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Oil painter Jill Banks of The Artists' Atelier at 756 Walker Road with her impressionistic style plein air paintings done on location. For three days last weekend, Oct. 16-18, some 44 artists in Great Falls opened their homes and personal art studios for the Great Falls Studios 2015 Studio Tour, a self-driving guided tour.

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# Murphy vs. Parisot, Double Sequel

**34th District has history of close elections.**

BY KEN MOORE  
THE CONNECTION

**T**he 34th-District House of Delegates race between Kathleen Murphy (D) and Craig Parisot (R) is a rematch of the special election triggered last November when Barbara Comstock (R) was elected to the U.S. Congress.

Murphy received 51.23 percent of the vote, and defeated Parisot who received 48.63 percent in the low-turnout special election.

Murphy received 6,419 votes to Parisot's 6,093 votes.

"I was elected in January in a special election on a very cold snowy day," said Murphy at the Great Falls Grange debate with Parisot in late September. "I was elected on a Tuesday, sworn in on a Thursday, and went to work immediately. My first session in the the General Assembly, I demonstrated commitment to working across party lines, to listening, to advocating on behalf of this community. My priorities have been and continue to be growing our economy, supporting our public schools, addressing our infrastructure needs and keeping our families and children safe."

She and Parisot debated again at the McLean Community Center on Sunday, Oct. 18, a forum hosted by the McLean Citizens Association.

"I am proud and very honored and I can tell you when I took the oath of office it was overwhelming," she said. "I take this very seriously. I look at this job as a commitment to this community to represent you in the strongest way I can."

Craig Parisot also gave voice to the importance of public service.

"It has a long tradition in my family. I have lived my own version of the American Dream, starting life with little and building successful companies. I'm grateful for these opportunities that I had, and I want to make sure this and future generations have the same," he said. "My entire professional career has involved identifying trends, determining strategy and devising solutions. Virginia can and should be number one for business, number one for jobs, and number one for quality of life."

**THE 34TH DISTRICT** has a history of close elections.

In 2013, Murphy lost to Barbara

**Del. Kathleen Murphy (D-34) at the Oct. 18 debate in McLean.**



PHOTOS BY KEN MOORE/THE CONNECTION

**"When I took the oath of office it was overwhelming. I look at this job as a commitment to this community."**

— Kathleen Murphy (D-34)

Comstock 50.64 percent to 49.21 percent. Murphy received 14,540 votes to Comstock's 14,962.

In 2012, Barack Obama and Mitt Romney literally tied in the district, each receiving 18,688 votes, according to according to Virginia Public Access Project.

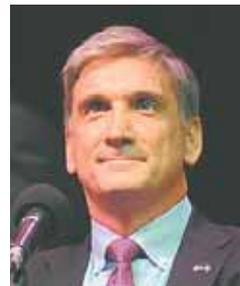
The 34th district is made up of 69 percent Fairfax County and 31 percent Loudoun County. U.S. Sen. Mark Warner carried the district by a little more than 1,000 votes in 2014. The 34th district is Gov. Terry McAuliffe's home district, and he carried the district over Republican Ken Cuccinelli 51.86 percent to 42.28 percent in his 2013 race for Governor.

**"I'M A BUSINESS LEADER.** Having built two advanced technology companies in highly competitive start up environments, I deployed life-saving technologies for our soldiers and first responders, promoted women into key executive leadership roles, and provided salaries and health benefits for hundreds of families," said Parisot. "I have first hand experience in big data, cloud computing, analytics and cybersecurity, all technologies central to the Northern Virginia innovation economy and essential to our future."

Parisot has received \$273,697 in cash contributions of more than \$100 each, and \$13,199 in contributions of \$100 or less for his 2015 campaign, according to Virginia Public Access Project vpap.org.

Top donors for Parisot in 2015 include \$22,500 from T. Christopher Roth of McLean; \$20,000 from the House Republican Campaign Committee; \$15,700 from Lorna J. Gladstone of McLean; \$12,500

**Craig Parisot, Republican challenger for Delegate in the 34th District, at the Oct. 18 debate.**



**"Virginia can and should be number one for business, number one for jobs, and number one for quality of life."**

— Craig Parisot (R)

from Dominion Leadership Trust set up by House Speaker Bill Howell (R); \$10,000 from himself; \$10,000 from the Republican State Leadership Committee (which also gave \$50,000 to Delegate candidate Danny Vargas running for the 86 district seat vacated by Tom Rust).

**"ONE OF** the things I love the best about this community, is all the people who sit here. We are not all here because we agree, we all sit here because we care," said Murphy at the McLean debate Sunday.

"I have been your neighbor for over 25 years. I have lived here, worked here, raised my children here and my children have attended your public schools, our public schools."

Murphy has received \$304,117 in cash contributions of more than \$100 each, and \$42,683 in cash contributions of \$100 or less for her 2015 campaign.

Murphy's top donors in 2015 include \$25,000 from Karen Schaufeld, a Leesburg attorney; \$18,000 from Suzann W. Matthews of McLean; \$12,500 from Edward Hart Rice of Vienna; \$10,000 from Muslim Lakhani of D.C.

Murphy and Parisot each added just over \$100,000 in cash contributions during the month of September. Murphy showed \$233,143 cash on hand, and Parisot had \$66,512 cash on hand as of Sept. 30, according to VPAP.

**THE RACE SEEMED FRIENDLY** at the Grange even when Parisot said his opponent supports the tolling of I-66 when seconds before she said she did not.

Her words:

"Public private partnerships have been the answer in some instances but not when they get away from us like they did on the Greenway. The Greenway turned into a nightmare for everybody because nobody could afford it. ... We can't let that happen again," she said. "I know that there is a movement here to repair, rehab I-66. ... People sure don't have another way to go if you slam on another \$7 toll and no I wouldn't support that."

After Parisot made his claims, Murphy said, calmly, "I didn't say that I supported it. I didn't come here to slam Craig. He's a nice guy. We're opponents and we're not enemies and this should be a friendly debate."

Parisot countered, "I believe this is absolutely a friendly debate but we're here focused on the issues, demonstrating the contrast between myself and my opponent so you can be clear that there is a real choice," he said.

At the McLean debate on Sunday, there was more edge when the two candidates were asked what they would do about the gun store located next to Franklin Sherman Elementary School property.

"My brother was murdered. ... I don't think a gun store has any place next to a school," said Murphy. "We're working every day trying to move him to another location so he can move and parents can take a deep breath again."

**PARISOT SAID** he would handle the gun store issue differently.

"The big difference is how do we solve problems. I do it quietly. I meet with people," he said. "If we are going to do something, let's do something meaningful, let's not just wave our arms and get everybody all excited."

Parisot said, "I have three primary goals: Grow and diversify Virginia's economy, invest in education, and reduce commute times by alleviating transportation bottlenecks," he said.

He asked voters to look at his seven step economic growth plan to move Northern Virginia forward.

"We all know someone who is unemployed, underemployed, been struggling to find work or who has had their privacy compromised, and that's why it is imperative we act now," he said.

But he has the uphill battle.

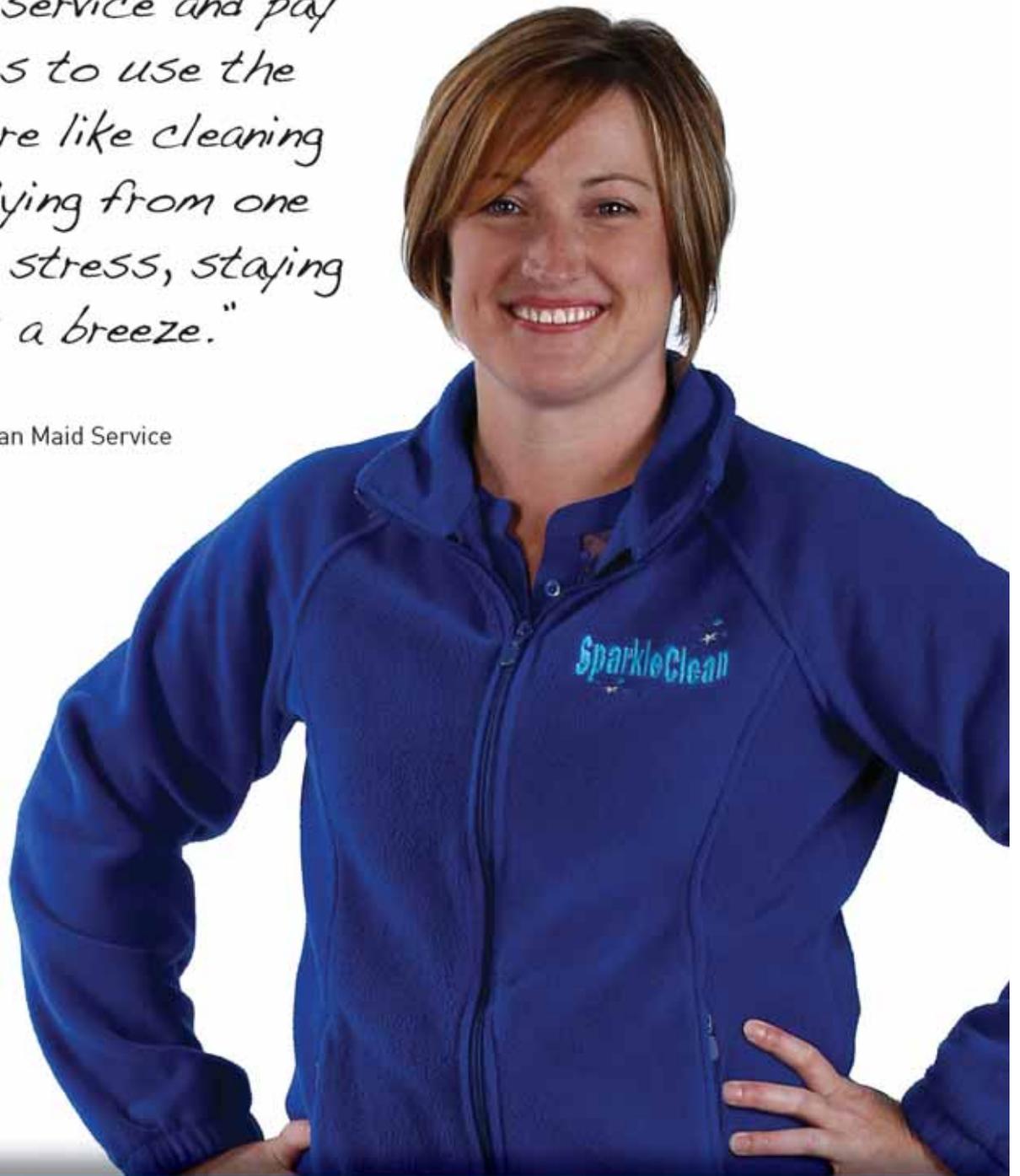
"I have a deep commitment to this community and a first hand understanding of what it takes and what the issues are that are so important to our families and our businesses here in Northern Virginia," Murphy said.

"I am Kathleen Murphy and I am your delegate," said the incumbent.

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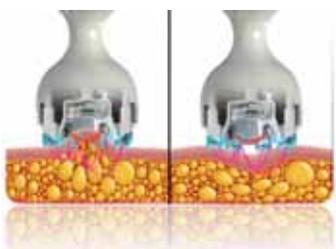


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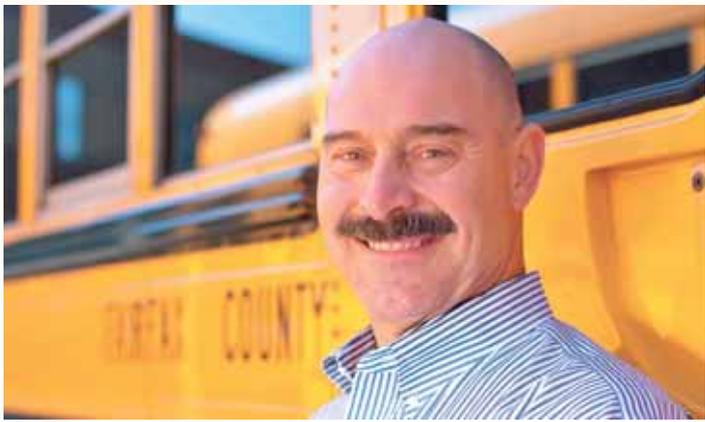


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Betty Swartz acknowledges Calvin & Jennifer's 25th anniversary.

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## Oktoberfest Potluck Celebrates Local History

**The Great Falls Historical Society's Oktoberfest potluck featured the autumn harvest.**

BY KATHLEEN MURPHY  
 PRESIDENT/GREAT FALLS HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The historic Great Falls Grange was abuzz with Oktoberfest Potluck guests bearing wonderful warm dishes that filled 36 linear feet of

table space. The menu included Virginia honey baked ham, a classic German pork and sausage dish, made every year by the Follins, German meatballs by Maggie Mc Neil — lots of local regional dishes — and this year our "local" dishes embraced a Tepsi Lahana (cabbage cassorole), an Iraqi dish prepared by Janet Al Hussaini, and a Tunisia tajine prepared by Zokia Rabana. As the original settlers to Great Falls came from different countries, bringing the cuisine local to their place of birth, the march of newcomers continues, and our community and our Society are enriched by the new traditions being shared among us. The Great Falls Historical Society wel-

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# Celebrating Local History

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comes all residents of our community to join in sharing their traditions, becoming part of our shared “local” community.

Betty Swartz was the Hospitality Chair who orchestrated this wonderful event. She is not one to take the credit, however. She is continually impressed with how people arrive early and pitch in to help to deliver this event in such a gracious and lovely manner. Sue Kawmy served as co-chair and worked closely with Betty to learn the customs and traditions so that they may be carried forth into the future.

The Follin family has a multi-generational heritage here in Great Falls. Calvin and his wife Jennifer have a long tradition of bringing a centerpiece German meat dish to the Oktoberfest. This year, the Oktoberfest fell on their 25th wedding anniversary and Betty very graciously recognized the occasion with a lovely bouquet of flowers.

Homer Johns, the longest serving active member of the Great Falls Volunteer Fire Department, shared the history of the department as it experienced an early fire in their own station, moved to several locations, etc. He described how fires are fought in Great Falls, where we are all on septic and the water supply coming by well may not be sufficient to put out a fire — requiring a large number of trucks carrying water. He also emphasized the importance of



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**Kathleen Murphy gives Homer Johns a Great Falls Historical Society's t-shirt.**

having a visible house number so that emergency response teams can find you. Carolyn Miller prepared a display board showing the various fire department locations.

The Split String Band played bluegrass and Americana music.

The Great Falls Historical Society was organized in 1977 to promote community spirit by bringing the past into the present. To learn more about our Society, please visit [www.gfhs.org](http://www.gfhs.org).

Our next event is “The Legacy of Faith: Great Falls Churches, 1850s to 1940s,” to be presented on Nov. 4 at the Great Falls Library Meeting Room at 7 p.m. Admission is free and everyone is invited to attend.

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## NEWS

**Artist Vad Moskowicz of Farmhouse Studios at 785 Keithley Drive demonstrates weaving on the loom. She creates hand-made hand-bags, scarves and Christmas ornaments.**



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THE CONNECTION

### Artists Give Great Falls Studio Tour

For three days last weekend, Oct. 16-18, some 44 artists in Great Falls opened their homes and personal art studios for the Great Falls Studios 2015 Studio Tour, a self-driving guided tour. The professional artists, including painters, potters, photographers, jewelry designers, quilters, and weavers, gave demonstrations of their work from their own "habitats," and discussed their work with the community to show how art is produced.

"This is our 12th year of opening our studios to the public on an autumn weekend," said Cindy Grisdela, co-chairman of the tour. "We enjoy sharing our art and stories with the Great Falls community and we ap-

preciate the support of our visitors each year."

There were three ways to do the tour: to choose your favorite artists, to pick your favorite medium or pick artists that are close by in geography. The event was presented by Great Falls Studios and sponsored by Sun Design Remodeling Specialists, Inc.

Great Falls Studios is a consortium of more than 100 artists who live or work in Great Falls. Since 2003, its goal has been to promote and support local artists and to make the Great Falls community a more artful place. Visit [www.GreatFallsStudios.com](http://www.GreatFallsStudios.com).

— STEVE HIBBARD

**Photographer Bob Schroeder of 10106 Georgetown Pike with images from around the world that convey the feeling of being in a place.**



**Fiber artist Cindy Grisdela of The Artists' Atelier at 756 Walker Road demonstrates stitching texture into each piece of art. She does her "painting" with fabric and thread, which is based on quilting and meant to hang on a wall.**

## WEEK

### Remembrance Ceremony to Be Held Nov. 11

On Wednesday, Nov. 11, at 11 a.m., the annual Veterans Day Remembrance Ceremony will be held at the Great Falls Freedom Memorial. The ceremony will honor all who have served the United States in the armed forces. The event will include a Marine Corps color guard, patriotic songs, and remarks by the Judge Advocate General of the U.S. Army, Lt. Gen. Flora D. Darpino, the first woman to hold that position. The Freedom Memorial is located behind the Great Falls Library at 9830 Georgetown Pike. The ceremony is open to all. Ample parking is available in the library parking lot. In case of rain, the ceremony will be held in the library meeting room.

### Judith St. Ledger-Roty to Speak at the Senior Center Event

The Great Falls Senior Center has announced Judith St. Ledger-Roty as guest speaker for the Nov. 3 event. She will discuss art, artifacts, and architecture which has been stolen or destroyed during wars or civil unrest.

Ledger-Roty is a lawyer practicing for more than 25 years before turning to studying art destruction in World War II and other areas of artistic endeavor. She will talk about some of the laws or policies which have evolved to protect these works and artifacts. She will be showing photos of artifacts stolen or destroyed; discussing art from multiple centuries ranging from the 13<sup>th</sup> to the 21<sup>st</sup> centuries and, discussing people such as Napoleon, Hitler and Assad in Syria. In June 2015 she graduated with a Diploma of Fine Arts from Studio Incamminati, an artist atelier in Philadelphia. The Nov. 3 event will be held at The Grange, 9818 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls, 11 a.m.-2:30 p.m. and includes lunch. The event sponsor is Seneca Hill Animal Hospital, Resort & Spa located at 11415 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. Reservations are a must. To reserve email Polly Fitzgerald at pollyfitz1@verizon.net or call 703-759-4345. The Great Falls Senior Center is partnered with the Fairfax County Department of Neighborhood and Community Services in all ventures and events.

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views closest to their own.

Virtually every state and local office is on the ballot. Find previous coverage and complete coverage on our website [www.connectionnewspapers.com](http://www.connectionnewspapers.com), click on Elections. Because many districts in Virginia resemble spiky amoebas, it is sometimes diffi-

cult to include every race that might impact a town or community in the print editions.

Please take the time to vote, it matters. In Virginia, key races that have affected policy have been decided by fractions of one percent. Your vote can make a difference.

We will not be endorsing in any race this year. I'm keeping this short to allow more room for letters to the editor.

— MARY KIMM

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### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### Janie Strauss Is a 'Gold Mine' for Fairfax County

To the Editor:

Janie Strauss is a "gold mine" for Fairfax County. Janie is the gold standard for effectiveness with her intelligence, dedication, commitment and knowledge about Fairfax Co schools. For about two decades we residents have benefited from her depth and breadth of expertise and her commitment to top-quality education for all students from TJ to those struggling to learn. She favors improved teacher pay, reduced emphasis on testing, reduced class size and preparing students for a high-tech global economy.

As a former counselor-administrator in Fairfax Co. schools, Janie has always been my "go to" person for authoritative knowledge on any educational issue. In addition, Janie understands that quality schools mean high property values.

At this tenuous time for our schools, we need a proven leader like Janie on our School Board; she possesses both school history and future visions for our schools. Do yourself and all the people you care about a favor and vote for Janie Strauss for FC School Board.

**Shirley Bloomquist**

Former TJ Director of Student Services  
Great Falls

#### Candidate Who Cares

To the Editor:

The Virginia House of Delegates has refused to allow expansion of Medicaid to Virginia citizens. As a result, tens of thousands of mostly less well off citizens are lacking in health insurance. They are more likely to suffer from un-

treated chronic diseases, a lower quality of life, and most importantly a shorter life span. Legislative action that results in shortening of life, such as denying these individuals health insurance is immoral and against the belief of Christians as well as other religions. An argument has been made that that expansion of Medicaid may cost the Commonwealth more sometime in the future, although this is uncertain. Is this State so poor that it cannot afford healthcare for all its citizens? Perhaps some feel that a shorter lifespan means less money spent on disability payments! Vote for Kathleen Murphy. She cares for the well being of all our citizens.

**William Pepelko**  
Great Falls

#### Our Fundamental Freedoms

To the Editor:

There are some very fundamental freedoms, which we enjoy in America. Government does not give us our freedoms, but one of its purposes under our Constitution is to protect them. One fundamental freedom we have is to worship our God in our own way, or not. Government cannot tell us we cannot and cannot tell us how, or where. Let us be vigilant about this, and not let it be lost, even one pebble at a time.

But we are only free by God to do the ethical and proper things, not anything we may want, and we were given a conscience to tell us those boundaries, were we not? We elect our representatives, who in turn make laws that further define the boundaries of what we can and cannot ethically do. And we are duty bound to obey these laws. For those who choose not to, we choose police to enforce these laws for all the people. Their premise

is that our freedoms permit us to settle our own affairs, as long as they do not adversely affect others.

Another fundamental freedom is our unfettered freedom of speech. We are free to say what we believe, and even to say what we believe will sway others on an issue. But eventually the whole truth comes out, does it not? We do not have to be politically correct, either, in exercising this freedom. Whatever happened to "sticks and stones may break my bones, but words can never hurt me?" A good debate is the healthy way to discern the proper path among complex options. So what if someone takes offence from a single misspoken word, or a poorly turned phrase.

Not one of us speaks in perfect prose, or has the right answers the first time. Listening to a person's voice helps us see what is in a person's heart, and that is what is really important, anyway. Those professional pundits who take huge offence at what someone says every opportunity merely restrict our, and their, freedom of expression. Debate yes, but no name calling, or labeling. We know that when someone starts calling names, or raising their voice, that they are afraid to have a rational discussion and abide by the weight of arguments. And journalists who cannot just report a story, but masquerade their opinions as fact, or choose not to report all the news, are doing their historical profession, and the American People, a disservice. Is that what Schools of Journalism are supposed to be teaching? We depend greatly on Freedom of the Press to uncover correctable ills of society.

The freedom to make our individual choices is very fundamental, whether it is in medical care, in education, in our pursuit of happiness through our career selection, in choosing our life's partner, or which candidate we vote for, or in what we eat, or what we purchase, or numerous other choices in life. Our small businesses should

not need government approval to exist or to make business choices to be successful. It makes no sense to have government at all levels, placing ever more restrictions on our choices.

Our government also, through federal funding, has profound effects on the economics of every aspect of society in the several states, including endless details of education, highways and bridges, and how we are allowed to build our homes and health care. There are some who want the Federal government to take over more and more, and have the states, local governments and people able to choose less and less. This is based on an assumption that the people, and the states, are unable to make these choices properly themselves, and leads to a bigger government, and more taxes, and less ownership. Would we not be much better off if more decisions were made at the household level, or at least the local government level, closer to the people?

**Glen L. Sjoblom**

Great Falls Freedom Memorial Committee

#### Ready for the Internet Age

To the Editor:

Craig Parisot wants to make Virginia the cyber capital of the United States. As someone who built two technology companies from the bottom up and has extensive background in cybersecurity issues, Craig understands how to accomplish this. He also understands the challenges of the Internet Age. That is why he proposes amending the Virginia Computer Crimes Act and exercising the authorities under Title 32 of the U.S. Code to crack down on cybercrime and give us real privacy protection. The Internet Age poses unique challenges and

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unique opportunities. It is clear to me that Craig Parisot has shown he is ready to tackle both.

**Mike Trader**  
Great Falls

## Candidate with a Plan

To the Editor:

Only one candidate for Delegate in Virginia's 34th House District has a comprehensive plan to improve Northern Virginia's transportation system. That candidate is Craig Parisot. Craig's plan involves widening Route 7, keeping the Metro Silver Line's completion on track, reining in out-of-control tolls, and keeping Interstate 66 toll-free. Unlike his opponent, Craig has both the relationship with House leaders and the ability to work across the aisle to ensure Northern Virginia's transportation priorities are met. Everyone who is sick of sitting in traffic for hours a day should check out Craig's transportation plan and vote for him on Nov. 3.

**Matt Truong**  
Great Falls

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## Getting In: The Private Schools Admissions Process

**Navigating the application and increasing the chance of getting an acceptance letter.**

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL  
THE CONNECTION

Although the school year just started, the application process for the 2016-2017 school year is underway at more than 80 local independent schools. From open houses, school tours and applicant interviews to transcripts, essays and teacher recommendations, the process can be arduous, say parents, especially with application fees that can soar higher than \$100 a piece.

Making sure a child's abilities and interests are in line with a school's offerings and requirements can narrow down the list.

"Parents need to be realistic

about their child's strengths and weaknesses and learning style," said Mimi Mulligan, assistant head and director of admission and enrollment management, Norwood School in Potomac, Md. "Have an open and honest conversation with schools during the application process. Schools will tell you whether they can or cannot meet any special needs your child might have."

**ADMISSIONS DIRECTORS** say that practical considerations of all sorts should help parents whittle down their list of schools. "Do they want a big or small school? How far are they willing to travel each day? Does the school offer academic support if their child needs it? Can they afford their tuition?" asks Mary Herridge, director of enrollment management, The Madeira School in McLean.

Getting to know a school's culture and paying attention to the school's mission can also help families choose a school.

"School structure, single sex versus co-ed, dress code, religious affiliation, teaching pedagogy and parent involvement all influence school culture," said Mulligan.

"Each school has a distinct and intentional mission statement. Sometimes that distinctiveness may be subtle so parents should also look at school mottos, belief or promise statements and portraits of a graduate, too."

An example, says Herridge, is a parent who values being deeply involved in helping a child with their homework. "As a school we value the student doing their own homework, managing their homework and coming to the teacher and self advocating if they need help," she said. "We encourage parental participation, but in high school we wouldn't expect a parent to sit and help with every single aspect of their homework. We can have that conversation early on and decide that this is not a good fit."

"If they come to a school with a rigorous academic program, are [parents] going to be OK with their student being really challenged in class and having that reflected on their transcripts?" she continued.

"Nowadays, in school literature and marketing materials, all schools say they're good at certain things and offer certain things like

small class sizes and low student teacher ratios, but nothing can replace going and sitting in a classroom and seeing how the teachers teach and how the students react with one another," said Herridge. "Talk to the math teacher. Have a conversation with the coach."

If a school boasts hands-on learning, are students engaged in experiments in a science class or are they sitting behind desks and looking at a chalkboard?

A tour, Herridge said, is crucial for students and parents. "When they see other students and meet the teacher they'll be able to say, 'Yes this is a good place for me,' or '... we can take this school off our list because it doesn't make sense for our family.'"

"Most tours will give you an 'aha' moment that clarifies why independent education is worth the investment," added Benita Cathey, director of admissions, Grace Episcopal School in Alexandria.

Delve deeper than a tour organized by the school, however. "Talk to parents [of students] who already attend the school," Mulligan. "If you don't know anyone, ask the admissions office to provide a few families you can contact."

**EVEN AFTER A FAMILY** has whittled down their list of potential schools, the road to admission can still be long. Competition can be fierce, with many schools receiving 10 applications for every available slot. Most require not only an application, but test scores, essays, interviews and letters of recommendation, a process that can baffle many parents.

In preparation for the interview, admissions officials suggest applicants think about their own interests and attitudes toward academics.

"It's a good idea for a student to reflect on what they love about school, what they like to do outside of the classroom and how they see themselves as part of the school community," said Jon Kunz, director of middle and upper school admission, St. Stephen's & St. Agnes School in Alexandria. "We



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**Independent schools such as St. Stephen's & St. Agnes in Alexandria require an extensive application process aimed at familiarizing the applicant and the school with one another.**

don't approach it is an interview. It's more of a one-on-one conversation. We want them to be themselves and to be comfortable."

Students should use specific and concrete examples to demonstrate passions and talents. "For example, if a student is passionate about science they might say, 'I started this project on my own and created this amazing invention.' That helps us see their passion," said Linda Stratton director of communications, St. Stephen's & St. Agnes School.

"We're looking for students who are intellectually curious and ex-

cited about taking advantage of the opportunities here," Kunz added. "We're looking for students who demonstrate a strong sense of character who are respectful and ... who care about the world around them."

Admissions officials also want to evaluate whether applicants have the potential to meet the school's expectations, and scrutinize scores on tests such as the SSAT (Secondary School Admissions Test) and ISEE (Independent School Entrance Examination) and transcripts, looking for strong and consistent academic achievement.

**"Parents need to be realistic about their child's strengths and weaknesses and learning style."**

— Mimi Mulligan, director of admission and enrollment management, Norwood School, Potomac, Md.

In the face of such a confusing and competitive process, many parents have turned to educational consultants for advice and assistance.

"With the workload that school guidance counselors now have, there are a lot of families that are using independent consultants and that number has increased, and it has definitely increased over the last five or 10 years," said Sarah Brachman, manager of communications, Independent Educational Consultants Association.

In fact, Mark Sklarow, the association's chief executive officer, said 5-10 percent of families looking for an independent day school use an independent educational consultant, while 40 percent use one to find a boarding school.

Getting to know the child helps educational consultants identify

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## Candidates for Chairman of the Board of Supervisors

### Sharon Bulova (D)

**Incumbent**

**Town of residence:** Fairfax  
**Age:** 67

**Family:** Married. Between my husband and I we have: four adult children and seven grandchildren.

**Education:** AAS Degree in Business Management from Northern VA Community College, attended business classes, UVA evening program, previously held Real Estate license

**Offices held, dates:**

Elected Braddock (then called Annandale) District Supervisor in 1987. In February 2009 elected Chairman of the Board of Supervisors. Re-elected in 2011.

**Occupation and relevant experience:** I am a full time Chairman. Prior to elected office I held positions in business.

**Community involvement:** I came to local government through my work as Civic Association president of Kings Park West. I have been a member of the Annandale Rotary, how serving as an honorary member. I am a founder of Faith Communities in Action and collaborated on two community history projects: A Look Back at Braddock and the Asian American History Project.

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**Name three favorite endorsements:** FEA (Fairfax Education Association), Fairfax County Chamber of Commerce, Sierra Club

**QUESTIONS:**

**1. What is one issue that defines your call to serve, why does it matter, and how will you tackle it?**

I love local government and feel strongly about community engagement. In my roles as Braddock Supervisor and now Chairman I have been committed to making sure our community is at the table with local government to participate in resolving issues and addressing our challenges. A major challenge right now is the sluggish recovery we are experiencing from the Great Recession. My goal is to strike the right balance between maintaining taxes that are affordable to our residents while investing what is needed to ensure a world class school system, safe streets and neighborhoods, compassionate human services, a clean environment and quality of life services like libraries and our fantastic park system.

**2. What distinguishes you from your opponent(s) and why should voters choose you?**

I have the experience, the commitment and the enthusiasm to serve as Fairfax County's chairman. I believe I have the collaborative skill set needed to lead our Board and our community on an even, positive course.

**3. More than half of the county budget is devoted to the local school system. A significant budget gap looms for the next budget cycle, both for FCPS and Fairfax County. What are the top county priorities and how will you assure funding and manage the budget? What ideas do you have for increasing revenue? Name two areas/items you would cut or reduce.**

Education continues to be my highest priority. It is however, not my only priority. It is critical that we continue to be the safest jurisdiction of our size in the U.S. and that we maintain the quality of life our residents value. Beginning in January our newly elected Board will engage in a multi-year Lines of Business process to examine all of our services in order to identify opportunities for efficiencies and savings. We have invited the School Board to participate with us in this process. I am hopeful that, working together, we will find new ways to economize on resources and improve on the delivery of services to families and students.

**4. How many hours a week of outside employment do you anticipate while serving on the Board of Supervisors?**

I am a full time Chairman. I work well over 40 hours per week plus countless hours of community and regional activities.



### Glenda Gail 'for Rail' Parker (I)

**Town of residence:**

Alexandria, Fairfax County

**Age:** 68

**Family:** Three grown children, four Grand-children

**Education:** MBA with a certificate in Software Engineering Administration

**Offices held, dates:**

Elected to Vice- Chair, Independent Greens of Virginia (2007 to Present); elected to COG TPB CAC (2007-2010)

**Occupation and relevant experience:**

Governmental Budget Analyst, Businesswoman  
Community involvement: Fairfax Federation Civic Association Committee, Public Safety Chair (approximately 2009-2010)

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**Name three favorite endorsements:**

Independent Greens of Virginia



### Arthur Purves (R)

**Town of residence:** Vienna

**Age:** 66

**Family:** Married 42 years, two children, seven grandchildren

**Education:** BA, MS, MBA University of Pennsylvania

**Offices held, dates:** N/A

**Occupation and relevant experience:** Computer Programmer

**Community involvement:**

-President, Fairfax County Taxpayers Alliance since 1996  
-Member, Fairfax County Meals Tax Task Force (2014)  
-Member, Hunter Mill Citizen Budget Committee (2013)  
-Treasurer, Fairfax Committee 100  
-Member Fairfax Branch, NAACP  
-Past member of three Fairfax County Public Schools advisory committees  
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**Name three favorite endorsements:** Del. Tim Hugo and Loudoun Supervisor Eugene Delgaudio

**QUESTIONS:**

**1. What is one issue that defines your call to serve, why does it matter, and how will you tackle it?**

Only 59% of Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) seniors are prepared for college, and the percent prepared varies from 75% for Langley High School to 20% for Lee and Mt. Vernon High Schools. In a quarter of a century FCPS has made no progress in closing the minority student achievement gap: only 35% of Hispanic and 20% of African-American FCPS seniors are prepared for college. Even if you don't go to college, being prepared for college makes you better qualified for a good job. The solution is better instruction in the basics; not more money. As county chairman I would hold the school board accountable for achievement when the school board makes its annual \$2B budget request.

**2. What distinguishes you from your opponent(s) and why should voters choose you?**

The incumbent chairman:  
For 16 years has raised real estate taxes three times faster than household income, which is unaffordable, especially for seniors;  
Does not hold the schools accountable for achievement;  
Is indifferent to the disproportionate incarceration of Hispanics and African-Americans in the county jail;  
Sat silent for 17 months while the police department refused to disclose the details of the shooting of an unarmed civilian by a police officer on August 29, 2013;  
Neglected maintenance of the now unsafe and unreliable Metrorail system to build the Silver Line;  
Since 2000 cut staffing of libraries and parks by 112 positions while adding 145 clerks to handle public assistance applications, for a total of 354 public assistance positions.

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics job growth in Fairfax County was close to last of the 342 largest U.S. counties last year. I will grow jobs by cutting taxes; using the chairman's pulpit to advocate for higher achievement, including Hispanic and African-American achievement, through better curricula; being transparent; and making Metrorail repairs my highest transportation priority.

**3. More than half of the county budget is devoted to the local school system. A significant budget gap looms for the next budget cycle, both for FCPS and Fairfax County. What are the top county priorities and how will you assure funding and manage the budget? What ideas do you have for increasing revenue? Name two areas/items you would cut or reduce.**

For FY2017 the county and schools want to increase spending by \$240M while revenues are projected to increase only \$20M without a real estate tax hike. This predicament demonstrates the need for new leadership. Seventy percent of the spending increase is for raises (3.5% for county and 4% for school employees), Cadillac health plans, and pensions with retirement at 55. My opponent would raise real estate taxes 9%, pushing the typical homeowner's real estate tax from \$5,700 to \$6,200. She raised real estate taxes 8% last year. For 16 years the supervisors have been increasing taxes three times faster than household income. Since 2000, while school enrollment has increased 22%, the school budget increased 100%. County and school spending for health and pension benefits increased \$700M since 2000; that is \$400M more than needed to keep up with inflation, population, and enrollment. For 16 years the average annual raise for 30,000 county and school employees has been 4%. To pay for these raises and benefits, the supervisors have been increasing real estate taxes three times faster than household income. The revenue from the tax hikes was not enough to pay for the raises and benefits, so park and library staffing was cut and class sizes increased. And now teachers and police cannot afford the \$6,000 real estate taxes that were increased to pay for their own raises and benefits. To make Fairfax County affordable again, we need to cut taxes by reducing benefits and giving smaller raises, as is the case with private-sector employees.

**4. How many hours a week of outside employment do you anticipate while serving on the Board of Supervisors?**

I can retire and be a full-time chairman.



# Candidates for Dranesville District Supervisor

## Jennifer Chronis (R)

**Town of residence:** Great Falls  
**Age:** 48  
**Family:** Husband: Brian Dickson; Stepson: Riley Dickson, Stepdaughter: Jordan Principe  
**Education:** BS, Commerce, University of Virginia  
**Offices held, dates:** N/A  
**Occupation and relevant experience:** Vice President, IBM; Lieutenant Colonel (Retired), US Army; Board of Directors, Armed Forces Communications & Electronics Association, Washington DC Chapter; Information Technology Fellow, American Council for Technology-Industry Advisory Council  
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**Name three favorite endorsements:** Congressman Frank Wolf, Congressman Tom Davis, Congresswoman Barbara Comstock



27%, when we are keeping our teachers' salaries practically flat. This is not what I learned as leadership in my military and business career and I will make better decisions for Dranesville residents.

**3. More than half of the county budget is devoted to the local school system. A significant budget gap looms for the next budget cycle, both for FCPS and Fairfax County. What are the top county priorities and how will you assure funding and manage the budget? What ideas do you have for increasing revenue? Name two areas/items you would cut or reduce.**

My top priority is to ensure that our schools remain the best in the country. I will work closely with the School Board to focus resources on students and teachers first. We need to reduce administrative costs and invest more in our teachers, as many of our best teachers are departing Fairfax for neighboring school systems that offer higher salaries.

My second priority is to strengthen the County's fiscal and economic health. The Board has continuously raised property taxes, to compensate for weakness in our commercial property market. We must fill the 19 million square feet of empty office space in the County to grow our commercial tax revenue and relieve the tax burden on homeowners. We must make the County more business-friendly by streamlining our permitting and regulatory processes and partnering with our EDA to attract new industries like cybersecurity, healthcare, and IT to the County.

Finally, I will apply commercial best practices to county spending. We must consider implementation of shared services for administrative functions like HR, IT, finance, accounting, and contracting between the County and FCPS. Secondly, we must closely examine our pension system for new employees to determine the most financially viable system for the future. We should also consider eliminating duplicative functions; for example, Fairfax County is the only county in Virginia to operate a Consumer Affairs division, which largely replicates what the State Agency does. Responsibly managing the County's resources is a critical responsibility for our Board of Supervisors. Doing so more effectively requires fundamental changes to the way the County manages its budget. I would implement outcome-based program reviews every two years for all county programs.

**4. How many hours a week of outside employment do you anticipate while serving on the Board of Supervisors?**

I will be a full-time Supervisor. I will devote all of my talents to the residents of Dranesville.

## John Foust (D)

**Incumbent**  
**Town of residence:** McLean  
**Age:** 64  
**Family:** Married to Dr. Marilyn Jerome Foust. We have two sons, Matthew and Patrick  
**Education:** BA in Economics (Univ. of Pittsburgh); Master's degree in Business Administration (W.Va. College of Graduate Studies); Law degree (George Washington Univ.)  
**Offices held, dates:** Dranesville District Supervisor, January 2008 to Present.  
**Occupation and relevant experience:** Current: full-time County Supervisor. Prior: 30 years in private law practice and 8 years as investment analyst with large public utility.  
**Community involvement:** Current: County Supervisor since 2008 working 60 to 80 hours per week to represent my community. Prior: McLean Citizens Association (President); Fairfax County Environmental Quality Advisory Council (Legislative Committee Chair); Fairfax County Medical Care for Children Partnership Advisory Council (Advocacy Committee Chair); Cub Master of Cub Scout Pack 1134 (4 years); Chairman of the Change District of the Boy Scouts of America (3 years); McLean Planning Committee (President); Member of two Citizen Advisory Committees to the Fairfax County School Board; Youth Soccer Coach; Timberly South Homeowners Association Board Member.  
**Website:** www.foustforsupervisor.com  
**Email address:** SupervisorFoust@gmail.com  
**Twitter handle:** @johnfoustva  
**Name three favorite endorsements:** Fairfax Education Association ("Teacher Endorsed"); Fairfax County Chamber of Commerce's NOVABIZPAC; Fairfax County Professional Firefighters and Paramedics.



their lives, and deliver great results for them. I have a track record of working to strengthen, diversify and grow our local economy; fund essential services in a fiscally responsible manner; support our schools; and, deliver real transportation solutions like Dulles Rail and Route 7 widening. This election should not be about

partisan agendas and political ambitions. It should be about who has the best record serving our community. Fairfax County and the Fairfax County Public Schools face serious challenges. We need proven leaders who listen to their constituents and deliver results for them. I have proven that I am that leader.

**3. More than half of the county budget is devoted to the local school system. A significant budget gap looms for the next budget cycle, both for FCPS and Fairfax County. What are the top county priorities and how will you assure funding and manage the budget? What ideas do you have for increasing revenue? Name two areas/items you would cut or reduce.**

Budgets should reflect a community's priorities. Education funding has been the community's, and our Board's, number one funding priority — 53% of the County's budget funds our schools.

During my 8 years in office, I have handled the significant fiscal challenges caused by a terrible recession as well as significant state and federal budget cuts. As Chairman of the Board's Audit Committee and Vice-chairman of the Board's Budget Committee, I have saved us millions in spending and made government more efficient and accountable to taxpayers. I kept the tax burden on homeowners affordable while protecting the County's Triple A bond rating and ensuring that critical programs and services, like education and public safety, are funded.

I am Chairman of the Board's Economic Advisory Commission. To increase County revenues, I am working with the County's partners in the business community, civic leaders, academia, non-profits and regional partners to implement the County's strategic plan for economic success. As a Board, we are also working to generate more revenue for the County by advocating for the County's fair share from the state.

Regarding possible cuts, since the recession in 2008, the Board of Supervisors has cut many costs and increased efficiencies in county government. The School Board has done the same for the schools. Going forward, our best opportunities for significant additional cost savings will require both Boards working together to consolidate support functions found in both county and school departments. I have specific proposals to consolidate and cut costs by sharing systems for Human Services, computer operations and IT support, social work, mental health services, building maintenance, capital projects and transportation services.

**4. How many hours a week of outside employment do you anticipate while serving on the Board of Supervisors?**

None.

### QUESTIONS

**1. What is one issue that defines your call to serve, why does it matter, and how will you tackle it?**

Public service is central to my life. I served my Country and my community as a US Army officer for 21 years. As Supervisor, I look forward to continuing my life of service. Our greatest challenge in Fairfax County is the need for stronger fiscal management and prioritization of our County's resources. With property tax increases of nearly 17% in the last three years alone, over \$200M in projected 2017 deficits (\$100M in FCPS), and an economy that saw only .4% job growth in 2014, we face serious challenges to sustain our quality of life. Our Board needs strong leaders with business experience who can make tough decisions about how to prioritize spending while also growing our economy. I have both the military leadership and business experience to bring people together to address these challenges, and to hold the County and Board accountable for executing on actions and programs that deliver tangible results.

**2. What distinguishes you from your opponent(s) and why should voters choose you?**

I am a military leader who knows how to make tough decisions, put the needs of others before my own, and get things done. I am also a business executive who understands the importance of achieving financial targets and delivering value for every tax dollar. I will bring a fresh perspective to the Board and a business-minded approach to solving our greatest challenges and ensuring that we deliver measurable results for taxpayers. Unlike my opponent, I would not have voted for tax increases amounting to 17% over the last three years while also underfunding our schools by \$100 million. And I would not have voted to increase my own pay by

## Election Day Nov. 3

Election Day is Nov. 3, and on that day, virtually every state and local office is on the ballot. In-person absentee voting is underway. Virginia Law allows voters to absentee vote if they could be "working and commuting for 11 or more hours between 6 a.m. and 7 p.m. on Election Day." You're allowed to count your worst possible commute in estimating how many hours you might be working and commuting on Election Day.

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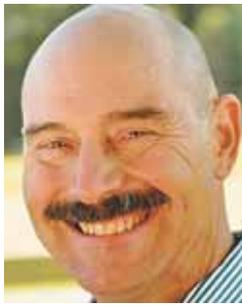
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# School Board Candidates for Dranesville District

## Pete Kurzenhauser



**Town of residence:** Great Falls  
**Age:** 58  
**Family:** Pete and his wife have lived in Great Falls for 20+ years. Their children attend Langley HS.  
**Education:** U.S. Naval Academy '79 (mechanical engineering). US Naval Aviation School, 1980-81. Numerous continuing engineering education and professional education courses and seminars.  
**Offices held, dates:** No previous elected offices

**Occupation and relevant experience:** Several decades of managing programs and working with budgets in Dept. of Defense, US Intelligence Community, and corporations.  
**Community involvement:** Youth sports coach, Boy Scout Troop 673, Great Falls Citizens Assn., McLean Citizens Assn., Great Falls Freedom Memorial, FCPS parent volunteer, Haddad Youth Ballet, Great Falls Volunteer Fire and Rescue.  
**Website:** <http://kurzenhauserforschoolboard.nationbuilder.com>  
**Email address:** [PeteKforSchoolBoard@gmail.com](mailto:PeteKforSchoolBoard@gmail.com)  
**Twitter handle:** None

**Name three favorite endorsements:** Class Size Counts; Steve Stuban, chair of the task force to revise the FCPS Student Rights & Responsibilities; supported by Congresswoman Barbara Comstock and retired Congressman Frank Wolf.

### QUESTIONS:

#### 1. What is one issue that defines your call to serve, why does it matter, and how will you tackle it?

I decided to run for the school board because I have children in school and have seen trends over the past 10 years that threaten the quality of education delivered by FCPS. Those include very large class sizes and excessive teacher turnover due to low pay and working conditions. I also was inspired by my AP Chemistry and AP Physics teacher at Fort Hunt High School, here in Fairfax County, 40 years ago. Like Colonel Jacoboski, I spent several decades serving our nation in the military and intelligence community. I now want to continue serving our republic in a different but equally important way — by ensuring that our public schools continue to prepare students for not just college, but also their adult lives and the responsibilities of citizenship.

**2. What distinguishes you from your opponent(s) and why should voters choose you?** I will ensure that all students in the Dranesville District get their fair and equitable share of FCPS resources. For over 20 years, the incumbent has voted for budgets that short-change the bulk of the students in our district, despite being a member and chairman of the audit or budget committees for nearly all that time. We have ended up with the largest

class sizes in the county. She started as an at-large School Board member in the 1990s, and she never made the transition to representing the people of this district. In contrast, I have worked with corporate and federal agency financial and budget documents for decades, and I

understand that getting a fair allocation of the budget requires fighting for it. I will have no difficulty parsing FCPS financial reports and budget documents quickly and asking incisive questions. That's what this district, and the School Board, needs.

**3. How will you address the growing economic divide in county schools?** The economic differences across the county are outside the control of FCPS. The county and state must improve economic growth and make Fairfax more attractive to businesses. FCPS can contribute by delivering well-educated and well-trained graduates to those businesses.

**4. How will you address the achievement gap?** Despite decades of our best efforts and large expenses, gaps between low-SES and high-SES students stubbornly persist. Unfortunately, most critical factors that influence achievement lie outside the school house. Schools will continue to engage parents as much as possible and provide extra services to students in need, but wisdom indicates that fixing the root causes of low achievement goes beyond the scope and charter of FCPS. These problems must be tackled by county and state polices and programs.

**5. More than half of the county budget is devoted to the local school system with a significant budget gap looming, both for FCPS and Fairfax County. What steps would you take to manage the gap and to fund the needs of the school system? What are the top priorities and what could be cut?** This needs much more response than the 500 word limit set for this questionnaire. However, we should first start by using the \$158M surplus cash in the operating budget carried forward from previous years. This can fund several years of "budget gaps" before we need to take actual cuts in expenses, and will give more time for economic recovery and business growth, which are absolutely necessary for long term budget stability.

**6. What value does FCPS add for taxpayers who do not have children in the schools?** More than half the taxes collected in the county go to FCPS. However, a reputation for excellent schools significantly increases property values. FCPS provides an increase in value in return for those taxes.

## Janie Strauss



**Incumbent**  
**Town of residence:** McLean  
**Age:** 68  
**Family:** Mother of 4 FCPS graduates, grandmother of 2 current FCPS students, mother-in-law of an FCPS teacher  
**Education:** BA (GWU), Master of Arts in Teaching (Harvard)  
**Offices held, dates:** School Board member At- Large, 1991-1993, Dranesville representative, 1996 to present  
**Occupation and relevant experience:** former elementary teacher, PTA president, president of the FCCPTA, board chair, The Country Day School, board chair, The Cappies (a high school theater and journalism program)

**Community involvement:** McLean Project for the Arts, Healthy Families Fairfax  
**Website:** [www.janiestrauss.com](http://www.janiestrauss.com)  
**Email address:** [jkstrauss@cox.net](mailto:jkstrauss@cox.net)  
**Twitter handle:**  
**Name three favorite endorsements:** Democratic Party, Fairfax Education Association, Fairfax County Federations of Teachers 10

### QUESTIONS:

#### 1. What is one issue that defines your call to serve, why does it matter, and how will you tackle it?

Our investment and oversight of our public schools is critical to the future success of our children our county, our state and indeed, our nation. With the challenges facing the next generation — from global instability and an integrated global economy to climate change and energy sustainability — our children's education is more important than ever. We must keep our highly regarded public schools strong. We must improve teacher pay, reduce class size, close achievement gaps, and emphasize high-level thinking, literacy and communication skills. We must maintain our rigorous programs for ALL students in the STEM fields, the arts, humanities and athletics. While we must continuously evaluate programs shedding what is no longer needed or effective, we must understand how to prepare our children for their future. Their success will come not from what they know but what they can do with what they know.

#### 2. What distinguishes you from your opponent(s) and why should voters choose you?

I have spent 40 years in the field of education. I understand teaching and learning, the use new research, budget prioritization, and the changes needed to prepare our children for success in a high tech globalized world.

#### 3. How will you address the growing economic divide in county schools?

All schools regardless of the socio economic background of the surrounding community must have the needed resources to sustain high standards, employ excellent teachers and offer

all students a rigorous well rounded, rich curriculum. We must also urge the Board of Supervisors to avoid as much as possible, housing patterns that tend to over- concentrate high poverty in certain regions.

#### 4. How will you address the achievement gap?

Our schools must provide the expectation and needed resources for all children to succeed. We must continue weighted staffing formulas, provide targeted help to teachers, and insure all students are taught a rigorous well rounded rich curriculum. We must expand community-wide initiatives such as Communities at Hope in Herndon and Opportunity Neighborhoods in Mt. Vernon and Reston and continue the county/schools coordination of social services that provides wrap around help for families.

#### 5. More than half of the county budget is devoted to the local school system with a significant budget gap looming, both for FCPS and Fairfax County. What steps would you take to manage the gap and to fund the needs of the school system? What are the top priorities and what could be cut?

The priorities must be improving teacher salaries, lowering class size in non-Title 1 schools and maintaining our rigorous well rounded programs for all students. We must work collaboratively with the Board of Supervisors to understand total county needs, listen carefully to citizen input and continuously look for efficiencies and cost savings. I agree with Supervisor John Foust that school needs must be considered at the very beginning of budget planning rather than toward the end in March/April when adjustments are limited and difficult.

#### 6. What value does FCPS add for taxpayers who do not have children in the schools?

Good schools sustain property values, attract businesses and jobs to the county which can increase the percent of commercial real estate and decrease the county's reliance on residential real estate for county revenues.

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Here are the "acceptable" forms of identification: Valid Virginia Driver's License or Identification Card; Valid Virginia DMV issued Veteran's ID card; Valid United States

Passport; Other government-issued photo identification cards (must be issued by U.S. Government, the Commonwealth of Virginia, or a political subdivision of the Commonwealth; Valid college or university student photo identification card, must be from an institution of higher education located in Virginia; Employee identification card containing a photograph of the voter and issued by an employer of the voter in the ordinary course of the employer's business; Virginia Voter Photo ID Card obtained through any local general registrar's office. "Valid" is defined as a genuine document, bearing the photograph of the voter, and is not expired for more than 12 months.

Any registered voter may apply for a free Virginia Voter Photo Identification from any general registrar's office in the Commonwealth. Voters applying for the Virginia Voter Photo ID Card will have to complete the Virginia Voter Photo Identification Card Application, have their picture taken, and sign the digital signature pad.

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### For More Election Information

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# Admissions Process

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schools that are a good match. “Does the student do better in a hands-on environment or sitting at desk and the teacher writes on a blackboard?” said Leigh Ann Cahill of Independent School Options, an educational consulting firm in Alexandria. “We have so many wonderful schools in the area. We come up with five to seven schools that are the best fit for the family.”

**AFTER HELPING** families decide where to apply, education consultants sit down with families to review test scores, transcripts, teacher evaluations and other application requirements.

“It’s important to have an open and honest conversation with the parent,” said Cahill, a former teacher.

She stressed that educational consultants cannot sway admissions decisions. Instead, “we look at the areas of strength. Rarely do you have a child who doesn’t have any areas of strength.”

She stressed that low test scores

or blemishes on an academic transcript don’t mean automatic rejection by independent schools. “Maybe the art teacher or science teacher says really great things about the child. We try to build a realistic profile of who the child is as a learner and where they have a spark. If you’re a great photographer, let’s link up your website if you’ve been posing photographs or bring your portfolio.”

The essays are sometimes a bit daunting for parent and child, she added.

“What do we say here? What do they mean when they ask this question? We don’t write essays, but talk through ideas with parents and student and help them figure out what the admissions offices are looking for.”

In the end, everyone’s goal is to find the best matches for both the students and the schools. “It’s something that the parents don’t have any control over,” said Cahill. “One thing we really try hard to work with the parent is seeing this as a learning adventure. ... Their child will end up in a school somewhere.”

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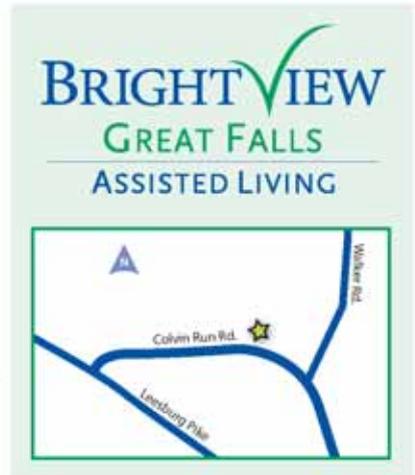
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## ONGOING WEDNESDAY AND SATURDAY

**Weekly Storytime.** 11 a.m. Barnes & Noble, 7851 L Tysons Corner Center, McLean. Themes and Titles vary. Free admission.

## ONGOING

**The 53rd Annual James A. Bland Contest.** Through Monday, Feb. 15. Vienna Assembly of God Church, 100 Ayr Hill Avenue, Vienna. Sponsored by the Vienna Host Lions Club, the contest will include school age (elementary and high school) vocalists and instrumentalists who will each present a song or piece of no more than eight minutes and will be judged by local experts in their field. Cash prizes will be awarded to 1st and 2nd place winners in each category. Contest will be on Saturday, Feb. 20, at 1 p.m. Information and an application can be obtained by contacting Lion Susan Stiles at sandcs89@yahoo.com or 703-938-1142. The deadline for applications is Monday, Feb. 15.

## ONGOING

**Two Simultaneous One Man Shows.** Through Saturday, Nov. 14. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. The Frame Factory, 212 Dominion Road NE, Vienna. Figurative artists David Cochran's and Joseph Sheppard Rogers' work will be on display.

## THURSDAY/OCT. 22

**Haunted Gingerbread Houses Workshop.** 6:30-8 p.m. McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Avenue, McLean. Tickets: \$35-\$45.

**Halloween Bunco Night Benefit.** 7-9 p.m. The Vienna Art Center, 115 Pleasant Street NW, Vienna. Games, food and wine, and art works. Come in costume, if you like. Space is limited and a \$20 donation reserves your seat. <http://viennaartsociety.org/events-exhibitions/>.

**Classic Books Discussion Group.** 1 p.m. Patrick Henry Library, 101 Maple Avenue East, Vienna. Join writer/scholar Amanda Holmes Duffy for a discussion of The Legend of Sleepy Hollow by Washington Irving. Adults and teens.

**Alka Dhillon.** 7 p.m. Barnes & Noble, 7851 L Tysons Corner Center, McLean. Local Businesswoman and author Alka Dhillon will sign copies of her book The Om Factor: A Woman's Spiritual Guide to Leadership. Free admission.

## FRIDAY/OCT. 23

**Playdate Cafe.** 10 a.m. Great Falls Library, 9830 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. Toys and play space for children. Coffee and conversation for grownups. Ages birth-5.

**McLean Art Society Meeting.** 10 a.m.-noon. McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Ave. Jan Ponder, landscape artist will give a demonstration of the use of encaustics, a burn in technique with hot wax. 703-790-0123.

## SATURDAY/OCT. 24

**Great Falls Farmers Market.** 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Great Falls Village Centre. 778 Walker Road. Great Falls. [www.greatfallsfarmersmarket.org](http://www.greatfallsfarmersmarket.org)

**Road Dahl Double Feature.** 2 & 7 p.m. Marshall High School, 7731 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church. George C. Marshall's drama department will open the 2015-2016 Season with a Road Dahl Double Feature including "The Twits" and "Danny, the Champion of the World." Tickets \$5-\$15. <http://statesmentheatre.org>. 703-714-5400.

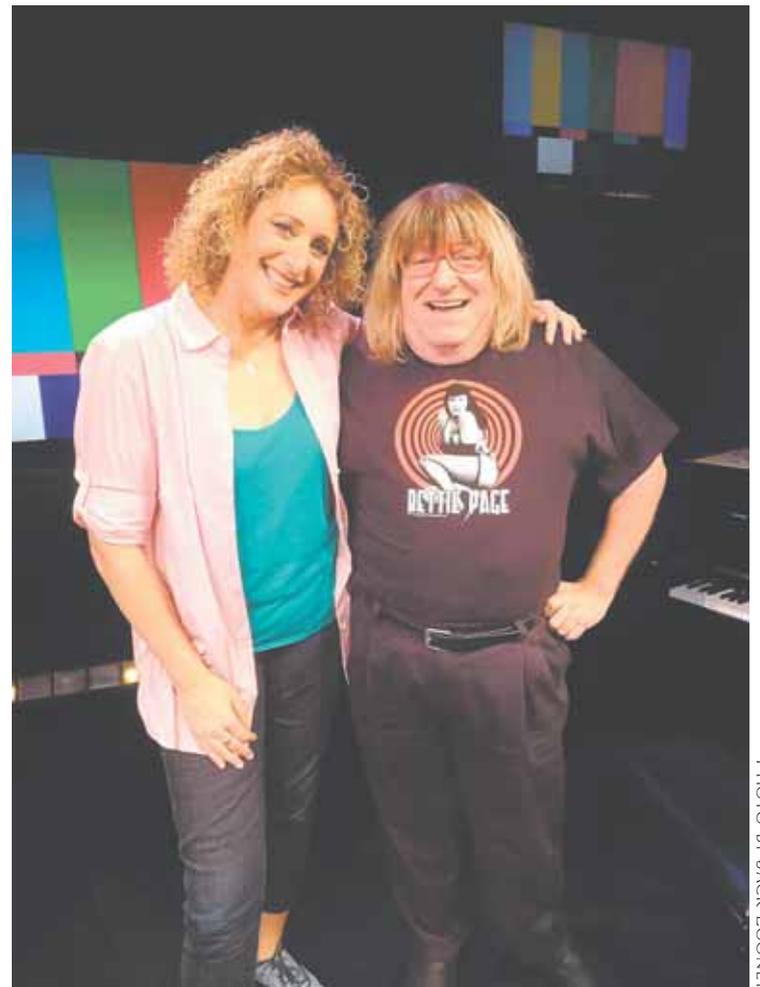


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## Halloween Calendar

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#### SATURDAY-SUNDAY/OCT. 24-NOV. 1

**Reston Zoo's Zooboo.** 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Reston Zoo, 1228 Hunter Mill Road, Vienna. Designed for a younger audience, Zoo Boo offers four days of scare-free fun. Join the safe zoo neighborhood of Halloween entertainment, with kid-friendly fun around every corner.

#### SUNDAY/OCT. 25

**Trunk or Treat.** 11 a.m. Great Falls United Methodist Church, 10100 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. Community event. Children 5th grade and under. Free. youth@greatfallsumc.org.

#### WEDNESDAY/OCT. 28

**69th Annual Vienna Halloween Parade.** 7 p.m. Maple Avenue, Vienna. With the theme of "Celebrating 125 Years of the Town of Vienna" come in costume to celebrate Halloween. Visit [www.viennava.gov](http://www.viennava.gov).

#### FRIDAY-SATURDAY/OCT. 30-31

**Water Pumpkin Patch.** Friday, 5-7 p.m. Saturday, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Tysons YWCA, 8101 Wolftrap Road, Vienna. Come ready to have fun, swim in the pool with the pumpkins and pick one to go. \$6 per person, \$20 per family. karen@neptune-aquatics.com.

#### SATURDAY-SUNDAY/OCT. 24-25

**Autumn Harvest Show.** 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Colvin Run Mill, 10017 Colvin Run Road, Great Falls. In time for the festivities ahead, potters offer tabletop items fit to grace a Thanksgiving table or haunt a Halloween spread. Credit card, cash, checks accepted.

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#### SATURDAY/OCT. 24

**D.C.'s Dancy Stars Gala.** 6 p.m.-12 a.m. Hyatt Regency, Tyson's Corner, 7901 Tysons One Place Tysons. The 2nd annual charity ballroom dancing competition launched by Fred Astaire Dance Studio-Fairfax's owners and

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gala co-chairs, Jim David and Maria Coakley David will bring together some of D.C.'s hottest celebrity names and notable regional dancers to compete for the 2015 DC Mirror Ball Championship trophy and \$10,000 for the charity of their choice. Chelsie Hightower from ABC's "Dancing with the Stars," Lamont Easter from "House of Cards" and Shane Lewis from "Naked and Afraid," will be some of the celebrity judges who will crown the winning couple. Dress black tie. [www.dcsdancingstarsgala.com](http://www.dcsdancingstarsgala.com).

**Candlelight Tour of Historic Cemetery.**

6 p.m. Tour starts at 7 p.m. Church of the Brethren, 10025 Courthouse Road, Oakton. Local historian Jim Lewis will discuss the history of the cemetery, which dates to the Civil War, and will detail the lives of some of those interred there. Cemetery is located at 2845 Chain Bridge Road, Vienna. Donation of \$10. [www.flinthillcemetery.org](http://www.flinthillcemetery.org).

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**SUNDAY/OCT. 25**

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## Great Falls Resident Competes in Miss Virginia Teen USA

Great Falls resident Alexis Taylor Watkinson finished as a top 13 finalist in the competition for Miss Virginia Teen USA 2016, and took home the Champion For a Cause Award by raising the most money in support of her favorite cause, the National Multiple Sclerosis Society. Each of the Miss and Teen candidates were required to pitch their donation and cause to a room of participants who then bid on the items contributed.

Alexis is the daughter of Troy and Diane Watkinson. Her younger sister, Ashleigh Watkinson, also competed as an Inspiring Princess in the same pageant system.

Alexis attends The Potomac School, where she works to keep good grades, plays the flute/piccolo in the school band, and played on the eighth grade squash team. Alexis also enjoys competitive dancing with Studio Bleu. Alexis' sponsors and supporters include her parents and Pine Island Prop-



Alexis Taylor Watkinson of Great Falls in Miss Virginia Teen USA 2016 finals models her evening gown.



Alexis Taylor Watkinson receiving the Champion For a Cause Award.

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erties. Alexis also trained to ride this year in the MS150 City to Shore Bike Tour, along with her mother and her younger brother,

Austin, where the riders bike 75 miles each day for two days to create a world without MS.

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SPORTS ROUNDUPS



McLean sophomore outside hitter Madison McArthur had 12 kills against South Lakes on Oct. 19.



Senior setter Autumn Brenner and the McLean volleyball team are off to a 3-1 start in Conference 6 play.

### Langley Field Hockey Earns Regional Berth

The Langley field hockey team beat South Lakes 4-0 on Monday in the opening round of the Conference 6 tournament, earning a regional tournament berth. The Saxons will compete in the conference semifinals on Wednesday, Oct. 21.

### McLean Field Hockey Beats Yorktown

The McLean field hockey team secured a regional tournament berth with a 5-2 win over Yorktown on Monday in the opening round of the Conference 6 tournament. The Highlanders will compete in the conference semifinals on Wednesday.

### Herndon Field Hockey Falls to Westfield

The Westfield and Herndon field hockey teams entertained those in attendance Friday night for a makeup game originally scheduled for Oct. 2. Westfield was clad with white jerseys and pink writing as part of Cancer Awareness Night. Mackenzie Karl's goal in the second half provided the only goal of the game and Westfield held on to win 1-0 against visiting Herndon. Westfield improved to 14-2 and Herndon fell to 12-4. The Conference 5 tournament started Tuesday, after The Connection's deadline. The VHSL State Finals will be held in Virginia Beach at the National Training Center, Nov. 13-14.

— WILL PALENSCAR

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## McLean Volleyball Falls to South Lakes

The McLean volleyball team had its five-match win streak snapped on Oct. 19, losing to South Lakes 3-0 (25-20, 25-23, 25-23) in Reston.

The Highlanders won 11 of their last 12,

but Monday's loss dropped their record to 18-5 overall and 3-1 in Conference 6.

Sophomore outside hitter Madison McArthur led McLean with 12 kills. Senior middle blocker Karen Shedlock had three kills, and sophomore outside hitter Leona

Ng and senior middle blocker Josephine Oakley each had two.

The Highlanders will return to action Wednesday, Oct. 21 when McLean hosts defending state runner-up Madison at 7:15 p.m.

### Great Falls Courage Blue Team Wins Virginia Beach Tournament

The undefeated Great Falls Courage Blue soccer team keeps the streak alive by winning the Virginia Beach FC U12 girls tournament over Columbus Day weekend. The girls went 3-0 in bracket play, outscoring their opponents by 11 goals.

They defeated Central Virginia United from Lynchburg, Va., in the championship game (2-1). The team is coached by Rado Pletka and assisted by Courtney Kim.



From left, front row: Caitlyn Shumadine, Avery Perez, Gianna Russo, Maya Kanaan, Elizabeth Rothenberger, Allie Wakeman, Olivia Walke, Isabelle Brittin. Back row: Zoe Malekzadeh, Alexa Gianoplus, Casey Kerrigan, Lynley Birchard, Theresa Ryan, Lexie Perez, Coach Courtney Kim. (Not pictured Coach Rado Pletka)

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By KENNETH B. LOURIE

I title this column within the context of yours truly waiting for the results from my most recent diagnostic scan, a PET Scan in fact, a scan which offers more detail and clarity than the usual and customary CT Scan – without contrast (for those of you in the diagnostic loop) – that I have scheduled every three months going on nearly seven years now. I'm not stressing about it particularly, even though a post-scan (Wednesday appointment)/pre-weekend e-mail notification providing the results (especially the good kind) might have de-bumped the weekend road, but we've been down this dusty trail before so we (Team Lourie) will manage. Ergo the title.

My philosophy with respect to life in general and being a cancer patient in specific has been: "It's nothing until it's something." And if a follow-up explanation has been required, I've usually added something like: "It will be bad enough when it's actually bad, so I don't see the need to make it bad when so far as we know, it might be good." (Sounds like a mnemonic device trying to explain the difference between its and it's.) And continuing to be relatively/comparatively (speaking of grammatical/word usage; both apply here, I think) asymptomatic has certainly been a good/make-that-great thing; nevertheless, I can't help but remember that my original emergency room visit on January 1st, 2009 was precipitated by pain in my rib cage which had migrated from right to left and the associated shortness of breath. Three days later however, after being prescribed six pills to be taken over three days – for a possible pneumonia, my symptoms disappeared and remained so until I began chemotherapy a week after my diagnosis was confirmed on February 27th by my new best friend, my oncologist. That's when the fun really began: side effects of chemotherapy. But that's a whole 'nother series of stories, past and presumably future.

And since there's no guaranteeing one's future, all I can do, especially as a non-small cell lung cancer patient originally characterized as "terminal," with late/the latest stage – stage IV – is to minimize the complications I can control: diet, exercise, nutrition and stress, and accept the ones I can't. Stress is our four-letter word and maybe even a killer, too. And it serves no real purpose other than to create pain and suffering, when the complete opposite is what's needed and much preferred. Fortunately, my personality enables me to live life – emotionally – as if I'm not living on the precipice and about to be robbed of a reasonably normal senior circuit, given the fact that both my parents lived beyond their mid-eighties. (My limited knowledge and presumption of such lineage-related subjects was that as the son, I would likely have the same or better life expectancy.) Being told instead, at age 54 and a half, that I had "13 months to two years to live" was disappointing to say the least and downright dehumanizing to say the most.

It certainly becomes a not-merry-go-round existence on your date of diagnosis/prognosis and for the seconds, minutes, hours, days, weeks, months and even years ahead (if you're lucky?); but eventually one, at least this one, finds a level on which one can live, love and laugh and not be constantly overwhelmed by less-than-ideal medical circumstances. Am I pretending? Am I presuming? Am I hoping and praying? Am I fighting back my internal demons? Am I compartmentalizing? Yes! Yes! Yes! Yes! and Yes! Every chance I get. But as the doctor treating Capt. Augustus McRae in Miles City, near the end of part three of "Lonesome Dove" advised Gus to let the doctor amputate his remaining leg, Gus replied: "Sawbones, you can't have that other leg. Now how would I kick a pig?" To which the doctor responded: "I assure, sir, the alternative is gloomy."

Well, I don't want to be a gloomy Gus – which Augustus wasn't, any more that I want to be a dismal Jimmy, which I rarely am. However, this cancer diagnosis presents all sorts of challenges – some I can overcome, some I can't. Most of all though, I'm trying to stay in the present, and deal with my future one day/result at a time.

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