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Gwyn L. Whittaker, Owner, GreenFare Organic Cafe in Herndon: "Duncan and I met when he was a wee puppy. Scrawny, yet stoic, he blossomed into my handsome sidekick. I am happiest when we're together and I think he is too. Here we are at the Great Falls Farmers Market, a dog friendly place, enjoying the music and farmer stalls."

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NEWS

Correction

In the last week's Oak Hill/Herndon Connection a wrong photo was attached to the "Coffee Roaster Brews Community Support" on page 2. The correct photo and caption are reprinted below:



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Stephen Vides-Sanchez, Founder of EOTH, LLC, Dave Morgan, Founder and Executive Director RecycleLife and Paul Olsen, owner of Weird Brothers Coffee in Herndon get ready to share a cup of joe to support Coffee for Dollars benefitting RecycleLife.org.

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Court Rules On House Concert Events

Fairfax County Circuit Court reverses the Town of Herndon's BZA decision.

By MERCIA HOBSON
THE CONNECTION

Chris Devine former host of The Crib, a house concert series in the Town of Herndon that featured independent musicians at his home at 759 Center Street, is done with legislative battles, appeals and frustration. While he closed the venue months ago, the battle wore on until June 28, 2019, when Judge Bruce D. White in the Circuit Court of Fairfax County reversed the Jan. 24, 2019 decision of the Board of Zoning Appeals for the Town of Herndon in Case #19-01.

Leading up to the Order, in a March 26 post on his website.cribconcerts.com titled, "The Crib Closes...What a Great Run!" Devine wrote, "Nearly 4 years, 44 shows, 33 amazing artists and over 1,400 wonderful guests! But...the Town of Herndon just kept coming at us with the claim that this house concert was a commercial activity. Even after the Town's Board of Zoning Appeals said it wasn't in a ruling on Jan. 24, the town filed suit with the County Circuit Court to shut us down. We couldn't afford the legal fees to litigate. Ouch!"

According to the June 28, 2019 Order for Case No. CL-2019-2509 signed by Judge



FILE PHOTO BY MERCIA HOBSON/THE CONNECTION

Chris Devine shows his house concert venue at his home in the Town of Herndon on Jan. 5, 2019. (File Photo)

Bruce D. White and filed in the Circuit Court for Fairfax County; Judge White ordered the Jan. 24, 2019 decision of the Board of Zoning Appeals for the Town of Herndon reversed and the Dec. 19, 2018 decision of the Zoning Administrator affirmed.

THE ORDER stated: "Based upon the default herein and that the Dec. 19, 2018 decision of the Zoning Administrator that observed concerts events are an Indoor Entertainment use and not a permitted use on the subject property pursuant to §78-50.6 of the Town of Herndon Zoning Ordinance and the proffered condition of Zoning Map Amendment ZMA #101 is AFFIRMED." The



FILE PHOTO BY MERCIA HOBSON/THE CONNECTION

David Stromberg, Zoning Administrator Town of Herndon at the Jan. 24, 2019 Board Of Zoning Appeals Public Hearing/Meeting. (File Photo)

default cited in the Order read: "lack of any responsive pleadings filed in this matter."

Earlier in the year, at a public hearing of the Town of Herndon Board of Zoning Appeals held Jan. 24, 2019, Devine appealed the Town of Herndon Zoning Administrator's decision issued on Dec. 19, 2018, (ZE18-01517) that the observed concerts events were an Indoor Entertainment use. According to approved minutes of the meeting, by a vote of 3-2 that evening, the Board reversed the Zoning Administrator's decision that the concerts events were not a permitted use. The reason cited: due to "the ambiguity within the ordinance and the ordinance not specifically identifying house

concerts as not permitted."

Singer/songwriter Crys Mathews, of the Town of Herndon, commented on July 13 about the house concert controversy before she performed at the Summer Entertainment Series, Music at Arrowbrook Park located blocks outside of Town limits in the unincorporated of Herndon. "I wish we were able to be playing outside of the cloud of the house concert controversy, even though this is the county and not the town proper. It's important for me as an independent singer/songwriter who depends on house concerts to stand in solidarity with those affected by the Town's decision to take the issue up with Fairfax County Circuit Court," Mathews said. Lesa J. Yeatts, Town Attorney asked for the Motion for Entry of Default Judgment for the Town and Town's Council by David Stromberg, Zoning Administrator. Asked for comment concerning the final Order by Judge White, Town spokesperson provided the statement: "The town attorney has no additional comment."

DEVINE could not be reached for comment as of July 22. According to Fairfax County records, on July 1, 2019, Devine sold his home located at 759 Center Street in the Town of Herndon.

'Take Tea & See' Local Artist Exhibit at Tea Shop

Closing reception for Julia Malakoff's first solo show on Aug. 4 from 2 to 4 p.m.

"Take Tea & See" at The Elden Street Tea Shop, is Herndon artist, Julia Malakoff's first solo show. "Tea for me is a time to pause and refresh my soul. And just as tea offers these rejuvenating qualities, so does the making of my art." The show's closing reception is open to the public on Aug. 4 from 2 to 4 p.m.

Malakoff, a mixed media artist can be found in her home-based studio standing in paint puddles, working with piles of paper with her dog Laila under her easel. Her tools often include household items: spatulas, basting brushes and corks as well as sticks, stamps and stencils.

Looking at Malakoff's art is like reading a whimsical picture book. She says she wants her viewers to enjoy both seeing as well as feeling her paintings, following lines, seeing through layers of color and even gently touching the textured compositions. Her vibrant palette is visually appealing, but when invited to touch the paintings, viewers can appreciate another dimension of her work. Malakoff also applies her mixed media imagery to children's books, which she pens and illustrates.

Malakoff has participated in numerous area art shows at ArtSpace, League of Reston Artists, Tryst Gallery, Jo-Ann Rose



Painting pillows by Julia Tova Malakoff.

Gallery, Salon Arlington, Four Seasons of Oatlands.

In June, she received an honorable mention from the Artists' Atelier in Great Falls for her triptych, "Winter Blues."

Three years ago, Malakoff realized there was a need for a class that introduced the basic elements of mixed media art. "Just like writing, adults need to be encouraged to visually express themselves," she said. "Art should not be about perfection, but a way

to explore your visual voice." Her mixed media class is a loose environment where students can experiment with a variety of tools, paints and mediums. Malakoff strongly encourages people to make time for art play.

Early on, Malakoff worked as an artist representative, a career which began when she was approached by award-winning commercial artist, Michael David Brown. After two years with Brown, Malakoff

launched her own business Envoy Creative Consultants, representing a dozen commercial photographers and illustrators. You can sign up for her class, Make Your Mark, which is offered with Arts Herndon www.artspaceherndon.org as well as the Workhouse Center for the Arts in Lorton www.workhousearts.org Malakoff's website is: www.paperjewels.net where she blogs, sells prints, cards and pillows.



Tea cup collage by Julia Tova Malakoff.

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Back-to-School Rituals Cause Stress

BY JOE FAY
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FACETS

As summer nears the end, we are getting ready to say goodbye to 21 teens that are headed off to college. These young people have been involved in our summer youth programs for many years. They have experienced — like the other children in our programs and all kids — the excitement and anxiety around back to school preparation. These rituals include buying clothes and school supplies, getting a haircut, and finding out what teachers you have.

For the nearly 23,000 kids that live in poverty in Fairfax County, back to school rituals can cause stress. In a region of so much wealth, it's hard to remember that many children do not share the same levels of preparation. They want to but simply cannot.

FACETS serves many impoverished youth through our Education and Community Development Program. The program operates year-round in four low-income, subsidized communities offering a continuum of supportive services to break the cycle of poverty. People living in these affordable housing communities have limited financial resources, with the average annual income for a family of four less than \$24,000.

At Robinson Square, Ragan Oaks, Barros Circle and Wedgewood, staff and volunteers offer an array of educational, preventative and enrichment programs to help youth, including mentoring and tutoring, and a variety of classes such as literacy, art, and computers. Participation provides many benefits, including ensuring a safe after-school and weekend environment, interaction with caring adults, award winning programs, and access to resources and case management.

We also work with these youth to help them get ready to go back to school. Like many nonprofits, we conduct supply drives that help make sure they have backpacks, pencils, and a myriad of other supplies that come on the lengthy lists provided by the schools. In many of the 400 backpacks, we also supply kids with a voucher for a haircut from the Hair Cuttery.

These school supply drives really do make a difference, and we hope you will consider contributing to ours or other organizations. If your means permit, perhaps consider donating a gift card to a clothing store or a hair salon. Helping a child feel confident and fit in during those first weeks of school goes a long way in making the school year productive. And if the youth we are helping prepare for college are an indicator, then we know it works.

Learn more about how you can help at www.FACETSCares.org.

Diversity and Inclusion As a Strength

BY HUBERT C. GRAVES

In light of the division which continues to deepen in our country and our society, the Board of Directors of the Centreville Immigration Forum wants to reaffirm the mission and values central to our organization. The current political and social climate appears to become more divisive with each passing day. The Centreville Immigration Forum calls upon our local community to be a model for the nation by respecting people who offer differing solutions to the problems we face, rather than falling into political arguments which are detrimental to all of us.

Part of the mission of the Centreville Immi-

gration Forum is to “build community recognition of our strength in diversity.” We embrace this principle and will continue to champion diversity and inclusion as a strength for our local community and the nation as a whole. This community and nation have demonstrated so much progress in the last half-century. We have come too far to turn back the clock, especially when there is more to accomplish. Freedom of Speech is what defines our democracy. Where would we be without courageous leaders such as Abraham Lincoln, Martin Luther King Jr., and Cesar Chavez — among thousands of others — who demonstrated such courage in speaking out for what is right and just, challenging our

country to live up to the ideals upon which it was founded?

We steadfastly believe that the diversity of our community and nation will be one of the defining characteristics which will continue to make us the envy of the world. The voices of immigrants belong in public discourse, whether they are the voices of day laborers, business entrepreneurs, or members of Congress. We hope that the local community shares our vision, dreams, and aspirations, where diversity and inclusion are valued and where we work together for the benefit of us all.

The author is President of the Board of Directors of Centreville Immigration Forum.

Beginning of Representative Government in America

BY KENNETH R. “KEN” PLUM
STATE DELEGATE (D-36)

Four hundred years ago yesterday, July 30, 1619, a group of 22 colonists met in the wooden and mud church on Jamestown Island as instructed by the investors of the colony “to establish one equal and uniform government over all Virginia” and to provide “just laws for the happy guiding and governing of the people there inhabiting.” They adjourned on Aug. 4. That event is variously described as the beginning of representative government in America and as the beginning of the oldest continuous law-making body in the western hemisphere. It merits the commemoration it is receiving.

In order to fully understand the importance of a signature event as this one, I believe it is important to put it into perspective as our knowledge of what happened afterwards allows us to do. While termed the beginning of representative government, the first legislative meeting was anything but representative. Only white males could vote or serve in the Assem-

bly. The indigenous people — called Indians because one of the purposes of sailing to this new world was to find a shorter route to India — were not able to participate even though they had inhabited the land for at least 15,000 years. Not only were they kept out of the Assembly, they were forced off their lands where they had their homes, governance, religion, and farms. In less than a half century the immigrants had taken over the land and displaced the indigenous people.

Nor could women take part in that first Assembly because they did not arrive in Virginia until 1619 and did not secure the vote until three centuries later!

Enslaved people from Africa did not arrive in the colony until 1619 and not only were they not in the First Assembly but they were the subject of laws in subsequent sessions of oppressive slave codes that denied them basic human rights. It was necessary in the beginnings of the Assembly to belong to and pay taxes to the established church.

The history of Virginia and of America has been to move from this humble beginning and

through decades and centuries of events to evolve into what is more closely a representative government. The planners of the events surrounding 1619 have correctly I believe termed it “evolution.” Contrary to what some may have us believe, our state and our country did not start out meeting the ideals and vision that we have. We have built on a humble beginning to evolve into the country we are today.

I trust that this important celebration will not be allowed to be taken over by an ignorance of what happened at Jamestowne and turned into a biased partisan view to justify the terrible actions of government today against people of color, people from other lands, and people in the LGBTQ communities. We do not need to try to return to a past that was much more imperfect than we sometimes care to admit. I am attending the Commemorative Session of the General Assembly to learn more about the past and how we can learn from our experiences and evolve further into a more perfect union. I will not be attending the session with POTUS.



PET CONNECTION

Changing Office After Election

“For the past few years, Sully and Zeke have been the unofficial mascots of the Braddock District Supervisor, John C. Cook. Since he won’t be seeking reelection, the pups will now need to attach themselves to the Sully District Office since their owners, Lindsey Smith and Jill Westeyn, live in Oak Hill.

Lindsey has served on Supervisor Cook’s staff for 10 years and is

currently his Chief of Staff. Jill works for the U.S. Mint and volunteers her time at the Animal Shelter and as a member of the Board of the Friends of the Fairfax County Animal Shelter.

Sully and Zeke love going for walks in the beautiful local parks, sleeping on mommy and daddy, and playing with their friends, such as Harper, their Golden Retriever neighbor.”

—LINDSEY SMITH



Sully and Zeke: Going for a walk.

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Couch pups



Sully and Lindsey



Jill and Zeke



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NEWS

Cabrera Wins Fastest Bartender Contest

After eight weeks of preliminary events, Northern Virginia's Fastest Bartender Contest concluded on Sunday, July 21, at Jimmy's Old Town Tavern in Herndon.

Sixteen finalists representing several area restaurants came together to compete for cash, trophies and "Bragging Rights for a Lifetime."

This year's Top Prize was awarded to veteran bartender, Max Cabrera representing the Parallel Wine & Whiskey Bar in Ashburn.

The Fastest Bartender Contest originated in 1980 in an effort to bring restaurant employees together for a fun competition while raising money for various charities. This year's beneficiary was thebreastcancerbox.com.

Emcee Neil Mohammad counts down the seconds as bartender Kevin Obando attempts to pour a perfect Margarita.



The runner ups congratulate 2019 Champion Max Cabrera (far right).

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Herndon Man Sentenced to Prison for Cyberstalking

A Herndon man was sentenced on July 26 to one year in prison for cyberstalking a victim in New York. According to court documents, Brandon Theresa, 21 of Herndon, engaged in an extensive cyberstalking campaign against a victim from at least May 2015 through December 2018. During that time, he accessed the victim's online accounts without her permission; created fake accounts in her name; and sent sensitive information from her account in order to embarrass her. When the victim tried to cut off communication with him, Theresa took more serious steps to maintain an unwanted presence in her life. For example, using the personal information of the victim and the victim's friends and family, Theresa established U.S. Postal Service Informed Delivery accounts in their names to receive a steady stream of notifications about the mail sent to those individuals' homes. He used this informa-

tion to track the victim's activities and learn about the people in her life. He continued to send veiled threats to the victim, using anonymizing technologies that made it difficult for the victim to block the communications.

Theresa's harassment of the victim continued well after the victim informed him that she was reporting his conduct to the police and did not cease until federal authorities executed a search warrant at his home in December 2018. G. Zachary Terwilliger, U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia, Michael Ray, Inspector in Charge of Analytics/Cyber Division of the U.S. Postal Inspection Service, and Charles Dayoub, Acting Special Agent in Charge, Criminal Division, FBI Washington Field Office, made the announcement after sentencing by U.S. District Judge Claude M. Hilton. Assistant U.S. Attorney Laura Fong prosecuted the case.

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DONATIONS NEEDED

School Supply and Backpack Drive. 8 a.m.-4 p.m. at the Parent Resource Center, 2334 Gallows Road, Room 105, Dunn Loring. For the nearly 56,000 students in Fairfax County Public Schools living at the poverty line, obtaining school supplies can be difficult. FCPS is partnering with roughly 20 nonprofits and businesses to ensure that students will have the supplies they need this fall for its "Collect for Kids" campaign. A \$25 donation will fill a backpack with FCPS approved

supplies for a student. Organize a collection drive of new backpacks in your community and bring to one of the Collect for Kids drop off locations. Visit www.collectforkids.org/get-involved or call 703-204-3941.

THURSDAY/AUG. 1

Candidacy Filing Opens. 9 a.m. Reston Community Center (RCC) is seeking interested candidates to run for seats on its Board of Governors. The Board of Governors is a nine-member body responsible for oversight of RCC. All residents of Small District 5, ages 18 or older, are eligible to run for appointment to the RCC Board of Governors. Candidates must complete a Candidacy Statement in order to have their names placed on the Preference Poll

ballot. Filing deadline is Thursday, Aug. 15, 5 a.m. Visit www.restoncommunitycenter.com or call 703-476-4500.

WEDNESDAY/AUG. 7

Setting the Stage for School Success: Preparing for a New School Year. 10 a.m.-noon at Dunn Loring Center for Parent Services, 2334 Gallows Road, Entrance 1 - Room 100, Dunn Loring. Transitioning to a new school year can be overwhelming. Join us to learn important strategies to help kick-start a child's school year in elementary, middle, or high school. Call 703-204-3941 or visit www.fcps.edu/resources/family-engagement/parent-resource-
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TUESDAY/AUG. 13

Family Caregiver Telephone Support Group. 7-8 p.m. Fairfax County's Family Caregiver Telephone Support Group meets by phone on Tuesday, February 13, 7-8 p.m. This month's focus is an open discussion on caregiver stress. Share experiences, gain support and get information without having to travel. Call 703-324-5484, TTY 711 to register.

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WEDNESDAY/AUG. 21

Public Comment Sought. The Office of Intermodal Planning and Investment, the Virginia Department of Transportation, and the Department of Rail and Public Transportation, under the leadership of the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB), are developing a plan to study Virginia's 179 miles of the Interstate 95 corridor between the Woodrow Wilson Bridge in Alexandria, Virginia and the North Carolina border. The first comment period will end Aug. 21, 2019. Additional comment opportunities will be available throughout the study period. For more information about the study, or to view meeting materials and access the online engagement tool, visit VA95Corridor.org.

MONDAY & WEDNESDAY/AUG. 28-SEPT. 25

Community Emergency Response Team Training. 7-11 p.m. at the Fire and Rescue Academy, 4600 West Ox Road, Fairfax. The Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Program trains county residents in basic disaster response skills, such as fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization, and disaster medical operations. Using the training learned in the classroom and during exercises, CERT members can assist others in their neighborhood or workplace following an event when professional responders are not immediately available to help. Emphasis on hands-on skill development and Fairfax County protocols and procedures. Instructor will provide syllabus with class schedule at first session. This training does not require any special physical strength or agility. Visit volunteer.fairfaxcounty.gov/custom/1380/#/opp_details/184989 to register.

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Money For What, Exactly?



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

Presumably, most of you readers are aware that many supermarkets have a rack located somewhere near the rear of the store that is stocked with off-price merchandise: discontinued items, items with damaged packaging, out of season products, etc.

Over the years, I have been a regular checker of this rack looking for such bargains. I have purchased breakfast cereal, soup, cookies, candy, and miscellaneous other non-perishables. I've even purchased two bags of Kingsford charcoal.

In addition, I've seen household products, health and beauty, school supplies; and everything else you can imagine, running the gamut from "A" to "Z," for sale. Recently however, on this rack I saw a product I'm not sure I even thought was available to the general public, and if it was, would not have thought buying it from the discontinued merchandise rack at the supermarket would not have been the way to go. But what do I know? As has been proven many times: not much.

The item? A DNA Paternity Test Kit. I guess, I thought, if this test was necessary, it would involve a physician or at least be administered by a health care professional and/or involve witnesses/legal representation (at least a notary). Going to the supermarket or even the drug store? And then testing yourself without necessarily knowing the precautions and proper procedures appropriate for the task at hand?

There seems as if there's a bit more at stake here than an at-home pregnancy test, a test with which many of us are familiar. But DNA testing at home?

What is this, the Maury Povich Show?

Having not traveled down this particular road myself, perhaps I'm unaware of the realities. All I know is what I've seen on television or read about in the papers.

I guess I just assumed (generally a bad thing), that the steps one takes to verify/confirm/resolve paternity-type issues were a bit more involved than a visit to the supermarket.

Apparently, this subject is just another where I know very little about, like tools and how to use them, automobile repair, home maintenance, lawn and garden, cooking, and on and on and on. But enough about me.

What about those wanting answers to extraordinarily important questions: Who's the father? And is that my child? Looks can be deceiving so a professional, or so I thought, incorrectly, is brought in to oversee the process.

Nope. No professional need apply. Just go to your local "chemist," as they say in England. No need to visit "the surgery," as they also say over there.

Just find a box with the right letters on it and go back to your home/work and swab, stick, pin-prick or whatever and the results will be known soon enough if you or someone else is whomever they claim to be or not to be. That is the question which begs an answer, Shakespeare notwithstanding.

It seems only fair that one's birthright should be gotten wrong. And not that home-testing can't be trusted. Just the opposite. Nevertheless, some things, like circumcisions, though they can be performed at home (see "Shaky the mohel" from a long ago Seinfeld episode).

I would have thought, a DNA Paternity test, given the need/want of a resolution/clarification which could possibly impact multiple individuals/families over generations, be similarly performed in the most careful of conditions. This kind of test has no margin for error – or humor.

"Bought the kit in the discount rack at my local supermarket." Is that the answer you want to give when all eyes are on you? And saying how much you saved over regular price is unlikely to endear you to any and all of the interested parties on hand.

After all, money really isn't the issue.

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ENTERTAINMENT

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

ONGOING

Readings with the Reston Community Orchestra. Aug. 5 and Aug. 12, 7:30-9:30 p.m. at Sunset Hills Montessori School, 11180 Ridge Heights Road, Reston. Music and stands provided. \$20 per session. Additional string session Aug. 19 (\$20). Scholarships are available. Contact Linda Ackerman at rcomanager.la@gmail.com or 571-271-9189 or visit www.restoncommunityorchestra.org to register.

Guesstimation Game. Through Aug. 8 at Herndon Fortnightly Library, 768 Center St., Herndon. Guess how many pieces of candy are in the Guesstimation jar and complete the entry form. Prizewinners each week. For ages preschool-6th grade. Call 703-437-8855.

Junior Golf Fairfax Camps, Clinics and Competition. Burke Lake Golf Center is located at 6915 Ox Road, Fairfax Station. Pinecrest Golf Course is located at 6600 Little River Turnpike, Alexandria. Twin Lakes Golf Course is located at 6201 Union Mill Road, Clifton. Oak Marr Golf Complex is located at 3136 Jermantown Road, Oakton. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/golf/junior.

Art Exhibit: For the Love of Art. Through Aug. 18, gallery hours at RCC Hunters Woods, 2310 Colts Neck Road, Reston. Through a myriad of styles and media – oil, watercolor, pen and ink – Angie Magruder, a long-time Reston resident, shares her many talents as an artist in this exhibit at Reston Community Center Hunters Woods. Visit www.restoncommunitycenter.com/.

Art Exhibit: Finding Home. Through Aug. 24, gallery hours at RCC Lake Anne - Jo Ann Rose Gallery, 1609-A Washington Plaza, Reston. Visual art meets poetry in Finding Home, a collaboration between visual artist Morgan Johnson Norwood and poet Sally Toner at RCC Lake Anne's Jo Ann Rose Gallery. A reception and reading takes place Saturday, Aug. 3, noon-2 p.m. Visit www.restoncommunitycenter.net/attend-shows-events-exhibits/event-detail/2019/07/31/default-calendar/morgan-norwood-and-sally-toner-exhibit for more.

Summer Reading for Teens and Adults. Through Aug. 31 at Herndon Fortnightly Library, 768 Center St., Herndon. Read, log the books and win a prize! The Summer Reading Program is not just for children. Call or stop by the Herndon branch for more information. Call 703-437-8855.

Registration Open: Northern Virginia Senior Olympics features more than 60 events that challenge the mind as well as the body. New games this year: jigsaw puzzle and line-dancing. The games run Sept. 14-28. There will be no on-site registration. Paper registrations, available at most local recreation and senior centers, must be postmarked by Aug. 24. Online registrations must be completed by Aug. 31 at www.nvso.us.

Herndon Farmers Market. Thursdays, through mid-November, 8 a.m.-12:30 p.m. in Historic Downtown Herndon, Lynn Street. Visit www.herndon-va.gov/FarmersMarket for more.

Reston Farmers Market. Saturdays, through Dec. 7, 8 a.m.-noon at Lake Anne Village Center, 1609-A Washington Plaza, Reston. The largest of the Fairfax County Farmers Markets. SNAP accepted, bonus dollar program.



Game and Toy Sale

Hundreds of strategy games, games from other countries, collectible dolls, LEGOs, some collectible cameras and more. Benefits The Closet of the Greater Herndon Area. Saturday, Aug. 10, 9 a.m.-noon at First Baptist Church of Herndon, 681 Elden St., Herndon. Free admission. Visit www.theclosetofgreaterherndon.org or call 703-437-7652.

THURSDAY/AUG. 1

One on One English Conversation. 7-8 p.m. at Herndon Fortnightly Library, 768 Center St., Herndon. One on One English Conversation. Sign up at the Herndon Library Information Desk or by calling the branch at 703-437-8855.

Hunter Mill Nights: Incendio (Latin). 7:30-8:30 p.m. at Frying Pan Farm Park, 2739 West Ox Road, Herndon. With a mix of performances through for the whole family, Hunter Mill Nights returns through Aug. 22 with performances by entertainers from across the United States and around the world. Allow time for a picnic in the park, a visit with the farm animals and a wagon ride, along with the show. Free. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/performance/hunter-mill-nights for more.

THURSDAY-SUNDAY/AUG. 1-4

4-H Fair and Carnival. Frying Pan Farm Park, 2739 West Ox Road, Herndon. Enjoy some old-fashioned family fun at the 71st Annual Fairfax County 4-H Fair and Carnival at Frying Pan Farm Park. There will be carnival games, rides and tempting foods. Stretch the budget on Thursday or Friday with free parking and discount tickets for unlimited rides. Friday also features the free Big Truck Night event, 5-8 p.m. Carnival rides run 10 a.m.-9 p.m. on Saturday and 10 a.m.-6 p.m. on Sunday with a Tractor Pull at 4 p.m. on Saturday. Stop by the 4-H Fair throughout the weekend as exhibitors display their winning entries and get their farm animals ready to show. Admission is free; \$10 per car parking fee on Saturday and Sunday. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/frying-pan-park/4-h-fair.

FRIDAY/AUG. 2

20th annual Totally Trucks. 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at Reston Association's Central Services Facility, 12250 Sunset Hills Road (next to the YMCA), Reston. Bring the kids and check out all the big trucks that Reston Association uses to make Reston beautiful. Children will receive a "Totally Trucks" construction helmet. Rain or shine. Popcorn, cotton candy, sno cones and water will be available for purchase. \$2 for children 2-12 years; free for children under 2. Registration requested. Register through WebTrac or contact Ashleigh@resotn.org or 703-435-6577.

Play Date Cafe. 10:30-11:30 a.m. at Herndon Fortnightly Library, 768 Center St., Herndon. Toys and play space for children. Coffee and conversation for adults. Ages 5 and under with adult. Call 703-437-8855.

The Storytime Social Hour. 11 a.m. at Scrawl Books, 11911 Freedom Drive, Reston. Every Friday, moms, dads, caregivers and kids are invited to join a Storytime Social Hour. Scrawl will provide coffee and treats for the adults; stories and fun for the little people. Make new friends or meet up with neighbors. Visit www.scrawlbooks.com or call 703-966-2111.

Dreamcatchers With Shannyn Snyder. 1:30-3 p.m. at Herndon Fortnightly Library, 768 Center St., Herndon. Use a variety of mixed media to create a dreamcatcher using beading and weaving techniques. Age 12-18. Registration required. Call 703-437-8855.

SATURDAY/AUG. 3

Fundraiser Breakfast with NCNW. 8 a.m.-noon at Famous Toastery, 12100 Sunset Hills Road, R-6, Reston. Support the National Council of Negro Women's mission to advance opportunities and the quality of life for African American women, their families, and communities through research, advocacy, national and community-based services and programs. Individuals purchase breakfast. Visit ncnwrestondulles.org or call 703-635-3558.

The Bookworms Club. 11 a.m. at Scrawl Books, 11911 Freedom Drive, Reston. Young readers are invited to join Scrawl's all-new and completely free Bookworms Club. Explore a new theme each week with picture books, special guests and most often, authors. www.scrawlbooks.com or call 703-966-2111.

Artist-led Workshop: Overlooked. 1-3 p.m. at Greater Reston Arts Center, 12001 Market St., Suite 103, Reston. Greater Reston Arts Center (GRACE) presents Overlooked, a group exhibition featuring nine artists on issues that are often unnoticed, ignored, or otherwise not part of "polite conversation." \$30. www.restoncommunitycenter.com.

Dairy Days. 1-4 p.m. (on the hour) at Sully Historic Site, 3650 Historic Sully Way, Chantilly.

SUNDAY/AUG. 4

Concert Series: Jazz Piano. 7-8 p.m. in Reston Town Square Park. Professor of Jazz Piano Robert Larson joins special guests for an evening of jazz trio standards. Free. Visit restoncommunitycenter.com



Dark Horse Theatre in rehearsal for "No Exit" at ArtSpace Herndon. From left: Jane Steffen, Arianne' Warner, Scott Pafumi.

'No Exit' at ArtSpace Herndon

Dark Horse Theatre returns to town.

BY DAVID SIEGEL
THE CONNECTION

ArtSpace Herndon will be welcoming the classic "No Exit" by Jean-Paul Sartre to its performance venue.

Produced by Dark Horse Theatre, "No Exit" is a tale about souls caught in the afterlife for all eternity.

"There's a reason why this show is so well known. It is timeless," said Nataschia Parnian, managing artistic director, Dark Horse Theatre. "It is relevant to everyone's story. I love that the text probes into one's ethical values and personal limitations."

"Without giving too much away, there are some major surprises in our production," added Parnian. "One thing I can tell you; we have placed each of the characters from different time periods. This gives us a unique opportunity to explore how the political climate and social norms of these times would meld together in one room."

"Artspace Herndon is a very special theatrical venue. It is so intimate that it is exhilarating

Where and When

Dark Horse Theatre presents "No Exit" at ArtsSpace Herndon, 750 Center Street, Herndon. Performances Aug. 16 at 7:30 p.m., Aug. 17 at 2:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m., Aug. 23 at 7:30 p.m., Aug. 24 at 2:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m., Aug. 30 at 7:30 p.m. and Aug. 31 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$20 general admission, \$15 student tickets available at the door and online at www.darkhorseva.com/shows

to act and direct in," said Parnian. "There is nowhere for the actors to hide. You can't get away with sleight of hand there."

"We have sought to make professional theatre approachable for all. Ticket prices for all performances are \$20 or less," said Parnian. "We are more of a fringe, nomadic professional company. We can remain flexible in our staging."

For an immersive experience, "we are putting the audience in the round, so they will not only be watching the play unfold, but will have the ability to watch other audience members across the way," said Scott Pafumi, Dark Horse Theatre Company member.

Dark Horse Theatre has also "done a lot of mining of the text for hidden meanings and backstories. We hope our portrayal will be fresh and vivid, while also respecting the author's intent," said Pafumi who plays a key character in "No Exit."

Joining Pafumi in Dark Horse's production of "No Exit" is Skye Lindberg who plays Valet, a role traditionally played by a male. Lindberg is a graduate of the George Mason University Theatre program. The full cast includes Jane Steffen, a newcomer to Dark Horse productions and Arianne' Warner.

Satre's "No Exit" is "both a philosophical and existential play and should help serve as a springboard for good post show discussion with fellow patrons," said Parnian.

Inviting audiences to "No Exit" Arianne Warner said, "What sets Dark Horse apart is the shows we put on. We specialize in regional premieres, new works, and forgotten favorites."

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