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The Artful Gift Shop Locks Its Door

Handcrafts shop closed on June 27.

DONNA MANZ
THE CONNECTION

Five Vienna businesses closed down in June – Extreme Pizza, Johnny’s Pizza, Lili the First, Out-of-Sight Wines, and The Artful Gift Shop. Some of the out-of-business shops were relatively-new to Vienna; some, like Johnny’s Pizza and The Artful Gift Shop, were community old-timers, and their closing is mourned by many local residents. The Artful Gift Shop proprietor, Peggy James, is one of the town’s most recognizable, visible, and loved business owners, yet, not even James’ affable personality and business acumen could turn the shop into profitability.

“Despite my desire and efforts for the shop to succeed and be profitable, the handcrafts market just did not support me financially on its own,” James said. “I’ve taken on a multiple of jobs to produce enough revenue to do so. It became clear after Christmas that I needed to change direction.”

THE ARTFUL GIFT SHOP was a unique resource in the Vienna area. The shop sold handcrafts made by Northern Virginia artisans, from jewelry to artwork, handknit hats and scarves, to whimsical animal-faced clocks. Tucked away in a lower-level, people passing by were caught by the cottage-like façade. Inside, shoppers were greeted by James or her brother.

In 2013, James received the Carole Wolfand Community Service Award from the Town of Vienna.

“I have thoroughly enjoyed owning and running The Artful,” said James, who



PHOTO BY DONNA MANZ/THE CONNECTION

The Artful Gift Shop owner, Peggy James, greeted friends and patrons at the shop the day after the shop closed for business, June 27.

bought the shop six years ago from its founder. “It has introduced me to the most amazing community, opportunities, and people.” Although the store’s lease was not yet up, the shop’s departure gives needed space to the church offices next door.

James intends to remain active and enthusiastic in Vienna’s business community, promoting local businesses and town events in her role as Vienna Business Association Executive Director and as fundraising representative to Vienna’s Department of Parks



PHOTO COURTESY OF THE ARTFUL GIFT SHOP

The Artful Gift Shop featured handcrafted pieces made by Northern Virginia artisans.

and Recreation. Vienna’s newest public event, already sold out, is an Evening in White in September.

“I will continue to be an advocate for small business in the Town of Vienna,” said James. “We need to make the community aware of the existence and the importance of the many great local businesses in our town. Without support, a business dies.”

James is retaining the shop’s name and plans on running craft shows quarterly to benefit local nonprofits. Her first fundraiser under The Artful Gift Shop banner will be

in November on behalf of Vienna Idol and the Khristin Kylo Memorial Fund.

“When you spend your money locally, the money stays in the community,” James said. It does not go to strangers at corporate headquarters somewhere, answering to stockholders.

When James unlocked the shop’s door on June 27, it was the last day the shop would open for business. That did not stop the steady stream of friends and shoppers who stopped by the following day as James packed up. Although she was not “open for business,” she continued to sell throughout her “closed” day. The final week that The Artful Gift Shop was open was “very emotional” and “bittersweet” for James. “I’m excited about new opportunities but overcome by the outpouring of community support,” James said. “It’s very sad to close the shop, but, I was very touched by all the wonderful customers who came in and told me how sorry they were to see us closing.”

LOCALLY-OWNED BUSINESSES are the places families and students turn to when they need raffle prizes or auction items for fundraisers. They are the ones who sponsor community events in partnership with towns or who sponsor youth athletic teams. James’ mission in her new roles will be much as it is today ... promoting the value and impact small local businesses have on a community.

James frequently sponsored benefits on behalf of Homeless Animal Rescue Team and her shop was a community go-to business when people sought out merchandise donations.

From a corporate financial manager to business owner, James experienced a change of trajectory that expanded her horizon.

“I would like people to know how much the shop changed my life,” said James. “It was truly a life-altering experience.”

Vienna to Host Rocking Independence Eve

An evening of entertainment and fireworks on Friday, July 3.

The Town of Vienna’s Independence Day festivities will take place on July 3 and 4. Due to vendor scheduling conflicts the Town’s usual provider, as well as many other companies, was unable to supply fireworks for this year’s July 4th show. For this reason, the Town has decided to provide an exciting show on the 3rd this year. In the future, the Town will handle the contract renewal and/or procurement for the fireworks in August of the preceding year, instead of the normal March time frame.

Rocking Independence Eve is the first

event to kick off the Independence celebration. Residents will enjoy an evening of entertainment and fireworks on Friday, July 3, at Yeonas Park, 1319 Ross Drive, SW. Starting at 7 p.m. enjoy the sounds of classic rock cover band, Fat Chance. The Little League Concession Stand will be open for food and beverages. Following the concert, the fireworks show will begin promptly at 9:15 p.m. at Southside Park. Seating will be available near the playground at Southside Park. Additional seating will be located at Yeonas Park.

The Town’s Red, White & Blue on the Green event will be held Saturday, July 4

from 12 – 5 p.m. Live musical performances by Difficult Run and the Vienna Community Band will be held on the Town Green. Additional activities include moon bounces, an antique car show, Optimist 50/50 raffle, and a kid’s pie eating contest. The American Legion will be providing BBQ and drinks.

New this year, the Town of Vienna will team up with the Vienna Inn for the “Inaugural Vienna Inn Chili Dog Eating Contest” on Saturday, July 4 from 12 – 2 p.m. \$250 in grand prizes will be awarded to whomever can consume the most chili dogs in 15 minutes. Interested participants for this

event are required to register in advance at the Vienna Community Center or the Vienna Inn for a fee of \$20. Contestants must be 18 years or older.

Be sure to keep an eye out for road closures during the Independence Day Weekend events. Patrick Street, Patrick Circle, Ross Drive from Cottage to George Streets, and George Street from Cottage Street to Ross Drive will be closed to vehicular traffic beginning at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, July 3. Also be aware that on Saturday, July 4 starting at 11 a.m., Mill Street will be closed from Maple Ave to Church St. For more information on the Fourth of July Weekend Celebration, please visit <http://www.viennava.gov/index.aspx?NID=894>

OPINION

Open Letter to Elected Officials and Candidates

Spend some of your campaign dollars in newspapers.

Here at the Connection, our email boxes are filling up with messages from people running for office. It's not surprising, since in November, virtually every state and local office in the commonwealth is on the ballot.

It's a good predictor for what will happen next in brick and mortar mailboxes of voters around the region.

What do candidates want from local newspapers?

Candidates, many of them incumbents, want to be quoted. They would like a reporter to come to their campaign announcements, to their kickoffs, to their forums. Candidates would like us to cover and print their statements on a variety of interesting and important issues. They would like to have their photos appear on the print and web pages of our newspapers

And for the most part, we will. We will cover the issues, the campaigns, the opinions, the fundraising, the political record.

While competition in local races is limited, money is not.

Current campaigns are on track to top the money spent in 2011 State Senate races. In 2011, Virginia State Senate candidates spent more than \$42.5 million. They have already spent more than \$20 million in 2015.

In Virginia state house races, in 2013 (members of the Virginia House of Delegate, like U.S. Congress, run for reelection every two years) candidates spent \$35.9 million.

In an example of the money these races can

attract, here is an extreme example from two years ago. In the 2013 race for House of Delegates District 34, Barbara Comstock raised \$1.4 million, narrowly defeating Kathleen Murphy (50.64 percent to 49.21 percent) who raised nearly \$700,000. Comstock went on to win the U.S. House seat vacated by longtime Rep. Frank Wolf, and Murphy went on to win the District 34 seat in a special election.

Comstock to her credit spent more than \$5,000 (about one-third of one percent) on newspaper ads (most in Korean publications), but more than \$87,000 on mailers. More surprising in a race for Virginia House of Delegates was that Comstock spent more than \$500,000 on TV and radio ads.

Murphy spent \$29,570 on mailers, \$950 on newspaper advertising and \$161,200 on TV and radio ads. (SOURCE: VPAOrg)

EDITORIAL In other contested House races in 2013, it was more common to see expenditures between \$100,000 and \$300,000 per candidate. Most candidates spent zero dollars in community newspapers. Nearly every candidate spent tens of thousands of dollars on filling up voters' mailboxes with glossy mailers.

Of course it makes sense for candidates to target individual voters by mailing directly to their homes.

But does it really make sense to do that to the exclusion of other methods of reaching voters? Consider that 91 percent of voters who contribute to campaigns read newspapers in print or online, according to an independent study in 2012.

The Connection will not be endorsing candidates in the November elections. We'll be covering the local races to the best of our ability no matter who spends money on advertising. Other local newspapers will also cover the races without regard to advertising dollars.

That's not why we do what we do.

But to put on my publisher's hat (and not my editor's hat) for a minute, if you have a big marketing budget, and you value coverage of local newspapers (not just ours), why wouldn't you spend a portion of that budget (any portion) supporting that platform? There is a cautionary tale in the recent and abrupt closure of the chain of local papers that served Montgomery and Prince George's counties in Maryland, as a recent and extreme example.

One California community in Los Angeles proposed legislation to let residents opt out of receiving election-related mail during a hotly contested mayoral election "where both campaigns and their supporters had flooded the mailboxes of registered voters with dozens of direct mail pieces," according to The Argonaut, a weekly newspaper there. Sound familiar?

But it's more than a charitable effort.

For the same reasons that the campaigns know they want local newspaper coverage, newspaper advertising is an effective way to reach voters.

According to an independent study during the last presidential campaign, cited by the National Newspaper Association: 86 percent of voters who cast ballots in the last local election read newspapers in print or online; 79 percent of voters ages 18 to 34 read newspapers in print or online; newspapers and their websites consistently outscore other media for being "reliable," "accurate" and "in-depth" about local civic and political issues; newspaper political advertising is the least "annoying" of any medium; 91 percent of voters who contribute to campaigns read newspapers in print or online.

Just a suggestion ...

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On Interns Past and Lessons Learned

BY JOAN BRADY

Harlem, 1991. Pre-gentrification. It was an unlikely location for a book club. But every week, I hopped the subway and headed to the Children's Aid Society Center at 103rd and Columbus to lead a group of young teens in book discussions.

Looking back, "The Catcher in the Rye" seems like an odd choice, a story seemingly so far from the day-to-day experiences of my young readers. My notes from that time are simply a scrawled list of discussion questions: "How did Holden feel about adults? peers?" "Why did he

break the windows of the station wagon." I wish I could remember how the kids related Holden's feelings and experiences to their own.

I was working at Channel 13/WNET at the time and the kids thought it was super cool that I worked in TV. The fact that it was public television, rather than MTV, didn't seem to matter. The fact that I wasn't on TV or even working on the production end of the business, didn't seem to matter either.

Ralph was particularly interested. So much so that we discussed the possibility of an internship. His frame of ref-



Joan Brady

erence limited him to asking about an internship in the mailroom. Ultimately, the station hired him to be my (unpaid) marketing services intern.

As an intern, Ralph did what high school interns do. He stapled. He made copies. He came in a few days a week after school.

When the time came for us to part ways, I asked him to write down what he had gotten out of the internship.

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Ok that last might be impractical

as a full-time employee, but darn if it doesn't make some sense.

I can't help but wonder what ever happened to that kid who learned the importance of getting along with others at work, when he was just 14.

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“We always remind people that the best and safest way to enjoy July 4th is to go to a professional show.”

— Lieutenant Sarah-Maria Marchegiani, Arlington County Fire Department.

July 4th Safety

From swimming to fireworks, safety precautions for a festive Independence Day.

By MARILYN CAMPBELL
THE CONNECTION

It was a near accident at camp last summer that sparked action by one parent. Elementary school-aged campers splashed in the pool. Everyone was having fun. Then tragedy almost struck.

Jackie Wheeler says one second her 7-year-old son was frolicking on top of the water and the next he was bobbing just below the surface, gasping for air.

“One of the counselors took his eyes off of Noah for one second, and he started to struggle,” said Lee. “Ultimately, the lifeguard had to jump in and save him.”

Wheeler didn't witness the incident, but its recounting was difficult for her to hear. That brush with danger became a defining moment for her family. She enrolled her son, who is now 8, and her daughter Ava, who is 4, in private swimming lessons at the YMCA in Bethesda, Md.

“I want them to be safe around the water, and I want them to be able to save themselves or someone else if necessary,” said Wheeler.

She's not the only one thinking about safety. As Independence Day approaches and time spent at the pool, outside in sweltering temperatures and at fireworks shows increases, public health and safety officials are working to raise awareness about potential hazards.

WATER SAFETY

Ensuring that children learn to swim and keeping a close watch on them at the pool or beach are two ways that officials encourage water safety.



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Ava and Noah Lee take private swimming lessons in Bethesda, Md. Safety officials encourage parents to make sure their children learn to swim.

Parents and caregivers should also be mindful of recreational water illnesses, which are caused by swallowing or coming in contact with contaminated water in swimming pools and other bodies of water. Help reduce the risk of recreational water illnesses by showering with soap and water before entering a pool, taking frequent bathroom breaks and conducting regular diaper checks followed by washing hands with soap and water, say local health officials.

HEAT SAFETY

Sunburn is another health concern when swimming outdoors.

“Protect your skin and eyes from the sun's damaging rays [by] wearing protective clothing and sunglasses,” said Kenya Fluellen, associate professor of nursing at Northern Virginia Community Col-



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Fireworks are sold at a local stand at Lee Highway and N. Harrison Street in Arlington. Fireworks are synonymous with July 4th celebrations, but creating a fireworks display at home is illegal in some local jurisdictions.

Details

Local Fireworks Laws and Safety Information

- ♦ Arlington: <http://fire.arlingtonva.us/fire-code-information/fireworks/>
- ♦ Alexandria: http://alexandriava.gov/fire/info/news_firedisplay.aspx?id=62314
- ♦ Fairfax County: www.fairfaxcounty.gov/fr/prevention/fmfireworks.htm
- ♦ Montgomery County: www.montgomerycountymd.gov/mcfrs-info/tips/citizens/fireworks.html

Heat and Car Safety

- ♦ www.safercar.gov/parents/index.htm

Water Health and Safety

- ♦ www.redcross.org/prepare/disaster/water-safety
- ♦ Arlington: <http://health.arlingtonva.us/environmental-health/recreational-water-illness-rwi/>
- ♦ Alexandria: <http://alexandriava.gov/AquaticHealth>
- ♦ Fairfax County: www.fairfaxcounty.gov/hd/eh/pools/pool-safety.htm
- ♦ Montgomery County: www.montgomerycountymd.gov/mcfrs-info/tips/citizens/pool.html

lege in Alexandria, Virginia. “Always use sunscreen with a minimum SPF of 30.”

Heatstroke is the number two killer of children after car crashes, and Fairfax County has joined with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration to remind parents and caregivers about the dangers of leaving children unattended in a car, particularly during the summer, which can lead to heatstroke and even death.

“You should never leave a child alone in the car, and that is certainly true in the summer when the temperatures are on the rise and cars get hot very quickly,” said John Silcox, public safety information officer, Fairfax County Health Department.

Fairfax County officials say there were 30 heatstroke deaths of children left in vehicles in 2014. Most parents simply forgot their children were with them. “Put something in the back of your car, such as a bag or a cell phone, so you'd be certain to check before leaving the car,” said Silcox.

FIREWORKS SAFETY

While fireworks are synonymous

with July 4th celebrations, creating a fireworks display at home is illegal in some local jurisdictions. In both Alexandria and Montgomery County, Md., for example, all fireworks are illegal to possess or discharge, including gold label sparklers. In Fairfax County, any firework that explodes, emits a flame, sparks higher than 12 feet, or performs as a projectile is prohibited. Arlington County has similar prohibitions.

“We always remind people that the best and safest way to enjoy July 4th is to go to a professional show and let the professionals handle it and just enjoy the show,” said Lieutenant Sarah-Maria Marchegiani, spokeswoman for the Arlington County Fire Department. “Some people don't know that sparklers are dangerous for kids. They burn hot enough to cause third degree burns. We recommend that adults be the only ones to ignite fireworks.”

If you do want to put on your own backyard Independence Day illumination show, check local regulations, allow fireworks to cool completely and douse them with water before discarding them, advises Marchegiani.



A bear was spotted in the 1300 block of Trap Road, Vienna area at around 1 p.m. on Monday, June 22.

Bears in the Area: Don't Panic

Tips on how to keep bears away from your home.

According to Animal Control Officers and the Fairfax County Wildlife Management Specialist, it is not unusual to see black bears at this time of year and residents should not panic or feel alarmed when they see one. A bear was spotted in the 1300 block of Trap Road, Vienna area at around 1 p.m. on Monday, June 22, and a resident took photos to share with animal control officers. The bear posed no problems or issues and it is likely that this bear has already moved through and not staying in the area.

Bears typically avoid humans, but in their search for food it is not uncommon to see one. Most often, bears will keep moving through an area once they fail in their attempts to find food. Unless the animal is sick or injured, or poses a threat to public safety, animal control officers do not take actions to attempt to remove bears from a neighborhood. Black bears have a natural fear of humans, and in most cases, would rather flee than encounter people.

If addressed quickly, wildlife issues caused by food attractants in yards can be resolved almost immediately.



Most often, bears will keep moving through an area once they fail in their attempts to find food.

The Fairfax County Wildlife Management Specialist and the Department of Game and Inland Fisheries suggest residents take the following precautions to keep bears and other wildlife away from your home:

- ♦ The best way to encourage the bear not to return is to remove the food source.
- ♦ Do not store household trash, or anything that smells like food, in vehicles, on porches or decks.
- ♦ Keep your full or empty trash containers secured in a garage, shed or basement.
- ♦ Take your garbage to the dump frequently.
- ♦ If you have a trash collection service, put your trash out the morning of the pickup, not the night before.
- ♦ Take down your birdfeeder for 3-4 weeks after the bear visits.
- ♦ Consider installing electric fencing, an inexpensive and extremely efficient proven deterrent to bears, around dumpsters, gardens, beehives, or other potential food sources.
- ♦ If addressed quickly, this situation can be resolved almost immediately after you remove the food source. Sometimes, the bear may return searching for food, but after a few failed attempts to find it, will leave your property.

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ENTERTAINMENT



The crowd cheers during American Authors' performance.



From left — Emma and Hannah Grossman, of Vienna, wait for the show to begin.

Tyson's Corner Plaza Becomes a Friday Night Spot

The fresh concert series in Tysons attracts teens, adults and families.

BY CAROLINE ALKIRE
THE CONNECTION

Nick Fradiani and his band Beach Avenue walked on stage to whoops and applause from the watching crowd. Teenagers leaned forward over silver metal barriers waving mini American flags and cheering.

"We used to perform covers of American Authors' songs," Fradiani told the crowd. "Now we're opening for them; it's pretty incredible."

For most of the summer, Maserati is hosting a fresh artist concert series at Tysons Corner Center. Every Friday until Aug. 7, a new artist will perform live. On June 26, radio station 94.7 brought "American Idol" winner Nick Fradiani and his band Beach Avenue to the plaza at Tysons to open for the popular rock band American Authors.

Surrounded by hotels, the shopping mall and outdoor restaurants, the new plaza at Tysons is a popular Friday night attraction for teens and adults. On June 26, the outdoor venue was filled with excited young fans and adults who work in the Tysons area.

Sisters Emma and Hannah Grossman of Vienna have attended the past three Friday concerts at the Tysons plaza. The concerts have featured Parachute, Black Alley and Jakubi.

"These concerts are definitely fun," said Emma Grossman. "It's all about the fresh new artists. I hadn't heard of the band last week, Black Alley, but it's great hearing new music and hanging out."

Entry to each concert is free, but the plaza isn't overly crowded, and the crowds aren't



American Authors' lead singer Zac Barnett belts out the lyrics to the band's opening number "Home."

difficult to navigate. Concertgoers are able to casually watch the sound check and see team members set up for the bands.

"It's more low-key than going to a festival, which I really like," said Hannah Grossman.

Around 8 p.m. American Authors ran on stage to the steady beat of a drum; the concert had officially begun. As they struck the first few chords to their opening number, "Home," the crowd immediately began to sway and clap to

the beat.

"I had a lot of fun," said 16-year-old Jack Watkins of Herndon. "It's nice to be out listening to live music in such beautiful weather on a Friday night."

PHOTOS BY CAROLINE ALKIRE/THE CONNECTION



Nick Fradiani and Ryan Zipp of Beach Avenue perform for the crowd.

VIEWPOINTS

What do you think about Tysons concert series?

— CAROLINE ALKIRE

Legia Faria, Washington, D.C.:

"This is the first time I've ever been to one of these concerts but I won VIP tickets from 94.7, so I'll get to meet the band American Authors. I loved watching them do the sound check, and I can't wait to meet them. It's been a great experience so far."



Rachel Whittaker, Woodbridge:

"The best thing about this concert is that it's free, and it's American Authors. I love how small the venue is, and it was cool watching the band do the sound check and seeing the whole process up close."

Sydney Burke, Woodbridge:

"The concert has been really fun so far. I like that the venue is small so we can be up close to the stage to hear the music."



Sara Kahn, Herndon

"I heard about the concert through friends. The music is great so far, and it's nice to just be outside with live music and with friends in the summer."

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ONGOING

Vienna's Summer on the Green

Concert Series. Fridays-Sundays, through Sept. 27. 6:30 p.m. at Vienna Town Green, 144 Maple Avenue E, Vienna. Come out on the weekend and listen to some good music. Visit <http://www.viennava.gov/DocumentCenter/View/2640>

Great Falls Concerts on the Green.

Sundays, through Sept. 6. 6-8 p.m. at Great Falls Village Centre Green. Come out on Sundays and listen to some live music. Visit <http://www.celebrategreatfalls.org/concerts-on-the-green/>.

Tyson's Concerts on the Plaza.

Fridays, through Aug. 7. 6-8 p.m. at Tysons Corner Center, 1961 Chain Bridge Road, Tysons Corner. Sit back and enjoy live music with a special line up each week. Tickets are available on a first-come, first-serve basis beginning at 10 a.m. each Friday morning in the mall concourse on level 2 next to ZARA.

Summer Reading Program.

Friday-Sunday, through Sept. 5. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. at Great Falls Library, 9830 Georgetown Pike Great Falls. Attend summer events and check out books. All ages. Visit <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/branches/gf/>.

Restful Pause.

Wednesday-Saturday, through Aug. 1. Katie's Coffee House, 760 Walker Road, Great Falls. Robert Gilbert brings his nine, framed still-life paintings to exhibit. The subjects are wine bottles, wine glasses, ceramic pots, fruits and vegetables. The paintings are realistic in some areas and impressionistic in others.

What's in Your Garden?

Tuesdays - Saturdays, through Aug. 1. Vienna Arts Society "Gallery in the Village Green," 513 Maple Ave. W, Vienna. Featured artist Loy McGaughey of Reston exhibits a collection of watercolors inspired by her personal photographs. The exhibition includes more than a dozen other artists.

WEDNESDAY/JULY 1

Books and Babies Story time.

10:30 a.m. Great Falls Library, 9830 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. Rhymes, songs, stories and activities for babies and parents. Build an early literacy foundation for your child while enjoying time together. Birth-24 months with caregiver.

Oak Marr Farmers Market.

8 a.m. - noon. Oak Marr Park & RECenter, 3200 Jermantown Road, Oakton. Wednesdays, May 6 - Nov. 18. <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/farmersmarkets/viennamkt.htm>

NoMa Summer Screen: Grease.

7 p.m. Wolf Trap, 1645 Trap Road. Open to all ages, NoMa will be screening the film "Grease." Free admission. wolftrap.org.

WEDNESDAY-FRIDAY/JULY 1-3

World Police & Fire Games:

Dodgeball. 4-8 p.m. Lerner Town Square at Tysons II, 8025 Galleria Drive, Tysons. Fairfax2015.com.

THURSDAY/JULY 2

Throwback Thursdays.

7 p.m. Barnes & Noble Tysons Corner Center, 7851 Tysons Corner Center, McLean. As part of the month long Get Pop-Cultured event, each Thursday will be themed after a different decade in pop culture. This Thursday will be focused on the '50s. Explore the books, toys, games, music, movies, TV and fashion that shaped each decade.

The Grandsons, Jr.

10:30 a.m. Wolf Trap, 1645 Trap Road Vienna. Fun music for kids and parents. \$8. <http://>

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/www.wolftrap.org

Knit Club. 6 p.m. Great Falls Library, 9830 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. Kids and teens bring your own supplies and practice your crochet, knitting and cross stitching techniques. All levels welcome. Ages 8-18.

FRIDAY/JULY 3

MOVE featuring Derek & Julianne Hough. 8 p.m. Wolf Trap, 1645 Trap Road. Join the Dancing with the Stars champion duo as they and featured performers sing and dance. Tickets: \$25-\$55. wolftrap.org.

SATURDAY/JULY 4

Oakton Farmers Market. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Year round. Unity of Fairfax Church, 2854 Hunter Mill Road, Oakton. www.smartmarkets.org/

Vienna Farmers Market. 8 a.m.-12 p.m. Faith Baptist Church Parking Lot, 301 Center Street South, Vienna. www.viennafarmersmarket.com.

TUESDAY-WEDNESDAY/JULY 7-8

Tim Kubart & the Space Cadets. 10:30 a.m. Wolf Trap, 1645 Trap Road. Musical group Tim Kubart & the Space Cadets will be putting on an interactive adventure for kids and performing their music. Tickets: \$10. wolftrap.org.

THURSDAY/JULY 9

Artist Demonstration. 7:30-9:30 p.m. Vienna Art Center, 115 Pleasant St., NW, Vienna. Renowned contemporary impressionist Trisha Adams demonstrates her exuberant techniques for capturing light in acrylic paintings. www.ViennaArtsSociety.org.

Unlocking the Truth. 10:30 a.m. Wolf Trap, 1645 Trap Road. Teen Brooklyn-based trio Unlocking the Truth will be performing their rock music with a positive message. Tickets: \$8. wolftrap.org.

FRIDAY/JULY 10

Story Pirates. 10:30 a.m. Wolf Trap, 1645 Trap Road, Vienna. Transforms children's short stories into a sketch comedy musical. Ages four and up. \$10. http://www.wolftrap.org

SATURDAY/JULY 11

Puzzled Again. 4-6 p.m. Vienna Art Center, 115 Pleasant St., NW, Vienna. The Vienna Arts Society once again presents walls of giant puzzles created by assembling 12" puzzle pieces. Each piece is an original artwork featuring a drawing, painting or collage. Dozens of artists have works available to purchase through a silent auction to benefit the arts in Vienna.

Beethoven's Symphony No. 5. 8:15 a.m. Wolf Trap, 1645 Wolf Trap Road, Vienna. National Symphony Orchestra conducted by Shiyoon Sung. \$20-58. http://www.wolftrap.org.

July 4th in Fairfax County

SATURDAY/ JULY 4

Vienna 4th of July Festival and Fireworks Show. 12-9 p.m. Vienna Town Green, 144 Maple Avenue, East, Vienna. Free event with food and drink, music, family games, children's entertainment and more. Fireworks show begins at 9:15 p.m. http://www.viennava.gov/index.aspx?nid=894

McLean 4th of July Fireworks Celebration. 8 p.m. Cooper Middle School, 977 Balls Hill Road, McLean. Food and music. Shuttle buses will be available at St. John's Episcopal Church at the McLean Community Center. http://www.mcleancenter.org/special-events

Great Falls 4th of July Celebration & Parade. 8 a.m. - 6 p.m. Village Centre Green, 776 Walker Road, Great Falls. 5K walk/run, blood drive, Little Patriot Parade, and floats, horses, antique cars and pets making a loop in the Main Parade. Fireworks start after dusk at Turner Farm Park. http://www.celebrategreatfalls.org.

In the Lobby Bar: Independence Day Dance Party. 10 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Avenue, East, Vienna. Featuring Pat Jones, DJ Madmen Z and Irresponsible. https://jamminjava.com

Herndon 4th of July Celebration. 6:30 p.m. Bready Park, Herndon Community Center, 814 Ferndale Avenue, Herndon. A family-fun event featuring games, arts and craft activities, bingo, food face painting, balloon artists, and fireworks. Fireworks show is choreographed to music and begins at dark, approximately 9:30 p.m. www.herndon-va.gov.

Firecracker 5K for the Troops. 8 a.m. Reston Town Center, 11900 Market Street, Reston. A 3.1 mile race, live music, face painting, waving flags, and free massages. prraces.com/firecracker/

Lake Fairfax Fireworks Spectacular. 4-8 p.m. Lake



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Independence Day Celebrations will be held on Saturday, July 4, on the sports field at Cooper Middle School.

Fairfax, 1400 Lake Fairfax Drive, Reston. Live music, enjoy the Water Mine park and more. http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/lakefairfax/

Historic Pohick Church 4th of July Tours. 1-3 p.m. Pohick Church, 9301 Richmond Highway, Lorton. Costumed history docents will give free guided tours of the historic colonial church. http://www.pohick.org

July 4th in Paradise. 11 a.m.-7 p.m. Paradise Springs Winery, 13219 Yates Ford Road, Clifton. Open for normal business hours with live music and food available throughout the day. http://www.paradiseparkwinery.com

Fairfax's Independence Day Celebration & Fireworks. 10 a.m.-10:30 p.m. in the Downtown Fairfax Historic District. Independence day parade, historical tours, games, entertainment and fireworks begins at 7 p.m. www.fairfaxva.gov.

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NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF PROPERTY OWNED BY HUNTER MILL WEST, L.C.
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SALE TO BE HELD AT THE FAIRFAX COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT

July 2, 2015, AT 4:00 P.M.

In execution of a certain Credit Line Deed of Trust and Security Agreement dated November 19, 2008, and recorded November 20, 2008 in Deed Book 20183 at Page 0376 among the land records of Fairfax County, Virginia (the "Deed of Trust"), made by HUNTER MILL WEST, L.C., a Virginia limited liability company, now securing CATJEN LLC, a Virginia limited liability company (the "Noteholder"), default having occurred in the payment of the debt secured thereby, and being instructed to do so by the Noteholder, the undersigned Substitute Trustees, will offer for sale the property described below at public auction by the main entrance to the Fairfax County Circuit Court, located at 4110 Chain Bridge Rd, Fairfax, VA 22030 on July 2, 2015, beginning at 4:00 p.m. The public auction for the sale of the property previously scheduled for June 18, 2015 was continued to July 2, 2015.

The real property encumbered by the Deed of Trust that will be offered for sale by the Substitute Trustees is commonly known as 10736 Sunset Hills Road (Tax Identification Number: 0183-02-0004) located in Reston, Fairfax County, Virginia, as more particularly described in the Deed of Trust, and all improvements, fixtures, easements and appurtenances thereto (the "Property").

TERMS OF SALE
ALL CASH. The Property will be offered for sale "AS IS, WHERE IS" and will be conveyed by Substitute Trustees' Deed (the "Substitute Trustees' Deed") subject to all encumbrances, rights, reservations, rights of first refusal, conveyances, conditions, easements, restrictions, and all recorded and unrecorded liens, if any, having priority over and being superior to the Deed of Trust, as they may lawfully affect the Property.

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Quality of Life



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

Throughout my nearly six and a half years of cancer treatment, starting at the initial Team Lourie meeting on February 27, 2009, when my oncologist suggested I take that vacation I've always dreamed of (to which I exclaimed "WHAT!?!"), my quality of life has always been important to him. Whenever there has been a treatment blip on my radar, and changes had to be considered/made to my protocol, my oncologist has regularly asked if I wanted to continue treatment, take a break from treatment or stop it altogether and enjoy, if possible, whatever above-average good health I was experiencing while I could, because I might not experience it again and if I did, it might not last too long. Ergo my quality of life. Diagnosis-to-date however, I have always opted to continue to damn the torpedoes and infuse full speed. Oddly enough, continuing to infuse has worried me less than not infusing at all.

As I progress through year seven, I am wondering yet again about quality of life. Though we are not at any kind of crossroads – treatment or otherwise, and my lab work continues to indicate that my body is able to tolerate my every-three-week infusions of Alimta, I do have my less-than-stellar moments. This is particularly so for the seven to ten days immediately following my infusion. It is during this time when a certain predictable side effect occurs, having first manifested itself about six months ago, to make me less pleasant than I'd prefer to be. What happens is I don't eat, not too much anyway. Because I can't. Because I won't. Because something somewhere – internally, psychologically, physically – is preventing me from doing so. In general, the whole idea of eating is a total turn off. And given my nature/proclivities, I need it to be a turn on. As a result, I'm always hungry. And then I get tired from not eating (no energy). Then I take a nap. Then at bedtime, I'm unable to fall asleep because I've slept some already. Eventually, I do get some sleep, but I end up having a restless, interrupted, short, REM-less sleep and wake up tired the next day when the routine starts all over again; except now I'm tired to begin the day and don't have any interest in breakfast, so I get no boost to start. The marijuana pills I wrote about don't help. Consequently, I seem to be stuck in this cycle of depressing miserableness (is there any other kind?). Not gaining any pleasure from one of the staples of my existence is an extremely discouraging set of circumstances and is making Kenny a very dull boy, or at least duller than I usually am.

But, and it's a HUGE but, the treatment is so-far-so-good, working; the tumors have not grown or moved – and I'm alive and reasonably well.

Still, one week of every three, I'm not a happy camper (and if I were actually camping – out of doors – I'd be even less happy, since I don't camp). The question becomes, sort of: is camping all that important (euphemistically speaking)? Obviously, to me, living hungry is more important than dying satiated. But I don't like being depressed and miserable one third of my time. That is an in-e-quality of life with which I'm not particularly pleased. Life goes on though, and for that, I'm over-the-top grateful – and amazingly, maybe even randomly, lucky. I just wish I could savor my next meal as much as I savor my survival. As my Auntie Irene used to say: "This too shall pass," until two weeks from now, that is.

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

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Tysons hosted cross-fit competition, beach volleyball, and dodgeball competition June 28-July 1 at Lerner Town Square.

Tysons Hosts World Games Events

Powerful policemen, police women, firefighters and EMT professionals competed in volleyball and weightlifting in the June 28 opening session of the World Police & Fire Games, Tysons edition.

Lerner Town Square in Tysons has been reconfigured with five sand volleyball courts, a cross-fit course, and row-upon-row of barbells set-up to challenge the strength and courage of First Responders from around the world. www.fairfax2015.com.

Tysons hosted cross-fit competition, beach volleyball, and dodgeball competition June 28-July 1 at Lerner Town Square, adjacent to the Tysons Corner Silver Line Metro Station. Admission was free. Food and drink were available, along with live musical entertainment and elite-level sports competition.

The 2015 World Police & Fire Games are taking place throughout Fairfax County. www.fairfax2015.com

Oakton Divers Prevail in Season Opening Meet

The Oakton Swim and Racquet Club (Oakton Otters) prevailed over Highlands Swim in the first meet of the Division 4 dive season on June 24, 2015, with a score of 36-31. Four Otter divers took first place in their respective categories: Sarah Gurley in Junior Girls with a score of 105.95; Mackenzie Brennan in Intermediate Girls with a score of 148.90; Spencer Dearman in Intermediate Boys with a score of 112.00; Elana Colbert in Senior Girls with a score of 173.70. The Otters also swept the top three places for Junior Girls (Lexi Pierce, second; Claire Newberry, third). The other Otter divers who placed were: Jon Anthony Montel (Freshman Boys, second), Finn MacStravic (Freshman Boys, third), Blaise Wuest (Junior Boys, second), Kenna Campfield (Intermediate Girls, third), and Brad Burgeson (Senior Boys, second).



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Elana Colbert (senior girls)

Burgeson broke the Senior Boys' pool record at the meet with a score of 185.4 (the old record was set by teammate Liam

Klopfenstein with a score of 172.65). The Otters next dual meet was scheduled for Tuesday June 30, 2015 at home versus Mantua Swim and Tennis Club.