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## Sean Aiken Heads BASIS Independent McLean

Sean Aiken, head of school of BASIS Independent McLean, is blazing the trail for Tysons Corner's first preK to 12th school. Raised by educators, most recently, he headed up two nationally ranked schools. For more information, go to <http://mclean.basisindependent.com> or call 703-854-1253.

A native of Arizona, Aiken excelled in his science/math magnet

program, ranked at the top in the state in academic competitions, was an avid athlete, an accomplished musician, and one of 20 Arizona students hand-picked and awarded a full merit scholarship. He graduated magna cum laude with a



Aiken

bachelor's degree in philosophy and minor in English from the University of Arizona and earned a master of education in teaching and teacher education from there as well.

"I love how BASIS Independent students do vector calcu-

lus, but also read Kant...this perspective, that you can be inspired by many different ways of thinking and investigation, is really important to instill in students," said Aiken.

Aiken was a crucial member of the leadership team that built BASIS Oro Valley in Arizona which was ranked number one by The Washington Post in 2015 and, again in 2016. He was an English

teacher, soccer coach, developer of the first seventh grade Logic curriculum, the school's founding college counselor and finally the Head of School. In 2013, Aiken relocated to Washington D.C. where, as head of school, he led BASIS Washington DC and its faculty to achieve Tier 1 status and recognition as the No. 2 charter school in Washington, D.C. in only the school's second year of operation.

He oversaw the opening of BASIS Independent of Brooklyn, N.Y. and BASIS Independent of Silicon Valley, California and has also served as vice president of Intellectual Capital managing the structure and implementation of the BASIS.ed curriculum.

School registration is underway for Tyson Corner's new school, BASIS Independent McLean. The school will be located at 8000 Jones Branch Drive in McLean and opens in August 2016.

For more information, visit [mclean.basisindependent.com](http://mclean.basisindependent.com).

## Sylvestery Earns 2016 Bronze National Quality Award

The Sylvestery has been recognized as a 2016 recipient of the Bronze - Commitment to Quality Award for its dedication to improving the lives of residents through quality care. The award is the first of three distinctions possible through the National Quality Award Program, presented by the American Health Care Association and National Center for Assisted Living (AHCA/NCAL), the leading association for long-term and post-acute care. The program honors providers across the nation that have demonstrated their commitment to improving quality of care for seniors and persons with disabilities.

"It's an honor to be recognized for the hard work and quality of care our team provides every day," said Rachel Doherty, Administrator of The Sylvestery, "We are committed to providing high-quality, person-centered care to our residents and their families. We will never stop improving."

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The Sylvestery provides assisted living for individuals with memory loss within Vinson Hall Retirement Community.

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# Cleaning Up History of Hickory Hill

McLean historian Carole Herrick hits the bookshelves again with biography of Hickory Hill and its famous inhabitants.

BY KEN MOORE  
THE CONNECTION

Robert F. Kennedy made McLean's Hickory Hill part of national newspapers often with a football. "Up until this time, Hickory Hill was basically a magnificent white brick Georgian style home, situated near the nation's capital city, in the countryside of McLean/Langley, Virginia," writes historian Carole Herrick. "But after the Robert Kennedy family moved into the house, Hickory Hill suddenly made headlines in the national news.

"The youthful energy of the charismatic, athletic Kennedy clan put an imprint on the estate simply by the way they lived," wrote Herrick, historian and author of "Hickory Hill, McLean, Virginia: A Biography of a House and Those Who Lived There."

Hickory Hill was first built around 1870 near Langley Fork facing Chain Bridge Road on the site of a farmhouse that burned after the Civil War. Nine different families have lived at McLean's Hickory Hill, named by owner George Franklin Means Walters for the old hickory trees that lined his semi-circular driveway.

Attorney General Robert H. Jackson, for example, was appointed to the U.S. Supreme Court in 1941. He was the chief United States Prosecutor at the International Nuremberg Trial, "held for the purpose of dealing with Nazi war criminals and their war crimes against humanity," according to one caption Herrick wrote.

Two pages earlier, Herrick includes a photo of Jackson "unveiling" the family buggy at Hickory Hill.

"During World War II gasoline was rationed. To save on gasoline, he often arrived for Sunday services at St. John's Episcopal Church via horse and buggy," she wrote.

"This house is significant to McLean, Virginia and the nation. The few things I had read about it were all the different, all the facts and everything were all different," said Herrick. "We just needed to clean up the story because of its significance."

Hickory Hill went on the market in 2003 with an asking price of \$25 million; it remained on the market for six years (with a few price reductions) before Alan and Ashley Dabbieri purchased the historic home on Dec. 31, 2009 for \$8.2 million through the Hickory Hill Trust.

"The Dabbieres were especially pleased that they were able to purchase the property as opposed to a developer with visions



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of subdividing the land," wrote Herrick.

**WIMBLEDON ALSO KNOWS** Herrick.

Herrick was a nationally ranked tennis player, who played at Wimbledon.

In 2012, she was inducted into the National Women's Collegiate Tennis Hall of Fame.

"It just needed to be written," said Carole Herrick, a McLean resident and author of eight books, six about McLean.

Herrick chairs the Fairfax County History Commission, which helps to identify, document, record and preserve the county's historic past.

"WHAT WENT ON in this house is unbelievable," she said during an interview at Greenberry's Coffee Co. in McLean, where she is a regular.

In addition to tracking the nine owners who made their homes there, she also includes historical facts, vignettes and financial figures.

President John F. Kennedy became a McLean resident shortly after becoming Senator from Massachusetts. He purchased Hickory Hill and estate from the widow of Justice Robert Jackson in 1955, according to her research. After Kennedy was unsuccessful getting the Democratic vice presidential nomination in 1956, he transferred Hickory Hill to his brother, Robert.

Ethel and Robert Kennedy were at Hickory Hill the afternoon of Nov. 22, 1963, when President Kennedy was assassinated in Dallas, Texas. "Bobby was having lunch by the swimming pool when he received a phone call from J. Edgar Hoover that his brother had been shot," Herrick wrote.

"Bobby did not leave Hickory Hill at that time, but instead walked the grounds in reflective thought with two of his dogs, Brumus and Rusty."

**ETHEL KENNEDY** enlarged Hickory Hill in 1963 to a structure with 13 bedrooms,

10 bathrooms (seven full size), seven fireplaces, an Olympic-size swimming pool, a children's pool and a pool house that included a kitchen with his-and-hers bathrooms, according to Herrick.

"A reptile house was built in the basement as a birthday present for Bobby Jr.," she researched.

Ethel Kennedy put Hickory Hill up for sale in 2003 before Alan and Ashley Dabbieri purchased the historic home on Dec. 31, 2009 for \$8.2 million.

In 2010, they began a three-year project to renovate the house, working with John Milner Architects, Herrick cites, as being "a well-known firm experienced in historic preservation and restoration construction."

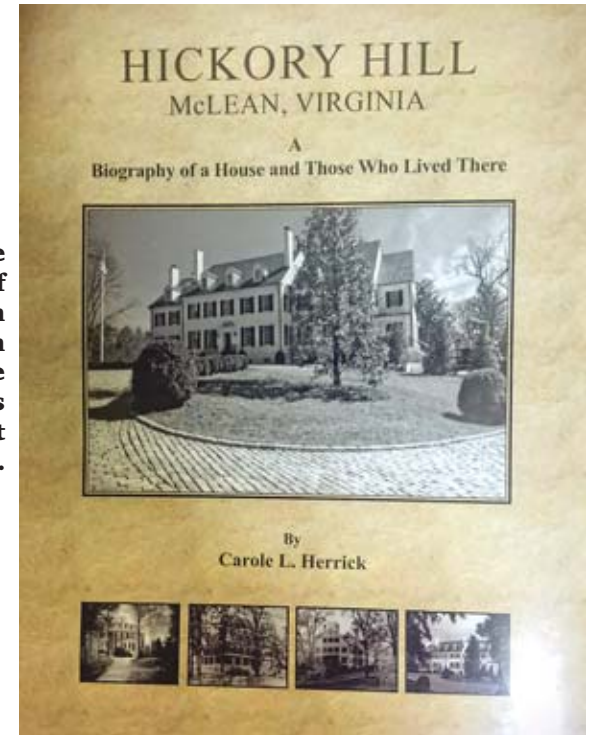
In 2015, the Dabbieres, with support from the National Brain Tumor Society, raised \$1 million for "The Grey Soiree," to help raise awareness and resources to find better treat-

ment and a cure for brain tumors. Sheryl Crow performed.

"They relish the history of the property. They recognize that their residence is a significant part of the area's heritage," according to Herrick.

**OTHER BOOKS:** "Ambitious Failure: Chain Bridge, the First Bridge Across the Potomac River"; "August 24, 1814: Washington in Flames"; "A Chronological History of McLean, Virginia"; "Yesterday: 100 Recollections of McLean and Great Falls, Virginia"; "Additional Recollections of McLean and Great Falls, Virginia"; "Images of America: McLean"; and "Legendary Locals of McLean." Books can also be found in McLean at Mesmeralda's, McLean Hardware, Flowers and Plants and Gathered Stems, and on Amazon.

See [www.caroleherrick.com](http://www.caroleherrick.com).



The cover of McLean historian Carole Herrick's latest book.

PHOTOS BY KEN MOORE/THE CONNECTION



## Longfellow Eco-Action Team Holds Plant Sale

The Longfellow Middle School Eco-Action team held their first annual plant sale on Saturday, June 11. The sale included: heirloom tomatoes, zucchini, broccoli, basil, native corn, runner beans and flowers that attract monarch butterflies.

PHOTO BY ELIZABETH ENDE





Marshall High Principal Jeffrey Litz awards a diploma.



Marshall High School's Class of 2016 celebrate their commencement.

## Marshall High Bids Farewell To Class of 2016

### Spencer Gilbert and Megan Kenny receive the Statesman Award.

BY KEVIN O'BRIEN  
THE CONNECTION

As the 419 seniors of Marshall High School prepared to move on to the next stage of their lives, Senior Class Officer Tatiana Brown reminded everyone of a former classmate who would not walk across the stage, but whose memory had inspired the entire class.

"In September of our sophomore year, we lost Luke McGuire, our beloved classmate. With many of us struggling to persevere on our own, we turned to each other. In-

spired to remember and honor him, to live up to his standard of kindness, strength and grace that he set, our class has developed a bond stronger than anything I could have ever imagined. I can say with confidence that together, we have become something that he would have been proud to be a part of," Brown said. McGuire passed away in September of 2013 after fighting Ewing Sarcoma, a form of bone cancer, for three years. Teacher David Barkley, who gave the faculty address, commended the Class of 2016's resilience. He recalled when the class organized an event to walk laps to the beat of Luke McGuire's favorite playlist to honor him.

Marshall's graduates donned light blue gowns and tassels at DAR Constitution Hall on Tuesday, June 21. The students chose light blue because of its gender-neutrality. Throughout their time in high school, acceptance and inclusivity have been hallmarks for the Class

of 2016. As Brown said, "Never hesitating to make our classmates feel comfortable, proud, and happy with who they are, we elevate one another."

Commencement speaker Steven Culbertson, who is the president and CEO of Youth Service America, envied the graduates because of all the resources available at their fingertips. But he reminded them, quoting Spiderman, that, "With great privilege comes great responsibility." Culbertson urged the graduates to embrace their responsibility and to take risks, and to have fun along the way, "because saving the world is actually a lot of fun," he said.

Principal Jeffrey Litz presented the Statesman Award, given to one boy and one girl in the graduating class to Spencer Gilbert and Megan Kenny. Based on a faculty vote, the criteria for the awards are academics, citizenship, activities and service to the school and the community.

### VIEWPOINTS

## Marshall High Graduates on What's Next

**Shahin Rajabi:** "I'm going to VCU and hopefully I'll major in some field in engineering. In 5-10 years, I see myself with a job, I guess, and hopefully a roof over my head."



**Ramtin Deljouei and Aurash Filsoof.** Deljouei: "We're both going to VCU. I'm studying Biomed, and he [Filsoof] is studying engineering. In 5-10 years, I'll probably be in grad school." Filsoof: "I'll probably have just finished college and have a job."



**Heather Dunbar:** "I'm going to Edinburgh University in Scotland to study journalism. In 5-10 years, hopefully I'll be working for the Glasgow Herald in Scotland. I was editor-in-chief of The Rank & File paper at Marshall, and I hope to continue my journalism career."

— KEVIN O'BRIEN

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KEVIN O'BRIEN  
THE CONNECTION

## Langley School Congratulates Its Graduates

The Langley School, a preschool to grade 8 school in McLean, congratulates members of its eighth-grade class of 2016 who graduated on June 10. Graduates will attend nearly 20 different independent, public, and boarding high schools in the fall.





## PEOPLE

# Gillian Wright of McLean Awarded Gloria Wille Bell and Carlos R. Bell Scholarship

The University of Michigan has announced four recipients of the Gloria Wille Bell and Carlos R. Bell Scholarship for academic year 2016-2017: Gillian Wright (LSA), McLean (McLean High School), Christine Lightfoot (LSA), Henrico, Virginia (Douglas S. Freeman High School), Marissa Martinelli (ENG), Grosse Ile, Michigan (Grosse Ile High School) and Chelsea Yu (LSA), Canton, Michigan (Salem High School).

Gillian plans to study chemistry at the University of Michigan, in preparation for becoming a pediatrician.

The Bell Scholarship was established in 2001 from the estate of Carlos R. (BSE '44) and Gloria Wille Bell of Williamsburg, Virginia. Mr. Bell was an engineering student at the University of Michigan in the years following World War II and never forgot those demanding and rewarding days as an undergraduate. He and his wife, Gloria, wanted to help today's students facing similar and new challenges as college students.

The scholarship is awarded to academically outstanding high school students who plan to major in engineering, mathematics, physics, computer science, or another related scientific field at U-M. As a condition of the scholarship, recipients must meet one of the following geographic criteria: residents of Virginia; residents of the greater Ann Arbor, Mich. area; graduates of New Trier High School, Winnetka, Ill.; graduates of the Illinois Science and Math Academy, Aurora, Ill.; or graduates of the Chicago area school



Gillian Wright.

systems.

Of this year's recipients, three are enrolled in the College of Literature, Science and the Arts (LSA) and one in the College of Engineering (ENG). Scholarships are for four years or through graduation, whichever is less.

For more about the Bell Scholarship at the University of Michigan, contact John O'Grady at <http://www.bellscholarship.org/>.

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## Supporting McLean Project for the Arts

Community Charity Champions (HBC Group - KW) thank all those who came out to support McLean Project for the Arts. The event was held at Pulcinella on Tuesday, June 14. There was a wonderful turnout of community members, board members, and founding members, alike. Together, the event raised \$890.05 for MPA and their programs. Pictured - from left: Robin Walker (MPA Board member), Nancy Bradley (Founding Member of MPA), and Kathy Neal (MPA member).



Volunteers from Long and Foster McLean who sponsor Childhelp's annual visit to Roer's Zoofari.

## Childhelp Visits Roer's Zoofari

On Wednesday, June 15, the children from Childhelp's Alice C. Tyler Residential Village toured Roer's Zoofari petting zoo (formerly, The Reston Zoo), and experienced the wonder of interacting with and hand-feeding furry friends.

The late Jack Crippen founded The Reston Zoo in 1975 on the site his family farmed for more than 150 years. Crippen's passion for children and animals has been carried forward by Sandra Crippen of Great Falls, who has made the zoo visit an annual tradition for the

children of Childhelp.

Crippen is a long-time Childhelp Board and Chapter Volunteer who sold the Zoo five years ago, though still keeps a watchful eye and caring-heart-in-action with the zoo's newest owners since March 2016, Vanessa Stoffel (co-owner and CEO) and Jacob Roer (co-owner, director of maintenance).

"Jack just loved children and animals, and he and I both care so very deeply for the at-risk children of Childhelp. Connecting with animals keeps love and hope alive in the little hearts of children, which is why I continue this tradition."

Long and Foster McLean sponsored the annual outing and sent several Volunteers to help guide the children through the zoo and hayride. Volunteers from DPR Construction, Level 3 Communications and Childhelp Washington Area Chapter Members and Staff were also in attendance to provide a picnic buffet, including Caribbean-inspired strawberry lemonade.

The adventurous visit concluded with each child receiving a goody bag donated by Childhelp Volunteer, Alma Benza from Vrge Strategies, and was highlighted when



From left — Nina Doherty, "Louie" the 6-year-old Macaw Parrot, Vanessa Stoffel, Alice C. Tyler, Chris Ruble and Sandra Crippen of Great Falls.

PHOTOS CONTRIBUTED



Goats enjoying hand-fed treats.

each child selected a cold ice cream as they left Zoofari, ensuring school is indeed out for summer!

Childhelp's programs and services include residential treat-

ment services, children's advocacy centers, therapeutic foster care, group homes and child abuse prevention, education and training. For more information, visit [www.childhelp.org](http://www.childhelp.org).



## Getting Home Safely on Independence Day

Independence Day is a national celebration, and for many, that celebration includes alcohol. The summer overall and July 4 in particular are times of greater risk for drinking and driving.

This is true for the young adults over 21 living with you, and unfortunately also for many teens who are under 21. More on that below.

For all revelers: Make a plan. Plan to celebrate with access to public transportation. Plan to have a designated driver. Plan to celebrate in a place safe and comfortable to spend the night.

But in case those plans go awry, here is an alternative safety net.

**EDITORIAL** On the night of Monday, July 4, the Washington Regional Alcohol Program will offer free taxi rides home (up to \$30), beginning at 10 p.m. for six hours until 4 a.m. the morning of Tuesday, July 5. Participants must be at least 21. Call 1-800-200-TAXI.

On July 4, 2015, more than 230 people used WRAP's SoberRide service rather than possibly driving home impaired.

In summer, 44 percent of all U.S. traffic deaths are caused by alcohol-impaired drivers, according to statistics provided by WRAP. SoberRide is a way to help keep local roads safe from impaired drivers during this traditionally high-risk holiday.

On July 4, historically, more than 40 percent

of traffic deaths in the U.S. are caused by drunk drivers; more than 20 percent of the drunk drivers involved in those deaths had blood alcohol concentrations of nearly twice the legal limit, said Kurt Erickson of WRAP.

SoberRide is only available for those over 21. For parents of young adults who may be living at home and parents of those under 21, this is time to talk. Ask about plans, ask spe-

cifically about getting home. Let your younger family members know that you would much rather pay for a cab or come get them yourself than run the risk of losing them.

This is a message important for the tail end of graduation season and good for the whole summer, which is the time of the highest risk for teen drivers.

Visit [www.soberride.com](http://www.soberride.com) for more.

### Connection Families, Pet Connection

The Pet Connection, a twice-yearly special edition, will publish on July 27, and photos and stories of your pets with you and your family should be submitted by July 17.

We invite you to send us stories about your pets, photos of you and your family with your cats, dogs, llamas, alpacas, ponies, hamsters, snakes, lizards, frogs, rabbits, or whatever other creatures share your life with you.

Tell us the story of a special bond between a child and a dog, the story of how you came to adopt your pet, or examples of amazing feats of your creatures.

Do you volunteer at an animal shelter or therapeutic riding center or take your pet to visit people in a nursing home? Does your business have a pet? Is your business about

pets? Have you helped to train an assistance dog? Do you or someone in your family depend on an assistance dog?

Or take this opportunity to memorialize a beloved pet you have lost.

Just a cute photo is fine too. Our favorite pictures include both pets and humans.

Please tell us a little bit about your creature, identify everyone in the photo, give a brief description what is happening in the photo, and include address and phone number (we will not publish your address or phone number, just your town name).

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### LETTER TO THE EDITOR

## Gross Misreading of the Second Amendment

To the Editor:

This is in response to U.S. Rep. Gerry Connolly's opinion piece titled "Stem Gun Violence Epidemic" (The Connection, June 22-28).

It frustrates me that so many anti-gun people, including U.S. Sen. Tim Kaine and, most recently, Representative Connolly in his editorial in the Connection, simply do not understand history. Specifically, they either ignore, are ignorant of, or simply don't grasp the truth behind the Founders' intent when they wrote the Second Amendment (2A). Mr. Connolly's observation that "certainly our Founding Fathers did not envision AR-15 semi-automatic rifles when they drafted the Second Amendment" demonstrates a profound lack of understanding of the intent of the 2A. That the Founders didn't have the AR-15 in mind when they wrote the 2A may be true, but it's also totally not relevant to what they did have in mind.

What Democrats and anti-rights [advocates] want is to ban all effective weapons in American hands. Without realizing it (maybe), they pursue and promote Marxist goals of making the public subservient to the government boot. That is the exact opposite of why the 2A is in the Constitution in the first place: it is there to balance federal power.

Ever since the so-called Gun Control Act of 1968, when officials could get all the machine guns they wanted, but you and I could only get single-shot rifles like the AR-15, we have been sub-armed. The balance of power flipped decisively to government. Ours fire only one shot at a time, and are all we have left. Antis-

think they're assault weapon machine guns, but they took those from us back in 1968.

Then they yell at the NRA for blocking "reasonable common sense bills." They are nothing of the sort. Banning the AR-15 — the finest defensive rifle made in America, the choice of police who are otherwise outgunned against exactly the same criminals common civilians face — would have no effect against jihadis.

If Americans are sub-armed, limited to bolt-action wood guns, or some other total infringement that leaves America in a completely unbalanced state, the shining light of freedom will have been extinguished. The jihadis will have won. With asymmetrical warfare underway, we should be teaching Americans how to shoot, and arming them better, not passing laws to infringe their gun rights.

The founders were not thinking of muskets and blunderbusses when they crafted the 2A. They said the right to bear "arms" shall not be infringed. "Arms" is a very broad term, deliberately used because they felt the citizenry necessarily must be on equal footing with the government when the need to resist tyranny arises. ... Stated simplistically, if the government has howitzers, so, too, should the citizenry have howitzers. ...

Additionally, the founders and framers idea of "well-regulated" had nothing to do with government restrictions on gun ownership (hence the very clear declaration, "Shall Not Be Infringed," at the end of the 2A) or the government's ability to monitor gun owners, but instead had to do with a militia of civilians being well-trained and self-sufficient. (Recall

that George Mason stated, "I ask, sir, what is the militia? It is the whole people except for a few public officials.") The 2A's purpose is to protect a free State from government tyranny. The gross misreading that government is supposed to regulate the Second Amendment is like suggesting a burglar ought to have the security code to one's home alarm system. It's ridiculous. ...

Aside from the government, if a violent armed criminal threatens me, my family, and my home, it stands to reason that I should have at my disposal the same level of defensive means that he/she/they has/have at their disposal for offensive means. (Don't think of flintlock muskets!) Targets of violent criminals are entitled to be on equal arms footing if they are to survive. Now that's "common sense!"

**Paul Carlock**  
Fairfax Station

### Write

The Connection welcomes views on any public issue. The deadline for all material is noon Friday. Letters must be signed. Include home address and home and business numbers. Letters are routinely edited for libel, grammar, good taste and factual errors.

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# NEWS

## Hunter Watson, 20, Dies in a Car Crash

Family, friends to celebrate Watson's life and memory on July 9.

**T**wenty-year-old Hunter Watson of McLean was pronounced dead on the scene when the 2015 Jeep Grand Cherokee he was riding in collided with a pickup truck north of Dover, Delaware, on Saturday, June 18. The truck hit the passenger side, and Watson was in the passenger seat. According to police, the driver, 20-year-old Rod Zarafshar, failed to stop at a stop sign. Zarafshar was airlifted to Christiana Medical Center and admitted with undetermined injuries. Alcohol does not appear to be a factor, and both Watson and Zarafshar were wearing seatbelts, police said. Both Watson and Zarafshar graduated in the class of 2014 at The Potomac School in McLean.

The Head of The Potomac School, John Kowalik, released the following statement:

"Everyone in the Potomac School community was deeply saddened to learn of Hunter Watson's death. Hunter attended Potomac from kindergarten through 12th grade, graduating in 2014. He is remembered on campus as a charismatic and personable young



Hunter Watson.

man with a great sense of humor. A bright, creative individual, Hunter contributed to our school both in and outside the classroom. Hunter is also remembered as a person who cared deeply about his friends; he was well liked, and he will be missed."

—DANIELLE GRAE



### Seventh Annual Dog Days of Summer

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Churchill Road students Joseph Hoeymans, Finn Marino, Collin Walter, Carter Cadin, Jack Cadin and Pete Kaldes in front of the SHARE, Inc. truck, with some of the items donated by Churchill Road families for the food bank.

## School Community Supporting SHARE

**O**n Friday, May 13, representatives from SHARE, Inc., a McLean area food bank, picked up more than 40 boxes of food and household items donated by Churchill Road Elementary families to help replenish the SHARE, Inc. shelves. The drive was organized by Churchill Road PTA's Community Service Committee's Robin Hoeymans and Sarah Walter.

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# Planning Memorable, Meaningful Family Vacations

Tips for turning summer trips into a lifetime of memories.

By MARILYN CAMPBELL  
THE CONNECTION

As summer gets underway, vacation-bound families are packing their bags and heading out of town. Vacations often fly by — months of planning and anticipating can be over in the blink of an eye. With a little advanced planning and forethought, however, even a quick weekend trip or a visit to relatives can become meaningful and memorable.

To begin with, give all family members an opportunity to be part of the travel planning. “Let kids have some input into what the plan is,” said Linda Guly, professor of psychology at Marymount University in Arlington. “For instance, if you want to take them to the beach, let them choose something that they want to do at the beach, something that’s important to them. That creates a balance between each kid’s interests and the family’s interest.”

Allowing children to have a say in the plan sets the stage for a memorable vacation. “You can show them pictures in a guidebook of age-appropriate activities that you would be willing to do as well,” said Karen Prince, LCSW, a Bethesda, Maryland-based psychotherapist. “It’s important to give kids a voice because it’s their vacation, too.”

Indulging in some screen time on a family vacation is fine, said Guly, as long as there is a balance between screen time and family time, and screen limits are set before the vacation begins.

“Try to be positive about it instead of punitive,” she said.

“Negotiate screen time and make it reasonable. Always get the kids’ input to reduce family stress. You don’t want the family vacation to be dominated by these issues if you can negotiate them ahead of time.”

Don’t rule out allowing a child’s friends to join the family vacation. “I think what happens as kids get into adolescence they want to form an identity outside the immediate family,” said Guly. “Including a



Allowing children to choose age-appropriate activities from a travel guidebook is one way to include them in the vacation planning process.

friend is a nice balance because the family unit gets respected and the family gets to know and spend time with the friend.”

From family group shots to picturesque scenery of mountaintops and oceans, documenting a trip with photographs will help preserve your favorite memories. This is made easier with the ubiquity of smart phones and tablets, and the entire family can participate.

“Encourage kids to take pictures of the event on their phone as opposed to just messing around with it,” said Guly. “Social media is very picture oriented. If kids have the job of taking the family pictures, that’s cool.”

“You can give [children] an inexpensive camera that you get for \$10 at CVS,” said Prince. “That way they can capture memories as they go.”

Discuss expectations and hopes for the vacation so each family member can clarify his or her own interests and hear other family members’ ideas, and the family can set realistic plans that keep

everyone’s needs in mind. “I’d recommend a wish list and perhaps agree everyone gets to have at least one wish fulfilled,” said Amy L. Best, Ph.D., professor and chair of the Department of Sociology and Anthropology at George Mason University.

Make a plan for mediating conflicts that are likely to arise in even the most easygoing families. “It’s

**“It’s important to give kids a voice because it’s their vacation, too.”**

— Karen Prince, psychotherapist.

easy to get bogged down in small conflicts that can cast a dark shadow,” said Best. “Doing some anticipatory work is a good idea.”

At the end of each day, take stock of how the vacation is going and make adjustments along the way as necessary, said Prince. “That way you don’t have the whole vacation go by and find out that the kids didn’t enjoy it,” she said. “There is often the expectation that a vacation is going to be nirvana the entire time and it doesn’t happen that

way. Things come up unexpectedly and you adjust.”

“Family vacations are an opportunity to teach kids how to be part of a team and how to cooperate,” said Prince.

“Be prepared for activities that you enjoy but they don’t,” said child psychologist Stacie Isenberg, Psy.D., “If you love viewing art but your kids don’t, bring drawing pads and books to keep them occupied while you admire the artwork for just a little longer. Create challenges and games for them during less exciting outings, such as ‘I spy’ or scavenger hunts.”

It’s a good idea to create some family vacation rituals, advises Best. “If it’s a place you return to frequently, try some new things, but do the round of traditions,” she said. “This will strengthen kids’ attachments to the place and create lasting positive memories.”

Remember to schedule time for rest and food breaks. “Even the best travelers need some time to replenish themselves,” said Isenberg.



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Online and professional education courses like this landscape design class offered at The George Washington University’s Arlington campus are growing in popularity.



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Students can take continuing and professional education classes at the University of Virginia Academic Center in Falls Church.

## Continuing Education

Online classes offer flexible options for earning credentials outside the classroom

By MARILYN CAMPBELL  
THE CONNECTION

Interested in learning to landscape your yard using sustainable practices? Want to practice Spanish before traveling to South America? Didn’t take philosophy seriously in college, and want to take a refresher course? Looking to get an advanced degree or certification to secure a job promotion?

Opportunities for continuing and professional education abound for the intellectually curious.

One trend in continuing education that local educators say is on the rise is online learning. A study by the Babson Survey Research Group shows the number of students enrolled in distance learning courses increased each year for the past 13 years.

Driven by advancements in technology, the explosion of online learning is making education — once available only to those with extra time and funds — accessible to anyone with a tablet or laptop computer.

“Our online courses have increased at about 20 percent a year for about three years,” said Stephen Nodine, Ph.D., associate vice president for E-Learning and director of Distance Education at George Mason

University.

One of the reasons for the rapid growth of online courses is the flexibility that they offer working adults. “Students are able to schedule a course that they couldn’t work into their daily schedule,” said Nodine. “People who are looking to advance in their career or change careers can earn a graduate certificate and have a new credential without having to come to campus.”

The demand for courses that enhance professional marketability is another factor behind the popularity of online continuing education. “One example of how this works is in the [information technology] field,” said Jennifer Lerner, associate vice president for e-Learning at Northern Virginia Community College. “One program that is in demand is cyber security if someone needs an additional certificate to prepare them for the new kinds of IT roles, like Cyber Security.”

The flexibility that online courses offer does not mean that they are less challenging than courses taught at a university, said Lerner. In fact, the standards of academic rigor are comparable to those offered in a traditional campus setting.

“Students need to be really organized and really self-motivated,” said Lerner. “Online courses aren’t for those who take an out-of-sight-out-of-mind approach to learning. Students need to just be committed with online courses as they would for an on campus class. They shouldn’t be the last thing on your priority list that you expect to fit it in without a time commitment.”

Jennifer Webb, senior associate director of Graduate Enrollment for New Student Graduate Admissions at Marymount University, said that while traditional online programs are best suited for stu-

dents who have strong time management skills and adequate technology literacy, “many programs now have support and format opportunities which offer additional structure and engagement, and are, therefore, well suited for all types of learners.”

The reasons that some students choose online courses vary, said Nodine. “There are some students who might be in Iowa and want to take a class that we offer and they can’t get to a university near them,” he said. “There are also students who live in Bethesda, for example, and work full-time and get to classes in Virginia.”

Universities tailor their offerings to meet the needs of online and continuing education students by staying current with market research, said Nodine. “One thing we look at is employment trends in new professions, information that we get from the Bureau of Labor and Statistics,” he said.

“We constantly review our programs to ensure the curriculum is current and prepares students to assume appropriate positions in the job market,” said Cathy Anderson, Ph.D., interim associate dean for Academic Programs and Services, School of Continuing and Professional Studies at the University of Virginia. “We recently updated our Leadership and Project Management curriculum based on research, market and competitive analysis.”

Universities strive to make their online classes accessible and relevant. For example, The University of Virginia’s School of Continuing and Professional Studies has academic centers in Falls Church. The George Washington University offers courses on campuses in Arlington, Alexandria and Ashburn, as well as more than 100 degree and certificate programs online.

“Online education remains an

extremely high priority for both faculty and administration at GW,” said Geneva Henry, George Washington University’s dean of libraries and academic innovation who oversees the university’s online learning programs. “Because of the success of our current online offerings, we will continue to grow our online courses, as the demand from faculty and students is currently very high.”

Anderson said the university reviews the mode of delivery for its classes and programs to assess whether students’ needs are being met. “For example, we recently converted our accounting program to the online ... to allow us to reach a larger audience and provide more flexibility to current students,” she said.

Advances in technology and a desire to meet student requests have altered the way online classes are offered. “In the past, a lot of online courses were set up where there wasn’t a lot interaction between students and teachers. We would put the content up and let students access it,” said Bodine. “We’ve moved away from that to let students engage with each other.”

Anderson said UVA’s School of Continuing and Professional Studies is launching a new graduate certificate in Health Sciences Management launches this fall. “We are also in the process of developing additional offerings in cyber security and data analytics,” she said.

“We are also exploring the option of adding Master’s degree options in the area of some of our graduate certificate programs.”

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## ONGOING

### Stories and Sprinklers. 1 p.m.

Wednesdays through Aug. 3. Vienna Town Green. Join Historic Vienna, Inc. for a good story and some water play each Wednesday afternoon. Free. 703-255-6360.

### Great Falls Summer Market.

Saturdays, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., 778 Walker Road Great Falls. <http://greatfallsfarmersmarket.org/>

### Great Falls artist Betty Ganley.

Month of July. Katie's Coffee House, 760 Walker Road, Great Falls. Nautical and floral subjects in watercolor. 703-759-4673.

### "The Way I See It" Exhibit. Aug. 2-

Oct. 1. Vienna Arts Society Gallery, 513 Maple Ave. W, Vienna. Reston resident Bob Kaminski will showcase his work in abstract and representational styles. ViennaArtsSociety.org. 703-319-3971.

### "On the Street" Photography

Show. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Aug. 2-Sept. 3. Vienna Arts Society, 115 Pleasant St. NW, Vienna. Annual photography show with judge Denise Silva. Meet the Artists Reception and Awards on Saturday, Aug. 6 from 4-6 p.m. 703-319-3971. [artcenter@viennaartsociety.org](mailto:artcenter@viennaartsociety.org).

### "Footloose." Fridays and Saturday, 8

p.m. Sunday 2 p.m. July 8-24. Alden Theatre, McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. Based on the movie of the same name. McLeanPlayers.org. 866-811-4111.

### June Floral Show. June 1-30.

Broadway Gallery Fine Art and Framing, 1025-J Seneca Road, Great Falls. Reston Chamber Member features Floral Show at Great Falls Gallery with works of art by Vladimir & Alena Piven, Olaf Schneider, Anastasia Carson, David Sloane, Matthew Moore, and Linda Griffin. [broadwaygallery.net](http://broadwaygallery.net). 703-450-8005.

### McLean Farmers Market. 8 a.m.-

noon. Fridays from May 6-Nov. 18. Lewinsville Park, 1659 Chain Bridge Road, McLean. The market provides area residents an opportunity to purchase locally grown or produced products. [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/farmersmarkets](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/farmersmarkets).

### Krop's Crops Flea Market. 9 a.m.-3

p.m. Second and fourth Saturdays from May to August. 11110 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. Shop for vintage, antique and used items. Or sell you treasures. [kropsfleamarket@gmail.com](mailto:kropsfleamarket@gmail.com).

### Weekly Storytime. Wednesday and

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

### Tai Chi Beginners' Practice.

**Desert Highway, an Eagles tribute band will perform on July 3 at McLean Central Park as part of the The Alden Summer Concerts.**



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**The English Channel will invade McLean Central Park on July 10 as part of The Alden Summer Concerts.**

Saturdays, 8-9 a.m. St. Luke's Catholic School Gymnasium, 7005 Georgetown Pike, McLean. Weekly Tai Chi practice. Group has met for over 20 years. Free. [FreeTaiChi.org](http://FreeTaiChi.org). 703-759-9141.

### MONDAY-FRIDAY/JUNE 27-JULY 1

#### Fishing Adventures. 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Riverbend Park, 8700 Potomac Hills St., Great Falls. Fish from shore and boats using spinning tackle. Enjoy a chartered fishing trip on the Chesapeake Bay and an introduction to fly-fishing. 12-15 years old. \$449-\$464. To register: [fairfaxcounty.gov/](http://fairfaxcounty.gov/)

parcs and search for Riverbend Park.

### WEDNESDAY/JUNE 29

**123 Andres.** 10:30 a.m. Children's Theatre-in-the-Woods, 1551 Trap Road, Vienna. Bailar, or dance along with 123 Andrés as he takes you on a melodic journey to the Latin music world. Ages 2-7. \$8. [wolftrap.org/woods](http://wolftrap.org/woods).

### Stories and Sprinklers. 1 p.m.

Vienna Town Green. Join Historic Vienna, Inc. for a good story and some water play each Wednesday afternoon. Free. 703-255-6360.

### THURSDAY/JUNE 30

#### Furia Flamenca Dance Company.

10:30 a.m. Children's Theatre-in-the-Woods, 1551 Trap Road, Vienna. Experience the thrill and elegance of flamenco! Combining fiery percussive footwork and passionate music. \$8. Ages 5 and up. [wolftrap.org/woods](http://wolftrap.org/woods).

#### Exploring the "T" in STEM. 8:30

a.m.-12:30 p.m. Courtyard Tysons Corner, 1960 Chain Bridge Road, McLean. Professional enrichment workshop for middle and high school teachers. Free. For more information contact Natasha Schuh-Nuhfer, Ph.D., director of the Teacher

Enrichment Program at [nschuh@cee.org](mailto:nschuh@cee.org).

### SUNDAY/JULY 3

#### Tom Principato. 6-8 p.m. Great Falls Village Centre Green, Great Falls.

One of the most unique guitarists around, combining his rich blues background with high-energy rock, and a highly charged, emotionally expressive delivery. <http://www.celebrategreatfalls.org/concerts-on-the-green/>.

#### Desert Highway. 5 p.m. McLean

Central Park, 1468 Dolley Madison Blvd. Eagles tribute band. Part of the Alden's Sunday Summer Concerts. Free. [aldentheatre.org](http://aldentheatre.org). 703-790-0123.

### MONDAY/JULY 4

#### Great Falls 4th of July Celebration and Parade. 8 a.m.-6 p.m. 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. <http://www.celebrategreatfalls.org/4th-of-july-celebration-parade/>

#### Vienna 4th of July Festival and

Fireworks Show. 4-9:30 p.m. Live musical entertainment, arts and crafts for kids, antique and classic car show and fireworks. Visit [www.viennava.gov](http://www.viennava.gov) for more.

#### McLean Fourth of July. 6:30 p.m.

Churchill Road Elementary, 7100 Churchill Road, McLean. Free shuttle buses. Disc jockey, snack vendors. [mcleancenter.org](http://mcleancenter.org).

### SATURDAY/JULY 9

#### Step and Swing for Elaine. 9:30

a.m.-6:45 p.m. Colvin Run Dancy Hall, 10201 Colvin Run Road, Great Falls. Longest Day fundraising campaign to honor Elaine Krawitz. Dance workshops, dancing and silent auction and raffle. Donation \$50 all day or \$15 per workshop. [stepandswingforelaine@gmail.com](mailto:stepandswingforelaine@gmail.com).

#### Stand Up Paddleboarding. Noon.

Riverbend Park, 8700 Potomac Hills St., Great Falls. Paddle a beautiful section of the Potomac River from a kneeling or standing position. This beginner class has a low student/instructor ratio to allow for plenty of personal instruction. PFDs and helmets provided. Maximum participant weight is 225 pounds. \$40/\$42. <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/parktakes/>

#### Kayak Tour-Sunrise. 7 a.m.

Riverbend Park, 8700 Potomac Hills St., Great Falls. Enjoy breathtaking views as the sun rises over the Potomac River. Paddle with a naturalist and learn about the

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## SUNDAY/JULY 10

**Emma Bailey.** 6-8 p.m. Great Falls Village Centre Green, Great Falls. Soothing Emma Bailey country with the Standing Room Only Rock Band. <http://www.celebrategreatfalls.org/concerts-on-the-green/>.

**The English Channel.** 5 p.m. McLean Central Park, 1468 Dolley Madison Blvd. British Invasion tribute band. Part of the Alden's Sunday Summer Concerts. Free. [aldentheatre.org](http://aldentheatre.org). 703-790-0123.

**Life in the Leaf Litter.** 4 p.m. Riverbend Park, 8700 Potomac Hills St., Great Falls. Join a naturalist for a hike and explore the forest floor. Uncover the diversity of soil organisms and the crucial role that invertebrates play in helping forests to stay healthy. 7 and up. \$7/\$9. <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/parktakes/>.

**Build Your Own Bee House.** 10 a.m. Riverbend Park, 8700 Potomac Hills St., Great Falls. Have fun learning about local pollinators and using some invasive plants to build homes for native pollinators. The bees this house will attract are mason bees, pollinators and solitary bees who rarely sting. \$10/\$10. <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/parktakes/>.

## MONDAY-FRIDAY/JULY 11-15

**Olympic Camp.** 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Providence Baptist Church, 8980 Brook Road, McLean. For rising first- to sixth-graders. Cooking for fun, acting, experiments and explosions, magic, dance and sports. [ProvidenceToday.org](http://ProvidenceToday.org). 703-893-5330.

## WEDNESDAY/JULY 13

**Never Shout Never Concert.** 7 p.m. Jammin Java, 227 East Maple Ave., Vienna. The alt-pop band Never Shout Never is headlining at Jammin Java. General Admission \$20. 703-255-1566. [jamminjava.com](http://jamminjava.com).

**Stories and Sprinklers.** 1 p.m. Vienna Town Green. Join Historic Vienna, Inc. for a good story and some water play each Wednesday afternoon. Free. 703-255-6360.

## SUNDAY/JULY 17

**Jr. Cline and the Recliners.** 6-8 p.m. Great Falls Village Centre Green, Great Falls. Unique arrangements of both classic and modern rhythm & blues and soul with rockin' edge and full brass sound. <http://www.celebrategreatfalls.org/concerts-on-the-green/>.

**The Reflex.** 5 p.m. McLean Central Park, 1468 Dolley Madison Blvd. 1980s tribute band. Part of the Alden's Sunday Summer Concerts. Free. [aldentheatre.org](http://aldentheatre.org). 703-790-0123.

## WEDNESDAY/JULY 20

**Faith@Work Evenings.** 5:30-7:30 p.m. Maggiano's Little Italy, Tysons II, 2001 International Drive, McLean. \$25/\$35. Food, networking, inspirational speaker and discussion. Speaker Shira Harrington. <http://www.bridgepointconnections.org/>



MCC's July 4 fireworks will be a Churchill Road Elementary.

## Fireworks in McLean

McLean Community Center's 4th of July Fireworks Celebration will be held at Churchill Road Elementary School, 7100 Churchill Road, McLean.

The grounds will open at 6:30 p.m. The fireworks show will begin at sunset, approximately 9:15 p.m. Admission is free. In case of inclement weather, only the fireworks display will be presented on the rain date, Tuesday, July 5, at 8 p.m.

Come early to enjoy musical entertainment by a local disc jockey and there will be food trucks on the grounds selling a variety of entrees and snacks.

There will be no parking at Churchill Road or Cooper Middle School. There is a free shuttle bus from two satellite parking sites, St. John's Episcopal Church (6715 Georgetown Pike) and MCC (1234 Ingleside Ave.), beginning at 6:25 p.m. Handicap-accessible buses will be available at both sites.

Smoking, pets, fireworks, glass containers, weapons, sparklers, vaping and alcohol are not allowed on school grounds. The fireworks display will be provided by East Coast Pyrotechnics.

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The McLean Community Players, Inc. is funded in part by the Arts Council of Fairfax County. Footloose is presented through special arrangement with R & H Theatricals; [www.rnh.com](http://www.rnh.com)

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# 'Friends in Deed' Honored

Friends of the McLean Community Center organization names Bonnie Weston and Gordon Thomas 2016 "Friends in Deed."

The Friends of the McLean Community Center (FMCC) organization has named Bonnie Weston and Gordon Thomas the recipients of its 2016 "Friend in Deed" award. Weston and Thomas are the 24th and 25th persons to receive this recognition "with gratitude for outstanding leadership and support of the McLean Community Center." Friends President Glenn Yarborough recognized the two at the Friends annual meeting on Monday, June 13. Their names will be added to the list of award recipients on the "Friend in Deed" plaque, which is displayed in the Center's main lobby.

A 45-year resident of McLean, Thomas has been a member of FMCC for seven years and has held the office of vice president for four years. He has been involved in all aspects of the organization, from volunteering to man the Friends booth at special events to developing the organization's brand by designing a new logo and FMCC's new membership brochures and exhibit banners. He also worked with a contractor on the creation of the group's website: [www.friendsmcc.com](http://www.friendsmcc.com). Yarborough says, "Gordon is one of the most reliable members of our organization. If we have a project to complete, Gordon is always there." A native of Arlington and graduate of Virginia Commonwealth University, Thomas retired in 2005, after 43 years of federal government service as a Trade Fair Designer.

Weston has been a member of Friends of MCC for five years and has served as treasurer for four of those five years. According to Yarborough, "As treasurer, Bonnie is involved with every member of Friends. She has welcomed the challenges that come with every new project. No one does more for Friends than Bonnie." A 44-year resident of McLean, Weston spent time on assignment in Europe and Africa with the Foreign Service. She worked for Fairfax County Public Library for 18 years and was the Children's Manager at Dolley Madison Library before her retirement in 2013. Since retiring, she has also volunteered for the



Gordon Thomas and Bonnie Weston



Gordon Thomas and Bonnie Weston with the Friends of the McLean Community Center president Glenn Yarborough.

McLean Community Center and McLean Senior Source.

More information concerning Friends may be found at [www.friendsmcc.com](http://www.friendsmcc.com).

## Tim Hackman Appointed to Park Authority

Supervisor John Foust appointed Tim Hackman as the new Dranesville District Representative to the Fairfax County Park Authority. His appointment became effective at the June 21 Board of Supervisors meeting. Former Dranesville Park Authority Representative, Grace Han Wolf, resigned recently due to the time constraints of her new job.



Tim Hackman

Hackman has been a Fairfax County resident since 1993, currently living in Great Falls. He is a retired IBM executive, having been with the company for 34 years in law and public affairs positions.

Hackman is currently serving his second term as President of Friends of Riverbend Park (FORB), a non-profit citizens group dedicated to the responsible stewardship and preservation of Riverbend Park on the Potomac River. FORB members work to safeguard Riverbend Park as a natural "classroom" for the inspiration, enjoyment, and education of all park visitors.

Hackman received the Volunteer Fairfax Community Champion Award for the Dranesville District in 2011. The Community Champion Award honors an individual for exceptional dedication to community service. Hackman was selected by Supervisor Foust for his extensive contributions to Friends of Riverbend Park as well as to the Amadeus Concerts.

He is also a member of the 2016 Park Authority Bond Green Team and the Dranesville District Citizens Task Force on the County Budget.

Hackman holds a B.S. in electrical engineering from Bucknell University, and a juris doctor from Yale Law School.

## SPORTS

# Langley Wildthings Victorious in Division 3 Debut

The Langley Wildthings were victorious in their NVSL Division 3 debut, with a 227 to 193 win over the Vienna Aquatic Club Gators.

This week's Double Blue Ribbon Wildthings are: Luca Sanchez, Boys 8 and under, 25 backstroke and 25 butterfly and Megan Craven, Girls 11-12, 50 freestyle and 50 breaststroke.

Single Blue Ribbons were earned by: Ryan Dix, Boys 11-12, 50 freestyle, Mat-

thew Coughlin, Boys 13-14, 50 freestyle, Duncan Proxmire, Boys 15-18, 50 freestyle, Muriel Wallach, Girls 9-10, 50 freestyle, Brady Quinn, Boys 9-10, 50 backstroke, Danny Quinn, Boys 11-12, 50 backstroke, Tessa Jones, Girls 9-10, 50 backstroke, Kate Walter, Girls 11-12, 50 backstroke, Adair Sand, Girls 15-18, 50 backstroke (swimming up), Ethan Ramchand, Boys 8 and Under, 25 breaststroke, Benjamin Scott, Boys 13-14, 50 breaststroke, Nate Johnson,

Boys 15-18, 50 breaststroke, Kira Thornton, Girls 9-10, 50 breaststroke, Anya McKee, Girls 15-18, 50 breaststroke, Luke Watson, Boys 11-12, 50 butterfly, Marina Watson, Girls 9-10, 25 butterfly and Liliana Schone, Girls 11-12, 50 butterfly.

The Wildthings' six winning relays were: Boys 8 and Under 100 freestyle: Luca Sanchez, Ethan Ramchand, Dylan Walsh, Nathan Golesorkhi; Girls 9-10 100 medley: Katie Alms, Kira Thornton, Tessa Jones,

Muriel Wallach; Boys 11-12 100 medley: Daniel Coughlin, Danny Quinn, Luke Watson, Ryan Dix; Girls 11-12 100 medley: Kate Walter, Megan Craven, Liliana Schone, Helena Swaak; Boys 15-18 200 medley: Nate Johnson, Jake Smith, Duncan Proxmire, Nick Woltman; Girls 15-18 200 medley: Adair Sand (swimming up), Anya McKee, Izzy Schone (swimming up), Audrey Wallach (swimming up).



# Supervisors Endorse Police 'Re-engineering'

Action items include use of force and communications recommendations from commission.

BY TIM PETERSON  
THE CONNECTION

**T**he possibility of body cameras being worn by Fairfax County Police officers and the release of officers' names involved with critical use of force incidents dominated discussion during two action items in the Board of Supervisors June 21 meeting.

The board approved both action items, which would formalize the governing body's intent to continue implementing recommendations from the Ad Hoc Police Practices Review Commission.

Public Safety Committee chair Supervisor John Cook (R-Braddock) said real power and authority for the Police Department comes "not from the weapons they're provided but the confidence of the community."

"They're asking for something more, something different, something better," Cook said.

The Ad Hoc Commission met in 2015 and submitted 142 recommendations to the Supervisors in the areas of use of force, communications, mental health and Crisis Intervention Team training, recruitment, diversity and vetting, and independent oversight and investigations.

Police Chief Edwin Roessler and Board of Supervisors Chairman Sharon Bulova have said that a number of the recommendations have already been implemented or are in the process.

**IN ITS ACTION**, the board endorsed Roessler's goal of re-engineering "use-of-force policies to reinforce the guiding philosophy that reverence for the sanctity of human life [as] paramount in service to our community." The philosophy includes new de-escalation and decision-making techniques and more sensitivity to individuals with mental health issues.

Direction from the board includes having the chief provide factual information briefings to the board within 30 days on all officer-involved deployment of deadly force or officer-involved critical incidents where someone died or sustained life-threatening injury. The briefings would continue at intervals of no more than every 90 days, or as requested by the board.

Body cameras were one of the Ad Hoc Commission's recommendations

Roessler called the cost of implementing body cameras "staggering," but that he was standing at the board's direction to move forward.



The possibility of body cameras being worn by Fairfax County Police officers and the release of officers' names that are involved with critical use of force incidents dominated discussion during two action items in the Board of Supervisors June 21 meeting.



The Board of Supervisors recognized members of the Ad Hoc Police Practices Review Commission in the audience on June 21, while representatives from the group Showing Up for Racial Justice displayed posters referencing the in-custody death of Natasha McKenna.

Supervisor Jeff McKay (D-Lee) reminded the board they are waiting for pending legislation to be resolved in the 2017 General Assembly session that could have a bearing on body cameras.

"I support that," he said. "I have concerns about the Freedom of Information Act implications. We need to wait and see what they do."

For Supervisor Kathy Smith (D-Sully), the 18 months of waiting is too long.

"There are other localities doing this," she said. Smith brought up the idea of doing a limited pilot project with cameras.

Bulova said the body cameras issue is more complex than most people think.

"What should be the deal with data collected from body-worn cameras?" Bulova asked. "Then once collected, who has access? How do you block out people who were innocent bystanders, captured on the film?"

The board directed the chief to continue research and development of equipment recommendations, best practices and policies, and budget estimates, and to make

recommendations on body worn cameras to the board in calendar year 2017.

Use of Force subcommittee from the Ad Hoc Commission chairman Phil Niedzielski-Eichner said he was "very pleased with the outcome" of the vote to approve the action items. "It's clear the supervisors took the committee's recommendations seriously."

Niedzielski-Eichner said there's still work to be done, however, with recommendations on body cameras and electronic control weapons (or tasers).

"These are two our committee felt were important for preventing the chance of officers being involved in deadly use of force incidents," he said. "We insist they're still important."

Niedzielski-Eichner plans to meet with Roessler, Bulova and Cook to continue to push those recommendations from the commission.

With regards to communication, Cook said the key to that action item was the board endorsing a predisposition for the police department to disclose information.

"We learned that we needed to get on one

page and have clear policies and procedures for how and what we're going to communicate," Cook said.

"This is what the community is looking for," said Supervisor Cathy Hudgins (D-Hunter Mill), "what we should be doing in order to establish the fact that we are open to dealing with issues that are difficult as long as we can be transparent with the community in doing so."

Supervisor Pat Herrity (R-Springfield) said while he argued for releasing former officer Adam Torres' name in the case of the 2013 shooting death of John Geer that effectively prompted the creation of the Ad Hoc commission, he isn't in favor of making the regular release of officers' names policy.

**TO DO SO**, he said, creates a risk for officers involved with critical use of force incidents and their families.

"I have yet to hear a stated public benefit to disclosing their name other than the public should know," Herrity said. "And that's not enough for me to put the officer and family in danger."

Roessler, however, said he has already implemented policy by which he will release the name of an officer involved in such an incident within 10 days from the event. That period allows his department to do a risk assessment.

If Roessler believes the name shouldn't be released, his policy is to articulate to the public and supervisors what his reason is. "It needs to be credible," he said.

A progress report tracking the completion and implementation of recommendations from the Ad Hoc Police Practices Review Commission is available online at

[www.fairfaxcounty.gov/policecommission/progressreport.htm](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/policecommission/progressreport.htm).

The next meeting of the Board of Supervisors Public Safety Committee will take up recommendations from the Independent Oversight and Investigations subcommittee and is scheduled for July 19 at 1 p.m.



**June 27,  
2016**



By **KENNETH B. LOURIE**

Not that this date, in and of itself, is particularly remarkable, but it is yet another monthly anniversary/reminder of the original February 27, 2009 date when I initially met with my oncologist who delivered the devastating news with which all of you regular readers are well-acquainted: stage IV, non-small cell lung cancer (NSCLC); inoperable, incurable, with a "13-month to two-year" prognosis. Yet here I sit and write still another "cancer column," as I call them, seven years and four months later. And who's to say – or know for that matter, if I am getting closer to the end or further from the beginning. As often as I take note of these anniversaries, as much as possible anyway, I try not to focus/obsess on my underlying reality, because living with cancer is bad enough; believing all the bad news associated with that reality is even worse.

My strategy, to the extent one would characterize what I do as a strategy, is to compartmentalize, not stress over things I can't control, live as "normal" – for me, anyway – a life as possible (no bucket list for me), embrace humor and positivity wherever/whenever, follow doctor's orders/be a "compliant" patient (do what I'm told, take the prescribed medications, show up for regular lab work, infusions, diagnostic scans and especially for all face-to-face appointments with my oncologist) and simultaneously remain open to non-Western anti-cancer alternatives – of which there are many; all the while attempting to jump-start/strengthen my body's own natural fighters: my immune system. (This is what Immunotherapy is all about.)

I can still remember my brother Richard's sentiment concerning my diagnosis/prognosis/treatment: try to stay alive until the next new protocol comes along/gets approved. And so I have. Science and medicine is hardly arithmetic. It's not static. It's dynamic. There are changes, revelations, discoveries, all the time. A prognosis which was certainly relevant at the time it was given can't possibly allow for/anticipate the inevitable progress to be gained from research, clinical trials, miscellaneous studies and patient success stories that filter through the medical pipeline. What's true and reasonable today is not necessarily as meaningful tomorrow. I have lived looking forward, never backward, embracing that hoped-for reality. It doesn't matter – to me, what's already happened. What matters to me is the future and the changes/new ideas (genetic testing and DNA profiling as an example) ever present. As Steve Miller wrote and sang in the title track from his 1969 "Brave New World" release: "We're driving fast from a dream of the past to the brave new world where nothing will last that comes from the past." I've loved this song for over 45 years. Now I know why.

So I look forward to tomorrow. I don't look back to yesterday. Nor do I believe science and medicine is looking backward, either. It's all about what happens next. And as I acknowledge June 27, 2016, I likewise prepare to acknowledge July 27, 2016 and beyond. Life is short enough on its own. It doesn't need any help from us. And I'm certainly not about to make any of these matters worse. Just because it started off bad doesn't mean it has to end up bad.

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