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Kealani Nanz of Fairfax Station, who made the breast cancer banner, with coach Patty Friedman, also from Fairfax Station. Swim team raised \$31,500 to fight breast cancer at South Run Rec Center.

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Meeting materials will be available at <http://www.ctb.virginia.gov/planning/springmeetings/default.asp> beginning April 16, 2018.

**Public meetings begin at 4:00 p.m. in each of the locations except as noted below:**  
*A formal comment period will be held at these meetings.*

<b>Monday, April 16, 2018</b> Hampton Roads - Hampton Roads Transportation Planning Organization, 723 Woodlake Drive Chesapeake, VA 23320	<b>Thursday, April 19, 2018</b> Lynchburg - VDOT Lynchburg District Office Ramey Memorial Auditorium 4303 Campbell Avenue Lynchburg, VA 24501	<b>Tuesday, April 24, 2018</b> Richmond - Hilton Garden Inn 800 Southpark Boulevard Colonial Heights, VA 23834
<b>Monday, April 30, 2018*</b> Northern Virginia - Northern Virginia District Office Potomac Conference Room 4975 Alliance Drive Fairfax, VA 22030  *meeting begins at 5:30 p.m.	<b>Thursday, May 3, 2018</b> Staunton - Holiday Inn and Conference Center 152 Fairway Lane Staunton, VA 24402	<b>Monday, May 7, 2018</b> Culpeper - Culpeper District Auditorium 1601 Orange Road Culpeper, VA 22701
<b>Tuesday May 8, 2018</b> Fredericksburg - Germanna Community College Workforce and Technology Center 10000 Germanna Point Drive, Fredericksburg, VA 22408	<b>Thursday, May 10, 2018</b> Salem - Holiday Inn Valley View 3315 Ordway Drive NW Roanoke, VA 24017	<b>Monday, May 14, 2018</b> Bristol - Southwest Virginia Higher Education Center One Partnership Circle Abingdon, VA 24210

You can also submit your comments by email or mail by May 30, 2018:

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## NEWS



### Clifton Earth Day Clean Up

Thirty-five plus volunteers of all ages participated in the second Annual Clifton Earth Day Clean Up event on Sunday, April 22. Friends and neighbors rallied to pick up more than 25 bags of trash, worked on community improvement projects and guided Girl Scout Troop 797, as they removed invasive plants and installed native Virginia Bluebells along Popes Head Creek. Other volunteers helped weed the pollinator garden and are looking forward to adding more native and pollinator friendly plants this spring. This event was sponsored by the Clifton Betterment Association, Town of Clifton and Virginia Department of Transportation.



### AREA ROUNDUPS

## Investigation Underway After Man Found Dead in Fairfax Station

Detectives have identified the homicide victim found in the 6500 block of Colchester Road Wednesday morning, April 18, as 30-year-old Michael Cooker, of Herndon. At 6:49, officers responded to the area after a passerby saw a man lying on the side of the road. Medics arrived and pronounced him dead at the scene. No weapons were found at the scene. There's no evidence to indicate a threat to public safety. Detectives are working to develop suspect information. Cooker sustained upper body trauma. The Office of the Chief Medical Examiner will conduct an autopsy to determine the exact cause and manner of death.

If anyone has information about this incident, contact Major Crimes Bureau at 703-246-7800 or contact Crime Solvers electronically by visiting <http://www.fairfaxcrimesolvers.com> or text-a-tip by texting "TIP187" plus your message to CRIMES (274637) or by calling 1-866-411-TIPS (8477), or call Fairfax County Police at 703-691-2131.



## Comstock Challengers Count on 'Blue Wave'

**Six Democrats vying to unseat Barbara Comstock face off at Colvin Run Elementary**

BY ANDREA WORKER  
THE CONNECTION

**T**he six Democrats, four women and two men, competing for the chance to unseat incumbent U.S. Rep. Barbara Comstock (R-10) come November, took to the stage to face each other and more than 300 interested citizens from around the widespread boundaries of the 10<sup>th</sup> Congressional District. The district includes Loudoun, Frederick and Clarke counties, and parts of Fairfax and Prince William counties. The forum was hosted by the Dranesville District Democratic Committee at Colvin Run Elementary School in Vienna, and introduced by the organization's Chair, Jennifer Adeli.

There was much agreement among the candidates as they answered questions posed by moderator Glenn Kessler, the Washington Post Fact-Checker columnist. The crowd applauded enthusiastically as the contenders lambasted Comstock, President Trump, and the Republican Congress on issues that included the Trump Administration's attacks on the Affordable Care Act, the future of Social Security, climate change, sanctions against Iran and Russia, DACA and immigration reform, the recently passed Tax Reform bill, tariffs and the U.S.'s departure from the Trans-Pacific Partnership.

**ALL OF THE DEBATERS** expressed their support for the Affordable Care Act and their anger at how the program is being diluted, while offering differing solutions on the general topic of healthcare.

Lindsey Davis Stover, who served as a Chief of Staff on Capitol Hill, as well as a Senior Advisor at the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs under President Obama, declared that access to affordable and quality healthcare "shouldn't be something we have to keep marching for. It's a right, not a privilege."

Two-term Virginia senator Jennifer Wexton and Paul Pelletier, a former federal prosecutor, both support adjusting the financial threshold for the Affordable Care Act to allow more citizens to qualify for subsidies, with Pelletier adding that controlling fraud would help drive down costs.

Wexton lauded "Obamacare" as a good first step, saying that "we don't need to reinvent the wheel" and that a sliding scale based on ability to pay should be investigated. "Let's get creative."

Dr. Julia Biggins, an infectious disease scientist, took the healthcare issue a step further, saying she would vote for a thresh-



**The Democratic candidates vying for the chance to challenge incumbent Rep. Barbara Comstock's Congressional District 10 seat. From left, Dan Helmer, Lindsey Davis Stover, Alison Friedman, moderator Glenn Kessler, Paul Pelletier, State Sen. Jennifer Wexton, and Dr. Julia Biggins.**

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**The event was hosted by the Dranesville District Democratic Committee. Chair Jennifer Adeli welcomed the attendees and introduced the moderator and the candidates.**



**Susan Jacobs and candidate Dan Helmer. Jacobs, a McLean resident is supporting Helmer as the "best candidate" but says she will back whoever wins the primary. "They are all good, with great resumes."**

old increase while working toward a "single-payer" healthcare system and a focus on preventative care. "Let's shoot for the moon," she urged, saying that to date, Congressional efforts in this area have been "Band-Aids" on the greater problem. "It's complex," she added, "but we've been talking for decades." Biggins also believes that healthcare should be a government responsibility, and not tied to employment.

West Point graduate, Rhodes Scholar, and veteran of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, Dan Helmer envisions a system where Americans can opt into Medicare. Helmer's insistence that the Government's ability to use scale be "unleashed" to negotiate drug prices received a roar of approval from the attendees.

Questions concerning the Tax Reform Act also drew criticism from the candidates and approbation from the audience on their negative commentary.

"It's a horrible product for many reasons," was Alison Friedman's assessment. Friedman is a former senior official with the Obama Administration's State Department, authoring legislation to combat human trafficking and protect voting rights. In her estimation, the Tax Reform Act is anything but, benefiting corporations and the wealthy above working families, singles, and those in most need.

Helmer called the legislation "one of the most unpatriotic" bills ever passed, and thinks a complete re-write is needed, "starting from scratch" to get it right.

The Republicans' immigration bans and reforms and the proposed Border Wall also got a bashing from the candidates, with Davis Stover describing both as "heartless and bad economic decisions" and calling attention to the exemplary safety record of the city of El Paso, Texas "right there on that border. The 'wall' isn't about national security. It's a symbol of hate."

Friedman, who at one point during the two-hour debate called Donald Trump "the greatest threat to our national security," added that among the many reasons to run against Comstock, the comments she made during a debate when first running for Congress, likening the tracking of immigrants entering the country to tracking FedEx packages "are up there on my list."

"All my time in Iraq and Afghanistan, I never thought we were fighting to deport children," added Helmer.

If moderator Kessler was hoping to catch the candidates off guard with a direct question asking if they would support Nancy Pelosi in a Congressional leadership role if elected, first-to-the-mic Friedman wasn't phased. "Lucky me to get this one first!" she quipped, then fired back.

"This is not the conversation that we should be having now," she said, insisting that Democrats needed to avoid "being divided," and needed to pull together and stay on message.

While acknowledging Pelosi's contribu-

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NBC4 Northern Virginia Bureau Chief Julie Carey was the emcee for the FACETS' 30<sup>th</sup> Annual "Opening Doors" Breakfast. Carey was joined by FACETS Executive Director Joe Fay, Case Manager Robert Tindall (left) and Michael O'Reilly, chair of the Fairfax-Falls Church Partnership to Prevent and End Homelessness (right) before the start of the program.



U.S. Rep. Gerry Connolly (D-11) was in attendance and added his praise for Linda Wimpey, who founded FACETS as a community outreach hot meals program in July of 1988. Connolly said that Wimpey was a driving force for the county's efforts to prevent and end homelessness, describing her as a "quiet disruptor," finding ways to get things done.

## Honoring the Past; Focused on the Future

### FACETS celebrates 30<sup>th</sup> annual "Opening Doors" benefit breakfast.

BY ANDREA WORKER  
THE CONNECTION

Television station NBC4's Northern Virginia Bureau Chief Julie Carey emceed the event at the Marriott Fairview Park, celebrating the 30<sup>th</sup> birthday of non-profit FACETS at the group's annual "Opening Doors" Breakfast. For its years of community service, FACETS received many kudos, but as Carey and others noted, meeting FACETS's clients, hearing their stories of struggle and of success, and focusing on the future and understanding how much more has yet to be done, was the main mission of the day.

FACETS has been tackling the causes and consequences of poverty and homelessness in Fairfax County since July of 1988, when founder Linda Wimpey started a "hot meals" program for the people she saw in need, delivering food three nights a week with the assistance of a few area churches.

Thirty years later, that simple outreach effort has evolved into a multi-faceted operation. FACETS still offers hot meals and supplies from their emergency pantry, but now, armed with a staff of professionals and the aid of some 50 faith-based communities and scores of volunteers, the organization can do more to support families and individuals living in poverty, or who are homeless or at risk of becoming so.

Case managers work with single adults and families, helping to stabilize them, avoiding eviction where possible, offering temporary accommodations where needed and assisting them toward achieving permanent housing. Parents and families receive support and training in financial, computer and life skills and are guided in accessing the tools and services needed to

improve their lives. Clients are also connected with medical resources, including mental health services.

Not satisfied with addressing the needs of the moment, FACETS seeks to break the poverty cycle by providing programs for children and teens — help with homework, mentoring, school supplies, and college or career planning — just some of the offerings. In FY2015, 301 youth participated in FACETS community programs. Nearly 65 percent of those who had educational assistance achieved honor roll status, and all of the graduating seniors went on to higher forms of education.

**IN THE WINTER**, FACETS also partners with the county and a number of faith-based communities to operate the Hypothermia Prevention Program, offering overnight accommodations, meals and other services to the homeless.

Ralph Menzel, president of the West Springfield Rotary Club, presented Wimpey with a certificate from the Rotarians, recognizing her service to neighbors in need.

In his remarks honoring Wimpey during the breakfast, U.S. Rep. Gerry Connolly (D-11) credited her with sparking his own dedication years ago to solving the problem of poverty and homelessness in Fairfax County, taking him and his young daughter on a "ride-along" to serve meals to area homeless.

"It was eye-opening," said Connolly. "People were literally coming up out of culverts to get a hot meal. There were men in business suits. I couldn't believe what I was seeing in our own backyard."

Connolly praised Wimpey and all of FACETS as being instrumental in the development of the county's official response to the



**Rachel and her husband came to be clients of FACETS through the winter Hypothermia Prevention program. At the event, she spoke about their struggles and ultimate successes. The couple experienced four years of housing insecurity and homelessness, despite both of them working.**

issue. During Connolly's tenure on the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, first as Providence District supervisor and then as board chair, the county's governing body embraced the goal, establishing an Office to Prevent and End Homelessness.

"There's been a 47 percent reduction in homelessness in our community," said Connolly. "More to do, but good steps in the right direction." Connolly also brought a recognition — an official Congressional Proclamation honoring FACETS — that received unanimous Congressional approval. "That really says something about your work. That's not something you see these days."

Accepting the declaration was Joe Fay, executive director of FACETS, who said that the credit goes to all of the staff, volunteers and supporters of the organization. "You all

give with your hearts and your hands."

Fay acknowledged that the "next 30 years will bring an even greater challenge" as the costs of housing and basic needs continue to increase. More education, training and support will be needed to help residents gain employment that will achieve FACETS's mission — a community "where everyone has a place to call home." Fay said that the FACETS team is working to meet those increasing demands.

**THREE OF THE FACETS' CLIENTS** agreed to tell their stories to the attendees, although without publication of their surnames.

Pam spoke for herself and her husband Chris. They had experienced almost four years of transitory housing or homelessness, even though they both worked. "It just wasn't enough to make it," said Pam.

Rachel, who had earned a nursing degree in Florida, fell on hard times when she escaped an untenable family situation there and moved to the area with her partner. "It was really humbling. I never thought this could happen to me. Now, I may not have much, but I have my own place and a place to put my things." Rachel is hopeful that she will one day soon be "a nurse in one of our fine hospitals here."

Howa, from a Somali refugee family, participated in FACETS' youth program, crediting the staff and her mentors there with helping her to graduate from Old Dominion University. "My case worker even came on the admissions tour and asked all of the questions I never thought to ask."

As the event concluded, the attendees were urged to sign financial commitment pledges before leaving the event. As former FACETS mentor Julie Wood said, as she provided the pledge instructions, "you see where your money goes and how much good it can do."





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Students of the Nguabu School in Sierra Leone supported by West Springfield Rotary Club project.

## West Springfield Rotary to Help Promote Education in Sierra Leone

Rotary International has awarded a \$101,000 grant to the Rotary Clubs of West Springfield (with members from Burke, Fairfax Station and Springfield), Gainesville-Haymarket and Caroline County, Va. and Bo, Sierra Leone to support three primary schools in remote villages in that West African nation. The assistance to the schools will result in significant, sustained improvements in their ability to provide the necessary primary education and in turn drive long term positive impacts for their local communities.

The grant will enable the Rotary Clubs to install latrines and solar electricity systems in each school and send three teachers from each

school to Njala University for training and certification. Another major element is health and sanitation training.

During this three-year project, the Rotary clubs will be working with the three villages to ensure they develop local funding sources and implement practices to sustain schools into the future.

In addition to requiring that the project be sustainable, RI grants require extensive project monitoring to measure success against well-defined metrics. The service project progress will be regularly updated on the Rotary Club of West Springfield Facebook site devoted to this project: [www.facebook.com/WSRCSierraLeoneProject](http://www.facebook.com/WSRCSierraLeoneProject)

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# OPINION

## Budget Hits All the Right Notes

BY SHARON BULOVA  
CHAIRMAN, FAIRFAX COUNTY  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



During today's [April 24] Board of Supervisors Meeting, the Board marked up the FY2019 Advertised Budget by a vote of 8-2. Formal adoption of the budget will take place on May 1. I would like to share with you my remarks prior to our vote this morning:

The process for adopting the County Budget every year is all about community engagement. Fiscal Year 2019 is no exception, with Budget Forums and Town Hall Meetings hosted in each of our nine Districts, Budget Committee meetings (which included our partners on the School Board), and three days of public hearings on the Advertised Budget earlier this month. Since February, our offices have received hundreds, if not thousands, of letters, e-mail messages,

phone calls and personal visits from our constituents.

The Budget "mood" this year was harmonic, thanks to an Advertised Budget that I believe hit all of the right notes.

The Budget that we are about to "Mark-Up," or amend, is based on a tax rate of \$1.15. The package:

- ❖ Fully funds the School Board's request, bringing teachers' salaries

into competitive alignment with our sister jurisdictions in the region;

- ❖ Overall support for our school system is increased by \$91.49 million or 4.22 percent over Fiscal Year 2018, with 52.8 percent of our General Fund Budget going to schools;

- ❖ Fully funds compensation for our County employees with a 2.25 percent Market Rate Adjustment, Performance, Merit and Longevity increases;

- ❖ Includes funding for Fairfax First, Gang Prevention, the expansion of Diversion First

and Opportunity Neighborhoods, additional slots for Early Childhood programs, and funding to address the Opioid Crisis;

- ❖ Provides an increase in funding for Metro (pending a long-term solution), VRE and our Connector Bus System.

While this Mark-Up package includes a 2 cent increase in the real estate tax rate, an increase of \$241 on the average annual tax bill, I believe the additional revenue is an important investment needed to shore up the foundation on which our quality of life rests.

I want to thank Budget Committee Chairman Jeff McKay for his excellent work bringing this Mark-Up Package to the Board today, along with Budget Guidance that addresses issues discussed during budget deliberations with each of our colleagues. Adoption of a Budget every year requires the good faith collaboration of each member of our Board and I appreciate everyone's willingness to come together on a Budget process that moves Fairfax County forward.

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Time to Rediscover Libraries

To the Editor:

As a current high school teacher in Fairfax County, and a future school librarian, I frequently hear the question, "Why do you want to be a librarian? Do kids even read anymore?" April is National School Library Month, and I'd like to take the opportunity to clarify the answers to these questions.

In my school, the library is not only already an essential part of the school, it is filled with untapped potential as well, because so many parents, students, and teachers are not aware of all of the opportunities that are available. Our school library provides our students with technology access, research stations, a place to work and research, but also has lunch programs to help students meet each other and make friends; on some days during lunch there is a

knitting group that meets. Students meet and teach each other to create new stitches and patterns, and you haven't seen a school united until you've seen a freshman girl patiently demonstrating a stitch for the third time to a senior football player. We have a book club that meets during our remediation period once a month. The kids pick the books, and have some of the most lively discussions I've heard.

Even more than this, our library is teaching our students how to be digital citizens and 21st century learners. They foster curiosity — not always an easy feat in high schoolers. They have a coding station where our students can learn to code, even if they aren't taking computer science classes, and a media lab where students produce, film, and present daily announcements for the school. They are trying to get a 3D printer in the library, as well as virtual reality technology to allow our students to explore places and ideas to which they might never other-

wise have access.

So yes, kids do still read. But these also aren't the same school libraries that we had; no longer is the library a silent, intimidating tomb of books. Go check out your local school library after school one day in April — you might just be surprised at what you find!

**Meagan Major**  
Fairfax

## Stopping Violence in Any Form

To the Editor:

In response to your last week's opinion piece calling a new state license plate with the words "Stop Gun Violence" a small victory, I offer the following:

I notice that the Virginia General Assembly and the Governor have passed a bill for a new license plate with the words "Stop Gun Violence" on it. There are

those of us who are opposed to violence in any form — knife violence, explosives violence, poison violence, vehicular violence, and the like. Everett Piper recently stated: "Take away guns and we'll use a knife. Take away knives and we'll use a club. Take away clubs, and we'll use a rock." The lead editorial in the 4-10-18 edition of The Washington Times observed that knifings across the British Isles are up 21 percent. Stabbings in London in 2017 are at their highest level in 6 years, up 23 percent over the previous year. Knives and acid are the two most common weapons used in London. Violence starts in the heart — not in the hand.

The Virginia General Assembly's myopic focus on guns is not the solution to stopping violence. I suggest the General Assembly and Governor would better serve Virginians by renaming the license plate "Stop Violence".

**Paul McIlvaine**  
Alexandria

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## NEWS

# Lucky Half Penny

Supervisors drop a half-cent from the proposed 2.5 cent increase in real estate tax rate.

BY KEN MOORE  
THE CONNECTION

**T**he Board of Supervisors dropped one half cent for the FY 2019 advertised budget in a 8-2 vote Tuesday, April 24.

"This is the fewest number of changes we've made to the budget in recent years. And I think a lot of that is a reflection on our desire to fund a lot of needs that exist in the county," said Lee District Supervisor Jeff McKay, at the board's budget committee meeting on Friday, April 19.

The Board of Supervisors will officially adopt its FY 2019 Budget on May 1. "The recommendation is to go from a two and a half cent increase to a two cent increase, so going to \$1.15 as the new rate for FY 2019," said Joe Mondoro, the county's chief financial officer/director.

That translates to a drop from \$268 to \$241 for the average taxpayer on this year's real estate bill.

"We need to identify \$12.3 million," said Mondoro. "We are doing that in proportions, schools and county, just as we did with the building of the budget, so the impact is felt by both and as a result of the actions will maintain the 52.8 percent allocation to schools and will maintain the same growth rate for county and schools. That growth rate will be 4.2 percent as a result of this action. For the school side, the adjustment is \$3.6 million." Supervisors expressed concern that they are providing more money to schools for teacher salaries, but schools plan to spend more than \$17 million of the funds for administrators, not teachers.

"The bottom line, for me, is that they are still talking very significant increases for administrators in one year," said John Foust, Dranesville District supervisor.

**SEVERAL SUPERVISORS** complained that they needed detailed information from the schools about raises for administrators, but they hadn't gotten that information as the vote approaches.

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"I don't think we have the information we need to get them that money," said Foust.

"We're hoping we're going to have more definitive numbers before we have to act on this," said McKay. "The point is, we should have that information and we should be able to view it and we should be able to have it sooner rather than later since we have to take action on this on Tuesday."

"Tuesday is going to come real quick," said Foust at the Friday meeting. "They have to lay it out."

Pat Herrity added that School Board members hadn't gotten the answers to these questions either.

**"I don't think we have the information we need to get them that money."**

— John Foust,  
Dranesville  
Supervisor

**IN AN UNUSUAL TWIST**, the General Assembly has still not approved the budget, injecting some uncertainty to how much the county and schools can expect to receive. But overall, the news on state funding appeared to be good, with additional revenue from the state included in all three versions of the state budget, House of Delegates, Senate and Governor.

"As the board is aware, there is not yet a state budget. However, the \$900,000 that we're identifying here is included in all three the Governor, the House and the Senate versions of the budget so staff felt comfortable that recognizing this amount of money add on, which is typically what we would do, made sense," said Mondoro.

"And so the addition of that \$900,000 to the advertised balance that the county executive identified for you in February of \$3.9 million means going into markup there's \$4.8 million available to the board," he said.

Negotiations continue at the state level about expanding Medicaid, with the House of Delegates' and Governor's versions of the budget including the expansion. With expansion of Medicaid comes significant extra funding.

"Should Medicaid expansion happen, we should make sure as quickly as possible that we sit down back at this table and take a look at the results of that will be," Chairman Sharon Bulova said.

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## CAMPS & SCHOOLS

# New Student Representative on School Board Elected

Benjamin (Bennie) Tignor, a junior at South Lakes High School, has been elected by the countywide Student Advisory Council (SAC) to serve a one-year term as student representative to the Fairfax County School Board, beginning July 1.



**Benjamin (Bennie) Tignor**

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Tignor will participate in School Board meetings as a nonvoting member, filling the position currently held by Niharika Vattikonda, a senior at TJHSST.

Tignor says he hopes to use his position to facilitate "a two-way flow of information,

not only from student to Board, but from Board to student. This ensures that students understand that there are representatives who hear their voices, and although they may be limited by budget or policy restrictions, are working to improve the average student's life. "Maintaining the student voice and ensuring it is heard is crucial to fostering the high academic standards, healthy and ethical

lives, and responsibility the School Board aims to inspire within the student body," he said. "I feel it is my duty, as a member of the Fairfax County student body, to project the voices of my peers to those who can interpret and take initiative on their behalf. At times, students feel that individually their voice does not have an impact ... I would be able to ensure these voices are heard."

**HE LISTS** four main issues as priorities for the School Board, including: school safety in response to school shootings, school workload and pressure toward International Baccalaureate (IB) and Advanced Placement (AP) diplomas, the ability of students to present feedback on issues that directly impact the student body, and methods of teaching and personal learning within advanced courses.

Tignor says he wants to advocate for new methods of learning that will accommodate all of the ways students learn while allowing for "a broader expression of learning styles" in the classroom. As an advocate for project-based learning, he has spoken in favor of a broader use of project-based learning both to FCPS instructional personnel and at a regional project-based learning conference, saying that it "allows the individual to express his or her method of learning in the best way that suits them, incentivizing innovation and the freedom to enjoy what you produce as a student."

Tignor believes his work in leadership positions at South Lakes and the initiative he has taken in these positions have prepared him to serve as the Student Representative to the School Board. He currently serves as president of the German Honor Society and, in his leadership class, helped increase participation in the school's character education program (Scholarship, Ownership, Awareness, and Respect) by 220 percent in less than half a semester.

**AT SOUTH LAKES,** Tignor has taken honors courses in algebra, biology, English, world history and geography, U.S. and Virginia government; IB courses in chemistry, math, history of the Americas, English literature, biology, physics, and German; and classes in orchestra, leadership, and stem engineering. He is a varsity lacrosse player. Tignor is also a member of the National Honor Society and the Interact (Rotary) Club. He took first place in the Biomedical Engineering category of the Regional Science Fair this year for his entry, The Effects of Concentrations of Immobilized Enzymes on the Rate of Enzymatic Activity, which also won a first place award from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office Society. He has earned Gold Awards on the National German Examination for the past three years, and served internships at the BMW M division design studio and Brainlab Headquarters, both in Munich.

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# Affording Summer Camp

For families with a limited budget, paying for camp can be a challenge.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL

One of the great pleasures of summer is going to camp. From kayaking and rock climbing to horseback riding and sailing, camp is a place where lifelong memories are created. A recent study by the non-profit, global policy think tank RAND Corporation shows that voluntary summer programs like camp have a significant, positive impact on low-income students during a time when they fall behind their wealthier peers both academically and socially.

Katie Crump, a case manager at Interfaith Works, a non-profit organization dedicated to helping the poor and underserved, says that the luxury of summer camp often eludes those who need it most.

"The opportunity of attending a real summer camp is a big thing for them. Unfortunately, this experience can be unattainable due to the high cost and finding transportation among other things," said Crump. "Attending summer camp affords kids a special and important experience that's all their own. It allows kids to be kids, something that is particularly vital for low-income children who are often forced to deal with the burdens of adulthood at a young age."

Despite the cost of summer camp, keeping children engaged during the stretch of time between June and August when school is not in session is a critical part of their

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development, says Jerome Short, Ph.D., associate professor of psychology at George Mason University.

"Summer camps give opportunities for children to develop social, emotional, cognitive, and behavioral skills," he said. "Some research shows that higher [socioeconomic status] children increase academic and behavioral skills over the summer and lower [socioeconomic status] children lose skills over the summer. Research shows that lower [socioeconomic status] children benefit from learning social and behavioral skills in different settings with new peers and challenges to apply their skills."

Even with limited resources, summer camps can still be accessible, says Tom Rosenberg, president and CEO of the American Camp Association (ACA). "There is a camp for every budget," he said "[Most] ACA-accredited camps provide some form of scholarship assistance. Reach out to the camp directly to ask about specific financial aid and scholarship options."

The RAND study also showed that even though low-income students can lose up to two months of math and reading skills over

the summer, high-quality summer programs can bridge that gap. Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) camps are an example of programs that can be effective, but possibly unaffordable for some families.

Wolftrap and Colvin Run elementary schools in Fairfax County will be the site of a non-profit STEM camp called Camp Invention. Organized by the National Inventors Hall of Fame (NIHF), the hands-on program is designed for children in kindergarten through sixth grade. Through activities like building robots and designing gadgets, campers get a sense of what it's like to be a physicist or engineer.

"The program has sponsors that provide funding that's used to help underrepresented kids attend the camps," said Ken Torisky, spokesman for National Inventors Hall of Fame. "The money is distributed to students by the school district."

Options for financial assistance for summer camp run the gamut from discounts for dependents of those serving in the military to camp funding offered by churches, synagogues, and civic organizations. "I would suggest to parents that they look into their child being sponsored by a local business to attend a camp or look into payment plan options at a camp that they are interested in attending," advised Stacie Gottlieb, director, Bullis Summer and Extended Day

Programs in Potomac, Md.

While Bullis does not offer financial assistance for summer camp, Gottlieb says that there are discounts for early registration and registering for multiple weeks of camp.

Parents should check to see if a camp participates in U.S. government assistance programs, particularly those with income eligibility requirements, like Title XX, advises Rosenberg. While it might be too late for this summer, he encourages parents to explore Dependent Care Flexible Spending Accounts and a Child and Dependent Care tax credit through the FSA Feds website: <https://www.fsafeds.com/>.

"I generally think lower income children benefit when they have access to the same opportunities as upper-income children and also gain cultural skills and knowledge important to upward mobility when they have opportunity to interact with upper-income kids," said Amy L. Best, Ph.D., professor and chair, Department of Sociology and Anthropology at George Mason University. "I also think upper-income kids gain mightily when they have genuine interactions with kids from other class backgrounds. Because empathy, cross cultural understanding, and an ability to work in diverse groups are skills that this new century demands, having opportunities to hone those skills are of value for all involved."

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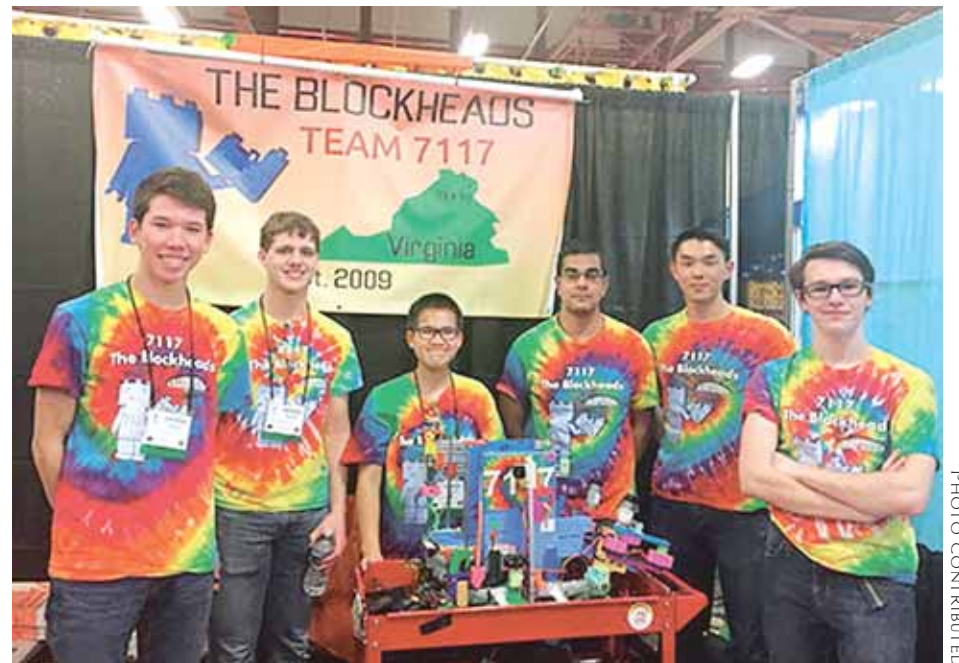


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Blockheads are heading to Detroit to compete against teams from 20 countries for FIRST Championships.

### Lake Braddock, TJ Students To Compete at the World Robotic Stage

Blockheads, a FIRST robotics team with students from Lake Braddock Secondary (LBSS) and Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology (TJHSST) are heading to Detroit to compete against teams from 20 countries for FIRST Championships.

The Blockheads (when they first started, they built their robot from Legos), won the Virginia state championship in February for

the second year in a row, qualifying for the East Super Regionals in Scranton where they were on the division championship team and qualified for worlds. The Blockheads have earned three straight bids to Worlds for their robot performance. Team members are Roger Clanton, David Desrochers, Paul Han, and Avery Nguyen from LBSS and Sam Bove and Anonto Zaman of TJHSST.



### Helping Games at Keene Mill Elementary

Keene Mill Elementary is running the Helping Games program instituted by PE teacher Nikki Zenker. Through this program, KMES students have collected 2,104 canned goods for ECHO, 2,436 winter clothing items for ECHO and 4,918 books for those who need them, including Lynbrook Elementary. They are still accepting donations for Pennies for Patients. The school was divided into four color teams with t-shirts for all students. Elhady Orthodontics provided the t-shirts to support the initiative. They have also encouraged service and track points for participation. The final assembly is coming up where the school will celebrate results.



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**Art Exhibit: The Scenic Route.** Through May 6, gallery hours at Warrior Way Gallery (W-16), Lorton Workhouse Arts Center, 9518 Workhouse Way, Lorton. Chester Kasnowski, a veteran of the United States Air Force, is a multi-disciplinary artist who believes in the power of tradition and history. Free. Visit [www.workhousearts.org/event/chester-kasnowski-scenic-route/](http://www.workhousearts.org/event/chester-kasnowski-scenic-route/)

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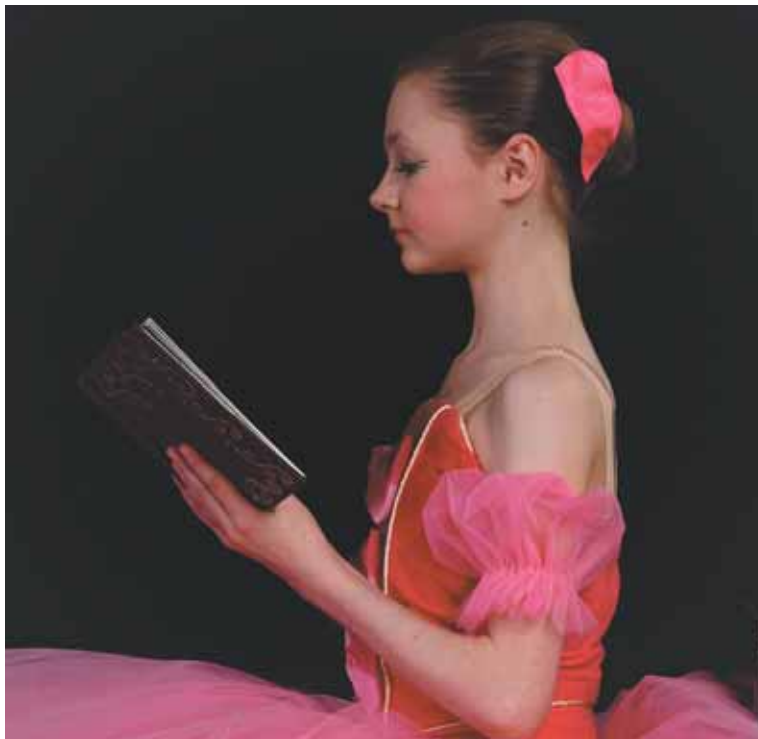
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## FRIDAY/APRIL 27

**Assistance League Fundraiser.** 11 a.m.-2 p.m. at Country Club of Fairfax, 5110 Ox Road, Fairfax. The Assistance League of Northern Virginia annual spring fundraiser will include a luncheon and silent and



Virginia Ballet dancer

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## Coppelia

Virginia Ballet Company And School will present the classic ballet Coppelia, professionally staged and fully costumed. Saturday, April 28, 2 and 7 p.m. in the Ernst Community Cultural Center Theater, Northern Virginia Community College Annandale Campus, 8333 Little River Turnpike, Annandale. \$30 for adults and \$20 for children, students and seniors, plus a \$3 fee per each ticket at [www.vaballet.org](http://www.vaballet.org). A limited number of general admission tickets (\$12) is available for the Working Stage Rehearsal on Friday, April 27 at 6:30 p.m. Must be purchased in advance online.

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**Springfield Farmers Market Opens.** 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at Springfield Town Center, 6699 Spring Mall Drive, Springfield.

**Fairfax History Day.** 10 a.m.-5 p.m. at Historic Blenheim, 3610 Old Lee Highway, Fairfax. Explore the nineteenth century in Fairfax with living history presentations, exhibits, and historic tours. Meet a scientist and a tradesman and learn about African-American life. Enjoy period music, family activities, tours of the

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## SATURDAY-SUNDAY/APRIL 28-29

**"The Best Doctor in Town."** Saturday, 2 and 7 p.m.; Sunday, 2 p.m. at Pacers Pop-Up Theatre Space, 10427 North St., Fairfax. Set in Southwest Virginia, inspired by actual events, the play follows small town's most revered doctor, who may just be an identity thief and serial killer. Patients are dying and no one in authority believes the great doctor could be responsible. Visit [www.shoestringtheatrecompany.com](http://www.shoestringtheatrecompany.com).

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**British Car Show.** 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m. at Gunston Hall, 10709 Gunston Road, Lorton. The 21st Britain on the Green show will feature two hundred British cars and motorcycles, music, food trucks, youth activities, and admission to Gunston Hall. \$10 adults, \$5 children 6-18. Call 703-522-6571 or [www.capitaltriumphregister.com/bog/](http://www.capitaltriumphregister.com/bog/)

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Shark Tank Racing Squad Coach Patty Friedman chats with the swim team before the swimming marathon.



Senior members of the Shark Tank team who were awarded medals include (from left): Cora Lundgren, Ryan McLaughlin, Jamie Quinn, and Emil Robles.

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# A Shark Tank Racing Squad Marathon

Swim team raises \$31,500 to fight breast cancer at South Run Rec Center.

BY STEVE HIBBARD  
THE CONNECTION

About 60 members of the Shark Tank Racing Squad, ages 8-18 plus three adult coaches, took part in a swim marathon on Sunday, April 22, 2018 at the South Run Rec Center in Springfield where they raised \$32,000 to fight breast cancer. In the eight years they've been holding these swimming marathons, they've raised a total of \$200,000 for the cause.

The swimmers are part of the Potomac Valley Swimming Club and come from seven local high schools: Woodson, West Springfield, Thomas Jefferson, Robinson, South County, Hayfield and Saint John Paul the Great. They are coached by Patty Friedman of Fairfax Station who is the team founder and National and Senior Team Coach.

"There are 60 kids in the water; many are here for their eighth time but there are many that are new. They will swim three to four miles today and their individual efforts allow them to feel the power of what you can do as a person," said Friedman. "But we gather at the beginning and at the end to celebrate the power of numbers and the importance of bonding with other people and realize when you give, it reflects back on you 1,000 times. There are many of these kids here who have been affected one way or another by breast cancer."

**FRIEDMAN** said for seven of the eight years, the money went to the Avon Foundation, which then granted the money out to local organizations. Avon ended the walk



Kealani Nanz of Fairfax Station, who made the breast cancer banner, with coach Patty Friedman.

this year and so they found another organization to support — the National Breast Cancer Coalition.

She said next week they will go to the summit of the National Breast Cancer Coalition in Washington, D.C. and the kids will present the check. "The kids will learn a little bit more about the project, and on Tuesday, a few of the older kids will go to Capitol Hill to lobby their members to try to get more money towards the NBCC Artemis Project. This is under National Breast Cancer Coalition," she said.

Swimmer Riley Allison, 17, of Fairfax, who attends Woodson High School, raised \$1,000 with his brother Nathan and sister Hope, and swam 120 laps in the pool — in his fifth marathon. "Today we're going to be swimming as a team and we all worked together to raise money to fight breast cancer.

This money is going to be going toward research for a cure for breast cancer or slow it down and help combat it," he said.

Swimmer Ryan McLaughlin, 17, of Fairfax, who attends Woodson High, raised \$650, and swam 153 laps.

"For a month or two now, we've been raising money. We've been asking family members, friends, neighbors, just anything they'd be willing to donate to help us raise money for the National Breast Cancer Coalition — because it means so much to Coach Patty and she's been such a role model for me," he said.

"I wanted to help her. But also, my aunt, my Godmother and my Godfather's wife, they all had breast cancer.

This is a disease that is found in 1 in 8 women and you never know who's going to be the next one. It could be your sister,

your neighbor, your mother. And so, it's something that really needs to be taken down. ... And it's helped me realize that I have the power to help make a change — to make a difference," he said.

Swimmer Jamie Quinn, 18, of Fairfax, who attends Woodson High, raised more than \$400, and swam 143 laps. "This is actually my first year doing this, my first time being on the team and this is new to me. [Coach Patty] is always giving back and I'm so grateful to be part of this. My intent is to raise money and inform people about breast cancer awareness," she said.

Swimmer Alejandro Rodriguez, 17, of Alexandria, who attends Hayfield Secondary, raised \$500, and swam 153 laps — his eighth marathon. "Each year, every time I take part in the marathon, Coach Patty always instills upon us the

values of not only being the ones to talk about making a difference but being the leaders to truly take a step and make a difference.

And it's amazing to be able to make such a difference, not only with peers, but with younger kids to change the world.

Swimmer Cora Lundgren, 18, of Fairfax, who goes to Woodson High, raised \$500, and swam 143 laps. "I want to raise awareness for breast cancer and for all the people who suffer from the disease. My grandmother was a survivor of breast cancer and I want to swim my laps to help honor her and the other people who suffer from breast cancer," she said.

**TO SUPPORT** the Shark Tank Racing Squad, their fundraising page is: [www.tinyurl.com/2018armyoflove](http://www.tinyurl.com/2018armyoflove).



## PEOPLE



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**Margaret Bumgarner.**

### To Fairfax Station, with Love Fairfax Station native serves with the U.S. Navy half a world away.

BY THEODORE QUINTANA  
NAVY OFFICE OF  
COMMUNITY OUTREACH

**A** Fairfax Station native and 2012 Lake Braddock High School graduate is serving in the U.S. Navy forward-deployed aboard USS Blue Ridge. Ensign Margaret Bumgarner is a surface warfare officer aboard the ship operating out of Yokosuka, Japan. The ship routinely deploys to protect alliances, enhance partnerships, and be ready to respond if a natural disaster occurs in the region. A Navy surface warfare officer is involved in virtually every aspect of Navy missions. They are trained extensively to operate ships, their crew and their systems.

Bumgarner is proud to serve in the Pacific and fondly recalls memories of Fairfax Station.

"Diligence in work is what I bring to the Navy from my hometown," said Bumgarner. "I am very driven by my job."

Moments like that makes it worth serving around the world ready at all times to defend America's interests. With more than 50 percent of the world's shipping tonnage and a third of the world's crude oil passing through the region, the United States has historic and enduring interests in this part of the world. The Navy's presence in Yokosuka is part of that long-standing commitment, explained Navy officials.

USS Blue Ridge serves as the

flagship for the U.S. Seventh Fleet. It is one of only two U.S. Navy command ships in the world, providing command and control for fleet commanders.

"Being forward-deployed I think is an amazing opportunity that not a lot of people get the chance to do," said Bumgarner. "Japan is an amazing country to learn a ton of things from."

The best part of being at this command is the people."

As a member of one of the U.S. Navy's most relied-upon assets, Bumgarner and other sailors know they are part of a legacy that will last beyond their lifetimes providing the Navy the nation needs.

"The Navy has given me more confidence and made me more humble," said Bumgarner. "Serving in the Navy to me means giving back to a nation that has given past generations so much and now it's my turn to do same."

Seventh Fleet, which is celebrating its 75th year in 2018, spans more than 124 million square kilometers, stretching from the International Date Line to the India/Pakistan border; and from the Kuril Islands in the North to the Antarctic in the South. Seventh Fleet's area of operation encompasses 36 maritime countries and 50 percent of the world's population with between 50-70 U.S. ships and submarines, 140 aircraft, and approximately 20,000 Sailors in the 7th Fleet.

2nd Class Theodore Quintana is Mass Communication Specialist at the Navy Office of Community Outreach.

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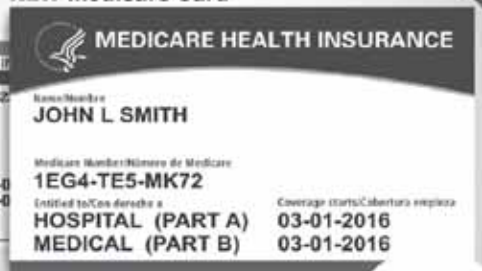
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**Scam Jam and Shred Event.** 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax. Free fraud fighting event. AARP Virginia and Fairfax

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**-Werner Heisenberg**



# News Challengers

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tions and service, Helmer suggested that it was time for a new generation to take the helm in Congress. "There is something wrong with our politics," he said, "that made so many willing to vote for Donald Trump."

Helmer was also the candidate to turn up the heat on one of his opponents when the issue of gun violence was raised. Helmer called out "someone on this stage" who he said accepted money from the National Rifle Association and other corporations during her political career, and who had voted for legislation approving reciprocity for permitted carriers of concealed weapons from other states.

**SEVERAL OTHER QUESTIONS** were asked of the candidates and answered, but Helmer smoothly looped back to the gun control issue and acceptance of corporate political contributions.

Sen. Wexton was ultimately identified as the target of Helmer's attack and Kessler gave her the opportunity to respond.

Pointing out that among the candidates she was the only one to ever hold elected office, Wexton said "this is what you do when you govern. You compromise." She further defended her vote saying that the bill was the result of a deal between the NRA, Republicans, and then-Gov. Terry McAuliffe and that its passage aided victims of domestic violence and allowed background checks at gun shows.

Wexton later acknowledged taking contributions from Dominion Energy in previous campaigns, but has already pledged not to take PAC money during this election.

Despite those few more heated exchanges, the candidates and their supporters seemed focused on the goal of continuing the "Blue Wave" that saw a dozen Democrats sweep into office in Richmond, and their mission to "replace and repeal Barbara Comstock" as Alison Friedman put it. Attendees like Susan Jacobs of McLean who backs Dan Helmer and thinks he's the best chance to beat Comstock, and Andrew Fierro of Great Falls who supports Dr. Biggins, both say they are rooting for their candidate, but will support whoever wins the June 12 primary.



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**The inflatable "greeter" at the entrance to the debate. The candidates spent much of their time attacking the Republican Congress, incumbent Rep. Barbara Comstock, and President Trump.**

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## You Mean Tomorrow Tuesday?

By KENNETH B. LOURIE



Not that deadlines don't happen in the newspaper business; of course they do, every Tuesday for us weeklies. But when combined with my usual post-chemotherapy malaise, it is a bit more challenging. More so when the deadline is tightened up due to the nature of hitting and occasionally missing in-house communications, which is also not unreasonable given the multiple demands multi tasking imposes.

Compounding this task even more is that until I'm back to semi post-chemo normal, in the interim, I am not eating too much, not sleeping well, have low energy (related to the previous two deficiencies), my hands are shaky, my balance is off and I'm having some difficulty focusing. It's a good thing I'm sitting at a desk while attempting to write this column because operating any heavy machinery would definitely be out of the question. What I need to do is mind my own business.

Business which at the moment involves fending off my buff-colored male cat, Chino, as he angles to sit on my writing pad as I move him from left to right – and then right to left since he won't take "Chino, move!" for a directive. But if I know anything, other than what to expect post chemo, I also know what to expect from Chino – or any of the other cats we manage: independence, as any fellow cat owner knows. Unlike a "true and loyal dog," a cat, generally speaking, is not inclined to respond to your commands, well, too many of them, anyway. Nor are they likely to respond to any physical discipline and/or pushing/pulling/redirection. Invariably, if you push, they pull. If you pull, they push.

How Chino knows I'm not feeling well and on an unanticipated and abbreviated deadline, I'll never know. But rather than leave me to it, he'll interfere every way possible: nuzzling, nudging, leaning, rubbing, meowing, moving about and plopping down when all else fails. If you love cats as we do, this is their charm. If you don't love them and their antics, I can see how this kind of behavior can be very frustrating.

I mean, with all this activity, it's difficult to think about what I'm supposed to be doing when I'm so busy preventing things from getting done. I imagine Chino thinks he's doing me a favor, being so affectionate and so in the way. Maybe he thinks he's contributing to the creative process by sitting in the middle of my writing pad? In a way, maybe he is. He's forcing me to concentrate. Moreover, he's forcing me to focus on this most immediate task which, at the moment, has me fending him off with my left wrist while I'm scribbling prose with my right hand. Oddly enough, it might be working as I'm three-quarters finished with this column which 30 minutes ago was a weekend task until it became a today/Tuesday task.

Now if I didn't have a CT scan and lower abdomen MRI scheduled for Wednesday, I'd have a bit more time to sort out the details of writing this column. Unfortunately, post-chemo, mid-newspaper deadline and pre-scan is a triple threat which sometimes can impose its will. A 'will' which I take personally so I will persevere and complete this column with one final paragraph now that Chino has left my desk and likely ended up on some unoccupied couch to sleep; he's had a big day.

All kidding aside, if there's one behavior I need more than any other during these deadline triple threats, it's companionship. Because of Chino and our other four cats: Andrew, Sloane, Biscuit and Twinkle, I am never alone and always have someone to talk to who, occasionally talks back. Not that we understand one another, but it's giving and getting, and it's loving and affecting – me and my cancer; and everything in between.

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



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front & rear rotors & drums, check tire condition and inspect all  
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24 month **FREE** replacement,  
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