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Partial Road Closure for Old Town Hall Repairs
As of this Tuesday, April 5, the right northbound lane of University Drive between Main and North Streets in Fairfax City is closed while Old Town Hall is being repaired. The University Drive parking lot next to Old Town Hall will be closed, as well. These closures will be in place for several months. Drivers are advised to expect delays and consider taking alternate routes.

After one of this historic building’s pillars fell off in August 2020, a thorough inspection of the structure revealed that more extensive work needed to be done to Old Town Hall. The project will not only make the 120-year-old facility stronger, but also ADA-compliant.

Barreling inclement weather, work is expected to be done by mid-September. According to Andrew Wilson, with the City’s Public Works department, the lane and parking-lot closures will enable the construction workers to complete the building repairs some two-and-a-half months faster than they’d be able to otherwise.

National Concert Band of America 47th Season
May 1st, 2022 - An American Journey

The National Concert Band of America will continue its season with a free concert entitled “An American Journey” on Sunday May 1st, at 3 pm, Carl Sandburg Middle School, 8428 Fort Hunt Rd., Alexandria, Va. To be directed by Principal Conductor Adrian Holton, the concert will capture the sounds of what it is like to be an American, from our triumphs to our tragedies.

The concert opens with two pieces by Julie Giroux and Roger Zare about Americans leading the charge in the space race. The band will feature two staples of the wind band repertoire by Samuel Barber and Peter Mennin that are emblematic of the progressive nature of the U.S. Armed Forces during the Second World War and America’s post-war, mid-century prosperity.

The program will also feature Frank Ticheli’s An American Elegy, written in memory of victims and survivors of the school shooting at Columbine High School in 1999.

This free must-see concert offers snapshots of our American History, particularly in the 20th century. See you on May 1st at 3 pm.

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Get to know the City of Fairfax Regional Library.

By Bonnie Hobbs

The City of Fairfax Regional Library has now been at 10360 North St. since 2008. It’s open Monday-Wednesday, 10 a.m.-9 p.m., and Thursday-Sunday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

There’s a covered, two-level parking deck containing 199 spaces, including five accessible spots. (Vehicle height-limit is 6’8”). The library, itself, has both stairs and an elevator, plus a large meeting room, two conference rooms and a small-group study room.

And besides offering books for children, teens and adults, there’s a large periodical collection and a section dedicated to materials for those learning English. Laura Raymond was the Sunday manager when this library first opened its doors on North Street, and she’s now its third branch manager.

She said the biggest changes she’s seen here have been in the realm of technology. “Besides books, we have a large collection of ebooks that people can download for free with a library card,” said Raymond. “Even the way we check out books is different. People used to have to wait in line to check out, but now we have self-check-out, which kids love.”

The library offers 45 internet stations with Microsoft Office, plus wireless access. “The library offers some science and crafts activities, too. And weather permitting, via “Storytime at Old Town Square,” parents and children can enjoy hearing stories outdoors, in Old Town Square, directly across the street. The library offers a large meeting room, two conference rooms and a small-group study room.

And for people wanting to digitize their old photographs, slides or VHS tapes, this library is home to one of two Memory Depot stations in the county library system.

SAR Commemorates National Vietnam War Veterans Day

On Sunday March 27, the Fairfax Resolves, Sergeant Major John Champe and Colonel William Grayson Chapters of the Sons of the American Revolution honored the men and women who served and sacrificed during the now, second-longest conflict in United States history.

The commemoration was held at the Fairfax County Vietnam Veterans Memorial outside the historic courthouse in Fairfax City. It honored the 9 million veterans who served on active duty in the U.S. Armed forces from Nov. 1, 1955, to May 15, 1975. That number includes 2.7 million U.S. service members who served in Vietnam, 58,000 who lost their lives, 304,000 who were wounded and 1,253 still missing in action.

Those present paid homage not only to them, but to their comrades present at the event. Compatriots Larry McKinley, Mike Weyler, Ross Schwalm, James Cordes and Jack Sweeney spoke of their own experiences, as well as those of others who served, and the lessons learned because of that war. They said they are “forever indebted to all our Vietnam veterans.”

Standing by their chapter wreaths are (from left) Ross Schwalm, president, Colonel William Grayson Chapter; Frederick Barth, president of the George Mason Chapter; Barry Schwoerer, Sergeant Major John Champe II Chapter; Mike Weyler, Governor Virginia Order of the Founders and Patriots of America; David Huxsoll, president, Fairfax Resolves Chapter; and W. Forrest Crain, master of ceremonies.

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What Goes into Being an Entrepreneur?

GMU students learn about business while holding farm markets.

By Bonnie Hobbs
The Connection

GMU’s Center for Innovation and Entrepreneurship (CIE) has an exciting, new program, and it benefits students, food and beverage producers and the local community. Called The Depot, it’s headed by CIE Interim Director Becky Howick.

“We’re partnering with the City of Fairfax EDA [Economic Development Authority] and have also received support from the Community Foundation for Northern Virginia,” she said. “This semester, we’re hosting a variety of events providing learning through experience for our Mason students, while creating new revenue channels for Fairfax City restaurants and connecting food and beverage producers with customers.”

So far, there have been three events in March, and two more, including a farm-store pop-up and a wine-tasting at Dolce Vita Italian Restaurant and Wine Bar, are set for April 20 and 21, respectively. The first one, held March 17, was a cooking demonstration at Mama Chang, a popular Chinese restaurant in Fairfax.

“It was for members of the community,” said Howick. “And it allowed the students to meet the restaurant’s owners and see how they do their thing and how the event and marketing pieces fit together.”

The second and third events, the afternoons of March 22-23, were both retail, farm store pop-ups at Dolce Vita. The EDA put them in touch with the restaurant, and the students participated in every aspect of these farmers-market events. Dolce Vita was the host, but the students contacted the vendors, placed wholesale orders with them and then sold their products at the markets.

“They give them a sandbox experience to learn, for example, the margins between the wholesale and retail prices,” explained Howick. “They get to see if a business is sustainable without putting their own life savings on the line and learning difficult lessons that way.”

Each market features a large variety of items, such as coffee from Foundation Coffee Roasters and chocolates from Cameron’s Coffee & Chocolates, both City businesses. Other products come from businesses outside the immediate area, such as pasture-raised meat and eggs from Whiffletree Farm in Warrenton.

In each case, students would talk to the vendors to learn about them and their products so they could tell the customers about them and answer any questions. Then they’d place orders and sell the items for the vendors (credit-card sales only) at their farm markets.

“The goal is to let the students see what it’s like to put on events, make sales, learn how businesses operate, work with restaurant owners and interact with the public,” said Howick. “It’s a hands-on, entrepreneurial experience. The vendors get the money from our purchases, and we get the proceeds from the retail sales so we’ll have enough money to continue with the program and make it a sustainable business model.”

Students find out who the customers are, what they’re looking for, what are the revenue streams and what the costs are to put on these types of events. They also learn about inventory — how many items to purchase, plus their shelf lives — as well as the importance of accounting and marketing skills.

“They get a realistic look at what goes into being an entrepreneur and how to connect vendors with restaurant owners,” said Howick. “For example, Dolce Vita was so pleased with Whiffletree Farm’s products that they’re going to start using some of them in their dishes.”

Besides Foundation Coffee and Cameron’s, vendors at the March 23-24 markets included: Rocky Branch, homemade jams and jellies; Shenandoah Valley Family Farms, organic milk and cheese; GMU, microgreens and herbs from its campus greenhouse; True Honey Teas; Nordic Knot, gourmet pretzels; Green Body, T-shirts; Country Village Bake shop, cookies; and Wade’s Farm Wagon, fresh pasta and sauce, baked goods, barbeque sauce and salsa.

At the March 24 market, customer Brenda Young, headed to the payment area with some chocolate chip cookies, pappardelle pasta, radishes and microgreens. “I came here for the second time, after seeing what they had at the first market,” she said. “I’m growing microgreens, and they’re wonderful on salad. I like this market, and Dolce Vita’s a great venue for it. I prefer getting local, handmade items, and I’d recommend others come here, too, because it’s great to support the community.”

Thomas Castro bought some large pretzels, a dozen eggs, cheddar cheese and pork breakfast sausage. “I like farmers markets, and it’s handy that there’s one here and that it’s connected to GMU,” he said. “I’m a GMU student and used to have a farm, so I understand the value of these products. They’re better than what you can buy in the store. The producers are doing this because they care about their animals, and it’s a better way to produce food. And buying their products here is one little thing I can do to help.”

Meanwhile, GMU student Sydnee Wright purchased snickerdoodles from Country Village Bakeshop and a basil plant from GMU’s greenhouse. “It’s nice to be able to come into a place where we’re supporting businesses in the local Fairfax area,” she said. “They’re also entrepreneurs, and at least half the vendors — including True Honey Teas — are Mason alumni, so that’s good, too. And part of the proceeds goes toward GMU’s Patriot Pantry that helps students with food insecurity.”

A member of The Depot student team, freshman Vinati Konda, manned the checkout area. “I really like being able to connect with all these small businesses and find out their stories,” she said. “For example, Cameron’s employs intellectually and physically disabled people because, like the store’s slogan, they believe ‘Everyone Can Work.’ And I love seeing how people come in just to support Mason and/or the small businesses.”

She’s also learning how to interact with customers and catering to their interests. “We’re building more of a sense of community between Mason, Northern Virginia businesses and the Fairfax City community,” Konda said. “And it’s helpful because I’m also learning about how to run a small business — especially the marketing, networking and event coordinating.” Any leftover products are sold at campus kiosks to the GMU students, she said.

Crystal Fickes, GMU’s CIE program manager, called The Depot a great way for students to obtain firsthand knowledge of the business world and what it takes to be an entrepreneur. “Then when they graduate, they can put it on their resume,” she said. “Or they can even have the confidence to start their own businesses because they’ve learned each element of doing so.”

Upcoming Events
- Another farm-store pop-up market will be held Wednesday, April 20, from 11 a.m.-3 p.m., at Dolce Vita, 10824 Fairfax Blvd. in Fairfax City. Open to the public.
- A wine tasting is planned for Thursdays, April 21, from 6-8 p.m., at Dolce Vita. Wines from Dolce Vita and other local wine producers will be paired with cheeses from Shenandoah Valley Family Farms and artisan chocolates from Cameron’s. Wine experts will be on hand to answer questions, and a Cameron’s representative will talk about the chocolate-making process. Tickets are required for the wine tasting, and part of the proceeds will go toward charity. For more information, go to https://advance-ment.gmu.edu/ciesipandsmile.

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Governor Signs Bills to Protect Research Dogs & Cats

Area Democrats Boysko and Kory work across aisle for bill passage.

By Susan Laume
The Connection

Gov. Glenn Youngkin signed five animal protection bills into law on Monday, declaring them a bipartisan success story. In addressing lawmakers, animal advocates, and dogs at the signing ceremony, he remarked that all members of the General Assembly voted for the bills; for unanimous passage. “Dogs and cats are protected by Virginia’s cruelty laws and welfare standards, and they will be fully enforced.”

Known as “the beagle bills”, the bills specifically protect the research dog breed of choice, beagles, and cats, bred for medical and scientific research and testing. Previously, research breeders were exempt from many of Virginia’s animal welfare laws. The newly enacted bills will place commercial research breeders under the same requirements as other regulated commercial breeders. The new laws cover cats as well as dogs; and require new record keeping, an opportunity for adoption consideration before euthanasia for unneeded animals, coverage under companion animal cruelty penalties; and prohibition of continued sales if found guilty of a certain number and type of welfare violations, after July 2023. Several of the beagles rescued from a life of research and allowed to be put up for adoption attended the signing ceremony with their new owners or foster parents.

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The Devilish Details of Tax Cutting
Del Kenneth R. “Ken” Plum

Cutting taxes is either the theme or a promise of most every political campaign. States that are doing well should give some of the taxpayers’ money back to them. States that are struggling should cut taxes to stimulate the economy. Whatever the promise it is important to look behind the numbers to fully understand the impact of cutting taxes. Virginia is no exception. Leading up to the 2021 election the Commonwealth had been named the best state for business two years in a row with tax policy being a major consideration to receive such a recognition. A “rainy day” fund was in place and additional reserves were being maintained to stave off any dips in revenues. Regardless of these facts, the winning candidate had promised in his campaign several tax cuts if elected. Among those were doubling the standard deduction on the income tax, eliminating the remaining grocery tax, suspending the gas tax, and providing a tax holiday for small businesses.

During the campaign, then-candidate Glenn Youngkin floated the idea of eliminating the income tax. To his credit when he learned that it would wipe out around 70% of the state’s general fund and bankrupt state government he quietly dropped that proposal. It’s one of those details that must be considered when discussing tax policy and which voters need to carefully examine when they hear a “too good to be true” promise.

The General Assembly has not been able to

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Lively School Libraries

If you entered a school library today, you might be surprised that it is not the quiet tomb of books you remember from your childhood. An average day includes class visits for primary school read-alouds while caring for live chickens, groups of middle school students playing quiet games of chess and rowdy games of UNO during lunch breaks, and high school students engaging in rigorous inquiry with a wealth of resources to create high-tech products. School libraries offer a safe space for students to visit during their day. For some the library is a respite from the chaos of the cafeteria, for others it is a second home where they come for a moment to catch their breath or catch up with friends and yes, some still come for the books. Libraries are the point of inquiry for asking and answering questions, an inclusive place for collaborative learning, exploration, and engagement. Professional librarians teach students how to be digital citizens and navigate the fast changing information resources, as well as curate a collection of books that reflect the diverse identities of their students. School libraries are active engaging places that deserve to be celebrated and recognized for the gems that they are in our communities. This is a far cry from peddling dangerous materials as the book banning supporters would like you to think occurs in libraries. Librarians pride themselves on the relationships built over years of contact with students and the goal of fostering lifelong learning that prepares students for college, career and community.

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Poetry Month in Fairfax County

ArtsFairfax and more than 20 representatives associated with Fairfax arts and culture celebrate National Poetry Month this April when they share the work of contemporary American poets. Beginning with Bryan Hill, Fairfax County Executive, who reads “Crossing” by Jericho Brown, the ArtsFairfax initiative is part of Poetry Lives Here, a community service project by inaugural Fairfax Poet Laureate, Nicole Tong.

“My goal with Poetry Lives Here was to get people from all walks of life listening to each other while participating in literary arts in a personal way,” says Ms. Tong, who created the Twitter account @PoetryLivesHere to further engagement and amplify the voices and cultures of a diverse representation of living poets.

“Nicole’s Poetry Lives Here initiative, as well as her overall commitment to the Poet Laureate Program, aligns so perfectly with ArtsFairfax goals to inspire community-wide engagement and bring poetry to everyone,” says Ms. Tong.

The Fairfax County Poet Laureate Program is designed to raise the visibility of poetry by supporting a leadership role for a local poet to engage new audiences and create opportunities for poetry to be shared throughout the County. The Poet Laureate Program is a two-year appointment that results in a community service project and an original poem inspired by the poet’s experience, among other outcomes. Applications for the next Fairfax County Poet Laureate will open this June.

About Poetry Lives Here

As the inaugural Fairfax County Poet Laureate, Nicole Tong created Poetry Lives Here as a two-pronged approach to enliven local interest in contemporary poetry. In addition to the digital content created in celebration of National Poetry Month, Ms. Tong also partnered with George Mason University MFA poetry students to conduct a residency at the County’s Juvenile Detention Center. Together, these initiatives have raised Fairfax community awareness of living American poets and how they reflect the diversity of voices and cultures in this nation.

About ArtsFairfax

ArtsFairfax is the nonprofit designated as the local arts agency for Fairfax County. Dedicated to the belief that arts are essential to a thriving community, the ArtsFairfax mission is to expand support for and access to arts and culture opportunities for Fairfax County’s more than 1.2 million residents. By offering information, financial, and programmatic services, ArtsFairfax promotes the role of arts and culture to deepen social engagement, create a sense of place, and fuel economic growth.

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Bryan Hill, Fairfax County Executive — “Crossing” by Jericho Brown

WEEK OF APRIL 4

Luisa A. Igloria, Poet Laureate of Virginia — “Cried for the Drowned” by Luisa A. Igloria

Rick Davis, Dean of the College of Visual and Performing Arts, George Mason University — “Emily Dickinson at the Poetry Slam” by Dan Vera

Roseanne A. Brown, New York Times Best-Selling Author — “There are No Uncaused Spaces” by Cynthia Manick

Sarah Scalet, National PTA Arts in Education Fellow — “The Best of It” by Kay Ryan

K. Lee, Dentist — “The Edges of Time” by Kay Ryan

WEEK OF APRIL 11

Allen Lynch, National Museum of the United States Army — “A Hero’s Welcome” by Robert Longley

Jessica Finley, Educator — “Night Bloom” by Crystal Williams

Andrew Savioza, Cellist — “Round 3” by Elisha Anncsus

Jamila L. Helem, Counselor, Fairfax County Juvenile Detention Center — “We Host These Variables” by Jasmine Manu

Jessica Wallach, Photographer and Educator — “This is About a Body” by Laureen Summers

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KaNikki Jakarta, City of Alexandria Poet Laureate — “Poised and Poised” by KaNikki Jakarta

Rita Feinsteins, Writopia Lab D.C. Regional Manager — “The Lushness of It” by Mary Szybist

Sushmitha Mazumdar, Artist, Educator, and Commissioner, Virginia Commission for the Arts — “Mountain Dew Commercial Disguised as a Love Poem” by Matthew Ohrmann

Danielle Bradin, Poet and Fairfax County Government Management Analyst and Technical Writer — “The Phillips Collection” by Danielle Bradin

Manuela Quintero Fehr, ArtsFairfax Digital Media and Outreach Manager — “Mambo” by Jaime Manrique

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Jessica Rapisarda, Woodlawn-Pope Leighey Fellow, NOVACC Professor, Poet — “Maker” by Jessica Rapisarda

Trini Rogando, 2022 ArtsFairfax Scholarship Winner, Scholastic Writing Gold Key Awardee — “First Gen Poet as Percussion Rehearsal” by Trini Rogando

Linda Sullivan, ArtsFairfax President & CEO — “Two Hands” by Kim Roberts

Shelly Hazel, ArtsFairfax Board Chair — “Toothbrush to the Bicycle Tire” by Sarah Kay

Nicole Tong, Fairfax Poet Laureate — “Theory for the Living” by Nicole Tong

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agree to a final budget for the next biennium with the issue of taxes being the main hang-up for the Governor not being able to justify his proposals against the details of taxes and where the money goes. Everyone I know opposes a tax on groceries and gasoline were about the only items that could be taxed to provide some funding for their schools and roads. If the decision is made to cut the gas tax the responsible thing to do is to make up the losses to the small localities with state general funds that are currently going to other programs.

Another detail about the proposed gasoline tax that must be considered is the analysis of the Institute on Taxation and Economic Policy (https://itep.org/) that shows that 30% of the projected savings would likely flow to oil producers rather than motorists. Less than 30% the analysis found would go to Virginia residents, with the remainder going to trucking companies that buy a lot of gas in the state and out-of-state tourists who visit the Commonwealth.

The same organization looked at the proposal to double the standard deduction on the income tax and found that it would not help many Virginias families whose income is already not taxed to be taxed. Only high-income earners who have the least need for a tax break would benefit from this proposal.

The devil is in the details as is the case in many proposals, and the Governor needs to consider those details and give the General Assembly the opportunity to pass a responsible budget.
Celebrating Librarians on National Library Week
Pohick’s Regional Unsung Library Heroes

By Susan Laugh / The Connection

The Library of Congress has designated April as National Library Week. Libraries across the United States pay tribute to library staff and celebrate the free access to books and other library materials. Libraries also offer opportunities to connect with media, programs, classes — in addition to browsing books and other print materials — to promote the library’s role in advancing various literacies, according to the American Library Association.

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The Virginia Room is on the second floor of the City of Fairfax Regional Library, 10360 North Street, Fairfax, VA 22030-2554, 703-293-6227 option 6. The Pohick Regional Library, part of the Fairfax County Public Library system, is planning to launch a number of special programs to get connected as they notice new opportunities to connect with media, programs, classes — in addition to browsing books and other print materials — to promote the library’s role in advancing various literacies, according to the American Library Association.

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morfed from an earlier cat castles pro-
garm to including small pets of all varieties.
Of course, those pets were asked to wait at
home to be surprised by delivery of the pal-
aces after the event.

On-hand for animal testing, was therapy
dog Max, a Yorkie, with his handler Nan
Siemer. Siemer, a teacher, is experienced
in child to dog interactions as the leader of
Kingstowne Library’s past “read with a dog”
program. It appeared Max was favorably im-
presed with all the construction efforts, al-
though it’s possible he was influenced by
the ready availability of treats during each test.
Those humans present were also impressed
with the level of creativity and engineering
proves of kids, moms, and dads. This re-
porter is predicting the ready acceptance
of all the palaces when they arrive home,
even by those most particular of animals —
housecats. What do you say, Lolo, Luna, and
Cleo? Hamsters are likely still running the
tubes and unavailable for comment.

Therapy dog Max, a Yorkie rescue, with
his handler, Nan Siemer, stood paws-
ready to test out competed constructions
for pet worthiness. Siemer, a teacher, is
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Stella, 9, and Zeb, 6, home schooled,
with their dad, built a palace with ham-
ster-ready tunnels.

Jasmine Jeapes, 5, and her mom Nicole
Farr, Burke, made a palace with psyche-
delic interior wall decorations in their
Cleo’s cat palace, which will be fitted
with an interior cushion for indulging
catnip dreams in comfort.

Max gives the Lee family dog palace,
which honored him with his name over
the door, a paws up rating.

Friends of the Library

Library branches of the Fairfax County
Public Library are aided by their Friends
group. These individual groups support,
assist and promote library activities for
the local community. Every Friends group
makes valuable contributions to the en-
tire library, as well as their own branch.
Friends activities vary depending on
the needs of the individual community.
Most Friends groups hold book sales, and
the proceeds are donated back to the li-
brary to help the library acquire books
and equipment as well as sponsor pro-
grams and exhibits beyond the library’s
operating budget. You can become ac-
tively involved or simply have the satis-
faction of supporting a worthwhile cause.
Consider donating your used books to the
library for sale during Friends’ book sales.

Learn more about individual Friends
groups on their web pages:
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www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/branches/
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Anna Shope, 7, Nysmith School, working with her parents John and Mary, constructed a cat palace for Luna, complete with awning covered windows, tested by Max.

Estela Mooney and Max prove Lolo’s cat house is a palace that delivers smiles.

Yjei Lee, 7, showed off the creativity born of having two art teachers for parents, Wanji and Mini Lee, Burke.

Estela, 9, Laurel Ridge Elementary, and her mom Rebecca Mooney, Fairfax, engineered a cat house for Lolo, complete with dangling catnip toys.

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If Something Doesn’t Seem Right …

How people may protect themselves from financial crimes.

By Bonnie Hobbs
The Connection

During the monthly meetings of the Sully District Police Station’s Citizens Advisory Committee (CAG), the guest speakers are often police officers who tell local residents about their jobs. Some also give information about how best to avoid becoming a victim of a crime.

Major Crimes Detective Satoria Reynolds works in the Financial Crimes Section. And at a recent CAC meeting, she discussed various scams and frauds being perpetuated and offered advice to people on how to protect themselves.

Starting with scams considered larceny by false pretense, she said they’re accomplished by tricking and deceiving people. “Criminals convince you to pay them money – via gift cards, money orders, bank deposits and wire transfers – using false claims and deception,” said Reynolds. “They contact you by phone, computer, email and mail.”

She said the elderly can be easy targets because they are more likely to enjoy talking on the phone and less likely to be familiar with technology. However, she added, “I’ve dealt with tons of people who are extremely educated – and may even suspect they’re being scammed – but still allowed a stranger remote access to their computers. The scammer tells them something’s wrong with their connection or their computer has a virus, and they believe it. Or something pops up on your computer screen saying, ‘You have a virus; call this number.’”

Reynolds said spoofing “makes it appear that someone else is calling you. And if you get suspicious, they’ll say, ‘I’m a Christian; I’d never do something like that.’ Or, ‘I made a mistake and I’m afraid my boss will fire me if you don’t do this.’ They may even make it appear like they’ve deposited money in your bank account, but they haven’t.”

There are many common scams. For example, said Reynolds, “You’ll get a notice by email or regular mail saying you owe money to the IRS. But you’ll have to pay with a green dot card. They’ll have you take photos of the cards to prove you bought them – and once they have the numbers, that’s all they need.”

People are also fooled by a caller saying their grandchild, niece, nephew, etc., is injured, kidnapped, or in trouble and you have to send money. Or someone will call with a phone number that looks legitimate and say they’re from the Sheriff’s Office. “I’ve dealt with tons of people who are extremely educated, they’ll say, ‘I’ve dealt with tons of people who are extremely educated, and once they feel comfortable, they’ll say, ‘I’m in trouble and need you to send me money’.”

Other scams divert money from other people’s employment checks or tax refunds into their own bank accounts. Or, Reynolds said, “People will create ads about a real home for sale – and get the money for it – but it’s someone else’s house they sold, not theirs.”

Credit-card skimming is also a huge problem. It can happen at places such as gas pumps, ATMs, restaurants and grocery stores. “With Bluetooth, criminals can access people’s credit-card information from afar, without being seen,” said the detective. She then showed slides of skimmer devices, pinhole cameras in them and overlays that can be placed on credit-card readers.

When the victim inserts the credit card into, e.g., an ATM, the magnetic-stripe information is skimmed, while a hidden camera records the PIN number. This information is then transferred to new, counterfeit credit cards so criminals can either sell them online or use that PIN number to make withdrawals for themselves.

And in the case of credit-card fraud, said Reynolds, “Once they have your credit-card numbers, they can use them without having the physical card. Criminals frequently purchase gift cards, money orders or electronics that can be resold.”

She also discussed check fraud, which involves stealing checks from the mail, vehicles or homes. Criminals then either alter the checks or use the victim’s name, plus his or her account and routing numbers, to create fake checks.

“What with check washing, criminals use a solvent to erase the check’s details to allow them to be rewritten, usually to withdraw money from the victim’s bank account,” said Reynolds. “But if people use a gel pen, instead of a regular pen, the ink is harder to wash off.”

She also advised people to use online banking; instead of mailing checks from home, destroy their canceled checks and review their bank statements for any suspicious checks they don’t recognize. Reynolds noted, as well, that sometimes, “Criminals will have other people deposit fake (fraudulent) check in someone else’s bank account, making it difficult for police to know which person did which part of the crime.”

Regarding identity theft, she said people should be wary of strangers asking them to verify their personal information. “Then they’ll have it to use for their own financial gain,” said Reynolds. Most valuable to criminals are the victim’s name, Social Security number, birthdate, address, driver’s license number, bank-account numbers or cards, passwords, phone numbers and biometric data, such as fingerprints.

Reynolds said people can tell if they’re victims by:

- Looking for unexplained charges, withdrawals or checks on their bank statements;
- Failing to receive bills/statements; mail may have been stolen or diverted by a fraudulent change of address;
- Receiving credit cards not applied for;
- Having a credit card denied; and/or
- Receiving bills or calls from debt collectors about things they didn’t purchase.

In summary, said Reynolds, “Trust your instincts; if something doesn’t seem right, it’s probably not. You can Google ‘scams related to so-and-so company’ before sending them money. Pull on [credit-card readers] to see if a skimmer pops off, and review your credit history to make sure others haven’t opened up accounts in your name.”

In Fairfax County, she said, financial-crime victims may file their police reports online at https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/police/howdo/financialcrimes. And, she added, “We can give you a verification letter proving you’re a victim and weren’t part of the fraud.”
Blast from the Past: Time Capsules

These historical preservation tidbits are popping up everywhere.

By Mike Salmon

The Connection

In the summer of 1988, a car plowed into the Appomattox Statue at the intersection of Duke Street and Washington Street in Alexandria, unearthing a time capsule, which was picked up by a bystander. Officials eventually recovered the capsule. The statue has since been removed.

Apparently, it’s not uncommon these days to have time capsules strategically placed as a history preservation technique but they seem to be more nostalgic than anything.

The statue in Old Town Alexandria was put up on May 24, 1889 and taken down June 2, 2020. This was also the case with a Robert E. Lee statue in Richmond that was also dismantled, but when the time capsule was opened, it didn’t contain any earth-shattering material.

Burke is a community rich in history and rich in time capsules as well. The Burke Historical Society noted a few strategically placed capsules that remain uncovered. Officials at the Nativity Catholic School in Burke buried a time capsule in the form of a trash can sometime on their grounds around 1997-1998. It was supposed to be opened in 20 years, but that date has come and gone and no one can say whether it was opened or not. Another time capsule is in the Burke Centre Library’s cornerstone.

Also in Burke, a time capsule was created for Burke School’s 75th anniversary in 2015. Part of the celebration back in 2015, included a presentation of items to go in the 2015. Part of the celebration back in 2015, included a presentation of items to go in the 2015 capsule. In April 2009, a time capsule was unearthed at Westmore School in Burke but the contents remain unknown.

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Since then, there have been at least two more time capsules. In April 2009, a time capsule was buried in the cornerstone at the City of Fairfax Regional Library and another one in front of the old Fairfax Courthouse that was placed sometime in the 1970s or 80s. There is a brick plaque marking that capsule. Another capsule was unearthed at Westmore School in Burke but the contents remain unknown.

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At Terra Centre elementary school, everyone gathered on April 2, 2009 where

the time capsule was thought to be buried in 1989, but no time capsule was found, so it still remains at large. Clifton’s anniversary was in 2002, and the capsule, which was really a Tupperware box, is supposed to be dug up in 2027.

Time Capsule Central

Time capsules are cool again, according to Matt, at Time Capsule Central. He took the time to make a few YouTube videos describing the creation of a time capsule, and another about the contents. For example, he says the three best materials to use for a capsule are stainless steel, glass and plastic, and goes over the advantages of each.

Inside the time capsule, he puts in coins, historical documents, social elements, etc. and then recommends moisture absorbers like a bag of rice or something to keep the contents from spoiling. In the video, Matt makes a 1000-year time capsule starting with a bucket of concrete in a bucket. In goes the capsule, more concrete, and finally he seals the top on with glue and buries it. Now, supposedly, someone in 3015 will dig it up and find out all kinds of things.

Putting together a time capsule may be more educational than Matt makes it seem. It’s also a chance for people to bring out their creativity and enhance discussions as to what might be of interest to future generations, said Suzanne Levy of the Fairfax Historical Society. “I think a mixture of relics and written word can be very thought provoking,” she said.

Blast from the Past is an occasional column that looks into people, places and events in Fairfax County from earlier times. Have an idea that I could look into? Email me at msalmon@connectionnewspapers.com.

Mike Salmon
Simone Dinnerstein to Perform with Fairfax Symphony

Pianist Simone Dinnerstein

Mozart’s Piano Concerto No. 23 in A Major, K. 488 holds particular significance for Dinnerstein. The concerto served as a point of artistic connection between Dinnerstein and the Havana Lyceum Orchestra, with which she performed the piece while visiting Cuba in 2015, at the invitation of her teacher and esteemed pianist, Solomon Mikowsky.

Following her recording of her album Mozart in Havana, Dinnerstein brought the Havana Lyceum Orchestra from Cuba to the United States for the very first time, raising the funding, booking the concerts, and organizing their housing and transportation. Together, she and the orchestra played eleven concerts from Miami to Boston, including with the Fairfax Symphony Orchestra at George Mason University.

In addition to Mozart in Havana, Dinnerstein has made twelve albums, all of which topped the Billboard classical charts, with repertoire ranging from Copenier to Glass.

On Friday, April 22 tickets will conduct a masterclass with select students of George Mason University’s Reva and Sidney Dewberry Family School of Music in the Center for the Arts. Simone also hosts a rich program, backpacing, during which she takes a digital keyboard to elementary school classrooms, helping young children get close to the music. In Fairfax, she will visit with students at FSO partner school, Woodburn Elementary.

Read more about Simone Dinnerstein: https://www.simonedinnerstein.com/welcome

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NATIONAL POETRY MONTH

Poetry Lives Here. Virtual event. Arts Fairfax is proud to bring 20 representatives associated with Fairfax arts and culture celebrate National Poetry Month this April when they share the work of contemporary American poets. Beginning with Bryan Hill, Fairfax County Executive, who reads “Crossing” by Jericho Brown, the Arts Fairfax initiative is part of a nationwide community service project by inaugural Fairfax Poet Laureate, Nicole Tong. The Fairfax County Poet Laureate Program is designed to raise the visibility of poetry by supporting a leadership role for a local poet to engage new audiences and create opportunities for poetry to be shared throughout the County. The Poet Laureate Program is a two-year appointment that results in a community service project and one poem inspired by the poet’s experience, among other outcomes. Visit the website: https://artsfairfax.org/ poetry-month-2022/

COMMUNITY YARD SALE

Community members are invited to participate in the King of Kings Lutheran Church and Preschool Community Yard Sale, Saturday, April 2 at 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the church parking lot (4025 Kings Way). For just a $25 fee, each seller will receive two reserved parking spaces in the lot to set up. Tables can be rented from the church for an additional $10 table. You need to stay with your items during the sale. Proceeds will benefit our youth to assist them with upcoming mission trips. Any unused items must go home with the seller. To reserve your spot, find the signup here: https://tinyurl.com/yphofksh. Sign up by April 2. Contact the church office at 703-378-7272 or churchoffice@kofl.org.

NOW THRU MAY 1

Apologia by Zach Rimbaud. At Torpedo Factory Artists at Mosaic, its satellite gallery. Painter Zack Rimbaud uses a variety of liquid mediums to discover fresh possibilities in this new work. Rimbaud sees his artistic process as an event, a rhythmic dialogue between the materiality of the medium and himself. Typically, he places his canvas on the floor and applies the first layer spontaneously, laying down large patches of liquid colors through a rapid gestural movement, moving around the canvas, and moving the canvas itself to amplify the effect, and disrupt it as well. He uses a variety of mediums to explore their potential and to venture into new possibilities. Special Events scheduled during the exhibition: Opening Reception: Friday, April 15, 6 – 9 p.m.

NOW THRU APRIL 10

“Everybody.” At GMU Center for the Arts, Harris Theatre, 4373 Mason Pond Dr., Fairfax. Thursday, March 31 and April 7 at 8 p.m.; Friday, April 1 and 8 at 8 p.m.; Saturday, April 2 and 9 at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m.; Sunday, April 10 at 2 p.m. This modern riff on the 15th-century morality play Everyman follows Everybody (chosen from among the cast by lottery at each performance) as they journey through life’s greatest mystery—the meaning of living. Visit: https://cfa.calendar.gmu.edu/everybody/

WEDNESDAY/APRIL 6

Visiting Filmmakers Series. 4:30-7:30 p.m. At Johnson Center Cinema, GMU, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. GMU’s Visiting Filmmakers Series welcomes Arion Design (and Mason alum) Joseph Le to campus to screen his latest film, “Marvel’s Shang-chi and the Legend of the Ten Rings” (2021), followed by a post-screening discussion of his work hosted by College of Visual and Performing Arts Dean, Rick Davis. Visit the website: https://vfs.gmu.edu/events/13267

THURSDAY/APRIL 7

Maryland Arts at Home – Voices Lecture with Mario Rosser. 7:30 p.m. Virtual event. At GMU Center for the Arts, Fairfax. Mario H. Rossero is the Executive Director of the National Art Education Association (NAEA), the leading professional membership organization that champions visual arts design, and media arts education. He is an experienced art educator with roles as a museum educator, classroom art teacher, and adjunct professor and has held a number of supervision/administration roles in Pittsburgh and Chicago school systems. As Director of Arts for Chicago Public Schools, Mario spearheaded the first strategic arts education plan for the city aimed at increasing equity and access to arts education for all students. Prior to his current role, he was the Senior Vice President of Education for the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in Washington, D.C.

SUNDAY/APRIL 10

Tabletop (TIBRAK) model trains will setup a display and run at the Fairfax Station Railroad Museum on Sunday April 10, 2022 from 1-4 p.m. The Museum is located at 11200 Fairfax Station Road in Fairfax Station. Admission: Museum members and ages 4 and under; free; ages 5-12, $3; ages 13 and older, $5 ($6 for special events); season passes are available and are discounted for seniors and military, active and retired, $4. www.fairfaxsta- tion.org, www.facebook.com/ FFXSRR, 703-425-9225.

APRIL 10-11

“The Marriage of Figaro.” At GMU Center for the Arts, Fairfax. Saturday at 8 p.m.; Sunday at 2 p.m. See Calendar, Page 14.
2 p.m. Mozart’s beloved four-act comic opera, The Marriage of Figaro, is the kind of mad and frantic bedroom farce of which guilty (and not-so-guilty) pleasures are made. It is all driven by the music of Mozart at his most spirited and conceived in collaboration with his most trusted and successful librettist, Lorenzo Da Ponte. Full of scheming and wooing, flirting and folly, Figaro’s hilarious and absurd twists and turns pile the outrageous on top of the scandalous to joyful effect. This performance proves that art provides happy endings. Sung in Italian with English surtitles. Learn More: https://cfa.calendar.gmu.edu/virginia-era-the-marriage-of-figaro

MONDAY/APRIL 11
Kid’s Nature Show. 10:30 to 11:15 a.m. At Sherwood Center, 3740 Old Lee Highway, Fairfax. Learn how to be kind to, and safe around, pets and wildlife during this helpful and engaging show! Part of Fairfax City’s FUNDAY MONDAY program. Registration suggested. Perfect for preschoolers. Visit the website: https://www.fairfaxva.gov/government/parks-recreation/cultural-arts

THURSDAY/APRIL 14
Beyond the Notes with Maria Schneider. 4 p.m. At Arlington Campus of GMU, Van Metre Hall, Multi-Purpose Room 125/126, Arlington. Join composer Maria Schneider for an intriguing conversation about her boundary-pushing musical career and arts activism, moderated by George Mason University Antonin Scalia Law School Professor and Arts & Entertainment Advocacy Clinic Director Sandra Aistars. Part of Schneider’s engagement as a Mason Artist-in-Residence with the Center for the Arts, the event is co-hosted by Mason’s Center for Intellectual Property x Innovation Policy (C-IP²) and Arts Management Program. The conversation provides a unique opportunity to hear from Schneider on topics including the complexity of her composition process, the blending of her art and activism, and insights for both musicians and music lovers to understand the significance of copyright protection to an artist’s work. Learn More: https://cfa.calendar.gmu.edu/beyond-the-notes-with-maria-schneider/

MAY 21-22
Girls on the Run Spring Registration. GOTR NOVA will be offering an in-person 10-week curriculum for the Spring 2022 season. Two in-person 5Ks presented by Cigna will be held on May 21st and 22nd in Sterling and Ballston, respective-ly. Teams will continue to be school and community-based to further our outreach efforts in being accessible to every girl across Northern Virginia. Currently, 105 teams throughout Alexandria, Arlington, Fairfax, Falls Church, Loudoun, Manassas, Manassas Park, and Prince William are open for Spring 2022 registration through March 1, 2022. For more information about spring registration and sites for Girls on the Run of NOVA, visit www.gotrnova.org.
Governor Signs Bills to Protect Research Dogs & Cats

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In recent years the hot advocacy for animal legislative action in Virginia was pet shop puppy mill sales. This year the focus of the majority of animal bills moved to protections for research dogs and cats. Members of both parties sponsored bills to address protection of dogs and cats being bred for research. Five of those 11 similar bills survived and received unanimous votes to go to the desk of the Governor, and were signed into law on April 4th.

Many of the aspects of the similar bills sponsored by Democrats were amended into the language of those final signed bills for which Republicans Senator Bill Stanley (R-20th) and Delegate Rob Bell (R-58th) were the Chief Patrons. By working to compromise, Sen. Jennifer Boysko (D-33rd) became Chief Co-patron to the Stanley bills, and Delegate Kaye Kory (D-38th), Chair of the General Assembly Animal Caucus, became House Patron to three of the bills, assuring that all provisions of the protections were included.

Virginia’s only commercial breeder of research grade dogs, Envigo, located in Cumberland, fell afoul of federal inspectors of the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Over the period of nine months, USDA inspectors found 73 violations of the Animal Welfare Act, nearly half of which were classified as the most serious category. Documented violations included withholding food from lactating females, euthanasia without the required anesthesia, over 300 puppy deaths, injured dogs, and poor housing and sanitary conditions.

Original House bills sought to close the offending Cumberland operation, while Senate bills, after subcommittee amendment, allowed a one-last-chance philosophy. The subcommittee chairman, Sen. Dave Marsden (D-37th) took the position that Virginia should deal with the poor breeder operation rather than chasing them out of the state to become the problem of another.

Envigo’s abuses also came under scrutiny of United States Senators Mark Warner and Tim Kaine. In a letter dated March 31, 2022 to the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, the Senators urged “aggressive enforcement actions” and set an April 20 due date for response to a list of questions relating to the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.


Sen Creigh Deeds (D-25th), one of several legislators who adopted beagles released by Envigo, with Mila.

ed to the case.

Companion animal issues often represent a significant portion of the bills considered by the agriculture committees each session at the state and federal levels. Interest in animal welfare is high, given that 68 percent of American households had a companion animal in 2021, according to the Animal Legal Defense Fund.

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STEM Professionals Needed. Volunteers are needed to assist K-12 STEM teachers in northern Virginia as part of the American Association for the Advancement of Science’s STEM Volunteer Program. stem-volunteers.org, during the 2019-20 school year. Contact Don Rea at 571-551-2488 or donaldrea@aol.com.

Volunteer Adult Mentors Needed. Help assist the Department of Family Services’ BeFriend-A-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.

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