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Fifth, Sixth Graders Experience Camping at Wolf Trap

First-time campers had a fun experience at an overnight camp out at Wolf Trap National Park for the Performing Arts Friday and Saturday on Columbus Day weekend. In addition to setting up tents, and cooking their own meals using Dutch ovens and camp stoves, the campers were taught archery, fly fishing, gardening, yoga, and about insect pollinators. Wolf Trap Ranger Will Rifenbark took the campers on a backstage tour of the Filene Center.

Campers hailed from local elementary schools including Braddock, Bucknell, Colvin Run, Eagle View, Forest Edge, Harvester, Haycock, Lake Anne, Laurel Learning Center, Louise Archer, Neabsco, Poe Middle School, Rolling Valley, Spring Hill, and Vienna.

The camp out was run by youth leaders from Boy Scout Troop 55 and Girl Scout Troop 1146. The scouts were supported by Wolf Trap staff, adult leaders from the scout troops, Friends of Wolf Trap, and the Potomac Appalachian Trail Club (PATC).

They participated in hikes on the Wolf Trap trail built and maintained by PATC. The hikes were led by Ronalda Meson and Alan Day. Meson pointed out many of the natural features at Wolf Trap such as the



Digging fire pits for the Dutch ovens.

farm pond, a turkey vulture that was feeding in Wolf Trap Creek, and locations where fawns hide during the day while the mother feeds.

PATC also provided planning, logistical support, and donated money and sleeping bags for needy campers. Nine campers were able to participate because of the availabil-

ity of these camperships.

Wolf Trap Gardener Edgar Deskins guided campers who were planting in the Shade Garden behind the Filene Center. He also conducted a tour of the Dimple Meadow in front of the Filene Center.

Citizen scientist Sheryl Pollock showed campers the local pollinators that are, essential to healthy vegetation and conducted a tour of the vegetable garden behind the Filene Center.

Orvis Tysons Corner fly fishing instructor Jason Isaacs demonstrated the basics of fly fishing to the campers and helped them with the fishing tackle.

Campers practiced the basics of archery taught by Donna Kissane and her son on a range set up behind the Filene Center facing the hill.

Campers engaged in different yoga exercises after each was demonstrated by Eileen Kragie of yin and yang yoga.

This was the third Wolf Trap camp out, previous camp outs were in September 2014, and last April. As part of its effort to connect with underserved youth, Wolf Trap plans to sponsor these camp outs in the spring and fall outside the performance period. Registration for the spring campout April 22-23, 2016 will start after the first of the year.

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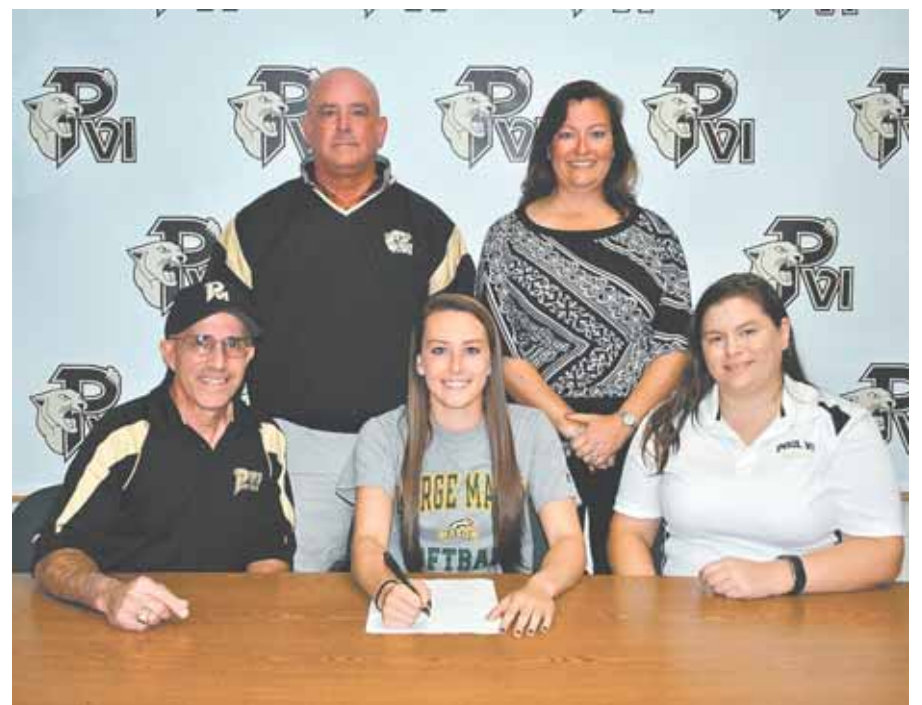


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Aker is pictured with her parents Mike and Jackie Aker and Paul VI softball coaches Patti Hinko and EJ Thomas.

Madison Aker of Vienna Signs to George Mason Softball

Madison Aker of Vienna recently signed to play softball at George Mason University. Aker is a senior at Paul VI Catholic High School in Fairfax.

In 2015, Aker was chosen First Team All State and First Team WCAC All-Con-

ference. In 2014 and 2015, she led the conference in on-base percentage, stolen bases and walks. A shortstop, Aker played on Team USA during Summer 2013.

Aker holds a 3.5 GPA and also participated in cheerleading at Paul VI.

What's on Radar for 2016

Local officials look out over the horizon in the new year in Vienna.

DONNA MANZ
THE CONNECTION

What does 2016 look like to elected officials and the business community serving the greater-Vienna area? From Vienna to the U.S. government, community leaders share their outlooks.

Mary Kay Claus, Incoming Chair, Vienna Business Association



Claus said that VBA [Vienna Business Association] has seen a few locally-owned businesses close down; small shops struggle against the bigger chain stores. "That's always been a challenge for small businesses," said Claus.

The VBA supports "Small Business Saturday" and other shop-local events sponsored by the Town of Vienna, Claus said. The VBA also offers many "no-or-low" cost ways to promote members' businesses within the community.

The Vienna Business Association will hold its first awards gala, on April 7, to honor VBA members for their contributions to the community. The gala includes live entertainment, a silent auction and a raffle. Ticket purchasing, site location and catering details will be announced shortly on the VBA site: www.viennabusiness.org. The community at-large is invited to meet the business people who support them in many ways through many events, from Oktoberfest to the halloween parade and First Night Vienna. "It is our first and we really want it to be a success and honor a few outstanding members," Claus said.

The VBA has also launched the "VBA Referral Group" that meets the first and third Friday of each month from 8 to 9 a.m. at Jammin' Java. The lead-share group, a networking opportunity, is open to VBA members only.

Edythe Kelleher, Vienna Town Council member



The only significant issue Kelleher raised was the closure of the Vienna Community Center for its 1-1/2-year remodeling. The loss of program space has been mitigated, mostly, by other venues stepping up [i.e., Vienna Volunteer Fire Department station, Cedar Lane offices] and opening up their resources. Hard-hit were groups that met there or clubs that hosted special events.

Every five years, the town engages in a review of its comprehensive plan in consultation with the planning commission. The 2016 review was initi-

ated in 2015.

There are two substantial applications for Maple Avenue Corridor re-zonings. Re-zoning, Kelleher said, is always a two-sided agreement between the town and the applicant.

In late 2015, Vienna became the first Virginia local jurisdiction to offer bonds with a "green" designation. The community center renovation is LEED-certified. Once again, Standard and Poor's and Moody's rated Vienna with a AAA rating, giving the well-managed town low interest rates for borrowing money to finance projects.

Follin Lane construction complications arose in 2015 and are still being addressed by the Town of Vienna and some residents living on the road.



Del. Mark Keam [D-35]

"Professionally, I look forward to continuing to serve my constituents in the Virginia House of Delegates, and I am just as excited today as I was in 2010 when I first went to Richmond as their state representative.

Personally, 2016 is a milestone year as I will turn 50 in May. After more than four decades of continuously attending schools and/or working around the clock, I decided to take a break from paid work for a while to concentrate my time and attention as a stay-at-home dad. Both kids will become teenagers this year, so my wife and I will plan on spending as much time as possible building strong relationships with our kids before they gain more 'independence.'"



U.S. Rep. Gerry Connolly [D-11]

"There are many issues of importance we can look forward to in 2016. To begin with, great progress is being made on Phase 2 of the Silver Line. Excavation has begun at the Reston Town Center, Herndon, and Dulles Airport stations, and crews

are scheduled to begin structural steel erection at the Innovation Center Station this February. As we have seen with Phase 1 and the redevelopment it has sparked in Tysons, Phase 2 will be critical to realizing the full potential of the Dulles Corridor, what I often refer to as Silicon Valley of the East Coast.

I am also excited about the progress we have made in redeveloping Tysons into the next great American city. More than 4.5 million square feet of development will get underway in the next year, making this a premier destination in Northern Virginia to live, work, shop, and dine.

In Congress, I remain focused on passing the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) trade agreement. TPP will provide tremendous economic benefits to our regional economy, expanding Virginia's existing partnerships with the six countries with which we currently have trade agreements, and, open markets in five new countries. It will also allow the U.S. to set stronger labor, environmental, and human rights standards throughout the global economy."

NEW YEAR'S HOPES, RESOLUTIONS

What is your hope or resolution for 2016?

—DONNA MANZ



Mike Davis, Vienna

"To get more sleep, be healthier...and find a new job."



Michelle Scott, SCOV director

"For 2016.....That SCOV will continue the wonderful job of serving older adults in our community."



Anne Stuntz

"This is for me as well as for Historic Vienna... spend more time with the older generations, learning and recording their stories about the past."



Congressman Gerry Connolly [D-11]

"A more peaceful Middle East in 2016."



Virginia State Senator Chap Petersen [D-34]

"My resolution is to spend more time with my children and less time on the computer."



Irene Light, TAFFY director, East Coast

"My mission will be to spread the word about how the arts can make people happier and healthier at any age. The only side effect might be a frequent urge to smile or sing. That is why I teach piano and spend many hours helping children through TAFFYPresents.org

".... having great local supporters like the Rotary Club of Vienna ...help me to realize my goal."

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RYAN DUNN/THE CONNECTION

Musician Jesse Trask on stage at Jammin' Java in Vienna. Jammin' Java in Vienna was founded in 1999, and was named one of the top 40 music clubs in America by Paste Magazine. Jammin' Java offers kid-friendly morning shows and diverse music acts at night.

A young trio of brothers play in the band Sleepy Man which has performed at Jammin' Java in Vienna. Jammin' Java is owned and operated by the three Brindley brothers — Daniel, Jonathan and Luke.

New Year on a High Note

Vienna's music venue ready for 2016.

BY RYAN DUNN
THE CONNECTION

I.M.P., owner of Washington, D.C.'s 9:30 Club announced it has entered into a partnership with Jammin Java and its co-owner/booker Daniel Brindley. Daniel is also founder and CEO of Service at the nonprofit Music Makes Life Better, which he started as a means of using Jammin' Java and his expertise in concert promoting to encourage people to serve their neighbors in need.

On Dec. 3, Jammin' Java hosted a donation drive with Music Makes Life Better and collected over \$500 and 48 pounds of food for Capital Area Food Bank, enough for 1,322 meals.

Also, in December Jammin' Java welcomed South Block Juice Co. to Vienna. South Block is locally owned and is Northern Virginia's first cold-pressed

micro juicer, with several locations in the area including Arlington.

Jammin' Java offers live music and concert experiences in an all-ages community environment. It is owned and operated by three brothers Daniel, Jonathan and Luke Brindley. It was originally a Christian-themed and owned coffeehouse started by The Sunrise Foundation. In 2001, the Brindley family moved from New Jersey to Northern Virginia, and bought the Vienna Jammin' Java.

The venue also offers kid-friendly morning shows and diverse music acts at night. This unique setting proves inspirational for music students and teachers. Every week visitors are bound to catch world-class talent on the stage, as well as local and regional bands in different phases of their careers.

The Music School at Jammin' Java has started an Open Mic Showcases featuring current and former students at the club. The music school is family-owned and operated, and the owners work to make it easy for families to start taking lessons and to stay in the long term. The school has well-rounded musicians, both active performers and qualified, experienced teachers.

Musician Jesse Trask on stage at Jammin' Java in Vienna. Jammin' Java focuses on local and independent musical acts, and in 2015 entered into a partnership with I.M.P., owner of Washington, D.C.'s 9:30 Club.



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VIENNA CRIME REPORTS

Notable cases from Vienna Police reports from Dec. 24-30

Please contact MPO Gary Lose for further information at Gary.Lose@Viennava.gov

Lost Property - Flagship Carwash, 540 Maple Ave., West. Dec. 16 between 9 a.m. and noon. A citizen reported losing his hearing aids. He believes they may have been lost while he was at the carwash.

Animal Case - Quarantine, 1000 Block Maple Avenue, East Dec. 20, noon. A resident reported that her dog bit a friend who was visiting their home. The resident was informed of the quarantine process and agreed to quarantine her dog at home. ACO Barker will follow up with this case.

Mental Case - Hillcrest Drive, SW. Dec. 23, 1:07 p.m. A resident requested we check on the welfare of his wife. Officers located the wife inside the home, where she appeared to be emotionally distraught and intoxicated. She was transported to a local hospital for evaluation.

Undetermined Death - 200 Block Ross Drive, SW. Dec. 23 3:42 p.m. A resident reported she returned home to find her boyfriend injured on the floor. Officer Herrera responded and along with members of the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department it was determined the individual was deceased. This case is being investigated.

Police Service - Vienna Police Department, 215 Center St., South Dec. 23, 3:53 p.m. A resident turned in old firearms and ammunition for destruction.

Animal Case - Quarantine, 400 Block Nutley St., NW. Dec. 24, 9:15 a.m. A resident was bitten by his daughter's dog while they were visiting his residence from Maryland. ACO Barker explained the quarantine process to the dog's owner. ACO Barker will follow up with the appropriate jurisdiction in Maryland on the dog's quarantine.

Missing Person - 300 Block Old Courthouse Road, NE. Dec. 25, 3:30 a.m. A resident reported her elderly husband had wandered off and had not been seen in several hours. Officers checked several places that he frequents and a lookout was given to the other local police jurisdictions. At 8:52 a.m. a resident in the 500 Block of Wolftrap

Road, SE reported a burglary in progress when he found the elderly male inside his home. The male advised officers he became lost and confused while walking and entered the home to wait for his wife to find him.

Police Service - Vienna Police Department, 215 Center Street, South

Dec. 26, 11:45 a.m. A citizen turned in ammunition for destruction.

Police Service - The Bey Lounge, 303 Mill Street, NE. Dec. 27, 12:49 a.m.

A resident reported a noise violation, loud music, coming from the Bey Lounge. An officer responded to the resident's yard and could faintly hear music, but not loud enough to constitute a violation. Officer Lyons spoke to an employee of the Bey Lounge and he advised that, although there was

no violation, they would turn the music down.

Petit Larceny - 1000 Block Moorefield Creek Road, SW. Between Dec. 27 at 7 p.m. and Dec. 28 at 9:05 a.m. A resident reported that someone entered their two unlocked vehicles that were parked in their driveway and had taken personal property and change.

Suspicious Event - 200 Block Cedar Lane, SE. Dec. 28, 4:05 a.m. Officers responded for a report of a man banging on a resident's door. The resident believed the man was her ex-boyfriend and that he may be drunk. The resident further advised the ex-boyfriend had been sending her text messages that have put her in fear for her safety. Officers checked the area but were unable to locate the man.

Narcotics Violation - 800 Maple Avenue, East. Dec. 28, 1:40 p.m. Officer Slebonick was on patrol when he observed a vehicle traveling above the posted speed limit. As a result of the violation he conducted a traffic stop. Upon his interaction with the driver he detected the odor of marijuana emanating from the vehicle. After speaking with the driver he located a measurable amount of marijuana. The driver, a 20-year-old man from Woodbridge, Va., was issued a summons for Possession of Marijuana. After signing the summons he was released.

WEEK IN VIENNA

Veteran to Share His Story as POW in Germany

Chapter 227, Vietnam Veterans of America Inc., invites all veterans, friends, and the general public to attend the Jan. 21, chapter meeting at Neighbor's Restaurant, 262D Cedar Lane, Cedar Lane Shopping Center, Vienna, Virginia, at

7:30 p.m. Jerry Wolf will share his WW II POW experience in Stalag Luft near Danzig. His army aircraft was shot down over Germany. For information, call Len Ignatowski at 703-255-0353 or visit www.vva227.org.

The membership serves as a "Fire Support Base" for veterans who are seeking closure on their Tour of Duty and a renewal of their Vietnam camaraderie. The chapter supports veteran's activities and non-veteran community projects.

Reduce Your Stress Through Tai Chi

Vienna Branch of AAUW will host "Reduce Your Stress Through Tai Chi" on Saturday, Feb. 6 from 10 a.m. until noon at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Fairfax, 2709 Hunter Mill Rd, Oakton. This informational demonstration will be led by two members of a Tai Chi class that is sponsored by the Shepherd Center of Oakton-Vienna. Members and guests, who come wearing workout shoes, will be able to practice Tai Chi along with the instructors. Emphasis will be placed on the value of exercise in keeping our hearts healthy and our minds stress free. This demonstration is all about "Health and Wellness." The program is open to the public and light refreshments will be served. For more information, contact: ViennaAAUW@yahoo.com This event is not sponsored by the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Fairfax, its Board of Directors, or staff.

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New Year's Goals A few wishes for the Virginia General Assembly, more coming ...

Expand Medicaid: Expanding Medicaid to cover as many as 400,000 uninsured people in Virginia under the Affordable Care Act would come at virtually no cost to Virginia and would be a massive boost to Virginia's economy. The local and state economy is suffering from the loss of federal spending in other areas, and it's just plain crazy and mean-spirited to deny medical care for people who can't afford it otherwise, and at the same time, turn away an economic stimulus equal to 20,000 or more jobs and a direct infusion of nearly \$2 billion a year.

EDITORIAL

❖ **Fund Education:** Localities need more help from the Commonwealth to pay for schools.

❖ **Fostering Futures:** Help teens in foster care by extending services and support, including foster care maintenance payments, to qualifying individuals age 18 to 21 years. The money spent will be matched by Federal dollars, and every dollar spent helping former foster children become independent, self-supporting adults saves a bundle in other costs down the line.

❖ **Stop Predatory Lending:** The local impacts of predatory lending, including some car title loans, can be devastating to struggling families and individuals who get into the cycle of high interest debt. This is not an issue of just allowing more choice as some have claimed. And when someone loses the vehicle he or she needs to get to work, the costs can extend.

Early Voting for Presidential Primary Starts Next Week

Every year is an election year in Virginia. Just two months ago, Virginia voters faced ballots for almost every state and local elected officials. While candidates spent millions of dollars and not very much changed, some critical races in Virginia have been decided by a fraction of one percent of votes cast.

Elections have had significant consequences here, and the coming election is likely to be in that category.

Early voting (absentee voting in person) for U.S. Presidential Primaries starts Jan. 15, really, starting in just a little more than a week. The official primary date is March 1, but there is no reason to wait until then to vote.

Voters in Virginia don't register by party, but can only vote in either the Democratic or Republican primary. To vote in the Republican primary, each voter will need to sign a form asserting that he or she is in fact a Republican.

Democrats will choose between Hillary Clinton, Martin O'Malley and Bernie Sanders (in that order).

Republicans will choose among 13 candidates who will be listed in the following order: Marco Rubio, Lindsey Graham, Ben Carson, Rand Paul, Mike Huckabee, Ted Cruz, Donald Trump, Jim Gilmore, Chris Christie, Jeb Bush, Rick Santorum, John Kasich and Carly Fiorina.

For details on absentee voting in Fairfax County, see www.fairfaxcounty.gov/elections/absentee.htm.

— MARY KIMM

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A Workable Solution for I-66

BY DAVE MARSDEN
STATE SENATOR (D-37)

There was a great deal of concern about "\$17 tolls" inside the beltway on I-66 during the recent election. I shared those concerns as I did not want to set a precedent of tolling a road that we were not adding infrastructure to. As you know solo drivers cannot use I-66 during rush hour and must wait until 9 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. to access the road depending on the direction of travel. While I still have concerns over the tolls, the agreement between the Commonwealth and the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission provides new insight on how this project will work.

I feel better about the tolling as the average toll will cost \$6 and part of the revenue collected will be spent on multimodal (transit) options to improve thru-put on this extraordinary congested highway and will in the future be used to widen the road eastbound. At its December meeting the Commonwealth Transportation Board received a presentation on the congestion benefits of this proposal using the Northern Virginia congestion rating process I helped put in place with Del. Jim LeMunyon (HB 599 and SB 531). The rating process shows that the Governor's proposal will eliminate 26,000 person hours of delay a day in the future. Of all the proposals considered, including a plan that only adds lanes to I-66 inside the beltway, the Governor's plan to improve multimodal options by far reduces the most congestion. If we can reduce the need for up to a lane of traffic through transit enhancements that will include carpooling, buses, improved van pools, and areas for riders to negotiate shared vehicles (slugging) then the Governor's idea appears to have merit. The same congestion analysis showed that simply widening I-66 eastbound without the transit improvements and conversion to dynamic tolling would only reduce 6,000 person hour of delay a day — about 20 percent of the benefits compared to the current plan.

Due to growth in the Rosslyn-Ballston corridor and the Coleman decision, a 1977 Federal Department of Transportation decision that gave Arlington County more control over options on I-66, I-66 will never be an easy journey. Arlington has now made concessions for the I-66 project and for the expansion of express lanes from Edsall Road in Springfield/Alexandria to Washington D.C. on I-395. This is welcome progress though not a panacea or these congested roadways. While perfect solutions may not exist, progress is essential and making progress on multi-modal/transit options as well as Express lane extensions and additional lanes are welcome news that will keep us moving forward.

In an ideal world we would have a different solution to I-66. However, the decisions in the past like HOV requirements and taxing gasoline on a wholesale basis limit the choices we have today. Given the current constraints faced in this corridor the Administration's plan offers the best opportunity to improve travel for commuters.

BULLETIN BOARD

WEDNESDAY/JAN. 6

Northern Virginia Chamber of Commerce Brand Launch. 8:30-10 a.m. Silverline Center Atrium, 7900 Westpark Drive, Tysons. Meet staff and members of the board of directors. Hear plans for future collaboration. Learn about upcoming meetings and events where businesses can get involved. Call 703-749-0400 for registration information.

JAN. 7, 12

ESL Registration. 7-8 p.m. St. Mark Catholic Church, 9972 Vale

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Road, Vienna. Classes begin Jan. 19 and ends March 17. Classes held Tuesdays and Thursdays. \$25 for English classes, \$10 for conversation, writing, citizenship and workshop. Textbook cost extra. Cash only. 703-502-9433.

THURSDAY/JAN. 14

Roadmap to Our Region's Economic Future. 7:15-11:30 a.m. The Ritz-Carlton Tysons Corner, 1700 Tysons Blvd., McLean. Stephen Fuller's presentation of the Roadmap, an industry-diverse panel of business

leaders, and a keynote speaker. The discussion will center on how the Washington regional economy can be re-positioned to remain competitive and grow in a national and global marketplace. \$100, \$120. Registration required. www.fairfaxchamber.org.

WEDNESDAY/JAN. 20

Fairfax Commission on Aging. Noon. Oakton Regional Library, 10304 Lynnhaven Place, Oakton. The public is welcome to attend and join in the comment period that begins

each session. www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dfs/olderadultservices/coa.htm. 703-324-5403, TTY 711 for meeting access needs.

McLean Newcomers and Neighbors Monthly Luncheon.

11:30 a.m. Ristorante Bonaroti, 428 Maple Ave., East, Vienna. Eileen O'Grady, a nurse practitioner and wellness coach, will speak about the Science of Flourishing. \$29. For further information on the

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MONDAY-THURSDAY/JAN. 4-7

The Band Battle - Prelims. 7 p.m. Jammin Java, 227 Maple Ave E, Vienna. Come join for some rock music and featured artists. \$10-\$15. <https://jamminjava.com/>. 703-255-1566.

FRIDAY/JAN. 8

The Tone Rangers. 8 p.m. Jammin Java, 227 Maple Ave E, Vienna. In a few choreographed minutes, the Tone Rangers propel through 900 years of Western music—from Gregorian chant to classic rock to TV theme songs—in a fresh approach to contemporary a cappella music and comedy. Come listen to their beautiful voice as they were voted as the Best A Cappella Group for four consecutive years. \$16-\$20. <https://jamminjava.com/>. 703-255-1566.

SATURDAY/JAN. 9

"Spotlight on Women Artists." 10 a.m. Vienna ArtCenter, 115 Pleasant St. NW, Vienna. Features a docent from the National Museum for Women in the Arts. Erin Garland will tell us about work in the museum's collection with an emphasis on artists in the Washington, D.C. area. ViennaAAUW@yahoo.com.

The House Riot Tour. 1:30 p.m. Jammin Java, 227 Maple Ave E, Vienna. Come enjoy as the three band groups - The Weekend Riot, The House on Cliff and Conundrum 9 - perform together as part of the tour. \$10-\$18. <https://jamminjava.com/>. 703-255-1566.

Michael Clem's "Fifty Clementines" CD Release & Birthday Show + Thomas Gunn. 7:30 p.m. Jammin Java, 227 Maple Ave E, Vienna. Michael Clem and Thomas Gunn collaborates and bring to the audience some fun program



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"Lady Sings the Blues" by Susan Webster, watercolor, can be seen in "The Blues Exhibit" at the Vienna Art Center from Jan. 5-23.

and music. \$15. <https://jamminjava.com/>. 703-255-1566.

SUNDAY/JAN. 10

The THE BAND Band Tribute. 6 p.m. Jammin Java, 227 Maple Ave. E, Vienna. While iconic roots rock group The Band may be long gone from the stage, The THE BAND Band is keeping their sound and spirit alive and well with authentic, true-to-form renditions of the legendary repertoire. This group of veteran musicians showcases the astounding breadth and depth of The Band's distinctively original Americana music. \$20-\$22. <http://jamminjava.com>. 877-987-6487.

MONDAY/JAN. 11

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TUESDAY/JAN. 12

Mayor@Your Service. 7:30-9:30 p.m. Town Hall Council Chambers, 127 Center Street South, Vienna. Historian Jim Lewis will present "Downfall: The Empire's Last Stand." 703-255-6304. www.viennava.gov.

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SPORTS

Madison Wins Holiday Tournament in Rockville, Md.

Warhawks extend win streak to eight games.

BY JON ROETMAN
THE CONNECTION

The Madison boys' basketball team continued its winning streak during winter break, taking home a holiday tournament championship with a pair of victories in Rockville, Md.

The Warhawks defeated Walkersville (Md.) 86-48 on Dec. 29 and beat Wootton (Md.) 75-45 on Dec. 30 to win the Patriots Roundball Classic at Wootton High School.

"We played very well," Madison head coach Kevin Roller said. "They played very, very hard. We were able to press really effectively. ... We just shot the ball pretty well."

Madison extended its win streak to eight and entered the 2016 portion of its schedule with an 8-1 record.

"Right now, we're just playing with a lot of confidence," senior guard Daniel Ungerleider said. "Once we started winning a couple games, we realized our potential is higher than we thought it was. ... It feels good to be on a nice long winning streak."

The Warhawks won eight in a row after dropping their season opener against Oakton, 62-



PHOTO BY JON ROETMAN/THE CONNECTION

Daniel Ungerleider, seen earlier this season, and the Madison boys' basketball team concluded the 2015 portion of their schedule by winning a holiday tournament at Wootton High School in Rockville, Md., Dec. 29-30.

47, on Dec. 1. Ungerleider said the team received a confidence boost from a 53-42 victory over Marshall on Dec. 11, which improved Madison's record to 4-1. The Statesmen concluded the 2015 portion of their schedule with an 8-2 record.

"Going into the season, everybody was saying they were going to kill us," Ungerleider said about Marshall. "... It felt really good. Our entire school felt really good to get that win."

In the holiday tournament, Ungerleider

knocked down six 3-pointers and finished with 18 points against Wootton. The senior guard finished with 13 against Walkersville and was averaging 12 through nine games.

Roller said junior guard Johnny Corish played a "spectacular game" against Wootton, scoring a team-high 19 points and finishing with five rebounds, five assists and four steals.

Senior guard Taiga Walker, Madison's leading scorer through nine games at 14 per contest,

SPORTS ROUNDUPS

Oakton Girls' Basketball Enters 2016 Undefeated

The Oakton girls' basketball team wrapped up the 2015 portion of its schedule with an 11-0 record.

The Cougars won their holiday tournament Dec. 28-30, beating Hayfield (70-49), South Lakes (73-52) and Patriot (70-49). Oakton won each of its first 11 games by at least 12 points.

The Cougars entered 2016 with a game against Stone Bridge on Tuesday, after The Connection's deadline. Oakton will travel to face Herndon at 7:15 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 8.

finished with 17 against Walkersville and 15 against Wootton.

Madison doesn't have a player on the roster listed at taller than 6 feet 3, but Roller said the Warhawks have "rebounded and boxed out as well as any [high school] team I've ever coached." Roller said Madison is starting to understand the style with which it needs to play to be successful.

"If we can play at pace and make other teams make lots of decisions with the basketball," Roller said, "that's really in our favor."

Madison opened 2016 with a game against Fairfax on Jan. 5, after The Connection's deadline. The Warhawks will travel to face Washington-Lee at 7:15 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 8.

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Mason, Inova to Collaborate on Personalized Medicine Research

Partnership expected to develop treatments, grow economy.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL
THE CONNECTION

Researchers and doctors from George Mason University and Inova Health System will collaborate on a series of personalized medicine research projects under a new partnership between the two institutions. The effort will include joint research on heart disease, cancer and metabolic diseases.

In announcing the agreement late last month, Gov. Terry McAuliffe said that the joint research effort, “will spur opportunities for entrepreneurship, create new companies and generate jobs that will grow our economy and help us prosper.”

Under the agreement, the institutions will share facilities at both the Inova Center for Personalized Health in Merrifield and at Mason’s Science and Technology

Campus in Manassas. The partnership calls for the establishment of Inova-Mason Proteomics Center at the Inova Center for Personalized Health campus and Mason-Inova Institute for Personalized Medicine Public Policy and Ethics, which will address public policy and ethical issues related to personalized medicine.

The partnership gives Inova researchers access to Mason’s animal facility where they will be able to test new drugs. Inova CEO J. Knox Singleton, calls the partnership an investment in “research and development to help keep healthy people healthy and provide precise, effective and personalized treatment to patients we are privileged to serve.”

Inova will contribute \$2.5 million in funding and will work with Mason to raise additional money



PHOTO BY LEVI MAGYAR

Inova CEO J. Knox Singleton (from left), Gov. Terry McAuliffe, and George Mason University president Ángel Cabrera at a news conference announcing a strategic partnership between Inova and George Mason University.

for the project over the next five years.

A joint steering board made up of key administrators from both Mason and Inova will run the venture. The partnership will establish a joint fellowship board to re-

cruit researchers from around the world.

Mason will also begin offering a graduate certificate program in personalized medicine, which Mason president Ángel Cabrera, says underscores the university’s commit-

ment to “delivering research of consequence that improves lives, drives economic growth and helps solve the most complex problems of our time.”

Gerald L. Gordon, Ph.D., president and CEO of the Fairfax County Economic Development Authority, said, “It is important that two of Fairfax County’s major institutions and economic development assets are formalizing a collaborative relationship today around personalized medicine. Separately Inova and George Mason have strong research capabilities for personalized health but, working together, they will multiply the research and discovery capacities at both which will, in turn, only improve the economic development potential for this burgeoning industry and increase

the possibility of spinning out companies and creating high-paying jobs that will improve the general health and well-being. The job creation aspect is important as well because it will further diversify Fairfax County’s economic base.”



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Upon Further Reflection



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

I'm not a look-in-the-mirror kind of person. Other than in the morning when I wash up, brush my teeth, shave and get ready for the day, I spend very little time reflecting on my appearance. In fact, during the early days of my cancer treatment when I was infused with a chemotherapy cocktail for six non-stop hours every three weeks – I lost all my hair, as forewarned; I have no recollection of what I looked like without any hair on my head. Presumably, every morning when I prepped for the day, I would have seen what I was doing and watched how it was done; yet there is no image, still or otherwise, in my mind of how I appeared to others.

Seven years of continuous treatment later, when I look in the mirror now (I have a full head of hair and a growing stubble, like most men), I can't evaluate what I see. Do I look sick? Or do I look as I should for a middle-aged man aging gracefully? Not that I need to look good to feel good ("and you know who you are"), any more than I need to "look mahvelous," but the cumulative effects of chemotherapy and the inevitable signs of aging have blurred (no pun intended; I can see perfectly well) my objectivity. So much so that on any given day, what I see is what I get and I'm happy to have gotten it, subjectively speaking. Ergo, looking in the mirror more often than not serves no appreciable benefit – to me, since I know what I see, or rather, don't know how to evaluate what it is I do see.

Then along comes the holidays, when many social gatherings are planned where in addition to food and drink, face-to-face interactions occur with many people you see regularly and some you know but rarely see. It is the observations and comments from these rarely-seen persons, persons with whom you are familiar – and who are familiar with you and your "underlying diagnosis," as I call my cancer, that are the genesis of this column.

I am happy and amazed, and incredibly flattered even to say that the feedback I received was uniformly positive and extremely encouraging; and if I had to bet a nickel, I'd say their comments were all sincere and honest. And since I don't want to look for trouble (since trouble has already found me), I am going to take their words at face value (again, no pun intended). And in thanking them graciously, reconsider yet again how fortunate I am to be receiving such compliments, nearly seven years in and nearly five years past, the end date (pun intended) of my original "13 month to two year" prognosis, words which I first heard from my oncologist at the initial Team Lourie meeting held on February 27, 2009 (Oh, yeah, you remember that date, forever).

Unfortunately, there is a bit of a cynic in me, so I still question the validity of words people sometimes say not necessarily to the wise. Moreover, I still am not convinced that looking good is more important than feeling good (with apologies to a Billy Crystal sketch mimicking Fernando Lamas back in the day on Saturday Night Live). Nor am I at all sure that looking good is an accurate description of what effect my stage IV, non-small cell lung cancer is having on me and my mediastinum.

As much as I'd like to believe that form follows function and that looking good is a clear indicator of one who is not only feeling good, but doing well (cancer-wise), I'm still wondering what it is that sets me apart from many other similarly diagnosed patients who have succumbed to this terrible – and mostly terminal – disease. I never thought it was, or would be, my looks. And given that there hasn't been that much with which to work, maybe not focusing on my appearance all the time has helped? Apparently, it hasn't hurt.

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

SCHOOLS

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Lindsay B. Benedict, a teacher at McLean High School, has achieved Certified Journalism Educator status from the Journalism Education Association (JEA). JEA is a nonprofit that encourages professional standards for journalism programs and student publications.

Christie Sweet of Vienna is on the Dean's List at Bridgewater College in Bridgewater, Va. for the fall 2015 semester. She is majoring in health and exercise science.

Vitale Alexander Christy, of Great Falls, graduated from the University of Tampa in Florida on Jan. 19 with a Bachelor of Arts in Theatre and a minor in Writing.

Maria Kehrl, of Great Falls, qualified for the Dean's List at High Point University in North Carolina for the Fall 2015 semester.

Victor Zheng, 21, of McLean, is among five University of Virginia scholars who have received Critical Language Scholarships to assist them in pursuing their love of language. They will spend seven to 10 weeks in intensive language institutes this summer in one of 13 countries to study languages the U.S. government has deemed "critical." Zheng will study Chinese in Dalian, China. He is a third-year history and Chinese major who is learning Mandarin Chinese.

"I applied out of a desire to have another opportunity to go back to China and be immersed in its environment," he said. "I also just inherently love being abroad where I believe I learn the best and the most." Zheng, who is a member of U.Va.'s Virginia Glee Club, plans to pursue a master's degree in international relations.

Graham P. Lobel, the son of Doug and Betsy Lobel of McLean, received a Bachelor of Science degree cum laude, from Haverford College, in Haverford, Pa., at the school's 177th Commencement on Sunday, May 17. Lobel graduated with High Honors in Chemistry. At Commencement, Lobel also received The George Peirce Prize in

Chemistry, for excellence in undergraduate research. Lobel graduated from the Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology in 2011.

Fishburne Military School in Waynesboro, Va. announced Cadet Second Lieutenant **Chase Dixon** from Vienna as Officer of the Month for October. Dixon is a senior and the son of Mr. Michael Filan and Mrs. Elizabeth McElroy-Filan. Cadet Dixon is the Executive Officer of Alpha Company and is a member of the Key Club.

Masato Chang, of Vienna, an eighth-grader at Longfellow Middle School was awarded first prize at the Music Teachers National Association (MTNA) for the State of Virginia. He will travel to Florida in January 2016 to represent the State of Virginia for the next round.

Gabrielle Greco, of Vienna, daughter of Drs. Stephen and Judith Greco, was named to the Dean's List at the College of William and Mary for the Spring Semester.

Chun-Ming "Chris" Chen of Vienna and **Maria Vera Alvarez of South Riding** have been awarded **Jack Kent Cooke Foundation Undergraduate Transfer Scholarships**. Both students attend Northern Virginia Community College.

Chen and Vera Alvarez are among 90 students nationally to receive the prestigious award which provides up to \$40,000 a year toward tuition, books, living expenses and required fees for the final two to three years needed to earn a bachelor's degree. It is the largest private scholarship for two-year and community college transfer students in the country.

From examining the genes in the monkey flower, to exploring the Rev. Martin Luther King's political, social and theological beliefs, to epilepsy therapies, to sustainable tourism, 38 **University of Virginia** undergraduates will pursue 36 grant-funded research projects this summer. Thirty-five

of the proposals received Harrison Undergraduate Research Awards and another student has had his research underwritten by the Stull family of Dallas. This marks the 16th year of the program, which helps further a key component of the U.Va. student experience: hands-on research.

The research awards support students who present detailed plans for projects that have been endorsed by a faculty mentor. In February, a Faculty Senate committee selected the winners, who receive up to \$3,000. Faculty mentors who oversee the projects receive \$1,000.

This year's Harrison Undergraduate Research Award winners and their research topics include

❖ **Daniel Naveed Tavakol, 19, of Vienna**, a second-year biomedical engineering student, who is researching angiogenesis, or blood vessel growth, in the mouse cornea and retina, distinguishing key factors in support-cell recruitment and location in vascular networks.

Kathryn Seymore Hahne of Vienna, was named to the Dean's List at the Frank Batten School of Leadership and Public Policy for the spring semester of 2015. The University of Virginia established the Batten School in 2007 as part of its strategic plan and as an expression of its Jeffersonian heritage.

Saba Chinian of Vienna, was named to the Dean's List at the Frank Batten School of Leadership and Public Policy for the spring semester of 2015. The University of Virginia established the Batten School in 2007 as part of its strategic plan and as an expression of its Jeffersonian heritage.

Madeline Taylor Hundley of Vienna, was named to the Dean's List at the Frank Batten School of Leadership and Public Policy for the spring semester of 2015. The University of Virginia established the Batten School in 2007 as part of its strategic plan and as an expression of its Jeffersonian heritage.

FAITH NOTES

Faith Notes are for announcements and events in the faith community. Send to vienna@connectionnewspapers.com. Deadline is Friday.

Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 2589 Chain Bridge Road, Vienna, is holding Sunday evening worship service in a less formal atmosphere and more intimate setting to help you get ready for the week ahead. Sundays, 6 p.m. Communion offered. No childcare. 703-938-2119 or www.elcvienna.org.

St. Francis Episcopal Church, 9220 Georgetown Pike in Great Falls, offers musical, educational, outreach and fellowship ministries in addition to worship services, including a 7:45 a.m. worship service without music; 9 a.m. worship service, children's chapel and children's choirs; 10 a.m. Sunday school and adult forum; and 11 a.m. worship service with adult choir. 703-759-2082.

The Antioch Christian Church offers a time of Prayer and Healing on Wednesday eve-

nings at 6:30 p.m. for anyone wanting encouragement and healing through prayers. People are available to pray with you or for you. Antioch Christian Church is located at 1860 Beulah Road in Vienna. www.antiochdoc.org

The Jewish Social Services Agency (JSSA) offers a wide variety of support groups for those with emotional, social, and physical challenges. www.jssa.org/growth-learning.

HAVEN of Northern Virginia offers a variety of free bereavement support groups, meeting on a weekly basis. 703-941-7000 or www.havenofnova.org.

McLean Bible Church Fitness Class at Body & Soul Fitness. Gain balance, energy and strength at 9:45 a.m. Mondays and Fridays. Free childcare for registered students. bodyandsoul@mcleanbible.org.

St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church, 1830 Kirby Road in McLean, holds a third Sunday service every month at 10:15 a.m. which allows children to

play active roles in the music and as greeters and ushers. Traditional services are every Sunday at 8:15 and 10:15 a.m.

Vienna Christian Healing Rooms are open, every Saturday, 1-5 p.m., at 8200 Bell Lane. A team of Christians is available to anyone requesting prayer. Free and open to the public. 703-698-9779 or www.viennachristianhealingrooms.com.

Chesterbrook United Methodist Church is at 1711 Kirby Road, McLean. Worship service is at 11 a.m. Sunday school is at 9:30 a.m. for adults and children. 703-356-7100 or www.ChesterbrookUMC.org.

Centering Prayer Group meets Fridays, 9:30 a.m. at Andrew Chapel United Methodist Church, 1301 Trap Road, Vienna. The hour includes a brief reading related to Centering Prayer, followed by a 20-minute prayer period. E-mail Martha Thomas at mmthomas211@hotmail.com or call the church at 703-759-3509.

BULLETIN BOARD

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club, visit www.McLeanNewcomers.org. RSVP Ann Skelly at mfskelly@verizon.net by Jan. 13. Prospective members invited.

TUESDAY/JAN. 26

Fairfax 50+ Community Ambassador Program. 9:30 a.m.-noon. Pennino Building, 12011 Government Center Parkways, Suite 206, Fairfax. This volunteer program trains members of Fairfax County community organizations to help link their fellow members to the county's services for older adults and caregivers. Contact Mena Nakhla at 703-324-5859 or by email at Mena.Nakhla@fairfaxcounty.gov by Wednesday, Jan. 20.

SATURDAY/FEB. 6

Fairfax County NAACP Open House. 10 a.m. Kings Park Library, 9000 Burke Lake Road, Burke. Meet community leaders and members,

discuss your pressing concerns, provide feedback, and enjoy food and music.

ONGOING

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/litombudsman/.

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 oversee 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.

Fairfax County needs a volunteer **Senior Center Marketing Coordinator** to assist the Friends of Fairfax County Senior Centers with marketing. For these and other volunteer opportunities, call 703-324-5406, TTY 711 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/olderadults and click on Volunteer Solutions.

The **Lewinsville Senior Center** in McLean needs instructors for the following classes: Line Dance, Zumba Gold, Certified Arthritis Exercise, Square Dance, Basic Guitar, Art and Basic Spanish. For these and other volunteer opportunities, call 703-324-5406, TTY 711 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/olderadults and click on Volunteer Solutions.

Food Drive for CHO. Places vary. Please help CHO to help others in our area. All food contributions greatly appreciated. CHO is making plans for the holidays. Please bring new unwrapped gifts for children and teens to Vienna Presbyterian Church, 124 Park St., NE, Vienna, on Dec. 11 between 9 a.m. and noon. Questions? Contact at cho@cho-va.com.

CALENDAR

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emerged a virtuoso composer and lead guitarist. \$18-\$20. <https://jamminjava.com/>. 703-255-1566.

THURSDAY/JAN. 14

Total Vocal with Pitches Be Crazy feat. Handsome Reward + Word Of Mouth. 7:30 p.m. Jammin Java, 227 Maple Ave E, Vienna. Join for energetic music performed by Pitches Be Crazy, Handsome Reward and Word of Mouth. \$15-\$20. <https://jamminjava.com/>. 703-255-1566.

Vienna Arts Society Monthly Meeting.

10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Vienna Art Center, 115 Pleasant St., NW, Vienna. Features water colorist

Jack Harding, who will demonstrate his technique of creating "distressed" rice paper for instant texture in watercolor paintings. 703-319-3971. www.ViennaArtsSociety.org.

FRIDAY/JAN. 15

The Fabulous Dialtones 20th Anniversary Party! 8 p.m. Jammin Java, 227 Maple Ave E, Vienna. The Fabulous Dialtones horns blazing, crooning, booming and who-knows-what-they're-doing-next classic rock band. \$15-\$25. <https://jamminjava.com/>. 703-255-1566.

Falu's Bollywood Orchestra. 8 p.m. The Barnes, Wolf Trap, 1645 Trap Road, Vienna. Fronted by one of India's most influential musicians—

who's collaborated with masterminds including Yo-Yo Ma and A.R. Rahman—this ethereal ensemble, led by singer Fulu, combines the timeless elegance of Bollywood's musical golden age with an inventive modern style. \$22-\$27. <http://www.wolftrap.org/> or 703-255-1900.

SATURDAY/JAN. 16

Projected Man Album Release Show + Pleasure Train. 5:30 p.m. Jammin Java, 227 Maple Ave E, Vienna. Join for the two band groups - Projected Man and Pleasure Train - for some jam music. \$10-\$18. <https://jamminjava.com/>. 703-255-1566.

Daycare Swindlers. 10 p.m. Jammin Java, 227 Maple Ave E, Vienna. Join

the evening as three groups take the stage for some exciting music of different genres. \$10-\$15. https://jamminjava.com. 703-255-1566.

"The Blues." 1-3 p.m. Vienna Art Center, 115 Pleasant St., NW, Vienna. Exhibition of VAS members paintings with the theme, "The Blues." Free. 703-319-3971. www.ViennaArtsSociety.org.

Model Trains and Thomas at Open House. 1-5 p.m. Historic Vienna Train Station, 231 Dominion Road NE, Vienna. See and hear model trolleys and steam and diesel trains plus Thomas and some of his friends. The layout reflects the mountainous terrain and towns of Western North Carolina. Free. Donations accepted.

www.nvmr.org. 703-938-5157.

SUNDAY/JAN. 17

The 32nd Mid-Atlantic Song Contest Awards Gala. 6:30 p.m. Jammin Java, 227 Maple Ave E, Vienna. Join for a magical night, as the gala celebrates the power of great songs to touch our heart, and recognizes the songwriting talents of all the entrants. Enjoy exhilarating performances of many of the Gold and Silver award-winning songs, ranging from Folk to Jazz to Rock, Country to Hip Hop, Adult Contemporary to Children's Music! \$12-\$14. <https://jamminjava.com>. 703-255-1566.

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