

Student Activism At Local High Schools

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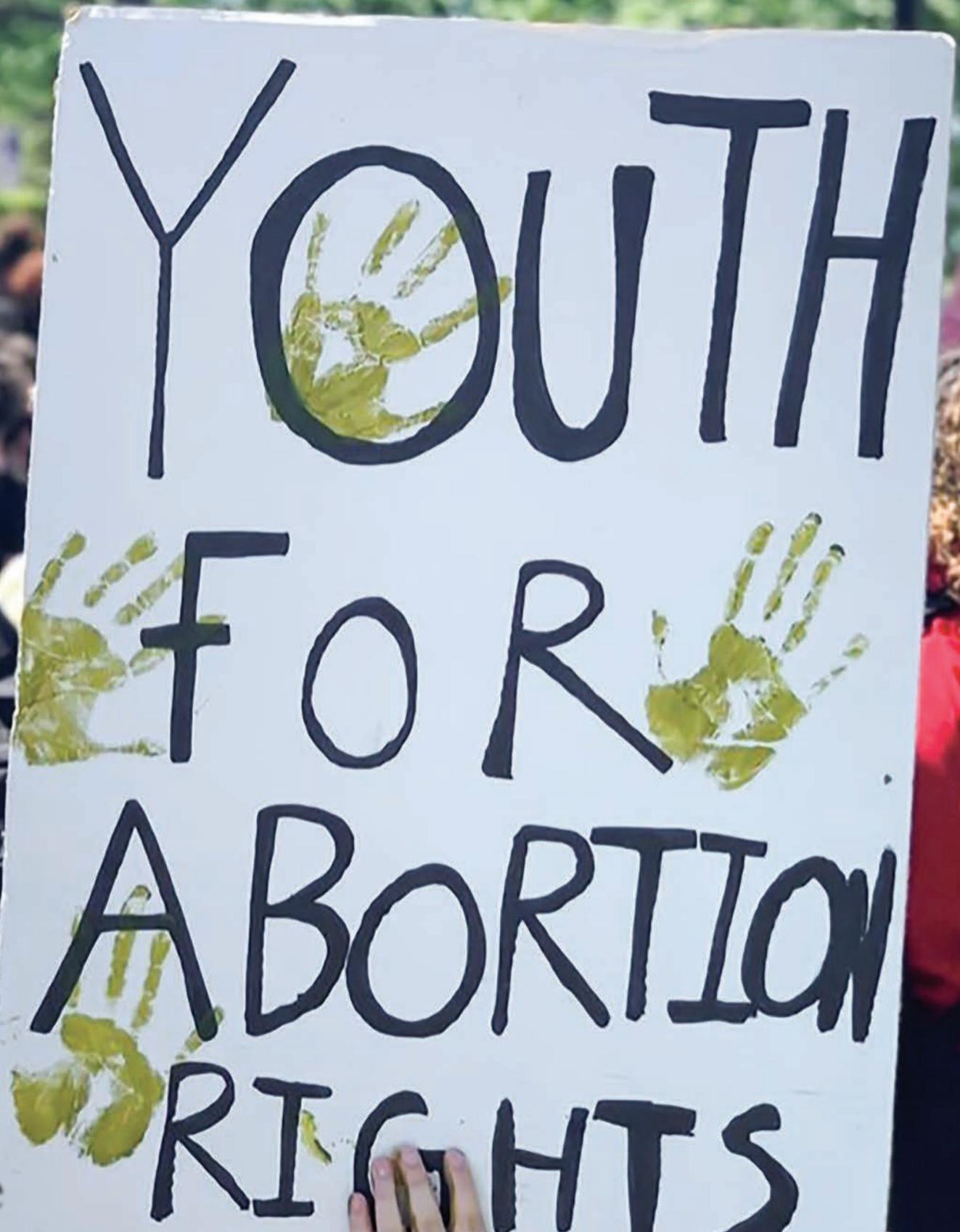
Students protested for abortion access at Herndon High School, and dozens of other schools around the Commonwealth, on Monday, May 9.

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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

On 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)



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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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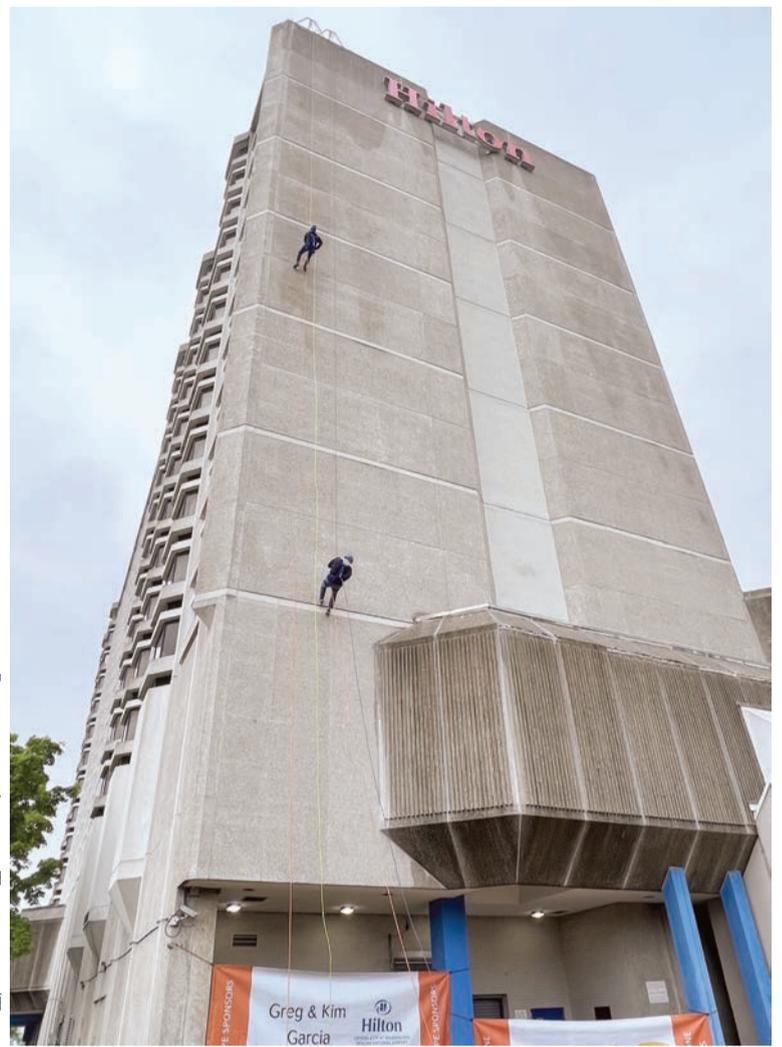
Rappellers raise funds for New Hope Housing.



Emily Shepherd of McLean-based ClearSight Advisors prepares to touch down after rappelling down 14 stories of the Crystal City Hilton May 6 as part of a fundraiser for New Hope Housing.



George Shepherd records the descent of his daughter Emily as she rappels down the side of the Crystal City Hilton May 6 to raise money for New Hope Housing.



ClearSight Advisors Managing Director Jim McCabe, right, and teammate Nathan Birhanu rappel down 14 stories of the Crystal City Hilton May 6 as part of a fundraiser for New Hope Housing.



Fairfax County Board of Supervisors chair Jeff McKay waves after descending 160-feet down the side of the Crystal City Hilton May 5 in support of New Hope Housing.

BY JEANNE THEISMANN
THE CONNECTION

Excitement was mixed with tinges of fear as more than 80 volunteers rappelled down the 14-story Crystal City Hilton as part of the Over the Edge fundraiser for New Hope Housing.

Held May 5 and 6, rappellers included a team from McLean-based ClearSight Advisors, who topped the leaderboard at the event, raising more than \$15,000 for New Hope Housing.

“We have seven team members here today,” said ClearSight Managing Director Jim McCabe, who was one of the top five individual fundraisers for the event. “I had never really rappelled before and while I don’t have an inherent fear of heights, when you step up and start to go back there is a feeling of jitteriness.”

McCabe serves on the board of directors for New Hope Housing, a nonprofit operating homeless shelters and housing programs across Northern Virginia. The event was an alternative to a traditional gala in the wake of the uncertainties of the pandemic.

“This was a COVID-friendly way to raise funds that are desperately needed to support our mission,” said Jan-Michael Sacharko, Director of Development for New Hope Housing. “Because of our partnerships with the Crystal City Hilton, Keller Williams Metro Center, sponsors and volunteers we were able to raise more than \$200,000.”



The team of McLean-based ClearSight Advisors poses for a photo after completing the Over the Edge rappelling fundraiser May 6 at the Crystal City Hilton. The group topped the leaderboard raising more than \$15,000 for New Hope Housing.

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— Emily Shepherd of McLean-based ClearSight Advisors

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ClearSight team member Emily Shepherd had prior rappelling experience but said this was different.

“I had rappelled before in Costa Rica but it was nothing like this,”

Shepherd said. “That was maybe a 20-foot cliff. This was 160-feet. I was really scared at the top but in the end it was really fun and I am glad I did it to help New Hope Housing.”

Added McCabe, “This was an exhilarating experience. Once you get going you feel pretty safe – you get in the harness, you sit down and feel pretty well supported. The Over the Edge organizers do a wonderful job of walking you through the safety precautions, it’s really just getting over that one moment of actually going over the edge.”

Others rappelling included D.C. Divas vice president and wide receiver Lois Cook, Arlington County

Board member Matt de Ferranti and Fairfax County Board of Supervisors chair Jeff McKay.

McCabe admitted he was hesitant but wanted to draw attention to the homeless situation throughout Northern Virginia.

“I was terrified when we started but as we went down it went a little bit easier,” McKay said. “But even as scared as I was at the top of the building, it wasn’t as scary as sleeping outside in the freezing cold dead of winter like too many of our homeless people have to each night. So if I can raise awareness and overcome a fear of my own here today it is worth it. Most importantly I wanted to support New Hope and what they are doing.”

Taking on Beyer

Five Republican candidates seek nomination in convention to challenge incumbent congressman.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE
THE CONNECTION

Usually Republicans have to recruit candidates to run against four-term U.S. Rep. Don Beyer (D-8). Not this year. Five Republicans are seeking the Republican nomination for the 8th Congressional District in a convention later this month. On the campaign trail, the G.O.P. candidates are calling for a prominent public health official to be jailed, undocumented immigrants to be deported, public education to be privatized and controversial issues to be banished from the classroom.

"These are make-a-statement candidates, playing to a small far-right base in that district," said Mark Rozell, dean of the Schar School of Policy and Government at George Mason University. "The real race for Congress in this district is always the Democratic nomination, the outcome of which is tantamount to election in November."

Beyer will be facing challenger Victoria Virasingh in the June 21 primary. Instead of choosing their candidate in a primary, though, Republicans will select their nominee in a May 28 convention at the Waterford Events Center in Springfield. The field includes immigrants from the Soviet Union and South Korea as well as an unsuccessful congressional candidate from the last election cycle. Most of the candidates are self-funded.

"I doubt the GOP will put any money in this race," said Rozell. "Why waste it when there are real competitive races in Virginia this year?"

KARINA LIPSOM has raised the most money out of the candidates, more than \$60,000. Her top contributor is Brian Johnson, vice president of Veterans Guardian, a consulting firm that helps veterans file for disability benefits. Lipsman has a bachelor's degree from Towson University in 2009 and a graduate degree from Johns Hopkins University in 2012. She arrived in this country as a refugee from the Soviet Union, surviving on food stamps and living in low-income housing in Baltimore. She says she's running for Congress to bring change to the country and the district. During a recent candidates forum, she called for the detention of the longtime director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, Anthony Fauci.

"Fauci should be jailed. We all know that," said Lipsman, prompt-



Left to right: Karina Lipsom, Kezia Tunnell, Heerak Christian Kim, Jeff Jordan and Monica Carpio.

ing applause during a recent meeting of the Alexandria City Republican Committee. "We should do our own research."

Fauci has become a hated figure among certain elements of the right wing. During a recent rally in North Carolina, U.S. Rep. Madison Cawthorn (R-N.C.) also called for Fauci to be jailed. Similarly, U.S. Rep. Marjorie Taylor Greene (R-Ga.) introduced the Fire Fauci Act, which suggests the chief medical advisor to the president "failed to provide Americans with accurate information" about the pandemic. She also called for members of the Alexandria School Board to be "fired" in reaction to an alleged sexual assault involving students at the Minnie Howard campus of Alexandria City Public High School.

"We've seen it right there at Minnie Howard High School in October when the School Board and everyone associated decided to cover up an assault on a young lady, and it wasn't exposed until March of this year," said Lipsman. "Everyone on that board should be fired."

HEERAK CHRISTIAN KIM is a registered nurse who is a native of South Korea. He routinely calls himself the "MAGA America First candidate," and his website declares that he is the "Leonardo Da Vinci of our generation." He has a bachelor's degree from the University of Pennsylvania in 1990, a graduate degree from UCLA in 1991 and a graduate degree from Georgetown University in 2020. He says he's running to improve education, healthcare and governmental services. When asked about immigration at a recent candidates forum, Kim called for millions of undocumented immigrants to be forcibly removed from the

FUNDRAISING INFORMATION	
KARINA LIPSOM	
❖ total receipts:	\$60,341
❖ total disbursements:	\$16,992
❖ cash on hand:	\$43,349
TOP CONTRIBUTORS	
❖ \$5,800 from Brian Johnson, vice president of Veterans Guardian	
❖ \$3,250 from Charlie Platt, cybersecurity consultant at Arete Incident Response	
❖ \$2,900 from Graham Abell, student in Baltimore	
❖ \$2,900 from Thomas Henry, owner of Henry Wealth Management	
❖ \$2,900 from Neil Patel, director of Neil Patel Consulting	
HEERAK CHRISTIAN KIM	
❖ total receipts:	\$12,800
❖ total disbursements:	\$11,241
❖ cash on hand:	\$1,623
TOP CONTRIBUTOR	
❖ \$12,400 loan from the candidate	
JEFF JORDAN	
❖ total receipts:	\$9,125
❖ total disbursements:	\$9,125
❖ cash on hand:	\$0
TOP CONTRIBUTOR	
❖ \$9,125 loan from the candidate	
MONICA CARPIO	
total receipts:	\$8,438
total disbursements:	\$8,165
cash on hand:	\$273
TOP CONTRIBUTORS	
\$5,000 from the candidate	
\$1,288 from Joseph Messina, finance manager at Koons Ford	
\$1,000 from Jorge Carpio, retired	
KEZIA TUNNELL	
total receipts:	\$0
total disbursements:	\$0
cash on hand:	\$0

country.

"I want to build that wall, strengthen the borders and deport 13 million illegals who are already in America," said Kim. "Your grandchildren will pay for them if we do not deport them back to

their country."

During a recent candidates forum, he said critical race theory and "LGBT grooming" are "forced upon the classroom." He said America is "plagued by fake news," adding that he trusts news sources

like One America News, Newsmax and Fox News. If elected, he says, he would try to eliminate the H-1B visa program, which allows U.S. employers to temporarily employ foreign workers to specialty occupations. He routinely posts images of a Confederate flag on his social media accounts to make a point about free speech.

"Virginians have a right to fly their Confederate flag at their homes without being persecuted, without being fired from their job," said Kim. "They have the right to celebrate their cultural heritage."

JEFF JORDAN is seeking a second nomination to run in the 8th Congressional District. Two years ago, he was the Republican nominee to run against Beyer, and he received 24 percent of the vote. He served in the U.S. Army from 1998 to 2014, and he earned a bachelor's degree from the University of Montana in 1999 and a graduate degree from National Intelligence University in 2012. If elected, he says, he will work to defeat "the immoral and unjust ideology of socialism."

"Do not forgive student loan debt," said Jordan. "You will see a drastic decrease in the number of Humanities majors, and the cost of those majors."

Jordan says he's inspired by the writings of Ayn Rand, and that he's spent his life fighting against "the socialist left." He says progressives want to erase history and make people dependent on government, adding that the left "has a hard time defining what a woman is." If elected, he says, he would eliminate government programs that incentivize people who avoid work. When asked about education, Jordan said the federal government should play "no role."

"We need to move our education system to the private sector. We need to privatize it," said Jordan. "Make it a market-based system."

MONICA CARPIO is a stay-at-home parent, economist and political activist who has a bachelor's degree from Stanford University in 1993 and graduate degree from Cornell University in 1995. Her parents immigrated from South America in the late 1960s; she is a native of California who came to the Washington area to work at the Department of Labor and the Department of Commerce. She says "the media is just out of control," and she blames the length of the pandemic on journalists.

"The reason this pandemic last-

Five Republican Candidates Seek Nomination in Convention

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ed so long was because of irresponsible reporters," said Carpio. "Sure a lot of people got sick, but it was mostly people with underlying conditions and elderly people. There was no reason to close businesses and schools for so long."

If elected, she says, she would reduce the budget for the United States Agency for International Development because she believes the U.S. spends too much money helping other countries. She says she would like to see that money moved to the Department of Defense. She says America needs "strict border control," and that she can help achieve this goal because she speaks Spanish. When asked about education, she said some of the money diverted from USAID could be used to purchase metal detectors for public schools.

"Controversial issues should not be taught in public schools," said Carpio. "The government should try to promote old-fashioned subjects in schools like math, reading, science, music and literature."

KEZIA TUNNELL is a co-founder of Tunnell Enterprises, which she says specializes in "large commercial builds and remodels." She says the deficit is "astronomical and unsustainable," adding that

she would support "smaller packaging of bills so that we can better evaluate where your money is being spent." When asked about immigration, Tunnell said she visited the southern border and saw cartels working with border control agents to bring undocumented immigrants into the country.

"Illegal immigration affects our immigrant communities, and it affects the safety of our communities," said Tunnell. "We have to say no human trafficking and to the drug problems that are coming across our borders every day."

If elected, she says, she would support school choice and a reduction in federal regulation of schools, including decisions about curriculum. She says she supports increasing the budget for national defense and increasing sanctions to curb threats to national security. She also says she supports American energy independence, which she says would provide jobs, lower energy costs and national defense.

"I grew up in the 90s, and they told us that we were running out of natural resources. I actually believed that until I became an adult," said Tunnell. "But that is not the case, and that is not truth. They continue to renew, and we must use those so we can get costs down immediately."

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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://library-calendar.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. Join by Phone: 1-844-621-3956; Access code: 2349 873 9558

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Public Notice

Updated weight limits on Virginia bridges and culverts

In accord with state and federal law, the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) has imposed new or changed existing weight restrictions and installed new signage indicating the updated weight restrictions on the following bridges and culverts (structures) in Virginia within the last 30 days.

Jurisdiction	Fed Struc Id	Route #	Route Name	Crossing	Posted Date
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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.

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FCPS Students Join Statewide Day of Action for Abortion Access

Students protest to demand federal and state measures to codify *Roe v. Wade*.

BY MERCIA HOBSON
THE CONNECTION

On Monday, May 9, students from 12 Fairfax County public high schools joined Generation Ratify Virginia's statewide call to action and participated in its Student Day of Action for Abortion Access, according to organizers. Generation Ratify Virginia is the official chapter of Generation Ratify, a youth-led movement to pass the Equal Rights Amendment.

After Supreme Court draft documents detailing intentions to overturn *Roe v. Wade* leaked, on May 2, Generation Ratify Virginia posted on Facebook, "This news is debilitating, but we will continue to push back."

Some local public high school students stood in solidarity with other students from 32 Virginia high schools and James Madison University. Students at FCPS' Chantilly, Herndon, James Madison, John R. Lewis, Langley, Marshall, McLean, Oakton, South Lakes, Thomas Jefferson H.S. for Science and Technology, Westfield, and Woodson high schools were among those who participated in walkouts and protests on Monday, May 9. Students at Wakefield and



Students protested for abortion access at Marshall High School on Monday, May 9.

Washington-Liberty, two Arlington County public high schools, reportedly also took part.

The students staged walkouts and demonstrations, waving placards and yelling loudly. Youth voices are often ignored in abortion discussions, and they want to be heard, organizers said. According to McLean HS student Rosa Kwon,



Students protested for abortion access at John R. Lewis High School on Monday, May 9.

an overturn of *Roe v. Wade* indicates "a cold, disconsolate trend: the heightened rollback on all people's rights."

"The truth of the matter is trans men, cisgender, bisexual, and lesbian women, all people with uteruses have to live with the possibility of becoming pregnant. The issue of repro rights doesn't simply involve women's rights. It subsumes the rights of oppressed minorities across all spectrums of gender and

sexual orientation. And by ignoring the layers that the overturn of *Roe v. Wade* entails, SCOTUS refuses to acknowledge that people like us exist," Kwon said.

Felix Hedberg is the policy director for Generation Ratify Virginia. Hedberg says he participated in numerous meetings with students around the state to push for reproductive rights. "Virginia was the 38th state to ratify the ERA, shining the spotlight on Virginia in

the movement for gender equality and reproductive justice," Hedberg said. "Generation Z is ready to capitalize on that attention to ensure Youngkin and Virginia listen."

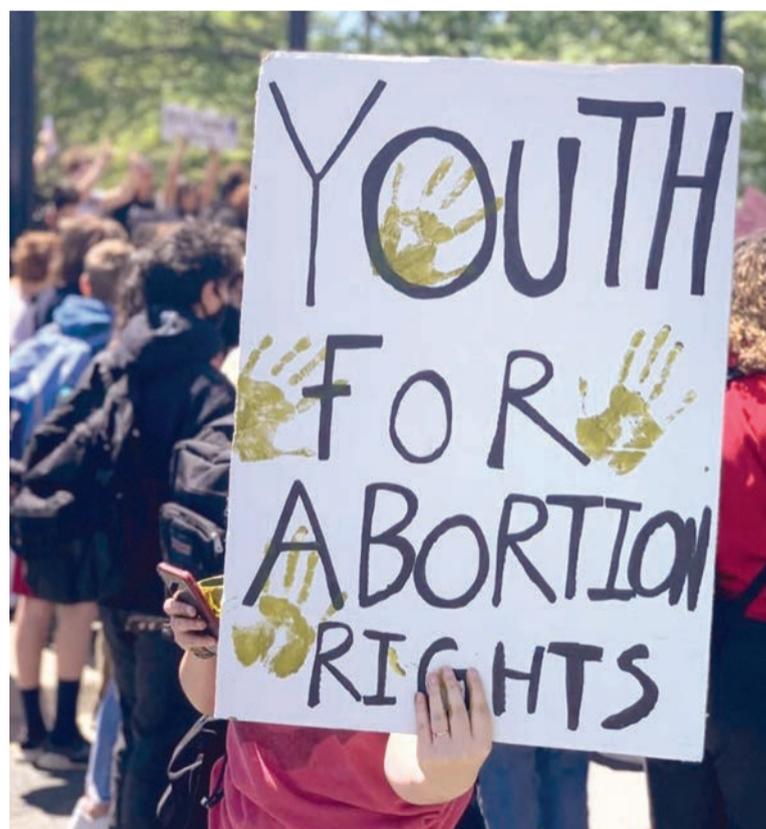
Makenzie Hymes is a student at Marshall High School. She said that thanks to the support from Generation Ratify Virginia, student leaders from Marshall were able to amass hundreds of students in protest, "energized to demonstrate the necessity of access to abortion reproductive freedoms. ... Students showed up and showed out with signs and spirit. ... Speakers encouraged students to ask their legislators to codify *Roe*, ratify the Equal Rights Amendment, and pass the Women's Health Protection Act," said Hymes.

Anabelle Lombard attends Wakefield High School in Arlington. Rallying for *Roe* was essential for her in safeguarding future rights.

"We are going to defend our access to abortion and preserve our rights to reproductive healthcare. We have made it clear that we need these rights supported by a strong legal backing of gender equality that enshrining the Equal Rights Amendment in our constitution would provide. We have made it clear that Gen-Z will not stand idly by as a few conservative judges strip away our right to choose."

Organizers expected that 1,000 students around the Commonwealth would join the demonstrations, with many more wearing green in support. Green is the international pro-choice color. Because of the mass engagement, some students at some schools decided to stage protests on Monday and Thursday.

FCPS's civic activity policy for students in grades 7 through 12 was revised in December 2019. The policy permits students to miss a half-day of school per year to protest, rally, or participate in civic engagement, sharing their voices and perspectives outside of required FCPS activities. Regulation 2234 states, "Students and parents/guardians must complete the appropriate prearranged absence form and include documented evidence of participation in an organized event or activity." Civic engagement outside of activities required by the FCPS course curriculum is optional and not supervised by FCPS staff.



Students protested for abortion access at Herndon High School on Monday, May 9.

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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 disclosure 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 par-

ents' 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 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/CDM-FUR40D71D/\\$file/20220214%20-%20Trust%20Policy%20-%20Final.pdf](https://go.boarddocs.com/vsba/fairfax/Board.nsf/files/CDM-FUR40D71D/$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."

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, SEE HELPING. PAGE 9

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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.)

Alexandria Gazette Packet

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Plaid Tidings Scottish Walk returns to celebrate 50th anniversary.

The sound of bagpipes returned to the streets of Old Town as the annual Scottish Walk Parade returned to celebrate its 50th anniversary Dec. 4 following last year's pandemic-induced hiatus.

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

ENTERTAINMENT

St. Elmo's Comes to Old Town (with Cocktails)

Just in time for a January cold snap, Old Town North has gotten a little bit warmer. Del Ray staple St. Elmo's opened its doors at 529 Montgomery Street earlier this month... "We go back awhile here, in April or May of 2019," said co-owner Larry Nault. "We started talking and ended up signing a lease by November of 2019. We were moving forward, we were in the architectural design phase, and submitted for permits in February -- and then when we



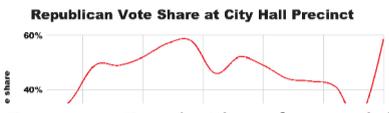
Some sandwich favorites from @market2market-detray are featured at St. Elmo's Old Town North. For instance the 116: prosciutto di parma, gremolata

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

NEWS

Absentee Minded Lawmakers consider bill to assist ballots to precincts where voter

On election night, Democrats were shocked by how well Donald Trump was performing in Alexandria. As returns were posted online, voters were rising among supporters of Joe Biden as the incumbent was outperforming expectations at precinct after precinct. Trump was within striking distance of winning George Mason and Lyles Coudis. Lafayette Senior Building was tied. The Republican vote share at City Hall broke a new record of 59 percent. Trump got a higher percentage of the vote in 2020 at City Hall than Ronald Reagan did in 1980 or 1984.



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

The Arlington Connection Why We Rescue



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

They lurk in the murky, shallow waters of the Potomac River and down the streams that connect to the river. Snakeheads are a voracious and invasive species that are causing concern among anglers and environmentalists. They are known for their ability to eat anything that fits in their mouths, including fish, birds, and mammals.

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

SUMMER FOOD Spring Brings Fresh Produce to Arlington Needy

Spring brings fresh produce to Arlington Needy, a program that provides fresh vegetables to those in need. The program is a partnership between local farmers and community organizations. It aims to reduce food insecurity and promote healthy eating.

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



Michael Lee Pope.

NEWS An Afghan Family

Struggles here, and the family left behind.

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.

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

No questions asked, no IDs needed — County children under 18 and all FXCO students eligible. The program provides meal kits to students in need during the summer months. The kits are distributed through school buses and community sites.

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

NEWS Memorial to Suffragist Women Dedicated

To educate, inspire, empower present and future generations. A memorial to suffragist women was dedicated in Arlington, Virginia. The memorial honors the women who fought for the right to vote and paved the way for women's equality.

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



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



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

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FCPS Approves Trust Policy

FROM PAGE 7

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 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, 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.

BULLETIN BOARD

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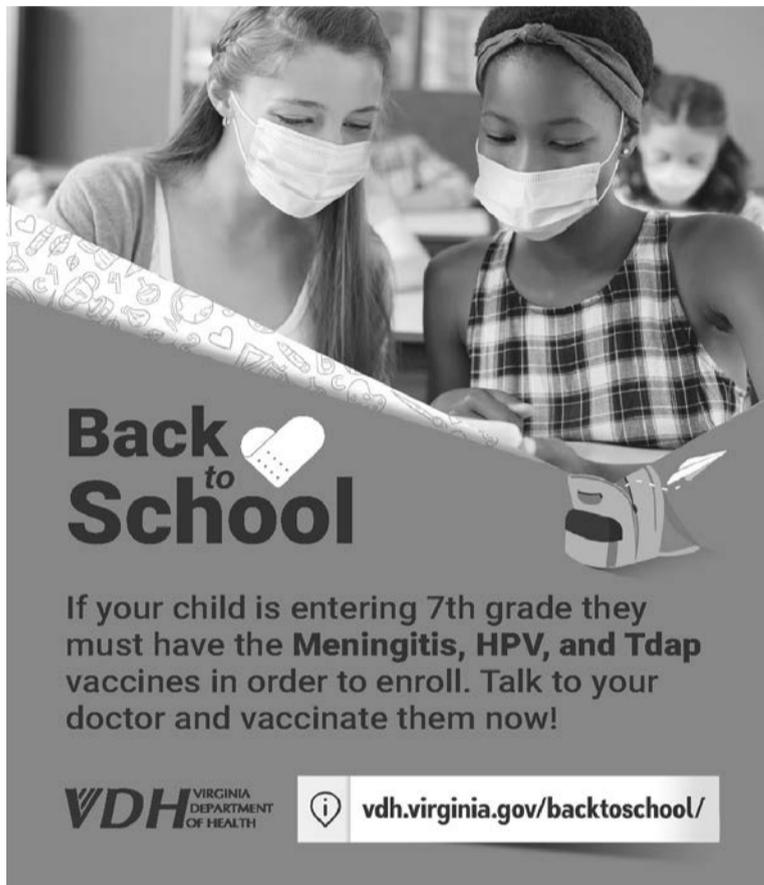
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The Nai-Ni Chen Dance and Ahn Trio will take place on Wednesday, May 18 at Center-Stage in Reston.

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.

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 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.

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.

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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