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Paul Shoremount, a teacher from Winchester and a member of the Tri-State DeLorean Club, sits in his DeLorean at Katie's Cars and Coffee. Familiar from the 'Back to the Future' movies, three DeLoreans side-by-side were a magnet for car enthusiasts on Saturday, July 28.

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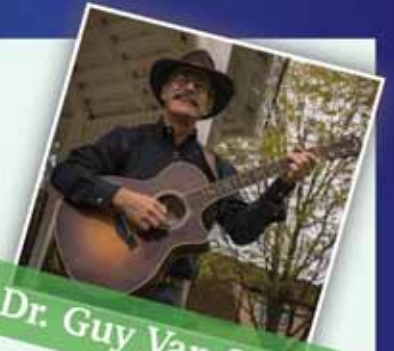
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GREAT FALLS CONNECTION EDITOR KEMAL KURSPAHIC
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The crowd of car enthusiasts. Owner Mike Kearney said that six or seven hundred visitors came to Katie's this Saturday morning — 'a slow day.'



Katie's Cars and Coffee Drives a Crowd

Cars and enthusiasts rev up with coffee at Katie's every Saturday morning.

BY MAIA SPOTO
THE CONNECTION

If you're serious about cars, six to nine a.m. on a Saturday is sacred time. While Great Falls sleeps, the parking lot of Katie's Coffee House comes alive as car lovers unite in automotive paradise.

By 8:30 a.m. this Saturday, July 28, six or seven hundred visitors and 325 show cars had driven to Katie's, Coffee House owner Mike Kearney said. His shop had already sold 110 gallons of coffee. That's 1,760 eight-ounce cups.

"There's a lot of energy going on here," Kearney said. "It's like a street carnival, every week."

This Saturday was a slow day, Kearney said. On a fast day, the street will be packed all the way around the block.

Kimverly Bustillo, a Katie's barista from Sterling said, "It gets busier. There are so many lines."

THE KEY to showcasing your car is arriving early. Kearney said his staff gathers at 4:45 a.m. every Saturday morning. By then, 15 show cars will have already appeared in his parking lot.

"Many millions of dollars of cars show up, and some are real collectors. To get a prime spot, you have to show up by 5:15 A.M.," said car owner Joe Dowley, a retired lawyer from McLean.

Katie's Cars and Coffee attracts car enthusiasts across state lines. Lance Randall, an engineer, is a second-time Cars and Coffee visitor who drove down from Baltimore. He also goes to another car show in his hometown.

"This one here has more interesting cars, though," Randall said.

Zach Tempone collects even more mileage than Randall, hailing all the way from Philadelphia. His girlfriend, Margaret Amos, is a nursing student in D.C., and the two are regulars here.

"I come every time I'm in D.C.," Tempone said. "I've been coming every other weekend for two years."

One reason enthusiasts are willing to wake up before the sun and battle geography to get to Katie's Coffee House is the variety they find.

"You never know what's going to show up," said Jordan Felcorn, an entrepreneur from Fairfax. "This week we've got the Brabus G Wagon, we've got all these Porsches, three Deloreans, which you don't see often. It's always a nice surprise."

VARIETY is present in both the cars and the visitors at Katie's.



Percy Alexander, left, of Aldie and Joe Dowley, of McLean stand with their cars. "This was my bucket list car," Alexander said. Dowley has two MGs. "If I could clone myself, I'd bring them both," Dowley said.



Lance Randall, of Baltimore, photographs a snake detail while a crowd looks on, taking mental photographs.

John Herriges, an entrepreneur from Great Falls, said he comes to Cars and Coffee "to meet people."

"I'm a businessman and a car lover and I end up doing business here," Herriges said. "I love the cars and coffee."

"You get all kinds here," said Alan Hansen, an architect from Potomac Falls said. "You get kids, 20-somethings, 80-somethings, heads of development companies. You just get everybody here. Also, from around the world."

Hansen has heard conversations in German and French at Katie's. People ship cars in from overseas to present at the show, Hansen said.

Hansen said Katie's Cars and Coffee is not a reckless event. "It gets overblown, with McLarens and people taking their Ferraris out, getting in accidents. That's rare."

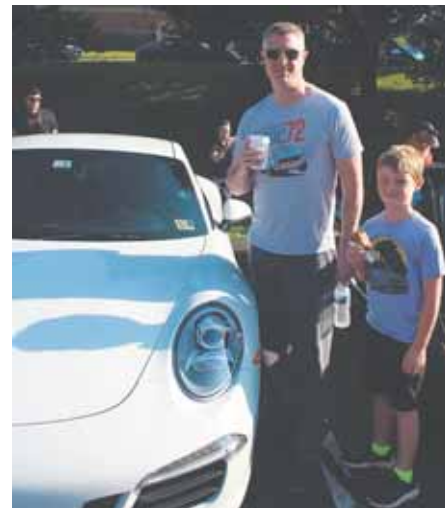
To Hansen, cars are an important creative outlet for owners who choose to add their own personal touch. Hansen said a driver once told him to check out the snake ornaments on the driver's car, claiming they had teeth. Hansen leaned in close, and the snakes puffed out smoke.

"D.C. is not known for being creative, like L.A., so this is special," Hansen said.

VIEWPOINTS

What Brings You to Katie's Cars and Coffee?

— MAIA SPOTO



Noah Teates, management consultant of McLean and son Grove Teates (8) of Churchill Road Elementary "Mom likes to sleep in, so we get out of the way."

Andrew Pye, mechanical engineer of Leesburg and son Riley Pye

"He loves cars, and I love cars. It's the perfect combination. It was great to be able to drive out here with my son. He knows his cars very well, better than any seven-year-old I've ever met."



Barry Bartimo, retired cop and current government contractor of Severn, Md.

"I've been to 97 car shows. This is the best cars and coffee around. You never know what you're going to see here. It's just car people coming to hang out, enjoying what they see. This has been going on for a long time. I hope it continues."



Jordan Felcorn, entrepreneur of Fairfax

"I honestly wait the whole week to look forward to Katie's. And after Katie's I'm like, great. I gotta wait another week. I almost take it personally when I see the weather forecast looking bad on a Saturday morning. This is my day!"

OPINION

In-Service Training

BY KENNETH R. "KEN" PLUM
STATE DELEGATE (D-36)

The only common requirement for holding elective office is that one be a registered voter in the state meaning then of course that you must be at least 18 years of age.

You do not need to be a resident of the district you hope to represent although you will have to move into the district if you win. The concept of a citizen legislature is that it is made up of people from all walks of life in the community who can collectively speak for the community at large. Supposedly there would be no professional politicians—just regular everyday folks. Such an approach should work out well to have the community broadly represented.

In the past, because of laws and practices, most legislatures have been filled mostly with old white men. Recent years have seen a shift including in Virginia as more women are running for office and getting elected. This year has more women, young people, and people



of color running than ever before.

With the diversification of who sits in the legislature the challenge becomes taking people of many different backgrounds, perspectives and constituencies and bringing them together to work for consensus on legislation to get a majority vote. While skills acquired in business and civic activities teach many of the soft skills of interpersonal relationships and

team building that are transferable to a legislative body, there are unique differences that are important to recognize.

Most legislatures with which I am familiar have orientation programs to acquaint new members with where the bathrooms are, rules of order in committee meetings and on the floor, and operating procedures around the capitol. Putting legislation together, developing a strategy for its passage, and keeping constituents back home happy are most often handled by the political party caucuses or helpful mentors.

Another source of in-service training I have found invaluable are conferences put together by professional associations, specifically the National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL).

I am at their national conference this week.

NCSL keeps up with what is happening in state capitols around the country and through publications, conferences and consultancy keeps legislators informed. The association is truly non-partisan, although its leadership—chosen from among state legislators across the country—maintain their party allegiance while the staff is able to stay out of the partisanship.

Virginia of course had the first representative legislature in the western world beginning in 1619. Not everyone followed the Virginia model however in writing their constitution of organizing their legislatures. I continue to be amazed as I work with colleagues from around the country as to the number of different ways that legislative bodies can organize themselves and do their business. No one has a corner on the best way to do the people's business, but we can learn from taking a look at how other states conduct their business.

NCSL refers to the states as the laboratories of democracy. The description is appropriate as we all face mostly the same challenges. Our responses are different, however. By getting together for what some would call a conference, but what I think is more appropriately called in-service training, we can do a better job for the people we represent.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Closing the Beltway Ramp Not a Solution

To the Editor:

It is nice that the matter of heavy congestion on Georgetown Pike in an around the Ball Hills Rd area and the chronic traffic safety concerns in the surrounding neighborhoods has finally received the attention of local elected officials and VDOT. Unfortunately, the proposed solution of closing the northbound ramp to the Beltway off Georgetown Pike fails to address the underlying problems and, quite frankly, is blunt and lazy; rich with unintended consequences. The root of the problem stems from out of state commuter traffic seeking relief from congestion on Leesburg Pike/Rt 7 and associated attempts to avoid tolls on the Dulles Toll Road at the Spring Hill Plaza. The problem is exacerbated due to the lack of enforcement and a justifiable means to abate the neighborhood "cut through" traffic.

First and foremost, efforts to expand capacity on Leesburg Pike need to be accelerated. This project is long overdue, needs to be fully funded and receive the attention and emphasis it deserves to get the project underway and completed as soon as possible.

This will take time, so there are two other measures that can take near immediate effect that will serve to address the problem.

The first is a temporary toll reduction or toll abatement program at the Spring Hill toll plaza from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m. (same duration as the proposed road closure pilot program). The husband of Del. Kathleen Murphy, Bill Sudow, was appointed to the WMATA Board by former Governor Terry McAuliffe while the Chairman of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors sits on WMATA's Dulles Corridor Advisory Committee (DCAC). With this type of local representation and access at WMATA, I am sure a temporary toll abatement is a viable solution and can be taken up by the Board in their next meeting.

The second is the posting of traffic signs supported by active enforcement prohibiting through traffic on the surface streets between Leesburg Pike and Georgetown Pike. This permits normal road use by area residents while taking on the real problem. These neighborhood surface streets are not designed to handle the speed and volume of commuters looking to get to and from work in the most expedient manner. Commuter traffic attention and awareness to tight turns and curves, steep and narrow shoulders, cars entering and leaving

driveways, pedestrian traffic and stop signs is low. Addressing this problem is a safety issue as much as it is a nuisance matter.

This solution attacks the core underlying issue and provides for immediate, material relief without impacting the freedom and rights of those who live in the surrounding neighborhoods. It breaks the patterns the pilot is seeking to disrupt while tackling the longer term issue of increasing traffic capacity on major commuter roads.

Craig Parisot
Great Falls

Gerrymandering Continues to Mess with Our Elections

To the Editor:

No matter where we stand on the political spectrum, the possibility that anyone interferes or tampers in our elections is unacceptable. Meanwhile, gerrymandering continues to mess with all our elections.

Gerrymandering is drawing voting districts to expand the impact of some votes and shrink others. In 2019, Virginians will elect 100 state delegates and 40 state senators. In 2020 another national cen-

sus will be taken, and in 2021 the incumbents elected in 2019 (with more influence from the majority party) will draw voting maps that favor their own re-election. Having incumbents draw their own districts is a serious conflict of interest. Unless we find a fairer way, this process will be repeated in 2029, 2031, and so on.

You can help by (1) identifying which candidates favor fair redistricting, (2) voting for them, and (3) checking out OneVirginia2021.org. where you (like more than 80,000 other Virginians) can send a message to your representatives demanding an independent commission to apportion districts fairly.

Karen Scarfone
Clifton

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PEOPLE

New Scoutmaster Steve Englund presents the Camp Leggett dedication plaque to retired Scoutmaster Bob Leggett.



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Retiring Scoutmaster Recognized at Goshen Scout Reservation

Great Falls resident Bob Leggett, Scoutmaster of Boy Scout Troop 1128, sponsored by Andrew Chapel United Methodist Church in Vienna, retired in April after 38 years as Scoutmaster of the Troop. To honor his service the Troop and Church families raised funds to name the sub-camp within Camp Bowman at Goshen Scout Reservation that the Troop visits each summer, Camp Leggett.

Participants in the ceremony were sixty-five boys from Troop 1128 who were at Goshen for the week, the new Scoutmaster, Steve Englund, numerous Assistant Scoutmasters, Dennis Hall, chartered organization representative from Andrew Chapel, Phil Barbash, Director of Operations at Goshen Scout Reservation, and Les Baron, Scout Executive/CEO of the National Capital Area Council of the Boy Scouts of America.

The dedication plaque includes a quotation from Bob and reads:

"This campsite is dedicated to Robert N. Leggett Jr. Devoted Scoutmaster of Troop 1128 for 38 years 'Building the future of America one boy at a time. Dedicated July 2018"

Scoutmaster Leggett was involved in Scouting as a boy. He earned his Eagle Scout award in Vicksburg, Miss. He also earned the Explorer Silver Award and God and Country Award, and was inducted as a Vigil member of the Order of the Arrow.

When Scoutmaster Leggett took over leadership of the troop in 1980, there were nine boys in the troop. At its peak the troop grew to more than 110 boys. It currently has more than 85 boys.

During Leggett's tenure as

Scoutmaster the troop developed a strong boy-led program. The Troop supported and encouraged 150 young men who became Eagle Scouts.

He implemented a very active camping, backpacking, and high adventure program, leading and participating in many of the activities. The troop typically sends 60-70 scouts to Goshen Scout Reservation each summer. The high adventure program included trips such as backpacking at Philmont Scout Ranch in New Mexico, Wind River Range in Wyoming, Canadian Rockies, Olympic National Park, Beartooth Range outside Yellowstone National Park, Eagle Cap Wilderness in Oregon, and a local high adventure trip in Pennsylvania and West Virginia. Bob has made six Philmont treks, the most recent in 2010 at age 70.

Leggett has also been active in BSA events outside of Troop 1128. He is Wood Badge trained. He has taught many District and Council training courses, and has served on both District and Council committees. He has served at 7 National Jamborees, including 5 as Scoutmaster. Twice he was selected by the National Capital Area Council of the Boy Scouts of America to attend the national meeting of 50 scoutmasters from around the country to discuss and provide feedback on future program directions.

Leggett has received the District Award of Merit, the Silver Beaver Award, the God and Service Award, two awards for service to Goshen Scout Reservation, and the National Eagle Scout Association (NESA) Outstanding Eagle Scout Award (NOESA).

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Great Falls player Sasha Minsky exchanging pre-game gifts with Chinese counterparts.

Great Falls Little Leaguers Go International

Nationals 12U host a friendly against visiting Chinese team.

The graduating class of Great Falls Little League has had its fair share of baseball this summer. After finishing their final house season and competing in an exciting championship, many players went on to participate in All Stars and will now be playing their final little league tournament next week in Cooperstown. But this past week presented a particularly special

experience for the Great Falls Nationals 12U team, managed by Wilson Kim, as it hosted a friendly game against a visiting team from China, called the Powerbaseball Angels.

The Chinese team comprises orphaned and abandoned 10-12 year-old children who were brought together in a camp on the outskirts of Beijing to play baseball. The Angels are led by Lingfeng Sun, the former captain of the Chinese national baseball team, and are funded by private donations and charitable contributions.

Jay Song, Jeff Minsky and Mike Costello from Great Falls collaborated in organizing this game, which was played at the Washington Nationals Youth Baseball



Great Falls pitcher Danny Fleming in action.

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WELLBEING

Required Vaccinations for School

Local clinics offer free immunizations.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL

As parents compile back-to-school task lists, health officials say that along with backpacks, notebooks and pencils, parents add the vaccinations that are required by Maryland and Virginia state laws in order for students to attend school. Now is the time to get those immunizations to avoid the back to school rush.

"We have free, walk-in clinics where you can get vaccines between now and the beginning of the school year," said Mary Anderson, Montgomery County Department of Health and Human Services. "We urge parents to go now and not wait. We offer vaccines at clinics every day of the week at four different locations."

Appointments are not required for immunization visits in Montgomery, Arlington and Fairfax counties. The Alexandria Health Department, however offers services by appointment only.

"We would certainly encourage parents to make an appointment now," added John Silcox, Fairfax County Health Department. "Appointments fill up quickly, and there are some walk-in appointments, but the closer you get to school the more crowded our clinics get."

Fairfax County has five clinics which offer vaccines. "School-required immunizations are always free at our clinics, whether a person has insurance or not," said Silcox. "We highly encourage parents to call the clinic that is most conveniently located to them so that they have you vaccines in time for school."

Parents must bring a copy of the child's existing immunization record. "A parent or designated adult must be with the child when they go to get vaccines," said Anderson. "If a parent doesn't have or can't find their child's record, we can try to reconstruct it."

As recently as May, the Washington, D.C. region saw a case of a vaccine preventable disease, says Anderson. "There was a case of measles that this particular individual had contracted outside of the country," she said. "But this is a reminder about the importance of vaccinations because if you had come in contact with this individual and hadn't been vaccinated you could have gotten sick."



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— **Mary Anderson, Montgomery County Department of Health and Human Services**

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Some students may be granted an exemption from the Virginia and Maryland state requirements for religious or medical reasons. "There is an exemption form that people would need to get filled out and turn into their school in order to be exempt from the state requirement."

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Little Leaguers Go International

FROM PAGE 6

Academy in southeast D.C. As Great Falls recovers from continuing days of rain, the Nationals baseball organization graciously offered up their facility and turf field, which was a real treat for both teams.

For the Great Falls Nationals, this was more than a baseball game. This was a cultural experience that gave these rising seventh and eighth graders an opportunity to meet foreign counterparts on a common field. While the fundamentals are the same for both teams, the Angels brought an international flavor,

which included batters bowing to the umpire as they approached home plate, batters shouting from their stance before hitting, and cheering in unison from the dugout.

Before the game, each player exchanged pins with their counterpart, while the coaches presented each other with team shirts and autographed baseballs. After six-innings of hard fought baseball, the teams lined up and shook hands, which seemed like a new and fun experience for the Chinese team. Everyone came away with the feeling that they had been part of something special.



Aggressive Angels batter.

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10th District Veterans Job Fair Aug. 24

U.S. Rep. Barbara Comstock (R-10) announced the second Annual 10th Congressional District Veterans Jobs Fair that will take place on Aug. 24. The Veterans Jobs Fair will consist of federal and state agencies, businesses, local Chambers of Commerce, and veterans organizations seeking to employ or assist skilled military when they transition to civilian jobs.

"Today is National Hire a Veteran Day, and our servicemen and women of the armed forces have made great sacrifices in service to our nation. The years of service and sacrifice made by our veterans have given them unique talents that they can now put to use in civilian jobs. As part of our commitment to helping our veterans transition from life in the military to the civilian workforce, we will be hosting the 10th Congressional District Veterans Jobs fair where veterans can come to meet with and learn about local employers who desire the many diverse talents of our veterans. This year's veterans jobs fair brings together local employers, chambers, veterans groups, state and local agencies, and many other service organizations together with our veterans so those job-searching can see the many opportunities available to them locally," Comstock said on July 25.

The Veterans Jobs Fair will be held Friday, Aug. 24, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Loudoun County Public School Administration Building, 21000 Education Court, Ashburn.

RSVP Link: <https://10thdistrictveteranjobfaireventbrite.com/>

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ONGOING

Art Exhibit: “Too Much of Too Much.” Through Aug. 18, gallery hours in the Bullock | Hitt Gallery at MPA@ChainBridge, 1446 Chain Bridge Road, McLean. McLean Project for the Arts will open “Too Much of Too Much: Overstimulated, Overexposed, and Overextended,” featuring works by mid-Atlantic artists whose works explore the ideas of overstimulation, excessiveness and bombardment, be it through too much information, activity, expectation, or by any other means. Visit mpaart.org.

Row by Row Junior. Through Oct. 31, local quilt shop proprietors like Jinny Beyer Studio (776 Walker Road, Great Falls) are welcoming children participating in Row by Row Junior to their shops. It's the junior version of the summertime travel event for quilt making fans known as Row by Row Experience. Kids visit shops in person, collect a free sewing pattern, and find inspiration in colorful, creative world of sewing. At home, families can find free tutorial support and activities online by visiting www.rowbyrowexperience.com or jinnybeyer.com for local quilting.

Great Falls Farmers Market. Saturdays, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., 778 Walker Road, Great Falls. Music, vendors, fresh produce, fresh prepared food, delightful bakery, spices from around the world, wild-caught fish, grass-fed, free-range meats, organic-fed poultry and eggs. Email kathleen@greatfallsfarmersmarket.org.

Free Tai Chi. Every Saturday, from 7:55-9 a.m., Introduction and Beginners' Practice, meet on the outdoor basketball court located directly behind the Dolley Madison Public Library, 1244 Oak Ridge Ave. in McLean Central Park, McLean. Call 703-759-9141 or visit www.FreeTaiChi.org.

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

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

THURSDAY/AUG. 2

Games at Riverbend Park. 4:30-6 p.m. at Riverbend Park, 8700 Potomac Hills St., Great Falls. Looking for new ways to keep children entertained this summer? Play traditional Eastern Woodland Indian games of skill and luck that were popular at the time the first Europeans reached this area. Enjoy the tradition of oral storytelling and make a game to take home. For ages 4-adult. \$12 per person. Children must be accompanied by an adult registered for the program. Call 703-759-9018 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/



Alden Summer Concerts

One of Alden's favorite summer bands is back – Kara and Matty D return in a family-friendly show Sunday, Aug. 5 at 5 p.m. in McLean Central Park, 1468 Dolley Madison Blvd. Free parking at Dolley Madison Library. Visit aldentheatre.org.

riverbend.
Nottoway Nights. 7:30-8:30 p.m. at Nottoway Park, 9537 Courthouse Road, Vienna. Featuring John McCutcheon (Folk). Bring blankets and chairs and enjoy music from around the world every Thursday evening at Nottoway Park. Free. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/performances/nottoway-nights.

FRIDAY/AUG. 3

Festival of Shakespeare and Mythology. 4:30 p.m. at The Madeira School, 8328 Georgetown Pike, McLean. After weeks of learning classical theatre, practicing movement and vocalizing, and roasting s'mores over the fire, Traveling Players' youth ensembles will present a festival of three plays. The schedule for the full day is: 4:30-6:15 Ariadne's Thread & The Monkey King; 6:15-7 break for dinner (picnicking is welcome); 7-9:30 Merry Wives of Windsor. \$10 tickets available at the door. Visit www.madeira.org/about-madeira/contact-us/ for directions.

Summer on the Green: Nowhere Men. 6:30 p.m. area residents can catch a new and diverse musical act at the Town Green or at Chillin' on Church. Bring blankets and chairs, but please leave Fido and any other pets at home. The concerts are free and open to the public. Visit www.viennava.gov.

SATURDAY/AUG. 4

Paddle the Potomac. 5:30-7:30 p.m. at Riverbend Park, 8700 Potomac Hills St., Great Falls. Watch for deer foraging on the islands and osprey and bald eagles searching for fish as you paddle a kayak through a wildlife-rich section of the Potomac River. This is not a whitewater tour, and no previous experience is required. Kayaks will be provided – one person per kayak. For participants age 14 to adult runs. Download the waiver at go.usa.gov/xnFNc and bring the completed form to the tour. \$40 per person. Call 703-759-9018 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/riverbend.



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Dan Navarro

Live Music at Jammin' Java

Dan Navarro has just released his first true studio-recorded solo album, “Shed My Skin.” Saturday, Aug. 11, 8 p.m. at Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. \$20-25. Visit www.jamminjava.com or www.dannavarro.com for more.

celebrated Studio Ghibli praised for their originality, stunning animation, and ambitious storytelling. All tickets are regular admission. Visit www.AngleikaFilmCenter.com.

THURSDAY/AUG. 9

Nottoway Nights. 7:30-8:30 p.m. at Nottoway Park, 9537 Courthouse Road, Vienna. Featuring Cathy Ponton King (Blues/Soul). Bring blankets and chairs and enjoy music from around the world every Thursday evening at Nottoway Park. Free. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/performances/nottoway-nights.

FRIDAY/AUG. 10

River Fishing by Boat. 5:30-7:30 p.m. at Riverbend Park, 8700 Potomac Hills St., Great Falls. Fish for smallmouth bass and sunfish from a canoe or boat with an introductory class on boating and fishing basics. No previous experience paddling or rowing is required. Boats and personal flotation devices (PFDs), fishing rods and bait are provided. Designed for participants age 5 to adult. Maximum of three participants per boat, one of whom must be 16 or older. \$16 per person, and each participant must register. Call 703-759-9018 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/riverbend.

Summer on the Green: Richard Walton Group. 6:30 p.m. area residents can catch a new and diverse musical act at the Town Green or at Chillin' on Church. Bring blankets and chairs, but please leave Fido and any other pets at home. The concerts are free and open to the public. Visit www.viennava.gov.

FRIDAY-SUNDAY/AUG. 10-12

Beauty and the Beast. Friday-Saturday, 7:30 p.m.; Sunday, 1:30 p.m. at the Vienna Community Center, 120 Cherry St. SE, Vienna. Vienna Youth Players' premieres Walt Disney's Beauty and the Beast. The cast and crew features more than 30 aspiring student-artists, ages 8-18. This production will be a swan song

as it is director Barbara 'Babs' Dyer's final show with the company after helming the director's chair 26 years. Tickets are \$15 each general admission, at viennava.gov/webtrac or at the community center.

SATURDAY/AUG. 11

Bands for Bikes. 1-4 p.m. at Old Firehouse Teen Center, 1440 Chain Bridge Road, McLean. Rising college freshmen Jack Lichtenstein and Morgan Poirier, will host their 5th annual “Bands for Bikes” concert to benefit Wheels to Africa (a youth-led all volunteer 501c(3) that collects used bikes for needy children). Joining the boys as an organizer this year will be Langley rising sophomore and musician, Claire Fulton. Area student musicians and bands will be performing on the outdoor stage. Bike donations welcome (but not required) and can be dropped off 10 a.m.-4 p.m. that day.

Live Music: Dan Navarro. 8 p.m. at Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. With a career spanning decades and a dozen albums with Lowen & Navarro, Dan Navarro has just released his first true studio-recorded solo album, “Shed My Skin.” \$20-25. Visit www.jamminjava.com.

SUNDAY/AUG. 12

Alden Summer Concerts: Morgan Taylor's “Music of Gustaf Yellowgold” (Family Friendly). 5 p.m. in McLean Central Park, 1468 Dolley Madison Blvd. Free parking at Dolley Madison Library, 1244 Oak Ridge Ave. The Alden's 2018 Summer Sunday Concerts in the Park expand this year to include a “welcome, summer” concert on Sunday, June 3, and then seven concerts from July 1 through Aug. 12. Visit www.aldentheatre.org.

Concerts on the Green: Rew Smith. 6-8 p.m. on the Great Falls Village Centre Green. Sundays throughout the summer, bring a picnic and chairs for an evening of free, live music. Visit www.celebrategreatfalls.org.

MONDAY/AUG. 13

Dining with Dorothy. 12:30 p.m. at Ledo Pizza, 141 Park St., Vienna. A program of the Shepherd's Center of Oakton-Vienna. Join with friends or make new ones. Newcomers are always welcome. To reserve space, contact event chair, Dorothy Flood at dflood1706@gmail.com.

Donation Deadline. During bank hours at Sonabank, 6830 Old Dominion Drive, # A, McLean. Sonabank is collecting school supplies at all branches, including: notebook paper, three-ring binders, spiral notebooks, composition notebooks, No. 2 pencils, pencil pouches, colored pencils, calculators, crayons, pencil erasers, dry erase marker, glue sticks, bottle glue, pocket folders, three-prong folders, pocket dictionaries, markers, highlighters, rulers, tissues, hand sanitizers, copy paper, sticky notes, backpacks and blunt-end safety scissors. Visit www.sonabank.com.

MONDAY-FRIDAY, AUG. 13-17

Mini-Miller Camp. 9 a.m.-noon at Colvin Run Mill, 10017 Colvin Run Road, Great Falls. The mini-miller camp gives children ages 6-12 an opportunity to work a 200-year-old operating grist mill. They'll learn the skills the miller needed as well as those of a blacksmith, and have a chance to make their own butter. Cost for the full week of camp is \$197. Call 703-759-2771 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/colvin-run-mill.

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Where Have All the Honeybees Gone?

**Virginia General Assembly establishes the
Beehive Distribution Program, after the shocking
number of total winter colony losses.**

BY MERCIA HOBSON
THE CONNECTION

The winter losses of honeybee colonies over the 2017 – 2018 season were greater than expected. To address the problem and increase the number of actively managed bee colonies, the 2018 Session of the Virginia General Assembly established the Beehive Distribution Program.

“An individual who submits an application to the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services for a beehive unit through the Program will be registered as a beekeeper with the Department ... Individuals may receive no more than three basic beehive units per fiscal year (July 1 thru June 30). Only residents of Virginia who are 18 years of age or older at the time the application is submitted are eligible to receive a beehive unit through the Program.”

“The winter losses were 59.5 percent,” said Keith Tignor, State Apiarist. This is the highest rate since 2000 when the state began monitoring winter losses. It is the fourth highest reported in the nation for total winter all colony loss with only Arizona, Tennessee and Louisiana reporting higher losses according to the nonprofit Bee Informed Partnership.

Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services said “VDACS staff found high levels of Varroa mites and nosema infections in wintering bees. Both of these maladies shorten the lifespan of worker bees, increasing mortality rates in winter months.”

VDACS cautions that applicants must comply with all state and local requirements related to beehive management and other beekeeping activity as well

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Tim Field of Herndon checks his honeybee hives. Although his hives did not suffer colony loss, 60 percent of reporting beekeepers in the Commonwealth of Virginia did, the fourth highest loss percentage in the United States.

as contact the locality in which the beehive(s) will be located to ensure compliance with all applicable ordinances.

Applications for beehive units may be submitted electronically to the at www.vdacs.virginia.gov/plant-industry-services-beehive-distribution-program.shtml

BULLETIN BOARD

Submit civic/community announcements at ConnectionNewspapers.com/Calendar. Photos and artwork welcome. Deadline is Thursday at noon, at least two weeks before event.

MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

The Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board's Merrifield Center offers a new stand-up information kiosk. Part of a pilot project, the new feature aims to improve the customer service experience and decrease wait times for individuals who are seeking mental (behavioral) health services. To check in, individuals respond to five simple questions, then the CSB's Patient Track software alerts staff. Based on clinicians' schedules and availability, as well as the needs of the client, individuals are triaged and seen by the next available staff member. For more information on available services, call the CSB at 703-383-8500 (Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.). In an emergency 24/7, call CSB Emergency Services at 703-573-5679 or the Fairfax Detox Center at 703-502-7000 (TTY 703-322-9080).

WEDNESDAY/AUG. 1

Application Deadline. Think and Act Green. The Town of Vienna's Community Enhancement Commission (CEC) is challenging local businesses and nonprofits to adopt green practices and self-certify as "sustainable" based on points earned. Find a list of suggested green strategies and the Sustainability Challenge checklist at viennava.gov/sustainabilitychallenge. Submit to Town Hall at 127 Center Street S., Vienna to the attention of the Community Enhancement Commission. Contact Desiree Di Mauro at desiree@d2t2.org.

THURSDAY/AUG. 2

Caregivers Support Group. 10-11:30 a.m. at UUCF Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Fairfax - Program Building, 2709 Hunter Mill Road, Oakton. For caregivers to adult family members with dementia. First and third Thursdays of every month. Hosted by Shepherd's Center of Oakton-Vienna, scov.org. Contact facilitator Jack Tarr at 703-821-6838 or jtarr5@verizon.net.

Community Meeting. 7 p.m. at McLean High School, 1633 Davidson Road, McLean. Join the Virginia Department of Transportation and Fairfax County for the first of two community meetings on efforts to identify potential congestion solutions for neighborhoods near I-495 (the Capital Beltway). VDOT and Fairfax County staff will be on hand to answer questions. Visit www.virginiadot.org/projects/northernvirginia/mclean_traffic_analysis.asp for details. Send comments to meetingcomments@vdot.virginia.gov, and include "McLean Area Traffic Analysis" in the subject line.

THROUGH AUG. 3

Public Comment Period. The Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority is hosting three public hearings to inform and solicit comments from the community about proposed toll rate increases along the Dulles Toll Road. An "online open house" will be available at www.dullestollroad.com/toll/toll-setting-process throughout the comment period. It will contain an explanation of the informational exhibits and a comment form. Comments may also be submitted at the public hearings, via email to dtcomments@hntb.com or mailed during the comment period to: MWAA Public Comment Period, c/o HNTB, 2900 South Quincy St., Suite 600, Arlington, VA 22206.

FRIDAY/AUG. 3

Networking Breakfast. 7:30-9 a.m. at Tower Club, 8000 Towers Crescent Drive, Suite 1700, Vienna. DemBiz welcomes former Virginia Governor and former DNC Chair Terry McAuliffe as part of their Signature Breakfast Series. Join for a discussion of Virginia business and what he's hearing on the ground as he speaks all over the country. Visit www.dembiz.org for more.

FRIDAY-SUNDAY/AUG. 3-5

Tax-Free Holiday. During Virginia's sales tax holiday, qualifying school supplies, clothing, footwear, hurricane and emergency preparedness items, and Energy Star and WaterSense products can be purchased without paying sales tax. Visit tax.virginia.gov/virginia-sales-tax-holiday for details.

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Fortitude For a Fortnight



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

Intestinal or otherwise. "All hands to the pump," (Downton Abbey), emotionally speaking. The weight of it all is not too much to bear, but it is pretty close to it:

- ❖ 24-hour urine collection on Tuesday;
- ❖ Pre-chemotherapy lab work and quarterly CT Scan on Wednesday (not often occurring on the same day but this cycle unfortunately they did);
- ❖ Balance of Wednesday and Thursday waiting for lab results which ultimately determine whether I'm approved for chemotherapy on FRIDAY;
- ❖ Thursday through Monday (or longer): waiting for scan results from previous Wednesday (my life doesn't hang in the balance exactly, but it's definitely hanging somewhere);
- ❖ Friday: my actual chemotherapy;
- ❖ Sunday through Thursday (post chemotherapy): feeling lousy, hardly eating, irregular sleep, tired all the time (typical post-chemotherapy side effects)
- ❖ And finally, per my July 25 column entitled "Phoning It In," talking with my oncologist over the phone to discuss my scan, my treatment going forward, my life, etc.

In summary: Tuesday, July 24 to Monday, Aug. 6, two weeks of cancer "centricity."

Considering this first paragraph, no wonder I used the word hope and expressed per pen the written emotion so much in my previous two columns. When cancer or any other treatment for a serious disease, operation, recuperation, physical therapy and so forth is concerned, ultimately, what else is there?

Whether you're following doctor's orders and/or supplementing it with non-Western, holistic-type alternatives, rarely are there any guarantees other than as they say "death and taxes" and for a time was said in the 1940s and 50s: "The Washington Senators finishing last in The American League."

Nevertheless, hope springs eternal, as a formerly long-suffering life-long member of Red Sox Nation can attest: three World Series Championships since 2004 after breaking/braking the "Curse of the Bambino," (the 86-year drought since the Red Sox had last won the World Series in 1918 - Babe Ruth's last season playing for the Red Sox).

And as I live on/write on nine years and nearly eight months past a "13-month to two-year" prognosis diagnosed back in late February 2009, I am eternally hopeful - and always forever grateful.

And in spite of my amazing, miraculous good fortune, the last thing I do, and I mean the absolute last thing I do, is take any of it for granted. That is why the emotion so often expressed in pen and in person is hope. I am never going to betray/dismiss who and/or what has power over my outcome/life expectancy.

I mean, at the end of the day (heck, at the beginning of the day), I am a mere mortal and don't presume for a minute (or even a second) that living in the "Kenny lane" is sufficient to defeat the greatest advisory mankind has ever known: cancer. And though I am generally positive and optimistic, I am cautiously so.

After all, I'm just not supposed to blow by (live through) my original prognosis as if it was an arbitrary statement. It was the real deal, and when you first hear it, it's a surreal one at that. But here we are, late July, 1918.

At this actual real-time Friday-morning moment, I am on hold with oncology confirming that my pre-chemotherapy lab results are acceptable for today's infusion. (Otherwise, this fortnight will be extended by seven days.) As any cancer patient under treatment knows, one's presence is never really confirmed until the medical staff advises you. Soon, I will be advised.

In all the intervening moments, I am still waiting to hear back concerning the results from my CT Scan on Wednesday. Hopefully (there's that word again), we will hear before the weekend. It's so much easier to suffer through/anticipate the fortnight when news is known sooner rather than later.

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

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