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The Lake Braddock Senior Class of 2018 and their families would like to thank the following businesses, organizations and individuals for their support of the PTSA-sponsored alcohol- and drug-free All Night Graduation Celebration which was held on June 12th, 2018, at the Audrey Moore RECenter at Wakefield Park. We are grateful for their generous contributions and commitment to the young people of our community. Please support these organizations that invest in the success of Lake Braddock Secondary School.

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We would also like to extend a special thank you to the Burke Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department and the Fairfax County Police for their vital presence at our party. Finally, we'd like to thank the staff of the Audrey Moore RECenter for all their help in making the night run smoothly.

Make plans now to support our 2019 party on June 10th, 2019.

Fairfax County Transportation Director Tom Biesiadny after the slide presentation.



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THE CONNECTION



From right — Supervisor Pat Herry (R-Springfield) and resident Darrell Marshall discuss the proposed project.

Burke Road Plans Debated

Flood control, parking lot expansion and sidewalks are part of realignment discussion.

BY MIKE SALMON
THE CONNECTION

Where Burke Road crosses the Pohick Creek Tributary, the road has flooded three times this spring to the point where police had to help motorists out of the high water and close the road temporarily. This flooding danger was one of the main reasons the Fairfax County Department of Transportation is fixing this part of Burke Road with a new four-channel box culvert, and at the same time, realigning the road to address the speed limit violations and pedestrian access, and expand the nearby Virginia Railway Express parking lot, all in one project.

At a recent meeting with FXDOT

officials, Supervisor Pat Herry (R-Springfield), engineers and area residents, the plans were looked at once again after they were further refined from a similar meeting last year. “We’re looking to make the project as beneficial to the community as we can,” said Tom Biesiadny, FXDOT Director.

A SPEEDING STUDY was performed, reinforcing the community concerns about cars racing down this road, and it showed that there was a number of cars exceeding the speed limit, but this was not news to Darrell Marshall, a resident whose house faces the road and has had cars run through his fence three times. “Average speed does not mean anything,” Marshall said. “If he overshoots, he’s right in the middle of my

house.” By saying “overshoots,” Marshall is talking about a 90-degree turn near the tributary that is a point of contention.

With the county plan, the road gets elevated so the box culverts can handle the high water from the tributary during high rains, and the curve is banked and straightened a bit so the traffic flows better. To some, this will invite speeding. Burke resident John Medieros believes “it’s going to be a raceway,” he said. Marshall agreed, saying “you’re designing it to be faster,” which Biesiadny disagreed to, but didn’t dwell on it. There were other points of the project to be discussed, mainly the multi-purpose trail on the side of the road and the VRE lot expansion.

The sidewalk will be completed on the north side of the road and a 10-foot multi-purpose trail will be on the south side. It requires some of Marshall’s land as well as some of the Burke Nursery land. “That trail is going to be 38 feet from my front door,” he said, not-



Fairfax County Transportation Design Chief W. Todd Minnix discusses the road realignment with nearby residents.

ing that there weren’t that many cyclists and pedestrians along Burke Road to warrant it. One cyclist was in the audience though, and noted that currently “I don’t ride my bike around that corner,” he said, citing the danger. Supervisor Herry intends to lessen the impact of the multi-use trail by limiting it to an 8-foot width instead of 10, a compromise that will require further discussion with the county.

Every day at the VRE Rolling Road station, there are people parked on the grass and the shoulders of Burke Road because the 375-space parking lot is not big enough, although there is another multi-level VRE lot at the other Burke train stop that has space available. Nonetheless, the county

plans on adding an additional 38 spaces to accommodate the extra cars, clearing a wooded area that is owned by the county and adding pavement. “There are no right-of-way takes with this project,” said Gibran Abifadel, a Fairfax County Capital Projects official. All the work will be done at night or on the weekends so it will not impact commuters. There was a flooding concern by Medieros though, and the increase in paved surfaces will increase the water runoff.

THE TOTAL PRICE TAG for the multi-pronged project is \$8 million, and is scheduled to start in July 2020 and be completed in July 2021. Comments are accepted by July 6.

Passing Eagle Scout Board of Review

Ian Richard Jones of Boy Scout Troop 1131, St. Stephen’s UMC in Burke, passed his Eagle Scout Board of Review (ESBoR). Ian just graduated from W.T. Woodson High School. He lives in Annandale and plans to attend George Mason University in Computer Science this fall. Ian is the 211th Eagle Scout in T-1131. Pictured: Scott Whitfield, ESBoR member; Gary Black, III, ESBoR member; Richard Jones, father; Jacqueline Jones, mother; Phil Sternberg, Chair, Troop Committee and Chair ESBoR; and Dave Astle, District Commissioner and ESBoR member.



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NEWS

Prince William County Board of Supervisors Chairman Corey Stewart claims victory during a victory party in Woodbridge, where supporters chanted “build the wall” and “lock her up.”

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THE CONNECTION



Voters Choose Firebrand

Corey Stewart to lead Republican ticket in Virginia this fall.

Statewide Election Returns

❖ **Corey Stewart:** 18,000 votes; 49 percent
❖ **Nick Freitas:** 14,000 votes; 37 percent
❖ **E.W. Jackson:** 5,000 votes; 14 percent

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE
THE CONNECTION

Conservative firebrand Corey Stewart was denied an opportunity to be the Republican nominee for lieutenant governor in 2013. And then he came within striking distance of being the party’s standard-bearer in the gubernatorial campaign last year. Now, finally, the chairman of the Prince William County Board of Supervisors has secured a spot at the top of the ticket, bringing his brand of anti-immigrant, pro-Confederate Trumpism to the race against incumbent U.S. Sen. Tim Kaine.

“We will unite the coalition that President Trump brought together in 2016,” said Stewart at a victory party in Woodbridge. “We will win working men and woman across this state. We will restore our values. We will restore our economy. We will restore our border. And we will restore America.”

The Republican establishment campaigned against Stewart, worrying that his brand of conservatism would tarnish the GOP and harm down-ticket Republicans in competitive congressional races. They tried to rally behind Del. Nick Freitas (R-30), who grabbed national headlines earlier this year with a barnburner of a speech on the floor of the House of Delegates that took on Democrats for their support for Confederate flags and statues.

“Basically the Republican Party of Virginia is setting themselves up for a loss in November against Tim Kaine, and that could have all kinds of ramifications down ballot,” said Geoff Skelley at the University of Virginia Center for Politics. “If Kaine ends up winning by more than 10 points, that could create conditions for Democrats to win some tough congressional races.”

Stewart was typically defiant in his victory speech, taking on Democrats and media and even other Republicans. He thanked Freitas, adding that he has a future in the party. But he also brought out a famil-

iar list of themes from the 2016 campaign, including attacking immigrants and Hillary Clinton. That prompted the audience to chant “build the wall” and “lock her up” just as they had two years ago. Even though that approach put Trump in the White House, it failed to win the day in Virginia.

“We’re going to hear a lot about Hillary Clinton in this race in part because Tim Kaine was Hillary Clinton’s running mate, so we’re going to get a reprisal in some ways of the presidential race here in Virginia,” said Quentin Kidd, a professor at Christopher Newport University. “Hillary Clinton won Virginia by five points in 2016, so it’s going to be an uphill climb for Corey Stewart.”

In Fairfax County, Stewart won with 49 percent of the vote, with the strongest showing in Bull Run, Difficult Run and Woodyard. Freitas was able to win some parts of the wealthy northern suburbs, posting his strongest numbers in Greenbrier West, Bush Hill and Grovesnor. But it was no match for Stewart, who has a long history in the region and a familiarity with voters from years of experience leading a neighboring county.

“Senator Tim Kaine has spent his career fighting for civil rights, good jobs, and education for all Virginians,” said Susan Swecker, chairwoman of the Democratic Party of Virginia. “Corey Stewart has spent his spreading hate and engaging in destructive carnival barking.”

Republicans, though, are prepared to take on Kaine. During the primary, Stewart promised to run a campaign against Kaine that would be “vicious.” Within hours of Stewart securing the nomination, Trump endorsed him and called Kaine “a total stiff.” In the endorsement, Trump mentioned immigration and tax cuts — setting out a template for the campaign they plan on waging against the freshman Democratic senator.

“Senator Kaine spends more time whining about Crooked Hillary’s big loss than actually representing Virginia in the U.S. Senate,” said John Whitbeck, chairman of the Republican Party of Virginia. “It’s about time that Virginia had a senator that looked out for the interests of the Commonwealth over the interests of his California or Massachusetts donors.”

NEWS



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Clifton Barn Sale This Weekend

Although her furniture restoration project looks bigger than she is, Burke resident Liz Shaw isn't afraid of a banker's bookcase as she gives it a fresh coat of Fusion Mineral Paint in a shade of gray with a cute name called "Little Lamb." Shaw and her business partner Kathy Jasien of Clifton spend a muggy Sunday afternoon June 10 getting ready for their summer sizzler furniture and home accessory sale June 22 and 23. "We'll do anything to bring quality pieces to our clientele," quips Shaw, "or justify a nice, cold glass of wine." The Clifton Barn sale features the work of local artists Friday evening from 5-8 p.m. and Saturday 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at 7421 Dunquin Court in Clifton's Glencairn neighborhood off Kincheloe Road. The scenic drive alone is well worth the trip. Pictures of this weekend's keepsakes can be seen online at facebook.com/poppysquare.

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The Art of a Deal with the Devil

BY GERRY CONNOLLY
U.S. REPRESENTATIVE (D-II)



Against the backdrop of American and North Korean flags, the world finally got a glimpse into the negotiating skills of the so-called “Master of the Deal.” After much fanfare more appropriate for a reality television show than a historic diplomatic summit, the president emerged empty-handed. Trump gave the North Korean dictator everything he’s longed for — international legitimacy, an audience with an American president, and the cancellation of military exercises with our South Korean ally. And President Trump got nothing.

There is great danger in a president more committed to the optics of a getting a deal than the substance within it. Trump’s on-again, off-again agreement to a nuclear summit with Kim Jong Un was a high-risk gambit that squandered valuable leverage and gained no concessions in return. With little preparation and guided by his “feel” that within the first minute he would know if a deal is possible, the president rolled out the red carpet for Kim, ignoring that the devil is in the details.

Kim got the propaganda he needs back home, while concrete commitments from the North Koreans to denuclearize remain elusive. The administration’s oft-repeated language that de-

nuclearization must be “irreversible” and “verifiable” was not even mentioned in the joint statement, nor any reference to North Korea’s egregious human rights violations and Kim’s illegal imprisonment of more than 100,000 people in gulags. And the president’s weakness and naiveté signals to nuclear threshold states that they too should adopt the North Korean model of extreme brutality, threats and endless provocation.

Even more troubling, this summit follows President Trump’s shameful behavior with our closest allies at the G-7 summit. While we repay our allies’ loyalty with misguided tariffs and disrespect, the president is cozying up to one of our greatest foes, cementing the worldview that America is retreating again.

The Korean peninsula is a dangerous global flashpoint and we must remain open to diplomatic engagement with the North, but not at any cost and not without assurances that such an endeavor is guided by steady hands. We can’t have amnesia about the past. North Korea has previously made denuclearization commitments in 1994, 2005, and 2012, only to renege on each in 2002, 2009, and 2012, respectively. But Mr. Trump cares little about substance, history or strategy.

We had a model that worked. In response to illicit Iranian nuclear activities, the international community established a robust sanctions regime that drove Iran to the ne-

gotiating table. Before agreeing to formal talks, the United States extracted specific commitments from Iran to freeze portions of its nuclear program. But it was the promise of relaxed sanctions and increased international trade that convinced Iran to reverse its nuclear program and adopt the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA), with which it is in compliance to this day. Articulating incentives for denuclearization, commensurate with strict and verifiable nuclear dismantlement, should have been an essential component of any diplomatic engagement with North Korea.

When the president tore up the Iran nuclear agreement, simply because it was signed by his predecessor, he set his own standard for North Korea: absolute denuclearization, absolutely verifiable. Anything less than that is a failure by his own admission. Following the summit, we are not even close to the goal of a denuclearized North Korea.

The consequences of a nuclear North Korea are real and rushing to a bad deal could prove catastrophic on a global scale. The president needs to step back and recognize that substance and details matter. You are negotiating with a manipulative, erratic, and murderous dictator. Proceed with great caution, because this isn’t real estate. You can’t just walk away. Millions of lives hang in the balance if you agree to a deal on Kim Jong Un’s terms.

Connolly is a member of the House Foreign Affairs Committee.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Board, in 10-0 Vote, Approves More Inclusive Policies

To the Editor:

On June 14 at its regular meeting, the Fairfax County School Board approved updates to the Family Life Education Curriculum which are more inclusive of transgender students and family members, and a provision which will teach about ways to help fight the HIV/AIDS epidemic and inevitably save some of our students from infection.

Many members of the LGBTQ community and many allies came to the School Board meeting wearing purple, outnumbering those opposed by more than two-to-one. School Board members Karen Corbett Sanders (Mount Vernon), Tamara Derenak Kaufax (Lee), Megan McLaughlin (Braddock), Jane Strauss (Dranesville), Dalia Palchik (Providence), Pat Hynes (Hunter Mill), Sandy Evans (Mason), Karen Keys-Gamarra (at-large), Ilryong Moon (at-large) and Ryan McElveen (at-large)

spoke eloquently and clearly in support of these provisions. Sully representative Tom Wilson and Springfield representative Elizabeth Schultz spoke against them, but were in fact away from the table for the final vote; it was unanimous at 10-0.

As president of FCPS Pride (a social welfare organization for LGBTQ employees, parents of LGBTQ students, and LGBTQ parents and allies in Fairfax County Public Schools), I would like to express my gratitude for the citizens who came to support, and to the elected officials who responded to those community members. We look forward to contributing, canvassing and voting at the elections in 2019.

Robert Rigby, Jr.
President, FCPS Pride

The Question to Ask on June 21 and Every Day

To the Editor:

As a parent and a pediatrician, I want to make everyone aware of an important safety issue that is

supported by the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP). On Thursday, June 21, 2018, organizations and individuals around the country will celebrate National ASK Day. Held annually on the first day of summer, a season when children spend more time in other homes, ASK Day reminds parents about the importance of asking if there are unlocked guns in the homes where their children play.

Every day across America eight children and teens are shot in unintentional shootings. The majority of these instances go unnoticed.

Thousands of kids and teens are killed and injured by gun violence every year. Many of these youth deaths and injuries occur because parents, relatives or friends leave guns accessible to kids, resulting in unintentional shootings and suicides.

As parents, we have a responsibility to keep our kids safe. Every day as parents, we make very rational choices regarding our kids’ safety—we buckle their seatbelts, make them wear bicycle helmets, and limit their TV time. But when it comes to gun safety, we are often not taking the same logical approach with our loved ones.

One out of three homes with

children has guns, many left unlocked or loaded. As parents, we can help protect those we love by asking the right questions about gun safety. This is the simple idea behind the Asking Saves Kids (ASK) Campaign.

ASK encourages parents to simply ask if there are unlocked guns in the homes where their children play (such as at friends’ or family members’ homes). Just as it has become common to hear parents asking about nut allergies or pools, parents can take an important step to ensure the safety of their children simply by asking, “Is there an unlocked gun in your home?”

If the answer is no, then we have one less thing to worry about. If the answer is yes, make sure all guns are stored unloaded and locked, ideally in a gun safe, with ammunition stored separately.

If we as parents start to ASK, we can make our families safer and prevent many of the firearm-related tragedies that occur every day.

To pledge to ASK and learn about more ways to get involved in ASK, please visit: www.askingsaveskids.org.

Lauren Morea
Fairfax



Talking to Children about Suicide

Creating safe environment is key to opening a discussion.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL

The recent high profile deaths by suicide make it inevitable that children will ask questions and express a curiosity about the topic. However, some parents might feel a sense of uneasiness about answering those questions. Local mental health educators say that the steady increase in death by suicide each year since 1999 makes those conversations vital.

Parents can begin by creating a safe environment for an age-appropriate dialogue, says Linda Gulyn, Ph.D, professor of psychology at Marymount University. "As always, reassure young children that you are there for them no matter what," she said. "Don't feed into the anxiety. Teens understand it 100 percent, probably more than you realize."

"Encourage children to ask questions and answer them honestly," added Jerome Short, Ph.D., associate professor of psychology at George Mason University. "Parents should state that they will help their children handle any bad feelings or problems that happen."

Suicide can be a frightening topic for children and a difficult subject for parents to explain, advised Short. "Explain that people die in different ways and suicide means that people hurt themselves and died from it," he said. "A more detailed explanation is that our thoughts and feelings come from our brain, and sometimes a person's brain is sick. People feel alone, believe they are a burden on others, and are hopeless that it will change. Some people cannot stop the hurt they feel inside by themselves, but they can get help."

Parents should have a general understanding of suicide rates, signs and methods of preventing before embarking on a conversation with their children about the topic, advises Monica Band, Ed.D., assistant professor of counseling at Marymount University, who recommends the National Suicide Prevention and the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention as sources of information. "I would also recommend parents challenging their misconceptions and preconceived notions of [those who] who attempt and think of committing suicide because it is an issue that has an impact across cultures."

Some children might not understand the difference between feelings of sadness and clinical depression. "Explain that we all get sad and have good days and bad days," said Gulyn. "Usually we feel better. But kids who commit suicide are so sad that they don't know what to do to feel better. But the truth is there is a way to feel better, and there are very helpful adults in school and at home who are great to talk to."

However, some children might have difficulty grasping the concept of mental illnesses like depression. "Sad is normal, sad is part of life, and usually we feel sad when something outside of us happens,

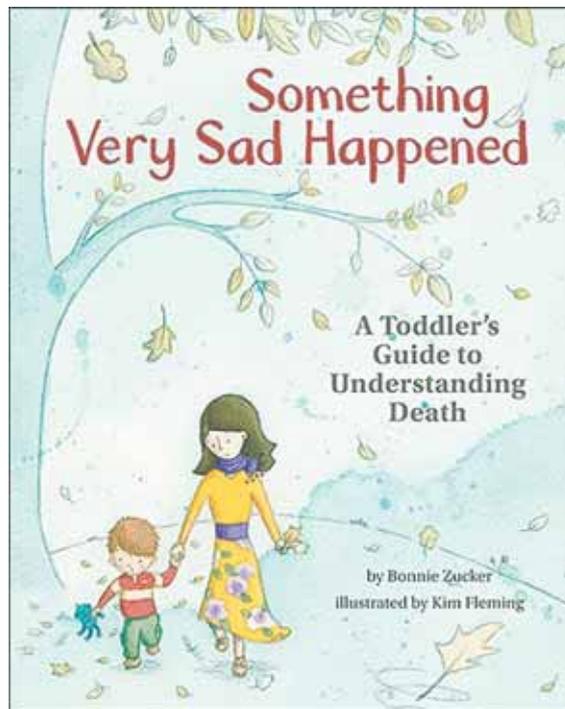


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Books like "Something Very Sad Happened: A Toddler's Guide to Understanding Death" by Bonnie Zucker can help parents explain concepts of mental health to their children.

like when a friend moves away. And we know that we will feel better," said Gulyn. "Depression is when someone feels hopeless that he or she won't be sad anymore. And that makes them not want to do fun things, or take care of themselves."

An awareness of warning signs of mental illness and the fact that depression is not a normal phase of adolescence are two factors that Gulyn underscores. "[Depression] is a serious mental health disorder for which there are effective treatments," she said. "Parents need to be aware of kids isolating themselves from others, especially peers. Other signs [include] not taking care of your physical appearance, consistently performing poorly in school, substance abuse, eating disorders, excessive or inadequate rest."

If a parent notices any of these symptoms or suspects that their child might be depressed, Gulyn advises a straightforward approach. Don't be afraid to ask your teen directly, "Do you think you are depressed?" or "Have you been thinking about hurting yourself?", she suggests.

Teaching a child healthy help-seeking behaviors will give them an invaluable tool when facing mental health issues, advised Monica P. Band, an assistant professor of counseling at Marymount University. "If parents raise the child to have specific religious or spiritual beliefs, this could be a way to begin the discussion of how one finds

strength, resilience, or peace in times when they feel like they're not in control," said Band. "Regardless of one's religious or spiritual beliefs, it is worth it if parents have an understanding and awareness of mood shifts or changes with their children and set an example and expectation with how to address these issues when things aren't feeling right or normal for their child."

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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. Meet up with friends, grab dinner at one of the many restaurants in downtown, and listen to great music. A free, family-friendly event for all ages. Visit www.fairfaxva.gov/government/parks-recreation/special-events/hometown-thursdays.

History of Agriculture.

7 p.m. at George Mason Regional Library, 7001 Little River Turnpike, Annandale. Burke Historical Society President Jon Vrana will speak about the history of agriculture in Northern Virginia. Visit www.burkehistoricalsociety.org.

Friday/June 22

FrogHair Golf Tournament. Noon at Twin Lakes Golf Course, 6201 Union Mill Road, Clifton. Enjoy the chance to be a winner at the upcoming FrogHair Golf Tournament presented jointly by Southwestern Youth Association and Chantilly Youth Association. A fun twist on the game is presented at each hole. \$99 per person. Visit froghairgolfclassic.com.

Rock the Block: The 5:55. 6:30-9:30 p.m. at Old Town Square, 3999 University Drive, Fairfax. Family-friendly free concert series, which features live bands, beer garden, and city restaurant vendor booths. Bring your own lawn chairs or blankets to sit on. Free. 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. All proceeds go to purchasing fire and rescue equipment. Visit www.fairfaxvfd.com or call 703-273-3638.

Saturday/June 23

Health Fair. 8 a.m.-2:30 p.m. at Burke Lake Park, 7315 Ox Road, Fairfax Station. Join NAACP Fairfax County for a health fair at Burke Lake Park and get moving with a fun walk, run or bike around Burke Lake (8-10 a.m.). The event will feature vendors and information about childhood and family obesity, cancer, metabolic syndromes, heart disease, diabetes and stroke prevention 11:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.). Free. Visit www.fairfaxnaacp.org/upcoming-events/.

Ribbon Cutting at Hidden Pond. 10 a.m. at Hidden Pond Nature Center, 8511 Greeley Blvd., Springfield. The public is invited to a ribbon-cutting ceremony and site celebration of the new playground and multi-use outdoor shelter at Hidden Pond



Art Camp with Carol Zeitlin campers explore water-color painting.

Art Camp 2018 in Burke

Registration is Open for "Art Camp 2018 in Burke" for 5-8 year olds, 8 years and up. One-week sessions take place Monday-Friday, June 25-29, July 16-20, and July 23-27. Camp is held through Burke Centre Conservancy at the Woods Community Center, 10100 Wards Grove Circle, Burke. Second location is Burke Presbyterian Church, 5690 Oak Leather Drive, Burke. Call instructor at 703-250-6930 or visit www.czartlessions.com for more. Camps include:

- ❖ Fine Arts & Crafts Camp (8 and older) – \$142 plus \$25 supply fee.
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- ❖ Drawing Plus Color & Craft Fun Camp (5-8 years) – \$120 plus \$20 supply fee



Japanese Obon Festival

Celebrate with Japanese drumming, a Hawaiian band, participate in traditional Japanese dancing all while enjoying traditional Japanese food and desserts such as chirashi, yakisoba, huli huli, daifuku. Also children's games, a challenge course, and vendors selling authentic Japanese items. End the evening by lighting a candle in the Japanese garden to remember a loved one who has passed away. Saturday, July 14, 3-9 p.m. at Ekoji Buddhist Temple, 6500 Lakehaven Lane, Fairfax Station. Free admission. Visit ekojiobonfestival.weebly.com or call 703-239-0500.

Nature Center. Enjoy brief ceremonies plus a cost-free visit to the nature center and family-friendly activities including pond netting, an Animal Talk at the new shelter, and light refreshments. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/hidden-pond/.

Anniversary Celebration. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. at Burke Centre Library, 5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke. Burke Centre Library will celebrate its 10th anniversary with festivities all day, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; visit tinyurl.com/ya64r2q8 for details. Burke Historical Society President Jon Vrana will speak at 3 p.m. in the large meeting room on the Orange & Alexandria Railroad. Visit www.burkehistoricalsociety.org.

Kidz Korner: Superheroes Party – Ever Laughter Parties. 10:30 a.m. in Old Town Square at the pergola, Fairfax. A variety of children's activities and entertainment in Old Town Square, Saturdays June-September. Free show. Visit www.fairfaxva.gov/government/parks-recreation/old-town-square.
"Midnight in America: Darkness, Sleep, and Dreams during the Civil War." 2-4 p.m. at the Civil War Interpretive Center at Historic Blenheim, 3610 Old Lee Highway, Fairfax. Christopher Newport University Professor Jonathan W. White, PhD, will discuss how the horrors and rigors of war for both Union and Confederate soldiers penetrated their lives at night through sleeplessness and dreams.

Free. Call 703-591-6728.
Mount Vernon Nights. 7 p.m. at Workhouse Arts Center, 9518 Workhouse Road, Lorton. This series of free, public concerts features a variety of musical performances reflecting Fairfax County's diversity, culture and community spirit. Bring a picnic dinner and a blanket and enjoy one of Fairfax County's special summer traditions. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/performances/mt-vernion-nights.

Saturday-Sunday/June 23-24

Amateur Radio Field Day. From 2 p.m. Saturday to 2 p.m. Sunday, at Burke Lake Park, 7315 Ox Road, Fairfax Station. Field Day is a national amateur radio event, is conducted during a 24-hour period. Field Day operations must be powered by emergency power sources – generators, solar power or batteries – no commercial power is permitted. Visit viennawireless.net.

Summer Celebration. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at Whitehall Farms, 6080 Colchester Road, Fairfax. Whitehall Farms hosts a summer celebration with music, wagon rides, animal encounters, an inflatable obstacle course and yard games. \$10/person. Children 3 and under enter free. Food and beverages will be available for purchase. Visit www.whitehall.farm.

Sunday/June 24

Vegetable Plant Clinics. 4-6 p.m. at

Franconia Park, 6432 Bowie Drive, Springfield. Focus will be on garden diseases. Fairfax County Master Gardeners will add a focus on vegetable gardening to their Plant Clinic program. Call 703-324-8556.

June 25-29

Summer Art Camp. Registration is open for Art Camp 2018 in Burke for 5-8 year olds, 8 years and up. Camp is held through Burke Centre Conservancy at the Woods Community Center, 10100 Wards Grove Circle, Burke. Second location is Burke Presbyterian Church, 5690 Oak Leather Drive, Burke. Camps include: Fine Arts & Crafts Camp (8 yrs. & up) = \$142 plus \$25 supply fee; Drawing Camp (8 yrs & up) = \$142 plus \$25 supply fee; Drawing Plus Color & Craft Fun Camp (5-8 yrs) = \$120 plus \$20 supply fee. Camp weeks are June 25-29; July 16-20; and July 23-27. Call 703-250-6930 or visit www.czartlessions.com.

Monday/June 25

Funday Monday: Movement Monday – Kids Zumba. 10:30-11:30 a.m. at Old Town Square, 10415 North St., Fairfax. A variety of children's activities and entertainment in Old Town Square, Mondays June-August. Free. Visit www.fairfaxva.gov/government/parks-recreation/old-town-square.

Tuesday/June 26

Farm to Fairfax Market. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at Old Town Square, 10415 North St., Fairfax. The market, will be producers-only – meaning that all vendors at the market may only sell what they raise on their farms or make from scratch using local ingredients as much as possible. May-September, weather permitting. Call 703-385-7893.

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-Thursday/June 27-28

Studio Ghibli: My Neighbor Totoro. Wednesday, 7 p.m. (Japanese with English subtitles); Thursday, 11 a.m. (English dubbed) at Angelika Film Center – Mosaic, 2911 District Ave., Fairfax. Visit www.AngleikaFilmCenter.com.

Friday/June 29

Old Town Village Performances: Fairfax/McLean Sextet. 7-8 p.m. at Old Town Plaza, 3955 Chain Bridge Road, Fairfax. The weekend starts here – Friday night on the Old Town Village Plaza – music and dance to relax by. Fridays, June-September, weather permitting. Performances are free. Call 703-385-7858 or visit www.oldtownplazafairfax.com.

B-I-N-G-O. 7 p.m. at Fire Station 3, 4081 University Drive, Fairfax. All proceeds go to purchasing fire and rescue equipment. Visit www.fairfaxvfd.com or call 703-273-3638.

Saturday/June 30

Kidz Korner: Children's Science Center. 10:30 a.m. in Old Town Square at the pergola, Fairfax. A variety of children's activities and entertainment in Old Town Square, Saturdays June-September. Free show. Visit www.fairfaxva.gov/government/parks-recreation/old-town-square.

Hidden Treasure at Burke Lake Park. 1-3 p.m. at Burke Lake Park, 7315 Ox Road, Fairfax Station. Become a modern-day pirate and

search for hidden treasures. Instead of following a map, participants age 8 to adult will learn to use hand-held Global Positioning System (GPS) units to locate hidden treasure caches within the park. \$22 per person. Bring a GPS if you can. A limited number will be available to borrow from the instructor at class. Call 703-323-6600 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/burke-lake.

Workhouse Fireworks 2018. 5-9:30 p.m. at Workhouse Art Center, 9518 Workhouse Way, Lorton. Launched from the Workhouse Art Center's historic, 55-acre campus the region's largest pre-Independence Day fireworks show celebrates the history of this nation and honors the courage and sacrifice that have made America a beacon of hope and freedom around the world. Admission free; parking \$20 per car. Visit workhousearts.org/fireworks.

Sunday/July 1

Crafts for the 4th of July. 1-4 p.m. at the Fairfax Station Railroad Museum, 11200 Fairfax Station Road, Fairfax Station. Enjoy making railroad inspired, 4th of July crafts. Ages 16 and older, \$4; 5-15, \$2; 4 and under, free. Visit www.fairfaxstation.org, www.facebook.com/FFXSRR, or call 703-425-9225.

Tuesday/July 3

Farm to Fairfax Market. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at Old Town Square, 10415 North St., Fairfax. The market, will be producers-only – meaning that all vendors at the market may only sell what they raise on their farms or make from scratch using local ingredients as much as possible. May-September, weather permitting. Call 703-385-7893.

Erin's Epic Stories. 10:30 a.m. at Old Town Square, 10415 North St., Fairfax. A variety of children's activities and entertainment in Old Town Square at the pergola, Tuesdays June-August. Weather permitting. Free. Visit www.fairfaxva.gov/government/parks-recreation/old-town-square.

Tuesday & Thursday/July 3 & 5

Studio Ghibli: Porco Rosso. Tuesday, 7 p.m. (Japanese with English subtitles); Thursday, 11 a.m. (English dubbed) at Angelika Film Center – Mosaic, 2911 District Ave., Fairfax. The Angelika Mosaic will feature animated films from the celebrated Studio Ghibli praised for their originality, stunning animation, and ambitious storytelling. All tickets are regular admission. Visit www.AngleikaFilmCenter.com.

Wednesday/July 4

"Red, White and Blue Tournament." 8 a.m.-noon at Burke Lake Golf Course, 7315 Ox Road, Fairfax Station. Teams of two will compete in an 18-hole scramble format in three divisions: Father/Jr. 7-12; Father/Jr. 13-17; Father/Adult partner. Teams will alternate tees depending on how well they do. There will be prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place in all divisions. Registration begins two weeks prior to the event. \$70 per team, includes lunch and prizes. Call 703-323-1641 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/golf/burke-lake to register.

Friday/July 6

B-I-N-G-O. 7 p.m. at Fire Station 3, 4081 University Drive, Fairfax. All proceeds go to purchasing fire and rescue equipment. Visit www.fairfaxvfd.com or call 703-273-3638.

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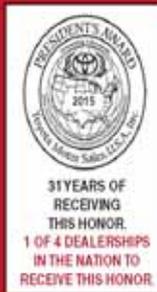
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NEWS

Greater Springfield Chamber of Commerce Awards Scholarships

The Greater Springfield Chamber of Commerce has awarded Julia Reynolds of Springfield and Peter Buschman of Burke scholarships in the amount of \$1,500 each. Both students attended Lake Braddock Secondary School.

During high school Reynolds participated in DECA; was a member of the Spanish Honor Society; worked in her school's Writing Center; helped start a Fashion Ambassadors club designed to promote sustainable fashion and educate students on the environmental impact of the fashion industry; and served as director of staging for the annual Lake Braddock DECA Fashion Show. Reynolds will be attending Florida International University this fall with a marketing major.

Buschman was a member of DECA, the National Honor Society and Student Government Association. At Lake Braddock he played varsity baseball for four years and achieved Athletic Honor Roll status. In the community Buschman coached youth basketball, volunteered in the public library's summer reading program and assisted with the English as a Second Language program at his church. He will attend the College of Business at Mississippi State University this fall.

Through its 501c3 Foundation, the Greater Springfield Chamber provides scholarships to deserving students in the Greater Springfield area. Criteria for the scholarship include a high school GPA of 3.0 or higher, residency in the Greater Springfield area and plans to pursue a business-related



Greater Springfield Chamber of Commerce scholarship winner Julia Reynolds (right) with scholarship committee member Christine Heiby

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Greater Springfield Chamber of Commerce scholarship winner Peter Buschman (right) with scholarship committee member Marcia Twomey.

major while in college.

The Greater Springfield Chamber of Commerce is a non-profit, membership-based organization supporting businesses in the Greater Springfield area. Founded in 1957, the Chamber formulates

and advocates positions critical to business, keeps members apprised of current community issues and provides numerous networking and education opportunities. For more information about the Chamber visit springfieldchamber.org.

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Lake Braddock Junior Honored

Cadet CPT Zachary Harmeyer, a junior at Lake Braddock Secondary School, received the JROTC Bronze Medal from the George Washington Chapter Sons of the American Revolution at the school's spring recognition ceremony May 18. Cadet Harmeyer will serve as a company commander during the next year. He aspires to attend a United States service academy after graduation.



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Submit civic/community announcements at ConnectionNewspapers.com/Calendar. Photos and artwork welcome. Deadline is Thursday at noon, at least two weeks before event.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Assistance League of Northern Virginia, a volunteer nonprofit, invites community members to join the organization to participate in its Reading Express program. Volunteers provide one-on-one tutoring to first grade students during the school year. To learn more contact VP Membership Mary Gronlund at gronbiz@aol.com or Program Coordinator Lynn Barron at lynnieb517@verizon.net.

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Child turning 5 years old by Sept.30? If so, contact your child's school to make arrangements for kindergarten enrollment. Most schools begin getting information together now for parents of incoming kindergartners, and many host an orientation or open house. All kindergarten programs are full-day and located 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.

MONDAY/JUNE 25

Future of Retail-Non-Office Building Repurposing. 7 p.m. at Fairfax County Government Center, Conference Rooms 9/10, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax. A public informational meeting on Plan Amendment 2017-CW-6CP - Non-Office Building Repurposing. The meeting provides an opportunity to learn how retail markets are changing and discuss how alternative uses may be used to fill existing retail spaces. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/planning-zoning/plan-amendments/non-office-building-repurposing or contact Michael Lynskey, DPZ, at 703-324-1204.

TUESDAY/JUNE 26

Cyber Training and Education Conference. George Mason University Science and Technology Campus in Manassas. The conference offers two tracks – one for veterans interested in training pathways in cyber and another for teachers at the high school level, to provide them with the educational curriculum essential to prepare current high school students for a future in cyber technology. Open to all area veterans and teachers at no charge; and all attendees can earn .7 CEUs for their attendance. Visit vsgi.gmu.edu/cyber-ready-conference-registration-page.

MONDAY/JUNE 27

Rotary Club of Fairfax Meeting. 12:15 p.m. at American Legion Hall, 3939 Oak St., Fairfax. The Rotary Club of Fairfax, founded in the City of Fairfax in 1931, is one of more than 33,000 Rotary clubs worldwide. Rotary International's motto is "Service above Self." Rotary Club of Fairfax meets weekly. Visit www.fairfaxrotary.org or email ihollans@earthlink.net.

TUESDAY/JULY 3

Lions Dinner Meeting. 6:30-8:30 p.m. at American Legion Post 177, 3939 Oak St., Fairfax. Lions Club meets the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month. Guests are welcome to learn about the mission of the Lions Clubs "We Serve," meet club members and learn to help serve the community. Free to first time guests. Email fairfaxlions@cox.net or visit www.fairfaxlions.org for more.

TUESDAY/JULY 10

Story Time: Focus and Self-Control. 10-11 a.m. at The Parent Resource Center Library, 2334 Gallows Road, Entrance 1 - Room 105, Dunn Loring. This Story Time will highlight books and activities to support focus and self-control in young children. Focus and self-control is an evidence-based executive functioning skill that involves paying attention, following the rules, thinking flexibly, and exercising self control. Registration is limited and required for children ages 4-6 and their parents. Visit www.fcps.edu/resources/family-engagement/parent-resource-center for more.

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Watching Some More and Wondering No Less



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

Recently, I bought my wife, Dina, the "Limited Edition, Downton Abbey, The Complete Collector's Set." Twenty-two discs, all the episodes, bonus features, etc. Now we can finally delete the saved content off our DVR; that should open up about half the available storage. Storage that we've happily used and accessed many times.

In its prime though, we did not miss a Downton Abbey episode when it was first broadcast on PBS (starting Jan. 9, 2011 and ending Jan. 3, 2016) and we've been recording, saving and watching ever since. We are two, of millions, who couldn't get enough viewing time of this period drama then and still can't to this day.

Ergo, the purchase. Now we are in control. If anything happens to our cable box – and it needs to be replaced/upgraded, we will not – as previously happened, suffer a potentially tragic loss of content in the exchange. Eliminating that worry alone has made the purchase worth the very reasonable price we paid.

Having the complete set in hand, Dina and I have decided to re-watch the series from start to finish. Heretofore, we had watched episodes in sequence, but not necessarily in chronological order – meaning season one, episode one through the final episode of season six. As a result of this decision, we have gotten reacquainted with story lines which had somewhat faded over time as there are some episodes we hadn't seen in years. We had saved many, but not all (when it was free to do so; now, the there's a cost, \$2.99 per episode to buy, I believe).

So far, we're through season two and we've thoroughly enjoyed the people, places and things – and the many nuances we may have missed or forgotten. However, this passage of time has caused Dina and I to rethink some of our opinions of characters and story lines.

There are two primary reassessments that oddly enough, Dina and I share.

One concerns Dr. Clarkson, the local/family doctor who runs the Downton Cottage Hospital. The other concerns Patrick Crawley (the cousin/original heir who was thought to have died when the Titanic sank in 1912) who reappears in season two as a convalescing Peter Gordon, a.k.a. P Gordon. As much as we like Dr. Clarkson, and are amused by his straddling the line between himself and the aristocracy, we have decided that we don't like some of his medical opinions: his hesitancy to even consider the treatment for dropsy for Mr. Drake that "cousin" Isobel (an experienced nurse) had proposed; his judgment of the possible psychological consequences of transferring the patient with gas blindness (with whom Thomas had developed a rapport) who subsequently killed himself – presumably rather than accept being transferred; and finally Matthew who suffered what Dr. Clarkson described as a transection of his spine when he and William were injured in battle which turned out to be a bruise.

An injury that he said would prevent Matthew from ever walking and – as later realized, fathering children either. In all three instances, Dr. Clarkson was proven to be wrong. As a consequence, if Dr. Clarkson was diagnosing my cancer, I'd ask for a second opinion.

As for Peter Gordon/P Gordon/Patrick Crawley and the story line concerning his reappearance as heir/heir pretender so many years after the family thought he had died – I would love to ask Julian Fellowes (writer and creator of "Downton Abbey") if this element was fact or fiction or simply a mere diversion for affect.

It all seemed so contrived, especially after "P" Gordon (who says he got his "name from a liquor bottle") leaves a note for the heartbroken Edith before there's any resolution. I mean, was he the heir or wasn't he? Did he leave because he felt the jig was up and the ruse was likely to fail? Or did he feel so betrayed and disrespected by his family (the Crawleys) that he felt his present and/or future could never be what he envisioned?

Consequently, there are two questions I'd like answered: was Peter Gordon actually Patrick Crawley and where did Dr. Clarkson get his medical training?

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