

News Briefs

Debate in 48th District Race

The two candidates seeking to represent Arlington and McLean in the House of Delegates have agreed to two debates before the Aug. 19 special election.

Democrat Richard "Rip" Sullivan and Republican David Foster are the only candidates on the ballot for the 48th District seat vacated by Robert H. Brink (D), who accepted a job in Gov. Terry McAuliffe's administration.

They will square off at 8 a.m. Aug. 5 in a Fairfax Chamber of Commerce candidates forum at 7900 W. Park Dr., Suite A550, in Tysons Corner. Topics will be limited to business issues, and preregistration is required at www.fairfaxchamber.org.

The second debate will be at 7 p.m. Aug. 11 at George Mason University's Founders Hall, 3351 Fairfax Dr., Arlington.

New Board at Historical Society

Three new members of the Arlington Historical Society's board were chosen at the June 24 board meeting at the Hume School. The new directors are:

Mike Febrey, elected treasurer, runs an accounting firm in Bethesda specializing in tax planning, small business consulting, and nonprofit audits/consulting. A resident of Darnestown, Md., he has deep roots in Arlington: Febrey ancestors built several historic homes, including "Maple Shade," on Powhatan Street near Lee Highway.

Jennifer Jablonsky is the AHS program coordinator, whose day job is as an education specialist with the Smithsonian Institution's National Museum of African American History and Culture. She has more than doubled AHS's lecture programs in the past year.

Lynne Porfiri is a real estate specialist with Arlington County who brings legal experience to the board, having previously served as special counsel for policy to then-Gov. Douglas Wilder.

The Arlington Historical Society, founded in 1956, is a non-profit organization. Its mission is to help Arlingtonians better understand our community through its history. For more information, visit www.arlingonhistoricalsociety.org.

Lander Elected School Board Chair

During its annual organizational meeting on July 1, the Arlington School Board unanimously elected James Lander as chair for the 2014-15 school year. Lander's term as chair begins immediately and will expire in June 2015. He fills the position held for the past year by Abby Raphael who remains a member of the School Board.

Dr. Emma Violand-Sánchez was unanimously elected to serve as vice chair of the School Board for the upcoming year, filling the role previously held by Lander.

Lander joined the School Board on Jan. 1, 2010 and is currently serving his second term. He has been a longtime advocate for the educational needs of children through various leadership roles and positions he has held at the school and countywide levels.

He earned his Bachelor of Science, Marine Engineering from the Massachusetts Maritime Academy and his Masters of Engineering from the University of Virginia. Lander is a veteran of the first Gulf War, having served in Saudi Arabia, and he continues to serve as an officer in the Naval Reserves, having been recalled after 9/11 in support of Operation Iraqi/Enduring Freedom. Lander, his wife, and their daughter live in the Oakcrest neighborhood of Arlington.

Violand-Sánchez joined the School Board on Jan. 1, 2009, and previously served as chair for the 2012-13 school year. She is the founder and chair of the Dream Project, Inc., and founder and past president of Escuela Bolivia Inc. Additionally, she serves on the board of the Virginia Foundation for the Humanities and the Northern Virginia Community College Board (representing Arlington County). Violand-Sánchez retired from APS in July 2007 as the supervisor of ESOL/HILT. She has two children, James and Julia, who are also educators and graduated from the Arlington Public Schools.

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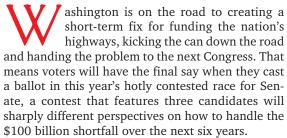
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voters should care about.

Candidates for Senate divided on funding Virginia roads.

By Michael Lee Pope The Connection



Democratic incumbent Mark Warner supports public-private partnerships as a way to raise new revenue, an approach that includes a bipartisan proposal to leverage private capital known as the Bridge Act. Republican challenger Ed Gillespie says revenues for roads could be raised from offshore energy exploration, an approach that Republicans say Democratic President Barack Obama has blocked. Libertarian candidate Robert Sarvis says the federal government should get out of the business of funding highways altogether, leaving the role of funding surface transportation to the

"This is an issue that voters should care about," said Geoff Skelley, analyst with the University of Virginia Center for Politics. "It's something of daily importance that could impact voters directly, whereas it's harder sometimes to draw a direct connection between immigration policy or certain aspects of health-

care policy."

One aspect of the debate all the candidates agree on is that revenues from the gas tax are on the decline, and as automobiles become more efficient the government continues to receive less money. One solution is to raise the gas tax, a proposal supported by Sen. Bob Corker (R-Tenn.) and Sen. Chris Murphy (D-Conn.). But neither Corker nor

Murphy are up for reelection this year.

Gillespie opposes raising the gas tax, and a spokesman for Warner says he does not support the proposal currently before Congress to raise the gas tax.

"This is going to be a very big issue next year," said Frank Shafroth, director of the Center for State and Local Leadership at George Mason University. "So it's something voters should consider when they go to the polls in terms of what this means to the taxpayers of Virginia."

THE HIGHWAY TRUST Fund was created during the Eisenhower administration in 1956, when the Highway Revenue Act created a new tax of three cents per gallon. In January 1983, Republican President Ronald Reagan signed a bill that increased the gas tax to nine cents a gallon. A few years later, Republican President George H.W. Bush increased it to



Ed Gillespie



Robert Sarvis



Sen. Mark Warner

14 cents per gallon. Then Democratic President Bill Clinton increased the gas tax to 18.4 cents per gallon, which remains the current rate. That brings in about \$34 billion a year even though the current transportation bill includes about \$50 billion in infrastructure spending.

"Despite months of debate, lawmakers have failed to act," said BlueGreen Alliance executive director Kim Glas in a written statement. "The job market is steadily improving but the threat that Congress will let the Highway Trust Fund go bankrupt looms large."

Conservatives in Congress have questioned the role the federal government should play in surface transportation. Sen. Tom Coburn (R-Okla.) introduced legislation that would eliminate the 20 percent of the trust fund that is not spent on roads. And Sen. Rand Paul (R-Ky.) wants to create a fund for emergency transportation projects paid for by repatriat-

ing overseas capital back to the U.S. The Libertarian candidate takes those arguments a step farther, saying the federal government should get out of funding surface transportation altogether.

"It just creates graft and corruption and inefficient use of resources," said Sarvis. "The federal government should not be channeling billions of dollars of taxpayers dollars through the federal bureaucracy to the states.

THE TWO MAJOR party candidates both believe that the gas tax is a dwindling source of revenue, and neither candidate supports raising it. Instead, Warner and Gillespie have seized on alternatives sources of revenue in a way that reveals something about their priorities and legislative

style. As governor, Warner supported public-private partnerships such as rail to Dulles. Now that he's in the Senate, he hopes to use his background as a venture capitalist to forge a solution to the funding crunch facing the nation's roads.

"We need to acknowledge that the current funding mechanism — the gas tax — is a declining source of revenue, and that means everyone will have to bring some new ideas to the table," said Kevin Hall, spokesman for Warner. "That should include Sen. Warner's Bridge Act, a bipartisan proposal that will leverage more private capital to jumpstart work building and modernizing our country's infrastructure."

On the Republican side, Gillespie responded to a question about the Highway Trust Fund by blasting Democrats for presiding over an economy when gas

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Transitway to the Future Alexandria and Arlington to launch region's first transitway with dedicated lanes.

By Michael Lee Pope
The Connection

his week, elected leaders and government officials from Alexandria and Arlington will turn swords into plowshares, setting aside their previous differences about the Crystal City Potomac Yard transitway and wielding ceremonial shovels to break ground. Transportation leaders say the sleek blue Metroway buses represent a bold step forward for Northern Virginia and the commonwealth. When it opens later this year, the transitway will have the first dedicated lanes in the metropolitan region, setting the stage for the next generation of transportation planners to follow.

"This is significant because it's the beginning of a coordinated multimodal plan," said Virginia Transportation Secretary Aubrey Layne, who toured the construction site last month. "This is the beginning, and hopefully it will show this is the next step in our integrated process."

Two years ago, the two neighboring jurisdictions were at odds as they were moving in different directions on how to plan for the transitway. Alexandria leaders complained during a public session that Arlington had backed out of a study that might have led to federal funds for the project. Arlington leaders responded that they didn't back out of the study because they had always considered it optional. Even now, as elected officials plan to bury the hatchet and come together, some differences linger. Arlington plans to upgrade the transitway to a streetcar while Alexandria leaders say they won't even consider a streetcar until 2021, when city officials plan to conduct a study to investigate the idea.

"Right now, there is a mismatch in planning and state of direction," acknowledged Alexandria Councilman Justin Wilson. "At some point, we'll reconcile all that."

THE TRANSITWAY will begin at Pentagon City Metro station and end at Braddock Road Metro station, a 4.5 mile stretch that includes some of the most congested roads in the region. The blue Metroway buses will be operated by the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority, although they will have different branding than the standard Metro buses. Transportation officials say the bus-rapid transit vehicles will feature offboard fare collection and multiple points of access. On weekdays, they'll arrive every 12 minutes from 5:30 a.m. until 10 p.m. On weekends, they'll have 20 minute headways.

"Because it's in dedicated lanes, and typically those lanes are concrete, the suspension on these vehicles is tighter," said Rich Baier, director of the Alexandria Department of Transportation and Environmental Services. "It's a smoother ride."

Right now, 0.8 miles will have dedicated lanes. That's less than 20 percent of the



The 4.5 mile transitway includes a 0.8-mile dedicated lane.



The Metroway buses will have a different branding than the Metro buses that are already commonplace in the region.

What Is a Transitway?

Transportation officials in Alexandria and Arlington describe the Cystal City Potomac Yard Transitway as the wave of the future, a new way to commute that will allow riders to bypass the congestion that plagues drivers in the region. Because about 20 percent of the transitway has dedicated lanes, passengers will be able to zip along one of the most congested parts of Route 1. The other sections of the transitway will have traffic signals that give the Metroway buses priority. Planners say the experience of buying a fare and boarding will look and feel much more like riding the Metro than riding a bus.

Northbound Stations

Braddock Road Metro Fayette Street Potomac Avenue Custis Avenue Swann Avenue East Glebe Road Reed Avenue South Glebe 33rd and Crystal 27th and Crystal 23rd and Crystal 18th and Crystal Crystal City Metro

Southbound Stations

Crystal City Metro
23rd and Clark
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Reed Avenue
East Glebe Road
Swann Avenue
Custis Avenue
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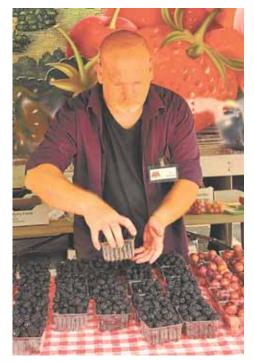
transitway, at least for now. But city leaders in Alexandria hope to add new dedicated lanes as development moves forward in Potomac Yard. That could mean dedicated lanes along Potomac Avenue, the current route of the transitway. Or city officials could persuade the developer of north Potomac Yard to contribute more right-ofway along Route 1, extending the dedicated lanes to Four Mile Run.

"I toured the site in the last month or so with Alexandria officials, and they haven't exactly picked where it's going to be," said Layne. "It looks as if this is a good beginning, and we'll see how this all goes through there."

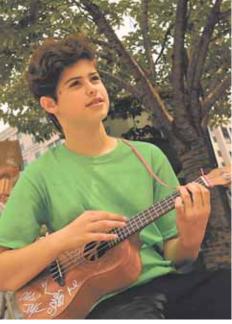
IN ARLINGTON, the transitway will open as the county is engaged in a heated debate about a proposal to construct a streetcar along Columbia Pike. Critics of the streetcar say it's too expensive and impractical, and many have called for the county to go with bus-rapid transit instead. Sup-

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Travis Cooper sets out boxes of just picked blackberries.



Lena Smith plays music on her ukulele at the market. Lena is raising money for the Progeria Research Foundation.



Donna Granahan sets out bouquets of cut flowers at Granny's Flower



Dawn Zurell knits another pair of baby booties at the art market at Courthouse on Saturday morning. Dawn's Bits-n-Booties may be also seen at www.zibbet.com/ westendknits

Market Day at Courthouse

he Arlington Market at Courthouse Plaza is open each Saturday from 8 a.m. to noon in April through November. From January through March, the market is open from 9 a.m. to noon. The market is located in the parking lot adjacent to the Arlington County Courthouse at the intersection of N. Courthouse Road and N. 14th Street.





Fresh corn and peaches spill out on one of the tables at the Westmoreland Berry Farm & Market stand at the **Courthouse Farmers Market.**

Early scarlet nectarines glow from the fruit crate at the market stall.

> Dahlias are plentiful at the Wollam Gardens flower stall.



Westmoreland Berry Farm blackberries.



Vine-ripened tomatoes.



Adam Hanson, Madeline Kelly and Becky Durst help customers at the Potomac Vegetable Farms booth at the market.



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Transportation Secretary Joins Fight for Streetcars

Aubrey Layne says he will help Arlington and Fairfax seek additional state money.

By Michael Lee Pope The Connection

he hotly debated issue of the Columbia Pike streetcar has a new participant, Secretary of Transportation Aubrey Lane. In a letter to elected leaders in Arlington County and Fairfax County, the secretary says he will help the two jurisdictions apply for an additional \$65 million in state grants. Together with the \$70 million that's already expected from the state, that could pay for about half of the capital cost of the streetcar, which would connect the Skyline section of Fairfax County to Pentagon City.

"From a transportation perspective, what's going on overall in that corridor in terms of economic development and congestion mitigation, this seems to be a very viable alternative," said Layne. "We'll see as we continue our due diligence as we work with them if this actually results in a grant. We think it will, but we have a lot of work to do."

Critics say the secretary could not have done the due diligence necessary for his letter, which is dated July 10. It was written in response to a letter from Arlington County Board Chairman Jay Fisette and Fairfax County Board of Supervisors Chairwoman Sharon Bulova dated June 10. County Board member John Vihstadt says it's unlikely the secretary would have had the time to independently verify the validity of statements made in the letter during that time.

"Where's the due diligence? Where's the independent analysis?" asked Vihstadt. "Or was this merely a political rush to judgment to accommodate their friends?"

Layne said that the process of conducting due diligence is ongoing as state officials consider grant applications from Arlington and Fairfax. He said the streetcar proposal is nothing new, and he was already investigating the issue before he became transportation secretary when he was a member of the Commonwealth Transportation Board. He said many of the conclusions in his letter were based on conclusions reached by state and local leaders long ago.

"It's an ongoing due diligence period," said Layne. "There are many people who may take a different view on these cases. There always are."

CRITICS SAY the secretary's letter has two factual statements they would like to challenge as the grant application process moves forward. One is the argument made by Arlington County leaders that streetcars carry more people. Leaders with the group Arlingtonians for Sensible Transit say this is not true, and they point to buses that can carry just as many if not more people than streetcars. Another argument is that streetcars support economic development, a claim outlined in a county-funded study. Critics say a report by the Ford Foundation proves otherwise.

"As the process unfolds, our group and others are going to be pointing out to the secretary of transportation that many of his factual statements are wrong," said Peter Rousselot, one of the founders of Arlingtonians for Sensible Transit.

On both counts Layne disagrees. On the issue of buses that carry as many passengers as streetcars, the secretary says that may be true. But not in America.

"They are not certified in the United States, and they are not certified by the federal rail authorities," said Layne. "There are a lot of things out there that could be used, but we can only deal with those things that are able to be used here that the FTA allows us to do."

As to whether or not streetcars promote economic development, Layne agrees with a majority of members on the County Board.

"If you look at the lifecycle, these streetcars will last 35 years. You'll have to replace the buses three times during that period of time," said Layne. "So if you look at the lifecycle of the asset, the return on investment to the population is about even."

Transitway to the Future

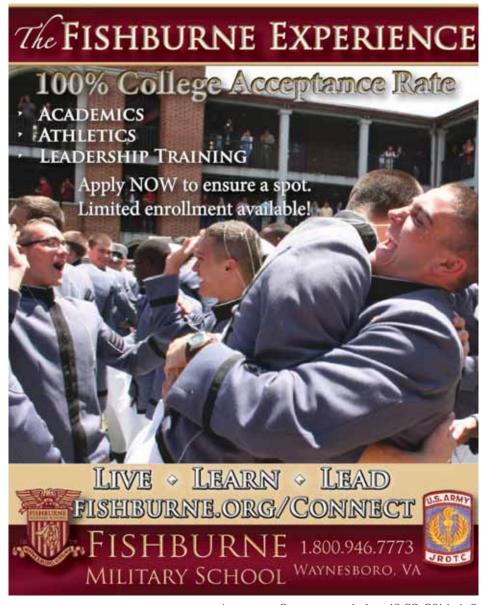
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porter of the streetcar say that a bus-rapid transit system would never work along Columbia Pike because it does not have dedicated lanes. Now that the Crystal City Potomac Yard transitway is about to open without dedicated lanes in the Arlington portion, though, some are wondering about

the consistency of that argument.

"Let's see how BRT works along the Route 1 corridor rather than make a commitment now to convert to streetcar," said County Board member John Vihstadt, a critic of the Columbia Pike streetcar. "I think the streetcar will be totally unnecessary here because the BRT transitway will be a great success."





OPINION

Save a Little, Help Others Prepare for School

Virginia's tax holiday on school supplies is a good reminder to donate supplies and dollars for children who need help preparing for school.

irginia's tax holiday on school sup plies and clothing is Aug. 1-3, and it makes sense to take advantage of the savings, and to spread the wealth around.

During this three-day period, school supplies selling for \$20 or less per item, and clothing and footwear selling for \$100 or less per item will be exempt from Virginia sales tax.

There are some items that do not qualify, for example digital school supplies. See http:// www.tax.virginia.gov/ for more details.

When you are buying school supplies for your family, buy extra to donate to local families who are not able to afford to do the same.

EDITORIAL

In Fairfax County, just under 50,000 students are poor enough to qualify for free or reduced price meals at school.

In Fairfax County, local nonprofits, Fairfax County Public Schools and corporate partners are collecting school supplies and backpacks. Monetary donations and backpacks are being accepted by eight local nonprofits and through local Apple and Northwest Federal Credit Union Branches, as well as online at http:// collectforkids.org/donate/ through Sept. 2. Last year the drive provided supplies for nearly 20,000 students. A \$10 cash donation goes a

Collect for Kids Program runs through Sept. 2. Monetary donations can be accepted any

Donate money at www.collectforkids.org. Donations of backpacks are also being accepted at every Apple Federal Credit Union and Northwest Federal Credit Union branch in Fairfax County and at any of the affiliate charitable organizations, including Cornerstones, Western Fairfax Christian Ministries, Our Daily Bread, Koinonia, United Community Ministries

For more, see the Collect for Kids website at http://collectforkids.org.

Donate in Arlington

Arlington Partnership for Affordable Housing is holding its annual backpack drive to provide more than 250 backpacks to children in low to moderate income families to help them have a successful start to the new school year.

Donations needed include: New backpacks in all sizes, spiral or composition notebooks, binders, loose-leaf and graph paper, sharpeners, #2 pencils, blue, black and red pens, pocket folders, crayons, colored pencils, markers, highlighters, glue sticks, school scissors, whiteout and erasers. Contact Liz McElwee at lmcelwee@apah.org or by calling 703-851-

Donate in Alexandria

Alexandria Public Schools are asking for help to ensure every child in Alexandria starts the first day of school with a backpack and school supplies. Donations are needed by Aug. 19.

Supplies needed include: Backpacks, spiral notebooks, wide-rule filler paper, three-ring binders, two-pocket folders, subject dividers, pencil boxes/zipper pouches, scissors/glue/ rulers, pencils, pencil sharpeners, erasers, markers, colored pencils, crayons, highlighters and tissues.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Fighting for Clean Water

To the Editor:

Clean water. I've always needed it. Me and my family. From the home-cooked meals to the simple, refreshing glass of water I need in the middle of the night to ease myself from nightmares — clean water is a part of my life.

Since I can remember, clean water has been stressed in my childhood. My grandmother was a nurse serving D.C. for over 40 years; if anyone knows the importance of good water, it's her. Dayin and day-out, she tended to the wounds of the injured and sick. Sterilizing wounds and trying to save lives. To sterilize these wounds, she had to clean them. To clean them, she had to, just had to, wash and rinse them with water before alcohol or any other chemicals. It was a rule: no tap water. Ever. You couldn't mention the words "tap water" to this woman without her shaming the name of it and turning her face up at the idea.

"Use tap water?" She would ask, incredulous. "Are you crazy?"

the day, a man was wheeled into the ER with a serious case of internal cellulitis that infected his soft tissues from a deep puncture wound on the right side of his sit the glass down on the counter

chest. The man was screaming and crying in pain, and the infection was spreading fast. In haste, they fed him antibiotics and cleaned the wound. Right after this as he lay in his hospital bed, bandaged and medicated, a nurse came in to check on him. She asked if he would like a glass of water, and he said yes. She walked to the sink and filled it with (uh oh, you guessed it) tap water ... but not before my grandmother shoved the cup aside and ran to fetch the nearest jug of Deer Park water. The man was fine afterward, and the infection was all cleared up.

Now that I think back on it today, if that man drank polluted tap water, his infection probably would have gotten worse and spread. Worst-case scenario, to his heart. What if the polluted water had some bacteria that the medications couldn't fight? My grandmother was afraid of the same thing. That's why while I grew up, she enforced the use of spring water over tap water. It puzzled me as a child. Why did she hate it so much? I mean, water is water,

Wrong. I stopped thinking that the day I poured water from the She once told me that back in faucet of my old home in northwest a few years ago. I never really paid any attention when I poured some water. I just poured it. But then one day I happened to

and actually look. I inspected it to find small gray particles floating around in it. Like little intruders ruining my fresh water experience. They weren't huge. But definitely noticeable. I never looked at it the same. I didn't like to drink it. I was following right behind my grandmother. Spring water first.

I also had a fateful experience a couple of summers ago when I went to Breezy Point beach in Calvert County, Md. It was the first time I had ever been to that beach in particular, and I was excited. The first thing I did when we arrived was put my bathing suit on and run out to the water. I stopped dead in my tracks at what I saw.

Litter, litter everywhere. Cheetos and Doritos bags lining the shore. I took more slow, cautious steps forward. I let my feet sink into the sand and looked down in the water. I scooped some of it up into my hands. It wasn't blue, but gray

The beach is right on the mouth of the Chesapeake Bay. I think of the murky, gray particles that also flowed out of the sink into my glass at home. The Chesapeake is just like that.

Like a giant glass, but for everyone. For everyone to enjoy and

But it's not clean. The disgusting lead and oil and who-knowswhat-else that is being dumped in the water is ruining the beauty for

evervone.

And it's not just at Breezy Point. It's at every reservoir and river and stream that runs through the neighborhoods of the D.C. Metro

We shouldn't have to rely on an external water source like Deer Park or Dasani or a water filter for what's rightly ours. We shouldn't have to walk on beaches and have our vacations ruined by the sight of trash and murky water, polluted by disregard. We shouldn't have to look at a glass of tap water and crinkle our faces at its contents.

I'd like to have a better vacation. I'd love to go back to Breezy Point or another beach on the Bay some day that has gorgeous, sparkling water like on the commercials. Or at least clear water. So my family, and my friends, and any other resident of this area can take themselves and the ones they love to enjoy the huge "glass" of the Chesapeake and fill our lives with it. I'd love to offer tap water to anyone I please and not have to worry about their well-being. So I can go back to my grandmother and tell her, that after all these years, the good ol' D.C. water really is safe to drink. To see the look on her face as it lights up, when she realizes that change is pos-

Change is possible. And I'd like it to start with our water.

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Supporting Doorways

Rocklands Barbeque & Grilling Company has been partnering for six years with **Doorways for Women and Families** to host the "Shed Your Coat" fundraiser. **Rocklands provides** all food and drink for the event, held on the back patio of **Rocklands Arling**ton. Smiling behind this year's contribution to support



Arlington women and families in need are Brad Yoder (general manager of Rocklands Arlington), John Snedden (founder and owner of Rocklands), Caroline Jones (executive director of Doorways for Women and Families) and Heather O'Malley (development director of Doorways for Women and Families). For 36 years, Doorways for Women and Families has served thousands of women, men and children throughout Arlington by helping them create pathways out of domestic violence and homeless, toward safer and more stable lives.

"Flourishing After 55"

"Flourishing After 55" from Arlington Office of Senior Adult Programs, July 28-Aug. 2.

Senior trips: Monday, July 28, tour Franciscan Monastery, \$11; Wednesday, July 30, National Geographic Museum, D.C., \$14; Thursday, July 31, Harrisburg (Pa.) Capitol, Civil War Museum,

\$18; Saturday, Aug. 2, Shenandoah Summer Music Theater, Winchester, \$41.Call Arlington County 55+ Travel, 703-228-4748. Registration required.

Register for Northern Virginia Senior Olympics, 50 events, \$12. Details, 703-228-4721.

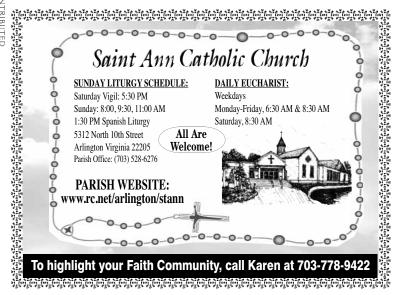
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Monday, July 28, 1:30 p.m., Lee. Free. Register, 703-228-0555.

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Entertainment

Spend 'An Evening With Danny Kaye'

Brian Childers brings a Hollywood legend to life in this musical.

By Steve Hibbard
The Connection

ctor Brian Childers has been playing Hollywood star Danny Kaye in numerous incarnations for 13 years. He will be returning to The American Century Theater in Arlington for "An Evening with Danny Kaye" from Friday, July 18 through Saturday, Aug. 16 at the Gunston Arts Center, Gunston Theatre 2, Arlington. This show is part of the Robert M. McElwaine Reflections series.

"This is a great way to be introduced to a legend," said Childers, who sings approximately 20 songs in a concert-like format. The performance is a romp through the life of Danny Kaye, as Childers does Cab Calloway's "Minnie the Moocher," "White Christmas," "Inchworm," "The Ugly Duckling," "Thumbelina," and "Tchaikovsky," among others.

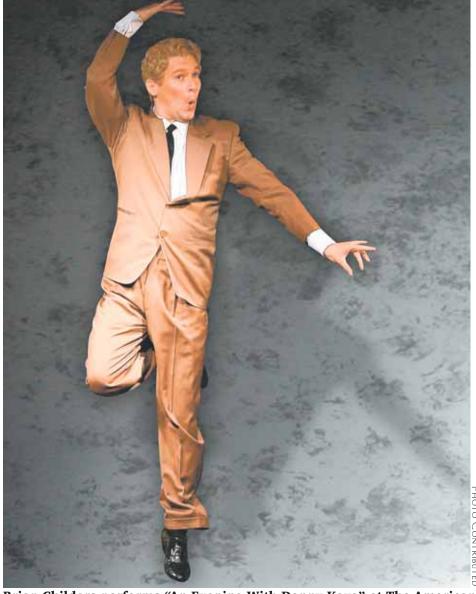
"I think he's one of the greatest performers ever," he adds. "If you were going to see Judy Garland at the Palace, this is that show — with Danny Kaye."

For those too young to remember, Danny Kaye, who was born in 1911 and died in 1987, was a vaudeville actor, singer, dancer and comedian who went on to star in 17 movies, including "White Christmas" (1954), "Hans Christian Andersen" (1952) and "The Secret Life of Walter Mitty" (1947). He hosted the Academy Awards in 1952 — when it was on radio, and was the first ambassador-at-large of UNICEF in 1954. During his heyday, he was one of Hollywood's biggest names, and later received The Kennedy Center Honor in 1984 and the French Legion of Honor in 1986. But today, he's somewhat forgotten.

As a sort of "homecoming," Childers said The American Century Theater asked him to come back and put on this show, directed by Stephen Nachamie, and musically directed by Jeff Biering. He did a one-night Danny Kaye benefit a year ago, and thought it would be fun to come back and do it again this summer. It is a celebration of Danny Kaye's life and career as a performer.

Childers had performed in "Danny and Sylvia: A Musical Love Story," which was first shown at The American Century Theater and off-Broadway for three years. "An Evening with Danny Kaye" is a touring production that he also performed in Los Angeles, South Carolina and New Jersey. The

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Brian Childers performs "An Evening With Danny Kaye" at The American Century Theater in Arlington.

Calendar

Email announcements to arlington@ connectionnewspapers.com. Include date, time, location, description and contact for event: phone, email and/or website. Photos and artwork welcome. Deadline is Thursday at noon, at least two weeks before event.

ONGOING

Art Exhibition. Through July 20, see "Texture in Wax and Fiber" by art quilter Dominie Nash and mixed media artist Susan Feller in the Crossroads Gallery of Goodwin House Bailey's Crossroads, 3440 South Jefferson St., Falls Church. Visit www.goodwinhouse.org.

"How are you doing today?"
Paintings on Emotion in Color.
Tuesdays-Saturdays, through July 26.
Gallery Underground, 2100 Crystal
Drive. Anne Chandra, creator of the
exhibit, is a painter with 20 years of
experience. Free and open to the
public. Visit www.galleryunder
ground.org or call 571-483-0652.

Visual Art and Sound. Through Sunday, Aug. 10 at the Artisphere, 1101 Wilson Blvd. Fermata, a celebration of sound, mixes visual art and sound. Special events throughout exhibit. Visit www.artisphere.com or call 703-875-1100.

Marine Corps Sunset Parade and Concerts. Tuesdays through Aug. 12. 7 p.m. in July. 6:30 p.m. in August. Iwo Jima Memorial, Arlington. Sunset parade by the U.S. Marine Drum and Bugle Corps and the Silent Drill Team. Visit www.barracks.marines.mil.

Cool Off. Through Labor Day. Several locations and various times. Bring the kids out to have a blast at Arlington's spraygrounds. Visit http://parks.arlingtonva.us/parksfacilities/spraygrounds/ for more.

REPRISE: 40 to the Fore. Saturday-

REPRISE: 40 to the Fore. Saturday-Sunday, through Oct. 5, at Arlington Arts Center, 3550 Wilson Blvd. REPRISE: 40 to the Fore rethinks, remixes, and re-presents exhibitions that Arlington Arts Center (AAC) created over the past 40 years. Free admission. Visit www.arlington artscenter.org/reprise for more.

Organic Tales. Through Oct. 5,
Wednesdays-Fridays. 1-7 p.m.;
Saturdays and Sundays, noon-5 p.m.
Arlington Arts Center, 3550 Wilson
Blvd. Alice Whealin and Si Jae Byun
present a two-person exhibition
called "Organic Tales." Free
Admission. Visit

www.arlingtonartscenter.org. **Yappy Hour.** Fridays through Oct. 31, 6-8 p.m. at the Le Meridien, 1121 N 19th St. Le Meridien hotel, along with the Rosslyn BID, is hosting a Yappy Hour every Friday. This event will be held on the terrace outside of Amuse. Amuse will be serving specialty cocktails and appetizers for pet owners as well as a few treats for dogs. Free. Visit www.rosslynva.org/do/yappy-

hour#sthash.tuQQKjco.dpuf. **Historic Home Tours** at the BallSellers House, 5620 S. 3rd St. The oldest surviving house in Arlington County opens for the season with free tours and refreshments. The house is open 1-4 p.m. Saturdays April through October. Visit www.arlingtonhistoricalsociety.org

Children's Music. 10:30 a.m on Fridays through Oct. 31. Market Common Clarendon, 2800 Clarendon Blvd. Mr. Knick Knack will perform music for children at the gazebo in The Loop at Market Common Clarendon. Call 703 476-9377 or visit www.marketcommonclarendon.com.

Open Mic Comedy. Wednesdays 8-10 p.m. at Ri Ra Irish Pub, 2915 Wilson Blvd. Doors open at 7 p.m. 21 and up only. Free show, \$25 cash prize for best joke. Call 703-248-9888 or visit www.RiRa.com/Arlington for more.

Invasive Plants Removal. Work parties are held every month to keep the parks free of destructive invasive plants. Teens, adults and families welcome. Every second Sunday of the month 2-4:30 p.m. at Gulf Branch Nature Center, 3608 Military Road; call 703-228-3403. Every third Sunday of the month 2-5 p.m. at Long Branch Nature Center, 625 S. Carlin Springs Road; call 703-228-6535 or visit https://registration.arlingtonva.us. Free, no registration required.

Comedy. Every Saturday at 3 p.m. at Comedy Spot, in Ballston Common Mall, 4238 Wilson Blvd., children can enjoy ComedySportz for Kidz. \$10. Visit www.comedyindc.com or 703294-LAFF.

Comedy. Every Friday at 8 p.m. and Saturday at 7:30 p.m. is ComedySportz ("clean") and at 10 p.m. on Friday and Saturday is the Blue Show ("adult"), both at Comedy Spot, in Ballston Common Mall, 4238 Wilson Blvd. \$15 each. Visit www.comedyindc.com or 703-294-LAFE

Poetry Series. 6-8 p.m. second Sunday of the month at IOTA Club & Cafe, 2832 Wilson Blvd. Hosted by poet Miles David Moore. Featured artists share their poetry followed by open readings. Free. Visit www.iotaclub andcafe.com or call 703-522-8340.

Open Mic Nite. 8 p.m.-12:30 a.m. every Wednesday at IOTA Club & Cafe, 2832 Wilson Blvd. Sign-up times are 7:30 p.m. and 10 p.m. Bring instruments, fans and friends. Featured musicians perform from 9:30-10 p.m. Visit www.iotaclubandcafe.com or call 703-522-8340.

Karaoke. 8 p.m. on the first Sunday every month at Galaxy Hut, 2711 Wilson Blvd. Visit www.galaxy hut.com or call 703-525-8646.

Pub Quiz. 8 p.m. every Sunday at Whitlow's on Wilson, 2854 Wilson Blvd. Prizes for first place. Free. Visit www.whitlows.com or call 703-276-9603

Storytime. Mondays and Fridays, 10:30-11:00 a.m. at Kinder Haus Toys, 1220 N. Fillmore St. Storytime with Ms. Laura. Call 703-527-5929.

CAMPS, CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

Fitness Classes. Summer Boot camp classes in Gateway Park, 1300 Lee Highway. Classes for all levels use high-intensity interval training. Classes run through Aug. 16 and meet Mondays and Wednesday 6-7 p.m, and Saturdays 9:30-10:30 a.m. \$25. Visit www.rosslynva.org/ feature/rosslyn-boot-camp for more.

Bike Camp. iCan Bike Camp is designed to help individuals with disabilities (ages 8 and older) learn how to ride a bike independently. Volunteer spotters are also needed to run alongside the riders as they learn, providing physical and emotional support. Camp runs July 28-Aug. 1 at Kenmore Middle School, 200 S. Carlin Springs Road. Interested riders should contact TRInfo@arlingtonva.us. Interested volunteers (ages 16+) contact Hkihm@arlingtonva.us. Visit http://parks.arlingtonva.us/therapeutic-recreation/therapeutic-recreation-ican-bike-camp.

Jam drop-in program is for teens 1116 who want to enjoy field trips, special events, sports, swimming, music, arts, cooking projects, group games and tournaments and more. Sign up for all eight weeks for a one-time registration fee of \$46 for Arlington residents. Extra cost for trips; there is the possibility of a fee reduction. Visit http://parks.arlingtonva.us/junior-jam-3.

www.ConnectionNewspapers.com

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Summer Enjoy Arlington Classes.

Registration is now open for these county classes, a variety of programs for all ages and abilities including fitness and sports, crafts and more. Programs have fees but there is the possibility of a fee reduction. Visit https://registration.arlingtonva.us/wsc/webtrac.wsc/wbsplash.html.

Theatre Classes. Encore Stage & Studio is holding classes and mini camps for children in grades K-8 at on Saturdays at Thomas Jefferson Community Theatre, 125 S. Old Glebe Road and Tuesdays and Wednesdays after-school at Theatre on the Run, 3700 S. Four Mile Run Drive. Visit www.encorestageva.org for a list of classes.

Summer Art Camps. Summer camps for children and teens meet daily in several sessions throughout the summer at Arlington Arts Center, 3550 Wilson Blvd. Classes range from portfolio development to drawing, acrylic painting, and contemporary landscapes with oil paint. Members receive 10-15 percent off class tuition. Visit

www.arlingtonartscenter.org/ aacsummercamps. Original art classes for all ages and all skill levels are offered year-round.

Summer Field Hockey. Academy
International provides an opportunity
for field hockey players to experience
quality training directly on home
fields. Coaches from Britain and

FOOD & DRINK

National Tequila Day. Celebrate National Tequila Day, Thursday, June 24 at Capitol City Brewing Company, The Village at Shirlington, 4001 Campbell Ave. Visit www.capcitybrew.com or call 703-578-3888.

Rosslyn Farmers Market and Concert. 11 a.m.-2 p.m., Thursdays, through Sept. 25, 1401 Wilson Blvd. The market offers fresh foods and goods from regional vendors including bread and pastries, farm-fresh and organic produce, herbs and spices, exotic teas and specialty coffees, gourmet baked goods, and marinades and sauces. Visit www.rosslynva.org/do/rosslyn-farmers-market1.

Clarendon Farmers Market. Year-round, has locally produced breads and pastries, organic vegetables, flowers, soap, sorbet and more. Saturdays and Sundays, 8 a.m.-noon at Courthouse Parking Lot, 3195 North Wilson Blvd. Also year-round on Wednesdays from 3-7 p.m. at Clarendon Metro Station. Visit www.Clarendon.org.

Arlington Farmers Market at Courthouse. Adjacent to the Arlington County Courthouse Parking Lot, at the intersection of N. Courthouse Road and N. 14th Street. This is a 'producer only' market with more than 30 producers. From January through March, the market is open on Saturdays 9 a.m.-noon. Visit

www.arlingtonfarmersmarket.com for a list of vendors. **The Crystal City FRESHFARM Market** is open April-November on Tuesdays, 3-7 p.m. with a selection of foods and goods from local producers, in front of 251 S. 18th St. Visit www.crystalcity.org for more.

Culinaire Restaurant at 1820 N. Fort Myer Drive is open for spring, Monday-Wednesday, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. and 7:30-9 p.m. Rosslyn's student-run restaurant at the Art Institute of Washington offers gourmet fare. For reservations contact aiwculinaire@aii.edu or 703-247-3841, or visit http://culinaire.aiwdepts.com for more.



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- 5-8 p.m., Monday-Friday, July 21-25 at Yorktown High School, 5200 N Yorktown Blvd.
- 9 a.m.-noon, Monday-Friday, July 21-25 at Washington Lee High School,
- 1301 N Stafford St. Monday-Friday, July 28-Aug. 1, 9 a.m.-noon, ages 10-18; 5-8 p.m. ages 14-18. Washington Lee High School, 1301 N Stafford St.

ComedySportz Improv Classes. ComedySportz is holding classes focused on learning and playing comedy improvisation games to help students increase their communications skills, boost their

confidence, and develop a strong inner playful spirit. Sessions cost \$200 and include 8 classes and 1 show. Classes meet Saturday afternoons, Monday, Tuesday and Thursday evenings. Visit www.comedyindc.com/classes.htm.

Synetic Summer Camp. July 21-Aug. 1. Synetic Theater, 1800 South Bell St. Training, rehearsal and performance process is complemented with a visual art component for students to explore the themes and images of a classic children's novel. \$737, add ons available. Visit www.synetic theater.org for more.

WEDNESDAY/JULY 16

Author Evening. 7 p.m. One More Page Books, 2200 N. Westmoreland St. Tom Young discusses "Sand and Fire." Free. Visit www.onemorepage books.com for more.

Summer Sizzlin' Nights Series. 8 p.m. Signature Theater, 4200 Campbell Ave. Christinie Pedi, the morning host of Sirius XM's Broadway channel, honors the great ladies of the stage and screen. \$25. Call 703-820-9771 to purchase tickets or for more information.

THURSDAY/JULY 17

Author Evening. 7 p.m. One More Page Books, 2200 N. Westmoreland St. Tom Sweterlitsch shares from his debut novel, "Tomorrow and Tomorrow." Free. Visit www.onemorepagebooks.com. **Summer Sizzlin' Nights Series.** 8

p.m. Signature Theater, 4200 Campbell Ave. Nicholas Rodriguez shares stories about life, love and loss in an intimate evening. \$25. Call 703-820-9771 to purchase tickets.

FRIDAY/JULY 18

Ladies Night Out. 6-10 p.m. at NRECA Conference Center, 4301 Wilson Blvd. Get together with girlfriends for a night of cocktails and shopping among mini boutiques with everything from trendy clothing, jewelry and accessories to makeup, skin and haircare, health and wellness and more. Must be 21 attend, with valid ID. General admission: \$10; VIP admission: \$15. Visit www.eventcouturists.com.

Wine Tasting. 6:30 p.m. One More Page Books, 2200 N. Westmoreland St. Wine tasting with summer wines. Free. Visit www.onemorepage books.com for more.

Summer Sizzlin' Nights Series. 7 p.m. Signature Theater, 4200 Campbell Ave. Colleen McHugh brings powerhouse vocals and original comedy to a musical examination of the shades of g \$25. Call 703-820-9771 to purchase tickets or for more information.

Film: How to Lose a Guy in Ten Days. 8-10 p.m. at Gateway Park, 1300 Lee Highway. This year's Rosslyn Outdoor Film Festival features movies about work: bad bosses, crazy co-worker, best friends. Bring blankets, low chairs and a

picnic. Movies shown rain (cancelled for severe weather) or shine. Visit www.rosslynva.org/events for more.

Synetic Theatre Performances. 8 p.m. Lubber Run Park, North Columbus St. Featuring the family shows The Music Box and The Miraculous Magical Balloon. The two shows are part of Synetic Theater's Educational Outreach program that enriches children with the magic of theater through pantomime, choreography, dance, music, physical comedy, and audience participation. Free admission. Visit www.synetictheater.org for more.

U.S. Air Force Band. 8 p.m. Air Force Memorial, 1 Air Force Memorial Drive. Summer concert series, "Lest We Forget: A Tribute to Our NAtion's Heroes." Free. For more, visit www.usafband.af.mil.

Summer Sizzlin' Nights Series. 9 p.m. Signature Theater, 4200 Campbell Ave. The Second City alum celebrates Barbra Streisand's early career. \$25. Call 703-820-9771 to purchase tickets.

FRIDAY-SUNDAY/JULY 18-27

Live Theater. 2 or 8 p.m. at Thomas Jefferson Community Theater, 125 S. Old Glebe Rd. A revival of "Once Upon A Mattress." Adults: \$15; children: \$10. Visit encorestageva.org/ for more.

SATURDAY/JULY 19

Preschool Nature Program. 10:30-11:30 a.m. and 4-5 p.m. Long Branch Nature Center, 625 S. Carlin Springs Road. For children age 3-5. Interactive nature program where your child will participate as part of a group. \$5. Registration required. Call 703-228-4747 for more.

Summer Sizzlin' Nights Series. 7

p.m. Signature Theater, 4200 Campbell Ave. An evening of standards and the unexpected from Susan Derry. \$25. Call 703-820-9771 to purchase tickets.

Drop Electric Live. 8 p.m. Dome Theatre, 1101 Wilson Blvd. Live performance with backdrop of projected visuals that pushes the limits of the imagination. \$12. Visit www.artisphere.com or call 703-875-

Synetic Theatre Performances. 8p.m. Lubber Run Park, North Columbus St. Featuring the family shows The Music Box and The Miraculous Magical Balloon. Free admission. Visit

www.synetictheater.org for more. Summer Sizzlin' Nights Series. 9 p.m. Signature Theater, 4200 Campbell Ave. Special Agent Galactica with jazz/classical guitarist Peter Fields weave together an intimate evening of songs and stories. \$25. Call 703-820-9771.

FRIDAY/JULY 20

Preschool Nature Program. 10:30-11:30 a.m. Long Branch Nature Center, 625 S. Carlin Springs Road. For children age 3-5. Interactive nature program where your child will participate as part of a group. \$5. Registration required. Call 703-228-4747 for more. **Launch Party**. 3 p.m. One More Page

Books, 2200 N. Westmoreland St. A launch party for Jennifer Mathieu and her debut novel "The Truth About Alice." Free. Visit www.onemorepagebooks.com.

MONDAY/JULY 21

Preschool Nature Program. 10-11 a.m. Long Branch Nature Center, 625 S. Carlin Springs Road. For children age 3-5. Interactive nature program where your child will participate as part of a group. \$5. Registration required. Call 703-228-4747. Author Panel. 7 p.m. One More Page

Getting to Know 'Danny Kaye'

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show garnered him the Helen Hayes Award for Best Actor in a Musical and the Mary Goldwater Award. He also toured in a different Danny Kaye show called "A Kid From Brooklyn."

"Over the years, I've grown with Danny, as it were, because the more I study him, the more I know him as a performer; it has definitely influenced my entire life as an actor," he said.

For those already familiar with him, Childers said, they will come away with a nostalgic feeling of what they re-

member about Danny Kaye. "But if you are new to Danny Kaye, you will come away with wonderful material, great music, and hopefully, a new introduction to a younger generation to the legend that is Danny Kaye."

His biggest challenge was getting to perform all of the signature songs and play the man "fully realized," he said. "These are legendary, iconic performances. So the challenge is to replicate these iconic performances and to create a fully dimensional performer who is not just a carica-

Childers has performed in other Off-Broadway and regional theatre productions. For The Ameri-



Brian Childers performs "An **Evening With Danny Kaye" at The American Century Theater.**

Story," "Hollywood Pinafore," "The Second Man" and in "The Robber Bridegroom." He played the role of Robert F. Kennedy in "The Titans" and performed in the new musical, "90 North," both at The Kennedy Center. Originally from Columbia, S.C., Childers attended school at Tennessee State University, and the University of South Carolina, before making his professional acting debut in 2000 in "The Boys in the Band" for The American Century Theater.

Childers finishes by saying, "I think he's one of the greatest performers ever. It's an honor to be able to portray him."

"An Evening With Danny Kaye" will be performed July 18 through Aug. 16 at Gunston Theatre Two, 2700 South Lang St., Arlington. There is a Pay-What-You-Can preview on Thursday, July 17 at 8 p.m. and a Pay-What-You-Can performance on Wednesday, July 23 at 8 p.m. A talkback will follow the Thursday, July 24 performance. Regular show times are Thursday through Saturday evenings at 8 p.m. with Saturday/Sunday matinees at 2:30 p.m. Tickets can be ordered online at can Century Theater, he appeared in "Detective American Century.org or by calling 703-998-4555.

Books, 2200 N. Westmoreland St. A panel composed of several authors. Free. Visit www.onemore pagebooks.com for more.

Laughter Yoga. 7:30-8:30 p.m. St. George's Episcopal Church, 915 Oakland St. Use breathing clapping and movement exercises to relax and boost creativity. Session ends with silent meditation. \$3. Contact alingtonlaughteryoga@yahoo.com.

TUESAY/JULY 22

Summer Sizzlin' Nights Series. 7 p.m. Signature Theater, 4200 Campbell Ave. The music of Darius Smith and Broadway friends. \$25. Call 703-820-9771.

Spiritual & Philosophical Book Club. 7 p.m. One More Page Books, 2200 N. Westmoreland St. A book club meeting. Free. Visit www.onemorepagebooks.com.

WEDNESDAY-THURSDAY/JULY 23-24 Summer Sizzlin' Nights Series. 8

p.m. Signature Theater, 4200 Campbell Ave. A Bob on Broadway CD release party. Bob McDonald celebrates the release of his debut CD. \$25. Call 703-820-9771.

THURSDAY/JULY 24

E11: Coda, Opening Reception. 6-8 and Terrace Gallery, 1101 Wilson Blvd. The program will culminate with a group exhibition or series of mini solo exhibitions. Free. Visit artisphere.com for more.

Author Evening. 7 p.m. One More Page Books, 2200 N. Westmoreland St. An evening with Madelyn Rosenberg and Mary Crockett,

authors of "Dream Boy." Free. Visit www.onemorepagebooks.com

FRIDAY/JULY 25

Summer Sizzlin' Nights Series. 7 p.m. Signature Theater, 4200 Campbell Ave. Will Gartshore performs a "celebration of words." \$25. Call 703-820-9771 to purchase tickets or for more information

Outdoor Concert. 8 p.m. at Lubber Run Amphitheater, North Columbus Street and 2nd Street North. D.C. native Dave Chappell, rock. Free Picnics welcome, alcohol prohibited. Call 703-228-1850 or visit www.arlingtonarts.org for more

Summer Concert Series: Oh Say Can You Swing. 8 p.m. at Air Force Memorial, One Air Force Memorial Drive. U.S. Air Force band, Airmen of Note. Subject to cancellation due to inclement weather. Free. Visit www.usafband.af.mil for more.

Film: Up in the Air. 8-10 p.m. at Gateway Park, 1300 Lee Highway. This year's Rosslyn Outdoor Film Festival features movies about work: bad bosses, crazy co-worker, best friends. Bring blankets, low chairs and a picnic. Movies shown rain (cancelled for severe weather) or shine. Visit www.rosslynva.org.

Summer Sizzlin' Nights Series, 9 p.m. Signature Theater, 4200 Campbell Ave. Florrie Bagel puts a bagel-twist on songs of love, new and old. \$25. Call 703-820-9771.

SATURDAY/JULY 26

Stories at the Museum. 1:30-3 p.m. at Hume School, 1805 S. Arlington Ridge Road. A reading of "Amelia and Eleanor Go for a Ride." Free.

www.arlingtonhistoricalsociety.org/ for more.

Waterbear Reading Series. 6 p.m. One More Page Books, 2200 N. Westmoreland St. Series continues with area authors. Free. Visit www.onemorepagebooks.com for

Summer Sizzlin' Nights Series. 7 p.m. Signature Theater, 4200 Campbell Ave. Maria Egler and Stephen Gregory Smith perform a TV theme song cabaret from Glee to the Flintstones. \$25. Call 703-820-9771 to purchase tickets or for more information.

Outdoor Concert. 8 p.m. at Lubber Run Amphitheater, North Columbus Street and 2nd Street North. CAMMO: The Center for American Military Musical Opportunities CAMMO promotes musical opportunities for veterans and service members as well as musical therapy for the treatment of PTSD and TBI. Free. Picnics welcome, alcohol prohibited. Call 703-228-1850 or visit www.arlingtonarts.org.

Summer Sizzlin' Nights Series. 9 p.m. Signature Theater, 4200 Campbell Ave. The understudies take center stage for a cabaret of their favorite songs. \$25. Call 703-820-9771 to purchase tickets or for more information.

SUNDAY/JULY 27

Outdoor Concert. 6 p.m. at Lubber Run Amphitheater, North Columbus Street and 2nd Street North. Shenandoah Run, a nine-member Americana folk band. Free. Picnics welcome, alcohol prohibited. Call 703-228-1850 or visit www.arlingtonarts.org for more.

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THURSDAY/JULY 17

Capital Improvement Plan Wrap-

Up. 3-4:30 p.m. at Arlington County Board, 2100 Clarendon Blvd. Suite 300. Visit http:// budget.arlingtonva.us/capitalimprovement-program.

FRIDAY/JULY 18

Filing Deadline. 9 p.m. Deadline to file for School Board endorsement. Caucus to select democratic candidates will be held Aug. 4, unless fewer than two candidates file for both special election openings. Visit www.arlingtondemocrats.org.

MONDAY/JULY 21

Peacemaking in the 21st Century

3-4:30 p.m. at the Arlington Central Library, 1015 Quincy St. Jacquelyn Greiff will be speaking on her experiences with peacemaking in post-communist areas. Call 703-228-2144 for more.

Submission Deadline. The Arlington County Police Department is calling for essay submissions to select a 'Chief for the Day" from Arlington County students 8-12 years old. Essays should be a maximum of one page and answer the question: "What does it mean to be a police officer?" Include name, age, address, phone number and school. The selected candidate will participate in a swearing in ceremony, go behind the scenes for a tour of the police station, participate in demos of hands on police work, and have lunch with Arlington County Police Chief M. Douglas Scott. The winner will be contacted and announced on the ACPD's website. Email entries to jgrisler@arlingtonva.us

TUESDAY/JULY 22

Chamber Breakfast. 7:30 a.m. at The Westin Arlington Gateway, 801 North Glebe Road. Join the Arlington Chamber of Commerce and the Ballston BID to hear directly from the team responsible for the project to "de-mall the mall." \$35 per person. Visit www.arlingtonchamber.org.

FRIDAY/JULY 25

Health Lecture: Aging at Home. 11 a.m.-noon at 601 S. Carlin Springs Road. Candace Baldwin of Capital

Impact and Scott Bauer of Goodin

Homeshare discuss new initiatives to help older adults age in place. Call 703-558-6859 or visit

www.virginiahospitalcenter.com.

Nominations Due. To nominate an individual for the 2014 Spirit of Community award, submit a nomination form from www.arlcf.org, to the Arlington Community Foundation via email (info@arlcf.org), fax (703-243-4796) or mail (818 N. Quincy St., Suite 103 Arlington, VA 22203). The Community Foundation will award

the recipient at a luncheon on Nov. 12. Call 703-243-4785.

Filing Deadline. 9 p.m. Deadline to file for Treasurer nomination. Caucus to select democratic candidates will be held Aug. 4, unless fewer than two candidates file for both special election openings. Visit www.arlingtondemocrats.org.

MONDAY/AUG. 4

Candidate Caucus. 6-9 p.m. at the Thomas Jefferson Community Center 3501, 2nd St S. The Arlington County Democratic Committee will hold an unassembled caucus (firehouse primary) to nominate and endorse candidates to fill two vacancies. Treasurer Frank O'Leary resigned effective July 7. School Board Member Noah Simon is resigning effective Aug. 1. Special Elections will be called by the Arlington County Circuit Court likely on the same date as the general election.

SATURDAY/AUG. 9

Anniversary Celebration. Boy Scout Troop 111 will celebrate 75 years. In support of this, the Troop is soliciting historical memories about the troop, its leaders and past activities. To submit recollections or request an invitation to the celebration, email Troop111History@yahoo.com. For a list of scoutmasters, eagle scouts and the 50th anniversary speech, visit www.Troop111.org.

TUESDAY/AUG. 19

NOVA Registration Closes.

Registration for Northern Virginia Community College's 16-week fall semester and the first eight-week term closes. Classes begin Aug. 20. Visit www.nvcc.edu or visit campuses in Alexandria, Annandale, Loudoun, Manassas, Springfield and Woodbridge. Call 703-323-3000.

TUESDAY/OCT. 14

NOVA Registration Closes.

Registration for Northern Virginia Community College's second eightweek term closes. Classes begin Oct. 15. Visit www.nvcc.edu.

"Flourishing After 55"

FROM PAGE 7 Walter Reed. Free. Register, 703-228-0955.

Table tennis, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10 a.m., Walter Reed. Free. Register, 703-228-0955.

Low impact aerobics, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 11 a.m., Aurora Hills. \$60/15 sessions. Details, 703-228-5722. Arlington Mill Trail Trekkers, Tuesdays, 9:30 a.m. Free. Register, 703-228-7369.

RSVP volunteer network explained, Wednesday, July 30, 6:30 p.m., Arlington Mill. Free. Register, 703-228-7369.

Duplicate bridge, Wednesdays, 10 a.m. -10 p.m., Aurora Hills. Cost \$5. Register, 703-228-5722.

Germany travels with Dee Bivens, Thursday, July 31, 1 p.m., Culpepper Garden. Free. Register, 703-

228-4403.

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Yorktown Grad Working To Overcome Knee Injury

Soccer standout missed senior season, will play at U of Tennessee.

s a junior, Meghan Flynn was an all-region performer for the Yorktown girls' soccer team, lead ing the Patriots to their first-ever state tournament berth. Whether it was scoring a goal or serving an assist, Flynn played a primary role in Yorktown winning 20 games in 2013, along with capturing the program's third consecutive National Dis-

trict championship and finishing Northern Region runner-up. Q & A While Flynn experienced suc-

cess during her junior campaign, her senior season was one of disappointment as a torn ACL forced her to miss the entire 2014 schedule. The Patriots could have used Flynn in the postseason, as they lost to Washington-Lee in the Conference 6 championship match and fell to Robinson in the opening round of the regional tournament.

Flynn will play collegiate soccer at the University of Tennessee. Her status for her freshman season is uncertain, however, as she continues to work her way back from her knee injury. Flynn, a 2014 Yorktown graduate, recently participated in a Q and A via email with The Connection.

Q: What made Tennessee the right fit for you?

Flynn: Tennessee is the right fit for me for a number of reasons. The level of soccer there is incredible and, even more so, the ambition of the whole team creates a very competitive atmosphere. Additionally, it's a big sports school and there is so much school spirit. Mostly, the coaches and players are really great. I was accepted into the honors college and I think, while it will be challenging and I'll need to work extremely hard, it will be a great fit for me.

Q: What is your major?

Flynn: My major is political science.

Q: What position will you play?

Flynn: I'm not sure what position I'll play

but forward and outside defense seem likely. I'm open to any position though.

Q: At what age did you start playing soccer? When did you realize playing college soccer was a possibility for you?

Flynn: I started playing soccer when I was 6 years old on a coed Arlington house team. I realized playing college soccer could be an option when I was in eighth grade and my club team scrimmaged against a DIII women's team. Playing for Yorktown varsity the following spring only encouraged me more.

Q: It was a knee injury that kept you out your senior vear, correct? Will you be healthy and able to play your freshman year of college?

Flynn: I tore my right ACL. While I have come a long way since, I am not fully recovered yet. I'm not sure where I will be in the fall but I will do everything I can before then to prepare.

Q: After Yorktown had such a strong season your junior year, what was the experience like having to watch during your senior

Flynn: It was incredibly difficult to have to sit out for my entire senior season. With that said, I knew that my team and coaches

CONNECTION FILE PHOTO

Meghan Flynn, right, was a standout soccer player during her junior year at Yorktown, but missed her senior season due to a knee injury.

> always supported me completely and I was behind them every step of the way, as well. So while it was tough to sit when I wanted to be out on the field, it was worth it to still be a part of this high school team that has meant so much to me.

Q: What is your favorite memory of playing high school soccer?

Flynn: My favorite memory of high school soccer was undoubtedly beating Stone Bridge [in the 2013 Northern Region semifinals] to qualify for the state tournament for the first time in Yorktown girls' soccer history. It was especially rewarding because

everyone expected that the very talented Stone Bridge team would beat us and I think that the upset earned us some respect.

Q: If you could go back and change one thing about your high school athletic career, what would it be?

Flynn: If I could change one thing about my high school athletic career, I would have joined the track team earlier. I was a sprinter and a high jumper for the indoor track team my junior and senior years and it was a great experience.

Q: What are you most looking forward to about the transition from high school to college?

Flynn: I'm really excited about being in an environment at Tennessee where everyone on the team is unified and working toward the same goal. I'm also excited to spend time with my teammates and play at such a high level for such great coaches.

Q: Who is your favorite music artist? Why?

Flynn: I like many artists but my favorite is probably Bruce Springsteen. I've been to a bunch of his concerts too.

Q: What is your favorite movie?

Flynn: My favorite movie is "Parent Trap."

Q: What is your favorite hobby outside of soccer?

Flynn: I really enjoy spending time with my family and friends, reading and going to the beach

Q: What location is the farthest you have traveled from the Washington, D.C. metro area?

Flynn: The farthest place I've traveled for soccer is Colorado for ECNL National Semi-

Q: Did you follow the World Cup? If so, for which team(s) did you cheer?

Flynn: I did follow the World Cup. I mostly cheered for the U.S. but I also like Argentina and the Netherlands.

– Jon Roetman

– Swimming –

Donaldson Run Defeats Lee-Graham

The Donaldson Run Thunderbolts defeated the Lee-Graham Dolphins, 237-183, at its fourth NVSL Division III Meet of the season. This victory keeps the Thunderbolts in first place in its division.

Double individual race winners for Donaldson Run were (in order of age and event): Charlie Greenwood (boys' 8U breaststroke, butterfly); TJ Hutchison (boys' 9-10 freestyle, backstroke); Ella Rigoli (girls' 9-10 freestyle, butterfly);

Audrey Engel (girls' 11-12 freestyle, butter- 11-12 backstroke); Drew Harker (boys' 9fly); Matthew Vance (boys' 13-14 freestyle, backstroke); Huck Browne (boys' 13-14 breaststroke, butterfly); Emily Brooks (girls' 13-14 freestyle, backstroke), and Ellie Belilos (girls' 15-18 freestyle, breaststroke).

The team's single winners were: Charlie Longnecker (boys' 8U freestyle); William Sloan (boys' 8U backstroke); Lily Hendery (girls' 9-10 backstroke); Hannah Ford (girls'

10 breaststroke); Rachel Conley (girls' 8U butterfly); Jack Tsuchitani (boys' 9-10 butterfly); Stasi Gustafson, (girls' 15-18 back-

DR swept three events: boys' 8U freestyle with Charlie Longnecker, James Snaith, and Charlie Marsh; boys' 8U breaststroke with Charlie Greenwood, Charlie Longnecker, and James Snaith, and boys' 13-14 butterfly with Huck Browne, Harrison Rehr, and

Jack Cowden.

Earlier in the week, Donaldson Run also won its Division III Relay Carnival. Thirteen of 22 relays qualified for the All-Star Relay Carnival, and the boys' 18U freestyle mixed-age relay team of John Ford, TJ Hutchison, Matt Vance and Bryan Meade broke a long-standing Donaldson Run team record. Their time of 1:58:06 beat a time of 1:58:70 set back in 1978.



Financial Ed. for College Students

Local experts offer budget tips to keep students out of debt.

By Marilyn Campbell
The Connection

s the summer wanes, many recent high school graduates are preparing to head to college. For those who are living away from home for the first time, this means newfound independence. But that freedom brings responsibility — especially when it comes to money.

From student loans to credit cards, the financial maze can be filled with debt-traps and money pitfalls. A recent financial literacy assessment of 15-year-old students by the Organisation for Economic

Co-operation and Development shows that one in six lacks basic financial literacy skills.

That leaves approximately three years for them to learn about money management before leaving home. And that education is key: financial education is the best way to develop sound money management skills, say financial advisors.

Taking a financial education class is an option. The Northern Virginia Urban League offers a financial literacy workshop series with Fairfax County Human Services and Fairfax County Homeownership & Relocation Services.

"College students can learn everything from understanding a [credit] score and avoiding credit traps to banking and money management," said Vickey King of the Northern Virginia Urban League.

"College is not the time to live the lifestyle of your dreams," said Rachel Powell of the Northern Virginia Council for Economic Education at George Mason University's Center for Economic Education in Fairfax. "College courses, room, board, books are all costly. You can expect to be poor in college, and if you use the many resources your college makes available to you in exchange for all the fees you are required to pay, you can expect to be fed, safe and reasonably comfortable."

THE FIRST STEP in financial literacy for college students is taking a personal money inventory. "Know before you go how much money you'll have available from your income or allowance," said Powell. "Will your folks be making regular contributions to your survival or are you on your own?"

Make a budget that includes all expenditures, including luxuries like frozen yogurt or coffee or movie tickets. Put some money aside for emergencies; even \$5 per week will add up over time.

Online tools can help college students organize their finances and track their spending and savings patterns. Alexandria-based financial planner Mark Friese recommends mint.com, which categorizes spending, and bettermoneyhabits.com, which offers videos clips on how to budget better.

"Many people, especially teens and young adults, are surprised when they look at their entire spending pic-



Financial planners advise college students to avoid the credit card debt trap and make an effort to

save money.

ture because they haven't ... had to make the money they spend," said Friese. "They just don't know the value of a dollar until they are lining their own wallets with their own money. So the big picture tools that highlight spending and savings habits are helpful."

Know the difference between needs and wants: "Don't buy what you don't need," said Powell. "Cold medicine — yes. The latest movie on DVD — no."

Open a checking and savings account at a bank located close to campus, one that offers products and services for students, advises Powell. "Don't accept accounts that require minimum balances or charge fees," she said. "Shop around for the right bank."

Find a way to establish or build savings, especially if you plan to work during college. "Pay yourself first," said Friese. "When you have a job, take a set portion of it and save it for your future self. If the job offers a retirement plan such as a 401(k), take advantage of it. A 401(k) provides the significant benefit of saving before taxes are taken out."

AVOID USING CREDIT CARDS for immediate gratification and focus on building a high credit score for the future, said Friese. "That score, that number, will be more important and reap greater rewards than any grade or SAT score ever was or could be," he said. "If you build and maintain a good credit score, you will be rewarded time and time again with preferred lending rates."

When it comes to financial aid, take time to do research, and don't underestimate the availability of college scholarships. Friese points to a study from scholarships.com, which shows that billions of dollars in scholarship funds go unawarded every year.

"Take advantage of the opportunities out there," he said. "Don't assume that scholarships are only for top scholars or athletes because many scholarships start with GPA requirements of 2.5 or less. Start looking as early as sophomore or junior year and apply as soon as you qualify."

"Saving as much as possible from summer jobs ... can help with at least some of the expenses," said Powell. "Loans are available for all the expenses you cannot pay for through gifts, grants and scholarships. Be aware that money borrowed must be repaid and the interest [accrued] is the cost of the rental of those funds."

In fact, the Department of Education reports that 10 percent of U.S. college graduates default on student loans so only borrow money as a last resort.

Investigate federal loans first. "Loans such as the Stafford loan can be far more cost effective than higher-priced private loans," said Friese.

College students should also estimate how much they will be able to afford to repay after graduation, said Powell. "Make sure that your target labor market is willing to compensate you with income commensurate with the cost of your education."

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Between Halves

By KENNETH B. LOURIE

At present, July 12th, I'm halfway, approximately, between my last CT Scan which showed a previously unseen silverdollar sized growth in my lower left lung and my next CT Scan scheduled for August 6th, one month earlier than my usual three-month interval in order to make an evaluation sooner rather than later; to determine if this is new growth or nothing more than old growth that is now visible due to the combination of shrinking tumors and dissipating fluid opening up the viewing area, so to speak. Apparently, the chemotherapy drug, Alimta, with which I've been infused every three weeks since last September appears to be doing its hoped-for job: shrinkage.

My reaction to this new finding in late May was not negative. At worst, it was neutral, at best, it was positive; something seen for the first time because previously there was too much of other unhealthy stuff in the way for it to be seen at all. Less clutter, if you'll allow a lay person's description to suffice. And for all my oncologist knows, this growth may have been there all along and is not the least bit a cause for concern, quite the opposite in fact. But we don't know enough yet, so he decided not to wait three months. Heck, this growth could even be smaller than it was originally (affected by the Alimta also) and smaller even on this next scan. But we won't know definitively, we'll only know comparatively - between late May and

To say I'm looking forward to the results would be a bit overstated. Curious, I'll allow. Moreover, I don't want to express any real confidence about my prospects, because so much of what cancer does it will do, regardless of what I think or hope or pray. But two things/symptoms my oncologist advised me to e-mail him about: pain in the area of the "new" growth and/or a persistent cough, neither of which I've experienced in the slightest. Now he didn't give me a timeline as to when I might feel something, but six weeks out, I haven't felt a thing. (I know better than to ask him hypotheticals; presumably patients feel symptoms differently, manifest symptoms differently and tolerate/notice symptoms differently, so feeling/not feeling might mean something or nothing; it varies. Uniformity is hardly at play here.) Still, I suppose I would have to go along with my brother Richard's encouragement: "It's better not to feel anything, KB, isn't it?" Heck yes! But it's hard not to worry. It's cancer, after all.

Following the calendar and chemotherapy schedule, I will have one more infusion before my next – and final – CT scan before I see my oncologist to discuss the results and dare I say, treatment options. On or about August 15th, I will once again know the tale of the tape. I will learn if my life goes on as it sort of is, with relative calm, or if I'll be thrust into the unknown vortex of clinical trials/N.I.H-type studies and the educated hands of researchers.

I've been extremely fortunate so far, diagnosis-to-date. And I'd like to think (wishfully, naively) that my luck will continue to be exceptional. Although, I realize I may be beginning to bump up against some shorter odds here, having survived tive-plus years already (only 16 percent of stage IV NSCLC survivors live beyond five years). Nevertheless, I'm thrilled to be an aberration. In fact, I can't think of anything I'd rather be called.

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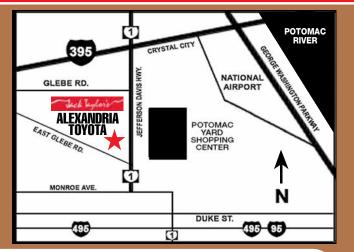
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