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The Mack family of Springfield: Mom Katie, Dad Danny, Quincy, 6, and Leni, 2, at the Halloween Party at Burke Centre Library.

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# AREA ROUNDUPS SALT to Hold Fall

# Advocacy Training Conference

Social Action Linking Together (SALT) will be sponsoring the annual SALT Fall Advocacy Training Conference on Saturday, Nov. 10, 9 - 11:30 a.m., at the Virginia International University (VIU), Conference Room (VD-301), 4401 Village Drive, Fairfax. John "Jack" Calhoun, President and CEO of Hope Matters and the author of "The Untold Story of How Faith Works in America" and "Policy Walking," will be the keynote speaker. The topic of his presentation will be "Finding Hope and Joy in Broken Places: Keepin' on Keepin on." Virginia Del. Ken Plum will address "Diversity: There's a lot of Uncommon Wealth in Virginia." In addition, two of the nuns from Nuns on the Bus will provide an update regarding their recent Tax Justice Truth Tour. This event is free. All are welcome. For more information: Contact John Horejsi at jhorejsi@cox.net or visit the SALT web site at www.S-A-L-T.org, Upcoming Events page.

# Food for Library Fines

During the month of November, residents are asked to bring non-perishable food items to their local libraries. In return, the library will waive \$1 in fines people owe, for each item they bring in, with a maximum of \$15 in reduced fines per person. Even if people don't owe fines to their library, they're encouraged to donate food. All food collected will go to Food for Others, a nonprofit food pantry helping people in need in Northern Virginia. All Fairfax County libraries are participating.

# The League of Women Voters of the Fairfax Area to Hold Action Forum

The League of Women Voters of the Fairfax Area will hold its annual General Meeting, in the form of an Action Forum, on Sunday, Nov. 18, 2018, 1-4 p.m. at the Sherwood Community Center, 3740 Old Lee Highway, Fairfax.

Collaborating organizations discuss their action priorities: American Association of University Women of Virginia (AAUW), American Civil Liberties Union of Virginia (ACLU), Fairfax County Council of PTAs (FCCPTA), the League of Women Voters of the Fairfax Area, the League of Women Voters of Virginia (LWV-VA), Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America, NAACP of Fairfax County, National Alliance on Mental Illness of Northern Virginia (NAMI), the National Korean American Service and Education Consortium, and OneVirginia2021. Register at https://

<u>lwvfairfaxactionforum.eventbrite.com</u> The event is free and open to the public.

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Unity in Faith. During the service for the victims of the Temple of Life and the Kroger store shootings, the hosts at the Temple Rodef Shalom in Falls Church invited the representatives of the many faiths who had gathered in unity to come forward and "stand as one."



Fairfax County Board of Supervisors Chairman Sharon Bulova and Police Chief Ed Roessler were among those who attended the service. Both the Chairman and the Chief participated in the ceremony, each lighting a candle for one of the victims.

# "This is the Sound of One Voice" Thousands gather in unity to honor latest victims of gun violence.

By Andrea Worker The Connection

housands gathered at Temple Rodef Shalom in Falls Church on Tuesday evening, answering an invitation to "all neighbors, friends, interfaith and community partners to our service of solidarity, community and comfort."

All ages, all walks of life, all faiths, all ethnic backgrounds, they filled the Temple's main sanctuary, adjacent meeting rooms, social hall and livestreaming venues to honor the lives of those lost at the mass shooting at Tree of Life synagogue in Pittsburgh, Pa. on Oct.27, and at a Kroger grocery store in Louisville, Kentucky, just days before, and to seek comfort and healing by coming together.

Senior Rabbi Amy Schwartzman, Cantor Michael Shochet, Cantor Rachel Rhodes and others expressed their "heartfelt gratitude and welcome" to the thousands who "came together despite any differences" to demonstrate their common humanity.

Yasmina, from Herndon, is a member of the All Dulles Area Muslim Society (Adams). "It is beautiful, everyone together, even if just to share our sadness," she said. "May it continue to be so."

Before beginning the service, Shochet called on the attendees to "turn to each other and introduce yourselves." Schwartzman, who led much of the service, repeated that call, with the reminder that the many faiths represented there shared the mandate to "welcome the strangers among us, to stand together.

"This is the America we affirm tonight," said Schwartzmann. "This is the America we work to reclaim."

Members of the Temple shared their religious home with elected officials from evwww.ConnectionNewspapers.com

erv level. Sen. Mark Warner was among the federal representatives.

The Commonwealth's contingent included a full complement of the region's State delegates and senators, and a number of Fairfax County's supervisors, including Chairman Sharon Bulova. Fairfax County Police Chief Ed Roessler was in attendance, as were officers from the McLean District station, including commander Capt. Alan Hanson.

As welcome as the presence of "those who serve us in so many capacities" was on the occasion, there were no political speeches on the night or calls to action other than to "be the blessing," as Schwartzmann urged all to continue to nurture their common bonds.

In all, it was a simple ceremony. With only a piano and a violin as accompaniment, the cantors, the choir, and often-times the congregants sang songs for healing and unity and listened and participated in

# **Lighting Candles** for Those Killed

A representative from each "community" - religious, elected, civic and others - joined the organizers to light a candles for those who were killed, speaking the name of one lost as each candle was lit.

**Candle Representative** Victim Joyce Fienberg Temple Rodef Shalom Richard Gottfried Christian Community Rose Mallinger Muslim Community Jerry Rabinowitz Community of Eastern Religions Cecil Rosenthal Law Enforcement David Rosenthal State Officials Bernice Simon National Officials Gun Violence Prevention Sylvan Simon Advocates Irving Younger Youth Melvin Wax Conservative Judaism

Daniel Stein

**County Officials** Maurice Stallard Jewish Organizations

Vickie Jones\* Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society \* Stallard and Jones were the two African-American grandparents killed at the Kroger store in Kentucky

prayers for the same, and for those in law enforcement.

After the candles were lit, the "Mourner's Kaddish," the traditional prayer to honor the deceased, was recited. The prayer focuses on life, and acts as a reminder that those who mourn do not mourn alone, and many of those mourners were brought to tears before the last words of the Kaddish had finished echoing in the temple. More emotion followed as Cantors Shochet and Rhodes, with singer/guitarist Robbie Schaefer sang the song "One Voice," with it haunting melody and lyrics that captured the spirit of the gathering.

"This is the sound of one voice, One people, one voice, A song for everyone of us, This is the sound of one voice."

With a final Benediction, the attendees were sent forward with thanks, blessings, and the hope that they would continue to be "one voice" no matter who they are or what they believe.



Sen. Mark Warner (D-Va.) attended the service at Temple Rodef Shalom. Representing National Officials, Warner lit the candle in remembrance of victim Bernice Simon.



Urged to go forth and be "one voice, one community," the thousands who attended the service to honor the lives lost at Tree of Life synagogue in Pittsburgh, and at the Kroger grocery store in Louisville, did just that spilling out around the Temple and on the streets, stopping to talk, to chat with neighbors and strengthen new connections.

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Along Beulah Street in Lee District, there are bicycling direction signs to the Metro station. (SPR)

From the end of Cinder Bed Road, the trail heads north for about 200 yards before ending in the woods. Fairfax County is extending the trail to the Franconia-Springfield Metro station. This trail is part of the future "Cinder Bed Bikeway."

# FABB Seeks Bike Connectivity

County supervisors highlight bike efforts in Mount Vernon and Lee Districts.

> By Mike Salmon The Connection

he bike path network in the east ern part of Fairfax County was on the agenda at the monthly Fairfax Advocates for Better Bicycling (FABB) meeting, on Thursday, Oct. 18 at the Sherwood Regional Library in Mount Vernon.

FABB has these meetings throughout the county to learn about biking issues in that particular part of the county, said Sonya Breehey, FABB vice president. The agenda included the trails in Mount Vernon that are connected to the upcoming EMBARK plan, but also the eastern part of Springfield and Kingstowne. District Supervisors Jeff McKay (D-Lee) and Dan Storck (D-Mt. Vernon) were there to highlight issues from their districts. "There are a lot of needs," said Breehey.

**MEETINGS WITH FABB** are valuable around the county to extend the connections with bicyclists, said Storck. "I think it's a smart move on their level to connect with people," he said. According to Storck, there is \$6.5 million appropriated to further refine the bike trail connection between Jeff Todd Way and the Mount Vernon Bike Trail, which includes a separate bike and pedestrian bridge over Dogue Creek, and trail paving in spots where its lacking. "We're hoping there's enough money to pave some new parts of that trail," Storck said.

McKay has always been a supporter of a M

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One look at the bike rack at the Franconia-Springfield Metro Station shows how popular bicycle commuting is in this area.

bike network in Lee District, as well as an integral bike network throughout the county. "I am pleased to have partnered with FABB and VDOT to ensure bicycling is an integral part of our transportation network," said McKay. On-road trails are part of McKay's efforts on Jeff Todd Way and in Kingstowne, on Lake Village Drive. According to the Fairfax County Department of Transportation, they are looking to put bike lanes on sections of Brandon Avenue, and Bland Street in Springfield. Behind Edison High School, Castlewellan Drive has been repaved with new striped parking lanes to calm traffic as well.

"Moving forward, it's vital that we continue to increase connectivity and access so that everyone who wants to has the option to bike. I am committed to continuing to find appropriate locations and opportunities to make this possible," McKay said.

One of the needs is a link from Cinder Bed Road to the Franconia-Springfield Metro station, a highlight of the "Cinder Bed Bikeway," a project that has been looked at by Fairfax County for a few years. This was on the meeting agenda with help from Chris Wells, the Fairfax County bike and pedestrian coordinator. Cinder Bed Road is a road in the western part

of the Mount Vernon District that is home to warehouses, offices and the Newington bus lot. On the northern end of Cinder Bed, where the road ends, a bike trail continues into the woods along a creek, and has a connection to Island Creek that is on Beulah Road. The trail abruptly ends in a wooded area, but has potential to be a connector to the Metro station.

**THE FIRST PHASE** of the project would



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Map by Fairfax Count

The Cinder Bed Bikeway plan shows the trail going through a wooded area along a creek from Cinder Bed Road to the Metro station.

> have the bike trail going through the wooded area to the station on the other side of the rails, and cyclists would park their bikes and cross a pedestrian bridge to the station. Currently, pedestrians use that walkway when coming in from the Beulah Road-Island Creek area on foot. "We are working on the segments along Cinder Bed and north to the Metro," said Wells, but phase III on the map is not part of the plan now.

### Week in Springfield

# Detectives Asking for Witnesses to Fatal Pedestrian Crash

Crash Reconstruction Unit detectives are looking for anyone who may have witnessed a fatal crash involving a pedestrian in the intersection of Beulah Street and Kingstowne Commons Drive in the Alexandria area of Fairfax County (Franconia, 22315).

Herbert James Jr., 72 of Alexandria, was attempting to cross Beulah Street around 5:50 a.m. on Thursday, Oct. 25, in the crosswalk. The driver of a 2013 Toyota Corolla was traveling northbound on Beulah Street when he hit James in the intersection. Investigators are working to determine if James used the pedestrian signal at the time of the crash. According to FCPD Media Relations Bureau, alcohol and drugs do not appear to be factors for anyone involved. The driver remained at the scene. James was taken to the hospital and later pronounced dead.

Once the investigation is complete, the Office of the Commonwealth Attorney will review the case and determine if the driver will be charged.

Detective Burriss from the Crash Reconstruction Unit is asking for additional information from anyone that may have witnessed the crash. If you have any information, call 703-280-0553.

### Area Roundups

# VDOT Hosts Incident Management Open House, Touch a Truck

Traffic incident management is a coordinated team effort of local, state, federal, and private partners, working around the clock to meet the goal of quick incident clearance and keeping Virginia moving.

To kick off Federal Highway Administration's National Traffic Incident Response Awareness Week Nov. 11-17, the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) will host an Incident Management Open House to make equipment, systems, and staff available for residents to see the behindanagement

the-scenes work for this regional effort.

The Open House will be held 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 10 at VDOT's Northern Virginia District Office at 4975 Alliance Drive, Fairfax.

An outdoor touch-a-truck exhibit will feature a simulated crash scene to help the public see an incident from the perspective of first responders who work in the roadway every day. Attendees can watch live demonstrations of patient extrication, towing recovery, drone operations, and tree removal.

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# OPINION Most Important Election, So Far?

# Make a plan to vote with friends and family.

s others have said, the election Tuesday, Nov. 6, 2018, may be the most important in our lifetime. But there is no reason to wait until Tuesday. More than 50,000 Fairfax County residents have already voted, and you can join them between now and Saturday, Nov. 3, if you qualify for one of 20 reasons.

Absentee voting continues to be very busy. Last Saturday, Oct. 27, alone, 3,746 in-person voters voted at one of 10 absentee in-person voting locations.

If you can't vote early, make

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a specific plan about what time you will vote, who you will go with or meet at the polls. Don't let the end of the day sneak up on you.

Polls are open on Election Day, Nov. 6, from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. If you are in line by 7 p.m., you have the right to vote, no matter how long it takes.

Vote early, in-person absentee, by appearing in person by 5 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 3

If you qualify for any of about 20 reasons to vote absentee, there is no reason to wait until Election Day Nov. 6 to vote.

One of the 20 reasons is if you might be working and commuting to and from home for 11 or more hours between 6 a.m. and 7 p.m. on Election Day, which could be most of us on a bad traffic day. Check the Virginia Department of Elections list to see if you are eligible: https://www.elections.virginia.gov/casting-aballot/absentee-voting/index.html

### Early Voting Locations, Dates and Hours

Through Saturday, Nov. 3 at the government center and satellite locations.

Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Conference

By Jon Sokolow

n two recent columns, Del

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dire to ignore. He called for an end

to coal subsidies, intensive green job development, a carbon tax and

more renewable energy. For all of

on two massive fracked methane

elephants in the room: Dominion

Energy's 600-mile Atlantic Coast

Pipeline and EOT Corporation's

300-mile Mountain Valley Pipe-

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Room 2/3, Fairfax, VA, 22035 Through-Friday, 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 3, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

### **Satellite Locations Are Open Until** Saturday, Nov. 3

Weekdays: Thru Friday, 3 p.m. - 7 p.m. Saturday: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Franconia Governmental Center, 6121 Franconia Road, Alexandria, VA 22310 Lorton Library, 9520 Richmond Highway,

Lorton, VA 22079 Mason Governmental Center, 6507 Colum-

bia Pike, Annandale, VA 22003 McLean Governmental Center, 1437 Balls

Hill Road, McLean, VA 22101

Mount Vernon Governmental Center, 2511 Parkers Lane, Alexandria, VA 22306

North County Governmental Center, 1801 Cameron Glen Drive, Reston, VA 20190

Providence Community Center, 3001 Vaden Drive, Fairfax, VA 22031

✤ Sully Governmental Center, 4900 Stonecroft Boulevard, Chantilly, VA 20151

West Springfield Governmental Center, 6140 Rolling Road, Springfield, VA 22152

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You must show identification to vote. Acceptable forms of valid identification: Virginia driver's license, Virginia DMV-issued photo ID, United States passport, Employer-issued photo ID, Student photo ID issued by a school, college, or university located in Virginia, Other U.S. or Virginia government-issued photo ID, Tribal enrollment or other tribal photo ID, or Virginia Voter Photo ID card

Need a photo ID? If you don't have an ID, go to your voter registration office to get a free Voter Photo ID, even on Election Day. You will be required to complete an photo ID application, have your photo taken and to sign a digital signature pad.

Forgot your ID on Election Day? If you get to your polling place without acceptable photo ID, you can vote a provisional ballot. Ask for it

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and instructions on what to do so your vote can count. A voter will have until noon on the Friday following the election to deliver a copy of the identification to the local electoral board or to appear in person to apply for a Virginia Voter Photo ID Card.

#### For more information on voting in **Fairfax County:**

Fairfax County Office of Elections

12000 Government Center Parkway Suite 323

Fairfax, VA, 22035

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# **On Constitutional** Birthright to Citizenship

For all its snarkiness and grandstanding, this still may be of interest to our readers:

U.S. Rep. Gerry Connolly (D-11), vice ranking member of the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee, sent the following message, along with a copy of the U.S. Constitution, to President Trump in response to his unconstitutional proposal to end birthright citizenship.

'Mr. President, your new Executive Order ending citizenship for children born in the U.S. is patently unconstitutional. I am sending you a copy of the Constitution. Knowing your aversion to reading, I have highlighted the 14th amendment for your convenience. We abide by this sacred text in America."

> — Mary Kimm, MKIMM@CONNECTIONNEWSPAPERS.COM

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### TAKING EXCEPTION

Ken Plum's climate change blind spot: pipelines.

will be paid for by consumers, were approved by the Trump controlled Federal Energy Regulatory Commission in a process so shoddy that federal courts have voided multiple permits. As Sen. Tim Kaine has noted, two FERC that, Plum should be commended. commissioners concluded that Unfortunately, Plum was silent there is no demonstrated public need for either pipeline.

Early pipeline construction activities have devastated the water and land resources of rural communities in Southwest Virginia, which, like the rest of Appalachia, mated price tag of \$11 billion that has served as a sacrifice zone for

corporate greed for more than a century. A pipeline resistance movement has developed statewide and is growing every day.

Despite all of that, Gov. Ralph Northam refuses to stop these pipelines. And too many politicians seem to have a climate change blind spot when it comes to fracked methane.

Plum correctly observes that the UN Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change recently issued a scathing report calling for drastic action to avoid climate disaster. But Plum omits the fact that the IPCC specifically targeted methane, stating that we must reduce

methane production by 35 percent from 2010 levels to avert catastrophe.

The reasons are clear. Methane is far more effective in trapping heat than carbon dioxide, making it 84 times more potent as a greenhouse gas than carbon dioxide over a 20-year period. The proposed pipelines would spew greenhouse gases equivalent to 46 coal fired plants.

In effect, politicians who fail to oppose these pipelines are climate deniers. Those are the inconve nient truths.

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# 'Little Red Schoolhouse' Under Restoration

ig things are happening at the little red schoolhouse on Hooes Road in Springfield. Due to the diligent fund-raising efforts of Friends of Sydenstricker Schoolhouse, and an outpouring of support by the local community, the schoolhouse is finally getting the exterior restoration that it has needed for so long, just in time for its 90th birthday. The schoolhouse, which replaced an earlier schoolhouse that had burned down, was constructed in just 4 months, and opened its doors to students in November 1928. The building is listed in the Fairfax Inventory of Historic Sites, The Virginia Landmark Register, and was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 2012. It was the last one-room schoolhouse in the county built prior to consolidation, and when it closed in 1939 it was among the last operating one-room schoolhouses in Fairfax County. Although no longer used as a school, the building continued to be used for community events, wedding receptions and civic meetings. In August 1943 the building became home to the Red Cross "Sydenstricker Surgical Dressing Unit", where bandages were rolled by the members of the community to support the war effort. In 1954 the Upper Pohick Community League (which had already been using the schoolhouse for many years) purchased the building from the school district for \$550 to use as a community center. During the 1950s the League sponsored a Boy and Girl Scout troop, as well as a "Litter Buggy" which collected trash from local roads. In the 1980s the schoolhouse sat directly in the path of the proposed Fairfax County Parkway. Due to efforts of the League, the location of the Parkway was shifted, thereby saving the schoolhouse and the neighboring historic chapel.

**THIS YEAR** the League celebrates their 70th anniversary and is the oldest continu-



ally operating community association in Springfield, and among the oldest in Fairfax County. In recent years, the schoolhouse has been used for a debate between state senate candidates and district council meetings, as well as for meetings by non-profit groups, lectures, HOA meetings and as a rehearsal location for a non-profit theater company. But without a steady stream of income to make expensive repairs, the condition of the schoolhouse was quickly deteriorating. Lisa Friedrich Becker, President of Friends of Sydenstricker Schoolhouse, has worked with members of her organization to solicit donations from the community to help fund the restoration. "We love cash donations, but most of our donations are in the form of household items, furniture, clothing, toys and books that we sell at our annual yard sales, or on Craigslist," says Becker. "The community loves that they can drop off their

unused household items, and that the proceeds from their sale will go 100 percent into restoring the schoolhouse. They can see their donations at work first-hand, and they get a receipt that they can use for tax purposes. It's a win-win!" Friends of Sydenstricker Schoolhouse (FSS) has also held several Community Coffee Houses featuring local musicians, and food donated by local vendors, a performance of "Will Rogers, USA", and two very successful Trivia Nights, with all proceeds benefiting the restoration project. "It's a lot of work", says Becker, "but it's truly a labor of love." The building still has its original foundation, framing and studs, trim, siding, wavy glass windows and beautiful pine floors. It has been altered very little since it was used as a schoolhouse, and it still stands on its original site. "In fact," says Becker, "the history commission says that our schoolhouse is the



The historic one—room schoolhouse before and after renovation.

# Upcoming: Fall Yard + Bake Sales

The schoolhouse is open by appointment, or during one of their regularly scheduled events, including their Annual Fall Yard + Bake Sales on Nov. 3 (8 a.m. – 1 p.m.) and Nov. 10 (8 a.m. – Noon). Items for the yard sales may be dropped off at their Donation Drop-Off Days on Oct. 20 or 27 (9 a.m. – Noon), or by appointment. The Historic Sydenstricker Schoolhouse is located at 8511 Hooes Road in Springfield. For more information, visit

www.sydenstrickerschoolhouse.org, or email info@sydenstrickerschoolhouse.org.

best preserved one-room schoolhouse in Fairfax County. I'm reminded of the phrase 'In neglect is preservation,' which is exactly what happened here. We've simply never had any money to make changes or update the schoolhouse. I guess this turned out to

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# Electrical Event Causes Fatal Springfield House Fire

On Wednesday, Oct. 24, at 11:26 a.m., units from Fairfax County Fire and Rescue, City of Alexandria Fire Department, and Fort Belvoir Fire and Emergency Services were dispatched for a reported house fire with one person trapped in the 7200 block of Beverly Park Drive in the Springfield section of Fairfax County.

According to Fairfax County Fire & Rescue Department, units arrived on scene to find fire showing from the front of a two-story, single family home. Acting under heavy fire conditions, firefighters quickly placed a ladder to a second-floor window in an attempt to search for the person trapped. A second alarm was requested. Firefighters continued their search until a ceiling collapse forced them out of the residence. A male victim was later found deceased on the second floor. The victim has been identified as Jaime I. Rodriguez, 73 of Springfield. No firefighter injuries were reported.

The fire was discovered by a neighbor who smelled smoke and, upon investigation, saw fire coming from the house next door. He quickly called 9-1-1. There were smoke alarms present, however, they were disabled and did not sound.

Fire Investigators determined that the fire was accidental in nature and started in the first-floor utility room. The cause of the fire was an electrical event involving the power supply to the furnace.

person trapped. A second alarm was requested. Firefighters continued their search until a ceiling collapse forced them out of the residence. Three occupants were displaced due to the fire. Red Cross assistance was offered and accepted. Damages as a result of the fire were approximately \$288,850.



PHOTO COURTESY OF FAIRFAX COUNTY FIRE & RESCUE DEPARTMENT The cause of the fatal Springfield house fire was an electrical event involving the power supply to the furnace.

# PEOPLE

# Springfield Native Serves Aboard Navy Airport at Sea

By Ricky Burke Navy Office of Community Outreach

2010 South County High School in Lorton graduate and Spring field native currently serves aboard one of the U.S. Navy's most valuable and capable warships, one that can carry 5,000 sailors and more than 70 warplanes anywhere in the world to defend America.

Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Kashif Basharat is a mass communication specialist aboard the aircraft carrier USS George Washington, currently dry-docked in Newport News, Virginia.

A Navy mass communication specialist is responsible for capturing photos, writing new articles, and producing video products for the ship.

"I love capturing moments that have an impact on sailors," Basharat said.

Often described by senior defense officials and policy makers as "4.5 acres of sovereign American territory," aircraft carriers are the centerpiece of America's naval forces. In times of crisis, the first question leaders ask is: "Where are the carriers?" Navy officials state that the presence of an aircraft carrier has frequently deterred potential adversaries from striking against U.S. interests.

George Washington is presently undergo-

ing a four-year refueling complex overhaul (RCOH) at Newport News Shipbuilding, a process that includes refueling the ship's nuclear reactors and modernizing more than 2,300 compartments and hundreds of systems. The carrier is expected to leave the shipyard in 2021 and return to Yokosuka, Japan, as the Navy's only forward-deployed aircraft carrier.

**WHILE UNDERWAY**, the ship carries more than 70 jets, helicopters, and other aircraft, all of which take off from and land on the carrier's 4.5-acre flight deck. Four powerful catapults launch aircraft off the bow of the ship. After lowering a tail hook that protrudes from the rear of the airframe, fixedwing aircraft land by snagging a steel cable called an arresting wire.

George Washington is currently one of 11 aircraft carriers in the U.S. Navy. It is the sixth Nimitz-class carrier and the fourth Navy vessel named after the first president of the United States. Measuring nearly 1,100 feet from bow to stern on the flight deck, the ship is longer than three football fields. It is 257 feet wide, 244 feet high and weighs nearly 100,000 tons.

Basharat credits success in the Navy to many of the lessons learned in Springfield. "Growing up I learned diversity," Basharat said. "My hometown was a very diverse area and that has allowed me to fit in better with



Kashif Basharat, South County High School graduate and Springfield native

#### everyone serving in the Navy.

"Our ship's motto is the Spirit of Freedom, and this motto is evidenced daily in the actions and character of our sailors," said Capt. Glenn Jamison, commanding officer of USS George Washington. "The work they are involved in today is difficult, but is vital to national security, to our maritime strategy, and to our ability to provide compassion and aid when and where needed. I am always impressed by the level of professionalism and expertise demonstrated by

the men and women who serve aboard George Washington."

**SAILORS' JOBS** are highly varied aboard George Washington. The crew of approximately 2,800 sailors keeps all parts of the aircraft carrier running smoothly, including everything from launching and recovering aircraft to operating its nuclear propulsion plant. Another 2,000 sailors are assigned to the ship's embarked air wing, flying and maintaining aircraft aboard the ship.

"I enjoy being able to work in a division of diverse sailors," Basharat said.

Though there are many ways for sailors to earn distinction in their command, community, and career, Basharat is most proud of earning his surface warfare qualification device.

"I made it an obligation to get it in a short period of time as this was a short-term goal I set for myself, and I had a great sense of pride when I accomplished this goal," Basharat said.

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

"Serving in the Navy means sacrificing my freedom so that my family members can rest easy," Basharat added.



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## Japanese Americans' Care Fund (NPO) Bazaar

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### CALENDAR

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

### ONGOING

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- Gallery 57, 11899 Grand Commons Ave., Fairfax. Emerging Artists Initiative and the Peterson Companies are partnering to bring an artistic and creative facet to the Fairfax community. A new pop-up art gallery at Fairfax Corner Center will be exhibiting paintings and sculptors by four resident artists in the vacant retail space. Free. Email director@eaiinc.org or visit eaiinc.org.

### THURSDAY/NOV. 1

- "Frequent, Certain, and Regular Elections" A Symposium. 9 a.m. 4 p.m. At Gunston Hall, 10709 Gunston Road, Mason Neck. George Mason wrote in the Virginia Declaration of Rights that representatives of the people should be chosen in "frequent, certain, and elections." With all of the talk about mid-terms, it's the perfect time to step back and look at the history of elections and voting in America. Cost is \$85 Registration, \$70 for Friends of Gunston Hall. Online Registration is open until 4 p.m. on Oct. 31, registration may be completed at the door after that time. Early registration prices available until Oct.
- 29. Visit www.eventbrite.com. Accessibility Workshop. 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. At 1st Stage Theater, 3007, 1524 Spring Hill Road, McLean, in Tysons Corner. ARTSFAIRFAX will host a free workshop on accessibility designed to be practical in terms of the barriers people with disabilities face in experiencing the arts, but also inspirational in how some arts organizations are re-framing their approach to these audiences with new programs and services. Participants will hear from the

following speakers: Niyati Dhokai, Ph.D., Research Assistant Professor, George Mason University, College of Visual and Performing Arts; Marit Majeske, Front of House and Community Inclusion Manager, Hylton Center for the Performing Arts; Shanna Sorrells, 1st Stage Accessibility and Education Fellow; and Katrina Clark, Creative Captioning. RSVP to grants@artsfairfax.org. Visit artsfairfax.org.

### FRIDAY-SATURDAY/NOV. 2-3

- Wild Horse and Burro Event. Friday 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; Saturday 8 a.m.-4 p.m. At Meadowood Recreation Area, 10406 Gunston Road, Lorton, Bureau of Land Management-Eastern States (BLM-ES) Northeastern States District will hold a wild horse and burro event providing wild horses and possibly a few yearling and burros. The event will potentially include sale-eligible animals. Purchasers receive immediate ownership of the animal on the day of the event. Call 1-866-4MUSTANGS (1-866-468-7826) or visit www.wildhorseandburro.blm.gov.
- "The Story of Hansel and Gretel." Friday, Nov. 2 at 7:30 p.m. and Saturday, Nov. 3 at 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. At The Stage at Holy Trinity Church, 850 Balls Hill Road, McLean. Cost is \$10. Delight over this sweet and charming musical adaptation. Sent into the woods, Hansel and Gretel meet up with a number of peculiar characters. Purchase tickets at bit.ly/oshanselgretel. Visit the website www.oakcrest.org.

### SATURDAY/NOV. 3

- Holiday Bazaar. 8 a.m.-1 p.m. at Sydenstricker United Methodist Church, 8508 Hooes Road, Springfield. Indoor yard sale with treasures at affordable prices. Homemade soups and baked goodsstay for lunch or take some home. Free admission. Call 703-451-8223 or visit www.sydenstrickerumc.org.
- Woodson Craft Show. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at Woodson High School, 9525 Main St., Fairfax. Free. W.T. Woodson High School in Fairfax will host the liday Happenıng Craft Show. This show features juried handmade arts and crafts with a diverse selection of: fine arts, jewelry, fiber arts, wood, photography, pottery, giftware, pet accessories, stress relief items and hundreds of holiday collectibles/ decorations. There will be

approximately 100 exhibitors and admission is free for shoppers. All proceeds benefit the W.T. Woodson Crew Team (www.wtwcrew.org). Email Lesley Kowalski at woodsoncraftshow@gmail.com.

- Book Event and Author Luncheon. 11 a.m.-2 p.m. at Springfield Golf & Country Club, 8301 Old Keene Mill Road, Springfield. This annual event features four authors, lunch and a silent auction is sponsored by Fairfax City AAUW as a scholarship fundraiser for local women returning to college. \$42. Visit fairfaxcityva.aauw.net to make reservations by Oct. 27
- Toast to Hope. 6:30-9:30 p.m. At Springfield Golf & Country Club, 8301 Old Keene Mill Road, West Springfield. Toast to Hope 2018 is celebrating SCAN's 30th anniversary. SCAN uses a secure transaction website for all donations related to Toast to Hope. Please explore the following opportunities. Visit www.scanva.org/support-scan/newsevents/toast/.
- **Capital Wind Symphony.** 7-9 p.m. At Ernst Community Cultural Center, 8333 Little River Turnpike, Annandale. Free. Join the Capital Wind Symphony at the Ernst Community Cultural Center in Annandale for the first concert of the season! Repertoire includes works by Wagner, Gianinni Chadwick, Fletcher, Mackey, and Gershwin. Visit the website http:// www.capitalwindsymphony.org.
- Tchaikovsky & Beethoven. 8 p.m. At GMU Center for the Arts Concert Hall. Featuring Tchaikovsky: Variations on a Rococo Theme with Amit Peled, cello; Bruch: Kol Nidrei; and Beethoven: Symphony No. 4. Voted by Musical America as one of the most influential musicians today, renowned cellist Amit Peled returns to share his artistry with the historic 1733 Gofriller Pablo Casals cello. There is a 7 p.m. discussion with the artists and music director Christopher Zimmerman. Visit www.fairfaxsymphony.org/nov03peled/ for tickets.

### SUNDAY/NOV. 4

Japanese Americans' Care Fund American Legion Post 177, 3939 Oak St., Fairfax, The Japanese Americans Care Fund will hold its annual fundraising bazaar. Admission is \$2; children 12 and under are free. Many items will be for sale; including used Japanese books and Manga, Japanese decorative items, kimonos

- Pop-Up Art show. Through Dec. 16 at

# Entertainment

- (traditional Japanese women's apparel), locally grown Japanese-style vegetables, fish, and Japanese confectionery. Authentic Japanese food will also be available for takeout, and served at the food court to enjoy while watching exhibitions of Japanese cultural activities. Visitors will find opportunities for hands-on experiences with calligraphy and Japanese traditional games. Call 703-256-5223 or visit www.jacarefund.org.
- **Book Signing: Keegan Allen.** Noon-3 p.m. in the Grand Court at Springfield Town Center. Keegan Allen, who is known for his role on "Pretty Little Liars" will make an appearance at Springfield Town Center for a signing of his book, "HOLLYWOOD: Photos and Stories from Foreverland." Allen will also speak about the book and answer questions. Barnes & Noble of Springfield will be hosting a pop-up on site, offering the opportunity to purchase the book during the event. Visit springfieldtowncenter.com.

### WEDNESDAY/NOV. 7

Jeff Dunham Performs. 7-9 p.m. At Eaglebank Arena, 4500 Patriot Circle, Fairfax. Don't miss Jeff Dunham with Peanut, Walter, Achmed and Bubba J. on their all new "Passively Aggressive" North American tour. Tickets are \$51-\$67. Tickets on sale at www.jeffdunham.com. Visitwww.jeffdunham.com/

#### FRIDAY/NOV. 9

- NOVA Annandale Symphony Orchestra. 8 p.m. At Ernst Community Center, 8333 Little River Turnpike, Annandale. Under Music Director Christopher Johnston, the concert is sponsored by the
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### SATURDAY/NOV. 10

- Icelandic Christmas Bazaar. 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at American Legion Post 177, 3939 Oak St., Fairfax. Icelandic arts and crafts, live music, Icelandic licorice and chocolates, famous Icelandic hot dogs, open faced sandwiches and crepes. Free admission. Visit www.icelanddc.com.
- Adults. 10:30-12:30 p.m. at Woods Community Centre, 10100 Wards Grove Circle, Burke. Instructor Carol Zeitlin, drawing, watercolor, Chinese Brush & portfolio development. Visit www.czartlessons.com. Call 703-250-6930.
- Fairfax History Conference. 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. At Sherwood Community Center, 3740 Old Lee Highway, Fairfax. Featuring "Years that Shook Our Nation and Fairfax County: 1868, 1918 and 1968." Join historians and re-enactors to unravel the stories and personalities from three critical years in American history: Reconstruction, World War I, and the tumultuous cultural changes of the 1960s. Registration: \$25. Email lynnegarveyhodge@gmail.com.
  Let's Talk Turkey. 2-3:30 p.m. At Kings Park Library, 9000 Burke Lake
- Kings Park Library, 9000 Burke Lake Rd., Burke. Free. Chef Cal Kraft will share holiday recipes, including turkey, salad, stuffing, sides, desserts



and more! He will also bring lots of hints and tips to add more fun to your holiday dinner. Visit the website: https:// librarycalendar.fairfaxcounty.gov/ event/4540497

SATURDAY-SUNDAY/NOV. 10-11

Holiday Express Boutique. Saturday (10 a.m. to 6:30 p.m) and Sunday (9 a.m. to 2 p.m). At St. Mary of Sorrows, 5222 Sideburn Road, Fairfax. One-of-a-kind holiday items. Featuring table linens, baby items, ornaments, pumpkins, much more. Gifts for all from babies to grandparents. Sweet Shoppe both days. All items homemade. Chili

# 'Less is More'

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Painting #1: Gene Moty, "Frenchie", 18x29, oil on linen, 2018

Lunch and Cafe on Saturday only (10 to 4 p.m.). Silent Auction and Raffle Drawing 11/11, 2 p.m.; winner need not be present. Contact Lou Aimone at aimonem@aol.com.

#### SUNDAY/NOV. 11

Women of Resilience. 2 p.m. at Fairfax Museum and Visitor's Center, 10209 Main Street, Fairfax. Free. Featuring "Women of Resilience: Daughters of the American Revolution Service in World War I." Join Tracy Elizabeth Robinson, CA, Director of Archives and History at the DAR Headquarters in Washington, D.C., for a talk on the different roles and services DAR members performed during World War I. Call 703-385-8414. **Taste of Greater Springfield.** 3-6 p.m. at Waterford Receptions, 6715 Commerce St., Springfield. The Rotary Club of West Springfield is hosting their 6th Annual Taste of Greater Springfield event. Come

Greater Springfield event. Come hungry and enjoy food from many local restaurants. All proceeds go to scholarships and community service projects. \$30 for adults, \$25 for active duty/veterans, \$10 for ages 6-13. Purchase tickets online at rotaryofwestspringfield.org or contact Jim Kirkpatrick at 703-866-7078.

### TUESDAY/NOV. 13

Fall Art Classes. 5:15-6:15 p.m. At Woods Community Centre, 10100 Wards Grove Circle, Burke. Registration for Fall Art Classes for Youth Classes (8 yrs & up). Next session starts Tuesday, Nov. 13. Call the instructor Carol Zeitlin at 703-250-6930 or www.czartlessons.com

Fall Drawing Plus Color Class (5-8 yrs.). 6:15 p.m.- 7 p.m.at Woods Community Centre, 10100 Wards Grove Circle, Burke. Instructor Carol Zeitlin, drawing and watercolor. Visit www.czartlessons.com. Call 703-250-6930.

### THURSDAY/NOV. 15

Historic Pohick Church Christmas Mart. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at Pohick Episcopal Church, 9301 Richmond Highway, Lorton. The Parish House and the Vestry House will be transformed into a festive Christmas atmosphere. Colonial-attired ladies will serve luncheon at three sittings (11 a.m., noon and 1 p.m.) for \$13. Admission to the Christmas Mart is free. Visit www.pohick.org or call 703-339-6572.

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# PEOPLE

# Volunteer Fairfax Names New CEO

The Volunteer Fairfax board of directors brokerage and adhas named Steve Mutty as the nonprofit's new chief executive.

"As Volunteer Fairfax approaches its fortyfifth anniversary, we are excited to have someone with Steve's experience and vision leading this organization," said Rick Garza, president of Volunteer Fairfax's board. "Steve has an extensive background in nonprofit work, as an executive, as a fundraiser and as a volunteer," Garza said. "He is truly dedicated to helping others. He exemplifies the ideals of Volunteer Fairfax."

Mutty recently served as executive director of the Alexandria Seaport Foundation, a nonprofit that serves at-risk youth through adult mentoring and project-based learning.

Mutty's volunteer experience includes serving as Chairman of the Board of Best Buddies Capital Region, an organization that supports young people with intellectual and developmental disabilities, and he has served as a mentor for disabled young adults transitioning to independent living. He also sat on the fundraising event planning committees of Best Buddies International, the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society-National Capital Area and the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation Real Estate Games.

Before working in the nonprofit sector, Mutty enjoyed a career in commercial real estate, holding senior positions with several

visory firms In the D.C. area. He has served on the boards of various public-private partnerships to promote business growth in the region and raised several million dollars in financial

**Steve Mutty** 

support and in-kind contributions to improve neighborhood playgrounds and recreation centers on behalf of the D.C. Building Industry Association.

MUTTY AND HIS WIFE raised their family in Fairfax County where he was on the boards of the Lake Braddock Secondary School crew club and the Virginia Scholastic Rowing Association. He was also Cubmaster for Pack 1100 in Springfield.

"I launched my career in Fairfax County", said Mutty. "My kids grew up here and had an excellent K-12 education in Fairfax County Public Schools. This is an opportunity for me to reciprocally make a significant impact in the county by taking a leadership role in tapping the huge pool of volunteerism out there. As our region continues to grow and prosper, there is an evergrowing need to strengthen and improve our communities, which can't be fully real-



Volunteer Fairfax CEO Steve Mutty speaks with Sue Dussinger (a member of Volunteers for Change and RSVP Northern Virginia, both programs of Volunteer Fairfax), in front of theºVolunteer Fairfax booth at the City of Fairfax

ized without matching volunteer talent and capacity to meaningful, impactful service opportunities."

In addition to being the public face of Volunteer Fairfax, Mutty's duties include managing an annual budget of 1.2 million dollars and overseeing a 14-person staff that is scheduled to move into its new headquarters in Fairfax City later this year.

Mutty earned his bachelor's degree in Management from Florida International University and has an Associate of Science degree in Culinary Arts from Johnson and Wales University.

**VOLUNTEER FAIRFAX** founded in 1974, is one of the largest volunteer organizations of its kind in the mid-Atlantic region. The organization engages thousands of volunteers of all ages each year that support more than 600 member nonprofits and agencies in Northern Virginia

For more information on Volunteer Fairfax or to find a volunteer opportunity now, visit www.volunteerfairfax.org or call 703-246-3460. Mutty can be contacted directly at sdmutty@volunteerfairfax.org



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From left, Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Battalion Chief Willie Bailey, Del. Eileen Filler-Corn (D-41) and Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Chief John Butler.



#### Photos contributed

# Time for Winter Coats

Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Battalion Chief Willie Bailey and the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department organized the donation of nearly 3,000 new winter coats to more than 75 Fairfax County schools, shelters, and non-profit groups the morning of Oct. 26th. More than 250 children at local community centers rode buses to Penn Daw Station 11 in Alexandria to receive a brand-new winter coat and some books. Therapy dogs in costume were present for children and adults alike to play with and pet.

"This is a wonderful program I have participated in for years," Del. Eileen Filler-Corn (D-41) said. "We are so fortunate to have a program that provides winter coats to children in need."

Del. Filler-Corn collected more than 150 requests for coats from schools around the 41<sup>st</sup> District and plans to deliver them this week. "With the weather getting colder, I am concerned that these kids will need the coats sooner rather than later," Del. Filler-Corn said. "I am excited to distribute the coats to our schools this week and ensure our children will stay warm this winter."

Coat Recipient Joshua and Del. Eileen Filler-Corn (D-41) picking out a coat at the Penn Daw Firehouse 11 in Alexandria on Oct. 24 during the Operation Warm coat distribution drive.

# Schoolhouse Under Restoration

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be a good thing! Now we can do it right!" FSS is working with Kolas Contracting, a local family-owned business that specializes in historic projects to complete the restoration. The project is especially tedious and time consuming because the original lead paint needs to be carefully removed and disposed of properly. In an effort to preserve as much of the original structure as possible, the existing siding is being repaired and epoxied, and only replaced if absolutely necessary.

**EVERY CARE** is being taken to preserve the authenticity of the schoolhouse as much as possible. Records show that the building was originally painted yellow, later white, and eventually red in the 1960s. When planning the restoration the group briefly discussed repainting the schoolhouse white, but quickly realized that the schoolhouse (known by the community as "The Little Red Schoolhouse") has actu-

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ally been red longer than any other color. Becker, an interior designer, researched color palettes of other historic red schoolhouses, and negotiated with Sherwin Williams to have the paint and primer for the project donated. Now that the painting and restoration of the siding and windows is complete, the next focus of attention will be on the roof, electrical, and interior restoration. Donations are needed to fund the ongoing renovations and improvements to the schoolhouse and grounds. "The only way we can keep the schoolhouse going is by involving the entire community and educating everyone about this incredible piece of history right here in our neighborhood," says Becker. "Most people who visit tell us that they have lived here for 20 years, and never knew it existed! We want to change that. This schoolhouse belongs to all of us, and we want everyone to feel personally invested. The schoolhouse has sat as a silent witness to many changes in our community for nearly a century, and it's a wonderful reminder of our history, and a simpler way of life."

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# Library Hosts Halloween Party

35 youngsters, ages preschool to 10, play games, dress up in costumes, and have a ball.

bout 35 people attended a Halloween Party sponsored by the Burke Centre Library on Tuesday, Oct. 30, 2018. Targeting the pre school to age 10 group, the event featured games such as the Prize Walk, the Popcorn Game with parachute and beach balls, and the Hokey Pokey, as well as pumpkin decorating, bowling and bean bag toss, among others.

According to Nancy Klein, youth services manager at Burke Centre Library: "We wanted to have a Halloween Party because we know everyone likes to dress up and have fun for this holiday. We wanted to see everybody's costume and have them know that the library's a fun place to be during this holiday season."

She added: "We see people get dressed up weeks before Halloween and visit the library so we know there's a lot of young people out there who are really enthusiastic about Halloween — so we wanted to just be a part of that."

She said Burke Centre Library opened in 2008 and people consider it a "real sanctuary" in the community – a very quiet place that's off the Fairfax County Parkway on its own. "We have these beautiful big windows that bring in a lot of natural light, so it's a great place to sit and read, which is a big part of what we do here."

— Steve Hibbard



Children play with beach balls during the Halloween Party at Burke Centre Library.

Alex Pohorylo, 7, of Burke sticks the nose on the pumpkin.



### 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.

### FOOD DRIVES

- Scouting for Food. Starting Nov. 3, Scouts will post reminder flyers to homes throughout area, then return to collect non-perishable food items that will nourish the area's hungry on Nov. 10. Scouting for Food is held every fall prior to Thanksgiving. Local food banks rely on it to stock their shelves for the upcoming holiday months, when food demands are the greatest. Items in highest demand include: canned protein (tuna, salmon, chicken, peanut butter); soups and stews (beef stew, chili, meat-based soups); 100 percent fruit juices (all sizes); grains (pasta, whole grain pasta, rice, brown rice boxed macaroni and cheese); cereals (multi-grain, low sugar cereals, oatmeal); canned vegetables; canned fruits; condiments; and hygiene products (diapers, toilet paper, tissues, soap, toothpaste). Visit www.ncacbsa.org for more.
- Food for Fines. Nov. 1-30. Fairfax County Public Library will be hosting a food drive called "Food for Fines." Canned goods and other nonperishable items collected during the drive will be donated to Food for Others, a not-for-profit food pantry and food rescue operation that serves Fairfax County. Each item donated will erase \$1 from a patron's overdue fines up to a maximum of \$15. Customers may donate even if there are no fines accrued. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/food-fines for more.

### VOLUNTEER DRIVERS NEEDED.

The Shepherd's Center of Fairfax-Burke needs volunteer drivers for trips to medical appointments (Monday - Friday) and companion shopping (Tuesday, Friday) within the Fairfax-Burke area and in the South County area (west of Route 1, Alexandria). Office volunteers are also needed to work in the SCFB (Olley Glen) office to schedule rides. Bilingual volunteers (English and Spanish) are needed as drivers and office volunteers. Email Shavaun Wall at recruiter@scfbva.org or call 703-323-4788.

### THURSDAY/NOV. 1

"Frequent, Certain, and Regular Elections": A Symposium. At Gunston Hall, 10709 Gunston Road, Mason Neck. Experts on elections both past and present will speak. As the midterms are on everyone's mind, this day-long event will explore the origins of elections in America to modern elections integrity. The program will feature: David Becker, executive director and founder of the Center of Election Innovation and Research; Linda Monk, constitutional scholar, journalist and author; Aaron Nix Gomez, wine historian; Holly Brewer, Burke Chair of American History and associate professor of the Department of History, University of Maryland; and Martha Grove, archivist in the Center for Legislative Archives at the National Archives and Records Administration. Tickets are available at https:// bit.ly/2OXKmGO or call 703-550-9220. Space is limited. For more information, contact Mary Kristen Craver at 703-550-9220 ext. 240 or mkcraver@gunstonhall.org.

# Sokolow

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ticians in Virginia – including to Ken Plum's own campaigns.

Virginia should join the 25 states that ban contributions from publicly related utilities. And politicians who profess to care about climate change need to stop feeding from the fossil fuel trough. They need to lose their blind spot when it comes to fracked gas. Our children deserve no less.

Jon Sokolow is an attorney, writer and activist who has lived in Reston for 25 years.







### By KENNETH B. LOURIE

As I sit and attempt to write next week's column, I do so on Saturday, Oct. 27. Aside from being my close friend, Cheryl's, birthday, and the day before my brother, Richard's, birthday, it is a date (the 27th), to invoke our 32nd President, Franklin D. Roosevelt, that "will live in infamy." It is the date that Team Lourie, such as it is: my wife, Dina; my brother, Richard; and yours truly, met my oncologist for the first time to learn what my previous week's "malignant" biopsy actually meant.

What it meant was that I was officially a cancer patient. Specifically, a non-small cell lung cancer, stage IV, patient, and one given a "13-month to two-year" prognosis to boot, at age 54 and a half. Not a guarantee, mind you, but definitely a kick in the stomach. Not literally of course, but hearing such terrible, unexpected news, it certainly took our breath away.

After we all regained our composure, we tried to sort out what we had just heard and ask some intelligent questions (quite a challenge at that moment, I have to admit).

It was difficult because cancer was a subject with which Team Lourie had zero personal experience, having had no immediate family history other than my mother's very treatable skin cancer. As such, in talking with the oncologist, we were all at a disadvantage. In addition to never having met, neither did we know exactly what we were to be discussing until we sat in the doctor's office.

Talk about ill-prepared (pun intended). Throw in the shock value of what we were hearing – for the first time (akin to that of a neutron bomb since we were still standing; sitting, actually), we were very nearly blown away and having difficulty processing what we were hearing: "13 months to two years," out of the blue, basically.

We might have understood "the macro," to steal one of my brother's favorite expressions, but we were having a little trouble grasping "the micro" – meaning me.

Certainly we were clear that my life going forward was going to be different, but we had no idea, really, what we were all in for, collectively. Though a sort of handbook called "The Five Questions" was provided to us, it was hardly a GPS that guided you step by step. At that point, you stumble and stammer and don't exactly know what to ask next.

Nowadays, a new professional certification has evolved called a "nurse navigator." This person is assigned to help you maneuver through the cancer/twilight zone of tests, treatments and appointments that you have just entered: labs, scans, infusion schedule, and oncology appointments; plus miscellaneous other secondary-type activities/appointments/procedures (aromatherapist, acupuncturist, nutritionist, pulmonologist, nephrologist, internal medicine doctor, thoracic surgeon, ophthalmologist, urologist, dermatologist, psychologist, pharmacist) and a few others that "chemo-brain" – a recently confirmed side effect of chemotherapy – has likely caused me to forget.

It's no wonder new cancer patients begin to melt down even before the first beam of radiation has been focused and/or the first dose of chemotherapy has been infused.

And not that I need reminding, but the 27th does seem to focus a "confinement beam" ("Star Trek") of sorts on what I've been doing and why and how much longer I'm likely to be doing it. And that, of course, is the rub, because in the cancer business, there are very few guarantees, any of which is constantly rubbing you in various directions. Directions which cause you to ebb and flow and bob and weave and try to hang on for dear life. Because so far as most of us know, this life is pretty dear and we kind of think we want to hang on to it for awhile.

And I'm one of the lucky ones, a survivor, that is. Many of my fellow "diagnosees" have not been nearly as fortunate as I have been. Ten years, come Feb. 20, 2019, the anniversary of the actual date when my Internal Medicine doctor called me to tell me the results of the previous week's biopsy. I remember where I was and what I was doing when I received that call. That I'll never forget.

That was my Dec. 7, 1941.

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