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# From Amazon to Shutdown

BY ANDREA WORKER  
THE CONNECTION

**“I**’ve been wrong before, so who knows? But I don’t think we will see a government shutdown over this budget and the border wall.”

That was U.S. Sen. Tim Kaine’s opinion at a roundtable discussion with his colleague U.S. Sen. Mark Warner. The event was hosted by the Northern Virginia Chamber of Commerce, held at the Arlington campus of George Mason University, and moderated by NBC4 News Northern Virginia Bureau Chief, Julie Carey.

The question of a possible government shutdown with its disproportionate effect on Northern Virginia was one that the audience of area businesses, nonprofits and local government representatives were anxious to hear.

“There are two bipartisan options on the table for the President to choose from,” added Kaine, and if neither is to his liking, Kaine said that Congress could still move forward and “kick the can” with one or more Continuing Resolutions. “We can write the checks two months at a time.”

Warner agrees, while noting the situation is somewhat better than it has been during past similar circumstances.

“There are seven appropriation bills ready for signing,” he said. “Seventy-five percent of the needs are already funded through the regular rules of order.”

Border security is the last piece, with the president threatening the shutdown if Congress doesn’t provide him with the \$5 billion he’s asking to build the border wall. “We’re still waiting for that check from Mexico [that Trump keeps promising],” Warner joked.

Warner is not opposed to spending on border security. He just doesn’t see the value in massive spending on a wall or fence that would also require maintenance and manning. Spending on drones and other proven technologies would garner his support, “and would be more effective and cost a lot less now and in the future.”

The same applies when it comes to defense spending, which the senators say that the President wants to increase. “Virginia would certainly benefit from more defense spending,” said Kaine, but he doesn’t think it’s really a good idea or the right answer.

**WARNER WORRIES** that this administration is going all in “to buy the best of 20<sup>th</sup> century stuff” instead of focusing on what’s needed to fight the “real battles of today.”

Both men see that fight as cyber wars and attacks of misinformation — “taking place daily” declared Warner — and the surpassing of the United States in technology and trade by China, Russia and others. None of these “real, modern threats” will be won by the addition of another battleship or even more troops.



**U.S. Senators Mark Warner and Tim Kaine and NBC4 News Virginia Bureau Chief Julie Carey trade questions and answers at a discussion hosted by the Northern Virginia Chamber of Commerce.**

Calling the government’s lack of preparedness and outdated networks and devices “stupid on steroids,” Warner gave examples of continuing purchases of devices without even the most basic of safeguards. “We are literally adding to our own vulnerability.”

Warner will be pushing for a cohesive “cyber strategy” going forward and thinks that Virginia could become the Cyber Capital, since no one else has yet laid claim to that title and role.

**WHAT ABOUT** the addition of Amazon in the senator’s own backyard?

“It’s a game-changer for the region,” in Warner’s view, praising Gov. Ralph Northam and the many others who worked on the deal to make it possible. Warner also sees the Amazon addition as another building block to the growth of a local economy that he says has continued to experience “real weakness” and a “level of vulnerability” post-sequestration. He also hopes that Amazon and the support services that will follow in its wake will help stem the decline of millennials in the region.

Risking what he said might be considered a “little bit of heresy to say with an Arlington crowd,” Warner has his fingers crossed, and will do what he can to encourage some “down-state” job benefits from those support services.

Kaine noted that the Amazon move, while fairly well accepted throughout the Commonwealth, received a resounding 90 percent approval rating from Virginians in the Appalachians.

“They see the connection with our shared successes.”

## Kaine and Warner comment on the topics of the day at Northern Virginia Chamber of Commerce roundtable.

says there is plenty that can be done at the federal level to encourage employers to “treat their employees like the assets they say they are” with tax incentives, changes to accounting rules, re-do’s of laws that hinder continuing education, and more emphasis on all forms of education, not just four-year college schooling.

On the subject of affordable housing, both men have ideas that they will support.

Kaine believes that Congress can assist by expanding the Low-income Housing Tax Credit. “It’s already a good program” and is a good place to start, rather than trying to “recreate the wheel,” but admits that to date, it’s been a tough sell.

Warner called for a regional housing authority to tackle the issue. The state already has a housing development division and will soon have millions to develop housing initiatives as part of the Amazon deal, but to deal with the problem locally requires local thinking and collaboration in his view.

### QUESTIONS ABOUT METRO, transportation and infrastructure were also on the table.

Working together, Virginia, Maryland and the District helped the rail service gain its first dedicated revenue stream this year, but the additional federal \$150 million per year is not guaranteed year over year. Kaine and Warner are hopeful, with a Democrat-controlled House to be seated in January, but it’s still something to count on, “but if we can get the \$150 million again, we’ll take the money and run,” said Warner.

The two senators lamented the fact that the anticipated “Infrastructure Bill” is nowhere in sight, with Warner going so far as to label the Trump Plan “a scam extraordinaire, a shell game ... stealing money from the highways departments and projects” and leaving them unable to repair the country’s crumbling infrastructure. With a “builder President in the White House,” Warner thought that infrastructure work would

have been easy for both sides of the aisle and all levels of the government to connect, but sees nothing of consequence taking place.

And the last question that Carey posed to the senators? After the midterm elections, would they now categorize Virginia as a “Blue State?”

Warner wouldn’t say specifically, but he does think that the Northern Virginia delegation to the General Assembly being all Democrats will be a benefit.

Kaine still sees Virginia as “battleground trending Blue,” but if the GOP “keeps putting up cultural warriors and ideologues as their candidates, if that’s the match up — we’re Blue.”



**Fairfax County Supervisor Jeff McKay (D-Lee) meets with U.S. Sen. Mark Warner after the discussion. McKay says he agrees that the Amazon deal was an affirmation of Virginia and its workforce. The supervisor also said he and the board were willing to participate in any way necessary to continue the press for affordable housing and to invest in workforce development.**

Both Kaine and Warner agree that the arrival of Amazon poses challenges, but provides the best opportunity to add impetus to working on two of the region’s biggest problems: affordable housing and workforce development.

Kaine sees Amazon’s choice of Virginia as one of their new headquarters as an affirmation of the workforce quality that the state can offer, but warns that it is critical to work toward producing that workforce, rather than allowing local companies to merely “cannibalize each others’ best workers.”

Work has already begun to update and re-write the “Higher Education Act” and Virginia is the chair of that taskforce. Kaine

## OPINION

# Merry Christmas

**“Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.”**

The pages of the Connection Newspapers (including the Alexandria Gazette Packet, the Mount Vernon Gazette, the Potomac Almanac and the Centre View) have been full of holiday spirit, beginning before Thanksgiving. Group and individual efforts to help the needy, holiday parades, Santa arriving by boat, Santa arriving by horse-drawn carriage, Santa arriving by tractor-pulled hayride, Santa arriving at the Malls, tree lightings, Menorah lightings, stories of giving, secular celebrations, religious celebrations. Shopping locally. Giving locally.

Christmas is about the birth of Jesus Christ. Whether you believe the Christmas story literally or in spirit, you know it is the story of joy, hope and love, with the promise of redemption.

It is also about embracing the teachings of Jesus: to love thy neighbor as thyself; to help the needy; to feed the hungry and clothe the poor; to care for those who are sick; to invite and welcome strangers; to treat others as you would have them treat you.

#### Matthew 7:12:

“So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you, for this sums up the Law and the Prophets.”

#### Matthew 25:35-40:

“For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.”

“Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?’”

#### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Successful Holiday Adoption Program

To the Editor:

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foundly moving experience, something that they remember for the rest of their lives. One mother remarked, “I never knew there was such love in the world.”

On behalf of Homestretch, we thank all those who donated funds and volunteered time to bring so much joy to the families we serve.

**Christopher Fay**  
Executive Director  
Homestretch



## Sharing Holiday Spirit

Santa is escorted by an entourage of his paddleboard elves as he prepares to dock at Lake Anne Plaza in Reston for Jingle on the Lake on Dec. 1, 2018. The pages of the Connection Newspapers have been full of holiday spirit, beginning before Thanksgiving.

“Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.”

**SO LET US SHARE** the verse relating the birth of Jesus from the Bible, Luke 2: 4-19:

“And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David.) To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child. And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered. And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

“And there were in the same country, shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

“For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

“And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

“And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us. And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger. And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child. And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds.”

— MARY KIMM  
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## Editor's Note About The Rest of 2018

This is our last regular edition of 2018. Next week, after Christmas, we will publish our annual Children’s Issue, devoted entirely to the artwork and writing of local students. You’ll be able to find this online at <http://www.connectionnewspapers.com/PDFs/> Scroll down to Children’s.

Our next regular edition will publish Jan. 2-3, 2019, with deadline for content and advertising of Dec. 28 (late ads accepted).

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## NEWS

The Fairfax streets get crowded on a past Rolling Thunder weekend, Memorial Day weekend, as the cyclists get ready to ride to the mall in D.C.

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# Fairfax Will Miss Rolling Thunder

May 2019 will be the final Memorial Day ride of this type.

BY MIKE SALMON  
THE CONNECTION

In May 2019, the roar of the Rolling Thunder cyclists will be heard for the last time in the parking lot at Patriot Harley Davidson in Fairfax as the event plans to wind down after 32 years of biking, comradery and honoring the prisoners of war or soldiers missing in action from the Vietnam War.

The official reason for discontinuing the event is multifaceted. Organizers can't afford it, the new generation of riders may

not be on point with the intention of the ride and the staging area in the Pentagon parking lot has not gone smoothly as it once did. Patriot Harley will miss the hoopla that comes with it. "That's our biggest weekend," said Kevin Hardy, Patriot marketing manager.

The morning of the ride, five or six thousand cyclists would gather in Fairfax, and then set out on eastbound I-66 with a police escort to the Pentagon parking lot where they stage for the parade. "It's morphed into a huge patriotic event, the whole Harley subculture goes along those lines," said

Hardy, who hopes it won't ride off into the sunset this coming May. He's hoping for a new corporate sponsor but none have stepped up at this point.

According to Sgt. Artie Muller, Founder and Executive Director of Rolling Thunder, Inc., cites the parking and harassment of supporters and sponsors in past years. "As a result of changing times the organization and Mission needed to be reorganized and reevaluated," he said in a letter that will be sent out in January. There is hope for it though but not on the level that was seen in the past. "We will continue the

POW/MIA Mission through our ninety Rolling Thunder State Chapters across America coordinating demonstrations starting 2020 Memorial Weekend in their own states, or joining forces with other state chapters," he said.

The cyclists have been gathering at Patriot for the last 20 of the 32 Rolling Thunder events. The thousands of motorcycles that come into town for the weekend contribute to the local economy so it may be missed economically as well. Hardy realizes the corporate sponsorship that is needed may be just wishful thinking, and borrowed a line from Bob Dylan's playlist.

"The Times They Are A-Changin'," he said.

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## HOLIDAY FUN



Henry Brandenburg, 8, and sister Emilia, 9, take a photo with Santa Claus.



Kayla Dagne, 4, reaches up to touch Rudolph's red nose. Beside her are Maddie Dagne, 2, and Joey Hanrahan, 3.

## Lunch with Santa and Friends

**F**airfax City held its annual Lunch with Santa, Dec. 8, in Old Town Hall. Children enjoyed chicken nuggets, juice, fruit and Christmas cookies from Cameron's, while coloring, making Christmas ornaments and visiting with Santa, Olaf, Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer and an elf.

**From left, Clinton Tran, 3, Maygan Cao, 3-1/2, and April Cao, 6-1/2, make Christmas ornaments together.**



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Ellie Broughel, 2-1/2, poses with Kelsey Ryan, dressed as Jingles the Elf.



From left, Emily Tarin, 4, and sister Melanie, 9-1/2, enjoyed coloring during lunch.



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Asking questions in class is advice that David S. Torain II, Ph.D., professor of mathematics and statistics at Montgomery College would offer new students.

## Advice from Professors

**Sharing things they wish they could tell their prospective students.**

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL

Many high school seniors will spend their holiday break working on college applications or making visits to prospective university campuses. As the excitement builds over the new collegiate experience that lies ahead, local professors offer advice on the things they wish they could share with new college students.

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**— Vincent Intondi, Ph.D., professor of history, Montgomery College.**

**"Do not come to college simply for financial gain. Study what you are most passionate about. Study what you love."**

to know and share knowledge with their students even on subjects that are not related to the course, says Joanne Bagshaw, PhD, professor of psychology at Montgomery College.

"Get to know your professors, and make sure they get to know you," she said. "Visit your professors during office hours and use the time to ask questions about the course and even chat about topics interesting to you."

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**Glass National 2018.** Through Jan. 13 at The Workhouse Arts Center, Vulcan Gallery, W-16, 9518 Workhouse Way, Lorton. The Workhouse Arts Center presents its 3rd Annual Glass National exhibition. Glass National is a juried exhibition which promotes and displays the breadth of contemporary glass artwork being created throughout the USA and Canada by highlighting both functional and sculptural works. This year's juror is artist and educator Carmen Lozar, director of the Merwin and Wakeley Galleries at Illinois Wesleyan University. Visit [www.workhousearts.org/event/glass-national-2018](http://www.workhousearts.org/event/glass-national-2018).

### Founding Artists Exhibition.

Through Feb. 3 at The Workhouse Arts Center, Vulcan Muse Gallery, 9518 Workhouse Way, Lorton. Workhouse Arts Center presents a group exhibition highlighting Studio and Arches artists that have been a part of the organization for its 10-year span. In honor of their dedication and support, the exhibition will survey their works in various mediums including painting, sculpture, fiber, glass, precious metals, and mixed media. Visit [www.workhousearts.org](http://www.workhousearts.org) for more.

**Farmers Market.** Saturdays, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at Springfield Town Center, 6699 Spring Mall Drive, Springfield. Visit [www.facebook.com/SpringfieldFoodworks/](http://www.facebook.com/SpringfieldFoodworks/).

**Second Saturdays.** 6-9 p.m. at the Workhouse Arts Center, 9518 Workhouse Road, Lorton. The Second Saturday Art Walk is the perfect time to meet nearly 85 Resident and Associate Artists, creating art in the studios or exhibiting in our galleries.

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**Carolina Shag.** Wednesdays, 6:30-10 p.m. at Arlington/Fairfax Elks Lodge, 8421 Arlington Blvd., Fairfax. Free lessons at 7:30 p.m. No partners needed. Dinner menu. \$8. Under 21 free. [nvshag.org](http://nvshag.org).

**FUN-Exercise** Thursdays, noon-12:50 p.m. at Grace Presbyterian Church Family Room, 7434 Bath St., Springfield. Inova certified exercise instructor leads a moderate level exercise class with music and current events conversation. Muscle, Balance, Strength Training using stretch bands and weights both standing and seated exercises. Instructor donation is \$5. [moorefit@yahoo.com](mailto:moorefit@yahoo.com) or 703-499-6133.

**Exercise Program** Mondays and Fridays at 9:30 a.m. year-round at Lord of Life Lutheran Church, 5114 Twinbrook Road, Fairfax. The exercises are for strength, balance and maintaining limberness. Contact SCFB office at 703-426-2824 for more information.

**Cafe Ivrit (Hebrew Cafe).** Wednesdays. 8:15-9:15 a.m. Jewish Community Center of Northern

Virginia, 8900 Little River Turnpike, Fairfax. Shalom (hello) Did you always want to converse in Hebrew? Join Na'ama each week for conversational Hebrew. You will learn and practice Hebrew in a fun and interactive way while learning more about Israel. Free, however we ask that you try to attend regularly. RSVP Naama.Gold@jccnv.org.

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**Funday Monday** 10:30 a.m., every Monday at Old Town Hall, 3999 University Drive, Fairfax. There will be music, movement, storytelling, performances, crafts, and more. It is open to children of all ages, however especially for those who haven't yet started school. Programs are free and open to the public, donations are gratefully appreciated. There is ample free parking in the downtown area, and stroller access at the rear of Old Town Hall on Main St. 703-385-7858 [www.fairfaxva.gov/culturalarts](http://www.fairfaxva.gov/culturalarts) for more.

## WEDNESDAY-FRIDAY/DEC. 19-21

**Book Sales at Franconia Museum.** 6-8 p.m. at the Franconia Museum, 6121 Franconia Road, Alexandria. Holiday hours for sales of Museum books and books by members Don Hakenson, Nathaniel Lee and Carl Sell. Cash or credit cards accepted. Visit [myrosehill.snapages.site](http://myrosehill.snapages.site) for more.

## FRIDAY/DEC. 21

**Moscow Ballet's Nutcracker.** 4 and 8 p.m. at GMU Center for the Arts Concert Hall, 4373 Mason Pond Drive, Fairfax. Experience Moscow Ballet's Great Russian Nutcracker during their Dove of Peace Tour, spreading goodwill in over 100 cities across North America during the holiday season. \$28 and up. Go to [www.nutcracker.com](http://www.nutcracker.com) for tickets.

**Grand Opening: Sky Zone.** 4-11 p.m. at Sky Zone, 5325 Port Royal Road, Springfield. Sky Zone trampoline park is celebrating with a grand opening event which will kick off with a ribbon cutting ceremony by the Springfield Chamber of Commerce at 4 p.m. followed by an evening of face painting, family activities, a live DJ, and more.

Experience the new park with a free 30-minutes jump ticket, valid Dec. 21 only. Call 952-641-0831 or visit [www.skyzone.com/springfield-va](http://www.skyzone.com/springfield-va).

### Family Movie Night: "The

**Incredibles.** Lights go down at 7 p.m. at Sherwood Community Center, 3740 Old Lee Highway, Fairfax. Enjoy a free, family friendly (movies are PG) movie night. Participants may bring their own snacks. An adult must accompany anyone under the age of 14. Britepaths will accept donations of non-perishable food until 9 p.m. Call 703-385-7858.

## WEDNESDAY/DEC. 26

**Holiday Concert.** 6-7:30 at The John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, 2700 F St. NW, Washington, D.C. Featuring local Encore Chorale groups from Alexandria, Arlington, Fairfax, and Reston. Encore Creativity for Older Adults, the nation's largest choral program for singers 55+, will present the



**Barbara Atkinson, Vintage Crochet Collar**



**Brent Cole, Surface**

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## Longest Night Masque

New York Times bestselling author Jacqueline Carey will be appearing at The Longest Night Midwinter Masque. Join us for an evening plucked straight from Terre d'Ange and dropped in Fairfax. Saturday, Jan. 5, 8 p.m.-1 a.m. at Hyatt Regency Fairfax, 12777 Fair Lakes Circle, Fairfax. \$100. Event weekend includes a Friday evening private reception with the author 7-9 p.m. (additional \$50 ticket required) and Sunday brunch 8 a.m.-noon (additional \$30 ticket required). All events are 21+. Visit [thelongestnightmasque.com](http://thelongestnightmasque.com) for more.

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## THURSDAY-SATURDAY/DEC. 27-29

**The Nutcracker.** 2 and 7 p.m. at Northern Virginia Community College Annandale Campus in the Ernst Community Cultural Center Theater. Virginia Ballet Company and School will present its 68th season of the classic Nutcracker ballet. \$30 for adults; \$20 for children, students and seniors at [www.vaballet.org](http://www.vaballet.org). A limited number of general admission tickets is available for the Working Stage Rehearsal on Dec. 26 at 6:30 p.m. (\$10) at [www.vaballet.org](http://www.vaballet.org). The tickets for the Working Stage Rehearsal must be purchased in advance.

## MONDAY/DEC. 31

**Country-Western Dance.** 8 p.m.-12:15 a.m. at Accotink Unitarian Universalist Church, 10125 Lakehaven Court, Burke. The Northern Virginia Country-Western Dance Association will hold a New Years Eve dance. A DJ provides

music. Couples and singles of all ages welcome. Admission for adults \$30; children under 18 accompanied by a paying adult \$20. Smoke-free, alcohol-free. Potluck dinner. Visit [www.nvcwda.org](http://www.nvcwda.org).

## WEDNESDAY/JAN. 2

**First Hike Fairfax 2019.** Visit any Fairfax County Park Authority trail on Jan. 1, 2019. Take lots of photos. Pick a favorite photo to enter into the Fairfax County Park Authority's First Hike Photo Contest by Jan. 2. The contest is open to amateur and professional photographers. Limit one photo entry per person. Visit the First Hike Fairfax at [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/first-hike](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/first-hike) for more info.

## SATURDAY/JAN. 5

**RECenter Swim Classes Start.** The Fairfax County Park Authority offers youth swim instruction for babies to teens at nine RECenters throughout the county. Adults join their children in the pool in the early years. Kids go solo and advance through different instruction levels as they get older. Call 703-222-4664 or visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/recenter/swimming](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/recenter/swimming).

## SUNDAY/JAN. 6

**Winter Make 'n Take.** 1-4 p.m. at the Fairfax Station Railroad Museum, 11200 Fairfax Station Road, Fairfax Station. The Fairfax Station Railroad Museum will celebrate the New Year with a Make 'n Take craft event. Ages 16 and older, \$4; 5-15, \$2; 4 and under, free. Visit [www.fairfax-station.org](http://www.fairfax-station.org), [www.facebook.com/FFXSRR](http://www.facebook.com/FFXSRR), or call 703-425-9225.

## TUESDAY/JAN. 8

**Parktykes.** 1:30-2:15 at Lake Accotink Park, 7500 Accotink Park Road, Springfield. Youngsters have a natural fascination with the world around them. Give them new worlds to explore with the "Parktykes" program at Lake Accotink Park. Adult and toddler will join a Lake Accotink naturalist in the classroom and outdoors to discover the wonders of the natural world. This program is designed for budding explorers age 1-4. \$9 per child. Meet at the park's visitor center. Call 703-569-3464 or visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/lake-accotink](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/lake-accotink).

## SUNDAY/JAN. 13

**Game Day/Scavenger Hunt.** 1-4 p.m. at the Fairfax Station Railroad Museum, 11200 Fairfax Station Road, Fairfax Station. Come to the Fairfax Station Railroad Museum and play a Train Game or History Game as well as working on a Scavenger Hunt. Ages 16 and older, \$4; 5-15, \$2; 4 and under, free. Visit [www.fairfax-station.org](http://www.fairfax-station.org), [www.facebook.com/FFXSRR](http://www.facebook.com/FFXSRR), or call 703-425-9225.

## SUNDAY/JAN. 20

**Garden Gauge (G Scale) Model Train Show.** 1-4 p.m. at the Fairfax Station Railroad Museum, 11200 Fairfax Station Road, Fairfax Station. The Washington, Virginia, and Maryland Garden Railway Society will hold their annual Garden Gauge Model Train Show at the Fairfax Station Railroad Museum. Ages 16 and older, \$4; 5-15, \$2; 4 and under, free. Visit [www.fairfax-station.org](http://www.fairfax-station.org), [www.facebook.com/FFXSRR](http://www.facebook.com/FFXSRR), or call 703-425-9225.

## SPORTS



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**Josh Abtew #1, who led Fairfax with 18 points, tries to avoid Westfield's Taylor Morin #2 and Kamran Zahory #10.**

## Rebels Win in Double Overtime

The Fairfax Rebels played a non-conference game with the Westfield Bulldogs on Dec. 14. The Rebels scored 18 first quarter points while Westfield scored 10. Fairfax had six players score a basket, including four three pointers.

In the 2nd quarter Westfield scored 16 points with five players scoring in the quarter while Fairfax added 14 — decreasing the Bulldogs deficit to just 6 points at half-time, 32-26.

In the 3rd quarter Fairfax added 15 more points and held Westfield to 11 points. The Rebels had three players connect from long range giving them a comfortable 47-37 advantage going into the final quarter.

However, the 4th quarter belonged to the Bulldogs. Sam Johnson and Marshall Reed paced

the home team with 7 points each and outscored the Rebels 18-8. Reed's desperation shot at the buzzer would have given Westfield the win, but the ball was still in his hands as time expired, sending the game to overtime.

In the overtime, both teams remained deadlocked after each scored 6 points, sending the game into double overtime, 61-61.

In the second overtime Fairfax outscored the Bulldogs 6-3 and held on to a 67-64 win. Fairfax improved to 6-1. Westfield remains winless in its first four games.

Fairfax was led by Josh Abtew's 18 points. Anthony Smith added 14 and Daniel Mbangue added 12. Westfield's Marshall Reed scored a game high 25 points, Sam Johnson added 11 and Tahj Summey scored 10.

— WILL PALENSCAR

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code will be posted at [www.SoberRide.com](http://www.SoberRide.com).

#### VOLUNTEER DRIVERS NEEDED.

**The Shepherd's Center of Fairfax-Burke** needs volunteer drivers for trips to medical appointments

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The House Appropriations and Senate Finance Committees of the Virginia General Assembly will hold a Public Hearing on the Governor's Proposed 2018-20 Biennial State Budget as follows:

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## OBITUARY

### Joyce Ella (Henderson) Greene

Joyce Ella (Henderson) Greene of Fairfax passed away at Alexandria Inova Hospital on Dec. 13, 2018 after a short illness. She was born in San Antonio, Texas on Feb. 26, 1938 to the late Henry Williams and Rebecca Harris Henderson and raised in San Mateo, Calif. and Kansas City, Mo. She studied nursing Holy Ghost Hospital in Boston, Mass. and practiced nursing before she married Robert Ewell Greene Sr, an Army officer, on July 4, 1959 in Kansas City, Mo. As an Army wife, she moved around the world and the country, including Germany that she loved so much. She was later a teacher at PALs Day Care Center in Reston, where she was adored by the parents and children in her care. She will be missed by many for whom her life brought laughter and smiles.

A loving mother, wife, friend and aunt, she is survived by her loving son, David Arthur Greene of Alexandria and sister Rebecca Henderson Smith of



**Joyce Ella (Henderson) Greene**

Kansas City, Mo. She was predeceased by her son, Robert Ewell Greene Jr. and siblings Carlene Henderson Eason, Carl Henderson, and Hezzie Henderson. She has numerous nieces and nephews, and great nieces and nephews.

Friends and family may visit on Tuesday, Dec. 18 from 6-8 pm at St. John Neumann Catholic Church in Reston, followed by a mass of Christian burial at St John Neumann on Wednesday, Dec. 19 at 11 am.

## Fairfax Homeless Help Decorate the City

**New program pays for a day's work to Lamb Center 'Guests.'**

BY MIKE SALMON  
THE CONNECTION

The City of Fairfax offers people experiencing homelessness a day of work in exchange for money and a possible path to housing.

"The city has implemented a day work program," said city spokesperson Chris Cohen. "This offers a great opportunity for folks that need assistance," she said.

The program was kicked off in late November, the city had a need decorating for the holidays and the day workers in the program filled that need by helping raise the 30-foot city holiday tree. A few weeks into the program, it's already showing positive signs, said city official Mike McCarthy. Many of the workers are coming from the Lamb Center, a nonprofit that helps people experiencing homelessness in Fairfax, and their jobs have been in the city's parks. "A financial step up for these residents of the Lamb Center," he said.

Tara Ruszkowski, Lamb Center Board Chair, sees the positive reactions from the participants and community. "This program has had an enormous impact, for some of our guests this is a stepping stone," she said.

The new day-work program is funded by a \$15,000 grant from Fairfax City to the Lamb Center who is managing the program. The pilot is modeled after "There's a Better Way," an initiative in Albuquerque, N.M., city information stated.

The day-work program enables eight to 10 Lamb Center guests to work two days per week for four-hour shifts at city-designated work sites, such as city parks.

The Lamb Center registers program participants, provides transportation, supervises job sites and



PHOTO BY TARA RUSZKOWSKI/THE LAMB CENTER  
**Guests from the Lamb Center help raise the city tree as part of the Day Work program.**

pays workers \$10 per hour in cash at the end of each shift.

It doesn't go unnoticed by the residents either. "We have been flooded by support from citizens," McCarthy said.

The mayor and city council "have been exceptional partners," Ruszkowski added. "It has rallied the community," she said.

"We're extremely proud to offer a program like this in Fairfax City," says Mayor David Meyer. "It's an approach that not only assists those who need help, but also benefits the city and its residents by providing valuable services that we need every day. It's truly community in action."

Currently, this day work program is running through the end of February 2019 but there are wheels in motion to get it extended.

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(Monday - Friday) and companion shopping (Tuesday, Friday) within the Fairfax-Burke area and in the South County area (west of Route 1, Alexandria). Office volunteers are also needed to work in the SCFB (Olley Glen) office to schedule rides. Bilingual volunteers (English and Spanish) are needed as drivers and office volunteers. Email Shavaun Wall at recruiter@scfbva.org or call 703-323-4788.

## WEBINAR

**Online Salary Negotiation Workshop.** AAUW (American Association of University Women) Work Smart is free online for anyone looking to learn how to negotiate a salary increase or promotion. Why is negotiation so important? AAUW's research on the gender pay gap shows that, one year out of college, women are already paid significantly less than men. Visit [salary.aauw.org](http://salary.aauw.org).

## THURSDAY/DEC. 20

### Collaborative IEP Meetings: Parents as

**Partners.** 10 a.m.-noon at Dunn Loring Center for Parent Services, 2334 Gallows Road, Entrance 1 – Room 100, Dunn Loring. Workshop for parents of children receiving special education services. Highlights include: the IEP process and its components, the parent's role in the IEP meeting, responsibilities of the IEP team members and planning for a child's IEP meeting. Free to parents, educators and community members. Call 703-204-3941 or visit [www.fcps.edu/resources/family-engagement-parent-resource-center](http://www.fcps.edu/resources/family-engagement-parent-resource-center) for more or to register.

## MONDAY/DEC. 24

**Christmas Eve Services.** At Historic Pohick Episcopal Church, 9301 Richmond Highway, Lorton. Evening services begin at 6 p.m. with a Family Holy Eucharist with Children's Choirs. At 10:30 p.m. is a Christmas Carol presentation with choir and brass ensemble, followed by the 11 p.m. Festival Holy Eucharist. Visit [www.pohick.org](http://www.pohick.org) or call 703-339-6572.

**Christmas Eve Service.** 8-9 p.m. at Harvester Presbyterian Church, 7800 Rolling Road, Springfield. Join this traditional candlelight Christmas Eve service. Free. Call 703-455-7800 or visit [www.harvesterpca.org](http://www.harvesterpca.org).

## TUESDAY/DEC. 25

**Christmas Day Service.** 10 a.m. at Historic Pohick Episcopal Church, 9301 Richmond Highway, Lorton. Christmas Day Holy Eucharist. Visit [www.pohick.org](http://www.pohick.org) or call 703-339-6572.

## TUESDAY/JAN. 8-FEB. 19

**Workshop Series: Mind in the Making.** 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Dunn Loring Center for Parent Services, 2334 Gallows Road, Entrance 1 – Room 100, Dunn Loring. Mind in the Making: The Seven Essential Life Skills Every Child Needs by Ellen Galinsky, encompasses an evidence-based list of life skills that are essential for children to succeed socially, emotionally and intellectually in the short and long term. Participants may register for one or all of the workshops and do not need to attend the previous class. Registration is limited. Call 703-204-3941 or visit [www.fcps.edu/resources/family-engagement-parent-resource-center](http://www.fcps.edu/resources/family-engagement-parent-resource-center) for more or to register.

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## Stepping Back From the Precipice



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

Not so bad, even though it's been nearly 10 years on the cancer trail – and two columns, recently, courting my imminent demise.

The appointment with the otolaryngologist to assess the presumptive damage/my decline was instead wonderfully uplifting: "nothing worrisome in the throat." What symptoms I was experiencing (basically seasonal-type cold and flu to go along with a scratchy and extremely hoarse voice) had nothing to do with cancer and more so to do with the time of the year.

Meaning I wasn't going to die as a result; just sneeze, cough and so forth like everyone else, which as I've been told, repeatedly, I'm not.

Cancer patients might not have the benefit of doubt or delay like the rest of you. Time may not be of the essence, but one never knows. Cancer cells sort of have a mind/process of their own.

It's not so much a lesson learned as it has been a lesson reminded.

My oncologist has frequently advised me that should a new symptom appear and persist for two to three weeks, I should email him and alert him to my status/situation. I might have been a week or so late this time, but fortunately not too many dollars short.

My oncologist responded immediately as did my primary care physician. Each doctor making arrangements for me within a matter of hours: a face-to-face appointment with my internal medicine doctor – which led to the referral for the otolaryngologist (who called to schedule an appointment before I even got a chance to); and a referral as well by my oncologist for a CT scan of my neck.

Having now been examined and results interpreted, I am glad to report that as scared as I have been for the past two columns, my symptoms were not indicative of my lung cancer progressing. Rather it was more indicative of a cancer patient being stupid and stubborn.

Not wanting to ever believe that my life hangs in the balance and could be severely endangered by my neglect, I tend to go about my health-related business as I would guess the rest of you who are healthy and not cancer-diagnosed: I wait out the symptoms and try not to go negative.

As has been said recently – to me, nothing could be less appropriate given my stage IV, lung cancer. Being negative might actually save my life.

The reality is: I am compromised and subject to risks and complications many of you are not. My immune system has likely been weakened by this most recent every-three-week infusion interval recommended to shrink a relatively new tumor – and in so treating, hopefully will not have allowed any existing cancer cells to trigger and mutate and cause even more trouble.

After all, cancer is likely in control here and giving them an inch, so to speak, has never been part of our plan.

Even though my cancer had already metastasized in 2009, its movement seems to have been confined to my lungs and amazingly has remained there ever since. Still, if I've finally learned anything with this most recent scare, it is that I can't turn a blind eye or a deaf ear, metaphorically writing, to common sense or doctor's orders.

I'm not supposed to wait for the ambulance, if you know what I mean? I'm supposed to be smarter than that and act like my life matters: making arrangements much sooner rather than way later. Denying, pretending and hoping that new symptoms are benign because many other people experience them is, for a cancer patient, as foolish as it gets.

The last, and I mean the absolute last thing a cancer patient should think is that they are like everybody else. They are not. We are not. I am not.

You get it, Kenny?

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