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# News

# **Voters Choose Firebrand**

### Corey Stewart to lead Republican ticket in Virginia this fall.

By Michael Lee Pope The Gazette

onservative firebrand Corey Stewart was denied an oppor tunity to be the Republican nominee for lieutenant governor in 2013. And then he came within striking distance of being the party's standardbearer in the gubernatorial campaign last year. Now, finally, the chairman of the Prince William County Board of Supervisors has secured a spot at the top of the ticket, bringing his brand of anti-immigrant, pro-Confederate Trumpism to the race against incumbent U.S. Sen. Tim Kaine.

"We will unite the coalition that President Trump brought together in 2016," said Stewart at a victory party in Woodbridge. "We will win working men and woman across this state. We will restore our values. We will restore our economy. We will restore our border. And we will restore America."

The Republican establishment campaigned against Stewart, worrying that his brand of conservatism would tarnish the GOP and harm down-ticket Republicans in competitive congressional races. They tried to rally behind Del. Nick Freitas (R-30), who grabbed national headlines earlier this year with a barnburner of a speech on the floor of the House of Delegates that took on Democrats for their support for gun control by blaming them for slavery and massive resistance to civil rights. In the end, voters chose the candidate who is outspoken in his support for Confederate flags and statues.

"Basically the Republican Party of Virginia is setting themselves up for a loss in November against Tim Kaine, and that could have all kinds of ramifications down ballot," said Geoff Skelley at the University of



PHOTO BY MICHAEL LEE POPE/THE GAZETTE

Prince William County Board of Supervisors Chairman Corey Stewart claims victory during a victory party in Woodbridge, where supporters chanted "build the wall" and "lock her up."

### Statewide Election Returns

- **Corey Stewart:** 18,000 votes; 49 percent
- Nick Freitas: 14,000 votes; 37 percent
  E.W. Jackson: 5,000 votes; 14 percent

Virginia Center for Politics. "If Kaine ends up winning by more than 10 points, that could create conditions for Democrats to win some tough congressional races."

Stewart was typically defiant in his victory speech, taking on Democrats and media and even other Republicans. He thanked Freitas, adding that he has a future in the party. But he also brought out a familiar list of themes from the 2016 campaign, including attacking immigrants and Hillary Clinton. That prompted the audience to chant "build the wall" and "lock her up" just as they had two years ago. Even though that

approach put Trump in the White House, it failed to win the day in Virginia.

"We're going to hear a lot about Hillary Clinton in this race in part because Tim Kaine was Hillary Clinton's running mate, so we're going to get a reprisal in some ways of the presidential race here in Virginia," said Quentin Kidd, a professor at Christopher Newport University. "Hillary Clinton won Virginia by five points in 2016, so it's going to be an uphill climb for Corey Stewart."

In Fairfax County, Stewart won with 49 percent of the vote, with the strongest showing in Bull Run, Difficult Run and Woodyard. Freitas was able to win some parts of the wealthy northern suburbs, posting his strongest numbers in Greenbrier West, Bush Hill and Grovesnor. But it was no match for Stewart, who has a long history in the region and a familiarity with voters from years of experience leading a

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neighboring county.

"Senator Tim Kaine has spent his career fighting for civil rights, good jobs, and education for all Virginians," said Susan Swecker, chairwoman of the Democratic Party of Virginia. "Corey Stewart has spent his spreading hate and engaging in destructive carnival barking."

Republicans, though, are prepared to take on Kaine. During the primary, Stewart promised to run a campaign against Kaine that would be "vicious." Within hours of Stewart securing the nomination, Trump endorsed him and called Kaine "a total stiff." In the endorsement, Trump mentioned immigration and tax cuts — setting out a template for the campaign they plan on waging against the freshman Democratic senator.

"Senator Kaine spends more time whining about Crooked Hillary's big loss than actually representing Virginia in the U.S. Senate," said John Whitbeck, chairman of the Republican Party of Virginia. "It's about time that Virginia had a senator that looked out for the interests of the Commonwealth over the interests of his California or Massachusetts donors."

## SoberRide Offered on Independence Day

reparing to combat that time of year when, according to the Na tional Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), more than 40 percent of all U.S. traffic deaths involve drunk drivers, free Independence Day Lyft rides will be offered to deter impaired driving throughout the Washington-metropolitan area beginning Wednesday, July 4. Offered by the nonprofit Washington Regional Alcohol Program (WRAP), the 2018 Independence Day SoberRide program will be in operation beginning at 7 p.m. on Wednes-

day, July 4 (Independence Day) and continue until 4 a.m. on Thursday, July 5, as a way to keep local roads safe from impaired drivers during this traditionally high-risk holiday. During this nine-hour period, area residents age 21 and older celebrating with alcohol may download Lyft to their phones, then enter a SoberRide code in the app's "Promo" section to receive their no cost (up to \$15) safe transportation home. WRAP's July 4 SoberRide promo code will be posted at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, July 4 on www.SoberRide.com.

Last year, 513 persons in the Washington-

metropolitan area used WRAP's Independence Day SoberRide program rather than possibly driving home impaired. The charity also offers its SoberRide program on St. Patrick's Day, Cinco de Mayo, Halloween and the winter holidays. Last year, WRAP announced a partnership with the ridesharing service Lyft to provide WRAP's SoberRide service in the Washington-metropolitan area. SoberRide, the free safe ride service to prevent drunk driving, is now solely available via the Lyft mobile app ridesharing platform.

"Over 40 percent of all U.S. traffic fatalities during the Independence Day holiday

in 2016 involved drunk drivers according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration," said Kurt Gregory Erickson, WRAP's president. "Worse, two-thirds of those killed in drunk driving crashes during the 2016 Independence Day period had BACs of .15 or higher." Since 1991, WRAP's SoberRide program has provided 72,377 free safe rides home to would-be drunk drivers in the Greater Washington area.

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### News

### Clifton Barn Sale This Weekend

Clifton resident Kathy Jasien, right, is just kidding around as she pretends to point out a faux finish in the careful craftsmanship of her business partner Liz Shaw of Burke June 10, when they spend a muggy Sunday afternoon getting ready for their summer sizzler furniture and home accessory sale June 22 and 23. "We'll do anything to bring quality pieces to our clientele," quips Shaw, "or justify a nice, cold glass of wine" as she paints a banker's bookcase with Fusion Mineral Paint in a shade of gray with a cute name called "Little Lamb." The Clifton Barn sale features the work of local artists Friday evening from 5-8 p.m. and Saturday 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at 7421 Dunquin Court in Clifton's Glencairn neighborhood off Kincheloe Road. The scenic drive alone is well worth the trip. Pictures of this weekend's keepsakes can be seen online at facebook.com/poppysquare.



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#### **MONDAY/JUNE 25**

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#### **TUESDAY/JUNE 26**

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#### **MONDAY/JUNE 27**

Rotary Club of Fairfax Meeting.

12:15 p.m. at American Legion Hall, 3939 Oak St., Fairfax. The Rotary Club of Fairfax, founded in the City of Fairfax in 1931, is one of more than 33,000 Rotary clubs worldwide. Rotary International's motto is "Service above Self." Rotary Club of Fairfax meets weekly. Visit www.fairfaxrotary.org or email ihollans@earthlink.net.

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# **OPINION**

# The Art of a Deal with the Devil

BY GERRY CONNOLLY U.S. Representative (D-II)

gainst the backdrop of American and North Korean flags, the world finally got a glimpse into the negotiating skills of the so-called "Master of the Deal." After much fanfare more appropriate for a reality television show

than a historic diplomatic summit, the president emerged empty-handed. Trump gave the North Korean dictator everything he's longed for — international legitimacy, an audience with an American president, and the cancella-

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tion of military exercises with our South Korean ally. And President Trump got nothing.

There is great danger in a president more committed to the optics of a getting a deal than the substance within it. Trump's on-again, offagain agreement to a nuclear summit with Kim Jong Un was a high-risk gambit that squandered valuable leverage and gained no concessions in return. With little preparation and guided by his "feel" that within the first minute he would know if a deal is possible, the president rolled out the red carpet for Kim, ignoring that the devil is in the details.

Kim got the propaganda he needs back home, while concrete commitments from the North Koreans to denuclearize remain elusive. The administration's oft-repeated language that de-



nuclearization must be "irreversible" and "verifiable" was not even mentioned in the joint statement, nor any reference to North Korea's egregious human rights violations and Kim's illegal imprisonment of more than 100,000 people in gulags. And the president's weakness and naivet signals to nuclear threshold states that they too should adopt the North Korean

model of extreme brutality, threats and endless provocation.

Even more troubling, this summit follows President Trump's shameful behavior with our closest allies at the G-7 summit. While we repay our allies' loyalty with misguided tariffs and disrespect, the president is cozying up to one of our greatest foes, cementing the worldview that America is retreating again.

The Korean peninsula is a dangerous global flashpoint and we must remain open to diplomatic engagement with the North, but not at any cost and not without assurances that such an endeavor is guided by steady hands. We can't have amnesia about the past. North Korea has previously made denuclearization commitments in 1994, 2005, and 2012, only to renege on each in 2002, 2009, and 2012, respectively. But Mr. Trump cares little about substance, history or strategy.

We had a model that worked. In response to illicit Iranian nuclear activities, the international community established a robust sanctions regime that drove Iran to the negotiating table. Before agreeing to formal talks, the United States extracted specific commitments from Iran to freeze portions of its nuclear program. But it was the promise of relaxed sanctions and increased international trade that convinced Iran to reverse its nuclear program and adopt the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA), with which it is in compliance to this day. Articulating incentives for denuclearization, commensurate with strict and verifiable nuclear dismantlement, should have been be an essential component of any diplomatic engagement with North Korea.

When the president tore up the Iran nuclear agreement, simply because it was signed by his predecessor, he set his own standard for North Korea: absolute denuclearization, absolutely verifiable. Anything less than that is a failure by his own admission. Following the summit, we are not even close to the goal of a denuclearized North Korea.

The consequences of a nuclear North Korea are real and rushing to a bad deal could prove catastrophic on a global scale. The president needs to step back and recognize that substance and details matter. You are negotiating with a manipulative, erratic, and murderous dictator. Proceed with great caution, because this isn't real estate. You can't just walk away. Millions of lives hang in the balance if you agree to a deal on Kim Jong Un's terms.

Connolly is a member of the House Foreign Affairs Committee.

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Board, in 10-0 Vote, Approves More Inclusive Policies

To the Editor:

On June 14 at its regular meeting, the Fairfax County School Board approved updates to the Family Life Education Curriculum which are more inclusive of transgender students and family members, and a provision which will teach about ways to help fight the HIV/AIDS epidemic and inevitably save some of our students from infection.

Many members of the LGBTQ community and many allies came to the School Board meeting wearing purple, outnumbering those opposed by more than two-to-one. School Board members Karen Corbett Sanders (Mount Vernon), Tamara Derenak Kaufax (Lee), Megan McLaughlin (Braddock), Jane Strauss (Dranesville), Dalia Palchik (Providence), Pat Hynes (Hunter Mill), Sandy Evans (Mason), Karen Keys-Gamarra (atlarge), Ilryong Moon (at-large) and Rvan McElveen (at-large)

spoke eloquently and clearly in support of these provisions. Sully representative Tom Wilson and Springfield representative Elizabeth Schultz spoke against them, but were in fact away from the table for the final vote; it was unanimous at 10-0.

As president of FCPS Pride (a social welfare organization for LGBTQ employees, parents of LGBTQ students, and LGBTQ parents and allies in Fairfax County Public Schools), I would like to express my gratitude for the citizens who came to support, and to the elected officials who responded to those community members. We look forward to contributing, canvassing and voting at the elections in 2019.

**Robert Rigby, Jr.**President, FCPS Pride

### The Question to Ask on June 21 and Every Day

To the Editor:

son), Karen Keys-Gamarra (atlarge), Ilryong Moon (at-large) want to make everyone aware of and Ryan McElveen (at-large) an important safety issue that is supported by the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP). On Thursday, June 21, 2018, organizations and individuals around the country will celebrate National ASK Day. Held annually on the first day of summer, a season when children spend more time in other homes, ASK Day reminds parents about the importance of asking if there are unlocked guns in the homes where their children play.

Every day across America eight children and teens are shot in unintentional shootings. The majority of these instances go unnoticed.

Thousands of kids and teens are killed and injured by gun violence every Year. Many of these youth deaths and injuries occur because parents, relatives or friends leave guns accessible to kids, resulting in unintentional shootings and suicides.

As parents, we have a responsibility to keep our kids safe. Every day as parents, we make very rational choices regarding our kids' safety—we buckle their seatbelts, make them wear bicycle helmets, and limit their TV time. But when it comes to gun safety, we are often not taking the same logical approach with our loved ones.

One out of three homes with

children has guns, many left unlocked or loaded. As parents, we can help protect those we love by asking the right questions about gun safety. This is the simple idea behind the Asking Saves Kids (ASK) Campaign.

ASK encourages parents to simply ask if there are unlocked guns in the homes where their children play (such as at friends' or family members' homes). Just as it has become common to hear parents asking about nut allergies or pools, parents can take an important step to ensure the safety of their children simply by asking, "Is there an unlocked gun in your home?"

If the answer is no, then we have one less thing to worry about. If the answer is yes, make sure all guns are stored unloaded and locked, ideally in a gun safe, with ammunition stored separately.

If we as parents start to ASK, we can make our families safer and prevent many of the firearm-related tragedies that occur every day.

To pledge to ASK and learn about more ways to get involved in ASK, please visit: www.askingsaveskids.org.

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## Talking to Children about Suicide

### Creating safe environment is key to opening a discussion.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL

he recent high profile deaths by suicide make it inevitable that children will ask questions and express a curiosity about the topic. However, some parents might feel a sense of uneasiness about answering those questions. Local mental health educators say that the steady increase in death by suicide each year since 1999 makes those conversations vital.

Parents can begin by creating a safe environment for an age-appropriate dialogue, says Linda Gulyn, Ph.D, professor of psychology at Marymount University. "As always, reassure young children that you are there for them no matter what," she said. "Don't feed into the anxiety. Teens understand it 100 percent, probably more than you realize."

"Encourage children to ask questions and answer them honestly," added Jerome Short, Ph.D., associate professor of psychology at George Mason University. "Parents should state that they will help their children handle any bad feelings or problems that happen."

Suicide can be a frightening topic for children and a difficult subject for parents to explain, advised Short. "Explain that people die in different ways and suicide means that people hurt themselves and died from it," he said. "A more detailed explanation is that our thoughts and feelings come from our brain, and sometimes a person's brain is sick. People feel alone, believe they are a burden on others, and are hopeless that it will change. Some people cannot stop the hurt they feel inside by themselves, but they can get help."

Parents should have a general understanding of suicide rates, signs and methods of preventing before embarking on a conversation with their children about the topic, advises Monica Band, Ed.D., assis-

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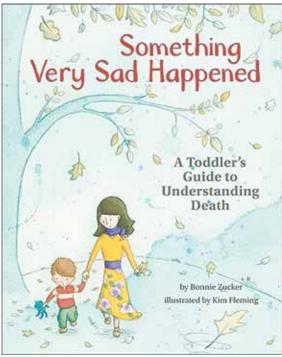
Survive and Thrive" by Jacqueline

tant professor of counseling at Marymount University, who recommends the National Suicide Prevention and the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention as sources of information. "I would also recommend parents challenging their misconceptions and preconceived notions of [those who] who attempt and think of committing suicide because it is an issue that has an impact across cultures."

Some children might not understand the difference between feelings of sadness and clinical depression. "Explain that we all get sad and have good days and bad days," said Gulyn. "Usually we feel better. But kids who commit suicide

are so sad that they don't know what to do to feel strength, resilience, or peace in times when they better. But the truth is there is a way to feel better, and there are very helpful adults in school and at home who are great to talk to."

However, some children might have difficulty grasping the concept of mental illnesses like depression. "Sad is normal, sad is part of life, and usually we feel sad when something outside of us happens,



**Books like "Something Very Sad Hap**pened: A Toddler's Guide to Understanding Death" by Bonnie Zucker can help parents explain concepts of mental health to their children.

like when a friend moves away. And we know that we will feel better," said Gulyn. "Depression is when someone feels hopeless that he or she won't be sad anymore. And that makes them not want to do fun things, or take care of themselves."

An awareness of warning signs of mental illness and the fact that depression is not a normal phase of adolescence are two factors that Gulyn underscores. "[Depression] is a serious mental health disorder for which there are effective treatments," she said. "Parents need to be aware of kids isolating themselves from others, especially peers. Other signs [include] not taking care of your physical appearance, consistently performing poorly in school, substance abuse, eating disorders, excessive or inadequate rest."

If a parent notices any of these symptoms or suspects that their child might be depressed, Gulyn advises a straightforward approach. Don't be afraid to ask your teen directly, "Do you think you are depressed?" or "Have you been thinking about hurting yourself?", she suggests.

Teaching a child healthy helpseeking behaviors will give them an invaluable tool when facing mental health issues, advised Monica P. Band, an assistant professor of counseling at Marymount University. "If parents raise the child to have specific religious or spiritual beliefs, this could be a way to begin the discussion of how one finds

feel like they're not in control," said Band. "Regardless of one's religious or spiritual beliefs, it is worth it if parents have an understanding and awareness of mood shifts or changes with their children and set an example and expectation with how to address these issues when things aren't feeling right or normal for their child."



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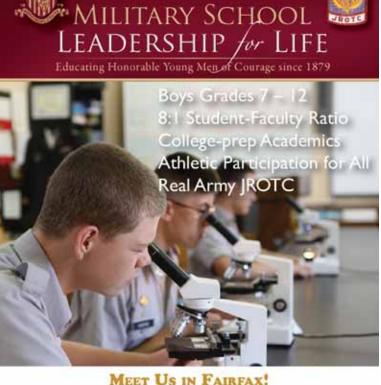
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### CALENDAR

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

#### **CAMP**

#### Youth Arts Summer Camps. At

Workhouse Arts Center, 9518 Workhouse Road, Lorton. Multiple sessions available for ages 3-17.
Themes include Doodle Tots (ages 3-5), Visual Arts Explorers (ages 6-10), Fine Arts Innovators (ages 11-13), Summer Arts Intensive for Young Adults (ages 14-17), Short Film, and Game Design. New Music and Theatre Camps include Let's Play Guitar Camp, Vocal Arts Camp, Performing Arts Summer Camp Challenge, and Experimental Theatre Project Camp. Visit www.workhousearts.org.

#### **ONGOING**

### **Art Exhibit: House, Sky and Abyss.**Through June 24, gallery hours at

Workhouse Arts Center's Vulcan Muse Gallery, 1st Floor, 9518 Workhouse Road, Lorton. House, Sky and Abyss is a solo exhibition featuring Gerardo Camargo chronicling the relationship between natural environment and social constructs. Visit

www.workhousearts.org. Art Exhibit: Candy for the Eye, Food for the Soul. Through July 8, gallery hours at Workhouse Arts Center's Warrior Way Gallery, 1st Floor, 9518 Workhouse Road, Lorton. Gene Moty, a retired Air Force officer, creates contemplative, whimsical paintings using traditional materials. Visit

www.workhousearts.org. **Art Exhibit: Nature's Fingerprints** 

I. Through July 8, gallery hours at Workhouse Arts Center, Building 6 Gallery and Studio 605, 9601 Ox Road, Lorton. Using only natural dyes, each art quilt, silk scarf and framed work is an alchemy of color and texture as unique as a human fingerprint. Visit www.MariselaRumberg.com.

#### THURSDAY/JUNE 21

History of Agriculture. 7 p.m. at George Mason Regional Library, 7001 Little River Turnpike, Annandale, Burke Historical Society President Jon Vrana will speak about the history of agriculture in Northern Virginia, Visit www.burkehistoricals

#### THURSDAY-SUNDAY/JUNE 21-24

"The Music Man, Jr." At 2 and 7 p.m. June 21-23; and 2 p.m. only on June 24 at Metropolitan School of the Arts, 5775 Barclay Drive, Suite 4, Alexandria. Metropolitan Homeschool Productions presents a family-friendly rendition of "The Music Man, Jr.," featuring some of the most beloved songs in musical history. Tickets \$9.75 ages 2 and up. Visit metropolitanhomeschool.org/

#### FRIDAY/JUNE 22

FrogHair Golf Tournament. Noon at Γwin Lakes Golf Course, 6201 Union Mill Road, Clifton. Enjoy the chance to be a winner at the upcoming FrogHair Golf Tournament presented jointly by Southwestern Youth Association and Chantilly Youth Association. A fun twist on the game is presented at each hole. \$99 per person. Visit froghairgolfclassic.com.

#### **SATURDAY/JUNE 23**

Health Fair. 8 a.m.-2:30 p.m. at Burke Lake Park, 7315 Ox Road, Fairfax Station. Join NAACP Fairfax County for a health fair at Burke Lake Park and get moving with a fun walk, run or bike around Burke Lake (8-10 a.m.). The event will feature vendors and information about childhood and family obesity, cancer, metabolic syndromes, heart disease, diabetes and stroke prevention 11:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.). Free. Visit www.fairfaxnaacp.org/upcomingevents/.

Kidz Korner: Superheroes Party -Ever Laughter Parties. 10:30 a.m. in Old Town Square at the pergola, Fairfax. A variety of children's activities and entertainment in Old Town Square, Saturdays June-September. Free show. Visit www.fairfaxva.gov/government/ parks-recreation/old-town-square.

Mount Vernon Nights. 7 p.m. at Workhouse Arts Center, 9518 Workhouse Road, Lorton. This series variety of musical performances reflecting Fairfax County's diversity, culture and community spirit. Bring a picnic dinner and a blanket and enjoy one of Fairfax County's special summer traditions. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/

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## Summertime Activities In Burke and Springfield

he summer is almost here and with the warm weather come outdoor activities as well as other fun and neighborhood events that can't be missed.

### **Summer Pond Exploration**

June 28, 11 a.m.

(3-6 yrs.) Join Hidden Pond Naturalists for a summer of exploration on Thursdays from 11 to 11:45 a.m. There's a different topic each week. The cost is \$5 per child for each ses-

Children must be accompanied by an adult. For more information, call 703-451-9588.

Cost: \$5

Hidden Pond Nature Center, 8511 Greeley Blvd., Springfield

### **Monthly Summer Shootout - July**

(18 - adult), Burke Lake Golf Center, 703-323-1641. 10 players begin on hole #1, with one player being eliminated on each hole. Winner and runner-up receive gift certificates from BLGC.

Limited to 10 players. No rain date. Cost \$20/person. Fee due at time of registration. Includes beverage after play.

Burke Lake Golf Center Location: 6915 Ox Road, Fairfax Station

### **Snake Feeding** Program

July 11, 5:15 p.m.

(7-Adult) Observe the unique methods snakes use to feed during a behind-the-scenes look at the snakes at Hidden Pond Nature Center. Glimpse something few people get to see in the wild while learning about local serpents and their importance to our ecosystem. The program runs from 5:15 to 6 p.m., and the cost is \$5 per person. This program is not for everyone and may be graphic. For more information, call 703-451-9588.

Hidden Pond Nature Center Location: 8511 Greeley Blvd., Springfield

### First Annual **Springfield Nights Summer** Concert Series

July 11, 7 p.m. – Randy Thompson Band (Americana/Roots Rock): Burke Lake Park, 7315 Ox Road,

### Junior 18-hole Tournament

July 13, 8 a.m.

(7-17yrs.) 8 a.m. - noon, Burke Lake Golf Center, 703-323-1641. Junior golfers compete in an 18-hole



The nature at Hidden Pond in Springfield will be the topic of many events in Springfield this summer.

individual stroke tournament. Players compete in 3 age divisions: 10 & under, 11 – 13, 14 – 17. Prizes for 1st, 2nd, 3rd place in all divisions. Closest to the pin contests.

Registration begins 2 weeks prior to event. Rain date: July 20. Cost: \$20/Jr. program members, \$30/non-jr. program members, includes lunch. Fee due at time of registration.

Cost: \$20 Burke Lake Golf Center Location: 6915 Ox Road, Fairfax Station

### First Annual **Springfield Nights Summer Concert Series**

July 18, 7 p.m. - The David Kitchen Band (Pop/Rock): Burke Lake Park, 7315 Ox Road, Fairfax Station

### Night Kayaking

July 18, 7:30 p.m.

(13-Adult) Enjoy Lake Accotink after dark in a kayak. Many nocturnal animals come out after dark and the view from a kayak is a great way to see them. Bring flashlights and dress for the activ-

ity.
This program from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. costs \$30 per person. For more information, call 703-569-3464.

Cost: \$30

Lake Accotink Location: 7500 Accotink Park Road, Springfield

### Saturday **Beach Party** Range Social 21+

July 21, 7 p.m. Celebrate under the stars this summer at the new double-decker driving range at Burke Lake Golf Center. Enjoy unlimited range balls, food buffet, soft drinks, music, games, prizes and drawings and 1 drink ticket. Limited to first 50 registered.

Burke Lake Golf Center Location: 6915 Ox Road, Fairfax Station

### First Annual Springfield Nights Summer Concert Series

July 25, 7 p.m. – The Johnny Artis Band (R&B): Burke Lake Park, 7315 Ox Road, Fairfax Station

### First Annual Springfield **Nights Summer Concert Series**

Wranglers (American Roots: Burke Lake Park, 7315 Ox Road, Fairfax

### Monthly Summer **Shootout - August**

(18 - adult), 7 p.m., Burke Lake Golf Center, 703-323-1641. 10 players begin on hole #1, with one player being eliminated on each hole. Winner and runner-up receive gift certificates from BLGC. Limited to 10 players. No rain date. Cost \$20/person. Fee due at time of registration. Includes beverage after

Cost: \$20 Burke Lake Golf Center Location: 6915 Ox Road, Fairfax Station

### First Annual **Springfield** Nights Summer **Concert Series**

August 8, 7 p.m.- The Colin Thompson Band (Blues/Rock): Burke Lake Park, 7315 Ox Road,

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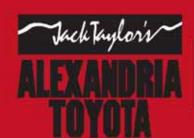
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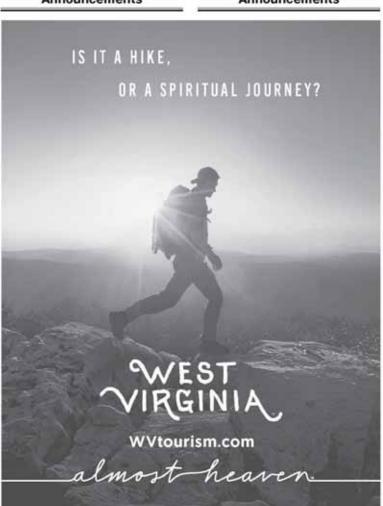
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#### SATURDAY-SUNDAY/JUNE 23-24

Amateur Radio Field Day. From 2 p.m. Saturday to 2 p.m. Sunday, at Burke Lake Park, 7315 Ox Road, Fairfax Station. Field Day is a national amateur radio event, is conducted during a 24-hour period. Field Day operations must be powered by emergency power sources - generators, solar power or batteries - no commercial power is permitted. Visit viennawireless.net.

Summer Celebration. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at Whitehall Farms, 6080 Colchester Road, Fairfax. Whitehall Farms hosts a summer celebration with music. wagon rides, animal encounters, an inflatable obstacle course and yard games. \$10/person. Children 3 and under enter free. Food and beverages will be available for purchase. Visit www.whitehall.farm.

#### SUNDAY/JUNE 24

Vegetable Plant Clinics. 4-6 p.m. at Franconia Park, 6432 Bowie Drive, Springfield. Focus will be on garden diseases. Fairfax County Master Gardeners will add a focus on vegetable gardening to their Plant Clinic program. Sponsored by Virginia Cooperative Extension. Contact the VCE Fairfax County Master Gardener Help Desk at 703-324-8556.

#### SATURDAY/JUNE 30

Kidz Korner: Children's Science Center. 10:30 a.m. in Old Town Square at the pergola, Fairfax. A

variety of children's activities and

entertainment in Old Town Square,

"Red. White and Blue

Saturdays June-September. Free show. Visit www.fairfaxva.gov/ government/parks-recreation/oldtown-square.

**Hidden Treasure at Burke Lake Park.** 1-3 p.m. at Burke Lake Park, 7315 Ox Road, Fairfax Station. Become a modern-day pirate and search for hidden treasures. Instead of following a map, participants age 8 to adult will learn to use hand-held Global Positioning System (GPS)

units to locate hidden treasure caches within the park. \$22 per person. Bring a GPS if you can. A limited number will be available to borrow. Call 703-323-6600 or visit fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/burke-lake.

Workhouse Fireworks 2018. 5-9:30 p.m. at Workhouse Art Center, 9518 Workhouse Way, Lorton. Launched from the Workhouse Art Center's historic, 55-acre campus the region's largest pre-Independence Day fireworks show celebrates the history of this nation and honors the courage and sacrifice that have made America a beacon of hope and freedom around the world. Admission free: parking \$20 per car. Visit workhousearts.org/fireworks.

#### SUNDAY/JULY 1

Crafts for the 4th of July. 1-4 p.m. at the Fairfax Station Railroad Museum, 11200 Fairfax Station Road, Fairfax Station. Enjoy making railroad inspired, 4th of July crafts. Ages 16 and older, \$4; 5-15, \$2; 4 and under, free. Visit www.fairfax station.org, www.facebook.com/ FFXSRR, or call 703-425-9225.

WEDNESDAY/JULY 4 Tournament." 8 a.m.-noon at

Burke Lake Golf Course, 7315 Ox Road, Fairfax Station. Teams of two will compete in an 18-hole scramble format in three divisions: Father/Jr. 7-12; Father/Jr. 13-17; Father/Adult partner. Teams will alternate tees depending on how well they do. There will be prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place in all divisions. Registration begins two weeks prior to the event. \$70 per team, includes lunch and prizes. Call 703-323-1641 or visitwww.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/ golf/burke-lake to register.

#### FRIDAY/JULY 6

B-I-N-G-O. 7 p.m. at Fire Station 3, 4081 University Drive, Fairfax. All proceeds go to purchasing fire and rescue equipment. Call 703-273-3638 or visit www.fairfaxvfd.com.

#### SATURDAY/JULY 7

#### Singles Dinner and Movie Night. 5

p.m. at Uncle Julio's at Fairfax Corner, 4251 Fairfax Corner Ave., Fairfax. Fixed price dinner, followed by choice of movie at Rave Fairfax Corner 14, \$35 at door includes dinner, soda, tip and movie ticket. RSVP required. Sponsored by New Beginnings, a support group for separated/divorced men and women. Call 301-924-4101 or visit www.newbeginningsusa.org.

Mount Vernon Nights. 7 p.m. at Workhouse Arts Center, 9518 Workhouse Road, Lorton. This series of free, public concerts features a variety of musical performances reflecting Fairfax County's diversity, culture and community spirit. Bring a picnic dinner and a blanket and enjoy one of Fairfax County's special summer traditions. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/ performances/mt-vernon-nights.

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#### Public Notice - Proposed Environmental Remedy DATE OF THIS NOTICE: June 21, 2018

PURPOSE OF THIS NOTICE: The Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) is announcing its proposed remedy for the D.C. Department of Corrections (Formerly: Lorton Correctional Complex) EPA ID#VAD980830988, located in Lorton, Virginia, under the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 6901 to 6939(e). DEQ's proposed remedy consists of the following component: implementation and maintenance of institutional controls to protect human health and the environment.

FACILITY DESCRIPTION: The 2,324-acre facility was historically utilized as the Lorton Correctional Complex. The facility was established circa 1911 and included dormitories, cell blocks, residences, maintenance facilities, a large oil and coal-fired boiler house (steam plants), industrial facilities such as furniture manufacturing and repair facilities, vehicle repair centers, a hog farm, a dairy farm, a water treatment plant, and wastewater treatment plants. The facility generated and managed hazardous waste from the various manufacturing and industrial related activities including wood/upholstery furniture manufacturing/repair, printing operations, metal working and fabrication, vehicle maintenance and repair, and auto body work. The facility is currently owned by multiple government entities, developers, and private homeowners. In 2009, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) contracted a RCRA Site Visit Report for the facility.

INFORMATION AVAILABILITY: A Statement of Basis for the proposed remedy is available on DEQ's website at http://www.deq.state.va.us/Programs/LandProtectionRevitalization/PublicNotices.aspx. The Administrative Record, which contains information considered in DEQ's proposed remedy, is available for public review at Virginia Department of Environmental Quality Central Office, 1111 East Main Street, Floor 14, Richmond, VA 23219. Office hours are: Mon-Fri, 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM. For additional information, contact Kurt Kochan, Corrective Action Project Manager, at DEQ's address listed above; Phone: 703-583-3825; Fax: 703-583-

3821, or Email:kurt.kochan@deq.virginia.gov.
COMMENT PROCESS: Persons wishing to comment on DEQ's proposed remedy must submit comments to EPA within the 30-day comment period ending July 20, 2018. Interested persons may also request a public meeting on this proposed remedy. All comments and/or requests for a meeting must be submitted in writing via mail, fax, or email to the DEQ Project Manager, Kurt Kochan, as listed above, and must be received prior to August 3, 2018. All comments will be considered in

FINAL DECISION: DEQ will make a final decision after considering all comments, consistent with applicable RCRA requirements and regulations. If the decision is substantially unchanged from the one in this notice, DEQ will issue a final decision and inform all persons who submitted written comments or requested notice of DEQ's final determination. If the final decision is significantly different from the one proposed, DEQ will issue a public notice explaining the new decision and will reopen the comment period.

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#### TUESDAY/JULY 3

Lions Dinner Meeting. 6:30-8:30 p.m. at American Legion Post 177, 3939 Oak St., Fairfax. Lions Club meets the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month. Guests are welcome to lean about the mission of the Lions Clubs "We Serve," meet club members and learn to help serve the community. Free to first time guests. Email fairfaxlions@cox.net or visit www.fairfaxlions.org for more.

#### TUESDAY/JULY 10

#### Story Time: Focus and Self-Control. 10-11

a.m. at The Parent Resource Center Library, 2334 Gallows Road, Entrance 1 - Room 105, Dunn Loring. This Story Time will highlight books and activities to support focus and selfcontrol in young children. Focus and self-control is an evidence-based executive functioning skill that involves paying attention, following the rules, thinking flexibly, and exercising self control. Registration is limited and required for children ages 4-6 and their parents. Visit www.fcps.edu/resources/family-engagement/ parent-resource-center for more.

#### THURSDAY/JULY 12

Story Time: Perspective Taking. 10-11 a.m. at The Parent Resource Center Library, 2334 Gallows Road, Entrance 1 - Room 105, Dunn Loring. This Story Time will highlight books and activities to support perspective taking in young children. Perspective taking is an evidence-based executive functioning skill that forms the basis for children's understanding of their parents', teachers', and friends' intentions. Registration is limited and required for children ages 4-6 and their parents. Visit www.fcps.edu/resources/ family-engagement/parent-resource-center for

#### SUNDAY/JULY 15

Public Input Deadline. The Fairfax County Department of Transportation (FCDOT) is conducting a study to better understand how people get around the Franconia-Springfield area of Fairfax County on the Fairfax Connector transit network. Complete a survey to help FCDOT better understand transportation-related needs and issues. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/ transportation/franconia-springfieldoptimization to complete the survey.

#### TUESDAY/JULY 17

Story Time: Making Connections. 10-11 a.m. at The Parent Resource Center Library, 2334 Gallows Road, Entrance 1 - Room 105, Dunn Loring. Making Connections is at the heart of learning. This Story Time will highlight books and activities to support this evidence-based executive functioning skill in young children. Registration is limited and required for children ages 4-6 and their parents. Visit www.fcps.edu/ resources/family-engagement/parent-resourcecenter for more.

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#### THURSDAY/JULY 19

Story Time: Taking on Challenges. 10-11 a.m. at The Parent Resource Center Library, 2334 Gallows Road, Entrance 1 - Room 105, Dunn Loring. This Story Time will highlight books and activities to support taking on challenges in young children. Life is full of stresses and challenges. Children who are willing to take on challenges do better in school and in life. Registration is limited and required for children ages 4-6 and their parents. Visit www.fcps.edu/ resources/family-engagement/parent-resourcecenter for more

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### **Watching Some** More and **Wondering No Less**



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

Recently, I bought my wife, Dina, the "Limited Edition, Downton Abbey, The Complete Collector's Set." Twenty-two discs, all the episodes, bonus features, etc. Now we can finally delete the saved content off our DVR; that should open up about half the available storage. Storage that we've happily used and accessed many times.

In its prime though, we did not miss a Downton Abbey episode when it was first broadcast on PBS (starting Jan. 9, 2011 and ending Jan. 3, 2016) and we've been recording, saving and watching ever since. We are two, of millions, who couldn't get enough viewing time of this period drama then and still can't to this day.

Ergo, the purchase. Now we are in control. If anything happens to our cable box - and it needs to be replaced/upgraded, we will not – as previously happened, suffer a potentially tragic loss of content in the exchange. Eliminating that worry alone has made the purchase worth the very reasonable price

Having the complete set in hand, Dina and I have decided to re-watch the series from start to finish. Heretofore, we had watched episodes in sequence, but not necessarily in chronological order - meaning season one, episode one through the final episode of season six. As a result of this decision, we have gotten reacquainted with story lines which had somewhat faded over time as there are some episodes we hadn't seen in years. We had saved many, but not all (when it was free to do so; now, the there's a cost, \$2.99 per episode to buy, I believe).

So far, we're through season two and we've thoroughly enjoyed the people, places and things - and the many nuances we may have missed or forgotten. However, this passage of time has caused Dina and I to rethink some of our opinions of characters and

There are two primary reassessments that oddly enough, Dina and I share.

One concerns Dr. Clarkson, the local/family doctor who runs the Downton Cottage Hospital. The other concerns Patrick Crawley (the cousin/ original heir who was thought to have died when the Titanic sank in 1912) who reappears in season two as a convalescing Peter Gordon, a.k.a. P Gordon. As much as we like Dr. Clarkson, and are amused by his straddling the line between himself and the aristocracy, we have decided that we don't like some of his medical opinions: his hesitancy to even consider the treatment for dropsy for Mr. Drake that "cousin" Isobel (an experienced nurse) had proposed; his misjudgment of the possible psychological consequences of transferring the patient with gas blindness (with whom Thomas had developed a rapport) who subsequently killed himself – presumably rather than accept being transferred; and finally Matthew who suffered what Dr. Clarkson described as a transection of his spine when he and William were injured in battle which turned out to be a bruise.

An injury that he said would prevent Matthew from ever walking and – as later realized, fathering children either. In all three instances, Dr. Clarkson was proven to be wrong. As a consequence, if Dr. Clarkson was diagnosing my cancer, I'd ask for a second opinion.

As for Peter Gordon/P Gordon/Patrick Crawley and the story line concerning his reappearance as heir/heir pretender so many years after the family thought he had died – I would love to ask Julian Fellowes (writer and creator of "Downton Abbey) if this element was fact or fiction or simply a mere diversion for affect.

It all seemed so contrived, especially after "P" Gordon (who says he got his "name from a liquor bottle") leaves a note for the heartbroken Edith before there's any resolution. I mean, was he the heir or wasn't he? Did he leave because he felt the jig was up and the ruse was likely to fail? Or did he el so betraved and disrespected by his family (the Crawleys) that he felt his present and/or future could never be what he envisioned?

Consequently, there are two questions I'd like answered: was Peter Gordon actually Patrick Crawley and where did Dr. Clarkson get his medical training?

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