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VIENNA POLICE HIGHLIGHTS

The following summary contains various incidents of general interest as well as vehicular crashes handled by the Town of Vienna, Virginia Police Department from April 7-14, 2017. Readers are reminded that an "arrest" is based upon probable cause and does not always mean that someone was physically taken into custody. Furthermore, it does not mean that an individual is automatically guilty of a crime. Judicial outcomes and post-arrest proceedings can be researched through the appropriate court's website.

INCIDENTS

Arrest – DWI and Narcotics Violation, East Street and Maple Avenue, SE March 29 5:30 a.m. Officers responded to the area for a report of a vehicle that was driving recklessly. Ofc. Reedy observed the vehicle and initiated a traffic stop. Upon his interaction with the driver the officer detected signs of impairment. After the driver failed a series of field sobriety tests, Ofc. Reedy placed her under arrest. The 22-year-old female from Columbia Pike in Arlington was transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center where she was charged with Driving While Intoxicated. Ofc. Bulti found the passenger in the car was also intoxicated. While placing the man under arrest the officer discovered the man was in possession of a measurable amount of marijuana. Ofc. Bulti transported the 21-year-old man from S. Greenbrier Street in Arlington to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center where he was charged with Drunk In Public and Possession of Marijuana. While at the jail the man was found to be in possession of other narcotics and was also charged with Possession of a Schedule IV Controlled Substance.

Grand Larceny – 300 Block Roosevelt Court, NE, March 30, between 7:30 a.m. and 8 a.m. A construction worker reported a concrete saw was stolen from his truck while he was on a work site.

Suspicious Event – Cedar Lane School, 101 Cedar Lane, SW, April 6, noon. An administrator reported threats that one student made toward another student.

Narcotics Violation – Maple Avenue and Westbriar Drive, NE, April 6, 7 p.m. Ofc. Williams observed a vehicle traveling at a high rate of speed and initiated a traffic stop. Upon his interaction with the juvenile driver he detected an odor of marijuana. A measurable amount of marijuana was located in the vehicle. The juvenile's mother was notified and responded to take custody of her daughter. Petitions are pending for Possession of Marijuana.

Narcotics Violation – Maple Avenue and Follin Lane, SE, April 8, 3:04 a.m. Ofc. Post observed a vehicle traveling at a high rate of speed and initiated a traffic stop. Upon her interaction with the driver she detected the odor of marijuana emanating from the vehicle. The driver was found to be in possession of paraphernalia containing only a trace amount of marijuana. The paraphernalia was seized and submitted to the property officer for destruction.

Disorderly Conduct – James Madison Shell, 545 Maple Avenue, West, April 8, 2:02 p.m. An employee advised a customer became disorderly after a disagreement over his bill. The customer left the scene before officers arrived.

Domestic Assault – Broadleaf Drive, NE, April 8, 11:29 p.m. Officers responded for a report of a domestic assault. A man advised his mother had assaulted him. The mother stated the two had a verbal dispute, but no assault occurred. There were no signs of injury. The man was advised of the warrant process should he wish to pursue charges.

Arrest – Driving While Intoxicated / Refusal – 100 Block Maple Avenue, West, April 9, 2:15 a.m. Sgt. Kiley observed a vehicle with improper equipment and initiated a traffic stop. Upon his interaction with the driver he detected signs of possible impairment. After the driver failed to complete a series of field sobriety tests he was placed under arrest. Sgt. Kiley transported the 30-year-old man from Tyson Oak Circle in Vienna to the Vienna Police Station where he was given the opportunity

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Cancer Patients Need Rides To Treatment

American Cancer Society seeks more drivers for their Road to Recovery Program.

BY MERCIA HOBSON
THE CONNECTION

The last thing a patient living with cancer should have to worry about is how to get to treatment. Yes, there are family and friends, but jobs bring in money to pay bills and children must be supervised. As for taking public or private transportation, those options may cost too much or be too stressful, especially after a chemo session. That's where the American Cancer Society may be able to help. Through their Road to Recovery Program, they provide free rides to treatment for cancer patients who have no way to get there.

But in Fairfax County, there's a problem. The supply of drivers does not equal the demand.

That's why on Monday, March 27, a team of dedicated American Cancer Society Road to Recovery drivers met with staff at the organization's Northern Virginia office, 124 Park St., Vienna. They compared experiences and brainstormed how to get the word out to potential drivers.

Dave Laufer is a driver. He also volunteers

to oversee the Road to Recovery computerized Service Match program. Laufer verified Fairfax County has the most requests for rides in the region, but there are only 30 active drivers, not enough to meet the demand. "There are so many patients in the Herndon/Chantilly area that need help," said Kent Dellinger, a driver from McLean.

"There was a man who was taking three buses and walking to his sessions," said Leah Contreas, program manager, American Cancer Society, Inc. "When matched for a ride, he was so thankful."

THREE KEY FACTORS that make volunteer service as a driver for Road to Recovery a positive experience include: simple training; flexible volunteer hours and personal rewards.

"Training to use the program's Service Match is less than an hour," Laufer said. "And the volunteer hours are flexible."

Marshall Abbate, a driver from Stafford, added: "It's not a routine of the same day each week."

Kelly Gray from South Riding had been out of the workforce for a period, raising her family. Before becoming a driver for



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Sheetal Bhat goes through a few pointers with Road to Recovery drivers Kelly Gray and Andy Freckmann. Freckmann signed up to be driver because his dad passed away from cancer. When asked why she volunteered to drive, Gray said, "I think we volunteer because we have a heart for it. We develop relationships."

Road to Recovery, Gray tried other service opportunities, but they did not fit. Given the ease of training, flexibility and personal rewards, being a Road to Recovery driver was the perfect fit for Gray.

"When I see a drive opportunity, I can click on it. I know people who need this service. I've experienced it," Gray said. "And this service I'm qualified to do. I can drive. I can

listen... and I can do something for me."

Other drivers spoke up on how being a Road to Recovery driver fit their life. "I got my degree in Public Health Care and found Road to Recovery was my way to help the cause," said Onize Oniwon.

"My dad passed away from cancer," said Andy Freckmann.

"How can we find more drivers," Laufer asked. Drivers readily spoke up. They offered ideas that fit into three marketing strategies:

- ❖ Free media print campaigns: write articles for newspapers, community newsletters and magazines.

- ❖ Word of mouth advertising: contact schools, retirement centers and senior centers.

- ❖ Cause marketing: create partner relationships between American Cancer Society and for-profit businesses that offer paid time for volunteering.

VOLUNTEERING for Road to Recovery is a win-win. It benefits people who want to give back, the American Cancer Society that needs drivers, but most importantly, cancer patients who do not have a way to get to treatment.

Learn more about American Cancer Society Road to Recovery program, call 1-800-227-2345 or email ddlaufer@gmail.com.

Uncertainty Amid Growth

BY TIM PETERSON
THE CONNECTION

As recovery from the Recession continues, there is still uncertainty around federal spending, and President Donald Trump's proposed budget. Rising interest rates, the northern Virginia housing market and employment patterns in the region were among the presentations at the April 6 Economic Outlook summit hosted by the Mount Vernon-Lee Chamber of Commerce and Southeast Fairfax Development Corporation.

Business and community leaders filled the banquet space on the side of the Belle Haven Country Club for the morning meeting, which was guest-moderated by Rebecca Cooper, senior writer for the Washington Business Journal.

Cooper opened citing a number of trends she said are "good news for retail space." She said she's seeing an increase in specialized fitness, such as indoor play spaces and swim schools, as well as more temporary uses like pop-up shops.

When a space hosts something like a popular weekend maker-market, Cooper said "suddenly," that retail area "is the place to be."

Cooper also noted the rise in food businesses mixed into shopping centers. Retailers should be pleased, she said, because eateries increase

Federal spending, interest rates, employment patterns feature at Mount Vernon-Lee Economic Outlook summit.



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The April 6 Economic Outlook summit hosted by the Mount Vernon-Lee Chamber of Commerce and Southeast Fairfax Development Corporation also featured (from left) Dr. Gerald L. Gordon, Fairfax County EDA; Jane Gandee, Chamber Chairman; Rebecca Cooper, Washington Business Journal; Ann B. Macharas, Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond; Dr. Terry Clower, GMU Center for Regional Analysis; Edythe Kelleher, SFDC executive director; Mark Viani, SFDC Vice President; Scott Stroh III, Chamber President; Robert Stalzer, Fairfax County Deputy Executive; and Dr. Frank Nothaft, CoreLogic.

customers' 'time on premise.'

Dr. Ann Battle Macheras with the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond broke down the modest, yet continued growth in real domestic GDP since 2009 — the average has been 2.1 percent.

One of the biggest drivers, she said, has been Personal Consumption Expenditure.

Productivity and workforce growth are also

factors in the moderate growth; Dr. Battle Macheras said Virginia's employment is comparable to the U.S., and both are expected to slow in the next few decades.

Additional speakers included Dr. Terry Clower, with the GMU Center for Regional Analysis; Robert A. Stalzer, Deputy Fairfax County Executive; Dr. Frank Nothaft, Chief Economist with CoreLogic and formerly with

Fannie Mae; and Dr. Gerald Gordon, Fairfax County Economic Development Authority.

Dr. Clower agreed that job growth should continue, albeit moderately, with rebalancing in the contract sector of jobs from Sequestration, a theory he said was "bounce-back equilibrium."

Among the 15 largest job markets in the country, he said, Washington D.C. ranks in the middle in job change from February 2016 to 2017. That's just behind Miami and ahead of Detroit. First in growth over that period was Atlanta, followed by Dallas and Seattle.

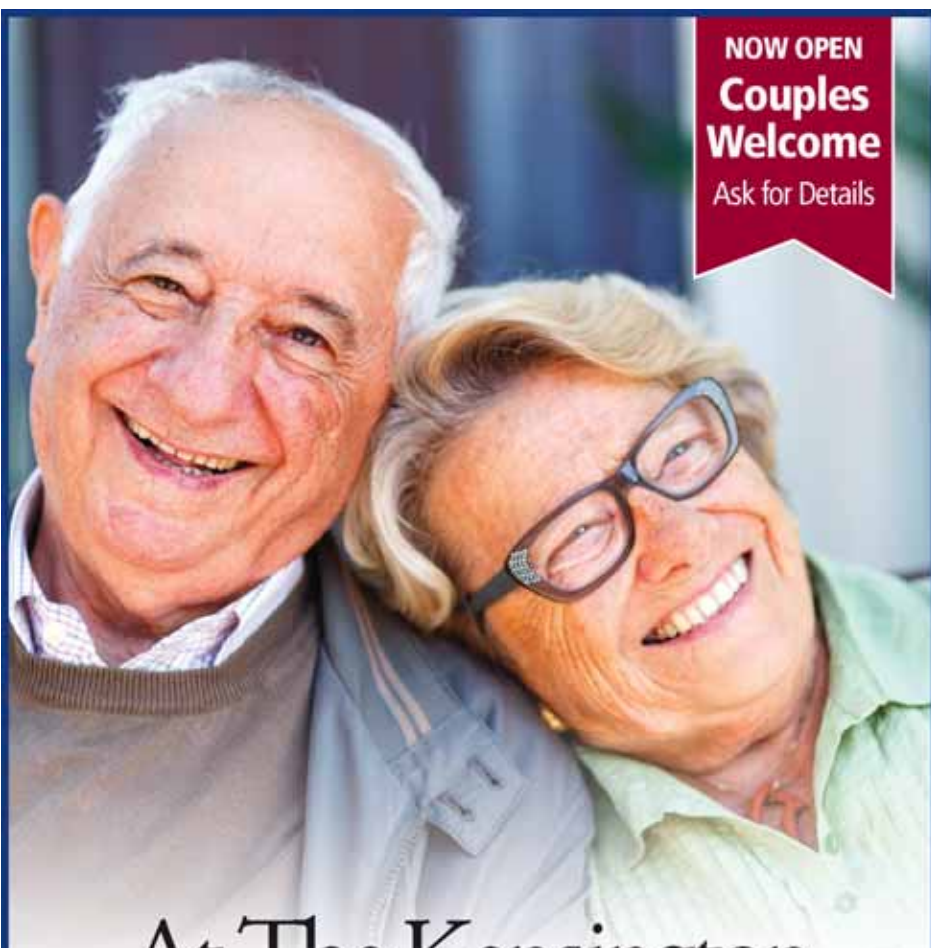
Stalzer gave an overview of Fairfax County's \$7.59 billion budget. The FY2018 budget was the subject of three days of public hearings the week of the April 6 summit.

The county's tax rate would remain steady, Stalzer said.

Dr. Nothaft, speaking on the housing market, said prices are up in 2017 — five percent in the U.S. and just three to four percent in Fairfax County — as are rents. Mortgage rates are still historically low, he said, but are also increasing.

A 30-year fixed-rate, Dr. Nothaft presented, is forecast to reach 4.6 percent by December this year.

For more information, the speakers offered resources including www.corelogic.com/blog and cra.gmu.edu. Also visit www.mtvernon-leechamber.org and www.sfdc.org.



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News

Lisa Connors, a spokesperson for the county, interviewed OPEH Director Dean Klein on Facebook Live on Wednesday, April 5, outside the Embry Rucker Shelter in Reston. The video is posted on the Fairfax County Government Facebook page.



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FALLON FORBUSH
THE CONNECTION

Report: Homeless Population Down 47 Percent

Budget woes threaten progress as the number of homeless people drops below 1,000 for the first time in Fairfax County.

BY FALLON FORBUSH
THE CONNECTION

The number of homeless people on the streets of Fairfax County reached a record low this year. The Fairfax County Office to Prevent and End Homelessness counted 964 homeless people in the Fairfax County and Falls Church area on the night of Jan. 25 during its 2017 Homeless Point In Time Count. It is the first time that fewer than 1,000 people were reported homeless during the nine years the county has been collecting the data for the report.

The count covers people who are literally homeless – those who are in shelters, in time-limited transitional housing programs, or unsheltered and living on the street or in vehicles. Of those counted this year, 474 were people in families, including 286 children, and 490 people were single individuals, including 155 older adults ages 55 and over.

The first count in 2008 reported 1,835 homeless people, which means the home-

less population during the count has decreased by 47 percent.

The results were announced on Wednesday, April 5, outside the Embry Rucker Shelter in Reston by OPEH Director Dean Klein and Kerrie Wilson, CEO of Cornerstones, a nonprofit organization that serves people in need of food, shelter, affordable housing, childcare and other human services.

THE PROGRESS in reducing homelessness in the county was attributed to helping those in need find affordable housing in the area.

"The cost of living here puts housing out of reach for so many people," Wilson said. "That is essentially the real problem we have here."

The Office to Prevent and End Homelessness and its partner organizations take a "housing first" approach to helping those in need. This method first offers permanent, affordable housing as quickly as possible for individuals and families expe-

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Budget Woes Threaten Progress on Homelessness

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riencing homelessness. Then, supportive services and connections to community-based resources are provided in order to keep people in their housing and avoid returning to homelessness.

“The goal of reducing homelessness has two dispositions,” said a man who was staying at the Embry Rucker Shelter. He requested to remain anonymous. “If you’re a homeowner and don’t like homeless people in your midst, that’s one end of the spectrum,” he said. “The other is a nurturing and caring disposition where people don’t want the homeless to suffer. We’re not all working towards the same goal.”

This philosophy of helping the homeless become self-sufficient is embraced at the Embry Rucker Shelter, which is operated by Cornerstones.

“Nobody should be raised in a homeless shelter,” Wilson said.

But her organization would rather keep clients in the shelter longer until they can find a housing arrangement that works in order to keep them from slipping back into homelessness.

Her organization, Cornerstones, often relies on shared housing where it matches homeless individuals to be roommates and sets them up with landlords who offer affordable housing arrangements.

These opportunities are few and far in between and will become more challenging in the years to come for its homeless individuals.

This is because the county has relied on housing resources for its homeless single population in the past from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, according to Klein. But this resource is at risk.

The Trump administration plans to significantly reduce HUD’s funding from \$46.9 billion in 2017 to \$40.7 billion in 2018, a 13.2 percent cut, according to the U.S. Office of Management and Budget.

“We need more housing,” Klein said. “We recognize that federal housing reductions are looming. We are very concerned about what that may mean and the impact that could have on the progress that we’ve made in the community.”

Klein’s office will also take a hit locally.

The Office to Prevent and End Homelessness is set to lose \$200,000 in funding next year in order to balance the county’s fiscal year 2018 budget.

THE DECREASE in OPEH’s advertised fiscal year



PHOTO BY FALLON FORBUSH/THE CONNECTION

Lisa Connors, a spokesperson for the county, left, interviewed Cornerstones CEO Kerrie Wilson, right, on Facebook Live on Wednesday, April 5, outside the Embry Rucker Shelter in Reston. The video is posted on the Fairfax County Government Facebook page.

“The cost of living here puts housing out of reach for so many people.”

— Kerrie Wilson, Cornerstones

2018 budget will prevent it from using motels as a last resort housing options for families with children who are experiencing homelessness when shelters are full or when individuals have medical needs that make a shelter facility inappropriate, according to the county’s advertised budget plan.

“It would really eliminate some of the flexibility needed for our system and providers,” Klein said. “Often times, our shelters are full. With that, we need other flexibility to make sure people and families aren’t living on the streets.”

Still, Klein remains hopeful despite the challenges ahead.

“We saw a significant decrease in the number of homeless families ... we see that our single population continues to be a huge challenge to not only help them to secure employment but also to help them to get housing,” Klein says.



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OPINION

Mother's Day The Connection is seeking submissions for its annual photo gallery.

Mother's Day is Sunday, May 14 this year and as usual every year at this time, The Connection calls for submissions to our Mother's Day photo gallery.

Send photos of mothers, grandmothers, great-grandmothers, with children or without children in the photos. Please name everyone in the photo, the approximate date, describe what is happening in the photo and include your name, address, email address and phone number. We will not print your full address or contact information.

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Immediately after we publish our Mother's Day photo galleries, we will begin to ask for submissions for our annual Father's Day galleries. Each year we seem to receive many more photos for Father's Day.

We've always been curious whether that is because it is the second of the set so readers are more aware or because mothers are more likely to send in images of the fathers in their life.

Throughout the year, we ask for community submissions. Twice a year we ask you to tell us stories about your pets and how they have come into, touched and left your lives.

In late summer, we invite readers to share

what they know about their community for neighbors and newcomers alike.

And wrapping up the year, we gather writing and art from local students to fill our holiday edition. Each year, through an enormous effort by area teachers and school staff we receive more material than is possible to publish for most of our 15 editions.

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

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

County Economy Poised for Continued Growth

To the Editor:

The April 12 article, "Uncertainty Amid Growth," might have left readers wondering about the strength and future of Fairfax County's economy.

Much of the uncertainty arises from concerns about the direction of the federal budget, because many employers in Fairfax County and northern Virginia are involved in government contracting. However, more than two-thirds of the federal procurement dollars won by Fairfax County companies in fiscal 2016 involve three departments for which President Trump has indicated he would seek increased funding: Defense, Homeland Security and Veterans Affairs.

For that reason and others, I think the Fairfax County economy is poised for continued development. In 2016, the Fairfax County Economic Development Authority worked with 194 companies that added nearly 7,500 jobs to the county economy. Many of those companies are in the professional and technical industry sectors that will generate the most prosperity for the community.

Just since the beginning of 2017 the Fairfax County Economic Development Authority has announced several companies that are adding hundreds of jobs here. Some, like Favor TechConsulting or IOMAXIS, focus on work with federal customers. Others such as All Traffic Solutions and Global Guardian, focus on private-sector customers. This is the hallmark of a mature economy: companies working in a variety of sectors and

for a variety of customers and finding the kind of skilled talent they need to thrive. This kind of economic diversity is what every community longs to attain.

This work is never done, of course. In addition to Fairfax County's traditional business strengths, my office has targeted cybersecurity, data analytics and translational medicine as industry sectors with great growth potential here. The foundation is firmly in place to help Fairfax County achieve even greater economic stability and prosperity in the years ahead.

Gerald L. Gordon, Ph.D.
President and CEO
Fairfax County Economic
Development Authority
Tysons Corner

County Fiction* is Fact

To the Editor:

One may view fiction* as fact only if the asterisk note identifies fiction as fact. Fairfax County in its financial tables used wrong data dates on unfunded pension liabilities (UPL), except its tables often did not even include an asterisk.

Fairfax County's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) for fiscal year 2016 shows misleading dates. The table on page 90, e.g., wrongly identifies the UPL date as "6/30/2016" — with no footnote. Embedded in 78 pages of notes is an identification of reported UPL as being "reported with a one year lag." Thus, reported UPL dates, in fact, covered the prior year.

In its 11/18/2016 release, the County CAFR 2016 covers five main pension plans. All responsible public entities have good fis-

cal data available within three months of the reporting period. Oddly, this CAFR 2016 did not report actual 6/30/2016 UPL data. At least, it should report correct dates for data in all its tables rather than explain actual reporting dates in separate notes.

Such misleading reporting impacts pension understandings. While the County reported UPL on 6/30/2016 as \$4.8 billion, they actually were \$5.6 billion according to five pension CAFRs. The FY 2016 increase in UPL was an unsustainable \$0.8 billion—instead of the County reported \$0.6 billion—despite 2016 cash contributions of \$0.5 billion.

One may ask County officials why reported dates for County UPL data were misleading. More importantly, all future County financial reports should identify—accurately and transparently—UPL at the end of reported years.

Dr. David V. Pritchett
Concerned McLean parent

March to Honor Earth Day

To the Editor:

For the past few decades, Earth Day has given most of us the opportunity to take time from our

busy lives and ponder about the many ways our planet sustains life. We celebrate the occasion in many ways: take on tree planting, clean up our streams and hold earth day fairs to raise awareness about taking care of the home we all share.

This Earth Day has special significance in light of the actions proposed by the current administration: massive budget cuts to the Environmental Protection Agency, the appointment of a fox in the hen house at the helm of EPA whose career is based on suing the agency; roll back of regulations designed to protect people in response to demands by polluting industries, to name a few. To top it all is the denial of scientific findings that climate change is happening and that it is caused by human activity.

If you have not made other plans to celebrate earth day, please join one or both marches taking place on the mall. March for truth and justice!

What better way to honor the earth? The Science March is on April 22 (www.earthday.org/marchforscience/).

The Climate March is on April 29 (peoplesclimate.org/)

Rekha Nadkarni
McLean

Write

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NEWS

Combatting Domestic and Sexual Violence

County launches 'Make the Call' campaign.

BY ANDREA WORKER
THE CONNECTION

"Everyone in this room knows someone who is the victim of domestic violence, whether you know it, or not," said Braddock District Supervisor John Cook, "that's how widespread this problem is." Cook, who is the chair of the Board of Supervisors Public Safety Committee, and recently appointed chair of the Domestic Violence Prevention Council, was speaking at a reception at the Fairfax County Government Center to launch the "Make the Call Campaign."

The year-long initiative was designed by county staff and domestic violence prevention partners to encourage victims, offenders and bystanders to call the county's 24-hour Domestic and Sexual Abuse Hotline at 703-360-7273.

Cook was joined by speakers from several county agencies, as well as his board colleagues Supervisor Cathy Hudgins (D-Hunter Mill) and Chair Sharon Bulova. Law enforcement was represented by Fairfax County Sheriff Stacey Kincaid and Deputy Chief of Patrol Erin Schaible of the county police department.

The launch date of the campaign was chosen to coincide with the Board of Supervisors' designation of April as the month for Sexual Assault Awareness and Child Abuse Prevention.

Cook is not concerned that the messages might get mixed by putting the two issues together in one month, because he sees them as often interconnected, and frequently stemming from the same root causes. The departments represented at the launch often work together on individual cases and cross paths almost daily in the performance of their duties. Several of them, like SafeSpot, the child advocacy nonprofit that provides a family-friendly, centralized location for the investigation of child abuse and assistance in coordinating



PHOTO BY ANDREA WORKER/THE CONNECTION

Supervisor John Cook (R-Braddock) helps launch the "Make a Call" campaign to encourage use of the 24-7 Domestic and Sexual Violence Hotline. Cook is holding the Spanish version of signage that says "Be part of the solution, use my voice for 703-360-7273."

services, and CASA, the court appointed special advocates program for abused, neglected and abandoned children and youth as they maneuver through the court system, have formed working collaborations to best serve their clients needs and provide the most coordinated of services.

Hotline operators receive about 240 calls per month. From those calls, about 64 per month seek family abuse protective orders and 13 families are placed in domestic violence shelters. There are about 160 domestic violence related arrests made each month in Fairfax County, and as law enforcement knows, and Cook noted, domestic violence is the leading cause of homicide in the jurisdiction.

"If you are the victim, make the call," said Cook. "If you think you know someone who is being abused, make the call." The hotline is staffed 24-hours a day and "they are the experts," Cook added. "They will know how to help, what to do. Make the call. Maybe you can help save someone's life."

Glen Finland's memoir, "Next Stop," is a moving account of a family caring for a child with special needs. Finland will share her own hard-won lessons as well as strategies and insights she has learned about the individual dynamics of families who have children with special needs. Register online at bit.ly/2nLCy9s or call 703-204-3941.

THURSDAY/APRIL 27

Autism Awareness Month. 10 a.m.-noon at Dunn Loring Center for Parent Services, 2334 Gallows Road, Entrance 1 - Room 100, Dunn Loring. Individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorder and other cognitive disabilities may not recognize danger, react well in an emergency or be able to seek help. Attend this workshop to learn safety risks for individuals with special needs, proactive steps to reduce the risk of potential dangers, information on the new Yellow Dot Program and more. Register online

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To have community events listed in the Connection, visit connectionnewspapers.com/Calendar/. The deadline for submissions is noon on Friday.

THROUGH SUMMER

Vienna Street-sweeping Program. The Town of Vienna began its annual street-sweeping program beginning March 20. The Town is divided into eight sections for purposes of the sweeping program. During the first pass through Town, the Public Works Department asks that residents not park on the street. Find the "sweeping" sections at viennava.gov/sweeping. Additionally, signs will be placed on streets marking a window of 7-10 days during which the truck will come through. Contact public works at 703-255-6380.

TUESDAY/APRIL 25

Autism Awareness Month. 7-8:30 p.m. at Dunn Loring Center for Parent Services, 2334 Gallows Road, Entrance 1 - Room 100, Dunn Loring.

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Long-Term Benefits of Summer Camp

Camp experiences can enhance social and psychological development, say experts.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL

As the end of the school year draws near, so does the beginning of summer camp experiences. Child development experts say that summer camps offer more than just fun; they present opportunities for emotional, social and psychological growth and development.

"Summer camps provide children with a sense of community where they can feel safe and learn through first-hand experiences, said Stacie Gottlieb, director, Bullis Summer Programs at Bullis School in Potomac, Md. "Within this setting, campers develop a sense of independence as they try new adventures in an environment different from the norm."

Children benefit from the nurturing structure of a summer camp in a way that is different from the structure they get during a school year, says Jim Supple, associate dean of students and director of Summer Programs at St. Stephen's & St. Agnes School in Alexandria. "Summer camps allow children to be children," he said. "They allow them to make new friends, try new things, and learn how to be part of a group. These are attributes of camps that will promote not only healthy interaction among peers, but also building a healthy image of what type of child they want to be."

Opportunities to explore new interests and devote intense focus to activities of particular interest to them at camp help build a child's self-confidence, says Gottlieb. "As children explore, caring adults serve as responsible role models who help to nurture the campers by providing a safe, supervised environment of inclusion," she said. "Children gain self-confidence as they learn new things, develop social skills, ex-



PHOTO COURTESY OF BULLIS SUMMER PROGRAMS

Campers such as those at Bullis Summer Programs in Potomac, Md., gain life skills through summer camp experiences.

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— Stacie Gottlieb, Director, Bullis Summer Programs, Potomac, Md.

pand their friendship circles and build character through planned activities. Summer camps give children a unique, fun environment to discover more about themselves and their passions."

A summer camp where children engage in new and memorable activities will sow

seeds for learning during the upcoming academic year, said Shannon Melideo, Ph. D. associate dean of the School of Education & Human Services and associate professor of education at Marymount University. "For example, if your child's summer camp takes a field trip to a historical site that your son

finds fascinating and then during the school year, the teacher introduces [the] same historical events and location, he has schema for the lessons. He is more likely to participate, learn more, be better prepared to read his social studies textbook, and even perform better on the exam."

Summer camp experiences that combine academic challenges and physical activity can offer fun while preventing the loss of academic gains made throughout the school year, says Melideo. "Summer slide is the resultant learning loss students experience without educational activities outside of the academic school year," she said. "Research shows such academic regressions can be quite significant and parents have the ability to help prevent the summer slide by providing educational experiences such as high quality summer camps."

"Summer camp can be a terrific opportunity to grow your child's sense of competence and mastery over something that they love," added Carolyn Lorente, Ph.D., professor of psychology, Northern Virginia Community College. "By picking a camp where your child has an interest, they can be mentored in a passion in ways that a typical school day often can't."

WHEN SELECTING A CAMP, Melideo advises parents to consider a complete picture of their child. "For example, while your daughter, Sophia loves softball, find a summer camp where she can refine [her] batting and pitching skills and engage with books, perform in skits, play math games, and try something new," she said.

A child's social skills can be boosted at camps which provide children with oppor-

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FAITH NOTES

Faith Notes are for announcements and events in the faith community. Send to vienna@connectionnewspapers.com. Deadline is Friday at noon.

Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Fairfax, 2709 Hunter Mill Road, Oakton, offers the Religious Exploration (RE) program for all children, from pre-K toddlers through high school seniors, emphasizing exploration of all religious traditions while developing a personal spiritual path. The RE program offers classes on Saturday afternoons and Sunday mornings. 703-281-4230.

Trinity United Methodist Church, 1205 Dolley Madison Blvd., McLean. Sunday worship services are at 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. Sunday School for young adults fol-

lows the 10:30 a.m. worship services and for children at 9:30 a.m. Youth Group for grades 7-12 meets Sundays at 5 p.m. A 20-minute service of Holy Communion is held each Wednesday at noon. 703-356-3312 or umtrinity.org.

Passages DivorceCare If you are experiencing the pain of separation or divorce, the caring community at Vienna Presbyterian Church invites you to attend Passages DivorceCare. This program offers a path toward healing. The next 15-week DivorceCare series will be held Tuesdays from 6:45 to 9 p.m. beginning on Feb. 21. Vienna Presbyterian Church is located on the corner of Maple Avenue (Rt. 123) and Park Street in Vienna. Cost to cover materials is \$20, scholarships available. For more information or to register call 703-938-9050, go to www.viennapres.org, or send an email to Passages@ViennaPres.org.

The S.P.O.T for Youth Wednesday's at 7 p.m. A place where youth can come together and pray, ask questions about the faith and receive mentorship. The spot is a ministry of First Baptist Church of Vienna located at 450 Orchard Street, NW Vienna.

First Baptist Church of Vienna located at 450 Orchard Street, NW Vienna. Sunday services are held at 7:45 and 10 a.m. weekly. Wednesday Night with the Family service is held at 6 p.m. followed by corporate singing at 7 p.m. Bible studies take place Tuesday's at noon.

Wesley United Methodist Church located at 711 Spring Street SE, Vienna, Virginia 22180, at the corner of Spring Street and Moore Avenue. 10:30 a.m. fellowship time in the fellow-

ship hall; 11 a.m. traditional family worship in sanctuary. If you are seeking a church home which encourages: caring and supportive fellowship, an active and devoted prayer life and study of scripture, support for local and world missions, an open, responsive awareness to the presence and power of God's Holy Spirit.

Youth Activities at Wesley United Methodist Church Activities are open to all 6th-12th graders. Youth Sunday School meets every Sunday at 10 a.m. in the upper room.

Youth Bible Study will meet every Sunday at 4:30 p.m. off-site. Following bible study we will ride together over to the church for youth group. Email the Youth Ministry Staff for the address.

The Anchor meets every Sunday from 6-8 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Join us for dinner, games, worship, and diving deeper into the Word.

During the summer, Youth Sunday School meets most Sundays at 9 a.m. in the upper room.

To receive the newsletter or for more information contact youth@wesleyvienna.org.

St. Thomas' Episcopal Church at the intersection of Lewinsville and Brook Roads in McLean, just a mile west of Tysons, invites you for a casual Saturday Service at 5 p.m., followed by conversation and fellowship or for Sunday Services at 8 a.m. or 10 a.m. Sunday School for Youth and Children takes place during the 10 a.m. Service. Look for our Pumpkin Patch this October, and check www.stthomasmcleanva.org for Special Events and Services through the year. St. Thomas' Episcopal Church, 8991 Brook Road, McLean, 703-442-0330.

Summer Camp

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tunities to make new friends or nurture existing friendships, says Colleen K. Vesely, Ph. D., assistant professor of Early Childhood Education and Human Development at George Mason University. “Developing new social and cognitive skills outside the physical walls and social boundaries of school can help promote healthy self-esteem in children, while spending time in nature can boost children’s overall health and well-being.”

Camps offer an opportunity for children to gain skills that lead to independence. “For older children, over 8-plus years old, typically, sleep away camp offers opportunities to develop independence and self-reliance by providing children with space to navigate daily life away from the directing of parents but under the guidance of trusted adults,” said Vesely.

For some parents, there are mixed emotions around enrolling a child in camp. “Sometimes working parents feel guilty for enrolling their children in summer camps because of the need for child care during the work day,” said Ivy Beringer, Ed.D., professor of Early Childhood Education and Dean for Social and Professional Sciences at Northern Virginia Community College. “However, children are usually very excited to attend summer camps. This is especially true if the children have input into the camp selection.”

“Summer camps allow for continuous learning that extends beyond the regular school year [and] provide a relaxed atmosphere that stimulates their brains for creative learning without the assessment anxiety that often accompanies school classroom learning,” said Beringer. “[Summer camp] enhances self-esteem by offering special interest learning in small group situations and often with a lower adult-student ratio in school settings.”

“A mother recently called me with a concern that her son only wanted to attend soccer camps this summer and she felt this was too limited of an experience,” continued Beringer. “My response to her was that if he was interested in improving his soccer skills she should view this in a positive light. After all, he will be outdoors in the fresh air and sunshine everyday, exercising his body, and enhancing skills in a sport he loves. What’s not good about that choice?”

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Find out about plans for a temporary break in limited access on the Fairfax County Parkway (Route 286). The temporary break is requested to provide a connection for access from Backlick Road to the northbound ramp of the Fairfax County Parkway during the bridge reconstruction over CSX railroad. The proposed break is located just north of Telegraph Road.

Review information at www.virginiadot.org/projects or at VDOT’s District Office at 4975 Alliance Drive, Fairfax, Virginia 22030. Please call ahead at 703-259-2304, 800-367-7623 or TTY/TDD 711 to ensure appropriate personnel are available to answer your questions.

Written public comments regarding this proposed temporary limited access break are encouraged and should be sent to Mr. Shahradd Behboodi, P.E., Virginia Department of Transportation, at the above address on or prior to **May 1, 2017**.

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NEWS

About 1,000 people packed the Oakton High School gym for the charity basketball game between Mosby Woods and Providence Elementary Schools.

PHOTOS BY
STEVE HIBBARD
THE CONNECTION



Basketball Fundraiser at Oakton High

Mosby Woods and Providence Elementary Schools raise \$1,000 for charity.

A spirited crowd of 1,000 people packed Oakton High School gymnasium on Thursday, April 6 for a charity basketball game between staff at Mosby Woods and Providence Elementary Schools in Fairfax. Even though it was just for fun, Mosby Woods beat Providence 59-48. Between the two schools, there were about 60 staff members who volunteered their time in various capacities, from players to announcers to band directors and cheerleading directors. The event helped raise about \$1,000 for the Lamb Center, which provides support to the poor and homeless in Fairfax. During half-time students performed various dancing and musical skits.

"We had two neighboring schools in Fairfax County get together to raise money for charity and provide a positive event for both school communities," said Taylor Gaddy, a staff member from Mosby Woods.

— STEVE HIBBARD



Providence Elementary School Panther Devan DeHaven entertains the crowd during the charity basketball game between staff at Providence and Mosby Woods Elementary Schools at Oakton High School on Thursday, April 6.



The staff of Mosby Woods Elementary beat Providence Elementary 59-48 during the charity basketball game at Oakton High School on Thursday, April 6.

POLICE HIGHLIGHTS

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to provide a sample of his breath for analysis which he refused. The man was then transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center where he was charged with Driving While Intoxicated and Refusal.

Destruction of Property – Broadleaf Drive, NE, April 9, between 4 a.m. and 1 p.m. A resident reported damage to her vehicle that was parked at her residence. The damage may have been related to a previous domestic case officers responded to the prior day. The resident did not wish to pursue charges for the damage.

Animal Case – Quarantine – 100 Block Dogwood Street, SW, April 9, 3:30 p.m. A resident reported his juvenile son was bitten by their neighbor's dog when they attempted to secure the neighbor's gate. The dog's owner was advised of the 10-day quarantine for the animal. ACO Barker will follow up on this case.

Natural Death – 300 Block Cabin Road, SE, April 10, 6:33 p.m. A citizen responded to the residence to check on the welfare of her elderly sister. She found her sister unresponsive in the residence. Officers and rescue personnel responded and found the woman, who suffered from medical issues, was deceased.

Domestic Dispute – Nutley Street, NW, April 10, 11:03 p.m. A woman had a dispute with her adult daughter and wanted her to leave the home. The daughter agreed to leave the property voluntarily.

Assist EMS – 300 Block Maple Avenue, East, April 11, 12:20 a.m. The driver of a vehicle called for assistance with his friend, who was unconscious in the passenger seat of the vehicle. Rescue personnel responded, assessed the man and transported him to an area hospital for further treatment.

Assault – Lynn Street, SW, April 10, 11:30 p.m. A resident advised he had several people over to his house. When he asked a group of them to leave one of the men assaulted him, striking him in the face and head. Rescue personnel responded to assist the man and transported him to an area hospital. The man declined to pursue charges for assault.

Suspicious Person – Versatile Title & Escrow, 117 Pleasant Street, SW, April 11, 11:42 a.m. A citizen advised a man, who stated he was with Verizon, entered her business without permission and began looking through closets and rooms. When she confronted the man an argument ensued. MPO Lose located the man and verified he was a Verizon employee who was working at an adjacent business and needed access to a junction box in the building. The receptionist at the business had allowed him access to the rooms where he had been located.

Harassing Telephone Calls – 900 Block Park Street, SE, April 11, 12:03 p.m. A resident reported receiving harassing telephone calls.

Suspicious Person – Wendy's, 411 Maple Avenue, East, April 11, 12:58 p.m. A citizen reported a suspicious man hiding behind the dumpster storage area of the restaurant. MPO Lose located the man. With the manager of the restaurant, the officer advised the man that he was to leave the area and may be charged with trespass if he returned.

Assist EMS / Injured Person – Money & King Funeral Home, 171 Maple Avenue, West, April 12, 4:30 p.m. An employee was performing a procedure when a chemical splashed in his eye. Rescue responded and transported the man to an area hospital for treatment.

Arrest – Narcotics Violation – Wolftrap Hotel, 430 Maple Ave., West, April 12, 11:03 p.m. MPO Smith ob-

served a suspicious vehicle driving through the parking lot of the hotel. MPO Smith approached the driver to speak with him when he exited the vehicle. Upon his interaction with the driver he detected an odor of marijuana. A measurable amount of marijuana and other narcotics were located in the vehicle. MPO Smith arrested the 22-year-old man from Linway Terrace in McLean. He was transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center where he was charged with Possession of a Controlled Substance with Intent to Sell, Possession of a Controlled Substance and Obstruction of Justice.

Arrest – Narcotics Violation – Wolftrap Hotel, 430 Maple Ave., West, April 12, 11:03 p.m. Ofc. Post responded to assist MPO Smith with incident above. The man charged in that case advised he was staying in a room at the hotel. Ofc. Post responded to the room. When a female occupant opened the door the officer detected the odor of marijuana and observed the drug on the nightstand. A man was also in the room and he stated the marijuana belonged to him. Ofc. Post arrested the 25-year-old man from Elnido Drive in McLean. He was issued a summons for Possession of Marijuana and released on his signature.

Suspicious Event – 500 Block Heritage Lane, NW, April 13, 6:17 p.m. Resident wanted to report a possible fraud case.

Arrest – Drunk In Public – Maple Avenue E and Park Street NE, April 14, 2:36 a.m. While on routine patrol, Ofc. Post observed a man that was trying to hail a ride at the corner of Park Street NE and Maple Avenue E. Ofc. Post conducted a stop on the subject. After talking to the subject for a few minutes Ofc. Post determined that the subject was a clear danger to himself and others due to the high level of intoxication. Ofc. Post arrested the 23-year-old man from Hooking Road, Mclean. The subject was transported to the Fairfax adult detention center.

CRASHES

400 Block Yeonas Drive – March 24, 12 noon. An unknown vehicle struck a fire hydrant, rendering it out of service as a result of the damage.

Beulah Road at Ayr Hill Avenue, NE – April 4, 5:28 p.m. Vehicle-1 was stopped for the stop sign on Ayr Hill Avenue at Beulah Road, attempting to cross Beulah and continue on Ayr Hill. Vehicle-2 was traveling on Beulah approaching the intersection of Ayr Hill. Vehicle-1 proceeded into the intersection and was struck by Vehicle-2. Driver-1 was issued a summons charging Failure to Pay Full Time and Attention.

200 Block Maple Avenue, East – April 8, 11 a.m. Two vehicles were traveling eastbound on Maple Avenue in the same lane of traffic. Vehicle-2 stopped in traffic. Vehicle-1 was unable to stop in time and ran into the rear of Vehicle-2, causing minor damage to both vehicles.

Ayr Hill Avenue and Beulah Road, NE – April 11, 7:35 p.m. Vehicle-1 was westbound on Ayr Hill Avenue at Beulah Road. Vehicle-2 was traveling southbound on Beulah Road approaching the intersection. After stopping for the stop sign Vehicle-1 proceeded into the intersection and was struck by Vehicle-2. Driver-1 was issued a summons charging Failure to Pay Full Time and Attention.

Maple Avenue/Nutley Street, SW – April 13, 10:03 p.m. Vehicle-1 was southbound on Nutley Street NW. At the same time vehicle-2 was traveling westbound on Maple Avenue West. The two vehicles collided at the intersection. Both drivers stated they had a green light. Fault undetermined. No injuries.

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Various times through April 23 in Vinson Hall's Community Building Ballroom, 1735 Kirby Road. The McLean Community Players' production of William Shakespeare's comedy. \$18-\$20. Visit www.McLeanPlayers.org or call 1-800-838-3006 for more information.

Ed Behrens' Photographs. Various times through April 30 at Katie's Coffee House, Village Centre, 760

Walker Road, Great Falls. The showing will celebrate Ed's ten years as a member of Great Falls Studios, his very active 80th birthday. Call 703-759-0927 for more.

Free Tai Chi.

Every Saturday, from 7:55-9 a.m., Introduction and Beginners' Practice, meet on the outdoor basketball court located directly behind the Dolley Madison Public Library, 1244 Oak Ridge Ave. in McLean Central Park, McLean.

The Golden Girls of Northern Virginia.

a senior women's softball league, is looking for players. Any woman over the age of 40 is encouraged to join. All skill levels are welcome. Play on Wednesday evenings and Saturday mornings in

Vienna. Visit www.goldengirls.org.

First Sunday Jazz Brunch

11-2 p.m. Recurring monthly on the 1st Sunday at Bazin's on Church 111 Church St N.W., Vienna. Enjoy brunch accompanied by the soft jazz sounds of Virginia Music Adventure. Visit www.fxva.com/listing/bazins-on-church/1686/

The Freeman Store & Museum

Wednesday through Sunday noon-4 p.m. 131 Church St. NE, Vienna. The Freeman Store & Museum is dedicated to Preserving and promoting Vienna's heritage through the identification, preservation, and interpretation of history significant places, events, and persons. Historicviennainc.org

Weekly Storytime. Wednesday and Saturday. 11 a.m. Barnes & Noble, 7851 L Tysons Corner Center, McLean. Themes and titles vary. Free admission.

Bingo Night.

Sundays. 4 p.m. Flame Room, Vienna Volunteer Fire Department, 400 Center St. S, Vienna. \$10. www.vvfd.org/bingo.html.

Gentle Yoga.

Thursdays, 6:30 p.m. Emmaus United Church of Christ, 900 E Maple Ave. E., Vienna. Saturdays, 9:30 a.m. Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Fairfax, 2709 Hunter Mill Road, Oakton. Gentle Kundalini Yoga, one free introductory session, senior discounts. Increase flexibility, improve breathing and health, reduce stress. \$15 per session. 571-213-3192 or www.edimprovement.org.

Fishing Rod Rentals

8700 Potomac Hills St., Great Falls. Rentals available during visitor center hours. Fishing tackle and live bait are available for purchase. Reservations required for group rentals. \$6/rental (2 hour max). Valid driver's license required. Rod/reel combinations are perfect for beginners and children. A Virginia or Maryland freshwater fishing license is required for those 16 years or older. The park does not sell fishing licenses. www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/riverbend-park/

Colvin Run Mill

open 11 - 4 p.m. daily, closed Tuesday. 10017 Colvin Run Road, Great Falls. Fairfax County's operational 19th century water powered gristmill, offers recreational and educational activities for all ages through daily tours, school programs and special events. Fees: \$7/adult, \$6 students 16+ with ID, \$5 children & seniors. Admission to park is free except for some special events.

Fundamentals of Watercolors.

Mondays 10 a.m.-1 p.m. at The Arts of Great Falls, 756 Walker Road, Great Falls. Artist Lorrie Herman will help students get comfortable working with watercolors and understanding this medium. Visit www.greatfallsart.org for more.

Still Life Painting.

Tuesdays 10:30 a.m.-1 p.m. at The Arts of Great Falls, 756 Walker Road, Great Falls. Still life provides a great tool to hone skills. Recommended for students of all levels. Visit www.greatfallsart.org.

Evening Painting.

Tuesdays 6:30 - 9:30 p.m. at The Arts of Great Falls, 756 Walker Road, Great Falls. Jill Banks focuses on oil painting fundamentals with two sessions each of still life, landscapes, and portrait/clothed figure from a live model. Visit www.greatfallsart.org for more.

Intro to Jewelry Design. Tuesdays 9 a.m.-noon at The Arts of Great Falls, 756 Walker Road, Great Falls. JJ Singh teaches a class for anyone interested in exploring the world of metal clay and its design possibilities. Visit www.greatfallsart.org for more.

THURSDAY/APRIL 20

Quilt Restoration. 10:15 a.m. at the Fairfax Antique Arts Association, Green Acre Senior Center, 4401



The Walk on the Hill & Green Expo Return April 30

The Walk on the Hill & Green Expo takes place Sunday, April 30, from 2-5 p.m., Windover Heights Historic District at Windover Avenue & Orchard Street. Part of the Walk on the Hill event, sponsored by residents of the Windover Heights Historic District and Historic Vienna, Inc., Green Expo will feature alternative fuel vehicles, James Madison High School environmental programs, Home energy audit demonstration, e-recycler & composting companies and Town of Vienna greenhouse propagation discussion.

Sideburn Road, Fairfax. Presentation and samples provided by Clara Sue Ashley and Chris Young of the Quilt Shop of McLean on the varying processes that can be used. Members are encouraged to bring in family pieces. Call 703-273-6090 for more.

John McCutcheon Concert. 8 p.m. in the Barns at Wolftrap, 1635 Trap Road, Vienna. Folk music's Renaissance man from Georgia. \$25-28. Visit www.wolftrap.org for more.

SATURDAY/APRIL 22

Family Fishing Rodeo. 9 a.m. at Wildwood Park, 700 block of Follin Lane SE. The creek will be stocked with hundreds of trout, bring a fishing rod, bucket, plastic bag, and ice. \$3. Visit www.viennava.gov for more.

Spring Community Garage Sale. 9 a.m.-1 p.m. in the parking garage located at 1420 Beverly Road. The McLean Community Center will hold its annual Spring Community Garage Sale. Free admission. Call 703-790-0123, or visit www.mcleancenter.org/special-events for more.

APRIL 22-MAY 31

Artists Show. Various times at the Broadway Gallery, 1025 J Seneca Road, Great Falls. "Levels of Abstraction," show featuring the works of Hiromi Ashlin, Genna Gurvich, Sandi Ritchie Miller, and Buck Nelligan. Visit www.broadwaygallery.net or call 703-450-8005 for more.

SUNDAY/APRIL 23

Amadeus Orchestra. 4 p.m. at Saint Luke Catholic Church, 7001 Georgetown Pike, McLean. A pre-concert lecture by Music Director A. Scott Wood will begin at 3:15 p.m., 45 minutes prior to the start of the concert. \$30, students 17 and under and active military are admitted free of charge. amadeusconcerts.com

THURSDAY/APRIL 27

Blood Drive. 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at Long and Foster, 1355 Beverly Road,

McLean. Long and Foster is partnering with Children's National for a blood drive, the blood mobile will be located in the front of the building. Visit www.cnmcblooddonor.com/ or call 703-790-1990.

Tree Celebration. 4:30 p.m. at Meadow Lane Park, 400 Courthouse Road SW. In celebration of Arbor Day, Mayor Laurie DiRocco will be joined by Cub Scout Pack 1116 to plant an oak tree. Visit www.viennava.gov for more.

Dinner and Whisky. 7 p.m. at Ruth's Chris Steak House in Tyson's Corner, 8521 Leesburg Pike. Introducing a five-course dinner paired with Johnnie Walker Whisky. Call 703-848-4290 or visit www.ruthschris.com/Restaurant-Locations/tysons-corner for more.

FRIDAY/APRIL 28

Community Service and Scholarship Awards Gala. 7 p.m. Hilton McLean Tysons Corner, 7920 Jones Branch Drive, McLean. Urban League honoring champions in the community for leadership and community service and awarding student scholarships. Call 703-836-2858 or visit www.nvul.org

Fairfax Genealogical Society. 7:30 p.m. at Dunn Loring Volunteer Fire Station Hall, 2148 Gallows Road, Vienna. Sarah R. Fleming presentation "From the Ashes—A Burned County Case Study," efforts to piece together evidence to determine ancestors; reviews strategies and records used despite a courthouse fire. Call 703-644-8185 or visit www.fxgs.org/events.

APRIL 28-30

Spring Art Show. 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Friday; 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday-Sunday at Vale Schoolhouse, 3124 Fox Mill Road, Oakton. ValeArts "Fresh Paint," Spring Art Show features guest artists Mary Beth Gaiarin and Andrea Cybyk among others. Visit www.valearts.com.

SATURDAY/APRIL 29

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Live Music

Willy Porter in concert at Jammin' Java in Vienna on Monday, May 1. Performing with his singing/songwriting partner, Carmen Nickerson. Visit www.jamminjava.com/ for more.

Church of the Good Shepherd, 2351 Hunter Mill Road, Vienna. Donate gently used items in the Fellowship Hall April 24-28 from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Call 703-281-3987 or visit www.GoodShepherdVa.com for more.

Fairfax County Anniversary. 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m., Virginia Room, City of Fairfax Regional Library, 10360 North St. "A Place Called Home: Fairfax County. A 275th Anniversary Event" is a day-long exploration of the history of Fairfax County. Free. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library or 703-293-6227, ext. 6.

Korean Culture and Food Forum. 9 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Korean United Methodist Church of Greater Washington, 1219 Swinks Mill Road, McLean. Cultural programs such as Korean dance performances, paper folding, trying on traditional Korean costumes and games for children. Call 703-863-2259 for more.

"Preserving Family Heirlooms". 10 a.m. at Dunn Loring Volunteer Fire Station Hall, 2148 Gallows Road, Vienna. Tina Beaird presents a brief history of paper manufacturing and photography while describing how to store and preserve such items, and techniques for preserving historic and modern scrapbooks. Call 703-644-8185 or visit www.fxgs.org/events for more.

Taste of Vienna. 11 a.m.-8 p.m. at the Vienna Volunteer Fire Department fire station at 400 Center St. S. Free admission and live entertainment. Proceeds from the sale of food and beverages will benefit the Vienna Volunteer Fire Department. Visit tasteofvienna.org for more.

Homeless Community Forum. 1-4 p.m. at Unity of Fairfax, 2854 Hunter Mill Road, Oakton. Representatives from local government, nonprofits, and faith groups gather for a community forum on homelessness in Fairfax County. Call 703-281-1767, or visit unityoffairfax.org for more.

SUNDAY/APRIL 30

Green Expo. 2-5 p.m. at the Windover Heights Historic District, 277 Windover Ave., Vienna. The yards and gardens of approximately 50 homes in the Town's northwest historic district will be open to visitors as part of the annual Walk on the Hill. Open air artist, jazz ensemble, Hickory Grove performances and historic tour. Visit www.viennava.gov for more.

MONDAY/MAY 1

Love Your Baby Day. 11:30 a.m.-3 p.m. at Beloved Yoga, 1137 Walker Road, Suite 2, Great Falls. Learn about the many aspects of the prenatal and postnatal journey and support available to have a healthy

pregnancy, and raise a healthy and happy baby and family. Visit www.belovedyoga.com for more.

Willy Porter in Concert. 7 p.m. at Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. Performing with his singing/songwriting partner, Carmen Nickerson. Visit www.jamminjava.com/ for more.

Spiritual Practices Class. 7-9 p.m. at Unity of Fairfax, 2854 Hunter Mill Road, Oakton. Explore the world of spiritual practices in this experiential survey class. Call 703-281-1767 or visit unityoffairfax.org for more.

SATURDAY/MAY 6

Oak Hill Fun Run. 6-10:30 a.m. Oak Hill Elementary School, 3210 Kinross Circle, Oak Hill. Support the school or earn service hours by running the annual Oak Hill 1K or 5K. Call 703-467-3535 or email OakHillES.Attendance@fcps.edu.

Ayr Hill Garden Club. 8 a.m.-noon on the lawn next to the Freeman Store, 131 Church St. NE, Vienna. This year's sale, which features plants that come largely from club members' gardens, will emphasize benefits of native plants to the local ecology. Garden flea market items also will be available. Contact emilielarson@rcn.com.

SUNDAY/MAY 7

Jazz Concert. 7 p.m. at Vienna Presbyterian Church, 124 Park St. Featuring Duke Ellington's "Almighty God Has Those Angels" sung by Metropolitan Opera soprano Danielle Talamantes Visit viennapres.org/ or call 703-938-9050 for more.

FRIDAY, MAY 12

Road to Independence Gala. 6-10 p.m. at the Hilton McLean Tysons Corner 7920 Jones Branch Drive, McLean. The Road to Independence Gala celebrates Northern Virginia Family Service as the leading resource for Northern Virginia families in need. This prestigious event features live and silent auctions, and draws 600 business and community leaders invested in local families. This year's honorees are Karen Cleveland and former U.S. Rep. Frank Wolf. \$300. Call 571-748-2502, or email scrosley@nvfs.org.

SATURDAY/MAY 13

Love Your Baby Day. 11:30 a.m.-3 p.m. at Beloved Yoga, 1137 Walker Road, Suite 2, Great Falls. Learn about the many aspects of the prenatal and postnatal journey and support available to have a healthy pregnancy, and raise a healthy and happy baby and family. Visit www.belovedyoga.com for more.

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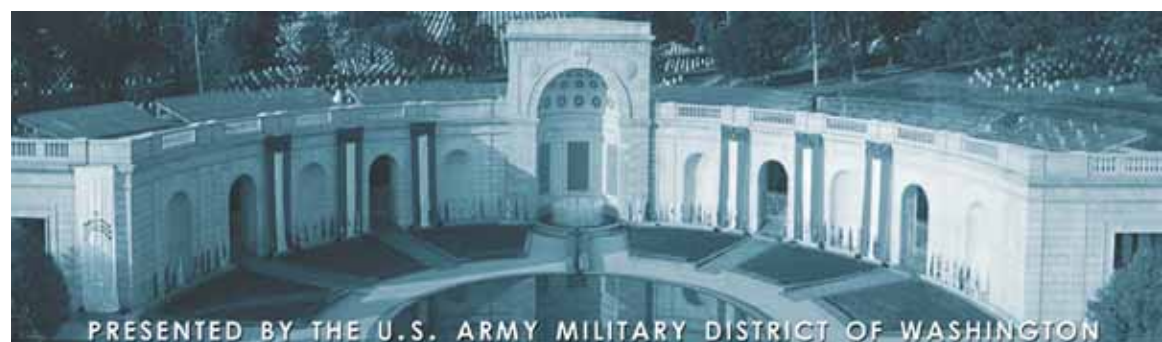


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Credit The Card



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

I'm not a big spender, maybe a medium spender — on my best day. My brother is a big spender, my father was, too. My mother, probably who I most likely take after: 'medium' and judicious, again, like me (or is it me like her?). Nevertheless, the money got spent and if there was more of it, it likely would have got spent, too. It's not as if I was deprived growing up, I got the things that mattered — in the long run. I just didn't get everything money could buy.

But that was before credit cards. Well, before Visa, MasterCard, Discover and Capital One. Sure, there were department store cards: Filene's, Jordon Marsh, Kennedy's — in Boston, and off course there were gas cards: Esso, Amoco and Arco, and I suppose I recall knowing about American Express and Diner's Club, but they weren't used by everybody everywhere, certainly not by the Louries. Now, plastic is the currency by which many of us pay to play, and some of us use to merely stay in the game.

And for me, it sort of is a game: how long can I go without charging something and how much can I charge and still be able to pay the balance off when the next monthly credit card bill arrives? As I contemplate my daily/weekly/bi-weekly/monthly inflow and outgo, I associate my efforts at restraint and attempted control with that of a levee, if I understand their function correctly — which I might not: bend and not break? Like some NFL team defenses are often described.

The problem arises — for both me and the levee, when the levee/spending restraint breaks (quite the opposite of brakes/stops). That's when the damage occurs. That's when the balance overflows. That's when good, bad and indifferent money follows. In for a dime, in for dollars, some of which don't make sense. Once that resolve is weakened, and once that wallet is opened and that credit card is handed over, I feel very much the addict. Once I've started — and stopped denying myself the pleasure of the purchase, I find it extremely difficult to get off the spending bus. Invariably, it's taken me awhile to get on so whether it's sensory deprivation, deferred gratification or premature escalation, there are no more skid marks on that slippery slope. The race is on, so to speak and until I hit my imaginary financial wall, my credit card balance is going onward and upward.

Sure it feels good to spend money I don't have without considering the pay-back consequences. Presumably, the benefits derived from the purchase will help soothe the savage, impoverished beast as he jiggles and then juggles the dollars in order to find some cents. I imagine that's what makes the world go 'round: short term pain for long term gain. Still, it doesn't feel much like progress and progress is what feels good to me. Although, these new Rockport leather slip-ons with the "cushiony" soles and orthotic inserts are improving my disposition and lessening the pain in my feet and fatigue in my legs, it still costs me money not in my wallet.

I admit, I am enjoying the support and comfort my new shoes are providing. But I'm also keenly aware that I haven't received the credit card bill yet reflecting there and other slippery-slope purchases made that same weekend. And when the piper has to be paid, I may not like my new shoes — among other items, nearly as much as I do right now. Right now, the shoes are free. Soon they won't be.

Further complicating this spending-not spending dilemma is the fact that I'm a 62-year-old cancer patient; how do I deprive myself of any creature comforts when I have recurring highly stressful situations that give me, and my life-expectancy, pause. Naturally, I'd rather pay my way — and my share, but at what cost? I suppose cash in hand is still worth two in the bush, but if a credit card is all I have ... ? Either I use it or lose it. The pain and/or pleasure will likely follow regardless.

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

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Obituary

Mary Barbara Scholz passed away on Thursday April 6, 2017 at INOVA Fairfax Hospital after an extended illness. She was predeceased by her parents Fritz Joseph and Mary Elizabeth Scholz, who were lovingly cared for by Barbara, during their health challenges. She is survived by her brother Fritz J Scholz III of Leesburg, Virginia. Barbara affectionately known as BB by family, grew up in Roanoke, Virginia, graduated from Mary Baldwin and received a Master's Degree from the University of Virginia. Her Career in Education took her to Germany, Oregon, Maryland and finally to Fairfax County, Virginia, where she retired as High School English teacher. Anyone knowing Barbara understood her passion for reading and her love for dogs, as she had many in her home and heart. A memorial service will be held at a later date. In Lieu of Flowers, the family request that memorial contribution be made to the humane Society of Fairfax County, 4057 Chain Bridge Rd. Fairfax, Virginia 22030. Please share condolences with the family www.LoudounFuneralChapel.com

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THE GROOMING LOUNGE OF VIRGINIA LLC trading as GROOMING LOUNGE OF VIRGINIA LLC, 2001 INTERNATIONAL DR STE 3706, MCLEAN, FAIRFAX COUNTY, VIRGINIA, 22102-4605. The above establishment is applying to the VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL (ABC) for a DAY SPA license to sell or manufacture alcoholic beverages. MICHAEL GILMAN, MANAGING 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.

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ABC LICENSE

Oakton Wine Shop, LLC trading as Oakton Wine Shop, 2952A Chain Bridge Road, Oakton, VA, 22124. The above establishment is applying to the VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL (ABC) for a restaurant on off premise license to sell or manufacture alcoholic beverages. Bryan Gauthier, 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.

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I, Janeen Adi Madan, currently residing in Arlington VA, have changed my name from Janeen Adi Madan to Janeen Madan Keller. (As per order approved by the Circuit Court of Arlington County, dated April 4, 2017).

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ABC LICENSE

Board Room VA, LLC trading as The Board Room, 925 N Garfield Street, Arlington, Arlington County, VA 22201-2179. The above establishment is applying to the VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL (ABC) for a Wine and Beer On and Off; Mixed Beverage Restaurant (seating capacity 151 seating or more) license to sell or manufacture alcoholic beverages. Mark R. Handwerger, Managing Member authorizing advertisement. 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.

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Flik International Corp. trading as Flik International, 7950 Jones Branch Drive, McLean, Virginia 22102. The above establishment is applying to the VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL (ABC) for a Mixed Beverage Caterer license to sell or manufacture alcoholic beverages. Scott Davis, 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.

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Flik International Corp. trading as Flik International, 7950 Jones Branch Drive, McLean, Virginia 22102. The above establishment is applying to the VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL (ABC) for a Wine & Beer On & Off Premises license to sell or manufacture alcoholic beverages. Scott Davis, 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.

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TUESDAY/MAY 2

Town Elections. 6 a.m.-7 p.m. at Vienna Presbyterian Church, 124 Park St. NE, Vienna. Town of Vienna residents will cast votes for three Vienna Town Council seats. Visit www.viennava.gov for more.

SUNDAY/MAY 7

Talk about Planning "Life Celebrations" 2 p.m. at Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Fairfax, Program Bldg Rms 3 & 4, 2709 Hunter Mill Road, Oakton. Mary Albrethsen, licensed funeral director and embalmer, will discuss current trends in the funeral industry at the semi-annual meeting of the Memorial Society of Northern Virginia. All are welcome. Call Ron Brandt, 703-765-4779 or gronbrandt@gmail.com.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Shepherd's Center of McLean-Arlington-Falls Church, 1205 Dolley Madison Blvd., McLean continues to have an urgent need for new volunteers to help area senior citizens get to and from their medical and therapy appointments. To find out more about the Shepherd's Center and how you can volunteer to provide transportation and other services, call the Center at 703-506-2199 or e-mail the Center at info@scmafc.org. The Center's website is www.scmafc.org

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The Golden Girls of Northern Virginia, a senior women's softball league, is looking for players. Any woman over the age of 40 is encouraged to join. All skill levels are welcome. The games are on Wednesday evenings and Saturday mornings in Vienna. For more information, visit www.goldengirls.org

Are You A Caregiver? Shepherd's Center of Oakton Vienna Caregivers' Support Group takes place first & third Thursday of each month. February 2nd and 16th, 2017 from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Join us at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Fairfax (UUCF) - Program Building, 2709 Hunter Mill Rd, Oakton, VA. For more info contact facilitator, Jack Tarr, 703-821-6838 jtarr5@verizon.net.

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Fairfax County needs volunteers to **drive older adults to medical appointments and wellness programs**. For these and other volunteer opportunities, call 703-324-5406, TTY 711 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dfs/olderadults and click on Volunteer Solutions.

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Baskets of Joy

Easter Rabbit makes a celebrity appearance during Easter Egg Hunt at Nottoway Park.

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Egg hunts are a fun Easter tradition, but more so when their timing falls in mid-April. Spring has sprung, and children can run and hunt outdoors. Nottoway Park offered the outdoor setting and planning opportunities for an Easter Egg Hunt held Saturday, April 15, that attracted parents, grandparents and children ages 1-9 years old.

Early Saturday morning, even before a certain hoppity woodland creature awoke, volunteers were hard at work getting ready for the hunt under the direction of Vivian Morgan-Mendez, President of the Friends of Nottoway Park.

First, volunteers took care of the hunt supplies. They hauled large bags of plastic gift-filled eggs and candy as well as boxes of sports balls, buckets of chalk and envelopes containing complimentary tickets for park attractions to the site.

Next, they cordoned off a large grassy area to form the hunting circle, setting it a far distance from the surrounding mature forests just beginning to leaf out.

Finally, since a celebrity in a white fur coat and tall ears was scheduled to make a photo opportunity appearance, the volunteers erected a tent to keep him cool. They decorated it and placed two chairs there. One seat was for the celebrity guest, set to show up any moment, and the other for any child who might want to get a little closer, but not too close to a 7-foot-tall white rabbit with huge feet sporting a vest and holding a giant carrot.



Lane Brooks, Officer on the volunteer Fairfax County Park Foundation Board of Directors, acted as Master of Ceremonies. He announced the multiple age-grouped egg hunts and prize drawings winners during the Easter Egg Hunt at Nottoway Park.

A Mr. MacFreeze food truck sold homemade Belgian waffles and fruit ice pops to the arriving visitors. Bunny-ear headbands, tutus, and sparkly shoes seemed to be the dress for many little girls while quite a few little boys sported either plaid or superhero shirts. Without fail though, each child carried an Easter basket.

Linda Smyth, Providence District Supervisor, promoted the effort to her constituents. Present at the egg hunt to help out for its 10th year she said, "I come every year and get in the spirit of the fun, and this year we have great weather."

Ken Quincy, Providence District representative on the Park Authority Board also attended the event. He represented the Fairfax County Park Authority, which provided the Park venue and staff support.

Roberta A. Longworth, Executive Director, Fairfax County Park Foundation served at the event. Longworth explained the Friends of Nottoway Park in partnership with the Fairfax County Park Foundation sponsored the event. Proceeds would be donated through the Fairfax County Park Foundation with 100 percent of those donations used for Nottoway Park.

Fairfax County Park Authority operates Nottoway Park at 9601 Courthouse Road, Vienna. For more information about Fairfax County Park Authority visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks. For more details about the nonprofit organization, Fairfax County Park Foundation, visit www.fairfaxparkfoundation.org.



Anna Ford was delighted with the sign directing families to the Easter Egg Hunt at Nottoway Park held Saturday, April 15. Michael Ford, Anna's dad, said, "Anna came last year and got a little. This year, her candy palate has matured."



Ken Quincy, Providence District Representative on the Park Authority Board, collected tickets from the crowd for a chance to win one of the many door prizes presented at the Easter Egg Hunt at Nottoway Park.



Roberta A. Longworth, right, Executive Director, Fairfax County Park Foundation, a non-profit organization that supports the Park Authority by raising funds, obtaining grants, and creating partnerships, gives a winner her prize at the Easter Egg Hunt at Nottoway Park.



Children scrambled to fill their Easter baskets with the many sweets and treats.