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**Children exuberantly raise their hands when Nancy Bronez asked if they were excited for dog themed stories.**



**Nancy Bronez of Vienna reads dog themed books for last week's stories, songs and sprinklers edition.**

## Enjoying Stories, Sprinklers, and Songs in Vienna

**O**n a beautiful Wednesday morning, Nancy Bronez of Vienna set up in her usual spot under the shade of the giant tree behind the Freeman Store and Museum.

"This is my third summer doing Stories, Songs and Sprinklers. The program has been going on longer than that but I have been the storyteller for the past three years. I am a professional children's librarian. I have been doing story times for children since 2005. They needed a new storyteller for this program and a good friend of mine works at the Freeman Store and Museum and let me know, so I volunteered because I live in Vienna and I love Vienna," said Bronez.

As Bronez read, the children were enraptured with her fantastic reading voice. Bronez read a few books, all dog themed, and sang a few songs with Sylvia Blah, member of Historic Vienna Inc, who provides the music for the sessions. "I like to do thematic stories, this week it was dogs because the dogs are coming next week," said Bronez. "Part of my training as a professional children's librarian is doing just that: choosing the right book for your audience. This age group is pretty broad from babies to 7 year olds. So first you have to figure out how old the kids are and then pick books that are age appropriate and fun."

After story time was over, the Town of Vienna hooked up fun sprinklers shaped beach balls and unicorns. Children ran around and waded in the kiddie pools as parents looked on. The last Stories, Songs and Sprinklers will take place on Wednesday, July 31 at 1 p.m. on the Town Green.

—LISA FAY



**Maddie Cutajar, 4, Eliana Pope, 4, and Olivia Kimball, 5, listen and interact with Nancy Bronez as she reads.**



**Abraham Pope, 2, walks up to Nancy Bronez as she reads to get a closer look**



**Ava Uhrig, 2, wades in the kiddie pool after story time.**



**Anna Spear, 5, excitedly jumps into the sprinklers.**



**Maddie Cutajar, 4, and Eliana Pope, 4, stick their tongues out to try and catch the falling water.**



## 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](http://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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**Murphy obeys Nancy Moat's command of sit and stay.**



**Duchess perches on the edge of couch, most likely enjoying a Nationals baseball game with owner former U.S. Rep. Tom Davis.**



**Kirby and Bentley sit in their matching bandanas.**

## Meet Best Friends in Vienna

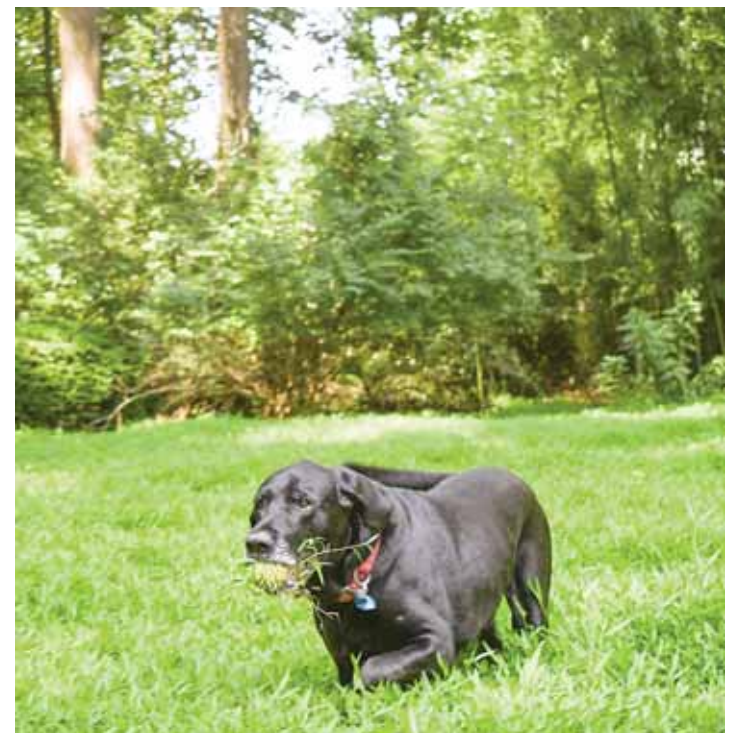
BY LISA FAY  
THE CONNECTION

**P**oodles and various types of cross-breeds were the name of the game for the Pet Connection issue in Vienna. Tom Davis, former Congressman, shared the story behind his 13 year old Maltese's name, Duchess. "She is aptly named. She acts like royalty: she won't go out in the rain, will only eat certain foods, and eschews other dogs. We have to plan our travel plans around someone being able to take care of her. One time we put her in one of those dog kennels and everyone was playing but Duchess was in the corner! She's a loner, but she's very sweet," Duchess has been Davis' loyal companion since she was a puppy and loves to go on long walks around their neighborhood. "At the end of the day she'll just lick you," said Davis.

Kirby, 10, Bentley, 7, come from the same bloodline. Both are black poodles that belong to the Habibi family of Vienna since they were puppies. "They have the same mom. Kirby was a litter of three boys and three girls. Bentley was from a litter of four girls and he being the only boy. So I think he took all the big boy genes and that's how he's bigger," joked Elizabeth Habibi. When asked what she liked most about their furry family members she said, "Their companionship. I can have long conversations with them and they don't talk back, unlike my kids! I can talk to them all day long," said Habibi. "They are half-brothers. Kirby is textbook miniature poodle but Bentley is not. There is a dog size between miniature and standard called 'moyen' or medium and



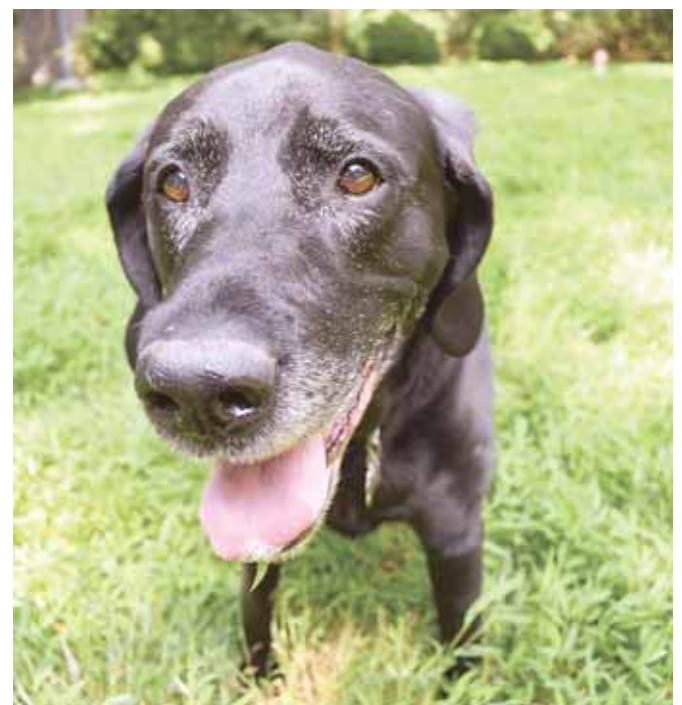
**Murphy enjoys his backyard full of plants as his tongue hangs out on the hot summer day.**



**Bailey retrieves his tennis balls as well as a mouthful of grass.**



**Anne Stunz's dog, Bailey, is a beautiful mix of hound and lab.**



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### With Duncan at Farmers Market

Gwyn L. Whittaker, Owner, GreenFare Organic Cafe in Herndon: "Duncan and I met when he was a wee puppy. Scrawny, yet stoic, he blossomed into my handsome sidekick. I am happiest when we're together and I think he is too. Here we are at the Great Falls Farmers Market, a dog friendly place, enjoying the music and farmer stalls."



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## Dog Parks in Fairfax County

The Fairfax County Park Authority welcomes leashed dogs in all of its parks. In addition, for owners of well-socialized canines who enjoy a good run, a friendly romp, or simply the presence of other dogs and people, the Park Authority operates dog parks or dog runs. These are designated fence-enclosed areas where unleashed dogs can have free play. At present, the Park Authority has eleven established dog parks located throughout Fairfax County.

Volunteer Dog Park Monitors are Park Authority volunteers who assist staff with the operations and maintenance of each dog park. They do so by encouraging awareness of dog park rules and regula-

tions, reporting maintenance needs to the Park Authority, picking up litter and dog waste in order to model proper use and to keep park areas clean; and by promoting a sense of community among those who visit a dog park.

Users of off-leash dog areas do so at their own risk. Neither Fairfax County nor the Fairfax County Park Authority shall be liable for any injury or damage caused by any dog in the off-leash area.

Operating Hours are 7 a.m. to one half-hour after sunset Monday through Friday. On weekends and federal holidays, the hours are 8 a.m. to one half-hour after sunset.

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Special Features: Water supply, shade pavilion

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Capacity: 64 dogs  
Special Features: Water supply

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#### MASON DISTRICT

Intersection of Alpine Drive and Pinecrest Parkway, Annandale  
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15150 Old Lee Rd., Chantilly  
Established: March 2006  
Capacity: 90 dogs (80 large/10 small)  
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#### SOUTH RUN

7550 Reservation Drive, Springfield  
Established: December 2001  
Capacity: 85 dogs

#### WESTGROVE

6801 Fort Hunt Rd., Alexandria  
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Capacity: 82 dogs  
Special Features: Water supply and when the large area of the dog park is closed due to wet conditions or maintenance, the small area only has a capacity of 26 dogs



## PET CONNECTION

# Best Friends of Vienna

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that's what he is." Habibi demonstrated that both of her dogs know how to sit and give her a kiss when she says "kiss," as the dogs jump up on their legs and bop their snout on her lips.

Fourteen-year-old cockapoo Murphy belongs to Nancy and Sim Moats of Vienna. He is jokingly called "Toothless Murphy" because he is missing some front row teeth, which leads to his tongue hanging out of his mouth in a hilarious way. "One of my daughters bought a dog in college and she'd bring him here and say 'Mom, Dad will you watch Bailey for me?' whenever she would go off on a trip, and this happened a few times. So when my youngest daughter was a senior in high school and was about to go off to college, she said 'Mom, you should have a dog'. Well, Mom has never had a dog and Mom is not interested in dogs," joked Nancy Moats. "So they bring this dog home after New Year's, and he's only a couple of months old, and he is this cute ball of fluff, but I wouldn't even touch him for the first week. I was not raised with dogs, we were a family of six kids, we didn't need a dog! I asked my husband, 'Have you ever asked me in however many years of marriage for a dog?' He responded with a resounding, 'No, but the kids decided you

should have one'," said Moats. Like any other older dog, Murphy has had some health issues and has begun to slow down, but he still loves bounding around in the various plants and flowers in the Moats' garden. "He is lethargic but I think it's because he's old. If he's hungry though and wants what you have, like a piece of salmon, you better believe he's active!"

"Bailey, Banks, and Biddle!" exclaimed Anne Stunz of Vienna, owner of 10 year old lab/hound mix Bailey. The story of how their current dog got its name lies with the name of the famous jewelry retailer founded in 1832. "We first had dogs named Banks and Biddle. They were these older dogs that we adopted, we didn't name them because they were rescues. So when we got him [Bailey] after they died of old age, he was called Stacy. We thought that it didn't sound very manly for a boy dog, but we couldn't bring ourselves to get the right name. Anytime I wanted to call him something I'd go with 'B' sound because we were used to calling our animals B names. So we decided to just give in and give him a B name and when we asked him, 'Could we call you Bailey?' he responded very positively!" Bailey is almost 100 pounds and loves to play fetch in their spacious backyard. He is the epitome of a gentle giant.



## Welcoming Rocky to Vienna

Henry Ross of Vienna with a German Shepherd mix named Rocky he brought to Mom for her birthday.

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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](http://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](http://scov.org). Contact facilitator Jack Tarr at 703-821-6838 or [jtarr5@verizon.net](mailto:jtarr5@verizon.net).

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**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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](mailto: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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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 gloves if they have them. The Town will supply pickers, trash bags, and other equipment. Volunteers will meet at the Town Green, rain or shine. Those interested in volunteering should email [bwyatt@viennavagov](mailto: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](mailto: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.

## SUNDAY/AUG. 4

**Wood Carving Lessons.** Noon-3 p.m. at Colvin Run Mill, 10017 Colvin Run Road, Great Falls. Whittle out some time for “Wood Carving Lessons” at Colvin Run Mill with the Northern Virginia Carvers. No reservations are required. These lessons are designed for participants 12-adult. There is a nominal charge for wood blanks. Or enjoy a “Grinding Demonstration.” See and hear 19th century technology at work while watching the miller grind flour or meal. Demonstrations will take place as conditions permit. No reservations are required. Tours of the mill cost \$8 for adults, \$7 for students 16 and up with ID, and \$6 for children and seniors. Call 703-759-2771 or visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/colvin-run-mill](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/colvin-run-mill).

**20th Anniversary Celebration.** 5-7 p.m. at Riverbend Park, 8700 Potomac Hills St., Great Falls. The Friends of Riverbend Park (FORB) will celebrate their 20th anniversary of supporting the park. FORB has supported Riverbend with more than a quarter-million dollars in contributions, services and equipment over the years. The celebration is open to the public and there is no charge. Call 703-759-9018 or visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/friends](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/friends).

## TUESDAY/AUG. 6

**Kids on the Green: Groovy Nate (kids songs and puppets).** 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](http://viennava.gov) for more.

**Self-Driving Cars.** 6:30-7:30 p.m. at Oakton Library, 10304 Lynnhaven Place, Oakton. Assistant Director of the Mason Experimental Geometry Lab, Anton Lukyanenko, will show participants how an algorithm can program the path of self-driving cars and witness a demonstration with mobile robots. Free. Email [joyce.fitzpatrick@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:joyce.fitzpatrick@fairfaxcounty.gov) for more.

**Astronomical Experience.** 8-9 p.m. at Turner Farm is located at 925 Springvale Road, Great Falls. Visit Observatory Park at Turner Farm and learn to see the world from an astronomical point of view. Find answers to questions about the length of the day and the origins of our calendar. Held in the roll-top observatory at Turner Farm and will include an observing session, if the weather allows. \$8 per person. Designed for participants 8- adult. Call 703-324-8618 or visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/turner-farm](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/turner-farm).

## 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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://www.ViennaArtsSociety.org) or call 703-319-3971.

## FRIDAY-SUNDAY/AUG. 9-11

**The Wedding Singer.** Friday-Saturday, 7:30 p.m.; Sunday, 1 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](http://viennava.gov/webtrac) or in person at the community center.

## 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](http://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](http://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](http://viennava.gov) for more.



## NEWS

# Registration Underway for Senior Olympics

## Volunteers also needed.

**R**egistration for the 2019 Northern Virginia Senior Olympics is heading into its final weeks at [www.nvso.us](http://www.nvso.us). The 2019 games run from Sept. 14 thru Sept. 28. All registrations must be completed by Aug. 31. Paper registrations, available at most recreation and senior centers, must be postmarked by Aug. 24. There will be no on-site registration.

The NVSO includes more than 60 events that exercise the mind as well as the body. To qualify competitors must be at least 50-years-old by Dec. 31, 2019, and be a resident of Northern Virginia. The games will be hosted at more than 25 local venues.

New this year is a flat registration fee of \$15 that allows participants to compete in as many events as they choose with the exception of bowling, cycling, golf and orienteering which have additional charges.

The NVSO began in 1982 with about 80 competitors. In 2018, more than 800 people took part, making it one of the largest annual senior events in the region.

In addition to offering traditional Olympic-style events such as running, walking, discus and swimming, the NVSO also has games that exercise the mind, including bridge, Sudoku and one of this year's new competitions, jigsaw puzzle. The new event this year for those more active is line-dancing.

The NVSO also offers a great opportunity to volunteer. RSVP-Northern Virginia, the region's largest volunteer group for those 55 or better, (which is a program of Volunteer Fairfax, Volunteer Arlington and Volunteer Alexandria) recruits more than 100



**All registrations for Senior Olympics must be completed by Aug. 31.**

volunteers each year to support the games. Anyone 16-years-old or older interested in volunteering should call 703-403-5360 or register online at [www.rsvpnova.org](http://www.rsvpnova.org).

A list of events, rules and locations for the NVSO can be found at [www.nvso.us](http://www.nvso.us). The NVSO is a nonprofit and is a joint project of the cities of Alexandria, Fairfax and Falls Church and the counties of Arlington, Fairfax, Fauquier, Loudoun, and Prince William.

In addition to the support from local jurisdictions, the NVSO receives support from numerous local businesses and media outlets.

For information on the NVSO, please visit [www.nvso.us](http://www.nvso.us). For information on volunteering with the games, visit [www.rsvpnova.org](http://www.rsvpnova.org) or call RSVP at 703-403-5360.

## New Head for Green Hedges School

The Board of Trustees of Green Hedges School has announced the appointment of Jennifer Bohnen as the next Head of School. Beginning July 1, 2019, Bohnen will serve as the School's eighth Head of School in its 77 year history.

Bohnen, former Head of Lower School at Aspen Country Day in Colorado, will bring to Green Hedges a 20-year career of educational accomplishments as a teacher, administrator, and leader in pre-K/Montessori through Grade 8 independent schools. Her mission as Head of School is to "empower children to become enthusiastic learners and ethical citizens as they create their places in the world."

Bohnen's experience in independent schools nation-wide such as Aspen Country Day, Hillbrook School in Los Gatos, Calif., and the Lamplighter School in Dallas, Texas will position her to lead the Green Hedges School community with expertise



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**Jennifer Bohnen**

and vision.

Heidi Everett, Chair of the Green Hedges Board of Trustees, says "Beyond her profoundly impressive professional qualifications, Jennifer is an inspiring leader. She is warm, curious, patient, determined, smart, empathetic, action-oriented, strategic, and strives for excellence."

The Bohnen family is thrilled to return to the Northern Virginia area. Jennifer was a teacher at St. Stephen's & St. Agnes Episcopal School while concurrently serving as a Trustee at Burgundy Farm Country Day in Alexandria. During her time in the area, she completed research at George Washington University in teacher effectiveness and evaluations in independent schools. She holds a Master of Arts in Educational Leadership from The George Washington University.

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

## VIENNA POLICE HIGHLIGHTS

*The following summary contains various incidents of general interest as well as vehicular crashes handled by the Town of Vienna, Virginia Police Department from July 19 – 25, 2019.*

### INCIDENTS

**Fraud** — 200 Block Battle Street, SW Between March 8 at 12 p.m. and June 13 at 12 p.m. A resident hired a piano instructor for their son and provided the man with their credit card information to pay for the lessons. The man began making unauthorized charges on the credit account. Arrangements were made between the resident and the man to pay back the unauthorized charges, but he has not yet complied with those arrangements.

**Suspicious Event** — 600 Block Gibson Circle, SW July 15, 7:39 p.m. A resident reported that her daughter made some concerning statements. The daughter was transported to an area facility for evaluation.

**Arrest – Warrant Service** Vienna Police Station 215 Center Street, South July 19, 11:48 a.m. Eight men came to the police station to accept service of warrants from an incident in Stafford County, Virginia. PFC Post served the warrants charging Trespassing on a 19-year-old from Yeonas Drive, SW in Vienna, a 19-year-old from Garrett Street in Vienna, an 18-year-old from Linda Marie Drive in Oakton, an 18-year-old from East Meredith Drive in Vienna, an 18-year-old from Spring Street, SE in Vienna, an 18-year-old from Aponi Road in Vienna, an 18-year-old from Meadow Dale Court in Vienna and an 18-year-old from Adenlee Avenue in Fairfax. The men were all released on their signatures.

**Open Door** — Virginia Tire & Auto 141 Maple Avenue, West July 19, 11:25 p.m. Officers responded for an open garage door at the business. The business was searched, and nothing appeared to be out of place.

**Petit Larceny** — 300 Block Nutley Street, SW July 19, 11:59 p.m. A resident heard a knock at

her front door. When she looked at her security camera, she observed an unknown man steal the wreath from her door.

**Suspicious Event** — McDonald's 544 Maple Avenue, West July 20, 12:44 a.m. An employee requested assistance with a disorderly man at the restaurant. The man was advised to leave the premises and that he may be charged with trespassing if he returns.

**Grand Larceny** — Crepe Amour 407 Maple Avenue, East July 20 between 5:26 p.m. and 6:10 p.m. A resident left her purse in the restaurant. When she returned, the purse was gone.

**Fraud** — 800 Block Meadow Lane, SW Between July 20 at 8 p.m. and July 24 at 8:04 p.m. A resident reported that someone had used her personal information to open various accounts and make purchases.

**Domestic Assault** — The Wolfrap Hotel 430 Maple Avenue, West July 21 between 3 a.m. and 3:30 a.m. At 11:24 p.m., a resident came to the police station to report that she was assaulted by her mother and juvenile brother at the hotel several hours earlier. The resident did not wish to pursue charges and refused rescue. The citizen was advised of the warrant process should she decide to pursue charges.

**Animal Case – Quarantine** — The Hope Center 140 Park Street, SE July 21, 4 p.m. An employee was bitten by a dog during a medical procedure. ACO Barker forwarded the case to the Fairfax County Animal Control to follow up with the quarantine as the dog resides in their jurisdiction.

**Arrest – Drunk In Public** — 1000 Block Hillcrest Drive, SW July 21, 6:31 p.m. Officers responded to the report of a resident who was intoxicated and acting disorderly towards his father. Ofc. Colligan arrested the 35-year-old man from Hillcrest Drive, SW. He was transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention

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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 replace 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."

**"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."**

— Sean Perryman



# BULLETIN

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**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](http://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.virginiadot.org/projects/northernvirginia/wilson\\_over\\_50.asp](http://www.virginiadot.org/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](http://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](http://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/](http://journeyingaugust10.eventbrite.com/).

## TUESDAY/AUG. 13

**Family Caregiver Telephone Support Group.** 7-8 p.m. Fairfax County's Family Caregiver Telephone Support Group meets by phone on Tuesday, February 13, 7-8 p.m. This month's focus is an open discussion on caregiver stress. Share experiences, gain support and get information without having to travel. Call 703-324-5484, TTY 711 to register.

## THURSDAY/AUG. 15

**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](http://scov.org). Contact facilitator Jack Tarr at 703-821-6838 or [jtarr5@verizon.net](mailto:jtarr5@verizon.net).

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## Money For What, Exactly?



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

Presumably, most of you readers are aware that many supermarkets have a rack located somewhere near the rear of the store that is stocked with off-price merchandise: discontinued items, items with damaged packaging, out of season products, etc.

Over the years, I have been a regular checker of this rack looking for such bargains. I have purchased breakfast cereal, soup, cookies, candy, and miscellaneous other non-perishables. I've even purchased two bags of Kingsford charcoal.

In addition, I've seen household products, health and beauty, school supplies; and everything else you can imagine, running the gamut from "A" to "Z," for sale. Recently however, on this rack I saw a product I'm not sure I even thought was available to the general public, and if it was, would not have thought buying it from the discontinued merchandise rack at the supermarket would not have been the way to go. But what do I know? As has been proven many times: not much.

The item? A DNA Paternity Test Kit. I guess, I thought, if this test was necessary, it would involve a physician or at least be administered by a health care professional and/or involve witnesses/legal representation (at least a notary). Going to the supermarket or even the drug store? And then testing yourself without necessarily knowing the precautions and proper procedures appropriate for the task at hand?

There seems as if there's a bit more at stake here than an at-home pregnancy test, a test with which many of us are familiar. But DNA testing at home?

What is this, the Maury Povich Show?

Having not traveled down this particular road myself, perhaps I'm unaware of the realities. All I know is what I've seen on television or read about in the papers.

I guess I just assumed (generally a bad thing), that the steps one takes to verify/confirm/resolve paternity-type issues were a bit more involved than a visit to the supermarket.

Apparently, this subject is just another where I know very little about, like tools and how to use them, automobile repair, home maintenance, lawn and garden, cooking, and on and on and on. But enough about me.

What about those wanting answers to extraordinarily important questions: Who's the father? And is that my child? Looks can be deceiving so a professional, or so I thought, incorrectly, is brought in to oversee the process.

Nope. No professional need apply. Just go to your local "chemist," as they say in England. No need to visit "the surgery," as they also say over there.

Just find a box with the right letters on it and go back to your home/work and swab, stick, pin-prick or whatever and the results will be known soon enough if you or someone else is whomever they claim to be or not to be. That is the question which begs an answer, Shakespeare notwithstanding.

It seems only fair that one's birthright should be gotten wrong. And not that home-testing can't be trusted. Just the opposite. Nevertheless, some things, like circumcisions, though they can be performed at home (see "Shaky the mohel" from a long ago Seinfeld episode).

I would have thought, a DNA Paternity test, given the need/want of a resolution/clarification which could possibly impact multiple individuals/families over generations, be similarly performed in the most careful of conditions. This kind of test has no margin for error – or humor.

"Bought the kit in the discount rack at my local supermarket." Is that the answer you want to give when all eyes are on you? And saying how much you saved over regular price is unlikely to endear you to any and all of the interested parties on hand.

After all, money really isn't the issue.

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## Virginia Tire & Auto grand opening in Vienna.

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## Virginia Tire & Auto Celebrates Grand Opening in Vienna

Virginia Tire & Auto teamed up with Redskins line-backer Ryan Kerrigan to celebrate the grand opening of their new store in Vienna. The grand opening, held on Thursday, July 18, featured a meet and greet with Kerrigan, a ribbon-cutting ceremony, and family-friendly games and activities. Local Vienna businesses provided free food, drinks and desserts to event attendees.

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## VIENNA POLICE HIGHLIGHTS

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Center where he was charged with Drunk In Public.

**Animal Case** — 1200 Block Kelley Street, SW July 22 between 4 p.m. and 5:50 p.m. A resident reported a sick raccoon in his yard. MPO Shaw found the raccoon was in grave condition and euthanized the animal.

**Domestic Dispute** — Park Terrace Court, SE July 22, 10:35 p.m. Officers responded to the report of a domestic verbal dispute between a man and a woman. The woman left the area before the officers' arrival.

**Open Door** — 100 Block Locust Street, SW July 23, 10:11 p.m. A resident found a dog running at large and returned it to the address listed on the dog tag. The resident found a door to the house open and did not believe anyone was home. While officers were searching the home, they found that one of the residents was in the basement and there were no issues at the home.

**Arrest — Warrant Service, Assault on a Law Enforcement Officer and Obstruction of Justice** — Maple Avenue, West July 24, 3:30 p.m. Officers responded to the report of a suspicious person. Once the man was identified, it was determined that Fairfax County Police had an active warrant for him. As the officers were taking the man into custody to serve the warrant, the man began to resist arrest and struck one of the officers. Ofc. Nesbitt transported the 39-year-old man with no fixed address to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center where the warrant charging Failure to Comply with Supervised

Release Program was served, and he was charged with Felony Assault on a Law Enforcement Officer and Obstruction of Justice.

**Arrest — Disorderly Conduct** — The Wolfrap Hotel 430 Maple Avenue, West July 25, 1:56 a.m. Officers responded to the report of a woman trying to break into the front office door of the hotel. Upon his arrival, Ofc. Colligan observed the woman who quickly began acting disorderly with the officer and yelling profanities. Ofc. Colligan transported the 34-year-old woman who resides at the hotel to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center, where she was charged with Disorderly Conduct.

### CRASHES

**Cottage Street and Kingsley Road, SW** — July 19, 8:37 a.m. Vehicle-1 was traveling northbound on Cottage Street. Vehicle-2 was traveling eastbound on Kingsley Road. The two vehicles collided in the intersection after both drivers stopped for the 4-way stop sign.

**Echols Street and Follin Lane, SE** — July 23, 3:03 p.m. Vehicle-2 was stopped at red traffic light at the intersection. Vehicle-1 struck the rear of Vehicle-2. Driver-1 was issued a summons charging Failure to Pay Full Time and Attention.

**800 Block Maple Avenue, East** — July 25, 7:20 p.m. Two vehicles were traveling westbound on Maple Avenue in the right lane of traffic. Vehicle-2 slowed. Driver-1 attempted to slow; however, his brakes did not work, causing Vehicle-1 to strike the rear of Vehicle-2. Driver-1 was issued a summons charging Improper Brakes.

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