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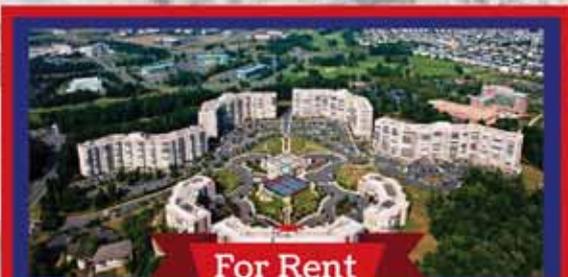
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Republican Requiem

BY MICHAEL POPE
THE CONNECTION

It wasn't all that long ago that Northern Virginia had its own breed of Republicanism. People like U.S. Rep. Tom Davis (R-11), U.S. Sen. John Warner and Del. Dave Albo (R-42). Now, after a series of stunning defeats since the election of Donald Trump to the White House, Northern Virginia Republicans are a dying breed, with moderates bowing out or being voted out.

"Donald Trump is the gift that keeps on giving," said Del. Mark Keam (D-35) during a raucous victory rally in Richmond. "Virginians want Democrats to be in charge, and Donald Trump was the factor that led us to where we are."

Two years ago, Democrats picked up 15 seats in the House of Delegates and unseated longtime incumbents like Jim LeMunyon (R-67). Last year, Democrats took control of the U.S. House of Representatives and voted out U.S. Rep. Barbara Comstock (R-10). This week, Democrats flipped two seats in the state Senate and six seats in the House of Delegates, including Democratic challenger Dan Helmer unseating longtime incumbent Del. Tim Hugo (R-40).

"Dan Helmer won because voters in Fairfax and Prince William want a representative that doesn't stand in the way of progress," said Jessica Post, president of the Democratic Legislative Campaign Committee. "With his long record of standing up for his community, not his party, Dan will make an excellent delegate and will work to keep Virginia moving forward."

After the defeat of Hugo, who served as chairman of the House Republican Caucus, the Fairfax County delegation in the General Assembly will have zero Republicans. Voters in Fairfax also rejected Republican-backed candidates for the School Board.

Alexandria and Arlington haven't had any elected Republicans for years. The last foothold the GOP has in Northern Virginia is the Springfield District, where longtime in-



PHOTO BY MICHAEL POPE

Republicans haven't won a statewide victory since 2009, and now that Democrats have seized control of the House of Delegates and state Senate, Gov. Ralph Northam declared Virginia "officially blue" at a raucous victory party in Richmond Tuesday night.

cumbent Republican Supervisor Pat Herryty was able to eke out a narrow victory against Democratic challenger Linda Sperling.

"We have a clear message that the residents of the Springfield District want someone who shares their common sense conservative values to have a seat at the table," said Herryty. "The Springfield District wants Fairfax County to be a place where everyone can become successful."

DEMOCRATS HAVEN'T controlled the House of Delegates since the late 1990s, a time when Republicans have been able to use their majority to push back efforts on gun control, the minimum wage and the Equal Rights Amendment. Now voters have expelled Republicans from power in a high-turnout election with almost 40 percent of registered voters showing up to cast a ballot compared to 29 percent in 2015. House Democratic Leader Eileen Filler-Corn says that's a mandate for change.

"Without a doubt, the House candidates have offered Virginia a progressive and inclusive future," said House Democratic Leader Eileen Filler-Corn, who is a leading candidate to be the next speaker. "And guess what? You, the voters, said yes."

Democrats take General Assembly, sweep Fairfax School Board; Republican Herryty holds on in Springfield district.



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Pat Herryty (R-Springfield) with his wife Nancy after voting on Tuesday. Herryty will be the lone remaining Republican in elected office in Fairfax County.

"It's guns. It's the years of trying to make it harder to vote. It's restrictions on women's health care and their privacy."

— Del. Charniele Herring (D-46) on why Republicans lost control of the General Assembly

At the top of that agenda is what Democrats call common-sense gun control. When asked which issues motivated voters this year, Democrats almost universally cited the lack of reaction to mass shootings across Virginia and the country. Democrats are poised to institute universal background checks, ban assault-style weapons and give judges authority to confiscate weapons from people who raise red flags.

"Tomorrow the work begins, and the people want to see results," said Democratic Senate Leader Dick Saslaw, who is expected to lead the caucus next year. "They want to see gun violence curtailed, and Everytown

for Gun Safety and Moms Demand Action, you're going to get action."

ONE OF THE REASONS why Northern Virginia no longer has its own brand of Republicanism is its changing demographics. Over the last decade, the region has become more urban and more diverse. That's led to a changing sense of what its voters want from elected officials in the General Assembly, and Democrats say that's why Republicans have been expelled from power.

"When you get out of touch with constituents, that's what happens," said Del. Charniele Herring (D-46), who serves as chairwoman of the House Democratic Caucus. "It's guns. It's the years of trying to make it harder to vote. It's restrictions on women's health care and their privacy."

Democrats may have seized power, but that doesn't mean the fighting is over yet. They'll still have to vote on who leads the party when they gavel into session this year, and that could mean a fight to become Speaker of the House when Democrats take control for the first time in 20 years. Filler-Corn might be the obvious choice, but she already has opposing from Del. Lashreese Aird (D-63).

Election Results, Tuesday, Nov. 5, 2019

For more results see www.elections.virginia.gov/2019-election-results/

The Virginia House of Delegates and Senate both will be controlled by Democrats. In the Senate, Virginia voters elected 21 Democrats and 18 Republicans with one seat still undecided. In the House, 55 Democrats and 45 Republicans. Both House and Senate were controlled by Republicans before with slim margins.

SCHOOL BOND BALLOT QUESTION

This is the text of the public school bond question:

Shall Fairfax County, Virginia, contract a debt, borrow money, and issue capital improve-

ment bonds in the maximum aggregate principal amount of \$360,000,000 for the purposes of providing funds, in addition to funds from school bonds previously authorized, to finance, including reimbursement to the County for temporary financing for, the costs of school improvements, including acquiring, building, expanding and renovating properties, including new sites, new buildings or additions, renovations and improvements to existing buildings, and furnishing and equipment, for the Fairfax County public school system?

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Mount Vernon District
Daniel G. "Dan" Storck (D) incumbent, unopposed 23,505 94.27%

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The audience applauds as all veterans at the ceremony were recognized.



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All those who were able stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Great Falls Honors Veterans

A touching ceremony held at the Freedom Memorial.

BY OLIVIA ANELLO
THE CONNECTION

It was a beautiful fall morning on Monday, as many gathered to celebrate Veterans Day at the Great Falls Freedom Memorial. The morning ceremony was conducted by Andy Wilson, President of Friends of the Great Falls Freedom Memorial.

Wilson reminded guests why we celebrate Veterans Day, which is because the Armistice was signed at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month in 1918. The Armistice was a proclamation signed by President Woodrow Wilson, that celebrated the gratitude of victory and the heroic lives that served in World War I.

Colonel Richard Leadbetter, a retired US Army veteran and keynote speaker for the morning shared thoughts and experiences so moving, captivating the audience for every word he had to say. He opened his speech expressing gratitude for a type of soldier he called the “citizen soldier.” These were all the men that were drafted to fight in World War II. Leadbetter shared what a privilege it was to serve with the draftees, because “they put down whatever they were doing and answered the call to put down their lives.” He reminded the audience that “These were kids... Kids that went to school with *your* kids. They were dating or about to get married. But they were ready to go wherever, and do whatever it took to protect their country.” He acknowledged what remarkable soldiers they were, and how the war could never have been fought without them.

Leadbetter also drew attention to people who call his generation, “The Greatest Generation” because of the capabilities of the military at the time of war. He disagreed and acknowledged those who were left behind from the war. “Those that weren’t drafted, the mothers, the wives, siblings,



Andy Wilson, President of the Friends of the Great Falls Freedom Memorial, welcomes guests to the Veterans Day ceremony



Retired US Army veteran, Colonel Richard Leadbetter delivers a thoughtful testament to those who served with him.

“The Greatest Generation’ was built on the combination of a great fighting force and the United States working to support them.”

— Colonel Richard Leadbetter, US Army (ret), keynote speaker

families...” he continued. “Those were the people who built ships and sent equipment and sold war bonds, all to support the war

efforts and provide for the soldiers overseas.” Leadbetter concluded that “The Greatest Generation was built on the com-

bination of a great fighting force and the United States working to support them.”

Pastor Ho Kang of the Smith Chapel United Methodist Church in Great Falls led the audience in prayer as he delivered the invocation and the benediction. “Stir in our hearts to be thankful for our heroes and let them never be taken for granted,” Pastor Kang rang out. He directed guests of the ceremony to “honor those who served our righteous country, those who bear the scars of war, let us remember them and give thanks to them.”

WEEK IN GREAT FALLS

Great Falls Church Seeks Director of Music Ministries

Great Falls United Methodist Church, "The Church with a Heart in the Heart of Great Falls," located in Great Falls, is searching for an energetic and dynamic Director of Music Ministries.

This is a part-time position. The Director has the primary responsibility of directing the church choir and the Handbell choir. The proper candidate will be responsible for providing a spiritual approach to the choirs with a theologically centered re-

hearsal. He/She will also be responsible for scheduling music at worship and celebration services, and work collaboratively with the pastor and Organist in coordinating music for worship services. A music degree and keyboard experience are required, and conducting experience is essential. Must be a good communicator, flexible, reliable and approachable. Send letters of interest along with resume to Karen Kelly at karen45kelly@verizon.net.

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12000 Government Center Parkway
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Nov. 19, 2019 9:30 a.m. - Full Board of Supervisors Meeting

- Nov. 26 Committee Meetings
 - ❖ 9:30 a.m. - Economic Advisory Commission
 - ❖ 11 a.m. - Personnel Committee
 - ❖ 1:30 p.m. - Legislative Committee
 - ❖ 3 p.m. - Budget Committee
 - ❖ 5 p.m. - Audit Committee
- Dec. 3, 2019 9:30 a.m. - Full Board of Su-**

Supervisors Meeting

- Dec. 10 Committee Meetings
- ❖ 9:30 a.m. - Health, Housing and Human Services Committee
- ❖ 11 a.m. - Development Process Committee
- ❖ 1:30 p.m. - Transportation Committee
- ❖ 3 p.m. - General Assembly Annual Reception and Work Session

PLAYGROUND CLOSING TEMPORARILY

The playground at Tysons Pimmit Park will be closing temporarily to allow for the replacement of the existing picnic shelter at the park. Work on the installation of a picnic shelter with new metal roofing is scheduled now through Feb. 28, 2020. The \$120,000 project is being funded by the 2016 Park Bond. The address is 7584 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church. For details, call 703-324-8662 or at parkmail@fairfaxcounty.gov.

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OPINION

Historic Election Results in Virginia

BY KENNETH R. "KEN"
PLUM
STATE DELEGATE (D-36)



The Nov. 5 elections in Virginia produced results of historic proportions. The House of Delegates that has had a Republican majority since 2000 was flipped to a blue Democratic majority of 55 Democrats to 45 Republicans. As recently as the election for 2014-2016, Democrats in the House had dropped to 32 members. The turnaround came decisively in amazing political time; there will be a recount in only one seat the Democrats won. The Senate that had a Republican majority before the election flipped to blue with 21 of the 40 Senate seats now being held by Democrats.

The General Assembly when it convenes in January will have a Democratic majority in both houses. In addition, as a result of elections held in 2017 Democrats occupy all statewide offices of Governor, Lieutenant Governor and Attorney General. The historic level of Democratic wins is not only about party, it is about representation. There will be more women in the General Assembly than ever before in Virginia's history. In the House of Delegates there will be 30 women in the 100-member legislative body. In the Senate there will be 11 women in the 40-member body bringing the

total number of women to 41 in the General Assembly. While the number is small relative to the proportion of women in the total population, the number of women

in the legislature is a huge increase when compared to past years when it could be counted on the fingers of one's hands. The number of women running this year in both parties was at a historic level of 85.

There were other historic changes in the oldest continuous legislative body in the western world celebrating its 400th anniversary this year. A Muslim woman will join the Senate as the first ever elected to that body. The number of African Americans in the General Assembly will increase to the highest number since Reconstruction. The first ever Indian American man was elected to the House of Delegates.

The new members of the legislature have already indicated their willingness to make history. The Democratic caucus of the House met this past weekend and chose as its Speaker-designee, Delegate Eileen Filler-Corn, the first woman to ever serve as Speaker of the House of Delegates in the 400 years of its history. She will be elected formally by the entire House when the General Assembly convenes in January. Adding



Speaker-designee, Del. Eileen Filler-Corn (D-41) is the first woman to ever serve as Speaker of the House of Delegates in the 400 years of its history.

to this historic moment, she will assume the leadership position, considered the most powerful in Virginia government next to the governor, with the least seniority of anyone ever taking the position in the modern day. She will be the first Jewish Speaker serving along with the Senate majority leader who is also Jewish. While I had hoped to become Speaker myself, I fully support Eileen who is amazingly smart and talented and I will

do everything I can to ensure her success.

The electorate broke through many hurdles in its votes this election year. Some results called historic today will become commonplace in the future as the General Assembly reflects more the demographics of the state as a whole. I have always felt honored to serve, and with the historic results of this election year I feel even more honored. Thank you, voters!

LETTERS

Two Years of Justice Delayed

To the Editor:

Nov. 17 will mark the two year anniversary of the shooting of Bijan Ghaisar by two US Park Policemen. He died of his wounds 10 days later. The FBI has refused to provide any information of substance to his parents, the Senators and Congressional representatives who interceded on their behalf or the media, all of whom have kept the pressure on since day one. If those two Park Policemen are not put on trial, and convicted at a minimum of Manslaughter, justice will not have been served. And if that happens, I believe there will be a ground swell of cries of an FBI cover up.

Kevin Bergen
Alexandria



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Carole L. Herrick speaks at a meeting of The Woman's Club of McLean as Club President Cecilia Glembocki looks on.

Historian Carole Herrick Addresses Woman's Club of McLean

On Tuesday, Nov. 5, local author Carole L. Herrick spoke at a meeting of The Woman's Club of McLean, describing in detail a famous incident in McLean involving a Union soldier during the Civil War. While serving as a sentinel on Chain Bridge, the soldier fell asleep and as a result was court martialed and sentenced to death. He was later pardoned by President Lincoln.

The incident is contained in the ninth of Herrick's books, "Legendary Locals of McLean", published in 2015 as part of a "Legendary Locals" series.

Herrick is a well-known local historian and is president of the McLean Historical Society.

She is a former chair of the Fairfax County History Commission and has given courses at the McLean Community Center.

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NEWS

At dusk this past Friday, volunteers assembled in front of Saint Francis Church to construct the display which continued to stand through Veterans Day.

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Flags for Heroes

Driving east of the Great Falls Village along Georgetown Pike, local citizens and commuters were offered a patriotic treat – Flags for Heroes. The local Rotaract Club supported by the Rotary Club of Great Falls, Scout Troop 55 and Saint Francis Episcopal Church, erected a field of 100 flags in honor of Veterans and Heroes. This pop-up event was a fundraiser conducted by the Rotaract Club in support of local charities and community programs. At dusk this past Friday, volunteers assembled in front of Saint Francis Church to construct the display which continued to stand through Veterans Day.

On Saturday, the Rotaract Club conducted a ceremony to honor sponsored heroes. In addition to the volunteer organizations that supported the event, members of the public as well of veterans and families from Walter Reed National Military Medical Center joined in the celebration. Mission BBQ sponsored a reception after the ceremony. Garrett Pan, the founding Rotaract Club President presided over the ceremony. Members of Scout Troop 55 served as the color guard.

Great Falls Rotaract's field of red, white and blue.

According to Pan, this is the club's inaugural Flags for Heroes event and "it's a wonderful opportunity to honor our heroes, to unify our community through this patriotic display, and to support local charities and community organizations. The field of red, white and blue glory is also intended to elevate our sense of community and demonstrate our determination as loyal Americans, all while supporting worthwhile causes."

Rotaract is the young professionals group that brings together people ages 18-30 to exchange ideas with leaders in the community, develop leadership and professional skills, and have fun through service.

In communities worldwide, Rotary and Rotaract members work side by side to take action through service. From big cities to rural villages, Rotaract is changing communities like ours.

For more information regarding the local Rotaract Club or to join, contact Garrett Pan, President, at GreatFallsRotaract@gmail.com.

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HOME LIFE STYLE

In this table design, Anne Walker used neutral linens which provided a rich, but subtle backdrop to Royal Copenhagen china.



PHOTO BY ANNE WALKER

Setting a Thanksgiving Table

Local designers share ideas for creating a festive tablescape.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL
THE CONNECTION

Whether celebrating with large gathering of family or hosting an intimate dinner with friends, Thanksgiving offers an opportunity to express gratitude, merriment and creativity. Though the day is noted for football games and parades, it's the turkey dinner that takes center stage. Setting an aesthetically appealing table on which to place the perfectly prepped bird adds to a special touch to the quintessentially American meal.

From monogrammed linen napkins to centerpieces crafted with backyard foliage, area designers offer ideas for creating a backdrop for one of the most anticipated meals of the year.

"The key to setting a beautiful Thanksgiving table is to keep it simple, said Amanda Mertins of Patina Polished Living in Alexandria. "The big focus for Thanksgiving is, of course, the food."

Designer Anne M. Walker, Anne Walker Design in Potomac says that she's created tablescapes that range from ultra-formal to super-casual. "By far my favorite is the unassuming, simple style of Scandinavian table décor," she said. "I like to use linen placemats, rather than tablecloth, so you can see the beautiful wood of the table."

"I prefer table linens made by Ekelund, a family-owned Swedish company that has been producing fine linens since the 1600s," said Walker. "Their placemats and napkins have body and heft to them, and the natural flax color complements any style and color of table."

Patterned, colorful napkins can add just the right amount of interest to a table set with neutral china, suggests Mertins. "Bold napkin rings always add a nice punch," she said. "Place cards make it very easy for guests to find their seat and they add a note of importance to the meal."

Adding fresh greenery to a table setting is one of the easiest and most cost effective ways to elevate your dining table decor, said Pamela Harvey of



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Designer Pamela Harvey used china, colorful napkins and placemats to add color to this table setting.

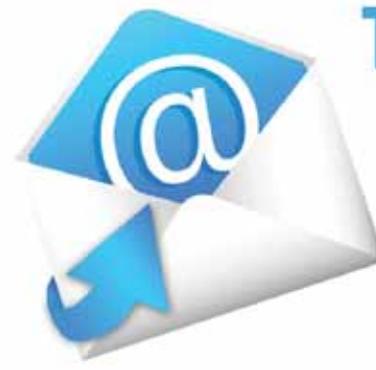
Pamela Harvey in Oak Hill, Va. "Adding a simple stem of pine needles to a napkin ring at each setting," she said. "I always survey my own yard for clippings of magnolia or a great branch to add to the table."

"A runner of eucalyptus branches mixed with tangerines or pears and casual ribbon makes for a great fall look," continued Harvey. "Simple flower arrangements using all the same flower or color make an impact."

Forgo a centerpiece created by a florist, says Walker. "Why not cut a few branches from your own garden and create your own floral display?" asks Walker. "Many plants, including Nandina, produce beautiful red berries in the fall, which makes for a lovely, simple table decoration."

The holidays are a perfect time to uncover treasured china and other pieces stored away, said Harvey. "I love the nostalgia of using pieces that were handed down," she said. "Varying the dish patterns is also a fun way to display china, such as using your grandmother's china mixed with more casual or everyday place settings."

"Use your real silver and your best crystal – these things are meant to be enjoyed," added Walker. "Food and drink taste better when delivered from a glass that's been hand-blown and a silver fork."



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Carefully transported from Durham, NH, Jim Dolph attracted visitors with his fine Asian antique glassware. Some dated as far back as the Ming and Qi Dynasties, he said.



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Pastel-colored kitchen tins from France sit on a farm-style shelf in Mary Homer's booth at the antique show.

Antique Show Returns to McLean

BY OLIVIA ANELLO
THE CONNECTION

This past weekend, the 43rd annual McLean Antiques Show was held at the McLean Community Center. A two-day event, the McLean Antiques Show attracted vendors and visitors from all over the Mid-Atlantic region, and as far as New Hampshire and Florida. Produced by expert antique collector and promoter, Dordy Fontinel Mason, the show featured a wide variety of guaranteed authentic jewelry, glassware, silver, pottery, artwork and more.

A lifelong antique collector, Fontinel Mason got her start as a child, following her grandparents as they traveled to shops, buying and collecting antiques for their

former home on Balls Hill Road in McLean. "Going 'junkin,' we called it," Fontinel Mason said as she shared her long history of antiquing. "I remember decorating my dorm room with antiques," she continued, "it wasn't until I was a young adult that I realized not every family collects antiques for their homes."

An accomplished collector, she became an antique dealer at 26, and a show promoter by the age of 40. Fontinel Mason's shows feature the quality vendors, who are carefully vetted before arriving to their first show. Returning vendor, Charlotte Whitenight of Curiosities Antiques in Baltimore, Md, appreciates that Fontinel Mason requires pinpoint accuracy and authenticity in order to have merchandise displayed in the show.

"Antiquing is more exciting that way, if the seller knows exactly the story of where something comes from. That in turn, gets the buyer excited because they know what they're getting is quality," Whitenight said of the vetting process.

Fontinel Mason's lasting connections with fellow antique collectors brought more than 50 returning vendors, and three that were new to her shows. A Dordy Fontinel Mason Show first-timer, Mary Homer, brought colorful pieces from her antique shop called MSealie's in Adamstown, Pa. A taste for French antiques and barn style, Homer summarizes her goods as "Farmhouse with French flair." Much of Homer's merchandise was pink or mint green, which brought such light to a room of otherwise wooden or dark-colored antiques.

This year's show was the first time back in the McLean Community Center after two years, due to the Center's recent renovations. Vendors and guests alike appreciated the layout and flow of the event. McLean resident and budding Russian antique collector, Toni Ianniello, called the show "sophisticated" and admired "how beautifully everything [laid] out in the Community Center."

Fontinel Mason closed out the event on Sunday and said, "antiquing is the passion of [her] life," and getting to execute and share that with others brings her such purpose. She pointed over to a booth where a vendor from New Hampshire sat and said, "he has bronze figures from Ancient Egypt circa 1100 B.C... 1100 B.C.! How remarkable is it that we can hold something in our hands, something in perfect condition, from 1100 B.C.?"



Visitors wander the McLean Community Center in search of something one-of-a-kind for their homes.



American antiques from the Depression Era were displayed at Dordy Fontinel Mason's booth.



A vendor makes the sale to a customer, happy to be taking home an antique print.



Mary Homer traveled from her antique shop, MSealie's in Pennsylvania, to share her "Farmhouse with French Flair" style with the people of McLean.

Horses Heal and Teach Life Skills

Equestrian program touches everyone involved.

By MERCIA HOBSON
THE CONNECTION

SPIRIT Open Equestrian Program, Inc. celebrated the achievements of its students during the organization's public presentation, "Ride for SPIRIT," held Saturday, Nov. 9 at Frying Pan Farm Park Equestrian Center in Herndon. During the event, SPIRIT's therapeutic riding participants from across Fairfax County and beyond, ages five through adult, demonstrated how horseback riding provided a fun experience that improved their balance, muscle tone, motor skills, self-confidence and more. SPIRIT is a nonjudgmental zone, with collaboration between trained professionals, volunteers, clients and the local government.

While riders and their families remain the primary beneficiaries of SPIRIT's program, one that promoted inclusion and urban horsemanship for the healing and improvement of life skills, SPIRIT's program also touched volunteers, staff and board members. It also gave one U.S. Army veteran "purpose."

Rider Nicole Springer, 19, of Sterling participated in the SPIRIT Therapeutic Riding Program since she was nine years old. According to her mother, Laura-Jeanne, Nicole was born with Low Muscle Tone. When they first enrolled Nicole in the program, SPIRIT staff and volunteers engaged her daughter in playful exercises while 'in-saddle' on the horse to help further develop the child's core strength and balance. Springer recalled how Nicole stretched, reaching to touch the horse's ears and hindquarters and balanced, turning 360 degrees in the saddle thinking it all fun and games. "She went from needing two side walkers (volunteers who spotted her while she rode) and a special type of saddle for support, to being an independent rider. "Nicole's confidence spills over," said Springer.

FOR NICOLE, the benefits proved to be more than physical and emotional. "I've made so many friends here; it's a family affair," she said. "I come once a week, on Tuesdays. I love to trot and ride. I also like to groom and walk the horses. When I'm trotting and it just feels right, I think to myself, I'm doing it."

Rider Aaron Ho, 5, of Fairfax was one of the youngest and newest participants in the program. His mother, Shirley peacefully watched from the stands as Naomi Jacobs, 11, of Fairfax, Sagarika Kagicha, 13, of Fairfax and Elena Brunori of Vienna walked beside her son and led his horse. Reins in hand, Aaron focused and listened attentively to his walkers. He followed their position commands to lean forward and sit up.

"We love it here. Aaron looks forward to it every week. He's autistic and this program has really helped him with his speech. The volunteers talk to him while he's on the horse and conversation goes back and forth. He's able to focus and follow directions. We moved here from New Mexico this summer and did a program there. I searched online and found



PHOTOS BY MERCIA HOBSON/THE CONNECTION
The blue ribbon awardees, volunteers and others at "Ride4SPIRIT" assemble in the champion line at Frying Pan Farm Park Equestrian Center in Herndon.



Rider Aaron Ho, 5, of Fairfax, Naomi Jacobs, 11, of Fairfax, Elena Brunori of Vienna, and Sagarika Kagicha, 13, of Fairfax at "Ride4SPIRIT," held Sat., Nov. 9, Frying Pan Farm Park Equestrian Center, Herndon.

this program through Fairfax County Parktakes. My goal is to promote his social and communication skills. As long as he enjoys it, we will keep signing up. The staff and volunteers have such passion," said Ho.

For Noah Cullinan, 9, of Fairfax, a two-year veteran of the program, his mother, Nancy said she saw her son's confidence "shine through when riding the horses." According to Cullinan, therapeutic riding helped to further develop Noah's core muscles, particularly beneficial since he has Down's Syndrome.

Volunteers and board members also received benefits from their service, unex-



Renee Kim, 7, of Fairfax excitedly clutches her blue ribbon.

pected ones. Volunteer/Assistant Meagan Hosker, 16, of Reston worked the ring with other volunteers and staff during the presentation. Afterward, Hosker shared she decided to join the organization given she had eight years riding experience under her belt and she wanted to put it to good use. "I was an introvert," Hosker said. "But being around these amazing children and adults opened a new and happier view for me," she said.

In an interview after the event, Barry Dresdner of Herndon, Board Vice President of SPIRIT Open Equestrian Program said, "The main thing I want to say is that when I first met Dada (Davorka Suvak, Executive Director of SPIRIT) and heard her speak so passionately about SPIRIT, I fell in love with the program, and I wanted to do more to help out...The community is extremely for-



Rider Nicole Springer receives her blue ribbon from Huey Sullivan.

tunate to have SPIRIT."

While other riders, their family members and volunteers of the SPIRIT Open Equestrian Program, echoed with similar comments, for one U.S. Army veteran, Rob Mennell of Arlington, SPIRIT changed his life. Mennell currently serves as Board President of SPIRIT Open Equestrian Program, Inc.

"Personally, SPIRIT gives me purpose. After I left the military and stopped deploying overseas, I didn't have a cause that made me feel like I was contributing to something worthwhile. I also had trouble relating to others. After working in combat environments... I couldn't fathom why people got upset over seemingly trivial things and weren't grateful for what they had," said Mennell.

"When I came to SPIRIT about three years ago, I saw a group of people dedicated solely to helping others (two-legged or four-legged horses are rescues). This tight-knit community of volunteers gave me the team-based environment I missed, the opportunity to do physical labor, and most of all, the ability to help people in ways that were instantly recognizable. Our kids light up when they see their horses, and they become so independent and confident in a matter of weeks. Everyone who shows up to SPIRIT — riders, families, volunteers and even our horses — seem to leave with more than they came with. Sorry to ramble on, this is a huge part of my life, and I'm so proud of our team and our community," said Mennell.

SPIRIT is a registered 501(c) (3) organization, EIN #20-849-2941. According to SPIRIT, if interested in Therapeutic Riding or Equine Assisted Learning/Beginner Classes, register with Fairfax County Park Authority; contact Frying Pan Farm Park at 703-437-9101. If a youth in the FCPS system would benefit from the SPIRIT program, contact the case manager; for all other programs or information visit spiritinfo@spiritequestrian.org.

CALENDAR

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ONGOING

Students' Art Work on Display. At Great Falls Starbucks, 9863 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. Falls Studios in collaboration with Great Falls Starbucks presents "Still Life in the Style of American Realism," the work of 10 young artists ages 7-13 years who studied under Michela Mansuino, artist and Fellow at Studio Incamminati/Philadelphia in summer camp at the Arts of Great Falls. The exhibit space in the Starbucks conference room rotates the work of local students from the Arts of Great Falls, Colvin Run Elementary, Forestville Elementary and Great Falls Elementary schools. Visit www.GreatFallsStudios.com.

McLean Farmers Market. Fridays, through Nov. 15, 8 a.m.-noon at Lewinsville Park, 1659 Chain Bridge Road, McLean. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/farmersmarkets/mclean.

Great Falls Farmers Market. Year-round, 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

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. Visit community-foodworks.org.

WEDNESDAY/NOV. 13

Gourds and Gobblers. 1-2 p.m. at Riverbend Park, 8700 Potomac Hills Street, Great Falls. Turkeys seem to be on everything this time of year. Did you know that wild turkeys still roam in Great Falls? Give your kids a chance to learn about this shy bird and some of the other animals and plants that are an important part of our Thanksgiving tradition. For youngsters age 2-5. Call 703-759-9018 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/riverbend.

Duckhorn Wine Dinner. 6:30 p.m. At Broadway Gallery, 1025-I Seneca Road, Great Falls. Broadway Gallery and BRX American Bistro present the Duckhorn Wine Dinner. Come savor a five-course meal paired with five wines. Cost is \$85/person. Broadway Gallery will be presenting new works by lauded Japanese artist, Hiromi Ashlin, known for her intricate multimedia origami creations. Hiromi's work will be featured on the BRX gallery wall from Nov. 13 to Jan. 4, 2020. To RSVP, call 703-433-9050.

NOV. 14-16

"A Midsummer Night's Dream." 7:30 p.m. on Nov. 14, 15, and 16 and 2:30 p.m. on Nov. 16. At James Madison High School, 2500 James Madison Drive, Vienna. This classic Shakespearean comedy is full of whimsy as magically confused lovers fight, craftsmen rehearse a poorly-produced play for a wedding, and fairies meddle in the lives of mortals. Tickets www.madisondrama.com for \$10 and at the door for \$12.

FRIDAY/NOV. 15

Young Adult Game Night. 7:30-9:30 p.m. At Lewinsville Presbyterian Church, 1724 Chain Bridge Road, McLean. The Young Adult Ministry at Lewinsville Presbyterian Church will be hosting its third Game Night of the program year. Bring friends and games you are interested in playing. Contact Pastor Annamarie Groenenboom at email: agroenenboom@lewinsville.org or call 703-356-7200. www.lewinsville.org/events/young-adult-game-night/

NOV. 15-17

Still Life & Floral Workshop. Friday, 6-8 p.m.; Saturday, 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.; Sunday, 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. At The Arts of Great Falls, 756 Walker Road, Great Falls. The paintings of nationally-acclaimed artist Robert Johnson evoke a newfound appreciation for the power and elegance of work done in the classical tradition. This workshop will present the principles underlying this approach to art that have been passed along for the last five centuries from master to apprentice, teacher to student, and artist to artist. Call 703-232-1575.



The cast of McLean High School's production of "You Can't Take It With You."

'You Can't Take It With You' at McLean High School

"You Can't Take It With You," Nov. 21-24. Show times are Thursdays thru Sundays at 7 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday matinee at 1:30 p.m. at McLean High School, 1633 Davidson Road, McLean. Meet the Sycamores, the family that is the very definition of eccentric itself. Directed by Phillip Reid and Assistant Directed by Annalise Kirby.

Tickets are \$12 online, \$15 at the door, and \$8 for students, and can be purchased at <https://www.etix.com/ticket/v/15599>.



The Irish Inn Mates will play at The Old Brogue Irish Pub in Great Falls on Sunday, Nov. 17 at 5 and 7 p.m.

Traditional Celtic Music at The Old Brogue

Traditional Celtic Music, Sunday, Nov. 17. 5 and 7 p.m. at The Old Brogue Irish Pub, 760-C Walker Road, Great Falls. Fall concert of traditional Celtic music of the Irish Inn Mates which features Tina Eck (Irish flute and whistles), Jesse Winch (bodhrán Irish bouzouki, banjo), Mitch Fanning (fiddle) and Zan McLeod (bouzouki, guitar, mandolin). The band of highly skilled musicians is much beloved by the Mid-Atlantic Irish community, and are performers of traditional Irish music. The Old Brogue is a fully licensed restaurant, with a masterful selection of ales and world and Irish cuisine. Tickets must be purchased in advance at oldbrogue.com - \$18 general admission/\$12 children. Call 703-759-3309.

SATURDAY/NOV. 16

Harvest Marketplace. 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. At Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church, 8601 Wolftrap Rd., Vienna. Come browse for keepsakes that will make great gifts and home decor as we transition into the Christmas Season. A variety of vendors will be present. Relax and enjoy a cup of coffee and baked goods at the Cafe. Prepare for Christmas this year by making your own Christmas Lantern (Parol). www.olgcva.org/news-post/~post/harvest-marketplace

Model Railroaders Open House. 1-5 p.m. at the Vienna Depot, 231 Dominion Road NE. Northern Virginia Model Railroaders hold an open house at the Vienna Depot each month and on Vienna celebration days, including Viva! Vienna and the Vienna Holiday Stroll. Free admission. Call 703-938-5157 or visit www.nvmr.org.

LARD Dog & The Band of Shy. 4 p.m. At The Alden Theater, at the McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. Cost is \$15/\$10 MCC district residents. Parents' Choice Award-winners Lard Dog & The Band of Shy have burst onto the family entertainment scene converting countless families to be fans of their quirky universe and highly infectious tunes. Call the Center at 703-790-0123, TTY: 711, or visit the website, www.mcleancenter.org.

NOV. 17, 24, AND DEC. 8

Celtic Concerts. 5 and 7 p.m. At The Old Brogue Irish Pub, 760-C Walker Road, Great Falls. Presents the 17th season of family friendly, Fall Traditional Celtic Concerts, a five-week series of top quality music. Tickets must be purchased in advance at oldbrogue.com — \$18 general admission/\$12 children. Season ticket: \$80/\$60. www.ionamusic.com/brogue.shtml or www.oldbrogue.com or call 703-759-3309.

SUNDAY/NOV. 17

Turkey Trot 5K Race. 8 a.m. At Tysons Corner Park, Greensboro Drive, McLean. This is the first official professionally run 5K Race in Tysons Corner sponsored by Rotary of Tysons, Lerner Corporation and other Tysons businesses to support local charities. Cost is \$45. Email Catherine Ahearn at cgahearn@gmail.com.

Breakfast Buffet. 8 a.m. to noon. At Vienna American Legion Post 180, 330 Center Street, N, Vienna. Get omelets, scrambled eggs, blueberry pancakes, bacon, sausage, biscuits and gravy and more. Adults \$10, children 12 and under \$4. For more information, call 703-938-6580.

TUESDAY/NOV. 19

Heroines of Washington. 6 p.m. At The Ritz Carlton Tysons Corner, 1700 Tysons Blvd., McLean. Heroines of Washington is a March of Dimes event that recognizes and honors professional women in the D.C. Metro Area for their dedication to community service. Cost is \$300. Email: Kate Leib at kleib@marchofdimes.org

Author William S. Connery. 7:30-9 p.m. At Patrick Henry Library, 101 Maple Ave., E, Vienna. Discussion of Col. John Singleton Mosby, the Grey Ghost, in the Civil War and beyond. Books available for sale and signing. Free. Visit the website: <https://librarycalendar.fairfaxcounty.gov/event/541197>

WEDNESDAY/NOV. 20

Holy Happy Hour. 6:15 p.m. at Lewinsville Presbyterian Church, 1724 Chain Bridge Road, McLean. Rock music from the 1969 Woodstock event featuring Lewinsville's pipe organ with guitars, bass, drums, and vocals. Artists: Bruce Deatley, drums; Joe Koenig, guitar; Clay McConnell, bass & vocals; John Nothaft, organ. For more information, visit <https://www.lewinsville.org/concerts/> or call the church office during business hours 703-356-7200.

THURSDAY-SATURDAY/NOV. 21-23

Christmas Craft Sale. 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. At Oakton Church of the Brethren, 10025 Courthouse Rd., Vienna. This big annual fundraising craft sale features a variety of handmade items, craft supplies, holiday decor, baked goods, a soup-and-salad lunch, and more. Free admission. Hours are 10-7 p.m. Thursday and Friday; 10-4 p.m. Saturday. Visit the website: www.oaktonbrethren.org.

Book Sale. At Great Falls Library, 9830 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. The Friends of the Great Falls Library hold their semi-annual book sale in the branch in time for the Christmas season. In addition to a nice selection of Christmas books for kids and adults alike, we feature a great variety of genres in books, DVDs, audio books, CDs and eclectic. Donations for the sale will be accepted for as long as we have the space! Dates and times: Thursday, Nov. 21, Members Pre-Sale (join at the door, \$15) 6-8 p.m.; Friday, Nov. 22, Book Sale open to public 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Saturday, Nov. 23, Book Sale open to public 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Saturday, Nov. 23, 4-5 p.m. Books \$5/bag. For details, contact the Library at 703-757-8560, or friendsofthegreatfallslibrary@gmail.com.

NOV. 21-24

"You Can't Take It With You." Show times are Thursday thru Sunday at 7 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday matinee at 1:30 p.m. At McLean High School, 1633 Davidson Road, McLean. Meet the Sycamores, the family that is the very definition of eccentric itself. Directed by Phillip Reid and Assistant Directed by Annalise Kirby, the cast is led by Graham Cole, Benjamin Cudmore, John Godwin, Wyatt Lahr, Will Chapman, and Michael Aten. Tickets are \$12 online, \$15 at the door, and \$8 for students, and can be purchased at <https://www.etix.com/ticket/v/15599>.

FRIDAY/NOV. 22

McLean Art Society Meeting. 10 a.m. to noon. At The McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. Gale Pean, a proponent of palette knife painting, will be the featured artist. She will be doing a demonstration of techniques. Guests are welcome. Call 703-790-0123.

"Simon and Garfunkel [Revisited] Live in Central Park." 7 p.m. At The Alden Theater, at the McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. Recreated by Lee Lessack and Johnny Rodgers. Cost is \$40/\$35 senior/\$30 MCC district residents. Accurate and honest recreation of the concert's original 21-song set list, including two songs not included on the 1982 concert album. Call the Center at 703-790-0123, TTY: 711, or visit: www.aldentheatre.org.

PEOPLE

**Daniel Silvestri – Driver
#97 Whelen All-American
Late Model Race Car.**



PHOTOS BY DINAH MULLINS

Great Falls Teenager Gets One Step Closer to NASCAR Dreams

Nascar names Daniel Silvestri 'Virginia Rookie of the Year.'

Your typical teenager gets the opportunity to drive a car for the first time around 16 years old. But for one Great Falls teenager, that opportunity came when he was nearly 7 years old. At 6 1/2 years old, Daniel Silvestri jumped into his first competitive go-kart at Allsports Grand Prix which was located in Sterling. Fast forward ten years, Daniel can be found behind the wheel of a NASCAR Whelen All-American Late Model Series car powered by a 500 HP engine generating average speeds over 90 MPH. Racing around a 0.4 mile oval track in South Boston, Virginia, Daniel finished his first season of 12 races with eight top 10s and six top 5s against some of the toughest competitors in the series.

Last week he received the official word from NASCAR that he was the 2019 Virginia Rookie of the Year and was invited to the NASCAR Awards event in Charlotte, N.C. in late November.

So how does a kid from Northern Virginia progress from go-karts to NASCAR? Daniel's dad, Brian Silvestri, explained, "I was aware of NASCAR growing up but I really didn't follow the sport. I have no idea how Daniel found it, but it was clear early on that Daniel loved racing." Like most parents, Brian thought his son would enjoy the go-karts for a little while but eventually pick up more traditional sports like baseball, foot-



Daniel Silvestri crossing the finish line at South Boston Speedway.



Daniel Silvestri racing at South Boston Speedway in the NASCAR Whelen All-American Late Model Series.

ball, or lacrosse. "It took me some time to accept Daniel's passion with racing. I wanted to run away from racing because there were no local racing venues in Northern Virginia, so I had no idea where to start. It would require a family commitment. After watching Daniel progress and realizing this wasn't a phase, I accepted the fact that my son's passions are not mine. I think that is something a lot of parents struggle with. We think we know our kids, but in the end they are their own person. I

have no idea where racing is going to take us, but I do know it has been a real blessing to our family. I wouldn't change a thing."

As the 2019 season comes to an end, Daniel's 2020 plans are being finalized. He will likely be found racing at all the major Virginia tracks including South Boston Speedway, Dominion Raceway and Langley Speedway.

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Ardavan Mobasher 1,715 5.48%

Hunter Mill District, School Board

Melanie K. Meren (endorsed by Democrats) 22,893 69.25%
Laura Ramirez Drain (endorsed by Republicans) 10,054 30.41%

Lee District, School Board

Tamara J. Derenak Kaufax, incumbent (endorsed by Democrats) 20,736 95.70%

Mason District, School Board

Ricardy J. Anderson (endorsed by Democrats) 16,077 76.89%
Tom L. Pafford 4,431 21.19%

Mount Vernon District, School Board

Karen L. Corbett Sanders, incumbent (endorsed by Democrats) 17,611 62.31%
Steven D. Mosley (endorsed by Republicans) 8,844 31.29%
Pamela C. Ononiwu 1,716 6.07%

Providence District, School Board

Karl V. Frisch (endorsed by Democrats) 16,644 61.72%
Andrea L. "Andi" Bayer (endorsed by Republicans) 10,167 37.70%

Springfield District, School Board

Laura Jane H. Cohen (endorsed by Democrats) 17,745 50.46%
Elizabeth L. Schultz, incumbent (endorsed by Republicans) 14,809 42.12%
R. Kyle McDaniel 2,529 7.19%

Sully District, School Board

Stella G. Pekarsky (endorsed by Democrats) 18,585 58.43%
Tom A. Wilson, incumbent (endorsed by Republicans) 13,144 41.33%

Soil and Water Conservation Director Northern Virginia District Vote for Three

Monica A. Billger (endorsed by Democrats) 153,051 21.87%
Gerald Owen "Jerry" Peters Jr., incumbent (endorsed by Democrats) 148,091 21.16%

Chris E. Koerner (endorsed by Democrats) 139,641 19.95%
C. Jane Dudik (endorsed by Republicans) 80,604 11.52%
Edward F. McGovern (endorsed by Republicans) 80,281 11.47%
Christopher A. Bowen (endorsed by Republicans) 78,558 11.23%
Jonah E. "Jet" Thomas 17,888 2.56%

CANDIDATES, GENERAL ASSEMBLY

House of Delegates

District 34
Kathleen J. Murphy (D), incumbent 15,166 57.69%
Gary G. Pan (R) 11,100 42.22%

District 35

Mark L. Keam (D), incumbent, unopposed 15,330 92.63%

District 36

Kenneth R. "Ken" Plum, incumbent, unopposed 17,659 92.78%

District 37

David L. Bulova (D), incumbent, unopposed 13,470 91.98%

District 38

L. Kaye Kory (D), incumbent, unopposed 12,619 93.22%

District 39

Vivian E. Watts (D), incumbent 14,361 67.91%
Nick O. Bell (R) 6,740 31.87%

District 40

Dan I. Helmer (D) 14,015 53.46%
Timothy D. "Tim" Hugo (R), incumbent 12,172 46.43%

District 41

Eileen Filler-Corn (D), incumbent 15,526 71.14%
John M. Wolfe (I) 4,213 19.30%
Rachel D. Mace (L) 1,713 7.85%

District 42

Kathy K. L. Tran (D), incumbent 14,532 59.53%
Steve P. Adragna (R) 9,857 40.38%

District 43

Mark D. Sickles (D), incumbent 14,488 77.64%
G. Gail Parker (I) 3,876 20.77%

District 44

Paul E. Krizek (D), incumbent 12,271 70.52%
Richard T. Hayden (R) 5,105 29.34%

District 45

Mark H. Levine (D), incumbent, unopposed 19,208 91.41%

District 46

Charniele L. Herring (D), incumbent, unopposed 12,270 92.03%

District 47

Patrick A. Hope (D), incumbent, unopposed 20,993 96.16%

District 48

Richard C. "Rip" Sullivan (D), incumbent, unopposed 18,680 94.27%

District 49

Alfonso H. Lopez (D), incumbent 13,393 83.43%
Terry W. Modglin (I) 2,522 15.71%

District 53

Marcus B. Simon (D), incumbent, unopposed 15,554 93.83%

District 67

Karrie K. Delaney (D), incumbent, unopposed 15,415 89.48%

District 86

Ibraheem S. Samirah (D), incumbent, unopposed 13,588 89.45%

VIRGINIA STATE SENATE

District 30

Adam P. Ebbin (D), incumbent, unopposed 40,942 91.67%

District 31

Barbara A. Favola (D), incumbent, unopposed 44,347 91.82%

District 32

Janet D. Howell (D), incumbent 44,424 73.17%
Arthur G. Purves (R) 16,171 26.64%

District 33

Jennifer B. Boysko (D), incumbent 32,258 64.83%
Suzanne D. Fox (R) 17,446 35.06%

District 34

J. C. "Chap" Petersen (D), incumbent, unopposed 39,971 91.15%

District 35

Richard L. "Dick" Saslaw (D), incumbent, unopposed 33,563 92.75%

District 36

Scott A. Surovell (D), incumbent, unopposed 35,131 95.82%

District 37

Dave W. Marsden (D), incumbent, unopposed 37,720 90.49%

District 39

George L. Barker (D), incumbent 37,989 65.92%
S. W. "Dutch" Hillenburg (R) 19,571 33.96%

CLERK OF COURT (Alexandria City)

J. Greg Parks (D), unopposed 26,466 93.98%

Commonwealth's Attorney (ARLINGTON COUNTY-FALLS CHURCH CITY)

Parisa Dehghani-Tafti (D) unopposed 45,334 90.01%

Sheriff (ARLINGTON COUNTY)

Elizabeth F. "Beth" Arthur 49,929 97.29%

Commissioner of Revenue (ARLINGTON COUNTY)

Ingrid H. Morroy 49,406 97.50%

Treasurer (ARLINGTON COUNTY)

Carla F. de la Pava 49,741 97.34%

Member County Board (ARLINGTON COUNTY) vote for 2

Kate A. "Katie" Cristol 41,097 40.51%
Christian E. Dorsey 38,087 37.55%
Audrey R. Clement 13,326 13.14%
Arron O'Dell 7,189 7.09%

Member School Board (ARLINGTON COUNTY)

Reid S. Goldstein 47,880 95.85%

Unofficial Election Results Tuesday, Nov. 5, 2019

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COMMUNITY HELP NEEDED

Recycling Project. At Church of the Good Shepherd, 2351 Hunter Mill Road, Vienna. The church has a new project lined up for its January 2020 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Morning of Service and is asking community residents to begin now to collect plastic caps and lids. The special recycling effort already has engaged the church's membership in starting to bring plastic caps and lids to fill "Chomper," a fun, child-friendly recycling container in the main entrance to the church. A second special recycling bin for easy drop-off is located just inside the church's office entrance. For details of what plastic caps/lids are suitable, see www.GoodShepherdVA.com.

WEDNESDAY/NOV. 13

Transportation Meeting. 6:30-8:30 p.m. At Westgate Elementary School Cafeteria, 7500 Magarity Road, Falls Church. The Fairfax County Department of Transportation (FCDOT) will host a second community meeting on the proposed Magarity Road Walkway improvements. FCDOT staff will update attendees on scoping and design changes that have occurred since the June 2018 meeting. This project will provide a continuous curb and gutter and an 8-foot-wide asphalt walkway along the south side of Magarity Road. New crosswalks across Magarity Road are proposed at Tremayne Place, Cherri Dr. and Ware Rd. Westgate School drop off/pick-up turning movements will be simplified and made safer. Several bus stops will be relocated. Several sidewalk ramps will be upgraded to current standards. A new 8-foot wide asphalt walkway will also be added in front of the Westgate School. Feedback is due by Nov. 27, 2019, and may be submitted at the meeting; via the online feedback form; in writing to FCDOT at 4050 Legato Road, Suite 400, Fairfax, VA 22033; or by calling 703-877-5600. Visit the project website at <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/transportation/projects/magarity-road-sidewalk>.

Fairfax County Park Authority Board Meeting. 7:30 p.m. in the Herrity Building, 12055 Government Center Parkway, Suite 941, Fairfax. The Park Authority Board's 12 appointed members establish strategic policy and direction for the Park Authority. Open to the public. For agenda and more information, visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/boardagn2.htm or call 703-324-8662.

NOV. 13-DEC. 18

Active Aging Wellness Exercise Class. 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. At Oakton Church of the Brethren, 10025 Courthouse Road, Vienna. An eight week exercise class to improve strength, balance and mobility for older adults sponsored by Shepherd's Center of Oakton-Vienna. Cost is \$40 for 8 week session - payable to Sun Fitness LLC. To register, contact Casey Tarr, eileentarr1@verizon.net or 703-821-6838.

NOV. 14-15

Training in Construction Safety. Thursday, Nov. 14 from 7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.; Friday, Nov. 15 from 7:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. At VAHC, 8300 Boone Blvd, Suite 450, Tysons Corner. Join the Virginia Hispanic Chamber to attend OSHA - 10 Hour Training in Construction (In Spanish). The goal is to reach the Hispanic Workforce by providing quality training in topics related to Safety and Health, in alliance with the Virginia Department of Labor and Industry. This training has an estimated value of \$100.

SATURDAY/NOV. 16

Forum Breakfast Series. 9 a.m. At Tower Club, 8000 Towers Crescent Drive, Suite 1700, Tysons Corner. Join in a review and analysis of the 2019 election results with George Mason University Dean Mark Rozell, a recognized expert in Southern and Virginia politics. Rozell will review and analyze the results of the Nov. 5 elections just 10 days after the ballots have been counted. Cost is \$45 - Single Ticket to Breakfast; \$30 - Young Professional Ticket (must be under 40 years old); and \$100 - Breakfast Sponsor (Two tickets and recognition).

WEDNESDAY/NOV. 18

"Dining with Dorothy." 12 p.m. At Lotus Garden 224 Maple Ave., W, Vienna. Join friends with the Shepherd's Center of Oakton-Vienna or make new ones. Newcomers are always welcome. Call 703-281-0538 or visit www.scov.org. To reserve your space, contact Dorothy Flood at dflood1706@gmail.com.

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Chino Lourie, Rest in Peace



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

As much as I try not to self-indulge in my weekly column, I am aware that I don't always succeed. It seems I can only write about what I feel, what I see and what I hear, be it personal, professional or public. To that end — which justifies my means, I have often involved you regular readers in my cancer life, as well as a few other "privacies" I've been comfortable sharing: family (including pets), friends, finances and the occasional faux pas (if I am anything, I am open, perhaps too open, if certain other familial opinions are to be considered).

This meandering start is meant to explain — indirectly, how when something is preoccupying my mind, it is difficult/near impossible for me to write about something that's not. At present my preoccupation is with one of my cats: Chino. He is not doing well, at all. After multiple emergency room visits and follow-up appointments with veterinarians over the past few weeks, it appears his diabetes has finally gotten the best of him leading to the worst possible outcome: death, with some dignity, hopefully.

In two of our most recent visits to the veterinarian, we have had preliminary discussions about euthanizing Chino. We have resisted so far and have continued, especially my wife, Dina, to give him as much t.l.c. as we can. However, his quality of life, as described by our primary veterinarian on Friday, is "not good." To invoke/rework a phrase commonly associated with some human beings in early childhood: Chino is failing to thrive, though he turned 13 in late September. Other than engaging with us when we call his name or pet him, Chino is not able to do nearly enough (eating, drinking, grooming, using the litter box) to give us much hope. Nevertheless, he is home and curled up in his favorite spot in the kitchen, though barely able to get around.

I wouldn't characterize our activity as a vigil, but neither Dina nor myself are planning to leave the house (or one of us will be at home if the other needs to go out) anytime soon. With this weekend of inactivity, our focus is exclusively on Chino. Yet here I sit, a literary task at hand, attempting to navigate emotionally the prospect of his passing and the significance of such a loss.

It's been 10 years or so since we've had to consider euthanizing a pet. It was either Bailey, our second golden retriever or Chester, our second dwarf rabbit. I can't remember exactly as it was around this time that I was diagnosed with lung cancer and began heavy-duty chemotherapy. But we've all survived since then and even added a few critters: Chino's brother, Biscuit, Twinkle, our white cat with an attitude and two more rescues "The Blackies," as we call them: Andrew and Sloane, black, domestic short hair siblings. As longtime animal owners, we knew this day would come, but given my cancer diagnosis: "13 months to two years," I think we figured I'd be the first to go. So it's both upsetting and distracting in a way, our normal pursuits, because what's happening — both good (me still being alive) and bad (Chino succumbing to his illness) is not what we anticipated happening. As a result, I am self-indulging you in my preoccupation because I'm unable to think/write outside the box. A figurative box on which Chino sits front and center, mostly down but not quite out.

Still, we're not exactly sitting and staring blankly into space, but neither are we entertaining too many other thoughts. We are here for Chino so with a column to write, it is being written with Chino as the subject, and excuse for what is written in this space. For 13-plus years Chino has been my companion. We have rubbed noses too many times to remember. He has my scent and as such, I have belonged to him. Soon I fear he'll belong to no one and I'll have lost his loving feeling. He was a sweet and affectionate cat. We will miss him terribly.

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

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