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Deer Management Season Set to Begin

Deer population is “unsustainable” for the health of environment and safety of residents.

By Andrea Worker
The Connection

C ounting the actual number of deer that populate Fairfax County might be an impossible task, but there are ways to calculate the impact that deer have on the community. That on-going data collection gives county officials the means to determine that the deer population is still unsustainable for the health of the environment and the safety of our residents,” according to Katherine Edwards, Ph.D. Edwards is the county’s wildlife management specialist, and was one of three panelists who presented the details of the upcoming 2017-2018 Fairfax County Deer Management Program to a small group of citizens at a public meeting on Aug. 10 at the Government Center.

Joining Edwards to inform the attendees and to take questions and comments at the meeting were Sgt. Earit Powell with the Fairfax County Police Department, and Kristen Sinclair, ecologist III, county Natural Resources Branch, who is responsible for much of the data collection.

The presentation was divided into three major areas of impact: the wandering ruminants: safety concerns, health concerns, and ecological damage. It is within the first and third of these concerns that the numbers can best be gathered, analysed, and used to justify the county’s management program and aid in developing the best approach.

ACCORDING TO STUDIES, Virginia is considered a “high risk” state, ranked 13th in the nation in 2016 for the number of “Deer-Vehicle Collisions” (DVCs), with chances being 1 in 94 of involvement in such an incident. Police records between 2010 and 2016 record an average of 72 DVCs reported annually. A preliminary analysis of records from the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) adds an estimated 1,500-1,600 deer which are picked up from roadsides in Fairfax County. Since it’s approximated that only about 25 percent of deer that are struck by vehicles actually die at the scene, it’s understandable that officials believe that the actual number of DVCs may be significantly higher than those reported.

Edwards and Sinclair told the attendees that the county is working to gather data from a number of sources that are now maintained separately to get the most accurate data.

Sinclair described the efforts to most scientifically measure the ecological damages being done by deer over-population, using hundreds of “browsing plots” throughout the both the county’s park system and in partnerships with the Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority. It’s an ongoing study, with data collected on a rotating basis over a number of years, to study the changes.

Deer aren’t just grazing in open parkland, said Sinclair. They are consuming seedlings and saplings, bushes, and shrubs, as well as “hindering the forest regeneration.”

Kristen Sinclair, ecologist III, county Natural Resources Branch, cited a study that deer are consuming seedlings and saplings, bushes, and shrubs, as well as “hindering the forest regeneration.”

THE ARCHERY PROGRAM is the county’s number one method of deer population control, accounting for 95 percent of the 1,092 deer harvested last year by 627 sanctioned archers, working 18 designated archery clusters. The archers donated 44,881 hunt hours, but only 10.4 percent of hunting attempts resulted in deer harvests.

It is the use of archery as the mainstay of population control that caused some concern and pushback by the few residents in attendance.

Melissa Klein from the Braddock area said she understood the need for controlling the deer population, but felt like relying so heavily on archery “wasn’t a 21st century solution.” She and Kevin Rose, district wildlife biologist for the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries who was in the audience, entered into a bit of a debate on the use of birth control to reduce the numbers of deer. Both referred to a study in a controlled population of deer in Maryland, using the drug PZP. After some back-and-forth between the two, Rose ultimately stated that the experiment was a failure, in part because of the transient nature of the deer, as they moved in and out of areas and among herds, and because the “balance between births and deaths” is not being achieved by that method.

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Friday night kicked off two week ends of theatrical performances by the Traveling Players Ensemble at The Madeira School. Two plays took place: Judith Walsh White’s “Atum’s Eye,” an ancient Egyptian comedy, performed by the youth players, and William Shakespeare’s “Comedy of Errors,” performed by the high school group, a play featuring characters in ancient Turkey.

The Traveling Players Ensemble’s mission is to bring great theatre into the great outdoors. They offer summer camp programs for youth groups from fifth grade to high school. The Traveling Players are in residence at The Madeira School in McLean. Producing and Artistic Director Jeanne E. Harrison, a Great Falls resident, founded the non-profit company in 2003 in her community to teach self-expression, self-reliance, and professional theatre. “Tonight is everything coming into fruition after two weeks of traveling, the kids have transformed,” said Harrison. “I get 18 year olds to memorize 400-year-old words and to spit ’em out with sense,” she said.

The camp has been recognized by the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) for its exemplary performance as a “Summer School in the Arts,” in Northern Virginia. The camp is for two weeks for the youth players, fifth to seventh graders, and they get to learn in an intensive acting environment and produce the play at the end of their session. The program is modeled after the origins of theatre, when troupes of actors roamed the countryside using what they had to perform.

The older students attend camp sessions from left: Staff for the Traveling Players Ensemble pictured here are Michael Oosterhout, 21, program manager, Anna Stevens, 19, a videographer, Jeeho Ha, 18, an incoming freshman at University of California San Diego, a camp counselor and former camper herself, and Jessica Kemp, 22, a shop assistant and stage designer.

From the left: Staff for the Traveling Players Ensemble pictured here are Michael Oosterhout, 21, program manager, Anna Stevens, 19, a videographer, Jeeho Ha, 18, an incoming freshman at University of California San Diego, a camp counselor and former camper herself, and Jessica Kemp, 22, a shop assistant and stage designer.

The cast of the Traveling Players production of “Atum’s Eye,” set in ancient Egypt at The Madeira School in McLean takes a bow.

**Traveling Players Ensemble Brings Shakespeare and White to Life**

**Final Performances**

**Friday, Aug. 18**

“Traveling Players Ensemble Presents Four Plays of Love and Transformation.” The final performances will take place at 3 p.m. Friday, Aug. 18 at The Madeira School in McLean.

Four Plays of Love and Transformation include:

- 3 - 5 p.m. “The Blue Monster” and “The Forced Marriage” (order not yet announced)
- 5 - 6 p.m. Break for Dinner (picnicking is welcome)
- 6 - 7:30 p.m. “As You Like It”
- 7:30 - 9 p.m. “The Frog Prince”

Tickets are $10 and are available at the door.
A class of individuals from diverse backgrounds met at the Great Falls Library at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 9. The class, “Righteous Minds: Trying to Understand Political Minds,” gathered to discuss and try to understand how political views and group loyalties make individuals view the political world. The class was hosted by Bill Roos, of Arlington, on the meetup.com app. It is an app in which people create groups that others with similar interests can join. This can include meeting up for hiking, cooking, reading and more. This particular group was created to study key books that help to understand how people find themselves on one side or the other in political debates. The next meeting will take place on Aug. 16 at the Great Falls Library. Here is what some of the attendees had to say about the class:

Dan Holdgriewe  
“[T]he class is interesting and it is nice to hear people challenging the status quo and trying to understand each other. I think it is a gentle way of getting people to start questioning whether they are really sure about what they believe,” said Dan Holdgriewe from Springfield.

Eva Wildavsky  
“I learned group thinking and about political issues. It helps you to think that others may be thinking in ‘group think’ and that you might also be thinking in ‘group think.’ People you’ve agreed with probably think the way you think because of that ‘group think idea,’” said Eva Wildavsky from Chevy Chase, Md.

Deborah Elkinton  
“It is a really great topic. I think it has helped me with understanding myself better. Particularly with the reading, I am learning a lot about how different people develop their moral values and how we react on the basis of a lot of unconscious feelings and thoughts we have and we are not entirely rational about our ideas and our positions,” said Deborah Elkinton from Arlington.

Daryl Wagner  
“The meetings are very good; nobody overpowers anybody, so everybody is able to share ideas. This class reminds me to listen to all folks. It is very easy to get away from that,” said Daryl Wagner from Maryland.

Esteban Molfino  
“The class is excellent because it frames political discussions in a more constructive and productive way. Of course it is a work in progress because there are always new factors that need to be entered into the equation. I think it makes me more aware of other people’s opinions and allows me to take my time before reacting. This needs to be practiced by all of us in the community to communicate without insult and learn to respect each other,” said Esteban Molfino of Great Falls.
On Events in Charlottesville

What some representatives had to say about hate, bigotry and the deaths and damage that resulted.

Gov. Terry McAuliffe: “I convened an emergency cabinet meeting to discuss the next steps we, as a commonwealth, must take in order to begin the arduous process of healing our community and confronting the racism that stubbornly remains in our nation. The events of this weekend have only strengthened our resolve to combat hatred and bigotry, and I want Virginia to be a leader in the national conversation about how we move forward. I have directed my team to impanel a commission to represent the voices of community organizations, faith leaders, and law enforcement to make actionable recommendations for executive and legislative solutions to advance our mission of reconciliation, unity, and public safety.”

Sharon Bulova, chairman, Fairfax County Board of Supervisors: “The tragedy that took place in Charlottesville does not represent who we are as Virginians. I am incredibly saddened by the hatred and bigotry that was displayed and my heart goes out to the family and friends of the three individuals who tragically lost their lives. We must all do our part to set the tone in our own communities by exemplifying values of acceptance and kindness. As it is often said, ‘Be the change you want to see in the world.’ That is where we all have incredible power and influence every day in our communities.”

U.S. Sen. Tim Kaine: “Virginia has come so far in recent decades to put division behind us. ... It’s sickening to see the displays of violence and bigotry that were brought to Charlottesville by white nationalists, which tragically led to injuries and at least one death today. This is not who we are. Charlottesville is a vibrant community that recognizes the deep scars from our past and has rejected hatred in favor of inclusion.”

“The fact that people like David Duke cited the President to justify their views is a disturbing reminder that divisive rhetoric has sadly contributed to a climate where individuals who espouse hate feel emboldened. As they seek publicity through their hateful tactics, let’s pull together — regardless of party, race or religion — to reject hatred in no uncertain terms and stand together.”

U.S. Rep. Gerry Connolly: “We banished hate a long time ago in Virginia. We must condemn this bigotry and not turn a blind eye to racism.”

U.S. Rep. Don Beyer: “I join the great and passionate majority of Virginians who hold these values dear: abhorrence for racism and hatred, respect for law, and respect for one another. It is especially sad that this ugly incident occurred in the home of one of America’s most treasured centers of learning. The work of creating a more just and equal society will never end and we will re-dedicate ourselves to that in the days and weeks ahead.”

U.S. Rep. Barbara Comstock: “The Attorney General has done the right thing in opening a federal investigation that will have the full support of the Department of Justice. AG Sessions: ‘The violence and deaths in Charlottesville strike at the heart of American law and justice. When such actions arise from racial bigotry and hatred, they betray our core values and cannot be tolerated.’”

“The neo-Nazi march and the hate and racism on display in Charlottesville are vile, have no place in Virginia, and are denounced by Republicans and Democrats alike in our great Commonwealth.”

Del. Marcus Simon: “The scenes of white supremacist, racist neo-nazis marching proudly in Charlottesville along with heavily armed self-proclaimed militia men chanting racist slogans and obscenely taunting counter-demonstrators are beyond disturbing. Virginia is better than this.”

“Virginia’s political leaders have the power to raise the level of discourse. To educate, inform, and enlighten with thoughtful discussion and debate. What’s happened over the last 24 hours in Charlottesville is not happening in a vacuum and it’s not an aberration. It’s what happens when we demonize the other among us.”

“What makes Virginia great is our growing diversity. Our openness to new and better ideas. Our willingness to accept everyone who comes here looking to build a better life, a stronger commonwealth and better world.”

“We are better than the image that’s being broadcast to the world today.”

Letters to the Editor

The Price of Changing School Name

To the Editor: As a former Fairfax County School Board member and a native of Fairfax County, I watched the name changing deliberations about JEB Stuart High School with interest. It appears since leaving the board the education of students and financing such education has taken second place to the social agenda of board members. The frustration about this issue was the members refused to listen to the facts of history and preferred to make assumptions about the man himself, JEB Stuart, and assumptions about the community, the Civil War, the original naming of the school and of Virginia’s state history. These School Board members, most of whom are from other parts of the country, were compelled to listen to sound bites from two Hollywood personalities who knew little about the history of the school and JEB Stuart. They also listened to activists, one being George Albers, an appointee of Chairman Sharon Bulova’s who currently sits on the Fairfax County Human Rights Committee and on the Executive Committee of the local NAACP chapter. He and two School Board members worked to bring in hundreds of community activists from outside the community and county to attend local community meetings on the renaming of the school for purposes of protesting and agitation. These activists knew little about the history of JEB and Virginia JEB Stuart. In the end I have no doubt the system spent thousands of dollars and staff time on this issue, for that is what is done; but for what, to appease a vocal group over the wishes of the impacted community? In 2011 Sandy Evans, the School Board member representing the Stuart Community who pushed for the name change, announced she had a most difficult time voting against a community’s wishes and would not do such a thing. I remember this because she voted against a motion of mine that was very controversial which required a great deal of defined community input and was carefully analyzed as it related to fiscal responsibility. Years ago Ms. Evans lost on my motion and when all is said and done she may have lost again on her own issue. Her motion passed but the political capital she spent was high. She and other members of the School Board may have underestimated the importance of fair process and the power of history and truth; a very sad situation to be in as an elected representative.

Elizabeth Bradsher
Fairfax Station

Only Congress Can Declare War

To the Editor: President Trump’s recent pronouncements of “fire and fury” and “locked and loaded” puts our country and allies at dire risk, and showcases his boundless lack of self-discipline and inability to de-escalate dangerous global situations. Like a schoolyard bully who wants to prove that “my toys are bigger than your toys,” the President is goading an unstable North Korean tyrant who may do something that could change our world forever.

Elizabeth Bradsher
Fairfax Station

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Managed Deer Hunts Begin Sept. 1

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Kathie Sowell of Vienna also shared some concerns, relating a particularly gruesome encounter with a deer, still mobile, but with an arrow through its eye.

Phil Church of Fairfax had similar objections. “The wounding rate for these animals is what bothers me.” Church also agreed that control of the population was needed, but questioned the reliance on archery, when it was “impossible to say how many of the deer wander off wounded, or how long it may take for some of them to die, or to be tracked by the hunter and finished.”

Church and others wanted to know why sharpshooting couldn’t be the more employed methodology, since there was agreement that it would be “more humane.”

“Logistics and cost. That’s honestly the answer,” said Powell. Having paid law enforcement personnel off the job to handle the deer population is just not efficient or in the budget.

There were no easy answers forthcoming from the officials to the objections, but there were promises to continue to look for other methods, to review the program, and to consider public safety at all times.

The program will begin on Sept. 1, and run through Feb. 24, 2018. No hunting will take place on Sundays. To learn more about the program and to see which parks are included, go to the county’s website www.fairfaxcounty.gov, type in “Managed Deer Hunts” and follow the links.
Great Falls native Jenny Nichols is now behind the camera making wildlife documentaries, and recently tracked wild elk in Wyoming’s Absaroka Mountains. She captured her experience with the elk in an award-winning documentary, which she’ll present at 7 p.m., Tuesday, Aug. 22 at Great Falls Library Large Meeting Room, 9830 Georgetown Pike.

Bouhaouala Exhibits at Great Falls Library

An exhibition of acrylic paintings by artist and Great Falls Studios member Lorrie Bouhaouala is on view at the Great Falls Library meeting room through Aug. 31. Expressive figure, landscape, and still life paintings explore vibrant color.
Solar Eclipse 2017

Local experts offer instruction in safe viewing.

By Marilyn Campbell

Some local science teachers went back to school recently for a lesson on the upcoming solar eclipse on Aug. 21 when a total solar eclipse cuts a path across the U.S. Instructors from Fairfax, Arlington, and other Northern Virginia counties attended a half-day workshop led by professor Harold Geller, Ph.D., of the Department of Physics and Astronomy at George Mason University. During the event, which was sponsored by the Virginia Space Grant Consortium, teachers received ideas on teaching their students about the eclipse. “We tested the teachers’ knowledge,” said Geller. “They also worked in small groups to develop a lesson plan on the eclipse.”

Teachers also got a hands-on outdoor session on safe viewing of the sun and solar eclipse as well as a hands-on lesson on the moon’s phases. Geller said the lesson and safety precautions can be applicable to anyone with an interest in the event. “Everyone seems to know the date … but many are not aware of the times,” said Geller. “They vary by location.”

For those in the Washington, D.C. region who are wondering what will be visible, Geller said, “At the start of the eclipse, it will appear that a dark disk is blocking out the light from the sun. As we proceed to maximum, more and more of the sun’s disk will be blocked by the moon. Then, after the peak, less and less of the sun’s disk will be blocked by the moon.”

For those wishing to see the eclipse without leaving the Washington, D.C. region, “The best place to view the eclipse is in the path of totality, that is, wherever the shadow of the moon will totally block all the light from the sun,” said Geller. “Another very important factor is the weather. You should have a direct line of sight to the sun, no interfering clouds. So an open field, with no interference along the line of sight, will appear that a dark disk is blocking out the light light can pierce right through and cause damage to your eyes. The only safe way to see the sun with your own eyes is through eclipse glasses or appropriate solar filters.”

“No one should ever look directly at the sun without proper protection,” added Geller. “Only special equipment should be used, whether looking directly at the sun or indirectly at the sun. Only a limited number of manufacturers’ products have been tested for safety. Make sure you are using one of these or that you use an indirect method for observing the sun.”

Safety is a factor that Eric Bubar, Ph.D., associate professor of biology and physical sciences at Marymount University underscores. “Never look directly at the sun, unless you can approved solar viewing glasses,” he said. “These might be hard to find at the moment. Most online vendors are sold out.”

For those considering using their sunglasses instead of eclipse glasses, Bubar offers a warning. “Your sunglasses are not suitable for viewing the sun,” he said. “No matter how dark, expensive or polarized they are, don’t use them. Polarization and UV blocking are great for decreasing the ambient brightness outside, but direct sunlight can pierce right through and cause damage to your eyes.”

Eclipse enthusiasts should not be fooled by glasses that appear similar to eclipse glasses that have been certified for safe viewing, says Bubar. “The material in solar filters can look a lot like aluminum foil but is completely different,” he said. “If you can’t find solar viewing glasses … you can see it indirectly with a pinhole viewer.”

Instructions for using this method can be found by visiting: (https://eclipse.aas.org/eye-safety/projection) for how to do this.
Week in Great Falls

Claude Moore Farm Presents Colonial Tobacco Harvest

The Claude Moore Colonial Farm, 6310 Georgetown Pike, McLean, will host Colonial Tobacco Harvest on Saturday, Aug. 19, 1-4 p.m.

Tobacco was an important crop in Colonial Virginia, used as currency by the Claude Moore Colonial Farm family to buy supplies and other goods. Help the farm family harvest their tobacco crop. Gather the cut plants and hang on sticks to cure in the Tobacco Barn. Educational and fun. Regular admission; free parking.

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Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) is a training program administered through the county fire and rescue department.

The training prepares residents to help themselves, their families and neighbors in the event of a disaster in their community.

Through CERT, residents can learn about disaster preparedness and receive training in basic disaster response skills such as fire safety, light search and rescue, and disaster medical operations.

At this time, the next available CERT Class is scheduled to begin on Wednesday, Aug. 30 at the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Academy. There are two sessions each week on Mondays and Wednesdays that run until Sept. 27. The class is 28 hours in length, plus the final practical exercise. CERT training is free of charge and basic gear is provided. The minimum requirement to participate in CERT training at any level is that residents be 16 years of age or older, and either be a Fairfax County resident, or work in the county. To learn more about CERT, visit http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/fr/cert/cert.htm.

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Route 7 Corridor Improvements Design-Build Project
Fairfax County, Virginia

The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) is seeking Statements of Qualification for the Route 7 Corridor Improvements Design-Build Project from qualified respondents with experience in the design and construction of highway facilities. The Project is located on Route 7 (Leesburg Pike) just west of the Route 7/ Dulles Toll Road Interchange in Fairfax County, Virginia. The Project includes widening of about a 6.8 mile segment of Route 7 from four to six lanes between Jarrett Valley Drive and Reston Avenue. The purpose of the Project is to increase capacity, improve traffic operations and reduce congestion, improve community access at intersections and via frontage roads, and improve safety in corridor. Project improvements include: an additional eastbound and westbound lane; shared use paths on both sides of Route 7; replacement of the existing Route 7 bridge over Difficult Run; stream relocation; a new pedestrian tunnel under Route 7 accessing the Colvin Run Mill; a grade-separated intersection for eastbound Route 7 at Baron Cameron Avenue; asphalt overlay of existing pavements; new sound barriers; and installation of storm drain pipes and stormwater management facilities. The Design-Builder will also be responsible for coordinating the Route 7 Widening Project with the Washington Gas transmission line upgrade project within the Project limits.

Questions/clarifications regarding the Request for Qualifications (RFQ) should be submitted to John Daoulas, P.E. (John.Daoulas@vdot.virginia.gov).

Copies of the RFQ and additional submittal requirements can be found at http://www.virginiadot.org/business/request-for-qualifications.asp.

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Great Falls Friends and Neighbors (GFFN) invites women living in the Langley High School District or the Estates of Lowes Island to learn more about the group. The purpose of GFFN is to establish and foster an atmosphere in which new and current residents can develop new friendships and community contacts through social, educational, and cultural activities. In addition, the club provides service, support and donative/volunteer opportunities to local civic organizations in and around the Great Falls community. Email info@gffnva.org or visit www.gffnva.org.

THURSDAY/AUG. 17
Support Group for Caregivers, 10-11:30 a.m. at the UUCF Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Fairfax - Program Building, 2709 Hunter Mill Road, Oakton. This support group is designed for caregivers of adult family members. Contact facilitator Jack Tarr at 703-821-6838 or jta5r@verizon.net.

THROUGH AUG. 18
Artist Application Deadline. Visual artists who wish to participate in the 17th Annual Reston Multicultural Festival art exhibit “Art Mirrors Culture” should visit www.restoncommunitycenter.com. The festival will be held Saturday, Sept. 23, 2017 at Lake Anne Plaza in Reston. Interested groups or individuals should fill out the appropriate Vendor Application Form, available at www.restoncommunitycenter.com/mcf.

LETTERS
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President Trump plays fast and loose with nuclear talk, speaking as if it was his personal wild card that he keeps in his back pocket. The loss of millions of lives is an obvious outcome of a conflict between two nuclear powers. But also, given that the destruction of South Korea in such a conflict could deal a devastating blow to the world’s economy.

The President’s seems unorthodox to declare war.

I Had a Dream
By KENNETH B. LOURIE

Which apparently, according to my oncologist, is not unusual. In fact, he’s had them, too. What I am referring to, in a general sense, are cancer dreams. The cancer dream? I had it my first. Actually, it was not so much a dream, with a beginning, middle and an end, as it was a fragment; a moment in subconscious time that provided (illuminated) one more strong a characterization an opportunity to possibly see my future and prepare accordingly.

Before I share my dream, let me give you a bit of context relating to my cancer condition. I am nearly five months into my ninth post diagnosis. I have stage IV non-small cell lung cancer, the terminal kind. Stage IV, if you don’t know (and I certainly didn’t) know stage IV from stage left until my oncologist told me in late February 2009 means the tumors have metastasized (moved from its original location, which is rarely, good) and are inoperable (which means surgery is not an option/recommended/reasonable). Ego, the “13 month to two year” prognosis I was given and the associated 2 percent chance of survival beyond five years. To say that cancer/my mortality is constantly on my mind is an understatement of epic proportions.

Given the unlikely still-living situation in which I find myself, we are regularly waiting for disappointing/discouraging health-related symptoms/ news. With every five-week cycle of pre-chemotherapy lab work/24-hour urine collection and chemotherapy infusion, followed by quarterly CT scans and semi annual brain and/or lower abdomen MRIs, I am at the mercy of results — which at this juncture rarely manifest themselves in any symptomatic/life-changing way. In short, I rarely know what the cancer is doing until my oncologist tells me. So far, mostly so good. As a result of this general lack of symptoms, I am always anticipating the day when I am not so lucky and wondering how it will happen/how I’ll react when “the cancer,” as “Forrest, Forrest Gump” said it, asserts its insidious hold. This was the dream fragment I had.

The only real symptom of my lung cancer/treatment shows up in my lab work: specifically my creatinine level, which measures kidney function. And kidney function, per specific my creatinine level, which measures kidney function.
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