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Reducing Veteran Isolation and Loneliness

Pilot program expands to Herndon-Reston.

BY MERCIA HOBSON
THE CONNECTION

Susan Garvey is the Executive Director of the Shepherd's Center of Oakton-Vienna. In an interview on Veterans Day 2019, Garvey said the nonprofit organization founded in 1998 planned to expand its new pilot program, "Veterans Visitor Initiative, Veterans Helping Veterans" to Reston and Herndon. With a population of approximately 82,000 veterans in Northern Virginia, the Shepherd's Center designed an initiative to reduce isolation and loneliness amongst veterans, an often overlooked segment of the population. The Shepherd's Center modeled the new program after the organization's existing Friendly Visitors/Friendly Callers services. The keystone of the plans would be friendship based on similarities between veteran clients and veteran volunteers.

According to Garvey, the program would afford comfort not only to veterans in the Shepherd's Center's geographical service area but also to family members of the veterans who lived a distance away and worried about their loved ones.

THE INITIATIVE evolved when Board Secretary Tom Portman was made aware of the number of veterans who die of suicide in part because they are lonely, according to Steve Haraczak, SCOV Board Member in the organization's newly released YouTube video, "Veterans Helping Veterans." In it, Haraczak said the organization decided to focus efforts on veterans because "they've given their lives to the country, and the least we can do is give back and help them."

While Shepherd's Center is known for its no-cost driving services, other services and its education programs for adults 50 years and older, the organization's long-standing Friendly Callers/Friendly Visitors services provided good models to tweak with empha-



Susan Garvey, Executive Director, Shepherd's Center.

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— Susan Garvey, Executive Director, Shepherd's Center of Oakton Vienna

sis on veteran to veteran involvement. Garvey described how initially Shepherd's Center reached out to area veteran organizations for feedback, as well as faith-based groups, Rotary Club of Vienna, American Legion Post(s), and more with the ultimate goal to establish "veterans clubs." From there, if the veterans were so inclined, they would be matched with SCOV veteran clients.

Garvey said that Shepherd's Center wove



Col. William K. Rockey, USMC (Ret.)

precautions into the program - they vetted volunteers through background checks. Also, to create the best chances for veteran pairs to develop ongoing friendships, the center added a survey of commonalities, to find similarities.

According to Garvey, Shepherd Center is working with The Goodwin House under the leadership of Colonel William K. Rockey, United States Marines (Retired), for veterans to join the center's current Friendly Callers/Friendly Visitors program. "I'm certain that some of our veterans would volunteer to do that. Many of us would like to volunteer to meet and perhaps help others. If one would become part of this activity, I'm sure that they would find great satisfaction in what they're doing," said Rockey. If pairs of veterans were so inclined, they could become a "Veteran Volunteer Team" and reach out to the younger generation of Wounded Warriors to provide the same kind of Friendly Callers /Friendly Visitors services according to Portman.

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Steve Haraczak, SCOV Board Member

across the U.S.A.," Garvey said.

ACCORDING TO the organization's website, its vision is: "A World Without Loneliness;" its mission: "Dedicated to improving quality of life as we age, through supportive programs and services, personal enrichment and volunteer engagement. The organization offers services free of charge, with no income requirements to adults 50+ who reside in its geographic service areas Oakton, Vienna, Reston, Herndon, Dunn Loring, Merrifield parts of Fairfax: (22030/22031 residences north of route 50), Fairfax (22033 residences north of Route 50 and east of Fairfax County Parkway/Route 286) by SCOV's team of friendly, trained and vetted volunteers who provide transportation to medical appointments and for errands; Friendly Callers, Friendly Visitors, Veteran Callers, Veteran Visitors, Minor Home Repair, Decluttering Advice and Health Advocacy. For more information, visit scov.org, or phone 703-281-0538. Offices are located on the 2nd floor of the Vienna Baptist Church, Rooms 203, 205 and 209, 541 Marshall Rd SW, Vienna.



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NEWS

Republican Requiem

BY MICHAEL POPE
THE CONNECTION

It wasn't all that long ago that Northern Virginia had its own breed of Republicanism. People like U.S. Rep. Tom Davis (R-11), U.S. Sen. John Warner and Del. Dave Albo (R-42). Now, after a series of stunning defeats since the election of Donald Trump to the White House, Northern Virginia Republicans are a dying breed, with moderates bowing out or being voted out.

"Donald Trump is the gift that keeps on giving," said Del. Mark Keam (D-35) during a raucous victory rally in Richmond. "Virginians want Democrats to be in charge, and Donald Trump was the factor that led us to where we are."

Two years ago, Democrats picked up 15 seats in the House of Delegates and unseated longtime incumbents like Jim LeMunyon (R-67). Last year, Democrats took control of the U.S. House of Representatives and voted out U.S. Rep. Barbara Comstock (R-10). This week, Democrats flipped two seats in the state Senate and six seats in the House of Delegates, including Democratic challenger Dan Helmer unseating longtime incumbent Del. Tim Hugo (R-40).

"Dan Helmer won because voters in Fairfax and Prince William want a representative that doesn't stand in the way of progress," said Jessica Post, president of the Democratic Legislative Campaign Committee. "With his long record of standing up for his community, not his party, Dan will make an excellent delegate and will work to keep Virginia moving forward."

After the defeat of Hugo, who served as chairman of the House Republican Caucus, the Fairfax County delegation in the General Assembly will have zero Republicans. Voters in Fairfax also rejected Republican-backed candidates for the School Board.

Alexandria and Arlington haven't had any elected Republicans for years. The last foothold the GOP has in Northern Virginia is the Springfield District, where longtime in-



PHOTO BY MICHAEL POPE

Republicans haven't won a statewide victory since 2009, and now that Democrats have seized control of the House of Delegates and state Senate, Gov. Ralph Northam declared Virginia "officially blue" at a raucous victory party in Richmond Tuesday night.

cumbent Republican Supervisor Pat Herryty was able to eke out a narrow victory against Democratic challenger Linda Sperling.

"We have a clear message that the residents of the Springfield District want someone who shares their common sense conservative values to have a seat at the table," said Herryty. "The Springfield District wants Fairfax County to be a place where everyone can become successful."

DEMOCRATS HAVEN'T controlled the House of Delegates since the late 1990s, a time when Republicans have been able to use their majority to push back efforts on gun control, the minimum wage and the Equal Rights Amendment. Now voters have expelled Republicans from power in a high-turnout election with almost 40 percent of registered voters showing up to cast a ballot compared to 29 percent in 2015. House Democratic Leader Eileen Filler-Corn says that's a mandate for change.

"Without a doubt, the House candidates have offered Virginia a progressive and inclusive future," said House Democratic Leader Eileen Filler-Corn, who is a leading candidate to be the next speaker. "And guess what? You, the voters, said yes."

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NO 59,702 22.62%

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Joseph F. Galdo (R) 89,315 33.68%

Democrats take General Assembly, sweep Fairfax School Board; Republican Herryty holds on in Springfield district.



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Pat Herryty (R-Springfield) with his wife Nancy after voting on Tuesday. Herryty will be the lone remaining Republican in elected office in Fairfax County.

"It's guns. It's the years of trying to make it harder to vote. It's restrictions on women's health care and their privacy."

— Del. Charniele Herring (D-46) on why Republicans lost control of the General Assembly

At the top of that agenda is what Democrats call common-sense gun control. When asked which issues motivated voters this year, Democrats almost universally cited the lack of reaction to mass shootings across Virginia and the country. Democrats are poised to institute universal background checks, ban assault-style weapons and give judges authority to confiscate weapons from people who raise red flags.

"Tomorrow the work begins, and the people want to see results," said Democratic Senate Leader Dick Saslaw, who is expected to lead the caucus next year. "They want to see gun violence curtailed, and Everytown

for Gun Safety and Moms Demand Action, you're going to get action."

ONE OF THE REASONS why Northern Virginia no longer has its own brand of Republicanism is its changing demographics. Over the last decade, the region has become more urban and more diverse. That's led to a changing sense of what its voters want from elected officials in the General Assembly, and Democrats say that's why Republicans have been expelled from power.

"When you get out of touch with constituents, that's what happens," said Del. Charniele Herring (D-46), who serves as chairwoman of the House Democratic Caucus. "It's guns. It's the years of trying to make it harder to vote. It's restrictions on women's health care and their privacy."

Democrats may have seized power, but that doesn't mean the fighting is over yet. They'll still have to vote on who leads the party when they gavel into session this year, and that could mean a fight to become Speaker of the House when Democrats take control for the first time in 20 years. Filler-Corn might be the obvious choice, but she already has opposing from Del. Lashrecse Aird (D-63).

Election Results, Tuesday, Nov. 5, 2019

For more results see
www.elections.virginia.gov/2019-election-results/

The Virginia House of Delegates and Senate both will be controlled by Democrats. In the Senate, Virginia voters elected 21 Democrats and 18 Republicans with one seat still undecided. In the House, 55 Democrats and 45 Republicans. Both House and Senate were controlled by Republicans before with slim margins.

SCHOOL BOND BALLOT QUESTION

This is the text of the public school bond question:

Shall Fairfax County, Virginia, contract a debt, borrow money, and issue capital improve-

Unofficial election results as of Tuesday, Nov. 5, 2019

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Steve T. Descano (D) **166,103 60.86%**
Jonathan L. Fahey (I) 106,016 38.84%

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Stacey Ann Kincaid (D) **201,112 78.07%**
Christopher F. De Carlo (I) 53,458 20.75%

Board of Supervisors, District Representatives
Braddock District
James R. Walkinshaw (D) 18,437 59.63%
S. Jason Remer (R) 10,543 34.10%
Carey Chet Campbell (I) 1,847 5.97%

Dranesville District
John W. Foust (D) incumbent 20,437 64.36%
Ed. R. Martin (R) 11,227 35.36%

Hunter Mill District
Walter L. Acorn (D) unopposed 27,326 94.46%

Lee District
Rodney L. Lusk (D) unopposed 20,993 95.58%

Mason District
Penelope A. "Penny" Gross (D) incumbent 15,007 63.65%
Gary N. Aiken (R) 8,468 35.92%

Mount Vernon District
Daniel G. "Dan" Storck (D) incumbent, unopposed 23,505 94.27%

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OPINION

Historic Election Results in Virginia

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



The Nov. 5 elections in Virginia produced results of historic proportions. The House of Delegates that has had a Republican majority since 2000 was flipped to a blue Democratic majority of 55 Democrats to 45 Republicans. As recently as the election for 2014-2016, Democrats in the House had dropped to 32 members. The turnaround came decisively in amazing political time; there will be a recount in only one seat the Democrats won. The Senate that had a Republican majority before the election flipped to blue with 21 of the 40 Senate seats now being held by Democrats.

The General Assembly when it convenes in January will have a Democratic majority in both houses. In addition, as a result of elections held in 2017 Democrats occupy all statewide offices of Governor, Lieutenant Governor and Attorney General. The historic level of Democratic wins is not only about party, it is about representation. There will be more women in the General Assembly than ever before in Virginia's history. In the House of Delegates there will be 30 women in the 100-member legislative body. In the Senate there will be 11 women in the 40-member body bringing the

total number of women to 41 in the General Assembly. While the number is small relative to the proportion of women in the total population, the number of women in the legislature is a huge increase when compared to past years when it could be counted on the fingers of one's hands. The number of women running this year in both parties was at a historic level of 85.

There were other historic changes in the oldest continuous legislative body in the western world celebrating its 400th anniversary this year. A Muslim woman will join the Senate as the first ever elected to that body. The number of African Americans in the General Assembly will increase to the highest number since Reconstruction. The first ever Indian American man was elected to the House of Delegates.

The new members of the legislature have already indicated their willingness to make history. The Democratic caucus of the House met this past weekend and chose as its Speaker-designee, Delegate Eileen Filler-Corn, the first woman to ever serve as Speaker of the House of Delegates in the 400 years of its history. She will be elected formally by the entire House when the General Assembly convenes in January. Adding



Speaker-designee, Del. Eileen Filler-Corn (D-41) is the first woman to ever serve as Speaker of the House of Delegates in the 400 years of its history.

to this historic moment, she will assume the leadership position, considered the most powerful in Virginia government next to the governor, with the least seniority of anyone ever taking the position in the modern day. She will be the first Jewish Speaker serving along with the Senate majority leader who is also Jewish. While I had hoped to become Speaker myself, I fully support Eileen who is amazingly smart and talented and I will

do everything I can to ensure her success.

The electorate broke through many hurdles in its votes this election year. Some results called historic today will become commonplace in the future as the General Assembly reflects more the demographics of the state as a whole. I have always felt honored to serve, and with the historic results of this election year I feel even more honored. Thank you, voters!

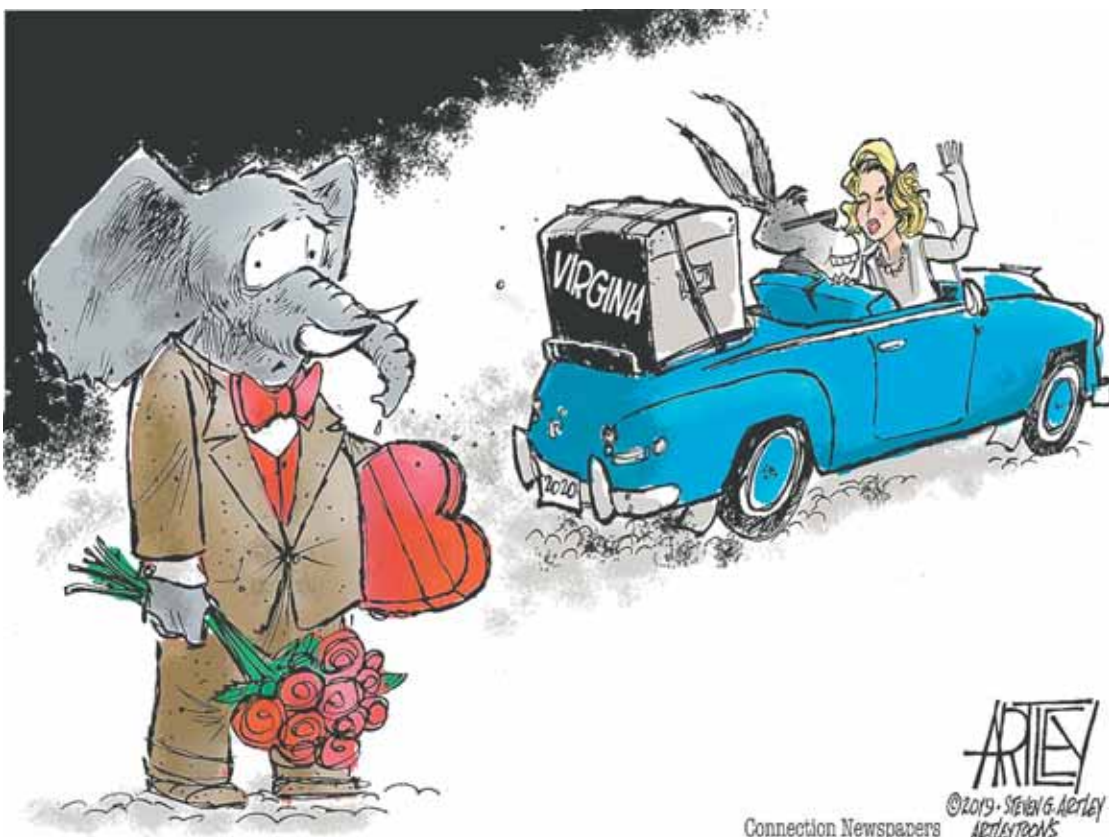
LETTERS

Two Years of Justice Delayed

To the Editor:

Nov. 17 will mark the two year anniversary of the shooting of Bijan Ghaisar by two US Park Policemen. He died of his wounds 10 days later. The FBI has refused to provide any information of substance to his parents, the Senators and Congressional representatives who interceded on their behalf or the media, all of whom have kept the pressure on since day one. If those two Park Policemen are not put on trial, and convicted at a minimum of Manslaughter, justice will not have been served. And if that happens, I believe there will be a ground swell of cries of an FBI cover up.

Kevin Bergen
Alexandria



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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 November 1 – 7, 2019.

INCIDENTS

Animal Case – Quarantine 500 Block Colony Court, NW October 27 2:15 p.m. A resident was bitten by a dog that she is fostering when she attempted to break up a fight between the dog and her daughter's dog. The dog's foster organization is handling the quarantine with a vet clinic. Fairfax County ACO will follow up on the quarantine as the vet is in their jurisdiction.

Police Service – 537 Maple Avenue, West October 31 1:30 p.m. A person spoke with an officer regarding telephone calls she has been receiving at her home. The person, who resides in another jurisdiction, was advised that the calls were a scam and what measures she can take to protect herself from these scams.

Fraud – 400 Block Blair Road, NW Between Nov. 1 at 12:01 a.m. and November 2 at 12:01 a.m. A resident reported an unauthorized charge to their credit account.

Arrest – Abduction, Strangulation, Prevent 911 Call and Assault on an Officer – Wolftrap Hotel 430 Maple Avenue, West Nov. 1, 4:40 a.m. A woman reported that a man, her boyfriend, began banging on the door of her hotel room. When she allowed him into the room he became irate and began assaulting her. When the woman grabbed a phone to call the police the man grabbed the phone and threw it out the window. The man walked out the door to throw the phone off the balcony and the woman closed the door to prevent him from re-entering the room. The man left the area before officers arrived. An officer transported the woman to an area hospital for medical treatment. Ofc. Colligan obtained three warrants for the man charging Abduction, Strangulation and Preventing Another from Making a 911 Call.

At approximately 8:45 a.m. officers located the man in his hotel room. As they were placing him under arrest he assaulted one of the officers. Ofc. McElhatten transported the 24-year-old man from

Covingtons Corner Road in Vienna to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center where the initial warrants were served on him and he was charged with Assault on a Police Officer. He was held without bond.

Grand Larceny – Dunkin Donuts 314 Maple Avenue, West November 1 between 7: a.m. and 8 a.m. An employee advised that she left her cell phone in the bathroom. When she returned to find it, the phone was missing.

Suspicious Person – Caboose Brewing Company 520 Mill Street, NE November 1, 9:11 p.m. Employees reported a customer who was acting irate and verbally abusive towards others in the establishment. When an employee asked the man to leave, he paid his bill and left, continuing to be disorderly. While officers were searching the area for the man he called the police department a couple of times. Officers were able to identify the man and it was determined that he was emotionally disturbed and had not broken any laws.

Animal Case – 300 Block Sherwood Drive, NE November 1, 9:36 p.m. A resident reported an injured deer in their backyard. Officers found the deer was in grave condition and euthanized the animal.

Animal Case – Beulah Road and Sidelong Court, NE November 2, 10:44 a.m. A citizen reported a dog running at large. Ofc. McElhatten located the dog but was unable to find the animal's owner. The dog was transported to the Fairfax County Animal Shelter.

Emotionally Disturbed Person – Park Terrace Court, SE November 4, 10:17 a.m. An emotionally disturbed man began calling the police department, irate because he did not like the way the department handled a complaint that he made. While speaking to the dispatcher, the man made threats regarding the person he complained about. A short time later he called a restaurant where he had previously had an issue and began harassing the employee. Sgt. Sheeran notified mental health clinicians and reported his behavior. The clinicians responded to the man's home with officers but were unable to make contact with the man.

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Emotionally Disturbed Person — Vienna Police Station 215 Center Street, South November 4, 10:52 a.m. A man came to the police station to discuss various issues he has been having. An officer spoke to the man and addressed his concerns.

Open Door — Vienna Vintner 320 Maple Avenue, East November 4, 12:36 p.m. Officers responding to an alarm found an open door. The business was searched and nothing appeared to have been disturbed. An employee was notified to secure the door.

Found Property — 400 Block Center Street, South November 4, 4:50 p.m. Two bicycles were left abandoned in the rear parking lot of the Vienna Firehouse, near the Vienna Community Center.

Emotionally Disturbed Person — Talahi Road, SE November 5, 5 a.m. A resident reported that his adult son came home and began acting aggressively towards him and his wife. The son became physically aggressive and began to make threats towards his father. PFC Post transported the man to an area medical facility where he was held on a Temporary Detention Order and was to be evaluated and held for mental health treatment.

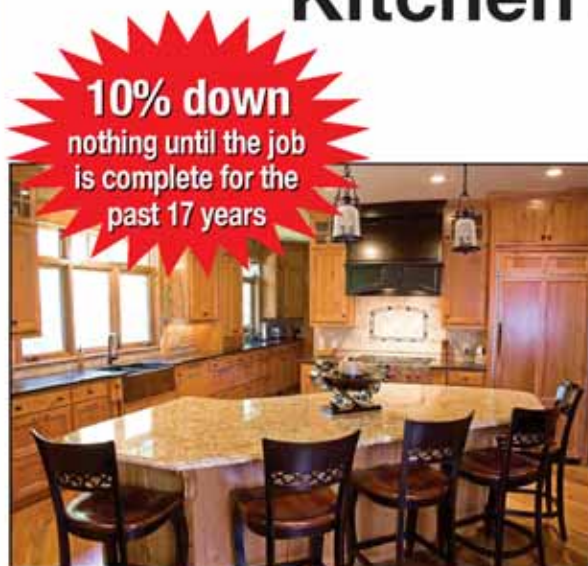
Open Door — Mod Pizza 168 Maple Avenue, West November 5, 7:54 a.m. Officers responding to the report of an alarm at the restaurant found an open door. Nothing appeared out of place inside the restaurant. An employee was notified to reset the alarm and secure the business.

Welfare Check — 1100 Drake Street, SW November 5, 8:33 p.m. A citizen requested a welfare check on her ex-boyfriend after she received a concerning text message from him. Officers responded to the man's residence, however, he was not at home and the homeowner was not aware of any issues with the man.

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HOME LIFE STYLE

In this table design, Anne Walker used neutral linens which provided a rich, but subtle backdrop to Royal Copenhagen china.

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Setting a Thanksgiving Table

Local designers share ideas for creating a festive tablescape.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL
THE CONNECTION

Whether celebrating with large gathering of family or hosting an intimate dinner with friends, Thanksgiving offers an opportunity to express gratitude, merriment and creativity. Though the day is noted for football games and parades, it's the turkey dinner that takes center stage. Setting an aesthetically appealing table on which to place the perfectly prepped bird adds to a special touch to the quintessentially American meal.

From monogrammed linen napkins to centerpieces crafted with backyard foliage, area designers offer ideas for creating a backdrop for one of the most anticipated meals of the year.

"The key to setting a beautiful Thanksgiving table is to keep it simple," said Amanda Mertins of Patina Polished Living in Alexandria. "The big focus for Thanksgiving is, of course, the food."

Designer Anne M. Walker, Anne Walker Design in Potomac says that she's created tablescapes that range from ultra-formal to super-casual. "By far my favorite is the unassuming, simple style of Scandinavian table décor," she said. "I like to use linen placemats, rather than a tablecloth, so you can see the beautiful wood of the table."

"I prefer table linens made by Ekelund, a family-owned Swedish company that has been producing fine linens since the 1600s," said Walker. "Their placemats and napkins have body and heft to them, and the natural flax color complements any style and color of table."

Patterned, colorful napkins can add just the right amount of interest to a table set with neutral china, suggests Mertins. "Bold napkin rings always add a nice punch," she said. "Place cards make it very easy for guests to find their seat and they add a note of importance to the meal."

Adding fresh greenery to a table setting is one of the easiest and most cost effective ways to elevate your dining table decor, said Pamela Harvey of



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Designer Pamela Harvey used china, colorful napkins and placemats to add color to this table setting.

Pamela Harvey in Oak Hill, Va. "Adding a simple stem of pine needles to a napkin ring at each setting," she said. "I always survey my own yard for clippings of magnolia or a great branch to add to the table."

"A runner of eucalyptus branches mixed with tangerines or pears and casual ribbon makes for a great fall look," continued Harvey. "Simple flower arrangements using all the same flower or color make an impact."

Forgo a centerpiece created by a florist, says Walker. "Why not cut a few branches from your own garden and create your own floral display?" asks Walker. "Many plants, including Nandina, produce beautiful red berries in the fall, which makes for a lovely, simple table decoration."

The holidays are a perfect time to uncover treasured china and other pieces stored away, said Harvey. "I love the nostalgia of using pieces that were handed down," she said. "Varying the dish patterns is also a fun way to display china, such as using your grandmother's china mixed with more casual or everyday place settings."

"Use your real silver and your best crystal – these things are meant to be enjoyed," added Walker. "Food and drink taste better when delivered from a glass that's been hand-blown and a silver fork."

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ONGOING

Students' Art Work on Display. At Great Falls Starbucks, 9863 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. Falls Studios in collaboration with Great Falls Starbucks presents "Still Life in the Style of American Realism," the work of 10 young artists ages 7-13 years who studied under Michela Mansuino, artist and Fellow at Studio Incamminati/Philadelphia in summer camp at the Arts of Great Falls. The exhibit space in the Starbucks conference room rotates the work of local students from the Arts of Great Falls, Colvin Run Elementary, Forestville Elementary and Great Falls Elementary schools. Visit www.GreatFallsStudios.com.

McLean Farmers Market. Fridays, through Nov. 15, 8 a.m.-noon at Lewinsville Park, 1659 Chain Bridge Road, McLean. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/farmersmarkets/mclean.

Great Falls Farmers Market. Year-round, 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

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. Visit community-foodworks.org.

WEDNESDAY/NOV. 13

Gourds and Gobblers. 1-2 p.m. At Riverbend Park, 8700 Potomac Hills Street, Great Falls. Turkeys seem to be on everything this time of year. Did you know that wild turkeys still roam in Great Falls? Give your kids a chance to learn about this shy bird and some of the other animals and plants that are an important part of our Thanksgiving tradition. For youngsters age 2-5. Call 703-759-9018 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/riverbend.

Duckhorn Wine Dinner. 6:30 p.m. At Broadway Gallery, 1025-I Seneca Road, Great Falls. Broadway Gallery and BRX American Bistro present the Duckhorn Wine Dinner. Come savor a five-course meal paired with five wines. Cost is \$85/person. Broadway Gallery will be presenting new works by lauded Japanese artist, Hiromi Ashlin, known for her intricate multimedia origami creations. Hiromi's work will be featured on the BRX gallery wall from Nov. 13 to Jan. 4, 2020. To RSVP, call 703-433-9050.

NOV. 14-16

"A Midsummer Night's Dream." 7:30 p.m. on Nov. 14, 15, and 16 and 2:30 p.m. on Nov. 16. At James Madison High School, 2500 James Madison Drive, Vienna. This classic Shakespearean comedy is full of whimsy as magically confused lovers fight, craftsmen rehearse a poorly-produced play for a wedding, and fairies meddle in the lives of mortals. Tickets www.madisondrama.com for \$10 and at the door for \$12.

FRIDAY/NOV. 15

Young Adult Game Night. 7:30-9:30 p.m. At Lewinsville Presbyterian Church, 1724 Chain Bridge Road, McLean. The Young Adult Ministry at Lewinsville Presbyterian Church will be hosting its third Game Night of the program year. Bring friends and games you are interested in playing. Contact Pastor Annamarie Groenenboom at email: agroenenboom@lewinsville.org or call 703-356-7200. www.lewinsville.org/events/young-adult-game-night/

NOV. 15-17

Still Life & Floral Workshop. Friday, 6-8 p.m.; Saturday, 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.; Sunday, 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. At The Arts of Great Falls, 756 Walker Road, Great Falls. The paintings of nationally-acclaimed artist Robert Johnson evoke a newfound appreciation for the power and elegance of work done in the classical tradition. This workshop will present the principles underlying this approach to art that have been passed along for the last five centuries from master to apprentice, teacher to student, and artist to artist. Call 703-232-1575.



The cast of McLean High School's production of "You Can't Take It With You."

'You Can't Take It With You' at McLean High School

"You Can't Take It With You," Nov. 21-24. Show times are Thursdays thru Sundays at 7 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday matinee at 1:30 p.m. at McLean High School, 1633 Davidson Road, McLean. Meet the Sycamores, the family that is the very definition of eccentric itself. Directed by Phillip Reid and Assistant Directed by Annalise Kirby.

Tickets are \$12 online, \$15 at the door, and \$8 for students, and can be purchased at <https://www.etix.com/ticket/v/15599>.



The Irish Inn Mates will play at The Old Brogue Irish Pub in Great Falls on Sunday, Nov. 17 at 5 and 7 p.m.

Traditional Celtic Music at The Old Brogue

Traditional Celtic Music, Sunday, Nov. 17. 5 and 7 p.m. at The Old Brogue Irish Pub, 760-C Walker Road, Great Falls. Fall concert of traditional Celtic music of the Irish Inn Mates which features Tina Eck (Irish flute and whistles), Jesse Winch (bodhrán Irish bouzouki, banjo), Mitch Fanning (fiddle) and Zan McLeod (bouzouki, guitar, mandolin). The band of highly skilled musicians is much beloved by the Mid-Atlantic Irish community, and are performers of traditional Irish music. The Old Brogue is a fully licensed restaurant, with a masterful selection of ales and world and Irish cuisine. Tickets must be purchased in advance at oldbrogue.com - \$18 general admission/\$12 children. Call 703-759-3309.

SATURDAY/NOV. 16

Harvest Marketplace. 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. At Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church, 8601 Wolftrap Rd., Vienna. Come browse for keepsakes that will make great gifts and home decor as we transition into the Christmas Season. A variety of vendors will be present. Relax and enjoy a cup of coffee and baked goods at the Cafe. Prepare for Christmas this year by making your own Christmas Lantern (Parol). www.olgcva.org/news-post/~post/harvest-marketplace

Model Railroaders Open House. 1-5 p.m. at the Vienna Depot, 231 Dominion Road NE. Northern Virginia Model Railroaders hold an open house at the Vienna Depot each month and on Vienna celebration days, including Viva! Vienna and the Vienna Holiday Stroll. Free admission. Call 703-938-5157 or visit www.nvmr.org.

LARD Dog & The Band of Shy. 4 p.m. At The Alden Theater, at the McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. Cost is \$15/\$10 MCC district residents. Parents' Choice Award-winners Lard Dog & The Band of Shy have burst onto the family entertainment scene converting countless families to be fans of their quirky universe and highly infectious tunes. Call the Center at 703-790-0123, TTY: 711, or visit the website, www.mcleancenter.org.

NOV. 17, 24, AND DEC. 8

Celtic Concerts. 5 and 7 p.m. At The Old Brogue Irish Pub, 760-C Walker Road, Great Falls. Presents the 17th season of family friendly, Fall Traditional Celtic Concerts, a five-week series of top quality music. Tickets must be purchased in advance at oldbrogue.com — \$18 general admission/\$12 children. Season ticket: \$80/\$60. www.ionamusic.com/brogue.shtml or www.oldbrogue.com or call 703-759-3309.

SUNDAY/NOV. 17

Turkey Trot 5K Race. 8 a.m. At Tysons Corner Park, Greensboro Drive, McLean. This the first official professionally run 5K Race in Tysons Corner sponsored by Rotary of Tysons, Lerner Corporation and other Tysons businesses to support local charities. Cost is \$45. Email Catherine Ahearn at cgahearn@gmail.com.
Breakfast Buffet. 8 a.m. to noon. At Vienna American Legion Post 180, 330 Center Street, N, Vienna. Get omelets, scrambled eggs, blueberry pancakes, bacon, sausage, biscuits and gravy and more. Adults \$10, children 12 and under \$4. For more information, call 703-938-6580.

TUESDAY/NOV. 19

Heroines of Washington. 6 p.m. At The Ritz Carlton Tysons Corner, 1700 Tysons Blvd., McLean. Heroines of Washington is a March of Dimes event that recognizes and honors professional women in the D.C. Metro Area for their dedication to community service. Cost is \$300. Email: Kate Leib at kreib@marchofdimes.org
Author William S. Connery. 7:30-9 p.m. At Patrick Henry Library, 101 Maple Ave., E, Vienna. Discussion of Col. John Singleton Mosby, the Grey Ghost, in the Civil War and beyond. Books available for sale and signing. Free. Visit the website: <https://librarycalendar.fairfaxcounty.gov/event/541197>

WEDNESDAY/NOV. 20

Holy Happy Hour. 6:15 p.m. at Lewinsville Presbyterian Church, 1724 Chain Bridge Road, McLean. Rock music from the 1969 Woodstock event featuring Lewinsville's pipe organ with guitars, bass, drums, and vocals. Artists: Bruce Deatley, drums; Joe Koenig, guitar; Clay McConnell, bass & vocals; John Nothaft, organ. For more information, visit <https://www.lewinsville.org/concerts/> or call the church office during business hours 703-356-7200.

THURSDAY-SATURDAY/NOV. 21-23

Christmas Craft Sale. 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. At Oakton Church of the Brethren, 10025 Courthouse Rd., Vienna. This big annual fundraising craft sale features a variety of handmade items, craft supplies, holiday decor, baked goods, a soup-and-salad lunch, and more. Free admission. Hours are 10-7 p.m. Thursday and Friday; 10-4 p.m. Saturday. Visit the website: www.oaktonbrethren.org.

Book Sale. At Great Falls Library, 9830 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. The Friends of the Great Falls Library hold their semi-annual book sale in the branch in time for the Christmas season. In addition to a nice selection of Christmas books for kids and adults alike, we feature a great variety of genres in books, DVDs, audio books, CDs and eclectic. Donations for the sale will be accepted for as long as we have the space! Dates and times: Thursday, Nov. 21, Members Pre-Sale (join at the door, \$15) 6-8 p.m.; Friday, Nov. 22, Book Sale open to public 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Saturday, Nov. 23, Book Sale open to public 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Saturday, Nov. 23, 4-5 p.m. Books \$5/bag. For details, contact the Library at 703-757-8560, or friendsofthegreatfallslibrary@gmail.com.

NOV. 21-24

"You Can't Take It With You." Show times are Thursday thru Sunday at 7 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday matinee at 1:30 p.m. At McLean High School, 1633 Davidson Road, McLean. Meet the Sycamores, the family that is the very definition of eccentric itself. Directed by Phillip Reid and Assistant Directed by Annalise Kirby, the cast is led by Graham Cole, Benjamin Cudmore, John Godwin, Wyatt Lahr, Will Chapman, and Michael Aten. Tickets are \$12 online, \$15 at the door, and \$8 for students, and can be purchased at <https://www.etix.com/ticket/v/15599>.

FRIDAY/NOV. 22

McLean Art Society Meeting. 10 a.m. to noon. At The McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. Gale Pean, a proponent of palette knife painting, will be the featured artist. She will be doing a demonstration of techniques. Guests are welcome. Call 703-790-0123.

"Simon and Garfunkel [Revisited] Live in Central Park." 7 p.m. At The Alden Theater, at the McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. Recreated by Lee Lessack and Johnny Rodgers. Cost is \$40/\$35 senior/\$30 MCC district residents. Accurate and honest recreation of the concert's original 21-song set list, including two songs not included on the 1982 concert album. Call the Center at 703-790-0123, TTY: 711, or visit: www.aldentheatre.org.

WINTER FUN

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Meadowlark Hosts Winter Walk of Lights

Every year around this time, Meadowlark Botanical Gardens is transformed into a dazzling Winter Walk of Lights, illuminated with almost a million lights. Visitors may stroll along a half mile path along the Fountain of Lights, the Lakeside Lights, the Holiday Nature Walk, and warm up by roasting s'mores by a fire pit. Patrons can also enjoy the seasonal Snowflake Shoppe and Garden Gift Shop, the S'More Snack Shop, and other special events and activities. Now in its eighth year, it is estimated that up to 80,000 people visit the Winter Walk of Lights annually.

"The Winter Walk of Lights was created by Nova Parks to provide the opportunity for the community to enjoy Meadowlark in late fall and early winter. Revenue from this eight week event helps to fund the recreational, conservation, education, and preservation efforts of Meadowlark Botanical Gardens and 34 Nova Parks," said Jules Maloney, program manager.

Various Appreciation Nights allow discounts for different groups including military, teachers, first responders, nurses, scouts, seniors, members and volunteers.

On weekends and holidays and especially towards the end of December, it is advised to purchase timed-tickets online as they may sell out online and at the door. The Winter Walk of Lights runs from Nov. 8 through Jan. 5, 2020. For more information, visit <https://www.novaparks.com/events/winter-walk-of-lights>



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Dalia A. Palchik (D) 18,885 69.34%
Eric Anthony Jones (R) 8,184 30.05%

Springfield District
Patrick S. "Pat" Herrity (R) incumbent 18,360 50.72%
Linda D. Sperling (D) 17,765 49.07%

Sully District
Kathy L. Smith (D) incumbent 20,280 62.70%
Srilekha R. Palle (R) 11,979 37.04%

SCHOOL BOARD

School Board At-Large (three)
Karen A. Keys-Gamarra, incumbent (endorsed by Democrats) 160,138 21.99%
Abrar E. Omeish (endorsed by Democrats) 145,143 19.93%
Rachna Sizemore Heizer (endorsed by Democrats) 139,278 19.12%
Cheryl A. Buford (endorsed by Republicans) 101,831 13.98%
Priscilla M. DeStefano (endorsed by Republicans) 100,166 13.75%
Vinson Palathingal (endorsed by Republicans) 79,579 10.93%

Braddock District, School Board
Megan O. McLaughlin, incumbent (endorsed by Democrats) 20,775 67.40%
Zia Tompkins (endorsed by Republicans) 9,938 32.24%

Dranesville District, School Board
Elaine V. Tholen (endorsed by Democrats) 17,988 57.50%
Anastasia S. Karloutsos (endorsed by Republicans) 11,523 36.84%
Ardavan Mobasheri 1,715 5.48%

Hunter Mill District, School Board
Melanie K. Meren (endorsed by Democrats) 22,893 69.25%
Laura Ramirez Drain (endorsed by Republicans) 10,054 30.41%

Lee District, School Board
Tamara J. Derenak Kaufax, incumbent, (endorsed by Democrats) 20,736 95.70%

Mason District, School Board
Ricardy J. Anderson (endorsed by Democrats) 16,077 76.89%
Tom L. Pafford 4,431 21.19%

Mount Vernon District, School Board
Karen L. Corbett Sanders, incumbent (endorsed by Democrats) 17,611 62.31%
Steven D. Mosley (endorsed by Republicans) 8,844 31.29%
Pamela C. Ononiwu 1,716 6.07%

Providence District, School Board
Karl V. Frisch (endorsed by Democrats) 16,644 61.72%
Andrea L. "Andi" Bayer (endorsed by Republicans) 10,167 37.70%

Springfield District, School Board
Laura Jane H. Cohen (endorsed by Democrats) 17,745 50.46%
Elizabeth L. Schultz, incumbent (endorsed by Republicans) 14,809 42.12%
R. Kyle McDaniel 2,529 7.19%

Sully District, School Board
Stella G. Pekarsky (endorsed by Democrats) 18,585 58.43%
Tom A. Wilson, incumbent (endorsed by Republicans) 13,144 41.33%

Soil and Water Conservation Director Northern Virginia District Vote for Three
Monica A. Billger (endorsed by Democrats) 153,051 21.87%
Gerald Owen "Jerry" Peters Jr., incumbent, (endorsed by Democrats) 148,091 21.16%

Chris E. Koerner (endorsed by Democrats) 139,641 19.95%
C. Jane Dudik (endorsed by Republicans) 80,604 11.52%
Edward F. McGovern (endorsed by Republicans) 80,281 11.47%
Christopher A. Bowen (endorsed by Republicans) 78,558 11.23%
Jonah E. "Jet" Thomas 17,888 2.56%

CANDIDATES, GENERAL ASSEMBLY

House of Delegates District 34
Kathleen J. Murphy (D), incumbent 15,166 57.69%
Gary G. Pan (R) 11,100 42.22%

District 35
Mark L. Keam (D), incumbent, unopposed 15,330 92.63%

District 36
Kenneth R. "Ken" Plum, incumbent, unopposed 17,659 92.78%

District 37
David L. Bulova (D), incumbent, unopposed 13,470 91.98%

District 38
L. Kaye Kory (D), incumbent, unopposed 12,619 93.22%

District 39
Vivian E. Watts (D), incumbent 14,361 67.91%
Nick O. Bell (R) 6,740 31.87%

District 40
Dan I. Helmer (D) 14,015 53.46%
Timothy D. "Tim" Hugo (R), incumbent 12,172 46.43%

District 41
Eileen Filler-Corn (D), incumbent 15,526 71.14%
John M. Wolfe (I) 4,213 19.30%
Rachel D. Mace (L) 1,713 7.85%

District 42
Kathy K. L. Tran (D), incumbent 14,532 59.53%
Steve P. Adragna (R) 9,857 40.38%

District 43
Mark D. Sickles (D), incumbent 14,488 77.64%
G. Gail Parker (I) 3,876 20.77%

District 44
Paul E. Krizek (D), incumbent 12,271 70.52%
Richard T. Hayden (R) 5,105 29.34%

District 45
Mark H. Levine (D), incumbent, unopposed 19,208 91.41%

District 46
Charniele L. Herring (D), incumbent, unopposed 12,270 92.03%

District 47
Patrick A. Hope (D), incumbent, unopposed 20,993 96.16%

District 48
Richard C. "Rip" Sullivan (D), incumbent, unopposed 18,680 94.27%

District 49
Alfonso H. Lopez (D), incumbent 13,393 83.43%
Terry W. Modglin (I) 2,522 15.71%

District 53
Marcus B. Simon (D), incumbent, unopposed 15,554 93.83%

District 67
Karrie K. Delaney (D), incumbent, unopposed 15,415 89.48%

District 86
Ibraheem S. Samirah (D), incumbent, unopposed 13,588 89.45%

VIRGINIA STATE SENATE

District 30
Adam P. Ebbin (D), incumbent, unopposed 40,942 91.67%

District 31
Barbara A. Favola (D), incumbent, unopposed 44,347 91.82%

District 32
Janet D. Howell (D), incumbent 44,424 73.17%
Arthur G. Purves (R) 16,171 26.64%

District 33
Jennifer B. Boysko (D), incumbent 32,258 64.83%
Suzanne D. Fox (R) 17,446 35.06%

District 34
J. C. "Chap" Petersen (D), incumbent, unopposed 39,971 91.15%

District 35
Richard L. "Dick" Saslaw (D), incumbent, unopposed 33,563 92.75%

District 36
Scott A. Surovell (D), incumbent, unopposed 35,131 95.82%

District 37
Dave W. Marsden (D), incumbent, unopposed 37,720 90.49%

District 39
George L. Barker (D), incumbent 37,989 65.92%
S. W. "Dutch" Hillenburt (R) 19,571 33.96%

CLERK OF COURT (Alexandria City)
J. Greg Parks (D), unopposed 26,466 93.98%

Commonwealth's Attorney (ARLINGTON COUNTY-FALLS CHURCH CITY)
Parisa Dehghani-Tafti (D) unopposed 45,334 90.01%

Sheriff (ARLINGTON COUNTY)
Elizabeth F. "Beth" Arthur 49,929 97.29%

Commissioner of Revenue (ARLINGTON COUNTY)
Ingrid H. Morroy 49,406 97.50%

Treasurer (ARLINGTON COUNTY)
Carla F. de la Pava 49,741 97.34%

Member County Board (ARLINGTON COUNTY) vote for 2
Kate A. "Katie" Cristol 41,097 40.51%
Christian E. Dorsey 38,087 37.55%
Audrey R. Clement 13,326 13.14%
Arron O'Dell 7,189 7.09%

Member School Board (ARLINGTON COUNTY)
Reid S. Goldstein 47,880 95.85%

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Fairfax County Board of Supervisors Meetings in 2019

12000 Government Center Parkway
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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

PLAYGROUND CLOSING TEMPORARILY
The playground at Tysons Pimmit Park will be closing temporarily to allow for the replacement of the existing picnic shelter at the park. Work on the installation of a picnic shelter with new metal roofing is scheduled now through Feb. 28, 2020. The \$120,000 project is being funded by the 2016 Park Bond. The address is 7584 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church. For details, call 703-324-8662 or at parkmail@fairfaxcounty.gov.

COMMUNITY HELP NEEDED
Recycling Project. At Church of the Good Shepherd, 2351 Hunter Mill Road, Vienna. The church has a new project lined up for its January 2020 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Morning of Service and is asking community residents to begin now to collect plastic caps and lids. The special recycling effort already has engaged the church's membership in starting to bring plastic caps and lids to fill "Chomper," a fun, child-friendly recycling container in the main entrance to the church. A second special recycling bin for easy drop-off is located just inside the church's office entrance. For details of what plastic caps/lids are suitable, see www.GoodShepherdVA.com.

WEDNESDAY/NOV. 13
Transportation Meeting. 6:30-8:30 p.m. At Westgate Elementary School Cafeteria, 7500 Magarity Road, Falls Church. The Fairfax County Department of Transportation (FCDOT) will host a second community meeting on the proposed Magarity Road Walkway improvements. FCDOT staff will update attendees on scoping and design changes that have occurred since the June 2018 meeting. This project will provide a continuous curb and gutter and an 8-foot-wide asphalt walkway along the south side of Magarity Road. New crosswalks across Magarity Road are proposed at Tremayne Place, Cherri Dr. and Ware Rd. Westgate School drop off/pick-up turning movements will be simplified and made safer. Several bus stops will be relocated. Several sidewalk ramps will be upgraded to current standards. A new 8-foot wide asphalt walkway will also be added in front of the Westgate School. Feedback is due by Nov. 27, 2019, and may be submitted at the meeting; via the online feedback form; in writing to FCDOT at 4050 Legato Road, Suite 400, Fairfax, VA 22033; or by calling 703-877-5600. Visit the project website at <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/transportation/projects/magarity-road-sidewalk>.

Fairfax County Park Authority Board Meeting. 7:30 p.m. in the Herrity Building, 12055 Government Center Parkway, Suite 941, Fairfax. The Park Authority Board's 12 appointed members establish strategic policy and direction for the Park Authority. Open to the public. For agenda and more information, visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/boardagn2.htm or call 703-324-8662.

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Chino Lourie, Rest in Peace



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

As much as I try not to self-indulge in my weekly column, I am aware that I don't always succeed. It seems I can only write about what I feel, what I see and what I hear, be it personal, professional or public. To that end — which justifies my means, I have often involved you regular readers in my cancer life, as well as a few other "privacies" I've been comfortable sharing: family (including pets), friends, finances and the occasional faux pas (if I am anything, I am open, perhaps too open, if certain other familial opinions are to be considered).

This meandering start is meant to explain — indirectly, how when something is preoccupying my mind, it is difficult/near impossible for me to write about something that's not. At present my preoccupation is with one of my cats: Chino. He is not doing well, at all. After multiple emergency room visits and follow-up appointments with veterinarians over the past few weeks, it appears his diabetes has finally gotten the best of him leading to the worst possible outcome: death, with some dignity, hopefully.

In two of our most recent visits to the veterinarian, we have had preliminary discussions about euthanizing Chino. We have resisted so far and have continued, especially my wife, Dina, to give him as much t.l.c. as we can. However, his quality of life, as described by our primary veterinarian on Friday, is "not good." To invoke/rework a phrase commonly associated with some human beings in early childhood: Chino is failing to thrive, though he turned 13 in late September. Other than engaging with us when we call his name or pet him, Chino is not able to do nearly enough (eating, drinking, grooming, using the litter box) to give us much hope. Nevertheless, he is home and curled up in his favorite spot in the kitchen, though barely able to get around.

I wouldn't characterize our activity as a vigil, but neither Dina nor myself are planning to leave the house (or one of us will be at home if the other needs to go out) anytime soon. With this weekend of inactivity, our focus is exclusively on Chino. Yet here I sit, a literary task at hand, attempting to navigate emotionally the prospect of his passing and the significance of such a loss.

It's been 10 years or so since we've had to consider euthanizing a pet. It was either Bailey, our second golden retriever or Chester, our second dwarf rabbit. I can't remember exactly as it was around this time that I was diagnosed with lung cancer and began heavy-duty chemotherapy. But we've all survived since then and even added a few critters: Chino's brother, Biscuit, Twinkle, our white cat with an attitude and two more rescues "The Blackies," as we call them: Andrew and Sloane, black, domestic short hair siblings. As longtime animal owners, we knew this day would come, but given my cancer diagnosis: "13 months to two years," I think we figured I'd be the first to go. So it's both upsetting and distracting in a way, our normal pursuits, because what's happening — both good (me still being alive) and bad (Chino succumbing to his illness) is not what we anticipated happening. As a result, I am self-indulging you in my preoccupation because I'm unable to think/write outside the box. A figurative box on which Chino sits front and center, mostly down but not quite out.

Still, we're not exactly sitting and staring blankly into space, but neither are we entertaining too many other thoughts. We are here for Chino so with a column to write, it is being written with Chino as the subject, and excuse for what is written in this space. For 13-plus years Chino has been my companion. We have rubbed noses too many times to remember. He has my scent and as such, I have belonged to him. Soon I fear he'll belong to no one and I'll have lost his loving feeling. He was a sweet and affectionate cat. We will miss him terribly.

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Liz Hall's creations included wine bottles and mason jars of painted holiday scenes with lights.

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Bazaar Weekend in Vienna

BY LISA FAY
THE CONNECTION

It was a bazaar type of weekend in Vienna. Both the Community Center and Vienna Volunteer Fire Department were showcasing homemade delectables.

The community center's 57th Holiday Bazaar and Craft Show was headed by the Vienna Women's Club. The Vienna Women's Club was founded in 1955 as a service and civic organization. They are a member of the General Federation of Women's Clubs. Their website states that the Vienna Women's Club united women in promoting and supporting the civic, cultural, and education welfare of the community through volunteer service and financial contributions, while producing an opportunity for friendship among its members.

This year's bazaar featured 38 vendors featuring a variety of hand crafted items. Popular finds were handmade treats, jewelry, paper cards, quilts, books, candles, baskets, and fabric art. "This is our 57th year doing this in the community center," said Diane Abel, member of the Vienna Women's Club. "The profits go to charitable foundations, such as Second Story and Prevention of Human Trafficking. We usually give a few hundred dollars to the schools in the area too." Erik and Caroline Hottenstein were selling original watercolors, notecards, and shadow boxes. "We love participating with the Women's Club. We love the challenge of artistic competition in the region," said Erik. Most of the vendors have been to these events multiple times, but it happened to be Ezgi Kaya's first time. "We make the necklaces in Turkey, they take forever to make," said Kaya. "So we make them over



'The Survivor Tree' author Cheryl Somers Aubin was selling her book about a tree at the 9/11 site.

there and then I take them here. I do customs designs here as well." When Kaya is in Turkey, she enlists the help of Turkish housewives in Istanbul. Across the way, at the VVFD, there was much of the same. Baked goods, handmade items such as jewelry, fabric goods, Tupperware, Mary Kay makeup, books, candles, and glass creations. All the profits go to improving the firehouse and their equipment.



A reminder to shop small, shop local.



Barbara Rosecrans, a local representative of Usborne Books and More, was selling colorful and fun books.



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From left — Christine Fowler, Porto Charities Board Employment Committee; Adrienne Jewett, Principal; Leo Alonso, President, Porto Charities, Inc.; Father Matthew Hillyard, OLCG Pastor; Celeste Fernandes, New OLCG Instructional Assistant; Paula Nunes, Celeste's Mom; Gemma Pearson, OLCG 3rd Grade Teacher; Mike Eisenberg, Porto Charities Board Employment Committee; Sheila Earhardt, Porto Charities Board Employment Committee.

Our Lady of Good Counsel receives a grant from Porto Charities

Our Lady of Good Counsel School (OLGC), Vienna, has been given a grant from Porto Charities, Inc. to employ Celeste Fernandes as an instructional assistant. Ms. Fernandes will start on Tuesday, Nov. 12, 2019 and work this school year with Ms. Pearson in third grade, room 6. Ms. Fernandes is a young lady with Down Syndrome, who graduated from the George Mason University LIFE program and has been working in child development centers and elementary schools for the past three years. She is an OLCG parishioner, who speaks, reads and writes Portuguese, has interned for the U.S. House of Representatives, and is a Special

OLympics Athlete in soccer, basketball, and track & field.

Porto Charities, in conjunction with Bishop Burbidge, the Office of Catholic Schools and the George Mason Learning Into Future Environments (LIFE) program, has put in place a pilot program where Catholic schools employ adults with intellectual disabilities along with their job coaches, as necessary. They work as junior class assistants, lunch and recess monitors, P.E. helpers, as receptionists or doing other office work or anywhere a school deems appropriate.

For more information about Porto Charities please visit <https://portocharities.org>.

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Active Aging Wellness Exercise Class. 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. At Oakton Church of the Brethren, 10025 Courthouse Road, Vienna. An eight week exercise class to improve strength, balance and mobility for older adults sponsored by Shepherd's Center of Oakton-Vienna. Cost is \$40 for 8 week session – payable to Sun Fitness LLC. To register, contact Casey Tarr, eileentarr1@verizon.net or 703-821-6838.

NOV. 14-15

Training in Construction Safety. Thursday, Nov. 14 from 7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.; Friday, Nov. 15 from 7:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. At VAHC, 8300 Boone Blvd, Suite 450, Tysons Corner. Join the Virginia Hispanic

Chamber to attend OSHA – 10 Hour Training in Construction (In Spanish). The goal is to reach the Hispanic Workforce by providing quality training in topics related to Safety and Health, in alliance with the Virginia Department of Labor and Industry. This training has an estimated value of \$100.

SATURDAY/NOV. 16

Forum Breakfast Series. 9 a.m. At Tower Club, 8000 Towers Crescent Drive, Suite 1700, Tysons Corner. Join in a review and analysis of the 2019 election results with George Mason University Dean Mark Rozell, a recognized expert in Southern and Virginia politics. Rozell will review and analyze the results of the Nov. 5 elections just 10 days after the ballots have been counted. Cost is \$45 - Single Ticket to Breakfast; \$30 - Young Professional Ticket (under 40)