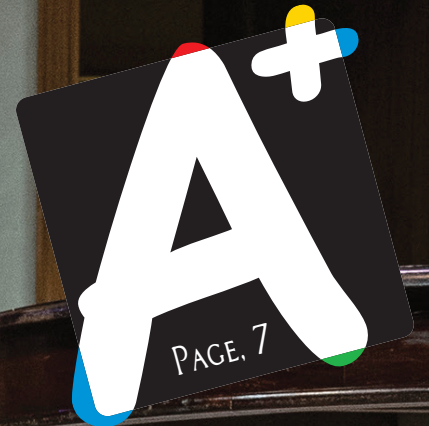


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Meet the Candidates for County Board Chairman

Four to contend in June 11 Democratic Primary to seek to replace retiring Sharon Bulova.

BY ANDREA WORKER
THE CONNECTION

As Chair of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors Sharon Bulova prepares to retire at the end of the year, four Democrats have come forward, looking to fill her spot as the county's top elected official. With multiple candidates, election rules call for a Primary Election to decide a winner who will go on to the November 5 ballot, when all of the Board member seats will be up for grabs.

Vying for the position are:

❖ Current Lee District Supervisor Jeff C. McKay, who has served on the Board

since 2007.

❖ Ryan McElveen, At-Large Member, Fairfax County Public Schools Board since 2012.

❖ Tim Chapman, Reston-based real estate developer and businessmen

❖ Alicia Plerhoples, tenured law professor at Georgetown Law.

The Connection sent out identical questionnaires to all four, asking each to provide voters with some basic information about themselves, and then to explain why they are running, what they see as the top issues facing the county, and in what key ways they differ from their opponents.

Here are their responses:

Jeffrey C. McKay

Age: 43

Education: James Madison University (1996), Sorensen Institute for Political Leadership (1998)

Family: Wife, Crystal, children Leann and Aidan, retired racing greyhound Pascal.

Native of: Fairfax County
Moved to Your District: Lifelong Lee District resident

Prior and current professional, political and civic experiences, community involvement, etc.:

❖ Fairfax County Board of Supervisors – Lee District

❖ Chairman, Budget Committee, Board of Supervisors

❖ Chairman, Legislative Committee

❖ Co-Chair, Revitalization Committee

❖ Member, Successful Children and Youth Policy Team

❖ Member, Northern Virginia Regional Commission

❖ Member, Virginia Railway Express Board

❖ First VP, Virginia Assoc. of Counties Board of Directors

❖ Two-time former Chair, current Member, Northern Virginia Transportation Commission

❖ Coach, Woodlawn Little League, Pioneer Baseball League, Mount Vernon Sports Club

Q: Why are you running?

A: I am a lifelong Fairfax County resident, proudly born and raised along the Route One Corridor. From an early age, my grandmother instilled in me the importance of helping others, especially those less fortunate than ourselves. Those teachings, com-



Jeffrey C. McKay

bined with my own experiences ... are the reasons why I ultimately sought public office.

I am running for Chairman this year to build on the successes we've had and to push us forward ... I'm proud of Fairfax County and the community we've built together. Now, more than ever, those values we've instilled and the work we've done are at risk. We need to fight for all residents and communities

throughout our county.

Q: What are the top issues in your district and what solutions do you propose?

A:

❖ Creating a Fairfax County that works for all (One Fairfax)

❖ Investing in people by supporting the environment, affordable housing, transportation infrastructure, and education

❖ Creating jobs and economic opportunities in all areas of the county

Q: Key ways you differ from your opponents.

A: Having served on the Board of Supervisors for the past 11 years, I am the only candidate with Board experience and who has been a state, regional and countywide leader. I've balanced budgets and created countywide legislative agendas that have made us a progressive national leader in education, job growth, human services, and quality of life, while also ensuring we're protecting our environment and fighting for affordable housing.

I have the knowledge, experience, and relationships it takes to be a successful chairman, and I am excited for the opportunity before us.



PHOTO BY ANDREA WORKER/THE CONNECTION

The Democratic candidates for the Chair of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, heading for the June 11 Primary election, debate at a live, televised event, hosted by the Fairfax Healthy Communities Coalition. Coalition member and event moderator Pastor Sarah Scherschligt is flanked by candidates Tim Chapman and Alicia Plerhoples on the left, and Jeff McKay, Lee District Supervisor, and Ryan McElveen, At-Large member of the FC Public Schools Board on the right.

Ryan McElveen

Age: 33

Education: Columbia University, Master of International Affairs in Human Rights (2011); Univ. of Virginia, B.A. Anthropology and East Asian Studies (2008); George C. Marshall High School (2004)

Family: Wife Xuan, daughter Sierra

Native of: Raised in the Vienna-Tysons area

Moved to Your District: Lifelong resident of Fairfax County

Prior and current professional, political and civic experiences, community involvement, etc.:

❖ At-large Member, Fairfax County School Board 2012-Present

❖ Assoc. Director, John L. Thornton China Center, the Brookings Institution, 2013 - Present

❖ International Operations and Policy, the Boeing Company

❖ Co-Chair, Revitalization Committee, FC Board of Supervisors.

❖ Communications, Clinton Foundation and Clinton Global Initiative

❖ Researcher, Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations, U.S. Senate

❖ Asst. Director, Univ. of Virginia Center in Shanghai, China

Q: Why are you running?

A: After spending the better part of my time on the School Board as witness to chronically underfunded school system budgets, I decided to run for Chairman when I realized that there was no one else in the race who would be as strong an advocate for our schools and children as I would be.

Since January, I have been saying that we



Ryan McElveen

are two Fairfaxes. The development patterns that have been promoted by past Boards of Supervisors have led to the stark divides between the "haves" and "have nots" in Fairfax County. ...

We need to turn our attention to the areas and populations that will benefit from neither Amazon and a growing tech sector nor higher property values. All of our residents need to have a voice. I will purposefully

work to narrow that gap and provide more seats at the table, making sure that our diverse community is better represented by our leadership.

Q: What are the top issues in your district and what solutions do you propose?

A: The three most important issues and opportunities that Fairfax needs to address are in the areas of education, innovation and opportunity. *Education: We need to fully fund our schools and implement universal pre-Kindergarten so that our students enter school ready to succeed.

*Innovation: We need to connect all residents to the internet; create transportation networks that accommodate expanded public transit and electric and autonomous vehicles; and preserve green space while investing in a green infrastructure that pushes Fairfax toward a carbon-neutral future.

*Opportunity: We need to prepare our community members for the jobs of the future by creating apprenticeships and building innovation labs in schools; develop small-business incubators in vacant office space; and build affordable housing

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OPINION

Changing Political Landscape

Don't miss vote June 11 or before to have a say in the biggest political change in years.

On June 11, 2019 a revolution is scheduled. There will be no blood. Change, massive change, is inevitable, but its effects won't be fully in place for months.

Many of the powers that be in Fairfax County will step down at the end of the year, taking with them decades of historic understanding and institutional knowledge. **EDITORIAL** Voters will choose their replacements, for the most part, on June 11. It's a huge opportunity for voters in Virginia to enact the change they want to see.

First any Virginia voter can participate in the Democratic primary because voters in Virginia do not register by party.

Second almost every candidate is describing themselves as progressive. There are of course degrees of progressive. You'll have to tease out for yourself what matters to you. Is the county on the right track in the things that matter? If you think the county has done enough in affordable housing, is on the right path in terms of criminal justice reform and racial and economic equity, then voting for the few longtime incumbents might be right for you. If your vision of a progressive county is a bit beyond the status quo, then you have other choices.

Every Democratic primary voter in Fairfax County will choose candidates for two critical county wide positions, Chairman of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors and Fairfax County Commonwealth's Attorney.

Early voting has begun already, but the cut-off to register to vote is in less than a week, May 20. You have to register (at your current address) and actually vote to have a say in

choices that could define the direction of the county for the foreseeable future. With four or five candidates vying for quite a few seats, a small number of votes could decide.

Don't miss out.

— MARY KIMM

ON THE DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY BALLOT, Fairfax County

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Timothy M. Chapman

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Braddock District Member Board of Supervisors - James R. Walkinshaw

Hunter Mill District Member Board of Supervisors - Laurie T. Dodd
Hunter Mill District Member Board of Supervisors - Maggie D. Parker
Hunter Mill District Member Board of Supervisors - Parker K. Messick
Hunter Mill District Member Board of Supervisors - Shyamali R. Hauth
Hunter Mill District Member Board of Supervisors - Walter L. Alcorn

Lee District Member Board of Supervisors - James Migliaccio
Lee District Member Board of Supervisors - Kelly Hebron
Lee District Member Board of Supervisors - Larysa M. Kautz
Lee District Member Board of Supervisors - Rodney L. Lusk

Upcoming Elections

June 11, 2019 Democratic Party Primary Election Information

On Election Day Vote at Your Usual Polling Place, Open From 6 a.m. until 7 p.m.

To confirm that you are eligible to vote in this election, visit the Virginia State Board of Elections website at <https://vote.elections.virginia.gov/VoterInformation>.

GENERAL INFORMATION

♦ **Now:** Absentee Voting is underway at the Office of Elections, 12000 Government Center Pkwy., Conference Rooms 2/3, Fairfax, VA

♦ **May 20:** Voter Registration Deadline to vote on June 11. In-person: 5 pm, online: 11:59 p.m.

♦ **June 4:** Deadline to request an absentee ballot by mail, 5 p.m.

♦ **June 8:** Final day to vote absentee in-person, 5 p.m.

♦ **June 11:** Primary Election Day. Polling Places open 6 a.m. until 7 p.m. Deadline to return ballots to the Office of Elections, 7 p.m. See www.fairfaxcounty.gov/elections/upcoming for more and to find your sample ballot for Tuesday, June 11.

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Providence District Member Board of Supervisors - Edythe F. Kelleher
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M. Sharafat Hussain

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Karen Elena Torrent

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

'Honey Trap' of Campaign Contributions

To the Editor:

What is the contribution "tipping point" that changes an elected official's perspective towards favoring their donors over the needs of the community? When is that unconscious sense of gratitude for a gift turned on?

Developers have wielded considerable influence in Fairfax County politics for years. Fairfax County residents are currently dealing with long commutes, or expensive mass transit only accessible to those who live near to it. Residents are also exposed to polluted air, dangerous travel conditions for walkers and bikers, and unaffordable rent, all within the county. Why did we allow this to happen?

There were early warnings. In 2013, seven Fairfax Supervisors had to recuse themselves from a decision, because they had financial ties with the developers requesting the change. A major land-use decision was made with three votes instead of ten. Six districts (and the Chair's vote) were without representation in that decision. INOVA won the vote, but did Fairfax? With the upcoming election for so many open Board of Supervisor seats, it's time for Fairfax voters to step up and identify candidates that will work for us and not for developers.

We need to start by realizing who wants to be a supervisor in Fairfax. In many districts, developers themselves are running to be

supervisors. Some of the candidates, according to VPAP.ORG, have more than 30 percent of their campaign funds coming from the "real estate/construction" category. A current district supervisor, who sat through this development rampage for more than 12 years, now wants to be Chair.

But not all candidates will fall into the campaign contribution "Honey Trap." A number of candidates have taken the pledge to not accept any money from developers – and those are the ones we should invest our trust with our vote.

I want my Supervisors to never have to recuse themselves when faced with a land-use decision. I want my Supervisors to commit to

ensuring Fairfax supports all ranges of income and age in land-use plans - so those who want to grow old here can; those who want to live where they work can; those who want to move forward in life and have good opportunities, regardless of background or other social factors, can.

Just because a politician can take unlimited contributions from developers and special interests under Virginia law (unlike Maryland or DC), doesn't mean they should. Development should not be a "trickle down" economic policy in Fairfax. Let's elect leaders who will put the interests of Fairfax residents first.

Diana Smith
Reston

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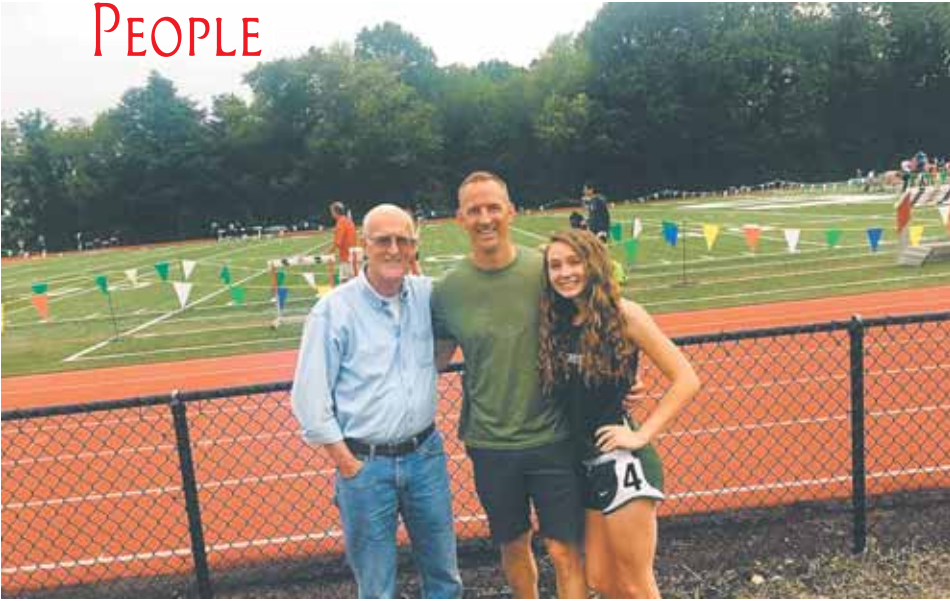


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Lily James with her dad and grandfather.

Oakcrest Athlete Sets School State Records

Lily James of Great Falls, a senior at Oakcrest School in Vienna, has been an amazing success running track. A few of her accomplishments include:

- ❖ #1 800m time in the state of Virginia for any school (public or private);
- ❖ First place finish at the Draper Invitational on Saturday, May 4, which is the first time Oakcrest has ever had a champion in that meet;
- ❖ Six school records: 400m, 800m, 1600m, 4X800m relay, 4X400m relay, and the Distance Medley Relay
- ❖ Led Oakcrest to its first ever PVAC conference Track and Field championship

in 2017.

❖ Four-time Virginia state champion in multiple events

❖ Accepted to UCLA and plans to run track there.

Lily comes from a long line of track athletes: Great grandfather ran at the 1908 Penn Relays, grandfather ran track at the University of North Carolina, dad ran track at Navy. Her coach is Jen Pruskowski and she's been a great influence for Lily both on and off the track for 7 years.

She is also a straight "A" student and involved in a huge number of activities.

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A Sight to See

James Madison High School production of 'West Side Story.'

BY LENA WEIMAN
ST. STEPHEN'S & ST. AGNES SCHOOL

The lights go up on an empty 1950s New York street, one boy walks on and whistles, and with that the story of rival gangs and star-crossed lovers begins. James Madison High School's production of Arthur Laurents, Stephen Sondheim, and Leonard Bernstein's "West Side Story" started out with a bang, and it only got better from there.

"West Side Story" is a legendary musical based on William Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet. It takes place in the rugged Upper West Side of 1950s New York. The musical follows two gangs, the Sharks, a gang of Puerto Rican immigrants, and the Jets, a white gang, as they fight over territory. The divide between the gangs seems set in stone until Tony, a Jet, falls in love with Maria, the sister of Bernardo, the leader of the Sharks. The two cross enemy lines to be together, but will their love cause more damage in the end?

James Madison High School brought this iconic show to life. The large, energetic dance numbers and passionate singing brought the audience back to classic Broadway. The balance between the more humorous first act and the dramatic second act was impeccable, and the violent fight scenes had the audience at the edge of their seats.

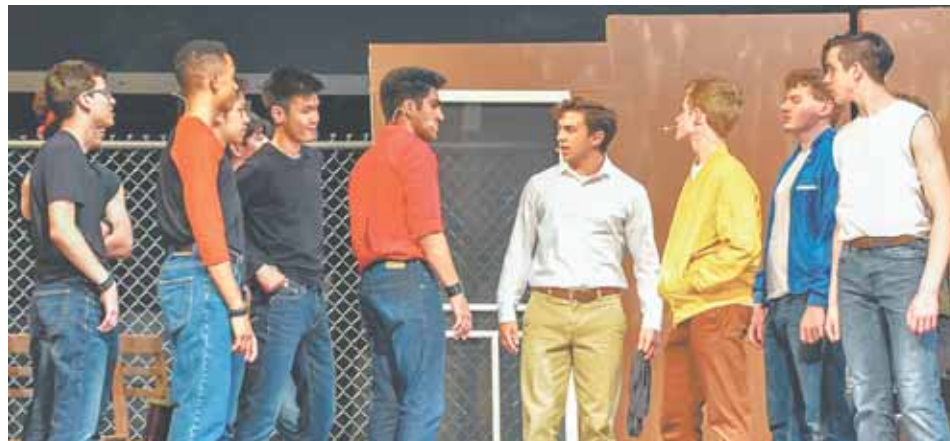


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From left, Adam Sieff, Chris Royal, Dylan Quan, Eldiir Aldaiaror, Ryaan Farhadi and Zach Spaford in James Madison High School production of 'West Side Story.'

Zach Spafford and Stella Moner as Tony and Maria were a breathtaking duo. Spafford's raw emotion and strong voice filled Tony with so much energy, and Moner's almost operatic voice was absolutely stunning. They somehow enhanced each other's voices so well that they sounded even better together than they did by themselves.

The Jets were an energetic ensemble, and every actor had their own distinct character and personality. Logan Neville, who played Tony's best friend Riff, stole the show. His precise dancing, melodic voice,

and cool composure enhanced the character and immersed the audience fully into his performance. Henro Kriel and Spencer Kury as A-Rab and Baby John were another dynamic duo. They perfectly maintained the balance between comedy and drama throughout the show.

The Sharks complemented the Jets' energy beautifully. The female dancers honed in on their characters and added energy to every dance that they were in. Maria Christou, who played Anita, Bernardo's girlfriend, fully embodied the character and complemented Stella Monner wonderfully.

Ryaan Farhadi as Bernardo had a menacing energy that he maintained throughout the show that was perfect for brooding Bernardo.

The aspect of the show that stood out the most was the dancing. From the ominous prologue to the playful gym dance, each number was filled with precise movements and high energy, and the cast maintained their faces and characters even while perfectly executing the complex dance moves. "Gee, Officer Krupke," a playful and comedic number, was a definite highlight. Ben Eggleston as Action led the number with almost manic yet completely hysterical movements.

The technical aspects of the show wonderfully complemented the lively energy onstage. The beautiful sets helped to immerse the audience into the world of "West Side Story," and the set team, Ransom Cain, Rebecca Lewis, and Renee Erickson created everything from a towering balcony to the perfect alley for a rumble. The costume team, Claire Ashby, Sidney Roth, and Lauren Bretl did a fantastic job of creating distinct costumes for the Sharks and the Jets.

Overall, James Madison High School's production of "West Side Story" was truly a sight to see. The huge dance numbers, dramatic fight sequences, and touching romance shone through each member of the Madison cast.

'Shear' Delight

BY MERCIA HOBSON
THE CONNECTION

On the Saturday of Mother's Day weekend 2019, families and individuals across Northern Virginia visited Frying Pan Farm Park in Herndon to celebrate Spring Farm Days, 1930s style. The event featured down-home activities, many involving the farm's herd of sheep. Net proceeds from ticket sales helped support the mission of Friends of Frying Pan Park, a 501(c) 3 charitable organization.

"The Friends of Frying Pan Park use the funds to support the costs for food and vet care for the farm animals," said Yvonne Johnson, Park Manager at Fairfax County Park Authority Frying Pan Farm Park.

A posted Schedule of Activities allowed the estimated 1,200 ticketed attendees to choose hands-on opportunities and step back in time to spring on a farm, and enjoy an acoustic jam of bluegrass music performed on the Kidwell Farmhouse porch. Musicians Sam Chessman of Reston on Bass, John Zulcen on Guitar, Nancy Miller of Herndon on autoharp, Terry Miller of Herndon on gui-



PHOTO BY MERCIA HOBSON/THE CONNECTION

The BIG FUN Bluegrass band performs during Spring Farm Day at Frying Pan Farm Park on Saturday, May 11.

tar, Lacy Hazlewood of Herndon on guitar, Randy Ihara, of South Riding on banjo and Debbie Billodeaux of Oak Hill on guitar, performed for event attendees.

CHILDREN AND ADULTS churned ice cream, milked a cow, made cheese and got up-close and personal to the farm's baby animals especially the young lambs and pigs. Ongoing opportunities presented chances to watch the art and craft of smithy Nicholas Kimball in the Moffett Blacksmith Shop and demonstrations of antique farm equipment

and wood stove cooking.

In the front paddock, Patrick McNamara, Naturalist/Historian Senior Interpreter at Frying Pan Farm Park narrated as professional sheep shearer Katie Cannon kept Elie the sheep safe and comfortable. Cannon let her legs do the work. She moved through different positions making long cuts of fleece along the sheep's side and back, holding the wool back with her leg.

The Linus family, formerly of Burke, dad Abe and children Ingrid, 9, and Linus, 5, stood nearby on the farmhouse porch overlooking the paddock. They discovered another part of the processing wool from sheep to shawl experience, taking carded rovings and spinning the fleece into yarn. Jason Buchanan, Frying Pan Farm Park Maintenance, instructed Ingrid. "Let it slip through your fingers," Buchanan said to Linus who watched the wool fibers twist together between her pinched fingers and thumb to form a string of yarn.

Abe Linus said his family always returns to Herndon for Spring on the Farm and wouldn't miss it. "We come every year," Linus said.

The Mai family of Fairfax sat on the Kidwell farmhouse porch beside the Linus' eating their lunch and enjoying the blue-

grass music by "Frying Pan Farm Park Acoustic Farm." "We are out here on weekdays and came today for the animals," said dad TG.

NEAR THE OLD Middleton barn, Jennifer Shipley lifted daughter Natalie, 2, onto a toy tractor. For her, the event proved an excellent chance to have fun with others. "We came with friends," she said, glancing over at Luke Browning, 4, and Brooke Browning, 2. Beside her Sue Neff and the BIG FUN, bluegrass band performed.

"It's wonderful to see the community come together to support this fundraising event while learning about agriculture and sharing memorable experiences," said Johnson.

Fairfax County Park Authority operates Frying Pan Farm Park, which preserves and interprets farm life of the 1920s to 1950s using appropriate tools and methods to produce an immersive experience. Located at 2709 West Ox Road, Herndon, the park also offers its Acoustic Farm, acoustic jams held semi-monthly on the first and third Sundays from 1 to 4 p.m., classes, camps, equestrian events and more. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/frying-pan-park for more information.

Choosing Swimming Lessons

What can parents do if child is afraid of the water.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL

The start of summer just around the corner and for some, warm weather is synonymous with trips to a pool or beach. swimming lessons are one the minds of many parents. May is National Water Safety Month, an effort designed to prevent illness, injury and death as a result of contact with the water. Part of a parent's role in ensuring safety for their children is knowing the factors to consider when looking for swimming lessons.

"People are starting get out and enjoy the water," said Aleatha Ezra, of The World's Largest Swimming Lesson, an event on June 20 designed to raise awareness of the importance of knowing how to swim. "We want to emphasis the importance to learning to swim, finding lessons and taking them seriously."

When looking for lessons, parents should inquire about the training of those who will be in charge of teaching their children. "We require all of our swim instructors to pass a certified lifeguard course," said Tommy Hamilton, Regional Manager at Goldfish Swim School of Reston, Falls Church and Alexandria. "In addition to this course all of our instructors also go through at least 40 hours of hands on training on our proprietary curriculum."

In order for lessons to be effective, the student teacher ratio should be as low as possible, advises Hamilton. "We believe that this gives them suitable time in the water practicing their skills as well as enough rest in between each skill," he said. "The small class sizes also allow us to maintain a high standard for safety."

The swim school should assess a child's ability and have a curriculum with a clearly defined plan that allows a child to advance as they gain skills.

"For example, we have a progressive curriculum. Our beginner swim classes start with basics like teaching kids to put their face in the water," said Jamel Wright, a swimming instructor for SafeSplash Swim School in Bethesda. "It moves through [phases] like stroke development and advances through competition level as the children are assessed and their swimming skills improve."

Parents should be allowed to observe their child's lessons, said Hamilton. "We love when parents get involved in the progress of their children," he said. "We believe this to be crucial to their growth. We keep our pool deck at a warm 90 degrees so we have large glass windows in our lobby so parents can be comfortable and watch the entire lesson."

Another factor to consider is whether or not there is a lifeguard on duty who can watch those in the water at all times. Water quality should be another concern. "Smell to make sure there are no strong chemical smells, which is not a sign of proper chlori-



PHOTO COURTESY OF GOLDFISH SWIM SCHOOL

An instructor at Goldfish Swim School teaches young children how to swim. Lessons can help ensure water safety.

"We want to emphasis the importance to learning to swim, finding lessons and taking them seriously."

— Aleatha Ezra, of The World's Largest Swimming Lesson

nation but rather contamination," said Shannon McKeon, Environmental Health Specialist. "Ask to see water quality reports that should be posted at every public pool."

There are times when a child has an extreme fear of water, but safety experts advise continuing the lessons with an instructor who is able to assist parents in helping a child overcome that fear.

"To cope with swimming fears, we should first relax with slow, deep, nose breathing," said Jerome Short, Ph.D. Licensed Clinical Psychologist and Associate Professor of Psychology at George Mason University. "We can close our eyes briefly and go to a quiet, comfortable place. After we are relaxed, we should watch others who enjoy swimming and imagine doing it ourselves successfully. Then move forward in small steps to shallow water, slowly submerge the body, and practice floating with someone close by to support you. Take a break if

there is discomfort but try again soon to make more progress."

Read story books on children who were afraid to swim but were successful, advises Carol Barnaby, LCSW I. "Scared children are already tackling emotional burdens and don't need to see, hear, or feel their parents frustration, she said. "Take your child's fear seriously and acknowledge it. Let them know that you understand that they are scared. Start swim lessons out of the water so that there can be trust established this will make them feel safe and ready to learn."

Barnaby continued, "Let your child know that you believe in them and that you have confidence they will succeed at their goal."

Praise all efforts and offer physical reassurance when they leave the water. Children who receive positive reinforcement will try harder even when they are scared. Give your child frequent reassurance that they are safe and help is there."

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Route 123 over Route 7 Bridge Rehabilitation Fairfax County

Public Information Meeting

Thursday, May 30, 2019

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Presentation begins at 7 p.m.

Freedom Hill Elementary School

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Find out about plans to rehabilitate the northbound and southbound Route 123 (Chain Bridge Road) bridges over Route 7 (Leesburg Pike) in order to improve safety for drivers, bicyclists and pedestrians and extend the overall life of the bridges. The bridges were built in 1965.

The planned improvements include repairing and resurfacing the concrete bridge decks, repairing bridge piers, abutments and bearings, painting steel bridge beams and repaving Route 123 adjacent to the bridges.

Stop by between 6:30 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. to view displays and learn more about the project and its preliminary design. A presentation will begin at 7 p.m. Project staff will be available to answer your questions.

Review project information at the VDOT project website (www.virginiadot.org/projects), at the information meeting, or during business hours at VDOT's Northern Virginia District Office at 4975 Alliance Drive in Fairfax. Please call ahead at 703-259-2770 or TTY/TDD 711 to ensure appropriate personnel are available to answer your questions.

Give your written comments at the meeting, or submit them by **June 10, 2019** to Mr. Gang Zhang, P.E., Virginia Department of Transportation, 4975 Alliance Drive, Fairfax, VA 22030, or email meetingcomments@VDOT.virginia.gov. Please reference "Route 123 over Route 7 Bridge Rehabilitation" in the subject line.

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State Project: 0123-029-385, P101, B640; 0123-029-384, P101, B641 UPC: 111685, 111686, Federal: STP-BR0-9 (297)

CALENDAR

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

ONGOING

Art Exhibit: “Taking Territory.” Through June 1, gallery hours at MPA@ChainBridge, 1446 Chain Bridge Road, McLean. Taking Territory: New Works by Susan Goldman, Barbara Kerne, Eve Stockton and Patricia Underwood, features pieces that mine many of the techniques employed by artists working in printmaking today. An opening reception is set for April 11, 7-9 p.m. Visit mpaart.org for more.

The Member of the Wedding. Through June 2 at 1st Stage Theater, 1524 Spring Hill Road, Tysons. Adapted from the beloved novel of the same name, this evocative, poetic coming of age drama explores the pains of youth and the meaning of family. The Member of the Wedding will run Thursdays, 7:30 p.m.; Fridays, 8 p.m.; Saturdays at 2 and 8 p.m.; and Sundays at 2 p.m. \$15-\$39. Visit www.1ststage.org or call 703-854-1856 for tickets.

Oak Marr Farmers’ Market. 8 a.m.-noon at Oak Marr RECenter, 3200 Jermantown Road, Oakton. Every Wednesday through Nov. 13, rain or shine. Vendors include produce, meats, eggs, cheeses, pies, cured and smoked meats, popsicles, sorbet, bread, croissants, falafel sandwiches, humus, and pesto. Call 703-281-6501 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/farmersmarkets/oak-marr for more.

McLean Farmers Market. Fridays, through Nov. 15, 8 a.m.-noon at Lewinsville Park, closed on May 17 for McLean Day setup.

Great Falls Farmers Market. Saturdays, 9a.m.-1p.m. Great Falls Village Center, 778 Walker Road. www.Facebook.com/GreatFallsCommunityFarmersMarket/

FRIDAY/MAY 17

Bike to Work Day 2019. Pit stop times vary, all over the region. Join more than 20,000 area commuters for a free celebration of bicycling as a fun, healthy and environmentally-friendly way to get to work. There are 115 Bike to Work Day pit stops to choose from. The first 20,000 to register and attend will receive a free Bike to Work Day T-shirt, enjoy refreshments and chances to win prizes. Visit www.biketoworkmetrodc.org.

McLean Art Society Meeting. 10 a.m.-noon at The McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Ave. Anya Getter will be the featured artist. Getter is a member of The Arlington Artist’s Alliance and shows her work at the Gallery Underground in Arlington. She will be demonstrating the application of painting on collage. Guests are welcome. Call 703 790-0123.

“Dining with Dorothy.” 12:30 p.m. at Anitas, 521 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. Join with friends or make new ones. Newcomers are always welcome. To reserve a space contact event chair, Dorothy Flood at dflood1706@gmail.com.

SCOV Coffeehouse & Wine Bar. 6:30-9 p.m. at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church DeSalle Hall, 8601 Wolfrap Road SE, Vienna. Join this fun friend raiser. Music and dancing, light refreshments, wine/beer/coffee. Entertainment by Tom Portman and Friends. \$20 per person or \$35 per couple (bring a friend). RSVP by May 6 to SCOV office@scov.org or 703-281-0538.

Classical Guitar Recital. 7:30 p.m. at Church of the Holy Comforter, 543 Beulah Road, Vienna. Church of the Holy Comforter presents: A Classical Guitar Recital with Fr. Rick Lord. Come and enjoy a program of solo guitar works by Dowland, Scarlatti, Sor, Tarrega, Assad, and Oliva. Visit www.holycomforter.com for more.

FRIDAY-SATURDAY/MAY 17-18

Book Sale. Friday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. at Great Falls Library, 9830 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. The Friends of the Great Falls Library semi-annual sale. Art books, cookbooks, gardening, design, religion, travel, how-to and self-help, thousands of books for children, teens and young adults, along with great selections of music and audio books on CD and movie DVDs. Preview sale for Friends members on Thursday, May 16, 6-8 p.m. Fill a shopping bag of books \$5 during the last two hours on Saturday. Call 703-757-8560.

SATURDAY/MAY 18

Native Plant Sale. 8 a.m.-1 p.m. in the parking lot of the Vienna Community Center. All plants are raised and sold by Hill House Garden Nursery, which specializes in high-quality native plants. In addition, Kristina Clarin of the Northern Virginia Soil and Water Conservation



McLean Day

Bring the family and enjoy McLean’s biggest annual event. Vote for an MCC Governing Board candidate. Enjoy the free live entertainment, sponsors, exhibitors, food trucks, ticketed large and small carnival rides, costumed characters, amusements, games, free shuttle parking and more. Large ride preview, Friday, May 17, 2-7 p.m.; McLean Day, Saturday, May 18, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. at Lewinsville Park, 1659 Chain Bridge Road, McLean. Visit www.mcleancenter.org for more.



Piano Concert

Thomas Pandolfi ,nationally and internationally renowned piano virtuoso, performs in a fundraiser concert sponsored by the Great Falls UMC United Methodist Women. Meet and greet reception to follow. Sunday, June 2, 2-3:30 p.m. at Great Falls United Methodist Church, 10100 Georgetown Pike ,Great Falls. \$40 Purchase tickets at www.greatfallsumc.org.

District and beekeeper Steven Youssef will be on hand to share information and answer questions. Visit viennava.gov for more.

McLean Day 2019. 11 a.m.-5 p.m. at Lewinsville Park, 1659 Chain Bridge Road, McLean. Bring the family and enjoy McLean’s biggest annual event. Vote for an MCC Governing Board candidate. Enjoy the free live entertainment, sponsors, exhibitors, food trucks, ticketed large and small carnival rides, costumed characters, amusements, games, free shuttle parking and more. A large ride preview takes place Friday, May 17, 2-7 p.m. Visit www.mcleancenter.org

Artist Talk: “Taking Territory.” 2 p.m. at MPA@ChainBridge, 1446 Chain Bridge Road, McLean. Taking Territory: New Works by Susan Goldman, Barbara Kerne, Eve Stockton and Patricia Underwood. Helen Frederick, an MPA board member, as well as an artist, will moderate. Visit mpaart.org for more.

Securing Personal Data in the Age of Social Media. 2-3 p.m. at Oakton Library, 10304 Lynnhaven Place, Oakton. How to manage privacy and data when using social networks from a cybersecurity expert. No registration required. Free Call 703-242-4020.

A Bohemian Life. 7:30 p.m. at The Falls Church Episcopal, 115 E. Fairfax St., Falls Church. The Tysons McLean Orchestra featuring Béla Bartók – Romanian Folk Dances; Carl Maria Von Weber – Clarinet Concerto No. 2 in E-flat major; and Antonin Dvorák – Symphony No. 9 in E minor, “From the New World.” \$15-\$40. Visit tysonsmcleanorchestra.org for more.

SUNDAY/MAY 19

Wagon Ride at Riverbend Park. 10-11:30 a.m.

at Riverbend Park, 8700 Potomac Hills St., Great Falls. Family members age 2-adult are invited to go on a “Wagon Ride-Journey to the Potomac River” through the woods and along the river while learning about Riverbend Park’s wildlife and the American Indians who once lived there. \$7 per person. Call 703-759-9018 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/riverbend.

Visit Colvin Run Mill. 11 a.m.-4 p.m. at Colvin Run Mill, 10017 Colvin Run Road, Great Falls. Don’t miss the chance to see, hear and taste history with a Sunday visit to Colvin Run Mill. Stop by the mill for a grinding demonstration from noon-3 p.m. Miller grinds wheat or corn into flour and meal that can be purchased. Call the site to confirm grinding is on. \$8 for adults, \$7 for students 16 and up with ID, and \$6 for children and seniors. Call 703-759-2771 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/colvin-run-mill.

Art Show and Open House. 3 p.m. at St. John’s Church, 6715 Georgetown Pike, McLean. St. John’s Church will host a display of the photographs of landscape photographer Robin Kent. Enjoy light refreshments, and tour recently-completed renovations. Free and open to the public. All are welcome. Call 703-356-4902 or visit www.stjohnsmclean.org.

Amadeus Concerto Concert. 4 p.m. at Saint Luke Catholic Church, 7001 Georgetown Pike, McLean. Amadeus Orchestra’s Emerging Artist Program features young musicians just being discovered. For the first time, they are joining with the Northern Virginia Music Teachers Association to feature 2019 NVMTA competition prizewinners, accompanied by Amadeus’s professional orchestra. Featuring students from McLean, Fairfax, Herndon, Oak Hill/Herndon,

Falls Church, Arlington, and Great Falls. Adults \$40; children 17 and under free. Visit amadeusconcerts.com/ for more.

Side-by-Side. 4 p.m. at Vinson Hall, 1733 Kirby Road, McLean. Side-by-Side with Members of The Tysons McLean Orchestra. The McLean Youth Orchestra (MYO) is the premier youth orchestra in the Northern Virginia region. Visit tysonsmcleanorchestra.org

Noye’s Fludde (Noah’s Flood). 4 p.m. at The Falls Church Episcopal, 115 E. Fairfax St., Falls Church. VOCE will present a semi-staged performance of English composer Benjamin Britten’s community opera, Noye’s Fludde (Noah’s Flood). Our performance is both a celebration of VOCE and of the vitality of music and the arts in our community. Free. Visit www.voce.org or call 703-277-7772.

MONDAY/MAY 20

SCOV Lunch n Life. Noon at Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 2589 Chain Bridge Road, Vienna. Celebrating Japanese culture and beauty with entertainment by the Washington-Tokyo Women’s Club Chorus. \$15 per person. Reservation due by May 10. RSVP to SCOV office@scov.org or 703-281-0538.

TUESDAY/MAY 21

Oakton TED-Ed Event. 6-8 p.m. at Oakton High School, 2900 Sutton Road, Vienna. Presentation of student-produced TED Talks – an opportunity to observe the opinions and worldviews of teenagers in the community. Free. Email emisrichardson@gmail.com for more.

WEDNESDAY/MAY 22

Foreign-Language Film. 1 p.m. At The Alden, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. Free admission. Come enjoy foreign films selected by The Alden staff, then stay after for a discussion backstage in The Alden’s green room. All movies are shown in the original language with English subtitles. Foreign-language films will be shown at 1 p.m. on the 4th Wednesday of the month through May. www.mcleancenter.org.

Author: Franziska Stein. 2-3:30 p.m. at Patrick Henry Library, 101 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. Meet the author of Chopin Through the Window: An Autobiography, tells story as a young Czech woman of German ancestry caught up in World War II. Free. Call 703-938-0405

Holy Happy Hour Recital Series. 6:15 p.m. at Lewinsville Presbyterian Church, 1724 Chain Bridge Road, McLean. Featuring Soprano Laura Snyderman, the 30-minute musical offering will be followed by wine, hor d’oeuvres and fellowship. Free and open to the public. Visit www.Lewinsville.org or call 703-356-7200.

FRIDAY/MAY 24

The Old Firehouse – After 7 Dance Party. 7-10 p.m. at the Old Firehouse, 1440 Chain Bridge Road, McLean. The Old Firehouse presents After 7, a reimaged take on the Old Firehouse’s Friday Night Dances of the past. Catered food and drinks, raffles, plus a DJ playing your requests and the latest hip-hop and pop hits, makes this event one can’t miss. \$5 admission. Preregistration is recommended. Call 703-448-8336 or visit mcleancenter.org for more.

SATURDAY-SUNDAY/MAY 25-26

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 Viva! Vienna. Free admission. Call 703-938-5157 or visit www.nvmr.org.

SUNDAY/MAY 26

Build Bee-utiful Housing. 9-10:30 a.m. at Riverbend Park, 8700 Potomac Hills St., Great Falls. Have fun learning about local pollinators while using invasive plants to build homes for these natives. The bees this house attracts are mason bees, pollinators and solitary bees that rarely sting. Designed for participants 3-adult. \$8 per person. Call 703-759-9018 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/riverbend.

THURSDAY/MAY 30

Mah Jongg Lessons. 2-5 p.m. at Temple Rodef Shalom, 2100 Westmoreland St., Falls Church. Mah Jongg classes. \$85, includes needed Mah Jongg Card. Call Renee Andrews, 703-532-2217

FRIDAY/MAY 31

Film Screening: Plastic Paradise. 6:30 p.m. at Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Fairfax (UUCF) Chapel in the Program Building, 2709 Hunter Mill Road, Oakton. Join the Climate Action Group of (UUCF) and Faith Alliance For Climate Solutions (FACS) for Plastic Paradise — every single piece of plastic that has ever been created since the 19th century is still somewhere on our planet. Visit www.unityoffairfax.org



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From left, William Carroccio, Jonathan Del Palmer, Dylan J. Fleming and Zoe Walpole in "Member of the Wedding" at 1st Stage.

Life in Black and White

"The Member of the Wedding" at Tysons 1st Stage.

BY DAVID SIEGEL
THE CONNECTION

The drama begins with the bluesy notes of a solo trumpet. It grows into the touching 1st Stage production of Carson McCullers' legendary "The Member of the Wedding." It is a play about white and black individuals in situations not often seen on area stages.

Sensitively directed by Cara Gabriel, the 1st Stage production of "The Member of the Wedding" is far more than about a lonely 12-year old girl named Frankie (portrayed by Zoe Walpole as a hyper force of nature one moment and an utterly lost human being the next). As she says, "I wish I was somebody else besides me. If I had to be me for the rest of my life, I think I would die."

Frankie longs to escape her isolated rural Deep South existence. She purposely bumps against society's ingrained norms starting with her having her hair cut short. Frankie is also a girl whose mother died during childbirth and is being raised by a cold father and by the warm loving family housekeeper. On the cusp of her teenage years Frankie is seeking the "we of me," through an unusual entanglement with her soon-to-be-wed brother and his bride-to-be.

Over time, Frankie's family housekeeper, Bernice Sadie Brown takes on the central dramatic place in the production. Through Bernice (a vivid Deidra LaWan Starnes brightly incandescent when the moment requires and world weary the next) layer upon layer of emotional resonance takes center stage. It is through Bernice's daily struggles with racism that the production becomes a force to emphatically examine embedded white privilege. (Please note that the "N" word is spoken.)

The journey with "The Member of the Wedding" includes the meticulous work of Rebecca Ballinger, Michael Crowley, Caroline Dubberly, Dylan J. Fleming, Jonathan Helwig, Jonathan Del Palmer, and



PHOTO BY TERESA CASTRACANE/COURTESY 1ST STAGE

From left, Michael Crowley, Zoe Walpole, Jonathan Helwig, S. Gabriel Mackenna and Caroline Dubberly in "Member of the Wedding" at 1st Stage.

Where and When

1st Stage presents "The Member of the Wedding" at 1524 Spring Hill Road, Tysons. Performances through June 2, 2019. Thursday at 7:30 p.m., Fridays at 8 p.m., Saturdays at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m. Tickets: \$39 (adults), \$36 (seniors 65+), \$15 (students and military), Call 703.854.1856 or visit www.1ststagetysons.org

alternating in the role of Frankie's six year old cousin John Henry West are William Carroccio and S. Gabriel Mackenna.

The production's creative team has fabricated a set design so realistic one might think the oven worked and there were real crickets. The team includes Jonathan Dahm Robertson (set), Jason Arnold (lighting), Neil McFadden (sound) and Felysia Furnary (props). Costumes by Debra Kim Sivigny give both Frankie and Bernice a graphic visual depiction at any moment.

The 1st Stage production of "The Member of the Wedding" tunnels into audience hearts and souls on multiple levels until the solo trumpet is heard once again.

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The Governing Board and staff of the McLean Community Center (MCC) strongly encourage all qualified residents to vote for members of its 2019-2020 Governing Board. Your vote sends a very important message of your support of the Center's programs and services.

WHEN & WHERE

Vote between the hours of 10:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. at the McLean Day 2019 festival on Saturday, May 18, at Lewinsville Park, 1659 Chain Bridge Rd.

REQUIREMENTS TO VOTE

1. You must be a resident of the MCC tax district (Dranesville Small District 1A); however, you need not be registered to vote in the general election.
2. You must be at least 18 years old by McLean Day to vote for adult candidates. Adults may vote for up to three candidates.
3. You must be 15 through 17 years old by McLean Day to vote for youth candidates. Youth voters have two votes, and may vote for one candidate in the McLean High School boundary area, and one candidate in the Langley High School boundary area.
4. You must bring identification and proof of residency, such as a driver's license; or you may sign an affidavit.



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THURSDAY/MAY 16

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

Memory Cafe. 2-4 p.m. at Andrew Chapel United Methodist Church, 1301 Trap Road, Vienna. Connect with others living with loved ones with dementia. Helping those with dementia and their caregivers find fun, resources and "family." Email Carol Blackwell at lovriver@aol.com or call at 571-236-6933.

FRIDAY/MAY 17

Emergency Preparedness for Parents of Students with Disabilities. 10 a.m.-noon at Dunn Loring Center for Parent Services, 2334 Gallows Road, Entrance 1 - Room 100, Dunn Loring. Fairfax County's Office of Emergency Management is committed to the inclusion of all. Free to parents, educators and community members. Call 703-204-3941 or visit www.fcps.edu/resources/family-engagement/parent-resource-center

NEXUS 2019: Fussy Minds Forum. 1-3:30 p.m. at Fairfax County Public Schools Virginia Hills Center, 6520 Diana Lane, Alexandria. Participants discuss the effects of stress on the brain-ways of the young and how to build the resilience needed for successful learning into adulthood. Space is limited; register at www.eventbrite.com/e/community-conversation-addressing-irritability-stress-fussiness-in-todays-youth-tickets-60314231490.

SATURDAY/MAY 18

Open House and Early Education Expo. 9:30 a.m.-noon at Falls Church-McLean Children's Center at Lemon Road Elementary School, 7230 Idylwood Road, Falls Church. The Children's Center, a nonprofit, non-denominational preschool serving children from low- and moderate-income, working families since 1968, has openings for children ages 2-4 for fall 2019. Call 703-534-4907 or visit www.fcmlcc.org

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or contact Lily Jones, Division of Legislative Services, at (804) 698-1850.

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McLean Community Center Governing Board. McLean Community Center (MCC) has certified 11 Dranesville Small District 1A residents, five adults and six teens, to run for seats on the McLean Community Center Governing Board. Residents of Dranesville Small District 1A are eligible to vote during the election. Voting for Governing Board members will be held from 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, May 18, at the McLean Day 2019 festival at Lewinsville Park, 1659 Chain Bridge Road. Residents also may vote by absentee ballot through Wednesday, May 15. Write-in Candidates are allowed. A resident may request an absentee ballot package by phone (703-744-9348, TTY: 711) or email (elections@mcleancenter.org), or may pick one up at MCC, 1234 Ingleside Ave., or The Old Firehouse Center, 1440 Chain Bridge Road. Call 703-790-0123/TTY: 711 or visit bit.ly/2TKUw6 for more.

SUNDAY/MAY 19

Youth Sunday. 11 a.m.-noon at Lewinsville Presbyterian Church, 1724 Chain Bridge Road, McLean. The 11 a.m. Service of Worship on Youth Sunday will be led by members of the Lewinsville Youth Ministry program. The entire service has been carefully created by the Lewinsville Youth Fellowship including the liturgy and music for the day. Free. Call 703-356-7200 or visit www.lewinsville.org/events/youth-sunday-may-19/.

Hymn Sing. 6:45-8 p.m. at McLean Presbyterian Church, 1020 Balls Hill Road, McLean. Celebrate and worship with some of your favorite, time-honored hymns at this night of worship featuring a chamber string orchestra and organ. Free. Email sarah@mcleanpres.org or visit mcleanpres.org/events/hymn-sing/

TUESDAY/MAY 21

FCPS Career Switcher Information Session. 5:30-7:30 p.m. at Willow Oaks Administrative Center, Room 1000A, 8270 Willow Oaks Corporate Drive, Fairfax. Presentations from the four approved Virginia Department of Education (VDOE) career switcher programs, Educate Virginia, Old Dominion University, Regent University and Shenandoah University. Troops to Teachers will also present their program offerings to military veteran attendees. FCPS educators will hold a Q&A, followed by an opportunity to network with the five presenters, the FCPS licensure team and the substitute office. Register at <https://tinyurl.com/y66g4syc>.

WEDNESDAY/MAY 22

MCC Governing Board Monthly Meeting. 7:30 p.m. at McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. Open to the public. Tax district residents (Small District One A-Dranesville) who wish to speak during the "Citizen Comment" portion of the meeting are asked to call the Center at 703-790-0123, TTY: 711, to be placed on the agenda.

TUESDAY/MAY 23

Park Authority Summer Jobs. 10 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Herrity Building, 12055 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax. This year the Fairfax County Park Authority's Rec-PAC summer camp program will operate at 45 elementary school locations around Fairfax County on weekdays from July 1-Aug.8, 8:15 a.m.-3:45 p.m. Applicants are required to bring an original Social Security Card and a DMV photo ID. Only those who are 18 years of age and older will be considered. www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/rec-pac/jobs or email Recpac@fairfaxcounty.gov.

Dealing with Chronic Disease. 7:30-9 p.m. at Patrick Henry Library, 101 Maple Ave. East, Vienna. Angela and Karl Robb will share insights from their books: A Soft Voice in a Noisy World and Dealing and Healing with Parkinson's. Books available. Adults. Free. Call 703-938-0405 or visit librarycalendar.fairfaxcounty.gov/event/5183526.

SUNDAY/MAY 26

Taizé Contemplative Worship. 5 p.m. in St. Mary's Chapel at Church of the Holy Comforter, 543 Beulah Road, NE, Vienna. From September through May, Holy Comforter's Music Ministry sponsors evening services in a contemplative style, offering an opportunity to decompress and prepare for the week ahead. The service occurs on the last Sunday of the month. Visit www.holycomforter.com for more.

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The Weak Of



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

Concerning the three 'weak's' during which this arc will publish: last week's "The Weak Before," this week's "The Weak Of" and next week's "The Weak After," this week's "The Weak Of" when I actually lie down for my bi-monthly CT scan (and as it coincides occasionally, my semiannual brain MRI), is the easiest.

The worry of its occurrence is over, since I'm on site and "gowned up" waiting to hear my name called. And the worry of the results has not yet seeped in because the scanning process has barely begun and nothing will happen and/or be expected to be communicated in the next few days anyway.

Next week - when I know the results are somewhere and I've not received any feedback from my oncologist, within five days or so - is when I'll begin to stress for all the reasons with which you regular readers are familiar.

What this "The Weak Of" means to me is progress. And even though that 'progress' could mean disappointing news, it could also mean that my status is quo.

And as difficult as hearing that the CT scan showed growth and/or the brain MRI showed something more, at least we'd gain some knowledge that we didn't have previously, and that new knowledge will be crucial as new treatment options are considered.

However, it's not as if I feel I'm in the dark during the intervals between scans. Hardly. It's more that I'm in a situation where knowledge is a powerful tool and the more of it my doctors, particularly my oncologist, have about me, the better.

The only problem? The frequency of these recurring diagnostic scans means nearly every week, bi-weekly immunotherapy infusions notwithstanding, I'm in some kind of 'weak.'

As you all know, I can compartmentalize but, I'm afraid the compartments are starting to fill up. Ten-plus years of surviving cancer will do that.

The CT scan and MRI appointments, in and of themselves are not compartment-filling though. Having had over 50 of them by now, I'm unaffected. Moreover I drive the same route to the same facility and are tended to by the same technicians; my good luck charms, as I tell them.

They always greet me by name, smile and ask how I'm doing. I likewise reply in a positive way and thank them for the many good results I've had and encourage them to keep up the good work (I realize they have nothing to do with the actual results, good or bad, but I still like to prime the pump, so to speak).

And when the process is complete, I'll leave feeling more upbeat than when I arrived. A feeling which continues until the next week, 'the weak after.' That's when I'll feel the same kind of emotional jitters I experienced during 'the weak before.'

So, as I begin 'the weak of,' I begin it with hope and humor, my stock-in-trade. Hope for all the obvious reasons and humor because whatever happens, I'll likely make some joke about it and try to lighten the weight of it all with as light a touch as I can muster.

But for the time/'weak' being, I will enjoy the not-knowing the results and bask in the presumptive naivete. Because, if and when there is confirmation that my ship has sailed or that it's beginning to take on water, there might not be too much funny that I can say or do at that point to turn the tide.

Nevertheless, I'd like to think I'll be up to the challenge. One never knows. These three 'weak's' I can manage. We'll see about the next one.

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Meet the Candidates

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throughout our community.

Q: Key ways you differ from your opponents.

A: I am the only candidate in this race who has experience as an elected official representing all Fairfax residents and overseeing 53 percent of the county budget as a School Board member. I am also the only candidate who, through years of working in international business and think tank environ-

ments, has built global networks that can help our county become a model for international business development and investment. Perhaps most importantly, I am an outsider to the Board of Supervisors.

My roles as a FCPS graduate, a Fairfax parent, a School Board member, a global thinker and candidate for Chair have one thread: a dedication to the county that I love. I want to make sure everyone who calls this place home is able to give back to it as I have sought to do and achieve the American Dream.

Alicia Plerhoples

Age: no answer provided

Education: Harvard College (B.A.)
Yale Law School (J.D.)
Princeton University,
Woodrow Wilson School (M.P.A)
Family: Daughters
Native of:
Moved to Your District:
Prior and current professional, political and civic experiences, community involvement, etc.:

- ❖ Tenured law professor, Georgetown Law
- ❖ Founder of a public interest law center, advising small businesses, social enterprises, startups and nonprofits
- ❖ Formerly a corporate finance attorney at Cooley LLP
- ❖ Formerly a real estate finance attorney at DLA Piper LLP
- ❖ Recipient of the American Bar Association's 2017 Outstanding Nonprofit Lawyer Award
- ❖ Elected member of the Governing Board of the McLean Community Center
- ❖ PTA president at daughters' public school
- ❖ Member, FCPS Board's Human Resources Advisory Committee



Alicia Plerhoples

sory Committee

Q: Why are you running?

A: I am running to improve the quality of life for every Fairfax County resident. I see other municipalities passing us by, whether on environmental action, public transit, living wages, affordable housing, or educational investment.

Q: What are the top issues in your district and what solutions do you propose:

- ❖ To foster liveable, affordable communities where people who work here can afford to live here
- ❖ To develop a vibrant economy that creates quality jobs and restores a clean, sustainable environment
- ❖ To ensure our high quality public schools meet the needs of students in every part of the county, no matter one's zip code.

Q: Key ways you differ from your opponents?

A: I am the only candidate committed to putting voters first by refusing to accept political contributions from real estate developers. That is a conflict of interest.

I am the only lawyer, experienced in bringing private sector, small business to the table.

Tim Chapman

Age:

Education: Emerson High School
Family: Wife, Julianna, 5 children
Native of: Maryland
Moved to Your District: 2005
Prior and current professional, political and civic experiences, community involvement, etc.:

- ❖ Real Estate developer
- ❖ Appointee to Virginia Housing Development Authority (VHDA) by Gov. McAuliffe
- ❖ Elected Chair of VHDA. During my tenure at the VHDA, I helped invest billions of dollars into affordable housing projects, and helped thousands of families buy their first homes.
- ❖ Board member homeless shelter in Washington, D.C.
- ❖ Veteran United States Army Presidential Guard

Q: Why are you running?

A: I am running for Chair of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors because I want to extend the opportunities for success I've had to all of our Fairfax County neighbors. I love living in Fairfax County, but our community, like the bottom side of a pancake, is not perfect. We are one of the wealthiest counties in the United States, but deep-rooted inequality remains.

These inequalities are rooted in a closed political system that for decades has served only the wealthy and well-connected...stifling competition from out-



Tim Chapman

siders and has relegated the Board of Supervisors to a land use and zoning review board. We can do better.

I want to give a voice to the working class families and underserved communities in Fairfax County, and to address problems that affect everyone. Together, we can create a more equitable prosperity in Fairfax County.

Q: Key ways you differ from your opponents?

A: ❖ Background in business, development and managing large enterprises

❖ I'm no stranger to hard work. My mother and I were homeless for a portion of my childhood. You don't go from youth homelessness to managing a \$13 billion agency overnight. I have spent my life building things, solving problems, and serving my community.

❖ I have the real world experience that it will take to help Fairfax County move forward, and I am prepared to take my service to a new level as Chair of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors.

❖ I have spent my career building affordable housing...with the VHDA we made it possible for thousands of moderate income Virginians to buy a home. These experiences uniquely position me to lead Fairfax County towards a brighter future.

Please note: Mr. Chapman's responses to the Connection questionnaire were not received by press time. The information above is taken from his campaign website at chapmanforchair.com.



PHOTOS CONTRIBUTED

Aden (left, white shirt) and Lydia (front) created the petition at the Walk on the Hill.



Aden and Lydia turned in the petition to the Town Clerk, Melanie Clark.

Campaigning for Environment in Vienna

Save the Town of Vienna compost program to support the environment. That is what Vienna residents Adan Dreyer, 8, and Lydia Plante, 13, dedicated themselves to remind the Town Council before the 2020 budget vote on May 13. During the Walk on the Hill, they set up a booth with posters and obtained

more than 150 signatures. Aden added signatures from his entire second grade class at Louise Archer Elementary School to raise the total to more than 170. The mulching program is currently not a high priority item on the Town agenda, and these kids wanted to be sure that someone spoke out.



Council member Carey Sienicki met with Aden Dreyer and Lydia Plante.