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Herndon Festival 2018 is Almost Here

Festival combines the joy of outdoor concerts with the thrill of a summer carnival all packed into a 4-day family-friendly event.

By Mercia Hobson
The Connection

Downtown Herndon's Historic District is the destination this Thursday, May 31 through Sunday, June 2 for one of Northern Virginia's top free and much loved outdoor festivals, the acclaimed and award-winning Herndon Festival, now in its 38th year. First produced in 1981 at the suggestion of town resident, Arno Randall, the celebration has grown from a one-day to a four-day rock-solid event and is now produced by the Town of Herndon Parks & Recreation Department with assistance from area civic organizations and businesses.

While this year's Herndon Festival 2018 Entertainment Lineup features three stages of free performances and a carnival of spectacular thrills, it also offers Kids 'Ally with a children's hands-on art area, high-quality craft and food vendors, a Business Expo, fireworks on Saturday night, 10K/5K Races & Fitness Expo and more.

If that is not enough, organizers are mixing things up a bit this year to make Herndon Festival 2018 more prominent and better than ever with additional family-fun. Be sure to visit Friday evening from 5:30

p.m.-6:30 p.m. when two special events appropriate for children 3 and up are sponsored by F.H. Furr Plumbing, Heating, and Air Conditioning & Electric. There is the "Kids' Car Creation," where children can create a cardboard "Flintstone-like" car they can wear and a Puppet Show.

Entertainment

Festival opens at 6 p.m. Thursday night. After getting dinner and drinks from any of the food and beverage vendors, festival goers can bring them over to the Herndon Municipal Stage area located behind the Municipal Building at 777 Lynn Street. Say hello to one of the hottest rising country groups at 7:30 p.m., the all-female, Farewell Angelina named among Rolling Stone's "New Artists You Need To Know," and Roughstock's "Ones to Watch." On Friday, rock out to the premier tribute act, Almost Queen, a four-piece band billed as "the most authentic Queen live show since the days of Queen themselves."

Saturday features Roomful of Blues, a recognized leader in their genre and recipient of five Grammy nominations. Returning to Festival by popular demand is The Hunts, seven native Virginia siblings who, as billed on their website: "pour their blood,

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Carnival will return to Herndon Festival 2018 with more than a dozen rides and a main street of games. (Photo 2017)



There will be plenty of food and drink choices at Festival 2018 such as ribs, perogies, pizza, donuts, snow-cones, ice tea, root beer, wine, beer and more. (Photo 2017)

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Members of the Herndon High School Navy Junior ROTC Detachment, Elisa Castro, Eleisa Cruz, Damaris Leva, and Isabel Palacios stand at attention as members of the Reston Chorale sing the national anthem.

Herndon Honors Veterans Fallen In Service

Speaker at the Memorial Day Ceremony in Herndon also calls to honor government civilians and contractors killed in the line of duty.

By Mercia Hobson
The Connection

With overcast skies but a promising cool breeze blowing through Chestnut Grove Cemetery in Herndon, on May 28, 2018, the American Legion Wayne M. Kidwell Post #184 of Herndon/Reston hosted the Town of Herndon Memorial Day Ceremony.

Citizens and active military service members gathered with veterans on the freshly manicured grounds of the local cemetery. They came to pause and remember the men and women in the military who gave their lives in defense of the United States of America and to aid other nations struggling to obtain freedom from oppression.

David R. Womack, Commander Herndon/Reston American Legion Wayne M. Kidwell Post #184 provided the Memorial Day Ceremony Introduction and Opening Remarks. Womack urged those present to take action. He said, "Take this moment of remembrance and translate that into action for the widows and children of the fallen...Fly the flag at your home. Support the organizations that support them...As you visit a local grocery store, pick up a poppy and give a donation... The future lies in remembering the acts

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of bravery, courage and sacrifice from the past. Keep remembering."

WOMACK then introduced the guest speaker for the day's ceremony. Lisa Swan, the senior leader at the Joint Improvised-Threat Defeat Organization (JIDO) which focuses on combatting improved threats, such as IEDs, drones and other yet to be seen threats on the battlefield.

Swan began her remarks with a quote by President John Fitzgerald Kennedy. "A nation reveals itself not only by the men it produces but also by the men it honors, the men it remembers." She added a sentence President Ronald Reagan said more than thirty years ago, at a Memorial Day Ceremony in 1982. "And if words cannot repay the debt we owe these men, surely with our actions, we must strive to keep faith with them and with the vision that led them to battle and to final sacrifice."

Swan related how over the 243 years of the United States history, the U.S. military has fought in twelve significant wars on four continents. She told how since 2001, 5,400 United States service members had been killed in action noting that number includes thirty-five killed within the past three years. Swan told how those who serve out of uniform, such as

individuals in the Civil Service, "... Take the same oath as those in the military to support and defend the Constitution against all enemies foreign and domestic." She stated, "We hold the same values: loyalty, duty, respect, selfless service, honor, integrity and personal courage." Swan reported that there had been twenty-one Department of Defense civilians killed in the line of duty since October 2001, and disclosed that number does not include those men and women who died in the attack at the Pentagon on 9/11.

"On this day, we remember them as well," Swan said.

SWAN explained her statements to honor all those who lost their lives in the role of military operations, "...whether deployed on a battlefield or in support of roles stateside or elsewhere. Our paychecks come through different channels, our rules of operation are a little different, but our mission is the same: to protect and honor the nation. We also honor our contractor employees who have died in the line of duty.

"To all of you here today, remembering friends, loved ones, and even those who died in battles before our time," Swan said, "thank you for joining me in honoring their service. Thanks to them, our future is bright."

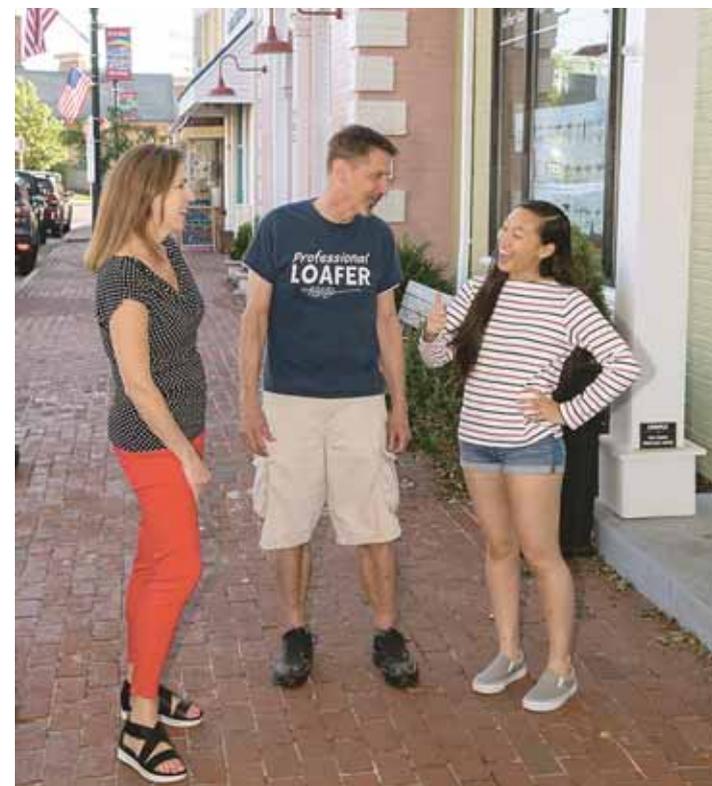


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Herndon High School senior Tiffany Nguyen (right) gives Great Harvest Bread Company owner Ken Marter (middle) a big "thumbs up." Nguyen approached Marter about a partnership with Food For Neighbors over a year ago, and she is so happy that it worked out well. "Tiffany is a rock star," shared Food For Neighbors Founder Karen Joseph (left), who is impressed with Nguyen's initiative.

Food For Neighbors Celebrates Partnership with Great Harvest Bread Company

Great Harvest Bread Company presented a generous donation to Food For Neighbors, a growing nonprofit that provides nutritional support to students at Herndon High School and Herndon Middle School, among several others. This is one of many ways in which the longtime Herndon business has supported the program.

"I love having such a generous community partner for our program," said Food For Neighbors Founder Karen Joseph, who explained that the partnership began in early 2017 when Herndon High School student Tiffany Nguyen approached owner Ken Marter about setting up a "pay it forward" program, similar to many others being established at the time. Marter did not hesitate, and he made an even more charitable offer—donating a variety of breads for distribution to Herndon High School students when they receive their weekly food donations. Since then, the relationship has grown to include an ongoing collection of cash donations from customers as well as the instituting of the popular "Honey Bunny" program, which yielded the May 23 gift. During the month leading up to Easter, Great Harvest Bread sells

Honey Bunnies, and for each one sold, the company donates \$2 to Food For Neighbors.

Joseph plans to use the donation in support of a proposed vending machine program that would complement the current weekly food distribution. The machines would store Food For Neighbors donations, and school counselors would give select students a code to access the food. The goal is to give students easy access to food before, during, and after school hours, at Herndon High and at other key community areas where the machines would be located and maintained throughout the year. This would also help to address the need for nutrition during the summer months, when students are not in school to receive their weekly donations.

Thanks to the generosity of Great Harvest Bread Company, other local organizations, and enthusiastic volunteers, Food For Neighbors now provides weekly nutrition to more than 650 students in ten area middle and high schools. Those interested in partnering with or otherwise supporting Food For Neighbors are encouraged to visit www.foodforneighbors.org for more information.

Opinion

Preventing Gang Violence

By Gerald E. Connolly
U.S. Representative
(D-11)



Families through out our community have been shaken by the recent rise in gang activity across the Washington region. This is a serious issue that must be addressed with collaboration and cooperation from all levels of government. We know the problem, and now we must find the right solution.

Fairfax County offers a model for what our country can do to fight gang violence. When I was chairman of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, we

worked with local law enforcement, the business community, and the faith and civic communities to reduce gang crime and gang association. We hired the county's first gang prevention coordinator and started tattoo and graffiti removal initiatives. We collaborated with the Boys and Girls Clubs to launch the "Join a Club, Not a Gang" campaign, and expanded after school programs to all 26 of

our middle schools. And we reached out to parents to help them understand the signs of gang involvement. Thanks to this collaboration, the number of teenagers involved in gang activity declined by 50 percent and the crime rate fell to a 32-year low. Fairfax County remains the safest jurisdiction of its size in the United States.

I brought that local government experience with me to Congress and on a bipartisan basis, I worked with former U.S. Rep. Frank Wolf to secure federal funding for the Northern Virginia Regional Gang Task Force (NVRGTF). In fact, I offered the last earmark for the NVRGTF before the House Majority abolished earmarks, stripping the task force of its federal funding.

The best thing we can do is resume funding for regional task forces that focus on gang prevention, intervention, and suppression in our communities. It is not enough to fund programs and organizations that focus solely on prosecuting gang members after their crimes have been committed. We must take a well-rounded, holistic approach to community safety by restoring the federal

government's commitment to preventing these crimes from ever being committed in the first place.

We know that collaborative programs like the Task Force work. Regional task forces provide local governments and law enforcement bodies with unified organizations that span jurisdictional boundaries and allow for streamlined input from various stakeholders across a community. That is why, recently, I introduced the Preventing Gang Violence Act, legislation that will increase funding for competitive and evidence-based programs to reduce gang violence by \$18 million.

This bipartisan legislation builds upon our success in Fairfax County by providing community-based violence prevention grants to effective regional task forces across the country.

Grant applications would be evaluated based on a number of factors, including an applicant's record of implementing best practices in gang violence prevention, evidence of collaboration between relevant stakeholders, an effective grant implementation plan, and plans for evaluating results.

In addition to its bipartisan support in Congress, this proposal has the support of a diverse set of expert organizations, including the

National Alliance of Gang Investigators Associations (NAGIA) and the Coalition for Juvenile Justice (CJJ). As NAGIA notes, this legislation "recognizes that communities must be equipped with prevention programs to keep their children from joining gangs." And CJJ makes clear that the bill brings a "community-based approach to bear on our nation's gang violence problem."

Some, most notably the President, would have you think America must shut its borders. That you cannot allow immigrants into our country and maintain security.

We know this is a false choice, and runs contrary to the American and Fairfax experience. I've rejected the ant-immigrant proposals pushed by the Administration, including its unconstitutional travel ban. Our immigrant communities contribute so much to the fabric of life in Northern Virginia. We shouldn't drive them into the shadows.

An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure.

Fairfax County has made progress, but we need the Federal Government to remain a partner. The Gang Violence Prevention Act is a down payment on making our communities safer.

One More Time

By Kenneth R. "Ken" Plum
State Delegate (D-36)



Reading another column about the failure of the Virginia General Assembly to expand Medicaid may be as painful for you to read as it is for me to write. I know I have been predicting for months that a biennial budget would be passed for the Commonwealth and

that it would include an expansion of health care coverage for those who are not now eligible for Medicaid. Nervously I stand by that prediction. Even the Majority Leader of the Senate whose members have been holding up the budget in opposition to Medicaid expansion has been quoted in news account that a budget will be passed and that it will include Medicaid expansion. So, what is the problem? And as many constituents ask me, what is the hold up?

Historically, biennial budgets for

the state have passed by near-unanimous numbers. Not everyone has agreed with every number or every provision of the budget; the document is always a bundle of compromises that satisfies as many people as possible when there are always

strict limitations on resources. Ironically, the addition of an expanded Medicaid budget brings hundreds of million dollars to the budget and frees up hundreds of millions of dollars that can be used for education and other needs. By not adopting an expanded program of Medicaid, Virginia has foregone about ten billion dollars of federal money that required no state match. The funds coming to Virginia would not add to the national debt because of the tax funding included in the Affordable Care Act to support the program.

But I have explained the economics of the program in many past columns. It is a good deal for the state and a wonderful expansion of health care to those who are most in need. What is the hold

up? Many of you have already figured out that it is the politics of the issue. For many years it was opposition to anything that had to do with Obamacare. The former President has gone on to another career, but there have been many unsuccessful attempts in the Congress to undo his legacy as it relates to health care. For those who were part of the opposition to the expansion for many years there may be a problem pivoting to supporting it even if there are thousands of constituents who would benefit in better health care from it. For an even more conservative constituent waiting in the wings to challenge the legislator in a pri-

mary there is an opportunity to accuse the incumbent of flip-flopping on the issue.

House of Delegates members had a "refreshing" meeting with their voters last November. Some of the strongest incumbent opponents to Medicaid expansion lost their seats. A majority of the newly elected House voted weeks ago to pass the budget with Medicaid expansion in it. A majority of senators support it and should be allowed to vote. Those who do not can explain their position to voters in the next election cycle leading up to the election in November 2019. I hope I do not have to explain this one more time.

Send Father's Day Photos

Father's Day is Sunday, June 17, and once again this newspaper will publish a gallery of Father's Day photos.

Every year at this time, we put out the call for photographs of fathers and their children, grandfathers and their children and grandchildren.

Send in photos with the following information: the town where you live, the names of everyone in the picture, the approximate date the picture was taken, the ages of the children and a sentence or two about what is happening and where the photograph was taken. Be sure to tell us your town name and neighborhood. Photos are due by June 12. You can submit your photos online at www.connectionnewspapers.com/fathersday. You can also email photos to editors@connectionnewspapers.com.

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Festival

sweat and tears into every song and strive to write music that moves hearts with beauty, power and joy.”

On Sunday, Festival presents a trifecta of great bands - Three Sheets to the Wind, Kstone4U, and the culminating Festival performers, from 4-6 p.m. on the Depot Stage, Good Shot Judy, Williamsburg, Va's most excellent big amp jazz band producing high-energy Latin dance music.

Carnival

Of course, Carnival returns to Festival with more than a dozen rides and a main street of games. Tickets can be purchased for one ride at \$1.25, a book of 30 tickets at \$30 and a book of 50 tickets for \$45.

Organizers announced: “Separate “all-you-can-ride” wristbands are available for Thursday from 6 p.m.-10 p.m., Saturday from 10 a.m.-2 p.m., and Sunday 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

Thursday all-you-can-ride wristbands are available pre-sale at the Herndon Community Center and can only be used for Thursday. For Saturday or Sunday, wristbands can only be purchased at the carnival ticket booths.”

Children's Activities

The Herndon Festival 2018 offers a variety of free arts and entertainment activities for children. The ever-popular Children's Hands-On Art Area and Kid's Alley return, located at the corner of Station and Lynn Streets. Arts Herndon will produce free family-friendly art activities open to children of all ages on Saturday, June 3, 10 a. m. -5 p.m. and Sunday, June 4, 11 a.m-4 p.m.

Fireworks

What would Festival be without Fireworks? This year, the fireworks display is a one-night-only spectacular, and it is choreographed to music. The show starts around 9:30 p.m. Saturday. There are no fireworks on Thursday night as in previous years.

Free Shuttle Bus Service

Free shuttle service is available to Festival goers at Worldgate and Herndon High School. Event organizers strongly encourage attendees to ride the shuttle bus, use the free bike valet, or walk to the Festival. Public parking in the area is limited.

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NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC OF AN APPLICATION BY COLUMBIA GAS OF VIRGINIA, INC., TO AMEND AND EXTEND ITS NATURAL GAS CONSERVATION AND RATEMAKING EFFICIENCY PLAN CASE NO. PUR-2018-00057

On April 20, 2018, Columbia Gas of Virginia, Inc. (“CVA” or “Company”) filed with the State Corporation Commission (“Commission”) an application (“Application”) for authorization to amend and extend its Conservation and Rate-making Efficiency Plan (“CARE Plan”) pursuant to Chapter 25 of Title 56 of the Code of Virginia. According to the Company, its current CARE Plan includes a portfolio of programs that promote conservation and energy efficiency among CVA’s residential and applicable small general service customer classes and a decoupling mechanism that adjusts actual non-gas distribution revenues per customer to the allowed distribution revenues previously approved by the Commission. In its Application, the Company proposes to extend its CARE Plan, along with certain modifications and amendments, for an additional five-year period, through December 31, 2023 (“Amended CARE Plan”).

The proposed Amended CARE Plan would only be available to residential customers and includes three conservation and energy efficiency programs, with 16 measures. Specifically, the Company requests approval to extend the following three conservation and energy efficiency programs, with certain modifications, for an additional five-year period: (1) Web-Based Home Audit Program; (2) Home Savings Program; and (3) Residential Low-Income and Elderly Program.

The Company expects to invest \$3.7 million over the five years of the Amended CARE Plan. According to the Company, the proposed Amended CARE Plan is designed to recover the incremental costs associated with its conservation and energy efficiency programs, as incurred, by means of a surcharge mechanism described in Section 12.4 of the Company’s General Terms and Conditions (the CARE Program Adjustment (“CPA”). The Company estimates that the proposed Amended CARE Plan’s CPA will cost the average residential customer approximately \$3.29 in 2019. In its Application, CVA requests authority to implement the CPA effective with the first billing unit for the Company’s January 2019 billing cycle (i.e., December 31, 2018). The Company’s proposed Amended CARE Plan also includes a performance-based incentive mechanism and a decoupling mechanism.

The details of these and other proposals are set forth in the Company’s Application. Interested persons are encouraged to review the Company’s Application and supporting testimony and exhibits for the details of these proposals.

The Commission entered an Order for Notice and Comment in this case that, among other things, directed the Company to provide notice to the public and provided interested persons an opportunity to comment on the Company’s Application.

The Company’s Application and the Commission’s Order for Notice and Comment are available for public inspection during regular business hours at each of the Company’s business offices in the Commonwealth of Virginia. Copies also may be obtained by submitting a written request to counsel for the Company, Bryan D. Stogdale, Senior Counsel, Columbia Gas of Virginia, Inc., 1809 Coyote Drive, Chester, Virginia 23836. If acceptable to the requesting party, the Company may provide the documents by electronic means.

Copies of the public version of the Application and other documents filed in this case are also available for interested persons to review in the Commission’s Document Control Center located on the first floor of the Tyler Building, 1300 East Main Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219, between the hours of 8:15 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding holidays. Interested persons also may download unofficial copies from the Commission’s website: <http://www.scc.virginia.gov/case>.

On or before June 15, 2018, any interested person wishing to comment on the Company’s Application shall file written comments with Joel H. Peck, Clerk, State Corporation Commission, c/o Document Control Center, P.O. Box 2118, Richmond, Virginia 23218-2118. Any interested person desiring to file comments electronically may do so on or before June 15, 2018, by following the instructions on the Commission’s website: <http://www.scc.virginia.gov/case>. Compact disks or any other form of electronic storage medium may not be filed with the comments. All such comments shall refer to Case No. PUR-2018-00057.

On or before June 15, 2018, any person or entity may participate as a respondent in this proceeding by filing a notice of participation. If not filed electronically, an original and fifteen (15) copies of the notice of participation shall be submitted to the Clerk of the Commission at the address above. A copy of the notice of participation as a respondent also must be sent to counsel for the Company at the address set forth above. Pursuant to Rule 5 VAC 5-20-80 B, *Participation as a respondent*, of the Commission’s Rules of Practice and Procedure (“Rules of Practice”), any notice of participation shall set forth: (i) a precise statement of the interest of the respondent; (ii) a statement of the specific action sought to the extent then known; and (iii) the factual and legal basis for the action. Any organization, corporation, or government body participating as a respondent must be represented by counsel as required by Rule 5 VAC 5-20-30, *Counsel*, of the Rules of Practice. All filings shall refer to Case No. PUR-2018-00057. For additional information about participation as a respondent, any person or entity should obtain a copy of the Commission’s Order for Notice and Comment.

On or before June 15, 2018, any interested person may file a written request for a hearing. If not filed electronically, an original and fifteen (15) copies of the hearing request shall be submitted to the Clerk of the Commission at the address above, and the interested person simultaneously shall serve a copy of the hearing request on counsel to the Company at the address set forth above. All requests for a hearing shall refer to Case No. PUR-2018-00057 and include: (i) a precise statement of the filing party’s interest in the proceeding; (ii) a statement of the specific action sought to the extent then known; (iii) a statement of the legal basis for such action; and (iv) a precise statement why a hearing should be conducted in this matter.

All documents filed with the Office of the Clerk of the Commission in this docket may use both sides of the paper. In all other respects, all filings shall comply fully with the requirements of 5 VAC 5-20-150, *Copies and format*, of the Commission’s Rules of Practice.

The Commission’s Rules of Practice may be viewed at <http://www.scc.virginia.gov/case>. A printed copy of the Commission’s Rules of Practice and an official copy of the Commission’s Order for Notice and Comment in this proceeding may be obtained from the Clerk of the Commission at the address above.

COLUMBIA GAS OF VIRGINIA, INC.

Body of Missing Swimmer Recovered

The body of a 45-year-old Falls Church City man, Kevin Ruby, was recovered at Lake Audubon Monday around 12:45 p.m. FCPD Marine Patrol and Underwater Search and Recovery Team were assisted by the Fire Department Search & Rescue throughout the event. His family has been notified. Foul play is not suspected. The medical examiner will determine the cause of death. According to FCPD news release — Ruby was competing in a swim race at Lake Audubon, located at 2070 Twin Branches Road, in Reston. Police responded with the Fire Department around noon after a concerned family member had not heard from Mr. Ruby for more than an hour. Officers quickly determined he had never reported in at the conclusion of the race. The lake was searched into the evening without success.

The College Board in Reston to Expand and Create 120 New Jobs

In a news release dated May 22, 2018, Virginia Governor Ralph S. Northam announced that The College Board located at 11955 Democracy Drive in Reston Town Center successfully competed against Washington, D.C. for a project, which will create 120 new jobs and retain 614 existing jobs.

The College Board will expand its operation into an additional 74,000 square feet it already leases but subleases to Appian at Democracy Tower. The mission-driven not-for-profit organization is based in New York City and may best be known for helping millions of students annually as they state on their website: "...to prepare for a successful transition to college through programs and services such as the SAT and the Advanced Placement Program." A reported 6000 of the world's leading educational institutions make up its membership association. The organization is dedicated to promoting excellence and equity in education while also performing research and advocacy on behalf of students, educators and schools.

"Fairfax County continues to attract sought-after talent that enables businesses to thrive, and we are proud that this vital not-for-profit organization chose to reinvest in the Commonwealth," said Governor Northam who approved a \$750,000 grant from the Commonwealth's Opportunity Fund to assist the County with the project.

—Mercia Hobson

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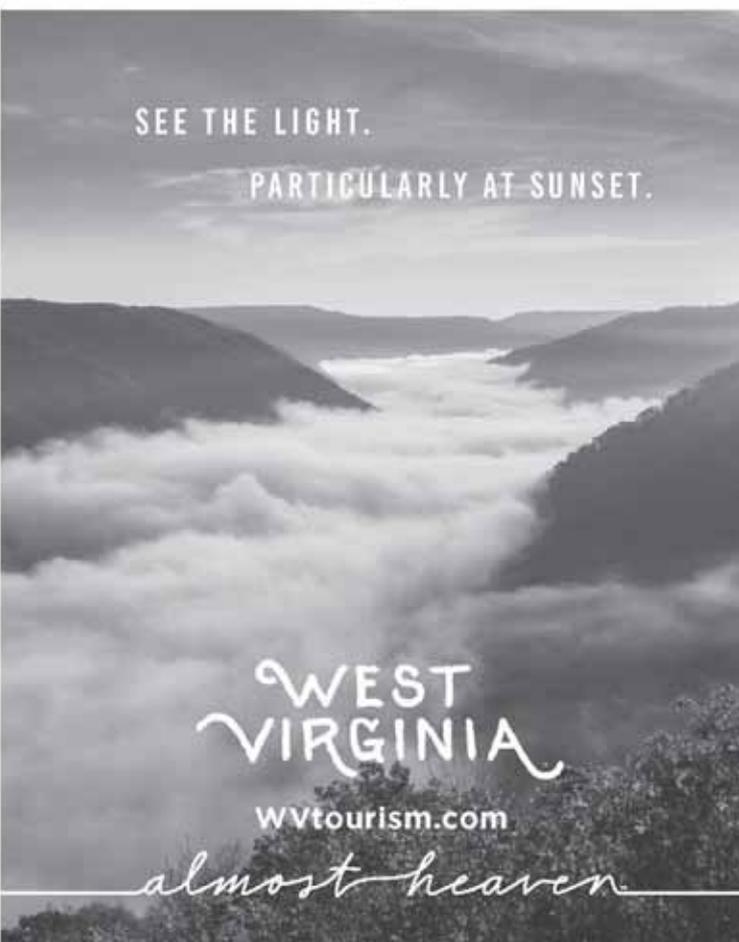
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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Assistance League of Northern Virginia, a volunteer nonprofit, invites community members to join the organization to participate in its Reading Express program. Volunteers provide one-on-one tutoring to first grade students during the school year. To learn more contact VP Membership Mary Gronlund at gronbiz@aol.com or Program Coordinator Lynn Barron at lynnieb517@verizon.net.

STEM Professionals Needed. Help assist K-12 STEM teachers as part of the American Association for the Advancement of Science's STEM Volunteer Program, stemvolunteers.org, during the 2018-19 school year. In the 2017-18 school year, there are 85 volunteers in six Northern Virginia school districts. Contact Don Rea at 571-551-2488, or donaledge@aol.com.

Volunteer Adult Mentors Needed. Help assist the Department of Family Services' BeFriendA-Child mentoring program. The mentors provide opportunities for companionship, guidance and support to children who have been abused and neglected, or who are at risk of abuse and neglect. Contact Ibrahim Khalil at Ibrahim.khalil@fairfaxcounty.gov or 703-324-4547.

PARENTS HELPING PARENTS

Parent Support Partners, a service of the Healthy Minds Fairfax initiative, are all parents who have received training and are qualified to offer education, support and assistance at no cost to families or caregivers. They provide reliable information that families can use in decision-making and are familiar with services and resources that can help families in distress. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/healthymindsfairfax or www.nam-northernvirginia.org/parent-peer-support.html.

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Child turning 5 years old by Sept.30? If so, contact your child's school to make arrangements for kindergarten enrollment. Most schools begin getting information together now for parents of incoming kindergartners, and many host an orientation or open house. All kindergarten programs are full-day and located in FCPS elementary schools. Check your school's webpage or contact the school directly for specific enrollment information and dates of orientation or visit www.fcps.edu/registration/kindergarten-registration.

WEDNESDAY/MAY 30

Call for Candidates. Reston Citizens Association (RCA) announces elections will be held from June 7-22 for four district seats and four at-large seats for its Board of Directors. Restonians interested in joining the RCA Board are invited to file completed candidate forms by May 30, 2018. Download an application at bit.ly/2018RCAapp. Email elections@rcareston.com with questions.

THURSDAY/MAY 31

Meet with Virginia WMATA Representatives. 7-8:30 p.m. at the Providence Community Center, 3001 Vaden Drive, Fairfax. Virginia's representatives to the board of directors of the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority will meet the public in a forum sponsored by the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission. The event will include a presentation focused on funding, governance and safety, followed by a question-and-answer session. The facility is within walking distance of the Vienna Metro station. Visit www.novatransit.org.

FRIDAY/JUNE 1

Help Children Navigate Adolescence in the Digital Age. 10 a.m.-noon at Dunn Loring Center for Parent Services, 2334 Gallows Road, Entrance 1 - Room 100, Dunn Loring. What else can parents do to keep their teenager safe on the internet? Join Richard Stegman, FCPS Educational Specialist, to learn the top internet dangers for teens and seven steps for good digital parenting. Free. Call 703-204-3941 or visit www.fcps.edu/resources/family-engagement/parent-resource-center.

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By **KENNETH B. LOURIE**

I watch a little bit of television. Okay, maybe I watch a lot of television (probably too much if truth be told). And in the curse of watching that television, like it or not, fast-forwarding or not, commercials will be seen and unfortunately heard. Sometimes, what I see and hear causes me to interact with my television, verbally. And even though this verbalization is rarely responded to (other than by my wife, Dina), these outbursts (again if truth be accurately characterized) make me feel so much better.

What irritated me today – which led to this column being written, was a television commercial for a cellular phone company, an (“Approved AARP provider since 2008”) providing “exclusive benefits for AARP members” which, as I consider my age, and associations which have value, I would have to say, to quote my late father: “The idea has merit.” The commercial featured – among other facts and figures – endorsements from a half a dozen or so satisfied customers. The praise was typical of what you might expect/hear; all good about everything: price, service, reliability, value, etc. One woman’s comments however caught my attention. I believe I heard her correctly when she said: “Wild horses couldn’t drag me away from” And then off I went.

Really? Are you kidding me? Rather than change your cellular service, you’d consent to being dragged behind a team of wild horses? Do you actually mean to say that if you had your hands and feet bound and you risked being ripped to shreds, you still wouldn’t change carriers? You can’t be serious? As Minnie Driver asked Matt Damon in a scene from the 1997 movie “Good Will Hunting” discussing his having studied organic chemistry “a bit”: “Are you mad? Have you completely lost your mind?” This customer appeared to be of sound mind but, her comments were so ridiculous that it diminished her value as a “spokes-customer.”

I suppose however, if one were to analyze this amazingly, incredibly loyal comment (and take it at face value), one would have to be impressed. Who wouldn’t want the kind of service whose reliability, service, value, cost, etc. was worth dying for? For me, if the choice was between being dragged behind a team of wild horses – and being torn to pieces/possibly even dying in the process, or changing cellular service companies, I’d change in a minute or as quickly as I could (given the phone calls required) to avoid this Western-era torture. This woman can’t be telling the truth, can she? I mean, it is television where hyperbole and coercion go hand and hand with the remote, and I imagine there was a script involved. Nevertheless, her comments started at the top and went up from there. Apparently, being reasonable isn’t part of this commercial’s equation. Their “spokes-customers” haven’t just drunk the Kool-Aid, they’ve invited the Kool-Aid Man, pitcher and all, into their homes and offered us viewers a drink.

The problem for me, other than I spend too much time watching television, is that when what I’m watching tests the bounds of believability, be it content or especially commercials/advertisements, it inevitably turns a positive message into a negative one. Subsequently, my take-away: don’t bother me with nonsense; I’m not interested. The exact opposite of the intended effect. If truth be told (yet again), I’m likely over-reacting (really?) but, when a line is crossed, sometimes I can’t go back, like Burt Lancaster/“Moonlight Graham” couldn’t in the 1989 movie, “Field of Dreams.”

To invoke/extrapolate Capt. Woodrow F. Call from the epic, 1989 mini-series, “Lonesome Dove:” “I hate rude behavior in a man. Won’t tolerate it.” Well, neither can I tolerate commercials which take me for a dope. Can’t handle it.

I may not be the sharpest knife in the drawer, but I do have a little intellect and substance to draw upon even when I’m sitting on the couch watching television. I haven’t completely lost my mind, yet.

Kenny Lourie is an Advertising Representative for The Potomac Almanac & The Connection Newspapers.

Entertainment

Submit entertainment announcements at www.connectionnewspapers.com/Calendar/. The deadline is noon on Friday. Photos/artwork encouraged.

ONGOING

Photography Exhibit "Liquid Beauty." Through June 25, 9 a.m.-8 p.m. at the JoAnne Rose Gallery, Reston Community Center at Lake Anne, 1609-A Washington Plaza, Reston. The Reston Photographic Society, a special interest group of the League of Reston Artists, invited photographers to enter their work in the "RPS at Lake Anne" show. Entries will be judged and \$1,000 in prizes will be awarded at the reception on Sunday, June 3 from 2-4 p.m. at the gallery. Free and open to the public. Visit www.leagueofrestonartists.org for more.

Twitterpated: Animated Adoration at ArtInsights. Through June 30 at ArtInsights, 11921 Freedom Drive, Reston. ArtInsights celebrates Devoted Couples of Disney, with images of Lady and Tramp, Pongo and Perdita, Mickey and Minnie, Thumper and Miss Bunny, Belle and The Beast, and more, including new releases by official Disney concept and production artists. Call 703-478-0778 or visit artinsights.com.

Art Exhibit - Mike Cloud: Figure Studies. Through July 7, Tuesday-Saturday, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. at GRACE, 12001 Market St., Suite 103, Reston. Mike Cloud: Figure Studies presents a selection of works by Brooklyn-based artist Mike Cloud (b. 1974, Chicago) that consider language, symbolism, metaphor, history, and identity through the examination of the figure. Based around a single monumental painting, Cycle and



Zachary Oxman with his sculpture *Convergence*.

Artist Talk

The artist will talk about his new public artwork "Convergence" at Aperture, as well as "Untold Stories" at Lake Anne Village Center, and other public artworks. He will also reflect on growing up in Reston and how it impacted his creative journey. Thursday, May 31, 6-8 p.m. at Aperture at Reston Station, 11410 Reston Station Blvd., Reston. The Artist Talk is free and open to the public, however space is limited. RSVP to RSVP@publicartreston.org. Call 703-880-1177 or visit www.publicartreston.org for more.

Stable (2015), the exhibition includes the artist's series of collages based on the work of photographer Annie Leibovitz and new paintings. Call 703-471-9242 or visit restonarts.org.

Reston Concerts on the Town. 7:30-10 p.m. Saturdays, June through August. At Reston Town Center Pavilion, 11900 Market St., Reston. Music genres from around

the nation are performed by live bands each week. Bring lawn chairs or picnic blankets for seating. Free. Rain or shine. Alcohol permitted at restaurants only. Visit www.restontowncenter.com/concerts.

Muscle Up Mondays. 6:30 p.m. Meets Mondays, May through October, at Pavilion at Reston Town Center, 11900 Market St., Reston. Free

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Mr. Knick Knack! 10:30-11:15 a.m. May through October. At Reston Town Center Pavilion. Free performances of heart-centered music for children. No performances on Memorial Day, Labor Day, or Columbus Day. Visit www.restontowncenter.com/events.

Reston Farmers Market. Open Saturdays, through Dec. 1, 8 a.m.-noon at 1609 Washington Plaza N., Reston. Fairfax County Park Authority markets are strictly producer-only meaning that vendors must grow or make from scratch everything they bring to market. Call 703-642-0128 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/farmersmarkets.

Homegrown Yoga. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday nights at ArtSpace Herndon, 750 Center St., Herndon. Alison Adams is bringing Homegrown Yoga to ArtSpace Herndon. All levels welcome. Drop in and take a class. \$25 two week unlimited pass or drop-in available. Visit www.homegrownpoweryoga.com to sign up.

The Elden Street Tea Shop. Saturdays in ArtSpace Herndon, 750 Center St., Herndon. Sip tea and enjoy a variety of locally made snacks and pastries while enjoying the latest art installations in the gallery. Visit www.eldenstreettea.com.

Small Business Support Sundays. Visit independent stores and restaurants, and those that support small businesses at Reston Town Center,

offering specials, discounts, tastings, and localized treats every Sunday. Visit SmallBusinessSupportSundays.com.

All-comers' Group Fun Run at Potomac River Running. Tuesdays and Thursdays. Reston Town Center, 11900 Market St., Reston. For beginners or competitive runners, come out for a fun, low-key run that is safe and social. Call 703-689-0999 potomacriverrunning.com.

Over-40 Softball League. A Fairfax-based league is looking for enough players to form another team. Players must be at least 40 years of age to be eligible. All games are doubleheaders - played on Sundays at Bready Park in Herndon between 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. If interested, email skeduman@aol.com for more.

IMPROVING ENGLISH

One-To-One English Conversation. Mondays, 1 p.m. at Reston Library, Reston Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston. Free. Multiple one-on-one practice sessions with a volunteer are available each week. Call 703-689-2700 to reserve a spot.

Pre-Beginners. Wednesdays 10-11 a.m. at Reston Library, Reston Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston. Free. Call 703-689-2700 to reserve a spot.

Beginners. Tuesdays 10-11 a.m. with Beth; Thursdays 10-11 a.m. with Genie; Fridays 10-11 a.m. with Ivan. At Reston Library, Reston Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston. Free. Call 703-689-2700 to reserve a spot.

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