

Viewers dressed in Hawaiian patterns as they enjoy the Aloha Boys music in Nottoway Nights concerts series Thursday in Vienna.

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**Megan Shipley (Junior Girl)**

## Oakton Otter Divers Tie Overlee

The Oakton Otter divers tied Overlee on Tuesday evening, July 16, in an NVSL Division 1 dive meet, with a final score of 36 to 36.

The Otters' record this summer season is 0-3-1. This is the Otter Divers' first season in Division 1.

Four divers placed first in their respective categories: Brendan Doe in Junior Boys with a score of 110.00; Katie Vaughan in Intermediate Girls with a score of 155.95; Sarah Gurley in Senior Girls with a score of

201.25; and Spencer Dearman in Senior Boys with a score of 199.75. The Senior Boys swept the top three places (Josh Shipley in second and Blaise Wuest in third). The other divers who placed were: Leo Estes (Freshman Boys, second); Christopher (Benji) Whang (Freshman Boys, third); Megan Shipley (Junior Girls, second); Jon Anthony Montel (Junior Boys, third); Nicholas Shuster (Intermediate Boys, second); and Riley McGatlin (Intermediate Boys, third).



**Christopher Whang (Freshman Boy)**



**Spencer Dearman (Senior Boy)**

## Hunter Mill Sharks Compete in All Star Relays

The Hunter Mill Sharks lost to the Donaldson Run Thunderbolts, with a final score of 153 to 267.

Double winners were Alexandra Dicks, Hunter Jenks and Regan Hau. Single winners were Hannah Carmen, Evan Chen, Ian Cobb, Hannah Carmen, Sydney DeLacy, Hunter Guthrie, Adrienne Jenks, Emma Riggle, Elyse Rosade, and Alex Rose.

The following Hunter Mill Shark relay teams competed in All Star Relays on July 17:

- ❖ Mixed Age girls, 11<sup>th</sup> place: Adira Asner, Sydney DeLacy, Hannah Carmen & Alexandra Dicks;
- ❖ 9-10 year old girls medley, 13<sup>th</sup>

place: Skylar DeLacy, Sydney DeLacy, Elyse Rosade, Ivy Wirth & Skylar DeLacy;

- ❖ 15-18 year old girls medley, fifth place: Alexandra Dicks, Regan Hau, Heather Tuft & Sarah Carmen;

- ❖ 15-18 year old boys medley, 14<sup>th</sup> place: Benham Cobb, Ian Cobb, Ethan Bean & James Frucht;

- ❖ 9-10 year old girls free, eighth place: Elyse Rosade, Sydney DeLacy, Ivy Wirth & Skylar DeLacy;

- ❖ 13-14 year old girls free, 13<sup>th</sup> place: Sydney Guthrie, Hannah Carmen, Katharine Brown & Lauren Brown;

- ❖ 15-18 year old girls free, 13<sup>th</sup> place: Alexandra Dicks, Regan Hau, Sarah Carmen & Heather Tuft.



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The Mile will deliver a long-planned signature park for Tysons.

## A Signature Park in Heart of 'New Tysons'

Fairfax County's plan to transform Tysons calls for a central, signature park to serve the entire area, and the newly approved development called The Mile will finally accomplish this goal.

The Fairfax County Board of Supervisors approved the more than 3-million-square-foot, mixed use development on July 16. The project, which sits about a half mile from the Tysons Metro Station, will deliver a five-acre park that will make up an entire block of the development.

"I love the signature park," said Fairfax County Chairman Sharon Bulova. "It's really going to be landmark in Tysons."

Long before the county began its efforts to remake Tysons nine-plus years ago, the property's previous owner West Group had envisioned a park at this site, according to Providence District Supervisor Linda Smyth.

"So here we are a number of years later and finally coming up with this place for the signature park in Tysons," Smyth said. "And it wasn't easy. You might think about that much acreage in Tysons and what you could do with it. And how much it would cost, just the land value all by itself."

She called it a "lasting achievement for Tysons."

**THE MILE** will remake an existing 38-acre, suburban office park located between Westbranch Drive, Jones Branch Drive and Westpark Drive. PS. Business Parks intends to construct 2.8 million square feet of residential development, plus office, hotel and retail uses.

The plan calls for 10 new buildings spread across eight blocks. Five buildings are residential along with

supporting retail, and another four buildings include options for either residential, office or hotel uses, plus retail. The 10th building is a 5,000-square-foot retail kiosk planned for The Mile's Signature Park. The approved plans also allow for an option to include 300,000 square feet in mini-warehouse or storage in one of the residential buildings.

These new buildings will join Highgate, a 395-unit luxury apartment building along Jones Branch Road completed in 2017.

As part of its approval, the board also signed off on final development plans for The Mile's first building to be constructed. Tentatively called Exley, the seven-story apartment building with ground-floor retail will offer up to 435 units on Westbranch Drive near the intersection with Westpark Drive.

Overall, The Mile will provide 10 acres of parks as envisioned by the county's conceptual parks plan for Tysons. The project's largest park, called Signature Park, will make an entire block along Jones Branch Drive. At about five acres, it will include a:

- ❖ Large open lawn.
- ❖ Performance stage.
- ❖ Walking, jogging and biking trail.
- ❖ Children's play area.
- ❖ Seating and tables.
- ❖ Bikeshare station.
- ❖ One- to two-story food pavilion.

**THIS PARK** will be given to the Fairfax County Park Authority or Board of Supervisors, and the developer will maintain it in perpetuity.

To meet the need for athletic fields, the developer will build a 330- by-180-foot synthetic turf field at an off-site property that it owns on the south side of Boone Boulevard near the intersection with Gallows Road. This field will include lighting, bleachers, storage facilities and at least 25 parking spaces. The Mile will also help to build out the local street grid in this part of Tysons. The development includes construction of four new streets: Mile Avenue, Rowling Street, Blyton Street, and Maitland Street. Mile Avenue, which will run east to west, will function as an extension of the recently constructed Jones Branch Connector, and the avenue will intersect with Westpark Drive. Maitland Street also will be extended from Hornby Street, where it ends today, to Westbranch Drive.



A five-acre park will make up an entire block of the development.



PHOTOS BY LISA FAY/THE CONNECTION

The Aloha Boys play traditional Hawaiian music in Nottoway Nights concerts series Thursday in Vienna.

## Hawaiian Night in Vienna

On a night that resembled Hawaiian weather, The Aloha Boys took to the stage for Fairfax County Park Authority's Summer Entertainment Series, "Nottoway Nights." People dressed in Hawaiian garb placed their chairs and blankets on the grass as the sticky evening descended and the music started. The Aloha Boys have been together for more than 30 years. "Our children are all grown up now, all married. But we've been playing together now for quite a while. It is a real great bond that we have when we get together. We figured most people can't make it to Hawaii so we try to bring

Hawaii to you," said one of the members on stage.

One of the Boys' son and grandson danced a typical Hawaiian hula dance as sweet tropical notes were played. The "Nottoway Nights" series runs every Thursday evening until Aug. 22. The entertainment series is presented in partnership with the Nottoway Park Volunteer Team and generous contributions from sponsors such as Cox, Dominion Energy, and Tysons Corner Center. Sometimes concerts are canceled due to inclement weather. Call 703-324-7469 one hour before the show for updates.

— LISA FAY



A woman puts her hands up as The Aloha Boys asked the crowd how many people had visited Hawaii.



Father and son perform a traditional Hawaiian hula dance.

# OPINION

## Honoring Molly's Gift

We are working toward the day that no one dies waiting for an organ.

BY LORI BRIGHAM  
WASHINGTON REGIONAL  
TRANSPLANT COMMUNITY

It was a Friday morning, and as the sun rose over the Lincoln Memorial more than 100 members of the United States Coast Guard gathered on the sixth floor of George Washington University Hospital. They came to say goodbye to their shipmate Molly Waters, who lost her life after a motorcycle crash. Molly, a Coast Guard Commander, spent 16 years rising through the ranks and lived to serve. Now even in death, Molly served others since she had made the selfless decision to register as an organ donor. As Molly was brought from the intensive care unit to the operating room to donate her organs, her shipmates, family, friends and hospital staff lined the hallway, a growing tradition known as an "Honor Walk." We stood silently in the weight of the moment, collectively mourning such a tragic death and expressing our gratitude for the generosity of this ultimate act.

Last year in the United States more people than ever gave the gift of life by donating their organs upon their death. This isn't the type of record that makes headlines. But it should be. Organ donation and lifesaving transplants can only occur when individuals like Molly and their families realize that even in death they can make a difference and become part of a much larger story.

That story is one of generosity and inspiration that has led to



Honor Walk for Molly Waters took place at George Washington University Hospital in D.C.

steady increases in organ donations and transplants. Organ transplants in the U.S. saw their sixth consecutive record-breaking year in 2018, with an 18 percent increase in deceased organ donors between 2015 and 2018. The 10,721 deceased donors last year meant 29,680 transplants for people waiting for an organ. Here in the D.C. metro area, we are part of this story, too. Last year, our organization surpassed our own record recovering and allocating 474 organs from 137 generous donors, which saved the lives of 401 people.

At Washington Regional Transplant Community (WRTC) located in Falls Church, we work every day to help save more lives through organ donation. Our job is to educate medical professionals and the public about organ donation; facilitate the recovery of organs, match them to waiting patients and deliver them to transplant hospitals; and support donor families before, during and after the

donation process and help honor the legacies of their loved ones. We work in close partnership with six transplant centers and 44 hospitals to decrease the number of patients waiting for a lifesaving organ.

WRTC is one of 58 organ procurement organizations (OPOs) across the U.S. Our singular mission is to save lives through organ donation and transplantation and, as a community, we are working toward the day that no one dies waiting for an organ.

The unfortunate fact today is that with more than 113,000 people on the national transplant waiting list, the need for a donated organ far outpaces availability. And while increased public awareness and willingness to be a donor is essential, that alone isn't enough.

Only three in every 1,000 people die in a way that allows for the possibility of organ donation.

OPOs are working to improve these odds. We are pursuing posi-

tive changes to federal policies that govern organ donation and transplantation, including promoting the use of organs from more complex donors, improving clinical support, providing OPOs access to donor hospital health records and addressing transplant center reimbursement and evaluation policies that might be a disincentive to otherwise successful organ matches.

Additionally, at WRTC, we realize the power of scientific and medical research and its ability to save lives and heal patients. Therefore, deceased donors can donate organs and tissues, unsuitable for transplants, to far-reaching medical research and therapy initiatives.

In 2018, WRTC allocated 92 organs for research, which ranked seventh in the nation.

The system for organ donation in the U.S. is complex and highly regulated, providing a strong infrastructure and successful track record from which to build. At WRTC, we are privileged to play a role in this system and are committed to working with our local and national partners to make it even stronger and more successful.

We honor those who have embraced organ donation as an act of human kindness to inspire others to register as donors too. We encourage you to make the legal and informed decision to be an organ donor.

Lori Brigham is President and Chief Executive Officer of the Washington Regional Transplant Community in Falls Church.

### LETTER TO THE EDITOR

## Clock Is Ticking on Saving the Earth

To the Editor:

I recently traveled to India and Nepal with a data sciences and sustainability professor from my university to study climate change science and policy. Just weeks ago, I stood before infrastructure, homes, and most importantly people, that are already threatened by climate change that they played the smallest role in causing.

Decades of high-emissions activity have brought our country — and planet — into a crisis that the UN (and the entire scientific community) say we have only 11 years to reverse. Nobody doubts how difficult it will be to transform our society into one that is sustainable

— environmentally and economically. The Democratic National Committee needs to hold a climate debate so candidates can adequately explain how they plan on addressing this issue. I want to have kids and grandkids one day, but if this country doesn't act with urgency now, I'm afraid the Earth will be too dangerous for that. McLean has proven itself as a community of bright and compassionate families who do the right thing. Hundreds of thousands of people in South Asia have already lost their homes to climate change disasters. Don't let us be next.

Natalie Hill  
McLean

## Send Photos Now for Pet Connection

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# VIENNA POLICE HIGHLIGHTS

The following summary contains various incidents of general interest as well as vehicular crashes handled by the Town of Vienna Police Department from July 12 – July 18, 2019.

## INCIDENTS

**Lost Property** — 1100 Block Moorefield Hill Court, SW Between Jan. 1 at 1a.m. and July 12 at 8 a.m. A resident reported that she lost some personal documents.

**Telephone Case** — Birch Street, SW, between May 17 at 5 p.m. and July 12 at 8 p.m. A resident reported that she was receiving harassing emails from her ex-husband.

**Fraud** — Patrol Insurance Services 301 Maple Avenue, West May 29, 12 p.m. An employee reported fraudulent activity made by a former employee.

**Fraud** — Apple Federal Credit Union 419 Maple Avenue, East June 10, 4:06 p.m. An employee reported that a fraudulent check was passed at the bank.

**Embezzlement** — Amphora Restaurant 377 Maple Avenue, West June 26, 9:16 a.m. A report was received from the Town's Finance Department that the restaurant has failed to remit its meals tax for three months. A check was later received from the restaurant to cover the tax.

**Embezzlement** — Falafel Street 235 Maple Avenue, East June 26, 9:17 a.m. A report was received from the Town's Finance Department that the restaurant has failed to remit its meals tax for several months.

**Grand Larceny** — 1000 Block Westwood Drive, NE Between July 2 at 8 a.m. and July 15 at 10 p.m. A resident reported a piece of jewelry that was missing from her residence.

**Grand Larceny** — Grass Roots Fitness 512 Maple Avenue, West Between July 7 at 5 p.m. and July 9 at 6 a.m. A member of the Vienna Arts Society reported one of their benches was stolen from the sidewalk outside of the business.

**Destruction of Property** — 1000 Block Cottage Street, SW Between July 11 at 9 p.m. and July 12 at 6:30 a.m. A resident reported that someone drove through her front yard, causing damage to

the yard.

**Suspicious Event** — Carters Glen Court, SW July 12 between 4 p.m. and 4:59 p.m. A juvenile sent a text to her friends, that was misinterpreted. An officer spoke to the juvenile, reviewed the text message, and determined there was no issue.

**Lost Property** — 100 Block Patrick Street, SE Between July 12 at 5 p.m. and July 14 at 12 p.m. A resident reported that she lost personal documents.

**Assist EMS** — Outback Steakhouse 315 Maple Avenue, East July 12, 11:15 p.m. Officers responded for a man sleeping behind the restaurant. The officers summoned rescue personnel to evaluate the man who appeared to be under the influence of alcohol or some type of drug. The man was transported to an area hospital for further evaluation.

**Civil Dispute** — 500 Block Park Street, NE July 1, 3 8:26 p.m. Officers responded to a dispute between a resident and her daughter's piano teacher. The piano teacher advised the student arrived too late for her lesson and would have to leave. The resident was upset that the teacher would not see her daughter or give her a refund for the missed lesson. The resident was advised of the civil process if she wishes to pursue the matter.

**Suspicious Event** — 900 Block Dale Court, SE July 13, 10:02 p.m. Officers responded to check the welfare of a resident who had sent some concerning texts to a friend.

The resident was not at home but eventually contacted the police to verify that he was safe and not in need of any assistance.

**Animal Case - Quarantine** — 600 Block Tapawingo Road, SW July 13, 4 p.m. ACO Barker placed a resident's cat under quarantine after the cat bit a relative of the resident.

**Suspicious Event** — Rose Kabob Restaurant 126 Maple Ave., West July 14 between 6:45 p.m. and 7:20 p.m. On July 15 a resident reported a verbal dispute she had with her father-in-law the previous night while they were eating dinner with family at a restaurant. The verbal exchange made the resident concerned for her safety.

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**Registration Open: NVSO.** The Northern Virginia Senior Olympics features more than 60 events that challenge the mind as well as the body. New games this year: jigsaw puzzle and line-dancing. The games run Sept. 14-28. There will be no on-site registration. Paper registrations, available at most local recreation and senior centers, must be postmarked by Aug. 24. Online registrations must be completed by Aug. 31 at [www.nvso.us](http://www.nvso.us).

**Oak Marr Farmers' Market.** 8 a.m.-noon at Oak Marr RECenter, 3200 Jermantown Road, Oakton. Every Wednesday through Nov. 13, rain or shine. Vendors include produce, meats, eggs, cheeses, pies, cured and smoked meats, popsicles, sorbet, bread, croissants, falafel sandwiches, humus, and pesto. Call 703-281-6501 or visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/farmersmarkets/oak-marr](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/farmersmarkets/oak-marr) for more.

**McLean Farmers Market.** Fridays, through Nov. 15, 8 a.m.-noon at Lewinsville Park, 1659 Chain Bridge Road, McLean. Sixteen local farmers and producers will sell fresh produce and fruits; meats; breads and pastries; jams; dairy products and eggs; herbs; flowers; coffee, and more. Visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/farmersmarkets/mclean](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/farmersmarkets/mclean).

**Great Falls Farmers Market.** Saturdays, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., 778 Walker Road, Great Falls. Music, vendors, fresh produce, fresh prepared food, delightful bakery, spices from around the world, wild-caught fish, grass-fed, free-range meats, organic-fed poultry and eggs. Email [kathleen@greatfallsfarmersmarket.org](mailto:kathleen@greatfallsfarmersmarket.org) for more.

**Oakton Farmers Market.** Saturdays, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at Unity of Fairfax Church, 2854 Hunter Mill Road, Oakton. Year-round weekly farmers market in Oakton. Local produce, meats/eggs, dairy, baked goods, and more. Admission is free. Visit [community-foodworks.org](http://community-foodworks.org).

## THURSDAY/JULY 25

**Nottoway Nights: Randy Thompson Band.** 7:30 p.m. at Nottoway Park, 9537 Courthouse Road, Vienna. Thursday evenings, through Aug. 22. Bring a picnic and a blanket or chair. For last minute weather cancellations call 703-324-7469 one hour prior to the program start time.

## FRIDAY/JULY 26

**Summer on the Green: U.S. Army Band: Swamp Romp (Louisiana jazz and folk).** 6:30 p.m. on Vienna's Town Green. Friday nights through Aug. 23. Bring chairs and/or blankets. No alcoholic beverages are permitted. Consider leaving pets at home. In the event of rain, check the weather line at 703-255-7842. Learn more at [www.viennava.gov/DocumentCenter/View/3997](http://www.viennava.gov/DocumentCenter/View/3997).

## FRIDAY-SUNDAY/JULY 26-28

**Seussical The Musical.** Friday-Saturday, 7:30 p.m.; Sunday, 2 p.m. at Alden Theatre, McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside



## Seussical The Musical

The McLean Community Players return to the Alden Theatre with the musical "Seussical," which opens July 12, 2019, and runs weekends through July 28. "Seussical" brings together many beloved Dr. Seuss characters. Running weekends: July 19-21 and July 26-28; Friday-Saturday, 7:30 p.m.; Sunday, 2 p.m. at Alden Theatre, McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. \$15-\$28. Email [info@McLeanPlayers.org](mailto:info@McLeanPlayers.org) or visit [www.McLeanPlayers.org](http://www.McLeanPlayers.org) for more.

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## SATURDAY/JULY 27

**Open Mic Night.** 7-10 p.m. at Caffe Amouri, 107 Church St. NE, Vienna. Every Friday, a featured host is the main performer and also the emcee who introduces other performers who show up to play music, recite poetry, or do a comedy routine. Free admission. Call 703-938-1623 or visit [caffeamouri.com/events-calendar](http://caffeamouri.com/events-calendar).

## SUNDAY/JULY 28

**Summer Concerts: Slippery When Wet: The Ultimate Bon Jovi Tribute.** 5 p.m. in the gazebo of McLean Central Park, 1468 Dolley Madison Blvd., McLean. The Alden at the McLean Community Center is again sponsoring free summer concerts in the gazebo of McLean Central Park featuring a mix of musical genres. Call 703-790-0123 or visit [www.aldentheatre.org](http://www.aldentheatre.org).

**Concerts on the Green: Dr. Guy Van Syckle.** 6-8 p.m. on the Great Falls Village Centre Green. Bring picnic baskets, chairs and blankets for an evening of live music. Free. Visit [www.celebrategreatfalls.org](http://www.celebrategreatfalls.org).

## TUESDAY/JULY 30

**Kids on the Green: Blue Sky Puppets.** 10 a.m. on the Vienna Town Green. The Kids on the Green series is a weekly collection of interactive animal shows, magicians, puppet performances, and more, running through Aug. 20. Free. Visit [viennava.gov](http://viennava.gov) for more.

## WEDNESDAY/JULY 31

**Stories, Songs & Sprinklers.** 1 p.m. on the Freeman Store lawn. Partnering with Historic Vienna, Inc., the Town of Vienna invites young children and families to an afternoon of storybook reading, short songs, and fun with water sprinklers. Free. Visit [viennava.gov](http://viennava.gov) for more.

## THURSDAY/AUG. 1

**Nottoway Nights: Radio King Orchestra.** 7:30 p.m. at Nottoway Park, 9537 Courthouse Road, Vienna. Thursday evenings, through Aug. 22. Bring a picnic and a blanket or chair. For last minute weather cancellations call 703-324-7469 one hour prior to the program start time.

## FRIDAY/AUG. 2

**Summer on the Green: The**

**Rockits (rock and Motown).** 6:30 p.m. on Vienna's Town Green. Friday nights through Aug. 23. Bring chairs and/or blankets. No alcoholic beverages are permitted. Consider leaving pets at home. In the event of rain, check the weather line at 703-255-7842. Learn more at [www.viennava.gov/DocumentCenter/View/3997](http://www.viennava.gov/DocumentCenter/View/3997).

## SUNDAY/AUG. 4

**Wood Carving Lessons.** Noon-3 p.m. at Colvin Run Mill, 10017 Colvin Run Road, Great Falls. Whittle out some time for "Wood Carving Lessons" at Colvin Run Mill with the Northern Virginia Carvers. No reservations are required. These lessons are designed for participants 12-adult. There is a nominal charge for wood blanks. Or enjoy a "Grinding Demonstration." See and hear 19th century technology at work while watching the miller grind flour or meal. Demonstrations will take place as conditions permit. No reservations are required. Tours of the mill cost \$8 for adults, \$7 for students 16 and up with ID, and \$6 for children and seniors. Call 703-759-2771 or visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/colvin-run-mill](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/colvin-run-mill).

## TUESDAY/AUG. 6

**Kids on the Green: Groovy Nate (kids songs and puppets).** 10 a.m. on the Vienna Town Green. The Kids on the Green series is a weekly collection of interactive animal shows, magicians, puppet performances, and more, running through Aug. 20. Free. Visit [viennava.gov](http://viennava.gov) for more.

**Self-Driving Cars.** 6:30-7:30 p.m. at Oakton Library, 10304 Lynnhaven Place, Oakton. Assistant Director of the Mason Experimental Geometry Lab, Anton Lukyanenko, will show participants how an algorithm can program the path of self-driving cars and witness a demonstration with mobile robots. Free. Email [joyce.fitzpatrick@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:joyce.fitzpatrick@fairfaxcounty.gov) for more.

**Astronomical Experience.** 8-9 p.m. at Turner Farm is located at 925 Springvale Road, Great Falls. Visit Observatory Park at Turner Farm and learn to see the world from an astronomical point of view. Find answers to questions about the length of the day and the origins of our calendar. Held in the roll-top observatory at Turner Farm and will include an observing session, if the weather allows. \$8 per person. Designed for participants 8- adult. Call 703-324-8618 or visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/turner-farm](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/turner-farm).

# BULLETIN

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

## CAMPS

**Summer Choir Camp.** Monday-Friday, Aug. 12-16 and Sunday, Aug. 18 at Church of the Holy Comforter, 543 Beulah Road NE. \$125 fee includes lunches, recreational activities, music education and camp t-shirt. All children in rising 2nd-7th grade are welcome. No prior music experience or training required; solid reading skills are highly recommended. Scholarships are available. Download registration forms at [www.holycomforter.com](http://www.holycomforter.com).

## SUNDAY/JULY 28

**Movie Screening: Proof of Heaven.** 2-4 p.m. at Unity of Fairfax, 2854 Hunter Mill Road, Oakton. Best-selling author of Proof of Heaven: A Neurosurgeon's Journey into the Afterlife, Dr. Eben Alexander will describe his personal near death experience and the lessons he has learned. \$25. Register at [proofofheavenunity.eventbrite.com](http://proofofheavenunity.eventbrite.com).

## THURSDAY/AUG. 1

**Caregivers Support Group.** 10-11:30 a.m. at UUCF Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Fairfax - Program Building, 2709 Hunter Mill Road, Oakton. For caregivers to adult family members with dementia. First and third Thursdays of every month. Hosted by Shepherd's Center of Oakton-Vienna, [scov.org](http://scov.org). Contact facilitator Jack Tarr at 703-821-6838 or [jtarr5@verizon.net](mailto:jtarr5@verizon.net).

**Nomination Deadline.** The nomination process for the 2019 annual Fairfax County Champions of Character Awards are underway. The Fairfax County Champions of Character Awards program honors youth, coaches and parents for extraordinary service in pursuing victory with honor in various athletics programs throughout Fairfax County. Anyone can nominate a player, coach or parent for consideration of a Champions of Character Award. Visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/neighborhood-community-services/athletics/champions-of-character](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/neighborhood-community-services/athletics/champions-of-character) for more.

## FRIDAY-MONDAY/AUG. 2-5

**Road Closure: Route 50.** Eastbound and westbound Route 50 (Arlington Boulevard) at the Route 7 (Leesburg Pike) interchange and eastbound Wilson Boulevard (Route 613) between the eastbound Route 50 service road and the westbound Route 50 service road will be closed from 10 p.m. Friday, Aug. 2 to 5 a.m. Monday, Aug. 5 to demolish the Wilson Boulevard bridge deck over Route 50 and install the new bridge deck. Drivers can expect major delays and are advised to use alternate routes. After the weekend closure, drivers can expect single-lane closures on Route 50 and the eastbound Wilson Boulevard bridge until late fall. The project is scheduled for completion this winter.

Visit [www.virginiadot.org/projects/northernvirginia/wilson\\_over\\_50.asp](http://www.virginiadot.org/projects/northernvirginia/wilson_over_50.asp) for more.

## SUNDAY/AUG. 4

**Life Notes Workshop.** 1:30-4 p.m. at Unity of Fairfax, 2854 Hunter Mill Road, Oakton. Join singer/songwriter and presenter Daniel Nahmod for an experience of music, readings, journaling, and discussion. Through the Life Notes process developed and refined by Daniel, participants will learn to see themselves with clarity and resolve. \$25-\$45. Visit [uof-nahmod-workshop.eventbrite.com](http://uof-nahmod-workshop.eventbrite.com) or call 703-281-1767.

## SATURDAY/AUG. 10

**Shamanic Journeying.** 5-8 p.m. at Unity of Fairfax, 2854 Hunter Mill Road, Oakton. Learn about Shamanic Journeying is, and how it is different than meditation in this three-hour long intensive.

In the first two hours, there will be a presentation on the history of shamanic journeying, the different types, and an in-depth explanation describing many different paths that use shamanic journeying as a tool. The third hour will be an application of the skills learned. Donations accepted. Call 703-281-1767 or RSVP at [journeyingaugust10.eventbrite.com/](http://journeyingaugust10.eventbrite.com/).

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## "Come On Down!"



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

Except I was not sitting in the audience for "The Price Is Right" when I heard my name called.

Nor was I needing to guess the cost of my infusion with my treatment that day contingent on my guess not exceeding the "actual retail price." And neither were there any of "Barker's Beauties" to wave their hands and showcase what items I would be attempting to price right.

No. There were only multiple oncology nurses standing in front of the Infusion Center's entry door calling out the names of the next patients lucky enough to begin their treatment.

It wasn't exactly "Plinko," but once inside the Center, the fun, such as it is, really begins.

At least that's the way the activity appeared to me. The preceding day was July 4, and the Center was closed forcing those Thursday patients to be rescheduled to either Wednesday or Friday. As a result, the waiting area was particularly full with patients, along with their family and friends - all of whom are encouraged to attend.

In the midst of this crowd, I sat and waited. We hadn't exactly been assigned numbers, but we were assigned oncology nurses and therefore could only enter the Infusion Center with their assistance.

Then, with all of us "waiters" looking at the entry door, waiting for an oncology nurse to walk through and call our name, the door lock clicked open and out walked two oncology nurses. As soon as they cleared the door and entered the waiting area, they called out their respective patient's names (unfortunately not mine).

Upon hearing their names, the two patients and nearly half a dozen of their supporters got up and moved eagerly toward the entry door. It reminded me of the beginning of "The Price Is Right" when four audience members' names are called in quick succession and implored to "Come On Down!" by George Gray (Johnny Olson, the original announcer, retired years ago) and officially become one of that day's contestants.

However, once inside the Infusion Center, it's dead serious.

Your life is at stake, maybe even at risk, depending upon your cancer/treatment, and at this point, you're not playing any more games (although occasionally, you may be guessing the price of things and wondering how it all gets calculated). So, you slide into your Barcalounger, hold out your arm to have your bar-coded wristband scanned and prepare for your hopefully, life-saving infusion - don't smoke 'em, even if you got 'em.

It's rare that you'll see your oncologist in the Center.

Typically, they'll be seeing patients in examining rooms, performing surgery or rounding in local hospitals. But they're always a phone call away should the nurses need any additional instructions or clarification.

Generally speaking, once inside the Center, all goes as anticipated for us patients: you're in, you're treated, you're out. And when you're out, new patients names are called and on and on it goes, just like "The Price Is Right," except the program doesn't end in an hour.

And just like "The Price Is Right," where there are no shortage of audience members wanting to participate, at the Infusion Center, likewise, there seems not to be a shortage of patients wanting to be treated either. (Granted it's not exactly the same thing, but you get my drift, I'm sure.)

Cancer is not fun, nor funny, and an Infusion Center is not filled with anticipation of cash awards and magnificent trips. There is however, lots of empathy and understanding - from your support system and from staff as well.

But it's the last place you want to be, unlike "The Price Is Right."

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