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Participating in July 4th parade (from left) Supervisor John Cook (R-Braddock), Fairfax County Sheriff Stacey Kincaid, Board of Supervisors Chairman Sharon Bulova and Del. Eileen Filler-Corn (D-41).

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OBITUARY

Marjorie Hough Heinly

Marjorie Hough Heinly of Burke died on July 1, 2018. Born Feb. 11, 1939 and raised in Ithaca, N.Y. A graduate of Bradford Junior College, she had a successful career as a real estate agent in Northern Virginia. Predeceased by beloved husband John L. Heinly; loving mother of John M. Heinly; sister of Susan Hough of Florida and Elizabeth Masters of New Jersey. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. Viewing on Saturday, July 21, 2018 from 1 to 4 p.m. at Demaine Funeral Home, 5308 Backlick Rd., Springfield, VA 22151. Interment at a later date in Ithaca, N.Y. Memorial donations in memory of Marjorie can be



made to the Lewy Body Dementia Association, Inc.



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Ingrid Parris-Hicklin

Local Television Producer Wins Telly Award for Cable Show

Local cable television producer Ingrid Parris-Hicklin was awarded a 2018 Silver People's Telly Award for her cable television show "Ingrid's World." The show is produced at Fairfax County's own nonprofit cable network, Fairfax Public Access www.fcac.org. Parris-Hicklin's show, "Ingrid's World," gives the viewer the opportunity to see the world through a positive lens and be inspired. Using a talk show format "Ingrid's World" inspires the viewer to get involved. The 28-minute show launched in January 2013 serves as a vehicle to spotlight community heroes and role models. Guests have included experts in medicine, philanthropy, business, music, and education. See www.ingridsworld.org and YouTube channel "Ingrid's World, LLC" for more information. The Telly Awards are the premier awards honoring video and television across all screens established in 1979. The Telly Awards receive more than 12,000 entries from all 50 states and five continents.

Crash in Clifton Investigated

Fairfax County Police Crash Reconstruction Unit is investigating a collision that injured three teenagers. Detectives believe speed was a factor. Officers responded to Fairfax Station Road near Colewood Estates Road around 1:55 p.m. July 10 for the report of a single car crash. A 2005 Jeep was traveling westbound on Fairfax Station Road when the car left the roadway and hit a tree. Two of the teens were taken to the hospital by helicopter with life-threatening injuries. The third teen was taken to the hospital by ambulance — according to FCPD Media Relations Bureau.

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Burke Neighborhood Hosts July 4th Parade

The Olde Forge/Surrey Square neighborhood held traditional Independence Day Parade. Del. Eileen Filler-Corn (D-41) led the parade riding in the convertible of Paula and David McKinney, followed by other cars decked out for Independence Day and concluding with many neighborhood children on their bicycles. The McKinneys along with Donna Fricas, Steve Sheffield, Terry and Christopher Shashaty and Owen Zentner also provided and organized more than 800 flags to line the neighborhood during Independence Day. They repeat this tradition for Veterans Day and Memorial Day.



Elected officials join neighbors in celebrating July 4th.



Del. Eileen Filler-Corn (D-41) led the parade riding in the convertible of Paula and David McKinney.



Del. Eileen Filler-Corn (D-41) and Fairfax County Sheriff Stacey Kincaid at the parade.

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Butler Appointed Chief of Fire and Rescue Department

The Fairfax County Board of Supervisors appointed John S. Butler as the county's next Fire and Rescue Department chief. He succeeds Chief Richard Bowers, who retired in April. Butler's appointment is effective Sept. 1.



Butler has been with the Howard County, Md. Department of Fire and Rescue Services since 1993 and was appointed chief in 2014. He began as a firefighter-paramedic in Howard County, rising through the ranks to serve in a variety of roles with that department, including as battalion chief, emergency medical services chief and administrative chief. In addition to his firefighting experience, Butler served in the U.S. Marine Corps for 21 years, including two combat tours.

"After an extensive search including a community engagement process, Fairfax County is pleased to appoint Chief Butler to the position of Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Chief," said Fairfax County Board of Supervisors Chairman Sharon Bulova. "He will have the opportunity to lead an elite world-renowned department and I look forward to working with him."

During his tenure in Howard County, Butler expanded services, hired the most diverse

firefighter/paramedic trainee class in the department's history, helped establish the first and only local affiliate of the International Association of Women in Fire and Emergency Services (iWomen), established numerous community outreach programs, led the construction of several fire stations and improved service delivery and response times.

"We had a number of strong candidates, however, Chief Butler demonstrated the leadership, vision and communications skills that will move our excellent Fire and Rescue Department forward," said County Executive Bryan Hill. "His proven experience and successful leadership at the helm of a large department will continue to strengthen our culture and contribute to a positive future for the department."

Butler holds a Master of Science in management from Johns Hopkins University and a Bachelor of Arts from the University of Baltimore. He is a graduate of the National Fire Academy's Executive Fire Officer Program and holds a certificate from Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government Leadership in Crisis Program. He is a member of the International Association of Fire Chiefs Human Relations Committee and Maryland's Emergency Medical Services Board and is a 2014 recipient of Johns Hopkins University's Global Achievement Award for his humanitarian work in Africa.

He will receive an annual salary of \$201,878.77.



Burke Scout Passes First Class Scout Board of Review

Connor Alford of Troop 1131, Patriot District, National Capital Area Council, Boy Scouts of America located at St. Stephen's United Methodist Church in Burke, completed his First Class Scout Board of Review. Connor is a rising seventh grader at Lake Braddock Secondary School. Pictured with Connor is his mother, Christa. Connor's father is a US Army Officer. The Alford's live in Burke.

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Safe Virginia Initiative Looks ‘Beyond Thoughts and Prayers’

The ADAMS Center event focuses on communities of faith’s response to violence.

On July 5, the Safe Virginia Initiative (SVI) hosted its first Northern Virginia event, “Beyond Thoughts and Prayers,” at the All Dulles Area Muslim Society Center in Sterling.

In keeping with the title, the event focused on communities of faith’s response to gun violence, as well as violence in general. Representatives from Muslim, Jewish, Sikh, Catholic and Quaker communities addressed the assembled crowd, while a number of members of the House of Delegates listened to the varied concerns of those assembled. Attendees came from all sides of the firearms debate, from members of Moms Demand Action to members of the Virginia Citizen Defense League.

The program began with a number of faith leaders discussing how their faith dictates how to respond to violence and gun violence in



From right: Del. Eileen Filler-Corn (speaking) and Delegates Kathleen Murphy, Rip Sullivan, Wendy Gooditis, Danica Roem, Mark Levine, Jennifer Boysko, Kathy Tran, David Reid, Vivian Watts, Ken Plum and Karrie Delaney.

particular. Next, various questions were posed to the audience about how they would like to see officials respond to gun violence, what laws were sufficient and what should be changed.

Members of the crowd discussed “gun free zones,” firearm carry in places of worship, and whether or not faith leaders should speak about methods to prevent gun violence from the pulpit. The event ended with an “open mic” for audience members to speak about what the General Assembly can do to reduce gun violence moving forward.

Just a few weeks following the Parkland tragedy in Florida, the

Speaker of the Virginia House of Delegates announced the formation of a bipartisan Select Committee on School Safety. While the committee’s formation was considered historic, it was announced that the select committee would not address gun violence nor discuss potential legislative solutions with regard to guns. Following this announcement, the House Democratic Caucus formed the Safe Virginia Initiative (SVI). The SVI is organizing events between May and October of this year related to gun safety. These events will continue to occur throughout Virginia and will include public input. Prior events have included a

town hall focusing on inner city violence in Richmond and a panel on the nexus of mental health and gun violence in Lexington.

The Safe Virginia Initiative is co-chaired by Del. Eileen Filler-Corn (D-41) and Del. Kathleen Murphy (D-34) and includes the following regional co-chairs: Del. John Bell (Northern Virginia), Del. Chris Hurst (Southwest), Del. Delores McQuinn (Metro Richmond) and Del. Marcia Price (Hampton Roads). The group will work with experts from the Office of the Governor, the Office of the Attorney General, local leaders from both parties and law enforcement to draft policy proposals for the next legislative session.

“I appreciated the opportunity to hear from a diverse group of people on how to best curb and combat gun violence,” said Filler-Corn. “This is the whole point of the Safe Virginia Initiative, we want to hear from everyone, because only by finding common ground can we move forward in a substantive manner on these issues. I look forward to continuing this conversation across the Commonwealth over the next few months,” she added.

Those interested in following the activities of this working group can like the “Safe Virginia Initiative” page on Facebook or follow @svi_va on Twitter.

Teenagers Organize ‘Rally to Reunite’

To the Editor:

In light of the humanitarian crisis on the border, high school students were not able to sit back and watch people struggle and suffer. Virginia teenagers, Tarina Ahuja, Perrin McHugh, and Bee Hyland, organized a rally titled “Rally to Reunite” that took place in front of the ICE building in Fairfax.

The event was full of inspirational speakers and performers, loud chants, colorful signs, and a pervading message that the people are watching and refuse to stay silent. The speakers included Rajwant Singh, president of EcoSikh; Mansimran Kahlon, the vice chair of the 10th District Democratic Committee in Prince Williams County; and a musical performance by Gurl Music.

The enthusiasm was contagious. Cars, pedestrians, and cyclists would stop to cheer and show their support for the cause creat-

ing a larger sense of unity and solidarity with the separated families. Throughout the day, speakers and organizers emphasized the need for both adults and young people to vote.

According to these young people, civic engagement, no matter your age, is the key to creating a government that we can be proud of. The students emphasized that having young people involved is what will bring our country forward. They emphasized that youths have new ideas, new perspectives and also will be the ones with solutions in the future. Many people have told these students that young people do not belong in politics, but they hold strong in their belief that the voice of their generation is valuable and something that is necessary considering our current political climate.

Tarina Ahuja
Ashburn



Rally organizers, from left: Bee Hyland, 17, Leesburg; Tarina Ahuja, 16, Ashburn; and Perrin McHugh, 17, McLean.



NEWS

Lake Braddock Students Attended National Leadership Conference

Lake Braddock Secondary School Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) joined more than 7,500 FCCLA student leaders, members, and advisers at the Omni Hotel at the CNN Center in Atlanta, Ga., June 28 - July 2 to participate in the annual FCCLA National Leadership Conference (NLC).

The conference provided LBSS FCCLA students opportunities for listening to inspiring speakers, attending learning sessions, competing on the national level, and networking with other leaders. The theme of this year's conference was "Inspired by FCCLA," which inspired attendees to discover the unlimited possibilities within their reach while exploring career opportunities, developing leadership skills, and growing personally while making difference in their families and communities.

James Brandow and Emma Sachs from Lake Braddock Secondary School FCCLA participated in one of 30 Family and Consumer



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James Brandow and Emma Sachs.

Sciences related Competitive Events offered at NLC, including STAR (Students Taking Action with Recognition) Events and the FCCLA/LifeSmarts Knowledge Bowl.

These events support foundational, leadership, and workplace

skills in areas such as advocacy, culinary arts, and entrepreneurship.

Brandow and Sachs achieved 1st Place Gold Medal in the junior level Life Event Planning category for their Perfect Party Planners Sweet "16" Neon Rave Party.

Having Fun at Burke Chick-Fil-A

The Lesnak family from Fairfax at the Burke Chick-Fil-A participating in the store's "show us your spots" event, an ongoing promotion campaign to stay away from beef and cows and eat their chicken instead.



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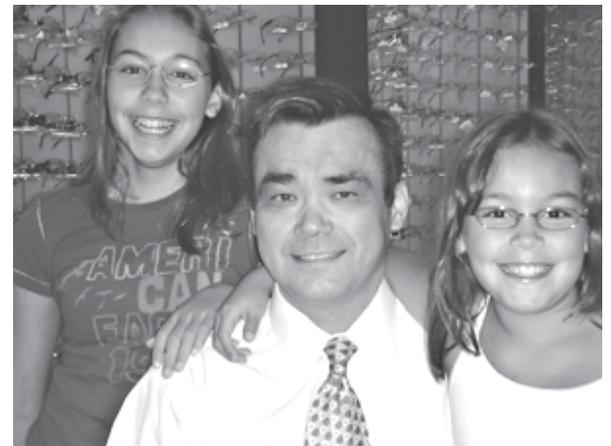
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Designing a Midsummer Table

Using flowers and color to create a summer wonderland.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL

Along with sunshine and longer days, summer offers an array of design opportunities. From backyard barbecues to brunch in the garden, the right decor can add a touch of flair to a midsummer gathering.

Designing a table with the vibrant colors of summer fruit creates an air of liveliness, says interior Bridget Francis of Colors by Bridget. "Watermelon, blueberries and strawberries are plentiful now, so if you're serving them you can use those colors as a base for your table," she said. "Think zinnias and red roses with white serveware."

Limiting a table to two or three colors lends simplicity to a design, advises Francis. "For example, I use light blue and white dishes with white table linens," she said. "I add floral arrangements with white and pale pink roses and blue hydrangeas, some white votives, and voila, a crisp, clean summer table."

When creating those dinner party arrangements, make sure the height of the flowers is low so that guests can see and talk to each other, advises Amanda Mertins of Patina Polished Living. "Flower arrangements are supposed to be a lovely addition to the table, not an irritant because they're blocking your view," she said. "I just love a beautiful arrangement that you can look down and see, and that everyone at the table can enjoy. Right now hydrangeas and roses are big. When we make arrangements we're adding rosemary and lavender for a touch of green."

"Etched glass hurricanes are a beautiful addition to a table setting," said Todd Martz, owner of Home on Cameron. "They create a lovely ambiance for an outdoor setting and let you stay outside longer to enjoy the stars and fireflies."

Be it a frosty margarita or a glass of tart lemonade, infusing summer drinks with summer foliage adds warm weather appeal to a gathering. "Think of a few rose petals floating in a pitcher of sangria or sprigs of lavender in a pitcher of lemonade," said Francis. "It not only looks and smells great, but the flowers can infuse the drink with a subtle hint of flavor."

In fact, Francis says that summer blooms can be

incorporated into meal prep. "I think that a cake with simple white icing, decorated with pink roses and blue hydrangeas is the epitome of summer elegance," she said. "I also use a pastry squeeze pen to make flower designs for cupcakes. You can use the pen to squeeze whipped cream to make flower toppings for ice cream. It's especially pretty when they are the same flowers that are in your centerpiece."

"For additional table accents, add a decorative shell or accessory to hold down napkins," said Martz. "Try placing a tray in the center of the table to keep all the dining essentials in one place, making it easier to bring them out and take them in."



A few scented candles, grouped in the center of the table, creates a festive look, says Todd Martz of Home on Cameron.

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Limiting a table design to one or two colors of summer can create an elegant table.

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Enjoying Braddock Nights

Lake Accotink is the site of the Braddock Nights Concert Series this summer.

BY MIKE SALMON
THE CONNECTION

The Braddock Nights concert series lives on since then-Supervisor Sharon Bulova started it nearly 10 years ago, and the beat goes on throughout the summer. To kick off the series this year, the “Main Street Community Band” filled the pavilion at Lake Accotink last Friday with big band sounds of the summer.

The concert began with a medley of Beach Boys tunes, led by conductor Geoffrey K. Seffens. “You just can’t beat that to start your summer,” he said at the end of the musical rendition.

The band went into a 1925 baseball song called “The National Game,” and continued for the next hour to an enthusiastic crowd. The band sounds were occasionally interrupted by the train that flew by about 100 yards from the pavilion, but no one seemed to mind.

The emcee was Meghan Walker who is a member of the Friends of Lake Accotink Park. She unveiled this year’s official Braddock Night’s tee shirt which she referred to as a “collectors item.” Some members of the audience were wearing last year’s tee shirt.

Walker is a supporter of the lake and is following the county decision to dredge it or not.

It’s filling up with silt carried into the lake by storm water drains and creeks. Braddock Nights “wouldn’t be the same without the sunset over the lake,” she said.

“Carol the Mom,” as she called herself, was watching her daughter Sharon, who played clarinet in the band. Sharon started on clarinet back in elementary school and continued into high school at Lake Braddock Secondary School, and then into college. “She just enjoys it, she enjoys the comradery of the band,” she said.

On a bench down by the water, Megan Huber was reading her book, but within earshot of the band. She is a Vienna resident that had driven her friends who were in the band. “A perfect spot, I had no idea this was here,” she said.

Next Friday at Lake Accotink, it will be the sounds of Karl Stoll and the Danger Zone. There is another Braddock Nights concert series every Friday at Royal Lake in Fairfax.



Springfield residents Laura Binz with husband Chris and daughter Cecily jamming to the sounds of the Main Street Community Band.



Meghan Walker holds the official 2018 Braddock Nights tee shirt.

PHOTOS BY MIKE SALMON/THE CONNECTION



Big band sounds from the Main Street Community Band.

Concerts Schedule

Braddock Nights shows are at Lake Accotink Park, 7500 Accotink Park, Springfield, or Royal Lake Park, 5344 Gainsborough Drive, Fairfax. Showtime is 7:30-8:30 p.m.

- ❖ Lake Accotink Park
- Friday, July 6: City of Fairfax - Main Street Community Band (Concert Band)
- Friday, July 13 Karl Stoll & The Danger Zone (Rock, Blues)
- Friday, July 20 BG & The Mojo Hands (Blues, Swing,

- Rockabilly)
- Friday, July 27 Marian McLaughlin Ensemble (Chamber, Folk)
- Friday, Aug. 3 Empty Bottle String Band (Old-time, String Band)
- Friday, Aug. 10/2018 The Ragbirds (Folk, Roots, Pop)
- Friday, Aug. 17 City of Fairfax Band - Alte Kameraden German Band (German)
- Friday, Aug. 24 St. Stephens United Methodist Church Youth Band
- ❖ Royal Lake Park

- Friday, July 13 Gina DeSimone and the Moaners (Blues, Swing)
- Friday, July 20 BG & Laura Lea & Tripp Fabulous (Party Rock, Cover Band)
- Friday, July 27 Natty Beaux (Swing)
- Friday, Aug. 3 Veronneau (World Jazz)
- Friday, Aug. 10/2018 Frankie Addison Band
- Friday, Aug. 17 Thrillbillies (Roots)
- Friday, Aug. 24 Mars Rodeo (Rock)

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Summer Drama Camp. Through Aug. 3, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at Lanier Middle School, 3801 Jermantown Road, Fairfax. City of Fairfax Theater Company offers its Traditional Summer Drama Camp with week long sessions in July and August. The Summer Drama Camp teaches children to create a staged performance at the end of each week. \$170 per camper for any one-week session, \$600 per camper for all four sessions. Visit www.fairfaxcitytheatre.org for weekly themes and registration.

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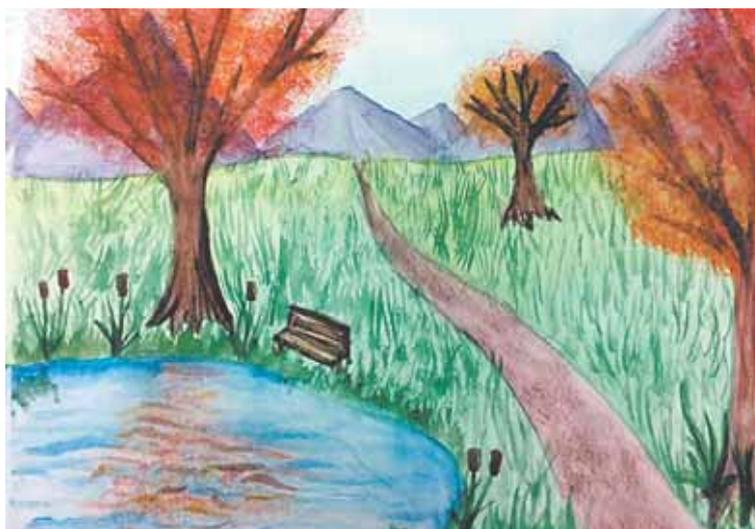
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Caricature drawing by Carol Zeitlin's student in Drawing Camp.



Art Camp with Carol Zeitlin campers explore watercolor 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, 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.
- ❖ Drawing Camp (8 and older) – \$142 plus \$25 supply fee
- ❖ Drawing Plus Color & Craft Fun Camp (5-8 years) – \$120 plus \$20 supply fee

will also be 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. Free admission. Visit ekojobonfestival.weebly.com or call 703-239-0500.

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-vernon-nights.

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SUNDAY/JULY 15

Virginia's Indian Heritage. 3-4 p.m. at Pohick Regional Library, 6540 Sydenstricker Road. Dr. Karenne Wood of the Virginia Indian Program (Virginia Foundation for the Humanities) will present her research on the history and culture of Virginia's Native American people and communities. Free. Visit www.burkehistoricalsociety.org.

Hooray For Hollywood. 7:30-9:30 p.m. at Richard J. Ernst Community Cultural Center Theater, 8333 Little River Turnpike, Annandale. Enjoy an evening of popular movie themes presented by the Reunion Music Society, Inc. and the NVCC-Annandale Campus, under the direction of Christopher Johnston. Adults, \$15; students w/ID, \$10; NOVA students w/ID free; children 12 and under, free. Free parking. Call 703-569-0973 or visit www.eventbrite.com and search

"Hooray for Hollywood."

TUESDAY/JULY 17

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.

WEDNESDAY/JULY 18

Springfield Nights. 7 p.m. at Burke Lake Park, 7315 Ox Road, Fairfax Station. Featuring: The David Kitchen Band (Pop/Rock). Bring a picnic dinner, blankets, your dog, and lawn chairs and relax with friends and family. Beer and food will be available for purchase. Call 703-451-8873.

WEDNESDAY-THURSDAY/JULY 18-19

Studio Ghibli: Tales from Earthsea. Wednesday, 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.angelikafilmcenter.com.

THURSDAY/JULY 19

Evenings on the Ellipse with Memphis Gold. 5:30-7 p.m. at the Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax. The Evenings on the Ellipse summer concert series is a family-friendly event featuring a wide range of musical genres. Paradise Springs Winery and The Winery at Bull Run

will be providing complimentary tastings; glasses of wine and full bottles available for purchase. A Farmers Market (2:30-6:30 p.m.) will also be on site selling fresh fruit and savory snacks. Rain or shine. Free. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/performances.

Burke Historical Society. 7 p.m. at George Mason Regional Library, 7001 Little River Turnpike, Annandale. Burke Historical Society member Mary Lipsey will speak about the story of Mount Vernon and how it was saved by the Mount Vernon Ladies' Association. Lipsey has a new book. Visit www.mlhbooks.com.

THURSDAY-SUNDAY/JULY 19-22

"Suessical the Musical." Thursday and Friday, 7:30 p.m.; Saturday, 2:30 (child/sensory friendly) and 7:30 p.m.; Sunday, 2:30 p.m. at Church of the Nativity, 6400 Nativity Lane, Burke. "Oh, the things you can think" when Dr. Seuss's best-loved characters collide and cavort in a musical caper. Friendship, loyalty, family and community are challenged and emerge triumphant in this colorful story full of teachable moments. Adults, \$10; \$8 seniors and students, \$8. Visit www.nativityburke.org/nativityparish/summer-theater-ministry/.

FRIDAY/JULY 20

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/JULY 21

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.

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SUNDAY/JULY 22

Animals in the Shallows. 8-9 a.m. at Lake Accotink Park, 7500 Accotink Park Road, Springfield. Explorers age 8-adult will search for animals that call the littoral zone home. Snakes, fish, turtles and insects all rely on these lake shallows to survive. Catch and release animals found in this program. \$6 per person; children must be accompanied by a registered adult. Wear shoes that can get muddy and wet. Call 703-569-3464 visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/lake-accotink.

Discover a World of Animals. 1-1:45 p.m. and 2:15-3 p.m. at Hidden Oaks Nature Center, 7701 Royce St., Annandale. In the "Animals Underground" program at Hidden Oaks Nature Center, children age 2-5 will investigate who lives in the dark, damp world under the forest floor. Learn about moles, earthworms, termites and other creatures of the soil. \$6 per child; children must be accompanied by an adult. Call 703-941-1065 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/hidden-oaks.

Reading Circle. 1-4 p.m. at the Fairfax Station Railroad Museum, 11200 Fairfax Station Road, Fairfax Station. The Fairfax Station Railroad Museum will host two 45-minute Reading Circle sessions of the Caldecott Medal winning book, "Locomotive." One session will begin at 1:15, the second at 2:30. All craft supplies included with admission fees. 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.

Vegetable Plant Clinics. 4-6 p.m. at Franconia Park, 6432 Bowie Drive, Springfield. Focus will be on planning a fall vegetable garden. Fairfax County Master Gardeners will add a focus on vegetable gardening to their Plant Clinic program. Sponsored by Virginia Cooperative Extension. Contact the VCE Fairfax County Master Gardener Help Desk at 703-324-8556.

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The “backyard” of the center was relaxed during the show.



The wine from The Winery at Bull Run was flowing in the audience.

Having Fun at Government Center

JunkFood Kicks off the Evenings on the Ellipse.

BY MIKE SALMON
THE CONNECTION

It’s hard to turn down junk food, and when the rock band “JunkFood,” showed up to kick off the summer concert series, called the Evenings on the Ellipse, families, county employees and wine connoisseurs munched on some junk food and sipped wine on the lawn at the Fairfax County Government Center.

JunkFood is a cover band out of Manassas and kicked the show off with a few familiar tunes to set the mood, including “Kryptonite,” by 3 Doors Down, “Melt with You,” by Modern English, and “What I Got,” by Sublime.

Relaxed was the theme, and when the band started with a lengthy sound check, no one seemed to mind. The singer, Bart Harris, set the tone. “Rock bands don’t start on time,” he said. Harris was joined by Dan Anderson on lead guitar and vocals, Bobby Curtis on bass, and Mark Spivey on drums.

Fairfax County Board of Supervisors Chairman Sharon Bulova was there to get the show started.

“It creates a wonderful sense of community,” she said.

The bands are chosen by the Fairfax County Park Authority and throughout the series at the government center, there is a variety of musical genres.

Sue Floyd and Bob Ward shared a blanket and bottle of wine from The Winery at Bull Run, the wine supplier for the event. “Very good,” Floyd said, referring to the wine and/or band. It was hard to tell.



Board of Supervisors Chairman Sharon Bulova kicked off the concert series at the government center.

JunkFood played a majority of cover tunes for the Fairfax crowd.

PHOTOS BY
MIKE SALMON
THE CONNECTION



More Information

WHAT:

Evenings on the Ellipse Summer Concerts

WHEN:

Every Thursday, July 5 – Aug. 30, 2018

TIME:

5:30 – 7 p.m.

WHERE:

Fairfax County Government Center Backyard
12000 Government Center Pkwy, Fairfax

PERFORMANCES:

July 12: The Beat Hotel (Mardi Gras Swamp Funk)

July 19: Memphis Gold (Blues)

July 26: Tartan Terrors (Celtic)

Aug. 2: The Gibson Brothers (Bluegrass)

Aug. 9: Robin and Linda Williams (Folk)

Aug. 16: Doc Scantlin and his Imperial Palms Orchestra (Big Band)

Aug. 23: Russikye Musikanti (Russian Folk Music)

Aug. 30: The United States Air Force ‘Celtic Aire’ (Celtic)

Jessica Smithberger came down from her office in the center and shared a blanket on the lawn with Hayden Nier of Centreville. She works in the Fairfax County solid waste management office. “It’s really easy and nice to come down for a concert,” she said.

Evenings on the Ellipse is one of many concert series happening throughout Fairfax County this summer, and many are sponsored by district supervisors all over the county.

Every Thursday at the government center, in a spot called the “backyard,” there are bands through the end of August. To get to the backyard, go in the front door of the government center, down the staircase, and out on the lawn in the back is where the shows are held. This spot is in the shade and close to a door, just in case late afternoon thunderstorms arrive. “If it gets too awfully hot or rains, we move inside,” Bulova said.

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Obituary



MARJORIE HOUGH HEINLY

On July 1, 2018, of Burke, VA. Born February 11, 1939 and raised in Ithaca, NY. A graduate of Bradford Junior College, she had a successful career as a real estate agent in Northern Virginia. Predeceased by beloved husband John L. Heiny; loving mother of John M. Heiny; sister of Susan Hough of Florida and Elizabeth Masters of New Jersey. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. Viewing on Saturday, July 21, 2018 from 1 to 4 p.m. at Demaine Funeral Home, 5308 Backlick Rd., Springfield, VA 22151. Interment at a later date in Ithaca, NY. Memorial donations in memory of Marjorie can be made to the Lewy Body Dementia Association, Inc.



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NEWS

**Electrical Mal-
function Causes
West Springfield
Townhouse Fire**

On Friday, July 6, at 10:13 p.m., units were dispatched for a reported townhouse fire in the 8800 block of Surveyors Place in the West Springfield area of Fairfax County.

Units arrived on scene of a two-story, middle unit townhouse with fire showing from the rear of the home. Crews discovered a fire in the basement that extended to the upper floors. The fire was quickly brought under control. There were no reported firefighter or civilian injuries.

There were seven occupants home at the time of the fire. Two adult occupants saw smoke coming from the backyard deck moments before the smoke alarm sounded. One occupant called 911. All occupants self-evacuated the townhouse prior to fire and rescue arrival.

Fire Investigators determined that the fire was accidental in nature and started under the backyard deck.

The cause of the fire was a malfunction with the air conditioner unit. An arc event occurred, which subsequently ignited nearby combustibles.

Seven occupants were displaced because of the fire. Red Cross as-



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Damages as a result of the fire were estimated to be \$193,750.

sistance was offered and accepted. Damages as a result of the fire were estimated to be \$193,750.

Approximately \$30,000 of that total is the result of fire damage to a townhouse next door.

**Central
Springfield Little
Leaguers Honor
Veterans**

On Thursday, July 5, members of the Central Springfield Little League All-Star teams and their families arrived early at Reagan National Airport to greet an Honor Flight from Central Missouri. The flight carried more than 100 veterans in town to visit the monuments. The Central Springfield Little League members gave them a warm welcome thanking them for their service to our country. For more information on how you can greet an Honor Flight visit <https://honorflightdca.com/>.



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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.

MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

The Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board's Merrifield Center offers a new stand-up information kiosk. Part of a pilot project, the new feature aims to improve the customer service experience and decrease wait times for individuals who are seeking mental (behavioral) health services. To check in, individuals respond to five simple questions, then the CSB's Patient Track software alerts staff. Based on clinicians' schedules and availability, as well as the needs of the client, individuals are triaged and seen by the next available staff member. For more information on available services, call the CSB at 703-383-8500 (Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.). In an emergency 24/7, call CSB Emergency Services at 703-573-5679 or the Fairfax Detox Center at 703-502-7000 (TTY 703-322-9080).

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Haven of Northern Virginia is committed to offering, support, compassion, information and resources to the bereaved and seriously ill. Volunteers provide individual and group support to those suffering from a loss. Volunteers must participate in a 30 hour training. Training will be offered in October 2018. To volunteer, call Haven at 703-941-7000.

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.

THURSDAY/JULY 12

Story Time: Perspective Taking. 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 perspective taking in young children. Perspective taking is an evidence-based executive functioning skill that forms the basis for children's understanding of their parents', teachers', and friends' intentions. 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.

SUNDAY/JULY 15

Public Input Deadline. The Fairfax County Department of Transportation (FCDOT) is conducting a study to better understand how people get around the Franconia-Springfield area of Fairfax County on the Fairfax Connector transit network. Complete a survey to help FCDOT better understand transportation-related needs and issues. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/transportation/franconia-springfield-optimization to complete the survey.

TUESDAY/JULY 17

Story Time: Making Connections. 10-11 a.m. at The Parent Resource Center Library, 2334 Gallows Road, Entrance 1 - Room 105, Dunn Loring.

Making Connections is at the heart of learning. This Story Time will highlight books and activities to support this evidence-based executive functioning skill in young children. 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.

RSVP Senior Volunteers. 3:30-4:30 p.m. at Lorton Library, 9520 Richmond Highway, Lorton. RSVP Northern Virginia will hold a seminar on senior volunteerism. The one-hour event is free and open to anyone 55-years-old or better.

RSVP, the region's largest volunteer group for seniors and retired people, provides individualized support to those seeking service opportunities in and around Fairfax County, Arlington County and the City of Alexandria. Visit www.rsvpnova.org or call 703-403-5360 to register.

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A Relative Unknown



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

I knew we had family in Argentina. I knew that one of my maternal grandfather's younger brothers, Simon, had immigrated from Eastern Europe to South America in the early 1900s.

I knew, or thought I knew, that someone from his family – removed or not, I never know, had visited my parents and first cousins a time or two in Florida in the '80s and '90s. But until recently, neither my brother Richard nor myself had ever met any of these distant – double entendre-intended – relations. Well, that ended on Wednesday, June 27, in Union Station at 5:55 p.m.

There outside Gate "G" my wife, Dina and I stood holding a sign with my cousin's name on it: Eduardo Blacher (my middle name is Blacker). He had flown into New York City from Buenos Aires earlier that morning and then boarded a south-bound Amtrak train to visit us in Washington, D.C.

My first cousin, Ronnie (formerly of Florida, now of Massachusetts) with whom Eduardo has corresponded and visited over the years, had emailed us a selfie Eduardo had taken so we had a pretty good idea of his general appearance. Along with our handwritten sign, we were pretty confident the familial connection would be made.

And so it happened a bit after 6 p.m. as he walked through the gate into the station looking around for someone he'd never seen. We cautiously saw one another and then immediately hugged and kissed and said: "Great to meet you!"

Eduardo's English was pretty good so we were able to coordinate our exit from the station where, once outside, we met my brother, Richard, who had been sitting in his car waiting for our appearance. As soon as he saw us, he got out of his car and quickly walked over to Eduardo and likewise gave him a hug and kiss: mishpocheh (Yiddish for family).

When my widowed mother died in 2008, Richard and I felt orphaned, so to speak. Our parents, as in most families, were the keepers of the family faith. Having both been born 10 years before "The Great Depression," they knew the family history dating back to before the turn of the century. When they died (in 2006 and 2008, respectively), their knowledge and memories died with them. It was a palpable loss that Richard and I still feel.

We are lucky though; my cousin Ronnie (my mother's niece) has lots of family information and has become our go-to resource for all things Blacher/Blacker. She facilitated this much-anticipated visit (Eduardo is seeing her next).

To try and put Eduardo's visit in some context; in the 10 years since my mother's passing, given the ages of the surviving family members in the United States with whom we're in touch, we've not really gained any family members, let alone connected with an entire line of cousins going back to before World War I.

Eduardo has three children, four grandchildren, a sister in Israel and parents, both of whom are their mid-80s still alive and well. In familial fact, his father is my grandfather's nephew and knows lots more about my grandfather than I ever did, and has knowledge of the Blacher/Blacker family going back over 125 years as well in and out of our respective countries.

Given the pogroms and the Holocaust, for many Jewish people my age, a treasure trove of family history/knowledge like this was thought to be lost forever. Now, I have found some of it. Talk about filling a void. In facts and feelings, it has – and is about to, fill everything.

For three days, until Eduardo's departure Sunday morning, we rarely left one another's side. In addition to touring Washington, D.C., we shared photos, exchanged email addresses, talked nearly non-stop about everything, downloaded WhatsApp which we'll enable us to message each other in the future, and together on Friday night lit the Shabbos candles and together prayed in Hebrew.

I can't really express how I feel other than to say I've been crying while I've been writing this column. And it's the best cry I've had in years.

Kenny Lourie is an Advertising Representative for *The Potomac Almanac & The Connection Newspapers*.

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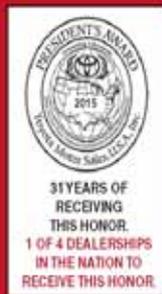
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