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PEOPLE

Burke Dentist Hangs up Drill and Soccer Cleats

47 years seeing patients is enough for Dr. Rice.

BY MIKE SALMON
THE CONNECTION

Whether it was the number of cavities he's filled or soccer players he's coached, Dr. Richard O. Rice has made an impact on many lives in Burke. After 47 years, he's folding up his dentist chair and retiring. "It's time, I'm happy to have known some great people," Rice said, "it's hard to let go."

He will see his last patient on Nov. 27, the day before Thanksgiving, have some well-earned down time, before moving to the coastal area of North Carolina.

He's prepared for retirement, and found a new nearby dentist for all his patients, but they're still going to miss him. "It's like going in and talking with your best friend," said Margaret Yowell, who's been a patient of Rice's since the late 1970s. "He looks out for you," she said. For Rice, retirement was not a quick, easy decision. A few years ago, it was a thought, and then became a decision last May when he talked to his accountant, so he cut back to three days a week, and the wheels were in motion. He conferred with Dr. Rodney A. Alejandro, the dentist he's referring his patients to, and then had conversations with Realtors about selling the house and turning the dentist office into a separate au pair suite.

He's one of the few in Northern Virginia that will miss his commute. "Here's my commute," he said, as he opened the door to the rest of the house where he and his wife Carol live. "Five steps," he said.

He even transferred his phone number to the new dentist. "How convenient is that," said Jen Marland, an Annandale resident that's been Rice's patient since she was a child. "My parents still go here," she said.

"That is why, as I am announcing my retirement effective Nov. 27, 2019, I have taken great care in finding a fellow dentist who can meet your future dental needs with the same level of clinical and personal integrity you have come to expect," said the announcement on his website.

THE RICE FAMILY was well entrenched in the Braddock Road community. Dr. Rice coached soccer at the Braddock Youth club for 20 years.

His wife Carol coached at Lake Braddock HS where she coached future professional soccer star Mia Hamm, and played for an adult soccer team called the McLean Redshins. Their daughter Emily graduated from Lake Braddock before moving away and raising her children. She now teaches at Mount Vernon Elementary School in Alexandria.

Carol Rice also coaches a team in the Southwest Youth Association out in Centreville. She may continue volunteering when they get to North Carolina.

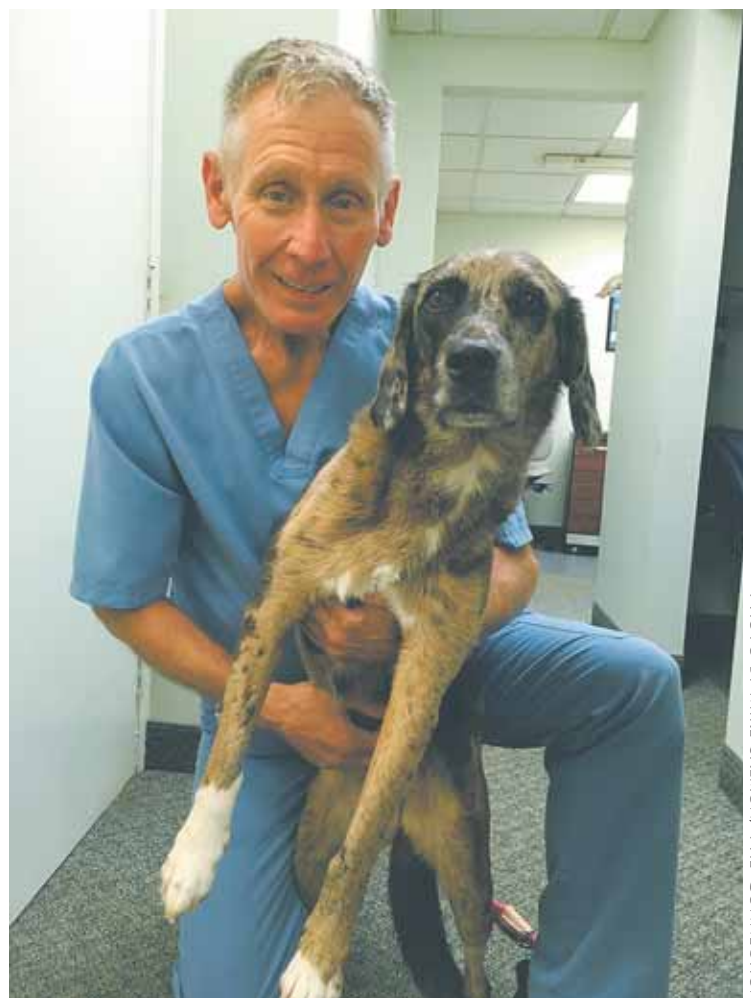


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Burke dentist Dr. Richard O. Rice and his dog Ci Ci. After 47 years, Dr. Rice is folding up his dentist chair and retiring.

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Generation Gap

Millennials and Gen X now outnumber older voters, but Baby Boomers continue to dominate.

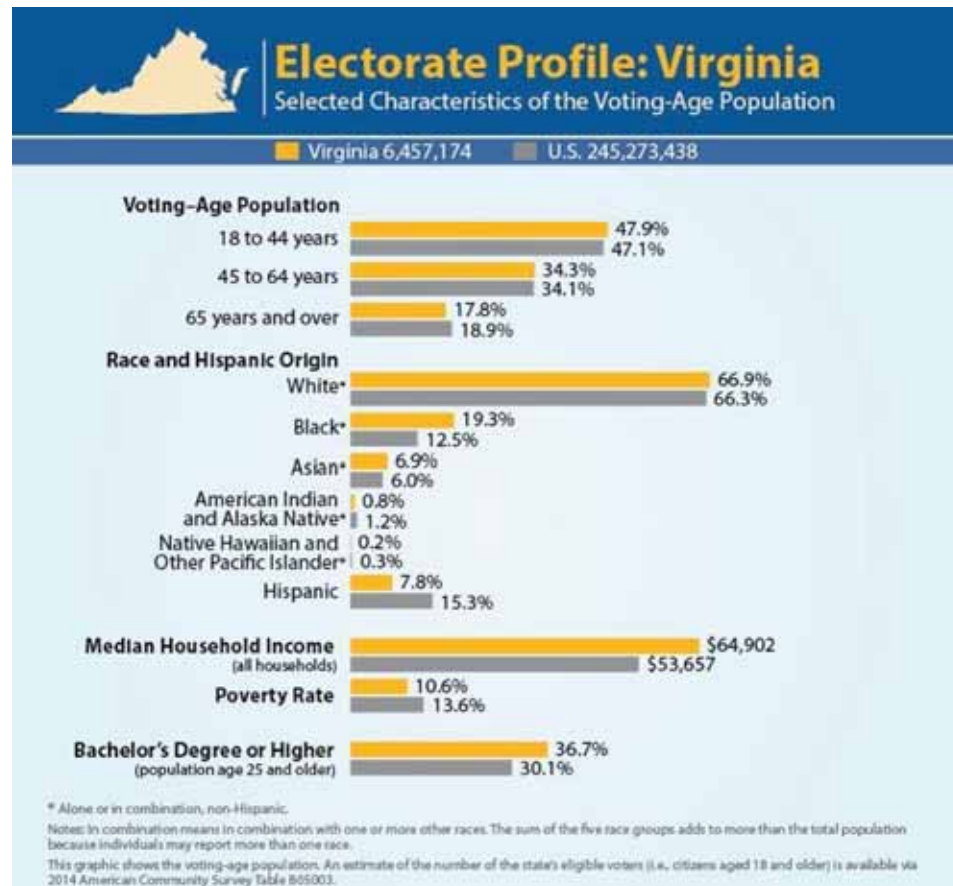
BY MICHAEL LEE POPE
THE CONNECTION

Millennials and Gen Xers now outnumber Baby Boomers and older voters in Virginia, according to data from the Census Bureau. But that doesn't mean they have as much influence. Census numbers also show another trend: People over the age of 45 vote at much higher rates. That means Baby Boomers are expected to once again exert outsized influence in next week's election despite the fact that they are now outnumbered by ranks of younger voters.

"We talk about the Baby Boomers so much because they were a phenomenon unto themselves in some ways," says Quentin Kidd, director of the Wason Center for Public Policy at Christopher Newport University. "As they aged, they participated at high levels, and those participation levels stayed pretty high."

Voters across Virginia will be heading to the polls next week in a high-stakes election that will determine which party controls the House of Delegates and state Senate. All 140 seats in the House and Senate will be on the ballot this year. Election officials expect turnout to be about 30 percent, much lower than the 60 percent of registered voters that show up to presidential elections. That means voters who show up to the polls will be older, whiter and much more likely to be Republican.

"Virginia has a lot of immigrants. Immigrants tend to be younger and tend to have more kids, and those voters with that profile tend to lean Democratic," says Jeremy Mayer, associate professor in the Schar School of Policy and Government at George Mason University. "So why are the Baby Boomers still dominating? Because that demographic votes, and tends to vote with ex-



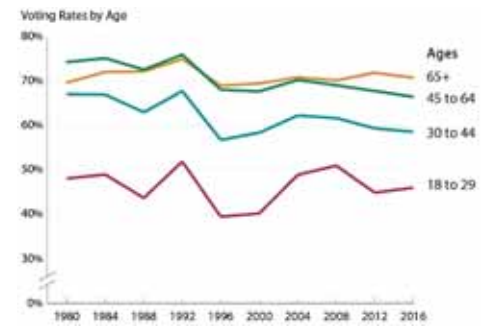
traordinary reliability."

Mayer says he sees a similarity between the victory of Donald Trump in 2016 with a victory of Brexit that same year, two elections where the interest of older voters overwhelmed the interest of younger voters, a phenomenon he calls a "revolution of the elderly." This election is also expected to be dominated by Baby Boom voters, although eventually millennials and Gen X voters will catch up and become the dominant force in Virginia politics.

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SOURCE: UNITED STATES CENSUS BUREAU

ment are indeed the 18 to 29 year olds," says Bob Denton, chairman of the Department of Communications at Virginia Tech. "There is going to be a political sea change, not so much on demographics per se but on political beliefs, attitudes and values of the Millennials and Generation Z."

Four years ago, when Virginia had no statewide races and every member of the General Assembly was up for election, about 30 percent of registered voters showed up to the polls and cast a ballot. Turnout statistics were pretty much the same for the election four years before that as well as the election four years before that. Democrats are expected to do well if they can push the turnout numbers above 30 percent, even if it's only a little bit.

"The early voting numbers suggest a significantly higher trajectory," says Stephen Farnsworth, director of the Center for Leadership and Media Studies at the University of Mary Washington. "Based on the number of candidates running in the Virginia mid-term this year as well as polls, including the Mary Washington statewide survey that shows a high level of voter interest in 2019, all indications are that this Virginia midterm will have much higher turnout than four years ago."

Free Training Class For Community Emergency Response Team

Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training is a challenging fun and free program brought to you by Fairfax County Fire and Rescue and sponsored by the Department of Homeland Security.

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and disaster medical operations.

Students are also provided with basic personal protective equipment for the training that they may retain upon completion of the course. This training does not require any physical strength or agility.

Who can take the CERT Training? Anyone who lives, works or plays in Fairfax County is eligible to take CERT training, all ages 16 and up, and all physical abilities are welcome.

Sign up now, next class starts on Nov. 7.

Next Class: Basic CERT Class – Green Acres/Fairfax City on Nov. 7, 12, 14, 19, 21; Dec. 3, 5, 10, 2019. Green Acres School/Center, 4401 Sideburn Road, Fairfax, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 6:30 – 10 p.m.

To register for the class, visit: https://volunteer.fairfaxcounty.gov/custom/1380/#/opp_details/185223



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The training prepares residents to help themselves, their families, and their neighbors in the event of a disaster.



Brian Michelsen and Brandy Lucas waiting on a customer.



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From left are Tricia and Madeline Porth, plus employee Bella Alvarez.

‘A Place Where Their Lives Have Purpose’

Cameron's Coffee and Chocolates celebrates six years.

BY BONNIE HOBBS
THE CONNECTION

With games, music, laughter and free samples galore, Cameron's Coffee and Chocolates celebrated its sixth anniversary in style. It held a party for the public, Oct. 4, at its store in Fairfax Circle.

Owners Ellen and Jim Graham began the nonprofit, Every 1 Can Work – operating as Cameron's Coffee and Chocolates – to provide employment for young adults with developmental and intellectual disabilities, including their own daughter, Cameron, now 29, after whom the popular store is named.

CAMERON'S is open for breakfast, lunch, coffee and chocolate. And the employees prepare and bake cookies and muffins, as well as hand-dip a wide variety of chocolate treats.

“Our workers have meaningful employment and make products that can compete with everyone's,” said Ellen Graham. “We only use the best Callebaut Belgian chocolate and bake fresh from scratch every day.” Other offerings include homemade quiche, jams, granola, seasoned nuts, biscotti and even dog bones. And catering is available via www.Every1CanWork.com. “It's a Fairfax gem; we've been coming here since it opened,” said City resident Nate Verwys. “We've ordered big trays of personalized cookies for parties, and my wife comes here for coffee and to meet with people. We just love Cameron's, and the people here are so sweet.”

Madeline Porth, 23, is one of the employ-



The Graham family: (from left) Ellen, Cameron and Jim.

ees, and her mom, Tricia Porth, has nothing but praise for Cameron's. “My daughter is autistic and has been here over a year,” said Porth. “She helps make the food, works at the counter selling and dips chocolate. But everybody also cleans the floors and does whatever's needed. Madeline gets off the bus at home, every day, and says she has the most awesome job in the world.”

Added Madeline, “I couldn't ask for anything better.”

“When she graduated, we wondered what was next for her,” said Porth. “But here, she has 30 hours/week of work with all her friends, being productive, and in a loving environment. And I love that they're still

the green iced tea.”

Saying how much they enjoy Cameron's food, Grasis noted that it just catered their work event. “I really like their milk-chocolate toffees and turtle candies,” she said. “And I buy dog cookies for my puppies here.”

“I just love the people here, and the customer service is exceptional,” added Sequeira. “It's my favorite coffee shop and just a delightful place, and I'm glad to celebrate their anniversary with them.”

Fairfax's Catherine Read is also a big fan. “I think, if more people understood this business model, they'd realize how this could be replicated in other businesses,” she said. “It's a thriving business in Fairfax City that employs 20 people with disabilities in an environment where they can be successful – and that's key.”

“These kids have been mainstreamed in public school, and they expect the same things their classmates have,” she continued.

“Cameron's has really made an impact on so many lives and given these employees a place to go every day where their lives have purpose and they can be proud of themselves.”

Meanwhile, pleased with the large number of people who turned out for the anniversary festivities, Ellen Graham said, “We're delighted to be celebrating six years; so many small businesses don't make it that long. The Fairfax City community has been wonderfully supportive of both our store and our mission. We also want to say thank you to our customers for six years of support – and don't forget to give us your holiday orders.”



Employees playing a game of corn hole during the celebration.

working on skills here, both workwise and life skills, such as how to get along with others and safety skills crossing the road.”

ALSO AT THE CELEBRATION were Melissa Grasis and Denise Sequeira with Fairfax County's Community Services Board. They work with the Self-Directed Services section that provides funding for families to help pay for their child's training at entities such as Cameron's.

“Cameron's has a great program,” said Grasis. “This business allows people to work doing something they love.”

“And they use superior, quality products,” said Sequeira. “I love their teas, especially



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SNAPSHOT

Pumpkin sunset at Nalls Produce in Kingstowne.

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and

Megan McLaughlin
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OPINION

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- ❖ Nov. 2 Final day to vote absentee in-person, 5 p.m.
- ❖ Nov. 5: Deadline for your absentee ballot to ARRIVE at the Office of Elections, 7 p.m.
- ❖ Nov. 5: Election Day, Polling Places open 6 a.m. to 7 p.m.

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VOTER ID REQUIREMENTS:

Per Virginia law effective July 1, 2014, all residents must provide valid photo identification when they vote in-person. Please consult the VA Department of Elections for the most up to date information regarding acceptable forms of voter photo ID.

Many types of photo ID are acceptable for voting in Virginia. You only need to show ONE acceptable photo ID to vote. Photo IDs can be used to vote up to one year after the ID has expired. Acceptable forms of valid identification: Virginia driver's license, Virginia DMV-issued photo ID, United States passport, Employer-issued photo ID, Student photo ID issued by a school, college, or university located in Virginia, Other U.S. or Virginia government-issued photo ID, Tribal enrollment or other tribal photo ID, Virginia Voter Photo ID card

IMPORTANT: If you get to your polling place without acceptable photo ID, you can still vote. Ask for a provisional ballot. You will be given instructions on what to do so your vote can count.

OFFICES ON THE BALLOT, FAIRFAX COUNTY

- ❖ Member Virginia Senate, vote for one in your district
- ❖ Member House of Delegates, vote for one in your district
- ❖ Commonwealth's Attorney, vote for one
- ❖ Sheriff, vote for one
- ❖ Chairman Board of Supervisors, vote for one
- ❖ Member School Board at Large, vote for three
- ❖ Member Board of Supervisors. vote for one in your district
- ❖ Member School Board. vote for one in your district
- ❖ Soil and Water Conservation Director Northern Virginia District
- ❖ School Bonds Referendum

- ❖ Vote both sides of your ballot. Bring notes on your preferred candidates. It's not simple. We have included party designations and, with reservations, the party endorsements for school board. Most candidates do not have party affiliation listed on the ballot.

VOTER REGISTRATION AND VOTER PHOTO ID OPPORTUNITIES

The Office of Elections is open during normal business hours to provide residents the opportunity to register to vote or obtain a free voter photo ID if needed.

SCHOOL BOND BALLOT QUESTION

This is the text of the public school bond question that will be on the Nov. 5, 2019, general election ballot:
Shall Fairfax County, Virginia, contract a debt, borrow money, and issue capital improvement bonds in the maximum aggregate principal amount of \$360,000,000 for the purposes of providing funds, in addition to funds from school bonds previously authorized, to finance, including reimbursement to the County for temporary financing for, the costs of school improvements, including acquiring, building, expanding and renovating properties, including new sites, new buildings or additions, renovations and improvements to existing buildings, and furnishing and equipment, for the Fairfax County public school system?

CANDIDATES, FAIRFAX COUNTY

Chairman, Board of Supervisors
Jeffrey C. McKay (D)
Joseph F. Galdo (R)

Commonwealth's Attorney
Steve T. Descano (D)
Jonathan L. Fahey (I)

Sheriff
Stacey Ann Kincaid (D) incumbent
Christopher F. De Carlo (I)

Board of Supervisors, District
Representatives
Braddock District
James R. Walkinshaw (D)
S. Jason Remer (R)
Carey Chet Campbell (I)

Dranesville District
John W. Foust (D) incumbent
Ed. R. Martin (R)

Hunter Mill District
Walter L. Acorn (D) unopposed

Lee District
Rodney L. Lusk (D) unopposed

Mason District
Penelope A. "Penny" Gross (D) incumbent
Gary N. Aiken (R)

Mount Vernon District
Daniel G. "Dan" Storck (D) incumbent, unopposed

Providence District
Dalia A. Palchik (D), unopposed

Springfield District
Linda D. Sperling (D)
Patrick S. "Pat" Herrity (R) incumbent

Sully District
Kathy L. Smith (D) incumbent
Srilekha R. Palle (R)

SCHOOL BOARD

School Board At-Large (vote for three)
Abrar E. Omeish (endorsed by Democrats)
Cheryl A. Buford (endorsed by Republicans)
Priscilla M. DeStefano (endorsed by Republicans)
Rachna Sizemore Heizer (endorsed by Democrats)
Vinson Palathingal (endorsed by Republicans)
Ilryong Moon, incumbent (withdrawn)
Karen A. Keys-Gamarra, incumbent (endorsed by Democrats)

Braddock District, School Board
Zia Tompkins (endorsed by Republicans)

Megan O. McLaughlin, incumbent (endorsed by Democrats)

Dranesville District, School Board
Anastasia S. Karloutsos (endorsed by Republicans)
Ardavan Mobasheri
Elaine V. Tholen (endorsed by Democrats)

Hunter Mill District, School Board
Laura Ramirez Drain (endorsed by Republicans)
Melanie K. Meren (endorsed by Democrats)

Lee District, School Board
Tamara J. Derenak Kaufax, incumbent, (endorsed by Democrats)

Mason District, School Board
Ricardy J. Anderson (endorsed by Democrats)
Tom L. Pafford

Mount Vernon District, School Board
Pamela C. Ononiwu
Steven D. Mosley (endorsed by Republicans)
Karen L. Corbett Sanders, incumbent (endorsed by Democrats)

Providence District, School Board
Andrea L. "Andi" Bayer (endorsed by Republicans)
Jung Byun
Karl V. Frisch (endorsed by Democrats)

Springfield District, School Board
Laura Jane H. Cohen (endorsed by Democrats)
R. Kyle McDaniel
Elizabeth L. Schultz, incumbent (endorsed by Republicans)

Sully District, School Board
Stella G. Pekarsky (endorsed by Democrats)
Tom A. Wilson, incumbent (endorsed by Republicans)

Soil and Water Conservation Director
Northern Virginia District
Vote for Three
C. Jane Dudik (endorsed by Republicans)
Chris E. Koerner (endorsed by Democrats)
Christopher A. Bowen (endorsed by Republicans)
Edward F. McGovern (endorsed by Republicans)
Jonah E. "Jet" Thomas
Monica A. Billger (endorsed by Democrats)
Gerald Owen "Jerry" Peters Jr., incumbent, (endorsed by Democrats)

CANDIDATES, GENERAL ASSEMBLY

House of Delegates
District 34
Kathleen J. Murphy (D), incumbent
Gary G. Pan (R)

District 35
Mark L. Keam (D), incumbent, unopposed

District 36
Kenneth R. "Ken" Plum, incumbent, unopposed

District 37
David L. Bulova (D), incumbent, unopposed

District 38
L. Kaye Kory (D), incumbent, unopposed

District 39
Nick O. Bell (R)

Vivian E. Watts (D), incumbent

District 40
Dan I. Helmer (D)
Timothy D. "Tim" Hugo (R), incumbent

District 41
Eileen Filler-Corn (D), incumbent
John M. Wolfe (I)
Rachel D. Mace (L)

District 42
Kathy K. L. Tran (D), incumbent
Steve P. Adragna (R)

District 43
Mark D. Sickles (D), incumbent

District 44
Paul E. Krizek (D), incumbent
Richard T. Hayden (R)

District 45
Mark H. Levine (D), incumbent, unopposed

District 46
Charniele L. Herring (D), incumbent, unopposed

District 47
Patrick A. Hope (D), incumbent, unopposed

District 48
Richard C. "Rip" Sullivan (D), incumbent, unopposed

District 49
Alfonso H. Lopez (D), incumbent
Terry W. Modglin (I)

District 53
Marcus B. Simon (D), incumbent, unopposed

District 67
Karrie K. Delaney (D), incumbent, unopposed

District 86
Ibraheem S. Samirah (D), incumbent, unopposed

VIRGINIA STATE SENATE

District 30
Adam P. Ebbin (D), incumbent, unopposed

District 31
Barbara A. Favola (D), incumbent, unopposed

District 32
Janet D. Howell (D), incumbent
Arthur G. Purves (R)

District 33
Jennifer B. Boysko (D), incumbent
Suzanne D. Fox (R)

District 34
J. C. "Chap" Petersen (D), incumbent, unopposed

District 35
Richard L. "Dick" Saslaw (D), incumbent, unopposed

District 36
Scott A. Surovell (D), incumbent, unopposed

District 37
Dave W. Marsden (D), incumbent, unopposed

District 39
George L. Barker (D), incumbent
S. W. "Dutch" Hillenburg (R)

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Fairfax High FBLA Students Attend Conference

On Tuesday, Oct. 15, a dozen Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) students from Fairfax High attended the Fall Leadership FBLA Regional Conference at the University of Mary Washington. They were among more than 400 students from across Northern Virginia who participated in workshops to enhance their business, networking, time-management and public-speaking skills. In addition, Fairfax senior Sam Slaymaker was installed as a NOVA Regional officer. Pictured here are the Fairfax High students with their FBLA advisor, Melanie West, who also teaches business and information technology at the school.

Redistricting Forum Nov. 17

The League of Women Voters of the Fairfax Area and OneVirginia2021 will hold a discussion on how to pass redistricting in Virginia in 2020. The event will take place on Nov. 17, 2019, 1-4 p.m., at the Sherwood Community Center, 3740 Old Lee Highway, Fairfax.

Speakers include the following Virginia state legislators:

Sen. George Barker, Sen. Dave Marsden, Del. Karrie Delaney, Del. Mark Keam, Del. Kaye Kory, Del. Mark Sickles, Del. Mark Levine; Del. Ken Plum, Del. Ibraheem Samirah, Del. Marcus Simon and Del. Rip Sullivan, Jr.

Other participants include:

Andre Parvenu, California Citizens Redistricting Commission;

Brian Cannon, OneVirginia2021, Deb Wake, League of Women Voters of Virginia, and Wendy Fox-Grage, League of Women Voters of the Fairfax Area

This event is free and open to the public. Register at: lwv2019.eventbrite.com. Questions can be directed to: PR@lwv-fairfax.org.

The League of Women Voters of the Fairfax Area is a non-partisan political organization that encourages informed and active participation in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues.

FBI Warns of Scammers Posing as Law Enforcement Officers

The FBI Washington Field Office has seen a recent increase in law enforcement impersonation phone calls. In this scam, fraudulent callers posing as local or federal law enforcement officers threaten to arrest the victim if money isn't sent. The callers will often "spoof," or fake, their phone numbers so the call appears to be coming from a local police station or federal law enforcement office on the recipient's caller ID.

These calls are fraudulent. Any legitimate law enforcement officer will not demand cash or gift cards from a member of the public. The FBI defines this type of scam as government impersonation fraud, in which criminals impersonate government officials in an attempt to collect money. The criminals often threaten to extort victims with physical or financial harm or the release of sensitive data. These scammers are becoming more sophisticated and organized in their approach, are technologically savvy,

and often target young persons and the elderly.

To protect yourself from falling victim to this scam, be wary of answering phone calls from numbers you do not recognize. Do not send money to anybody that you do not personally know and trust. Never give out your personal information, including banking information.

According to the Internet Crimes Complaint Center (IC3), 10,978 people nationwide reported being victims of government impersonation scams in 2018, with losses totaling more than \$64,000,000.

Anyone who feels they were the victim of this or any other online scam should report the incident immediately using the IC3 website at www.ic3.gov. More information about government impersonation schemes and other online fraud schemes can be found at <https://www.fbi.gov/scams-and-safety/common-fraud-schemes>.



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Lamb Center celebrates success, looks toward future.

BY BONNIE HOBBS
THE CONNECTION

At the outset of The Lamb Center's (TLC) annual banquet, the Rev. Dan Wolfe prayed that this Fairfax nonprofit would continue to be a blessing to many people. And TLC Board Chair Tara Ruszkowski thanked the 100-plus churches and more than 300 volunteers who make it all possible.

Serving the poor and homeless, it's a day-time, drop-in shelter offering hot meals, showers, laundry services, clothing, haircuts, dental services, Bible studies, job and housing searches, plus recovery and employment counseling. The guests come from all walks of life and for a variety of reasons, but all are welcome.

In 2018, TLC served 1,548 people – an average of 100/day, while providing nearly 48,000 meals and doing almost 10,000 loads of laundry. So at its Oct. 9 banquet at the Waterford in Fair Oaks, it had much to celebrate. But always striving to do even more, TLC is now embarking on a new initiative.

"At our board's retreat, three years ago, we asked what's our guests' greatest, unmet need," said Ruszkowski. "It's housing; so we've researched and learned that providing Lamb Center-sponsored housing will be a colossal challenge, but we're up to it. We're in the study phase, but we're building a strategic plan. And, Friday mornings, we have a group that prays for this initiative – and you're welcome to join us, wherever you are."

LAST YEAR, TLC and Fairfax City partnered to create the City Jobs program. Funded by a grant from the City, eight to 10 people from the center worked two days/week in four-hour shifts for Fairfax's Parks and Recreation Department. TLC provided transportation, supervised job sites and paid workers \$10/hour in cash at the end of each shift.

"It worked really well," said Ruszkowski.



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Pleased with The Lamb Center's success are (from left) Tara Ruszkowski, David Meyer, TLC guest Pat, Patti Brown and Dave Larrabee.



TLC Executive Director John MacPherson



Ramón



Judy



Timothy

"It extended the reach of the City's Park staff; and for The Lamb Center guests, it was transformational. For some, it led to part- and full-time employment in the private sector. And for all our participants, it gave them a sense of dignity and purpose."

"It's been remarkable to work with my colleagues on this and to see how the Holy Spirit worked to change perspectives about

The Lamb Center, over the last 10 years," said Fairfax Mayor David Meyer. "And this year, the City quadrupled its funding for the Jobs program that will allow Lamb Center guests to work in this program year 'round."

Ruszkowski thanked the City for its partnership, saying, "You're changing people's lives." She also acknowledged the efforts of Kevin and Elizabeth Klein, who helped

keep the Jobs program financially afloat, from the time the pilot program ended until the City was able to fund it again in its next budget. And now, in addition, Fairfax County is starting a similar program with TLC guests (see sidebar). Pleased that Supervisor Pat Herrity (R-Springfield) encouraged his fellow supervisors to approve it, Ruszkowski told him, "You are our hero."

During a video, a Lamb Center guest said City Jobs "gave me an opportunity. I was able to restore my reputation." About 90 people registered for the program and eagerly did jobs, such as painting, that the City wasn't able to get to for the past several years. Added Meyer: "It's a model for other towns and cities to leverage people's skills for everyone's benefit."

Then, introduced by TLC Assistant Director Patti Brown, four Lamb Center guests shared their personal stories. A man named Pat said financial problems led to his losing his job and family, and he ended up on the streets. He'd heard of TLC and took a bus there.

"The first thing I saw was the laundry, and I thought, 'This is good,'" he said. "I became part of City Jobs – which is amazing – to give back and work with other people. On the street, we might just walk by each other. But working together, we became a team, and it got me back into life. And now I'm working full time."

A man named Ramón had been homeless since 2004, and then a friend said he could get help at TLC. "They cleaned me up, fed me and made sure I was presentable when I worked for City Jobs," he said. "They also helped me receive help for my mental issues, and I've been blessed with housing – I have my own place now. And I thank [TLC] for what you've done for me."

ADDICTION brought a woman named Judy to TLC in 2009. "Having a sense of hope and someone to believe in you is prob-

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County, Lamb Center Unite to Clean Streams

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Fairfax County has launched a new pilot program that will help improve water quality in streams and provide dignity in work to people experiencing homelessness. The 12-week program began Oct. 1 and provides part-time, temporary work to guests of The Lamb Center, while helping the county meet its federal and state mandates to keep streams clean.

Participants will earn \$10 an hour to pick up litter in and around streams and to remove invasive plants. The pilot is modeled after The Lamb Center's suc-

cessful City Jobs program, a partnership with the City of Fairfax.

Staff from the county's Stormwater Planning Division will identify litter hotspots, and The Lamb Center, will vet participants, provide transportation, supervise their work, track and report the number of bags of litter filled during each outing, and provide a hot meal after each four-hour shift. Participants will be provided with high-visibility vests, gloves, trash grabbers, nets, insect repellent, sunscreen and trash bags. The Solid Waste Management Program will collect and dispose of the full bags of litter.

"The Office to Prevent and End Homelessness (OPEH) is excited to partner

with the Department of Public Works and Environmental Services and The Lamb Center to support homeless individuals in gaining additional income and work experience that will help them as they move toward self-sufficiency," said OPEH Director Dean Klein. "The benefit of this strong partnership will be a stronger workforce and a cleaner community."

Likewise, The Lamb Center is pleased with the arrangement, as well. Tara Ruszkowski, chairman of its Board of Directors, said, "The Lamb Center is proud to see the City Jobs program it created in cooperation with Fairfax City serve as a model for the county. For many of our guests, this program is a stepping stone to more per-

manent work; for all, it offers dignity. It's an approach that not only uplifts those who need help, but also benefits our community through cleaner, healthier streams."

"Despite countywide efforts to address litter, we're still finding a lot of litter in streams," added Randy Bartlett, director of the county's Department of Public Works and Environmental Services. "We believe this pilot will be cost-effective, provide additional outreach on the impacts of litter to a community that is typically disengaged, and provide [The Lamb Center] resources to help serve and re-engage this population with meaningful work,"

Sarah and Chris Layman entertain during the reception.



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Lamb Center Holds Annual Banquet

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ably the most important thing so you can keep going forward,” she said. “City Jobs provided me with mentorship, support and love, and I love working alongside my Lamb Center friends, guests and soul family.”

For a man named Timothy, TLC’s Bible study drew him there. “I met a lot of people, and The Lamb Center was full of saints because they’d welcome you and help you with your spiritual and physical needs,” he explained. “I’d have a good lunch and conversation.” He suffered from depression but realized he “needed to come into the sunlight.”

He’s now worked 10 months for City Jobs and calls it “one of the best things that ever happened. [Because of it], if you’re hungry, you’ve got money to buy a hamburger.” Now in an apartment, he finally has shelter from inclement weather and, he said, “Now I can see the rain from the other side.”

TLC Board member Vic Rinaldi said the best is yet

to come for the center. “[Here], the homeless, poor, sick, lonely, the weak in spirit and body are loved, comforted and renewed,” he said. “I get the sense that it is a holy place.”

Involved with TLC since 1999, Director of Operations Dave Larrabee thanked its supporters. “I’ve seen this ministry grow in so many ways,” he said. “It’s amazing – the building we have and where God is leading us in the future.” Saying the event’s closing prayer, he asked God to guide TLC “when we’re looking for housing for all our guests. And for everyone outside tonight, keep them warm and safe and bring them to The Lamb Center tomorrow morning.”

Afterward, Meyer called having TLC in Fairfax “a great privilege and an even greater opportunity. The Lamb Center is an organization that creates change for the better – and not just for its guests. It also helps the community grow in our collective understanding of what it means to be in a community – and in community with others.”

Capital Ale House Opening in Fairfax

Capital Ale House will open a new restaurant at 4069 Chain Bridge Road in Old Town Fairfax in the building vacated by Hard Times Café, which recently closed after many years in the City. Its anticipated opening date is early 2020.

The location is the historic Barbour House, an early 20th Century mansion built by prominent editor, lawyer, mayor and statesman John Barbour. It’s said that, in his time, the house was the center of Fairfax social life, and Capital Ale House hopes to carry on that tradition.

“We’re thrilled that Capital Ale House has chosen Fairfax City as its next location,” said the City’s Economic Development Director, Chris Bruno. “As Fairfax continues to evolve into a true, regional-dining center, we’ve seen a consistent increase in the quality of restaurants and the destinations that they create.”

“Capital Ale House is no exception,” he continued. “Known for excellent, local food and phenomenal drinks, it will be a welcome addition to our historic and vibrant Old Town, and Fairfax stands ready to support this exciting, new partner.”

The restaurant plans to feature 100 beers on tap, plus wine, cocktails and an extensive food menu served within two, large, bar areas and four dining rooms. It’s expected to employ a staff of 75.

“We currently have Capital Ale Houses located in historic buildings in downtown Richmond, Fredericksburg and Harrisonburg,” said owner Matt Simmons. “We love the charm and character that older buildings add to our concept, so downtown Fairfax and the Barbour House are a perfect fit for us.”

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Fairfax County Parkway Widening
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Public Information Meeting

Wednesday, November 6, 2019
6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
Presentation starts at 7 p.m.

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Find out about plans to widen Fairfax County Parkway (Route 286) from four to six lanes between Route 29 (Lee Highway) and Route 123 (Ox Road). The proposed project design also includes an interchange at Popes Head Road and the future Shirley Gate Road extension, improvements to the existing trail in the Fairfax County Parkway right of way and construction of a new shared-use path to make the trail continuous within the project limits.

In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and 23 CFR Part 771, an Environmental Assessment (EA) will be prepared. VDOT is currently conducting environmental analyses and coordinating with regulatory agencies to obtain information about environmental resources in the vicinity of the project. When approved by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), the EA will be available for review and comment at a future public hearing.

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

Review project information at the VDOT project website (www.virginiadot.org/projects), at the information meeting, or during business hours at VDOT’s Northern Virginia District Office at 4975 Alliance Drive in Fairfax. Please call ahead at 703-691-6710 or TTY/TDD 711 to ensure appropriate personnel are available to answer your questions.

Give your written comments at the meeting, or submit them by **November 18, 2019** to Mr. Sitaram Kodali, P.E., Virginia Department of Transportation, 4975 Alliance Drive, Fairfax, VA 22030, or email meetingcomments@VDOT.virginia.gov. Please reference “Fairfax County Parkway Widening” in the subject line.

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Kids enjoy the ballfield filled with food, drinks and activities.

Lorton's History Comes Alive at Night

The trail takes place on what used to be the Lorton Reformatory.

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One at a time, packs of people creep into the trail that leads them through what used to be the 55-acre D.C. Department of Corrections Lorton Reformatory 18 years ago. Along the trail, creepy clad teens pop out of the highly crafted haunted scenes created to frighten their victims. Painted clown faces and crazed inmates are just some characters that make an appearance throughout the night. Presented by the Workhouse Arts Center, 2019 Haunted Trail – Breakout! naturally has a new addition this year, guests will be able to go inside the prison cells as part of the 25-minute haunted trail and

see where prisoners were sleeping and eating years ago.

On a lighter note, besides the trail there is also a field full of attractions from an outdoor movie screen playing Halloween-themed films along with sofas to sit and watch, a Ghost Bar, a cardboard made jail cell to take selfies of yourself, and a game of cornhole. Along with the entertainment, snacks are available to buy from cotton candy, popcorn, and hot cider. There's even a food truck by the Peruvians Brothers to fill those late-night hungers.

There are only three days left of Breakout Haunted Trail: Halloween day, Nov. 1 and 2, from 7- 10 p.m. Its popularity among teens, young adults, and families this past weekend has proven it is worth a scare.



This is a station where you can buy snacks like cotton candy and popcorn.



People hang-out at the Ghost Bar as they wait for their turn to go into the Haunted Trail.

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People sit in the dark on couches to watch Halloween-themed films like the classic Hocus Pocus.



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ONGOING

Shir HaLev, the Community Jewish Chorale of Northern Virginia. Rehearsals are held select Tuesdays, 7:30-9 p.m. at Congregation Olam Tikvah, 3800 Glenbrook Road, Fairfax. The Chorale is a friendly, welcoming, adult volunteer choir. Membership in the group is open to all. Visit carolboydleon.com/shir_halev

Lorton Farmers Market. Sundays, 9 a.m.-noon, through Nov. 17, in the VRE Parking Lot, 8990 Lorton Station Blvd., Lorton. Call 703-642-0128 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/farmersmarkets/lorton.

Springfield Farmers Market. Saturdays, through Nov. 23, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at Springfield Town Center, 6699 Spring Mall Drive, Springfield. Visit www.community-foodworks.org or call 202-697-7768.

Sweet but Psycho. Through Nov. 30, at Olly Olly, 10417 Main St., 2nd Floor, Fairfax. Olly Olly presents Sweet but Psycho: an avant-garde fairytale. Strangeland is a performance duo, that explores the superficial construct of reality. Call 703-789-6144 or visit ollyollyart.com

Braddock Wrestling Club. Online registration through Dec. 1. The Braddock Wrestling Club is holding registration for the 2019-2020 season. The club supports wrestling for age groups 5 through 14 years old, boys and girls. All practices are held at Lake Braddock Secondary School. Cost is \$155 per wrestler. Link to registration can be found at braddockwrestlingclub.shutterstock.com/. Or contact William Flynn at bflynniv@verizon.net or call 571-230-0713.

Burke Farmers Market. Through Dec. 21, 8 a.m.-noon at the VRE parking lot, 5671 Roberts Parkway, Burke. Call 703-642-0128 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/farmersmarkets/burke for more.

Registration Open: Fall Art Classes. Burke Centre Conservancy is sponsoring Fall Art Classes starting Tuesday, Nov. 12 – Jan. 7 and Saturday classes starting Jan. 11 - March in Drawing and Watercolor Painting for 5-8-year old, 8 years and up and Adults/Teens held at the Woods Community Centre, 10100 Wards Grove Circle, Burke. New Class – Art Workshop for Adults Tuesday Afternoons - Nov. 12 - Dec. 17.

THURSDAY/OCT. 31

“Hail Satan?” Movie. 4:30-7 p.m. At Johnson Center Cinema, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. Free. When media-savvy members of the Satanic Temple organize a series of public actions designed to advocate for religious freedom and challenge corrupt authority, they prove that with little more than a clever idea, a mischievous sense of humor, and a few rebellious friends, you can speak truth to power in some truly profound ways. As charming and funny as it is thought-provoking. Part of the Visiting Filmmakers Series at Mason. Visit VFS.GMU.EDU or contact Cynthia Fuchs at cfuchs@gmu.edu.

Celebrate “Hitchcocktober.” 7 p.m. at Angelika Film Center – Mosaic, 2911 District Ave., Fairfax. Psycho (1960). Every Thursday night in October, a classic film by Alfred Hitchcock will be featured culminating with a showing of Psycho on Halloween. \$14.50. Visit www.AngleikaFilmCenter.com for more.

Haunted Trail 2019 – Breakout. 7-10 p.m. at Workhouse Arts Center, 9518 Workhouse Road, Lorton. The Workhouse Arts Center presents Haunted Trail 2019 – Breakout – running each weekend during October and Halloween night. A storyline has been crafted on a prison Breakout theme with inmates running out of control through the woods and around the prison grounds (including through the only building on campus that still has jail cells), guards trying to capture them, and an army of terrifying clowns attempting to take over the prison. \$20. Visit www.workhousearts.org/event/haunted-trail.

OCT. 31-NOV. 3

“Rags.” At GMU Center for the Arts Concert Hall, 4373 Mason Pond Drive, Fairfax. George Mason University’s School of Theater and School of Music will present the newest adaptation of the American musical “Rags,” a heart-warming story of loss and hope surrounding a group of Jewish immigrants as they arrive to start a new life in America at the turn of the 20th century. Show times are: Thursday, October 31 at 8 p.m.;

‘The Four Seasons at Center for the Arts

Center for the Arts presents “The Four Seasons” performed by Zurich Chamber Orchestra at Center for the Arts, Concert Hall, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. Performance: Sunday, Nov. 10, 2019 at 2 p.m. Tickets: \$48, \$41, \$29. Call 703-993-2787 or visit www.cfa.gmu.edu. **Note:** Pre-performance discussion with Daniel Hope begins 45 minutes prior to the performance, located on Monson Grand Tier. Seating is limited and opens 15 minutes before the pre-performance discussion.

Daniel Hope, Zurich Chamber Orchestra music director and violinist performing at the Center for the Arts on Sunday, Nov. 10, 2019.

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Friday, November 1 at 8 p.m.; Saturday, November 2 at 2 and 8 p.m.; and Sunday, November 3 at 4 p.m. Tickets are \$30 for adults and \$15 for students, staff, seniors and groups. These are available in person at the Center for the Arts’ Ticket Office (open Tuesday to Saturday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.), by phone at 703-993-2787, or online at cfa.gmu.edu.

FRIDAY/NOV. 1

OLLI Thanksgiving Potluck. 1 p.m. At Fairfax Lord of Life Church, 5114 Twinbrook Road, Fairfax. In this season of giving thanks, all OLLI members are invited to a Thanksgiving potluck. Join us for a celebratory feast and social to kick off the holiday season and recognize our OLLI volunteers. OLLI will provide the turkey if you bring Thanksgiving-themed sides and desserts. Registrants are asked to bring a dish to share based on your last name: side, such as stuffing, green beans, sweet potatoes (A-G); dessert, such as apple or pumpkin pie (H-O); non-alcoholic drink such as water, sodas, iced tea (P-Z). You must register to attend so we know how much turkey to provide.

Lakeside Campfire Fridays. 6-7:30 p.m. At Lake Accotink Park, 7500 Accotink Park Road, Springfield. Come to Lake Accotink to enjoy a campfire, s’mores and more. A different topic and a different area of the park will be explored at each event. Cost is \$8 per person. Call 703-569-3464 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/lake-accotink.

Campfire Fridays. 7-8:30 p.m. At Hidden Pond Nature Center, 8511 Greeley Blvd., Springfield. Hidden Pond Nature Center offers monthly “Campfire Fridays” with a campfire and s’mores. Learn about the park’s animals and explore different areas of the park at each meeting. The cost is \$10 per person. Call 703-451-9588 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/hidden-pond.

NOV. 1-2

Wild Horse Adoption/Sale. At Meadowood Special Recreation Area, 10406 Gunston Road, Lorton. The Bureau of Land Management to offer wild horses, burros for adoption or sale. Public viewing will begin Friday, from 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. The adoption, which is free and open to the public, will begin at 8 a.m. Saturday. The adoption fee is \$25, however, the fee rises to \$125 for animals that have been gentled. Visit <https://wildhorsesonline.blm.gov/>.

SATURDAY/NOV. 2

Woodson Craft Show. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. At W.T. Woodson High School, 9525 Main Street, Fairfax. Free admission. This is the 27th Annual Holiday Happenings Craft Show. This show features juried handmade arts and crafts with a diverse selection of: fine arts, jewelry, fiber arts, wood, photography, pottery, giftware, pet accessories, stress relief items and hundreds of holiday collectibles/decorations. There will be over 100 exhibitors and admission is free for shoppers. All proceeds benefit the W.T.



Woodson Crew Team (www.wtwcrew.org). **LRG Community Day.** 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. At Little River Glen Senior Center, 4001 Barker Court, Fairfax. Join your neighbors for a day of fun! Learn about resources in the community, and enjoy activities: Music, dancing, food, games, photo booth, crafts, giveaways and raffles. Fun for all ages, free admission. For details, email: deanna.white@fairfaxcounty.gov.

Burke Historical Society Presentation. 3:30-5 p.m. At Pohick Regional Library, 6450 Sydenstricker Road, Burke. Free. WWII veteran Romuald Lipinski continues his story, from youth in Poland, to exile in Siberia, to reaching and joining the Polish Army to fight alongside Allied forces in Italy. Visit the website: www.burkehistoricalsociety.org

NOV. 2-3

Fall Foliage Tour Boat Ride. 4-5 p.m. At Burke Lake Park, 7315 Ox Road, Fairfax Station. Enjoy the fall colors a new way this autumn. This tour boat ride captures the beauty of fall from a pontoon boat’s unique perspective. The tour includes a one-hour ride and a hot beverage. It’s designed for participants age 5 to adult. Cost is \$8 per person. Children under age 12 must be accompanied by a registered adult. Call 703-323-6600 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/burke-lake.

SATURDAY/NOV. 2

Paddle through a Tunnel of Color. 8 to 10 a.m. At Lake Accotink Park, 7500 Accotink Park Road, Springfield. “Fall Foliage Kayak Expedition” at Lake Accotink Park. This expedition for kayakers age 13 to adult goes to the northern part of the lake to see glorious natural tunnels of orange, yellow and red leaves. Previous kayak experience is necessary. Cost is \$31 per person. Call 703-569-3464 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/lake-accotink.

SUNDAY/NOV. 3

Japanese-Americans’ Care Fund Bazaar. 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. At American Legion Post 177, 3939 Oak Street, Fairfax. Many items will be for sale; including used Japanese books and manga, Japanese decorative items, kimonos (traditional Japanese women’s apparel), locally grown Japanese-style vegetables, fish, and Japanese confectionery. Authentic Japanese food will also be available for take-out, and served at the food court to enjoy while watching exhibitions of Japanese cultural activities. Performances include, children’s karate, jikyoujutsu (Japanese style exercise), Japanese and Okinawan folk songs, Japanese Songs. Admission is \$2. The Embassy of Japan will be onsite to accept overseas voter registration 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Game Day Activities. 1-4 p.m. At Fairfax Station Railroad Museum, 11200 Fairfax Station Road, Fairfax Station. Games might include a scavenger hunt as well as games or crafts featuring railroad or Civil War themes. Games will appeal to all ages. Admission: Museum members and ages 4 and under, free; ages 5-15,

\$2; ages 16 and older, \$4. Visit www.fairfax-station.org, www.facebook.com/FFXSRR, call 703-425-9225.

Wine Tasting for Assistance League. 1:30-4:30 p.m. At Paradise Springs Winery, 13219 Yates Ford Road, Clifton. Cost is \$25. Assistance League of Northern Virginia is hosting a wine tasting at Paradise Springs Winery in Clifton. Join us to enjoy wine in this lovely setting. Tickets, available at the door or in advance, include two glasses of wine and light hors d’oeuvres. All proceeds will benefit Assistance League’s community-based programs that feed, clothe and educate local children. For more info, email Carrie: info@alnv.org Assistance League is an all-volunteer nonprofit organization. Visit the website: www.alnv.org

MONDAY/NOV. 4

Funday Monday. 10:30-11:30 a.m. at Old Town Hall, 3999 University Drive, Fairfax. Crafts, music, movement, and fun with Mr. Skip, My Gym, Paint Your Own Pottery and a new VIP series featuring community helpers and leaders. Free. Visit www.fairfaxva.gov/government/parks-recreation/cultural-arts or call 703-385-2712.

MONDAY-TUESDAY/NOV. 4-5

Burke Lake Minicamp. 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. At Burke Lake Park, 7315 Ox Road, Fairfax Station. Keep the kids entertained during their break from school. Ages 8 to 12 will enjoy a host of park activities, including archery, disc golf and mini golf. There will be games, crafts, a reptile program and opportunities to learn about creatures that call Burke Lake home. Campers should bring a snack, drink and lunch. Cost is \$140 per child. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/burke-lake.

WEDNESDAY/NOV. 6

New Volunteer Orientation, Pets on Wheels. 7:30-9 p.m. At Providence Community Center, 3001 Vaden Drive, Fairfax, for Fairfax Pets on Wheels will be held. Free. Visit the website: www.fpow.org

SATURDAY/NOV. 9

Second Saturday Art Walk. 6-9 p.m. At Workhouse Arts Center, 9518 Workhouse Way, Lorton. Join in the monthly Second Saturday Art Walk, featuring opening receptions in each of the artist buildings, new exhibits in W-16, and more. Featured artists for November: W5: Laura Bruce; W6: Patricia McMahon Rice; W7: Kathryn Lagassey; W8: Group show; W9: Marsha Egan and W10: Mikhail Bolkhovitinov.

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Revolutionary War Day. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. At Gunston Hall, 10709 Gunston Road, Mason Neck, Lorton. The Revolutionary War touched everyone in the American colonies, not just soldiers. This family-oriented program has activities for all ages throughout the day. Visit www.gunstonhall.org.

Campfire Saturdays-Stargazing. 7-9 p.m. At Burke Lake Park, 7315 Ox Road, Fairfax Station. Enjoy a stroll along the lakeshore and learn about the constellations, their stories and other night-sky features. An astronomical naturalist will identify the stars for you and have some telescopes for you to use. 7 to 9 p.m., and the cost is \$10 per person. Children must be accompanied by a registered adult. Call 703-323-6600 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/burke-lake.

Taj Express: The Bollywood Music Revue. 8 p.m. At GMU Center for the Arts. Cost is \$48, \$41, \$29. This international sensation explodes onstage with the look and feel of the Indian Bollywood movies. Taj Express follows the story of one man’s passion and another’s genius, and is packed with action, romance, comedy, and glamour. Spectacular dance numbers are performed to India’s pop hits, including the songs of Oscar-winning composer A. R. Rahman, along with folk-music classics. Visit the website: <https://cfa.gmu.edu/>.

SUNDAY/NOV. 10

Historic Home Tour. 2-4 p.m. At Sunrise at Silas Burke, 9619 Burke Lake Road, Burke. Sunrise at Silas Burke and the Burke Historical Society are hosting an open house of the historic house, Woodbury. At 2 p.m. Jon Vrana will present on the house’s history followed by tours at 3 p.m. Free. Visit the website: www.burkehistoricalsociety.org

ENTERTAINMENT

Chamber Orchestra led by Daniel Hope will perform at the Center for the Arts on Sunday, Nov. 10, 2019

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Pairing the Classic and the New

Vivaldi's "The Four Seasons" with violin virtuoso Daniel Hope at the Center for the Arts.

BY DAVID SIEGEL
THE CONNECTION

Both iconic beautiful harmony and fresh, contemporary imagination will be on display in musical event at the Center for the Arts Concert Hall.

The event is pairing the charm and delight of Vivaldi's masterpiece "The Four Seasons" with a recent re-thinking of Vivaldi's work by composer Max Richter titled "Recomposed." The concert combination will be performed by the renowned Zurich Chamber Orchestra (ZCO) led by music director and violin virtuoso Daniel Hope.

Vivaldi's "The Four Seasons" has been beloved for centuries as a grouping of four violin concerti by Italian composer Antonio Vivaldi. Each of the compelling four pieces provides vivid musical representation and expression for each of the four seasons of the year.

"The Four Seasons" are also part of pop culture. Fragments of it play in many movies, a television episode from "The Simpsons" and the recent television series "The Handmaid's Tale." And untold numbers of wedding receptions.

"We at the Center of the Arts have long had this particular program with the Zurich Chamber Orchestra (ZCO) and Daniel Hope booked because we think this is exactly where classical music programming should be heading," said Adrienne Bryant Godwin, Programming Manager, Center for the Arts.

"It invites audiences in with a familiar title, which will be brilliantly executed by Hope and his colleagues in the ZCO, but also provides an opportu-

Where and When

Center for the Arts presents "The Four Seasons" performed by Zurich Chamber Orchestra at Center for the Arts, Concert Hall, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. Performance: Sunday, Nov. 10, 2019 at 2 p.m. Tickets: \$48, \$41, \$29. Call 703-993-2787 or visit www.cfa.gmu.edu. **Note:** Pre-performance discussion with Daniel Hope begins 45 minutes prior to the performance, located on Monson Grand Tier. Seating is limited and opens 15 minutes before the pre-performance discussion.

nity to see how this staple of the western canon inspired a completely fresh contemporary interpretation," added Bryant Godwin.

"The essence of Vivaldi's original work is absolutely present in this re-imagination. But Richter utilizes minimalist phrasing and looping which highlights the peaks and valleys of the audience's journey throughout the composition, in an almost cinematic way," said Bryant Godwin.

For Daniel Hope "The Four Seasons" has electrified him since he first heard the opening solo of "La Primavera (Spring)" as a toddler in the 1970s. "It had such an electrifying effect that I still call it my 'Vivaldi Spring.' How was it possible to conjure up so vivid, so natural a sound, with just a violin?"

Hope indicated that Vivaldi "reached a new level of virtuosity, pushing technical mastery to the limit" with "The Four Seasons."

"Pairing Vivaldi's original with Max Richter's brilliant new take; I feel both works inform and reflect on each other to create fresh and exciting connection," added Hope.

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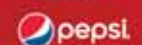
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Irish Folk Festival Held in Fairfax

The 24th Annual Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann (CCÉ) Irish Folk Festival was held at the Sherwood Community Center in Fairfax on Oct. 5. The event was put on by the O'Neill-Malcolm Branch of the CCÉ with support from the City of Fairfax and the City of Fairfax Commission on the Arts. The festival featured four stages of live music and dance, Gaelic sports, workshops, vendors, and exhibits to celebrate Irish heritage and culture.



Alina Albeik from Falls Church performs with dancers from the O'Neill-James School of Irish Dancing.



Eileen Gannon, one of the best Irish harp players in the world, plays the tent stage with Eimear Arkins.

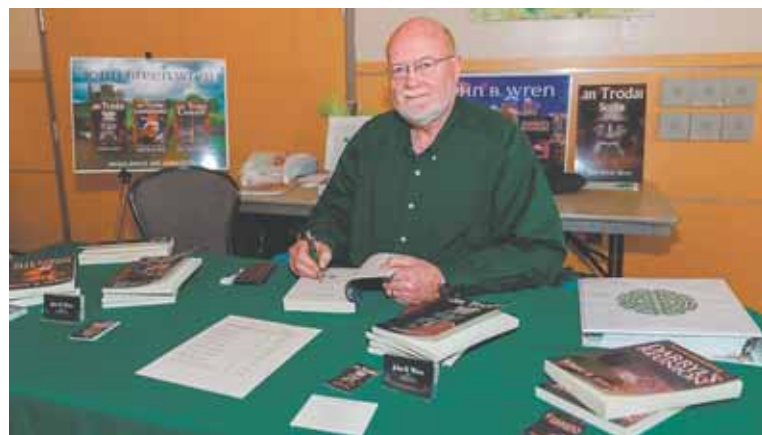


Caitlin Hearn plays the Irish fiddle with her Charlotte-based trio Loch and Keys.



Jan McVey sells handmade Irish crafts at the Irish Folk Festival. She has been a festival vendor for the past 10 years.

The Seán Heely Celtic Trio is joined on the Galway Stage by a guest musician stage as they play melodies from Scotland and Ireland.



Fairfax author, John Breen Wren, signs one of his books. Wren is the author of thrillers, mysteries, and historical fiction. His seventh book, "Import Execute," is coming out soon.

BULLETIN BOARD

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Fairfax County Board of Supervisors Meetings in 2019

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Nov. 19, 2019 9:30 a.m. - Full Board of Supervisors Meeting

Nov. 26 Committee Meetings

- ❖ 9:30 a.m. - Economic Advisory Commission
- ❖ 11 a.m. - Personnel Committee
- ❖ 1:30 p.m. - Legislative Committee
- ❖ 3 p.m. - Budget Committee
- ❖ 5 p.m. - Audit Committee

Dec. 3, 2019 9:30 a.m. - Full Board of Supervisors Meeting

Dec. 10 Committee Meetings

- ❖ 9:30 a.m. - Health, Housing and Human Services Committee
- ❖ 11 a.m. - Development Process Committee
- ❖ 1:30 p.m. - Transportation Committee
- ❖ 3 p.m. - General Assembly Annual Reception and Work Session

MONDAYS THRU NOV. 11

Older Adults Shape Up. 9:15 a.m. to 2:45 p.m.
At Shepherd Center of Fairfax-Burke, at Lord of Life Lutheran Church, 5114 Twinbrook Road, Fairfax. Cost is \$30. This program is open to all adults age 50 or better. Bring a brown bag lunch and stay for a full day of classes/activities and socializing, or pick and choose the classes that interest you the most. Registration form and class schedule are available at [https://s3.amazonaws.com/storage.nm-storage.com/scfbva/files/ailinsert-8-19.final_\(2\).pdf](https://s3.amazonaws.com/storage.nm-storage.com/scfbva/files/ailinsert-8-19.final_(2).pdf), or by calling the SCFB office at 703-426-2824.

SATURDAY/NOV. 2

Solutions to Landscaping Headaches. 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. At Northern Virginia Community College Annandale Campus, Richard J. Ernst Community Cultural Center Building, The Forum Meeting Room, 8333 Little River Turnpike, Annandale. Home Owner Associations and Condo Associations: Sustainable Solutions to Landscaping Headaches. Is your community association board or property management company wrestling with problems like erosion, flooding, unused lawns and unattractive green spaces? This half-day symposium will focus on how HOAs and condo associations can develop plans to upgrade the green infrastructure in their communities. Registration is at <https://www.plantnovanatives.org/symposiums-for-hoa-and-condo-assoc->.

Call 703-244-9174 or email
plantnovanatives@gmail.com.

PN Support Group. 2-4 p.m. At Mason District Government Center, 6507 Columbia Pike, Annandale. Some 20-30 million Americans have Peripheral Neuropathy. The PN Support Group meets monthly. This month's program features Joel Minton, a personal trainer who will address handling loss of balance and strength. Meets every first Saturday. RSVP appreciated. Call 301-263-0616 or visit www.dcpnsupport.org.

TUESDAY/NOV. 5

Car Seat Safety Check. 5-9 p.m. at the West Springfield district police station, 6140 Rolling Road. Fairfax County Police Department offers free safety check and install events throughout the year to ensure children travel safely. By appointment only; call 703-644-7377 and press 0 at the recording to schedule. In preparation for appointment, install the seat using the instructions that came with the car seat. Trained officers will review the car seat instructions and car owner's manual to be certain that they are being followed as they should.

Fairfax Lions Club Dinner Meeting. 6:30-8:30 p.m. at American Legion Post 177, upper level. 939 Oak St., Fairfax. Visit a Lions Club dinner meeting. Enjoy a buffet dinner, speaker, and club announcements. Guests are cordially invited – meet members and learn about Lions community service. Free. Visit www.fairfaxlions.org or call 703-879-5795.

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“Underwhere” and What



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

Though I don't think I've broken any laws, other than the laws of consumerism, I may have gone over to the dark side. And by 'dark side,' I refer to two elements, one way more significant than the other, both of which I will get to in short order. In the interim, I refer to that most private of previously public purchases: underwear.

The last two times I bought underwear, I did not, as my father before me did so regularly for his two sons: buy from a local distributor. No. I didn't brick and mortar, I did not drive to and from. And neither did I engage with a living being (so far as I know, anyhow). Rather, I simply typed, mouse-clicked and purchased online from a national distributor. And since I wasn't able to touch and feel, my selection was a bit of a leap of faith. Would the fit, style and look satisfy in person much as it had done so online? So far, after having introduced a dozen pairs to their new homes, their owner and his neighbors seem okay with the interlopers. I expect that with the passage of time, the familiarity of it all will wear down any anticipated objections. Still, I imagine there will be an adjustment period.

Those purchases being made, I do feel as if I've crossed a line of sorts. [And the editor is likely to agree and assert selective deletion.] At the very least, consumers and their underwear purchases - and processes, seemed sacrosanct and immune to the lure of the internet. Granted, its presumptive privacy and seemingly endless choices/supply would presumably appeal to one's sense of curiosity. But not having the opportunity to physically pick and choose, and then grab and go to the cashier while glancing at the assorted inventory while you saunter through the department now seems like a lost art. An art that will never again be bid on, certainly not at Christie's anyway. I don't feel guilty exactly, about what I've done, but I do feel as if struck at the very foundation of the consumer's code of decency.

I mean, if one is going to buy underwear online then there really is no stopping the internet's intrusion into our daily lives. And if the artificial intelligence running the sites knows about our most personal preferences, then what's preventing a mass outing of mankind and womankind? To that possible end, I am now going to mention the second element of my recent purchase for which you likewise might have an opinion. This time I have literally gone over the dark side: colors; blue, black, green and gray. The tidy whities of my youth and nearly entire adulthood have had to give way to color. Another break with my underwear past which also seems unforgivable. My father always wore white underwear. How could I, as his son, break with such familial tradition? This is the weight I am now carrying. I'm not exactly leaving the faith but I do feel that I'm definitely disconnecting.

And since these online purchases of non-white underwear are not that recent (six months or so), recently, as in the last month, I have given consideration to yet another total break to how/where I've purchase these non-white "underweares," brand. I have heard multiple radio advertisements on my satellite radio concerning an upscale brand of underwear which has given me pause to rethink how I might further upgrade the neighborhood where my underwear has been residing.

It's been difficult enough changing how I buy my underwear, and then transitioning from whites to colors, but now possibly changing brands just for the sake of some creature comforts? I haven't heard any complaints from the neighbors so why bother? To be cool and comfortable? I thought I was. Apparently not. Dare I break yet another decades-old tradition? It may be too much.

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