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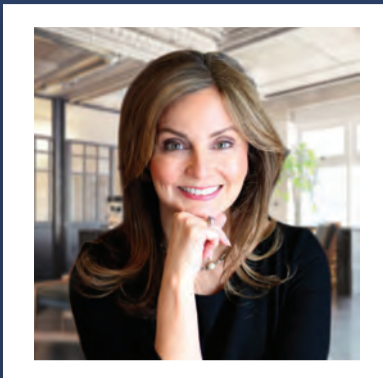
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Two Pastors, Musical Group Receive Awards

Centreville Day Committee fetes Hatcher, Johnson, VaDeatles.

BY BONNIE HOBBS
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Although rain forced the cancellation of Centreville Day last Saturday, Oct. 14, the awards ceremony went forward – just indoors, inside St. John’s Episcopal Church in Centreville’s Historic District. Two individuals and one group were honored for their longtime service and contributions to the community.

Playing strings and keyboard, members of the Magic Hand Orchestra from Harmony Road music school in Centreville opened the ceremony, and Boy Scouts from the Order of the Arrow presented the colors. Then St. John’s new pastor, the Rev. Kevin Laskowski, wished all those attending “the beauty of the unplanned, the surprising and the unexpected that leads to something true and good.”

Next, Supervisor Kathy Smith (D-Sully) thanked Centreville Day’s many sponsors. “It takes so many hands and groups to bring this all together,” she said. “The festival wouldn’t be possible or free without the support of the business community.”

Then the Revs. Eugene Johnson and Bill Hatcher, plus local musicians, the VaDeatles, were recognized by Smith and the Centreville Day Planning Committee. Johnson received the Centreville Day Lifetime Leadership Award; Hatcher, the Centreville Day Lifetime Service Award; and the VaDeatles were named Centreville Day Entertainers with Heart.

❖ **Bill Hatcher, Lifetime Service Award**

Some years ago, when Hatcher was offered thanks for his support and service, his reply was that it was his joy to serve the community. He’s been a part of the Centreville community since 1960, since moving here at age 6. He later began his lifetime of service working as a lifeguard at Chantilly National Country Club.

In 1975, Hatcher joined Centreville Baptist Church and, in 1990, became a full-time pastor. As outreach pastor, he organized church members to support the community in a variety of ways. For example, in 2011, he and the church were recognized as Outstanding Volunteers for helping the Walney Garden Guild create and maintain gardens over several years at Ellanor C. Lawrence Park.

And for many years since then, Hatcher and his team of dedicated volunteers have lent critical support to Centreville Day by providing the free, shuttle-bus service to and from the event. “There’s even a rumor that Bill drove that bus, a time or two,” said Centreville Day Chair Cheryl Repetti in her award writeup about Hatcher. “We appreciate Bill’s lifetime of altruistic service in support of the places, people and events that are the best of Centreville.”

❖ **Eugene Johnson, Lifetime Leadership Award**

Johnson grew up in Louisiana but has lived in Centreville with his family for many years. He served as pastor of Mount Olive Baptist Church from 1992-2023. And in 2018, Virginia Gov. Ralph Northam noted how Johnson led efforts to make the church a “model of civic engagement.”



Kathy Smith and Eugene Johnson



Kathy Smith and Bill Hatcher



Kathy Smith (center) poses with some of the Centreville Day Community Partners honored during the ceremony. (From left) are Deanna Quiterio and Donna Smith, Centreville-Chantilly Rotary Club; Ariana Valdivia and Hailey Jenkins, Pet Supplies Plus; Smith; Suzanne Olijar, Centreville Day Planning Committee; Gary Flather, SYA youth sports; Steve Hunter, American Legion Post 1995; and Kiersten Fiore, Fairfax County Park Authority.

Over the past 31 years, he spearheaded Mount Olive’s rebuilding after a devastating fire. During his tenure, the church saw unprecedented growth in its membership, ministries and outreach programs. And when it was time to move to a new building on Old Centreville Road, Johnson even put his architectural degree and experience to use when he helped design that building and all six of its 18x7-foot, stained-glass windows.

Mount Olive also assisted with HIV-AIDS prevention, served as a community site for COVID vaccinations and provided food baskets for community members during the pandemic. It’s also been an enthusiastic partner to Centreville Elementary by collecting food for students in need to take home in their backpacks, so they won’t go hungry over the weekend.

Said Repetti: “We wish to thank and honor Rev. Johnson for his 30-plus years of selfless giving and leadership to benefit the wellbeing of our community.”

Now known as RearVue, the VaDeatles made their debut performance 10 years ago when six teachers took the stage during the Stone Middle School talent show. They taught music, English and civics at the school and came together over their love of The Beatles and their passion to perform.

In fact, the VaDeatles wowed their middle-school audience so much that their students asked that they be invited to perform at Centreville Day. For 10 years now, even with changes in membership, the VaDeatles have entertained the crowds each Centreville Day with their vivacious music and personalities, as well as with their songs full of energy and joy. Said Repetti, “It is with gratitude in our hearts that we recognize the The VaDeatles as Centreville Day Entertainers with Heart.”

❖ **The VaDeatles, Entertainers with Heart**

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Fired Fairfax Officer Indicted By a Special Grand Jury

Faces charges of manslaughter and reckless discharge of a weapon.

BY MERCIA HOBSON
THE CONNECTION

Last week special grand jury indicted former Fairfax County police officer Wayne Shifflett on felony charges for involuntary manslaughter and reckless discharge of a weapon for the fatal shooting of Timothy Johnson in February. Commonwealth's Attorney Steve Descano requested to empanel the special grand jury after a regular grand jury declined to indict Shifflett. A judge approved empanelling the special grand jury.

Only once in the department's history, in 2015, has a police officer been charged for killing someone while on duty. That incident was the 2013 police shooting by Adam D. Torres of John B. Geer, an unarmed man, as he stood in the doorway to his own Springfield home. Torres agreed to a plea deal to involuntary manslaughter and a 12-month sentence.

Descano did so because, on April 17, a grand jury declined to indict Shifflett after he fatally shot an unarmed shoplifting suspect during a nighttime foot pursuit outside of Tysons Corner Center on Feb. 22.

At that time, Descano said, "Since, by law, no prosecutors were permitted to be present in the room when the investigating officers made their presentation to the grand jury, I can't say for sure what information was conveyed to the grand jurors."

What happened on Feb. 22 casts a shadow over the county's lack of a foot pursuit policy and why deescalation and decision-making training (ICAT) was delayed.

Dimly lit police body-worn camera video of the Feb. 22 incident, released by Chief Kevin Davis on March 23, shows two Fairfax Police officers, later identified as Sgt. Wesley Shifflett and Officer James Sadler, responding to suspected shoplifting of sunglasses. They chase a suspect later identified as Johnson, in a foot pursuit out of Tysons Corner Center mall to a parking garage, down a stairwell, through the garage, and toward Rt. 7, heading into a small wooded area.

An officer can be heard saying, "Get on the ground," four times, and "Stop reaching," twice. The officers discharge their firearms; gunfire pops can be heard. Johnson is struck in the chest once, and restrained.

Johnson says: "I'm not reaching for nothing. I have nothing. ... I'm shot, man. Hurry."

Other officers rendered aid until Fairfax County Fire and Rescue arrived. Johnson is taken to a nearby hospital and pronounced dead.

Immediately after the shooting, as seen on the police body cam, Shifflett tells another officer (4:41), "He didn't get any rounds off... I don't know if he was armed; he was continually reaching in his waistband. ...



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Melissa Johnson, Timothy Johnson's mother, at the NAACP Justice Rally outside the Fairfax County Government Center on Saturday morning, April 1: "He was our son, and he was loved."

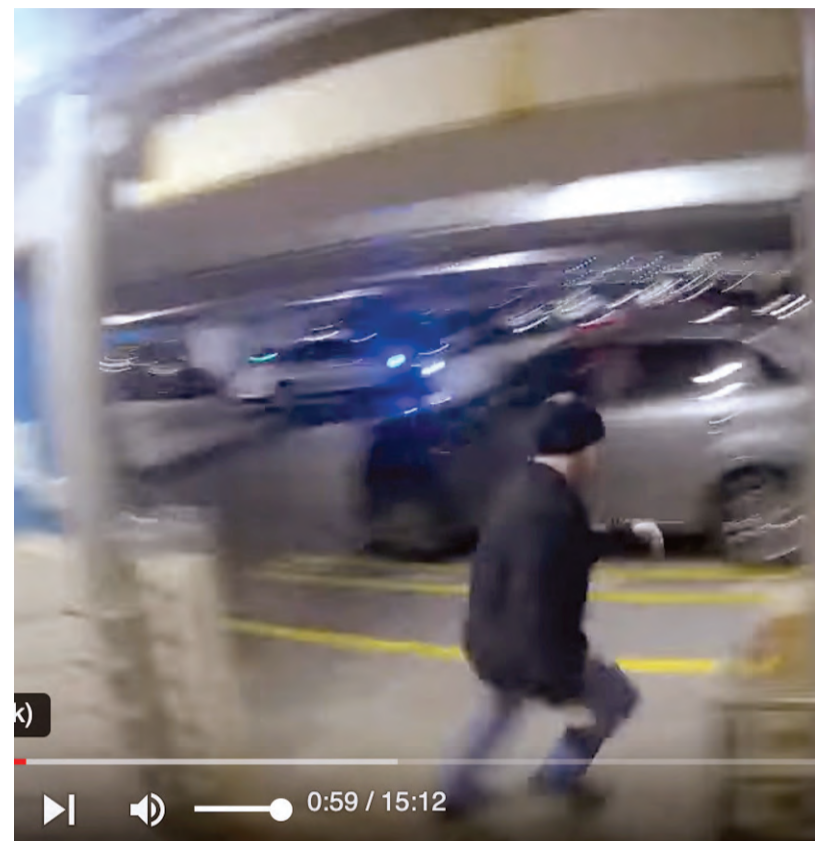


Commonwealth's Attorney Steve Descano

(8:30) I was to the right of the suspect. ...
(8:35) I recall shooting two rounds ... like into the woods."

DESCANO SAID in his Oct. 12 post that a court date for Shifflett will be set on Friday, Oct. 20. "As the elected head of Fairfax County's justice system, my primary goal is to keep this community safe, and I have the utmost respect for the police officers throughout Fairfax County who work tirelessly to protect our community," Descano posted. He cautioned, "A criminal indictment is an accusation, and defendants are presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty."

Looking back over the related events and recommendations, on March 23, nearly a month after the fatal shooting of Johnson, Chief Kevin Davis held a press conference and released the Feb. 22, 2023 body-worn camera footage from the police shooting in-



SCREENSHOT
Timothy Johnson, suspected of shoplifting sunglasses at Tysons Corner Nordstrom, flees from Fairfax County Police officers as seen in the police body worn camera footage taken Feb. 22, 2023.

cident. Davis also confirmed that the officer who discharged the fatal wound, Shifflett, was fired. Asked why the officer was no longer with the department, Davis said that the officer's actions did "not comport with our general orders, our policies, and our procedures ... and in particular, use of force."

Davis referred to the Police Executive Research Forum's (PERF) pending recommendations on police shooting incidents and how they might influence future law enforcement strategies in the county. Davis said that PERF [Police Executive Reform Research Forum], "the nation's leading think tank of American policing," would "assess the last couple of years of the department's officer-involved shootings."

PERF's involvement, requested by FCPD, came after a sharp uptick in police shooting incidents here.

"We're eager to continue working with PERF, and to consider all those recommendations, and continue to get better," Davis said.

According to Davis, PERF would independently look at the circumstances — "every condition you can imagine associated with officer-involved shootings"— to see what PERF could recommend to the department.

"Because they're the pros, they're the professionals," Davis said, referring to PERF. Davis clarified that PERF would not "directly" look at the Johnson police-involved shooting.

As of Feb. 22, 2023, Fairfax County Police had yet to implement ICAT [Integrating, Communications, Assessment, and Tactics] training for its sworn officers, despite receiving recommendations to do so in 2021. Training had been postponed to the spring

of 2023. Neither had a foot pursuit policy been adopted.

The Police Executive Research Forum (PERF) developed the ICAT de-escalation training program to guide officers in defusing critical incidents.

IN A RESEARCH PROJECT on an investigation of the use of forces by the Fairfax County Police Department supported through an agreement between Fairfax County Office of the Independent Police Auditor and the University of Texas at San Antonio, June 2021, the authors called for the Fairfax Police Department to "consider adoption of Integrating Communication Assessment and Tactics (ICAT) training, developed by the Police Executive Research Forum (PERF), to supplement the de-escalation training currently provided. This 16-hour training is the only police de-escalation training supported by empirical evidence demonstrating reductions in police use of force."

PERF cited in its Fairfax County Police Department's April 2023 Review of Issues Surrounding Recent Police Shooting Incidents that 2022 FCPD recognized the need for ICAT training.

PERF said in its April Review 2023 that the February 22, 2023 police shooting-incident is an example of an incident where proportionality and better critical thinking could have affected the outcome. "A clear concept of proportionality and use of the CDM [Critical Decision-Making Model] may have led the officer to think through other available options from the start and may have inspired a different response," opined PERF in the report.

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Residents Who Encountered Wild Animals Asked to Call Health Department

After identifying a rabid raccoon and skunk within a mile of each other over the last 25 days, the Fairfax County Health Department is asking residents in the Centreville/Bull Run area to steer clear of wild animals and to report any animal attacks right away.

The rabid animals were in the western most part of the county near Cub Run Stream Valley Park & Trail, Pleasant Hill Park, and James McDonnell Recreation Center. They were found close to Pleasant Valley Road north of Highway 29 in residential areas. Both animals interacted with domestic pets, resulting in the testing of the wild animals.

During the time they were sick, the rabid animals may have had contact with other people or pets. If you, someone you know, or a pet touched or was bitten or scratched by any wild animals between 9/19/23 and 10/14/23, you are urged to call the Fairfax County Health Department's Rabies Program at 703-246-2433, TTY 711.

Rabies is a serious disease caused by a virus that can infect wildlife, particularly foxes, racoons, skunks and bats, and domestic animals, such as dogs and cats. The rabies virus is found in the saliva and central nervous tissue of an infected animal.

People get rabies when they are bitten or scratched by an animal that is sick with the disease. The virus can also be passed along when an infected animals' saliva, brain or spinal nervous tissue enters an open wound, mouth, nose or eyes of another mammal. To date, 22 animals have been diagnosed with

rabies in the Fairfax Health District in 2023.

Animals with rabies may act normally during the early stages of the disease, making it difficult to know if the animal is infected. As the disease progresses, animals often show changes in behavior. For example, wild animals may act very docile and domestic animals may become aggressive. Rabid animals may stagger, drool, or become paralyzed. Protect yourself and your family from rabies: stay away from wild animals and be sure pets are vaccinated against rabies every year.

Here are other important steps to protect yourself and your pets from rabies:

- ❖ Do not allow your pets to roam unattended.
- ❖ Do not adopt or feed wild or stray animals.

- ❖ Seal openings in your house so that wildlife cannot enter.

- ❖ Report animal bites, animals that are acting strangely (including domestic animals), or altercations between wild and domestic animals to Fairfax County's Animal Protection Police at 703-691-2131, TTY 711.

If bitten or scratched by an animal that might have rabies, wash the wound thoroughly with soap and water and seek medical attention right away. When vaccinations are provided in time, rabies treatment is 100 percent effective in preventing the disease. But if not treated, rabies is 100 percent fatal.

More information about rabies: www.fairfaxcounty.gov/health/rabies.

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In accord with state and federal law, the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) has imposed new or changed existing weight restrictions and installed new signage indicating the updated weight restrictions on the following bridges and culverts (structures) in Virginia within the last 30 days.

Jurisdiction	Fed Struct Id	Route #	Route Name	Crossing	Posted Date
RUSSELL	16424	624	DRILL ROAD	LEWIS CREEK	9/14/2023
HALIFAX	9250	639	ROCK BARN ROAD	BUFFALO CREEK	9/1/2023
MECKLENBURG	11980	635	SAFFOLD ROAD	MEHERRIN RIVER	9/1/2023

The list above is not a comprehensive list of all structures with weight restrictions in the Commonwealth, but shows only structures that have new or changed weight restrictions within the last 30 days. The list contains only basic structure identification and location information and the date the new or changed weight restriction and signage became effective.

For a full listing of all bridge and culvert weight restrictions with detailed information about specific structures, including location data and actual weight limits, visit <https://www.virginiadot.org> and navigate to Info Center/Trucking Resources. This page references a posted structures report and a GIS map tool that contain detailed information about restricted structures in Virginia. To receive email notifications regarding new or updated weight restrictions for structures statewide, complete the sign-up form on the web page.

Notices regarding bridges and culverts with new or updated weight restrictions are published monthly by VDOT. For additional information or questions, please contact haulingpermits@vdot.virginia.gov.

The Virginia Department of Transportation is committed to ensuring that no person is excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any of its programs or activities on the basis of race, color, or national origin, as protected by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. If you need further information on VDOT's Title VI Program or special assistance for persons with disabilities or limited English proficiency, please contact the Virginia Department of Transportation's Title VI Program Specialist at 804-786-2730.

Great Falls Studio Free Art Tour This Weekend

Driving tour to artist studios open to the public.

The Great Falls Studio Tour is celebrating its 20th anniversary. This coming weekend, 42 artists will take part in the free and open-to-the-public tour happening from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 20, through Sunday, Oct. 22.

Artists will give live demonstrations and exhibit their work in multi-artist studios at Great Falls Village Center and in private home studios throughout the Great Falls community.

“The tour provides insight into each artist’s life, art practice, and studio location,” said Meralee Fredenburgh, executive director of The Arts of Great Falls. “Many of the tour artists offer activities where visitors can try their hand at painting, jewelry making, or wheel throwing,” she said.

The Great Falls Studio Tour is a must-see for art lovers of all ages. Painting, jewelry-making, pottery, mixed media, fiber, printmaking, photography, clothing, wood, and others are examples of artwork media.

Tourgoers may leave with a new piece of art to hang on the wall to wear, or they may be inspired to take a class and start their own artistic journey. Whether the plan is to visit a few studios or “make it a day, there are nearby lunch locations. Among them is the Great Falls Studio Tour’s silver sponsor, Our Mom Eugenia, located in Great Falls.

The gold sponsors for the 20th annual Great Falls Studio Tour are Lori Shafran of Yeonas & Shafran Real Estate and TD Bank. Oivid Chill and Great Dogs of Great Falls are the other silver sponsors.

Tourgoers navigate from studio to studio using an interactive GPS site and can pick up a printed tour



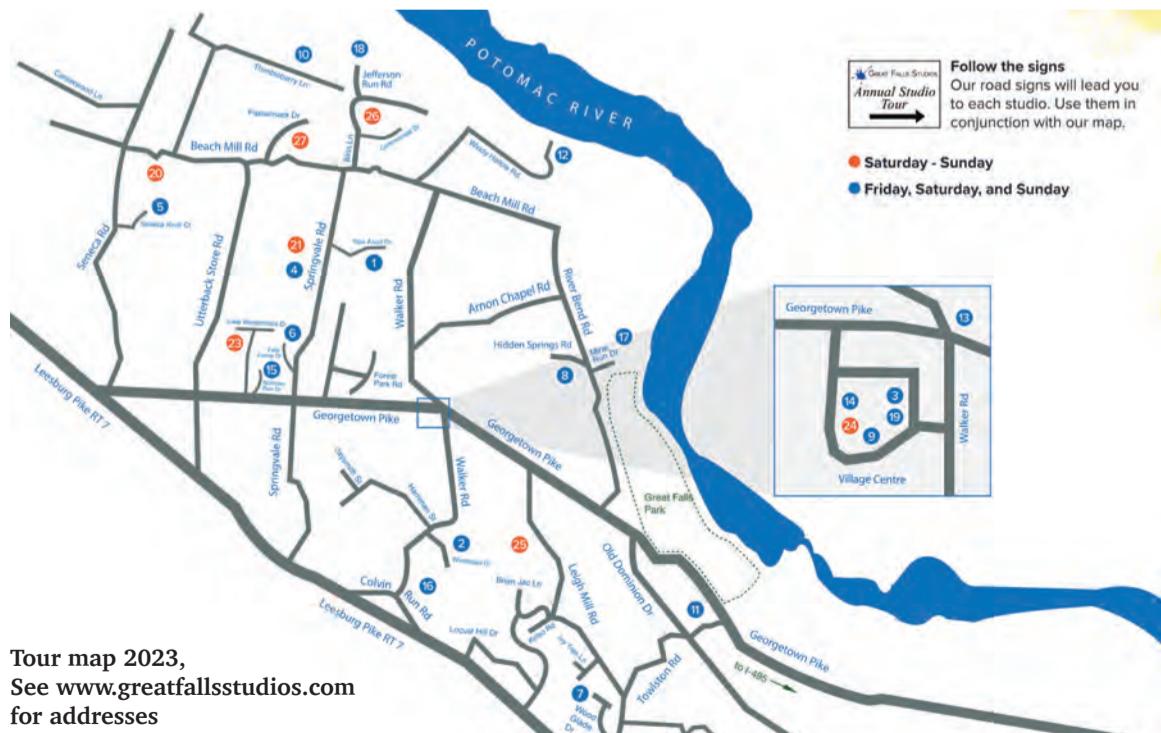
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Tour map 2023, See www.greatfallsstudios.com for addresses

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The Inova Bloodmobile pulls up at a local fire station. “Blood supply has reached critically low levels,” according to Inova.

Roll Up Your Sleeves — Inova Needs Blood McLean Volunteer Fire hosts blood drive this Friday.

BY MERCIA HOBSON
THE CONNECTION

Inova Blood Services made an urgent request for blood type B on its Facebook page last week. Inova Newsroom said on Oct. 4, “Blood supply has reached critically low levels, and we need type O+ blood donors immediately. We need all blood types, but Type O is the most urgent need at this time and will help the most patients. Currently, we have less than a one-day supply of Type O blood.”

The McLean Volunteer Fire Department is partnering with Inova Blood Donor Services to host a blood drive on Friday, Oct. 20, 1-5:30 p.m. The department asks community members to consider signing up to help others by donating to these life-saving supplies of blood. Use this link, <https://bit.ly/McLeanVFD1020>, to book your appointment at the McLean Volunteer Fire Department located at 1455 Laughlin Avenue, McLean.

Inova Blood Donor Services is a major supplier of blood in the Washington, D.C., metropolitan area. It supplies blood, blood components, and/or testing to 18 local hospitals and medical centers. It participates in the American Association of Blood Banks’ National Blood Exchange, a program that redistributes needed blood nationally and internationally.

To thank all donors participating in the blood drive at the McLean Volunteer Fire Department, as well as those at other upcoming INOVA drives, donors will receive a Halloween shirt while supplies last.

Check out other nearby opportunities to donate blood from Friday, Oct. 20, through Wednesday, Oct. 25.

❖ Herndon: Saturday, Oct. 21, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Wiygul Automotive – Herndon Blood Drive. The Inova Blood Donor Services Bloodmobile will be in Herndon at 630 Grant Street on Oct. 21. The bloodmobile will be parked in the parking lot. To book your appointment, visit <https://bit.ly/WiygulAuto1021> or call 1(866) 256-6372 and use Sponsor Code 8117. Contact Dave Krukowski (703) 751-6766 – dave.krukowski@wiygul.com

❖ Vienna: Saturday, Oct. 21, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Good Shepherd United Methodist Church, 2351 Hunter Mill Road in Vienna. The bloodmobile will be in the church’s parking lot. All members and neighbors are invited. Donors will receive a Halloween t-shirt as a thank you for donating. To book your appointment, visit <https://bit.ly/GSUMC1021> or call 1(866) 256-6372 and use Sponsor Code 8391. Contact: Joyce Lynn 703-281-3987 – joycelynn9726@yahoo.com

* McLean: Sunday, Oct. 22, 7:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Lewinsville Presbyterian Church, 1724 Chain Bridge Road in McLean. To book your appointment, visit <https://bit.ly/LPC1022> or call 1(866) 256-6372 and use Sponsor Code 0646. Contact Deirdre Ramsey at (703) 593-5806 or deirdre.erin.murphy@gmail.com.

❖ Fairfax: Sunday, Oct. 22, 8:15 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. at Saint Mary of Sorrows, 5222 Sideburn Road in Fairfax. To book your appointment: Visit: <https://bit.ly/SMOS1022> or call 1(866) 256-6372 and use Sponsor Code 0119. Contact Gordon Goetz at ghgoetz@gmail.com.

❖ Other times and locations can be found at <https://www.inovablood.org/events/month/>.

Madison Basketball Coach Charged with Embezzlement

Following a three-month investigation, detectives from the Special Investigations Unit have charged a Fairfax County Public Schools basketball coach with Embezzlement.

In July of 2023, detectives launched an investigation after receiving information from the Human Resources Section of FCPS of potential misappropriation of funds by an employee at James Madison High School. Detectives conducted an extensive inquiry into the matter. As evidence began to accumulate and interviews were conducted, it was found that Drew Smerdzinski, 33, of Herndon, an FCPS employee,

embezzled money from a school event, according to police. Detectives obtained a warrant for Smerdzinski on Oct. 4 and he turned himself in to the Fairfax Police Department on Oct. 5. He has been charged with Felony Embezzlement and released on an unsecured bond. Smerdzinski has been suspended from his position following the arrest.

We are asking anyone with information regarding this case to call the Major Crimes Bureau at 703-246-7800, option 1. Tips can also be submitted anonymously through Crime Solvers by phone – 1-866-411-TIPS

BULLETIN BOARD

WEDNESDAY/OCT. 18

An Evening With Dr. Michelle Reid. 6 p.m. At McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. Fairfax County Schools Superintendent Dr. Michelle Reid will be answering questions from students. All students from kindergarten through 12th grade are encouraged to bring their questions or simply come to meet and listen to our new FCPS Superintendent. The Superintendent oversees almost 200 schools and centers in a county serving

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approximately 180,000 students. This event will be focused on questions from students attending elementary, middle, and high school from within the McLean, Langley, and Marshall Pyramids. If you have any questions, please email, Jim Beggs, MCA Education and Youth Committee Chair, e-y_committee@mcleancitizens.org

SATURDAY/OCT. 28

National Drug Takeback Day. 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. At All Fairfax Coun-

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CANDIDATE CONNECTION

Chairman-Board of Supervisors

Two candidates are on the ballot for Chairman of the Board of Supervisors; vote for one. Candidates were asked to provide a short bio and share a story of their interaction with a voter that led them to a commitment to take action, with a tight word limit. Candidates are printed here in the order they appear on the ballot.

Envisioned and compiled by Mercia Hobson.

For information on how and where to vote, see <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/elections/>

More than 22,000 Fairfax County voters have already voted, out of more than 700,000 active voters on the rolls.

Arthur G. Purves (R)

Arthur G. Purves (R) grew up in Washington, D.C., and has a BA, MS, and MBA from the University of Pennsylvania. He retired after 40 years as a computer programmer.



Arthur G. Purves (R)

He and his late wife, Carol, moved to Vienna in 1976. They had two children, who attended Fairfax County Public Schools in grades K-12, and eight grandchildren. He was president of the Marshall High School lacrosse and Thomas Jefferson High School crew boosters. For 26 years, he has been president of the Fairfax County Taxpayers Alliance. Arthur was Scoutmaster for a small Latino troop, helped a refugee family with asylum applications, was treasurer for the Fairfax Committee of 100, and served on the 2014 Fairfax County Meals Tax Task Force and the schools' Family Life Education Advisory Committee.

Response: Years ago, I reached out to a gay activist whom I had opposed and with whom I've since been able to discuss LGBTQ issues, including the role of parents and schools in respecting transgender children. This is important to me because, in my 40-year career as a computer programmer, I worked with two transgender women, one for six years. Both were conscientious and capable.

Parents should have an open line of communication with their children, assuring them of unconditional love. Create a climate in the home where an LGBTQ child can feel

safe coming out to their parents. That way, schools don't have to get involved and can focus on academics.

In the 1990s, I would have accused a child of making the wrong choice. It took me decades to conclude that people can be born LGBTQ. If only one percent of Fairfax County Public Schools students are LGBTQ, that's still about 1,800. Rather than using punishment, the school board should help parents like me understand that, for many, it is not a choice. www.VOTEPURVES.ORG

Jeffrey C. McKay (D), incumbent

Jeffrey C. McKay (D). Age: 48; James Madison University; Franconia District Supervisor, 2007-2019; Chairman since 2020

Response: I am thrilled to be running for another term as Chairman of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors. We have been able to accomplish so much in four years, despite all that happened, including a global pandemic.



Chairman
Jeff McKay (D)

Since I became Chairman, we have built our environmental office from an office of 1 person to a team of 16. We have instituted a Zero Waste program, adopted an Environmental Vision, pledged carbon neutrality by 2040 for County operations, and launched CECAP - the Community-wide Energy and Climate Action Plan. We have doubled the affordable housing goal and have 4,000 units in the pipeline or built just since the Board took office.

We were once again found to be the safest jurisdiction of our size in the country by the Major Cities Chiefs Association (which uses real data from police departments in 70 large localities).

We have instituted meaningful policing modernizations and are setting records for recruiting classes, both in number and diversity.

We have made strong investments in mental health, especially in our youth, and are seeing results including in the most recent Youth Survey. There's more work to be done on all these issues, and I trust the voters of Fairfax County to choose experienced, tested leadership to keep moving forward. WWW.MCKAYFORCHAIRMAN.COM

Officer of the Quarter: PFC Avery Brunk

BY BONNIE HOBBS
THE CONNECTION

PFC Avery Brunk is the Sully District Police Station's Officer of the Quarter for April, May and June. He was honored at the Sept. 13 meeting of the station's Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC).

Brunk is a member of Sully's Neighborhood Patrol Unit (bike team), and his fellow team members were on hand to see him receive his award. At the start of the meeting, Capt. Dan Spital, the station commander, praised Brunk for being a police officer who's "extremely proactive and likes to make arrests."

"He doesn't just go out on the calls he's assigned to," said Spital. "He goes above and beyond the call of duty to keep the community safe. Avery does a phenomenal job, so we're very



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proud to have him here in the Sully District and happy to honor him as the Officer of the Quarter."

Nominating Brunk for the award was 2nd Lt. Scott Reynolds, the bike team's supervisor. "Avery is a dedicated member of the Sully Neighborhood Patrol Unit [NPU]," wrote Reynolds. "He proactively patrols to help create a safer community here in the Sully District."

Noting that Brunk is also the station's gang coordinator, Reynolds said, "He keeps our officers informed on gang trends and known gang members/associates within our district. And outside of his normal duties with NPU, he's a member of our Peer Support team and

also helps as an evaluator at the Criminal Justice Academy, assisting with practical scenarios for the recruits."

Furthermore, Reynolds explained, "Brunk has been actively involved in writing numerous search warrants in hopes of locating a particular fugitive from justice, taking him into custody and serving the outstanding warrants against him. Brunk coordinated with our Fugitive Squad and, after several months of tracking the wanted subject's whereabouts, he provided an address to our Fugitive Squad - which was able to apprehend him in Maryland on July 27."

For all of these reasons, wrote Reynolds, "PFC Brunk is a great asset to not only the Neighborhood Patrol Unit, but also to the Sully District Station. He is well deserving of this award."

From left, Capt. Dan Spital presenting PFC Avery Brunk with a gift certificate from Ciao Italian restaurant in Centreville.

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FREE HALLOWEEN WEEKEND LYFT RIDES

Preparing to combat that time of year when according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, nearly half (48%) of U.S. traffic deaths involve drunk drivers, a local nonprofit organization announced that free safe rides will be

offered to would-be drunk drivers throughout the Washington-metropolitan area during this month's Halloween celebration. Offered by the nonprofit Washington Regional Alcohol Program (WRAP), the 2023 Halloween SoberRide program will be in operation beginning at 4 p.m. on Saturday, October 28th and operate until 4 a.m. on Sunday, October 29th as a

way to keep local roads safe from impaired drivers during this traditionally high-risk period. During this 12-hour period, area residents ages 21 and older celebrating with alcohol may download the Lyft app to their phones then enter the SoberRide code in the app's 'Payment' tab (under the 'Add Lyft Pass' option) to receive their no-cost (up to \$15) safe transportation home.

WRAP's 2023 Halloween SoberRide promo code will be posted at 3 p.m. on Saturday, October 28 on www.SoberRide.com.

MCLEAN NEWCOMERS AND NEIGHBORS

The club was founded in 1969 to create new friendships, provide opportunities for socializing and acquaint residents with the com-

munity. It sponsors many group activities including: Anything with food, Armchair Traveler, Book Club, Bunco, Canasta, Crafty Ladies, Genealogy, Golf, Let Us Lunch, Mah Jongg, Mah Jongg NY Style, Movie Lovers, Museums/House and Garden Tours, Nature Walks, Restaurant Critics, Sing for

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CENTREVILLE DAY AWARDS

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Johnson and Hatcher Say Thanks

The VaDeatles weren't able to attend Saturday's awards ceremony, but Hatcher and his wife Grace were there, as were Johnson and his wife June. And after Smith told attendees about their accomplishments, each pastor addressed the audience.

Johnson said he was being recognized for something that was such a natural part of his life – identifying and empathizing with others. “As I received this honor, I was thinking of someone who held the highest esteem of presidents, John F. Kennedy, when he said some words that still resonate in our minds: ‘Ask not what your country can do for you but ask what you can do [for your country],’” said Johnson.

“For community, we don't have to search to find out what we have to do,” he continued. “We know what we can do and what's appropriate to be done. So I thank you for this recognition and honor, and I also praise God for the accomplishments He's enabled I and others to do. Bless you.”

Hatcher noted how much Centreville has changed since he and his family moved to Stone Road – then, just two lanes and made of gravel – in 1960. “I grew up on 5 acres, had lots of animals and it was just a great place to grow up,” he said. “Centreville is still very special to me.”

However, said Hatcher, “I have to give credit where credit is due. If there's anything good or honorable about me, it's because of my Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. When I went to Virginia Tech at age 20, I had a personal experience with God, through Jesus, and He's changed my life.”

Also acknowledging his wife, Hatcher added, “Nothing's possible without our spouses.” He then thanked the Centreville Day Planning Committee for his award, saying, “I'm very honored and humbled by this.”

Ending the ceremony on a light-hearted note, Repetti presented Centreville Day's “coveted pineapple award” to Smith; musician Ryan Kwon and Sol Jun, Magic Hand Orchestra president; Eric McDonnell, Order of the Arrow Scouts associate chapter advisor; and Laskowski.

“Usually, at 3 o'clock, we would have had the Hula Hoop Contest, and this would have been the 9th annual,” explained Committee member Carol Robinson. “So, instead, we're presenting pineapple awards to these five people for coming here this morning and sharing their gifts and talents. We really appreciate it.”

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The VaDeatles entertaining during a previous Centreville Day.



Holding their “coveted pineapple awards” are (from left) Kathy Smith, Ryan Kwon, Sol Jun, Eric McDonnell and Kevin Laskowski.

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Legal Notice

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC OF AN APPLICATION BY COLUMBIA GAS OF VIRGINIA, INC., FOR APPROVAL OF A NEW RATE SCHEDULE RNG AND TARIFF PURSUANT TO § 56-236 OF THE CODE OF VIRGINIA CASE NO. PUR-2023-00159

On September 7, 2023, Columbia Gas of Virginia, Inc. (“CVA” or “Company”) filed an application (“Application”) pursuant to § 56-236 of the Code of Virginia. CVA's Application seeks approval of its proposed Rate Schedule RNG: Renewable Natural Gas Receipt Service (“Rate Schedule RNG”). Specifically, the Company proposes Rate Schedule RNG to allow renewable natural gas (“RNG”) producers (“RNG Producers”) to interconnect with CVA's distribution system and deliver RNG into CVA's system, and allow CVA to recover the costs associated with such interconnection(s) from RNG Producers. The Company states the rate for Rate Schedule RNG service will be unique to each of the RNG Producers who enter into an agreement for service under the proposed tariff. CVA states that the rate will be based upon the cost of service associated to the Company's facilities required to make the interconnection and service available.

In support of its Application, the Company states that it has been approached by potential RNG Producers who have expressed an interest in connecting their facilities to CVA's distribution system and delivering RNG to the Company. The Company asserts that the proposed Rate Schedule RNG enables CVA to recover the costs associated with such interconnections from the RNG Producers, and not from CVA's general body of customers. The Application states that service under Rate Schedule RNG will be available to RNG Producers in CVA's certificated territory who enter into a Facilities Interconnect Agreement with CVA for an interconnection to deliver RNG to CVA for CVA's system supply. The Facilities Interconnect Agreement will specify the terms and conditions of the interconnection of the RNG Producer's facilities to the Company's facilities including the cost thereof.

CVA requests that the Commission find Rate Schedule RNG to be in the public interest because, according to the Company, it allows RNG Producers to interconnect with CVA's system and thus the ability to provide RNG, a low to zero carbon fuel, to CVA's customers. CVA states that the use of RNG will reduce the carbon emissions of CVA's customers. The Company further states that RNG interconnection service also provides an opportunity for further development and investment in RNG production with its related environmental and economic benefits. In addition, the Company notes that it has the potential to provide additional supply to CVA.

Further details are set forth in the Company's Application and supporting materials, and interested persons are encouraged to review these documents.

TAKE NOTICE that the Commission may adopt rates and terms and conditions that differ from those appearing in the Company's Application and supporting documents.

The Commission entered an Order for Notice and Comment that, among other things, directed the Company to provide notice to the public and provided interested persons an opportunity to comment on the Company's Application.

To promote administrative efficiency and timely service of filings upon participants, the Commission has directed the electronic filing of testimony and pleadings, unless they contain confidential information, and required electronic service on parties and Staff in this proceeding. Please refer to the Commission's Order for Notice and Comment for further instructions concerning Confidential or Extraordinarily Sensitive Information.

An electronic copy of the Application may be obtained, at no charge, by submitting a written request to counsel for the Company: T. Borden Ellis, Assistant General Counsel, NiSource Corporate Services Company, 1809 Coyote Drive, Chester, Virginia 23836, or tbellis@nsource.com. Interested persons also may download unofficial copies from the Commission's website: sec.virginia.gov/pages/Case-Information.

On or before December 13, 2023, any interested person may file comments on the Application by following the instructions on the Commission's website: sec.virginia.gov/casecomments/Submit-Public-Comments. Those unable, as a practical matter, to submit comments electronically may file such comments by U.S. mail to the Clerk of the State Corporation Commission, c/o Document Control Center, P.O. Box 2118, Richmond, Virginia 23218-2118. All such comments shall refer to Case No. PUR-2023-00159.

On or before December 13, 2023, any person or entity wishing to participate as a respondent in this proceeding may do so by filing a notice of participation with the Clerk of the Commission at: sec.virginia.gov/clk/efiling. Those unable, as a practical matter, to file a notice of participation electronically may file such notice by U.S. mail to the Clerk of the Commission at the

address listed above. Such notice of participation shall include the email addresses of such parties or their counsel. A copy of the notice of participation also must also be sent to counsel for the Company. Pursuant to 5 VAC 5-20-80 B, *Participation as a respondent*, of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (“Rules of Practice”), any notice of participation shall set forth: (i) a precise statement of the interest of the respondent; (ii) a statement of the specific action sought to the extent then known; and (iii) the factual and legal basis for the action. Any organization, corporation, or government body participating as a respondent must be represented by counsel as required by 5 VAC 5-20-30, *Counsel*, of the Rules of Practice. All filings shall refer to Case No. PUR-2023-00159.

On or before December 13, 2023, any interested person may request that the Commission convene a hearing in this matter by filing a request for hearing electronically via sec.virginia.gov/clk/efiling. Those unable, as a practical matter, to file electronically may file a request for hearing by U.S. mail to the Clerk of the Commission at the address listed above. Such request for hearing shall include the email addresses of such parties or their counsel, if available. A copy of the request for hearing also must also be sent to counsel for the Company. Requests for a hearing shall include: (i) a precise statement of the filing party's interest in the proceeding; (ii) a statement of the specific action sought to the extent then known; (iii) a statement of the legal basis for such action; and (iv) a precise statement why a hearing should be conducted in this matter. All filings shall refer to Case No. PUR-2023-00159.

Any documents filed in paper form with the Office of the Clerk of the Commission in this docket may use both sides of the paper. In all other respects, except as modified by the Commission's Order for Notice and Comment, all filings shall comply fully with the requirements of 5 VAC 5-20-150, *Copies and format*, of the Rules of Practice.

The Company's Application, the Commission's Rules of Practice, and the Commission's Order for Notice and Comment may be viewed at: sec.virginia.gov/pages/Case-Information.

COLUMBIA GAS OF VIRGINIA, INC.

Herndon High School Homecoming 2023

Homecoming week: bonfire, parade, dance and Hornets beat Highlanders.

By **MERCIA HOBSON**
THE CONNECTION

It's the fall season, and the annual high school homecoming tradition is in full swing across Fairfax County and the rest of the country. For some of this year's Herndon High School Hornets, "HOCO" (homecoming) created memories that will last a lifetime.

There were group photos and the Friday night bonfire. Despite showers the following morning, members of the Herndon High School band, cheerleaders, football team, and other school organizations paraded down Elden Street in the historic district. Members of local community organizations, elected officials, and candidates also marched in the parade, waving their flags in unified support for the local Fairfax County public school, Herndon High School.

Protected from the rain, locals and alums gathered and partied on the large front porches of many historic homes lining the street. Others sat in chairs under canopies on front lawns or at the sidewalk's edge. They watched the hour-long parade and enjoyed the performing bands, dance teams, and flag teams while waving their support to the



PHOTO VIA HHS ATHLETICS@HERNDONSPORTS
Friday night's homecoming bonfire.

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MERCIA HOBSON
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students.

Immediately following the parade, many families, students, and alumni flocked to the nearby school football stadium to support the Hornets, regardless of their homecoming game outcome. That afternoon's homecoming football game proved to be the culminating winning activity.

The Hornets defeated the Highlanders 31-28—a victory and memory for Herndon High School Homecoming 2023.



The Herndon High School Football Team acknowledges the crowd with waves as they approach the end of the Homecoming Parade 2023 route, making their way past the iconic Old Town Hall located in the Herndon Historic District.



Group image of key student players in the Herndon High School homecoming game 2023

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Local youth cheerleaders parade by a house hosting a homecoming porch party.



Before the parade, the Springman family of the Town of Herndon, mom Abby, and sons Felix, 3, and Teddy, 1, make the rounds and share their classic cinnamon rolls with their neighbors.



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Herndon High School football team scores the winning goal, and the crowd goes wild.



Hurrah for Herndon High School Football Team 2023.

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A motorcycle squad from the Town of Herndon Police Department leads the Herndon High School Homecoming Parade 2023 down Elden Street through the historic downtown district.



The Herndon Homecoming Parade 2023 begins on Elden Street.



The Herndon High School Band is the PRIDE of Herndon.



The color guard.

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The PRIDE of Herndon performs in front of Old Town Hall for the crowd.

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In keeping with the theme of the parade, the Class of 2024 goes all out for the 80s.



Parade participants walk the route and carefully hand out candy to spectators rather than throwing it.

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McLean Pet Fest a Hit

McLean Community Center pulls off another family-friendly event.

BY MERCIA HOBSON
THE CONNECTION

On Sunday, Oct. 15, leashed furry friends took their humans to the McLean Pet Fest, hosted by the McLean Community Center. The free, five-hour event included music, a photo booth, pet tricks, giveaways, demonstration shows, and Fido's Bone Bar. Pet rescue, adoption, sitters, groomers, and trainers were among the related service resources. Food trucks for people pulled up to the rear parking lot area of the Dolley Madison Library parking lot to make the event a half-day celebration.

A striking mini Golden Doodle of Vienna brought its owners, Tom and Maria. They appeared interested in purchasing a scarf for their four-legged, curly-furred best friend.

Nearby, Natalie Pate, 7, of Mc-



At Sunday's McLean Community Center Pet Fest, Natalie Pate, 7, of McLean, pushes her silky Siamese kittie, Cleo, in a pink stroller after attaching her collar to the stroller's interior tether.

Lean, pushed her silky Siamese kittie, Cleo, in a pink stroller, safely tethered within. Cleo appeared at ease, sitting up high and stately, not paying attention to the noisy

dogs around her.

A short walk away, McLean Community Center teen volunteers Aubrey Leverette and Allie Cage took a break to visit the an-



Tom and Maria of Vienna search for a scarf to complement their mini Goldendoodle's teddy bear fur.

imals in the petting zoo, including the little pot-bellied pig.

Catherine Nesbitt, special events manager at the McLean Community Center, looked over the area, teeming with happy people and ostensibly delighted pets. "The McLean Pet Fest is a community

event for all ages," she said, "providing a fun, safe, educational, and relaxing time outside in the fresh air of McLean Central Park." The community center concluded the festivities with a costumed pet parade, much to the delight of everyone, pets included.



Can your dog do this? Dog demonstrations wowed both pet owners and pets.



Complementary pet paraphernalia, including a whistle from Fairfax County Animal Protection Police and a dog bag dispenser with a flashlight, adds to the fun.



From left, Aubrey Leverette and Allie Cage, volunteers at the McLean Community Center, gently stroke a potbellied pig's bristly and rigid hair.

Virginia and Its Regions

BY DELEGATE KENNETH R. "KEN" PLUM



As a native Virginian growing up in the Valley region, I can still remember learning about the other geographic regions of the Commonwealth. While much of the emphasis on the differences among the regions was geographic and natural, the differences I have come to know are much broader and deeper than grade school students could grasp. The region along the ocean is appropriately called the Tidewater as it was the ocean and bay that determined so much of its physical features as well as its history for it was where the earliest explorers and colonizers visited and settled. The falls in the rivers dictated westward expansion as it was not possible to use water of any size beyond that demarcation.

The Piedmont between the Tidewater and mountains was an area that attracted farmers. The rolling hills that make up the Piedmont may be the state's most beautiful region. Beyond the mountains, Blue Ridge and the Al-

leghenies, the Shenandoah Valley is a region without parallel in beauty and productivity in farming. The mountains that extend into the far Southwest were once rich in mineral resources and forest products, but that wealth has dwindled in modern days.

Often in modern-day political debate the differences and challenges faced by the regions of the state get muffled by misinformation and misunderstanding. Many Northern Virginia political campaigns are marked by rhetoric promising to go to Richmond and bring home "our fair share." While state assistance across the regions varies by many different factors, it is the case that Northern Virginia may get a greater amount of dollars than other regions. The amount of aid received compared to the need leaves many downstate regions underfunded in relation to their need.

A recent report by the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission (JLARC) found a great variance among the regions on measures of wealth. In Southwest Virginia, approximately 23 percent of all households are living in pov-

erty while in Northern Virginia approximately 5 percent of households are living in poverty. A comparison of median household income across the regions shows stark differences. The median household income for the state in 2021 was \$81,100. In Northern Virginia, however, the median household income was \$131,900; in Arlington and Alexandria \$119,000. At the other end of the chart of median household income, Southwest Virginia is at \$38,500; Shenandoah Valley at \$64,100; Hampton Roads at \$73,500; Richmond area \$76,200; and Piedmont at \$84,200.

A huge challenge for policy makers is bridging the gap across regions addressing sources of wealth and differing needs in a fair and legally justified way. The charge of taking from the rich and giving to the poor has a moral as well as legal justification. Providing education and health services to children must take into account factors beyond relative income. That is why there is a composite index that attempts to mathematically measure the ability of a locality to pay for its own services. After all, historically termed a Commonwealth we need to find ways to meet the needs of individuals in whatever region they may live.

Halloween Rides by SoberRide

A local nonprofit organization will offer free safe rides to would-be drunk drivers throughout the Washington-metropolitan area during this month's Halloween celebration.

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gram (WRAP), the 2023 Halloween SoberRide program will be in operation beginning at 4 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 28 and operate until 4:00 a.m. on Sunday, October 29th as a way to keep local roads safe from impaired drivers during this traditionally high-

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WRAP also offers its SoberRide@ program on St. Patrick's Day, Cinco de Mayo, Independence Day and the winter holi-

days through and including New Year's.

Sponsors of WRAP's 2023 Halloween SoberRide campaign include 395 Express Lanes, Amazon, Anheuser-Busch, Giant Food, Glory Days Grill, Lyft, Mols-Coors Beverage Company, New Belgium Brewing, Restaurant Association Metropolitan Washington and the Washington Area New Automobile Dealers Association.

Since 1991, WRAP's SoberRide program has provided 86,805 free safe rides home to would-be drunk drivers in the Greater Washington area.

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Fun and Tech Forums. Application forms may be mailed to: Membership McLean Newcomers and Neighbors, P.O. Box 6166, McLean, VA 22106. Visit the website: www.mcleannewcomers.org.

SUPPORT GROUPS

Parent Support Partners, a service of the Healthy Minds Fairfax initiative, are all parents who have received training and are qualified to offer education, support and assistance at no cost to families or caregivers. They provide reliable information that families can use in decision-making and are familiar with services and resources that can help families in distress. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/healthymindsfairfax or www.nami-northernvirginia.org/parent-peer-support.html. The Shepherd's Center of Northern Virginia Caregivers' Support Group takes place the first and third Tuesdays of each month,

10-11:30 a.m. via Zoom. This group is for caregivers of family members with dementia. Meetings are gently facilitated. For more information and to get the Zoom link, contact Jack Tarr at jtarr5@verizon.net or 703-821-6838.

Haven of Northern Virginia Support Group. 703-941-7000, www.havenofnova.org or havenofnova@verizon.net.

Virginia Chronic Pain Support Group Meets from 1:30-3 p.m. the 2nd Wednesday of each month at Kaplan Center for Integrative Medicine, 6829 Elm St., Suite 300, McLean. Group leader, Jodi Brayton, LCSW. 703-532-4892.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Assistance League of Northern Virginia is an all-volunteer non-profit organization that feeds, clothes and provides reading assistance and books to children in need. Assistance League's programs touch the

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Fairfax Officer Indicted By a Special Grand Jury

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According to Fairfax Police, “ICAT provides police officers with the tools, skills, and options they need to defuse a range of critical incidents successfully and safely. Developed ... with input from hundreds of police professionals from across the United States, ICAT takes the essential building blocks of crisis intervention, critical thinking, effective communications, and tactics and puts them together in an integrated approach to training. The training program is anchored by the Critical Decision-Making Model that helps officers assess situations, make safe and effective decisions, and document and learn from their actions.”

The CY 2023 Equity Impact Plan by “Leadership Sponsor Kevin Davis, Chief of Police, and Equity Lead Major James Kraus” reported that the Fairfax police department committed to spring of 2023 as to when its sworn officers would receive Integrating Communications, Assessment, and Tactics (iCAT) training. Fairfax County Police Department’s April 2023 Review

of Issues Surrounding Recent Police Shooting Incident

As for a foot pursuit policy, PERF cited in Section V. Foot Pursuits of its Fairfax County Police Department’s April 2023 Review of Issues Surrounding Recent Police Shooting Incidents: “Researchers noted in the previously referenced 2021 University of Texas at San Antonio report that: “[FCPD] should consider adopting a foot pursuit policy to help reduce force and injuries to officers and suspects. FCPD has yet to implement a foot pursuit policy [in 2023] PERF strongly advises the agency to do so.”

When Descano posted on Friday, October 13, that a special grand jury had indicted former Fairfax County police officer Wayne Shiflett on felony charges of involuntary manslaughter and reckless discharge of a weapon, he closed by saying, “The work of public safety includes charging officers for crimes when such actions are legally warranted. After reviewing the evidence in this case, I believe that probable cause existed that Shiflett committed a crime and that the entirety of the evidence should be put to a jury of community members.”



McLean OIS 2.22.23: Full BWC Release

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SCREENSHOT IMAGE VIA FCPD VIDEO

Image from dimly lit body worn camera footage released by Fairfax County Police Department. Police shot and killed Timothy Johnson on Feb. 22, 2023, outside Tysons Corner Center mall after chasing him on foot.

ROUNDUP

Join the Annual K9 Krawl 5K

Registration is now open for the 16th Annual K9 Krawl 5K. It’s slated for this Saturday, Oct. 21, at 9 a.m., at the Fairfax County Public Safety Headquarters 12099 Government Center Parkway in Fairfax.

It’s free, and participants may walk or run with their furry friends. Activities also include a dog costume contest, police K9 Unit demonstration, raffles, facepainting, deejay music, pup selfies and resource tables.

October is National Domestic Violence Awareness Month, and this event is sponsored by the county Police Department’s Victim Services Division. The goal is to increase awareness of the link between domestic violence and animal cruelty. Register at <https://bit.ly/2023k9krawl>.

Fall into Family Fun in Chantilly

The Field at Commonwealth shopping center presents a free, fall-themed event for the whole family. Called “Fall into Fun,” it’ll happen Saturday, Oct. 21, from 1-4 p.m., on the patio beside Mellow Mushroom, 14335 Newbrook Drive in Chantilly. Planned are music, crafts, vendors, sweet treats and children’s activities.

Collecting Gloves for Children in Need

Every day, many local, young children on their way to school have to brave the chilly mornings without gloves. So to keep them warm, Sully District police are collecting brand-new gloves and mittens for these children in need.

Just drop them off or ship them (c/o PFC Meg Hawkins) to the Sully District Police

Station, 4900 Stonecroft Blvd., Chantilly, VA 20151. They should be for children ages 5-12. A large, labeled, black collection bin is in the station’s lobby – which is always open. Donations for this “Li'l Hands Glove Drive” will be accepted until Oct. 30.

Sully District Police Station Update

During the Oct. 11 Citizens Advisory Committee meeting, Capt. Dan Spital, commander of the Sully District Police Station, gave a crime update to those attending. To deter thefts from vehicles, he said all residents should be sure to lock their cars. “Teens are trying car doors at night to find any that are unlocked,” he said. “They’re then stealing valuables, such as phones, keys, iPads and even guns. So remove your valuables, lock your car doors and take your keys with you.”

Spital also praised his patrol officers for their efforts to keep the roads safe. “Our officers are targeting speeding, and reckless and aggressive driving,” he said. “They’ve already issued over 10,000 traffic citations this year, and made 140 DWI arrests – which is up 15 percent from last year at this time.”

Vienna Fall Native Tree Giveaway

Stop by the Vienna Community Center on Saturday, Oct. 28, for the Fall Native Tree Giveaway, including Redbuds, Winterberry Holly, Black Gum, and Red Oak. There will also be free bareroot seedlings (first come, first serve) and a Town arborist will be on-site to answer questions.

Civil War Show

Civil War Books, Relics and Memorabilia Show. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 4. At

Arlington-Fairfax Elks Lodge, 8421 Arlington Blvd., Fairfax. Bud Mayo and Don Hakenson will be sponsoring the Civil War Books, Relics and Memorabilia Show. Admission is \$5 and vendors are welcome. SCV members receive a table discount. Contact Don Hakenson at dhakenson@verizon.net or 703-971-4984, or contact Bud Mayo at mayo5304@cox.net, or 703-389-1505.

Archaeology and Collections

Archaeology and Collections Branch of the Fairfax County Park Authority. Explore hand-curated opportunities and follow the Park Authority on social media to uncover the rich history of the Potomac River Valley.

People of the Potomac: Archaeology of Riverbend Park

Visit the James Lee Community Center, located at 2855 Annandale Road in Falls Church, from Oct. 9 to Dec. 31. See artifacts from Riverbend Park, spanning Paleoindian, Archaic and Woodland periods. Discover stone tool technology adaptations to climate change.

These events are sponsored by the Fairfax County Park Authority, the Northern Virginia Chapter of the Archaeological Society of Virginia, and the Friends of Fairfax County Archaeology and Cultural Resources.

Throughout the month the Fairfax County Park Authority will be highlighting archaeological finds from within our own community on social media. Follow us on Facebook and Instagram -- @fairfaxparks -- for a captivating archaeological adventure! Learn the fascinating secrets behind our collections, fall into the excitement of unearthing history and be wowed by the passion of those who make a career out of preserving the past.

For more information about Virginia Archaeology Month or the Archaeology and Collections Branch of the Fairfax County Park Authority, visit the Archaeology Month website

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lives of hundreds of children in Fairfax and Prince William Counties and the City of Alexandria. There are many volunteer opportunities for community members to contribute to helping those in need. To learn more, email info@alnv.org, or visit www.alnv.org.

Volunteer Adult Mentors Needed. Help assist the Department of Family Services’ BeFriendA-Child mentoring program. The mentors provide opportunities for companionship, guidance and support to children who have been abused and neglected, or who are at risk of abuse and neglect. Contact Ibrahim Khalil at Ibrahim.khalil@fairfaxcounty.gov or 703-324-4547.

Operation Paws for Homes, a Virginia based 501(c)(3) organization seeks volunteers, especially to foster dogs. See www.ophrescue.org for information and all volunteer opportunities.

RSVP, a volunteer network for seniors seeking service opportunities in and around Fairfax County, Arlington County and the City of Alexandria, offers a wide array of opportunities for volunteers 55 and older. RSVP volunteers enjoy flexible schedules, free accident and liability insurance while serving, optional mileage and meal reimbursement and are invited to volunteer group projects and social gatherings. To sign up for an upcoming orientation, email Carly Hubicki at chubicki@volunteerfairfax.org or call RSVP at 703-403-5360. To learn more about RSVP, visit www.rsvpnova.org.

Shepherd’s Center of McLean-Arlington-Falls Church, 1205 Dolley Madison Blvd., McLean continues to have an urgent need for new volunteers to help area senior citizens get to and from their medical and therapy

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McLean Project for the Arts to Host (Not) Strictly Painting

Events: Oct. 19 Artist Talk; Oct. 25 Tea & Talk

McLean Project for the Arts (MPA) will host two upcoming (Not) Strictly Painting 14 exhibition events. On Thursday, Oct. 19, 2023 from 7-9 p.m., MPA Curator and Artistic Director Nancy Sausser will host an in-person Artist Talk. The talk will include artists featured in (Not) Strictly Painting, a juried biennial exhibition celebrating the depth and breadth of paintings—or works related in some way to painting—from artists throughout the mid-Atlantic area.

On Wednesday, Oct. 25 at 11 a.m., Sausser will host Tea & Talk, presented by the Rotary Club of McLean. Guests are invited to enjoy a cup of tea and discuss (Not) Strictly Painting 14 with the MPA team.

WHAT: (Not) Strictly Painting 14 Artist Talk; (Not) Strictly Painting 14 Tea & Talk

WHO: Both events will be led by MPA Artistic Director Nancy Sausser.

The Artist Talk will feature artists whose work appears in (Not) Strictly Painting 14

WHEN: Artist Talk –Thursday, Oct. 19 at 7pm;

Tea & Talk – Wednesday, Oct. 25 at 11am

WHERE: McLean Project for the Arts Emerson and Atrium Galleries; 1234 Ingleside Avenue, McLean, VA

HOW:

Artist Talk RSVP – <https://tinyurl.com/notstrictlypaintingartist-talk>

Tea & Talk RSVP – <https://tinyurl.com/notstrictlypaintingteaandtalk>

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appointments. To find out more about the Shepherd's Center and how you can volunteer to provide transportation and other services, call the Center at 703-506-2199 or e-mail the Center at info@scmaf.org. The Center's website is www.scmaf.org.

Master Gardener Training. The Fairfax County Master Gardener Association offers plant clinics, home turf training or speakers for homeowner's meetings. Fees vary. Visit fairfaxgardening.org or call MG Help Desk at 703-324-8556 for more.

Volunteers Needed. PRS is looking for empathetic and caring volunteers to make phone calls to older adults who may be feeling socially isolated. The commitment is one 3-hour shift per week for one year. Located in Arlington. Ages 21 & up. Intensive training provided. Learn more and apply: prsinc.org/caring-volunteering/. Questions? Email lpadgett@prsinc.org.

The Northern Virginia Long Term Care Ombudsman Program needs volunteer advocates for residents in nursing homes and assisted living facilities. Contact Lisa Callahan at 703-324-5861, TTY 711 or email Lisa.Callahan@fairfaxcounty.gov. Also visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dfs/olderadultservices/ltombudsman/.

Fairfax County needs volunteers to drive older adults to medical appointments and wellness programs. For these and other volunteer opportunities, call 703-324-5406, TTY 711 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/olderadults and click on Volunteer Solutions.

Respite Care volunteers give family caregivers of a frail older adult a well-deserved break so they can go shopping, attend a doctor's appointment or just have coffee with a friend. Volunteers visit and over-

see the safety of the older adult for a few hours each month. Support and training are provided. Contact 703-324-7577, TTY 711, or Kristin.Martin@fairfaxcounty.gov.

The Lewinsville Senior Center in McLean needs a Certified Arthritis Exercise Instructor. For these and other volunteer opportunities, call 703-324-5406, TTY 711 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/olderadults and click on Volunteer Solutions.

Great Falls Hike or Bike Volunteers. Bike or Hike Patrol volunteers assist park rangers by riding on accessible trails in Great Falls Park. To assist park staff in providing info and services to park visitors, maintain good public relations as a representative of the National Park Service, and monitor park resources, visitor usage, and emergency needs. Skills and Experience Desired: Excellent communication skills. Ability to work with culturally, socially, and economically diversified people. Knowledge of the park and local resources, or the desire to learn. Knowledge of basic bike maintenance or willingness to learn. Willingness to provide basic first aid. Ability to demonstrate skill in basic operation of a bicycle. Call Volunteer Coordinator 703-285-2965 ext. 225

Potomac Paddlers Volunteer Corps. The Potomac Paddlers Corps is a volunteer group with the National Park Service under shared management between Great Falls Park and the C&O Canal National Historical Park. The primary mission of the Corps is to have trained, uniformed park volunteers on the Potomac River to assist the park in identifying and reporting incidents, watch out for risky park visitor behavior, and to deliver safety messages to the public about the dangers of the Potomac River in the Potomac Gorge. Contact: Volunteer Coordinator 703-285-2965 ext. 225 or visit www.nps.gov

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ENTERTAINMENT

NOW THRU NOV. 10

Into the Hothouse Exhibit. At Gillespie Gallery of Art, GMU's Art and Design Building, 4515 Patriot Circle, Fairfax. Mason Exhibitions presents Into the Hothouse, an immersive site-specific installation by Chicago-based artist Aimée Beaubien. The exhibit is a category-defying constellation of dozens of gathered, printed, and handmade works that explore botanical and environmental subject matter. Natural forms, technological interventions, and laborious craft techniques abound. The gallery is free and open to the public from Monday to Friday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

WEDNESDAYS THROUGH SATURDAYS

Tours Aboard Tall Ship Providence and Sen. John Warner Maritime Heritage Center. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. At Alexandria's Waterfront Park, 1A Prince Street, Alexandria. Guests of all ages are recruited into the Continental Navy aboard Tall Ship Providence with legendary Captain John Paul Jones. Recruits are assigned jobs on the ship, learn where they will work and live, how to load a cannon, etc... Tours conclude in the Naval History Theatre with a film about the ship. The Heritage center is a floating museum on the Alexandria waterfront. Visit <https://tallshipprovidence.org/>

FUNDAY MONDAY

"Funday Monday is open to children of all ages, however is best suited for the preschool set!" Funday Monday runs from 10:30 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. and — unless otherwise noted — is held at Old Town Hall, 3999 University Drive, Fairfax. There are plenty of free parking lots/garages in Old Town Fairfax. Stroller access is available at the side entrance Old Town Hall facing Route 236/Main Street. For more information visit www.fairfaxva.gov/government/parks-recreation/cultural-arts.

SCHEDULE

Oct. 23 -- My Gym
Oct. 30 -- Kids Nature Puppet Show "Creepy Creatures"
Nov. 6 -- Miss Mollie's Musical Fun
Nov. 13 -- No Program
Nov. 20 -- My Gym
Nov. 27 -- Drew Blue Shoes Magic
Dec. 4 -- Music Together Sing and Groove
Dec. 11 -- My Gym
Dec. 18 -- TBD

SATURDAYS THRU NOVEMBER

Reston Museum. See how Reston's founding principles were implemented by joining the upcoming walking tour. Tour will be held 10 a.m. every Saturday through November. Sign up at: <https://www.restonmuseum.org/event-details/guided-walking-tour-reston-founding-2023-09-09-10-00>

MONTH OF OCTOBER

Spooky Fall Festivities. At Go Ape Zipline & Adventure Park, South Run RECenter, Springfield. This ground-based experience will take guests on a hike through the park, navigating various creatures from your deepest, darkest nightmares. Participants will be immersed in



"Disney's Mary Poppins" will be featured by the Hayfield Dramahawks on Oct. 19-21, 2023 at Hayfield Secondary School in Alexandria.



The Haunted Trail at Workhouse Arts Center runs now through Oct. 31, 2023 in Lorton.

the natural environment, never knowing what might be waiting around the next curve in the path. Is that just the wind through the branches? Definitely not! This guided, anxiety-filled adventure will take 20-30 minutes with a cost of \$14.95 per person. Go Ape is also expanding the Frights at Height experience! Launched in 2022, this autumnal aerial activity is now available on select evenings in October. Guests will find zombies, ghosts, and ghouls hiding in creepy corners under the Treetop Journey zipline and ropes course. Only \$39.95 per person for this 1-hour gravity defying, scream-filled adventure after dark...if you dare. Visit www.goape.com.

NOW THRU NOV. 7

Cox Farms Fall Festival 2023. At Cox Farms, corner of Braddock Road and Pleasant Valley Road, Centreville. The Fall Festival is filled with family-friendly entertainment and attractions including slides, swings, animals, hayrides and more. From the world-famous hayride to our corny Cornundrum and giant slides, our Fall Festival has something for the whole family. The Fall Festival is open Sept. 16-17, and then Thursday through Monday Sept. 23-Nov. 6, plus Tuesday, Nov. 7. Hours Sept. 16 - 17; Thursdays through Mondays Sept. 23 - Oct. 30: 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. | Nov. 2 - 7: 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. (last entry one hour before closing). Market is open daily through Nov. 7.

The Fields of Fear Hours: Friday and Saturday nights Sept. 22 - Nov. 4

(plus Sunday, Oct. 8) 7:30-11 p.m. (last entry 10 p.m.) Featuring more than 20 acres of fear and spooky attractions.

NOW THRU OCT. 29

Fall Fest 2023. At Reston Farm Garden Market, 10800 Baron Cameron Avenue, Reston. Saturdays and Sundays from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. The Fall Fest schedule spans weekends from September 23rd to October 29th, with the Columbus Day special on October 9th, operating from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Tickets are \$20 per child and \$5 per parent, while children aged two and under enter for free. The festival offers a variety of activities, including inflatables such as a corn maze, two 20' slides, two pumpkin bounce houses, and a basketball game. There's also a charming petting zoo, the Reston Farm Garden Market Express Train, and live music for entertainment. The market features seasonal items like chrysanthemums, pansies, fresh produce, natural jams, local organic honey, farm-fresh products, pumpkins, seasonal decor, and our famous Apple Cider Donuts. You can also savor offerings from local food trucks throughout the weekend. Book your tickets on our website: <https://www.restonfarm.com/fall-fest>.

SEPT. 28 TO OCT. 22 (EXTENDED)

"The Chosen." At 1st Stage, 1524 Spring Hill Road, Tysons. Thursdays at 7:30 p.m., Fridays at 7:30 p.m., Saturdays at 2 p.m. and 7:30

p.m., and Sundays at 2 p.m. The Chosen by Aaron Posner and Chaim Potok, directed by Alex Levy. Tickets: \$25-\$50 general admission, \$15 students, educators, and military. Purchase online at www.1ststage.org or 703-854-1856.

OCT. 6 TO OCT. 31

The Haunted Trail. Every Friday, Saturday and Sunday night starting at 6:30 p.m. At The Workhouse Arts Center, Lorton. The Workhouse Arts Center celebrates its 10th annual Haunted Trail by bringing scares and laughs to the Halloween season. Haunt: Game Over immerses guests through a highly themed walk-through experi-

ence, as creepy characters deliver contactless scares in multiple scenes. Guests will travel in small groups via a timed entry for a frightening experience that brings them next to abandoned, historic buildings where they will encounter terrifying characters and sights that are not for the faint of heart. The spirits will get loud with live music on Fridays, Saturdays, and Halloween night, with a rotating schedule of band performances in the Rizer Pavilion, which also serves as the check-in area and 'virtual line' for Haunt entry. Food trucks, soft drinks, snacks, wine, beer, and themed-specialty drinks will be available for purchase on campus. Gates open at 6:30 p.m.; Final groups will be dispatched by 10:30 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays; and 9:30 p.m. on Sundays.

WEDNESDAY/OCT. 18

Nefesh Mountain - Jewish/Bluegrass Band. 8:00 p.m. At Center-Stage at Reston Community Center, 2310 Colts Neck Road, Reston. Nefesh combines elements of Appalachian bluegrass, Celtic folk and Eastern European melodies with messages of inclusivity, diversity and hope. Visit www.restoncommunitycenter.com.

THURSDAY/OCT. 19

Pickleball Mixer and Fundraiser. 12:30-3:30 p.m. At Worldgate Health Club & Spa, 13037 Worldgate Drive, Herndon. Join the Shepherd's Center of Northern Virginia for their 2nd annual Pickleball Mixer & Fundraiser.

Attendees of all playing levels are welcome. There will be a tutorial for beginners, competitive play for advanced players, two golf simulator stations, health refreshments, a smoothie bar, a silent auction, and lots of fun! The price is \$60 per ticket in advance and \$75 at the door. Call 703-281-0538 or <https://scnova.org/event/2023-scnova-pickleball-mixer-fundraiser> to register today.

OCT. 19-21

"Disney's Mary Poppins." 7 p.m. and 2 p.m. on Oct. 21. At Hayfield Secondary School 7630 Telegraph Road, Alexandria. The Hayfield Dramahawks present Disney's Mary Poppins! It will be SUPER-CALIFRAGILICIOUS! Tickets can be purchased at hayfelldrma.com or at the door and concessions are also available.

FALL BOOK SALE

At Centreville Regional Library
14200 Saint Germain Dr., Centreville. Fiction, nonfiction, DVDs and audiobooks.

Bag sale on Sunday; fill a grocery bag with books for \$10.
Oct. 20, Friday, 1-5 p.m.
Oct. 21, Saturday, 10-5 p.m.
Oct. 22, Sunday, 1-4 p.m.

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Enjoy an evening of music showcasing a variety of genres in the elegant interior of historic Old Town Hall (3999 University Drive) in the heart of Fairfax City. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. and performances begin at 8 p.m. and run from October to April. Admission is free. Visit: www.fairfaxva.gov/government/parks-recreation/cultural-arts.

SCHEDULE

October 20: Barclay Brass - Brass Ensemble
November 3: Swingology - Jazz Bossa Nova, Manouche and Swing
November 17: Graham Breedlove - Blues
December 8: Marcolivia - Classical String Duo
January 5: Baltimore Composers Forum - Modern
January 19: Navy Band Wind Quintet - Classical
February 2: Kadencia - Puerto Rican Orchestra (part of the Chocolate Lovers Festival!)
February 16: Matt Trkula - Classical Guitar

ENTERTAINMENT



“Songwriter City” featuring Lee Thomas Miller and Wendell Mobley can be seen on Saturday, Oct. 21, 2023 at the McLean Community Center.

March 8: Mandoleers – Mandolin and Guitar Orchestra
 March 22: James & Victor – Jazz Duo/Steel Pan
 April 5: Francesca Hurst – Solo Piano
 April 19: Sylvan Waters Duo – Harp/Brass

THURSDAY/OCT 19

Artist Talk. 7-9 p.m. At McLean Project for the Arts Emerson and Atrium Galleries; 1234 Ingleside Avenue, McLean. MPA Curator and Artistic Director Nancy Sausser will host an in-person Artist Talk. The talk will include artists featured in (Not) Strictly Painting, a juried biennial exhibition celebrating the depth and breadth of paintings—or works related in some way to painting—from artists throughout the mid-Atlantic area. Artist Talk RSVP – <https://tinyurl.com/not-strictlypaintingartisttalk>

FRIDAY/OCT. 20

Malpasos Dance Company. 8 p.m. At GMU’s Center for the Arts, 4373 Mason Pond Drive, Fairfax. Tickets: \$48, \$41, \$29; half-price for youth through Grade 12. Since forming in 2012, this classically trained Cuban dance troupe has ascended to the top of contemporary dance with performances that are as technically brilliant as they are passionately expressive. Visit cfa.gmu.edu.

OCT. 20-22

“Jesus Christ Superstar.” At Capital One Hall, Tysons Corner. Friday, Oct. 20 at 7 p.m.; Saturday, Oct. 21, at 1 p.m. and 7 p.m.; Sunday Oct. 22 at 12 p.m. and 6 p.m. Celebrating its 50th Anniversary, a new production of the iconic musical phenomenon returns to the stage. Featuring award-winning lyrics by Tim Rice and music by Andrew Lloyd Webber, Jesus Christ Superstar is set against the backdrop of an extraordinary series of events during the final weeks in the life of Jesus Christ as seen through the eyes of Judas. Reflecting the rock roots that defined a generation, the legendary score includes, ‘I Don’t Know How to Love Him,’

‘Gethsemane’ and ‘Superstar.’ Visit capitalonehall.com.

OCT. 20-29

“9 to 5 The Musical.” At GMU’s Harris Theatre 4373 Mason Pond Drive, Fairfax. October 20, 21, 27, 28 at 8 p.m.; October 22, 29 at 2 p.m. George Mason University’s School of Theater is presenting “9 to 5 The Musical,” an exciting musical adaptation of the comedy film. Directed by Rex Daugherty (Artistic Director of Theatre, Solas Nua; MFA, Directing, George Mason University), Music Directed by Joe Walsh, Choreographed by Ariel Kraje, and performed by the cast of Mason theater students, the humorous energy and captivating performance will leave audiences in awe. Visit the website: <https://cvpa.calendar.gmu.edu/9-to-5-the-musical>.

“ON GOLDEN POND”

Oct. 20, 21, 27, 28; Nov. 3, 4 at 8 p.m.; 2 p.m. on Oct. 29 and Nov. 5. At Vienna Community Center, 120 Cherry Street, Vienna. Presented by the Vienna Theatre Company and Vienna Department of Parks and Recreation. Directed by Terri Ritchey; Produced by Reece Smyth and Pete Storck. Visit www.viennatheatercompany.org.

SATURDAY/OCT. 21

Maniac Pumpkin Carvers. 12-6 p.m. At the Tysons Corner Center Fall Festival, McLean. Tysons Corner Center announces a free family-friendly Fall Festival on The Plaza. Candytopia, a sweet interactive experience, located on the lower level of the center, across from H&M will feature a photo booth for everyone to enjoy. Kid-friendly activities will include a Best Buddies craft corner and more, while adults can try the LUSH bath bomb experience and enjoy Barrel & Bushel beer garden, along with other participating vendors.

SATURDAY/OCT. 21

“Songwriter City.” 7 p.m. Featuring Lee Thomas Miller and Wendell Mobley. Presented by The Alden, at

McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. Connect to the songs. Connect to the stories behind them. Connect with the songwriters who wrote them. Get a glimpse into the life of a Nashville songwriter and the songs that you’ve heard on the radio for years. Visit www.mcleancenter.org.

OCT. 21-22

Goblin Golf. 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. At Burke Lake Park, 7315 Ox Road, Fairfax Station. Halloween arrives early at the Burke Lake Park mini golf course. Enjoy a festive-themed experience with Halloween treats included. Our ghosts and goblins will be appearing throughout the day from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Bring a date, a friend or the whole family. This mini golf experience is fun for everyone! Buy your tickets before they sell out! Cost is \$10. Call 703-323-6600.

SUNDAY/OCT. 22

Halloween Carnival. 1-4 p.m. At Fairfax Station Railroad Museum, 11200 Fairfax Station Road, Fairfax Station. Enjoy multiple Halloween Themed games. In addition to candy and fun, silly, and weird Halloween prizes, win tickets to place in the box of different prize baskets. There will be several to choose from and you do not need to be present to win. Costumes are optional; please bring a Trick or Treat bag to collect your goodies. Additional instructions for the event and game play will be provided at the admissions table. Adults \$6.00 (13 and above); Youth \$3.00 (5 to 12); Children FREE (4 and under). Admissions will open at 12:30. Visit www.fairfax-station.org.

WEDNESDAY/OCT. 25

Tea & Talk. 11 a.m. At McLean Project for the Arts Emerson and Atrium Galleries; 1234 Ingleside Avenue, McLean. MPA Curator and Artistic Director Nancy Sausser will host a Tea & Talk, presented by the Rotary Club of McLean. Guests are invited to enjoy a cup of tea and discuss (Not) Strictly Painting 14

with the MPA team. Tea & Talk RSVP – <https://tinyurl.com/not-strictlypaintingteaandtalk>

FRIDAY/OCT. 27

Djembe Drumming Family Workshop Featuring Master Artist Kofi Dennis. 7 p.m. At McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. No experience necessary. Kofi Dennis will teach participants basic drumming skills and the workshop will end with a group drum circle. Families with children (age 8+) can participate together. Drums will be provided for use. Visit www.mcleancenter.org.

FRIDAY/OCT. 27

Still Life Artist Anna Katalkina. 11 a.m. At the McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. McLean Art Society is honored to present Anna Katalkina, giving a demonstration of how to transfer a drawing or image from paper to canvas, the first step in creating her distinctly realistic and luminous paintings. Katalkina has been called “a modern Dutch Master,” influenced by the 17th century small Dutch paintings. Her work draws from European travel, music, literature, and the performing arts, while striking a balance between traditional and modern and exploring both serious and lighthearted themes.

OCT. 27-28

Halloween on the Farm. At Frying Pan Farm Park, 2709 West Ox Road, Herndon. Celebrate Halloween and trick-or-treat on the farm! Enjoy farm animals, play games and make crafts. The program runs in one-hour time slots and costs \$10 per person. For more information, visit the Frying Pan Farm Park website or call 703-437-9101.

SATURDAY/OCT. 28

Metropolitan Jazz Orchestra with Christian McBride. 8 p.m. At GMU’s Center for the Arts, 4373 Mason Pond Drive, Fairfax. Christian McBride joins the Metropolitan Jazz Orchestra led by founder, artistic director, and virtuoso saxophonist Jim Carroll, in an unforgettable night of bravado, improvisation, and jazz swagger. Tickets: \$50, \$43, \$30; half-price for youth through Grade 12. Visit cfa.gmu.edu.

SATURDAY/OCT. 28

Halloweekend at The Perch. 12-8 p.m. At 1805 Capital One Drive, 11th Floor, Tysons Corner. Kids party from 12-4 p.m. Adult costume contest at 4-8 p.m. Join in the ultimate Halloween costume party, featuring spooky golf, pumpkin and face painting, seasonal beverages, pumpkin pie eating contests and more.

SATURDAY/OCT. 28

Halloween Bash at South Run Rec Center, 7550 Reservation Drive, Springfield. Celebrate the season and get moving at the South Run Rec Center Halloween Bash. This event features the Monter Mash 5K Dash, Halloween Fun Run 1-Mile, and Spooktacular Tiny Tot Trot with moon bounce and obstacle course for ages 2-4. For more information, visit the South Run Rec Center website or call 703-866-0566.

SATURDAY/OCT. 28

Halloween Costume Family Skate and Dance Night. 6 to 10 p.m. at

the Franconia Rec Center, 6601 Telegraph Road, Franconia. No tricks, just treats at this Halloween-themed Family Skate and Dance Night! Dress in your best costume for a spooktacular time at Franconia Rec Center. Skate to some of your favorite Halloween tunes by a live DJ. Grab candy, popcorn and other refreshments; enjoy seasonal decorations; and float across the floor to some festive tunes. Tickets \$10 in advance and \$15 the day of the event. For more information, visit the Franconia Rec Center website or call 703-922-9841.

SATURDAY/OCT. 28

Clifton’s Haunted Trail. 7 - 10 p.m. At Clifton’s 8-Acre Park on Chapel Street, Clifton. For one night each year, Clifton’s 8-Acre Park is filled with ghostly scenes to terrify even the most jaded fright-seekers. Come walk the Haunted Trail winding through the woods if you dare, but leave young children and strollers at home. Limited ticket sales open on Oct. 6 and are first come first serve. Proceeds benefit the Town of Clifton and Robinson High School’s Crew Team and All Night Grad Party. <https://www.cliftonhauntedtrail.com/>. Advanced Purchase are \$18, purchase onsite for \$20. \$5 cash only parking is available.

SATURDAY/OCT. 28

DEA Drug Take-Back Day. 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. At Clifton Presbyterian Church Parking Lot, 12748 Richards Lane, Clifton. The Clifton Lions Club is hosting a DEA Drug Take-Back Day. This program provides the opportunity for members of the public to safely dispose of unused prescription medications.

SATURDAY/OCT. 28

Festival of Frights and Trunk or Treat. 5-10 p.m. At the Old Firehouse in McLean. Calling all families of ghouls and goblins! Come join the Old Firehouse in your best Halloween costumes for a night of live music, games, food, contests and tons of candy! Families who wish to volunteer themselves and their vehicles for Trunk or Treat should submit an email request to oldfirehouse@mcleancenter.org. Please include your name and your trunk theme. Volunteer hours are 4-8:30 p.m. Each family will receive candy to distribute to the trunk or treaters. Visit www.mcleancenter.org.

OCT. 28-29

Two-Day LEGO Model Train Show. Noon to 4 p.m. Saturday; 1-4 p.m. Sunday. At Fairfax Station Railroad Museum, 11200 Fairfax Station Road, Fairfax Station. The Washington D.C. Metropolitan Area LEGO Train Club (WamaLTC) members will hold a two-day LEGO based train show at the Fairfax Station Railroad Museum. All trains, buildings and scenery in the display are built from LEGO blocks and shapes. Donations of unwanted LEGO pieces and sets are appreciated to help support WamaLTC’s efforts to bring fun and education to all ages through its activities. Admission: museum members, free; adults 13 and over, \$5; children 5-12, \$3; under 4, free. Seniors 65+ and military (active & retired), \$4. Call 703-425-9225 or visit www.fairfax-station.org.

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Obituary

Hines, Howard Matthews Age 91
On October 10, 2023, beloved husband of Bonnie Hines, father of Christopher and Gregory Hines, and grandfather of Aiden and Olivia Hines. Family will receive friends at Adams Green Funeral Home, Herndon, VA., on October 18, 5:00 – 8:00 PM. Funeral Mass will be held at St Catherine of Sienna Catholic Church in Great Falls, VA, at 12:30 PM on Thursday, October 19, followed by interment at Chestnut Grove Cemetery, Herndon, VA. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Little Sisters of the Poor, Washington, DC, and St. Jude's Hospital for Children. A detailed obituary may be view at www.adamsgreen.com.

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ENTERTAINMENT

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OCT. 28-29

Ghost Town. At Burke Lake Park, 7315 Ox Road, Fairfax Station. Embark on an unforgettable Halloween adventure at Ghost Town in Burke Lake Park. Secure your spot by grabbing \$15 per person tickets until Oct. 26, and brace for a spooktacular experience, complete with Goblin Golf, carousel rides, Train journeys, pumpkin painting, a bounce house and the thrilling Trick-or-Treat House. Trick-or-treaters of all ages are warmly welcomed. For more information, visit the Burke Lake website or call 703-323-6600.

OCT. 28-29

Haunted Mini Golf. 3 to 7 p.m. at Oak Marr Rec Center, 3200 Jermantown Road, Oakton. Welcoming all werewolves, vampires and goblins (and their families) for a fun night of Haunted Mini Golf at Oak Marr Rec Center. Wear your favorite costume for a haunted good time! Play mini golf, Trick-or-treat and win various goodies at every hole. Cost \$12 per person. For more information, visit the Oak Marr Rec Center website or call 703-281-6501.

SATURDAY/OCT. 28

Trunk or Treat. 4 to 6 p.m. At Lewinsville Presbyterian Church, at the corner of Chain Bridge Road and Great Falls Street in McLean. They will have Trunk or Treat Cars filled with candy and treats, Carnival Games for children (and all ages), Ice Cream, a Cake Walk, Puppet Shows and more! Questions: Contact Allison Lineberger, alineberger@lewinsville.org or 703-356-7200 or visit Lewinsville.org

SATURDAY/OCT. 28

Both Sides Tour XXIX. In Search of the Lost Order. Bus leaves Franconia Museum, 6121 Franconia Road, at 8:15 a.m. Join tour leaders Don Hakenson (dhakenson@verizon.net), Carl Sell (sellcar@aol.com) and Ben Trittipoe (btritt1@gmail.com) for a full day of site visits and stories. Cost: \$125.00.

SUNDAY/OCT. 29

2023 Bat Festival. 3 to 6 pm. At Wolf Trap National Park for the Performing Arts, McLean. Come celebrate the captivating world of bats, learn about the vital role they play in our ecosystem, understand the threats they face and what you can do to protect them. Join experts Leslie Sturges and Alonso Abugattas as they unveil the mysteries behind these creatures of the night and shed some light on the challenges they face, such as light pollution. Enjoy interactive activities for all ages and join the optional costume contest. For event details and free registration, visit the Dark Skies webpage.

THURSDAY/NOV. 2

Foreign Language Film, "Taare Zameen Par" ("Like Stars on Earth"). 1 p.m. At McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. Ishaan, a student who has dyslexia, cannot seem to get anything right at his boarding school. Soon, a new unconventional art teacher helps him discover his hidden potential. A visual feast and Bollywood mega-hit.

NOV. 3-4

"You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown." 7 p.m. At Oakcrest School Upper School, Ernst Theater, 8333 Little River Turnpike, Annandale. The musical follows the story of Charlie Brown and his friends, as seen in the comic strip, Peanuts, by cartoonist Charles Schulz. Through captivating dance and song, Charlie and his friends discover what it truly means to be a "good man". Visit <https://www.oakcrest.org/>

SATURDAY/NOV. 4

"When You Wish Upon a Star: A Jazz Tribute to 100 Years of Disney." 7 p.m. At McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. "When You Wish..." an unforgettable

evening celebrating 100 years of Disney through the lens of jazz as performed by house band of The National Jazz Museum in Harlem. Dreams really do come true! This production is not affiliated with, sponsored, or authorized by The Walt Disney Company.

SATURDAY/NOV. 4

Wine and Cheese Pairing Event. 5-7 p.m. At Total Wine & More, 1451 Chain Bridge Road, McLean. Fundraiser for AAUW McLean Branch. Enjoy fine wines paired with exotic cheeses to help raise funds for women's scholarships. Tickets \$40. Email: Taylor6840@gmail.com.

SATURDAY/NOV. 4

"A Civil War Books, Relics and Memorabilia Show." 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. At Arlington-Fairfax Elks Lodge, 8421 Arlington Blvd., Fairfax. Bud Mayo and Don Hakenson will be sponsoring "A Civil War Books, Relics and Memorabilia Show". Admission is \$5.00 and vendors are welcome. SCV members receive a table discount. Contact Don Hakenson at dhakenson@verizon.net or 703-971-4984, or contact Bud Mayo at mayo5304@cox.net, or 703-389-1505.

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Fall Bazaar and Craft Show. 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. At Vienna Volunteer Fire Department, 400 Center Street, South, Vienna. Sponsored by the Auxiliary to the Vienna Volunteer Fire Department. Offered for sale will be crafts, holiday decorations, items for your home, clothing and gifts for that special someone. A delicious lunch menu is planned, as well as a bountiful homemade baked goods table. Looking for a unique find? Come shop at our Vera's Attic table. Proceeds from the rental of the table spaces and raffles benefit the fire department in their effort to raise funds for life saving fire and rescue equipment, college scholarships and more. For information, or to reserve a space and request an application, call Carol at 703-309-3468 or email Dancers1023@aol.com.

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SUNDAY/NOV. 19

Negin Farsad - Comedian. 7:00 p.m. At CenterStage at Reston Community Center, 2310 Colts Neck Road, Reston. Negin is a regular panelist for NPR. Her book, "How to Make White People Laugh," was called "frank and hilarious," and The Austin Chronicle calls her a "master humorist." Visit www.restoncommunitycenter.com.

SUNDAY/NOV. 19

Musical Magic Balalaika Concert. 3 p.m. At Kenmore Auditorium, 200 S. Carlin Springs Rd., Arlington. The Washington Balalaika Society will celebrate its 35th year with a wonderful concert, Musical Magic!, featuring new repertoire and old favorites. This new program was created by Conductor and Artistic Director, Svetlana Nikonova. This special anniversary concert will include soloists from the orchestra, as well as featuring an original composition by one of the youngest members. The program also includes compositions of classical composers, such as Mussorgsky, Elgar and Kreisler, as well as folk tunes, film themes and the spectacular Great Gate of Kiev! Tickets: Adults \$30; Seniors/Military \$25; Students \$15; Children 12 & under \$5. For tickets, visit www.balalaika.org.

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The pandemic has been a bear, financially and otherwise. Revenue plummeted at the beginning in 2020. Some beloved advertisers have stayed the course supporting us throughout, and many more have done what they can. In the fall of 2021 we saw the return of some advertising for events and Grand Openings, but now omicron clouds the horizon in so many ways. Revenue still remains short of expenses despite our greatly curtailed costs.

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By KENNETH B. LOURIE

I just got my dog's refrigerated food delivered – for the first time. Multiple times already I have gotten my dog's 30lb bag of dry food delivered. For much longer we have been getting our cats wet food, dry food delivered, and recently, thanks to Martha Stewart, we're getting the cats' litter delivered as well. Additionally, as concerns the critters (four cats and one dog), their various prescription medications (flea and tick, heartworm, and kitty Prozac), and miscellaneous animal accessories (waste bags, treats, toys, and bowls) are likewise delivered. During the early stages of the pandemic, we were getting our groceries delivered (no more though), also we were members of a wine-delivery club; monthly they'd replenish our diminishing inventory. Back to us humans, I also get my prescription medication (including my cancer drug), office supplies/computer paper, and most importantly, I get my jellybeans all delivered to my home. (Crucial that I have an ample supply of "Jelly Bellies" as one of the side effects of my thyroid cancer medication is dry mouth/saliva issues so that chocolate doesn't have the same effect on me/satiate in my mouth as it has for the past 65 years or so.) As a result, I still need sweets; ergo the jellybeans, but certain long-standing (and sitting) standards have fallen out of favor. And if today is any indication, we'll also be receiving via the mail, all my wife's beauty products, and horse supplies which will segue nice into the monthly – or so, delivery of clothes – with seasonal accommodations, she's been receiving for a few years now. And even automobiles – via the "car vending machines" can be delivered to your door. In fact, one can pretty much have your cake and eat it too, and have it delivered to your home as well. And finally – for the sake of this article; (this is not an entire list, just the more recent conveniences) travel channels nightly feature and boast destinations/locations from all over the world advertising that one doesn't have to leave home to have adventure and exposure. But wrapping up this paragraph: where's the fun in all of this? Life is for living, not sitting, right?

Getting in the game is way better than sitting on the sidelines/sitting on your couch. Although, the couch may be as far as anybody ever gets – or needs to get anymore. Granted, the couch is likely very comfortable, positioned in front of a rather large television (perhaps even with surround sound/stereo sound), near a bathroom, unaffected by weather and/or traffic/parking hassles, way less expensive than the real thing, close to the refrigerator/snacks/adult beverages, and finally, you don't have to mingle with the masses – which for some might be a good thing. Present company occasionally included.

Despite all these push-button-type amenities, I'm beginning to realize that the availability of all these modern conveniences is making Kenny a dull boy, and as the Brits say: "a bit of a dismal Jimmy." All I must do is to mind my own business, but not necessarily my own manners, and have a cell phone handy, as all I really need to see and do, I can have done and delivered without ever leaving my home. Granted, I can't get my passport stamped but if I pick my channels carefully, I never have to pack my bags and try to locate the proper size plastic bag in which to pack my toiletries. The world isn't necessarily inconvenient, but neither does it typically offer all the comforts of home. But if those comforts and conveniences matter more than touching and seeing and feeling the real thing than perhaps a Barcalounger is in your future.

Still, convenience may be one thing – and an important thing at that, but one's preference/inclination might be quite another. Certainly, as written above, I can appreciate – and benefit from the many super-easy ways there are to consume nowadays. And consume without lifting a finger; well likely lifting a hand to turn a doorknob and open the front door to accept your delivery and/or move your package from porch to pantry. Not only will most of this activity be out of sight, but the effect of it will be that you're increasingly out of touch. There has always been delivery of stuff, but the pandemic – and Amazon (lest not forget) really ratcheted up the delivery options and accommodations possible for man, woman, and child – and of course, business. Now however, after years are calling it in, so to speak and having been there and done that – repeatedly, I'm beginning to reassess. Do I want to stay home and disconnect, or do I want to engage and interact with my fellow man/woman? And though it may not always be pleasant to do so, getting out and about, "mushrooming" (being in a dark and putrid environment) is not exactly ideal either.

Kenny Lourie is an Advertising Representative for The Potomac Almanac & The Connection Newspapers.



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