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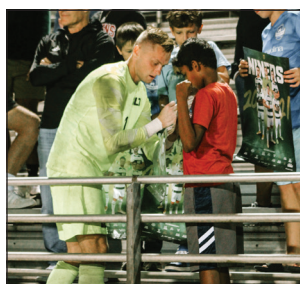
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Board lowers real estate tax 3 cents, includes funding to other programs

The BOS passed the mark-up budget in a 9-1 vote

By Hailey Bullis
FAIRFAX COUNTY TIMES

Fairfax County's Board of Supervisors (BOS) lowered the proposed real estate tax from \$1.14 to \$1.11 per \$100 of assessed value at the 2023 budget mark-up meeting that occurred on April 26. The mark-up budget was passed by the board in a 9-1 vote.

The meeting followed three days of public hearings earlier this month in which Fairfax County residents shared their thoughts on the proposed 2023 fiscal year budget and what changes they wanted the supervisors to consider making.

The decrease in real estate tax isn't as steep as some residents hoped it would be. The Fairfax County Taxpayers Alliance asked the board for a 10-cent decrease.

"First and foremost I think we need to be clear that while the budget on the table contains a 3-cent reduction in the tax rate, it also contains the most significant increase in real estate taxes since 2006," said Springfield District Supervisor Pat Herry.

Due to this Herry said that he could not support the proposed budget. "This is not a budget I can support given the very realistic options to bring down the rate much further. We could've achieved a flat tax rate if we were willing to make the same tough choices our residents have to make



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every day," he said.

According to Herry, the real estate tax still represents a 6.7 percent increase for the average taxpayer.

Board of Supervisors Chairman Jeff McKay was proud of the changes made to the budget.

"This budget is about balance," said McKay. "We are ensuring the County makes smart financial decisions to support services for our residents while being mindful of soaring residential assessments and the financial strain so many are facing in our community."

Beyond the real estate tax, the board also included a four percent

pay increase for all county employees. Uniformed employees including police, fire, rescue, and sheriff's deputies will receive an additional step increase.

The board also voted to assess vehicles at 85 percent of market value as a tax relief measure for taxpayers that will save a total of \$98 million.

Among those who spoke at the public hearings that took place April 12-14, multiple people spoke in support of funding for the Fairfax County Park Authority.

"Parks are strategic to our social fabric and our community," said William Bouie, the chair of the Fairfax

County Park Authority Board.

Bouie spoke in opposition to revenue-fund models for the parks system saying that they create systems of inequity. "Our desire is for a system in which fees do not create a barrier for any county resident to participate in all of our programs," he said.

As a result of how many spoke in support of the parks, the board included an additional \$751,954 for new positions and other sustainability efforts. The board also worked with the FCPA to develop a pilot equity program using money from the advertised budget package at a total of \$500,000.

"Housing is a critical need ... we did not just hear about housing needs just from one community or just from the housing advocates, we heard from 18 to 36-year-olds, we heard from our seniors on fixed incomes. We heard from our community with disabilities," said Providence District Supervisor Dalia Palchik.

"We even heard from advocates of parks, libraries, human services, and other issue areas also focused on the critical need of this issue."

The board committed an additional \$12 million to affordable housing, with \$2 million coming from the FY 2022 third-quarter review.

The board will vote on the final budget on May 10. Although it is unlikely for any changes to be made between mark-up and approval.

FCPS can keep TJHSST admissions policy, for now

By Heather Zwicker
FAIRFAX COUNTY TIMES

Earlier this week the Supreme Court refused a parent's group request to reverse the stay issued by the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals, allowing the new admissions policy for the number one school in the nation.

This means that the admissions policy adopted by the Fairfax County School Board to select students for Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology (TJ) will remain in place as the case works its way through the lower court. Justices Clarence Thomas, Samuel Alito and Neil Gorsuch said they would have granted the request by Coalition for TJ to reinstate District Judge Claude Hilton's ruling which the federal appeals court put on hold.

"We knew it would be highly unusual for the Supreme Court of the United States to overturn the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeal's stay," Coalition for TJ said in a statement, calling the new policy systemic racism against Asian stu-

dents. "We urge all parents: keep your heads up, stay true to your North Star of justice and equality and be unapologetic in your defense of children's and parents' rights."

The Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals is scheduled to hear oral arguments in September. If it reverses Hilton's ruling, the Pacific Legal Foundation on behalf of Coalition for TJ will take the case back to the U.S. Supreme Court to rule on the merits.

FCPS Counsel John Foster said he believes the appeals court will ultimately rule in favor of the new admissions policy. "We continue to believe our new plan for TJ admissions is merit-based and race-blind," he said in a statement celebrating the SCOTUS ruling.

Before the new admissions policy, Asian American students made up more than 70 percent of the student body. Under the new policy used to admit the current freshman class, the number of Asian American students dropped by 19 percent while Black students rose from 1 to 7 percent and

Hispanic students increased from 3 to 11 percent.

Fairfax Senator Chap Petersen said in a recent Washington Post op-ed that the board's motive led to Hilton's ruling, "which found that the school board's actions in adopting 'holistic' admission policies to reduce the number of Asians at TJ was a violation of the federal Civil Rights Act." He believes the board cannot win in the long run.

TJ's admissions process included grades, standardized tests, teacher recommendations and essays until October 2020. They the school board changed to a policy that guaranteed seats for the top students at each public middle school in the area feeding to TJ. Home school and private school students completed for the remaining 100 seats.

More than 2,500 students have applied for the school's 550 Class of 2026 spots and decisions are expected next month. FCPS officials had said that disrupting the selection process would be problematic.



BY JAYA PATIL • Fairfax County Times

Under the Arc of a lifetime of support

The Arc of Nova President Mark Albert reminisces on the organization

The Arc of Northern Virginia's Board President Mark Albert and his wife were members of the organization for decades before he joined the Board of Directors. Once they identified that their daughter Cassie had a disability, they were attending the Arc's seminars and gathering knowledge.

The Arc of Northern Virginia is a local chapter of the national organization supporting the community of those with disabilities. The Arc offers resources in every facet of life with a disability, as well as education around disabilities and relevant

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CBP officers seized about 150 pounds of marijuana destined for London.

Dulles CBP seizes weed

There were likely a lot of upset Brits who were unable to properly partake in the 420 Day observance after U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) officers intercepted a crazy amount of London-bound wacky weed last weekend at Washington Dulles International Airport.

Customs and Border Protection officers at Washington Dulles International Airport seized a combined 150 pounds of marijuana across 100 separate parcels on April 16-17, that were all destined to addresses in London.

While conducting routine outbound mail inspections, CBP officers seized 62 parcels of marijuana on April 16 that weighed nearly 99 combined pounds and seized another 38 parcels on April 17 that collectively weighed a little more than 51 pounds. All 100 parcels and 150 pounds were destined to London.

Residents across California were the busiest bud shippers. CBP officers intercepted 80 parcels of Golden State ganja, 15 parcels of Las Vegas reefer, and five parcels of sinsemilla from Seattle.

Though some states have taken measures to decriminalize the possession of personal use amounts of marijuana, bulk smuggling remains illegal. Additionally, marijuana possession and distribution of any amount violates federal law.

The marijuana will be destroyed in a hazy blaze.

"The internet has essentially created a singular marketplace where consumers can buy anything from anywhere across the globe; however, Customs and Border Protection reminds consumers and vendors that those transactions and commodities must still comply with applicable U.S. laws," said Daniel Escobedo, area port director for CBP's Area Port of Washington, D.C.

CBP officers and agents seized an average of 4,732 pounds of dangerous drugs every day at our nation's air, land and sea ports of entry.

Anyone with information to report is asked to contact the Prince William County Police.



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Electrical event causes house fire in West Falls Church

Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department and the Arlington County Fire departments were dispatched for a reported house fire in the 7000 block of Lee Park Court in West Falls Church at approximately 1:28 p.m. April 21.

Units arrived on-scene of a one-story, single-family home with smoke showing from a basement window. Crews quickly extinguished a fire in the basement. There was no extension of the fire to first floor. There were no reported civilian or firefighter injuries.

No occupants were home at the time of the fire. The homeowner discovered the fire when she returned home and saw smoke coming from the house. She then called 9-1-1. There were no working smoke alarms in the house.

Fire investigators determined that the fire was accidental in nature and started in a basement bathroom. The cause of the fire was an electrical event involving the ceiling exhaust fan.

Four adults were displaced because of the fire. Red Cross assistance was offered but declined. Damages as a result of the fire were approximately \$56,250.

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Don Hayes

Alexandria Police names new chief

City Manager Jim Parajon has announced the appointment of Acting Chief Don Hayes as Chief of Police for the City of Alexandria, effective April 18. Hayes has been serving as acting chief since June of 2021 and succeeds Chief Michael L. Brown, who retired in 2021.

"Chief Hayes' 40 years as a leader and public servant with the Alexandria Police Department, as well as his deep commitment to our community, makes him the right choice to serve Alexandria as chief of police," said Parajon. "His experience and

connections throughout our city will be invaluable in our work to protect and serve all, and enhance the relationship between our police department and the community. In addition, the trust and confidence he has within the Alexandria Police Department will serve our officers and our community well as we continue the critical work of recruiting new police officers and retaining and supporting those who choose to serve in this vital capacity."

Hayes joined the Alexandria Police Department in 1981, and achieved the rank of sergeant in 1996, overseeing the community-oriented policing and internal investigations sections. In 1999, Hayes was promoted to lieutenant and led the special operations, information services, and public services divisions. He was promoted to captain in 2013 and served as patrol commander, in addition to heading the parking enforcement, traffic, special events, and community relations divisions. He was promoted to assistant chief in 2019 and has since used his diverse experience to oversee all parts of the police department.

Alexandria men charged with possession

Officers found two men smoking marijuana inside a shared laundry room in the 7100 block of Fairchild Drive at 6:05 p.m. April 20.

Further investigation revealed the men to be in possession of a stolen firearm and scheduled I/II drugs. One of the men provided false information to the officers.

Wilson Coto-Cornejo, 18, of Alexandria, was charged with possession of a scheduled I or II drug, possession of stolen firearm, possession of firearm with scheduled I or II drug, and false identification to law enforcement. Kevin Lemus, 18, of Alexandria was charged with possession of scheduled I or II drug.

Mount Vernon house fire caused by electrical event

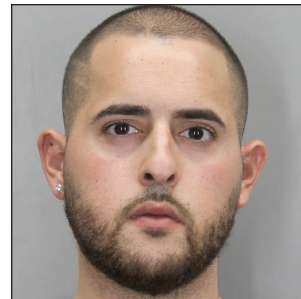
The Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department and the Fort Belvoir Department of Fire and Emergency Services responded to a reported house fire in the 3700 block of Nalls Road in the Mount Vernon area of Fairfax County at approximately 2:53 p.m. April 20.

Units arrived on the scene of a two-story, single-family home with smoke visible from the front door. Crews quickly located a small fire in the basement and extinguished it. There were no reported civilian or firefighter injuries.

One occupant was home at the time of the fire. The occupant noticed smoke coming from the basement of the home. She then self-evacuated. Her husband called 9-1-1 from another location to report the fire. Smoke alarms were present and sounded after the fire was discovered.

Fire investigators determined that the fire was accidental in nature and started in the basement bathroom. The cause of the fire was an electrical event involving a hair dryer.

No occupants were displaced because of the fire. Red Cross assistance was not needed. Damages as a result of the fire were approximately \$37,500.

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Elia Massis

Annandale man arrested

A 28-year-old man from Annandale entered Giant at 6200 Little River Turnpike and took merchandise without paying at 8:41 p.m. April 18.

When confronted by store employees, the man assaulted the employee. Elia Massis of Annandale was charged with robbery. No injuries reported.

Burke man killed in pedestrian crash

Detectives from the Fairfax County Police Department Crash Reconstruction Unit continue to investigate a fatal crash that occurred around 6:30 p.m. April 20 on Guinea Road at Olley Lane in Burke.

Preliminarily, detectives determined Llyod Ingram, 58, of Burke, was crossing Guinea Road from north to south at Olley Lane inside the crosswalk. The driver of a 2013 Kia Forte was traveling east on Guinea Road and struck Ingram in the roadway. Ingram was taken to a hospital where he succumbed to his injuries. The driver of the Kia remained at the scene. Preliminarily, alcohol does not appear to be a factor in the crash. The investigation remains active, and details of the investigation will be presented to the Office of the Commonwealth's Attorney for review.

Anyone with information about this crash is asked to contact the Crash Reconstruction Unit at 703-280-0543. Tips can also be submitted anonymously through Crime Solvers by phone -1-866-411-TIPS (866-411-8477). This is the sixth pedestrian fatality in the county in 2022. At this time last year there were three.



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Kick off riding season with the Virginia Rider Training Program

Open roadways and adrenaline-pumping adventure are what motorcycle riding is all about, but when it comes to your safety, are you riding smart?

Regardless of how long you have been riding, keeping your skills sharp is essential. The Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) offers training for motorcyclists of all skill levels through the Virginia Rider Training Program.

Courses are taught by certified motorcycle safety instructors and provide the opportunity to learn new techniques and practice skills in a controlled, safe environment. Classes are offered at community colleges and other locations throughout the state.

Not only can taking a motorcycle safety course help prepare you for your motorcycle endorsement, it can also save your life. Last year in Virginia, there were 2,048 crashes involving motorcycles resulting in 102 motorcyclist deaths and 1,682 motorcyclist injuries, 737 of which were serious injuries. From 2014-2020, more than 75 percent of motorcyclists killed in crashes in Virginia were not properly licensed. As failure to maintain control of a motorcycle is a leading cause of crashes, motorcyclists are urged to always obey the posted speed limit.

"Protecting yourself for the ride ahead - with the right gear and the right training - is the best way to make sure you get home safely," said Acting DMV Commissioner Linda Ford, the governor's highway safety representative. "Motorists need to look out for motorcyclists, but motorcyclists must also look out for themselves. Safety is a shared responsibility, one we all value and must take seriously."

Wearing the proper gear, from head to toe, can often save a motorcyclist's life during a crash. A helmet is the most important piece of safety equipment that a motorcyclist can wear. In Virginia, the law requires that motorcyclists and their passengers always wear a helmet that must meet or exceed the standards as specified by the Snell Memorial Foundation, the American National Standards Institute, Inc., or the U.S. Department of Transportation. A rider without a helmet is 40 percent more likely to suffer a fatal head injury than a helmeted rider.

To view DMV's safety message about the importance of gearing up before heading out on a motorcycle, visit <https://bit.ly/36Ey15g>. To learn more about the Rider Training Program, visit <https://bit.ly/3ENMyZ5>.

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PEOPLE AND PLACES



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Herndon Mayor Sheila Olem (middle) and Michelle Sandy (right) stand next to just a portion of the boxes packed and destined for Ukraine relief efforts. Last weekend more than 400 volunteers filled nearly 1,800 boxes with blankets, coats, gloves and socks for people in Ukraine. "If you stacked the boxes on top of each other, it would be as high as nearly seven Washington monuments stacked on top of each other," said Robert Lazaro, executive director of the Northern Virginia Regional Commission. "We are grateful to the Oakton Stake of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, our local government partners and others who served as collection points and also to the Paxton Companies which donated services, boxes and tape. This was a true, regional community effort."

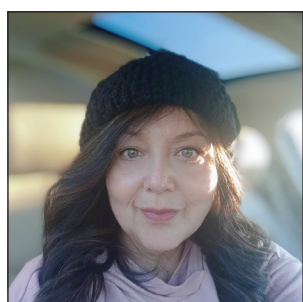


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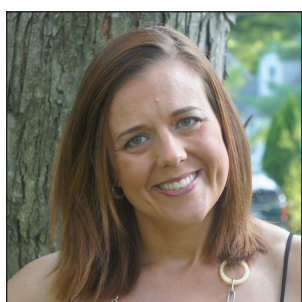
Assistance League of Northern Virginia held another successful food packing recently and assembled 1,660 bags that contained an assortment of nonperishable food to sustain elementary school students over the weekend when school-supplied meals are not available. Employees of Dominion Energy not only helped with the packing but also delivered the bags to six elementary schools in Fairfax and Prince William counties immediately afterwards. In addition to the food bags, 70 grocery gift cards were delivered to a school whose families are still struggling with the impact of the pandemic.



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Paul Berry



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Jakelin Soriano Lake



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Rebecca Kiessling

NAMI names new executive director

NAMI Northern Virginia announced the appointment of **Rebecca Kiessling** as its new executive director.

NAMI Northern Virginia serves the Northern Virginia counties of Arlington, Fairfax, Loudoun, and the cities of Alexandria, Fairfax, and Falls Church. The organization offers classes, support groups, and other no-cost critical support services to individuals living with mental health conditions, as well as their families and friends. NAMI Northern Virginia also raises awareness and provides community education

through public and private presentations.

Kiessling brings to NAMI Northern Virginia nearly 20 years of nonprofit experience and has received national recognition for her prior work in strategic communications and planning, grassroots advocacy and coalition building, and program development. Most recently, she was managing director of a nonprofit with chapters across the US and throughout the world, helping further the education of medical students.

"The Covid pandemic made us all more aware how wide-spread mental health issues are. The model of NAMI Northern Virginia is one of healing, advocacy, expertise, and community," said Kiessling. "I am both excited and humbled for the opportunity to lead this organization and its extremely dedicated staff, board and volunteers at a time when the organization's mission has never been more important. Mental health affects everyone, no matter who they are or where they are from. As a mom and

long-time community member of Northern Virginia, I know how important NAMI NoVA is."

A long-time Northern Virginia resident, Kiessling holds degrees from George Washington and Georgetown universities and resides in Fairfax County, with her husband and three daughters.

"Rebecca is a positive and energetic leader. The NAMI Northern Virginia Board chose her for her practical approach to problem solving and her passion and knows that she will make an impact on the Northern Virginia community to help people in need of mental health support and their families" said NAMI Northern Virginia Board Chair Tania Romanoff. "The board is excited to work with Rebecca as our new executive director and confident that the organization will be well positioned under her guidance to thrive in the years to come, and we will continue to expand our services to help those needing mental health support in Northern Virginia."



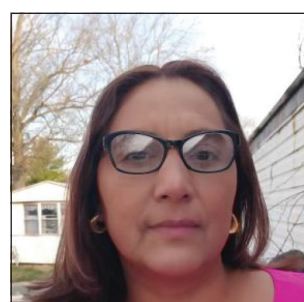
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Supervisors name Community Champions

As part of the annual Volunteer Service Awards, the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors selects an individual to be recognized for their commitment to promoting volunteerism within their community while addressing specific needs.

Representing each district in Fairfax County, the Community Champions are **Paul Berry**, Chairman/At-Large; **Jakelin Soriano Lake**, Braddock District; **Wade H.B. Smith**, Dranesville District; **Gloria Runyon**, Hunter Mill District; **Sylvia Taylor**, Hunter Mill District; **Carla Claire**, Lee District; Annandale Greenway Team, **Jim Albright**, Mason District; **Jim Klein**, Mount Vernon District; **Mary Kent**, Providence District; **Jenee Lindner**, Springfield District; and **Geoff Pohanka**, Sully District.

For the write-up on each champion, visit <https://bit.ly/3Mu7LKf>.

Park Authority launches cemetery survey

The **Fairfax County Archaeology and Collections Branch** (ACB) is launching a multi-year initiative to survey and record all historical cemeteries within the county.

During its 40-year history the ACB has used a variety of methods to map cemeteries in the county, including historical documents such as deeds, wills and maps, oral histories, surveys done by genealogists, as well as a large survey conducted by Fairfax County Public Library in 1994.

With Geographic Information Systems (GIS), it is now possible to record accurate location information more easily than ever. Furthermore, given the advances in technologies, such as remote sensing, it is often possible to see and map cemeteries even in areas that are overgrown or difficult to find. Finally, many historical records, such as deeds, maps, newspapers and wills, are readily available and indexed online. This culmination of technological advances has given archaeologists the perfect opportunity to re-survey the known cemeteries in Fairfax County, report on current conditions, provide headstone transcription where possible, and make this information available to the public.

The goal of this project is to create and distribute a public-facing cemetery map that includes updated survey information, as well as a manual for the preservation and care of historic cemeteries. Archaeologists will continue to work with a wide range of stakeholders including cemetery owners, descendants of those buried in historical cemeteries, historical societies, homeowner's associations, faith communities and other interested groups.

Historical cemeteries are some of Fairfax County's most important and unique cultural resources. They are reminders of settlement patterns, demographic trends, historic events, religious beliefs and societal norms. They house folk art spanning from the simple to the inspirational in the form of monuments and markers. However, over time, many cemeteries, especially small family burial plots and the burials of people belonging to marginalized groups, such as enslaved and free Black residents, Native Americans, the imprisoned and the poor have become particularly difficult to research and locate. These "lost" cemeteries represent important avenues of scholarship, as well as physical reminders of the whole of our history. They are of specific interest to the archaeologists working on this survey.

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systems in place.

Albert retired a few years ago and wanted to volunteer with the Arc. At one of the seminars at the time, Director of Advocacy Lucy Beadnell advertised that they were recruiting board members and encouraged Albert to join. Albert imagined volunteering as “going to help sweep floors or something,” he laughed.

He joined the board and one of his first projects was working on the Constituent Relationship Management System that tracks those who have relationships with the organization—donors, members, or politicians. Albert helped clean up the data in the system thanks to his career in peripheral work.

His previous year as vice president transitioned into Albert serving as 2022 president. From more than 20 years as a member and a few years on the board, Albert learned and personally experienced the lifetime of services offered by the Arc.

“We’re full-lifecycle for people, from discovery of the disability, going through the school system, transitioning to work, to even finding burial services,” he explained. “About 39,000 people have intellectual and developmental disabilities in the Northern Virginia area. We support all the life stages of those individuals.

“It starts with receiving a diagnosis, entering early intervention, entering special education, transition out of the school system and into adult services, entering the world of work, finding a place to live, and aging with a disability.”

Albert asserted the importance of

getting ahead using the services available. The idea is to create sustainable practices in place that support the independence and lifestyle of individuals with disabilities. “This has been a challenge because of the lack of resources provided by Virginia for individuals with disabilities,” Albert said.

The Arc responds by providing technology learning programs, financial management, guardianship options, case management, educational workshops, as well as an online resource library and glossary to help navigate everything.

The Arc makes services proactive as well, visiting the Virginia Division of Legislative Services in Richmond during the general assembly to advocate for proper support to individuals with disabilities. “While they’re in session, people from the Arc set up appointments for us with members of the house of delegates and state senators,” Albert said.

Executive Director Rikki Epstein held focus groups meetings with the Arc community members and found that people didn’t realize the full scope of the Arc’s activity. “There are so many pieces of what the Arc does that it’s like the story of the blind man and the elephant—people are dealing with the ear part and they’re not aware of the body,” Albert chuckled.

“Providing that range of services to the community is kind of amazing when you think about it,” Albert said. The Arc celebrated its 60th-anniversary last week. They diversely serve more than 35,000 individuals with a disability and consistently advocate for sufficient funding and policies to support that community.

Learn more about The Arc at <https://thearcfnova.org/>.

As Child Abuse Prevention month draws to a close, DFS wants families to know words matter

By Hailey Bullis
FAIRFAX COUNTY TIMES

In the past year, one in seven children in the U.S. has experienced child abuse or neglect according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). In Fairfax, more than 2,600 children were involved with Child Protective Services in 2021.

On March 22, the Board of Supervisors officially recognized April as Child Abuse Prevention Month.

Supervisors Dalia Palchik and Rodney Lusk sponsored the proclamation for Fairfax County’s Department of Family Services in an effort to raise awareness for Child Abuse Prevention Month.

The Department of Family Services, which seeks to build stronger families for children in order to prevent child abuse, chose the theme “Words Matter” for this year’s challenge for Child Abuse Prevention Month.

“We really wanted to focus on raising awareness about the impact that parents and caregivers have when they’re speaking to their children every day,” said Angela Morlu, a communications specialist for the Department of Family Services. “The words matter challenge, the idea is really just about promotion practices and trends -- intentional encouragement amongst parents -- so that they can be their children’s cheerleaders.”

To help parents get started, the department compiled a list of affirmations for parents to “be their children’s biggest champions.” The list includes phrases like “I love you,” or “I believe in you.”

According to the website, these affirmations are ways that parents can show their children that they love them, help motivate them, and provide them with support during hard times.



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Morlu said the challenge was inspired by what the department saw during the pandemic.

“Everyone knows parenting is difficult. It can be challenging at times, but the pandemic really created some additional stressors on families as they experienced social isolation,” she said.

In 2021, Fairfax County’s Child Protective Services’ 24-hour hotline received about 11,000 calls for protective services, however, they also received calls from people looking for help and referrals to parenting programs and support services.

The Department of Family Services has multiple programs available for parents in need of emotional support who want to learn how to grow healthy relationships with their children. These programs are a part of the department’s early intervention services that are aimed at stopping child abuse before it happens.

According to their website, 81 percent of parents who complete a parenting education class demonstrate improved parenting and child-rearing attitudes. The department measures this using the Adult Adolescent Parenting Inventory (AAP-2) to conduct a pre and post-test on parents participating in the program, Morlu explained.

There are three levels to the

programs and services offered by the department: primary, secondary, and tertiary. The primary prevention services are for the general population with secondary being for families at greater risk.

The tertiary prevention services are enacted when child abuse or neglect has already occurred. These programs are often provided by Child Protective Services, Protection and Preservation Services, or Foster Care and Adoption Programs.

The department also partnered with a local girl scout troop to put up pinwheel gardens around Fairfax. “I think that’s also helped raise awareness around the community about Child Abuse Prevention Month,” said Morlu. The pinwheels have been placed throughout the county at community centers, county buildings, and libraries. The Fairfax County Police Department also helped put up pinwheels.

“So, it’s really been a community effort,” she said.

To close out Child Abuse Prevention Month, the department is sponsoring the 12th annual Fairfax Run For The Children marathon that is hosted by Fairfax Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA).

The marathon is taking place at 8 a.m. on April 30 at the Fairfax County Courthouse complex.



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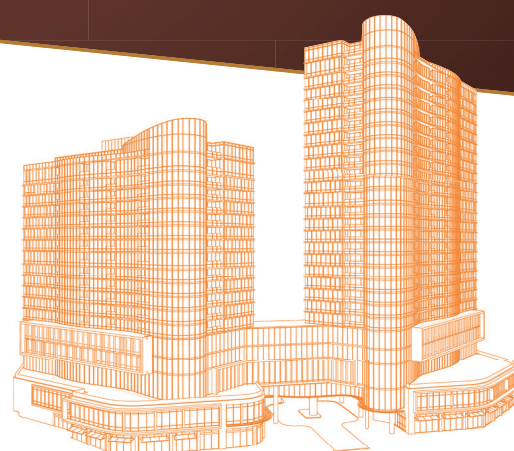
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The poverty of hate in Virginia

By Jim McCarthy

Whether one accepts or agrees with the designation of hate groups by the Southern Poverty Law Center (SPLC) or not, the possibility and potential for the existence and proliferation of such organizations are of concern to all.

For 2021, SPLC identified 733 such groups across the nation with 20 located or active in Virginia down from 39 reported in 2019. A closer examination of these designations reveals several of the Virginia designations were of questionable viability such as the League of the South chapter which was dissolved in 2010. While flyers from the Loyal White Knights of the KKK were reported to have appeared sporad-

ically in Virginia communities in 2020, its Commonwealth activity is minimal. Others such as Voice for Men (Roanoke) oppose misogyny (dislike or disfavor of males) which, while hinting of male supremacy, cannot be firmly said to be engaged in hate.

The difficulty, of course, is in the definition of hate. SPLC's scope of hate identification of organizations itself appears at times to be extreme. One designation is Beast Productions (Roanoke) which touts itself as a source of "alternate" music much of which promotes Nazism and anti-communist themes.

Several organizations appear to have made it onto SPLC's top 20 in Virginia based upon no more than a vague attachment to national organizations. Among those cited is Wolves of Vinland

(Lynchburg), described on the internet as a neo-pagan, Norse worshipping club. It is difficult to ascribe hate to paganism.

Publicly available internet information sometimes leads to other questionable assertions. SPLC lists the Public Advocate of the United States (Merrifield) which claims on its website that

Since its founding in 1981, Public Advocate has grown into a dedicated group of young conservatives in Washington, D.C., with a network of volunteers and supporters nationwide.

It may be that SPLC is possessed of undisclosed information about this organization leaving a reader to rely solely upon its assignment as a hate organization. In this case, however, assuming its public claim to be accurate, the mission seems benign.

The American Immigration Control group (a/k/a Americans for Immigration Control) located in Monterey since 1983 received \$1.3 million in contributions in 2019. Its mission according to its website is to stem the "destructive flooding" of immigration. That's all immigration not merely that crossing the southern border. While this group is clearly opposed to immigration, characterizing it as a hate entity may be overstating the proposition.

The American Renaissance/New Foundation Century (Oakton) has for many years been a prominent actor in white supremacy, now characterizing itself as devoted to white identity. This group along with the American Immigration Control received initial funding support from the (now defunct) NYC Pioneer Fund

which supported and promoted eugenics commencing in the late 1930s.

Many of the listees are groups focused on culture war issues, e.g. LGBTQ, and same-sex marriage. Located in Vienna and founded in 2003, the Fitzgerald Griffin Foundation promotes the preservation of western culture and Christianity largely through the publication and distribution of books devoted to those topics.

On balance, the hate group listings by SPLC have become a public standard and surely promote its own fundraising but, under examination, of little practical use for the public. The purpose may remain a valuable information source and service but requires a more detailed and useful definitional approach such as a rating system based upon a

set of factors. It would be helpful to know the income of such organizations; membership size if applicable; website and geographical address; statement of purpose. SPLC characterized three of the Virginia-located organizations as "general hate" and one a purveyor of hate music. Two others received the appellation of "anti-LGBTQ" entities. Similarly, "neo-Confederate" and "male supremacy" may translate as hate for some but are not as threatening as white supremacists.

SPLC needs to up its game in this arena to continue to sustain credibility and respect as the present map appears tired and in need of improvement.

We need an audit of the TJ Partnership Fund

By Norma Margulies

In 1999, TJ parents and community members established the Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology Partnership Fund Inc. to support the premiere school.

Article 6 of the fund's Articles of Incorporation stated its purpose was to "establish and maintain a self-sustaining fund to fulfill the ongoing needs of the educational programs of TJHSST," "organized exclusively for educational and scientific purposes."

Almost 25 years later, the TJ Partnership Fund is in dire need of an audit, holding it accountable to the TJ community and taxpayers for its wasteful spending and failures forwarding another mission it picked up along the way: increasing the number of Black and Hispanic students at the school. In mid-May 2021, as a TJ mother who immigrated to the U.S. from Peru, I submitted a comprehensive proposal to the TJ Parent, Teacher, Student Association set up an oversight committee to audit the TJ Partnership Fund. The Virginia PTA objected to my effort, however, and the committee was never set up.

Today, as the battle over TJ's future navigates through the courts, I believe it is even more important to audit the TJ Partnership Fund and investigate its spending, political influence and involvement in supporting the Northam administration and the Fairfax County School Board in their rush to eliminate the merit-based admissions to TJ and replace it with the new system that assigns "bonus points" to "experience factors."

According to its 2019 IRS Form 990 filing, the most recent filing available, covering the fund's fiscal year from July 1, 2019, through June 30, 2020, the fund's board spent 25% of its expenses, or \$380,324, for "salaries, other compensation, employee benefits," and spent 65%, or \$974,549, for grants to TJ.

The major expense for "salary, other compensation, employee benefits" was for the fund's executive director, Aristia Kinis, who received \$201,000, or 13.4% of the fund's total expenses - or 20.5% of what was spent on grants. It was a hefty salary for a 501(c)3 nonprofit, even by D.C. Beltway standards.

This was an improvement, compared to the 2018 IRS Form 990 filing, when the fund's board spent \$443,238, or 44.6% of the

fund's expenses, for salaries and other compensation, and only spent \$438,335, or 43.6%, for grants to the school. But even that year, the major salary and compensation expense was for the fund's executive director, Kinis, who received \$192,500 that year, or 19.4% of the fund's expenses - or almost half of what was actually invested in TJ through grants.

Frankly speaking, it is scandalous the fund's board approved such a huge salary to the executive director of the school's fundraising nonprofit. If this position merited such a high salary, how has the job been vacant since Kinis left last year?

In the midst of the heated debate over the hotly-contested TJ admissions process by the Fairfax County Public School Board, I learned there were few metrics available to measure the success of TJ Partnership Fund outreach to Black and Hispanic students. I wrote an article on Patch arguing we need metrics.

This is of particular concern considering the \$252,122 spent between July 1, 2019, and June 30, 2020, for "STEM Education and Outreach," according to the fund's 2020 annual report, a glossy eight-page spread with photos, testimonials and little substantive financial information.

Most disturbing is a question on how much was spent on "alumni engagement." According to the fund's 2020 annual report, the fund raised \$935,135 between July 1, 2019, and June 30, 2020, with \$806,677 from corporations, foundations and "friends" of TJ. Of that amount, parents donated \$69,761, while alumni only gave \$30,337.

The expenses for that period were a whopping \$1.58 million, with \$1.42 million divided in these three categories: \$1 million for "academic excellence," a paltry \$252,122 for "STEM Education & Outreach" and an unbelievable \$154,583 for "Alumni Engagement."

This raises some very serious questions. The fund spent nearly five times as much on alumni engagement as it received in alumni donations. Any charitable foundation that spends five dollars in outreach to obtain one dollar in donations is not competently run.

I learned what amounted to "Alumni Engagement," and it's laughable. The fund said it "connected" 96 TJ seniors with alumni "mentors" to provide "important advice and guidance through the

college application process." It hosted a "series" of "over 80" virtual networking opportunities between current students and alumni, allowing students to gain "valuable career and life advice." It "facilitated" a town hall forum between Fairfax County Public Schools and Virginia education leaders and "community stakeholders" to discuss "long-standing issues pertaining to the student experience, admissions, and access to STEM education for students in FCPS and surrounding

cities and counties, and more." I watched that "town hall." It was one-way and biased, favoring Fairfax County Public Schools' admissions changes.

Assuming the \$154,583 went primarily for the 177 zoom calls, that's a rate of \$873.35 per zoom call! That would equal the salaries of three new teachers.

Tanuja Tase, the fund's development coordinator, did not respond to a request for comment and a detailed breakdown of the 2020 "Alumni

Engagement" spending. Tase also didn't provide a copy of the fund's 2020 IRS Form 990, as is required by law.

Now, Kinis has endorsed Makya Renée Little, a former board member of the fund and former president of the TJ Alumni Action Group, a 501(c)4 political lobbying group instrumental in the TJ admissions changes that federal judge Claude Hilton ruled in late February is illegal, unconstitutional and anti-Asian in its discrimination. Little stages a

race as a Democrat to become elected a Virginia state delegate from the 19th District. Little joined the TJ Partnership Fund Board in July 2020 and left the Board by the summer of 2021.

As a TJ mother, I am committed to getting answers - and every taxpayer should also do so.

Norma Margulies is the mother of a student at Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology and the founder of Hispanics for STEM.

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Former Centreville soccer star inks pro contract with USL's Charlotte Battery

By **Pravan Gannavarapu**
FAIRFAX COUNTY TIMES

Daniel Kuzemka began his soccer journey at six years old, playing in Centreville's Southwestern Youth Association (SYA). At 23, soccer is no longer just a game; it's a job.

The Clifton native signed his first contract with a professional soccer league on April 14. The USL (United Soccer League)'s Charlotte Battery. Kuzemka will provide a depth role to current keepers Joe Kuzminsky and Hugo Fauroux.

"It's a dream come true to officially be a professional soccer player; I can't thank the coaching staff and front office enough for giving me this opportunity," said Kuzemka. "I'm looking forward to helping push the group to be our best. I think we have the best goalkeeper coach in the USL Championship and are one of the strongest groups of keepers in the league."

When Kuzemka found out that he had been called up to the professional league, emotions ran high. Kuzemka said it was so surreal that he had to take a



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moment to realize just how far he had come.

"Almost every kid when they grow up, you want to play professionally if you're into sports," said Kuzemka. "Even when playing at a really high level in college and seeing guys older than me, try to pursue that dream and fall short. It puts some

doubt in the back of your mind. And, you know, there were times when I doubted myself, and I had to keep pushing."

Soccer has always been a part of Kuzemka's life. However, goalie wasn't his first position. Kuzemka started as a field player. Then at 9 years old, during

a game, an injury to one of his teammates shifted Kuzemka from attacking the opposing net to defending his own. The good news was that playing goalie runs in the family, as Kuzemka's father, Justin, played goalie during college.

"I was like, you know what, this is pretty cool. My father did this, and it just felt right. It's the best way to describe it. And I fell in love with it," said Kuzemka.

Athletics run in the family. Kuzemka's brother Nick plays football at Furman University, while his other brother Chris currently plays basketball at Loyola-Maryland.

While playing at Centreville High School, Kuzemka committed to Clemson as a junior. After exchanging blue and black for orange



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and white, Kuzemka played for three seasons before transferring to UNC Charlotte for his final two years of college.

However, soccer was not his only sport. While at Centreville, Kuzemka also played football in 2015 as a wide receiver and safety. After one season, however, he moved on from the gridiron and focused his full attention on soccer.

At Clemson, Kuzemka played sparingly, only appearing in five matches over three seasons. Wanting more playing time and the chance to show his skills, he decided to transfer. After transferring, his career essentially took off. Fifty-seven saves and four clean sheets during his senior season and a berth into the 2021 NCAA Tournament. Kuzemka chose UNC Charlotte because of the coaches and their way of helping their players get to the pros.

"When I entered the transfer portal, they were one of the first schools to call me. They just kept harping on like how they can help me reach my goals, and how they're going to

develop me to get to where I want to be as a player, and they followed through," said Kuzemka.

Now in the pros, Kuzemka is blessed to play alongside several other talented individuals and familiar faces. The decision to join the Battery reunites Kuzemka with former Charlotte teammate Patrick Hogan, who Kuzemka said was someone who made him feel welcome and belonged.

"Right when I came to Charlotte, he was a great guy and a great player, and it's just nice to reunite with him again," said Kuzemka. "It's good that we get to push each other in the pro environment because this is our job."

Kuzemka joins a long list of former Fairfax County athletes making a name in professional sports. Former Chantilly Charger TJ Bush currently plays goalie for South Georgia Tormenta FC. Centreville's Justin Skule plays offensive tackle for the San Francisco 49ers, and Fairfax's Nick Scott plays safety for the reigning Super Bowl champion Los Angeles Rams.

Springfield resident named Bridgewater College State Indoor Field Rookie of the Year

Bridgewater College track & field student-athlete Aaron Moon highlights a trio of Eagles on the 2022 Virginia Sports Information Directors Association All-State listings after claiming Indoor Field Rookie of the Year honors, which was announced earlier this month.

Moon earns the Field Rookie of the Year major award in addition to first-team accolades in jumps, while Kaegan Avalos and Peter Fulton each join him on the all-state listing.

A first-year student from Springfield, Moon claims the first all-state honors of his collegiate career. He was named to the USTFCCCA All-South Region squad after finishing the year with one of the top marks in the long jump in the South. He finished the indoor portion of the season with a best mark of 6.86 meters in



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the long jump and 12.84 meters in the triple jump. At the ODAC Indoor Championship meet, he finished second in the long jump to earn his first All-ODAC honors. In addition, Moon was part of the 4x400 meter relay team that finished second at the ODAC Championship meet.

Bridgewater College is a private, four-year liberal arts college located in the Central Shenandoah Valley of Virginia. Founded in 1880, it was the state's first private, coeducational college. Today, Bridgewater College is home to approximately 1,500 students.

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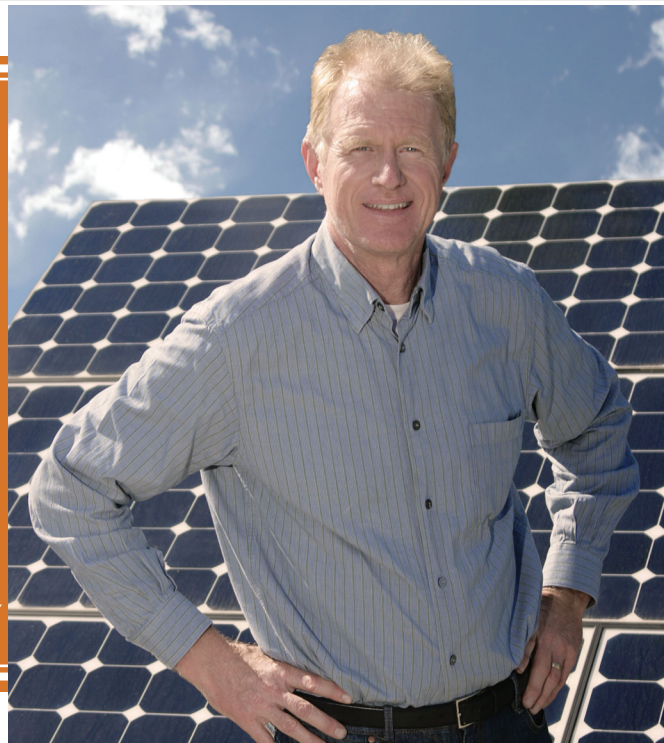
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Ed Begley Jr. fights for the environment

The popular actor will deliver a talk in Reston advocating for sustainability



By Keith Loria

SPECIAL TO THE FAIRFAX COUNTY TIMES

Actor Ed Begley Jr., is a recognizable face, having starred in hundreds of movies and TV shows over his more than 40-year career. He's best known for playing Dr. Victor Ehrlich on "St. Elsewhere," a role for which he was nominated for six Emmy Awards, but his IMDB page is flush with some of the most popular shows of all time.

He's appeared on everything from "Happy Days" to "M*A*S*H" to "Arrested Development" to "The Office," and has had notable film roles in "Best in Show," "A Mighty Wind" and "Meet the Applegates."

Begley Jr. continues to be a fixture on TV today, with a recurring role on "Young Sheldon," and guest appearances on shows such as "Mr. Mayor" and "Curb Your Enthusiasm."

Still, if you ask him, he'll tell you his most important role is not one he's played on TV, but one that dictates his way of life—that of an environmentalist.

Begley Jr. will deliver the symposium, "Living Simply So Others Might Simply Live" at the Reston Community Center beginning at 8 p.m. on May 4.

As environmental issues become more pressing, there are two possible responses—forget it and hope that government and corporations will figure it out, or Begley Jr.'s

approach—take action and make a difference.

During the program, the actor will share his inspiration and insight into one of the world's most important causes—environmental sustainability.

"I've given a number of environmental talks over the years because it's something that caught my interest as far back as 1970, during the first Earth Day," Begley Jr. said. "I've learned a few things in these many years that have transpired since then. What's important to note because we have so much bad news—and people certainly should be aware of that and act on it—but there's good news as well and we need to celebrate that."

He points to Los Angeles where there are four times as many cars and millions of more people than other cities, but a fraction of the smog, which he credits to the cleaner power plants, busses, and other measures that were instituted.

"We have done a lot of things on a large scale that have worked," Begley Jr. said. "I think it's very important to talk about the successes. People think they can't do anything, but there's much we can do. You do stuff you can manage to do and pretty soon you can do larger and larger things."

Begley Jr. advises people to do things the way he did back in 1970 when he was a "broke and struggling" actor, such as riding a bike and taking public transportation in lieu of driving, recycling, and composting.

He cites things like installing energy-saving thermostats, using energy-efficient light-bulbs and eating vegetarian once a week—all things that cost little money and will save you money quickly. Then you can employ things like solar panels on the home and electric cars as life permits.

"I always tell people, 'before you do anything, get a home energy audit first,' because that will help you figure out what you need," Begley Jr. said. "This will help you reduce your demand and come up with solutions."

The talk will also include important topics like carbon capture and other pillars of environmental action, a large part of which is a corporate responsibility and good legislation.

"You need to have everyone working together or it's not going to succeed," he said. "I started talking about this many years ago, using my megaphone to voice whatever sway I have in the public eye, and use it responsibly. This is very important to me and this shouldn't be a partisan issue. These should be things that citizens like to do regardless of what side of the aisle you are on."

Before the show, Begley Jr. will take part in a special dedication of a new pollinator garden adjacent to the Hunters Woods parking lot at 5 p.m.

For more information, visit <https://www.restoncommunitycenter.com/>

HOT LINKS

By Collin Cope

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Revolutionary War Weekend at Mount Vernon

All weekend

All weekend long, George Washington's Mount Vernon hosts a trip back in time to explore the rich history of the American Revolutionary War on this beautiful 12-acre property. With the grounds transforming into a battlefield, various performers will play the roles of Continentals, Redcoats and Hessians as they engage in drills, demonstrations and tactics meant to bring visitors back to the movement of American independence. For more information, visit <https://bit.ly/3xVE803>.



Horse Expo at Frying Pan Farm Park

April 30 • 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.

From 11 a.m. until 5 p.m. on April 30, Frying Pan Farm Park hosts a horse expo where guests of all ages will have the opportunity to learn more about horse riding with professional organizations and horse-related businesses on site. In addition, food trucks and music will be available with admission to the event being free of charge. For more information, visit <https://bit.ly/3khMrvk>.

A trio of high schools present popular musicals



See local students shine at Oakton, Madison, and Marshall spring productions

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By Keith Loria

SPECIAL TO THE FAIRFAX COUNTY TIMES

Over the past two years, most of the local high schools have had to either cancel their spring musicals or go the filmed route, leaving a big void for those young performers who shine on stage.

Thankfully, live productions are back, and three of the area's high schools are performing beloved shows over the next two weeks, and these not only provide a great night out but also a chance to support the schools and these rising young stars.

Oakton High School will be performing "The Addams Family," a musical comedy that follows the adventures of those "creepy, kooky, mysterious

and spooky" snapping Addams family from TV and film fame.

"Coming out of a pandemic, we knew we wanted a comedy and we always welcome a show that is technically challenging," said Oakton's Theatre Arts Director Vanessa Gelinias, who is directing the show along with Tiffany Powell, director of the school's chorus. "The Addams Family story has spanned generations—from the 1964 television show to the films and cartoons, and of course the Broadway production. The music is catchy and funny and will 'wake the dead.' But at the heart, it's really a love story."

The story follows Wednesday Addams, the ultimate princess of darkness, who has grown up and fallen in love with a sweet boy from a re-

spectable family. Expect lots of fun moments when Gomez, Morticia, Uncle Fester, and the rest of the Addams family host the boy's parents during a fateful dinner party.

The musical will run two weeks, 7 p.m., May 5, 6, and 7; 7 p.m., May 13, and 2 p.m. and 7 p.m., May 14. Joshua Lemons stars as Gomez; Sana Friedman and Sarah Janzon share the role of Morticia; Cassidy Loria and Amanda Jacobson perform Wednesday on alternate weeks, and Sylvia Gusmati and Julia Stein double as Alice; Steven Labovitch plays Lucas; and Matthew Foltz as Uncle Fester.

"After two years of not having a musical, we wanted to make sure we put as many students on stage as we could,"

Gelinias said. "We are lucky at Oakton to have so many talented kids and were able to double cast our female leads in order to give performance opportunities to more students. So for those who see the show both weekends, they will have two different experiences."

George C. Marshall High School will stage the Tony Award-nominated musical, "A Year with Frog and Toad," a family-friendly musical based on Arnold Lobel's beloved children's books.

Directed by Bernie DeLeo, the story follows a year of amusing stories of two amphibious friends, a worrywart toad, and a patient frog, with timely lessons about friendship for

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Taste of Vienna

April 30 • 11 a.m. - 8 p.m.

Bring the family out to the Vienna Volunteer Fire Department back parking lot. It will be lined with restaurants, a beer/wine tent, a stage with live performances, and kids' activities. Admission is free and attendees will be able to purchase tastes from the individual vendors. For more information visit tasteofvienna.com

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Art News

Teen Improv Class

Explore the basic elements of improvisation with theatre games, acting and scene study. Ages 14 to 18. Registration required. 4:30 p.m. April 29. Free. Thomas Jefferson Library, 7415 Arlington Blvd., Falls Church. For more information visit <https://bit.ly/3OGPFa5>.

Choir! Choir! Choir!

Turns the audience into performers. Show up and get ready to sing. 8 p.m. April 29. Tickets start at \$24. The Barns at Wolf Trap, 1635 Trap Rd., Vienna. For more information visit <https://bit.ly/37OvBLF>.

A Midsummer Night's Dream

One of Shakespeare's most beloved and hilarious comedies, with a contemporary spin, will be Reston's first-ever professional Theatre in the

Park event. April 29, 30 and May 1 at 7 p.m. Free. Reston Town Square Park, 11900 Market St. Reston. For more information visit <https://bit.ly/3EO1shS>.

Death of a Salesman

Vienna Theatre Company presents Arthur Miller's 1949 Pulitzer Prize-winning drama about the tragic shortcomings of an American dreamer. 8 p.m. April 29 and 30. Tickets are \$15. Vienna Community Center, 120 Cherry St. SE, Vienna. For more information visit <https://bit.ly/3jWTv0L>.

'La Cenerentola'

Rossini's operatic drama giocoso in two acts features the talents of the vocal and instrumental students from the Mason Opera and Mason Symphony Orchestra. 8 p.m. April 29. 3 p.m. April 30 and May 1. Tickets are \$5 to \$20.

Center for the Arts, 4373 Mason Pond Dr., Fairfax. For more information visit <https://bit.ly/3EQe3Ba>.

Just Like Us

School of Theater and The Mason Players present select scenes from the bestselling book which follows four Mexican teens living in Denver. 8 p.m. April 29 and 30. 2 p.m. May 1. Tickets are \$20. deLaski Performing Arts Building, A105, Fairfax. For more information visit <https://bit.ly/3vntL3W>.

Art Walk on Main

features more than 20 local artists in an outdoor art experience for casual art lovers and aficionados alike. 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. April 30. Rain date is June 4. Free. Old Town Fairfax. For a map and more information visit <https://bit.ly/3Ls4FX1>.

International Jazz Day

Share the vibrancy and vitality of jazz music with Mason Jazz students and faculty. 8 p.m. April 30. Tickets are \$16. Center for the Arts, 4373 Mason Pond Dr., Fairfax. For more information visit <https://bit.ly/3OFmvry>.

An American Journey

This performance by the National Concert Band of America offers snapshots of American History, particularly in the 20th century. 3 p.m. May 1. Free. Carl Sandburg Middle School, 8428 Fort Hunt Rd., Alexandria. For more information visit nationalconcertband.org.

Fanfares & Flourishes

hear the music of the organ/trumpet duo Lisa Tyler and Chuck Scipp. A meet-the-artists reception will follow. 4 p.m. May 1. Free, but donations accepted.

St. Andrew the Apostle Church, 6720 Union Mill Rd., Clifton. For more information visit <https://bit.ly/3MxzBFj>.

Asian American/ Native Hawaiian Pacific Islander Heritage Festival

Arts exhibition will start at 4 p.m. May 1. Free. Center for the Arts, 4373 Mason Pond Dr., Fairfax. For more information visit <https://bit.ly/3OELKKG>.

Mason Film Festival

This annual festival features the work of George Mason University Film and Video studies students. May 4 to May 7. For more information and locations visit <https://bit.ly/3EQ8F16>.

Silent Towers

Experience a collection of photographs that present a look back 20 years to various sites in the 3,500-acre correctional complex.

On exhibit through May 9. Muse Gallery, 9518 Workhouse Way, Lorton. For more information visit <https://bit.ly/3tnl1bK>.

Mother Line

is an exhibition of works by photographer, filmmaker, video and performance artist Laurel Nakadate. Continues through May 29. Tephra Institute of Contemporary Art, 12001 Market St., #103, Reston. For more information visit <https://bit.ly/3GICKF1>.

Splendor of Spring

NCAC artists paint with ink and watercolor, on silk, rice paper, and gold or silver shikishi boards. 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. through May 29. Free. McGuireWoods Gallery, 9518 Workhouse Way, Lorton. For more information visit <https://bit.ly/3K122Ws>.

Community Information

Turning a New Leaf

Learn how to incorporate more leafy vegetables into your day-to-day meals in this virtual workshop. 1 p.m. April 29. Free. For more information visit <https://bit.ly/3MwQH6h>.

Burke Farmers Market

offers a wide variety of produce, fresh eggs, baked goods, dairy, meat and more. 8 a.m. to noon Saturdays through Dec. 17. Free. VRE Parking Lot, 5671 Roberts Pkwy, Burke. For more information visit <https://bit.ly/3vMk0ey>.

Trick Your Stick

Pick a hiking stick, decorate it and then take it home with you. All craft materials are supplied. 10 a.m. April 30. Cost is \$15. Lake Fairfax, 1400 Lake Fairfax Dr., Reston. For more

information visit <https://bit.ly/3kgfwrh>.

Colors in Nature

Discover the rainbows of colors in nature. From flowers to animals, learn how the colors in light give color to everything we see. 10 a.m. May 1. Cost is \$8. Burke Lake Park, 7315 Ox Road, Fairfax Station. For more information visit <https://bit.ly/3OGCqG3>.

Fishing for Parent and Child

starts you with the basics including how to rig and use a fishing rod, safety, environmental awareness and fishing. 1 p.m. May 1. Cost is \$23. Lake Accotink, 7500 Accotink Park Rd., Springfield. For more information visit <https://bit.ly/3xXF17e>.

Qigong

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Chinese meditation and healing practice in a virtual event with Nevin Turk. 1 p.m. May 2. Registration required. For more information visit <https://bit.ly/3LIVqYd>.

Night Sky Tour

is a fun tour of planets, constellations, stars, nebulas, and galaxies in the night sky that can be seen with the eye and in telescopes. 8 p.m. May 3. Cost is \$8. Turner Farm, 925 Springvale Rd., Great Falls. For more information visit <https://bit.ly/3ER1Zjf>.

McCutcheon/Mount Vernon Farmers Market

features a variety of goods including produce, meat, dairy, plants and more. Wednesday through Dec. 21. 8 a.m. to noon. Free. Sherwood Library, 2501

Sherwood Hall Lane, Alexandria. For more information visit <https://bit.ly/3EQIdo7>.

DMV Connect Services

normally offered at DMV offices available by appointment only. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. May 5. Herndon Fortnightly Library Meeting Room, 768 Center St., Herndon. Appointments are available online at dmv-nv.com.

Big Truck Days

is an opportunity to see Herndon's big trucks and heavy equipment on display. 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. May 5. Free, but non-perishable food donations are encouraged. Public Works Maintenance Complex, 1479 Sterling Rd., Herndon. For more information visit <https://bit.ly/3ko8qRf>.

Night Kayaking

Many nocturnal animals come out after dark and the view from a kayak is a great way to see them. 8 p.m. May 5. Cost is \$43. Lake Accotink, 7500 Accotink Park Rd., Springfield. For more information visit <https://bit.ly/3LIWyuV>.

ONGOING

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Hope For The Warriors kicks off this free challenge May 1 and it runs through May 30. Any activity counts. T-shirts are available during registration for \$30. Register at hopeforthewarriors.org

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Virtual Mental Help Events and Support

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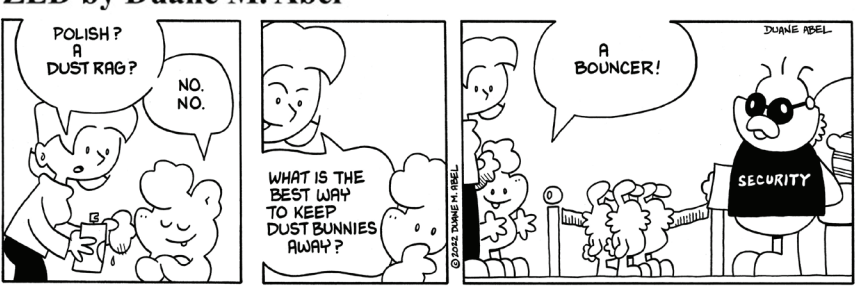
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Local school, organization partner on outdoor education

By Madison Schofield
SPECIAL TO THE
FAIRFAX COUNTY TIMES

Hollin Meadows Elementary School (HMES) held its annual Earth Day Celebration on April 23. After a two-year hiatus due to the COVID-19 pandemic, students and community members gathered at the school for a day of volunteer opportunities, a plant sale, and activities such as rock painting.

The event also served as an opportunity for the Hollin Meadows Partnership for Outdoor Education to showcase its plans for building a greenhouse.

Since 2005 outdoor education has been an essential part of HMES. The program “serves to reinforce core curriculum through experiential and project-based learning modules” and ensures students have regular access to the outdoors.

“They do everything from planting seeds to watering, weeding, harvesting, washing produce, and getting it ready for distribution,” said Mary Charlton, a

garden and outdoor learning teacher at HMES.

The program continued to grow following a school renovation in 2016. It now includes an enclosed courtyard with an outdoor classroom and learning space, raised garden beds, and a sensory garden.

“The school gardens have always been a big part of the culture here at Hollin Meadows, but they were never enclosed like this; they were on the perimeter of the school and accessible to the public,” said Mary-Ellen Kwong of the Hollin Meadows Partnership. “When they did the renovation they reconfigured the spaces, so now we have a 20,000 square foot outdoor space that’s enclosed in these courtyards, which makes it so much more intimate and safer for the kids.”

“The kids love it, they have such a great time coming out and learning,” said Charlton. “It’s a really great way to introduce the kids not only to healthy foods but to giving back to the community, while they’re

learning.”

The school is now preparing to install a greenhouse to allow for year-round outdoor education and increased food production. The greenhouse is scheduled to be built over the summer with the hopes that students will be able to begin using it in August.

During the event, the Hollin Meadows Partnership marked off the location for the new greenhouse.

Food grown in the gardens and the eventual greenhouse go back to the students and the community.

“We did have a garden to cafeteria program but with COVID that program has been paused, and we have shifted our focus to our weekend backpack program, with families really being in need during the COVID crisis,” explained Charlton.

HMES is a Title I school with “55 percent of its K-6th grade students qualifying as economically disadvantaged.” According to Charlton, the weekend backpack program benefits roughly 45 families.



COURTESY PHOTOS

ICS Rocketry club learns how to build rockets, and how to learn from failure

By Hailey Bullis
FAIRFAX COUNTY TIMES

Immanuel Christian School (ICS) Rocketry Club is doing more than just learning about rockets -- they’re building and launching them.

Rocketry Club, an after-school program at ICS, has been working towards making the finals at The American Rocketry Challenge (TARC) since October 2021.

TARC is a nationwide competition where students are invited to design, build and launch rockets that reach 835 feet for at least 41 seconds. To qualify, the rockets must also have two raw eggs returned from the launch unbroken. Unlike previous years, the eggs also had to be placed on their sides inside the rockets during launch.

“That’s a lot harder to do than you can imagine,” said Leslie Johnston, a mentor for ICS’s rocketry club.

Although the group did not qualify for TARC’s finals this year, they plan to take everything they learned this season into the next one. “The student’s problem solved and used engineering to launch their team’s rockets -- it’s a win for us,” said Johnston.

Out of 5,000 participating students, only 101 teams are invited to the finals that are held in Northern Virginia in May.

“It’s a huge challenge,” said Johnston. “So, as a young team, even though we’ve participated for many years, our teams were made up of a lot of new students.”

Zachary Moseley, a seventh-grader at ICS, said that being a part of Rocketry Club taught him how to learn from



COURTESY PHOTO

failure.

“As one of my friends put it -- you can fail a lot of times and then you see what you’ve done wrong and what you need to improve on in order to get it to reach what you want,” said Moseley.

He continued, “Yeah, rocketry teaches you a lot about aerospace engineering, but it also teaches you more about aspects of all types of engineering.”

Teambuilding was also a huge lesson taught to the students as well. Helena Robertson, a seventh-grader at ICS, said that being grouped with a lot of older students that she did not know gave her the chance to get to know them as people. “I thought that they wouldn’t want to socialize with us because of them being a year older,” she said. “We realized that we had to work together in order to reach our goals so that was definitely really cool.”

The club is a mix of seventh and eighth-graders with about one-third of the club being made up of girls according to Johnston.

“It’s exciting for me to see so many young women continuing in middle school to embrace STEM and continued to learn

into math and science,” said Johnston.

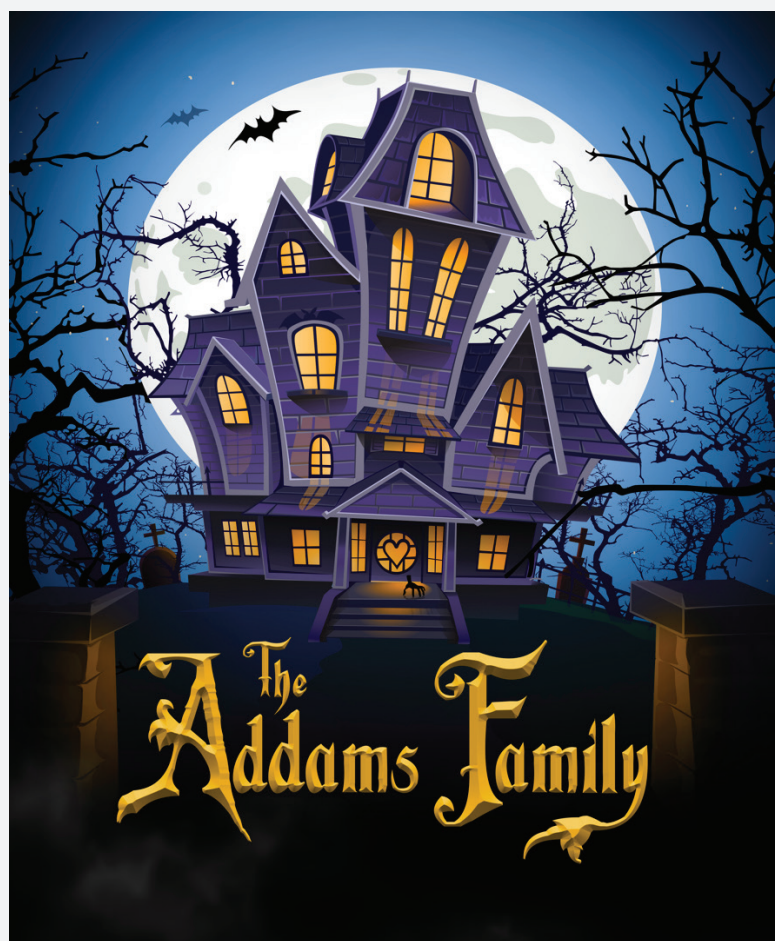
Robertson’s group created a rocket called Sinister Guppy 2 that was successfully launched. To create their rockets, the club started by designing them on an online rocket simulator to see if they would work before actually building the rockets.

“We’re building these on a shoestring budget,” said Johnston. Every motor that is used by the team costs anywhere between \$30 to \$60 to replace. “So each time we launch a rocket, it is a little bit of an expensive club.”

Another group aptly named their rocket “Economic Crisis,” because of how costly building the rockets are for the club. Luckily the club had supplies from last year from previous years to add to their supplies and help the group save some money on parts they could’ve needed later.

ICS has participated in TARC for about a decade and despite the team not qualifying this year, the club does plan to try again next year.

“We are gearing up to tackle the TARC competition next year with all we have learned this year to usher us into a place in the finals,” said Johnston.



MUSICALS

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younger audiences.

“Frog and Toad go on this series of fun little adventures—they fly a kite, they go sledding—and they are just cute stories all around the theme of friendship, and they make a bunch of friends along the way,” said sophomore Sophia Welch, who plays one of the musical Lady Birds in the show. “The moral of the story is no matter what adventures you go on, or fights you have, friendship can be really strong and can persevere.”

Seniors Luke Batarseh and Kian Mostaghim play Frog and Toad, respectively, and the cast includes a large ensemble of talented singers and actors.

“The harmonies are so fun and the lines are silly, and Mr. DeLeo has this great creative vision to incorporate all these technical elements into it, and it’s been so fun being a part of that,” Welch said. “It’s a perfect show for the whole family.”

Performances are 4 p.m. and 7:30 p.m., April 29; 7:30 p.m., May 6; and 4 p.m. and 7:30 p.m., May 7.

James Madison High School will stage “The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee,” which centers on a fictional spelling bee at a middle school, where the finalist spellers are all humorous and unique.

“The show is enjoyable to watch because the characters frequently ‘break the fourth wall’ by interacting with the audience,” said sophomore Aaron Shansab, who plays William Morris Barfee, who he describes as “simultaneously a bully and a nerd.” “Because of the complex nature of the character, I enjoy experimenting, bringing this role to life on stage.”

The show is directed by Marshall Henderson and also stars Clare Shannon, Coco Pinnock, Fortune Picker, Jonah Uffelman and Kira Woldow. Performances are 7:30 p.m. April 29; and 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m., April 30.

Support these great high school thespians! Get tickets for “Addams Family” at <https://bit.ly/3LajygH>; tickets for “Spelling Bee” at <https://bit.ly/37G7mp9>; and tickets for “A Year With Frog & Toad” at <https://bit.ly/36EFn8U>.

Shopping for safer sunscreen

KEYS TO BETTER HEALTH
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As summer approaches, it's important to find a good quality sunscreen to use on days when you'll be outside more than usual.

Sunlight is beneficial for us, but extended periods of sunbathing do require a little support. If you're headed to the beach or pool for several hours, you're going to need a sunscreen that lasts and is waterproof. The problem with most sunscreens on the market today is that they contain chemicals that are causing skin cancer. Chemical sunscreens interact with sunlight to cause free radical damage and oxidation in your skin, which cause cancer. Another drawback is that in order to fully absorb chemical sunscreens need to be applied 20-30 minutes before you go into the direct sun and they need to be reapplied every hour or two.

In 2019, the Food and Drug Administration – the agency that governs sunscreen safety – proposed its most recent updates to

sunscreen regulations and found that only two ingredients, zinc oxide, and titanium dioxide, could be classified as safe and effective, based on the currently available information.

Mineral sunblocks work right away and do not need frequent if any, reapplication (unless you've wiped it away). When shopping for a new sunblock, the following criteria can be helpful:

- Contains zinc oxide only
- Non-nano particles Studies suggest that nanomaterials are toxic in the environment to fish and other aquatic life and can damage organs when they enter the bloodstream after being absorbed through the skin, lungs, or gut.
- Possibly includes antioxidants (Vitamin E is a good one and helps with all the free radicals caused by the sun)
- Water-resistant
- Goes on easily

When evaluating a new sunscreen, it's important to flip it over and read the ingredient label. The safest ones will contain ONLY zinc oxide and maybe titanium dioxide. Avoid ones with lengthy lists, parabens, avoid retinyl pal-

mitate (synthetic Vitamin A) and fragrances. It's also possible that spray-on sunscreens can be inhaled and this presents a risk to the lungs and internal organs.

Ingredients to avoid in chemical sunscreens:

- **Oxybenzone** (the worst offender, is also hormone-disrupting, causes allergic skin reactions)
- **Octinoxate** (recently banned in Hawaii along with oxybenzone)
- **Padimate** (PABA)
- **Homosalate** (endocrine disruptor)
- **Octisalate**
- **Octocrylene** (skin allergies; harmful to coral reefs)
- **Avobenzene** (endocrine disruptor, blocks testosterone)

Some of the top-rated sunscreens on the market include DeVita, Maelove, Kōkua, Liquid Aloha from A Wholesome Home, Adorable Baby, Babo Botanicals Sport Shield Stick SPF 50, Trader Joe's Stick, Beauty Counter, Kiss My Face Organics (green tube), 3rd Rock, Cotz. These all rub in clear. Additionally, Raw Elements, Rubber Ducky, Badger Sport, and Kokua Sun Care are also great options.



PEXELS

Medical Reserve Corps volunteers are important to public health



COURTESY PHOTO

Courtesy of Fairfax County Health Department

The COVID-19 pandemic solidified just how important Fairfax Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) volunteers are to local public health when they stepped-up to provide testing, vaccines, and vital health and safety information. Since February of 2020, more than 1,400 MRC members volunteered more than 65,000 hours at vaccination clinics and testing events, and assisting with outreach, isolation and quarantine efforts, logistical support, and so much more. The Fairfax MRC program currently has more than 2,000 active members coming from a variety of backgrounds.

Medical volunteers are qualified medical personnel, such as doctors and nurses, who can administer vaccines and do testing. Non-medical volunteers, including students, teachers, and stay-

at-home parents, can set up clinics, act as greeters, do flow control, screen calls, and more.

All volunteers go through training to make sure everyone gets the same foundation "so they understand our mission and understand our role in a public health emergency," said Paula Rosca, Fairfax MRC program coordinator. Because the MRC program offers so many ways to volunteer, people can find where they feel comfortable and what is a good match for the skills they joined with. Further training provided by the program allows them to find opportunities that may be more advanced.

Most importantly, Fairfax MRC volunteers are a team and an extension of the Health Department staff. During the COVID-19 response, there was not one part of the Health Department that didn't work with an MRC volunteer. "Everyone was on the same page, everyone understood the

mission, everyone worked together as a team," said Rosca.

When asked about a memorable moment, Fairfax MRC volunteer Dave Correll replied, "I'd be remiss if I didn't mention the [Fairfax County Health Department's] field COVID-19 testing and vaccination team whom I've been working with since July 2020. The team has become family."

Since its creation as a response to the 2001 anthrax attacks, the Fairfax Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) has been providing support during public health events. From unexpected emergencies like H1N1, measles, COVID-19, tornadoes, and floods, to training events like emergency preparedness exercises and community outreach, MRC volunteers are on the frontlines of public health.

Learn how you can get involved with the MRC by visiting <https://bit.ly/3KhWdbq>.

Person-centered services crucial for brain injury

Brain Injury Services advocates and educates in the community

By Jaya Patil
FAIRFAX COUNTY TIMES

Brain injuries look different for everyone, from short-term memory loss to speech difficulties, and can be mild or traumatic. What remains the same no matter the scope or cause of the injury is everyone's susceptibility to brain damage.

"No brain injury is alike, everybody's brain injury is different—so is their journey," said Executive Director of Brain Injury Services Denise Hyater. The individual experience of a brain injury heightens the importance of customized services.

Hyater said that Brain Injury Services (BIS) offers "case management, occupational therapy, vocational rehab, and specific programs that target a certain population such as veterans and pediatrics, to link clients with services to help them in their journey from their brain injury."

She explained their focus on empowerment comes from "ensuring services are person-centered [so] clients come in and help direct what their independence will be." The nonprofit understands that sometimes people don't know what they don't know. Step one is often accepting a brain injury as what they are going through.

Having terminology and validation for their experience was pivotal for Jessica Rios and her daughters, Isabella and Daniela.

Following a car accident that left each with brain injuries, the family internalized their symptoms until finding BIS.

The Rios family's case worker and therapist helped them navigate the way forward, took care of tasks, and defended their rights.

"They were amazing every step of the way, advocating for us, helping us with the small stuff, lifting morale," said Rios. "Having someone else speak up, listen, and understand was so helpful," added Daniela.

Daniela went on to graduate and Isabella returned to thriving in her academics with the help of support from BIS. Kitti Tong, who suffered brain damage after being hit by a car, rediscovered expression through art after learning how to paint with her non-dominant hand following her injury.

"Now my dominant right hand is great, and I am using both hands to paint. I love art, it makes me happy and helped me heal," said Tong. She has since succeeded with her first art exhibition and found a new identity in her life today.

"We meet them where they're at. I'm here to help with anything"—emphasizing that help is safe from judgment," Pediatric Case Manager Cynthia Cross said. "Our services are ongoing... It's up to them to tell us when they're done," Cross said.

Ongoing services are especially important for those who find BIS well

after their event of injury, such as Jan DeLucien and Derek O'Neal. O'Neal was a board member with the Brain Injury Association of Virginia for six years before he realized he could benefit from their services since his car accident with a deer.

"[BIS] provided confidence for me. I always felt comfortable discussing my injury and not having to be ashamed," said O'Neal. DeLucien had a turning point in her healing (from a concussion after bumping her head) when she got help from county services "because all of these people were confirming that it was real," she said.

DeLucien said that the problem is often "that people can't see the damage" of a brain injury. "Invisible" injuries make it easy for the public or those afflicted to invalidate their symptoms and limit the scope of what is deemed essential for healing. Finding BIS meant finding a community where DeLucien belonged and her experience was valid.

Hyater said, "We want to make sure we are doing what we need to from an advocacy perspective [so] our representatives know what we're doing and why it's important." The importance of their mission is felt at all levels in the organization. Rios said that the most important thing to know is that "there is help out there."

To learn more or get involved, go to <https://braininjurysvcs.org/>.

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Junior Business Intelligence Analyst (Data Management) (Multi Positions w/National Placement out of Fairfax County, VA) Min of a Bach's degree in either Comp's, Eng'g, Info Tech (IT), Info Sys's or Business related field & foreign educ equiv acceptable. Candidate will produce financial & market intelligence by querying data repositories & generating periodic reports. Will devise methods for identifying data patterns & trends in available info sources. Although no exp req'd Candidate must have coursework or internship in the following: Analysis, Modeling & Design; Data Communications & Networking; Project & Change Management; Operating Sys & Comp Sys's Security. Able to travel/relo to unanticipated client sites anywhere in U.S. whenever needed. 9-5, FT \$102,107/Yr. Ref# JDAT-0821 ND send resume to Numero Data, LLC, 620 Herndon Parkway, Suite 200A, Herndon, VA 20170 or careers@numerodata.com. Numero Data is EOE M/F/V/D.

Computer Systems Analyst - Herndon, VA. Seeking MS in Comp. Sci., IT, or closely rel. Mail CV to Attn: HR/Job 0408, AttainX, Inc., 13873 Park Center Rd, #212N, Herndon, VA 20171.

Legal Notice

[(Full name(s) of owner(s))]: **ABC**
High Run Carom, Inc.

Trading as:
Carom Billiards
13939 Metrotech Drive
Chantilly, Fairfax County, VA 20151

The above establishment is applying to the VIRGINIA ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL (ABC) AUTHORITY for a Retail On and Off Premises Wine and Beer license to sell or manufacture alcoholic beverages.

Seongil Kim, President

NOTE: Objections to the issuance of this license must be submitted to ABC no later than 30 days from the publishing date of the first of two required newspaper legal notices. Objections should be registered at www.abc.virginia.gov or 800-552-3200.

3009409 (04-29-22, 05-06-22)

Instructional Coordinator. The Virginia University of Integrative Medicine seeks a Director of Curriculum/Instructional Design. Duties include: Create instructional design projects—designs digital learning. Define instructional objectives—research and prepare recommendations on curricula and materials for school systems. Utilize LMS to create online learning content for students. Monitor accessible learning at VUIM. Master's degree in Instructional Design. 1-year experience. Korean Language (oral/written). Mail resume to VUIM's main campus at 1980 Gallows Road, Vienna, VA 22182.

Legal Notice

[(Full name(s) of owner(s))]: **ABC**
Beweket D Teklu

Trading as:
BD Importers LLC
4262 Entre Ct Unit J
Chantilly, Fairfax County, VA 20190

The above establishment is applying to the VIRGINIA ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL (ABC) AUTHORITY for a VA Wholesale license to sell or manufacture alcoholic beverages.

Beweket D Teklu, Owner

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3009392 (04-29-22, 05-06-22)

To apply, send resume to 3423@google.com. Must reference Job Code # below:

Customer Engineer (Reston, VA) Collaborate w/ Google teams to understand & meet business requirements. Google LLC; 1615.65396 Exp Inc: Python & SQL; PySpark & Tensorflow; AI & Mach Learning systems; & Design & Mgmt of Big Data Technologies, Databases & Info Retrieval systems. Trvl Rq'd.

Position reports to the Google Reston office & may allow for partial telecommuting.

Notice is hereby given that the **Architectural Review Board** of the Town of Herndon, Virginia, will hold a work session on Wednesday, May 4, 2022, at 7:30 p.m. in the Herndon Municipal Center, Second Floor Conference Room, located at 777 Lynn Street, Herndon, and a public hearing on Wednesday, May 18, 2022, at 7:30 p.m. in the Herndon Council Chambers Building, located at 765 Lynn Street, Herndon on the following items:

- APPLICATION FOR BUILDING ALTERATION, ARB #22-001**, to consider an application for alteration to an existing structure located at 1201 Elden Street, Herndon Virginia, further identified as Fairfax County Tax Map 0161 02 0016D1 and located in the southeast quadrant of the Elden Street and Herndon Parkway intersection. This property is zoned CS (Commercial Services) and consists of 38,754 square feet of land. Owner: Chevy Chase Bank FSB. Applicant/Agent: Alan Su.
- APPLICATION FOR BUILDING ALTERATION, ARB #22-007**, to consider an application for alteration to an existing structure located at 505 Huntmar Park Drive, Herndon Virginia, further identified as Fairfax County Tax Map 0162 02 0156D and located in the northwest corner of the Huntmar Park Drive and Spring Street intersection. This property is zoned O & LI (Office & Light Industrial District) and consists of 221,890 square feet of land. Owner: Brit-Beco Park Herndon LLC. Applicant/Agent: Cynthia Middlebrooks, Smartlink.
- APPLICATION FOR NEW SITE FEATURE, ARB #22-008**, to consider an application for an equipment screening fence on the site of an existing structure located at 231 Spring Street, Herndon Virginia, further identified as Fairfax County Tax Map 0162 02 0177C and located in the southwest quadrant of the Spring Street and Herndon Parkway intersection. This property is zoned O & LI (Office & Light Industrial) and consists of 432,166 square feet of land. Owner: 460 Herndon Parkway LLC. Owner Agent: Cushman & Wakefield. Applicant: Nelson Gault, FM Studios.

The proposed items are available for review by the public on the town's website www.herndon-va.gov beginning April 29, 2022, after 3:00 p.m.

The public is encouraged to participate in the town's public hearing process. Individuals having an interest in the above items are invited to attend the public hearing and to state their opinions. Individuals may submit comments to hdrb.arb@herndon-va.gov

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Note to Publisher:
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Viki L. Wellershaus, Town Clerk

Request for Proposal RFP 22-003, Fairfax County Public Schools, Office of Design & Construction Services is seeking proposals for Construction Testing and Inspection Services - Capital Improvement Projects. RFP Documents can be downloaded from FCPS website, www.fcps.edu, search for Design and Construction current solicitations.

TOWN OF Herndon VIRGINIA

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the **Town Council** of the Town of Herndon, Virginia, will hold a work session on Tuesday, May 3, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. in the Herndon Police Department Community Room, located at 397 Herndon Parkway, Herndon, and a public hearing on Tuesday, May 10, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. in the Herndon Council Chambers Building, located at 765 Lynn Street, Herndon on the following item:

Resolution, to consider the TOWN OF HERNDON FY 2024 - FY 2028 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM. The Town Council will consider adoption of the Town Manager's recommended Capital Improvement Program (CIP). The CIP is a financial planning document that establishes a six-year schedule for public improvements and serves as a companion to the Town of Herndon 2030 Comprehensive Plan. [The FY 2023 portion was adopted in conjunction with the FY 23 budget.]

The proposed item is available for review by the public on the town's website www.herndon-va.gov beginning at 3:00 p.m. on Friday, prior to the meeting.

The public is encouraged to participate in the town's public hearing process. Individuals having an interest in the above item are invited to attend the public hearing and to state their opinions. Individuals may submit comments to clerk@herndon-va.gov

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Viki L. Wellershaus, Town Clerk

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Publish on April 22 / April 29, 2022

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Beweket D Teklu

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Beweket D Teklu, Owner

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3009392 (04-29-22, 05-06-22)

[(Full name(s) of owner(s))]: **ABC**
Baejang2, LLC

Trading as:
Sushi Prince
10256 Main St
Fairfax, Fairfax County, VA 22030

The above establishment is applying to the VIRGINIA ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL (ABC) AUTHORITY for a Wine & Beer (on premises) license to sell or manufacture alcoholic beverages.

Jihoon Bae, Member

NOTE: Objections to the issuance of this license must be submitted to ABC no later than 30 days from the publishing date of the first of two required newspaper legal notices. Objections should be registered at www.abc.virginia.gov or 800-552-3200.

3009390 (04-22-22, 04-29-22)

TOWN OF Herndon VIRGINIA

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the **Historic District Review Board** of the Town of Herndon, Virginia, will hold a work session on Wednesday, May 4, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. in the Herndon Municipal Center, Second Floor Conference Room, located at 777 Lynn Street, Herndon, and a public hearing on Wednesday, May 18, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. in the Herndon Council Chambers Building, located at 765 Lynn Street, Herndon on the following item:

APPLICATION FOR SIGNAGE, HDRB #22-003, to consider an application for an exterior wall sign located at 700 Lynn Street, Herndon, Virginia, and further identified as Fairfax County Tax Map 0162 51 0001. The site is located within the Junction Square development and is situated in the northeast quadrant of the intersection between Lynn Street and Elden Street. This property is zoned PD-TD (Planned Development - Traditional Downtown) and consists of 2,410 square feet of land area. Owner: LRS Herndon LLC. Applicant/Agent: Mohammed Omari.

The proposed item is available for review by the public on the town's website www.herndon-va.gov beginning April 29, 2022, after 3:00 p.m.

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