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PHOTOS BY NADEZHDA SHULGA/THE CONNECTION
The musician Steve Smith is at McLean Farmers Market every Friday.



Owner of Hidden Creek Farm Angela Young and her intern Matt Zaremba are greeting everyone who enters the market.

McLean Farmers Market: In Full Summer Bloom

**Friday, Aug. 9:
Celebrate Farmers
Market week.**

BY NADEZHDA SHULGA
THE CONNECTION

Over the last 30 years, the McLean Farmers Market has been known as the spot to buy local farm products in season.

The market is in full summer bloom: juicy tomatoes, sweet cantaloupes, refreshing watermelons, a variety of baked goods, fresh meat, eggs, ice cream. ... Once you try, you will become a loyal customer for years to come. Quality and freshness really make all the difference.

McLean Farmers Market is open Fridays from 8 a.m. to 12 noon at Lewinsville Park, McLean. This year, sixteen local farmers are offering fresh fruit and vegetables, herbs, flowers, plants, meats, eggs, and honey.



Sabry Alsharkawi, owner of the Sharkawi Farm, has been selling his herbs and spices at the McLean Farmers Market for the 34 years.

Prepared foods such as baked goods are also sold at the market.

Like other farmers markets in the area, McLean's is strictly producer-only. Farmers must come from within 125 miles and may only sell what they raise on the farms or

what they produce on their own.

It's also a learning experience: Encourage children to eat healthy food choices. Take them with you. If they are unfamiliar with

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Travis Urda, farm hand, has been working for Mt. Olympus Farm for the last 10 years



Lyn Phipps had been selling bakery at the McLean Farmers Market for more than 20 years, but for the last 10 years flowers and plants are her passion



Valentine Miller, owner of Valentine's bakery and meats, works at his farm with all his big family.

Back-to-School Rituals Cause Stress

BY JOE FAY
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FACETS

As summer nears the end, we are getting ready to say goodbye to 21 teens that are headed off to college. These young people have been involved in our summer youth programs for many years. They have experienced — like the other children in our programs and all kids — the excitement and anxiety around back to school preparation. These rituals include buying clothes and school supplies, getting a haircut, and finding out what teachers you have.

For the nearly 23,000 kids that live in poverty in Fairfax County, back to school rituals can cause stress. In a region of so much wealth, it's hard to remember that many children do not share the same levels of preparation. They want to but simply cannot.

FACETS serves many impoverished youth through our Education and Community Development Program. The program operates year-round in four low-income, subsidized communities offering a continuum of supportive services to break the cycle of poverty. People living in these affordable housing communities have limited financial resources, with the average annual income for a family of four less than \$24,000.

At Robinson Square, Ragan Oaks, Barros Circle and Wedgewood, staff and volunteers offer an array of educational, preventative and enrichment programs to help youth, including mentoring and tutoring, and a variety of classes such as literacy, art, and computers. Participation provides many benefits, including ensuring a safe after-school and weekend environment, interaction with caring adults, award winning programs, and access to resources and case management.

We also work with these youth to help them get ready to go back to school. Like many nonprofits, we conduct supply drives that help make sure they have backpacks, pencils, and a myriad of other supplies that come on the lengthy lists provided by the schools. In many of the 400 backpacks, we also supply kids with a voucher for a haircut from the Hair Cuttery.

These school supply drives really do make a difference, and we hope you will consider contributing to ours or other organizations. If your means permit, perhaps consider donating a gift card to a clothing store or a hair salon. Helping a child feel confident and fit in during those first weeks of school goes a long way in making the school year productive. And if the youth we are helping prepare for college are an indicator, then we know it works.

Learn more about how you can help at www.FACETSCares.org.

Diversity and Inclusion As a Strength

BY HUBERT C. GRAVES

In light of the division which continues to deepen in our country and our society, the Board of Directors of the Centreville Immigration Forum wants to reaffirm the mission and values central to our organization. The current political and social climate appears to become more divisive with each passing day. The Centreville Immigration Forum calls upon our local community to be a model for the nation by respecting people who offer differing solutions to the problems we face, rather than falling into political arguments which are detrimental to all of us.

Part of the mission of the Centreville Immi-

gration Forum is to “build community recognition of our strength in diversity.” We embrace this principle and will continue to champion diversity and inclusion as a strength for our local community and the nation as a whole. This community and nation have demonstrated so much progress in the last half-century. We have come too far to turn back the clock, especially when there is more to accomplish. Freedom of Speech is what defines our democracy. Where would we be without courageous leaders such as Abraham Lincoln, Martin Luther King Jr., and Cesar Chavez — among thousands of others — who demonstrated such courage in speaking out for what is right and just, challenging our

country to live up to the ideals upon which it was founded?

We steadfastly believe that the diversity of our community and nation will be one of the defining characteristics which will continue to make us the envy of the world. The voices of immigrants belong in public discourse, whether they are the voices of day laborers, business entrepreneurs, or members of Congress. We hope that the local community shares our vision, dreams, and aspirations, where diversity and inclusion are valued and where we work together for the benefit of us all.

The author is President of the Board of Directors of Centreville Immigration Forum.

Beginning of Representative Government in America

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

Four hundred years ago yesterday, July 30, 1619, a group of 22 colonists met in the wooden and mud church on Jamestown Island as instructed by the investors of the colony “to establish one equal and uniform government over all Virginia” and to provide “just laws for the happy guiding and governing of the people there inhabiting.” They adjourned on Aug. 4. That event is variously described as the beginning of representative government in America and as the beginning of the oldest continuous law-making body in the western hemisphere. It merits the commemoration it is receiving.

In order to fully understand the importance of a signature event as this one, I believe it is important to put it into perspective as our knowledge of what happened afterwards allows us to do. While termed the beginning of representative government, the first legislative meeting was anything but representative. Only white males could vote or serve in the Assem-

bly. The indigenous people — called Indians because one of the purposes of sailing to this new world was to find a shorter route to India — were not able to participate even though they had inhabited the land for at least 15,000 years. Not only were they kept out of the Assembly, they were forced off their lands where they had their homes, governance, religion, and farms. In less than a half century the immigrants had taken over the land and displaced the indigenous people.

Nor could women take part in that first Assembly because they did not arrive in Virginia until 1619 and did not secure the vote until three centuries later!

Enslaved people from Africa did not arrive in the colony until 1619 and not only were they not in the First Assembly but they were the subject of laws in subsequent sessions of oppressive slave codes that denied them basic human rights. It was necessary in the beginnings of the Assembly to belong to and pay taxes to the established church.

The history of Virginia and of America has been to move from this humble beginning and

through decades and centuries of events to evolve into what is more closely a representative government. The planners of the events surrounding 1619 have correctly I believe termed it “evolution.” Contrary to what some may have us believe, our state and our country did not start out meeting the ideals and vision that we have. We have built on a humble beginning to evolve into the country we are today.

I trust that this important celebration will not be allowed to be taken over by an ignorance of what happened at Jamestowne and turned into a biased partisan view to justify the terrible actions of government today against people of color, people from other lands, and people in the LGBTQ communities. We do not need to try to return to a past that was much more imperfect than we sometimes care to admit. I am attending the Commemorative Session of the General Assembly to learn more about the past and how we can learn from our experiences and evolve further into a more perfect union. I will not be attending the session with POTUS.

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Angel's Accomplishments

BY ANNA KARL
THE CONNECTION

“You would think that Angel’s most impressive accomplishment was when she taught herself to open the door to let herself in and out of the backyard. But equally endearing, she’s incredibly thoughtful and gentle. She adjusts her sleep schedule to ours, even when we want to sleep in. And if you give her something to eat - no matter how small - she will nibble ever so gently around your fingers to avoid accidentally biting you. But can anything really top her ability to talk (her own language, of course). A loud bark to warn us of intruders; a low growl when she’s annoyed; and a quick “woof” to let us know she needs water or can’t get to her food; and little squeals to let us know she’s beside herself with joy seeing us (or any of her favorite peeps).”

– MARK LAUFMAN, McLEAN



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Mark Laufman and dog Angel

A Big Softie

“We adopted him four years ago from a shelter. Although he acts tough, he’s a big softie. He refuses to hunt the mouse in our backyard but likes to run around with the rest of the neighborhood cats. His other favorite pastime is sitting in front of one of us and staring intensely until he gets fed.”

– LAUREN OTT, McLEAN



**Lauren Ott and cat Lamar
“Chappie” Chapman**

Finding Penny

“Before my family and I went to pick her up for the first time, we were brainstorming names. The second we saw her copper-colored spots covering her back, we knew we should name her Penny! I love hearing her paws prancing all the way to the front door and rolling over for a nice belly rub with her tail wagging the second I get home.”

– CAYLA DAVIS, McLEAN



Cayla Davis and dog Penny

Molly Finds Home

“Molly is a smart dog, but she doesn’t like loud noises. When we first got her, we went to shoot off some fireworks at a nearby park. She bolted and we were freaking out looking for her until we got a call from my mom at home telling us that Molly was waiting by the front door. She had run home even though she had never been to that park before.”

– RYAN DAHLSEID, McLEAN



Ryan Dahlseid and dog Molly

A Dog and House in Purple

“Our dog and the color purple: When he was a mischievous little puppy, our Westie, Bogey, turned himself the color purple. He tore into a purple rabbit’s foot while I was enjoying a nice nap on the couch. I awoke to the terrifying site of not only a purple dog, but purple couch and carpet too.”

– TIM KAISER, McLEAN



**Tim Kaiser, Carolyn Brown-Kaiser,
and dog Bogey**

A Loving Companion

“Lucy has been a light in my life for as long as I can remember. She’s a loving companion and always a comforting presence to our household. She’s brought so much joy into my life; the sound of her tail thumping when I walk through the door always makes me happier. When I come home after a long day, I know that she’ll be there to make me smile. She’s the perfect addition to our family.”

– EMILY SIMONS, McLEAN



Emily Simons and dog Lucy



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McLean Pet Fest

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The McLean Community Center
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NEWS

Road Repairs Continue Following Floods

Several closures remain for repairs following heavy rains.

Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) crews have been making repairs to roads that were damaged during the July 8 flash floods and continue to make progress towards extensive repairs that remain on Kirby Road and Swinks Mill Road. Those repairs will require construction contractors and will keep both roads closed for a few more months.

By the end of the day Thursday, July 25, the flood repair strike team will have repaired twelve roads since the floods. The team focused on milling, paving, and shoulder repair on Barbee Street, Benjamin Street, Beulah Road, Churchill Road, Georgetown Pike, Ironwood Drive, Morningside Drive, Leigh Mill Road, Lorraine Avenue, Prosperity Avenue, Thrasher Place, and Valley Wood Road. All twelve roads were repaired in five days. Bridge maintenance crews are continuing to remove debris from around and under bridges and inside of culverts.

Several areas of Kirby Road sustained damage during the storm:

- ❖ A segment of road just south of Claiborne Drive was washed away. The remaining asphalt in that location has been undermined.

- ❖ Asphalt on the approaches to the deck of the VDOT bridge over Pimmit Run was damaged, but temporarily repaired the same day. The bridge also has damage to the guardrails and abutments (the "legs" that support the bridge deck) and retaining wall.

- ❖ Pimmit Run will need to be re-aligned to its original location.

- ❖ The sanitary sewer line and underground utilities were affected.

- ❖ Damage to VDOT infrastructure is not preventing access to any homes.

Note: A privately owned and maintained bridge across from Claiborne Drive was severely damaged and homeowners are evaluating repair options.

Swinks Mill Road bridge over Scotts Run damage:

- ❖ Several hundred feet of asphalt approaching the bridge on both sides was damaged.

- ❖ Asphalt on the bridge deck was destroyed. Also, the bridge has sustained damage to the guardrails, abutments, and retaining wall.

- ❖ Bridge scour (removal of sand and gravel from around the abutments) was observed.

- ❖ Debris was observed in Scotts Run.

Damage to VDOT infrastructure is not preventing access to any homes.

Structural assessments of VDOT bridges and roads have been completed.

- ❖ Survey work (to gather information needed to create a detailed map of current conditions) is underway and expected to be completed over the coming weeks.

- ❖ Soil borings (samples taken to determine un-



A segment of Kirby Road just south of Claiborne Drive was washed away.

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Bridge damage at Swinks Mill Road.

derground conditions) should be completed around the same time as survey work.

- ❖ Preliminary designs of both bridges and road repairs have begun.

- ❖ Coordination has begun with external agencies to determine location of and efficiently schedule repairs to damaged utilities.

- ❖ Concrete jersey barriers were installed on Swinks Mill Road to prevent drivers from continuing to move temporary barriers and drive across the bridge.

Debris removal will continue in accordance with environmental regulations.

Completed survey work and soil boring results will be used to finish developing the engineering design of road and bridge repairs.

Essential bridge and road repair plans will be put out for construction bids.

For ongoing updates, follow VDOT Northern Virginia on Twitter: @vadotnova

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Keller Williams McLean/Great Falls Donates \$5000 to McLean Little League

The Keller Williams McLean/Great Falls Market Center recently donated \$5000 to help McLean's Little League Complex (1836 Westmoreland St) recently damaged by the flood.

"We believe in supporting the community where we live and work," said Amina Basic, CEO of Keller Williams. "It's our way of saying thanks to our friends, neighbors, and clients."

The money will help repair the damage including rebuilding two dugouts, fencing on three of the four fields and cleaning up the fluids at the complex.

"We are so thankful for this help, the aim is to get the work done ASAP," said Wayne Loving, McLean LL administrator.

The KW McLean/Great Falls market center, located at 6820 Elm St, was established in 2008 and has 330 associates. It's the largest real estate office in McLean and the surrounding area, that sells close to a billion dollars in volume every year.

To learn more about Keller Williams, call Amina Basic at 703/672-0687 or email her at atbasic.amina@gmail.com



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From left — Wayne Loving, Amina Basic and Patrick Page

Farmers Market

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gardening, it can be a great time to discuss how the fruits and vegetables grow to become what they find at the market.

FIRST CUSTOMERS come early. "We have people that are waiting to get in the morning," William Smith, market manager, said. "I'm just happy to see people waiting to get in. I think that's a good sign. I noticed that people who come regularly are typically here like in the first hour". The early bird catches the worm, so the early customer gets the best.

There are loyal customers and loyal vendors who have been meeting each other for many years.

Lyn Phipps has been here for 33 years, since the early days of the market. In her 40s, she started her business with selling home-baked goods and preserves. Ten years ago she gave up cooking. Since then she's been selling flowers and plants (and it sells like hotcakes by the way!) All her bouquets were sold out shortly after the market opened. "I have my regular customers who buy flowers every week. I make colorful bouquets, and all you have to do is put them in a vase when you get home," said Phipps. Now she shares her space with her friend. He also sells plants.

Sabry Sharkawi offers a variety of potted herbs, flowering plants, handcrafted teas, and spices. He's been here for 34 years. He hails from a family of farmers from Egypt. "I knew everything about taking care of plants," said Sharkawi. "When I graduated from the Alexandria agricultural college, I added scientific knowledge to my experience. That helped me a lot because agriculture is not traditional anymore. It's built on science. I attended a lot of conferences, learned from magazines. I was one of the first

who started greenhouses in the US on the farm."

Sharkawi has three daughters. From a young age, they helped him, but later they went their separate ways. "The eldest daughter is a chemical specialist. She works for the Army. My middle daughter is an engineer. She builds rockets. The youngest is a teacher. So, now I am doing all things by myself. I am growing, cooking, driving, and selling. I miss them very much..

Valentine Miller, the owner of the Valentine's Bakery&Meats, talked about his large family all working at the farm. "My wife and I, my son and daughter, son-in-law and my nephew. I would say it's mostly our family. Only one girl helps with the bakery." His truck is decorated with farm animals. His spot is the biggest at the market and one of the most popular. He handles all sales himself. "It's a lot of work. But we are fine. We've been up here in this area in Northern Virginia for 20 years already."

Four years ago, Andrea Young and her husband Dandy swapped their office work for the farm. Their 250-acre Hidden Creek Farm from Fauquier County is now successful and sustainable. Apart from high quality meat and eggs, the farm is also known for its wild honey as well as a large selection of homemade jams and baked goods.

Live music adds to any farmers market a festival vibe. The guitarist and singer Steve Smith plays old school blues every Friday. He contributes greatly to the relaxing atmosphere of the Farmers Market.

NEXT WEEK is going to be special because of the National Farmers Market week. This event with cooking demonstrations, games, kids' activities, raffles for gift baskets is running Aug. 9 at the McLean Farmers market from 8 a.m. to 12 Noon.

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Self Portraits. Business hours through mid August at Starbucks, Great Falls Center, 9863 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. See self portraits by Forestville Elementary School, third grade artists in the meeting room at Starbucks. The show curated by FES Art Teacher, Renee Riddell, is presented by Great Falls Studios in cooperation with Great Falls Starbucks. Visit www.greatfallsstudios.com for more.

Registration Open: The Northern Virginia Senior Olympics features more than 60 events that challenge the mind as well as the body. New games this year: jigsaw puzzle and line-dancing. The games run Sept. 14-28. There will be no on-site registration. Paper registrations, available at most local recreation and senior centers, must be postmarked by Aug. 24. Online registrations must be completed by Aug. 31 at www.nvso.us.

Junior Golf Fairfax Camps, Clinics and Competition. Burke Lake Golf Center is located at 6915 Ox Road, Fairfax Station. Pinecrest Golf Course is located at 6600 Little River Turnpike, Alexandria. Twin Lakes Golf Course is located at 6201 Union Mill Road, Clifton. Oak Marr Golf Complex is located at 3136 Jermantown Road, Oakton. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/golf/junior.

❖ In one-session introductory Junior Golf clinics, kids and teens learn basic golf rules, etiquette of the game, get familiarized with different types of clubs and acquire skills for putting and chipping in a social and relaxed environment. Clubs and practice balls provided. Clinics are offered at Burke Lake, Oak Marr and Pinecrest golf courses for \$15 each in August.

❖ Golf camp week-long sessions are still open – campers learn putting, chipping, iron and woods play from certified instructors in a friendly, group atmosphere. Course etiquette and best safety practices will teach kids and teens fundamentals while they socialize and have fun. Clubs are not required but suggested. All campers will receive a certificate and golf fun pack upon camp completion. Burke Lake Golf Center and Twin Lakes Golf Course offer half day summer camp, Pinecrest Golf Course offers both half and full day summer camp options. Oak Marr Golf Complex offers half day spring and summer camp through Everybody Golf School.

❖ Course-ready juniors will enjoy the Junior Club Championship, Aug. 16, 8 a.m.-noon at Burke Lake Golf Center. Golfers participate in an 18-hole individual stroke competition. Competitors will be separated into three divisions with first, second, and third place prizes available in all divisions. Lunch provided. Call 703-323-1641 to register.

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/AUG. 1

Nottoway Nights: Radio King Orchestra. 7:30 p.m. at Nottoway Park, 9537 Courthouse Road, Vienna. Thursday evenings, through Aug.



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“Volta” Hoops diving artists with Bradly Henderson (in red)

Cirque du Soleil at Tysons II

Cirque du Soleil presents “Volta” at Tysons II under The Big Top, 8025 Galleria Drive, Tysons. Performances July 25, 2019, to Sept. 29, 2019. Tuesay, Wednesday and Thursday at 7:30 p.m., Fridays at 8 p.m., (Friday, August 30 at 4:30 & 8 p.m.), Saturday at 3:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. and Sunday at 12:30 p.m. and 4 p.m. No performances on Mondays. Tickets start at \$49. Special tickets packages such as VIP Experience, Behind The Scenes, Producer Seats and Family Pack are available. For groups of 12 or more there are also special offers. For detailed information visit www.cirquedusoleil.com/volta or call 1-877-924-7783. **Note:** The show contains flashing lights which may cause difficulties for people with photosensitive epilepsy.

22. 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.

FRIDAY/AUG. 2

Summer on the Green: The Rockits (rock and Motown). 6:30 p.m. on Vienna's Town Green. Friday nights through Aug. 23. 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.

FRIDAY-SATURDAY/AUG. 2-3

The Wedding Singer. Friday-Saturday, 7:30 p.m. at the Vienna Community Center, 120 Cherry St SE, Vienna. The Vienna Youth Players' presents their production of The Wedding Singer. The 2006 musical based on the 1998 Adam Sandler film of the same name is brimming with fun, jokes, music, and a cast of 35 youthful and energetic performers. Tickets are \$15 at viennava.gov/webtrac or in person at the community center.

SATURDAY/AUG. 3

Town Clean-Up Day. 9 a.m.-noon. The Town of Vienna is ready to roll up its collective sleeves and spend a morning cleaning around the community. Volunteers are needed to help Town staff pick up trash, remove invasive plants, and give Vienna a general polish. The Town recommends that volunteers wear pants and long sleeves, no matter how warm the day, and bring along trash pickers if they have them. The Town will supply gloves, trash bags, and other equipment. Volunteers will meet at the Town Green, rain or shine. Those interested in volunteering should email bwyatt@viennavagov or call 703-255-5721.

Used Book Collection. 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at SunTrust Bank, 515 Maple Ave. East, Vienna. The McLean Branch of the American Association of University Women (AAUW) will be collecting used books, CDs, DVDs, software, children's books, records, and recent textbooks. No encyclopedias, VHS or audiotapes, please. Books for children are especially needed. Books must be bagged or boxed and the bags and boxes must be left with the books. Contact aauwbookfair@gmail.com, or 703-527-4206. The Book Sale will be held on Sept. 13-15 at the McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Avenue, McLean. The book sale proceeds benefit scholarships for women.

THURSDAY/AUG. 8

Parent and Child Fishing. 4:30-6 p.m. at Riverbend Park, 8700 Potomac Hills St., Great Falls. This introductory course is designed for parents and children age 6-17. Start with such fishing basics as how to rig and use a fishing rod and how to stay safe around the water. The class will cover environmental awareness, as well as how to catch fish. A rod and bait are provided. \$12 per person. Call 703-759-9018 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/riverbend.

Nottoway Nights: The Johnny Artis Band. 7:30 p.m. at Nottoway Park, 9537 Courthouse Road, Vienna. Thursday evenings, through Aug. 22. 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.

FRIDAY/AUG. 9

ESL Playdate Cafe. 1-2 p.m. at Oakton Library, 10304 Lynnhaven Place, Oakton. Meet other caregivers of young children. Adults practice English while children enjoy play time in the same room. Birth-5 years with adult. Free. Call 703-242-4020 or visit librarycalendar.fairfaxcounty.gov/event/5260042.

Summer on the Green: Shenandoah Run (folk). 6:30 p.m. on Vienna's Town Green. Friday nights through Aug. 23. 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/AUG. 10

Vienna Arts Society Reception. 3-5 p.m. at Vienna Art Center, Windover Building, 243 Church St. NW, Vienna. The Vienna Arts Society invites the public to a reception celebrating two exhibitions. The “Healing Wall” is created by troops on the mend at Fort Belvoir Hospital. “The Open Door” features a judged photography exhibition. Enjoy light refreshments and meet the artists as Juror Sandi Croan presents awards. The exhibition continues through Aug. 31. Free and open to the public. Visit www.ViennaArtsSociety.org or call 703-319-3971.

FRIDAY-SUNDAY/AUG. 9-11

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SUNDAY/AUG. 11

Concerts on the Green: Vinyl Invention. 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.

MONDAY/AUG. 12

Meteor Astronomy Class. 8-9:25 p.m. at Turner Farm, 925 Springvale Road, Great Falls. Whether one calls them fireballs or shooting stars, meteors are exciting to see in the nighttime sky. This class covers meteor basics, such as what meteors are, their origins, the best time to view them and fireball reporting. An optional observing session will be held outdoors after class, weather permitting. Designed for participants age 10-adult. \$8 per person. Advance registration is required; no walk-in registration is available. Call 703-324-8618 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/turner-farm.

TUESDAY/AUG. 13

Kids on the Green: Wildlife Ambassadors (live animals). 10 a.m. on the Vienna Town Green. The Kids on the Green series is a weekly collection of interactive animal shows, magicians, puppet performances, and more, running through Aug. 20. Free. Visit viennava.gov for more.

WEEK IN MCLEAN

Juvenile Dead After Apparent Accidents at Construction Site

Detectives from Major Crimes Bureau continue to investigate after a juvenile died in a construction related accident in the 1800 block of Solitaire Lane in McLean. Officers and rescue personnel responded around 3:15 p.m. on July 23 for an adult man and a juvenile male who were trapped in a ditch that collapsed on a residential construction site. Both the man and juvenile were extracted from the ditch and taken to a nearby hospital. The man sustained injuries that are not considered life threatening. The juvenile was pronounced dead at the hospital.

The Office of the Chief Medical Examiner is conducting an autopsy to confirm cause of death.

Anyone who might have witnessed this

accident is asked to call the Major Crimes Bureau at 703-246-7800.

Used Book Collection

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

DONATIONS NEEDED

School Supply and Backpack Drive. 8 a.m.-4 p.m. at the Parent Resource Center, 2334 Gallows Road, Room 105, Dunn Loring. For the nearly 56,000 students in Fairfax County Public Schools living at the poverty line, obtaining school supplies can be difficult. FCPS is partnering with roughly 20 nonprofits and businesses to ensure that students will have the

supplies they need this fall for its "Collect for Kids" campaign. A \$25 donation will fill a backpack with FCPS approved supplies for a student. Organize a collection drive of new backpacks in your community and bring to one of the Collect for Kids drop off locations. Visit www.collectforkids.org/get-involved or call 703-204-3941.

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NEWS

Kofi Annan Resigns As County NAACP President

Statement from Fairfax NAACP:



Kofi Annan

President Kofi Annan tendered his resignation as President of the Fairfax County NAACP and it is with profound regret that the Executive Committee has accepted the resignation of Kofi Annan as of Sunday, July 28. Annan resigned for personal reasons, but his resignation did follow a story in the Washington Post about a dispute with former branch president Shirley Ginwright. Despite the private nature of the dispute in the context of a personal text message conversation with Ms. Ginwright, the Executive Committee denounces Mr. Annan's use of derogatory language towards Ms. Ginwright, as well as his negative comments about Fairfax County officials - NAACP said in a statement.

Our primary focus as an organization is to address the myriad of issues Fairfax County residents face on a daily basis, from education and affordable housing, to community policing. The Fairfax NAACP chapter just completed a community service project benefiting the Capital Area Food Bank earlier this month. In partnership with the Fairfax County Police, we're preparing for the Cops and Kids Basketball game next month. It's unfortunate that in the midst of a busy summer, we have to be distracted by what amounts to an interpersonal matter between two individuals who have known each other for years.

On behalf of the Executive Committee, we apologize to Ms. Ginwright for the disrespectful comments made by our former president. They do not reflect the attitude or values of this Board. Ms. Ginwright is always welcome to attend our events and share her perspective.

The Executive committee apologizes to Chairman Sharon Bulova. Though we've had our share of disagreements, Chairman Bulova has been a friend and an ally of the NAACP. She was especially critical in establishing more civilian oversight of the Fairfax County Police Department through the Ad Hoc Police Practices Review Committee and the Police Civilian Review Panel. As Chairman Bulova is stepping down after this term, we plan to continue this excellent relationship with the Board of Supervisors, and the new Chairman.

The Executive Committee would also like to apologize to FCPD Chief Edwin Roessler. We appreciate Chief Roessler and the FCPD's commitment to serving all the residents of Fairfax County, and intend to continue working with them to strengthen our community.

Though the Fairfax Branch is one of the oldest chapters of the NAACP, the branch has truly flourished in recent years under Mr. Annan's leadership. His tireless advocacy and tenacious pursuit of justice drove everyone in this branch to the next level, culminating in winning the NAACP's prestigious Thalheimer Award in 2018.

We invite the community to join us at our next General Membership Meeting on Aug. 10 at the A.M.E. Baptist Church in Alexandria. Membership in the Fairfax NAACP is open to all Fairfax County residents, regardless of gender, race, creed, religion, or national origin.

Statement from Sean Perryman, on assuming presidency of Fairfax County NAACP

"As many of you may have heard by now, I'm assuming the Presidency of the Fairfax County NAACP. I'm both excited and humbled by the opportunity to represent an organization with a legacy as rich and important as the NAACP.

In an organization founded by legendary intellectuals and titans of civil and human rights like Ida B. Wells and W.E.B. Du Bois, it's daunting to compare yourself to leaders of past. The work remains though, and must continue. I realize, however, that every branch is only as good as the people who volunteer. Thankfully, in Fairfax, we have some of the most talented and passionate individuals in any branch in the country. I hope to lead in a way that honors their service and dedication. I also hope to lead in a way that does justice to the work already started by Kofi Annan.

I remember when I attended my first meeting not sure what to expect. Kofi brought me into the fold. He gave me real responsibility. He let me ascend to leadership quickly and listened to the advice I gave. I'm incredibly proud of the work I accomplished with him and I'll never forget the opportunity he gave me.

The outpouring of love for Kofi Annan following the announcement of his resignation is a testament to the impact of his work and the lives he's touched. I'm wise enough to understand that you don't re-

place someone like Kofi but can only try to further the work with the amazing team they left you. I hope he continues to stay involved and we can partner in whatever he does next.

I cannot and will not seek to be like previous leaders for I fear I could only be a bad imitation. I will instead try to carve out my own brand of leadership focused on equity, policy, and elevating the status of this branch. I will not try to recreate myself but continue to lead with honesty, humor, occasional snark, and a lot of passion. The branch will shift somewhat but our resolve and mission will remain the same.

My motivation—my daughter Ava and every child like her—remain the same. Because as a nation, we must realize that no one is coming to save us. We must create the communities we seek until eventually the world becomes something we are proud to hand our children and children's children.

As I look forward to the future, I am eager to continue my work with leaders throughout Fairfax County and hope to meet with leaders from the Virginia state delegation, county board, and school board soon.

I appreciate all of you as I prepare for this task of leading this amazing organization."

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— Sean Perryman

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CAMPS

Summer Choir Camp. Monday-Friday, Aug. 12-16 and Sunday, Aug. 18 at Church of the Holy Comforter, 543 Beulah Road NE. \$125 fee includes lunches, recreational activities, music education and camp t-shirt. All children in rising 2nd-7th grade are welcome. No prior music experience or training required; solid reading skills are highly recommended. Scholarships are available. Download registration forms at www.holycomforter.com.

THURSDAY/AUG. 1

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.

Nomination Deadline. The nomination process for the 2019 annual Fairfax County Champions of Character Awards are underway. The Fairfax County Champions of Character Awards program honors youth, coaches and parents for extraordinary service in pursuing victory with honor in various athletics programs throughout Fairfax County. Anyone can nominate a player, coach or parent for consideration of a Champions of Character Award. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/neighborhood-community-services/athletics/champions-of-character for more.

FRIDAY-MONDAY/AUG. 2-5

Road Closure: Route 50. Eastbound and westbound Route 50 (Arlington Boulevard) at the Route 7 (Leesburg Pike) interchange and eastbound Wilson Boulevard (Route 613) between the eastbound Route 50 service road and the westbound Route 50 service road will be closed from 10 p.m. Friday, Aug. 2 to 5 a.m. Monday, Aug. 5 to demolish the Wilson Boulevard bridge deck over Route 50 and install the new bridge deck. Drivers can expect major delays and are advised to use alternate routes. After the weekend closure, drivers can expect single-lane closures on Route 50 and the eastbound Wilson Boulevard bridge until late fall. The project is scheduled for completion this winter. Visit www.virginia.gov/projects/northernvirginia/wilson_over_50.asp for more.

SUNDAY/AUG. 4

Life Notes Workshop. 1:30-4 p.m. at Unity of Fairfax, 2854 Hunter Mill Road, Oakton. Join singer/songwriter and presenter Daniel Nahmod for an experience of music, readings, journaling, and discussion. Through the Life Notes process developed and refined by Daniel, participants will learn to see themselves with clarity and resolve. \$25-\$45. Visit uof-nahmod-workshop.eventbrite.com or call 703-281-1767.

WEDNESDAY/AUG. 7

Setting the Stage for School Success: Preparing for a New School Year. 10 a.m.-noon at Dunn Loring Center for Parent Services, 2334 Gallows Road, Entrance 1 - Room 100, Dunn Loring. Transitioning to a new school year can be overwhelming. Join us to learn important strategies to help kick-start a child's school year in elementary, middle, or high school. Call 703-204-3941 or visit www.fcps.edu/resources/family-engagement/parent-resource-center for more or to register.

SATURDAY/AUG. 10

Shamanic Journeying. 5-8 p.m. at Unity of Fairfax, 2854 Hunter Mill Road, Oakton. Learn about Shamanic Journeying is, and how it is different than meditation in this three-hour long intensive. In the first two hours, there will be a presentation on the history of shamanic journeying, the different types, and an in-depth explanation describing many different paths that use shamanic journeying as a tool. The third hour will be an application of the skills learned. Donations accepted. Call 703-281-1767 or RSVP at journeyingaugust10.eventbrite.com/.

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