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Couple Still Searches for 'Golden Ring'

Store at Old Keene Mill Center closes, but dream to succeed remains open.

BY COLIN DAILEDA
THE CONNECTION

It's Friday, June 25, 7:45 p.m., and Shelley and Lanny Jennings have 15 minutes left. A quarter of an hour before the music gets cut, the lights go off and the glass double doors are locked for the last time. Just 15 minutes until Collectable Treasures closes up shop at Old Keene Mill Center. But customers still flow in and out, intrigued by the smattering of sale signs scattered all over the glass wall that separated the muggy day from the air conditioned interior.

Inside, the store is lively, but with an aura of emptiness. Owners Shelley and Lanny Jennings stand behind the counter chatting with customers as they make their last purchases. Some shelves are still full of stationary, candles and hand-bags, as if the store would be open for years to come. Others



Sale signs scattered all over the outside of the store's glass wall brought customers inside all the way up until it closed for the final time on Friday, June 25, at 8 p.m.

sit idly off to the side, white shelves starved for the gifts that once brought them color. A woman walks around the back of the store, arms packed with stuffed animals,

making the most of the sale. A rug surrounded by small figurines is slanted. A door in the back marked "Employees Only" is ajar. It's as if no one has the heart to main-

"We've enjoyed being here. We really didn't want to leave."

— Shelley Jennings

tain the gift store anymore. After all, the clock just ticked over to 8 p.m. It's closing time now.

Collectable Treasures, a store about the size of the average Hallmark squished between a Walgreens and a Solar Planet tanning salon, was where the Jennings' dream of owning a business took flight. But the couple's entrepreneurial ambitions first materialized in a much more unofficial setting — their garage.

The product was baseball cards. Lanny Jennings, a bald man with a bushy, brown beard who stands around 5-foot-7, is a sports guy, who had loads of cards to sell when the idea came to him in 1992. His wife Shelley, who is around his height with jet-black hair and today has eyes sparkling with nostalgia, wasn't into baseball cards, and Lanny Jennings found a selling partner in a neighborhood boy. The two of them quickly went from talking about cards to

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Amid Procession of Handshakes, Gossin Retires

Cherry Run Elementary says goodbye to Principal Stephen Gossin.

BY ARIELLE RETTING
THE CONNECTION

One-third Socrates + one-third Mother Teresa + one-third Jon Stewart = one irreplaceable Stephen Gossin.

Fourth grade teacher Mary Zavaleta presented that equation at Gossin's retirement party at Cherry Run Elementary School on June 16. Dozens of students, parents and co-workers filled the cafeteria to watch a slideshow, sign the autograph book and listen to speeches to celebrate his time as an educator. While Gossin spent the last eight years as the principal of Cherry Run, the party honored his 43 years of service in Fairfax County schools.

"[Teaching] was kind of a lifelong dream," Gossin said. "I would play school when I was little."

Gossin began his career in 1967 as a sixth grade teacher at St. Anthony's School, where he met his wife Cynthia in the early 1970s. After teaching in the Old Burke School and Laurel Ridge Elementary School, he accepted an assistant principal position

at Kings Park Elementary School.

Since 1983, Gossin has served as the principal at five elementary schools in Fairfax County, ending his journey at Cherry Run. Gossin doesn't have a favorite of the nine schools he's worked at, saying that all Fairfax County schools provide a great learning environment.

"They have resources that other places don't have," Gossin said. "We can focus on the instructional part, not on maintenance. [We] have a reputation of being cutting-edge, and there's [an emphasis] on staff training and development."

While he taught all subjects, Gossin said his favorite was always math, making him "a numbers person, not a letters person." Despite being out of the classroom and in an office for the last 30 years, Gossin still jumped at the chance to teach.

"He loved math and never wanted to stop teaching or be in the classroom," said PTA President Nancy Ohanian. "It is not often you see a principal that will still voluntarily be in the classroom to teach."

Reasons like this show Gossin has a way



Students, families and staff gather around Stephen Gossin to wish him farewell in the Cherry Run cafeteria.

of providing a personal connection between the administration and the students. His trademark was standing outside of the school every morning, shaking each student's hand and striking up a conversation.

"Every morning when Steve would greet the students ... with a handshake, he was tall and stately and a great role model for them," Ohanian said. "He made each child

laugh or feel special about something they were doing that day."

Knowing that Gossin loved shaking his students' hands, the Cherry Run PTA felt they had to give him one last opportunity to do so. PTA board members threw a surprise handshaking ceremony honoring him on the last day of school on June 23. Stu

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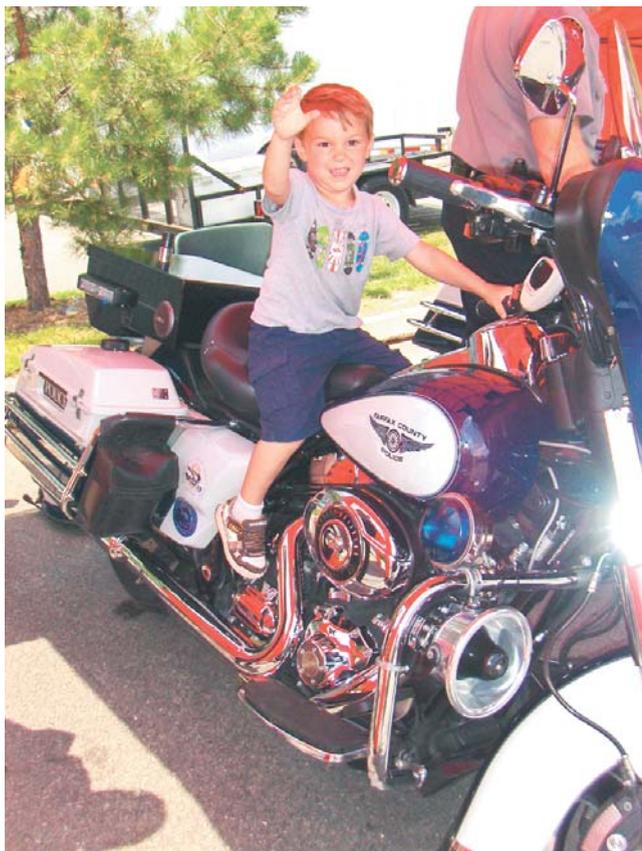


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Hey, Mom, Look at Me

Daegan Reitz, 4, of Burke, waves to his mom Jennifer from a motorcycle on display last Saturday at the Sully District Police Station open house in Chantilly.

Apple Federal Opens New Branch on Ox Road

Apple Federal Credit Union opened its 19th location on Monday, June 28. The new facility, located at 5616-A Ox Road, Fairfax Station, serves members in Burke and Fairfax Station. All the Credit Union's financial products and services are available at this location, as well as drive-thru lanes, an ATM and more.

Branch hours for Fairfax Station/Burke are: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m.; Wednesday, 10:30 a.m.-5 p.m.; and Saturday, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Drive-thru hours are Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-7 p.m. and Saturday, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

The branch is open to members as well as the public during its first weeks for specials. Membership with Apple FCU in the Fairfax Station/Burke region is open to people involved in teaching and education in the area.

Inova Breaks Ground On New 11-Story Tower

Inova Fairfax Hospital plans to construct a new 11-story South Patient Tower on its main campus. The tower will house 174, all-private intensive care and medical/surgical patient rooms. The additional 216,000 square feet will allow the hospital to meet future inpatient and outpatient needs and will allow for flexibility in the event of a surge in the number of patients. Total cost of the project is estimated at \$161 million.

Construction of the tower will begin this summer and is expected to be finished in the fall of 2012. The tower will be connected to the existing main hospital.

The design of the intensive care units (ICU) is organized by floor. The concentrated areas allow staff to work with

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Travis Grabb, left, and Terri Grabb, hold a quilt that she and her sister made in honor of the Grabbs' youngest son, Corbin, which will be raffled off during this year's Fun Run in his memory, on July 24 at Burke Lake Park.

Fighting Heart Honored

Family hosts annual walk in memory of their son Corbin, who was born with a heart defect.

BY AMBER HEALY
THE CONNECTION

Corbin Grabb was a mischievous little guy. His older brother, Aiden, 9, remembers a favorite game of Corbin's — taking their brother Brodie's glasses and hiding them in secret places.

"Brodie would start crying, and we'd have to look everywhere to find them," Aiden said. "As soon as we'd find them and Brodie put his glasses back on, Corbin would take them off and hide them again."

When their mother, Terri Grabb, was 20 months pregnant with her fourth and youngest son, the doctor informed her and her husband, Travis, that Corbin had Hypoplastic Left Heart Syndrome, meaning his heart was only partially formed.

The doctor who gave them the diagnosis wasn't comforting or hopeful, telling Terri and Travis Grabb, who were living in North Carolina at the time, that if he were in their situation, he'd look into moving to a state where late-term abortions were legal.

This wasn't an option for the Grabbs, who instead decided to have their baby and do all they could to

help him live as long as possible.

Corbin spent nearly half of his young life in hospitals, it seems, getting treatment at University of Michigan Hospital, where doctors agreed to deliver him and take care of his mother while getting him treatment as soon as he was born. Terri Grabb stayed with him for months at a time, living at the Ronald McDonald House there, while Travis Grabb and their other sons, including Gunnar, now 11, and Brodie, now 7 were at home. They eventually moved to Clifton, which meant Travis' mother, Penny Lamons, could help care for the boys while Travis and Terri were with Corbin.

But despite the best care possible, despite their best efforts, Corbin lost his battle on June 29, 2006, just a few weeks shy of his second birthday.

To commemorate his short life, the family has created the Corbin Marc Grabb Heart Foundation, to raise money for congenital heart defects like HLHS and to help families facing similar struggles. They

have also hosted an annual 1-mile and 5-mile race event at Burke Lake Park to raise money for their foundation and help raise awareness about the conditions that affect one in every 112 babies born in the U.S. annually.

The racecourse is lined with photos of Corbin and other children the Grabbs met through the course of Corbin's treatment, along

with photos of children they've never met in person but have learned about through online communities. It's an easy way to remind their friends and family that the need is out there, Terri Grabb said.

"Corbin's 23 months of life had more of a positive effect on more lives than most people can have in a lifetime."

— Penny "GrandPenny" Lamons

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those in their specialty and to form cohesive clinical teams.

The new design will allow patients to remain in their rooms rather than being frequently transferred.

The design of the South Patient tower includes environmentally friendly practices and incorporates a highly efficient energy system and insulation, as well as low- or no-VOC paints, carpets and furniture.

Wilmot Sanz Inc. designed the project and Turner Construction has been awarded the contract for construction. Both firms have previously completed successful projects for Inova Health System.

Help Our Daily Bread Provide School Supplies

Fairfax-based charity Our Daily Bread is seeking donors to provide school supplies to Fairfax County area children in need as part of its annual Back to School Program.

People may sign up online to sponsor a child or a family of children to provide supplies for the upcoming academic year, or donate funds to ODB to help other children obtain supplies. A new "Virtual Donor" feature allows individuals to donate funds that will allow Our Daily Bread to purchase a gift card and mail it directly to a child/children in the donor's name for their school supplies.

The Back to School program serves the children of Our Daily Bread's clients. Due to budgetary and staff constraints, ODB is not able to accept applications for school supply assistance from the general public. ODB is also unable to accept and distribute actual

school supplies. Those interested in sponsoring a child or children or donating to the Back to School program may visit www.our-daily-bread.org For more information, call 703-273-8829 or e-mail info@ODBfairfax.org.

Coach Receives 6 months Jail for Online Solicitation

A Chantilly resident who was a part-time wrestling coach at Woodson High has been sentenced to six months in jail for electronic solicitation. He is Gary Anthony Debrielle, 27.

In August 2009, the Spotsylvania County Sheriff's Office charged him with online child solicitation after he was snared in a sting while chatting online with a female deputy posing as a 14-year-old girl. Authorities said Debrielle had engaged in several online chats, the previous month, and they eventually turned sexual in nature.

Although he used a screen name, deputies were able to uncover his real identity and address. Then Fairfax County Police arrested him on a warrant from Spotsylvania County. Besides solicitation, he was also charged with attempted indecent liberties with a minor but, on Jan. 20, this charge was dropped.

Then on March 29 in Spotsylvania County Circuit Court, Debrielle pleaded guilty to electronic solicitation. He was sentenced to five years in prison, with four years, six months suspended, and was ordered to pay \$410 in court costs. Debrielle was not a teacher and is no longer a Fairfax County Public Schools' employee.

— BONNIE HOBBS

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High-Tech, High-Touch Networking Event. 5 p.m. at ICONS Sports Lounge Bar & Grille, 10418 Main St., Fairfax. A networking event with the small business community, cash bar and raffle. Free, registration required at www.masonsfdc.org.

Running/Walking Club. 10 a.m. Potomac River Running Store, 5715 Burke Centre Parkway, Burke. For age 55 and up. A facilitated walk/run in the Burke area. Wear running/walking shoes and comfortable clothing suitable for outdoor activity. Ongoing, meets every Thursday. www.fairfaxcounty.gov/rec or 703-324-5544, TTY 711.

FRIDAY/JULY 2

Line Dance Class. 10 a.m. Durga Temple, 8400 Durga Place, Fairfax Station. For age 55 and up. All levels. Ongoing, meets every Friday. \$5. Registration required at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/rec or 703-324-5544, TTY 711.

TUESDAY/JULY 6

Yoga. 10 a.m. at Heatherwood Retirement Community, 9642 Burke Lake Road, Burke. For age 55 and up. 8-one hour sessions. Learn basic Yoga postures while building strength and increasing and endurance and flexibility. Bring a mat and wear loose comfortable clothes. \$5. Registration required at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/rec or 703-324-5544, TTY 711.

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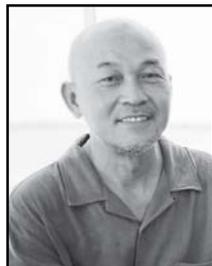
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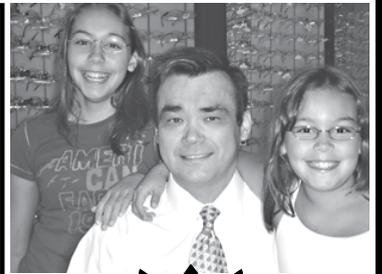
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OPINION

Summer Fun, Safely

Enjoy your summer fun, including our features on places to go with great beer selections, but plan ahead; SoberRide needs more sponsors.

This week's Connection includes Summer Fun pages, with information about waterparks, local base ball and golf, places to watch the remaining weeks of World Cup Soccer, highlights of coming Independence Day events and, yes, a map of places to go that offer great beer selection. Enjoy.

By week's end, you'll find the listings and stories from all of our papers online at www.ConnectionNewspapers.com under Summer Fun.

That said, we know that Independence Day, like Halloween and Saint Patrick's Day, is a holiday that coincides with a higher rate of drinking and driving. When you head out for your celebration, plan ahead, arrange for a designated driver, or choose to abstain if a

designated driver isn't available.

One safety net for those who might find themselves in the unfortunate position of drinking without a safe way home is the Washington Regional Alcohol Program SoberRide. Washington Regional Alcohol Program (WRAP), has offered free cab rides home on the Independence Day beginning at 10 p.m. July 4 and continuing until 6 a.m. the following day as a way to keep local roads safe from impaired drivers during this traditionally high-risk, holiday period. During this 12-hour period, area residents celebrating with alcohol could call the toll-free SoberRide phone number 1-800-200-TAXI and be afforded a no-cost (up to a \$ 50 fare), safe way home.

EDITORIAL

Education Needed

To the Editor:

While Retired Col. Douglas Englund has undoubtedly served this country well, his letter to the editor published in the June 24-30 edition of the Connection did a disservice to your readers in the understanding of an issue of importance to the citizens of the U.S.

The founders of the Federal Government originally established several checks to the misuse of power by our elected leaders. This included not only the split between the judicial, legislative and executive branches, but also a split legislative branch, House and Senate. The House was to be elected "by the people of the several states" (article 1, section 2). The Senate was to be elected by "two senators from each state chosen by the legislature thereof" (article 1, section 3). The people thus had their say in the House and the states had their say in the Senate in forming the laws of the land. The 17th Amendment in establishing Senate elections as, "two senators from each state elected by the people thereof," has effectively cut off the states from influence in the federal legislative process as they no longer have a voice.

We can currently see the result of this change in many areas, not the least of which is state governors begging for both prompt federal help from the Gulf oil spill in Louisiana and from the crime and budgetary problems due to illegal

immigration in Arizona. Repealing of this amendment and restoration of the original intent of the Constitution would place the senators, not on the campaign trail or in front of the cameras and the press, but rather on the carpet of their state legislatures explaining why these types of statewide problems are not being solved.

Dennis H. Pedder
Springfield

Independent Voice? Hardly

To the Editor:

Two of your letter writers stated that voting for U.S. Rep. Gerry Connolly (D-11) would be a vote for an independent voice. [Connection, June 24-30]. That almost made me laugh out loud. Congressman Connolly has voted with Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi (D-Calif.) 98 percent of the time, so I do not see how that represents an "independent voice." But I guess that if you love Nancy Pelosi, voting for Gerry Connolly would make sense.

Criticizing [Republican congressional candidate] Keith Fimian for saying that repealing the 17th Amendment (popular election of senators) "has merit" is of little value. There are many people, including constitutional scholars, who agree that the idea "has merit," and that the framers of our Constitution had solid reasons for having the House of Representa-

tives represent the people and the Senate represent the states. Besides that, Keith Fimian said he was "inclined to say no" to repealing the 17th Amendment, and a congressman has very little power to change the Constitution. But the facts don't matter to Connolly.

Let's discuss the issues that a congressman does have power to change — like reducing taxes or enacting laws that encourage private sector job growth. Vote for Keith Fimian.

Mary Bell
Springfield

Economic Not Political Answer

To the Editor:

Bob Paine's letter in the June 17-23 Connection ["No Laughing Matter"] attacks U.S. Rep. Gerry Connolly (D-11) for asking Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke if there is "enough spending to be cut?" When Mr. Bernanke responded "of course" he was speaking in economic, not political terms.

We could cut many billions of dollars each month by bringing all of our troops home from Afghanistan, but that would endanger our national security. I think both the Democrats and Republicans agree that this is not the place to cut. What about unemployment compensation? Should we wipe this out of the budget and have millions of Americans relying on char-

Founded in 1982, WRAP is a public-private partnership working to prevent drunk driving and underage drinking in the Washington-metropolitan area, but its work is endangered by a combination of growing ridership on key holidays and a drop in funding. At presstime, the organization was counting up donations to be sure they would be able to offer the service this year.

Last Independence Day, 331 people in the Washington-metropolitan area used the area's SoberRide program as opposed to possibly driving home drunk.

A 60 percent increase in use of the program since 2008 combined with a 35 percent decrease in corporate underwriting is threatening the free cab ride service to prevent drunk driving.

Behind SoberRide's services is a three-person charitable organization (WRAP) paying a projected \$73,000 in cab fares this year alone. WRAP relies on corporate sponsorship to offset these costs, but the recent downturn has contributed to the drop in funding. WRAP is actively seeking contributors to bridge SoberRide's \$31,000 shortfall. Call 800-200-TAXI for a free carbide (up to \$50 fare) home if you need it on July 4. See www.wrap.org for sponsorship opportunities.

ity and soup kitchens? Probably not a good idea.

What Mr. Paine means is lets cut programs that he and [11th District candidate Keith] Fimian (R) don't agree with. Which ones? The Department of Education? The National Endowment for the Arts? Medicare? Oversight of offshore rigs, food safety or border security?

It's easy to criticize our elected officials like Mr. Connolly or [Speaker of the House Nancy] Pelosi (D-Calif.). It's a lot harder to figure out how to fairly and effectively govern 330 million people representing the entire spectrum of values, beliefs, ethnic backgrounds, ages, financial conditions, etc.

Thomas L. Schwarz
Burke

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Sarah S. Tatlonghari of Burke was named to the dean's list at The University of Scranton for the spring 2010 semester. Students at the Jesuit university must have a grade point average of 3.5 or better with a minimum number of credit hours to make the dean's list. Tatlonghari is a senior occupational therapy major at Scranton.

Sara Fry of Burke graduated summa cum laude from Gettysburg College on May 16, 2010.

Joanna Peter of Burke has been named to the dean's list for the 2010 spring semester at Geneva College. Dean's list status is awarded to students who earn a 3.6 grade point average or better. Peter is a junior, majoring in elementary education.

Danielle Weiss of Burke has been named to the dean's list for the spring 2010 semester in the College of Liberal Arts, Education, and Sciences at Rider University. Weiss is a senior journalism major.

Kara Rachel Trachtenberg of Burke received a bachelor of science degree in physical education with a concentration in exercise science from the College of Charleston on May 8.

Claire Holman of Fairfax, a junior majoring in English in the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences, was recently named one of the 2010-11 Virginia Tech Union.

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SUMMER ENTERTAINMENT

Keeping It Cool

Many ways to cool off for summer fun.

Those looking for a way to cool off from the summer heat have several options in the Washington D.C. metro area.

Among those is the **Water Mine Family Swimmin' Hole** in Reston. Located at 1400 Lake Fairfax Drive, the park features a bit of an old west theme for children, with covered wagons, rattlesnakes and ore carts involved in the water fun. There are also enjoyment opportunities for teenagers and adults with water volleyball or tubing on Rattlesnake River. The park is open six days a week, from 10 a.m.-8 p.m. On Wednesdays, the park is open from 10 a.m.-5 p.m., but season pass holders may use the park from 5-8 p.m. Daily admission is \$13.50 for those taller than 4 feet and \$11.25 for those shorter than 4 feet. Cost is \$8.25 after 5 p.m. Monday-Friday and those 2 and younger enter free. Go to www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/rec/watermine/ for more information. 703-471-5415

Atlantis Waterpark at 7700 Bull Run in Centreville features a 1,000 gallon dumping bucket, waterfalls and squirters. There is also a 230-foot open slide and a 170-foot closed slide. Mermaids and dolphins help set the atmosphere for water fun. The park is open daily from 11 a.m.-7 p.m. On Aug. 23, hours change to 12-6 p.m. on weekdays and 12-7 p.m. on the weekends. Admission is \$8 for those taller than 4 feet and \$6.75 for those shorter than 4 feet or 55 and older.



A highlight of the Atlantis Waterpark in Centreville is a 1,000 gallon dumping bucket.

Cost is \$5 after 4 p.m. on weekdays. Go to www.nvrpa.org/park/bull_run/content/water_park for more information. Atlantis 703-631-0550

Great Waves Waterpark at 4001 Eisenhower Ave. in Alexandria offers twisty four-story waterslides and speed slides. It also has a tad pool for toddlers. It is located in Cameron Run Regional Park, which also has miniature golf and batting cages. The waterpark is open from 11 a.m.-7 p.m. Daily admission is \$14.25 for individuals taller than 4 feet and \$10.95 for those shorter than 4 feet. Admission after 4 p.m. on weekdays and for those 55 and older is \$8. Children 2 and younger get in free. Go to www.nvrpa.org/park/cameron_run for more information. Great Waves 703-960-0767

Volcano Island Waterpark at 47001 Fairway Drive in Sterling features a Polynesian theme, with tiki thatching, bamboo, painted murals, palm trees and a constantly smoking volcano. The park is open from 11 a.m.-7 p.m. On Aug. 23, hours change to 12-6 p.m. on weekdays and 12-7 p.m. on weekends. Daily admission is \$8 for those taller than 4 feet and \$6.75 for those shorter than 4 feet and 55 and older. Cost is \$5 after 4 p.m. on weekdays. Go to www.nvrpa.org/park/downpour_at_algonkian for more information. Volcano Island 703-450-4655

Pirates Cove Waterpark at 6501 Pohick Bay Drive in Lorton features a 300-gallon dumping bucket, water cannons and a waterslide. The park is open daily from 11 a.m.-7 p.m., with hours changing on Aug. 23. Daily admission is \$7 for those taller than 4 feet and \$6 for those shorter than 4 feet and 55 or older. Cost is \$4 after 4 p.m. on weekdays. Go to www.nvrpa.org/park/pohick_bay/content/outdoor_pool for more information. Pirates Cove 703-339-6104

Upton Hill Waterpark at 6060 Wilson Blvd. in Arlington is also an option. The park is open daily from 11 a.m.-7 p.m. with hours changing Aug. 23. Daily admission is \$8 for those taller than 4 feet and \$6.75 for those shorter than 4 feet and 55 or older. Cost is \$5 after 4 p.m. on weekdays. Go to www.nvrpa.org/park/upton_hill/content/pool for more information. Upton Hill 703-534-3437

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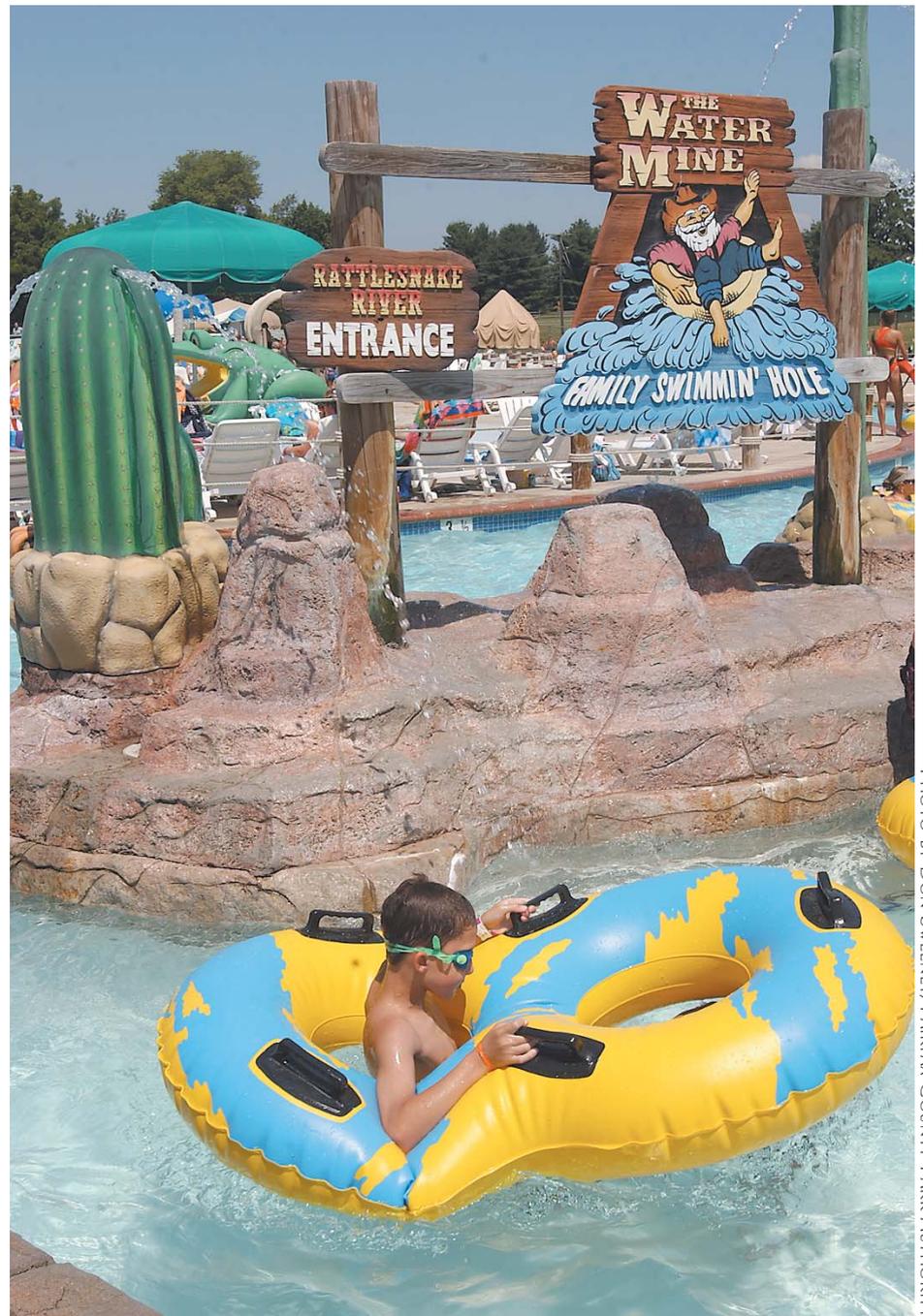


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Intertubing is just one way to enjoy one's time at the Water Mine Family Swimmin' Hole in Reston.



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Pirates hang out at the pool at Pohick Bay Regional Park during the third annual Pirate Day on June 12.

SUMMER ENTERTAINMENT



PHOTO BY AMANDA RANOWSKY/THE CONNECTION

The Carousel at Burke Lake Park

Fun in the Sun

Looking for an affordable, healthy, family-friendly experience this summer, look no further than Burke Lake Park. The county-supervised park offers a wide variety of activities at little to no cost, and there's sure to be something for everyone.

"I like the shade when it's hot out," said Doug Stabile, who was at the park with his two sons. "We played Frisbee golf earlier, and we couldn't have done that in the sun."

Stabile said his family usually goes to the park about twice a month. "I go to the driving range a lot, and we like to bike on the trails."

For those planning on visiting the park, Park Authority Spokeswoman Judy Peterson has a few tips to prepare. "Dress appropriately," she said. "Prepare for what your activities are going to be. Especially during this heat, we ask people to stay hydrated for

"I like the shade when it's hot out."

— Doug Stabile

Burke Lake Park offers a variety of activities to enjoy.

their health. If you're hiking, be aware of what's going on around you. Walk with a buddy, or tell people your plans."

For prospective campers, Peterson said that planning ahead is important. "This is a good place for first time campers," she said, "but you might want to think thorough what you're going to need."

There are lots of things going on in Burke Lake Park this summer. From day camps to evening concerts, from hiking to fishing, and from golfing to dozing on the train, Burke Lake Park has something to offer to everyone. For more information, call 703-323-6601, or see the park Web site at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/burkelake/>.

— AMANDA RANOWSKY

BURKE LAKE EVENTS

CORBIN'S FUN RUN

Corbin's Fun Run makes its debut at Burke Lake Park July 24 at 8 a.m. Runners and walkers can join the family of Corbin Marc Grubb, an infant born with a Congenital Heart Defect (CHD) who died in 2006, as they raise money to help fight the condition that caused their son's early death.

Proceeds will be donated to Inova Children's Hospital and Children's National Medical Heart Center in Washington, D.C. Donations can also be mailed to Corbin's Fun Run, P.O. Box 193, Clifton, VA 20124. Make checks payable to CMG Heart Foundation.

ARTS IN THE PARK

The following concerts and events will be held at the Burke Lake Park Amphitheater Saturdays from 10-11 a.m.:

- ❖ July 10: The Fairfax Symphony Orchestra's OTO String Quartet
- ❖ July 17: The GoodLife Theater
- ❖ July 24: Bill Wellington
- ❖ July 31: Pirate Jack
- ❖ Aug. 7: The Fairfax Symphony Orchestra's OTO Percussion Duo
- ❖ Aug. 14: Blue Sky Puppet Theater
- ❖ Aug. 21: The Fairfax Symphony Orchestra's OTO Brass Quintet

THINGS TO DO AT BURKE LAKE

BURKE LAKE GOLF COURSE

Burke Lake Park Golf Course is an 18-hole, par-3 course, with the longest measuring 202 yards. A driving range, open until 9 p.m., and a putting green and chipping area, open until dusk, are also available. There are no riding carts available at this course. Afterwards, stop by the Golf Shop for food and drink.

Costs: 18 holes, weekday \$21; weekend \$25; Bucket of balls available for \$7-17, depending on bucket size.

Times: Tee times available from 6 a.m.-6 p.m.; Driving range opens at dawn, except for Tuesdays, when it opens at noon.

BURKE LAKE LOOP TRAIL

Burke Lake Park boasts one of the 10 best fitness trails in the nation. The trail follows the shoreline 4.7 miles around the lake. It is gravel surfaced for most of its length making the trail suitable for walking or biking. Portions of the trail can be completed in 60-90 minutes.

CAMPING

Location: 7315 Ox Road, Fairfax Station.

Hours: Open daily beginning the night of Friday, April 16 until Oct. 30. Maximum length of stay is 14 consecutive days.

Fees:

❖ Campsite Rentals: Family camping sites are limited to no more than seven people, and no more than two tents. More than seven people or two tents will require an additional camping site. Family campsites are offered on a first-come-first-served basis.

❖ County and Non-County Residents: \$28/night, per site

❖ Senior County Residents: \$18/night, per site

❖ Senior Non-County Residents: \$23/night, per site. Senior discount applies to those who were age 64 by Dec. 31, 2009.

❖ Group Camping: Organized groups 15-200 people: \$6/person per night. Groups are given a specific site to camp in depending on their size and needs. Call 703-323-6600

For more information, see <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/burkelake/burkecamp/>.

FISHING

Hours: May 29-Sept. 6. Open every day, weather permitting.

❖ Saturday-Sunday hours open 6 a.m., last boat rental 6:30 p.m., boat return 7:30 p.m., close 8 p.m.

❖ Monday-Friday Hours Open 8 a.m., last boat rental 6:30 p.m., boat return 7:30 p.m., close 8 p.m.

❖ The marina will be open weekends only after Labor Day.

Bait available: Night Crawlers, Mean Green Worms, Small Minnows, Chicken Livers, Clam Snoots, Shrimp, and Squid. Call to be sure requested bait is available.

Fishing tackle also available: Hooks, Fishing Line, Bobbers and Sinkers.

For full list of fees and rentals, see <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/burkelake/marina.htm>.

CAROUSEL

Hours: May 31-Sept. 6; open every day. First carousel ride is 11:30 a.m., last is 5:30 p.m. After Sept. 6, the carousel will be open on weekends only, with the first carousel ride at 11:30 a.m. and the last at 5:30 p.m.

Cost: Ages 2+, \$1.50. Riders under 2 may ride for free.

ICE CREAM PARLOR

The Ice Cream Parlor offers variety of Breyers Ice Cream, Soft Serve, and Dip n' Dots. The Parlor also offers hot dogs, pretzels, chips, popcorn, water, fountain sodas, apple juice, Gatorade, milk, coffee, hot tea, and hot cocoa. Seating is available indoors and on an outdoor patio.

TRAIN

Hours: May 31-Sept. 6; open every day. First train ride is 11:15 a.m. and the last train ride is 5:45 p.m. After Sept 6, the train is open on weekends only, with the first train ride at 11:15 a.m. and the last at 5:45 p.m.

Cost: Ages 2+, \$2.25. Riders under 2 may ride for free.

SUMMER ENTERTAINMENT

Explore Lake Accotink

A variety of activities at the Springfield park are available on and off the water.

Lake Accotink Park offers 493-acres of trails and a 55-acre lake, and it is located at 7500 Accotink Park Road. The park is open to the community for hiking, fishing, boating and picnicking.

The marina provides rowboats, peddle boats and canoes for a rental fee between \$6-\$12. The park also allows boaters to launch their own boats at the marina for a fee of \$2. In addition, \$2 tour boat rides are offered. Due to construction on the dam, water sports are currently shut down until the end of June.

The dirt hiking trails wrap around the forested lake. Lindsey Cross, who goes on walks at the park, said she likes the lake trail because it is shaded from the sun. Because the trees shade the trail, it is a convenient place to exercise during the summer heat.

Bikes can be rented for \$10 an hour or for \$30 for half a day. The park provides helmets as well. Bike rental hours vary, but their hour listings are posted on the Lake Accotink Park, Fairfax County Park Authority Web site.

Equipped with a playground and picnic areas, the park provides several options for children. Adults and children can pay \$1.50 to ride the colorful antique horse carousel with a view of the lake or choose to play a round of mini-golf at the Lucky Duck Miniature Golf Course. The nine-hole course costs \$4 for adults and \$3 for juniors and seniors.

Every Friday at 7:30 p.m., Lake



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Colin Reusch and Lindsey Cross exercise on the trail at Lake Accotink Park.

Visitors can walk out to the sandbar at Lake Accotink Park.

Accotink Park hosts "Braddock Nights" free summer concerts. The concert series offers a variety of eclectic music including jazz, reggae, swing/blues, folk music and more. Community members can spread out on the lawn with picnics and lawn chairs to enjoy the music in a laid back setting. To find a list of the scheduled summer performances go to <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/accotink/events.htm>.

The park also offers an assortment of classes for adults and children. Fly tying, boating and beading basics are just a few of the classes. Classes that focus on dog obedience and agility and puppy training are available as well. Class listings are posted on <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/accotink/events.htm>.

— CHLOE MULLINER

World Cup Fever — Catch It



PHOTO COURTESY/ESPN SOCCERNET

The World Cup finals will take place Sunday, June 11. In Fairfax, the big game will be celebrated with a Fan Fest block party.

Street Party in Fairfax July 11.

The thrill of World Cup 2010 and U.S. men's soccer fans celebrated a late-game miracle goal by Landon Donovan in a 1-0 win over Algeria on June 23. That goal catapulted the U.S. team into the round of 16 and went from being life support to perhaps the greatest moment in team history.

Here at home, that meant a huge shot of soccer adrenaline for the faithful. There are lots of places to enjoy the World Cup games over the remaining few weeks of competition.

One of the grandest celebrations in Northern Virginia will take place at the World Cup 2010 Fan Fest in Old Town Fairfax City on Sunday, July 11. The atmosphere and electricity surrounding Fan Fest in Fairfax is sure to be at a fever pitch.

"We're going to have a proper street party," said an event spokeswoman. "And the way things are going it should be the place to be."

The event, a soccer-inspired neighborhood block party as such, will begin at 1:30 p.m. with the game tabbed to begin at 2:30. There will be a big screen for viewing, live music and good food throughout the afternoon. Local food and business vendors will be on-hand. North Street in Fairfax City, between Chain Bridge Road and University Drive, will be closed for the Fan Fest. Plenty of parking will be available downtown. Call 703-273-6097 for more information.

Summer Fun

Talk of

the Town

Brewing Up Choices

For years, restaurants have catered to wine connoisseurs with tastings, pairings and alternatives. But increasingly foodies are finding that some beer deserves the same treatment as fine wine — and some craft beers approach the same alcohol content as wine as well. Americans are no longer limiting their beer choices; now hundreds of smaller breweries have sprung up across the country offering a wider range of options for the public's palette. Many stores and restaurants are also importing specialty beers from abroad for their patrons. A few nearby restaurants have started hosting beer tastings, where they pair their favorite specialty beers with dishes that will complement the brews' taste. For local beer lovers, here are some best bets for a good selection.



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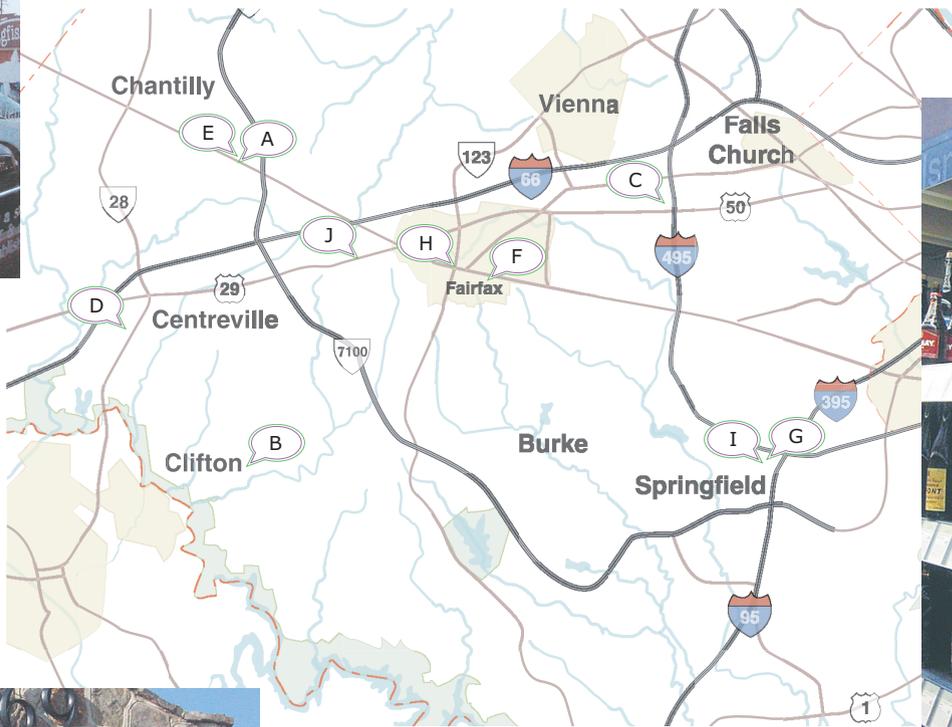
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For more suggestions see the Connection's Guide to Summer Fun online.



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With approximately 20 beer taps, this establishment offers one of the widest selections of draft brews in southern and central Fairfax County. In addition to staples like Sam Adams and Miller Lite, the bar also carries lesser known but well-regarded beers like Magic Hat's #9, Shiner Bock and Dogfish Head's 60 Minute IPA on tap.
4069 Chain Bridge Road, Fairfax; 703-267-9590
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CALENDAR

To have community events listed, send to south@connectionnewspapers.com or call 703-778-9416 with questions. Deadline for calendar listings is two weeks prior to event.

7469 or www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/performances.

Rites of Ash CD Release, Along Those Lines and DJ I-Dee. 8 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. \$10. jamminjava.com.

THURSDAY/JULY 1

Pat McGee Band. 8 p.m. at Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1645 Trap Road, Vienna. \$57-\$471. 703-938-2404 or www.wolftrap.org.

Wolftrap Childrens Theatre in the Woods. Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1624 Trap Road, Vienna. 10 a.m. Dinorock: The Great Dinosaur Mystery, 11:15 a.m. Hayes Greenfield's Jazz-a-Ma-Tazz. Free workshops follow the 10 a.m. performance; reservations required at 703-255-1824. \$8-\$10. Wolftrap.org.

Groovy Reading. 2:30 p.m. Pohick Regional Library, 6450 Sydenstricker Road, Burke. Sing and dance with Groovy Nate and his puppets. All ages. 703-644-7333.

FRIDAY/JULY 2

Gipsy Kings. 8 p.m. at Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1645 Trap Road, Vienna. \$58-\$471. 703-938-2404 or www.wolftrap.org.

Rites of Ash CD Release, Along Those Lines with DJ I-Dee. 8 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. \$10. jamminjava.com.

Hot Society Orchestra of Washington. 7:30 p.m. Lake Accotink Park, 7500 Accotink Park Road, Springfield. Hot jazz and dance music of the '20s-'40s. Free. 703-324-7469 or www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/performances.

Swing Speak. 7:30 p.m. Royal Lake Park, 5344 Gainsborough Drive, Fairfax. Swing music. Free. 703-324-

SATURDAY/JULY 3

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Parade The Day Reunion Show, Boys Will Be Boys and Safety Word Orange. 6 p.m. and 9 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. \$10 advance, \$13 day of show. jamminjava.com.

Burke Farmers Market. 8 a.m.-12 p.m. at VRE parking lot, 5671 Roberts Parkway, Burke.

Northern Virginia Country Western Dance Association. At Accotink Unitarian Universalist Church, 10125 Lakehaven Court, Burke. Line dance lessons at 7:30 p.m., couples specialty dance at 8 p.m., open dancing 8:30-11 p.m. Two Step, Waltz, Line, Swing, Cha Cha, and specialty dances. Admission \$5-\$12. www.nvcwda.org or 703-860-4941.

Fairfax County Master Gardeners Association, Inc. 10 a.m. City of Fairfax Regional Library, 10360 North St., Fairfax. Master Gardeners provide horticultural tips,

Annual July Fourth Parade and Concert at Kings Park

This year, the organizers of the Fourth of July Parade and Concert at Kings Park have more to celebrate than usual. Supervisor John Cook (R-Braddock), along with representatives from the Fairfax County Park Authority and other county dignitaries will attend the festivities to dedicate the new playground at the park.

The traditional parade will be held starting from Kings Park Elementary School at noon. Line up for the parade begins at 11:30 a.m. Children from Kings Park are invited to decorate their bicycles in a patriotic theme and join the parade, and adults with fancy or vintage cars are also invited to join.

The parade will march to Kings Park Park, where there will be a picnic with hot dogs, chips, snow cones, soda and water. Cook will dedicate the new playground at 12:45 p.m.

The Kings Park Band will perform patriotic songs during the picnic, and a moon bounce will be available from 1-4 p.m. An open house at Parliament Pool is also planned from 4-7 p.m.

If you would like to volunteer at the event, please contact Rita Botting at 703-425-1293 or Rita.Botting@gmail.com.

information, techniques and advice to home gardeners. Adults. 703-293-6227.

Neighborhood Plant Clinic. 10 a.m. Kings Park Library, 9000 Burke Lake Road, Burke. The Fairfax County Master Gardeners Association gives tips and strategies. Adults. 703-978-5600.

TUESDAY/JULY 6

Wolftrap Childrens Theatre in the Woods. Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1624 Trap Road, Vienna. 10 a.m. Culkin School of Irish Dance: Tir na nOg, 11:15 a.m. Robbie Schaefer: Songs for Kids Like Us. Free workshops follow the 10 a.m. performance; reservations

required at 703-255-1824. \$8-\$10. www.wolftrap.org.

SmartMarkets Weekly Farmer's Markets. 3:30-6:30 p.m. at the corner of Monument Drive and Government Center Parkway in Fairfax Corner. Every Tuesday through Oct. 26. www.smartmarkets.org.

Fairfax Farmers Market. 8 a.m.-12 p.m. at Van Dyck Park, 3720 Old Lee Highway, Fairfax.

Deep River and Marie Miller. 7:30 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. \$10. jamminjava.com.

Fishy Fun. 2:30 p.m. Burke Centre Library, 5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke. Silly songs, stories, and poems about our scaly, swimmy friends with storyteller Gary Lloyd. All ages. 703-249-1520.

Calling All Guys. 7 p.m. Kings Park Library, 9000 Burke Lake Road, Burke. New meeting night. Book discussion group for boys. "Call of the Wild" by Jack London. Age 9-12 with adult. 703-978-5600.

Neighborhood Plant Clinic. 10 a.m. Pohick Regional Library, 6450 Sydenstricker Road, Burke. The Fairfax County Master Gardeners Association gives tips and advice. Adults. 703-644-7333.

Barnyard Fun: Storytime for 2's and 3's. 10:30 a.m. Pohick Regional Library, 6450 Sydenstricker Road, Burke. Share stories, music and activities all about animals that live on the farm. Age 2-3 with adult. 703-644-7333.

WEDNESDAY/JULY 7

Mamma Mia! 8 p.m. at Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1645 Trap Road, Vienna. \$44-\$231.

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703-938-2404 or www.wolftrap.org.

Todd Wright's 40x40 Finale Show and Scott Simons. 8 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. \$12. jamminjava.com.

Wakefield Farmers Market. 2-6 p.m. at 8100 Braddock Road, Annandale.

Needlework Group. 10:30 a.m. Burke Centre Library, 5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke. Bring a project to work on and enjoy the company of other needlecrafters. Adults. 703-249-1520.

Lunch Bunnies. 12 p.m. Kings Park Library, 9000 Burke Lake Road, Burke. Bring lunch and listen to stories. Birth-5 with adult. 703-978-5600.

Rainforests Alive. 7 p.m. Pohick Regional Library, 6450 Sydenstricker Road, Burke. Discover the world of tropical rainforests and meet unique creatures that call the jungle their home. Presented by Reptiles Alive. 703-644-7333.

Writers' Roundtable. 7 p.m. Pohick Regional Library, 6450 Sydenstricker Road, Burke. Discuss your work with other writers. 703-644-7333.

THURSDAY/JULY 8

Mamma Mia! 8 p.m. at Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1645 Trap Road, Vienna. \$44-\$231. 703-938-2404 or www.wolftrap.org.

Swing Dance with Junk Yard Saints. 7:30 at The Old Town Hall, 3999 University Drive, Fairfax. \$10. www.headoverheelsdance.com.

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Robbie Schaefer: Songs for Kids Like Us. Free workshops follow the 10 a.m. performance; reservations required at 703-255-1824. \$8-\$10. www.wolftrap.org.

Boyce Avenue and Tamar Kaprelian. 8 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. \$12. jamminjava.com.

Brain Benders. 10:30 a.m. City of Fairfax Regional Library, 10360 North St., Fairfax. See everyday objects through scientific eyes. Presented by Maryland Science Center. Age 6-12. 703-293-6227.

Dig Those Dinosaurs. 2:30 p.m. Kings Park Library, 9000 Burke Lake Road, Burke. Beale Street Puppets presents prehistoric performers that bring the past alive. All ages. 703-978-5600.

Thursday Theater. 11:30 a.m. Pohick Regional Library, 6450 Sydenstricker Road, Burke. Bring lunch and watch movies, we supply the popcorn. Call for titles. Ages 1-6 with adult. 703-644-7333.

FRIDAY/JULY 9

Mamma Mia! 8 p.m. at Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1645 Trap Road, Vienna. \$44-\$231. 703-938-2404 or www.wolftrap.org.

City of Fairfax Concert Band. 7:30 p.m. Lake Accotink Park, 7500 Accotink Park Road, Springfield. Big band sounds. 703-324-7469 or www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/performance.

Night Music. 7:30 p.m. Royal Lake Park, 5344 Gainsborough Drive, Fairfax. Vintage rock. Free. 703-324-7469 or www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/performance.

David Johansen. 7:30 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. \$30. jamminjava.com.

SATURDAY/JULY 10

Mamma Mia! 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. at Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1645 Trap Road, Vienna. \$44-\$231. 703-938-2404 or www.wolftrap.org.

Wolftrap Childrens Theatre in the Woods. Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1624 Trap Road, Vienna. 10 a.m. Culkin School of Irish Dance: Tir na nOg, 11:15 a.m. Robbie Schaefer: Songs for Kids Like Us. Free workshops follow the 10 a.m. performance; reservations required at 703-255-1824. \$8-\$10. www.wolftrap.org.

The Fairfax Symphony Orchestra's OTO String Quartet. 10 a.m. Burke Lake Park Amphitheater, 7315 Ox Road, Fairfax Station. Free. 703-324-7469 or www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/performance.

Jimmy Lange Boxing. 7:30 p.m. at the George Mason Patriot Center, 4500 University Drive, Fairfax. Ticket Information: Doors open at 6:30 p.m. with the first fight set for 7:30 p.m. Tickets \$35-\$500, online at www.ticketmaster.com, via Phonecharge at 703-573-SEAT or www.patriotcenter.com.

Erik Mongrain. 7 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. \$15. jamminjava.com.

Fairfax County Master Gardeners Association, Inc. 10 a.m. City of Fairfax Regional Library, 10360 North St., Fairfax. Master Gardeners provide horticultural tips, information, techniques and advice to home gardeners. 703-293-6227.

Neighborhood Plant Clinic. 10 a.m. Kings Park Library, 9000 Burke Lake Road, Burke. The Fairfax County Master Gardeners Association gives tips and strategies. Adults. 703-978-5600.

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Collectable Treasures Closes Storefront

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selling them at card shows.

"We did weekend shows all up and down the East coast," Lanny Jennings said. "Shelley hated it because I was gone."

She was used to having him to herself on the weekends.

"We were married seven years when this started," Shelley Jennings said. "We used to spend every weekend together, and then he started doing these baseball cards and I hated it."

Lanny Jennings's new hobby had worn out its welcome with his wife, and it didn't take too long for it to do the same with Lanny himself.

"Baseball cards became very stressful for me," he said. "We took it to the level where I would go do a show and I knew that Monday being delivered to the house was \$30-40,000 worth of cards that I had to pay for. So I had to sell \$30-40,000 worth of cards that weekend."

Lanny Jennings was tired of that kind of pressure, and Shelley Jennings had been laid off and was looking for a new career path. So in 1994, the two decided to become a baseball card distributor, a wholesaler, to stores throughout the area.

"The banks loved a woman starting a business, so they were more than happy to loan her money," Lanny Jennings said. "So we did, we started a wholesale business with baseball cards."

BASEBALL CARDS expanded to sports cards and allowed them to travel to a sports cards convention in Hawaii every year. Famous athletes attended the convention all the time, and the couple met their fair share of former stars. They played golf with Joe Namath, took a picture with Evander Holyfield and another with Magic Johnson. They met Pete Rose.

While all that was going on, the couple began to expand their business. In 1996, they set up shop in Burke Town Plaza as The Batter's Box and the Beanie Zoo, selling sports and Pokémon cards as well as Ty Beanie Babies, which they often bought from others to resell in their store because they couldn't get an account with Ty.

While in Burke Town Plaza, the Jennings came up with the name Collectable Treasures. Their business soon outgrew the small space they owned, and they decided to set up shop in Old Keene Mill Center, fi-

nally changing the store's name to what it is now.

They continued to sell cards and Beanie Babies for a while, but soon discovered they couldn't compete with the Internet by selling just these items.

"[In] the sports arena, bricks and mortar stores could not compete against the Internet because you were competing against every Tom, Dick and Harry that ever wanted to collect baseball cards," Lanny Jennings said.

Shelley Jennings was having a rough time too.

"I'd have people coming in looking at the dolls and they'd say 'oh, I just wanted to see what the doll looked like. I'm going back and ordering it online.' Made you feel real



Collectable Treasures on Old Keene Mill Road is closed now, with much of the merchandise still available. Some will be given to charities and some will be put in the owners' other locations.

good," she said, sarcastically. "So we just had to phase them out. We couldn't pay rent that way. Collectables started not being so popular so we got into more general gifts, home décor."

And they started expanding. First, they set up a store in Lorton in 2003, but that didn't go so well.

"The store failed miserably," Lanny Jennings said. "We were there for 11 months in a brand new shopping center and not one of the 11 months including December was profitable."

They were told all kinds of shops and restaurants were coming to the area, but instead it was filled with real estate offices and few customers ever came by.

So, a year later, they moved to Fairfax Corner. Then set up another store in Twinbrooke in 2008, and another in Fair Oaks Mall a year after that. The couple now own four stores, and yet make little money doing it.

"After doing this for 20 years now, I con-



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Collectable Treasures co-owner Lanny Jennings surveys some of his merchandise before locking the door for the final time. He and his wife Shelley owned the store for 10 years.

tinue to work a full-time job and that's what supports us," Lanny Jennings said. "We make enough money to pay our bills and pay our employees, but there's no money left to live on."

Shelley Jennings puts in 60-65 hours a week into the store, all for a meager salary. Lanny Jennings puts in around 35 for no salary, in addition

to often more than 50 hours per week at Hitachi Data Systems.

So, why do they do it?

"Because we're crazy," said Shelley Jennings, with a laugh. "I love having a store. I love helping customers. I hate the paperwork, but I enjoy finding that special gift for a customer."

That personal touch has helped make them a part of the community in the 10 years since the store opened. Lanny Jennings was always entertaining the children that come through, and Shelley Jennings is on a constant mission to find the right gift for everyone.

"I have a son who's a convicted felon," Lanny Jennings said. The son is with his first wife. "Sometimes I think it was my fault. So I spend a lot of time with the kids here, getting them into playing card games and being with them on weekends."

He hosted Pokémon and Yu-Gi-Oh card game tournaments just outside the store every Sunday for around 3-1/2 years, in

temperatures ranging from 26 to 102 degrees. As long as the children wanted to do it, he would be there.

"I wanted them to have a different choice than my son," Lanny Jennings said. "He's a good kid, I love him. He's married and he's on his own and he's not in jail anymore, but he's been there. So I did a lot with the kids over here."

That included getting them to do chores at home.

"I'll make deals with them and say 'your mom would buy you two of these Silly Bandz or Webkinz if tonight, when you get home, you get out the vacuum cleaner and you take it outside and you vacuum the front of their car and the back of their car and the trunk of their car,'" Lanny Jennings said. "Moms and dads always like that when they come up here."

Customers appreciate Lanny Jennings for his ability to connect with children, and Shelley Jennings' desire to go to any length to make them happy. But the two of them will move on, always in search of their "golden ring," they always talk about, that one day when they can finally say they made it as small business owners. Shelley Jennings will do all the billing from their home now, and she said she will focus most of her attention on the Twinbrooke store for the time being.

There won't be anything like their first Collectable Treasures. Nothing can replace that store.

"We've enjoyed being here," Shelley Jennings said. "We really didn't want to leave."

But when they do, they hope the spirit of their tiny franchise will live on.

"It's good to put a smile on somebody's face," Lanny Jennings said. "Especially when they're a stranger."

Virginia Tech's Berman Cuts to Chase

Robinson Secondary graduate Jared Berman finds his stride in steeplechase event.

BY RICH SANDERS
THE CONNECTION

Jared Berman never imagined his freshmen year of college as a long distance runner at Virginia Tech would be filled with such drama. But the 2009 Robinson Secondary School graduate, as it turned out, experienced enough highs and lows during one school year of athletics to fill an entire college career.

"I had trained real hard [last summer] because I wanted to do real well as a freshman," said Berman.

All of that hard summertime work, which included long distance runs of 7 to 9 miles called "steadies," a timed practice routine in which Berman and former Edison High runner Lee Degfae took part in together, ultimately paid off for the Fairfax Station resident.

But there were times when it appeared Berman's first year as a Hokie runner would be less than fulfilling.

Throughout the first half of last fall's cross country season, Berman had not yet been called upon to participate in a meet. As a freshman, that is not unusual as newcomers to the program often play secondary roles to more seasoned team members. So Berman was thrilled when long distance coach Ben Thomas informed him he would be competing at Tech's midseason meet at Appalachian State (N.C.).

At the time, Berman was struggling with an injury to his right foot but was not about to let that hold him back. So, in his first race as a Virginia Tech runner, Berman gave it all he had and finished an impressive 23rd place overall.

That night back on Tech's campus in Blacksburg, Berman was in so much pain that he called upon an athletic trainer at 1 a.m. That's when he learned he had run with a stress fracture and would be sidelined at least a month.

"That was terrible," said Berman, who credited his mother, Deborah, back home in Northern Virginia with encouraging him to do the work over the ensuing weeks to regain his health and running form. "I was kind of disappointed."

For a stretch of time, he had to wear

a protective boot on his right foot. He said it often dragged on the floors or walkways where he moved about, leaving a black streak in his path. Fellow students always knew where Berman had been.

"I had this ridiculous boot on my foot and there were a bunch of skid marks [where I'd dragged it]," said Berman with a laugh. "Girls thought it was funny."

Berman never returned to action that cross country season and was still on the mend when the winter indoor track and field season started up. Eventually, after the winter break, it was decided he would be red-shirted for the indoor season, meaning he would not compete over the winter but

still retain four years of eligibility.

The red-shirt status actually carried into the outdoor season as well, so it appeared Berman's

school year of running was over. He was still allowed to practice with the team, however, and was nearly back to full strength. He began, at Thomas' suggestion, practicing the 3,000-meters steeplechase run, a long distance event in which participants, running around the track, must clear numerous hurdles as well as a few water barrier jumps.

Berman had no idea his work in the event would lead to his return to competition that spring. But that's what happened. Thomas found a loophole to get Berman back on the active roster and he was no longer a spring red-shirt. Berman, in his first outdoor competition, ran well in a 5,000-meters race at William & Mary.

One of Berman's best moments of the year was when he received his running gear, including team warm-ups, prior to that meet in Williamsburg.

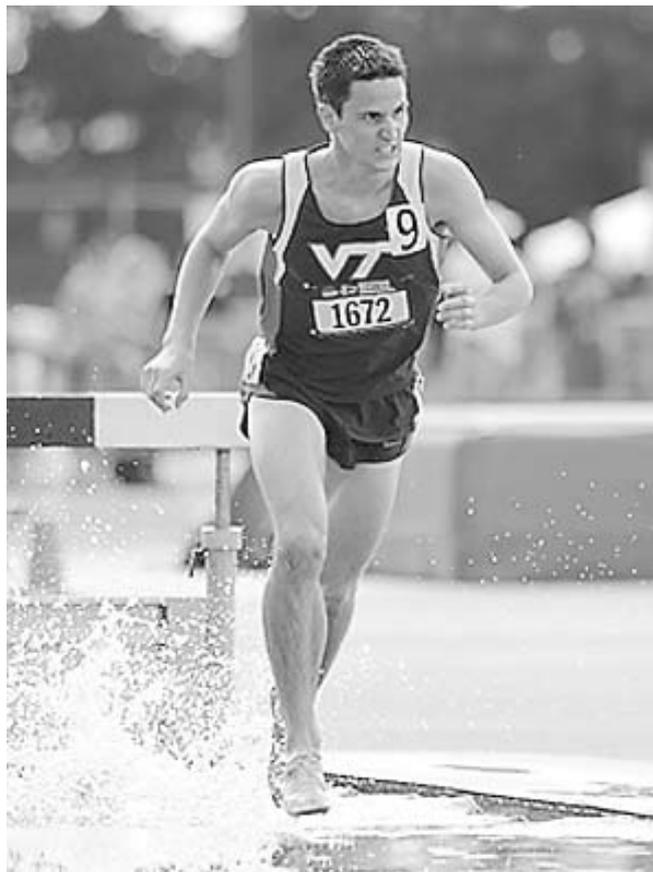
"Before the William & Mary meet, Coach Thomas texted me and told me to come in and get my gear," said Berman. "I was like, 'How is this possible, I should [still be] red-shirted?' But he told me I would be racing at William & Mary and that I would be on the roster."

Two weeks following the William & Mary meet, Berman made his steeple chase debut at none other than the ACC Championships at Clemson University.

"I was a little scared," he said. "I was in the steeple for the first time."

But Berman was outstanding. He nearly tripped early in the race when his trail foot hit the third barrier on a hurdle. But he kept going and ultimately finished sixth at the championship event.

It was an incredible showing for the first-year collegiate runner who, several weeks earlier, never dreamed he'd even be on the active team roster.



Fairfax Station resident Jared Berman will be competing for Virginia Tech in the steeplechase event at the World Junior Track and Field Championships July 19-25 in New Brunswick, Canada.

Drake University in Des Moines, Iowa. There, much like his showing at the ACC Championships, Berman came up big once again with a stunning second place steeple finish.

Going in, Berman was confident he could better his ACC sixth place time of 9:04.60 at the Junior Championships. He barely missed, timing at 9:04.76 in Des Moines. But his second place finish, behind winner Dakota Peachee (9:03.43), was still exceptional.

Going into Nationals, the confident Berman was totally focused.

"I was ready for a PR (personal best time) and knew I could," said Berman. "I knew I had to get down to business. I was ready to compete and have one of the biggest races in my life. I had a good warm-up and was ready."

Berman's strategy was to stay at the back of the running field for most of the race and then make his move with 1-1/2 laps to go. He did just that, making his move with about 150-meters remaining and even taking the lead. Peachee, however, passed Berman on the down-stretch. But finishing second was a thrill nonetheless.

"It was a huge crowd and Drake Stadium is beautiful," said Berman. "Finishing second, I had a lot of energy and adrenaline."

By finishing in the top two, Berman qualified for the upcoming World Junior Championships in Moncton, New Brunswick, Canada, July 19-25.

"I'm so excited," he said. "Me and [Coach Thomas] are going crazy getting stuff done [for the trip]. Virginia Tech is helping me get my passport."

"Finishing in the top two at the USA Junior Championships is quite an honor for him," said Thomas.

"The steeplechase is something Jared just picked up and started in January."

Berman, the Concorde District cross country champion during his senior year at Robinson, has quickly learned how challenging the steeplechase event is.

"The hardest part of the event is probably going over the barriers with a bunch of people all around you in a pack," he said. "My favorite part is that it's an interesting race. It's not just running, but you've got barriers and its pretty challenging."

Make no mistake, Berman loves a challenge. And he had plenty of those his freshmen year at Tech.

"I'm very proud of Jared's accomplishments," said Thomas. "He's just a fearless racer. I love the way he puts himself into a race. He goes after it. He's a real tough competitor who obviously has some talent to go with that tenacity. I think he's going to do great things in the future. He's going to be a special athlete for us over the next three years here at Virginia Tech."

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COMMUNITY

Corbin Memorial Fun Run at Burke Lake Park

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Lamons took over the early research, finding support groups online, gathering any information she could on congenital heart defects and HLHS and looking after the three older boys. "GrandPenny," as they call her, has been a strong support for her family in the past few years, doing all she can to help.

"Corbin's 23 months of life had more of a positive effect on more lives than most people can have in a lifetime," she said.

The family has benefited from the love and support of friends as well. From the beginning, Hope Schaaf and Diane James have been eager and willing to help with the fund raiser and foundation, serving as secretary and treasurer, respectively.

"I loved Corbin and I love this family," said Schaaf, who knows the Grabbs from their membership at Sovereign Grace Church in Fairfax. She'll be on hand early in the morning of July 24 for this year's race, her month-old infant in tow, helping to register runners and hand out information.

This year's course is exactly 5 miles, Travis Grabb said, starting and stopping in the parking lot of the ice cream vendor at Burke Lake Park. The morning kicks off with a 1-mile walk/fun run in which children are encouraged to participate and treat as a race

if they'd like.

Many local businesses have signed on as sponsors, including Petersons' Ice Cream in Clifton, the Heart in Hand restaurant, All that Glitters jewelry shop and many others. A team of volunteers from a nearby Kohl's store will also come out that morning to help with the event, and the company matches every hour of their time with a monetary donation, Travis Grabb said. All participants in the event are automatically

entered into a series of raffles for prizes including brunches, gift certificates or other coupons. Also being raffled this year is a heart quilt made by Terri's sister, Sherri, who lives in Michigan.

The next day, family and friends will gather at Corbin's gravesite for a memorial celebration, in which hundreds of butterflies will be released.

"When I was at the Ronald McDonald house with Corbin, the boys would ask to send kisses to their brother," Terri Grabb said. "I told them to send their kisses on the wings of a butterfly."

"I told them to send their kisses on the wings of a butterfly."

— Terri Grabb said

By releasing butterflies near Corbin's birthday, it's a way to remember him, to send him their love, to keep his memory alive, she said, wiping a tear from her eye.

She remembered the early days, before Corbin was born, feeling overwhelmed. It's still difficult to talk about, she said, but she needs to tell his story for those families

who are going through the same thing and for those families whose children are lucky enough to have survived.

In the beginning, the family was only able to find three children over the age of 18 who had HLHS at birth, Lamons said. That number is growing, slowly but surely, thanks to advances in medicine and technology.

Their Corbin might not be one of them, but his memory also lives on in the donations received by the foundation which are given to, among other organizations, Tender Hearts, a Merrifield-based support group for families dealing with congenital heart defects. They also provide funding to

Remembering Corbin

This year, Corbin's Fun Run is scheduled for Saturday, July 24, at Burke Lake Park starting at 8 a.m. All participants are automatically entered into a series of drawings for prizes provided by local businesses. Advanced registration is \$26 for runners ages 12 and older; between 6 and 11 years of age, the rate is \$11. Registration the day of the event is \$30 per adult and \$15 for youth. For more information, go to www.corbinsfunrun.net. Registration can be done online, by mail or by stopping at Brion's Grille 10621 Braddock Road, in Fairfax, on Friday, July 23.

the Children's National Medical Center in Baltimore and Inova Fairfax Hospital, both of which are improving their resources and treatment options for children with congenital heart defects, many of whose parents may not even know a defect exists until symptoms develop. Some people born with congenital heart defects don't know there's a problem until they're adults, Lamons said.

Photos of Corbin and his brothers line the entryway to his parents' home in Fairfax Station. Four smiling, bright-eyed boys, in matching sweaters and plaid pants, with their parents in one photo; in another, the boys are walking in a line in their large backyard, with Brodie and Aiden holding their little brother's hand.

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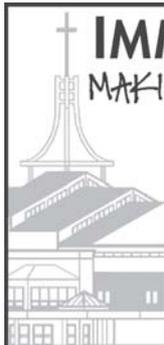


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Mission Ambassadors is part of the Vacation Bible School at Sydenstricker United Methodist Church. On three days, students who have completed the fifth and sixth grades visit local missions to learn about and participate in their work. This year trips to The Lamb Center, Food for Others, and The Hermitage are scheduled. Join us for a Fourth of July Picnic at 12 p.m. in the grove next to the church. Moon bounce, patriotic singing and more. Sydenstricker United Methodist Church, 8508 Sydenstricker Road, Springfield. 703-451-8223 or www.sumcdisciples.org.

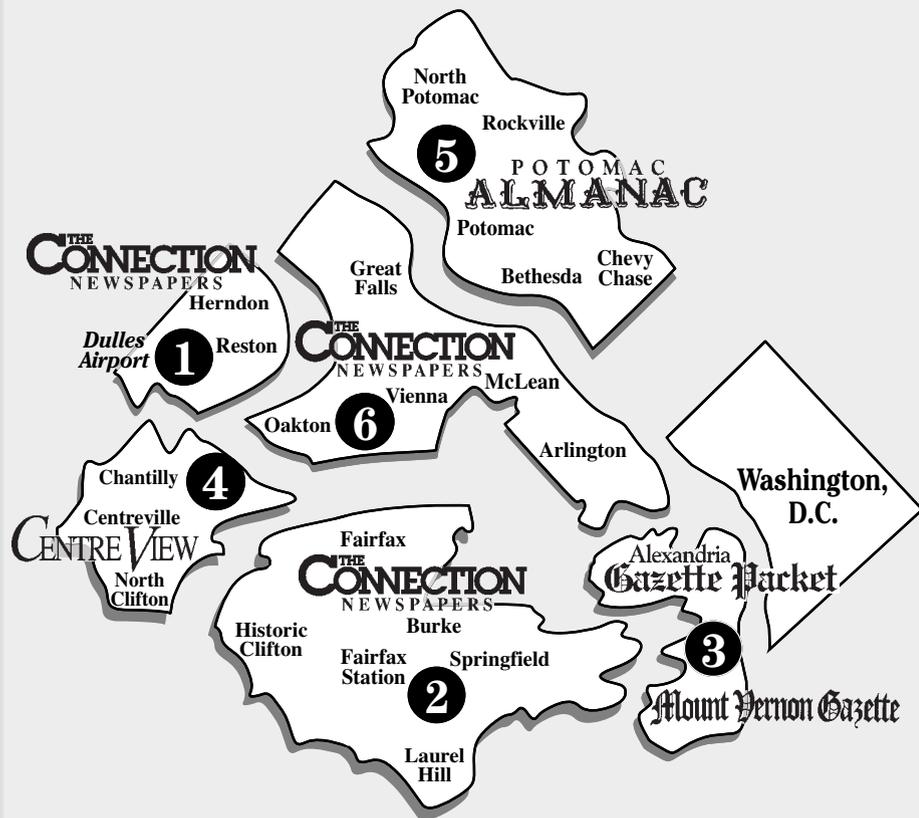
The Ministry of Music and Performing Arts of the Greater Little Zion Baptist Church, 10185 Zion Drive, Fairfax will present a Musical Extravaganza on 4 p.m. on Saturday, July 17. The program will feature some of the most anointed musical talent in the region. The public is invited, admission is free. 703-764-9111.

Messiah United Methodist Church, 6215 Rolling Road in Springfield, will begin GriefShare, a free, church-sponsored support group 7:15 p.m. Wednesdays, July 14 through Oct. 6. The focus is on Christ-centered healing through small group interaction. Recovering from the death of a spouse, a close family member, or a special friend, takes time. Child care is available upon request. Contact Chum Robert at 703-455-2344.

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PTA President Nancy Ohanian gives a speech honoring Stephen Gossin before presenting him with a flag, plaque and tree in his honor.

Farewell to Principal

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dents lined the circular hallway at 1:45 p.m. and sang "For He's a Jolly Good Fellow" when Gossin emerged from his office.

After Gossin shook everyone's hand, the boy scouts flew a special flag for him, the PTA presented him with a plaque and the PTA board and Assistant Principal Tamera Sistrunk shared warm thoughts. PTA Vice President Nickole Acquaro used the metaphor of a "flowering cherry tree" to describe Gossin's life and his time spent helping children as a "fine, great principal." Acquaro and the rest of the board presented the school with a cherry tree to plant outside in his honor.

But his time spent with children isn't coming to a close just yet. Along with catching up on housework, Gossin plans on volunteering and tutoring, especially in math, once his duties are complete at the end of summer.

Mark Bibbee, the current assistant principal at Navy Elementary, will take over as Cherry Run's principal. Although Gossin said the students and staff "will be in outstanding hands," the community believes there will never be another one like him.

"He can never be replaced," Sistrunk said. "He served as a father, big brother and honorary grandfather. He's one in a million."



The main, circular-shaped hall is lined with students waiting to surprise Stephen Gossin with a handshaking ceremony and a special presentation on Wednesday, June 23.

COLLEGE NOTES

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Micah Hafich of Woodbridge, a junior Air Force ROTC cadet majoring in mathematics in the College of Science and pursuing a minor in leadership studies.

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