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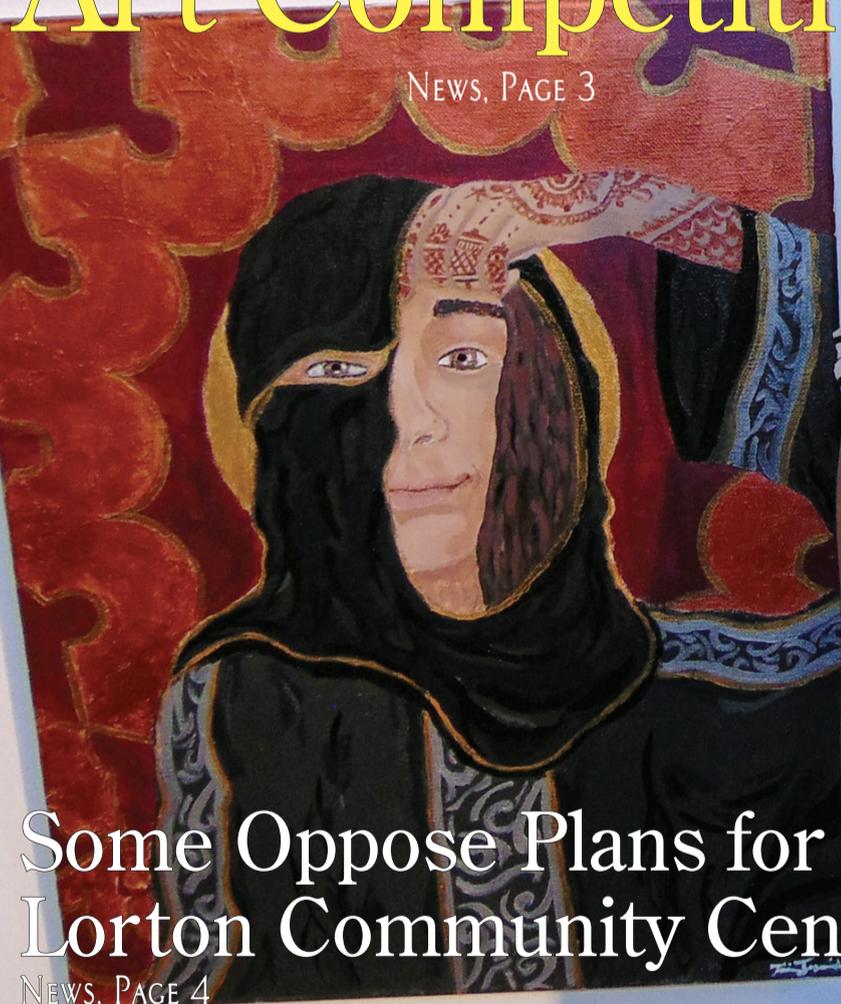
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NEWS

Solving the Mysteries of Civil War Graffiti

History buffs and anyone who loves a good tale have marveled for years at the Civil War graffiti discovered in the attic at historic Blenheim in Fairfax City. On Saturday, May 19, attendees can learn about the intricacies of unraveling the mysteries of the artfully scribbled poems and signatures left behind by Union soldiers in the farmhouse attic — plus the notes and drawings of both Union and Confederate soldiers in five other sites in the Northern Virginia region.

10:30-11:30 a.m. — Kim O'Connell, "History of Civil War Graffiti"
 11:30-11:45 a.m. — Break
 11:45-12:45 p.m. — Conservator Chris Mills, "The Technical Side of Graffiti Recovery and Conservation"
 1:15-1:45 p.m. — Conservator Kirsten Travers Moffitt, "Uncovering Blenheim's Graffiti"
 2-2:30 p.m. — Tours of Blenheim House, Gallery and Site

"Beneath the Paint: Civil War Graffiti Symposium" will tackle the big picture and history of Civil War-era graffiti with the Northern Virginia Civil War Graffiti Trail, as well as the enormous skills required to reveal and preserve these historic gems. (Registration and fee, \$15, required. Details below.)

The event, which takes place at Historic Blenheim and the Civil War Interpretive Center, is perfect for history buffs and those who want to learn more about the graffiti gracing the home in Fairfax City and in other structures in our area. The in-depth examination of this fascinating subject is also appropriate for high-school and college students. Registration, \$15; lunch, \$10; Historic Blenheim and the Civil War Interpretive Center, 3610 Old Lee Highway, Fairfax; 703-591-6728.

The history-filled and intriguing day, which includes light breakfast and lunch, will cover:
 9:30-10 a.m. —, Registration/Continental Breakfast
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U.S. Rep. Gerry Connolly (center) and the crowd at the Congressional Arts Competition held at the Workhouse Arts Center in Lorton.



Nicole Evans, ninth grade, of Lake Braddock Secondary with her artwork. Evans won first place and \$1,000. Her work will be displayed in the U.S. Capitol for one year.

Connolly Holds Congressional Art Competition

U.S. Rep. Gerry Connolly (D-11) hosted his 10th annual Congressional Art Competition Awards Ceremony on Saturday, May 12, 2018, at the Workhouse Arts Center's McGuire Woods Gallery (Building 16) in Lorton. The show featured 130 submissions from 105 artists in oils, pastels, acrylics, photography, computer graphics, pencil, pen and ink, and charcoal, representing 25 different high schools and home-schoolers in Fairfax and Prince William counties.

"This is our 10th annual Congressional Arts Competition. We're very proud of the fact that we have 25 high schools as well as home-schoolers participating this year. There are over 138 pieces; we started out our first year with 70, so we've almost doubled, and I think it's an exciting thing for young people to see their art actually hung in a gallery like any other professional piece of art," said Connolly. "We think it's a great opportunity to see the incredible talent and artistic expression coming out of our young people."

The first-place winner was Nicole Evans of Lake Braddock Secondary. She won \$1,000 plus her artwork will be hung in the U.S. Capitol for one year. Evans and her family will also be invited to a reception at the U.S. Capitol along with the winners from other Congressional Districts from around the country.

The second-place award winner was Ashley Kim of Centreville High School. She won \$750 and was named the Workhouse High School Rising Star, which means her piece will be displayed in the Workhouse Gallery for one year.

The third-place winner was Alessandra Rodriguez of Heritage Christian School; fourth-place winner was Maya Kirkpatrick of Chantilly High School; fifth-place winner was Corban Hubler, home-schooled



Jonathan Larsen, grade 11, of South County High School with his artwork.



Tricia Joganich, 10th grade, of South County High School with her art work.



U.S. Rep. Gerry Connolly chats with Thomas Lane, a 12th grader at South County High School.

from Springfield; and sixth-place tie: Esha Saini of Thomas Jefferson High School; and Esther Park of Oakton High School. The sponsors and judges included: ArtsFairfax, the Workhouse Arts Foundation, The Prince

William Arts Society, Arts Herndon, Clearbrook Center of the Arts, and Greater Reston Arts Center (GRACE).

— STEVE HIBBARD



Greta Holliday, 12th grade, homeschooled from Springfield with her art work.

'You Cannot Beat This Market for Freshness'

Lorton Farmers Market open Sundays, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

BY TAYLOR J. GOUTERMAN
THE CONNECTION

A tour through an aroma of fresh produce for the spring and summer seasons returns to Lorton for its six-month market.

Just behind the VRE parking lot, the Lorton Farmers Market has existed for more than ten years since its inception with the help of Sue Wolinsky, a nurse from West Springfield. The market entails farmers who make a two-hour trek to Lorton to set up their vendors stands Sundays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Amy Poe, a market manager from Lorton, said it's the togetherness of the community and the interactions with the people who make the food themselves that makes her most excited to volunteer each week.

"You cannot beat this market for freshness," Poe said. "Most of these items were grown and picked this week, if not yesterday."

Nancy Ochoa, a farm manager for Linda Vista Farm in Montross, Va., said her passion for the farmers market came from being the daughter of the owner.

"Every farmers market is unique," Ochoa said. "We always have regular customers who become more like friends or family,



Curtis and Talia White, from Lorton, try out freshly made coffee from Ethiopia by Lily Gamteu, who helps run an Ethiopian coffee shop in Alexandria.

so although we don't remember them by name, we remember their faces." Lily Gamteu, an Alexandria resident who also works for the Abyssinia Mart in Old Town, sells coffee that comes from Ethiopia. Gamteu said coffee is an integral part of her community where she grew up, and she especially enjoys sharing that culture across the world.

"Back home, it's a social event every day," Gamteu said. "Coffee has a very important role in Ethiopia. This is the main resource."

Gamteu said her coffee contains low acid, so the coffee has a better aftertaste and can be helpful for those with stomach problems. She said laughingly that this makes her coffee better than retail coffee.



Nancy Ochoa, a farm manager for her family's business in Warsaw, Va. explains to Christopher Richard, a resident of Lorton, how different lettuces shown are grown in-season during springtime.



Every Sunday this year from May 6 to Nov. 18, the Lorton Farmers Market opens from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. to a host of customers looking for locally-grown and freshly-prepared food.

Poe described a favorite customer of hers who left with multiple bags of produce, whose family receives benefits from the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program. "They discovered that they can use their S.N.A.P. benefits not just in grocery stores, but here in the Fairfax County Farmers Market," Poe said. "They came and heard about our program. They redeem their benefits and get these coins. We also have a partner organization with Arcadia, which does a match up to \$20."

Later in the summer, the Lorton market will show various events including chef demonstrations, a farmers market week celebration with activities for children, and master gardeners who offer advice for gardeners.

Some Oppose Plans for New Lorton Community Center

Homeowners bordering the park want open space to stay.

BY MIKE SALMON
THE CONNECTION

Plans for a new Lorton Community Center next to the Lorton Library off Richmond Highway are moving along, but not everyone is supportive. Some argue there are better locations that would be more suited for the traffic, parking and green space preservation.

Chris Ambrose is the president of the Shepherd Hills Homeowners Association that backs up to Lorton Park where the new site is located. He was at the May 3 public meeting on the community center and wasn't satisfied with the out-

come to move forward with the plan which includes a grass rectangular field inside the new oval walking path, new playground, picnic areas, an indoor gymnasium, classrooms, exercise areas, community services and other recreational amenities.

"It's a question of the size of it and where it's located," said Ambrose. The Lorton Community Action Center (LCAC) is currently in a house on the park grounds, and the plans will include moving LCAC into the new community center.

IN JANUARY, when the new recreation center planning was gaining speed, Ambrose started a petition and has gathered more than 1,000 signatures from residents in

the area, including the neighborhoods of Hagel Circle and Williamsburg Square, right next door.

"While we support modernization of the Lorton Community Action Center and improvements to the library, any additional facilities and parking located on that property need to be minimized and construction in a way that leaves intact the existing track and grass oval inside the track, the playground and picnic area and preserves the two legacy large trees," read the language on the petition.

Mount Vernon Supervisor Dan Storck (D) doesn't think the new center will take up that much of the existing park. The park is now 1.9 acres and will be 1.7 acres with

the new community center, according to Storck. Ambrose has looked at the plans and county data, calling it a "complete hocus pocus with the numbers."

Leah Watson, a past official with LCAC who lives next to the park, thinks the space is too small as well. "It's a very small park as it is," she said, and values it as a part of their community. "I feel ashamed that we have to be fighting like this," she said, but not speaking for LCAC.

The current LCAC website is supportive of the new center and the benefits of partnership between the county and the Lorton Community Action Center.

Voters approved funds for con-

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Chris Ambrose, president of the Shepherd Hills Homeowners Association, with an ad he's taken out and his stickers he handed out at the meeting.

NEWS

Community Center

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struction in a 2016 referendum and the new center could be complete by 2022.

Ambrose has identified two other sites that he thinks would be better for the center, and the sites were part of the Lorton Community Center Steering Committee's agenda on March 3, which can be found on their website. One site is on Lorton Road around the corner from the park, and the other is on a site they are calling the "Noman Cole Property." Crossing this busy part of Richmond Highway would pose an access problem for residents of Hagel Circle and Williamsburg Square. That could be resolved with a pedestrian overpass as Ambrose pointed out, but those are expensive.

At the meeting May 3, the other sites were looked at in the slideshow but the focus was putting the center on the spot in Lorton Park right next to Lorton Library.

To Watson, one of the other spots would be better, and she cited the successful activity that was held at the park last weekend. "Just to sit there and breath the fresh air, that's what a park is for," she said.

AT THE PUBLIC MEETING Supervisor Dan Storck said a majority of the attendees were in favor of the new center, but Ambrose said it was the opposite. While Storck put the numbers at 75 percent in favor, Ambrose said it was more like 80 percent opposed. Ambrose also gave out 130 "Save the Park" stickers at the meeting. "People that support this don't live in the community," Ambrose said. Watson didn't like the process either, and feels "they didn't ask the whole community," she said.

Storck looks at it as a win-win for both sides though.

"The best part of the site location chosen for the Lorton Community Center is that we get both a new community center where it is most needed, and we get to keep the park," Storck said. "The next steps include the most important public engagement opportunities as we work with the community to determine final design, facility amenities and services," he said.

Moving forward, Ambrose feels it might be a done deal but he won't give up the fight, and has brought it up with other county officials, including County Board Chairman Sharon Bulova. It still has to go through the planning commission as well, and Ambrose isn't comfortable with the way the official process has been going on Storck's end.

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OPINION

Decision Slows Transportation Progress

BY JEFFREY C. MCKAY
LEE DISTRICT SUPERVISOR



COMMENTARY

Frustrating. Exasperating. Maddening. Irritating. Anyone who regularly drives in Northern Virginia is familiar with these feelings, because we all spend time sitting in traffic, staring at miles of brake lights in front of us.

One way we overcome these congestion problems is through funding from the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority (NVTA), a state agency that has awarded \$990 million to transportation projects all over the region.

After years of underfunding by the Commonwealth led to crippling traffic and insufficient maintenance, the 2013 Virginia General Assembly and then Governor McDonnell thankfully reached an agreement to significantly

increase funding for transportation, particularly in Northern Virginia, through this new pot of funds. It has been tremendously successful.

This year, attention was focused on the needs of Metro — a vital component in our transportation

network and the Commonwealth's economy. While the Commonwealth provides significant aid, it is important to note that the local jurisdictions in Virginia that have been responsible for funding Metro since its inception — over half a billion dollars has been provided through local and regional revenue sources in the last five years alone.

Unfortunately, Speaker Kirk Cox and Del. Tim Hugo blocked Gov. Ralph Northam's plan

to provide new revenues for Metro (through small increases in taxes on hotel stays and property sales), which resulted

from discussions with a bipartisan coalition of businesses, local governments, transportation advocates, and legislators — instead, they forced the adoption a plan that diverts more than \$100 million per year from existing road and transit projects funded by the transportation revenues enacted in 2013.

Our region's transportation needs are still sizable, as evidenced by the fact that NVTA received \$2.5 billion in project requests over the next six years, though it only has approximately \$1.25 billion available to

distribute. As a result, many projects that would alleviate congestion and improve mobility will likely be delayed, deferred, or never built — a regrettable outcome that could have been avoided. We should not be addressing one transportation need at the expense of others.



PHOTOS CONTRIBUTED



Former Supervisor Gerry Hyland, former Planning Commissioner Earl Flanagan and Supervisor Dan Storck.

Supervisor Dan Storck, Steve Hunt, Former Supervisor Gerry Hyland, Marlene Miller.

Spring is a Time of Renewal

BY SUPERVISOR DAN STORCK
(D-MT. VERNON)

Many would say that giving back to the community is a calling, a mission. Others would say it makes them feel good, renews their soul. Whatever your reason, engaging in your community will strengthen bonds, enlighten perspectives and knit new relationships.

This month we honored former Planning Commissioner Earl Flanagan and Mount Vernon Voice co-publishers Marlene Miller and Steve Hunt.

After twelve years serving as Mount Vernon District Planning Commissioner and at the youthful age of 93, Earl has decided to hang up his planning commissioner hat. The District owes Earl a debt of gratitude for all he has done for us, including guiding the Embark process, the Richmond Highway Widening project and the Lorton Liberty development. He has made a significant impact on land use plan-

ning in the District, defining what it looks like today and what it will look like for years to come. Earl has given back to his community in many other ways, from his service to the military to serving as President of the Riverside Estates Civic Association and on the Boards of the Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Associations and the Southeast Fairfax Development Corporation. I hear Earl has no plans to retire from civic duty and that we will see him taking on new roles in the future.

Marlene Miller and Steve Hunt have been the "Voice" of the Mount Vernon District for the last 16 years. Although they have made the difficult decision to end publication of the Voice, we are grateful for the many news articles and intriguing stories they have written over the years. It is through the weaving of our stories into the fabric of our community that we inspire, encourage and inform each generation. If there was an event happening anywhere in the District, you could count on Marlene and Steve being there!

Find something that renews your soul.

I encourage each and every one of you to find your passion, learn new things, meet new people, volunteer your time, stretch out of your comfort zone and seek out the community engagement role that is right for you! You will grow, learn and be renewed as you give your time, talents or treasures to help those around you.

Not sure where to start? Here are some suggestions:

- ❖ Mount Vernon District Boards, Authorities and Commissions - <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/mountvernon/boards-authorities-and-commissions>
- ❖ Fairfax County Volunteer Management System (VMS) - http://www.fairfaxcountypartnerships.org/get_involved/
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Comment on U.S. 1's Future ASAP

By SCOTT SUROVELL
STATE SENATOR (D-36)



If you care about our community's future, it is critical that you take a few minutes before May 20 to share our support for upgrading the U.S. 1 corridor, a major, but long-overlooked, commercial, residential and recreational thoroughfare in eastern Fairfax County.

COMMENTARY

The Northern Virginia Transportation Authority (NVTA) is now deciding which projects to fund with \$1.2 billion as part of its six-year plan.

Fairfax County submitted several projects including widening U.S. 1 north from Fort Belvoir to Costco (\$127 million), establishing bus rapid transit from Huntington Metro to Fort Belvoir (\$250 million), replacing the CSX bridge at U.S. 1 and I-95 (\$12 million) and made these top county-wide priorities. NVTA ranked these two projects #23 and #24 out of 60 using the new "Smart Scale" criteria and numbers #2 and #8 out of 60 using the HB599 congestion mitigation criteria established by state law.

If the NVTA follows the rankings, U.S. 1 should get funded (barely), but that's before regional politics comes into play. If one project of the remaining thirty-six projects leapfrogs U.S. 1, these two projects will be kicked down the road again for at least another two years.

Last week, the NVTA held two public hearings – one in Mount Vernon and one in Fairfax and I attended both.

The Mount Vernon hearing was packed with people supporting U.S. 1 projects.

The Fairfax meeting was also packed, but mainly with supporters from the rest of Northern Virginia advocating for funding all other projects. The current NVTA Board does not have a single member who lives south of U.S. 50 or east of I-95.

I cannot over-emphasize how important it is that the NVTA receive comments pointing out that these U.S. 1 projects are needed now, were needed ten years ago, and deserve to be prioritized.

Tysons Corner and the Dulles Metro Corridor have received billions of public and private investment at the expense of the U.S. 1 Corridor and several groups are pushing the NVTA to ignore the objective rankings and push other projects ahead of U.S. 1.

We must stop this with overwhelming community support. www.ConnectionNewspapers.com

Please send me your comments and stories about why it is our finally turn. I will personally deliver every comment I receive to the NVTA and I need yours. Their comment deadline is May 20.

Please give me your comments using my quick online form at <http://bit.ly/US1comment>. Urge your spouse, friends, work colleagues and neighbors to comment. The future of our community depends on it.

A Little History

In 2013, the General Assembly raised transportation taxes for the first time in 27 years by passing HB2313. We included three taxes applicable only to Northern Virginia to be allocated by the NVTA.

We also passed two bills to take the NOVA politics out of road building by requiring all projects to be ranked using objective metrics to measure each project's relative ability to reduce congestion, create economic development, improve safety and improve the environment (mainly air quality). Each project is given a benefit score and that is divided by the project cost to show which project provides the best bang for the buck. The NVTA uses this method to rank projects in Northern Virginia.

In 2011, former Senator Toddy Puller and I secured funds for the Route 1 Multimodal Alternatives Analysis to develop a roadmap for U.S. 1 in Fairfax County. The final plan recommended a four-phase approach to widen U.S. 1 to six lanes, build a median-dedicated bus rapid transit system, create dual-multi-use paths and sidewalks and adopt new land use patterns with a robust, interconnected, street grid and significantly enhanced housing densities to support a two-stop extension of the Yellow Line to Hybla Valley. The Fairfax County Board of Supervisors adopted this plan as part of the Embark Route 1 process earlier this year.

Convincing NVTA to approve these first two U.S. 1 projects is an urgent step to bringing congestion relief, more upscale commercial activity, jobs, walkable communities and more modern amenities to our community. Please send me your comments today at <http://bit.ly/US1comment> and I will deliver them to NVTA.

It is an honor to serve as your state senator. If you have any questions, I can be reached at scott@scottsuovell.org.

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More Than Apple for Teacher

Gifts for those who educate children.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL

As the school year nears an end, it's time to thank those whose jobs run the gamut from comforting kindergartners with separation anxiety to teaching biology to hormonal teenagers. End-of-year teacher gifts are seemingly ubiquitous in June, but how does one choose a useful present that doesn't get re-gifted or donated? Local tastemakers offer their take on gifts for teachers that teachers actually want to receive.

"Teachers can always use extra supplies for their classrooms," said Courtney Thomas of the Picket Fence in Burke. "Put together a goody bag full of pencils and markers, notepads, page flags and sticky notes or anything your teacher needs to keep his or her desk stocked. Tie it all up in a reusable bag they can repurpose to carry papers and books to and from school."

Treat your teacher to a spa day at home, advises Thomas. "Get a collection of your favorite lotions, soaps and candles and give your teachers a much appreciated excuse to pamper themselves."

Flowers are a cheerful present to offer those who teach children, but fresh flowers have a limited lifespan, advises Todd Martz of Home on Cameron in Old Town Alexandria who suggests bouquets with longevity. "Felt flowers always look fresh and add a bit happiness to every day," he said.

Sometimes the most treasured gifts are those that don't come with a price tag. "My favorite handmade teacher gift is a thoughtful note of thanks, said Kathryn Horn Coneway of Art at the Center in Alexandria. "Taking the time to say thank you and be specific about how an adult has impacted your child's growth is a powerful way of affirming the work teachers do. I think it is great to encourage kids to write letters of thanks as well and to think through what specifically they can name that they have learned or gained from a teacher."

"A beautiful and thoughtful gift for all teachers are



PHOTO COURTESY OF SONORAN ROSE BOUTIQUE

Wine-scented bath bombs from Napa Valley are the perfect gift for the teacher who needs a little pampering.

guest towels," says Cristina Chiotti of Sonoran Rose Boutique in Potomac, Md. "[We have some] that come from South Africa and are available in a variety of lovely prints and designs," she said. "Delicious wine-scented bath bombs from Napa Valley are the perfect gift for the teacher who needs a little pampering."

For teachers with a preppy spirit, Amanda Mertins, of Patina Polished Living in Alexandria, advises, "Some of the most thoughtful gifts for teachers who go above and beyond to educate our children are gift monogrammed items, gifts cards and notepads."

And for teachers who enjoy spending time outdoors, Chiotti says an ideal gift includes "Pairing some local Maryland honey with our gardening tool kit for the perfect springtime gardening gift."



COURTESY OF KATHRYN CONEWAY

Notepads make useful end-of-year teachers gifts, suggests Amanda Mertins of Patina Polished Living in Alexandria.



PHOTO COURTESY OF ART AT THE CENTER

A note written on a handmade card such as this collage with mulberry paper and acrylic medium on watercolor paper by Kathryn Horn Coneway of Art at the Center, makes meaning teacher gifts, says Coneway.



PHOTO COURTESY OF THE PICKET FENCE

Candles, soaps and lotions in a gift bag will make luxurious end-of-year teacher gifts, says Courtney Thomas of The Picket Fence in Burke.

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Batting Cage Temporary Closure Sparks an Uprising

Park Authority looking for new management.

By Mike Salmon
The Connection

This story has been updated. Outside the beltway midst the rolling hills, trees and Little League baseball teams, the Dugout batting cage in Centreville is a center of attention for some, and a source of revenue for others, but that all came to a halt on May 1 when the Fairfax County Park Authority closed the facility.

Bernard C. Voyten Jr. didn't feel the closure was warranted, and is rallying against the closure.

Voyten is the president of the engineering firm Voyten and Associates, Inc. that financed and built the batting cage 25 years ago, he said.

"We have paid FCPA hundreds of thousands of dollars in rent, but more importantly, provided a recreational facility which FCPA was unable to provide," he said in a release.

Voyten compared the batting cage closure to the closure of the "Islands in the Park," mini golf closure five years ago. Fairfax County spent \$180,000 in legal fees, and \$170,000 removing the "Islands in the Park," Voyten said. It was next to the Dugout batting cage in Braddock Park. This made Voyten believe that the Dugout would be permanently closed, but that's not the case, said county officials.

Others came out to support the batting cage and in the end, the Dugout Batting Cage will soon live on to see another line drive.

District Supervisor Pat Herrity (R-Springfield) talked to some of his constituents about the closure.

"We have heard from some of the regular users of the batting cages and I have let it be known that permanent closure will not happen," Herrity said. "The decision to terminate the lease agreement was the Park Authority's due to long standing issues that the parties have not been able to re-

solve. "Fortunately, the batting cages will again be open in approximately two-to-three weeks after the necessary staff is hired and/or rehired, which I know is important to the community."

According to information released by FCPA spokesperson Judy Pedersen on Friday, May 11, "We are in the midst of a changeover from past management and hope to have the site operational soon. We recognize that this closure is inconvenient and intend to begin operations again as soon as reasonably possible," she said.

Voyten is skeptical from past dealings with the FCPA, and has heard they are opening possibly as soon as this coming Saturday, May 19, but he says he'll believe it when he sees it.

Is he happy that it's reopening? "If it provides pleasure and the same level of service, yes I'm happy," he said. But he is skeptical the FCPA can come through. "It's a tough one," he said. With



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Baseballs or softballs get flung out over the plate from these two wheels that spin at various speeds.



The facility was open seven days a week.

the money owed to Voyten, his future plans fall in the "can't comment," category, he said.

Any dispute with tokens that have already been purchased will be resolved by the FCPA, or batters can just hold on to them and use them again when the Dugout

reopens.

"We ask for your patience in this matter. For more information please contact Park Services Director Barbara Nugent at 703 324-8585 or the Public Information Office at 703-324-8662," according to the FCPA.

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Rock of Ages – The Musical.

Through May 20, Fridays-Saturdays, 8 p.m.; Sundays, 2 p.m. at Workhouse Arts Center, Building W-3 (Theatre), 9518 Workhouse Way, Lorton. This Tony-Award winning musical takes the audience back to the 1980s era of big bands, big egos big guitar solos and big hair. This musical comedy lovingly features hits from the time with music from Styx, Journey, Bon Jovi, Whitesnake and many more. Parental discretion advised. \$20-\$35. Visit www.workhousearts.org.

Art Exhibit: House, Sky and Abyss.

Through June 24, gallery hours at Workhouse Arts Center's Vulcan Muse Gallery, 1st Floor, 9518 Workhouse Road, Lorton. House, Sky and Abyss is a solo exhibition featuring Gerardo Camargo chronicling the relationship between natural environment and social constructs. Visit www.workhousearts.org.

Art Exhibit: Candy for the Eye,

Food for the Soul. Through July 8, gallery hours at Workhouse Arts Center's Warrior Way Gallery, 1st Floor, 9518 Workhouse Road, Lorton. Gene Moty, a retired Air Force officer, creates contemplative, whimsical paintings using traditional materials. Visit www.workhousearts.org.

THURSDAY/MAY 17

Hometown Thursdays: Witness

Protection. 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Old Town Square, 10415 North St., Fairfax. Third Thursdays in May-September. The new series will host local bands from the Fairfax area. A free, family-friendly event for all ages. Visit www.fairfaxva.gov/government/parks-recreation/special-events/hometown-thursdays.

Heat, Dirt, and Scholarship:

Women in Classical Archaeology. 7 p.m. at Braddock District Supervisor's Office, 9002 Burke Lake Road, Burke. Dr. Carol Mattusch, Mathy Professor of Art History, emerita at George Mason University specializes in courses on Greek and Roman art and archaeology and the rediscovery of classical antiquity. All are welcome. Presented by the Springfield-Annandale Branch of the American Association of University Women. Email deborahdodd55@aol.com or call 703-490-8737 for more.

FRIDAY/MAY 18

Bike to Work Day. Join more than 18,000 area commuters for a free celebration of bicycling as a fun, healthy and environmentally-friendly way to get to work. Starting at various early morning hours, and some in the afternoon. Morning Bike to Work Day convoys, led by experienced bicycle commuters, will travel throughout the region. All levels of cyclists are welcome to join the convoys. To register, visit www.biketoworkmetrodc.org and be entered for a free bike raffle.

46th Annual Clifton Homes Tour.

10 a.m.-5 p.m. Guided tours of four Clifton homes and a silent auction at Clifton Presbyterian Church. Free events include tours of two historic Clifton churches, a silent auction, wreath sale, and Trinkets and Treasures at Clifton Presbyterian Church. Tour tickets: \$25-30, Free admission to silent auction. Meets at Clifton Presbyterian Church, 12748 Richards Lane, Clifton. Visit www.cliftoncwc.org.



The Fairfax Saxophone Quartet's current members include founder, leader and arranger Jim Frances, Marshall Wise, Brian Cole, and Dan Hurlow

City of Fairfax Band: "The Americans"

The Fairfax Saxophone Quartet will be featured at "The Americans" concert by the City of Fairfax Band. As part of a concert devoted to American classical and movie music masters, the quartet will do its "classi-jazz" take on tunes by Stephen Foster. The concert will also feature as soloist the band's Young Artist Competition winner, tuba player Diego Stine. Saturday, May 19, 7:30 p.m. at Fairfax High School, 3501 Rebel Run, Fairfax. Adults, \$15; seniors, \$10; students, free. Tickets available at the door or www.fairfaxband.org.

B-I-N-G-O. 7 p.m. at Fire Station 3, 4081 University Drive, Fairfax. Visit www.fairfaxvfd.com or call 703-273-3638 for more.

Family Movie Night: "My Little

Pony." 7 p.m. at Sherwood Community Center, 3740 Old Lee Highway, Fairfax. Enjoy a free, family friendly (movies are PG) movie night. An adult must accompany anyone under the age of 14. "Britepaths" Food Drive at Family Fun Nights. Britepaths is a volunteer-based organization that identifies and addresses the unmet fundamental needs of Fairfax area residents. Call 703-385-7858.

Encore Chorale Concert. 7:30-9 p.m. at United Christian Parish Reston, 11508 North Shore Drive, Reston. Combined Encore Chorales from Reston, Fairfax, and Lansdowne Woods sing music from Broadway, the Great American Songbook, and traditional Spirituals. Free and open to the public. Visit www.EncoreCreativity.org.

SATURDAY/MAY 19

World Vision Global 6K for Water.

10 a.m.-1 p.m. at Community Covenant Church, 7018 Sydenstricker Road, Springfield. Walk or run 6 kilometers to join World Vision in raising money for clean water initiatives. \$50. Register for the walk at teamworldvision.org and join team Community Covenant Church Springfield. Visit www.teamworldvision.org/team/Community-Covenant-Springfield.

Touch a Truck. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at Red Cross National Capital Region Headquarters, 8550 Arlington Blvd., Fairfax. Join the 2nd Annual Touch A Truck Event. Bring the family out and see all of the Red Cross emergency vehicles, bloodmobiles, fire engines, police vehicles, and more. Enjoy games, including a bounce house, food and fun for the entire family. Rain or shine. Entry is free. Visit www.redcross.org/news/event/Touch-A-Truck-Open-House-Event.

4th Annual Kids Safety Saturday.

10 a.m.-1 p.m. at City Hall, 10455 Armstrong St., Fairfax. Join the City of Fairfax and the City of Fairfax Police Department for Kids Safety Saturday in front of City Hall in conjunction with the 21st Annual Antique Car Show.

Antique Car Show. 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at City Hall, 10455 Armstrong St., Fairfax. Live Bluegrass music, food and fun. 4th Annual Kid's Safety Day also takes place 10 a.m.-1 p.m. See the Model-T Ford reassembled in 15

minutes, 1 p.m. Visit www.nrv.org or www.visitfairfax.com.

Pet Adoption Event. 11 a.m.-2 p.m. at Pet Supplies Plus, 11054 Lee Highway, Fairfax. Find a new forever animal friend with the help of the City of Fairfax Animal Control and Animal Shelter. Visit www.fairfaxva.gov/government/police/programs/animal-control/adopt-a-pet.

"Beneath the Paint: Civil War Graffiti Symposium." 2-4 p.m. at the Civil War Interpretive Center at Historic Blenheim, 3610 Old Lee Highway, Fairfax. Speakers and topics include: Kim O'Connell, the history of Civil War Graffiti; Conservator Chris Mills, the technical side of graffiti conservation, and Conservator Kirsten Moffitt, graffiti investigation and conservation at Historic Blenheim. Sponsored by "The Northern Virginia Civil War Graffiti Trail." Space is limited. Fee: \$15. Lunch: \$8. Call 703-591-6728.

"Fashion for Fighters" Gala. 5-10 p.m. at Springfield Golf & Country Club, 8301 Old Keene Mill Road, Springfield. Join the Navy Safe Harbor Foundation for Fashion for Fighters Gala – an evening of fashion to raise funds for wounded, ill and injured U.S. Navy, Coast Guardsmen and their families. Guests will enjoy sponsored fashion shows, silent auctions and raffles along with music and entertainment. Visit www.safeharborfoundation.org.

Superhero Family Fun. 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Children's Science Center, 3949 Pender Drive, Suite 120B, Fairfax. Come dressed as a favorite superhero and join an evening of superhero science. In addition to exploring the Lab, the following extra activities are available: Villain Quest; Cobweb Slime; Superhero Genetics! and Super Coding.

Fairfax Band Concert. 7:30-9 p.m. at Fairfax High School, 3501 Rebel Run, Fairfax. The City of Fairfax Band presents an evening of All-American music by Aaron Copland, Paul Creston, Alfred Reed, John Philip Sousa and John Williams, plus a tribute to Stephen Foster featuring the Fairfax Saxophone Quartet. The concert will also feature as soloist the band's Young Artist Competition winner, tuba player Diego Stine. \$10-\$15; students free. Call 571-336-2322 or visit www.fairfaxband.org.

SUNDAY/MAY 20

5K Race/Walk and 1K Fun Run. 8-11 a.m. Fundraiser to support Muskaan India Inc. of Potomac, Md.



The Gaffney home is one of four Clifton homes featured on the Clifton Homes Tour for Charity on May 18.

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To be held at Fairfax Corner Center, 4100 Monument Corner Drive, Fairfax. The organization Muskaan is a U.S. based 501(c)(3) nonprofit that supports Muskaan, a NGO in New Delhi, India. Visit www.muskaanthenngo.org.

N Gauge Model Train Show. 1-4 p.m. at the Fairfax Station Railroad Museum, 11200 Fairfax Station Road in Fairfax Station. Admission is \$4 for adults 16 and over; \$2 for children 5-15; and free for museum members and children under 5. Visit www.fairfax-station.org or call 703-425-9225.

Northern Virginia Youth Winds - Spring Concert. 3 p.m. at Fairfax High School, 3501 Rebel Run, Fairfax. Northern Virginia Youth Winds represent the Educational Division of the City of Fairfax Band Association. With members selected by competitive audition, NVYW Symphonic and Junior Winds are elite wind bands representing talented musicians from school music programs throughout Northern Virginia. Visit www.fairfaxband.org.

MONDAY/MAY 21

Funday Monday: Good Gollie Miss Mollie. 10:30 a.m. at Old Town Hall, 3999 University Drive, Fairfax. Music, movement, story telling, performances, crafts, and more. Funday Monday is open to children of all ages, however especially for those who haven't yet started school. Free and open to the public, donations appreciated. Call 703-385-7858 or visit www.fairfaxva.gov/culturalarts.

Golf Tournament. 11 a.m.-7 p.m. at 8301 Old Keene Mill Road, Springfield. Food for Others is hosting its 15th annual golf tournament at the Springfield Golf & Country Club. This key fundraising event supports Food for Others' ability to feed our hungry neighbors. Visit www.foodforothers.org/golf.

TUESDAY/MAY 22

Storytime in the Park. 10:30 a.m. in Old Town Square, 10415 North St., Fairfax. In association with Fairfax County Public Library. Weather permitting. Visit www.fairfaxva.gov.

WEDNESDAY/MAY 23

Author Event. 7 p.m. at St. Mary of Sorrows, 5222 Sideburn Road, Fairfax. The Italian Heritage Society of St. Mary of Sorrows will sponsor a free talk and book signing by Jack Sacco, author of "Where Birds Never Sing," a book about his father who fought under General Patton at

Omaha Beach. Call 703-323-0345.

FRIDAY/MAY 25

Rock the Block: Reagan Years. 6:30-9:30 p.m. at Old Town Square, 3999 University Drive, Fairfax. Bring lawn chairs or blankets to sit on. Children can wear swim suits and bring towels and enjoy the spray pad. No Pets allowed except service animals. Call 703-385-7858 or visit www.fairfaxva.gov/rocktheblock.

B-I-N-G-O. 7 p.m. at Fire Station 3, 4081 University Drive, Fairfax. Visit www.fairfaxvfd.com or call 703-273-3638 for more.

Friday Night Campfires. 7:30-9 p.m. at Hidden Pond Nature Center is located at 8511 Greeley Boulevard, Springfield. Each campfire event will feature a new topic and a different area of the park will be explored. Learn about animals, insects, plants and more. End the evening with s'mores by the campfire. \$8 per person. Call 703-451-9588 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/hidden-pond.

SUNDAY/MAY 27

Ride of the Patriots. Meets at Patriot Harley-Davidson on Lee Highway in Fairfax. Some 4,000 motorcyclists will gather to pay tribute to America's servicemen, women, and veterans to raise awareness of American POW and MIA soldiers of all wars. The parade of bikers will follow a route to the Pentagon where it will join with thousands of other bikers from around the country and the world for the 31st annual "Rolling Thunder." The Ride of the Patriots is organized by the Fairfax Harley Owners' Group and Patriot Harley-Davidson. Visit www.rideofthepatriots.com.

Reading Circle and Activities. 1:15 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. At the Fairfax Station Railroad Museum, 11200 Fairfax Station Road, Fairfax Station. Reading circle for "That Dadblamed Union Cow," the children's story based on a real-life case of a cow that adopted Union soldiers during the Civil War. The museum will be open from 1-4 p.m. Admission: Museum members and ages 4 and under, free; ages 5-15, \$2, ages 16 and older, \$4. Visit www.fairfax-station.org, www.facebook.com/FFXSRR. Call 703-425-9225.

BHS General Meeting. 3:30-5 p.m. at Pohick Regional Library, 6450 Sydenstricker Road, Burke. Jon Vrana will present "Accotink — Mill, Village, Creek, and Camp." Learn about this creek as well as the mill and village that developed alongside. Free. Visit burkehistoricalsociety.org.

CAPPIES REVIEW

The Story of Sisterhood, Justice and Redemption

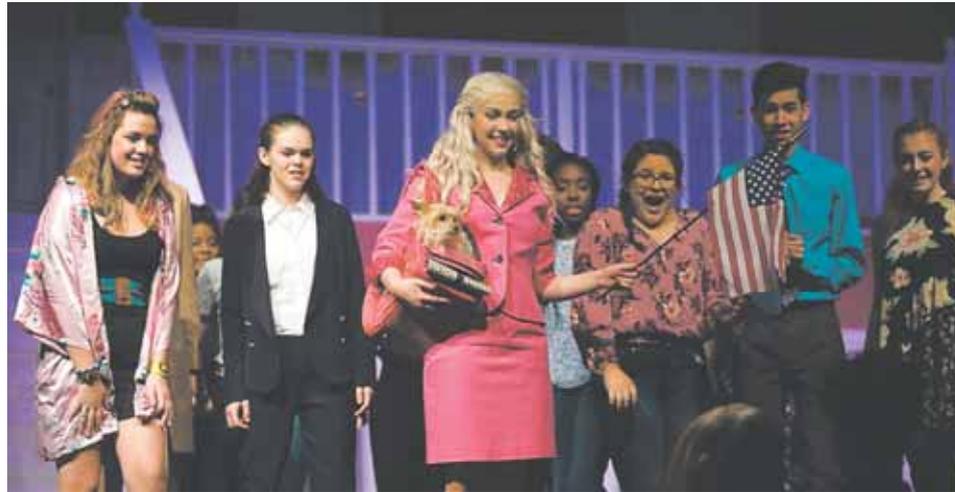
South County High School's production of 'Legally Blonde.'

BY EMILY LACHOW
MCLEAN HIGH SCHOOL

Harvard Law School — serious, cut throat, and monochromatically black — is rocked to its core when a whirl of blonde hair and effervescent pink enters campus. Will Elle Woods manage to overcome the “dumb blonde” stereotype, make pink the new black, and prove her worth? South County High School's production of “Legally Blonde” was positively rosy, reminding us all that staying true to ourselves is “oh so much better!”

In the midst of the #MeToo movement, “Legally Blonde” is a relevant testament to what women are capable of and still deserve. Elle Woods, Delta Nu president at UCLA, follows her ex-boyfriend to Harvard Law School in order to win him back. Along the way, she meets new friends, argues cases, and discovers what she is truly capable of. This story began as a famous 2001 movie, starring Reese Witherspoon, and was adapted into a Broadway musical in 2007. The musical received seven Tony nominations, including Best Lead Actress in a Musical.

As our favorite blonde heroine, Gabriella



From left — Lulu Romero, Quincy Dillman, Gabriella Mancusi, Mincy Barbosa, Quinton Flores and Cassidy Donaghy in South County High School's production of 'Legally Blonde.'

Mancusi was as refreshing as Chanel perfume. She stepped into the sparkly heels of Elle with skill, fully encompassing Woods' bubbly demeanor. Mancusi's love interest Emmett, portrayed by Kevon Thompson, was an endearingly relatable character. Thompson and Mancusi depicted the blossoming relationship between Elle and Emmett with personalized touches, such as a consistently adorable hand-shake, that

showcased their laudable chemistry.

A standout performer of the evening was Hannah Chester's Brooke Wyndham. Chester showcased impressive endurance during “Whipped Into Shape,” in which she jumped rope and sang at the same time. Another notable performance was Spencer Kipps as Kyle, who used his unfailing abundance of energy to elicit peals of laughter. Kyle's eventual wife, Paulette (Lulu

Romero), was superbly hilarious as well. Other notable actors included Armin Mahmutovic as Professor Callahan, who completely embraced the sleazy nature of his character, and Dylan Schultz as Warner Huntington III, whose outstanding vocals shone through in “Serious.”

The company as a whole contained two commendable ensembles: the Greek Chorus/Delta Nus and the legal team. The three leading Delta Nu girls blended together smoothly, while also maintaining three strong and distinct characters. The legal team similarly embraced the differences in their respective characters, while also working together dynamically.

The technical aspects of the show breathed new life into Elle's journey. The set was notably versatile, transitioning smoothly between the various and drastically different locations. The orchestra also executed their task admirably, most impressively when adapting to any missed vocal entrances. Some may dream of leprechauns in Ireland, but South County certainly dreamed up a show that was “oh my god!” worthy. This story of sisterhood, justice, and redemption proved that, in the end, loving yourself for who you are is what matters most.

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A group of Robinson seniors, who helped out with Day Prom, pose for a photo in the lobby.



Robinson students (from left) Tess Mahon Kuzin, Ronnie Torres, and Nick Ortega.



Lake Braddock students junior Gavin Brodie, freshman Dane Liberatore, and senior Katie Dow.

A Day to Remember at Waterford in Fairfax

Day Prom 2018 - A Day to Remember, for special education students from Annandale, Chantilly, Herndon, Lake Braddock, Oakton, Robinson, West Springfield, Westfield, and Woodson high schools,

took place on May 1 at the Waterford at Fair Oaks in Fairfax. Day Prom is a popular annual event, which has grown tremendously since it began 17 years ago and now includes two separate events to accommodate all those interested in attending.



The dance floor is packed with students.

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Darin Nguyen, a senior at Lake Braddock, relaxes with friends at a table.



Lake Braddock senior Joe Adamich shows off his dance moves.



Robinson students Charlie Serbia, Anthony Palma, Maria Danner, Macey Dunn, and Sean Pulju have a great time dancing together.



Silas Beyene, a sophomore at Lake Braddock.



West Springfield students junior Janetta Jones, left, and sophomore Madi Howard show off their fancy prom dresses.



Luke Arnold from Lake Braddock and Westfield senior Ayana Coran enjoy dancing together.

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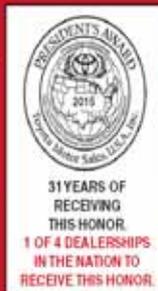
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HOME SALES

In March 2018, 70 homes sold between \$1,240,000-\$146,000
in the Clifton, Fairfax Station and Lorton area.

| Address | BR | FB | HB | Postal | City | Sold Price | Type | Lot AC | PostalCode | Subdivision |
|----------------------------|----|----|----|--------|-----------------|-------------|-------------------|--------|------------|------------------------------|
| 8138 RONDELAY LN | 5 | 4 | 1 | | FAIRFAX STATION | \$1,240,000 | Detached | 5.00 | 22039 | RONDELAY |
| 6221 TWIN LAKES CT | 8 | 6 | 1 | | CLIFTON | \$1,115,000 | Detached | 5.29 | 20124 | TWIN LAKES |
| 7601 DUNQUIN CT | 8 | 7 | 2 | | CLIFTON | \$1,062,695 | Detached | 5.68 | 20124 | GLENCAIRN |
| 6916 WOLF RUN SHOALS RD | 5 | 6 | 0 | | FAIRFAX STATION | \$970,000 | Detached | 5.00 | 22039 | NEWBERRY PARTNERSHIP |
| 7706 SOUTH VALLEY DR | 4 | 4 | 1 | | FAIRFAX STATION | \$905,000 | Detached | 0.63 | 22039 | SOUTH RUN |
| 7703 STONEY CREEK CT | 7 | 5 | 0 | | FAIRFAX STATION | \$898,000 | Detached | 1.08 | 22039 | SOUTH RUN |
| 11727 CHAPEL RD | 5 | 5 | 1 | | CLIFTON | \$890,000 | Detached | 5.07 | 20124 | WALNUT ACRES |
| 9117 POWER HOUSE RD | 4 | 3 | 1 | | LORTON | \$883,629 | Detached | 0.00 | 22079 | LIBERTY |
| 11711 AMKIN DR | 5 | 3 | 1 | | CLIFTON | \$847,900 | Detached | 5.00 | 20124 | PLANTATION HILLS |
| 10900 RICE FIELD PL | 5 | 3 | 1 | | FAIRFAX STATION | \$845,000 | Detached | 0.92 | 22039 | HUNT AT FAIRFAX STATION |
| 8109 HADDINGTON CT | 5 | 4 | 2 | | FAIRFAX STATION | \$842,500 | Detached | 0.24 | 22039 | BARRINGTON |
| 6619 BRIARCROFT ST | 4 | 3 | 1 | | CLIFTON | \$800,000 | Detached | 5.00 | 20124 | BRIARCROFT VALLEY |
| 5403 WILLOW VALLEY RD | 6 | 4 | 1 | | CLIFTON | \$794,900 | Detached | 0.40 | 20124 | CLIFTON FARM |
| 12204 HENDERSON RD | 5 | 3 | 1 | | CLIFTON | \$785,000 | Detached | 5.00 | 20124 | M W FISHER PROPERTY |
| 8725 BIRCH CLIFF DR | 4 | 4 | 0 | | FAIRFAX STATION | \$785,000 | Detached | 2.35 | 22039 | HAMPTON HILLS |
| 6023 MAKELY DR | 4 | 3 | 1 | | FAIRFAX STATION | \$775,000 | Detached | 0.73 | 22039 | FAIRFAX STATION |
| 8810 HAMPTON STATION CT | 4 | 4 | 2 | | LORTON | \$775,000 | Detached | 0.83 | 22079 | HAMPTON STATION |
| 10962 CLARA BARTON DR | 5 | 3 | 1 | | FAIRFAX STATION | \$769,900 | Detached | 0.35 | 22039 | FAIRFAX STATION |
| 6846 CORDER LN | 4 | 3 | 1 | | LORTON | \$769,900 | Detached | 0.30 | 22079 | MOUNT AIR |
| 11682 HAVENNER RD | 5 | 4 | 0 | | FAIRFAX STATION | \$769,000 | Detached | 0.71 | 22039 | FAIRFAX STATION |
| 7902 BRACKSPORD CT | 4 | 2 | 1 | | FAIRFAX STATION | \$760,000 | Detached | 0.25 | 22039 | BARRINGTON |
| 9507 QUAIL POINTE LN | 6 | 3 | 1 | | FAIRFAX STATION | \$750,653 | Detached | 0.31 | 22039 | CROSSPOINTE |
| 9830 QUAIL RUN CT | 5 | 3 | 1 | | FAIRFAX STATION | \$705,000 | Detached | 5.00 | 22039 | HAMPTON WOODS EAST |
| 13771 LAUREL ROCK DR | 4 | 3 | 1 | | CLIFTON | \$701,000 | Detached | 0.17 | 20124 | LITTLE ROCKY RUN |
| 8446 LAKE MIST WAY | 5 | 3 | 1 | | FAIRFAX STATION | \$699,000 | Detached | 0.32 | 22039 | CROSSPOINTE |
| 6808 COMPTON HEIGHTS CIR | 4 | 3 | 1 | | CLIFTON | \$690,000 | Detached | 0.58 | 20124 | COMPTON HEIGHTS |
| 6615 ROCKLAND DR | 4 | 3 | 1 | | CLIFTON | \$689,000 | Detached | 0.30 | 20124 | LITTLE ROCKY RUN |
| 13803 LAUREL ROCK CT | 5 | 3 | 1 | | CLIFTON | \$685,000 | Detached | 0.24 | 20124 | LITTLE ROCKY RUN |
| 5903 INNISVALE DR | 4 | 3 | 1 | | FAIRFAX STATION | \$680,000 | Detached | 0.97 | 22039 | INNISVALE |
| 9108 WOOD POINTE WAY | 4 | 3 | 1 | | FAIRFAX STATION | \$676,000 | Detached | 0.18 | 22039 | CROSSPOINTE |
| 9089 PURVIS DR | 6 | 3 | 1 | | LORTON | \$669,000 | Detached | 0.09 | 22079 | LAUREL HIGHLANDS |
| 6825 SILVER ANN DR | 4 | 3 | 1 | | LORTON | \$659,000 | Detached | 0.18 | 22079 | RACEWAY FARMS |
| 11900 HENDERSON RD | 5 | 3 | 0 | | CLIFTON | \$650,000 | Detached | 5.88 | 20124 | CLIFTON |
| 9597 BURNT OAK DR | 4 | 3 | 0 | | FAIRFAX STATION | \$650,000 | Detached | 0.30 | 22039 | SOUTH RUN OAKS |
| 9112 POWER HOUSE RD | 4 | 4 | 1 | | LORTON | \$649,990 | Townhouse | 0.00 | 22079 | LIBERTY |
| 8309 MIDDLE RUDDINGS DR | 4 | 4 | 1 | | LORTON | \$640,000 | Detached | 0.10 | 22079 | VILLAGE AT LORTON VALLEY |
| 6685 STONEBROOK DR | 4 | 3 | 1 | | CLIFTON | \$639,000 | Detached | 0.21 | 20124 | LITTLE ROCKY RUN |
| 9108 POWER HOUSE RD | 3 | 3 | 1 | | LORTON | \$625,990 | Townhouse | 0.00 | 22079 | LIBERTY |
| 8954 SYCAMORE RIDGE RD | 4 | 2 | 1 | | FAIRFAX STATION | \$625,000 | Detached | 0.28 | 22039 | TIMBER RIDGE |
| 8930 PERIWINKLE BLUE CT | 3 | 3 | 0 | | LORTON | \$625,000 | Detached | 0.09 | 22079 | SPRING HILL SENIOR CMP |
| 9160 STONEGARDEN DR | 4 | 3 | 0 | | LORTON | \$620,000 | Detached | 0.08 | 22079 | LORTON STATION |
| 8930 PINK CARNATION CT | 3 | 3 | 0 | | LORTON | \$579,900 | Detached | 0.09 | 22079 | SPRING HILL SENIOR CMP |
| 8929 PERIWINKLE BLUE CT | 3 | 3 | 0 | | LORTON | \$570,000 | Detached | 0.09 | 22079 | SPRING HILL SENIOR CMP |
| 9113 STONEGARDEN DR | 3 | 3 | 1 | | LORTON | \$550,000 | Detached | 0.06 | 22079 | LORTON TOWN CTR LANDBAY |
| 7608 BUCKLAND PL | 3 | 3 | 1 | | LORTON | \$545,000 | Detached | 0.08 | 22079 | LORTON TOWN CTR LANDBAY |
| 8306 FITT CT | 4 | 2 | 0 | | LORTON | \$500,000 | Detached | 0.18 | 22079 | RACEWAY FARMS |
| 8868 HIBISCUS CT | 3 | 3 | 1 | | LORTON | \$495,000 | Townhouse | 0.07 | 22079 | LAUREL HILL LANDBAY |
| 13039 HARVEST PL | 3 | 2 | 2 | | CLIFTON | \$465,000 | Townhouse | 0.04 | 20124 | ROCKPOINTE |
| 8815 BENHAM ST | 3 | 2 | 0 | | LORTON | \$455,000 | Detached | 0.34 | 22079 | POHICK ESTATES |
| 8598 ENOCHS DR | 4 | 3 | 1 | | LORTON | \$425,000 | Townhouse | 0.05 | 22079 | VILLAGE OF MOUNT AIR |
| 9085 ACHESON CT | 3 | 2 | 1 | | LORTON | \$420,000 | Townhouse | 0.03 | 22079 | LAUREL CREST |
| 8425 PEACE LILY CT #213 | 2 | 2 | 0 | | LORTON | \$410,000 | Garden 1-4 Floors | | 22079 | SPRING HILL |
| 9687 EATON WOODS PL | 4 | 3 | 1 | | LORTON | \$409,500 | Townhouse | 0.04 | 22079 | GUNSTON SQUARE |
| 13690 WILDFLOWER LN | 3 | 3 | 1 | | CLIFTON | \$399,000 | Townhouse | 0.03 | 20124 | SEQUOIA LEA |
| 7702 CAPRON CT | 3 | 2 | 2 | | LORTON | \$391,000 | Townhouse | 0.04 | 22079 | WILLIAMSBURG SQ |
| 8960 FASCINATION CT #311 | 2 | 2 | 0 | | LORTON | \$374,000 | Garden 1-4 Floors | | 22079 | SPRING HILL |
| 6028 LITTLE BROOK CT | 3 | 2 | 2 | | CLIFTON | \$365,000 | Townhouse | 0.03 | 20124 | SEQUOIA LEA |
| 7305 WHERNSIDE CT | 3 | 2 | 1 | | LORTON | \$359,900 | Townhouse | 0.03 | 22079 | WORTHINGTON WOODS |
| 8233 STATIONHOUSE CT | 3 | 1 | 2 | | LORTON | \$355,000 | Townhouse | 0.04 | 22079 | PINEWOOD STATION |
| 7412 RHONDDA DR | 3 | 2 | 1 | | LORTON | \$335,000 | Townhouse | 0.03 | 22079 | SOUTHGATE WOODS TOWNHOU |
| 9231 SHEFFIELD HUNT CT | 2 | 2 | 2 | | LORTON | \$324,900 | Attach/Row Hse | 0.03 | 22079 | POHICK VILLAGE |
| 7728 WOLFORD WAY | 3 | 2 | 0 | | LORTON | \$314,000 | Townhouse | 0.03 | 22079 | WASHINGTON SQUARE |
| 8940 MILFORD HAVEN CT #40A | 3 | 2 | 1 | | LORTON | \$309,000 | Townhouse | | 22079 | LORTON STATION |
| 7497 LONE STAR RD | 2 | 1 | 1 | | LORTON | \$303,000 | Townhouse | 0.03 | 22079 | POHICK VILLAGE |
| 8327 GREEN HERON WAY #28 | 3 | 2 | 1 | | LORTON | \$302,500 | Townhouse | | 22079 | GABLES AT GUNSTON |
| 8505 KOLLIDER CT | 2 | 2 | 1 | | LORTON | \$300,000 | Townhouse | 0.02 | 22079 | NEWINGTON HEIGHTS |
| 9226 DEER XING #37 | 3 | 2 | 1 | | LORTON | \$300,000 | Townhouse | | 22079 | GABLES AT GUNSTON |
| 8204 CATBIRD CIR #202 | 2 | 2 | 0 | | LORTON | \$262,000 | Garden 1-4 Floors | | 22079 | GUNSTON CORNER |
| 8248 CATBIRD CIR #8248A | 2 | 2 | 0 | | LORTON | \$225,000 | Garden 1-4 Floors | | 22079 | GUNSTON CORNER |
| 9720 HAGEL CIR #D | 2 | 1 | 1 | | LORTON | \$146,000 | Other | | 22079 | TERR TOWNE HOMES OF GUNSTONE |

In March 2018, 39 Burke homes sold between \$1,050,000-\$142,500.

| Address | BR | FB | HB | Postal | City | Sold Price | Type | Lot AC | PostalCode | Subdivision |
|-----------------------------|----|----|----|--------|-------|-------------|-----------|--------|------------|------------------------|
| 6469 LAKE MEADOW DR | 5 | 4 | 1 | | BURKE | \$1,050,000 | Detached | 0.58 | 22015 | EDGEWATER |
| 9516 CLAYCHIN CT | 4 | 4 | 1 | | BURKE | \$790,000 | Detached | 0.22 | 22015 | CLAYTON'S GROVE |
| 10372 STEAMBOAT LANDING LN | 5 | 3 | 1 | | BURKE | \$699,900 | Detached | 0.26 | 22015 | BURKE CENTRE |
| 7117 STANCHION LN | 4 | 3 | 1 | | BURKE | \$670,000 | Detached | 0.23 | 22015 | LONGWOOD KNOLLS |
| 6302 SWAN LANDING CT | 5 | 3 | 1 | | BURKE | \$655,000 | Detached | 0.57 | 22015 | BURKE CENTRE |
| 10150 MARSHALL POND RD | 4 | 3 | 1 | | BURKE | \$650,000 | Detached | 0.18 | 22015 | BURKE CENTRE |
| 6344 TORRENCE ST | 4 | 2 | 1 | | BURKE | \$622,000 | Detached | 0.35 | 22015 | OLD MILL COMMUNITY |
| 6003 HARVESTER CT | 4 | 3 | 1 | | BURKE | \$619,900 | Detached | 0.21 | 22015 | CARDINAL GLEN |
| 9317 WINBOURNE RD | 4 | 2 | 1 | | BURKE | \$610,000 | Detached | 0.22 | 22015 | LAKE BRADDOCK |
| 9467 ONION PATCH DR | 4 | 3 | 1 | | BURKE | \$600,000 | Detached | 0.30 | 22015 | LONGWOOD KNOLLS |
| 5405 DUXFORD PL | 4 | 3 | 0 | | BURKE | \$575,000 | Detached | 0.23 | 22015 | LAKE BRADDOCK |
| 9075 BROOK FORD RD | 4 | 2 | 1 | | BURKE | \$552,500 | Detached | 0.25 | 22015 | BURKE STATION SQUARE |
| 9850 BURKE POND LN | 4 | 3 | 1 | | BURKE | \$530,000 | Townhouse | 0.07 | 22015 | BURKE CENTRE |
| 6614 BESTWICKE CT | 4 | 2 | 1 | | BURKE | \$500,000 | Detached | 0.22 | 22015 | CHERRY RUN |
| 5908 WOOD SORRELS CT | 3 | 3 | 1 | | BURKE | \$491,000 | Townhouse | 0.17 | 22015 | BURKE CENTRE |
| 5430 BROMYARD CT | 3 | 2 | 1 | | BURKE | \$485,900 | Townhouse | 0.06 | 22015 | LAKE BRADDOCK |
| 10200 HERON POND TER | 4 | 3 | 1 | | BURKE | \$480,000 | Townhouse | 0.05 | 22015 | BURKE CENTRE |
| 9504 BURDETT RD | 3 | 3 | 1 | | BURKE | \$469,900 | Townhouse | 0.03 | 22015 | LAKE BRADDOCK |
| 6110 WILMINGTON DR | 4 | 2 | 0 | | BURKE | \$464,000 | Detached | 0.13 | 22015 | BURKE CENTRE |
| 6051 BONNIE BERN CT | 5 | 3 | 1 | | BURKE | \$436,000 | Townhouse | 0.06 | 22015 | BURKE STATION SQUARE |
| 5504 SWIFT CURRENT CT | 4 | 3 | 1 | | BURKE | \$430,000 | Townhouse | 0.03 | 22015 | LAKEPOINTE |
| 5850 WYE OAK COMMONS CT #25 | 3 | 2 | 2 | | BURKE | \$417,000 | Townhouse | | 22015 | WALDEN AT BURKE CENTRE |
| 9520 CHERRY OAK CT | 3 | 2 | 2 | | BURKE | \$416,000 | Townhouse | 0.05 | 22015 | OLD MILL COMMUNITY |
| 9548 CHERRY OAK CT | 3 | 2 | 2 | | BURKE | \$410,000 | Townhouse | 0.03 | 22015 | OLD MILL COMMUNITY |
| 5828 WYE OAK COMMONS CT #14 | 3 | 2 | 2 | | BURKE | \$407,000 | Townhouse | | 22015 | WALDEN AT BURKE CENTRE |
| 5458 LIGHTHOUSE LN | 3 | 1 | 2 | | BURKE | \$400,000 | Townhouse | 0.05 | 22015 | LAKE BRADDOCK |
| 10210 FAIRE COMMONS CT | 3 | 2 | 1 | | BURKE | \$399,000 | Townhouse | 0.07 | 22015 | BURKE CENTRE |
| 6024 MEYERS LANDING CT | 3 | 2 | 1 | | BURKE | \$392,000 | Townhouse | 0.04 | 22015 | BURKE CENTRE |
| 6059 BONNIE BERN CT | 4 | 1 | 2 | | BURKE | \$391,000 | Townhouse | 0.04 | 22015 | BURKE STATION SQUARE |
| 5032 HARFORD LN | 3 | 3 | 1 | | BURKE | \$380,000 | Townhouse | 0.03 | 22015 | LAKE BRADDOCK |
| 10883 OAK GREEN CT | 3 | 2 | 0 | | BURKE | \$359,900 | Townhouse | 0.04 | 22015 | BURKE CENTRE |
| 5988 ANNABERG PL #177 | 3 | 2 | 1 | | BURKE | \$350,000 | Townhouse | | 22015 | OAKWOOD COMMONS BURKE |

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in FCPS elementary schools. Check your school's webpage or contact the school directly for specific enrollment information and dates of orientation or visit www.fcps.edu/registration/kindergarten-registration.

THURSDAY/MAY 17

Hiring Event. 9 a.m.-2 p.m. at ALDI, 11001 Lee Highway, Fairfax. ALDI hiring event for its Fairfax-area stores, positions include: Manager Trainees, Shift Managers and Store Associates. Applicants can apply in person at the Fairfax store. Visit aldi.us.

Safe Driving While Aging. 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. at Lord of Life Lutheran Church, 13421 Twin Lakes Drive, Clifton. NV Rides will host workshops offering tips and best practices to help older drivers stay on the road safely, and for as long as possible. Free. RSVP requested at Ginac@nvrives.org or 703-537-3070.

Public Meeting Presentation. 6-8 p.m. at Irving Middle School, 8100 Old Keene Mill Road, Springfield. Fairfax County Department of Transportation (FCDOT) is requesting feedback on proposed Fairfax Connector service changes to Routes 171 and 699. The meeting will include a presentation at 7 p.m. on the proposed changes and Fairfax Connector representatives will be on hand to answer questions and take feedback from attendees. Rider feedback is welcomed on the proposed changes until 5 p.m. on Friday, June 8, 2018. To comment on the proposed route changes: email comments to fairfaxconnector@fairfaxcounty.gov. Call 703-339-7200, TTY 711 or visit www.fairfaxconnector.com.

Public Input Wanted. 7 p.m. at Fairfax County Government Center, Rooms 9/10, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax. Fairfax County will seek public input on the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority (NVTA) 60 Candidate Projects for their FY 2018-2023 Six Year Program. Visit thenovaauthority.org for more.

FRIDAY-SATURDAY/MAY 18-19

Yard Sale. Friday, noon-5 p.m.; Saturday, 7 a.m.-2 p.m. at Historic Pohick Church, 9301 Richmond Highway, Lorton. Historic Pohick Episcopal Church, the colonial church of George Washington and George Mason, will be holding its annual "Hodge Podge" Yard Sale. On sale will be furniture, antiques, collectibles, household items, tools, electronics, toys, books, clothing and more. All proceeds will benefit the many ministries of Pohick Church, which serves the southern Fairfax and northern Prince William County areas. Call Darryl Sebastian 703-339-7197 or visit www.pohick.org.

SATURDAY-TUESDAY/MAY 19-22

Registration System Update. The Fairfax County Park Authority is switching to an updated registration system later this month. As the switch is being made, park customers will not be able to complete any member-based transactions; these include registering for classes or camps or purchasing passes or memberships. However, park visitors can buy a ticket for a spin on a carousel, rent a boat or pay daily admission fees at RECenters. Call 703-222-4664 Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

SUNDAY/MAY 20

Understanding and Caring for a Person with Dementia. 12:30-2 p.m. at Christ Church, 7600 Ox Road, Fairfax Station. This class will discuss the different types of dementia, common behaviors, the reasons for troubling behaviors, communication techniques, and services available for caregivers. Lindsey Vajpeyi, Director of Education and Outreach at Insight, will be presenting this program. Contact Lindsey Vajpeyi at 703-204-4664 or lindsey.vajpeyi@insightmcc.org or visit insightmcc.org.

THROUGH MAY 20

NVTA Candidate Projects. The Northern Virginia Transportation Authority has released for public comment 60 candidate projects and related information for its inaugural FY 2018-2023 Six Year Program. The authority invites the public to learn more about and comment on the candidate projects under consideration for funding. A detailed project list, project description forms, maps and technical analyses are available at www.TheNoVaAuthority.org and at the NVTA offices (3040 Williams Drive, Suite 200, Fairfax), on weekdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. E-mail: TheAuthority@TheNoVaAuthority.org; phone: 703-642-4652 or in person on May 10 from 5:30-7 p.m.

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Musing About Infusing



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

Seven weeks between chemotherapy infusions; I could get used to this. Here I am sitting and writing on Wednesday, May 9 and my next scheduled infusion isn't until Friday, June 1. That's another three-plus weeks. It's a "staycation," of sorts, meaning: I'm not going anywhere, but due to the new extended chemotherapy infusion interval - from six weeks to seven, I don't have to.

Though it's hardly an ideal vacation - either staying or going - for a cancer patient still undergoing treatment, not having to go the Infusion Center is about as good as it gets. What's even better is receiving scan results (which at present are still scheduled quarterly) which show "stable," "shrinkage," or even "N.E.D.," which means "no evidence of disease" (I'm "stable"). All of which I can live with. Despite ending that last sentence with a preposition.

With respect to "N.E.D.," unfortunately, being asymptomatic as I generally am - and mostly have been, is not necessarily an indicator that all is well.

Neither do symptoms always confirm "progression" (medical jargon for growth and/or movement). Sometimes the pain is scar tissue. Other times it's a side effect of the medicine you've been infusing or the pill you've been swallowing. (Presently, there are targeted treatment options which enable patients to take pills at home, tarceva being one example. Which if I may quote the late Maurice Chevalier singing in "Gigi": "I remember it well" from the 11 months a few years ago when I didn't have to commute to the infusion center.)

Throw in the occasional phone appointment I've had with my oncologist, post-scan, when he and I both know - per an email he usually sends, that the results continue to show "stable," and when an in-office examination is likely not to "present" (more medical jargon; this one meaning, show) any contradictory findings and I've definitely had my moments of relative/comparative calm. Moments which, when they do occur, need to be cherished because, in the terminal cancer world, the news is not always good.

And since you have to take the good with the bad, with minimal control over both - acknowledging the good and not giving into the bad, become your stock and trade. It's easy, maybe even inevitable that a cancer patient will get overwhelmed by his or her circumstances so finding a way to navigate the slings and arrows of the outrageous misfortune which has befallen you is more than crucial; it's life sustaining.

Practically speaking though, how does one absorb the news and subsequent reality of a cancer diagnosis? What word I used to describe what I felt and heard at the initial Team Lourie meeting with my oncologist when he told me I had a "terminal" form of cancer: non-small cell lung cancer, stage IV, was "surreal."

It's a word I've heard many other cancer patients use when describing the moment when they first heard their devastating news. At that ground-zero moment, the words "non-small cell lung cancer," at least for me, were almost incomprehensible, especially if there's no cancer history in your immediate family (which was true for me). I mean, I understood him well enough, I just didn't process the information.

Similar to when I received a call at work, from my internal medicine doctor, a few days after my biopsy (and a week or so before meeting my oncologist), advising me of the results. He asked me if I wanted to meet him at his office (that can't be good I thought - and it wasn't). I said, "No. Just tell me" And so he did.

He told me that they found tumors in my lungs which were malignant. My knee-jerk reaction? "What does that mean?" Upon hearing that kind of news/maybe just that word, "malignant," you sort of lose control of your faculties. (At least I did.)

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