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# OPINION

## Siege of the Capital

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

This column is being written as news stories continue to increase that thousands of persons opposed to gun legislation will be coming to the Capitol grounds to protest. Increased citizen participation is usually a good thing, but in this case it is seeming more like a siege than a peaceful protest. Already the FBI has arrested three individuals in right-wing hate groups who apparently were planning to come with guns that would be fired from various locations to start a race riot. Three other persons were arrested from the same hate group but whose plans for the day were less specific. Law enforcement authorities had gathered enough credible evidence of a threat that the Governor barred any guns on Capitol grounds on Monday except for the police. Security fencing was installed on the grounds. Streets were closed.

The General Assembly had made plans to conduct business as usual as much as that is possible. I am hopeful that the news you have been reading is that the day passed without serious incident. I can assure you that I will be going forward with my bill to close the many loopholes in the current background checks system to ensure that people who have shown themselves to be a threat to themselves or others will not be able to purchase firearms. Recent polls indicate that about 80 percent of people support the bill as a good public safety measure.

Only twice before am I aware that the capital experienced a serious physical siege. The first occurred in 1676-1677 while Virginia was still a royal colony with its capital in Jamestown. Nathaniel Bacon led an armed rebellion against royal Governor William Ber-

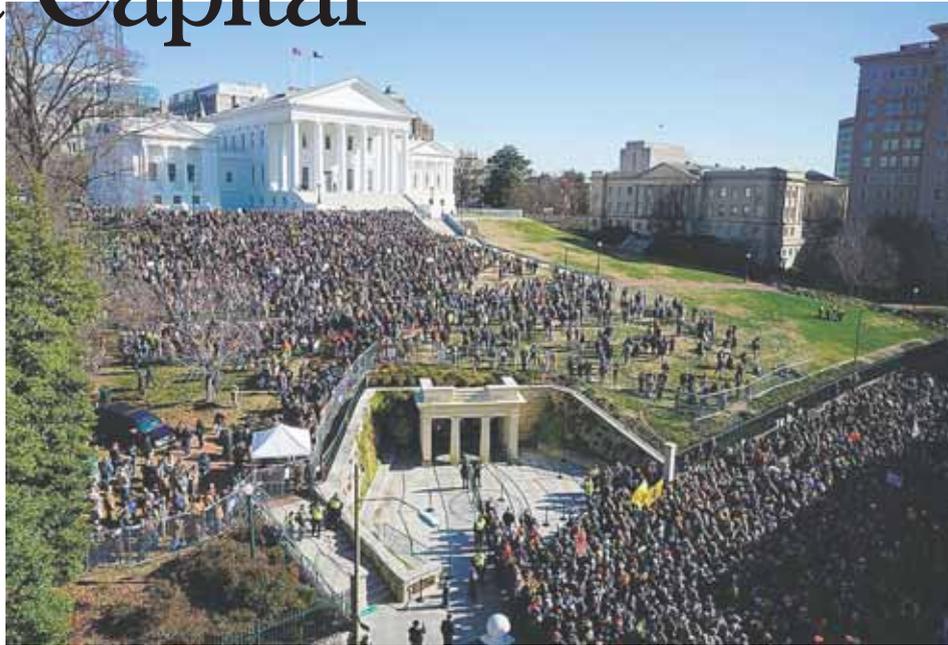


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keley who he contended did not provide adequate protection against Indian attacks for settlers on the western frontier. The story gets more complicated as there was a desire by the settlers to seize more land from the Indians and for Bacon to gain more power in the governance of the colony. His attack led to the capital being burned. You can still view the foundation of the capital if you visit Jamestown Island today.

The second siege of the capital came near the end of the Civil War after Virginia had been out of the Union for four years. Richmond was the capital of the Confederate States, and many skirmishes and battles occurred around it during the war. The city was key to mobilizing,

outfitting and feeding the Confederate army but did not fall to Union forces until April 1865. Confederate forces burned the city as they departed. Fortunately, the Capitol building was saved from the fire that otherwise destroyed the city. A week later the Confederates surrendered at Appomattox west of the city. The war was ended even though there are many who continue to debate who was to blame for the war and who won.

A well-regulated militia made up of state and local police will protect the Capitol building and its occupant legislators from those who would deny freedom to others through their misuse of firearms. We will not be bullied regardless of their siege.

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### Making Alzheimer's a National Priority

To the Editor:

One in three seniors dies from Alzheimer's Disease. It is the only leading cause of death in the United States that cannot be prevented, cured or even slowed down. It is imperative that we have elected officials who are working to make Alzheimer's a national priority!

As an Alzheimer's Association Advocacy Ambassador I am fortunate to be able to work with Sen. Mark Warner to discuss the staggering impact of Alzheimer's Disease in Virginia and the Nation. I am grateful for his willingness to listen and work with us toward solutions for helping families with a diagnosis of dementia. We are proud Virginia is represented by a champion in Congress to the 150,000 Virginians living with Alzheimer's.

My young family was impacted by Alzheimer's when my 53 year old husband was diagnosed with the disease. Although he died 17 years ago, I am passionate about advocating to find a cure for this dreadful disease. I believe research at the NIH is an important necessity towards a cure so we can live in a world without Alzheimer's!

Please join the Alzheimer's Association and me in thanking Sen. Warner for his continued support in the fight to end Alzheimer's.

**Sarah Jewell Harris**  
Fair Oaks

#### Dangerous Escalation

To the Editor:

Trump's blatantly illegal assassination of a military leader in a foreign country was a dangerous escalation of hostilities that will affect the whole Middle East region. Imagine if another country had done that to one of our

generals? Fortunately, there is growing bipartisan

support in the House and Senate to reassert Congress's constitutional war authority and prevent another disastrous and endless war. I encourage all citizens to take action by writing or calling their elected representatives and asking them to co-sponsor and vote for proposals that would prohibit the unauthorized use of military force in Iran or any other country. The President has the right to defend our country in a crisis, but we need to take away his ability to exercise arbitrary and unjust actions unilaterally.

**Cathy Tunis**  
Reston

#### Help Prevent War

To the Editor:

So often I hear people say, "There is nothing I can do to work for a safer, more just world."

In recent days we have wit-

nessed the frightening deadly increase in hostilities between Iran and the United States.

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**Katherine Cole**  
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## Virginia Gun Rights Advocates Take Second Amendment Stand

Capitol Police estimates around 22,000 people attended peaceful gun rights rally in Richmond.

BY CHIP LAUTERBACH  
CAPITAL NEWS SERVICE

Chants of “We will not comply,” and “USA, USA,” sounded through the blanket of security as thousands of armed Second Amendment supporters converged on Richmond to protest proposed gun control measures.

The rally, organized by the gun rights group Virginia Citizens Defense League, raised security concerns in the days leading up to it. Gov. Ralph Northam declared a state of emergency and banned firearms from the Capitol grounds from Jan. 17 to Jan. 21.

Over the weekend, Capitol Police erected a fence around the grounds and created one main security checkpoint into the area where speakers would be located. Capitol Police estimated around 22,000 people attended, with 6,000 entering the secured area where weapons were not allowed.

Despite the governor’s ban, many gun rights advocates came armed and opted to stay outside of the State Capitol grounds, flooding streets around the Capitol and legislative offices in the Pocahontas Building.

**CAPITOL POLICE** reported that one arrest was made. A Richmond woman was charged for wearing a mask in public — a felony in Virginia. The armed protesters didn’t attempt to breach the security fence put up around Capitol Square. A red smoke grenade was set off, but no other disturbances were reported. After the event, Northam expressed gratitude that the event wasn’t violent.

“Thousands of people came to Richmond to make their voices heard,” he said in a statement. “Today showed that when people disagree, they can do so peacefully.”

Days before the rally, the FBI arrested



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seven members of a white nationalist group called The Base. At least three were reportedly planning to attend the rally and create a violent disturbance. Northam stated that such intel prompted him to declare a state of emergency. Some businesses near the Capitol decided to close during the rally, though many remained open.

Philip Van Cleave, VCDL president, tried to dispel fears of violence by releasing a social media statement urging attendees to stay peaceful and to focus on supporting the Second Amendment.

“The issue is not race; it’s not politics or politicians,” said Willis Madden, a member of National African American Gun Association from King and Queen County. “It’s not about who is in the White House or who just got elected, the issue is the Second Amendment.”

Many gun rights advocates expressed con-

cern over SB 16, introduced by Sen. Dick Saslaw, D-Fairfax, which would have prohibited the sale and transport of assault firearms and certain types of firearm magazines.

Saslaw pulled the bill last week, but Del. Mark H. Levine, D-Alexandria, introduced a similar bill in the House, HB 961. Levine’s bill would prohibit the sale and transport of assault firearms, certain firearm magazines, silencers, and trigger activators, as well as outlines penalties.

Amy Parker of Westmoreland County said gun control legislation doesn’t make her feel safe.

“Everything they are trying to ban is going to get rid of most guns that people use for self defense,” said Parker. “It’s my right to not be a victim.”

Other gun bills in the General Assembly include SB 70, which requires a universal

background check when people sell firearms; SB 69, which limits handgun purchases to one a month; SB 35, which allows localities to ban firearms in a public space during a permitted event; and SB 240, which would create a process for attorneys and law enforcement to file emergency orders prohibiting a person from purchasing, possessing or transferring a firearm if they pose “a substantial risk of injury to himself or others.” The first three passed the Senate last week and SB 240 awaits a vote.

Van Cleave spoke against the measures endorsed by Northam and Democratic lawmakers. Van Cleave was joined on stage by several Republican legislators, among them Del. Nick Freitas, R-Culpeper, Del. John McGuire, R-Henrico and Sen. Amanda Chase, R-Chesterfield.

“Every other freedom that we have as Americans is based on that Second Amendment,” said Chase, repeating a phrase that she used earlier while addressing advocates waiting in line to lobby lawmakers.

Chase, who previously wore a pistol on the Senate floor during the 2019 General Assembly session, said in a Capital News Service interview that she was “so encouraged” by the rally turnout. Chase said she will continue to work with gun rights advocates to overturn the proposed legislation: “We’re gonna make it happen.”

**ATTENDEES** expressed happiness that the massive event was not marred by any major disruptions or violence.

“I’ve been following the bills and listening to all of the news surrounding today, and I wanted to see for myself that those of us in Richmond could come out here and be peaceful,” said Ryan Querry, a psychology student at Virginia Commonwealth University. “Most people say they are surprised that it turned out so peaceful, but this is exactly what I expected.”



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Held throughout the year, The Shepherd's Center Senior Socials afford guests the opportunity to socialize and stay connected in the community. These Senior Social events help to address the Vision Statement of The Shepherd's Center: A World Without Loneliness.

Entertainment will be provided by Jody Marshall on hammered dulcimer and Jim Queen on fiddle. A native of the Washington, D.C. area, Jody has been performing and teaching dulcimer since 1988 and was a founding member of the folk popular trios, Ironweed and MoonFire. Her performance cred-



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#### Jody Marshall

its include the Corcoran Gallery of Art, the Folger Shakespeare Library, the Smithsonian Institution, the Kennedy Center, and the White House.

Jim Queen is a 30-year veteran performer with the Air Force Band. Master of many instruments, his first love is the fiddle. Jim has performed all over the world and in just about every state, and for luminaries in every field. He plays just about every fiddle and violin style in the book, from Mozart to mariachi, and is currently the fiddler in the popular Celtic band, Iona.

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The following summary contains various incidents of general interest as well as vehicular crashes handled by the Town of Vienna, Virginia Police Department from Jan. 10, 2020 – Jan. 16, 2020.

## INCIDENTS

**Lost Property** — 900 Block Frederick Street, SW Between July 1, 2019 at 12 p.m. and Dec. 30, 2019 at 12 p.m. A resident reported that they lost their passport.

**Suspicious Event** — 400 Block Kingsley Road, SW Between Aug. 1, 2019 at 8:21 p.m. and Jan. 13 at 8:21 p.m. A tenant reported ongoing issues with her landlord. The landlord advised it is the tenant that is causing the problems.

**Missing Person** — 200 Block Park Terrace Court, SE Dec. 15 at 11:59 p.m. On Jan. 11, a person reported they were concerned about their relative who had not been heard from since Dec. 15. The resident was listed as a missing person and a lookout was sent to surrounding jurisdictions. The following day, it was determined that the resident was in the custody of the Loudoun County Sheriff's Department.

**Fraud** — Burke & Herbert Bank 302 Maple Avenue, West Dec. 23, 3 p.m. On Jan. 10, a resident reported a fraud that happened on Dec. 23. The resident advised that his wife went to the Burke & Herbert Bank to pay their mortgage. She gave the mortgage check to a female at the bank. The resident was later informed that the payment was never received. An employee at the bank found the check had been cashed in another state and was made payable to an individual, instead of the mortgage company.

**Fraud** — 1200 Block Ware Street, SW Between Jan. 8 at 12:01 a.m. and Jan. 10 at 12:01 a.m. A resident reported that an unknown person used her personal information to open a PayPal account and unsuccessfully attempted to open another line of credit.

**Suspicious Event** — 400 Block MacArthur Avenue, NE Between Jan. 8 at 6:18 p.m. and Jan. 12 at 6:18 p.m. A resident advised that on two separate occasions, people have arrived at his residence to collect a puppy they have purchased. The resident is concerned that scammers may be using his address while defrauding people.

**Animal Case** — 900 Block Hillcrest Drive, SW Jan. 10 9:28 a.m. A resident reported a sick fox that was in her yard. Ofc. Guwca found the fox in grave condition and euthanized the animal.

**Robbery** — Cunningham Park Elementary School 1002 Park

Street, SE Jan. 10 between 2:50 p.m. and 3 p.m. A person flagged down an officer and reported that there was a child in front of the school crying, and stating that his cell phone had just been stolen. The child and his friend were last seen going into the elementary school. Ofc. Guwca located the two boys in the school with the school's staff. The boys advised they are students at Thoreau Middle School. One of the boys stated that a group of students at Thoreau has been bothering him

for several months. As he and his friend were walking home from school, the same group of students approached him. During the incident, one of the juveniles in the group slapped the boy and the group ran off. The boy then realized his cell phone had been taken. The boy was not injured during the incident.

**Found Property** — Dairy Queen 304 Maple Avenue, West Jan. 10, 9:33 p.m. A person turned in a wallet that she found in the parking lot.

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Madison forwards Leo Steiner and Ben Cowell face off against the McLean Highlanders. Steiner had one goal and one assist however Madison would fall to McLean 3-9.

## Madison Falls to McLean

The Madison Ice Hockey team was upended by McLean Friday night 3-9. McLean would score off of the opening faceoff and tally a second goal about a minute later giving the Highlanders an early 2 goal lead. Defenseman Nick Willey, assisted by Matt Hetherington, would blast a slapshot from the blue line to get Madison back in the game, but a string of penalties would stifle Madison's scoring opportunities.

Madison would pick up a couple of goals in the third period by forward Jack Hunter, assisted by forward Leo Steiner and later a goal by Leo Steiner, assisted by defenseman Michael Crespy but it would be too little, too late. Madison was outshot 32-29. The Warhawks face Independence / Rock Ridge on Friday, Jan. 31 at 6:10 p.m. at Reston Skatequest. It will be Madison's senior night with 10 players being recognized.

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### THURSDAY/JAN. 23

**Vaping Education for Parents.** 7-8:30 p.m. At McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. Are you worried that your kids or their friends are vaping? According to the Fairfax Youth Survey results for 2018-19, more than 30% of surveyed students at McLean and Langley High Schools reported having vaped in the past month compared to 20% of high schoolers across Fairfax County and nationwide. This free evening event will include details on prevention and intervention with presentations by the following: McLean mom Gail Embt will share her parenting journey when teen vaping hit close to home and how her family conversations changed from confrontation to cooperation in order to change her teen's behavior. A local pulmonologist, Dr. Jeff Hales, will present the latest medical updates on the health risks of vaping in youth. More details about Gail and her journey can be found here: <https://www.breakthevape.com/about>. For questions about the program, contact [info@breakthevape.com](mailto:info@breakthevape.com).

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**Fine Arts Scholarship Competition.** High school students are invited to showcase their artistic achievements in the 2020 James C. Macdonald Performing Arts Scholarship Competition. Sponsored by The Alden, this competition encourages local youths' artistic development and promotes the study of the arts. The deadline to apply is Friday, Jan. 24. The competition is open to ninth- through 12th-grade students who reside or attend school in Dranesville Small Tax District-1A. A \$1,200 scholarship prize will be given to first-place winners in each of the following categories: Dance, Theater, Vocal Music and Instrumental Music; second-place winners in all four categories will receive \$800; third-place winners will each receive \$400. Applications can be completed online at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/TheAldenMacdonald2020>. A non-refundable, \$20 fee is required for each application form submitted. For more information, visit: <https://mcleancenter.org/performing-arts/community-arts-2> or contact Alden Youth Theatre Programs Director Danielle Van Hook at [danielle.vanhook@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:danielle.vanhook@fairfaxcounty.gov) or 703-790-0123, TTY: 711.

### FRIDAY/FEB. 7

**Preschool Transition to Kindergarten for Students with Disabilities.** 10 a.m. to noon. At Dunn Loring Center for Parent Services, 2334 Gallows Road, Dunn Loring. The transition to kindergarten is a big one for kids and can be even more so for children with disabilities. Learn how parents can collaborate with FCPS to ensure their students have a smooth transition to Kindergarten.

### TUESDAY/FEB. 11

**Valentine's Day Luncheon.** 12 noon to 2 p.m. At Vienna Community Center, 120 Cherry Street, SE, Vienna. Cost is \$18/person. Hosted by SCOV and The Vienna Community Center. Registration required by Feb. 3. Call 703-281-0538. You must be registered to attend. No walk-ins please.

**NARFE Chapter Meeting.** 2 p.m. At Vienna Community Center, 120 Cherry Street, SE, Vienna. NARFE (National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association) Chapter Meeting. Guest speaker – Marge Van Lierde - "The Road Ahead" - Transitioning into a retirement community. Refreshments will be served. Free. Members and guests. Call 703-205-9041.

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## Treat One, Get Two.



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

I'm sure you regular readers are waiting with bated breath for the confirmation of my updated health status. Unfortunately, for the moment anyway, we'll all have to wait a bit longer. Though the needle biopsy of my "Adam's Apple" tumor did indeed confirm thyroid cancer, stage 2, no such confirmation or clarification as to its origin was made, or whether it's been thyroid cancer that I've been living with all these years, instead of non small cell lung cancer, stage 4 or not. However, there is a path forward. Surgery to remove my thyroid gland, along with my "Adam's Apple" tumor, and possibly a lymph node is in the planning stage. As such, scheduled for next Friday is an appointment with a head and neck surgeon to determine my fitness for surgery. All we've been told so far is that the surgery is usually outpatient, arrive in the morning and leave that afternoon (maybe I'll bring along my dry cleaning). Apparently, this is the next step "on the road to find out" (Cat Stevens).

If I am indeed home that same evening, I've been told by my endocrinologist that the recovery period is approximately two weeks. At present I don't have any details of what "recovery" exactly means/entails. If all goes according to the pre-surgical-actually-discussing-the-procedure-with-the-surgeon conversation, a month or so after the procedure, I will revisit my endocrinologist to have radioisotopes administered somehow. Once inside my body, I will be scanned by a machine looking exclusively for thyroid cancer. This will confirm, if I understand the process correctly, whether the tumors in my lungs are thyroid or lung cancer.

In the interim, I am to continue with my immunotherapy ("I. O.") and with any other appointments, scans, etc. I recall something that my oncologist said about my lung cancer tumors during his "exciting" phone call. He said that my tumors never really acted the way he anticipated, as if they weren't non small cell lung cancer at all. And sure enough, some of them, as confirmed by the first of my recent two biopsies were thyroid cancer. As I've been joking, this is what my oncologist gets excited about as opposed to what yours truly would get excited about: a World Series Championship. And also, as he said, thyroid tumors are more treatable, with more choices and better outcomes - which is exciting for me.

OKAY. So I have thyroid cancer and it's more treatable. Wonderful news. But do I still have lung cancer? If so, where's the future in that? Is it somehow no longer a "terminal" disease because I've outlived my original "13 month to two year" prognosis? Will I now be treated for thyroid cancer only to die of lung cancer? Moreover, am I now going to get treated twice, in two medical suites, one for each cancer? Have these multiple biopsies simply determined that the doctors were actually right - both times and I'm just the unfortunate patient to be so wronged?

For 10 or so years, until last January, I was treated for lung cancer - with chemotherapy. However, this past January, the Adam's Apple" tumor appeared and we switched to immunotherapy. The reason for the change: the lung cancer had spread, according to my oncologist. Now, a year later, the story/diagnosis has changed, thanks to my most recent biopsy. The tumor wasn't lung cancer that had spread, it was thyroid cancer that had spread. I didn't even know I had thyroid cancer. Now you're telling me it's spread? How lucky am I? Two cancers for the price of one. I guess this will make health insurance more affordable, sort of like buying in bulk at Costco.

The big question: did my lung cancer treatment inadvertently prevent my thyroid cancer from manifesting/metastasizing or did its non-diagnosis allow it to grow unimpeded and now present this quite unexpected/unanticipated complication? Explain though it may to my oncologist why I haven't succumbed to my original disease, it doesn't quite explain to me what the hell's been going on and why.

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## Here's What's Happening at MCC!

### The Old Firehouse 5th & 6th Grader Parties



**Snow Ball**  
Friday, Jan. 24, 7-9 p.m.  
1440 Chain Bridge Rd.  
\$35/\$25 MCC district residents

### Presented by The Alden



**Hiplet Ballerinas**  
Saturday, Jan. 25, 6 p.m.  
\$30/\$20 MCC district residents

### The Old Firehouse Teacher Workday Trip



**Skiing/Snowboarding**  
Monday, Jan. 27, 8 a.m.-6 p.m.  
\$140/\$120 MCC district residents

### The Old Firehouse Teacher Workday Trip



**Indoor Go Karting**  
Tuesday, Jan. 28, 8 a.m.-6 p.m.  
\$80/\$70 MCC district residents

### Presented by The Alden



**"We Shall Overcome featuring Damien Sneed"**  
Thursday, Jan. 30, 7 p.m.  
\$45/\$35 Senior  
\$20 MCC district residents

### The Old Firehouse



**Family Fun Bingo**  
Friday, Feb. 7, 7-9 p.m.  
1440 Chain Bridge Rd.  
\$15/\$10 MCC district residents

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**Flamenco Vivo/Carlota Santana**  
Saturday, Feb. 8, 7 p.m.  
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### WEDNESDAY/JAN. 22

**Preschool Storytime.** 10:30 a.m. At Oakton Library, 10304 Lynnhaven Place, Oakton. Have fun with your little one while building early literacy foundations for reading success. Age 3-5 with adult. Visit <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/branches/oakton>

**Qigong Introduction.** 2 p.m. At Oakton Library, 10304 Lynnhaven Place, Oakton. Learn to practice the Ancient Chinese exercises of Qigong to improve your health and increase your vitality. Adults and Older Adults. No registration necessary, but space is limited to first 20 people. First come, first served. Visit <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/branches/oakton>

**Holy Happy Hour.** 6:15 p.m. At Lewinsville Presbyterian Church, 1724 Chain Bridge Road, McLean. Music featuring the U.S. Navy Band Woodwind Quintet with flute, oboe, clarinet, French horn and bassoon. Concert will run one hour, followed by fellowship. Visit <https://www.lewinsville.org/concerts/> or call the church office during business hours 703-356-7200.

**Auditions.** 7-9 p.m. At McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. The Alden's youth production open auditions for "Dorothy Meets Alice or The Wizard of Wonderland" on Wednesday, Jan. 22, 7-9 p.m. Students between the ages of 10 and 16 who live in the MCC tax district (Small District 1A-Dranesville) are eligible to audition. Rehearsals will be held from 7-9 p.m. on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, from late January through March. Performances will be held March 28-29 and April 4-5 at 2 p.m. in The Alden. To schedule an audition time, email [danielle.vanhook@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:danielle.vanhook@fairfaxcounty.gov).

### THURSDAY/JAN. 23

**Acoustic Autumn Live Music.** 6:30-9 p.m. At Blend 111, 111 Church Street, NW, Vienna. Laissez Fouré is an acoustic swing quartet playing classics from the '30s and '40s. The group consists of acoustic bass, swing rhythm guitar, saxophone/clarinet, and trumpet. In the tradition of New Orleans jazz, the quartet emphasizes an acoustic sound when feasible and plays charts by Armstrong, Ellington, Count Basie and others from the era.

### SATURDAY/JAN. 25

**Celebration of New Ministry.** 11 a.m. At St. John's Episcopal Church, 6715 Georgetown Pike in McLean. Service for the Celebration of New Ministry and the Institution of its 10th Rector, the Rev. Joshua D. Walters. The Very Rev. Fran Gardner-Smith, Dean, North Fairfax Region, will preside at the service. The Rev. Doctor John Wilkinson, Minister, Chestnut Hill Presbyterian Church will be the guest preacher. A reception will follow.

**Open Tech Lab.** 2 p.m. At Oakton Library, 10304 Lynnhaven Place, Oakton. Explore STEM concepts through a variety of maker activities. All ages. Visit <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/branches/oakton>

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## "Leading Ladies" is Jan. 17-Feb. 1 at the Vienna Community Center

In rehearsal of VTC's upcoming production of "Leading Ladies," the character Doc, portrayed by Steve Rosenthal, disapproves of the relation his son Butch, portrayed by Ric Anderson and Audrey portrayed by Dana Gattuso.

### NOW THRU FEB. 1

**"Leading Ladies."** At The Vienna Community Center, 120 Cherry Street, SE, Vienna. The romantic comedy "Leading Ladies" centers on two down-on-their-luck English Shakespearean actors, Jack and Leo, reduced to performing "Scenes from Shakespeare" on the Moose Lodge circuit in 1950's rural Pennsylvania. They hear an old lady in a nearby town is about to die and leave two-thirds of her fortune to her two long lost English relatives, Max and Steve. They resolve to pass themselves off as these beloved relatives and get the cash. However, they make a critically incorrect assumption about Max and Steve. Ken Ludwig's brilliant brand of, mayhem, madness and mirth ensue. Show times are 8 p.m.: Jan. 17, 18, 24, 25, 31, Feb. 1; 2 p.m.: Jan. 26, and Feb. 2. Tickets are \$15. Tickets may be purchased in advance at VCC or by cash, credit card or check at the door before each performance if still available. Visit [www.viennatheatrecompany.org](http://www.viennatheatrecompany.org)

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