it "a magical experience to see." She encouraged young children to sign up for the "Princess Tea" event before the matinees.

Meanwhile, in set and design, other students such as Patrick Cluff, 16 of Herndon, and William Malyszka, 13 of Herndon, worked on props. "The prop doesn't have to do anything; it just needs to look like it does." Other students worked on sound and lighting.

Held at Herndon Middle School, 901 Locust Street, the Saturday and Sunday matinee performances are July 27 and 28 at 2 p.m. The only evening performance is Saturday, July 27 at 7 p.m. Ticket are \$12 at www.herndon drama.org.

— MERCIA HOBSON

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No Workforce Housing in the Town of Herndon?

Look again.

BY MERCIA HOBSON
THE CONNECTION

The Town of Herndon is about to ride the rails of the Silver Line expansion.

Not only are there no designated workforce housing units currently in the Town of Herndon, but also none are in the pipeline, and the town's population is about to explode.

Fairfax County Department of Management and Budget forecasts Town of Herndon increasing from 7,735 housing units in 2018, to 8,826 in 2025, and to 9,794 in 2035. Meanwhile, the towns of Clifton and Vienna increase only slightly, Clifton from 88 housing units in 2018 to 89 housing units in 2035, and Vienna from 5,628 housing units in 2018 to 5,685 housing units in 2035.

CORNERSTONES, is a nonprofit organization that serves neighbors in need in northwestern Fairfax County, "an already high cost-of-living region" which includes the Town of Herndon.

"The Town of Herndon has a fair share of market-affordable housing – that is housing that is market-priced but meets the definition of housing that would be affordable based on household income," said Kerrie Wilson, CEO of Cornerstones. "In addition, there are private landlords who accept housing choice vouchers or developers like Cornerstones who have preserved and rent permanently affordable units in neighborhoods in Herndon, Reston and the Dulles corridor."

"With nearly 70 percent of Herndon's housing built before 1980 and the arrival of the two Silver Line stations, this is a critical time for the Town and Fairfax County to solicit creative options to preserve and develop new affordable homes in this area," Wilson said. "Given the anticipated growth in the workforce in the Herndon area, Herndon, and the Dranesville district of Fairfax County will need to look for opportunities to maintain the diversity of housing options, including homes that are affordable for households at lower income levels," she said.

In the Town of Herndon, there could be a mismatch between where workforce jobs are located and where affordable homes are located if consideration, education, and action are not taken by the Town in the immediate future.

According to Virginia Housing, workforce housing is housing for the occupations needed in every community- teachers, firefighters, police officers, hospital workers, restaurant workers and more. Some workforce occupations such as foodservice and retail sales are likely to be in the lower-income range, whereas workforce occupations with education or training requirements such as teachers, police officers and nurses, generally rise to median income levels and above.



The Herndon Station on the Silver Line on Metro offers opportunities which could lead to workforce housing options at the higher density Herndon Station and Innovation Station.

Many workforce individuals must choose between lengthy commutes to where there is more affordable housing or pay higher costs to live where they work.

"The blueprint for transit-oriented developments near the Herndon and Innovation Station Metro stops offer the opportunity – and increased density – that can accommodate housing that is affordable for the workforce, including people working in jobs that don't pay high wages but are critical to our economy," Wilson said.

The Town of Herndon's website shows three current residential or mixed-use development projects. They are Stanley Martin's Metro Square under construction and steps from the Herndon Metro Station; Comstock's Downtown Herndon Redevelopment project anticipated by the Town to break ground in late 2019 after land sale and "further agreements;" Penzance's 555 Herndon Parkway directly at the new Herndon Metro Station in the conceptual design stage and the South Elden Street Area Plan in the early planning stages.

Asked if any of these projects had designated workforce/affordable units, the Town of Herndon spokesperson replied, "There are no designated workforce or affordable units."

Asked if there were any means to add such housing, after the fact, meaning during the project or after the project, the Town of Herndon spokesperson replied, "No."

Why did the Town, boards and staff not request or require partnering with Fairfax County for such housing units to be included? Herndon Harbor II constructed in 2001 within the Town limits received funding in part through the Low Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) program. Thus a certain number of units were and are set aside for lower-income households.

"There is no such requirement in the town's Zoning Ordinance, nor does the town have the resources to administer and track the on-going operations associated with designated affordable and workforce housing units," replied the Town of Herndon.

Town is "looking into necessary local and Virginia

SEE WORKFORCE HOUSING, PAGE 8



Friends gather after a long cold December day in 2017 during which they placed native plants in their new garden.

PHOTOS BY MERCIA HOBSON/THE CONNECTION

Stewards of the Land

Virginia Conservation Assistance Program changes the landscape and more at Herndon Friends Meeting House.

BY MERCIA HOBSON
THE CONNECTION

It only took a year and a half. At the former historic Herndon Library building located at 660 Spring Street and now Herndon Friends Meeting House, native plants flourish, and stormwater infiltrates into the soil rather than becoming surface runoff. On Dec. 2, 2017, worshippers removed the boxwoods and hard patchy turf, which grew on the property for years and replaced them with native plants that were in Virginia 100 years ago. That and more positively impacted the local watershed, Chesapeake Bay and wildlife.

Margaret Fisher, Clerk of the Herndon Friends Meeting Green Committee, explained the community of worshippers took advantage of the Virginia Conservation Assistance Program (CAP) for Places of Worship located in Fairfax County. "The Commonwealth of Virginia is providing matching grants to encourage landown-

ers to capture stormwater on their property. One stipulation is that plants be Virginia native species. We changed impervious lawn to conservation landscaping," Fisher said.

"The native plants remind people what the ecosystem used to look like a century ago," said Paul Murphy of Herndon Friends Meeting. "We are stewards of the land. We are just borrowing it for a short time."

Tim McDermott added that once established, "Native plants also support native fauna and the butterflies and birds that migrate through such as the sapsucker." Lea Wolf said that often times, especially for small gardens like the Quakers, owners don't appreciate the difference native plants make. "We are in the middle of another mass extinction event," she said.

For more information, see: www.fairfaxcounty.gov/soil-water-conservation/native-plants

www.plantvirginiannatives.org/learn-more-about-landscaping-with-natives



At Friends Meeting House in Herndon, worshippers Lea Wolf, Paul Murphy, Margaret Fisher and Tim McDermott stand beside one of the now thriving native gardens they and others planted late 2017. It adds form and function as it captures stormwater and infiltrates it into the soil rather than becoming runoff.

OPINION

Human Trafficking Supply and Demand

BY BILL WOOLF
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, JUST ASK TRAFFICKING
PREVENTION FOUNDATION.

The recent news about Jeffrey Epstein's arrest in New York on new sex-trafficking charges involving allegations that date to the early 2000s is alarming to many.

It wasn't for us. That's the bad news. The Just Ask Trafficking Prevention Foundation, a global leader in combating human trafficking, is all too familiar with cases like Epstein's.

The good news is we're doing something about it. Our real-world experience and global knowledge about combating human trafficking enable us to do much more than sympathize with Epstein's victims of these alleged new crimes. We know how to fight back, and we are.

To better understand what we do and why we first must understand what sex trafficking is. The federal government defines it as the recruitment, harboring, transportation, provision, obtaining, patronizing, or soliciting of a person for the purposes of a commercial sex act, in which the commercial sex act is induced by force, fraud, or coercion, or in which the person induced to perform such an act has not attained 18 years of age (22 USC § 7102).

There's a lot more to sex trafficking than just prostitution. The sex trafficking industry is a part of the world's second largest and most lucrative criminal enterprise grossing more than \$150 billion annually.

Defeating a billion-dollar industry isn't merely a battle. It's a world war with the good guys significantly outgunned financially. For example, the United Nations Voluntary Trust Fund, created in 2010 to provide humanitarian, legal and financial aid to victims of human trafficking to increase the number of those rescued and supported, and broaden the extent of assistance they receive, only received \$6.7 million as of May 2019. Jeffrey Epstein's proposed bail package is estimated to be as high as \$77 million alone.

Winning the battle is simply a matter of understanding and then eliminating the logistics behind the world's second largest criminal enterprise. Logistics? Yes, we need to reduce both

the supply of victims for human traffickers and the demand for them. Our best weapon? Human trafficking awareness and prevention is the most effective and least expensive method to reduce and ultimately eliminate the supply and demand for the sex trafficking industry.

First, we must stop the supply of human trafficking victims by educating at-risk populations about what human trafficking is, how they can be targeted, and what to do to become immune to their tactics. Most victims fall prey to the likes of predators like Epstein because they are unaware they are being lured in by lies or false

like Jeffrey Epstein exist. Our awareness of them is the first step toward defeating them. As awareness grows for potential victims, awareness grows for prospective clients of human traffickers. By educating potential sex trafficking clients about the realities of prostitution and sex trafficking as a crime, research has proven it lowers demand by swaying them not to purchase sex or tolerate or support the practice of buying sex within their peer groups. In addition to awareness programs, the enforcement of our human trafficking laws can help deter future criminals by making it clear to the public that if you participate in human trafficking, you're going to get caught and more importantly, you're going to be held accountable.

The Just Ask Trafficking Prevention Foundation is a global leader in education and awareness campaigns for people of all ages, demographics, occupations and nationalities. One of our most effective programs is our school-based curriculum, which has reached more than 160,000 students worldwide and continues to grow. In northern Virginia, two counties, Fairfax and Loudoun, employ our programming directly through the school system's Family Life Education (FLE), maximizing the opportunity to engage our children when they are most at risk. Programming in schools is critical because it's where most of the victims are. Statistically speaking, while anyone can be a potential victim of human trafficking, the primary target for predators are girls between the ages of 14-16 years-old.

Just Ask does more than educate children, though. We educate parents, teachers, school officials, police officers, businesses, politicians, local, state, federal government employees, and even world leaders about what human trafficking is and how to combat it. ...

The bottom line is we have to condition communities to not only resist becoming victims of human trafficking but remove the desire to participate in it as customers as well. Criminals who are always on the prowl for successful money-making opportunities will vacate human trafficking as a business model once they see the funding potential dry up. ... If you want to help, us eradicate human trafficking, visit our website at www.justaskprevention.org.

Just Ask Trafficking Prevention Foundation is based in McLean.



PHOTO CONTRIBUTED

Bill Woolf receives the 2018 Presidential Medal for Human Trafficking efforts from Secretary of State Mike Pompeo.

promises for things like money, prestige, power, or safety until it is too late. Then, trapped, the victims become resolved to their fate, impoverished, or worse, suicidal because of their sense of hopelessness. On average, once a person becomes involved in human trafficking, their life expectancy plummets to just seven years because of the enormous stress and physical abuse, their bodies and minds endure.

Secondly, we need to acknowledge criminals

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Creating Travel Journal With Children

Helping children capture vacation memories through journaling.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL

A collection of rocks collected at Mt. Vesuvius in Naples, a souvenir from the leaning tower of Pisa, crayon-on-construction paper drawings of the beaches in Naples, Italy are all part of the travel journals that Sonia Pruneda-Hernandez preserved. These are keepsakes that her son began creating when he was in preschool. Recently she perused those journals, reliving the memories with her son who is now a 22 year-old college student.

"As a military spouse I had the opportunity to live in Naples, Italy," said Pruneda-Hernandez, who now works as the Director of Early Childhood Education Initiatives at Montgomery College. "When we traveled in Europe, I provided my son travel journals. As a preschooler, he drew pictures of the places we visited and I would write parts of our conversations on the drawings. As he learned to write, his travel journals began to become more complex with him drawing and writing. I saved those journals and he is able to relive the memories of those experiences."

Journals created during summer vacations allow families to maintain the experience of their trips long after they've returned home. Whether one's plans include a safari in Kenya or a staycation among the monuments along the National Mall, keeping detailed records gives children who are living in the age of selfies and social media posts, a thoughtful option for holding onto memories.

"Travel journals are important because they [allow children], to have those memories of those experiences," said Pruneda-Hernandez.

Advanced planning leads to creative journals that are a form of self-expression, suggests Wendy Rowe, a writing tutor and art teacher. "Before you leave for your trip, ask your child to think about what they're most excited about and the type of journal they'd like to keep," she said. "For example, my daughter likes to paint watercolor pictures of things that she sees. Other children might make a journal that's a written narrative. What's important is that parents allow children to choose the type of journal they want to make and then purchasing and packing the supplies that they might need, whether it's colored pencils and craft paper or a simple notebook and a pen."

Such diaries can spark family conversations and create opportunities to practice writing skills, advises Michelle Villano, a fourth grade teacher who encourages her students to write accounts of their summer adventures. "Children can enjoy a vacation and learn from the scenes around them," Villano said. "A child's travel journal shouldn't just be a list of things that

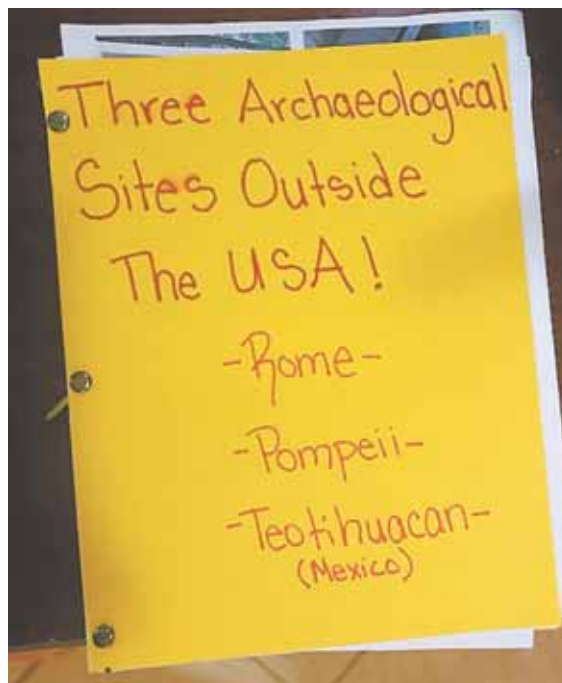


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Sonia Pruneda-Hernandez created this journal with her son when he was younger. Now that he's 22, he enjoys looking at them and reliving childhood memories.

"Travel journals allow young children to be actively involved in the experience of their journey."

— Sonia Pruneda-Hernandez, Director of Early Childhood Education Initiatives at Montgomery College

they did or saw. Parents should encourage them to engage all of their senses like sound, touch, taste and feel. For example, if you're on a vacation in Paris, did you smell freshly baked baguettes when you walked into a restaurant for lunch? If you ate a croissant, could you taste the butter or feel the flakes on your tongue?"

The options for both the format of journals and the way that a child chooses to describe their experiences are abundant, says Rowe. "Children can include museum tickets, airplane boarding passes, leaves they collected from a park they visited," she said. "Parents should encourage them to think long-term about things they might enjoy remembering later."

"Travel journals allow young children to be actively involved in the experience of their journey," added Pruneda-Hernandez. "They do not have to be written. Children that are not able to write yet, should be provided opportunities and materials such as a simple notebook, markers, crayons, or pencils to draw what they see and their experiences."

Prompts can be used to encourage those who are resistant to keeping a record of their vacations, says Villano. "Start by asking them to write about something they saw by describing its color or shape," she said. "They can describe the shape and color of a rock they saw while hiking in the Grand Canyon."

"Parents can sit and ask open-ended questions at the end of the day," said Pruneda-Hernandez. "This provides a [them] an opportunity to express themselves orally and provides opportunities for them to think about the experience."

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Patrons and pets enjoy the free concert open to the public featuring singer-songwriter Crys Mathews at the Fairfax County Park Authority Summer Entertainment Series held at Arrowbrook Centre Park in Herndon on Saturday, July 13.



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Singer-songwriter Crys Mathews (right) performs at the July 13 Fairfax County Park Authority Summer Entertainment Series held at Arrowbrook Centre Park in Herndon.

Free Concerts Build Community

Music at Arrowbrook Park Concert Series kicks off in Herndon.

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10 - Lox and Vodka (Klezmer Folk, Jazz)
17 - Flow Trib (Funk Rock, Psychedelic Blues)
24 - Soul Crackers (Motown, Soul)
31 - JunkFood (Pop/Rock Cover Band)

BY MERCIA HOBSON
THE CONNECTION

The Music at Arrowbrook Park Concert Series kicked off on July 13 after weather canceled the July 6 performance with Roomful of Blues. However, even with great weather, shade and a cool breeze off the nearby pond, a challenge existed.

"The challenge is attracting crowds. They don't know we're here," said Jeffery Fairfield, Executive Director of The Ruth and Hal Launder Charitable Trust as the first concert of the season was underway at Arrowbrook Centre Park. Located one block off Centreville Road in Herndon and two blocks from the Dulles Toll Road at 2351 Field Point Road, Herndon, the location made an easy drive.

The Ruth and Hal Launder Charitable Trust presented the concert sponsored by Arrowbrook Centre, LLC and Arrowbrook Management Corporation through a unique partnership with the Fairfax County Park Authority (FCPA) according to Fairfield.

Part of the FCPA Summer Entertainment Series, headliners for the July 6- Aug. 31, 2019 season for Music at Arrowbrook Park, included acclaimed musicians from New York to the West Coast and back to Herndon according to Sousan Frankeberger, Performing Arts Production Manager, Fairfax County Park Authority. Frankeberger described this year's nine Saturday evening concerts as an eclectic blend of music from British Invasion Rock on July 27 to Klezmer Folk and Jazz on July 10 to Pop/Rock Cover on July 31.

Saturday evening July 13 featured singer-songwriter, prolific lyricist and composer, Crys Mathews who played at the Sundance Film Festival, The Birchmere and The Hamilton. After perform-

ing at Lincoln Center on Nov. 30, Mathews was named grand-prize winner. According to her website, Mathews is known for her thoughtful songs, many tackling social justice themes. "I'm looking forward to playing in Herndon," said Mathews who hails from southeastern North Carolina but now calls the Town of Herndon home.

Veteran concertgoers Denise Marques of Herndon attended the Summer Entertainment Series at Arrowbrook Centre last year. "We couldn't wait for the concerts to start again. It's great to be able to come out to this," Marques said.

Rosangel Marques of Brazil who accompanied Denise Marques said that in Brazil they didn't have music like this. "It's marvelous to listen to," she said.

Town of Herndon residents, Karen and Michael Falkner usually make the rounds of summer concerts according to Karen. "We've been coming here for the last couple of years," she said.

"This year, we celebrate the facility's eight seasons of public service; the concert series started in 2012 with three dates. This year we've gone to nine dates with 90-minute sets. Last year was our first season with wine sales through a new policy with the Park. On alternate weeks, we will feature the two wineries in Fairfax County, Bull Run out of Centreville and Paradise out of Clifton. New this year on Aug. 10, is beer sales with Caboose Brewery," said Fairfield.

BULLETIN

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SUNDAYS IN JULY

Volunteers Needed. Sign up to volunteer at the Sunday Art in the Park series with GRACE, in partnership with the Reston Community Center and Reston Town Center Association. Volunteers will assist visitors in free, drop-in art-making activities 5:30-7:30 p.m. Volunteers are eligible for community service credit hours. Middle school volunteers are welcome with a guardian. Questions or ready to sign up? Contact Sarah Berenz at 703-471-9242 or sberenz@restonarts.org.

MONDAY/JULY 22

DMV2Go at the Pavilion. 9 a.m.-4 p.m. at 11900 Market St., Reston Town Center. The wireless office on wheels offers all DMV services: driver's license and ID card applications and renewals, driving records, vehicle titles, license plates, decals, order disabled plates, and more. Information on all services available at dmv.virginia.gov/general/#dmv_2go.

WEDNESDAY/JULY 24

Fairfax County Park Authority Board Meeting. 7:30 p.m. in the Herrity Building, 12055 Government Center Parkway, Suite 941, Fairfax. The Park Authority Board's 12 appointed members establish strategic policy and direction for the Park Authority. Open to the public. For agenda and more information, visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/boardagn2.htm or call 703-324-8662.

THURSDAY/AUG. 1

Candidacy Filing Opens. 9 a.m. Reston Community Center (RCC) is seeking interested candidates to run for seats on its Board of Governors. The Board of Governors is a nine-member body responsible for oversight of RCC. All residents of Small District 5, ages 18 or older, are eligible to run for appointment to the RCC Board of Governors. Candidates must complete a Candidacy Statement in order to have their names placed on the Preference Poll ballot. Filing deadline is Thursday, Aug. 15, 5 a.m. Visit www.restoncommunitycenter.com or call 703-476-4500.

TUESDAY/AUG. 13

Family Caregiver Telephone Support Group. 7-8 p.m. Fairfax County's Family Caregiver Telephone Support Group meets by phone on Tuesday, February 13, 7-8 p.m. This month's focus is an open discussion on caregiver stress. Share experiences, gain support and get information without having to travel. Call 703-324-5484, TTY 711 to register.

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SUPPORT GROUPS

Parent Support Partners, a service of the Healthy Minds Fairfax initiative, are all parents who have received training and are qualified to offer education, support and assistance at no cost to families or caregivers. They provide reliable information that families can use in decision-making and are familiar with services and resources that can help families in distress. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/healthymindsfairfax or www.nami-northernvirginia.org/parent-peer-support.html.

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Stamp of Disapproval



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

For those of you still going to the post office and buying/selecting stamps, this column is for you (and for others too with a memory of such tasks).

Since I am among a dwindling number of those who actually affix their own stamps and mail their own correspondence (bills, birthday cards and miscellaneous other such hard copies), rather than bill-pay online, greet electronically or text incessantly, I may be writing uphill here. (Remember readers, parking is almost always free at the post office). Nevertheless, I will continue trudging on.

Like many of my generation, I've been accustomed to having my hands wrapped around or placed in proximity to, that which I'm reading, writing or "rithmeticking" (tactile you might say). And in the course of such endeavors, doing so with a pen in hand rather than with opposing thumbs side-saddling a device.

In so doing, I am regularly buying stamps – myself – and selecting from a variety of seasonal, promotional and "commemorative" (I make up words, like my father did; "surgerize" and "conflation" being two of his favorites) offerings. However, I am not "philatelic" in the least. In the most, I am a buyer and a sticker. Not a collector at all.

To that end, I am merely at the post office to justify my means: mailing my correspondence/parcels in a timely and efficient manner. Other than Christmas stamps my wife, Dina, will request that I buy, I care very little about the particular stamp/book that I purchase.

In fact, you could call me a stamp-contrarian (among other descriptions, I'm sure).

What I typically say in response to the post office clerk's question about my stamp preference is: "Give me the stamps on top (as they flip through their stamp booklet)," or "Whatever you're tired of looking/wanting to get rid of." And generally speaking, they're happy to comply, as you might imagine, giggling a bit as they hand over the stamps.

When I'm given the stamps, often I'll make a casual comment about their look and then "Exit stage, left," (to quote Snagglepuss, the most famous cartoon cougar from the Yogi Bear Show of the 1960s). Never, ever, will I return/replace them. I will use them and not think once, let alone twice, about them. In fact, I prefer to use the stamps most out of favor, most inappropriate to the time (Christmas stamps in July, as an example; and I jokingly always ask for a discount) and most undesirable (apparently, to the stamp-buying public). It pleases me to be the user of these "undesirables" until yesterday, that is (or should that be, was).

I went to my local post office. Stood in line. Approached the counter when called and then made my usual/per-this-column request. I received my first class stamps and while barely taking notice of them, affixed them to my envelopes and "slotted" them in the outgoing mail. I then walked out to my car, opened the door and as I sat down, tossed the remaining stamps in my car's auxiliary tray.

That's when I actually took notice of them and "Heavens to Murgatroyd," realized what I had done/purchased. I had bought and then used "Love" stamps on two bill-payment envelopes. Can you imagine?

Hardly would I want to impart that message in a communication with VISA. I mean, it wasn't exactly a wedding invitation. Quite the opposite. It was more like a divorce, if anything, and love definitely wasn't in the air.

Unfortunately for me though, it was on the envelope.

"What do you say to that? What do you say to that?" (I learned while going online that, amazingly/coincidentally, Snagglepuss and I have the same birthday.)

Kenny Lourie is an Advertising Representative for The Potomac Almanac & The Connection Newspapers.

CALENDAR

Submit entertainment announcements at www.connectionnewspapers.com/Calendar/. The deadline is noon on Friday. Photos/artwork encouraged.

ONGOING

Sacred Threads Exhibition.

Through July 28, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. at Floris United Methodist Church, 13600 Frying Pan Road, Herndon. Sacred Threads is an exhibition of quilts exploring themes of joy, inspiration, spirituality, healing, grief and peace/brotherhood. This biennial exhibition was established to provide a safe venue for quilters who see their work as a connection to the sacred and/or as an expression of their spiritual journey. \$10. Visit sacredthreadsquilts.com/default.htm or call 703-793-0026.

Herndon Farmers Market.

Thursdays, through mid-November, 8 a.m.-12:30 p.m. in Historic Downtown Herndon, Lynn Street. Vendors will offer seasonal plants, produce, baked goods, meats and more; all sold by local growers and producers. Additional enhancements to the market include seasonal events and entertainment, including "Farmers' Market Fun Days," free performances for the whole family. Visit www.herndon-va.gov/FarmersMarket for more.

THURSDAY/JULY 18

Free Tea Day. 10 a.m.-8 p.m. at McAlister's Deli, 13007 Worldgate Drive, Herndon. McAlister's annual Free Tea Day. Enjoy a free 32-ounce fresh-brewed iced tea, no purchase necessary. Visit www.mcalistersdeli.com or call 703-278-8117.

Tai Chi Fitness. 6:30 p.m. at Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston. Join us for a fun Tai Chi fitness class led by local instructor Susan Shen. Adults, Teens. Registration begins July 4. Call 703-689-2700 or visit librarycalendar.fairfaxcounty.gov.

Take a Break Dance Night: Cheick Hamala Diabate. 7-9 p.m. at Lake Anne Plaza, 1609 Washington Plaza, Reston. Enjoy music under the stars each Thursday through Aug. 29. Dance instruction at several concerts. www.restoncommunitycenter.com/TAB.

The Girl Power! Book Club. 7 p.m. at Scrawl Books, 11911 Freedom Drive, Reston. Review and discuss The Next Great Paulie Fink by Ali Benjamin. All readers between the ages of 10-13 are welcome to join. Visit www.scrawlbooks.com or call 703-966-2111.

Creative Response: Overlooked. 7 p.m. at Greater Reston Arts Center, 12001 Market St., Suite 103, Reston. Greater Reston Arts Center (GRACE) presents Overlooked, a group exhibition featuring nine artists who

It's Back — Farmers Market Children's Series

Thursday mornings from 10:30 - 11:15 a.m. now through Aug. 29 are the free Farmers Market Fun Days on the Town Hall Square, 777 Lynn Street in the Town of Herndon. The first performance for the 2019 series, held July 11, featured Marsha and the Positrons, a District of Columbia-based "kindie," kids + indie rock. Marsha Goodman-Wood brought her rich voice and positive energy to the stroller-pushing crowd. She also got the children, parents and caretakers dancing on the grassy slope and singing along.

"We expect all kinds of performances such as musicians, puppeteers and kids' rock," said Holly Popple Performing Arts/Special Events Supervisor for Town of Herndon.

The Parks and Recreation Department, "strives to keep the arts alive and well in Herndon and inspire the enjoyment of the arts in children."

— MERCIA HOBSON

FARMERS MARKET FUN DAYS LINE UP 2019

July 18	Zig Zag the Magic Man
July 25	The Uncle Devin Show
Aug. 1	Rocknoceros
Aug. 8	Mr. Jon & Friends
Aug. 15	Yosi Music
Aug. 22	Blue Sky Puppet Theatre
Aug. 29	Drew Blue Shoes

are seeking to bring awareness to issues that are often unnoticed, ignored, or otherwise not part of "polite conversation." Free and open to the public. Visit restonarts.org

Hunter Mill Nights: Whiskey Wildfire (new country). 7:30-8:30 p.m. at Frying Pan Farm Park, 2739 West Ox Road, Herndon. With a mix of performances through for the whole family, Hunter Mill Nights returns through Aug. 22 with performances by entertainers from across the United States and around the world. Allow time for a picnic in the park, a visit with the farm animals and a wagon ride, along with the show. Free. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/performances/hunter-mill-nights

FRIDAY/JULY 19

The Storytime Social Hour. 11 a.m. at Scrawl Books, 11911 Freedom Drive, Reston. Every Friday, Scrawl will provide coffee and treats for the adults; stories and fun for the little people. Make new friends or meet up with neighbors. Visit www.scrawlbooks.com or call 703-966-2111.

Summerbration: Far Away. 7-9 p.m. on the plaza at Reston East Metro. Free concert series runs Fridays through Aug. 23. Visit

www.restoncommunitycenter.com/summerbration.

Live Music: Free Soul. 9:30 p.m.-1:30 a.m. at Kalypso's Sports Tavern on historic Lake Anne in Reston. Bands play inside the sports bar on a dedicated stage. No cover. Visit www.kalypsoassportstavern.com.

SATURDAY/JULY 20

Turley the Magician. 10-10:45 a.m. at Reston Town Square Park. The entire family will be entertained with interactive magic and humorous antics, Saturdays through Aug. 3. Free. 703-476-4500 or restoncommunitycenter.com.

Fun Brunch: Pan steel drum with dancers. 11 a.m.-1 p.m. outside the Jahn Building, 1900 Reston Metro Plaza. Free Fun Brunch series continues weekends through Aug. 25. Visit www.restoncommunitycenter.com/funbrunch.

'Creative Conversations': A Panel on Book Publishing. 2-3:30 p.m. at Sunrise Senior Living, 1778 Fountain Drive, Reston. Panelists will include Naryen Aryal, Founder, CEO, and Publisher of Mascot Books, Nancy Hannan, a four-time author and memoirist, and Eileen Curtis, former President of the Dulles Regional Chamber of Commerce and



Town of Herndon's Farmers Market Fun Days were back in the swing on Thursday, July 11 with Marcia and the Positrons.

a published author. Moderating the panel will be Kristin Clark Taylor, an award-winning author, journalist, and former White House communications strategist. The event is free and open to the public. Light dessert will be served.

Author Event: Erin Teagan. 5 p.m. at Walker Nature Center, 11450 Glade Drive, Reston. Celebrate the launch of this funny, action-packed middle grade novel from the author of The Friendship Experiment and the American Girl Luciana books. Writer Erin Teagan will introduce her new book and its heroine, Alison, who plans to be on her dad's reality show, Survivor Guy, when real disaster strikes in the wilderness. Visit www.scrawlbooks.com or call 703-966-2111.

SUNDAY/JULY 21

Walk in the Footsteps of Spies. 10-11 a.m. at Ellanor C. Lawrence Park, 5040 Walney Road, Chantilly. Hear a spell-binding tale of espionage, secret payments and the Russians during the "Spy Walk" program. Designed for participants age 12-adult. \$7 per person. Meet at Walney Pond. Call 703-631-0013 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/eclawrence.

TUESDAY/JULY 23

Sing! Books with Miss Emily. 10:30 a.m. at Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston. Join Miss Emily for singing storytime with illustrated songs. All ages. No registration required. Call 703-689-2700 or visit librarycalendar.fairfaxcounty.gov.

WEDNESDAY/JULY 24

Senior Movie Day: On the Basis of Sex. 10 a.m. at Bow Tie Cinemas. Doors open at 9:15, refreshments and prizes prior to movie. Free for age 55+. Contact Ashleigh@reston.org or 703-435-6577.

The Wednesday Morning Book Club. 10 a.m. at Scrawl Books, 11911 Freedom Drive, Reston. Group will discuss The Price of Illusion: A Memoir by Joan Juliet Buck, the only American who ever held the position of Editor-in-Chief at French Vogue. Visit www.scrawlbooks.com or call 703-966-2111.

Hunter Mill Melodies: The Great Zucchini (comedy, magic). 10-10:45 a.m. at Frying Pan Park visitor center pavilion, 2739 West Ox Road, Herndon. Free series of children's shows and family performances Wednesdays through Aug. 21.

Dog Days of Summer. 5-7:30 p.m. at the Pavilion at Reston Town Center. Every Wednesday through Sept. 4, dogs and owners can frolic in the Pavilion when it is transformed into an off-leash play area each week. Treats, toys, areas to cool off, pet friendly giveaways, and more. Free. Operated by Healthy Hound Playground and Isy's Ways. Visit restontowncenter.com for more.

THURSDAY/JULY 25

Hunter Mill Nights: Bumper Jacks (Americana, country, bluegrass). 7:30-8:30 p.m. at Frying Pan Farm Park, 2739 West Ox Road, Herndon. Hunter Mill Nights returns through Aug. 22. Allow time for a picnic in the park, a visit with the farm animals and a wagon ride, along with the show. Free. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/performances/hunter-mill-nights

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Workforce Housing Not in Pipeline

FROM PAGE 3

State Code amendments that would allow the town and Fairfax County to have a cooperation agreement regarding affordable and workforce housing."

Fairfax County reportedly was at the forefront in pursuing inclusionary zoning options over 25 years ago to guide the production of affordable housing according to Cornerstones.

"While towns and cities follow different

standards, the Town of Herndon can still encourage and solicit proposals that prioritize affordable housing," stated Cornerstones.

"Given the need to sustain housing as our population grows, Cornerstones will be watching the development around the Herndon and Innovation station Metro stops as well as opportunities such as the redevelopment of the South Elden Street corridor," stated Cornerstones.

OVER THE LAST FEW WEEKS, two

Herndon Town Council members said they are willing to champion the workforce affordable housing issue in the Town. They are Councilmembers Cesar del Aguila and Pradip Dhakal. Coincidentally, Dhakal recently inquired about the county "Penny Fund." Town of Herndon residents pay both county and town taxes yet do not seem to receive any benefit from the Penny Fund for housing.

"In 2006, Fairfax County established the 'Penny Fund' that has helped preserve

over 3,100 units of affordable housing and provides a sustainable funding source which can be reinvested in other affordable rental programs. Developers seeking to build or preserve housing within Town of Herndon can tap the Penny Fund or the County's Housing Blueprint development funds and project-based vouchers, as well as other federal, state and local funds or tax credits that can be used to make homes affordable," said Cornerstones.