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As part of the Virginia Foundation for Independent Colleges' Heat Watch project, EcoAction Arlington volunteers (from left) Marissa O'Neill and Aisha Husain joined Executive Director Elenor Hodges, holding sensor devices that measure ground level heat.

Universities Measure Heat Disparities in Virginia

Marymount professor and student join 'Heat Watch' effort to measure heat disparities in Virginia.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL
THE CONNECTION

Enduring dangerously high temperatures, Marymount University student Bader Hakami and biology professor Susan Agolini spent a day working as community scientists. The collected data that will help locate northern Virginia's heat islands, urban areas that experience higher temperatures than suburban neighborhoods.

Volunteers from Northern Virginia, including students, faculty and representatives from EcoAction Arlington and the Virginia Department of Forestry, recorded air temperatures and humidity using handheld thermal sensors. Their work was part of the Virginia Foundation for Independent Colleges' (VFIC) Heat Watch project.

"The information that we gather can better inform policymakers and urban planners as they allocate funding for green spaces and invest in urban designs that can minimize the heat islands," said Susan Agolini, Ph.D. Assistant Professor of Biology, Marymount University.

More than 20 students, faculty and volunteers from northern Virginia joined the project as part

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— Susan Agolini, Ph.D. Assistant Professor of Biology,
Marymount University

of their commitment to protecting the environment.

"I participated in 'Heat Watch' because I wanted to give back to the community," said Bader Hakami, a nursing student at Marymount. "I learned how the heat-mapping process is conducted and most importantly how the information might be put to good use for the environment."

July 2021 was the world's hottest month ever recorded, according to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's National Centers for Environmental Information. 'Heat Watch' was conducted on July 15.

Previous VFIC collections have revealed temperature differences

as significant as 16 degrees between the coolest and hottest areas. Heat islands are often found in low-income communities, says Agolini.

Poor housing conditions including lack of air conditioning and small living spaces put these communities in danger of heat-related illnesses and deaths.

"Being aware of these heat islands can also help health care providers and advocates know which areas, and therefore populations, are going to be most susceptible to heat-related health issues," she said.

Angelino estimates that the group will be able to identify heat island within the next eight weeks.

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Warren Williamson, left, of the Tribute to Fallen Soldiers Northwest Memorial Torch Motorcycle Ride, prepares to place a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknowns Aug. 8 at Arlington National Cemetery.



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‘Never Forgotten’ Cross country motorcycle ride ends at Arlington National Cemetery.

BY JEANNE THEISMANN
THE CONNECTION

Beth Ann Dively knew something was wrong. A late-night knock on the door. A military chaplain. She had just spoken to her husband, U.S. Air Force Maj. Duane Dively, a few hours earlier during his nightly call to their home near Beale Air Force Base in California.

“No sooner had I opened the door, I closed it,” Dively said, recalling that night in June of 2005. “I didn’t want to hear what was coming next.”

Dively would learn that her husband’s plane had gone down during a mission in support of U.S. troops in Afghanistan as part of Operation Enduring Freedom. Duane Dively, a 43-year-old U-2 pilot flying out of Al Dhafra Air Base in the United Arab Emirates, did not survive.

On Aug. 8, Dively was one of several Gold Star family members gathered at Arlington National Cemetery for the closing ceremony of the 12th annual Tribute to Fallen Soldiers Northwest Memorial Torch Motorcycle Ride.

The ride began July 10 in Eugene, Ore., and made its way across the country stopping at the homes of 75 Gold Star families to pay tribute to the fallen soldiers.



Veterans display an American flag signed by Gold Star families as part of the Tribute to Fallen Soldiers Northwest ceremony Aug. 8 at Arlington National Cemetery.

“I did not know this organization at all before this summer,” Dively said. “But when they reached out to me to honor Duane, I saw how

Northwest was founded in 2009 by Warren Williamson, who wanted to acknowledge the service and sacrifice of America’s fallen.

“When [the Tribute to Fallen Soldiers Northwest] reached out to me to honor Duane, I saw how committed and dedicated they are to the families of the fallen.”

— Gold Star widow Beth Ann Dively

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The Tribute to Fallen Soldiers

“We want to remind each Gold Star family their fallen service member isn’t forgotten,” William-



Warren Williamson, left, salutes during the playing of Taps following a wreath laying ceremony by members of the Tribute to Fallen Soldiers Northwest Motorcycle Ride at the Tomb of the Unknowns Aug. 8 at Arlington National Cemetery.

son said.

As part of the cross-country ride, Williamson and others make Fallen Soldier home visits, which included a visit to Dively in Old Saybrook, Conn., where she now lives.

“This is our personal way to graciously say ‘thank you’ and remind each family there are still grateful Americans across the country who care and choose this platform to lift them up,” Williamson said.

Since its inception, the ride has honored more than 800 fallen service members across the nation.

Dively joined several other Gold Star families at the closing ceremony of the ride, which included a wreath laying ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknowns.

“This is a very emotional journey for me,” said Wayne, a Vietnam veteran from Richmond who participated in the cross-country ride for the sixth time and assisted in the wreath laying. “This brings back memories from my time in Vietnam. It means a lot to be here.”

For Dively, the ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery was unlike others that she has participated in.

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ENTERTAINMENT

Lucky Danger Adds Twist to Chinese-American Food in Arlington

New take-out opens in Westport.

BY SHIRLEY RUHE
ARLINGTON CONNECTION

Lucky Danger opened with much anticipation July 21 at Arlington's Westport behind Pentagon City. It is an outgrowth of a pop-up in a small space in D.C.'s Mount Vernon Triangle which opened last November.

The New York Times and many other publications previewed the opening.

Lucky Danger only offers take out, which can be ordered at a kiosk inside the restaurant—so far no phone orders and a sketchy internet ordering process.

So far it is open for dinner Wednesday-Sunday from 5-10 p.m.

But on a Thursday night Lucky Danger is bustling with colorful carry out and delivery bags emblazoned with cartoons crowding the counter waiting for pickup. A line forms at the ordering kiosk.

Andrew Chiou, co-chef, tells the waiting customers the internet might be faster but the second person in line tells him it didn't work.

A customer waits for her order outside the restaurant on the sidewalk in the 90-degree afternoon.

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Another couple waits on a bench across the street. There is limited space inside Lucky Danger, with no-sit down service and little space for waiting. They take your cell phone number and tell you to check back inside in about 15 minutes or if they see you out their window, they'll let you know when your order is ready. The first few days it was closer to 30 minutes for the order to be complete.

But there is an effort to speed up the service, and tonight it is closer to the proposed 15 minutes. "We can't stop for a second. We have the system worked out and can't stop for anything."

Chef Tim Ma is back on the line with another worker cranking out the homemade scallion pancakes, a favorite appetizer. A comment is that the pancakes are very tasty but come out burned. No one seems to



PHOTOS BY SHIRLEY RUHE

Cartoon characters bring a smile, and colorful packaging adds to the fun experience at Lucky Danger which just opened in Westport behind Pentagon City.

both born in America but my parents lived on Taiwan."

Both chefs have fine-dining training with Chiou studying at the American Culinary Institute before heading to Momo Yakitori. Ma previously worked at Kyriran and American Son.

The menu is limited for a Chinese restaurant but there seems to be a willingness to give the new place a try. Some think the portions are too small, the crab rangoon appetizers amazing, the twist on the usual



Chefs orchestrate hands on, flavor intensive Chinese-American dishes including the duck-fried rice where you will find tea-infused duck tucked into the dish.

Americanized Chinese food interesting and the system for in-person ordering flabbergasting in today's technological world.

But then you break open the crunchy fortune cookie: "A bold and dashing adventure is soon in your future."

The Menu Says: "No Mask - No Honor - No Service"

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Forty+ Summer 2021. 12:30-1:30 p.m. Jane Franklin Dance, 3700 S. Four Mile Run Drive, Arlington. Forty+ Projects celebrate the collective creativity of people past the age of 40 resulting in unique collaboration. Projects explore movement and performance technique within a creative premise. Cost is \$120. Dates: Tuesday, weekly, July 6 - Aug 24; 12:30-1:30 p.m. and Sat. Aug 28 at 7 p.m. Visit the website: <https://www.janefranklin.com/adult-dance/forty-plus>

NOW THRU AUG. 28

We Can't Predict Tomorrow Exhibit. At the Arlington Arts Center, 3550 Wilson Blvd, Arlington. We Can't Predict Tomorrow is a hopeful glimpse into the unexpected ways nine artists approached the relentless tumult of the COVID-19 global pandemic. In sculpture, photography, installation, drawing, and painting, the works reveal themes that have taken on a heightened urgency under the duress of the prolonged quarantine and isolation in the U.S.

THURSDAY/AUG. 19

Conversation With Astronaut. 7-8 p.m. Virtual event. Join the Junior League of Northern Vir-

ginia for a casual conversation with Astronaut Nicole Mann, as she discusses her leadership journey, obstacles, achievements and reflections on lessons

learned from her leadership experiences. Visit the website: <https://www.jlnv.org/conversations-connections-with-nasa-astronaut-nicole-a-mann/>

AUG. 19

Aug. 19 - 5 p.m. - Synetic Theater Presents "The Miraculous Magical Balloon" at Arlington County Fair.

Aug. 21 - 4 p.m. - Synetic Theater Presents "The Miraculous Magical Balloon" at Arlington County Fair.

Aug. 24 - 11 a.m. - Synetic Theater Presents "The Miraculous Magical Balloon" at Dark Star Park.

Sept. 11 - 11 a.m. - Synetic Theater Presents "The Miraculous Magical Balloon" at Lubber Run Amphitheater.

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FRIDAY/AUG. 20

Challenges of the Summer Garden - Part II. 10 - 11:30 a.m., Online. In the July 16 session Challenges of the Summer Garden, Extension Master Garden-

er Beth Buffington offered tips and techniques to alleviate garden woes that bedevil us during the wilting days of summer. In a world where such a big topic deserves a Part II sequel, Beth invites you to submit specific questions on summer weeds, insects, disease or water concerns to a panel of Extension Master Gardeners with a wealth of experience. A diagnostic form to describe your specific garden problem and directions on how to take a helpful photograph so that the panel can give you an accurate diagnosis are at <https://mgnv.org/summer-gardening-questions/>. Free. RSVP at <https://mgnv.org/events/> to receive a link to participate.

ARLINGTON COVID-19 VACCINE MANDATE FOR ALL EMPLOYEES

Arlington County Government and Arlington Public Schools will implement a COVID-19 vaccination mandate for employees. This joint action, effective August 30, is a necessary step to help keep the community safe and is consistent with COVID-19 public health guidance. This policy will also apply to interns, volunteers, substitutes, and contractors.

'Never Forgotten'

FROM PAGE 3

"I have walked away from other places that have presented my husband with honors and did not get the feeling that I had today," Dively said. "I am always thankful when someone recognizes and honors

Duane but this particular organization is different. They have a real compassion for what grieving families go through and it is healing to see the commitment to ensure that our loved ones are never forgotten."



Gold Star family members pass a folded American flag as part of the closing ceremony of the 12th annual Tribute to Fallen Soldiers Northwest Memorial Torch Motorcycle Ride Aug. 8 at Arlington National Cemetery.



An American flag signed by Gold Star family members is displayed as part of the 12th annual Tribute to Fallen Soldiers Northwest Memorial Torch Motorcycle Ride Aug. 8 at Arlington National Cemetery.



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Veterans fold an American flag signed by Gold Star family members during the closing ceremony of the 12th annual Tribute to Fallen Soldiers Northwest Memorial Torch Motorcycle Ride Aug. 8 at Arlington National Cemetery.



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PHOTO BY EDEN BROWN/THE CONNECTION

Last week Arlington's Marymount University dug out the asphalt parking lot that had covered their front lawn since 2000. Now they are restoring the newly green area to its original splendor.

They Unpave a Parking Lot, Put Up a Paradise ...

Just in time for the new school year, Marymount University dug out the parking lot in front of the Main House and changed it into a usable green space. This effort is fueled by the University's commitment to students' experience and to the vitality of the natural environment that surrounds our campus.

"As students, staff, faculty and their families enter Marymount, they'll now be greeted with a beautiful lawn devoted to bringing our community together," said Dr. Irma Becerra, President of Marymount University.

Converting to about a half-acre of lush grass, the university is creating a recreational space intended for the campus community to stroll through, meet up for lunch and a site for future events and gatherings.

Demolition of the parking lot began on Aug. 2 and was successfully completed on schedule on Aug. 15.

The change has inspired positive feedback from the Marymount community, said Barry Harte, Vice President for Finance and Op-

erations & Treasurer at Marymount. "This change is important not only to our students and their families, but also to the greater Arlington community."

This project will also benefit the community by improving campus stormwater runoff management. According to research conducted by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, green space effectively absorbs stormwater and boosts water quality, compared to the impervious surface of a parking lot. Native plants and trees provide more environmental benefits.

On Aug. 23, Marymount will host a picnic on the restored front lawn to mark the start of the academic year.

Marymount looks forward to additional campus projects, including a reoriented front entrance to help minimize vehicle access to the core of campus, making it more pedestrian friendly; the creation of a Student Hub in Rowley Hall; and the transformation of The Lodge, a historic campus structure, into a Welcome Center.



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Front lawn restored after ditching parking lot.

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Hopping and Hoping



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

As I approach my four-week anniversary of "the burning," I do so with cautious optimism that one day soon, I'll be walking upright once again and doing so without the assistance of my walker. No more leaning over at the waist to grab the walker's waist-high grab bars. No more pulling/pushing myself up as I try to gain leverage in order to balance my weight so as not to fall backwards or to the side. And finally, once standing, no more hopping on my right foot as I favor the left; the location where the podiatrist pointed to and said at our last appointment: "You can see where that is ground zero;" meaning, the worst of the burn. And four weeks later, 'ground zero' is still ultra sensitive and not bearing too much weight. The emergency room doctor had said the healing will "likely take weeks, not months." And four-plus weeks into my recovery, I would say her assessment/prediction was spot on. But I'm not there yet. I'm somewhat better than I have been, but I'm still not ready to solo. Although I did drive for the first time yesterday. It was no problem (my driving foot is my right foot so pressing on the pedals was not the least bit painful. However, if there had been a clutch involved, I wouldn't have been up to driving). Still, success, and a feeling of independence once again.

Fortunately, the clown shoes that the local emergency room provided finally are proving to be useful. The strappy, cushiony, black, open-toe sandals with the thick white soles I'm now wearing all day were designed to give the foot breathing room along with some support. However, in the early weeks following "the burning," when I placed my foot in the sandal, the insole felt rough as if it were tearing up the bottoms of my feet, exactly where the second degree burns had occurred. Since it seemed like it was hindering my recovery, I rarely wore them and instead put on thick socks (over the bandages lined with medication) and walked around on the heels of my feet while attempting to keep the balls of my feet (where the burns were) elevated and off the floor. It enabled me to mostly get around, but now, being able to wear the sandals, I'm much more ambulatory.

And so it finally feels as if the worm has turned, as they say. The sole on my right foot is exhibiting all the proper signs of new skin having formed and is a few days away, according to my nurse-wife, Dina (who has been bandaging my feet up to three times daily since "the burning") of returning to its pre-burned status. As such, I am nearly able to put all my weight on my right foot as necessary as I continue to favor the "ground-zero" left foot. However, if I ever inadvertently place my full weight on my left foot, I am transported emotionally back to July 17 when I first stepped on that hot pavement. I don't exactly see stars, but I certainly feel pain until I lift up that left foot and start to hop on my right. Oh, what a relief that is, as I attempt to retrieve my bearings and find some place to sit, immediately.

That being said, I am most definitely on the mend. Getting on my feet, still with the aid of my walker, doesn't conjure the same fear and loathing and pain as it once did. Urges to visit the bathroom are no longer delayed as much as possible. Nor are they fraught with anxiety and exasperation concerning the effort required to make the short walk to water the closet, especially in the middle of the night when the house is dark. But today, I can just about see the future (and a return to normal/independence) which may include a visit to close friends who live in Ocean City, Maryland, a k a the beach. And when I do, I'll certainly be upright and walking normally, but I won't ever be barefoot, inside or out. I can't take any chances. As slow as my recovery has been, I don't suppose its pace has anything to do with my underlying medical condition: thyroid cancer. Nevertheless, I don't see any benefit to stressing my immune system anymore than is absolutely necessary. It already has more than enough to do attempting to keep the cancer in check.

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