

# PEOPLE

## Springfield Military Athlete Competes in World Orienteering Championships

Hannah Culberg, a First Lieutenant in the US Army and Springfield resident, is set to compete for Team USA in the Nokia Tyres World Orienteering Championships. The competition will take place in Stromstad-Tanum, Sweden, August 20-28.

Orienteering, a challenging sport which involves using a map and compass to race across terrain, is highly competitive abroad. Culberg, 26, was chosen for the US team earlier this year. First Lt. Culberg graduated from the United States Military Academy at West Point in 2012 and is now an engineer assigned to the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency.

Culberg was drawn to the sport in college because it combined her love of outdoor adventure and running. She explained her motivation in the sport, saying "there's nothing more satisfying than reaching the zone where you feel strong, you perfectly understand the map, and everything is flowing perfectly". She will be competing in the Sprint and the Relay race in Sweden and hopes to place well.



Hannah Culberg will compete for Team USA in Sweden, Aug. 20-28.

### AREA ROUNDUPS

### Springfield Town Center to Host Back To School Pep Rally

Springfield Town Center is hosting a pep rally to celebrate students returning to school. The event is scheduled for the Grand Court area of the mall from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m on Saturday, Aug. 20.

In addition to a back to school fall fashion preview, the pep rally is set to include performances by SYC All-Star Cheer, face painting, flash tattoo and balloon art, and mini-makeovers. And no youth-oriented social event would be complete without lures placed at all Pokémon GO stops in the mall.

Springfield Town Center's owners Pennsylvania Real Estate Investment Trust [PREIT] are also using the event to publicize and register shoppers for a new digital spending rewards program called PREIT Perks. Springfield Town Center is located at 6500 Springfield Mall in Springfield.

—TIM PETERSON

### Clifton Resident Organizing National Rally for Refugees

Kathy Hertz of Clifton has organized a rally for international refugees, scheduled to take place at the Sylvan Theater at the Washington Monument on Aug. 28 from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m.

Hertz spent her vacation around Christmas 2015 volunteering with her cousin to help refugees fleeing to Lesvos, Greece.

In April earlier this year, she was recognized at the Volunteer Fairfax Awards for her work, receiving the Daily Points of Light Award as well as Fairfax County Volunteer Service Award for Adult Volunteer Over 250 Hours.

The rally is being supported by more than 50 national and international organizations, Hertz said.

According to the DC Rally 4 Refugees website, the event's goal is to "raise awareness about the magnitude of the global refugee crisis, encourage advocacy and U.S. action to alleviate suffering through relief efforts and support, and stand in solidarity with refugees and displaced people worldwide."

For more information, visit www.dcrally4refugees.org.

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# News

# Operation Homefront Meets Its Goals

At the Springfield event, Back-to-School Brigade supports military families.

By Alexandra Tecco
The Connection

n a party-like atmosphere the Back-to-School Brigade [BTSB] handed out 750 backpacks filled with school supplies to the children of low to mid-rank active duty military in Springfield on Saturday, Aug. 13. Although backpack distribution was the event's purpose, the reunion of school friends, snacks, balloons, face painting and the opportunity to meet superheroes and other movie characters left the children all smiles. The military parents, meanwhile, were thankful at receiving the support and care of the community through the event organized by Operation Homefront.

Operation Homefront has three goals, said CEO John Pray, "Provide Relief, Resiliency and Recurring family support." The BTSB is one of the many recurring family support programs. They have a variety of other programs some of which include Thanksgiving and holiday meal support, toy drives and baby showers.

Jeffrey Volling, a soldier stationed at Ft. Belvoir, wears his fatigues as he holds his daughter Tatum, 2. Jeffrey's wife, Angela Volling, directs their son Landon, 6, as he holds his recently received red backpack. The Vollings know they've participated in at least the Thanksgiving meals program as well as the BTSB from Operation Homefront. "As a single-income family ... this really helps. We can focus more on food for lunches, shoes and clothes," Angela Volling said.

The combination of a high cost of living and the sheer number of military in the D.C.



Jeffrey and Angela Volling with son Landon, 6, and daughter Tatum, 2, after Landon received his new backpack. Landon will be attending first grade at Ft. Belvoir..

most of everything else is fixed cost," she explains. Consequently, the items provided by the BTSB give military families an extra cushion in their budgets to redirect towards other needs ranging from food to medical bills.

Omani Williams's spouse is in the army and this is their third time attending the BTSB. "Defraying the costs really helps a lot," she says "... this is a blessing." Williams has four children, so the cost of school supplies adds up quickly.

Williams also was part of a baby shower hosted by Operation Homefront during her

Omoni Williams with son, 10, and daughter, 8, sporting their facepaint and new backpacks will attend Woodlawn Elementary School this year. The family resides in Ft. Belvoir.

last pregnancy. There were complication in the pregnancy, so she visited the hospital a lot, spending the last month mostly in the hospital, Williams said. Consequently, she "didn't think we were going to do anything. But to see that so many people cared about my family..." she takes off her glasses to wipe away the tears while smiling at the memory. She received a variety of items for the baby including a new car seat.

"We work to make strong, stable and secure military families so they can thrive and not merely get by in the communities they work so hard to protect," says Pray.

metro area creates a lot of need that Operation Homefront seeks to address. Their focus on low-mid rank is because "younger military families are usually the ones most in need," explains Pray. For these families, something as simple as an unanticipated vehicle repair can easily spiral downward affecting the most basic of a family's necessities

"Food assistance is the most common form of assistance," says Cyndi Lucas, the Community Outreach leader of Operation Homefront's D.C. Metro branch. "The food budget is the easiest portion to manipulate,

# Metropolitan School of the Arts Moves Academy to Kingstowne

Metropolitan School of the Arts of Alexandria recently expanded its Alexandria/Kingstowne campus to include its Academy and studio classes, upon closing its Lorton campus. Alexandria/ Kingstowne MSA headquarters now provides newly renovated space for its Academy, studios and soon-to-be constructed Black Box theatre. It also welcomed four new board members, including: Jeff Lovett of Motley Fool of Alexandria, Cos Dimaggio of Tauri Group of Fairfax Station, Kusuma Aralere of Gainesville, David Patterson of Tech Enabled Solutions in Leesburg, Jim Anderson of Fairfax Station of the Anderson Company; and Peter Van Aartrikj of the

Aartrikj Company in Alexandriaa. Go to www.metropolitanarts.org for more information.

"We are thrilled to debut our new academy space in Kingstowne...we are growing and with that our space needed to evolve and expand," said Melissa Dobbs, founder and executive director of Metropolitan School of the Arts of Alexandria. "Having our studios, academy and black box theatre under one roof will help us create a more comprehensive and collaborative atmosphere among our students and instructors," said Dobbs.

To help support Metropolitan School of the Arts Black Box Theatre campaign, visit www.metrpolitanarts.org



From left, Cos Dimaggio of Tauri Group of Fairfax Station, Kusuma Aralere of Gainesville, Va., David Patterson of Tech Enabled Solutions in Leesburg, and Jeff Lovett of Motley Fool of Alexandria.

# News



Photo contributed

At last year's Swim for Engie fundraiser, 34 participants swam laps for nearly two hours and raised just under \$6,000.



Engie Mokhtar of Kingstowne swims backstroke during the 2015 Swim for Engie breast cancer research fundraiser. The second Swim for Engie event is scheduled for Aug. 27, 2016, 8—10 a.m. at Little Hunting Park Pool.

# Swimming with Engie, for Cancer Research

# Fundraiser benefits Inova Schar Cancer Institute.

By Tim Peterson The Connection

hen Engie Mokhtar of Kingstowne woke up from a blackout on the floor of her kitchen, she didn't think much of it. She cleaned up, went to bed, and went to swimming practice with the Alexandria Masters team the next morning

After describing the incident to teammates, one of them said it sounds like Mokhtar might've had a seizure. She went to the doctor that afternoon, who got her right into an MRI.

In 2010, Mokhtar was diagnosed with Stage III breast cancer. She went through all the treatments over the next two years — surgery, chemotherapy, radiation and reconstruction.

That cancer had metasticized to her brain, doctors told Mokhtar. The seizure was related to the three-centimeter mass that had formed in that organ.

Within two weeks, Mokhtar had brain surgery. Her treatment included "cyber knife," oral chemo pills and infusion chemotherapy. After five months she was able to stop the harsh oral pills, but she has continued to go in for infusion treatments every Friday.

**THE LAST THING** she wanted to do before her surgery? Attend 6 a.m. swim practice.

"Swimming became such a huge part of my life," Mokhtar said. She grew up swim-



From left, Nadia Mokhtar with daughter Engie: She joined the Alexandria Masters swim team with her daughter so she could drive her to practice while she was undergoing treatment for cancer.

ming, mostly for recreation, choosing to focus more time on dance and music.

But the medicine she was on for her first cancer treatment caused permanent nerve damage and degeneration in her feet. That made it painful for her to walk long distances, much less dance.

To get back in shape during her treatment, Mokhtar returned to swimming. More than just a cardiovascular workout, she found a close-knit community. "The swim team was my rock," Mokhtar said. "They truly are my second family." While she couldn't drive, teammates would help get her to practice, to work, walk her dog, bring her meals — "do whatever else I needed."

"When we first heard she had cancer, we

asked 'How can we help her?" said Potomac Yard resident and Alexandria Masters swimmer Cindy Halim. "It's what we do." One of the swimmers had the idea to hold a swima-thon to raise money to help cover Mokhtar's medical expenses. But she declined the offer.

"What she really wants is for the money to go to figuring out why people get cancer," said Madeline Muravchik of the City of Alexandria. "Lots of charities focus on treatment, she would rather focus on why this happens to people." Muravchik is the membership coordinator for the swim team, and helped organize last year's Swim for Engie Against Breast Cancer Swimathon fundraiser. The 34 participants swam laps

for nearly two hours and raised just under \$6,000.

Per Mokhtar's request, the money supported the breast cancer research fund with the Inova Schar Cancer Institute. "The type of cancer I had was a death sentence ten years ago," said Mokhtar. "They'd say, 'OK, the end." But now, she said, genomics research has helped medicine to target genetic markers, reasons for the cancer attacking.

Currently, Mokhtar is experiencing no progression of the cancer; she gets a "full workup of scans" every three months.

To keep herself busy and fulfilled, she's taken on an active role in the Alexandria West Rotary club, which is co-sponsoring this year's swim-a-thon. "It's really kept my attitude up, to continue doing the things I love to do," Mokhtar said. "Take those moments when I can. Prioritize what gives me joy. We don't always get that, we get bogged down paying the bills, making ends meet."

And she's continued to swim with her teammates, her family at Alexandria Masters. "You picture someone who shows physical signs of being physically desperately ill," Muravchik said, "which Engie does not. She has this double life. She's battling, and is still able to function in the world."

"She sees how you can make the most of your life," Halim said. "Swimming really makes her happy, and we're glad we can provide her with this environment so she feels like she's home."

**THE SECOND SWIM FOR ENGIE** event is scheduled for Aug. 27, 2016, 8 — 10 a.m. at Little Hunting Park Pool, located at 7000 Canterbury Lane in Alexandria. The event is open to the members of the public of all ages who can swim laps.

For more info about this year's event, sign up or to donate, visit www.crowdrise.com/SwimforEngie2016 or contact Madeline Muravchik at swimforengie@gmail.com

# Man Dies After Being Shot by Fairfax Sheriff's Deputy Outside Inova Hospital

Hispanic male was discharged patient who was escorted by security to bus stop before the incident.

> BY TIM PETERSON THE CONNECTION

arly Tuesday morning, Aug. 16, a man died after having been shot by a Fairfax County Sheriff's Deputy outside the green garage area at Inova Fairfax Hospital the previous

At a press briefing later on Tuesday morning in the Public Safety Headquarters building Police Chief Edwin Roessler and Sheriff Stacey Kincaid recapped the events with as much information as is known, while both a criminal and administrative investigation are underway.

Roessler said the deceased man, an as yet unnamed 29-year-old Hispanic male, had



At a press briefing later in the morning on Tuesday, Aug. 16, Police Chief **Edwin Roessler and Sheriff Stacey Kincaid** recapped the Aug. 15 Sheriff's Deputy-involved fatal shooting.

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been a patient at the hospital. Hospital staff had helped him to the bus stop in the garage area shortly before 10 p.m., after he'd been discharged. Neither his reason for being in the hospital nor his length of stay has been released. The man's next of kin had not yet been notified, and so his identity was not released.

Hospital security then received several calls of a suspicious man with an apparent

Police later released a photo of the object, which turned out to be a metal signpost with a sharp end used for driving into the ground.

Hospital security guards responded to the

scene and observed the man "acting in what appears to be a mental episode," Roessler said.

The guards attempted to mitigate the situation, Roessler said, and the suspect struck and injured one of the guards with the post. The guards then radioed for additional help.

A Fairfax County Sheriff's Deputy assigned to the hospital that night heard the call for help over security radio and responded to the bus stop, as did several Police Officers.

The deputy, who Roessler and Kincaid said has undergone Crisis Intervention Team training for helping people with mental illness, also attempted to "negotiate and de-escalate the episode."

The suspect raised his post and began to charge the deputy, Roessler said.

The deputy gave the suspect orders to stop, while "tactically trying to retreat."

When the suspect did not stop coming, Roessler said, the Sheriff's deputy fired his 40-caliber Glock duty weapon several times, striking the male. The two were at "close proximity" during their engagement, but the details are still under investigation. The entire encounter took place in a very short period of time, Roessler said.

The man was taken to the Inova emergency room for his injuries.

The deputy is on administrative leave, Kincaid said, while the Police Department conducts a criminal investigation and the Sheriff's Office carries out an administrative investigation to see if all policies for use of force were followed appropriately.

Roessler said Inova security cameras not body cameras — captured the incident, though he has not seen it. As it is now evidence; it's uncertain when the footage will be released to the public. Neither Fairfax County Police nor Fairfax Sheriff's Deputies have employed body cameras at this time.

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# **OPINION**

# Election 2016: Much at Stake Nationally, Locally

# Possible record turnout should motivate more early voting.

lection Day is Tuesday, Nov. 8, and in some ways that seems like it can't possibly come soon enough. On Election Day in Virginia, polls are open from 6 a.m. - 7 p.m., but early voting begins Sept. 23, about five weeks from now, and voters should have plenty of motivation

It's hard to articulate how much is at stake in the coming election, and it's not just about the choices for U.S. President. Turnout will be extremely high, if not record breaking.

Nearly 32 percent of voters nation-EDITORIAL ally voted before Election Day in 2012, according to census data, compared with just under 30 percent in 2008 and 20 percent in 2004, the New York Times reported.

There are 19 valid reasons to vote absentee in Virginia, with one that applies to almost everyone who commutes to work. If you could be working and commuting to and from home for 11 or more hours between 6 a.m. and 7 p.m. on Election Day, you qualify to vote "absentee in person." If you vote absentee in-person you will fill out the application when you arrive at the in-person absentee location.

The deadline to register to vote on Election Day is Oct. 17.

Visit the Virginia Department of Elections website to check that you are registered or call Fairfax County Elections office at 703-222-

Virginia has a stringent voter identification requirement, plan to bring photo identification with you to vote, whether that is absentee or on Election Day. Among accepted ID: valid Virginia Driver's License or Identification Card; valid Virginia DMV issued Veteran's ID card; valid U.S. Passport; other government-issued photo identification cards issued by the U.S. Government, the Commonwealth of Virginia, or a political subdivision of the Commonwealth; valid college or university student photo identification card from an institution

of higher education located in Virginia; valid student ID issued by a public school or private school in Virginia displaying a photo; employee identifica-

tion card containing a photograph of the voter and issued by an employer of the voter in the ordinary course of the employer's business. Any registered voter who does not possess one of the required forms of identification can apply for a free Virginia Voter Photo Identification from any general registrar's office in the Commonwealth. Voters applying for the Virginia Voter Photo ID Card will have to complete the Virginia Voter Photo Identification Card Application, have their picture taken, and sign the

### Ramping Up to **Election Day**

- **❖ Sept. 23:** In-Person Absentee Voting Begins
- \* Oct. 17: Voter Registration Deadline In-Person: 5 p.m., Online: 11:59 p.m.
- \* Nov. 1: Last Day to Apply for an Absentee Ballot by Mail, Fax, Email or Online: 5 p.m.

  Nov. 5: Final Day for In-Person Absentee Voting
- \* Nov. 8: Absentee Ballot Return Deadline: 7 p.m.
- Nov. 8: Election Day, Polls Open 6 a.m. 7 p.m.

digital signature pad. Once the application is processed, the card will be mailed directly to the voter.

While the Presidential election will take top billing, every seat in the U.S. Congress is on the ballot, with one hotly contested race in Northern Virginia.

In Fairfax County, voters will decide whether to enact a four percent meals tax, a topic voters will hear a lot more about in coming weeks. Bond questions include \$120 million in transportation bonds for Metro; \$107 million in bonds for parks; and \$85 million for building and renovating senior and community centers, and homeless shelters. More at http:// www.fairfaxcounty.gov/bond/

For more information on voting in Fairfax

Voter Registration: 703-222-0776, TTY 711 Absentee Fax: 703-324-3725

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### Letters to the Editor

### Back to School with Asthma **Action Plan**

To the Editor:

to vote early.

The back-to-school season is a busy time of year filled with supply shopping, annual checkups, and more. If your child has asthma there are additional items I urge you to add to the to-do list. In order to ensure they'll be safe all year long make sure their school nurse knows how to help your child if they experience asthmatic symptoms.

Developing an asthma action plan with your child's doctor during their

checkup is an important first step. Provided by the Virginia Coalition Asthma (www.virginiaasthmacoalition.org), the asthma action plan template is a free tool for you, your child, and their healthcare provider to create a strategy to respond to the various degrees of asthma symptoms your child may experience while at school.

Once your asthma action plan is developed, reach out to your school nurse and share it with them. They will also be able to walk you through the necessary steps to guarantee your child has access to their medication, and can carry their medication with them.

Last, but not least, make sure you and your child know the daily air quality forecast. Air pollution is a known asthma trigger, and understanding the daily air quality will allow you and your child to make informed decisions about whether or not it's safe for them to exercise outdoors. Did you know that the American Lung Association gave Fairfax an "F" for smog pollution in their 2016 State of the Air Report?

This makes it especially important for Fairfax's children with asthma to keep an eye on air quality. Visit www.airnow.gov for your local air quality forecast.

### Jennifer Kaufer

American Lung Association in Virginia

### Disappointing Sanitation

To the Editor:

I attended the 4 H Fair & Carnival two years ago and may not go again. I should have written you about this sooner but got distracted. I was very disappointed in the sanitation and hope it got better. I would hope someone would have noticed the same thing as I did and had it corrected, but just in case I will tell you what I discovered two years ago.

- 1) There were two hand washing stations outside the animal petting building. One of them you had to hold the faucet on as you used it. How could you properly wash your hands holding the faucet handle on? The second faucet handle was so loose, it would not turn on.
- 2) There was another hand washing station about 60 to 70 feet away from the baby chicken handling exhibit. This hand washing station was poorly labeled, too far from the baby chicken exhibit, you had to hold the faucet handle on, and it

had no soap. There was a bulletin about 2 years ago about the hazards of children handling baby chickens, you probably read it. It was quite explicit in stating that you must take appropriate precautions when handling baby chickens and recommended against it.

- 3) Here is the good news, the stand alone restroom by the park entrance has warm water, a motion sensor activated faucet, soap and paper towels.
- So at least there was one correctly functioning hand wash sta-
- 4) There were mosquitos breeding in puddles by the carnival.

Jack Johnson, Esq Falls Church

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# Virginia Department of Transportation

### **I-95 Fairfax County Parkway** Flyover Ramp **Fairfax County**

Design Public Hearing

Tuesday, September 6, 2016, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Presentation at 7 p.m.

Island Creek Elementary School 7855 Morning View Lane, Alexandria, VA 22315

Find out about plans to construct a flyover ramp from northbound I-95 to northbound Fairfax County Parkway (Route 286). The project will also eliminate the loop ramp from northbound I-95 to northbound Fairfax County Parkway, and add left-turn lanes at the end of the ramp at Fairfax County Parkway and Loisdale Road.

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and 23 CFR 771, an Environmental Assessment (EA) was prepared for review and comment at a public hearing on June 16, 2010. Pursuant with the National Historic Preservation Act, Section 106 and 36 CFR 800, information concerning the potential effects on properties listed in or eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places was also included in the EA. The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) issued a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) decision on May 30, 2012. On behalf of FHWA, VDOT is reevaluating the project for any design changes and the potential impacts, for changes in applicable environmental law and regulations, or for new information in general that may have occurred since issuance of the FONSI.

Stop by between 6:30 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. to view displays and learn about the project. VDOT staff will be available to answer your questions. A brief presentation will begin at 7 p.m.

Review project materials at the hearing, including the EA, plans, project schedule, and right-of-way, environmental and civil rights information. Materials are available for review at www.virginiadot.org/projects, at the meeting, or during business hours at VDOT's Northern Virginia District Office located at 4975 Alliance Drive in Fairfax. Please call ahead at 703-259-1794 or TTY/TDD 711 to schedule an appointment with project staff.

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# Create a Back-to-School Game Plan

# Educators tell how to make the transition less jarring.

By Marilyn Campbell
The Connection

s a single mother of a fifth grade student, Christine Schull is already making back-to-school preparations. Her plans include more than purchasing notebooks, pencils and new shoes. She knows that she and her daughter will have to shift their schedules and prepare to get back into a scholastic mindset.

"She gets up early every day ... but because it is summer, she wants to go to bed late ... about two or three weeks out, I will be much more firm about her bed time," said Schull, assistant dean and professor of Early Childhood Education at Northern Virginia Community College in Alexandria. "Also, to start getting her academic muscles flexing, I usually supplement with some academic enrichment. I am hiring someone to work with her once a week just to give her a taste of what she will experience in fifth grade."

Whether a child's summer is packed with camps and vacations or filled with lazy days and complaints about being bored, students often find the back-to-school transition to be challenging. From the prospect of reuniting with friends to getting reacquainted with homework, it is not uncommon for children to experience mixed emotions about jumping back into a busy fall schedule.

"Going back to school is really more than just a one-day event," said Dr. Lisa Turissini, Ed.D. assistant professor and chair of the Department of Education at Marymount University. "This type of transition is about the forming of a new habit. Brain researchers agree that the forming of a new habit also includes the breaking of an old one."

Having a conversation with children and assessing their feelings about returning to school is a good place to start, recommends Licensed Clinical Psychologist Jerome Short, Ph.D., associate professor of Psychology at George Mason University.

"Children have a variety of ways of thinking, feeling, and acting toward the upcoming transition back to school,' he said. "Some children are optimistic and excited about school and are already preparing for the first day. Others may be anxious or avoid thinking about a new school year, and may need more support, structure, and encouragement from parents to prepare themselves."

He encourages parents to listen to their children's concerns and expectations and empathize with their feelings. "Summarize what they tell you, and tailor your approach to their needs with their input," added Short.



Photo by James Kegley for Norwood School

Science teacher Sarah Boor works with students at Norwood School. Educators say now is the time to prepare children for a return to school.

It's not just children who may experience school anxiety. Some parents may be worried about their children starting a new school, changing schools, facing more rigorous academics or dealing with difficult social situations. "Fear of the unknown can cause anxiety," said Turissini. "Working with your children to build resilience and manage their emotions can be beneficial for the whole family. Children are extremely capable of dealing with change, and parents can help them by creating an environment at home that encourages them to share their feelings about returning to school."

Reconnecting or connecting with other parents and students for support can help with the transition. "Others may help motivate, empathize, or make school preparations fun," said Short. "There are opportunities to increase children's communication abilities and social skills if they spend time together on school tasks."

Planning ahead and establishing a regimented sleep schedule in August can help parents get their children acclimated to the early wake up times for the upcoming school year. "If you want your child to have a less painful transition back to a new school year, now is the time to take proactive measures to change your child's bedtime routine," said Turissini.

"...[It] gives their biological clock time to adjust so the transition is not so abrupt," she said. "A regular bedtime and wake up time will build the needed structure into a child's schedule, and this new habit will help [a child] to embrace the new routine that the school year brings."

"Don't do it all at once, do it gradually, said Mark R. Ginsberg, Ph.D., dean of the College of Education and Human Development at George Mason University. "Start with [moving your children's bed time] one-half hour earlier, then 15 minutes earlier."

Other recommend time adjustments include reestablishing routines that might have been lost during the summer. "If your summer has been schedule-free, get back to some of your old routines now. Start those regular family meal times or game nights," said Turissini.

In addition to rearranging sleep schedules, now is the time to tackle back-to-school shopping and schedule doctor visits. "Take a day to get those school clothes, school supplies, and backpacks purchased," said Turissini. "Make sure your child's physical exam is up to date. You know the school medical forms will be forthcoming."

Completing summer reading lists and other summer assignments can also get students ready to learn. "We want students to return to school learning ready, which means children should be reading for pleasure ... for about 30 minutes a day," said Karen O'Neill, head of Lower School at Norwood School. "Sustained reading is a skill that requires practice at home."

Parents can reinforce a child's interest in books by reading to their child or reading their own book while their children read. "Don't turn on the television in another room while your child reads," said Ginsberg. "Have a family reading hour. Modeling the behavior is powerful for the child." He suggests setting challenging and achievable goals and being mindful of those that could prove unrealistic. "Start with 20 minutes of reading and then increase it from there,"

"At least one week before the first day of school, create the morning routine that will allow your child to arrive at school with time to organize belongings, chat with friends, and create a mindset for learning," said O'Neill.

Invite children's participation when creating a back-to-school plan. "From my own experience as a parent and educator, it's best

to engage them in a conversation, rather than telling them what to do," said Ginsberg. "Rather than being directive, be collaborative with the child. Ask them what it is that they think they need to do to get themselves ready."

Going from a carefree summer to a structured school year packed with activities can be jarring for some students. To ease the blow, Turissini sug-

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— Lisa Turissini Ed.D., Marymount University

gests having candid conversations about the upcoming school schedule and ways in which the family can establish balance.

"Create a family calendar of school, extracurricular, and family activities," she said. "Allow for some downtime on the calendar for each child so they can choose to do whatever it is they would like. Kids don't inherently know how to add balance to their lives, so as a parent, it is important to look for the opportunities to model balance at home, work, school, and personal pursuits."

To ease anxiety about back-to-school transportation, Michele Claeys, associate head of school and head of middle school for Norwood School, suggests "if your child walks to school or takes a bus, walk the route together or check out the bus stop together." Whether traveling by car or bus or on foot, talk about what the schedule will look like on school mornings, including any chores that have to be done before leaving the house. Consider inviting your child to write out a schedule for the morning, including the time needed for each task.

Claeys also recommends taking time to review the curriculum for the upcoming year with your children, if it is available, and talk about some of the things they will be learning. "Hopefully this will inspire excitement about all the learning to come," she said.



# Considering a Private School?

# **Educational consultants** can help families navigate application process.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL The Connection

or families considering an independent school for the 2017-2018 school year, the admissions process begins this fall. From essays and interviews to school visits and standardized tests, the process for getting into kindergarten may feel nearly as daunting as applying to college.

Narrowing down the vast field of potential schools to find the best fit, completing the application and securing a slot at one of the area's top private schools are all challenging tasks. That's why many families rely on an educational consultant to help them understand and navigate through the entire process.

"Schools have as varied personalities as students do," said Mark H. Sklarow, CEO of the Independent Educational Consultants Association (IECA) in Fairfax. "Level of competitiveness, exploration versus memorization, independence versus group work, philosophies of learning, uses of technology, requirements in sports and the arts ... the list goes on."

When choosing a consultant, avoid those who guarantee that they can obtain admission to a particular school or secure a specific dollar amount in scholarship funding, advises Sklarow. Additionally, educational consultants should not complete admission application forms or write or re-write student essays.

An educational consultant's role is to guide students and parents through the admissions process. Consultants usually begin by meeting with families and getting to know the child's educational needs, identify strengths and weaknesses, and consider their interests and dislikes. Ideally, consultants combine the information they glean from their conversations with the family with their knowledge of area schools to help families decide on schools that are a good fit.

"Consultants can help families select a school that is the right fit. "Parents need to be realistic about their child's strengths and weaknesses and learning style," said Mimi Mulligan, assistant head and director of Admission and Enrollment Management for Norwood School. "All independent schools offer fine academic programs, but we each have a unique school culture."

Consultants aim to give students and families unbiased advice and recommendations based on their professional judgment of a student's needs and abilities. Consultants who are IECA members, for example, have "visited hundreds of campuses to understand the culture beyond the numbers to ensure such a successful pairing," said Sklarow.

Sklarow advises families to begin working with an independent educational consultant during the academic year before the year they plan to apply to an independent school.







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Devon Barmekov of Herndon, sales for Chaos Mountain in Callaway, Va., said the Workhouse Brewfest was a great opportunity for visibility in the northern Virginia market.



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The band Practically Einstein performs popular covers for the audience under the Workhouse Arts Center Rizer Pavilion.

# Ice Cold Cheer

# Workhouse Arts Center in Lorton hosts first Brewfest.

By Tim Peterson
The Connection

hamara Wilkins of Lorton ventured out of the priceless shade just long enough to get a refreshing top up on her beer-tasting glass from Lorton-based Forge Brew works.

Despite sweltering heat in the 100s on Saturday, Aug. 13, Wilkins and her family came out to a first-of-its-kind event at the Workhouse Arts Center in Lorton: the Workhouse Brewfest.

"We love it," Wilkins said. "We're always looking for something different in the area, and this is a different event. We love the beer."

The former prison hosted more than 30 craft brewers, as well as a smattering of distilleries, wineries and other vendors on its campus throughout the day. Due to the dangerous heat, Workhouse organizers opened many of the art buildings and encouraged visitors to take advantage of their air-conditioning. Other precautionary measures included a presence of emergency medical technicians from Fairfax County Fire & Rescue and law enforcement from Fairfax County Police. There were numerous water and soda stations, tents, as well as misting stations.

"We're trying to give people as much water, soda

and shade as we can," said Brett Johnson with the Workhouse. "For the first time, it's gone well. Next year will be better."

Mike Kuykendall of Burke, brand ambassador for Fair Winds Brewing Company in Lorton, said all the brewers appreciated the Workhouse providing plenty of ice to keep their kegs cold.

"For a first-run beer festival, they've done a good job," Kuykendall said. "Maybe next time they could have it a little later, or earlier in the year." Despite the heat, Wendy Lemieux with the Fairfax County Office of Public Private Partnerships said she was very happy with how the event turned out. "We've received fabulous feedback," she said.

Partnering with the Workhouse to put on the Brewfest were Celebrate Fairfax and the Fairfax County Park Authority.

"This has been in the works for the last six months, said Lemieux. "It was about promoting the economic vitality of small businesses — brewers and vendors — and it morphed into this."

Steve Behm of Springfield just moved to the area from Los Angeles. He said he couldn't have asked for a better introduction to the local beer scene, including four Fairfax County breweries.

"The space is really cool, having the arts interspersed here," Behm said. "The fact it used to be a prison adds to the mystique."

Mustang Sally Brewing Company in Chantilly will host the follow-up, first-ever Fairfax County Brewfest on Oct. 1.



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Left, Corinne Airgood of Fairfax City pulls a beer from Forge Brew Works at the first-ever Workhouse Arts Center Brewfest on Aug. 13.



Melissa Morgan of Fairfax, right with Forge Brew Works in Lorton serves Shamara Wilkins of Lorton, left, a cold brew at the Workhouse Arts Center Brewfest on Aug. 13.

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#### **ONGOING**

**Farmers Market & Food Trucks:** 3-7 p.m. Thursdays through Oct. 27 at the Fairfax County Government Center front parking lot

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Springfield Town Center. May 7-Nov. 19, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Through November. Corner of Spring Mall and Loisdale roads, Springfield. Enjoy fresh baked goods, produce, vegetables & fruits, meats & cheeses, and a host of other vendors. springfieldtowncenter.com.

Lovers and Madmen. June 18-Aug. 19. Epicure Cafe, 11104 Lee Highway, Fairfax. Features local artists. epicurecafe.org.

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Plant Clinic. 9 a.m.-noon. Sundays till

Plant Clinic. 9 a.m.-noon. Sundays till end of September. Lorton Farmers Market, 8990 Lorton Station Blvd., Lorton. Conducted by Master Gardeners. Answer gardening question, identify plants and insects, soil tests, etc. fairfaxgardening.org. Carolina Shag. Wednesdays. 6:30-10

Carolina Shag. Wednesdays. 6:30-10 p.m. Arlington/Fairfax Elks Lodge, 8421 Arlington Blvd., Fairfax. Free lessons at 7:30 p.m. No partners needed. Dinner menu. \$8. Under 21 free. nvshag.org.

FUN-Exercise. Thursdays, noon-12:50 p.m. Grace Presbyterian Church Family Room, 7434 Bath St., Springfield. Inova certified exercise instructor leads a moderate level exercise class with music and current events conversation. Muscle, Balance, Strength Training using stretch bands and weights both standing and seated exercises. Instructor donation is \$5. Contact Chris Moore at moorefitt@yahoo.com or 703-499-6133.

EXERCISE PROGRAM Mondays and Fridays at 9:30 am year-round at Lord of Life Lutheran Church, 5114 Twinbrook Rd. Fairfax, VA 22032. The exercises are for strength, balance and maintaining limberness. Contact SCFB office at 703-426-2824 for more information.

### Cafe Ivrit (Hebrew Cafe).

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### THURSDAY/AUG. 18

Evenings on the Ellipse. 5:30-7 p.m. Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax. The United States Navy "Commodores" (Jazz). Fun music and good company. Paradise Springs and The Winery at Bull Run will be offering complimentary tastings of their premium reds and whites. If it rains, concerts will be moved inside to the Government Center Forum.



Apples at the weekly Fairfax County Farmers Market & Food Trucks event at Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center Pkwy Thursday's 3-7 p.m

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#### FRIDAY/AUG. 19

**Family Fun Movie Nights**. 7 p.m. Sherwood Community Center, 3740 Old Lee Highway, Fairfax. "Zootopia." 703-385-7858.

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### SATURDAY/AUG. 20

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### SATURDAY/AUG. 27

### **Summer Reading Triathlon**

Closing Ceremony. 11 a.m. Barnes and Noble Fairfax, 12193 Fair Lakes Promenade, Fairfax. Local children's author Sue Fliess will join to read and sign copies of one of her 2016 releases: "A Fairy Friend." Wrap up summer with the 20th Anniversary celebration of the Barnes & Noble Summer Reading Triathlon with special events and activities. 703-278-8527.

### SUNDAY/AUG. 28

#### First Responders Day at Fairfax Station Railroad Museum. 1-4

p.m. Fairfax Station Railroad Museum, 11200 Fairfax Station Road, Fairfax Station. Civil War reenactors and modern practitioners who will demonstrate medical and rescue practices then and now in commemoration of Fairfax Station's role as an evacuation center during the Battle of Second Manassas in 1862. Free-\$4. 703-425-9225.

### TUESDAY/AUG. 30

15th Annual Bridgewalk. 7 p.m. Intersectoin of Bland Street and Amherst Avenue in Springfield. Walk across Veteran's Bridge to American Legion Plaza for an old-fashioned community celebration with music by the Kings Park Concert Band. 703-971-6262.

### TUESDAY/ SEPT. 13

### **Dementia Caregivers Support**

Group noon - 1:30 p.m. at the Lord of Life Lutheran Church, 5114
Twinbrook Road, Fairfax. The group is for those caring for someone with dementia or interested in learning more about providing caregiving to a person with a disorder that affects memory and cognition and may impact behavior and physical abilities. Before attending, contact the facilitator, Eileen Thompson at 703-451-8626 or Eileen.thompson1@gmail.com.



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# News

# Those Critters Around Us

Safety advice from **Fairfax County** wildlife expert.

> BY BILL ACKERMAN MEMBER OF OLLI MASON

ossums get a bad rap," said Fairfax County Wildlife Management Specialist Dr. Katherine Edwards during a presentation on "Those Critters Around Us" to the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at George Mason University (OLLI Mason) last week. Edwards' goal at OLLI was to educate Fairfax residents on how to act appropriately and safely with the county's surprisingly large and diverse range of wildlife species.

According to Edwards, opossums may seem to be pests, but they are voracious consumers of ticks, and are among the least likely of the local wildlife community to carry rabies. Bats are another group that have an undeserved bad reputation, she said. Bats are huge insect eaters, and some species numbers have been severely reduced by the white-nose syndrome fungus. In particular the little brown bat, once one of the most common species in the region. was recently listed as state endangered in Virginia.

In recent weeks Edwards has fielded a number of calls about red foxes, which have been exhibiting bolder behavior than usual as a result of living in close proximity to people. Foxes can make some startling noises, and are active this time of year as the kits are out with their parents, learning to hunt. Edwards cautioned that foxes, as with all wildlife, should be appreciated from afar.

When it comes to Canada geese, Edwards observed that people "love 'em or hate 'em". Currently they are molting, gathering together in groups for protection as they are temporarily flightless. While there are migratory Canada geese, people mostly ob-

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Fairfax Baptist Temple, at the corner of Fairfax County Parkway and Burke Lake Roads, holds a bible study fellowship at 9 a.m. Sundays followed by a 10 a.m. worship service. Nursery care and children's church also provided. 6401 Missionary Lane, Fairfax Station, 703-323-8100 or www.fbtministries.org.

St. Andrew the Apostle Catholic Church. 6720 Union Mill Road, Clifton, conducts Sunday masses at 7:30 a.m., 8:45 a.m., Latin mass at 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. It also offers a Saturday vigil at 5:30 p.m. and a Thursday Latin mass at 7 p.m. Additional mass offered Monday-Friday at 6:30 a.m. (except on Federal holidays) and 8:45 a.m. 703-817-1770 or www.st-andrew.org.



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What discussion of local wildlife would be complete without mention of the striped skunk? Edwards closed her presentation

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today announced its policy for providing free or reduced price meals for children served under the National School Lunch and/or School Breakfast Programs. Each school and/or central school nutrition office has a copy of the policy, which may be reviewed by any interested party.

Household size and income will be used to determine eligibility for free or reduced price meal benefits. Children from households whose income is at or below the Federal Income Eligibility Guidelines, shown in the chart below, may be eligible for either free or reduced price meals. Children who are members of households receiving Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits (formerly the Food Stamp Program) or who receive Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) may be automatically eligible for free meals. Children who are homeless, migrant, or runaway may also be automatically eligible for free meals. Foster children, who are the legal responsibility of a welfare agency or court, are eligible for free meals regardless of the income of the household with whom they reside. Children who are members of households participating in WIC may also be eligible for free or reduced-price meals based on the household's income.

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2	\$20,826	\$20,826.01 - \$29,637
3	\$26,208	\$26,208.01 - \$37,296
4	\$31,590	\$31,590.01 - \$44,955
5	\$36,972	\$36,972.01 - \$52,614
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Application forms are being distributed to all households with a letter informing households of the availability of free or reduced price meals for their children. Applications are also available at the principal's office in each school and at the central office. To apply for free or reduced price meals, households must only fill out one application per household and return it to the school division. Applications may be submitted at any time during the school year. The information house holds provide on the application will be used for determining eligibility and verification of data. Applications may be verified at any time during the school year by school or other program officials. For school officials to determine eligibility for free or reduced price benefits, households receiving Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits (formerly the Food Stamp Program) or Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) only have to list their child(ren)'s name and SNAP or TANF case number and an adult household member must sign the application. Households who do not list a SNAP or TANF case number, including WIC households, must list the names of all household members, the amount and frequency of the income received by each household member, and the last four digits of the social security number of the adult household member who signs the application. If the household member does not have a social secu rity number, the household member must indicate that a social security number is not available. The application must be signed by an adult household member in order to be approved.

Under the provisions of the free and reduced price meal policy,

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will review applications and determine eligibility. An application for free or reduced price meals cannot be approved unless it is complete. Households dissatisfied with the ruling of the eligibility determining official may wish to discuss the decision with the official on an informal basis. Households wishing to make a formal appeal for a hearing on the decision may make a request either verbally or in writing to:

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(insert name, address, and telephone of the hearing official).

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