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Ribbon-cutting welcoming Great Falls Studios' ArtFest as the Foundation's first community event at the historic Forestville Schoolhouse.

From left, Rick Solano, Jackie Taylor, Supervisor John Foust (D-Dranesville), Bill Canis, Elizabeth Huebner, Scott Knight, Chris Rich, Winnie Frost and Gary Pan attend For the Love of Great Falls, a benefit gala to support the Great Falls Grange Foundation.

## Fundraiser for Great Falls Grange Foundation

**One month in, ribbon-cuttings and action begins.**

BY MERCIA HOBSON  
THE CONNECTION

The Great Falls Grange Foundation held its first fundraiser, For the Love of Great Falls, on Friday, May 6, at River Bend Golf and Country Club, raising nearly \$100,000, according to Jorge

Adeler, co-president of the Foundation. On April 4, 2022, the not-for-profit 501(c)(3) took over the operations and management of the Great Falls Grange Hall and historic Forestville Schoolhouse from Fairfax County Park Authority, with plans to preserve and maintain the historic buildings, provide educational tours, and rent event space.

The old buildings need upgrades. Funds raised at the gala and through the organization's website will help support expenses for adding a power generator and dark-sky compatible exterior lighting, connecting to public water, improving bathrooms and



plumbing, installing air conditioning in the schoolhouse, refinishing the hardwood floors, painting, and purchasing drapes and furniture.

On Saturday, May 7, Foundation members and supporters cut ceremonial opening ribbons strung across the front of the Great Falls Grange Hall and old Forestville Schoolhouse, formally welcoming Great Falls Studios as their first event space patrons.

Ribbon-cutting welcoming Great Falls Studios' Spring ArtFest as the Foundation's first community event at the Great Falls Grange Hall.

## Women's Club of Great Falls Donates \$6,000 to Friends of Riverbend Park

**Funds support scholarships and programs.**

BY MERCIA HOBSON  
THE CONNECTION

On Monday, May 9, the Women's Club of Great Falls Philanthropy Group donated \$6,000 to Friends of Riverbend Park, Inc. Stephanie Anderson, fundraising chair for Bluebells & Eagles, presented the check to Hugh Morrow III, FORB president. It was the Philanthropy Group's most significant contribution to Friends of Riverbend

Park. The Park's Visitors Services Manager Kylie Starck, Philanthropy Group members, and June Kelly, vice president, were present.

Riverbend Park is located at 8700 Potomac Hills St. It is Fairfax County's stellar park along the Potomac River. Friends of Riverbend Park safeguards the park as a natural classroom to inspire, delight, and educate all visitors.

The funds will again support the park's programming and scholarships for children from Title 1 schools. The gift was made possi-

ble by club member donations and the Philanthropy Group's two charity events, Champagne & Canapés 2021 and Bluebells & Eagles Tour, Spring 2022.

Stephanie Anderson, member of the Women's Club Philanthropy Group, hands a check to Hugh Morrow III, president of Friends of Riverbend Park. (Left to right) Kylie Starck, June Kelly, Grace McDaniel, Diane Lahey, Teresa Yurt, and Silvie Stankova



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# FCPS Approves Trust Policy

Policy keeps data on undocumented immigrants away from ICE, lends clarity to privacy best practices.

BY MERCIA HOBSON  
THE CONNECTION

**O**n April 28, the Fairfax County School Board voted unanimously to adopt a Trust Policy. The new policy aligns with the Fairfax County Public Trust and Confidentiality Policy, adopted in January 2021. The school policy

ensures that FCPS students and their families can access FCPS benefits and services without fear that information will be disclosed, directly or indirectly, to federal immigration officials.

The fear of being reported or deported keeps families from accessing the critical resources that Fairfax County Public Schools provides, according to School Board

Representative Dr. Ricardy Anderson (Mason). These resources include meals and mental health services, parent workshops, and academic opportunities for their children.

“Although precise data is unavailable for FCPS families, Fairfax County has more than 17,500 residents in deportation proceedings,” said School Board Representative



Jose Martinez, a member of CASA speaks during Community Participation.



School Board Representative Dr. Ricardy Anderson (Mason)



School Board Representative Karl Frisch (Providence)



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Karl Frisch (Providence). “This figure is an increase of 5,500 residents from this time last year. The attendant family separation has severe consequences for all aspects of the children’s well-being.”

Personal Identifiable Information (PII) is not fully protected even with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), (20 USC 1232g; 34 CFR Part 99). Intentional or accidental disclosure of personal data still occurs. One way has been for immigration officials to look at “directory information” for students whose parents (or eligible students) do not opt-out.

Frisch added that while FERPA “does maintain the confidentiality

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of student information, including immigration status, ICE can easily access information to locate undocumented students and their parents. ... The agency has exploited weaknesses in U.S. privacy laws with data-mining technologies run mainly by contractors that collect data without the same restrictions imposed on government data collection," Frisch said.

"The trust has been broken. To regain their confidence, we must demonstrate that in all we do, we are in the business of education and nothing more," said Anderson at the April 28 FCSB meeting.

Fairfax County has the highest immigrant population in the Commonwealth, with 352,000 individuals, CASA.org says. According to FCPS demographic data, the school division serves its population of 180,000 students who are from 199 birth countries; 36,000, or 20 percent of the total student population are English Learner students. Some immigrant students and their families are undocumented; some have an "irregular immigration" status; some families have members from mixed immigration status.

Under FERPA, school districts must maintain the confidentiality of all personally identifiable information in education records related to students. All records, including emails, student files, and personnel information, are generally exempt from dis-

closure absent parental consent.

However, FERPA allows schools, without obtaining consent, to disclose "directory" information about students, Data such as their name, address, telephone number, date and place of birth, honors and awards, and dates of attendance can be shared with ICE, provided that schools annually notify parents and eligible students of their FERPA rights. "The actual means of notification (special letter, inclusion in a PTA bulletin, student handbook, or newspaper article) is left to the discretion of each school," states FERPA, updated 08/25.2021.

"All students should have access to the full complement of the educational opportunities FCPS offers. Families should not be concerned (that) their private information will be gathered by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement," Anderson said.

The use of practices that chill or discourage FCPS students from participating in classes, activities, or programs, as well as those that may lead to the exclusion of students based on their or their parents' or guardians' actual or perceived citizenship or immigration status, is prohibited and shall not continue under the FCPS Trust Policy. Previously, federal immigration officers could identify the citizenship or immigration status of FCPS families and students through personally identifiable information and directory information, possibly placing

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individuals in administrative immigration proceedings and custody, awaiting the outcome of immigration hearings, or returning to their home countries.

The seven-page FCPS Trust Policy outlines standards to protect confidence and enhance trust, details acceptable identification documents, and responsibilities. It closes gaps and tightens access to immigrants' data.

[https://go.boarddocs.com/vsba/fairfax/Board.nsf/files/CDMFUR40D71D/\\$file/20220214%20-%20Trust%20Policy%20-%20Final.pdf](https://go.boarddocs.com/vsba/fairfax/Board.nsf/files/CDMFUR40D71D/$file/20220214%20-%20Trust%20Policy%20-%20Final.pdf)

Anderson said that the new FCPS policy reviews the annual notice of opt-out rights to ensure clarity and transparency, including which organizations may be provided directory information, including parent email addresses. The policy also guides external organizations, such as PTAs, PTOs, and booster clubs. They are prohibited from requiring a parent's address, phone number, or email for membership.

"Most importantly, the policy would require annual training for all employees that aligns with their duties, including the goals of the policy; the recognition of student and

family rights, regardless of immigration status; and the protection of all students' data, including which data is releasable as directory information," Anderson said.

Among the measures that shall be in place to protect confidence and build trust is the prohibition on Fairfax County Police Department officers, including School Resource Officers (SROs), from participating in or facilitating immigration enforcement. Exceptions to protections or benefits and demographic data to evaluate programs must be kept confidential, and discrimination, threats, or conditional actions based on citizenship or immigrant status are prohibited.

FCPS staff shall accept a combination of documentation that verifies a student's identity, address, or other information, "reasonably demonstrating" the student's residency or address for school enrollment purposes, as defined in Policy and Regulation 2202. FCPS staff shall strengthen their confidentiality obligations by coordinating any immigration-related questions with the Office of Division Counsel. Students must be informed about data gathering when needed for school-related purposes such as disciplinary investigations."



Fairfax County Public School students and their parents or caregivers prepare for another day at school. (File Photo)

The Superintendent (currently Dr. Scott Brabrand until July 1, 2022), his successor, Dr. Michelle Reid (effective July 1, 2022), or their designee shall review contracts and agreements to ensure that information sharing is limited to the extent possible and facilitate annual training for employees who handle information requests.

Most notably, Anderson said that not all aspects of the Trust Policy would be implemented immediately. "There are documents to be reviewed, training that needs to happen, and signage that needs to be made available in the school division... We are very confident that this is going to be in place by the next school year in August," she said.

Anderson and School Board Representative Karl Frisch (Providence) presented the Trust Policy Forum Topic to the school board 15 months ago. Months of collaboration with FCPS Division Counsel and various groups ensued, including CASA, Court Appointed Special Advocates, the Justice Legal Aid Center, and the ACLU People Power Fairfax. They contributed to crafting the FCPS draft policy, which was revised and modified throughout the Governance Committee processes and was assigned to the Office of Professional Learning and Family Engagement to align with Strategic Plan Goal # 2: Caring Culture.

Frisch said, "Our inboxes are overflowing with hundreds of personal stories... As a school system, we must be fully committed to providing a high-caliber education regardless of the immigration status of our students and their guardians. FCPS has so many opportunities to offer, yet we haven't been able to reach some of the most vulnerable community members in Fairfax County because of a lack of trust."

At Fairfax County School Board's biannual public hearing on April 14, CASA members, undocumented immigrants, and others working with them testified. Individuals described how being transferred to ICE would traumatize and destabilize their families. The palpable fear caused parents and students not to access all FCPS resources, concerned their data would be released to ICE.

"One of the concerns that we have as parents today is that in (Fairfax County public) schools, our children are not completely safe, and the database with our information is not protected," said Jose Martina, CASA community member, Fairfax County resident, and father of three children between the ages of 10 and 18 in public schools in Fairfax County.

Jose Rivera, a member of CASA, said he



Fairfax County Public School students on their way to school. (File Photo)

is the father of a 19-year-old FCPS student. Rivera spoke of his fear that his son would suffer discrimination or bullying because of their legal status. He said, "We came to this country with the hope of having a better future. Most of our children come with psychological trauma and insecurity due to violent crime." Rivera asked the school board members to vote in favor of the policy so students could focus on their studies without the stress and worry that their information would be shared with federal immigration. "We do not want them to be at risk of deportation and separated from their families," Rivera said.

Frisch added that the new Trust Policy requires the superintendent or their designee to communicate the policy to all students and families in their native language, including how the policy protects their personally identifiable information from being shared without authorization. It also requires the superintendent to ensure that the FCPS's policies, contracts, memorandums of understanding, and other agreements follow the Trust Policy's text and spirit.

The ability of ICE to gather private information has disrupted student learning in the Fairfax County Public Schools. The fear of deportation, fear for themselves and their family members, limits students' access to the full complement of educational opportunities offered by FCPS. The fear causes undocumented immigrants not to enter school grounds to watch their children in sports, volunteer, or engage in other offerings,

"If somebody fears the safety of a place in which their children study, and they fear for their own personal safety by walking into that building and being able to volunteer in that building, then we have a failure," said School Board representative Karen Corbett Sanders (Mount Vernon).

In a follow-on motion, unanimously approved, the School Board directed the Superintendent to implement as much of the School Trust Policy as possible for the 2022 summer school session and conduct all necessary preparations for the policy to be fully implemented for the start of the 2022-2023 school year.

Another motion on the matter carried to among other things, by May 10 provide the Board with updated language to the "Rights and Responsibilities of Students" section of the draft SR&R, and beginning in mid-August, provide regular written updates to the Board and public regarding noncompliance with the policy, progress on communications to students and families.

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**TUESDAYS STARTING MAY 3**  
**Caregiver Support Group.** 10-11:30 a.m. Via Zoom. This group for caregivers is a sounding board and a safe place where everyone understands the challenges of care-giving – there is no judgment. Meetings are gently facilitated. The sharing of feelings, problems, approaches, helpful information, and highs and lows is encouraged. Visit the website:  
<https://scnova.org/services/services-caregivers-support-group/>

**MAY 14 AND 21**  
**Mental Health First Aid.** 1-5 p.m. At Patrick Henry Library, 101 Maple Ave. E, Vienna. This is an 8-hour course, presented in 2 4-hour blocks on May 14 and 21, designed to give community members key skills to provide initial help and support to someone who may be developing a mental health or substance use problem. Visit the website: <https://librarycalendar.fairfaxcounty.gov/event/8882192>

**MONDAY/MAY 16**  
**Spring Hill and Lewinsville Roads Intersection Improvement Study Community Meeting.** Fairfax County Department of Transportation will host a virtual community meeting for the Spring Hill Road and Lewinsville Road Intersection Improvement Study on Monday, May 16, 2022 at 7 p.m. The purpose of the meeting is to inform the community of the study background and status, discuss the final staff recommendation and to seek community feedback through an online survey. Attend the Meeting; Provide Feedback on the Online Survey  
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**SATURDAY/JUNE 4**  
 Join Cub Scouts. 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. At St. Francis Episcopal Church, 9220 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. Children in grades K-5 are welcome to join Great Falls Cub Scout Pack 55 for fun, adventure, life skills, camping and more. Visit the regatta and learn about our pack. Visit the website: <https://www.gfvscouts.com/>

**SHEPHERD'S CENTER SPRING CLASSES**  
 The Shepherd's Center of Northern Virginia will hold Spring classes from now thru June 9, 2022. All Classes will be held virtually on Zoom and in person at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Fairfax, 2709 Hunter Mill Road, Oakton. Registration: April 4-19, 2022. The Spring 2022 semester schedule includes 40-plus classes with a wide range of subjects -- from a Health and Wellness series to National and World Affairs. The following classes are but a few of the classes to choose from:  
 ❖ May 19 – "Whale Watching in Baja" – Paul Wormeli  
 ❖ May 26 – "Vienna African American Trailblazers and Liberty Amendments – Gloria Runyon/Sylvia/DeeDee  
 Students may attend one or all of the all spring classes for a \$55 fee and are encouraged to create their own

schedule – attend classes all day or attend only one class. For a complete listing of classes or to register, visit the ALL page on the SCNOVA website at SCNOVA Adventures in Learning Spring 2022 or call the office at 703-281-0538. Visit [www.scnova.org](http://www.scnova.org) or contact the Office at 703-281-0538.

**PROJECT PROVIDES ACCESS TO TRAILS ALONG THE POTOMAC RIVER**

The National Park Service and the Potomac Appalachian Trail Club hosted a ceremony recently to officially reopen a half mile section of trail within the George Washington Memorial Parkway at Turkey Run Park. The ribbon cutting ceremony honored the contributions of more than 100 volunteers who gave more than 1,000 hours to transform the section of the trail. This project represents the largest volunteer-designed and built trail project in the D.C. metro area. This project took more than four years to complete, and multiple trailer loads of supplies and materials. Now, the trail allows for safe and easier access to the Potomac Heritage National Scenic Trail, which parallels the Potomac River. Volunteers rebuilt this section of trail, adjacent to the C-1 parking area, which was eroded due to age and location—on a steep gorge leading to the Potomac River.

**TOWN OF VIENNA ISSUES \$12.5 MILLION IN BONDS**

The Town of Vienna issued \$12.5 million in general obligation public improvement bonds on Tuesday, Feb. 22, 2022, accepting a bid from Piper Sandler & Company that includes an interest rate of 2.177% and a \$1.335 million premium. The Town typically issues bonds every two years to fund capital improvement projects and repays the bond funds using only meals tax revenue and water and sewer fees. "The interest rate is even better than the Town expected and illustrates the confidence investors have in the Town of Vienna," said Finance Director Marion Serfass. "The Town's AAA bond rating and sound fiscal policies help assure that confidence, and the \$1.33 million premium gives the Town Council greater flexibility in funding bond-approved projects. The Town Council has already earmarked \$900,000 of the premium for paving projects identified in the Town's Capital Improvement Plan (CIP)." The \$1.335 million premium is a "bonus" offered by the investment firm. The Town of Vienna will be paying 2.17% interest on \$12.5 million over the next 20 years. The 2022 bonds will be used to pay for sidewalks, paving, park improvements and water and sewer infrastructure. The Town received nine bids on its bond issuance and is expected to close March 8 on the agreement with Piper Sandler & Company. Related capital-fund projects are expected to begin immediately after the closing.

**SUPPORT GROUPS**

Virginia Chronic Pain Support Group Meets from 1:30-3 p.m. the 2nd Wednesday of each month at Kaplan Center for Integrative Medicine, 6829 Elm St., Suite 300, McLean. Group leader, Jodi Brayton, LCSW. 703-532-4892.

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NORTON	22455	58	WBL/ROUTE 0058	BEAR CREEK	4/28/2022
ALLEGHANY	1199	710	STONEWALL LANE	DUNLAP CREEK	4/27/2022
BUCHANAN	4003	1020	GREAT OAKS RD	LEVISA FORK	4/26/2022
SCOTT	16808	670	HALES SPRING RD	VALLEY CREEK	4/26/2022
SCOTT	16698	623	SPEERS VALLEY RD	N FORK CLINCH RIVER	4/20/2022
HALIFAX	9317	716	DRYBURG RD	DIFFICULT CREEK	4/16/2022
SMYTH	17552	633	BEAVER CREEK RD	BEAVER CREEK	4/12/2022
BLAND	3045	602	SPUR BRANCH RD	SPUR BRANCH #1	4/8/2022
FRANKLIN	7951	739	GAP GATE RD/ROUTE739	GREEN CREEK	4/7/2022
BLAND	3111	625	CERES SCHOOL RD	N FORK HOLSTON RIVER #1	4/5/2022
RICHMOND	21310	7542	GROVE AVE	ROUTE 195 & CSX RR	4/1/2022

The list above is not a comprehensive list of all structures with weight restrictions in the Commonwealth, but shows only structures that have new or changed weight restrictions within the last 30 days. The list contains only basic structure identification and location information and the date the new or changed weight restriction and signage became effective.

For a full listing of all bridge and culvert weight restrictions with detailed information about specific structures, including location data and actual weight limits, visit <https://www.virginiadot.org> and navigate to Info Center/Trucking Resources. This page references a posted structures report and a GIS map tool that contain detailed information about restricted structures in Virginia. To receive email notifications regarding new or updated weight restrictions for structures statewide, complete the sign-up form on the web page.

Notices regarding bridges and culverts with new or updated weight restrictions are published monthly by VDOT. For additional information or questions, please contact [haulingpermits@vdot.virginia.gov](mailto:haulingpermits@vdot.virginia.gov).

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NEWS

Local Media Connection Wins Multiple Awards

Top writing prize; in depth/investigative; column writing; combination photos and story; education writing; ongoing coverage all garner praise.

The Alexandria Gazette Packet, the Mount Vernon Gazette, the Arlington Connection and Fairfax County editions of the Connection Newspapers won multiple Virginia Press Association awards, announced last week for work produced in 2021.

The Pennsylvania NewsMedia Association judged the entries.

Michael Lee Pope won the top writing award for nondaily publications with his entry for Government Writing which also won first place for the Alexandria Gazette Packet in that category.

"2021 was an especially difficult year for Local Media Connection and these papers, continuing to

benefit the community in the face of the pandemic, economic crisis and an onslaught of challenges for local news, said Editor and Publisher Mary Kimm. "Our ability to have an impact in the communities we cover was dependent entirely on the quality and commitment of our writers and photographers, and I am grateful for their amazing work."

In the words of the judge on Michael Lee Pope's Best in Show writing award, "Virginia is blessed to have such excellent community journalism and talented writers."

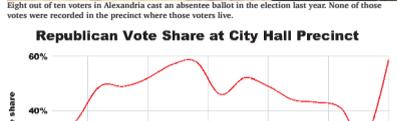
(We won't say 2021 was the most difficult year ever because in 1862 the Alexandria Gazette Packet building was burned down by the U.S. Army.)

NEWS

Absentee Minded Lawmakers consider bill to assi...

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On election night, Democrats were shocked by how well Donald Trump was performing in Alexandria. As returns were posted online, concerns were rising among supporters of Joe Biden as the incumbent was outperforming expectations at precinct after precinct.



Michael Lee Pope won Best in Show for nondaily writing and first place for Governmental Writing for his stories in the Alexandria Gazette Packet.



Michael Lee Pope.



Ashley Claire Simpson won first place for her animal columns in the Arlington Connection, "ArPets."

Alexandria Gazette Packet SENIOR LIVING

Earl Lloyd Statue Unveiled Trailblazer broke the color barrier of the NBA.



Jeanne Theismann won second place for sports writing in the Alexandria Gazette Packet.

Snakeheads Are Thriving in Area Waters



Glenda Booth won third place in Health, Science and Environmental writing for her reporting in the Mount Vernon Gazette.

Spring Brings Fresh Produce to Arlington Needy



Shirley Ruhe won third place for her coverage in the Arlington Connection of food and feeding the hungry during the pandemic.

An Afghan Family Struggles here, and the family left behind.

Special Immigrant: A person who qualifies for a green card (permanent residency) under the special immigrant program.

Ahmed and his wife Suraya and their two sons came to the U.S. from Afghanistan in August 2017 on a special immigrant visa program for Afghans who worked for the American government. "I couldn't go see my parents and had received threats but I didn't take them seriously until my uncle was very brutally murdered when he was shot in the back."

Shirley Ruhe won first place for in-depth, investigative writing in the Alexandria Gazette Packet for her extensive coverage of refugees from Afghanistan.

School Buses and Sites Provide Free Grab and Go 7-day Meal Kits



Mercia Hobson won second place for education writing in the Fairfax County Connection newspapers.

Memorial to Suffragist Women Dedicated



Susan Laume won third place for her ongoing coverage in the Fairfax County Connection of the creation of the The Turning Point Suffragist Memorial.

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Janet Barnett and Jeanne Theismann won second place for combination picture and story for their coverage of "Scottish Walk Returns."

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Hope Nelson won third place for Column Writing for her food column, "Appetite."



PHOTOS COURTESY OF VIVIANE PEDRUCO

Marymount University Interior Design student Viviane Pedruco maximized light to create an airy master bedroom for a Bethesda family.

# When Accessibility And Style Collide

**Award-winning Marymount University student combines universal design and bold colors to create the dream home for a Bethesda family.**

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL  
THE CONNECTION

When Juliette Blanche and Chris Willows relocated from Antibes, France to Bethesda, Maryland they wanted the interior of their new home to incorporate natural light, bold colors and universal design that would accommodate one of their three children who is wheelchair bound.

Blanche, who is French, and Willows tasked Marymount University Interior Design student Viviane Pedruco with making that vision a reality.

“The owners wanted a design for that combined natural elements [like] wood, plants, flowers with a Cote D’Azur aesthetic and pops of bright corals, oranges, yellows, blues, teals and greens,” said Pedruco, who was recently named a “Future100 Interior Design Graduate Winner,” an honor bestowed upon students who advocate for openness, equality and inclusion through their work. “The goal of the Blanche-Willows project was to deliver a comfortable space, with a relaxing atmosphere for the entire family, where coastal meets winter, garden meets cozy interiors, and



The bold colors and universal design in this dining room by Marymount University Interior Design student Viviane Pedruco meets the needs of a Bethesda family of five.

good quality meets unpretentiousness.”

Pedruco left her native country of Brazil where she worked as a helicopter pilot, to pursue a career that gave her an opportunity to explore her penchant for creativity. The Blanche-Willows project allowed her to meet the family’s needs with her design style.

“I had to incorporate clever systems to maximize storage and ac-

cessibility,” said Pedruco, who is from Rio de Janeiro. “I am passionate about color and I like to think that I have a sunny personality. I am also a mix of many cultures. I am the daughter of a Brazilian mother and a Portuguese father who was born in Macau, China and raised in Rio de Janeiro. I love my hometown, its colors, sounds, scents, contrasts, vibrancy and chaos.”

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# CALENDAR



The Nai-Ni Chen Dance and Ahn Trio will take place on Wednesday, May 18 at Center-Stage in Reston.

## NOW THRU MAY 15

"The Mamalogues." Thursdays at 7:30 p.m., Fridays at 8 p.m., Saturdays at 2 and 8 p.m., Sundays at 2 p.m. At 1st Stage, 1524 Spring Hill Road, Tysons. In this satirical comedy, three friends share the joys, challenges, and anxieties of being middle class single Black mothers in predominantly white suburbs. The story celebrates motherhood and community while exploring racial profiling on the playground and supporting your kid who is perpetually the Only Black Child (OBC). Follow their journey as they lean in and steer their children from pampers to college while navigating their own road toward retirement. Visit [www.1ststage.org](http://www.1ststage.org).

## NOW THRU MAY 25

Watercolor Exhibition. At Great Falls Library, 9830 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. Celebrating a Lifetime of Art showcases the watercolors of Catharine Noland (1920-2020). A reception will be held Saturday, May 14, from 2-4 p.m. Event start and stop times correspond to normal library hours, which are available at: <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/branches/great-falls>

## MCLEAN FARMERS MARKET OPENS

The McLean Farmers Market has opened for the 2022 season on Friday, May 6th, at Lewinsville Park, 1659 Chain Bridge Road, McLean. The market will run every Friday from 8 a.m. to noon through November 11. Local farmers and producers will sell fresh produce and fruits; breads and pastries; prepared foods; meats; herbs; flowers, and more. All products are grown or produced by the vendors and come from within 125 miles of Fairfax County. Visit: <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/farmersmarkets/>

## WEDNESDAY/MAY 11

Spring Solos Virtual Artist Talk. 7 p.m. MPA Curator and Artistic Director Nancy Sausser will speak with artists Melanie Kehoss, Matt Pinney, and James Stephen Terrell about the thoughts and processes behind their work and current exhibitions, Labor and Leisure: Lightboxes by Melanie Kehoss, Where Do We Go From Here: New Paintings by Matt Pinney, and Collide of Scope: Paintings by James Stephen Terrell. The Virtual Artist Talk is free and open to the public. Visit <https://tinyurl.com/zoomartisttalk> to receive the Zoom link.

## FRIDAY/MAY 13

Family Trivia Night. 7-9 p.m. At the Old Firehouse, 1440 Chain Bridge Road, McLean. Gather the whole family and come test your trivia knowledge at the Old Firehouse Family Trivia Night. Participants will enjoy unlimited popcorn with the chance to win delicious prizes.

## FRIDAY/MAY 13

Lee Lessack and Johnny Rogers. 7 p.m. At The Alden at McLean Community Center, 1234

Ingleside Ave., McLean. Lee Lessack and Johnny Rodgers perform "Live in Central Park [Revisited]: James Taylor," a concert based on Taylor's 1979 concert in Central Park. Tickets are \$40 for the public, \$30 for MCC district residents. Visit: [www.aldentheatre.org](http://www.aldentheatre.org) or call 703-790-0123.

## MAY 13-15

"An Officer and a Gentleman." Fridays at 8 p.m.; Saturdays at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. At Capital One Hall, 7750 Capital One Tower Road, Tysons. "An Officer and a Gentleman" celebrates triumph over adversity and includes one of the most iconic and romantic endings ever portrayed on screen. Featuring 'Up Where We Belong', and a score based on the 1980s catalog of music that gave voice to a generation, the live stage production is a new adaptation by Dick Scanlan. Visit the website: [capitalonehall.com](http://capitalonehall.com).

## MAY 13-15

Art A Fair. At Walker Chapel United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall, 4102 N. Glebe Road, Arlington. The McLean Art Society is sponsoring a three-day art exhibit and sale, ART A FAIR, featuring original work in multiple styles and a variety of subjects. Many exhibitors are award-winning artists. The opening reception will take place Friday, May 13, 5-8 p.m. The show continues at this site Saturday, May 14, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. and Sunday, May 15, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Admission is free. Call 703-538-5200.

## SATURDAY/MAY 14

Beethoven's Magnificent "Ode to Joy." 7 p.m. At GMU Center for the Arts, Fairfax. The stars are aligned for a grand season finale performance of Beethoven's Symphony No. 9, featuring soprano Danielle Talamantes, mezzo-soprano Daryl Freedman, tenor Cameron Schutza, and bass-baritone Mark Doss. Enhance Your FSO Experience - Join at 7 p.m. as Maestro Zimmerman and special guests share insight behind the music you will hear. The Pre-concert Talk is located on the stage in the Concert Hall. The program includes Leshnoff: Symphony No. 4 "Heichalos;" and Beethoven: Symphony No. 9. Visit [FairfaxSymphony.org](http://FairfaxSymphony.org).

## SATURDAY/MAY 14

Sully 2 Community Yard Sale. 9 a.m. to noon. At 5501 Sully Park Drive, Centreville. There will be some great yard and garage sales happening at and/or around 5501 Sully Park Drive. This large community holds a community yard sale every year, you are sure to find something you need or always wanted. Rain date is May 21st, same time, same place.

## SATURDAY/MAY 14

Ken and Brad Kolodner Concert. 7:15 p.m. At Amphora Diner, 1151 Elden Street, Herndon. The father-son team Ken and Brad Kolodner weave together a captivating soundscape on hammered dulcimer and clawhammer banjo, blurring the lines of Old-Time, Bluegrass and American Roots music. They are joined by the dynamic multi-instrumentalist Rachel Eddy on fiddle and guitar.

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## An Uncomfortable Month



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

In an odd juxtaposition of events/months, I find myself adrift, sort of, with no medical appointments whatsoever on the previous or future horizon; compared to the previous month when I had a medical something-or-other practically every other day. And I can't help fearing that this calm is ahead of some storm. I mean, I have cancer. Shouldn't I be doing something (other than taking my daily thyroid cancer pill), going somewhere, being tested, being scanned, having my blood drawn and/or having a telephone or video appointment with one of my doctors? I'm not exactly unsettled by this lack of activity, but I can't help thinking, to quote Shakespeare: "something is rotten in the state of Denmark."

Not that I have any symptoms that are new or have persisted for three weeks (the advisory timeframe I was given for such cause/concern). But how do I go about my daily business (life) without any substantial cancer-related activity/inquiry, other than my daily lenvima? Cancer is a very serious situation, maybe more serious than a heart attack (as the old expression says), yet here I am unsupervised - sort of, and untethered (to quote one of my late father's Sid Caesar references) as if I don't have a care in the world. Not having any cancer-centric activity or preoccupation; it's almost as if I'm on holiday from my disease, and I'm not expected back for another few weeks. Moreover, given the rarity of this emotional interval I can't help wondering: "What's wrong with this picture?" I have an incurable form of thyroid cancer, shouldn't there be more hands on me?

The juxtaposition is that instead of worrying/planning for all the cancer activity ahead, I'm worrying/not-having-to-plan since I have no cancer activity ahead. Somehow, it feels wrong, or at least something is missing somewhere. I'm used to having lots of cancer stuff on my schedule. That's my normal. It's abnormal - now when I don't have to schedule anything. Not that I'm paranoid (which to quote Major Frank Burns from M\*A\*S\*H: "I wouldn't be if everybody wasn't looking at me"), but this silence is not golden.

I can't imagine any medical professional on my quasi team is assuming anything about my health/status (after all, we know what assuming does). And cancer is hardly best left unattended. As my oncologist said years ago in response to my question about what happens if I stop the medication: "I know what happens. The cancer grows." Is it really the process that I take a pill every morning and then call the doctor in the morning, three months hence? Granted, I have been on this thyroid cancer track going on two years since I was re-diagnosed and I do know the drill, but as I felt in the early days of being a non-small cell lung cancer "diagnossee," am I closer to the beginning or the end?

I don't feel neglected, exactly. I feel like I'm not doing something I - or someone else, should be doing. Cancer is rarely better left to its own devices. My dilemma is, I just don't know if the devices I'm left with and/or which are being left on my behalf, are enough to meet the challenges ahead because cancer never takes any days off, so I shouldn't be taking any days (certainly not months) off either, right?

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