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Bryan Watson played three seasons with the Washington Capitals. He died July 8 at the age of 78.

## Bryan 'Bugsy' Watson Dies at 78

NHL great opened Old Town sports bar in 1983.

BY JEANNE THEISMANN  
GAZETTE PACKET

To anyone who knew him, Bryan Watson was larger than life. The gritty National Hockey League defenseman turned Alexandria Sports Bar owner was a fixture in Old Town, where he made his home following his retirement as a player from professional sports in 1979.

"He was one of the last of the 'King Street Mafia,'" said Old Town Business Association representative Charlotte Hall referring to a group of early restaurateurs who took a chance on the 100 block of King Street in the early 1980s. "Gordon King with Bullfeathers, Mr. Ray with the Fish Market. Now only Ralph Davis and Franco Landini are still with us but even though they are not actively involved on a daily basis, I think back to how they all transformed that part of the city."

Watson opened Bugsy's Pizza Restaurant and Sports Bar in 1983, hanging up his skates for a second time in 2013 when he sold the business to longtime employee Bartolome Paz to spend more time with his family and enjoy his home on the Eastern Shore.

On July 8, Watson died at his St. Michaels retreat at the age of 78. The cause of death was listed as pneumonia but Watson had also



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Bryan "Bugsy" Watson, right, at his sports bar in 2013, died July 8 at the age of 78.

battled lung cancer in recent years. Born Nov. 14, 1942, in Bancroft, Ontario, Bryan Joseph Watson began playing organized hockey at the age of 13 in Peterborough,

Ontario. He played junior hockey with the Peterborough Petes of the Ontario Hockey Association from 1960 to 1963 under the skillful SEE BRYAN 'BUGSY'. ON PAGE 12



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Fireworks light up the sky over the Potomac River in the finale of the City of Alexandria's 272nd birthday celebration July 10 at Oronoco Bay Park.

## Oh, What a Night

Fireworks return in 272nd birthday celebration.

BY JEANNE THEISMANN  
GAZETTE PACKET

Following a pandemic-canceled celebration in 2020, fireworks once again lit up the skies over the Potomac River as the City of Alexandria celebrated its 272nd birthday July 10 at Oronoco Bay Park.

"Just to be out here is amaz-

ing," said Mayor Justin Wilson. "To have this crowd here, have a beautiful night and see all these people – it's exciting."

In a scaled-down event intended to reduce crowds and prevent the spread of COVID-19, the city eliminated the customary distribution of birthday cake and the cannon

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Maestro James Ross and members of the Alexandria Symphony Orchestra take a bow following their performance during Alexandria's 272nd birthday celebration July 10 at Oronoco Bay Park.



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# Rebuilding Hospitality

Restaurants, hotels and performing arts venues struggle with recovery.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE  
GAZETTE PACKET

Two weeks before the pandemic, George and Maria Christou purchased the storied Alexandria restaurant RT's. It seemed like they were just opening the doors on a dream come true. But then the world turned into a nightmare. They were forced to shut down, closing their doors and trying to figure out how they were going to navigate through dark times. The first step was getting ahold of money from the Paycheck Protection Program.

"We had 27 employees when we got the place, and we were able to bring 10 of them back," said George Christou. "Most of them were just sitting around because we were not that busy at the beginning. But we wanted to give people their jobs back."

Now that the pandemic is fading into a bad memory, Alexandria's hospitality industry is at a crossroads. All that federal assistance was gone long ago, and now Christou is receiving a boost from the Rebuild Virginia Economic Recovery Fund. Gov. Ralph Northam was at the restaurant this week, enjoying some calamari and handing over a check for \$100,000. Christou says it'll help him make payroll, but his business is still hampered by a supply chain gone haywire.

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— Virginia Secretary of Commerce  
**Brian Ball.**



Gov. Ralph Northam presents checks from the Rebuild Virginia Economic Recovery Fund to George and Maria Christou, left, and Breanna Perez, right.

said Christou. "About a month ago, the cost of salmon just doubled. So every week, it's something different."

**THE HOSPITALITY INDUSTRY** has been at the center of Alexandria's business community since colonial times. These days, it remains central to the economic health of the city. Census records show that before the pandemic, Alexandria had 350 restaurants with 6,700 employees and an annual payroll of \$153 million. Returning to those numbers is proving difficult because the labor market isn't supplying enough workers for the pay that's being offered.

"I have a very pleased 16-year-old in my home who is thrilled about the inability to find staff because he's now working for \$15 an hour in a restaurant," said Mayor Justin Wilson. "So it's great for teenagers right now, but it is a challenge for a lot of our business owners."

Alexandria's hotel industry is facing a different set of problems, one driven by a lack of business travel. Census records show that before the pandemic, Alexandria had 22 hotels with 1,400 employees and an annual payroll of

\$43 million. Although other parts of Virginia have seen their hotel industry recover, Northern Virginia is lagging behind because of the lack

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— George Christou, owner of RT's Restaurant

of the conferences and events that draw people to the region.

"Leisure is coming back, but business is not quite there yet," said Virginia Secretary of Com-

merce Brian Ball. "Hotels in other parts of the state like Virginia Beach have seen more uptake in their business than I've heard in Northern Virginia, where you have more business travelers."

**IN SOME WAYS,** the hospitality industry is now thriving again as tourists return to the nation's capital and flock to the city's well-known restaurants. In other ways, many people are still struggling as business travel remains moribund.

Earlier this week, Marriott formally notified Virginia officials that it would be laying off 89 employees from its hotel at the Key Bridge, a devastating setback for dozens of families.

"When you get a notice that folks have been laid off, that's the hardest," said Matt de Ferranti, chairman of the Arlington County Board. "Our hotel industry has really taken a hit, and we've seen a real loss in Rosslyn and Crystal City."

Performing arts venues are now open for business again, although they are dealing with a separate set of problems. Census records show that before the pandemic, Alexandria had 23 performing arts venues with 300 employees and an annual payroll of \$19 million. Many of those workers are waiting for touring acts to get back on the road so they can get back to work.

"What we're hearing from music venues is that even though capacity has been changed and they can welcome people, there's a really slow tail for national performers to get back out on the road," said Stephanie Landrum, executive director of the Alexandria Economic Development Partnership.

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## Seeking Alexandria Centenarians

**Alexandrians 100 Years of Age and Older Invited to Participate in Centenarian Day Recognition.**

The City of Alexandria, in collaboration with the Successful Aging Committee, will celebrate National

Centenarian Day by honoring the experiences and achievements of Alexandrians who have lived a century or longer. At the Sept. 28

City Council meeting, a slideshow presentation will recognize residents who will be 100 years old or older by Dec. 31.

Alexandria centenarians who choose to participate in the presentation will receive a certificate honoring their lifetime experiences and achievements and a recognition coin. To participate or submit a nomination, complete an appli-

cation and social history form by July 30.

The City will celebrate Alexandria residents who are among the estimated 100,322 centenarians living in the United States. Centenarian Day is an opportunity to celebrate Alexandrians' resilience and life experiences.

The Successful Aging Committee includes representatives from

Senior Services of Alexandria, St. Martin de Porres Senior Center (Catholic Charities), the Charles Houston Senior Center (Alexandria Redevelopment and Housing Authority) and the City of Alexandria.

Visit alexandriava.gov/Aging for more information, and to access the online and printable documents.

# Hot Summer Climate Flows into the Real Estate Market

With the pandemic shrinking, bidding wars are part of the house buying process.

BY MIKE SALMON  
THE CONNECTION

The hot real estate market in Alexandria, Mount Vernon and beyond is keeping agents busy as multiple bids often result in higher prices for the nicer properties, but location is still a big selling point.

Chris White, a Realtor at Long and Foster office in Old Town, and his team have had 71 sales so far in 2021. White said the low interest rates and the attractions are bringing buyers in. Some are looking to live along the parkway in the Mount Vernon area for open space, larger lots and more greenery, he said. "I think the bike trail plays a big part," he said.

The Jen Walker Team is busy in the City of Alexandria, as well as points south such as Waynewood in Mount Vernon.

"It's been crazy," said Nicky MacNaughton, an agent with the team. She listed a three-bedroom, 1.5 bath house in DelRay that attracted seven offers. "It showed well with a huge backyard," she said. "Charming but still walkable to yoga, Aldi and others, all in one package," she added.

It's that way across the board this summer in Northern Virginia and the signs keep going up in the front lawns, but they don't stay there long.

Donna Cramer at McEneaney Associates Realtors has seen many surges in the real estate market in her career, but a recent transaction with a mid-century modern house in Springfield was a good example of how hot this market is.

There were 26 offers and the house went for about \$300,000 more than listing price. "I had no idea mid-century modern was that hot," Cramer said. "It made my sellers very happy."

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This house in Hayfield Farm was listed at \$649,900 and after multiple bids, sold for \$748,000.

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Cramer said there are a lot of bidding wars, but not always. Sometimes a buyer comes in with a high bid and no one challenges it.

According to a comparison by the Northern Virginia Association of Realtors, sales in April 2021 to sales in April 2020, the average home price in Fairfax County was \$714,564, which was up 9.7 percent from last year. Then a bidding war, caused by the demand for housing in this area, could push the price up from there.

Why the demand around here? The federal government, Pentagon and military bases around the beltway have always been a magnet for people relocating to this area. "This area offers, a proximity to the Washington, D.C. area, the ability to work from home, more affordable homes than in D.C., very good schools, and more square footage – especially for families with children," said Quinton Simmons from the National Association of Real-



The red-hot real estate market in Northern Virginia is creating a lot of turnover for buyers and sellers.

## NVAR Stats for May Home Sales in Northern Virginia

❖ Inventory of houses on the market were 3,452 new listings in May 2021 compared to 2,174 in May 2020

❖ City of Alexandria had 1,318 sales from Jan-May 2021 compared to 889 for the same period in 2020

❖ Fairfax County, properties sold for 103.5% of list price

❖ A total of 2,656 homes sold in May 2021, a 63.8% increase above May 2020 home sales of 1,622

❖ Average home price in May 2021 was \$745,323 compared to the average price in May 2020 of \$641,002

tors.

Derrick Swaak, president of Northern Virginia Association of Realtors, said contributing "factors include historically low mortgage rates, a strong stock market and a robust local economy."

That economy is driven by new arrivals in the corporate world too, said Swaak. "Amazon is looking to fill 1,900 jobs in and around HQ2. Currently there are 1,600 employed there. The region also continues to attract new businesses, such as Starkist moving its headquarters to Reston, Guidehouse establishing a global HQ in Fairfax County, with 900 new jobs," he said. The DC metro area is a popular place for new college graduates to move to when they are starting their careers, and many stay here.

Karen Hall, a real estate agent in the Kingstowne area, recommends that in a market like this, make sure you hire an agent who is excellent at negotiations and strategy (two different things), and hunts for off-market properties. She added that it's best for buyers to double check that they are making their strongest offer so they won't lose sleep if they don't win.

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#### THURSDAY/JULY 15

JLNV Membership Event. 7 p.m. Virtual Event. Zoom call to learn more about membership in the Junior League of Northern Virginia. Go to [https://members.jlnv.org/?nd=vms\\_public\\_form&form\\_id=341](https://members.jlnv.org/?nd=vms_public_form&form_id=341) to RSVP.

Members will share their experiences and opportunities they've explored through the Junior League, and answer any questions you may have about becoming a member. Applications are still open for the Summer 2021 New Member class. Website: <https://www.jlnv.org/july-15th-jlnv-virtual-meet-and-greet/>

#### STABLER-LEADBEATER APOTHECARY MUSEUM REOPENS

Starting on July 11, the Stabler-Leadbeater Apothecary Museum will reopen for guests, joining Gadsby's Tavern Museum, Alexandria Archaeology Museum, and the Alexandria History Museum at The Lyceum, and Friendship Firehouse Museum. Alexandria Black History Museum, Fort Ward Museum & Historic Site, and Freedom House Museum remain closed for ongoing

renovations. The Apothecary Museum will offer two different tour experiences - a self-guided tour for \$5 per adult, \$3 per child (5-12) of the first floor including a souvenir booklet or a guided tour for \$8 per person ages 5 and up of the 2 floors of the Museum. Current City of Alexandria COVID policies will be in effect. For additional information, visit [www.alexandriava.gov/Apothecary](http://www.alexandriava.gov/Apothecary). Open Hours starting July 11: Alexandria Archaeology Museum

Fridays, 11 a.m. - 4 p.m., Saturdays, 11 a.m. - 5 p.m., Sundays, 1 - 5 p.m. Alexandria History Museum at The Lyceum Thursdays, 11 a.m. - 4 p.m., Fridays, 11 a.m. - 4 p.m., Saturdays, 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. Gadsby's Tavern Museum Thursdays, 11 a.m. - 4 p.m., Fridays, 11 a.m. - 4 p.m., Saturdays, 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.,

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## New Laws Effective July 1

BY SEN. ADAM EBBIN

July 1st, marks the effective date for legislation passed during the 2021 General Assembly Session to become law. The Democratic majority took decisive, sometimes historic action to build a stronger, more inclusive Commonwealth. We passed some 935 bills which ranged from COVID recovery to criminal justice reform to protecting our environment, and many topics in between. I have compiled a list of some of the significant legislation which went into effect July 1. For an in depth review of laws passed this year, please reference In Due Course, an annual publication detailing new laws compiled by the Division of Legislative Services. <http://dls.virginia.gov/pubs/idc/idc21.pdf>

New Laws Going Into Effect:

Bills I Sponsored:

**Illegal Evictions.** Allows tenants to receive damages if a landlord illegally evicts them and expedites the timeline for hearings on illegal eviction cases. (SB1215/HB1900)

**Flooding Mitigation.** Provides flexibility to localities in using flood water assistance funds by allowing for short-term, stop-gap projects to protect neighborhoods and homes from inland flooding. (SB1309)

Banning Guns in State Build-

ings and Capitol Square. Codifies state policy banning firearms in state buildings and expands the ban to Richmond's Capitol Square. (SB1381/HB2295)

**Marijuana Legalization.** Removes penalties for the possession for adults possessing up to an ounce of cannabis and sets the framework for a legal adult use market focused on equity ownership in 2024. For frequently asked questions, please visit the Governor's cannabis website. (SB1406/HB2312)

Other Notable Laws:

**Clean Cars.** Establishes low-emission and zero-emission standards for vehicles starting in model year 2025. (HB1965)

**Styrofoam Container Phaseout.** Prohibits use of polystyrene food containers by chain restaurants by July 1, 2023, and all food vendors by July 1, 2025. (HB1902)

**Affordable Housing.** Establishes a state tax credit to encourage private investment in the creation and preservation of low-income housing. (SB1197)

**Domestic Violence Prevention.** Removes the ability for convicted domestic abusers to own or purchase firearms for 3 years after



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conviction. (HB1992)

**Voting Reform.** Permanently establishes ballot drop-boxes at registrar's offices and increases accessibility for voters with a visual impairment or print disability. (SB1245).

**Workforce Development.** Establishes the "Get Skilled, Get a Job, Give Back (G3)" Program, which provides incentives and opportunities for low- and middle-income students to earn an associates' degree in a high-demand field. (SB1405/HB2204).

**Unemployment Help.** Allows Virginians to continue receiving benefits if their case is appealed until a determination is made on their case, and removes requirements of repayment of benefits if a person, through no fault of their own, received incorrect benefits and cannot repay them. (HB2040)

**Cocktails To Go.** Continues to allow restaurants to deliver and sell mixed alcoholic beverages to customers for off-premises consumption until July 1, 2022. (SB1299/HB1879)

**Death Penalty.** Abolishes the Death Penalty in Virginia. (SB1165/HB2263)

**Fair Criminal Trials.** Requires criminal proceedings to take mental health and emotional conditions into consideration at trial. (SB1315/HB2047)

**Reflecting our History.** Replaces the statue of Robert E. Lee with a statue of civil rights leader Barbara Johns in Statuary Hall in the US Capitol. (SJ288/HJ525)

**Bicyclist Safety.** Requires motor vehicles to change lanes when overtaking a bicycle if they cannot pass at least three feet to the left of the cyclist and removes the limitations on riding bicycles two abreast. (HB2262)

**Medical Cannabis.** Allows licensed medical cannabis providers to sell marijuana plants and plant material to patients rather than just oil-based products. (SB1333/HB2218)

This legislative session caps off the most progressive two-years in Virginia's history, but the reality is that there is still much work to be done to ensure we build a Virginia that works for everyone. The COVID19 pandemic laid bare so many inequities and inefficiencies baked into our system, and it will take years to fully repair those flaws. With your support, we can ensure we continue to have a progressive majority in Richmond who will do exactly that.

## Virginia Private Colleges Week

BY DELEGATE PAUL KRIZEK



Krizek

July 26-31 marks Private Colleges Week in Virginia. Virginia is fortunate to have a very strong higher education system, and private 4-year institutions comprise an integral part: there are 38 four-year higher education institutions in Virginia, 23 of which are private. Although our public colleges are some of the best in the nation, private colleges are uniquely able to meet the educational and professional needs of many Virginians — especially those underrepresented in public institutions.

The sticker price of private colleges is often more expensive than their public counterparts, but financial aid and grant programs can make them more affordable for

low-income and underrepresented students. 64% of Virginia private colleges in a recent report have an average family income of less than \$100,000, as opposed to 28% of the reporting public colleges. Furthermore, 45% of students enrolled in Virginia private colleges utilize Pell grants, which is a federal program that provides money to students from low-income households that does not have to be repaid. I am a big supporter of the Virginia Tuition Assistance Grant (TAG) program, which provides annual grants to private college students. Beginning in the 2021-2022 school year, \$4,000 will be available per year for qualified undergraduate students and \$2,200 for qualified graduate and medical students. However, for those un-

dergraduate students pursuing a career in teaching, payments will be increased by an additional \$500 in their senior year. These grants total approximately \$80 million per year. Indeed, if the 23,000 TAG recipients were enrolled at public

institutions, the cost to the Commonwealth would be much higher.

Additionally, private colleges are also working to address racial inequities in the education system. 69% of the student populations

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## Virginia Private Colleges Week

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enrolled in 4-year private colleges are from underrepresented populations, which includes non-white US citizens and permanent residents, Pell grant recipients, students over the age of 25, and students from localities with low rates of attainment. Out of our 23 Virginia private colleges, two are HBCUs and one is a predominantly Hispanic serving institution.

As private institutions, these colleges are often more nimble and better equipped to address pressing economic and racial disparities in education. Having a Bachelor's degree is incredibly beneficial to students as they expand their knowledge base and advance their opportunities in the job market. According to a 2017 Bureau of Labor Statistics report, those with a Bachelor's degree make \$461 more per week than those with only a high school education. Private colleges are able to assist people from all backgrounds in reaping the benefits of higher education.

Beyond creating more equitable outcomes for historically marginalized or low-income

individuals, Virginia's private colleges help us all through their diverse degree programs. For example, 51% of Virginia's Bachelor's degrees in education are from private institutions, as are 45% of our nursing degrees. Private institutions also have various graduate programs including one pharmacy school and two osteopathic medical schools. These programs — and their graduates — are central to the health and economy of Virginia as a whole. As a Commonwealth, we need what private colleges can produce.

Private colleges are needed to meet the educational and professional needs of Virginians, especially those underrepresented in public institutions. I encourage my high school constituents and their families, as well as adults looking to start or continue their higher education, to participate in the upcoming Virginia Private Colleges Week. You may be surprised and excited by the diverse and high-quality educational opportunities we have here in Virginia.

<http://www.cicv.org/Our-Colleges/Virginia-Private-College-Week.aspx>

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# Fireworks Return in 272nd Birthday Celebration

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support from the 3rd U.S. Infantry Regiment.

Attendees were encouraged to gather at several locations along the waterfront as well as at the George Washington Masonic National Memorial to view the fireworks display, which was repositioned to be visible from multiple vantage points.

“We changed the location of the fireworks this year so folks can see it from a lot of different areas,” Wilson said. “I was worried the crowd might be too small but it looks pretty close to normal.”

The main attraction was the Alexandria Symphony Orchestra, led by Maestro James Ross. A 50-minute performance culminated with Tchaikovsky’s “1812 Overture.”

Alexandria’s Town Crier Ben Fiore-Walker welcomed the crowd and Wilson was joined onstage by members of City Council and city officials. Alexandria’s Poet Laureate KaNikki Jakarta appeared virtually to deliver a special presentation.

“This feels so good,” said Alexandria resident Michael Fannon. “After a year of being in our rooms, it is nice that we can come out and see people again.”

The birthday celebration was sponsored by the city and coordinated by the Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities. Sponsors of the concert include: KSA Integration; Networking Engineering and Technologies; United Bank; Caudron Megary Blackburn; John D. Kling, DDS; Sunrise of Old Town; Chadwick’s; and Burke and Herbert Bank.

“It really is great to be back,” Wilson added. “And next year we will have the cannons back. They are my favorite part.”

PHOTOS BY JANET BARNETT  
GAZETTE PACKET



Courtney Golubin, Addie Stansbury, Claire Robertson and Garrett Golubin stand beside an American flag to celebrate the city’s 272nd birthday July 10 in Oronoco Bay Park.



Linda and Mike Oliver, sporting his license plate from the city’s 250th birthday celebration 22 years ago, enjoy the July 10 festivities in Oronoco Bay Park.



Diane Willis, seated, holds Jaylen Butler with Arnette Jones, Zandaya Jones and Malleah Muskelly gathered behind them at Founders Park for the city’s July 10 272nd birthday celebration.



Cindy Golubin, standing, is joined by Lisa Burkhardt, Bridgett Taylor and Sandra Carson for the celebration of Alexandria’s 272nd birthday July 10 in Oronoco Bay Park.



Alexandria’s Town Crier Ben Fiore-Walker welcomes the crowd to the city’s 272nd birthday celebration July 10 in Oronoco Bay Park.



Holding up fingers to represent the number 272, kids gather in Founders Park for the city’s 272nd birthday celebration. Back (l-r): Nicholas Bradshaw, Alec Ney and Anna Buckler. Front (l-r): Lucina Ramirez, Emilia Ramirez, Michael Bradshaw and George Buckler.



Crowds gather July 10 in Oronoco Bay Park to celebrate the 272nd anniversary of the city’s founding.



Julie Decomo, left, with Dominic Decomo, Wren Donovan and Luca Decomo at the city’s July 10 birthday celebration in Oronoco Bay Park.



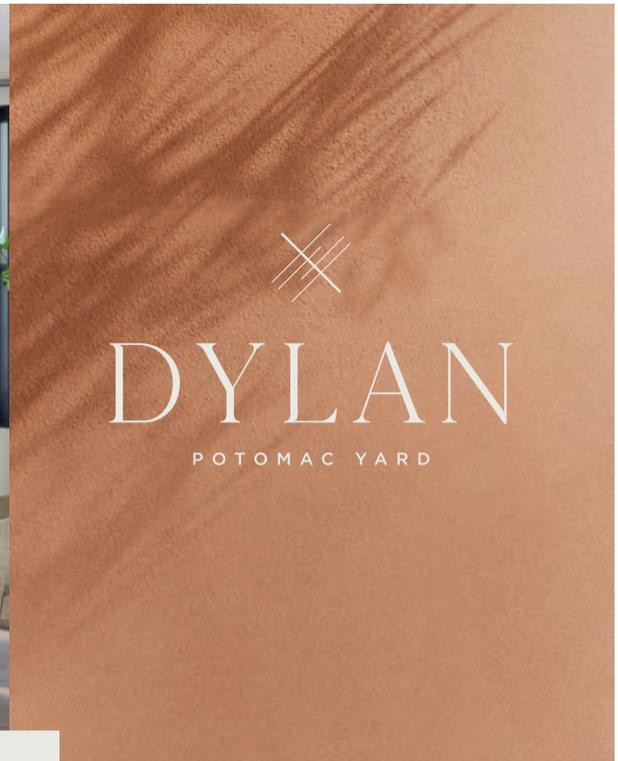
Eyob Abera, Barkiel Dawit and Kebron Dawit (in back), are joined by Eneenet and Hwot Abera to celebrate the city’s 272nd birthday celebration July 10 in Founders Park.



Mayor Justin Wilson, third from right, is joined by City Council members Canek Aguirre, Amy Jackson, Elizabeth Bennet-Parker and John Taylor Chapman and City Manager Mark Jinks and Acting Chief of Police Don Hayes at the 272nd birthday celebration July 10 in Oronoco Bay Park.



A group of friends gather in Founders Park July 10 prior to the city’s 272nd birthday celebration.



  
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## ENTERTAINMENT

# Rock the '70's Metal Scene with Black Sabbitch

The all-female Black Sabbath: Four women rocking the metal band's sound and energy.

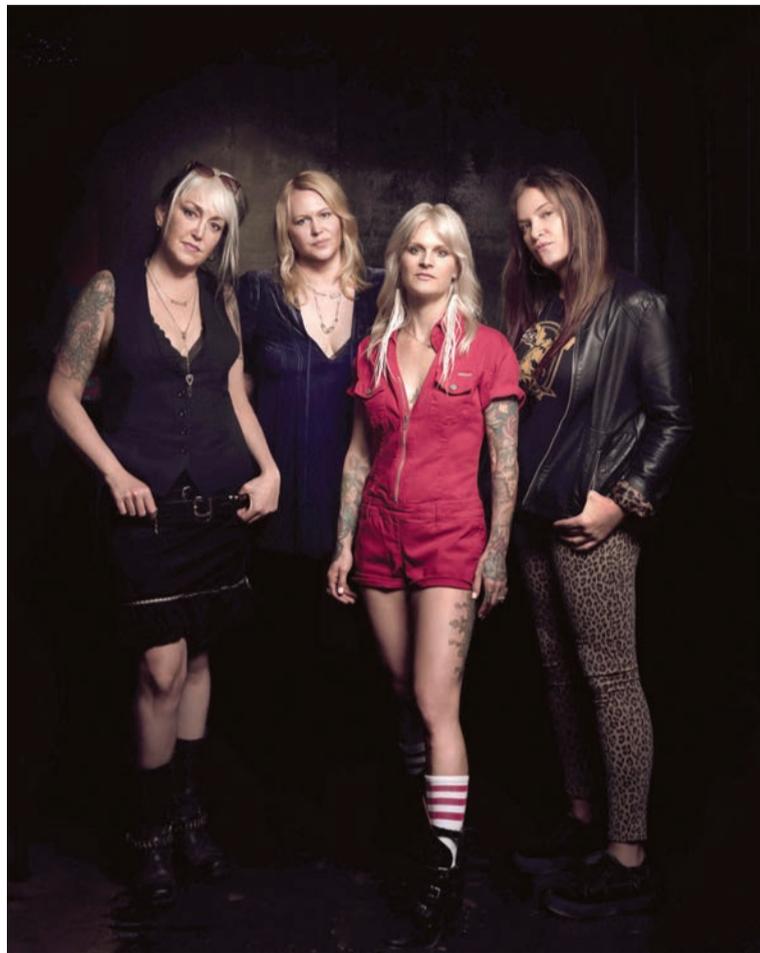
BY MIKE SALMON  
GAZETTE PACKET

The black leather, boots and heavy metal personas dominate the stage when the women of Black Sabbitch start cranking up the Black Sabbath tunes. It's all about the music for these women rockers who are playing at the Birchmere in late July.

"We use our musicianship to get inside this music, capture the spirit and energy Black Sabbath did in the early seventies," said band founder Angie Scarpa who plays the drums along with Melanie Makaiwi on bass, Emily Burton on guitar and Alice Austin on vocals. "I don't think there's another band of all-women doing it," she added.

They are redefining the concept of cover band, but fall short of being called a tribute band, and are not decked out in wigs and costumes. "The way we look on stage is the way we look walking down the block," Scarpa said.

Black Sabbath was a British rock band formed in Birmingham in 1968 by guitarist Tony Iommi, drummer Bill Ward, bassist Geezer Butler and vocalist Ozzy Osbourne. With the religious connotations surrounding their name and the satanic rumors that arose from the leader Osbourne, it's a label that just sort of stuck. Supposedly Osbourne bit the head off a real bat during one show, so this added to



LA rockers Angie Scarpa, right, with Melanie Makaiwi, Emily Burton and Alice Austin are Black Sabbitch.

the craziness.

Scarpa knows about the rumors, and calls it a misconception. Sabbath was really more part of the hippy scene she said. "The vast

majority is not like that," she said.

After their show at the Birchmere, the band is headed to Annapolis, then Pennsylvania and New York before going back to

Thursday, July 22. 7:30p.m.

The All Female Black Sabbath Band – Performing the 50th Anniversary of "Masters of Reality" & "Vol. 4" in their entirety at The Birchmere Music Hall, 3701 Mount Vernon Avenue, Alexandria. 703-549-7500 tickets \$35.



Their show is faithful to the original Black Sabbath sound of 1970's fame.

the west coast. In October, they go overseas to eight shows in the United Kingdom. Black Sabbitch was hand-picked by Sharon and Ozzy Osbourne to open the inaugural Ozzfest.

After Europe, they are playing in the "Psycho Las Vegas," festival with The Flaming Lips, Danzig, Ty Segal, and Mercyful Fate.

When talking about the upcoming schedule, Scarpa said it was tough to look ahead with the pandemic impacting everything. "It's a difficult time to be planning things," Scarpa said, but also noted

that they are one of the live shows out there as the pandemic is fading.

**What's in a Name?**

No one seems to be offended by the name but every once in a while, a social media platform will say it's profanity and a web service will kick them off, but this is just a computer program. The name is part of their vibe. Scarpa said they do see their tee shirt sales remain consistent, and Scarpa is not surprised. "They just like what it says," she said.

## CALENDAR

### JULY 1-17

J.W. Hiller Retrospective Exhibit. At Del Ray Artisans gallery, in the Colasanto Center, 2704 Mount Vernon Ave., Alexandria: The John W. Hiller Retrospective Photography Exhibit showcases over four decades of photography from longtime member John W. Hiller.

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### THURSDAY/JULY 15

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### SATURDAY/JULY 17

Outdoor Musical Dinner. 4-6 p.m. At The Rectory on Princess Street, 711 Princess Street, Alexandria. Celebrate Bastille Day with an epicurean feast paired with cham-

pagne and fine French wine and a delectable musical program of French songs and opera arias by Jules Massenet, Claude Debussy, Georges Bizet, Pauline Viardot, Nadia Boulanger, Francis Poulenc, Gabriel Fauré, and more. Cost is \$149. Visit the website: <https://www.classicalmovements.com/secretgardenconcerts/>

### SATURDAY/JULY 17

Backyard Composting Basics. 10-11:30 a.m. At Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road, Alexandria. (Adults) Mother Nature can help you compost plant material into luscious amendment for your lawn and garden. Visit Green Spring's composting station to learn different composting methods, what materials to use and not use, proportions, aeration, screening, critter control, and compost use. \$18 per person. Register online at [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/parktakes](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/parktakes) (code 0B1.2TF3) or call Green Spring Gardens at 703-642-5173.

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Twilight & Tipple Tour. 6:30-9:30 p.m. At Woodlawn & Pope-Leighey House, 9000 Richmond Highway,

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### SATURDAY/JULY 24

Family Fun: Planting Your Plate. 10-11:30 a.m. At Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road, Alexandria. (5-Adult) Farm to table...how about backyard to table? Join us to learn how to plant, grow and harvest herbs, flowers, and vegetables to make colorful and delicious additions to every meal. Explore our park's Edible Garden and plant your own mini edible garden to take home and enjoy. All attendees must be registered for the program. \$10 per person. Register online at [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/parktakes](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/parktakes) (code 4K4.W102) or call Green Spring Gardens at 703-642-5173.

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### SATURDAY/JULY 24

Watercolor Workshop: Botanicals. 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. At Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road, Alexandria. (16-Adult) For the beginner or advanced student, this in-person workshop teaches watercolor techniques through exercises that help you understand color and composition, and improve brush control. Artist Dawn Flores teaches you about paper, paint, drawing and transfer techniques used in botanical art. Basic drawing skills are helpful for drawing the plant specimen from which to paint an elegant botanical portrait. Supply

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## ENTERTAINMENT

# Chadwicks to Offer New Outdoor Seating With Patio, Balcony

BY HOPE NELSON

If there's one feature that was prized above almost all others in the restaurant world this past year, it's outdoor seating. But long before COVID-19 was ever a glimmer on the horizon, Chadwicks owner Trae Lamond had his sights set on just such an improvement to the well-known restaurant on The Strand.

### APPETITE

"When I took over in 2015, I had dreams of, 'How can I compete with the outdoor space of all these other places?'" Lamond said. His daydreams ran the gamut from rooftop dining to bridges across to the roofs of neighboring businesses, but ultimately, he knew the alley adjacent to the restaurant made the most sense.

A few tweaks later – the most important being a new location for the restaurant's Dumpsters – and Lamond was off and running. Soon, he had an attorney, architect and designer involved, ensuring every aspect of the expansion was done properly.

"I just need to make sure I do this right. This is such an opportunity for Chadwicks," he said.

With plans in place, the next step was to submit the proposal to the city, where it passed through the Board of Architectural Review as well as the Planning Commission before landing on the City Council docket. In terms of the timeline, Lamond said it couldn't have gone smoother.

"I think that it might be a little bit of right place, right time, with COVID and looking to set small businesses up to succeed ... but a lot of credit goes to our current council and mayor because they want us to succeed, they want us to thrive," he said.

Chadwicks was approved for 80 new outdoor seats, but don't expect the restaurant to begin with that. Rather, Lamond wants to



Rendering of Chadwicks new outdoor seating set to be ready in September.

start out in a manageable fashion, both to ramp up calmly in Chadwicks' kitchen as well as to maximize guests' enjoyment of the new space.

"Our kitchen is somewhat small, so we don't want to shoot ourselves in the foot by setting ourselves up to fail," he said. Expect closer to 50 seats available when the new space opens in a couple months' time.

And with a brick patio and steel balcony, "no one can tell me it's not going to be an improvement," Lamond said. About 10 regular-height tables will adorn the patio, with several bar-height tables tucked away near the back and a small wait station for easy staff access. And then there's the upper level.

"Up top there's the balcony, which will have we're hoping six two-top tables, enough seating for 12 people," Lamond said. "You'll be able to overlook right over the top of Big Wheel Bikes into Waterfront Park, the city marina, (and) you can wave to your friends on the rooftop of Misha's coffee shop."

Chadwicks' new outdoor space is slated to be ready Sept. 13 – just in time for slightly more amenable late-summer, early-fall weather.

"I'm very grateful to everybody that's gotten us this far," Lamond said. "One of my favorite things

about (owning Chadwicks) is hosting people, and hosting the party. And I think this is going to be an absolute game-changer for us as far as offering something new and top-notch."

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## CALENDAR

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list will emailed before class. Tables will be separated for social distancing and masks are required. Bring a lunch. \$94 per person. Register online at [www.fairfax-county.gov/parks/parktakes](http://www.fairfax-county.gov/parks/parktakes) (code 8GJ.3EBX) or call Green Spring Gardens at 703-642-5173.

### THURSDAY/JULY 29

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As in-person entertaining reemerges this summer, accessories like silver serving trays and mint julep cups can make a chic style statement.

## Raising the Bar

### Ideas for bar cart design and cocktail party accessories.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL  
GAZETTE PACKET

**W**hile last summer was noted with virtual happy hours and cocktail parties, in-person gatherings are becoming increasingly prevalent this year. Local design gurus say that it's time for hosts to update bar carts and cocktail party supplies.

"The key to an elevated home-bar is not only the liquid that it is served but the glassware that houses it," said designer Maxwell Eckert, who resides in Potomac. "Try minimalist, statement pieces. They can really set carts apart from others. Use things like

**"Even though I love a pretty bar cart, I also believe everything on it should be functional."**

— Caren Hoffman

unique or geometric shaped bottles."

Available in a seemingly endless array of sizes, shapes and styles, pitchers are a smart and useful investment.

"I am a big fan of mixing up a batch of cocktails before guests arrive," said Caren Hoffman, a party and events planner based in Alexandria. "It keeps things easy and lets everyone help themselves to a drink so the host can kick back and have fun."

Experiment with a variety of textures when curating a bar cart.

"Try porcelain ice buckets or a silver ice bucket and tray set," said designer Tina Rose-Baker of Chantilly. "I also love to use silver mint julep cups to serve in."

Display chic glassware that complements those vessels, says Hoffman. "Even though I love a pretty bar cart, I also believe everything on it should be functional so I always incorporate well-designed glassware that double as decorative objects," she said. "I group my glasses together on a pretty tray to eliminate any feeling of clutter and so that I have plenty of room to actually mix up a drink."

"Cocktail napkins, which are limitless in options, can make a big statement with little effort," added Rose-Baker.

No matter how chic, most bar carts offer limited storage space, says Hoffman. "Baskets and trays can turn an otherwise cluttered bar cart into a chic, organized one," she said. "Corral similar items like bar tools or glassware together in a low-profile basket. For summer, a chunky, woven texture feels really fresh."

Consider adding plants and greenery.

"A simple way to take a bar cart to the next level is adding greenery or flowers," said Hoffman. "I'm currently loving a few statement-making tropical leaves on my bar cart."

## Bryan 'Bugsy' Watson Dies at 78

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eye of NHL coaching legend Scotty Bowman.

In 1963, he joined the National Hockey League as a 21-year-old rookie with the Montreal Canadiens, who won the Stanley Cup the following season. Standing just 5'9" and weighing 175 pounds, Watson was known for his aggressive play, earning him the nickname "Bugsy" as one of the most penalized players in the history of the league.

Watson's career spanned several NHL teams, including the Detroit Red Wings and Pittsburgh Penguins, before landing with the Washington Capitals in 1976. After three years with the Caps and a brief stint coaching a young Wayne Gretzky and the Edmonton Oilers in 1980, his 17-year NHL career came to an end.

But his passion for the sport continued locally as a player with Mount Vernon's Over-40 league and as a coach with Special Olympics. He was honored by the organization with a humanitarian award in 1978.

"Over the years I've had so much fun," Watson said as he turned over the keys to Bugsy's in 2013. "I had way too much fun playing hockey. And then with Bugsy's, I've been blessed to have two careers that were just too much fun."

Tributes to Watson poured in from around the country, none more so than from those he touched locally.

"Before the days of 'any hockey game, any time you wanted,' there was Bugsy's with a satellite feed," said Robert Fobian in a social media post. "Bryan always greeted me and my crew personally, just like he did everyone else. He made time for a few hockey stories and made you feel like you were the most important person in the joint. But he wasn't just an ambassador

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-- he was never above bussing a table, sweeping the floor, serving, cooking. When he played, he gave his team everything he had. He gave Bugsy's the same. What a tremendous loss."

Watson and his wife Lindy were regular fixtures at the restaurant, generously supporting local nonprofits and youth organizations.

"Bryan never turned away anyone asking for a freebie," Hall added. "If someone needed a donation, he was there to give it to them. He was especially generous with St. Stephen's & St. Agnes, where his children attended school. He truly was a generous soul."

Watson's NHL career stats include 877 games and 2,214 career penalty minutes, leading to the sports bar's original name of The Penalty Box, which became a hang out for some of DC's professional athletes, including Russ Grimm and Joe Jacoby. The name was changed to Bugsy's in 1998 when Watson ended his original partnership with Armand's pizza.

When Watson sold the iconic restaurant in 2013, his wife said it was time to turn over the reins.

"After 30 years, this was a good time to get out," Lindy Watson said at the time. "Being in business with your spouse wouldn't work for all marriages but for Bryan and me, it has been the greatest thing we have ever done."

Survivors include his wife of 53 years, the former Lindy Wilson; their two children, Stephen Watson, who owns a restaurant in New Orleans, and Lisa Watson of Los Angeles; a sister; a brother; and two grandsons. A celebration of life is planned for October.

"Bryan truly made his mark here with Bugsy's," Hall said. "For many, it will always be known as the Penalty Box. It's sad. He was one of the pioneers. We have lost another heart and soul of 100 King."

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## Time to Kill



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

(Again, not a cancer column. Given the title, it would be a pretty gruesome reference to my life in the cancer world if it were.)

No. Not even close to a cancer column. But I am writing about a similar mind-numbing experience. However, this experience has nothing to do with disease/dying. Instead, it has to do with the effort, patience and excruciating lack of success in attempting to contact, meaning speaking to an actual person, at the Internal Revenue Service and/or at the Social Security Administration. The phone numbers you're "googled" to call are the opposite of hot lines. They are frigid. Almost too cold to tolerate, but since your financial life expectancy may be at risk, somehow you have to hold on for dear life. Or else pay, or rather be unable to pay, the consequences.

So I'm on hold for 14 minutes and counting, sort of. More like listening to some unrecognizable instrumental between looped messages that say (A) You're still on hold and (B) They haven't forgotten you and your call will be answered in the order in which it was received. (Actually, you're hoping they remember you.) Unfortunately, you have no choice but to hold on. The answers you seek are only found at these places/numbers and unless you go to the source, you'll be barking up the wrong tree and/or not squeaking the right wheel. I'm fairly certain that if you don't call them, they're unlikely to call - back, or forward, especially if the reason for my two calls is to secure money coming to me instead of negotiating how I'm planning to pay them. So sit tight and be brave - and be near a bathroom to make sure nature's call doesn't interrupt your interminable wait on hold and/or be sure there are enough bars on your phone so a draining battery doesn't end your pursuit.

However, presuming the time it will take to speak to someone to be hours, not minutes, it can be an opportunity to while away your wait by multi-tasking and have the music offered up for your listening pleasure to serve as a kind of white noise as you go about some other personal business. In short, you can get things done rather than become increasingly frustrated that you're stuck by the phone accomplishing nothing. But you have to prepare and anticipate. This wait is not going to be a pleasurable experience. It's a means to an end, hopefully a rewarding one, but hardly one that's guaranteed.

If you can only talk yourself into realizing how good you'll feel once this phone task is completed. Roloids has nothing on the relief you'll feel when you're finished with this day's work (almost literally). Moreover, knowing you don't have to call them back tomorrow is nearly motivation enough. Crossing this task off your to-do list free's up not only time but mental space, as well. It's almost as if you've given your life back, at least for a few hours, anyway.

As I sit and continue to write this column, it is 38 minutes since I began this exercise in time utilization. And it's just now happened, a representative from the Social Security Administration has just interrupted the music loop and offered their assistance. Let me get my bearings and organize my thoughts so I'm clear in what I'm saying. I don't want to have to make this call again. I already have once before. I have called previously and after telling my tale, was put on hold while the operator researched my claim only to be disconnected when the operator returned to address my question. But this time, there was no disconnect. I received my answer in a reasonably timely manner and off I now go into the rest of my day. Next up: the IRS. Do I dare test my limits and call them on the same day as I called Social Security or do I reward myself and take a well-deserved break? Either way, it's one down and one to go. I think I'll call tomorrow. I don't feel like testing my patience yet again, and besides, I'm finished with this real-time column.

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## NEWS

# Chinquapin Wahoos Defeat Fort Myer Swim Team

The Chinquapin Wahoos defeated the Fort Myer Squids Saturday in their third meet of the season in the Colonial Swim League (CSL). The final score was 266.5-176.5.

The Wahoos jumped out of the gates to win the mixed 5-18 200-yard medley relay. Blake Conjura, Ronan Lauinger, Camila Zuniga, and Mahara Jahi combined for a winning time of 2:14.45. This was the first of many exciting finishes in this competition.

8 & Under Age Group In the free, Bennett Sherry (23.40) took 3rd, while Sawyer Blais (23.30) and Bennett (25.83) took 1-2 in the back. In the breaststroke, Sawyer B. took 1st (26.46), and Sawyer Prather took 3rd (35.32). Sawyer B. completed the trifecta by taking 1st (23.79) in the butterfly with Bennett taking 3rd (36.25). Sawyer P, Sawyer B., Bennett, and Lucas Babineaux took 1st in the 100 medley relay (1:54.43) in a dramatic race with the Squids.

Izzy Martorana edged out two Squids to take 1st place (19.37) in the free while Ryan Shaw, Campbell Robb (5.5 seconds), and Charlotte Prather all dropped time in the 6 & under free.

Annelise Demianovich took 2nd (28.19) and Leila Smith took 3rd (29.56) in the backstroke. In the butterfly, Izzy finished in 2nd place with a time of 26.15.

9-10 Age Group The 9-10 boys dominated their events. Karon Salee Moten (33.59), Tyler Turner (34.95), Dominic Grajkowski (36.88), and Ethan Sherry (37.55) swept the freestyle event; Karon (39.09), Ethan (44.87), and Chris Billips (47.31) swept the back; and Tyler (48.72), Chris (50.28), Dominic (56.11), and Rodney Gardner (56.44) swept the breast. In the butterfly, Karon (17.52) and Chris (19.90) took 1st and 3rd. Dominic, Chris, Karon, and Tyler easily won the 100 yard medley relay (MR) with a 1:17.87, while Sebastian Coria, Rodney, Ethan, and Derrick Grajkowski teamed up for a time of 1:50.78.

Ellie Medina (38.22) and Mahara Jahi (39.74) took 2nd and 3rd in the freestyle, and Micaela Zuniga (52.15) and Mariana Carpio (57.91) took 2nd and 3rd in the backstroke. Freya Montes de Oca captured 2nd place (52.41) in the breaststroke. Ellie (18.46) was 1st in the butterfly event. Micaela, Freya, Ellie, and Mahara teamed up to win the 100 MR with a time of 1:23.28.

11-12 Age Group Alex Guevara took 2nd (37.43) in the free and 3rd (42.03) in the breast, and Alex (38.46) and Amir Smith (40.86) took 2nd and 3rd in the fly.

Madison Schang (31.35) took 1st, and Camila Zuniga (33.21) took 3rd in the freestyle. In the backstroke, Camila (38.23), Julia Davis (39.39), and Ellie Robb (41.71) took 1st, 2nd, and 3rd. Madison took 1st (39.02) in the breaststroke, and Julia edged out the swimmer from Fort Myer to take 2nd place with a time of 47.40. Madison (33.34) and Camila (38.24) took 1-2 in the butterfly event.

13-14 Age Group Jonathan Ramsdell (26.78) and Blake Conjura (26.94) took 1st and 3rd in a very close freestyle event. Blake



Photo by Dennis Burstein of the Wahoos girls 11-12 relay swimmers as they are about to start their race. Ellie Robb is in the pool and her teammates at the start are from left to right Camila Zuniga, Madison Schang, and Julia Davis.

(30.66), Jonathan (30.88), and Paris Johnson (31.98) swept the backstroke event. Jonathan (34.24) and Seamus Greiner (37.15) took 1st and 3rd in the breaststroke. Blake (29.36) and Paris (30.86) captured 1st and 2nd in the butterfly. Paris, Jonathan, Blake, and Seamus teamed up to win the 200 MR with a time of 2:03.94.

Elisabeth Carroll (27.93) took 2nd in the free, 1st (31.63) in the backstroke, and 2nd (37.31) in the breast. Cate Cox, Elisabeth, Eva Billips, and Jacari Jahi joined forces in the 200 MR for a time of 2:22.68.

15-18 Age Group Emil LaSida took 1st (22.83) and Ronan Lauinger 3rd (24.05) in the free and 1st (24.63) and 3rd (27.73) again in the backstroke. Ronan Lauinger took 1st (29.48), Jolan Foronda 2nd (29.87), and Mikal Helms 3rd (33.91) in an exciting breaststroke event. Emil (25.33) was 1st and Jolan Foronda (26.72) 2nd in the fly event. Emil, Ronan, Jolan, and Mikal teamed up to win the 200 MR with a time of 1:46.20.

Abi Altenburg (29.77) took 1st in the free by .11 seconds. Catherine Salamons (32.75) and Abi (32.92) took 1-2 in the backstroke. In one of the closest races of the meet, Catherine captured the breaststroke event by .03 with a time of 38.65. Catherine (31.96) and Abi (33.36) took 2nd and 3rd in the butterfly event. Abi, Catherine, Alison Coria, and Audrey Jarrett teamed up in the 200 MR for a time of 2:24.03.

Karon, Alex, Jonathan, and Emil collaborated to take 1st place (1:55.23) in an exciting race in the mixed-age freestyle relay. Ellie Medina, Madison, Elisabeth, and Catherine took the mixed-age girls free relay with a time of 2:04.40.

With this win, the Chinquapin Wahoos are now 2-1. Their final meet of the season will be a home meet at Old Town Pool at 8 a.m. on Saturday, July 17, 2021 against the Burke Centre Stingers.

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