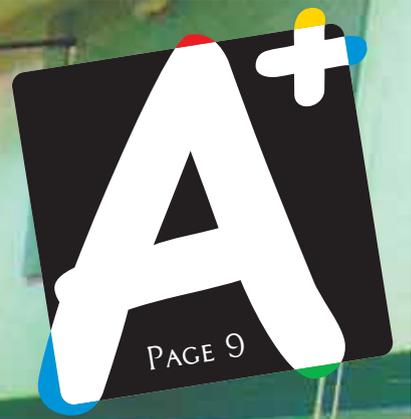


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NEWS

'Exemplary Service'

PFC Culbertson is Sully's Officer of the Year.

BY BONNIE HOBBS

PFC Earl Culbertson is such an outstanding police officer that, not only was he named the Sully District Police Station's Officer of the Month for October, he was also honored as its Officer of the Year. The awards were presented in conjunction with the station's Citizens Advisory Committee, so it was fitting that he was recognized during its meetings. According to his Officer of the Year certificate, Culbertson was acknowledged for his "exemplary service to the community of the Sully District." He's now going to be a community outreach officer; and PFC Tara Gerhard, the station's crime-prevention specialist, said he'll do a great job in that position.

"I've worked with Earl on several, different occasions," she said. "He's phenomenal and top-notch and a really good guy."

In nominating him for the October 2016 Officer of the Month award, Lt. Andrew Wright explained his many attributes. "PFC Culbertson recently left the Sully District Special Enforcement Team (SET) after distinguishing himself, not just in traffic enforcement, but in community relations and teamwork," wrote Wright. "He is always available to quickly address issues in our community, such as [drivers] passing loaded school buses and commuters speeding through neighborhood streets."

Wright said the contacts Culbertson made during these enforcement and educational campaigns have helped keep the Sully District Station in touch with, and responsive to, its community partners and neighbors. "Culbertson embraces the idea of crime prevention by reaching out to residents who complain about various issues in the community," wrote Wright. "He makes it a point to meet with the resident and explain how we conduct enforcement on the issue at hand and, if appropriate, allows the resident an opportunity to use the equipment the enforcement requires. He goes above and beyond the handling of complaints and is quick to address the concerns of our residents."

In terms of traffic enforcement, Wright described Culbertson as "self-motivated" and called him a "traffic-citation leader in Fairfax County," with more than 2,000 tickets issued during 2016. "However, he added, "It is teamwork that truly sets Culbertson apart. When the SET unit staffing was adjusted to assist patrol, it was Culbertson who volunteered to leave the position he loved and return to patrol. This move showed his dedication to his team, whose other members were unable to make the schedule change work for their families. PFC Culbertson is a dedicated employee and is very deserving of the recog-



PHOTO BY BONNIE HOBBS

Station Commander, Capt. Dean Lay (left), presents the Officer of the Year award to PFC Earl Culbertson

inition as Officer of the Month."

Lt. Joseph Ankers wrote Culbertson's nomination letter for his 2016 Officer of the Year award. He said Culbertson "continues to be an asset to the Sully District Station while in different roles during his six years of being an officer." Like Wright, Ankers, too, noted that, while assigned to the Special Enforcement Team, Culbertson was highly experienced in resolving community issues through teamwork and enforcing the traffic laws.

In fact, during Culbertson's award presentation at the Feb. 8 CAC meeting, his advice to the community was to "Slow down in residential neighborhoods. We get more people speeding in them than on Route 28."

IN ADDITION, wrote Ankers, "Culbertson thoroughly completes assignments in a timely manner and without hesitation or question. The partnerships he has made during his efforts to keep the community safe have been invaluable in solving issues that have been presented to the police department."

He wrote that Culbertson addresses each matter thoroughly, not only by enforcement, but also by educating residents and explaining what actions were taken. "As Culbertson continues his high level of performance, he seeks new avenues to increase his productivity and to strengthen his community partnership," wrote Ankers.

By the end of last year, Culbertson wrote 2,300 traffic citations — the third-highest number of tickets written in 2016 by any officer in the entire Police Department. Furthermore, wrote Ankers, "Culbertson's flexibility is appreciated, as he is willing to adjust his schedule at a moment's notice. He is able to conform to any team environment in a short period of time."

"He has sacrificed his schedule to benefit his peers in multiple ways to include switching to a patrol schedule to fill the needs of staffing," continued Ankers. "Tasks that aren't routine are accomplished with his diligence in a timely manner, without question. PFC Culbertson is a dedicated employee and is very deserving of the recognition as the 2016 Sully District Station Officer of the Year."



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Over 50 and Playing Basketball

Women's NOVA Fifty and Over Basketball League enjoy great friendships and travel around U.S.

BY STEVE HIBBARD

If you're over 50 and a woman, you're never too old to play basketball.

The NOVA Fifty and Over Basketball League caters to women ages 50 to 80 who meet every Friday year-round at the James Lee Center in Falls Church to play half-court games of basketball. With varying degrees of athleticism, they play rough and tumble games, enjoy friendships, participate in Mystics halftime exhibitions, and travel across the U.S. to tournaments. As members of the NOVA United Senior Women's Basketball Association, they pay a \$25 fee and take care of their own uniforms and travel expenses.

Helen White, age 63, of Arlington, founded the group in 2003 when she turned 50. When she started, they had only five people. Today, there are more than 50 women in the association and another 50 who play recreationally — on teams called Rapid Fire, Solid Gold, Triple Threat, and The Classics.

Carolyn Gilchrist, age 60, of Centreville, who works as a personal trainer, and played at Indiana University, said: "We play some people who are professionals, we play



PHOTO BY STEVE HIBBARD

There are 50 women in the NOVA United Senior Women's Basketball Association and another 50 who play recreationally.

against teams that have their whole college team together. It's very competitive. It's a lot of hard competition, a lot of athletes who have played the sport before."

IN 2009, the team went to Nationals in Stanford, Calif., where they played 10 half-court games in four days, and came in third out of 24 teams in the nation. This coming june, they'll be going to the Nationals in Birmingham, Ala.

What White enjoys the most is the chance to play sports with people her own age, calling the camaraderie priceless. "Not only do

we have friends here, but because we play in tournaments around the country, we have friends around the country when we play in their towns and cities, and compete against them," she said.

Kathie Chmura of Alexandria, who is now president of the group and a PE. teacher at James K. Polk Elementary, said when they started, they had all different age groups that just wanted to play basketball. It took a while to develop but since then, they've split into teams of 50-year-olds; two 55s age groups; one 60s; one 65s; one 70s; and one 75-plus age group.

They attend tournaments all over the U.S. — in North Carolina, Delaware, Arkansas, and Maine — competing against players who are 10-15 years younger. They also compete in the Senior Olympics every two years, and play during college halftime games for exhibition. "The friendships you form here are priceless," she said.

Paula Cotman, age 60, of Fairfax, is a school counselor at Liberty Middle School in Clifton; she played basketball at Virginia State University and has been playing ever since high school. "We all have a purpose and a desire in life, the women of the NOVA Fifty and Over Basketball League engage in healthy activities and continuously use their resources to empower others," she said.

Even though she hasn't played for two years due to an injury, she enjoys the "mental gymnastics" and overall feeling of refreshment from playing with a group she calls "family." "Basketball is my life; you make good friends; you learn how to make good decisions; there are life skills that are taught," she said.

EVERY YEAR, the team sponsors a family for the holidays by doing a giving tree, contributing gift cards, and money. Last year, they donated clothes, toys and piggy banks full of cash, and gift cards to one family with spousal abuse.

Through her counseling, Cotman heard about another needy family with a suicide and four children, ages 3-18. The ladies created a wish list for the kids and granted everything on the list.

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Fashion Show To Benefit Salvation Army

March 24 fundraiser for Women's Auxiliary of the Fairfax Corps to support projects.

BY STEVE HIBBARD

Around 200 people are expected to attend the 37th annual Salvation Army Women's Auxiliary Fairfax Fashion Show scheduled for Friday, March 24 at the Waterford at Fair Oaks. Eight male and female models will be showcasing the latest Spring fashions from Lord & Taylor at Fair Oaks Mall and there will be a Silent Auction and entertainment, including a sextet of the Salvation Army's National Capital Band, which will be playing brass and traditional Salvation Army music.

"We're excited for this year's annual fashion show," said Major Jean Wilson, Corps Officer/Pastor with the Salvation Army of Fairfax. "The funds that are raised are going to support the programs of the Salvation Army in Fairfax County. This is a fun and exciting way to help your neighbor. The

funds help us with our annual projects that the Auxiliary always supports."

On March 24, the social hour and silent auction start at 10:30 a.m.; with the entertainment at 11:30 a.m.; followed by the luncheon at 12 noon; and the fashion show at 12:50 p.m. The menu includes four options: chicken kebabs, grilled salmon, vegetarian, and gluten free. The event will be held at the Waterford at Fair Oaks, located at 12025 Lee Jackson Memorial Hwy, Fairfax.

This is a fundraiser for the Women's Auxiliary of the Fairfax Corps, which runs its annual stocking-stuffer program during Christmas and back-to-school program of donated school supplies and backpacks in August.

Money raised also supports the Salvation Army's summer program of 35 years, Camp Happy Land in Richardsville, VA, near

Fredericksburg, where kids from the Fairfax area attend a week of camp. The money also supports the after-school program and music program as well as two children's homes in Mexico. The Salvation Army Fairfax branch is headquartered at 4915 Ox Road, Fairfax, 22030, and serves all of Fairfax County.

Currently, there are 83 children enrolled in the Fairfax after-school program and Gospel Arts program. There's also character-building, and women's and men's fellowship programs. "We bring children into our Fairfax location on Ox Road three days a week and we serve kids from nine schools throughout the county," said Wilson. The ages range from Kindergarten to high school.

Tickets for the fashion show are \$50; call ticket coordinator Jo Porter at 703-690-5245 or email www.SalvationArmyNCA.org, and click on the link. Another option is to call the office at 703-385-8700. Reservations should be made by March 17 and tickets can be picked up at the door.



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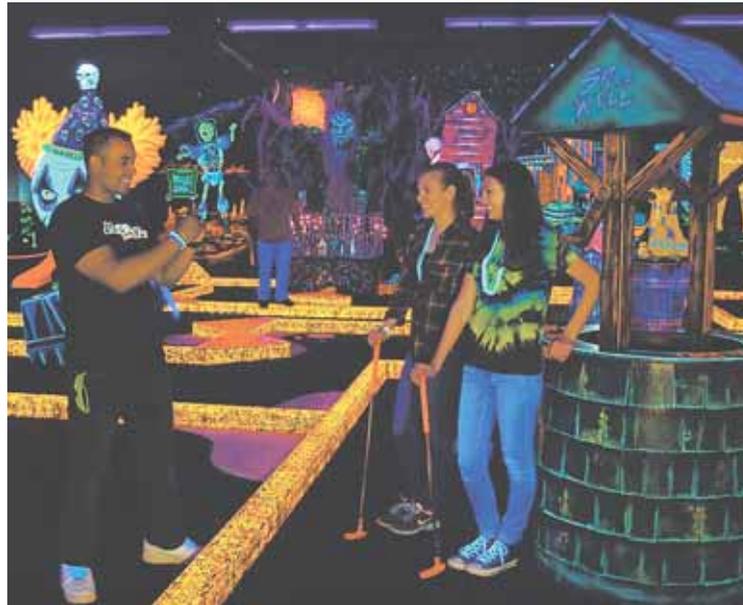
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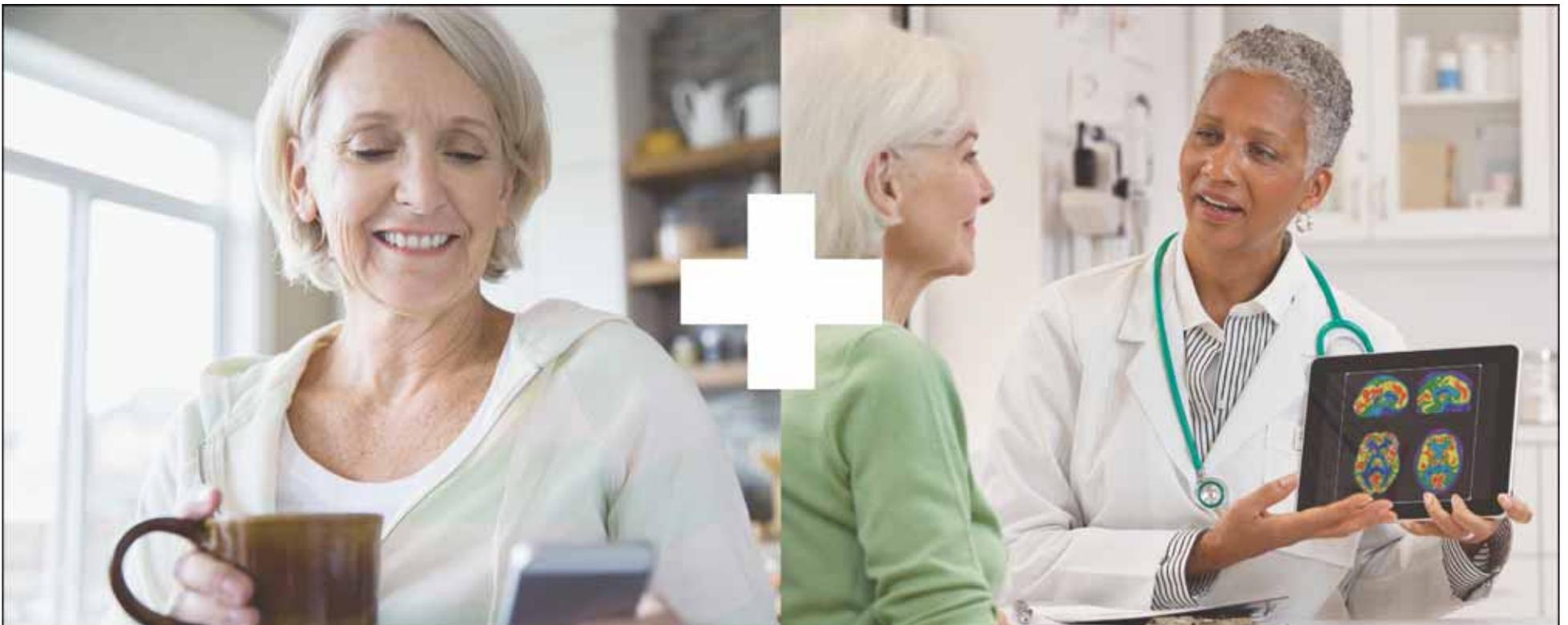
plier Forum in Washington, D.C.

Sheehy Auto Stores was recently recognized with a Gold Peer Award from the Television, Internet, Video Association (TIVA) for its employee orientation video, produced by Cocklins Digital. The eight-minute video emphasizes the Sheehy difference and was produced to welcome new employees to the company. The Chantilly branch is at 4145 Auto Park Circle.

In January, Monster Mini Golf opened at 14130 Sullyfield Circle, Suite G. Monster Mini Golf will have 18 holes

of Mini Golf, animated monsters and an arcade, Highway 66 Mini Bowling, and a Laser Maze in addition to two private party rooms available for rental. www.monsterminigolf.com.

Finmarc Management, Inc., a Bethesda, Maryland-based commercial real estate firm, has announced the sale of a three-story 78,327 square foot commercial office building situated at 4100 Lafayette Center Drive within the Enterprise Center in Chantilly, Va., for \$4.9 million. The asset was acquired by Better Lafayette, LLC.



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Center, Centreville senior Jasmine Howard organized members of the Centreville Key Club to sell 240 wristbands from Guatemala, made out of leather and pieces of coconut shell with colored string, raising \$1,700 in sales and donations that went back to the wristband artisans and disadvantaged foreign youth.

Committed to Peacemaking Student Peace Awards of Fairfax County reception honors activists and advocates.

BY TIM PETERSON
THE CONNECTION

Suraya Sadeed said hearing more than 20 stories of students promoting peace in and out of their schools made her believe “there is still hope for a brighter future.”

Sadeed is a native of Kabul, Afghanistan who made a new home in the United States in 1982, fleeing the aftermath of the Soviet invasion. She founded the non-government organization Help the Afghan Children and is author of “Forbidden Lessons in a Kabul Guesthouse.”

The former owner of a real estate company, Sadeed has risked dangerous situations to deliver humanitarian aid to women and children in war-torn Afghanistan. On Sunday, March 12, she addressed high school students from around Fairfax County



Center, Chantilly senior Shaan Chudasama co-founded and is vice president of Young at Art, a non-profit organization using art-related activities to improve the quality of life of seniors, less fortunate children and veterans.

being honored at the Student Peace Awards. Sadeed spoke about the importance of promoting peace through education, as a preventative measure against bullying, hatred and violence later in life.

“The cost of providing peace education to 8 million children in Afghanistan is less,” she said, “than buying one military plane.” The student peace awards are offered in all Fairfax County public high schools and some private schools. Schools choose their winners based on their work to promote peace as well as prevent causes of violence: poverty, discrimination and injustice.

Each of the individual or groups of students not only took action for peace, but did so with creative, entrepreneurial energy — founding clubs, organizing charity projects, leading training sessions or creating documentary films.

Fairfax County School Board chair Sandy Evans said she was deeply impressed with the work of the students being honored at the Stacy Sherwood Community Center in Fairfax, from anti-bullying to human trafficking awareness to anti-genocide.

“Few goals are more important in the world today,” Evans said, “than promoting peace, acceptance, kindness and tolerance.”

Evans was joined in congratulating the students by fellow board members Ryan McElveen (at-large) and Dalia Palchik (Providence).

Fairfax County Board of Supervisors vice chairman and Mason District representative Penny Gross (D) read a letter of recognition from board chairman Sharon Bulova that thanked the students for their commitment to peacemaking.

All the students have come together, Gross read from Bulova’s letter, “in one goal, strengthening peace and unity.”

Del. Kenneth Plum (D-36) joined the other elected officials in congratulating the award-winners.

The 2017 Student Peace Awards of Fairfax County winners are as follows, bios accord

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Stop Bullying Federal Workers

BY U.S. REP. DON BEYER (D-8) AND
U.S. REP. GERRY CONNOLLY (D-11)

Republicans hold control of all three branches of government, and therefore have a responsibility to lead the civil service that employs millions of Americans, and every American relies upon for myriad services. The overwhelming majority of federal workers are hardworking people who devote themselves to public service. They secure borders, keep food safe, advance scientific and medical research, deliver our mail, and provide care to many of us, including our veterans.

Republican leaders have repaid this service with repeated attacks.

In 2013, they shut down the government as a political stunt, and came hours away from doing it again in 2015 at the Department of Homeland Security. They enacted the Budget Control Act, which ultimately led to Sequestration, cutting the budget of every federal agency with the surgical precision of a meat-ax.

But since Republicans acquired total control over government, their treatment of federal workers has been beyond the pale.

On the first day of the new Congress, House Republicans passed a rules package over our loud objections containing a reinstatement of the Holman Rule, which would potentially allow Congress to engage in political retribution against federal workers by reducing any given employee's salary to \$1. Only three Republicans opposed the measure on the floor, none from Virginia or Maryland.

The Holman Rule was especially troubling in light of the new administration's so-called "enemies list" of employees who had worked



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on specific policy areas for the Obama Administration, such as climate policy.

As one of his first actions, President Trump announced a hiring freeze for federal workers. This is terrible policy and a mindless approach to management that dodges hard decisions.

The Government Accountability Office studied past hiring freezes and found them "not effective." The government is more likely to rely on overtime and contract work, which often costs taxpayers more. Meanwhile, tens of thousands of Americans have total uncertainty in their professional lives. Agencies are unable to make efficient, long term plans, driving up costs and hurting morale. Over time, Americans trying to manage social security benefits, travel in airports, or secure healthcare will see the impact of this freeze when benefits are not mailed or airport security lines move much more slowly.

Two other classes of citizen are hit particularly hard: people with disabilities and veterans.

In 2015, due to Obama Administration initiatives, 19 percent of the federal government's new hires were people with disabilities. The federal government has hired

109,000 people with disabilities in the past five years.

Veterans stand to be among those hardest hit by the hiring freeze. The Veterans Administration is one of the largest federal employers, but is also significantly understaffed. Delivering the care promised to those who served in the armed forces depends on having effective staff to deliver that care.

Over 30 percent of the civilian federal workforce is made up of veterans, a number which has grown consistently as agencies prioritized hiring vets. Many of the positions held vacant by the hiring freeze would have gone to vets, and the progress we have made on veteran unemployment will be halted.

Contrary to this administration's claims, the federal workforce is dwindling as a share of the population. And 85 percent of federal workers are located outside the beltway. It is also aging, and over a third of the current feds will be eligible for retirement by September. Federal workers have been treated as a piggy bank by Congress for years now, their pay raises delayed or denied, they've been furloughed and had their benefits cut. Now their morale is hit by politicians who make them a political punching bag. A bill just proposed in Congress would make all federal workers "at-will" employees, exposing them to political retribution and punishment by a hostile administration without recourse.

The federal workforce is not, as Mr. Trump has said, a "swamp." It is a group of committed Americans who serve us, and they deserve better from Congress. The Republican Party has total control over the levers of government. Will any of its leaders have the decency or the courage to fight for the civil service which serves us all?

ROUNDUPS

Learn Drug Prevention Strategies

The next UPC Prevention program will be held Thursday, March 16, 7 p.m. at Westfield High School's Lecture Study room. This adults-only UPC parent awareness program features an evening of dialogue with a panel of high school seniors on drugs and alcohol use, teen parties, and healthy teen-parent communication. Middle school and high school parents can benefit from this program.

Free Carseat Inspections

Certified technicians from the Sully District Police Station will perform free, child safety carseat inspections Thursday, March 16, from 5-8:30 p.m., at the station, 4900 Stonecroft Blvd. in Chantilly. No appointment is necessary. But residents should install the child safety seats themselves so technicians may properly inspect and adjust them, as needed.

Because of time constraints, only the first 35 vehicles arriving on each date will be inspected. That way, inspectors may have enough time to properly instruct the caregiver on the correct use of the child seat. Call 703-814-7000, ext. 5140, to confirm dates and times.

Club To Host Realtor

Kathy Sparks, owner of the Team Sparks Realty Group, will tell the GFWC Western Fairfax County Woman's Club (WFCWC) at its monthly meeting at 7 p.m. on Monday, March 20 at the Cale Community Center what it is like to be a self-employed single woman working in real estate in Northern Virginia and also give some tips and pointers on preparing a house for sale. Sparks is a licensed Realtor, an accredited staging professional, a certified investor agent specialist, and a property owner and investor herself. She will share stories about her professional life and show examples of good staging and presentation that helps homes sell.

WFCWC usually meets at 7 p.m. on the third Monday of the month, September through May, at the Cale Community Center, 4615 Stringfellow Road. Guests are welcome and admission is free. For more information about WFCWC, visit www.wfcwc.org or call Mary Jane Hasselkus at 703-378-4250.



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Prepare for Spring

With spring nearing, the Fairfax County Master Gardener Association (FCMGA) is spreading gardening news and fostering camaraderie amongst area gardeners. The FCMGA have set up plant clinics in various places around the county, booths at farmer's markets and libraries, and a help desk located at Government Center, Pennino Building (10th floor) to offer free, unbiased, and research-based advice on selecting and caring for ornamental plants, vegetables, and lawn. Residents can take advantage of in-person answers to gardening questions, plant and insect identification, soil tests, and more. For a fee of \$30, FCMGA volunteers will visit the homeowner's property to assess the general condition of the turfgrass, survey and identify major weeds, measure the lawn area, take a soil sample and provide recommendations. FCMGA also has speakers come out to citizens groups and HOA meetings to highlight a wide range of gardening topics. For exact times and locations, check out the plant clinic schedule on the FCMGA website: <http://fairfaxgardening.org/plant-clinics/2017-plant-clinic-schedule>.

Peace Awards Presented

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ing to the event program:

Ethan Mirani, junior at the Cedar Lane School in Vienna — Mirani was a member of the school's Anti-Bullying Committee for two years and worked to grow the group as well as plan activities and keep things organized.

Jasmine Howard, senior at Centreville High School — Howard organized members of the Centreville Key Club to sell 240 wristbands from Guatemala, made out of leather and pieces of coconut shell with colored string, raising \$1,700 in sales and donations that went back to the wristband artisans and disadvantaged foreign youth.

Shaan Chudasama, senior at Chantilly High School — Chudasama co-founded and is vice president of Young at Art, a non-profit organization using art-related activities to improve the quality of life of seniors, less fortunate children and veterans. With his sister, the other co-founder, they've partnered with the Special Olympics and Sunrise Assisted Living.

Vanessas Mae Avendano, senior at Falls Church High School — Avendano is vice president of Falls Church's Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender club and also founded Falls Church High School United, a group of clubs united to spread peace and acceptance. The group has produced a series of videos dealing with anti-bullying and giving respect.

Sabah Munshi, senior at Hayfield Secondary School — Munshi helped organize a project called Walking for Water and raised both awareness of the world's water crisis and more than \$2,000 for the Tap Project by UNICEF. She has also volunteered at Virginia Hospital Center in the renal unit.

Surabhi Khanal, senior at Herndon High School — Khanal has been a member of the Herndon Leo Club and founded MedLove, Inc, a non-profit organization with the mission of helping rescue women in the United States and abroad who are human trafficking victims. Through the Key Club, Khanal and other students also organized a benefit gala to raise awareness of local trafficking and \$3,000 for combatting HIV and AIDS in her native Nepal.

Naba Khan and Shafia Tala, juniors at King Abdullah Academy in Herndon — Khan and Talat founded the organization Women of the World (WOW) to promote women's rights and help women struggling with homelessness, hunger, oppression or abuse. Some of their projects include opening a sewing institute in Nalgona, India and fundraisers involving the whole student body.

Jamie Hunstad, senior at Lake Braddock Secondary School — Hunstad set up a Special Olympics program at Lake Braddock, starting with a basketball team and adding track and field. She coaches both teams, and also helped the Rachel's Challenge program find a presence at her school. Rachel's Challenge deals with stomping out bullying and promoting tolerance and inclusion.

Donya Momenian and Chrissie Ivanova, seniors at Langley High School — The two seniors co-founded a chapter of the Girl Up Club at Langley, growing it from two to 30 members who meet bi-monthly. The national and international club empowers young women in education, fundraising, advocacy and service, as well as runs development programs in Guatemala, India, Liberia, Malawi, Uganda and Ethiopia.

Naomi Soquar, senior at Robert E. Lee High School — Soquar helped found a chapter of the Amnesty International Club at Lee — she currently serves as its president. She led club members and volunteers in writing letters against human rights violations, which in one case contributed to two political prisoners in the Democratic Republic of Congo being released. Soquar also serves with Girls Learn International, the Capital Area Food Bank and Habitat for Humanity.

Sean Doyle, senior at James Madison High School — A member of Madison's Amnesty International Club Doyle is coordinating activism with others on such issues as abolishing the death penalty, reducing gun violence and police brutality, and convincing the Vienna Town Council to make Vienna a "I Welcome Refugees" town.

Aidan Kemp, senior at George C Marshall

High School — Kemp is the lead senior mentor for the Marshall Freshman Transition program and does community service work through St. Thomas Episcopal Church in McLean.

Josh Leong and Sam Gollob, juniors at McLean High School — The two juniors created a 10-minute film documenting the struggles of Herman Wainggai, a human rights advocate from West Papua who escape political imprisonment by taking a boat to Australia. "Herman Wainggai: A Hidden Genocide" premiered at the Garifuna Indigenous Film Festival in Los Angeles in April, 2016.

Yosaph Boku, senior at Mount Vernon High School — Boku helped create a program that teaches disadvantaged youth and adults in his community computer skills. The senior also gives groups of counselors feedback, suggestions for encouraging more minority students to take advantage of advanced courses.

Roza Al Barznji, senior at Mountain View Alternative High School — Al Barznji came to the United States three years ago as a refugee from Northern Iraq, and works to help her classmates understand her Kurdish heritage using photography. She's also published seven stories about her own journey becoming a Kurdish American, the people of Syria and refugees in American communities, as well as made a documentary about American Thanksgiving traditions.

Members of Blossoming Beauties at Quander Road School — Young women in the Blossoming Beauties program work on both becoming more well-rounded and confident, as well as carrying out school and community projects together. In 2016, the group raised money for Bethany House shelter for female victims of domestic abuse; they've also also produced fleece blankets for New Hope Housing and their mission to end homelessness. In 2017, Blossoming Beauties is collaborating with A Space of Her Own to target and support fifth grade girls avoiding delinquency.

Narjes Bencheikh, senior at South County High School — The South County senior helped co-found a Muslim Student Association and International Club at her school. The 50-person Muslim Student Association carries out role-playing exercises and discusses issues encountered in the community.

Emily Lockwood, senior at South Lakes High School — Lockwood mentors freshmen transitioning to high school and coaches track for children with special needs. For a school assignment, she worked with the Institute of Peace in Washington, D.C., to find primary and secondary sources looking at improving state and societal relations in Myanmar (Burma).

Maiss Mohamed and Deema Alharthi, juniors at JEB Stuart High School — The Stuart juniors revitalized their school's Model United Nations Club and have become active with Students in Training for Advocacy and Responsibility. They also participate in Key Club, Girls Up and Interact, and volunteer with groups including the Virginia Coalition of Latino Organization.

Members of TJ Minds Matter, Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology — The student-led group offers support for handling stress and disappointment, and provides resources for learning how to engage with someone in a crisis and non-crisis situation. TJ Minds Matter hosted a Mental Wellness Week in January this year, including days dedicated to random acts of kindness and stomping out stigma (surrounding mental illness).

Students with Combatting Intolerance at West Potomac High School — The Fairfax County class Combatting Intolerance was created in 2015 — West Potomac teacher Robert Kerr molds the curriculum around social justice topics, racism, sexism, welcoming immigrant and refugee students, and advocating for the rights of lesbian, gay, transgender and asexual students, staff and other people in the community. The 22-member class raises money to support small local non-profits and sponsored a school-wide Diversity Week.

Rodney Wrice, senior, and Audrey Wever, junior, West Springfield High School — Friends Wrice and Wever started a kindness campaign using candy bars and sticky notes to encourage positive messaging around the time of the 2016 Presidential election.



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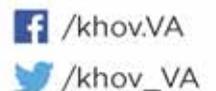
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Toddlin' Twos. Tuesdays, 10:30 and 11:30 a.m. at the Chantilly Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Early literacy storytime with songs and activities included. Age 2 with caregiver, free. Call 703-502-3883 to reserve a spot.

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WEDNESDAY/MARCH 15

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Job Fair for Teens. 10 a.m.-noon at Chantilly High School, 4201 Stringfellow Road, Chantilly. Resume workshop at the Chantilly job fair. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/springfield/teenjobfair.htm for more.

St. Patrick's Day party. 6-9 p.m. at St. Veronica's Church Parish Hall, 3460 Centreville Road, Chantilly. This is a family event that includes food, drink, sing-alongs, and Irish dancers. Adults \$7, children \$5, drinks extra. Visit www.stveronica.net/ or call 703-773-2000 for more.

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Women of Walney. 11 a.m. at Ellanor C. Lawrence Park, 5040 Walney Road, Chantilly. Learn how the women of Walney both lived within and challenged the gender roles of their time periods. \$6. Call 703-631-0013 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/eclawrence for more.

MONDAY/MARCH 20

"Wonders of Raptors." 7 p.m. at Sully Government Center, 4900 Stonecroft Blvd., Chantilly. Centreville Garden Club presents "Wonders of Raptors" presentation by John Shafer. Email centrevillegardenclub@gmail.com or call 703-266-9233 for more.

TUESDAY/MARCH 21

Meet the Poet. 2:30-4:30 p.m. at the Richard J. Ernst Community Cultural Center, 8333 Little River Turnpike, Annandale. Roberts is the author of five books of poems, including this year's "The Scientific Method." Visit www.nvcc.edu/ernst/ for more.

WEDNESDAY/MARCH 22

Art at the Library. 7-8:30 p.m. at the Centreville Regional Library, 14200 St. Germain Drive, Centreville. The first of a series on the fourth Wednesday every month, exploring a different theme. Open to artists of all levels, this month's theme: "Color." Bring watercolors and brushes, if possible, but paper and some watercolors provided. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/branches/ce or call 703-831-2223.

FRIDAY/MARCH 24

Chantilly Invitational Jazz Festival. 4-10 p.m. at Chantilly High School, 4201 Stringfellow Road, Chantilly. Featured artists this year are the United States Army Blues, National Jazz Workshop All Star Jazz Orchestra featuring faculty from George Mason University, the James Madison University Faculty Jazz Combo and exhibition performances by Chantilly High School's own Chantilly Jazz and Workshop Jazz ensembles. Free. Visit www.chantillyband.org for more.

SATURDAY/MARCH 25

Chantilly Invitational Jazz Festival. 8 a.m.-9 p.m. at Chantilly High School, 4201 Stringfellow Road, Chantilly. Featured artists this year are the United States Army Blues, National Jazz Workshop All Star Jazz Orchestra featuring faculty from George Mason University, the James Madison University Faculty Jazz Combo and exhibition performances by Chantilly High School's own Chantilly Jazz and Workshop Jazz ensembles. Free. Visit www.chantillyband.org for more.

Purple Tie Bash. 7:30 p.m. at the Fair Oaks Marriott, 11787 Lee Jackson Memorial Highway. This event is a fundraiser that benefits all Chantilly High School students and athletes through capital improvements such as facility upgrades and purchases of equipment, uniforms, and much more. Visit www.chantillysports.org.

SUNDAY/MARCH 26

Hands On Activity Day. 1-4 p.m. at The Fairfax Station Railroad Museum, 11200 Fairfax Station Road, Fairfax Station. Railroad and/or historical crafts and activities will be offered for all ages although most are suited for ages 8 and above. Museum members and children 4 and under, free; ages 5-15, \$2; ages 16 and older, \$4. Visit www.fairfaxstation.org, 703-425-9225 for more.

MONDAY/MARCH 27

Civil Rights Author. 2-4 p.m. at the Centreville Regional Library, 14200 St. Germain Drive, Centreville. Meet Joan Trumpauer Mulholland, a freedom rights champion and participant in the 1963 civil rights sit-in at the Jackson, Miss., Woolworths, and award-winning author on the subject, M.J. O'Brien. Viewing the film "An Ordinary Hero," the amazing true story of one woman's courage to help change the world. Copies of the film and O'Brien's book, "We Shall Not Be Moved" will be available for purchase. Light refreshments. Teens, Adults. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/branches/ce or call 703-831-2223.

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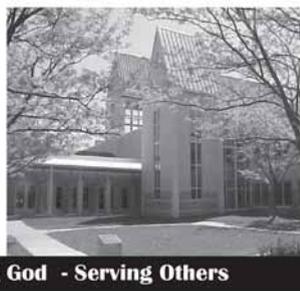
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Practice Makes Perfect

Local educators share strategies for getting children to practice music.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL
THE CONNECTION

When Linda Guly's son reached high school age and asked to quit his clarinet lessons, the Arlington mother of four declined his request.

"My son Timmy is an excellent clarinet player. The philosophy I've established in my house is that music is part of your overall education like science or math, so you can't just quit," said Guly, saxophonist, former music teacher and professor of psychology at Marymount University.

During the month of March, which is designated as Music in our Schools Month, educators highlight the benefits of quality music education programs. Part of a music education is practice, encouraging that in children can be daunting for some parents.

For children who play a musical instrument, regular practice is not only a path toward proficiency, it helps establish discipline that is useful in other areas of one life's. This habit, however, must be established purposefully says John Kilkenny, assistant professor of music at George Mason University. "Treat practice time like a part of child's daily routine," he said. "They have to have a consistent time for practice. For example, they come home from school each day, have a snack and practice for 30 minutes."

One key to keeping children motivated to practice is setting goals, be they long-term or for the current practice session. "Goal-oriented practice for younger kids, like a recital to work toward, for example is a good motivator," said Kilkenny. "The biggest thing is consistency, practicing at or near the same time every day just like everything else they do so that it becomes part of their routine."

For practice sessions to be effective, they must be organized and purposeful. This is another area where goal setting can be useful says, Ann McCoy, who teaches piano and violin in her Bethesda, Md. home. "Maybe a goal for a child who is working on a particularly difficult piece of music could be to spend their practice time perfecting three or four measures," she said. "Rather than focusing on practicing for a set amount of time,

they could practice until they can play the three measures perfectly and then they're finished for the day. That is more effective than saying sitting for 30 minutes without accomplishing something specific."

Adding a light-hearted element to practice, which can be seen by some children as laborious, also encourages students to practice. "There should be some sense that playing the instrument is supposed to be fun and students should ... have some flexibility beyond a rigid experiences," said Kilkenny. "It shouldn't feel like it's a negative experience."

For parents who have trouble getting a child to start a practice session, McCoy recommends trying different times of the day. "For example, I had one mother who had screaming matches with her children to get them to practice after they'd finished their homework in the evening," she said.

"She changed their practice time to the mornings after breakfast, but before they left for school. That made a huge difference in their willingness to practice because they were rested and in a better mood."

Parents should be realistic about their child's temperament and musical talent said Guly. "A child is only going to enjoy playing an instrument if they're good at it and parents have to be realistic about that," said Guly. "Music isn't easy for everyone."

Choosing a teacher who is a good fit for one's child can have an effect on their desire to practice. "Ask around for recommendations, but find a teacher who inspires their students," said Guly.

"It's important to make sure the teacher is somebody who is credentialed and has degrees in music and also that they're continuing to be engaged professionally as teachers and performers," added Kilkenny. "Usually in terms of choosing a teacher, parents and children should have an opportunity to try a sample private lesson."

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NEWS



Members of the NOVA Fifty and Over Basketball League practice at the James Lee Center in Falls Church

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Hooping It Up

FROM PAGE 3

"We have a variety of professionals here; a lot of the women are retired and they're basically giving back to the community all of the time," she said. They've helped the Duffy House, the American Red Cross fundraiser and the International Police and Firefighter's basketball tournament, among others.

Jackie Stephens, 79, of Fairfax Station, didn't start playing basketball until she was in her 60s, but says it has been a dream fulfilled. "It's a stress reliever; it's exercise; it's socialization and I'm with friends doing what I love to do, and that's play basketball," she said.

"When anyone has a project that they're working on, we are right there for them. We help others in any way we possibly can. We go and make donations, and scholarships are given for college," she said.

Gwen Forkin, 62, of Centreville, works as an IT manager. She played in high school and recreational leagues since age 21. She enjoys meeting lots of different people with varying skills. "When I found this, it was like a rebirth," she said. "We don't mind getting older, because we can age-up and play with the next age group and then you're the youngest in that age group."

Barbara Klementz, 80, of Wakefield Chapel, has been playing for 13 years. "I love the sport and I love the family that we

have as a team; these people have supported me when I really needed them, and they're a lot of fun most of the time."

Elise "Sweet Pea" Patak, 81, of West Springfield, enjoys the friends, the camaraderie and the exercise. "It's just a feeling of togetherness. We do a lot of socializing outside of here. We go out once a week to Anthony's Restaurant," she said.

Jeanni O. Winston, 81, of Chevy Chase, Md., used to work in the White House for Kennedy and Johnson. She was nervous playing at first but that changed when she got to carry the Senior Olympics torch in Pittsburgh. "It was the biggest thrill; I was on the front page of the Pittsburgh paper," she said. "It was such an exciting time."

Sue Shepard, 60, of Centreville, who works as a math teacher at Robinson Secondary School and played college basketball, said: "My team is my second family. We support each other. We're at the age that we have grown kids and are taking care of parents, so we can support each other through that. We're always there for each other; it's nice."

Betty Graf, 59, of Clifton, who works as a principal assistant engineer, said the league is more family than teammates. "We have a great group of people; we do things outside of basketball and it's good exercise."

She added: "We've played for the Mystics during halftime and the fans cheer us and it's really nice."



65th Anniversary

Bishop Floyd and Marjorie Brown celebrated 65 years of marriage on March 8. He is the pastor for 58 years at The Church of the Blessed Trinity in Centreville.

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109 Cub Scouts Compete in Pinewood Derby

34 participate in Parent/Son Bakeoff Competition.

Cub Scouts from the Centreville/Chantilly/Clifton area gathered for the annual Sully District Pinewood Derby and Parent/Son Bake-off competitions on March 4 at Liberty Middle School in Clifton.

Winners from the Pack-level competitions advanced to the District-level event, with 109 Cub Scouts from 17 Cub Scout Packs participating in the Pinewood Derby and 34 Cub Scouts from seven Packs participating in the Parent/Son Bakeoff Competition.

Leaders from Pack 127 and Pack 1859 provided racetracks and volunteers for the Pinewood Derby races. Trophies for the top three finishers were awarded for each rank level and for the overall district championship race. Also, for each rank in the Pinewood Derby a "Coolest Car" certificate was awarded by Explorer Post 6500, an Automotive Post sponsored by 29 Diner. The Post also provided refreshments by running the concession stand.

For the Bake-off Competition, trophies



PHOTO BY GREG BROWN

A family affair at the Sully District Pinewood Derby: the Davids family: Hondo, Chris Jr. and Chris Sr.

were awarded for the top three winners in each of the five bake-off categories: Breads, cakes, pies, cookies, and decorative/creative. Hondo Davids, Sully District chairman, thanked David Weisz who oversaw the event and Jenni Davids for leading the Bake Off event and to all the parent volunteers.

Pinewood Derby Trophy Winners

Tigers:

- 1st: Zachary Gercken, Pack 1459
- 2nd: Brandon Choi, Pack 1133
- 3rd: Emory Evans, Pack 1863
- Coolest Car – Connor Newland

Wolves:

- 1st: Michael Marques, Pack 1514
- 2nd: Ben Magenheimer, Pack 1860
- 3rd: Terrence McLellan, Pack 146
- Coolest Car – James Kilmer



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The overall winners, from left, are 1st place, Brandon Choi, Pack 1133; 2nd place, Matthew Courtemanche, Pack 127; 3rd place, Jonathan Mason Pack 1858; and Pinewood Derby Chairman Dave Weisz standing in the back.

Bears:

- 1st: Evan Lawson, Pack 1860
- 2nd: Gabriel Jakubek, Pack 146
- 3rd: Hayden Bosilovic, Pack 127
- Coolest Car – Benjamin Crown

Arrow of Light:

- 1st: Joey Magenheimer, Pack 1860
- 2nd: Patrick Lakie, Pack 127
- 3rd: James Exley, Pack 1863
- Coolest Car – James Torres

Overall Sully District Championship Race:

- 1st: Brandon Choi, Pack 1133
- 2nd: Matthew Courtemanche, Pack 127
- 3rd: Jonathan Mason, Pack 1858



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Championship Race contestants



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Winners of the Parent/Son Bakeoff

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

Kindergarten Registration

Children who will be 5 years old on or before Sept. 30, 2017, are eligible to attend kindergarten. Find the correct neighborhood school by entering your address at <http://boundary.fcps.edu/boundary/>. Complete a packet of registration forms found at www.fcps.edu/it/forms/enroll.pdf or in the school office.

Greenbriar West Elementary School

is now accepting information for next year's Kindergarten classes. Call the school office at 703-633-6700 as soon as possible.

Brookfield Elementary School

Kindergarten registration will take place on **Friday, March 24** from 7:45 a.m.-3 p.m. Call Brookfield Elementary at 703-814-8700 to receive a registration packet and make

an appointment for registration.

Centre Ridge Elementary School

9 a.m.-4 p.m., 14400 New Braddock Road. Kindergarten Registration for the school year 2017-18 on **Friday, March 24**. Another registration is on Wednesday evening, April 5 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. in the school office. Forms and other information are available on line at: www.fcps.edu/it/forms/bundles.shtml. They are also available in the front office. Students are not required at time of registration. Questions, call 703-227-2600.

Volunteers Needed

Umpires Needed for Youth Leagues.

Northern Virginia Baseball Umpires Association is in need of umpires for youth leagues, high schools, and collegiate-level baseball and volleyball games. Experience is

helpful, but not required. Contact NVBUA at 703-978-3601 or assignor@umpires.org.

Thursday/March 16

Free Financial Counseling Clinic. 7-9 p.m. at Chantilly High School, 4201 Stringfellow Road. Fairfax-based non-profit Britepaths offers free sessions at various locations in the Fairfax County area to low- and middle-income adults who reside throughout Northern Virginia. The offerings are free and open to the public, but reservations are required. ldiaz@wfcma.org or 703-988-9656 x108

Friday/March 17

Nomination Deadline. Members of

the public are invited to nominate a county employee for the 2016 A. Heath Onthank Award for Merit. The Onthank is the highest honor the county awards to employees, recognizing outstanding accomplishments in advancing and improving public service in the Fairfax County Government and School System. Further information and the nomination form are available at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/onthank.htm. Call the Fairfax County Human Resources Department at 703-324-3311.

Saturday/March 18

Teen Job Fair. 10 a.m.-noon at Chantilly High School, 4201 Stringfellow Road, Chantilly. Fairfax County high school students looking

for their first part-time job, summer and seasonal job opportunities, or who want more information about potential career pathways are invited to attend. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/springfield/teenjobfair.htm for more.

Monday/March 20

WFCWC Monthly Meeting. 7 p.m. at Cale Community Center, 4615 Stringfellow Road, Chantilly. Kathy Sparks, owner of the Team Sparks Realty Group, will tell the group what it is like to be a self-employed single woman working in real estate in Northern Virginia and also give some tips and pointers on preparing a house for sale. WFCWC usually meets at 7 p.m. on the third Monday of the month, September through May. Guests are welcome. Admission is free. Visit www.wfcwc.org or call Mary Jane Hasselkus at 703-378-4250.