Janet Bocaner of Great Harvest Bread Company of Burke pictured on the opening day of the Burke Farmers Market on Saturday, April 14. The market hours are Saturdays, 8 a.m. to noon, and the new extended season runs April 14-Dec. 22, 2018.
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James Parmelee was the seventh speaker before the Board of Supervisors allowed to hear from the public on the FY 2019 budget and proposed tax rate. The public comments lasted more than 11 hours and 20 minutes. Advocates voiced passion on topics ranging from the environment, health and human services, people with disabilities and who are aging, early childhood education, fire and rescue services, pay for public safety personnel, the opioid epidemic, affordable housing, diversity, mental health treatment, school bonds and capital improvements, the triple A bond rating, the arts, libraries, competitive pay for teachers, and more.

But the issue for the board to decide on May 1 is whether to support County Executive Bryan Hill's proposed budget including a two and a half cent real estate tax increase. The board can accept the real estate tax increase or vote for a smaller amount but can not raise Hill's suggested increase.

"When the voters in Fairfax County have had an opportunity to vote on tax increases, you saw what happened last time," said Parmelee. "The voters of Fairfax County, on the very same day that they overwhelmingly voted for Hillary Clinton, they also overvoting voted against the tax hike."

If the Board of Supervisors were to adopt the full two and a half cent tax rate increase, it would amount to an additional $268 on the average homeowner's annual tax bill. Only four speakers, and approximately 21 minutes, divided Parmelee from speaker No. 12, Kimberly Adams, of Clifton.

"As a mother, taxpayer and employee here in Fairfax County, my life and livelihood are impacted by every budget that this country could identify," said Adams. "If the end of all of exercise, savings are not identified, then we must move forward in a responsible manner that may mean raising taxes once more or looking for possible alternatives to property taxes that we have found to be so elusive here in the county," said Adams.

"Fairfax County NAACP calls on the county government to support affordable housing, increased and more creative transportation services, increased home based and community based services, new communications technology, programs that promote ethnic and cultural diversity."
The Burke Farmers Market has officially opened for the season last Saturday, April 14, 2018. The market, which features 28 vendors coming from a 125-mile radius of Fairfax County, is located in the VRE Parking Lot, 5671 Roberts Parkway in Burke. The market hours are Saturdays, 8 a.m. to noon, and the new extended season runs April 14-Dec. 22, 2018.

The Fairfax County Farmers Markets operate 11 farmers markets across Fairfax County, under the Fairfax County Park Authority. The markets are strictly producer-only, meaning that all of the farmers and producers may only sell what they raise on their farms or make from scratch. Vendors come from West Virginia, Virginia, Pennsylvania, and Maryland. Call 703-642-0128 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/farmersmarkets.

— Steve Hibbard

Sandy Lombardi cuts apples at Kuhn Orchards of Cashtown, Pa., on Saturday, April 14, at the Burke Farmers Market.

Oliver Knorr, 9, of Cherry Run in Burke with tomato plants at Laurel Grove Farms of Westmoreland County, Va., on Saturday, April 14, 2018, at the Burke Farmers Market.

Burke Farmers Market Opens for the Season

Brad Smith of Smith Family Farm in Gainesville sells fresh eggs.

Steve Smith, a guitarist and songwriter, performs outside the VRE Garage.
To see a live Spelling Bee “is a real treat,” according to Fairfax Rotary past president Ron Hubbard. He attended the twelfth annual Fairfax County Spelling Bee held at Lake Braddock Secondary School in March. Hubbard represented The Rotary Club of Fairfax, which donated Webster dictionaries to each student who participated in the “Bee.” Competitors included seventy one students, from private and public schools in the Northern Virginia area. The Fairfax County Council of PTAs organizes the annual event. The Bee winner was Eric Kim, a sixth grader at Wakefield Forest Elementary School in Fairfax.

For more information about the Rotary Club of Fairfax, visit the club’s website at www.fairfaxrotary.org. or email the Rotary Club of Fairfax’s Executive Director, Irby N. Hollans Jr., at ihollans@earthlink.net.

The Rotary Club of Fairfax was a sponsor of the Fairfax County Spelling Bee. The club donated Webster Dictionaries to each contestant. In this photo, Past President Ron Hubbard of Fairfax Rotary speaks to the audience. Eliza Morss, FCCPTA Coordinator, is to the right.
Send in Mother’s Day Photos

Mother’s Day is Sunday, May 13 this year and as every year at this time, this newspaper calls for submissions to our Mother’s Day photo gallery.

Send photos of mothers, grandparents, great-grandmothers, with children or without children in the photos. Please name everyone in the photo, the approximate date taken, and notes when anything of note is happening in the photo. We will not print your full address or contact information.

You can upload photos and information directly to www.connectionnewspapers.com/mothersday/ or e-mail to editors@connectionnewspapers.com.

Mother’s Day is just one of many occasions throughout the year that we would love to receive photos from our readers. Send us photos and notes when anything of note is happening in your family, neighborhood, school, club … Be sure to include basic information: Name everyone in the photo, the approximate date taken, describe what is happening in the photo and include your name, address, email address and phone number. We will not print your full address or contact information. Send to editors@connectionnewspapers.com.

Soon after we publish our Mother’s Day photo galleries, we will begin to ask for submissions for our Father’s Day galleries. Father’s Day is June 17 this year.

Each year we seem to receive many more photos for Father’s Day. We’re curious whether that is because it is the second of the set so readers are more aware or because mothers are more likely to send in images of the Dads.

Twice a year we ask you to send photos and tell us stories about your pets and how they have come into, touched and left your lives, publishing the last week in July and the last week in February.

In late summer, we invite readers to share what they know about their community for neighbors and newcomers alike.

And wrapping up the year, we gather writing and art from local students to fill our holiday edition. Each year, through an enormous effort by area teachers and school staff we receive an amazing display of student talent.

Regular contributions to our entertainment calendars, community bulletin boards, school news, and business notes help us to share news in your community. We also always welcome photos and captions from community organizations (Scouts, sports teams, faith groups, school activities, etc.) and local businesses.


Virginia Press Association Awards

Connection writers and photographers garnered awards at the Virginia Press Association annual award banquet. Here is the list of our winners, with more details to come in the future:

First Place, Michael Lee Pope, Business and Financial Writing, Great Falls Connection
First Place, Honnie Hobbs, Public Safety Writing, Chantilly Connection
First Place, Mark Mogle, Pictorial Photo, Great Falls Connection
First Place, Mark Mogle, General News Photo, Arlington Connection
First Place, Eden Brown, Public Safety Writing, Arlington Connection
Second Place, Dan Brendel, Government Writing, Alexandria Gazette Packet
Second Place, Veronica Mills, Feature Series or Continuing Story, Alexandria Gazette Packet
Second Place, Fallon Forbes, Breaking News Writing, McLean Connection
Second Place, Fallon Forbes, General News Writing, Reston Connection
Second Place, Honnie Hobbs, General News Writing, Fairfax Connection
Second Place, Marilyn Campbell, Education Writing, Great Falls Connection
Third Place, Shirley Rube, Personality or Portrait Photo, Arlington Connection
Third Place, Fallon Forbes, Education Writing, Great Falls Connection
Third Place, Mary Kimm, Editorial Writing, Great Falls Connection

It’s Time to Give Volunteers the Credit They Deserve

This week, April 15-21, is National Volunteer Week, an opportunity for organizations across the country to pause and recognize the importance and impact of the millions of selfless individuals who volunteer their time.

Governor Northam recently honored some of Virginia’s most remarkable individuals and organizations that have committed to service across the Commonwealth at the 2018 Virginia Governor’s Volunteerism and Community Service Awards. Their stories of service were touching, uplifting, and an inspiration for all of us to do more for others. I encourage you to read more about these remarkable volunteers at VirginiaService.virginia.gov.

And yet, this amazing group of volunteers are just a fraction of the more than 2 million who serve annually in Virginia. Each day, individuals give their time and talents to make our communities safer, healthier and stronger. Whether it is the parents and grandparents volunteering in our schools, community members collecting and donating food to our food banks, or busy professionals utilizing their skills to help individuals and organizations in need — volunteers are the force behind addressing our greatest challenges.

On behalf of the Governor’s Advisory Board on Service and Volunteerism, I would like to thank these fantastic volunteers. Thank you for caring. Thank you for committing. Thank you for underlining and amplifying the power of service. We want you to know that we see you and we hear stories of how you are changing communities for the better. You can inspire many and inspire others to follow your lead to serve.

Jessica Bowser
Governor’s Advisory Board on Service and Volunteerism
Library Book Sale. Thursday, 3-9 p.m.; Friday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sunday, noon-5 p.m. at George Mason Regional Library, 7001 Little River Turnpike, Annandale. Find thousands of high-quality books, CDs, DVDs, and video games at the George Mason Friends Spring Book Sale. GeorgeMasonFriends.blogspot.com.

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Healthy Strides 2018 Community 5K, 10K and Fun Run. Volunteers are needed Friday, April 20, 2:30-8 p.m. to distribute race packages. On race day, Saturday, April 21, volunteers needed 5:30 a.m.-noon to assist with registration and bag check, staff the hospitality and refreshment tables, serve as course attendants, help with water stops and set up. Find an available shift at: www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/healthy-strides/community-10K-5K-run.

Epicure Café, 11104 Lee Highway, Fairfax. An interfering mother thinks she's too good for him … A scientist creates the ‘perfect’ woman, guaranteed jackpot, treasure chest progressive raffles, and good food available for purchase. All proceeds go to purchasing fire and rescue equipment. Visit www.fairfaxfd.com or call 703-273-3638 for more.

Volunteer: Healthy Strides 2018. At Burke Lake Park, 7315 OX Road, Fairfax Station. Support those who are trying to make healthier strides in their lives by volunteering at the Healthy Strides 2018 Community 5K, 10K and Fun Run. Volunteers are needed Friday, April 20, 2:30-8 p.m. to distribute race packages. On race day, Saturday, April 21, volunteers needed 5:30 a.m.-noon to assist with registration and bag check, staff the hospitality and refreshment tables, serve as course attendants, help with water stops and set up. Find an available shift at: www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/healthy-strides/community-10K-5K-run.


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THURSDAY/APRIL 19

The Front Page.” Through April 21. Thursday, Friday and Saturday, 7:30 p.m.; Sunday, 2 p.m. at The James Lee Community Center, 2835 Annandale Road, Falls Church. Set in a Chicago press room in the 1920s, reporter Hildy Johnson wants to break away from journalism and get married. All that changes when an escaped convict, Earl Williams, breaks out of jail and suddenly ... Visit www.providenceplayers.org for tickets.

Coppelia

Virginia Ballet Company And School will present the classic ballet Coppelia, professionally staged and fully costumed. Saturday, April 28, 2 and 7 p.m. in the Ernst Community Cultural Center Theater, Northern Virginia Community College Annandale Campus, 8333 Little River Turnpike, Annandale. $30 for adults and $20 for children, students and seniors, plus a $5 fee per each ticket at www.vbballet.org.

Mason Friends Spring Book Sale.

Regional Library, 7001 Little River Turnpike, Annandale. Noon-5 p.m. at George Mason. Sponsor by the City of Fairfax. Celebrating three decades of arts in the City of Fairfax. Sponsored by the City of Fairfax in cooperation with the City of Fairfax. Sponsored by the City of Fairfax in cooperation with the City of Fairfax.

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B-I-N-G-O. FRIDAY/APRIL 20 7-9 p.m. at Fire Station 3, 4801 University Drive, Fairfax. Enjoy free coffee, entertaining callers, a friendly atmosphere, $1,000 guaranteed jackpot, raffle prizes, chest progressive raffles, and good food available for purchase. All proceeds go to purchasing fire and rescue equipment. Visit www.fairfaxfd.com or call 703-273-3638 for more.

Seating is limited. Tickets are $20 at www.infinitystage.com. Show starts at 8 p.m. both nights at Epicure Café, 11104 Lee Highway, Fairfax. An interfering mother attempts to “out” her gay son… A scientist creates the ‘perfect’ woman, who thinks she’s too good for him ... Infinity Stage presents its 2018 10 x Infinity Short Comedy Play Festival — ten 10-minute comedies selected from over 350 submissions. Seating is limited. Tickets are $20 at www.infinitystage.com.

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Virginia Ballet dancer

Photo by Dale Hubbard

The 33rd Annual Fairfax Spotlight on the Arts Festival kicks off with a glittering Gala evening Friday, April 20 at Old Town Hall celebrating three decades of arts in the City of Fairfax. Sponsored by the City of Fairfax in cooperation with the City of Fairfax. Sponsored by the City of Fairfax in cooperation with the City of Fairfax.

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April is Financial Literacy Month.

By Marilyn Campbell

I n an era when consumers can purchase merchandise and deposit money into a bank account using a smartphone, teaching money smarts to children can be fraught with complications. April is Financial Literacy Month and local financial advisors say teaching children how to manage their money responsibly is a necessary part of becoming a financially responsible adult.

“How a parent treats cash is the way their kids will treat cash; lead by example,” said Andrea Foster, professor and department chair of Business, Economics, Accounting, Computer Applications and Paralegal Studies (BEACAPS) at Montgomery College. “If your kid sees you cutting coupons and budgeting, when they grow up they will do the same. They will see the benefits and the value of your thriftiness.”

One of the most important financial lessons that a parent can teach is how to save, advises Foster. “Teach them how to budget so that they can learn how to save for what they want,” she said.

Children pay attention to and learn from the ways in which their parents manage money and it’s critical that they learn financial literacy at home, suggests Victoria G. Henry, assistant vice president at West Financial Services, Inc. in McLean.

“Explaining the concept of savings early to children is key,” added Henry. “It is natural to want to spend everything right away, so it may be hard to understand why it is important to set a little aside for future expenses. Perhaps it could be explained by saying the savings will come in handy if a favorite toy breaks.”

TJ Lacks Poor and Black Students

Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) has offered admission to 485 students for the Class of 2022 at Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology (TJHSST).

A total of 1,160 students applied for admission.

❖ White students made up 870, or 27.5 percent of the applicants, and 111, or 22.9 percent of accepted students.

❖ Black students made up 220, or 7.0 percent of applicants, but only 10 black students were admitted, making up 2.1 percent of the incoming class.

❖ Latino students made up 276, or 8.7 percent of applicants; 23 Latino students were 4.7 percent of the incoming class.

❖ Poor students made up 336, 10.6 percent of applicants, with seven students who receive subsidized meals admitted, for 1.4 percent of the incoming class. About 28 percent of Fairfax County Public School students qualify for Free or Reduced Meals, a measure of significant poverty.

❖ Asian students made up 1,633, or 51.7 percent of applicants, and 316, or more than 65 percent of the incoming class.

Approximately 94.8 percent of students offered admission are currently attending public schools.

Established in 1985, TJHSST is a governor’s school offering a comprehensive college preparatory program emphasizing the sciences, mathematics, and technology, and is often cited in rankings as the top high school in the country.

Specialized technical laboratories, including a technological computational center, enhance the academic curriculum and provide students with experience in state-of-the-art technology, opportunities for independent research and experimentation, and interaction with professionals from the scientific, technological, engineering, and industrial communities.

The selection process for admittance to TJHSST involves a holistic review of each candidate’s semifinalist essay, teacher recommendations, and student-authored information sheet, as well as consideration of grades and test scores on the admissions examination. A summer round of admissions for eighth graders newly moved to a participating district after Sept. 30 of the previous year will add to the 485 offers at the end of June.

For information, contact the TJHSST Admissions Office at 571-423-3770.

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Teaching Money Management

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An ideal time to offer a lesson in saving is when a child receives money as a present for a birthday or other occasion, says Henry. “It is a good practice to have them save even 10 or 20 percent of the gift, and let them have the rest to spend how they want,” she said. “If they decide to spend their fun money on something and then quickly return asking for money for something else, it is a good to remind them that maybe they should think more carefully about how they want to spend their money in the future. This will help them get into the practice of making wise choices with spending and saving down the road when they start earning money as well.”

Foster also suggests helping children develop savings goals. “[Whether] by piggy bank, envelope, can, or jar, a vessel is an important tool for teaching kids how to save for major milestones,” said Foster. “Identify a goal for the saving and have them save towards that goal.”

Transparency builds enthusiasm, adds Foster. “Using a clear jar for saving creates enthusiasm and motivation as the kids see it fill up with the coins,” she said. “[Saving] also teaches them self-reliance and not counting on their parents to help them for everything. By giving a reward, kids can learn the value of money and how to spend money.”

Foster also suggests encouraging children to keep a spending diary and limiting the amount of money they can spend or the number of items they can purchase when shopping for themselves. “Show them that stuff costs money,” she said. “Have them keep track of all the money that mom and dad spend on them in one month, from food to clothing and other things. They will realize how much it costs to maintain them and how much all the stuff that they want costs.”

Involves children in a family’s charitable donations, advises Henry. “Ask your children to think about what kinds of charitable efforts the family should support,” she said. “Have them research and pick a charity and then make a small contribution to that organization on their behalf.”

“Have children earn their allowance and let children experience the pain of not having enough money if they don’t budget correctly,” said Dr. Brian Hollar assistant professor of Accounting, Economics & Finance at Marymount University. “Experience is a good teacher and learning when the stakes are low is invaluable.”

Hollar underscores the importance of teaching solid math skills. “It’s hard to develop strong financial literacy without understanding exponential growth,” he said.

Teaching young children about the concept of saving money is a critical part of financial literacy.
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**Connections Through Time.** 11 a.m.–2 p.m. at Outback Steakhouse, 6651 Backlick Road, Springfield. The Springfield Outback Steakhouse will be presenting a fundraiser to benefit the Fairfax County Animal Control and Animal Shelter. Visit www.fairfaxva.gov/animal/park/rescue/animal-control/adopt-a-pet.

**Walk to End Sexual Violence.** 9:45 a.m. at Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax. 4th Annual Fairfax County Walk to End Sexual Violence and resource fair. Activities will include DJ, raffles, and food trucks (11 a.m.–12:30 p.m.). First 100 people to register will receive a free T-shirt. Family-friendly event, children and pets are welcome. Contact Angela Acosta at Angela.Acosta@fairfaxcounty.gov or 703-324-9484. Visit bit.ly/2uZOi1i for more.

**Benefit Buffet Luncheon.** 11 a.m.–2 p.m. at Outback Steakhouse, 6651 Backlick Road, Springfield. The Springfield Outback Steakhouse will be presenting a fundraiser to benefit the Friedelstein’s Ataxia Research Alliance. Cover charge is $35 and includes all you can eat buffet including sliced steak, sliced chicken, side dishes, non-alcoholic beverages and dessert. Live music. Visit www.rescuespores.org, or contact Donna Wilson at the Springfield Outback at cbo-7713@outback.com or 703-912-7531.

**Gala: Community Champions of Children’s Health.** 5-9 p.m. at Country Club of Fairfax, 5110 Ox Road, Fairfax. Celebrating community champions of children’s health with Medical Care for Children Partnership Foundation. $125. Visit mccpfoundation.org.

**Empty Bowls for ECHO.** 11 a.m.–2 p.m. at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 11205 Lee Highway, Falls Church. Visit www.providenceplayers.org for tickets.

**Walk for Peace Lutheran Church.** 10 a.m. at Keswick Elementary School, 3920 Jocelin Road, Falls Church. Visit www.providenceplayers.org for tickets.

**Pet Adoption Event.** 11 a.m.-2 p.m. at Pet Supplies Plus, 11054 Lee Highway, Fairfax. Find a new forever friend with the help of the City of Fairfax Animal Control and Animal Shelter. Visit www.fairfaxva.gov/orphaned-pets

**Reel Pizza Night.** 7-10 p.m at Pacers Pop-Up Theatre Space, 10427 North St., Fairfax. Set in a Chicago press room in the 1920s, reporter Hildy Johnson wants to break away from journalism and get married. All that changes when an escaped convict, Earl Williams, breaks out of jail and suddenly falls into the reporter’s hands. Fast-paced and filled with crisp dialog and sharp humor, this classic comedy packs a wallop of nostalgic Americana. Through April 21; Thursday, Friday and Saturday, 7:30 p.m., Sunday, 2 p.m. at The James Lee Community Center, 2653 Annandale Road, Falls Church. Visit www.providenceplayers.org for tickets.

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Join Fairfax Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) for the 8th Annual 5K and 3K races. The superhero-themed race attracts nearly 1,000 runners and walkers, 250 volunteers, and raises almost $85,000 each year to support Fairfax CASA’s advocacy work with abused and neglected children in the community. Participants can enjoy the after race celebration, including superhero meet and greets, a DJ, free food, face painting, kids’ crafts, photo booth, and more. Saturday, April 28, 8 a.m. at Fairfax County Courthouse Complex, 4110 Chain Bridge Road, Fairfax. Visit www.fairfaxrunforthechildren.com.

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county's fast developing areas,” said Niedzieski-Eichner.

“As one who was on the front lines advocating for passage of the Meals Tax, I find this reality ironic in light of the significant voices arguing against the meals tax due to its regressivity. Since each one percent of the property tax rate is projected to generate approximately $225 million in revenue, the proposed 2.5 cent increase in the real estate tax rate will generate about $62.5 million. The meals tax was projected to generate $100 million per annum, with almost most of this revenue, $28 million, to be paid by tourists and visitors to Fairfax.”

Kofi Annan, president of the Fairfax County NAACP expressed concern that the county is underfunding services to low income families, including housing and Pre-K education for needy families.

This opportunity gap (of not having access to Pre-K education) eventually runs into an achievement gap, and that widens over time.

“Fairfax County NAACP calls on the county to commit the resources to enroll at least 300 additional kids into Pre-K in 2019 and devise a long-term plan to fund at least 2,000 over the next five years.”

Annan asked the supervisors to fund an outside study of racial disparities in police use of force has been directed toward African Americans, who only make up about 10 percent of the county,” Annan said.

“The reason being: part of what feeds my self-preservation and sense of well-being is reading and reacting to the feedback I receive from others when the subject matter turns to cancer, however well-meaning their intention behind is. Sometimes the reactions I get aren’t helpful. "Tell me Ken, how's it feel to know you're going to die?". Sometimes, I find myself rationalizing, explaining and revisiting issues and experiences more helpful and of interest to the party that asked the question rather than to yours truly who's now having to answer the question. Not that I don't want to be helpful or have difficulty empathizing; nothing could be further from the truth. It's more that I don't want to see their expressions/hear their apologies when their innocent question (“So what do you do?”) elicits an extremely unexpected answer. "Not too much. I have stage IV, non-small cell lung cancer."