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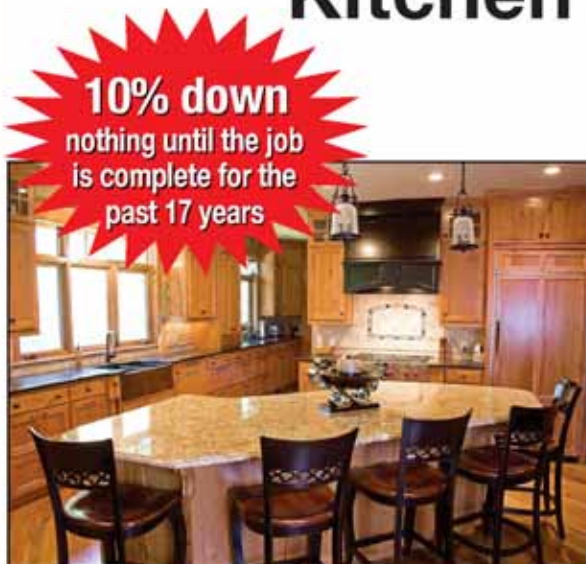
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Celebrating the victory, from left: Fairfax County Board of Supervisors Chair Sharon Bulova, U.S. Rep. Gerry Connolly (D-11) and Lee District Supervisor Jeff McKay. Connolly was chairman before he was elected to Congress.



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Round 1 is over. The Democratic primaries for the Board of Supervisors, Commonwealth's Attorney, and other elected positions came to an end on June 11. Just after 7 p.m., all that is left outside Government Center are the candidates' signs.

Small Voter Turnout Heralds Big Changes

McKay's 'Experience Counts' tagline resonates, as does the call for criminal justice reform in the Commonwealth's Attorney race.

BY ANDREA WORKER
THE CONNECTION

In an election night that will deliver major change to Fairfax County, voter turnout was just 10.2 percent of the county's more than 700,000 active registered voters.

It was not a general election, nor was it an election during a Presidential election year — events that generally bring the largest number of voters to the polling booths — but a higher turnout was expected given the unprecedented number of seats up for grabs on the Board of Supervisors, including the chairman's position. Some of these races hadn't experienced a primary in decades.

IN THE UNOFFICIAL RESULTS posted by the Virginia Department of Elections, Jeff McKay, the current Lee District representative on the Board of Supervisors, beat out his three opponents — Ryan McElveen, At-Large Fairfax County Public Schools Board member, Georgetown law professor Alicia Plerhoples, and developer Timothy Chapman, for the chairman's spot, taking 42.48 percent of the vote. Plerhoples was his closest rival with 31.34 percent and was the obvious favorite in several precincts, particularly in the Reston, Herndon and Vienna areas, with Chapman a distant fourth at 9.80 percent, despite outspending the McKay by more than \$350,000. Both Plerhoples nor McElveen campaigned with far less money. The Virginia Public Access Project (vpap.org) reports \$87,327 spent by



McKay



Descano



Alcorn



Lusk



Palchick



Walkinshaw



Saslaw

McElveen; \$147,791 spent by Plerhoples; \$503,169 by McKay; and \$853,399 by Chapman.

McKay promoted his 11 years of experience on the board — and the relationships he has built over those years — during his primary campaign. Previous experience did not win the day for all of the candidates, but seemed to weigh in his favor with the Fairfax County electorate.

McKay will face Republican Joseph Galdo in the general election on Nov. 5, but supporters at his election Watch Party at Kilroy's Sports Bar and Restaurant in Springfield — including U.S. Rep. Gerry Connolly (D-11) and current Chair Sharon Bulova — were more than ready to declare McKay the chair-elect.

"Things aren't perfect," acknowledged McKay supporter Henry Dent of Springfield at the McKay Watch Party, but the retired federal contractor said McKay won his vote because he has seen "progress in the right direction on the real issues — like affordable housing and pay raises for teachers and first responders and working on the traffic problems." Like McKay, Dent doesn't think

that now is the time to "take a chance on people without any experience."

McKay's progression toward the chairmanship of the board leaves his current Lee District seat vacant. Four Democratic hopefuls contended: Planning Commissioner James Migliaccio; attorney Kelly Hebron; lawyer and nonprofit Melwood chief of staff Larysa Kautz all fell to Rodney Lusk, the Fairfax County Economic Development Authority national marketing director. Lusk won with 46.21 percent of the votes. With no Republican or Independent candidates having filed for the seat, the primary win will send Lusk directly to the board in the new year.

James Walkinshaw, the former chief of staff to Connolly, won his race for the Braddock District Supervisor to replace Supervisor John Cook, who announced that he would not be seeking re-election. Walkinshaw defeated Irma Corado 67.22 percent to 32.78 percent, but unlike Lusk, Walkinshaw will be back on the campaign trail in just a few weeks as he will face two opponents in November — Republican Jason Remer and Independent Carey

Campbell who is running for the position for the fifth time.

"I will take a few minutes to catch my breath and say 'hello' to my wife again, then it's back at it," said Walkinshaw at the Kilroy's event where he celebrated his victory along with McKay. "I can't take anything for granted. I have to get out there and keep listening and offering my message."

The impending retirement of long-time Supervisor Catherine Hudgins brought out five candidates seeking to replace her in representing the residents of the Hunter Mill District, a contest which featured some unusual elements.

Walter Alcorn, who has served on the Fairfax County Planning Commission for 16 years, took first place in that race, with 47.17 percent of the votes. Reston resident, long-time activist and child advocate attorney Laurie Dodd was the runner up with 24.94 percent. Shyamali Hauth, Maggie Parker and Parker Messick ran third, fourth and fifth, respectively.

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OPINION

New Majority on Board of Supervisors

Eight things to study, get up to speed.

One thing we know for sure, Fairfax County is about to lose a lot of institutional knowledge on the Board of Supervisors. Here are a few suggestions for areas where those who might find themselves on a fully re-constituted Board of Supervisors should bone up.

❖ **Affordable Housing:** The market is not going to produce the affordable housing we need on its own. Mixed income apartments and condos that serve workforce housing all the way down through vouchers and supported housing managed local by nonprofits, all in the same building, must be leveraged by subsidizing infrastructure, providing partnerships, land and bonus densities. Move outside the box. Let large employers build housing, next to, on top of, in the parking areas, of their buildings. Let churches make room for housing. Put mixed income housing on top of every government building including libraries, community centers, government centers. Make room for housing in vast county parking lots. Try everything.

❖ **Homelessness:** While in many ways,

Fairfax County has succeeded in reducing homelessness as much as possible, preventing a continuing cycle of homelessness will require more attention. Fairfax County Public Schools counted 2,600 students experiencing homelessness at the end of the school year, most of them Latino. The county's Office to Prevent and End Homelessness counted somewhat fewer, most of them African American. The definition is different, and the differences reveal places for improvement. The board is losing two major advocates for affordable housing and ending homelessness in Chairman Sharon Bulova and Hunter Mill Supervisor Cathy Hudgins.

❖ **Roads:** We are on the cusp of unprecedented innovation in transportation. Overdesigning roads now will continue to divide communities, suburban and urban, in the future even with a decline in vehicles on the road and car ownership. Think ahead. Self-driving cars. Ride sharing. Service for people with disabilities and older residents.

❖ **One Fairfax:** Data and other efforts related to equity and One Fairfax are already revealing expected and unexpected issues.

❖ **Police Reform:** While Fairfax County now has two forms of independent oversight of police, consider that the police have chosen to remain silent on recommendations and reports by both the Independent Police Auditor

and the Civilian Review Panel. Members of the current Board of Supervisors acknowledge that they assumed the Fairfax County Police Department would make a public response to such oversight, but apparently it will need to be an explicit requirement. Transparency remains a concern.

❖ **Criminal Justice Reform:** Don't forget what voters told you on June 11 about the importance of a progressive approach to criminal justice reform. Figure out and heed what leads to racial injustice in the criminal justice system.

❖ **Demographics:** Residents of Fairfax County are getting older. Schools are getting more diverse. Data will offer many clues about what the county will look like in 10 years.

❖ **Change:** We are on the cusp of unprecedented innovation. Don't double down and lock in solutions for yesterday's problems in a way that precludes more elegant technological solutions later.

Transportation is the most obvious of these. But anything that reduces barriers to entry will change the landscape.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Save the Park, Improve Education

To the Editor:

We at Save Blake Lane Park in Oakton are aware that there are parents who are concerned about the overcrowding at Mosby Woods.

These parents want to save the park, but they also want a quality education for their children. Luckily, they can have both. Mosby Woods, which will soon be undergoing renovation, is overcrowded because they have more than 230 students coming from four other schools to attend their level IV Advanced Academic Program. If these four other schools were to create their own level IV pro-

grams, the overcrowding issue would be resolved. Two of these schools, Providence and Daniels Run have already started their own Level IV programs this year, meaning in a few years they will not be sending students to Mosby Woods. Furthermore, by the county's calculations, enrollment in Mosby Woods will be decreasing over the next five years. Green space and parks are too valuable to lose because the county officials find it easier to build a new school then search for alternatives.

Sarah Turner
Oakton



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Rachel and Liam Bloom, 2019 graduate candidates and members of the Oakton High School Singers perform solos during the Senior Tribute under the direction of Tiffany Powell at the school's Fifty-first Commencement Exercises on June 6. Liam Bloom drummed the Cajun during the performance. Graduate candidate Julia Ferri also performed a solo during the tribute.

Correction

In the last week's report on Oakton High School graduation Connection made an error in listing the Oakton High School Singers who presented the Senior Tribute. That sentence should read: "Tiffany Powell directed the singers with solos by Julia Ferri, Rachel Bloom and Liam Bloom who also drummed the Cajun."

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Annika Gromek, a junior at Madison High School.

Top Area High School Rowers Compete at Youth Nationals

Four local high school rowers representing Potomac Boat Club and Resilient Rowing traveled to Sarasota, Fla. to compete at US Rowing's Youth National Championships which was held June 6-9. Sarasota is the site of a world class rowing facility that hosted more than 400 entries from 150 clubs across the nation. To be eligible to compete in this regatta, rowers had to qualify at one of ten regional regattas by placing in the top three. Rowers faced hot humid weather conditions that approached 100 degrees and stiff competition from the nation's best high school rowers.

Christian Ortmann, a Loudoun Valley High School senior racing for Resilient Rowing, competed in the Men's single event. He placed eighth in the time trials on Sunday, advanced to the semi-finals where he placed fifth, which sent him to the B finals on Sunday. He finished fifth in the B finals which puts ranks him 10th in ranked country in

the single. Ortmann will row in college next year at Wisconsin.

Annika Gromek, a junior at Madison High School, raced for Potomac Boat Club in the women's single. She placed fifth in the time trial, second in the semi-final, and fifth in the final. Competition was fierce as other athletes in her event have competed internationally. The finals were dominated by seniors and she finished as the fastest junior single sculler in the country.

Resilient Rowing also fielded a pair, which is rowed by two people each using one oar. It is one of the most difficult boats to row. Andrew Jones and Connor Gladieux, both South County High School seniors, finished sixth in the time trials, second in the semi-finals, and sixth in the final. Jones and Gladieux will row at Yale and US Naval Academy, respectively.

— MAUREEN MULLER

VIENNA POLICE HIGHLIGHTS

The following summary contains various incidents of general interest as well as vehicular crashes handled by the Town of Vienna Police Department from June 7 – 13, 2019.

INCIDENTS

Petit Larceny — Dollar Tree 215 Maple Avenue, West May 30, 11:30 a.m. A citizen advised she was shopping at the Dollar Tree. When she left the store, she realized she had left her purse in the cart. The woman returned to the store, and an employee advised her that a customer had turned the purse in. The citizen noticed a bottle containing her medication was missing from her purse.

Suspicious Event — 200 Block Park Terrace Court, SE Between June 1 at 12 p.m. and June 2 at 12 p.m. A resident reported damage to his vehicle that he believes was done unintentionally by neighborhood children playing.

Natural Death — 500 Block Plum Street, SW Between June 4 at 12 p.m. and June 7 at 9:28 a.m. Officers responded to assist rescue personnel with a report of CPR in progress. A citizen visiting his grandmother found her unresponsive in her home when he arrived. It was determined that the elderly female was deceased from natural causes.

Petit Larceny — 1100 Block Westbriar Court, NE June 6 between 11:53 a.m. and 6 p.m. A resident reported that packages delivered to her porch by Fed Ex were stolen while she was at work.

Assist EMS — Dogwood Street, SW Between June 6 at 9 p.m. and June 7 at 1:18 p.m. A resident

reported that he found his tenant injured in his bedroom and needed immediate medical attention. Officers responded with rescue personnel and transported the man to an area hospital in serious but stable condition.

Petit Larceny — Giant Food 359 Maple Avenue, East June 7, 11:22 a.m. An employee reported that five juveniles took a case of beer and ran out of the store. The employee was able to recover the beer. However, the juveniles fled the area.

Suspicious Event — 500 Block Center Street, South June 7, 3:33 p.m. A juvenile reported that another juvenile smeared berries on his bicycle.

Petit Larceny — Vienna Aquatic Club 625 Marshall Road, SW June 7 between 6:30 p.m. and 8 p.m. Two juveniles reported money was stolen from their backpacks while they were at the pool.

Animal Case — 400 Block Ridge Road, SW June 7, 7:15 p.m. A resident reported that two young foxes that were tangled in nylon netting in their yard. The animals appeared to have been trapped for a couple of days, were in poor health and needed to be euthanized. The officer euthanized both animals and assisted the resident in disposing of them.

Petit Larceny — Giant 359 Maple Avenue East, June 7 between 7:40 p.m. and 7:48 p.m. Two juveniles attempted to steal a 30 pack of beer. The loss prevention officer confronted the juveniles about the theft. The juveniles ran away from the officer leaving behind the beer.

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Cooking, Counting, Drama

And other fun ways to preserve skills during the summer.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL
THE CONNECTION

During the summer, Glenda Hernández Baca and her children can be found in the kitchen measuring and mixing, stirring and sautéing. They cook together as a family, but what the children don't realize however, is that their mother is helping them maintain their math and reading skills.

"You can do math no matter what you are doing, and cooking is also a great way to do math," said Hernández Baca, Ph.D. of the School of Education at Montgomery College. "My kids love to cook with me and they help me with the recipes. We engage in reading, organizing and sorting, and discussing and analyzing fractions and conversions. They are doing so much learning but they do not know it."

The key to preventing that reversal, say educators, is finding creative ways to make learning fun while maintaining the light-hearted and carefree nature of vacations, camps and trips to the pool.

"The more students practice their academic skills in the summer, the more prepared they will be for the next school year and the less review and relearning they will need to do," said Hernández Baca.

For students who don't enjoy reading, infuse reading with drama, suggests Ana Lado, Ph.D., Professor of Education at Marymount University in Arlington, Va. "Pick ... books with lots of dialogue and either lots of active verbs or actionable scenes," she said. "You and the child read the parts as dramatically as you can together ... totally exaggerating the spoken parts as well as the actions as much as possible."

"Have them make a video with their favorite scenes in a book," continued Lado. "It forces them to read for scenes that have drama and to reread as they rehearse. It gives them a goal and making a film is a concrete goal. As they read through the book looking for drama and action let them put a sticky note on each good page they find."

In fact, infusing reading with drama can change the mindset of a child who doesn't enjoy reading. "Some students will benefit if they watch a movie version of a classic text like something by Jane Austen, for example, while they are reading it," M.A. Mahoney, Dean of Academics and Faculty at the Madeira School in McLean, Va. "This approach is sometimes the gateway to a lifetime of reading pleasure of an author."

For children who have challenges or difficulties reading, Hernández Baca suggests choosing short passages that allow them to explore a subject that piques their curiosity. "Consider cutting out an article or something shorter about an interest they have such as a band, music [or] sports," she said.

Everyday conversations can lead to math, science and language learning opportunities. "Often, children will make comments about something they are curious about such as how something grows or why the sky is changing colors, Hernández Baca said. "Maximize that opportunity and tell them what great questions they have and look up information. You could even make it a library trip to learn together. This is a wonderful way to show and model that we as parents, are always learning, too."



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M.A. Mahoney of Madeira School believes that during the summer, students can develop a lifetime of reading pleasure.

Even a short car ride or setting money goals can help support math skills, says Hernández Baca. "Talk about how much money a certain toy costs and how much they would need to purchase it. Have them come up with different equations that would help them reach that goal and talk about it. ...

"You can do math no matter what you are doing," she continued. "For example, in the car you can count how many trucks you see or how many blue cars."

Another way to practice math is to engage children in predictions and estimates, says Hernández Baca. "Asking 'How long do you think it will take us to get there?' or 'How many steps does it take to walk to the car or to the house?' You can then break it down and ask questions such as, 'Why do you think mommy had to take fewer steps?' or 'How many miles an hour would we have to go if we needed to reduce the trip time to get here?'"


A family vacation can provide an opportunity to practice language and writing. "Keep a vacation journal by printing out your child's favorite photos and have them write about them," said Carly Flanigan, Lower School Learning Specialist at St. Stephen's and St. Agnes School in Alexandria, Va.

When parents model a positive attitude toward reading, a child might find it more pleasurable "Have a family book club [and] meet once a month at everyone's favorite restaurant," said Flanigan "Make connections about books you and your child read or listen to. Ask questions about characters, setting and action in the plot ... Have your child read one of your favorite books that you love."

"Read aloud no matter the age of the child," said Elizabeth McConnel, Lower School Learning Specialist, also at St. Stephen's and St. Agnes School. "Make this a fun family event. Utilize different genres of text including magazines for your child's reading. Use audio books, Audible, or podcasts."

Current events can provide fodder for mental stimulation. "I always encourage students and families to read an editorial daily from a news source, and then to discuss it at a family meal," said Mahoney. "This builds reading comprehension skills, civil discourse skills, and increases familiarity with essay construction, not to mention making meal time more lively."

No matter the method, parents should be intentional about prioritizing and setting summer learning goals for their children, advises Hernández Baca. "Your kids do not need to know your structure or plan, but it will help you stay consistent with activities that specifically target learning in reading, writing, math, science or anything else."

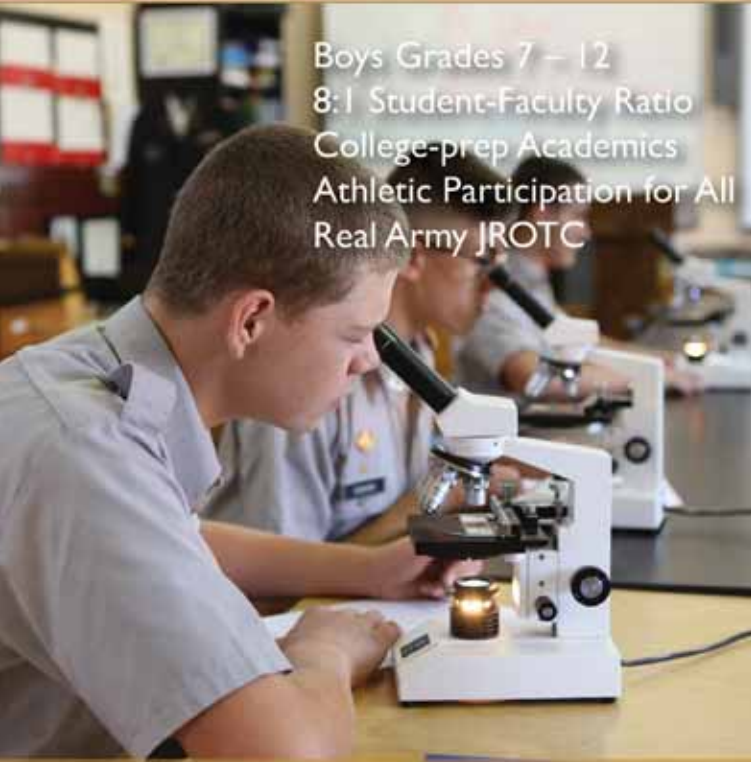


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Ameera Abbas, the first Marshall senior to receive her diploma holds it up to DAR Constitution Hall.

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BY CHAMBERLAIN ZULAUF
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VIEWPOINTS

Marshall High Graduates Look at Years Ahead

This past Wednesday, June 12, George C. Marshall High School graduated 559 students in DAR Constitution Hall. Graduating class seniors wore their school's colors on their robes to make the floor an ocean of blue and red with countless glints of golden honors stoles representing students who belong to the National Honors Society.

The commencement address was given by James MacIndoe, who said, "It's absolutely surreal to see so many people I love in one room." In his speech MacIndoe opened up about how life can be complicated and chaotic, which is a feeling some in any graduating class may feel. MacIndoe recalls the unfortunate passing of his son Finn and in a heartfelt moment all of Constitution Hall was silent out of respect. MacIndoe expresses how he was "humbled by the love of the Marshall community" in the wake of his personal tragedy.

To give direction in the complicated world he says the 2019 graduating class will be entering MacIndoe has five pieces of advice: be flexible, be kind to yourself, develop an emotional support system, break down and rebuild the metrics you use to judge yourself, and adulthood is an adventure in doubt. "Your first job is to love and be loved in this world," said MacIndoe.

The next speaker was Andrew Litterst, an environmental science teacher, with the program's faculty address. Litterst took things to a lighter side by humbling himself for being chosen to speak on the school's behalf and also for his appreciation of his students. Saying he could not complete the speech on his own Litterst brought out the Teddy Roosevelt mascot from the Washington Nationals Presidents Race. By using "Teddy's" experience with the Presidents Races over



Will Hemmingson will be going to JMU to study Chemistry. "Anything that keeps me in the lab I'd like to keep doing, maybe something in toxicology or pharmacology, something along those lines."



Saul Silva Suarez will be taking a gap year but plans to attend college after that. "I see myself in 10 years hopefully on a stage making people laugh."

the years Litterst compiled a list of advice for the graduating class of 2019. As Litterst went on with his speech Teddy danced and made gestures that went along with what was being said.

First, if at first you don't succeed, try, try again. This is in reference to Teddy's many losses over the years of the races. However, just like Litterst hopes his students will, Teddy managed to finally win a race after not winning any races beginning in 2006 all the way to 2012. The second piece of advice Litterst offers is to not be afraid to ask for help, just as the presidents have won races through many different varieties of strategy.

Third, "No matter what happens in the race, have fun with it" said Litterst. Just as each mascot president in the race always seems to enjoy themselves so should the graduating class. Next, Litterst says, "you will do great things, it's okay to celebrate," to which the mascot Teddy performed a celebratory dance move to the crowd. Finally, Litterst leaves us with his last piece of advice, a quote, "The only man who never makes mistakes is the man who never does anything," Teddy Roosevelt.



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Pastor Carl Sweatman behind his pulpit.

Vienna Church Turns 115

Antioch Christian Church of Vienna celebrates 115th anniversary.

BY CHAMBERLAIN ZULAUF
THE CONNECTION

The Antioch Christian Church of Vienna celebrated its 115 anniversary this past Sunday, June 16. To spread the word about their historic landmark in Vienna, Pastor Carl Sweatman and some of the members of the church took to welcoming anybody into their church for free donuts and coffee.

Faith Dougherty, a member for 6 years now, chose Antioch after moving to Vienna from Ohio because of its non-denominational independence. Antioch's sermons are unusual in that everything being taught comes from the bible, "If it's not in the bible you're not going to hear it from the pulpit," said Dougherty.

The church is a comfortable community; if someone doesn't understand something in the sermon they can simply shout out for clarification. Often, during sermons, members take notes and are joined by the pastor amongst the pews. Antioch Church has two different kinds of service, one for those who prefer a more structured ser-

vice, and another that is much more relaxed with contemporary music and communion by intinction.

"[I like] the casual nature, you don't feel like you have to dress up. For what? Who are you going to impress? You're not going to impress God," says Scott Byrd, member since 1990.

The main chapel of the church is made almost entirely of the original materials, save for a 4-foot panel of roof where a leak came. The church was made by hand from local resources in only 8 months from 1903-1904.

"The longevity of this church has to do primarily with the commitment of the people who are here, there is a lot of ownership. This is us and this is who we are," said Sweatman. At some points in Antioch's history membership had gotten down to only five members, yet it is still here today.

Byrd has this to say out of both appreciation and faith "I'm not sure how to describe what this church means to my faith, because the church is the body of people and the church is simply where they meet."



Antioch Christian Church of Vienna

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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, 1659 Chain Bridge Road, McLean. Sixteen local farmers and producers will sell fresh produce and fruits; meats; breads and pastries; jams; dairy products and eggs; herbs; flowers, coffee, and more. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/farmersmarkets/mclean.

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

Oakton Farmers Market. Saturdays, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at Unity of Fairfax Church, 2854 Hunter Mill Road, Oakton. Year-round weekly farmers market in Oakton. Local produce, meats/eggs, dairy, baked goods, and more. Admission is free. Visit community-foodworks.org.

THURSDAY/JUNE 20

Nottoway Nights: Moonshine Society. 7:30 p.m. at Nottoway Park, 9537 Courthouse Road, Vienna. Thursday evenings, June 20-Aug. 22 (except July 4). Bring a picnic and a blanket or chair. For last minute weather cancellations call 703-324-7469 one hour prior to the program start time.

Live Music: Maggie Rose. 7:30 p.m. at Wolf Trap, Vienna. Opening for Trampled By Turtles and Deer Tick. \$30. Visit www.maggirosemusic.com or www.wolftrap.org.

FRIDAY/JUNE 21

White Elephant Bingo & Ice Cream Social. 1:30-3:30 p.m. at Vienna Community Center, 129 Cherry St SE, Vienna. Adults 50+ meet up for an afternoon of White Elephant Bingo and an Ice Cream Social. Enjoy a traditional bingo game in a friendly atmosphere and win white elephant prizes. Bingo cards are \$2 for 2. Pay at door. Please bring a white elephant item in good condition to donate to the prize table. Call the Shepherd's Center at 703-281-0538 to register or with questions.

Chillin' on Church. 6:30-9:30 p.m. on Church Street between Dominion and Mill roads. The Town of Vienna's summer block parties bring live music, food trucks, and beer and wine sales. The food truck lineup includes: Ben & Jerry's; Blue City Food; Chix 'n' Stix; Crepe Love Truck; DC Korean BBQ Taco Box; DC Slices; Kona Ice of North Fairfax County; NC Ribs on Wheels; Stay Cheesy Food Truck; Tapas Truck DC; and Urban Bumpkin BBQ. Food trucks are subject to change. Admission is free. Visit www.viennava.gov for more.

Summer on the Green: The Deja Gruv Band (R&B, funk, and soul). 6:30 p.m. on Vienna's Town Green. The Summer on the Green concert series returns to Vienna's Town Green Friday nights through Aug. 23. Please see the text below or the attached release for details. Bring chairs and/or blankets. No alcoholic beverages are permitted. Consider leaving pets at home. In the event of rain, check the weather line at 703-255-7842. Learn more at www.viennava.gov/DocumentCenter/View/3997.

SATURDAY/JUNE 22

AAUW McLean Branch Used Book Collection. 9 a.m.-1 p.m. SunTrust Bank, 515 Maple Ave. East, Vienna. Used books, CDs, DVDs, software, children's books, records, and recent textbooks. No encyclopedias, VHS or audiotapes. The Book Sale will be held on Sept. 13-15 at the McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. Proceeds benefit scholarships for women. Questions, contact



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From left: Quintango, Phil Hosford (piano), Joan Singer (violin), Susanna Mendlow (cello), Ali Cook (bass), Emmanuel Trifilio (bandoneon).

Midsummer Night with the Heat of Tango

Quintango performs In Tysons at 1st Stage.

BY DAVID SIEGEL
THE CONNECTION

Ready for some Tango? The Virginia Chamber Orchestra will bring the passionate, sensual beat and heat of the Tango without a long distance flight and jet lag when Quintango brings award-winning tango music to the Classical Cabaret series at 1st Stage in Tysons. Quintango is composed of violins, cello, bass, bandoneon and piano. The group showcases tango's seductive music in a chamber music format and spices it up with gritty backstories.

Highlights of the evening will include traditional favorites "La Cumparsita," "Por una Cabeza," used in the memorable Al Pacino tango scene in "Scent of a

Where and When

Virginia Chamber Orchestra presents Quintango at 1st Stage, 1524 Spring Hill Rd, Tysons. Performance, Saturday, June 22, 2019 at 8 p.m. Advance tickets are \$30, box office tickets are \$35. For tickets call 703-829-7440 visit www.vco.events

Woman," and the Piazzolla classic "Balada para un Loco."

Recognized as an Intangible Cultural Heritage genre by UNESCO in 2009, Tango captures life's dramas — lost loves, secret passions, breathless encounters — and Quintango delivers them with humor, tears, and unforgettable sizzle. Adding to the evening's festive nature, the audience is invited to join the artists on stage for a post-show glass of champagne and light refreshments.

Quintango has performed at the White House, in Buenos Aires for the U.S. Ambassador, and has appeared in concert at the Kennedy Center and throughout the United States and Latin America.

chair. For last minute weather cancellations call 703-324-7469 one hour prior to the program start time.

FRIDAY/JUNE 28

Ants Ants Ants. 10:30 a.m. at Wolf Trap Children's Theatre-in-the-Woods, 1551 Trap Road, Vienna. With their optimistic lyrics and innovative instrumentation, Ants Ants Ants offers an invitation into that golden childhood we always dreamed of having and creating for the ones we love. Ages 2 and older. \$10. Visit www.wolftrap.org.

Summer on the Green: Sarah Bennet Swanner. 6:30 p.m. on Vienna's Town Green. The Summer on the Green concert series returns to Vienna's Town Green Friday nights through Aug. 23. Please see the text below or the attached release for details. Bring chairs and/or blankets. No alcoholic beverages are permitted. Consider leaving pets at home. In the event of rain, check the weather line at 703-255-7842. Learn more at www.viennava.gov/DocumentCenter/View/3997.

SATURDAY/JUNE 29

July 4th in June. All day at Lake Fairfax Park, 1400 Lake Fairfax Drive, Reston. Get the nation's birthday party started early. The park opens at dawn and the fun continues until the last fireworks disappear from the sky after dark. The water park is open 10 a.m.-8 p.m. There will be live music with Modern Vintage and the U.S. Navy Band Commodores from 3:30-9 p.m. Food vendors will be on hand throughout the

day. Fireworks begin at 9:15 p.m.. The park generally closes to new arrivals around 8:45 p.m. Walk or bike to the park and admission is free. There is a parking fee of \$10 per vehicle. The rain date Sunday, June 30. Call 703-471-5414 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/lake-fairfax.

Intro Canoeing Tour. 5:30-7:30 p.m. at Riverbend Park, 8700 Potomac Hills S., Great Falls. Come and experience the upper Potomac's beautiful scenery and wildlife from the water. Start with an introduction to canoeing basics and then head out onto the river with an instructor. This is not a whitewater tour and is good for canoeing beginners. There will be three people per canoe and paddling and safety gear is provided. \$41 per person. For participants age 16 to adult and will be canceled in the event of inclement weather or hazardous river conditions. Call 703-759-9018 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/riverbend.

SUNDAY/JUNE 30

Get Prepped for Paddling. 8:30-9:30 a.m. at Riverbend Park, 8700 Potomac Hills St., Great Falls. Pick up the skills needed to paddle the Potomac and other waterways this summer by enrolling in "Intro to River Kayaking" at Riverbend Park. The hour-long session will cover river hazards, water safety and paddling basics. \$32 per person. The fee includes equipment and a half-day kayak rental on the day of class for more practice. For participants age 14 to adult. Call 703-759-9018 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/riverbend.

Summer Concerts: Sonia de Los Santos. 5 p.m. in the gazebo of McLean Central Park, 1468 Dolley Madison Blvd., McLean. The Alden at the McLean Community Center is again sponsoring free summer concerts in the gazebo of McLean Central Park featuring a mix of musical genres. Call 703-790-0123 or visit www.aldentheatre.org.

Concerts on the Green: The Alan Scott Band. 6-8 p.m. on the Great Falls Village Centre Green. Bring picnic baskets, chairs and blankets for an evening of live music. Free. Visit www.celebrategreatfalls.org.

THURSDAY/JULY 4

4th Of July Hometown Celebration and Parade. 8 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Great Falls Village Centre. 6 p.m. at Turner Farm Park. Free admission. Visit celebrategreatfalls.org/event/4th-of-july-hometown-celebration/ for more.

- ❖ 8 a.m. — **5K Walk/Run** at the Great Falls Freedom Memorial. Visit runsignup.com/Race/VA/GreatFalls/July45K to register.
- ❖ 8 a.m.-1:30 p.m. — **INOVA Blood Drive** with the Great Falls Volunteer Fire Department. Photo ID required. Allow 1 hour for donor visit. See you there!
- ❖ 9 a.m. — **Little Patriot Parade** on the Village Centre Green (at the Gazebo). Babies and Toddlers up to age 5 are welcome to parade their finest patriotic display around the Green.
- ❖ 10 a.m. — **Main Parade** around the Great Falls Village Centre. See the floats, horses, antique cars and pets making a loop in the Main Parade.
- ❖ 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. — **Festivities, Food & Fun.** After the parade, enjoy burgers, dogs and snow-cones along with music, field games and festivities on the Village Centre Green.
- ❖ 6 p.m. — **Fireworks & Fun** at Turner Farm Park. Gates open at 6. Pack up the family and come tailgate with neighbors. Live music, games, contests and food trucks will entertain until the Big Show gets underway just after dusk.

Sprinklers and Sparklers. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Vienna Community Center, 120 Cherry St. SE, Vienna. Features three water slides and a bevy of other water activities for children as well as five food trucks and snow cones. Kids (and adults who may encounter collateral water damage) should be prepared to get really wet and to have a really good time. Visit viennava.gov or call 703-255-6361.

McLean 4th Of July Fireworks Celebration. 6:30 p.m. at Langley High School, 6520 Georgetown Pike, McLean. Enjoy a DJ, food trucks, and fireworks. Free onsite parking (limited). Free satellite parking and shuttle buses (handicapped equipped) from McLean Community Center and St. John's Episcopal Church. The following are prohibited on school grounds: smoking, alcohol, vaping, glass containers, personal fireworks, weapons and pets. Free admission. Visit www.mcleancenter.org or call 703-790-0123.



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Local Beatles Tribute band, Nowhere Man performing at Vienna Town Green.

Vienna Summer Concerts on the Green in Full Swing

BY MACKENZIE WILLIAMS
THE CONNECTION

On June 14, Town of Vienna continued its summer concert series with local Beatles tribute band Nowhere Man. Vienna residents and neighbors attended the retro performance enjoying a summery evening on the green.

Vienna's Summer on the Green is an annual effort to promote local Northern Virginia bands and encourage community fellowship.

Lilly Widman, Special Event Coordinator for the Town of Vienna, notes the concerts have become incorporated into the Vienna tradition as they have been hosting this event for over a decade.

Concert-goers sang along to Beatle classics like "Ticket to Ride" and "I Wanna Hold Your Hand." Nowhere Man's acoustic line-up had both old and young generations dancing to the laid-back beat.

The outdoor theater that Vienna locals commonly refer to as "the green," held 70 to 90 at their third concert of the series this past Fri-

day. Many passing bikers like Ayse Alpaslan, a Vienna resident of three years, appreciated the free concert and how "engaging" it was for residents.

Widman admires the spirit behind the Summer Concert Series, saying "this is having an opportunity to bring the community together and for everyone to celebrate with friends and neighbors."

In preparation for the summer events, Town of Vienna staff carefully select band applicants' months in advance. Throughout the month of January, local Vienna and Northern Virginia bands are encouraged to apply to the pool of musicians. Desiree Tuftana, Town of Vienna's customer care specialist, described their intricate process of choosing their line up by doing "random selection" to avoid any biased decisions.

The events occur consecutively every Friday night throughout the summer and will continue until Sept. 20.

All concerts begin at 6:30 p.m. at the Vienna Town Green, 144 Maple Avenue E.

Summer 2019 Concert Schedule

June 21 — Chillin' on Church featuring the Deja Gruv Band
June 28 — Sarah Bennett Swanner (Country and Blues Covers)
July 5 — U.S Navy Band: Commodores (Big Band Jazz)
July 7 — Special Sunday Concert — 6:30 p.m. U.S Navy Band: Country Current (Bluegrass)
July 12 — Fat Chance (Rock)
July 19 — Chillin' on Church featuring Mudlark
July 21 — Special Sunday Concert — 6:30 p.m. Vienna Community Band
July 26 — US Army Band: Swamp Rock (Louisiana Jazz and Folk)
Aug. 2 — The Rockits (Rock and Motown)
Aug. 9 — Shenandoah Run (Folk)
Aug. 16 — Chillin' on the Church featuring Big Bad JuJu
Aug. 23 — Wayne Typanick Trio (Jazz)
Sept. 20 — Chillin' on Church featuring Hard Swimmin' Fish

Low Turnout, Big Changes

FROM PAGE 3

THE HUNTER MILL RACE made election headlines on a number of occasions. For starters, there was the wide disparity in campaign dollars spent. Winner Alcorn shows a total of \$75,926 in campaign dollars expended, while fourth place Maggie Parker spent \$246,368, according to the Virginia Public Access Project.

Bulova and others raised First Amendment concerns when Parker displayed large signs at the Wiehle-Reston Metro station while her opponents were barred from campaigning there. Parker works for Comstock Companies developers, the company that built the station with Fairfax County in a public-private partnership. The question of access remains to be resolved.

The Hunter Mill contest also included the youngest candidate in any of the Board of Supervisors races in Parker Messick who is just a few years beyond his college graduation.

PROVIDENCE was another district that saw five Democrats on the Primary ballot to replace Supervisor Linda Smyth who, like Hudgins and Bulova, announced that she will retire at the end of the year. In the unofficial results, FCPS School Board member Dalia Palchik's 39.79 percent of the votes tops Planning Commissioner Phil Niedzielski-Eichner's 23.40 percent; court officer Erika Yalowitz's 13.97 percent; former Vienna Town Council member Edythe Kelleher's 12.73 percent; and consultant Linh Hoang's 10.12 percent for the seat.

Next up, Palchik will face Republican Paul Bolon in November.

Dranesville Supervisor John Foust and Mount Vernon Supervisor Dan Storck appear to be unopposed in November. In the Springfield District, Republican Pat Herrity will face Democrat Linda Sperling; in the Sully District, current Supervisor Kathy Smith will see Republican Srilekha Palle on the ballot; and Democrat Penny Gross will be challenged by Republican Gary Aiken.

PERHAPS THE BIGGEST SURPRISE to some was the defeat of longtime Commonwealth's Attorney Ray Morrogh. Challenger Steve Descano, a former federal prosecutor pressed a progressive agenda for criminal justice reform, winning with 51.04 percent of the vote.

Morrogh has served for 35 years and has held the top prosecutorial spot in Fairfax County and Fairfax City since 2007, prosecuting a number of high-profile cases.

Descano is a West Point graduate who spent 6 years as a federal prosecutor in the Obama Administration, first as a Special Assistant to the U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia and then as a trial attorney in the Criminal Tax Division and the Consumer Protection Branch. He served on the inaugural Fairfax County civilian panel providing oversight to the Fairfax County Police.



PHOTOS BY ANDREA WORKER/THE CONNECTION

Getting a selfie with the winner. A supporter gets a photo with James Walkinshaw, the winner of the Democratic primary election for the Braddock District Supervisor. Walkinshaw will face Republican Jason Remer and Independent Carey Campbell in November, so he will "be back on the campaign trail almost immediately."

The two men met at public forums several times during the campaign. Morrogh often described his opponent as "unqualified."

Descano said Morrogh lacked a vision of where reforms — particularly to combat systemic racism and bias — need to occur.

Former Gov. Terry McAuliffe endorsed Descano, as well as the reform minded challenger in Arlington, Parisa Dehghani-Tafti, who defeated incumbent Theo Stamos there because the two incumbents signed on to a Republican effort to block restoration of voting rights of former felons who had completed their sentences. Both Descano and Dehghani-Tafti received large donations from the same Political Action Committee, giving them a financial advantage.

With no other declared candidates to be faced in November, Descano will be the new Commonwealth's Attorney.

The number of races and candidates and the contentious nature of some of the campaigning for Board of Supervisor positions and for Commonwealth's Attorney may have stolen the election limelight there were also primaries for several members of the General Assembly. Incumbent Barbara Favola handily defeated Nicole Merline to retain her position as the nominee for Virginia State Senator for the 31st District.

Jennifer Boysko did the same with her challenger M. Sharafat Hussain for Senate District 33.

Sen. Dick Saslaw (D-35), the Senate minority leader, had a tougher time of it. In the first challenge he has faced in decades, Saslaw held off human rights lawyer Yasmine Taeb by only 362 votes. Taeb is the first Muslim woman to be elected to the Democratic National Committee. A third candidate, Karen Elena Torrent, received 697 votes.

At the victory party, Saslaw admitted that things got a "little closer than I thought it was going to be."

In the Democratic primary races for the Virginia House of Delegates, the incumbents Kaye Kory (D-38) and Alfonso Lopez (D-49) triumphed over their opponents.

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News



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Thomas Jefferson High School team was placed first among 92 international schools that participated.

TJ Team Wins International Biology Competition

Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology was placed first among all the international schools that participated in University of Toronto's 2019 National Biology Competition. TJHSST was placed first among 92 international schools that participated from outside of Canada. The top 5 participants from TJHSST whose scores con-

tributed for TJHSST's first place were Derrick Liang (Junior), Dhanush Banka (Sophomore), Edward Lue (Junior), Sabrian Cai (Junior) and Siddharth Krishnakumar (Sophomore). In addition, Derrick Liang was the first place individual winner among the 1366 international school students who participated in the competition.

Vienna, Oakton Girl Scouts Earn Bronze Award

Girl Scouts Nation's Capital congratulates Fifth Grade Girl Scouts from Troop 6833 for earning their Girl Scout Bronze Award. Collectively, these girls served more than 240 volunteer hours and finished 650 cloth hospital caps benefiting pediatric surgical patients at area Children's Hospitals. The girls learned machine sewing, received fabric donations from family and community members, and worked throughout the school year. They hope that each cap can bring a little bit of joy to the child who will wear it, and that each of those patients will feel better knowing that another child is wishing them well.

By earning the Girl Scout Bronze Award, these 11 girls have become community leaders. Their accomplishments reflect leadership and citizenship skills that sets them apart.

In Vienna/Oakton, Girl Scouts are served by Girl Scouts Nation's Capital. With support from adult volunteers, parents and staff, we deliver the best Girl Scout experience to over 87,000 members: over 60,000 girls and 27,000 adults in the Greater Washington DC Region. For more information on how to join, volunteer, reconnect, or donate, visit GSCNC.org or call 202-237-1670.

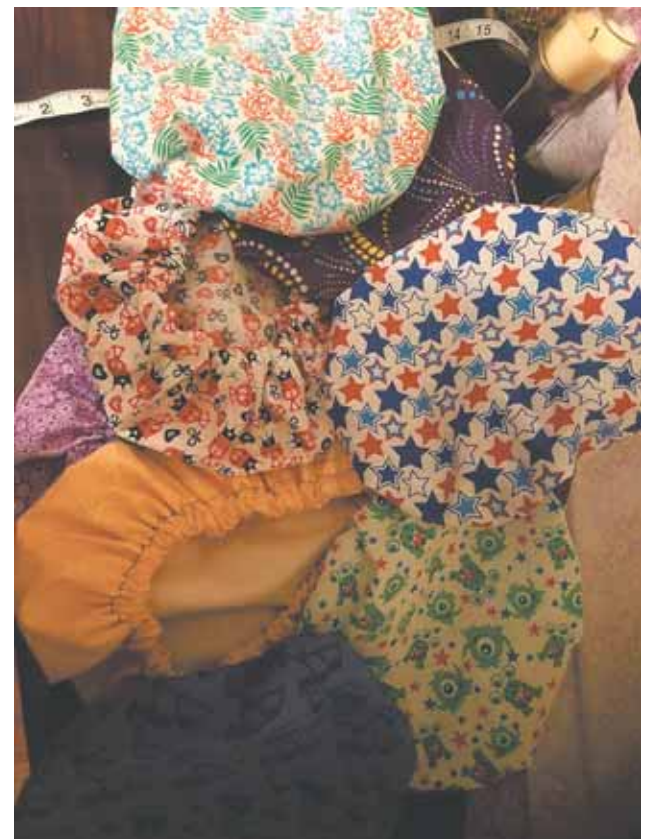


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SOBER-RIDE FOR JULY 4

Free Sober Rides. Thursday, July 4, 7 p.m. through Friday, July 5, 2 a.m. Area residents, 21 and older, may download Lyft to their phones, then enter a code in the app's "Promo" section to receive a no cost (up to \$15) safe ride home. WRAP's Independence Day SoberRide promo code will be posted at 6 p.m. on July 4 on www.SoberRide.com.

VOLUNTEERS WANTED

STEM Professionals Needed. Volunteers are needed to assist K-12 STEM teachers in northern Virginia as part of the American Association for the Advancement of Science's STEM Volunteer Program, stemvolunteers.org, during the 2019-20 school year, beginning in September. Please contact Don Rea at 571-551-2488 or donaldrea@aol.com.

THURSDAY/JUNE 20

Child Sexual Abuse Prevention Training. 9:30-11:30 a.m. at the Pennino Government Building (Rooms 200 + 206), 12011 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax. Join SCAN for a Stewards of Children Child Sexual Abuse Prevention Training. As a Partner in Prevention with Darkness to Light, SCAN offers this evidence-informed training to empower adults to take action to protect the children in their lives. Free; space is limited. Register at scan22fairfax.eventbrite.com.

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.

MONDAY-FRIDAY/JUNE 24-28

Hogwarts Vacation Bible School. Monday-Friday, June 24-28 at Holy Comforter. All children 5-11 years old are invited to participate in a summer camp experience which explores the Christian themes and lessons in the Harry Potter stories. Holy Comforter is magically converted into Hogwarts School where children attend "classes" taught by favorite professors including Prof. McGonagall, Snape, Hooch, and Binns. Teenage prefects lead age level groups to their activities and all students share a closing snack in the Great Hall. Morning Session: 9 a.m.-noon; afternoon session: 1:30-4:30 p.m. Download registration forms at www.holycomforter.com.

TUESDAY/JUNE 25

FCPS Career Fair. 9 a.m.-2 p.m. at 9200 Burke Lake Road, Burke.

Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) will host a Career Fair for individuals interested in learning more about instructional and operational positions with the school district. There will also be four breakout sessions offered: benefits, the application process, and resume writing and interviewing. Particular needs include teachers, instructional assistants, special education teachers, substitute teachers, HVAC mechanics, school bus drivers, maintenance technicians, and professionals in information technology, human resources, procurement and finance, and safety and security. Visit www.fcps.edu/news/fcps-host-career-fair-instructional-and-operational-personnel-to-rsvp-or-learn-more.

FRIDAY-SUNDAY/JUNE 28-30

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A Few Weeks Off, Finally



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

After a second successful week of navigating government and private sector websites, I have reached the promised, albeit familiar land: only worrying about the fact that I have non-small cell lung cancer, stage IV. Oh well. What else is new?

Nothing much thankfully so I can continue to try and live the Vulcan philosophy: "Live long and prosper." (Although, I could never manipulate my fingers to support the greeting. My wife, Dina, can however, with ease but she's not a logical person.)

I have to be a logical person.

If I am to endure the ups and downs and all-around of a "terminal" cancer diagnosis, I have to think as unemotionally as possible about any news or assessments I may receive.

Cancer is too insidious to give it any help from the "diagnossee." Moreover, from what anecdotal evidence exists, providing cancer as inhospitable an environment as possible is said to help.

And aside from maintaining a positive attitude and a good sense of humor, keeping cancer things – good or bad, in some kind of perspective/context, is a trek worth taking. One should be reminded of the never-say-die mantra of the 1978 NBA World Champion Washington Bullets: "It ain't over 'til the fat lady sings."

In addition, all us cancer survivors should remember the famous words of Bluto (John Belushi) from 1980's "Animal House" when he implored his fellow Delta Fraternity brothers: "What? Over? Did you say over? Nothing is over until we decide it is. Was it over when the Germans bombed Pearl Harbor? Hell no! ..."

And not that cancer survivors can control our disease any more than the Germans can control this mistaken narrative, funny and famous though it is, but we have to try and laugh – and joke, because it sure beats the alternative. Control? 'Hell no!'

And now that I've completed the arduous and tedious – for me – tasks of the last two weeks, I feel as if I've taken back some control.

Cancer, schmancer.

I've survived the multi-step process required of the Virginia Employment Commission, the Maryland Health Connection, Social Security/Medicare, and the future provider of my Supplemental Medical insurance all within two weeks. Besides me, and anybody who knows me: Who says I can't step my way through this morass of websites, user names, passwords, mouse clicks and keystrokes? But I did. Somehow. An amazing miracle if there ever was one.

Now life can return to abnormal. But it's an 'abnormal' with which I'm totally familiar.

After 10-plus years of it, as Col. Sherman Potter of M*A*S*H said to Major Margaret Houlihan upon her early return to the 4077th from her honeymoon hearing her awkwardly describe a mishap in the shower: "There's nothing new under the sun, Major."

For a long-time cancer survivor, there's nothing new, really. One's life is likely to be more of the same, only different. And I can live with same – or the different – because after a decade, I've been there and pretty much done that.

Now I can add: succeeded in navigating websites "heretofore" (quoting Ben Affleck from 1997's "Good Will Hunting") thought impossible to do. No more do I have to worry about what I need to do, but rather I can bask in the glow of what I've done.

As I finish this column, I realize this is what us cancer patients need to do: reinforce our positives (successes) and minimize our negatives (failures). As many of us attempt to take all this cancer stuff in stride, the truth of it is we're often teetering and tottering on a very fine line. A 'line' to quote the late Ken Beatrice, on which "you wouldn't want to live."

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