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“Virginia Climate Crisis Forum” hosted by Faith Alliance for Climate Solutions at James Madison High School in Vienna on Sept. 18 featured U.S. Sen. Tim Kaine (D) and Prince William County Chairman Corey Stewart (R).

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## Climate Forum Highlights Sharp Differences

Faith Alliance for Climate Solutions hosts public forum featuring Kaine and Stewart.

BY ANDREA WORKER  
THE CONNECTION

Billed as a public forum to focus on the effects of climate change on Virginia and what actions Virginians can take to combat the situation, the Virginia Climate Crisis Forum played out more like a debate between the two candidates seeking to represent the Commonwealth in the United States Senate in the Nov. 6 elections. The contrast was clear, even though Democratic incumbent Tim Kaine and his Republican challenger, Corey Stewart, the chairman of the Prince William County Board of Supervisors, were never on stage at the same time.

The packed house in the auditorium on Sept. 18 at James Madison High School in Vienna, didn't seem to mind. Faith Alliance for Climate Solutions organized the event.

"We need to know where these two stand and what they plan to do about climate and environmental issues," was the opinion of two retirees who braved the traffic from Springfield to attend the event.

There was a three-person panel of experts bringing the perspectives of health, national security and local government to the discussion.

Samantha Ahdoot, MD, is a pediatrician and co-founder of Virginia Clinicians for Climate Action. Ahdoot shared statistics and personal experience about the effects of pollution, hotter summers, and worsening allergy seasons on her young patients, and on the elderly and more vulnerable.

"A bold vision for de-carbonization will ensure a healthy future for Virginia's children with clean air and a stable climate," said Ahdoot.

Major General Rick Devereaux, USAF (Ret.) opened a few eyes on how climate change effects national security and the preparedness of the American military to cope with those threats.

"Climate change threatens our national security in a number of ways," said Devereaux, noting that extreme changes in climate lead to economic and cultural instabilities. "More risk of conflict, more refugees fleeing environments growing more and more inhospitable." Devereaux sees that one effect as rocking an already shaky world stage, and "placing humanitarian demands on our overtaxed military forces."

Devereaux applauded the military's move toward biofuels and away from gasoline, saying that one of the most dangerous missions for military personnel is the movement of highly flammable fuels in combat zones.

Rising sea levels are direct, physical threats to military installations, Devereaux said. "There's some 1,700 [military installations] on coast lines, and many have already been subject to flooding" even without the influence of major storms like Hurricane Florence.



The Virginia Climate Crisis Forum drew a packed house in the auditorium of James Madison High School in Vienna.

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After finishing his section of the event, U.S. Sen. Tim Kaine stepped backstage and took a few questions, including one from Oakton High School Junior Wendy Gao, who attended the forum as a reporter for her school newspaper.

The third panel member, Fairfax County Supervisor Dan Storck (D-Mount Vernon) addressed the issues from a local government level. The area that Storck represents "contains many waterways and various industrial sites that combine to create unique risks and challenges," and has also been subject to flooding and other environmental damage.

Storck emphasized the need to "take immediate action" to protect "People, Places, and Property."

**THE PANELISTS** posed questions to the two senatorial candidates from their individual perspectives and areas of knowledge and concern, led by moderator Rev. Dr. Jean Wright, a co-founder of Faith Alliance for Climate Solutions.

Kaine wasted no time differentiating himself from his opponent and from the Trump Administration.

"Before we talk about solutions," said Kaine, "we have to all accept that man-made climate change is real," not the "hoax" that Kaine reminded the audience was the President's often-stated opinion on the issue. "Both [Trump and Stewart] have used that word."

Kaine supports the science of climate change and says that overall, so does Congress. He relates that he sees the effects of climate change every day.

"This is not a tomorrow issue in Virginia. It's an issue for today."

Stewart began his remarks by saying to the climate-conscious audience that "perhaps we won't agree on much, but all I am

asking for is an open mind, and I will have an open mind, as well."

Stewart readily admits that the climate has changed significantly in recent years, but he does not see that as being primarily "caused by man," and that he does not believe "man can change that." His assertion brought shouts and boos from the crowd, and had moderator Wright calling for civility and respect.

The contrasts between the two men continued as they answered the questions of the moderator and the panelists.

On the subject of constructing additional pipelines in Virginia, Kaine thought that the process to permit such construction was flawed and needed to be addressed at the Federal level.

"I'm not saying I would never be in favor of a new pipeline," Kaine said, but that the question first needed to be asked if a pipeline was truly needed, and then to proceed with an investigatory process to assess impact and to allow for "real citizen input," rather than token outreach.

Reliance on green energy solutions would "increase the costs of power, cost jobs" and make the country less secure, while having little impact on the negatives associated with climate change, Stewart said.

Stewart's answers throughout the forum strongly defended the coal industry. Expressing his agreement with the President's decision to pull out of the Paris Climate Accord, Stewart said that shutting down the coal industry or imposing "burdensome" environmental regulations on businesses would just move the problem to countries like China and India where there would be less-regulation and more harmful effects.

"Again," he said, "losing jobs at home and not solving anything."

Major General Devereaux responded that by leaving the Paris Accord "what we ceded is moral leadership. It diminishes our moral authority and national security." If there are problems with the pact – which Devereaux acknowledged there are several – then it was the role of leaders to stay at the table and work the problem, rather than be "absent."

**KAINE** said that he supports eliminating tax credits and subsidies for carbon energy producers and other industries.

"It's time for us to stop picking the winners and losers," he said, and invest that money more wisely. Kaine disagrees with Stewart that "green solutions" would cause devastating job losses, citing studies and examples where more, better-paying and more sustainable employment is associated with green energy industries, technology and research.

The Faith Alliance for Climate Solutions was founded in 2013 and has grown to represent more than 70 congregations in Northern Virginia. Visit [www.faithforclimate.org](http://www.faithforclimate.org) for more information.



## FALL FUN & ENTERTAINMENT



**"Spring in the Garden 3" by Kathy Bodycombe.**

### "Fall into Color" 2018

ValeArts will present an all new "Fall into Color" fine art show featuring Lynn Martin and Kathy Bodycombe in addition to ValeArts members Linda Lovell, Lorrie Herman, Meredith Hannon, Kim Davis, Laura Barringer and Jenna Klimchak. All varieties of fine art in a historic setting. Free and family friendly. Friday, Sept. 28, 10 a.m.-9 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 29-30, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. at Vale Schoolhouse, 3124 Fox Mill Road, Oakton. Artist reception Friday, Sept. 28, 7-9 p.m. Call 703-860-1888 or visit [www.valearts.com](http://www.valearts.com) for more.

### CALENDAR

Submit entertainment announcements at [www.connectionnewspapers.com/Calendar/](http://www.connectionnewspapers.com/Calendar/). The deadline is noon on Friday.

#### THURSDAY/SEPT. 27

**Tysons Tailgate.** 5-8 p.m. at VALO Park, 7950 Jones Branch Drive, Tysons. Building Brighter Futures is a tailgate-themed festival, enjoy live music, beer, wine, tailgate-themed menu, lawn games, raffle prizes; proceeds will benefit Second Story, the only youth emergency shelter in Northern Virginia. Ticket price includes two drink tickets. \$30 per ticket/\$35 at the door. Tysons Partnership Members receive a discount. Call 703-688-2129 or visit [www.tysonspartnership.org/event/2018-tysons-tailgate/](http://www.tysonspartnership.org/event/2018-tysons-tailgate/).

#### THURSDAY-SATURDAY/SEPT. 27-29

**Fall Book Sale.** Oakton Library, 10304 Lynnhaven Place, Oakton. The Friends of Oakton Library will hold its Fall Book Sale: Thursday, 1-8 p.m.; Friday, 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m.; and Saturday, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. The Members' Presale will be held Wednesday, Sept. 26, 2-5:30 p.m. Join at the door. Browse gently used books, CDs, DVDs, audiobooks and more. Email [FriendsofOaktonLibrary@gmail.com](mailto:FriendsofOaktonLibrary@gmail.com) and or visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/branches/friends-of-oakton](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/branches/friends-of-oakton).

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#### SATURDAY/SEPT. 29

**Fall Festival.** 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at The Church of the Good Shepherd (United Methodist), 2351 Hunter Mill Road, Vienna. Where Fun and Kindness Connect, includes "Rise Against Hunger" food packing event (50,000 meals), as well as a blood drive, children's program, moon bounce and food and refreshments. Visit [www.GoodShepherdVA.com](http://www.GoodShepherdVA.com).

**Kayak Tour in the Parks.** 5:30-6:55 p.m. at Riverbend Park, 8700 Potomac Hills St., Great Falls. "Kayak Tour-Wildlife of the Potomac" is designed for participants age 14 to adult. Watch for deer foraging on the islands and osprey and bald eagles searching for fish. This is not a whitewater tour. No previous experience is required. \$39 per person. Kayaks are provided; one person per kayak. Call 703-759-9018 or visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/riverbend](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/riverbend).

#### SATURDAY-SUNDAY/SEPT. 29-30

**Fall Book Sale.** Saturday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; Sunday, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at

# A Bucket List for Fall

## Activities that will add spice to the season.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL

When the leaves turn colors and the air is crisp, Caitlin Upton gathers her family and pulls out a whiteboard and a marker. She's careful to jot down all of the ideas, shouted in rapid-fire fashion from her three children.

"We always create a fall bucket list of things that we want to do as a family," said Upton, who is a mother of three children ranging in age from two to seven. "This year, the kids want to go on a hayride and pick pumpkins. It's not too original, but they love it and get really excited about it. It gives us something to look forward to during the week when we're so busy."

Creating a fall bucket list — a compilation of experiences or achievements that one wants to accomplish — is an important way to create lasting family traditions and memories, while enjoying all that the season has to offer. From hayrides to pumpkin-carving, fall ushers in enough family-friendly activities to create an overflowing list of activities that make the most of the season's bounty.

"The start of a new season is a perfect time to create bucket list, and during fall there are so many fun things to do," said Upton, a marriage and family therapist in Burke. "So often, people have ideas of things that they want to do either with their kids, their friends or just personal things, but never get around to them. It's important to write them down and commit to doing them. I write our list on a white board in our kitchen, but I keep it short and attainable so we don't get overwhelmed. Carving out quality time to spend with family is important."

Foraging for vibrantly color fallen leaves in shades of orange and yellow is at the top of Bella Middleton's bucket list. Middleton, who is an art

instructor in Bethesda, gathers her two preschool-age children and collects leaves with the goal of turning nature into art. "Sometimes we do something as simple as taking branches with leaves that have turned orange and put them in vases that we display around the house. I mix pumpkins with leaves to create a centerpiece for the dining room table.

Making wreaths and collages is another project that Middleton does with her family. "This is really one of the most inexpensive and fun projects that you can do," she said. "My kids and I go to a park and gather fallen leaves. Then I get some construction paper and glue sticks or spray mount and let my kids attached the leaves to the paper in any way they want, then I display their works of art around the house. It's a great way to welcome the season."

Turning leaves into candle holders is another project that Middleton and her family enjoy. "You take leaves and glue them to the inside of mason jars and let them dry. You can attach the leaves with a craft glue called Modge Podge, which dries clear. Tie a pretty ribbon around the mouth of the jar and you have a beautiful decorative piece for fall."

Spending a day enjoying a scenic drive to Shenandoah, passing through the so-called Apple Trail, is must-do task for Arlington mother Camilla Kendrick and her family.

"It's a beautiful drive down. We stop and pick apples and then we come home and make apple doughnuts," said Kendrick, who works as a private chef. "They're messy, so the kids think they're fun to make. I also make apple cider doughnuts for some of my clients."

Taking a local fall foliage drive with her four children is something that Lauren Bickle puts on her bucket list each fall. "It's certainly not as breathtaking as the fo-

liage in some place like New England, but this area has a lot to offer," she said. "There's Great Falls of course, and then Mount Vernon and Arlington National Cemetery have some great colors. If you're up for a longer drive, Harper's Ferry in Maryland is fantastic for a fall day trip."

## Apple Doughnut Recipe

**Ingredients**  
2 cups flour  
1/4 cup sugar  
1 teaspoon baking powder  
1 teaspoon cinnamon  
1/2 teaspoon nutmeg  
1/2 teaspoon salt  
1 egg  
3 tablespoons buttermilk  
1/3 cup whole milk  
5 Granny Smith apples, cored and sliced vertically into three pieces to create doughnut shapes.  
2 cups olive oil for frying  
1/2 cup powdered sugar, for coating

**Directions:** Stir together flour, sugar, baking powder, cinnamon, nutmeg, and salt to create the batter. Gradually stir-in buttermilk, whole milk and egg. Coat each apple ring with batter. Heat the oil in a deep frying pan. Place the doughnut rings in the pan and fry on each side for three minutes or until golden brown. Drain doughnuts on a paper towel and allow to cool. Sprinkle with powdered sugar.

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#### SEPT. 30-OCT. 26

**Art Exhibition: Colors in Memory.** Gallery hours at Aryan Gallery, 2236-C Gallows Road, Vienna. Colors in

Memory featuring art by Rafat is open to all. Opening reception Sunday, Sept. 30, 5-8 p.m. is limited to adults. Call 202-391-1669 or visit [www.rafatart.com](http://www.rafatart.com).

#### WEDNESDAY/OCT. 3

**Author Event: Nancy MacLean.** 7:30-9 p.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Fairfax, 2709 Hunter Mill Road, Oakton. Nancy MacLean will give a presentation on her new book "Democracy in Chains:The Deep History of the Radical Right's Stealth Plan for America." Free. Tickets at

[www.eventbrite.com/e/nancy-maclean-on-democracy-in-chains-tickets-49888104664](http://www.eventbrite.com/e/nancy-maclean-on-democracy-in-chains-tickets-49888104664).

#### THURSDAY/OCT. 4

**Hitchcocktober: Rear Window (1954).** 7 p.m. at Angelika Film Center – Mosaic, 2911 District Ave., Fairfax. Every Thursday night in October a classic film by Sir Alfred Hitchcock will be featured with a bonus screening of PSYCHO on Halloween. Tickets are \$10. Visit [angelikafilmmcenter.com](http://angelikafilmmcenter.com).

**HVI Fall Membership Meeting.** 7:30 p.m. in Patriot Hall, American



## FALL FUN

# Two Comedies on Stage at Oakton

This fall, The Oakton High School Theatre Arts Department will be presenting two renowned comedies, one a Shakespearean classic, and the other a prologue to well-loved fairy tale. Both will be performed, directed, and designed by Oakton's junior and senior Theatre Arts and Technical Theatre classes.

Based on the children's series by Dave Barry and Ridley Pearson, Peter and the Starcatcher (written by Rick Elice, music by Wayne Barker) tells the story of Peter Pan, the boy who wouldn't grow up. Peter and his league of lost boys sail the seas; form a bond with a precocious, magical young girl; and face off against a poetry-spouting pirate. Amid adventure, romance, and pineapples, Peter's quest for the magical starstuff will teach him how to become a hero, and a friend.

Peter and the Starcatcher is directed by seniors Emma Shacochis and Julia Ferri. Performance dates are Nov. 8, 9, and 10 at 7 p.m.



**IN A GENDER-FLIPPED** adaptation of William Shakespeare's play, The Taming of the Shrew navigates the chaotic courtships of two brothers: the adored and desired Bianco, and the eponymous shrew, Kat. Set in the 1980s, when women strived to "Have It All," the nontraditional casting satirizes the antiquated idea of male control over women's lives by flipping it on its head. In order to allow Bianco to be wed, a set of smitten suitors send the surly, fortune-seeking Petruchia to marry Kat. The tempestuous duo spar as Petruchia attempts to "tame" her willful husband into being a typical subservient spouse. Amid false identities and gender politics, will abhorrence turn into affection?

The Taming of the Shrew is directed by senior Mena Dolinh and junior Emma Szczesniak. Performance dates are Nov. 29, 30, and Dec. 1 at 7 p.m.

Tickets can be purchased online at [www.oaktondrama.org](http://www.oaktondrama.org) for \$10.

For more information, visit [www.oaktondrama.org](http://www.oaktondrama.org).

## CALENDAR

Legion Post 180, 330 Center St. North, Vienna. "Finding Treasures on your Bookshelves" with speaker Cameron Rittenhouse-Smith, antiquarian book dealer. There will be a brief Historic Vienna, Inc. business meeting. Refreshments will be served. Visit [historicviennainc.org](http://historicviennainc.org), email [historicviennava@gmail.com](mailto:historicviennava@gmail.com) or call 703-938-5187.

### FRIDAY/OCT. 5

**Raise Region Gala.** 6:30-10 p.m. at Hilton McLean Tysons Corner, 7920 Jones Branch Drive, McLean. Join 600 business, philanthropic, and community leaders to celebrate the Community Foundation for Northern Virginia's 40th Anniversary at the annual Raise the Region Gala event recognizing the growth of philanthropy in the area and its potential to help shape the future of the region. \$300. Call 703-879-7636 or visit [www.cfnova.org/gala](http://www.cfnova.org/gala).

### SATURDAY/OCT. 6

**Author Event: Kim Ventrella.** 1-2:30 p.m. at Patrick Henry Library, 101 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. Kim Ventrella, who worked at Patrick Henry Library, is now a Scholastic published book author of The

Skeleton Tree. Learn more about Stanly Stainwright's life and the inexplicable presence of a bone growing in his backyard. Books available for sale and signing. Grades 3 and up. Free. Call 703-938-0405 or visit [librarycalendar.fairfaxcounty.gov/event/4122764](http://librarycalendar.fairfaxcounty.gov/event/4122764).

**Live Music: Hot Lanes Big Band.** 1 p.m. at Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. Performance will feature all original music by bandleader Bobby Jasinski. Visit [www.jamminjava.com](http://www.jamminjava.com).

**Live Music: Nora Jane Struthers.** 7:30 p.m. at Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. \$15-25. Visit [www.jamminjava.com](http://www.jamminjava.com).

### SATURDAY-SUNDAY/OCT. 6-7

**"A Tuna Christmas."** Friday, 8 p.m.; Saturday, 2 p.m. at Vinson Hall Community Building Ballroom, 1735 Kirby Road, McLean. The McLean Community Players present "A Tuna Christmas," the second in a series of comedic plays set in the fictional town of Tuna, the third-smallest town in Texas. MCP's cast of seven will play 22 roles. \$18-\$20 at 1-800-838-3006, [www.McLeanPlayers.org](http://www.McLeanPlayers.org) or at the door.

### THURSDAY/OCT. 11

**Hitchcocktober: Shadow of a Doubt (1943).** 7 p.m. at Angelika Film Center - Mosaic, 2911 District Ave., Fairfax. Every Thursday night in October a classic film by Sir Alfred Hitchcock will be featured with a bonus screening of PSYCHO on Halloween. Tickets are \$10. Visit [angelikafilmmcenter.com](http://angelikafilmmcenter.com).

### SATURDAY/OCT. 13

**14th Annual Merrifield Fall Festival.** 11 a.m.-6 p.m. at Mosaic District. Food vendors, a beer garden, music and entertainment, as well as a pre-holiday handmade and vintage market. Children's activities including: Vienna Singing Princesses, pumpkin painting, face painting, hair braiding, sack races, karate, peace mural painting, carnival games and more. Visit [greatermerrifield.org/merrifield-fall-festival](http://greatermerrifield.org/merrifield-fall-festival).

**Model Railroaders Open House.** 1-5 p.m. at the Vienna Depot, 231 Dominion Road NE. Northern Virginia Model Railroaders hold an open house at the Vienna Depot each month and on Vienna celebration days, including the Vienna Holiday Stroll. Free admission. Call 703-938-5157 or visit [www.nvmr.org](http://www.nvmr.org).



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# WEEK IN VIENNA

## Historic Vienna, Inc. to Hold Fall Membership Meeting

The Fall Membership meeting of Historic Vienna, Inc. will be held on Thursday, Oct. 4 at 7:30 p.m. in Patriot Hall, American Legion Post 180, 330 Center Street, North. There will be a brief business meeting. Refreshments will be served.

The program, "Finding Treasures on your Bookshelves," will be presented by Cameron Rittenhouse-Smith, an academic and antiquarian book dealer of Sequitur Books. Rittenhouse-Smith will discuss the business of rare books, his view on the evolving market, and what makes books valuable. He has been a rare book dealer for more than 15 years, and specializes in early printings, the history of science and medicine, American history and exploration.

For more information visit [www.historicviennainc.org](http://www.historicviennainc.org), email [historicviennava@gmail.com](mailto:historicviennava@gmail.com) or call 703-938-5187.

## Town of Vienna Recognizes Amateur Radio Week

At their regular meeting on Monday Sept. 17, the Vienna Town Council issued a proclamation recognizing the Vienna Wireless Society for celebrating 55 years of continuous service to Amateur Radio and Amateur Radio organizations in the U.S. Mayor Laurie DiRocco proclaimed the week of Oct. 8 - 14, 2018 as Amateur Radio Week in the Town of Vienna. Bill Mims, President of Vienna Wireless Society said, "The men and women of VWS are overjoyed with this unique recognition from our Town Leadership for both our club and our hobby." Vienna Wireless Society will operate a special event station, W4V, during Amateur Radio Week at the historic Vienna Train Station and commemorate the celebration with a unique QSL card featuring the Town and club members.

## VIENNA POLICE HIGHLIGHTS

The following summary contains various incidents of general interest as well as vehicular crashes handled by the Town of Vienna Police Department from Sept. 14 - Sept. 20, 2018.

**INCIDENTS**  
**Vandalism** — Cedar Lane School, 101 Cedar Lane, SW Between Aug. 1 at 12 p.m. and Sept. 14 at 2:30 p.m. An employee reported vandalism on the roof of the school.

**Petit Larceny** — 400 Block Mill Street, SE Between Sept. 13 at 12 p.m. and Sept. 14 at 9 a.m. A resident reported the front license plate was stolen from his vehicle.

**Grand Larceny** — Vienna Town Green 144 Maple Avenue, East Between Sept. 14 at 12 a.m. and Sept. 19 at 4 a.m. An unknown person stole a computer switch device that belongs to the Town.

**Arrest - Felony Hit & Run and Driving While Intoxicated** — 400 Block Maple Avenue, East Sept. 14, 12:35 a.m. A citizen notified the police after he witnessed a driver hit another vehicle and leave the scene driving erratically. MPO Borja located the vehicle and conducted a traffic stop. The officer noted significant damage to the vehicle and the driver side airbag had been deployed. Upon the officer's interaction with the driver, she detected signs of impairment. The driver failed to complete a series of field sobriety tests. MPO Borja arrested the 48-year-old man from 39th Street, NW in Washington, DC. He was transported to the Vienna Police Station where he was given the opportunity to provide a sample of his breath for analysis. He was then transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center where he was charged with Felony Hit & Run and Driving While Intoxicated.

**Suspicious Person** — Meadow Lane Park 400 Courthouse Road, SW Sept. 14, 3:06 p.m. A citizen reported a suspicious man in the park. Officers located the man sitting on the wall near the playground. He was not violating any laws. However, the officers advised the man that he was making the parents uncomfortable and requested he leave the park. The man complied and left the area without incident.

**Petit Larceny** — 1200 Block Ware Street, SW Between Sept. 14 at 10 p.m. and Sept. 15 at 9 a.m. A resident reported a jogging stroller was taken from outside the front door of their residence.

**Arrest - Narcotics Violation** — 200 Block Yeonas Drive, SW Sept. 14, 10:26 p.m. Officers responded to the report of

a possible narcotic violation at a residence. MPO Smith located an occupied vehicle in the driveway of the residence. Upon his interaction with the driver, he found her to be in possession of marijuana and narcotic paraphernalia. MPO Smith issued a summons to the 21-year-old female from Highland Street, NW in Vienna charging Possession of Marijuana. She was released on her signature. **Domestic Dispute** — 100 Block Maple Avenue, West Sept. 15, 12 p.m. A citizen advised his estranged wife has been coming to his place of employment and harassing him. The citizen's employer was advised of the trespass procedure if he wishes to trespass her from the premises. The citizen was advised of the procedure to obtain a protective order.

**Civil Dispute / Petit Larceny** — The Wolftrap Hotel 420 Maple Avenue, West Sept. 15, 6:12 p.m. A customer who had been staying at the hotel advised he had an agreement with the management to store some of his belongings. He found a bicycle he was storing had been damaged and thrown in the dumpster. The on-duty staff did not know of the storage agreement. The customer was advised this was a civil matter he would need to discuss with the hotel management. The customer further advised that documents were stolen from his vehicle while it was parked in the hotel parking lot.

**Police Service** — Vienna Police Department 215 Center Street, South Sept. 15, 7:14 p.m. A resident requested assistance with a welfare check on an elderly relative who had evacuated their home in South Carolina ahead of the impending hurricane. The resident lost contact with the relative, and they were concerned for their safety. The Horry County Police Department in South Carolina was notified to follow up on the welfare check.

**Police Service** — Fairway Drive, NE Sept. 15, 7:30 p.m. A resident requested assistance with his juvenile son who was in need of counseling. **Suspicious Person** — 1100 Block Pekay Street, SW Sept. 15, 9:30 p.m. A resident reported an unknown man entered the backyard of their home and was looking through the kitchen window. The man was described as Hispanic, in his late 30s. The man fled, jumping over the fence when the resident noticed him.

**Domestic Dispute** — Maple Avenue and Follin Lane, SE Sept. 16, 12:30 p.m. Ofc. Sterling found a vehicle partially blocking the intersection with the driver upset and standing outside of the ve-

hicle. The driver advised she and her boyfriend had a verbal dispute while she was driving. During the argument her boyfriend yanked the key from the ignition, breaking it. Her boyfriend then walked away, leaving her with the disabled vehicle. A tow company responded and was able to restart the vehicle and open the roadway.

**Assault** — Sweet Leaf 252 Maple Avenue, East Sept. 16, 2:10 p.m. An employee advised he was assaulted by a co-worker. The co-worker felt he was defending himself when their argument began to escalate. Neither employee was injured. Both parties were advised of the warrant process should they decide to pursue charges.

**Civil Matter** — 100 Block Casmar Street, SE Sept. 16, 2:45 p.m. A resident reported on-going issues he is having with his ex-wife regarding a protective order. The resident was advised to speak to his attorney regarding the matter.

**Domestic Dispute** — Cottage Street, SW Sept. 16, 5:15 p.m. Officers responded for a verbal dispute between husband and wife.

**Arrest - Drunk In Public** — McDonald's 544 Maple Avenue, West Sept. 18, 4:52 a.m. Several citizens contacted the police department earlier in the night reporting a suspicious man who appeared to be drunk and was asking for a ride. Ofc. Williams located the man in the restaurant. After his interaction with the man, Ofc. Williams detected signs of impairment. He arrested the 23-year-old man from Hillside Road in Springfield, Va. The man was transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center where he was charged with Drunk in Public.

**Grand Larceny** — 500 Block Stephen Circle, SW Sept. 18 between 8 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. A resident reported the theft of a tool from his residence. **Trespassing** — Patrick Henry Library 101 Maple Avenue, East Sept. 18, 12:51 p.m. An employee reported a woman who was causing a disturbance in the library. Officers located the woman at the bus stop. She was advised she was trespassing from the library and may be charged if she returns. **Vandalism** — 200 Block Park Terrace Court, SE Between Sept. 18 at 5:30 p.m. and Sept. 19 at 11:20 a.m. A resident reported vandalism to his vehicle.

**Suspicious Event** — 1100 Block Drake Street, SW Between Sept. 18 at 8 p.m. and Sept. 19 at 9 a.m. A citizen advised that when they returned to the home, they found signs that someone had entered the residence.



# BULLETIN

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

## VOTER REGISTRATION AND ID EVENTS

**The Fairfax County Office of Elections**  
(12000 Government Center Parkway Suite 323, Fairfax) is open daily during normal business hours to provide county residents the opportunity to register to vote or obtain a free voter photo ID if needed. Applicants will need to complete a photo voter ID application, have a photo taken and sign a digital signature pad. Call 703-222-0776.

The following special events will also provide opportunity to register to vote and/or get a photo Virginia Voter card.

- Thursday/Sept. 27, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Lewinsville Retirement Residence, 1515 Great Falls Street, McLean.
- Tuesday/Oct. 9, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Arleigh Burke Pavilion at Vinson Hall Retirement Community, 1739 Kirby Road, McLean.

## WEDNESDAY/SEPT. 26

**2018 Virginia Senatorial Debate.** 5-8 p.m. at Capital One Bank. Sen. Tim Kaine (D) and Chairman Corey Stewart (R), Chuck Todd of NBC's Meet The Press, will moderate, televised live on NBC4.

## THURSDAY/SEPT. 27

**Planning Study Open House.** 7-9 p.m. at McLean High School Cafeteria, 1633 Davidson Road, McLean. The community will have the opportunity to view the drafts of the McLean Community Business Center vision plan and provide feedback. This open house will focus on the initial draft of the vision plan, referred to as a framework plan, which will outline major elements of the vision. Visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/planning-zoning/mclean-cbc-study](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/planning-zoning/mclean-cbc-study) for more.

## FRIDAY/SEPT. 28

**Google Classroom 101.** 10 a.m.-noon at Dunn Loring Center for Parent Services, 2334 Gallows Road, Entrance 1 - Room 100, Dunn Loring. Start the school year off by attending this workshop to learn how Google Classroom works and what parents need to know. Eric Fleming, FCPS Assistive Technology Services. Visit [www.fcps.edu/resources/family-engagement/parent-resource-center](http://www.fcps.edu/resources/family-engagement/parent-resource-center) to register.

**Military Academy Nomination Application Deadline.** 5 p.m. Students interested in applying for a nomination by the 10th District Service Academy Advisory Board to one of the nation's military academies can mail or hand deliver applications to U.S. Rep. Barbara Comstock's Sterling office at 21430 Cedar Drive, Suite 218, Sterling, VA 20164. Interested students can request an Academy Nomination Application at [comstock.house.gov/services/military-academy-nominations](http://comstock.house.gov/services/military-academy-nominations).

**Work and Play in Tysons.** 6:30-9 p.m. at Tower Club Tysons, 8000 Towers Crescent Drive, Suite 1700, Vienna. Join the Tysons Regional Chamber of Commerce in the heart of Tysons to support the Chamber as they entice people in Tysons to stay there after work. Attendees will enjoy distillery tastings and drink specials from Virginia Distillers as well as heavy appetizers while developing and expanding their networks. \$75. Visit [business.tysons-chamber.org/](http://business.tysons-chamber.org/)

## SATURDAY/SEPT. 29

**Fall Festival.** 8 a.m.-1 p.m. at Great Falls United Methodist Church, 10100 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. Annual Fall Festival will be held rain or shine. Reserve a 10'x10' outdoor space for \$25 (check made out to and mailed to Great Falls United Methodist Church) to sell arts, crafts, junk and treasures. Spaces are limited so reserve early. Visit [www.greatfalls-umc.org](http://www.greatfalls-umc.org) or call 703-759-3705.

**Mental Health and Wellness Conference.** 8 a.m.-1:30 p.m. at Fairfax High School, 3501 Rebel Run, Fairfax. Dr. Amy Przeworski, associate professor in the Department of Psychological Sciences at Case Western University, will give the keynote presentation, Using Stress to Your Advantage in Achieving Academic Success and Emotional Well Being. For the first time, the conference will also include an Our Minds Matter Teen Summit for middle and high school students. Participants will be able to choose from a wide variety of breakout sessions, and there will be many resource tables available. Free. Visit [www.fcps.edu/mentalhealthwellnessconference](http://www.fcps.edu/mentalhealthwellnessconference)

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An expert is someone  
who knows some of the worst mis-  
takes that can be made in his subject  
and how to avoid them.

-Werner Heisenberg

## Woe I'll Never Be



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

Not on hold with the Oncology department today. Not elbowing Twinkle or Biscuit off my writing tablet as I sit and write this week's column. And not going hungry from the previous Friday's infusion (a week plus has passed so the worst side effect of the treatment has passed).

In general, aside from waiting for my upcoming CT scan on Sept. 26, I am glad that soon I can get on with my life.

You'll note I didn't say fate. That word has too negative a connotation. And my nature, as you regular readers know, is as a positive/glass half full kind of person. So, as I approach this next milestone, I view it not so much as a millstone but more so as just another rock that hopefully leaves me not in a very hard place.

The pre-existing cancer diagnosis is already hard enough. But after living with it for so long and enduring as many rounds of chemotherapy, side effects, lab work, diagnostic scans, 24-hour urine collection and all the associated anxiety surrounding a "terminal" diagnosis as I have, one, at least this one, has learned to live with the miscellaneous demands.

It's not to imply that doing so is easy, but not doing so is so much more difficult. To that end, which ultimately won't be my end, assimilating the good, bad and the incredibly worrisome into some sort of mental spreadsheet seems the only logical pursuit.

Either you learn to take it in stride or you'll die not trying.

And since dying, so far as we know anyhow, is so much less appealing than living, I'm striving to balance my equilibrium and never get too high or too low no matter the news. (Yes. I'm a Libra so balance is very much a part of my process.)

That's not to say that there aren't incredible pressures and challenges that us cancer patients have to manage, it's more that to say that laughing in the face of death is not a sign of weakness but more so a sign of enlightened strength.

Part of that strength is respecting the process with which cancer patients are all too familiar and moreover, and most importantly, understanding and respecting what we don't have control over. There's an element of letting go which enhances one's quality of life and minimizes obstacles as well.

Doing what you can and not fretting about what you can't, in addition to keeping an open mind, combines to smooth out the rough edges and to focus on the path ahead. The 'path ahead' being the goal.

I remember that exact philosophy being expressed by my oncologist at the original Team Lourie meeting back in late February 2009. When it was suggested that my mother's smoking of Chesterfield King cigarettes in my youth or my dalliances in college in the '70s might be relevant/have had an impact on my lung cancer diagnosis, my oncologist would have none of it.

Retrieving fragments of history and/or assigning blame for less-than-ideal behavior was irrelevant to him. His concern was not the past, it was the present/future. We were to be looking/planning ahead and treating forward.

And so here I sit, very much having been treated forward.

At present, I am my oncologist's prize cow, a stage IV, non-small cell lung cancer survivor, alive and reasonably well nine years and nearly seven months into an initial "13 month to two year" prognosis. After hearing that grim prognosis, I never would have imagined that in August 2018, I'd still be alive.

But here I am. Not a victim of my own circumstances.

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# OPINION

## How We Can Bring Criminal Fine Reform to Fairfax County

BY SUPERVISOR JOHN C. COOK  
(R-BRADDOCK)



**C**riminal justice reform is about making sure that the criminal justice system achieves its goals and works equally for everyone. One issue being examined is whether assessing traffic and court fines and costs, regardless of ability to pay, and then punishing those who do not pay, is achieving any desired goal. Court fines and fees can be assessed for criminal or traffic offenses, such as speeding or parking violations. When someone receives a ticket or is ordered to pay a fine for an infraction, they also have to pay court and processing fees. This system is in place to deter people from committing these crimes, and also as a way to reimburse the cost of expenses associated with processing the cases and pay back to society for the cost of any damage caused by their actions.

For some, paying fines is not a problem. For others who are struggling to get by, it may be difficult or impossible to pay. The penalties for failing to pay fines and fees end up having a much greater impact on those in poverty than the rest of the population. If someone cannot pay their fine or traffic ticket, penalties for non-payment increase the amounts they could not pay in the first place. Overdue fines often go to collection agencies and the mountain of debt grows even higher, since a 17 percent collection fee can be added on to

the existing balance.

Compounding the issue is that if someone fails to pay their fines, the state can take their driver's license away. The Legal Aid Justice Center found in January that almost one million (974,349) Vir-

ginians had their licenses suspended due to unpaid fines and other charges. Two-thirds of that group (638,003) had their licenses suspended solely because of unpaid fines. When the courts suspend driver's licenses for unpaid fines, those individuals are not able to legally drive to work. Many people choose to drive illegally on their suspended licenses so they do not lose their income. If they are caught, then even more legal fees are added to their debt and some have to serve jail time. This vicious cycle makes it impossible for the courts to ever collect their fines and for those who owe to meet their obligations. It also means that people are pushed out of jobs and potentially into applying for government benefits.

Fortunately, in Fairfax County there are several programs to help individuals avoid these escalating penalties. Defendants can enter into a monthly payment plan with a down payment due at the time of their conviction. If a monthly payment is missed, then the defendant will go into default, which could result in additional fines and/or jail time. Another option is to

defer the entire payment until a later date. Defendants may also be eligible for the Fines Option Program, which allows defendants to perform community service in lieu of paying fines and fees. Those who sign up for this option go to the Magistrate's office on a Saturday morning, sign in, and take a bus to the George Mason University campus to perform tasks such as picking up litter, landscaping, or painting. Work hours are credited at the rate of \$15 an hour toward payment of fines.

While we have some remarkable programs to assist those who cannot afford to pay off their fines, many people still fall through the cracks. We need to implement a new system to help determine a person's ability to pay before they go to trial. The judge and clerk's office need the ability to set fines that can actually be paid. We need further opportunities for the alternative of assigning community service with more flexible schedules for those who cannot make the Saturday morning sessions.

Fine reform cannot truly take place without significant changes by the General Assembly. However, the County can help in the process by assisting the courts in bolstering their programs and making them more effective. We defeat the purpose of fines if we cause people to lose their jobs and the ability to support their families. Alternatives are important to a more just system.

**Almost one million Virginians have had their licenses suspended due to unpaid court fines and other charges.**

## Celebrating with Understanding

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



**N**ext year will be the quadricentennial — four hundred years — of important events happening in Virginia in 1619. Those events are not the rah-rah kind of happenings that are too often recognized with simple merriment. They are not examined for what we can learn from whence we came to understand how we got to where we are. The English established their first permanent colony in what became America in 1607; they did not "discover" America. There were an estimated 50,000 residents on the North American continent when the English bumped into the continent on their way to the riches of the Far East. The Spanish had visited the mid-Atlantic region decades before the English arrived but did not stick around for they found no gold or fountain of youth.

The indigenous people living in what the English named Virginia had a form of government in a confederation under the Great Chief Powhatan, an agricultural system, environmental protection, and a religion based on the natu-

ral spirits. They resented the people showing up in great ships and booming guns and taking land on which their forbearers had lived for as many as 15,000 years. There should be no surprise that the indigenous people begrudged these illegal immigrants coming and taking their land and responded with what some people called savagery.

Joining the new settlers at the community they called Jamestowne in 1619 were an essential component of keeping a community thriving into the future — women.

Just in time for the 2019 celebration, the Women's Commission has construction underway for a monument celebrating the contributions of women in making Virginia thrive. Not a bit too soon!

Women were invited to join the men at Jamestowne to help start a new life in a new world.

Not invited to join the white men and women were the enslaved Africans who were dropped off at Jamestowne without their consent and with an indentured servant agreement that could never be paid off. The enslaved Africans

in 1619 were the first that would be brought to the colony to work in the tobacco fields and to do the hard labors without any of the benefits a new start in life was supposed to bring.

The relationship between the white and black populations in Virginia were to dominate so much of the history of the state to the senseless killings of the Civil War and the complexities of race relations today.

In 1619 representatives of the plantations in the colony of Virginia met together in the mud-dab constructed church in Jamestowne to form a local government, much like a homeowner's association, because the real power of governance continued to reside in London. That meeting is celebrated as the first meeting of representative government tracing its beginning in 1619 through the Revolutionary War, with a slight deviation of the Civil War, to today.

Please keep up with the celebrations for next year by visiting the website of <https://www.americanrevolution2019.com/> or watch for announcements of events in my electronic newsletter, *Virginia E-News*, available by free subscription (sign up at [kenplum.com](mailto:kenplum.com)). In our celebrations, let's continue to critically examine where we are in light of where we have been.

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