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The 2022 ViVa! Vienna Festival drew thousands of people to the three-day family-friendly event on Memorial Day weekend, featuring rides, games, musical acts, a food court, and vendors, plus a Memorial Day Tribute with local, county, and state elected leaders.



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# NEWS

## Flamingos in Your Front Yard?

### New Program by Woman's Club of McLean.

If you see a flock of flamingos in your neighbor's yard, don't be alarmed. They are just roosting there to help the Woman's Club of McLean raise money for local charities.

The program is called "You've Been Flocked." Anyone can pay the suggested donation of \$80 to have someone's yard covered with pretty, plastic pink flamingos. If the recipient is out of the McLean area, the donation is \$100. When the recipient you flocked wakes up in the morning, they are surprised by all the flamingos in their yard. There is also a sign that tells them that they have been flocked, along with a nice letter explaining the program. The flamingos are

picked up after 3 days.

Due to the pandemic, the Woman's Club has been unable to have their major fundraiser, The Holiday Homes Tour. It's been two years without having the much needed funds to help local organizations. A few of these are: McLean Volunteer Fire Department, SHARE, Veterans' Transitional Housing, Animal Welfare and Second Story. So, the flamingos are trying to make up for it. Great gift idea for graduations, birthdays, anniversaries, etc.

If you would like to donate to have a friend's yard flocked, you may contact Emma Lea Moorman, Assistant Treasurer, Woman's Club of McLean, at 703-821-9144.



Could this happen to you?

## Langley High School Orchestra Presents Out of This World

By ERIKA LI  
LANGLEY SENIOR

Under a swirling sky of stars projected on the ceiling and before a packed house of exhilarated audience members, Langley High School's orchestra closed out the school year with a space-themed concert for the ages.

The evening began with a grand opening, with the Philharmonic orchestra performing Gustav Holst's beloved "Jupiter," from the Planets suite. Aptly epigraphed as "the bringer of jollity," the piece exuded vitality and grandeur, an effect amplified with full brass, woodwinds, and percussion accompaniment. On a similarly momentous note, the orchestra then presented the world premiere of "The Artemis Generation," guest conducted by the composer himself, Doug Wallace. The piece was commissioned by the American Youth Philharmonic Orchestra and features prominent percussion sections, creating a futuristic and haunting sound that conveyed the piece's message of hope for a new generation of space explorers.

Langley's senior orchestra members then performed a slate of nostalgic space-age pieces. They first presented the main theme of the classic movie E.T. The Extra-Terrestrial, by John Williams, an airy and whimsical piece with a message on the importance of friendship and childhood. From the science fiction film Interstellar, the senior musicians performed Hans Zimmer's "No Time For Caution," an eerie and powerful piece amplified with an organ backing track. Langley's auditorium was then transported to a galaxy far far away, with the senior musicians playing "Rey's Theme" by John Williams, a piece from Star Wars: The Force Awakens. Performers wrapped their bows in colorful LED lights, reminiscent of lightsabers and epic space battles as they played through the music.

The junior musicians of the orchestra then took the stage with iconic extraterrestrial-themed pieces from the silver screen. With Michael Giacchino's Star Trek, then James Horner's "I See You" from the blockbuster film Avatar, clips from movies played on the screen



Cello player Zach Baker dressed up as an astronaut to make the senior performance truly out of this world!

alongside the musicians. Freshman cellist Luke Yang noted that the "movie scenes in the background was a cool idea that added a positive element to the concert." The junior orchestra members closed off their section of the performance with a universally recognizable medley of themes from Star Wars: The Last Jedi, by John Williams.

The Concert orchestra, composed of freshman and sophomore players, carried a modern and futuristic tone through their repertoire of pieces. Beginning with the theme from world-renowned British television series, Dr. Who, by Murray Gold, the orchestra told the story of an eccentric alien traveling through time in a telephone box through exhilarating and mysterious musical passages. The next pieces were amped up and energizing, with the superhero-themed "Emerald Falcon" by Richard Meyer, and the theme from the video game Halo, by Marty O'Donnell, accompanied by junior Wesley Chang on electric guitar.

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PHOTOS BY JEN DZWONCZYK



With bows wrapped in LED lights, Langley HS Orchestra's senior musicians performed space-age music in their final concert.

NEWS

# McLean Art Show Opens



Ginger Sanaie, McLean artist

SHIRLEY RUHE  
THE CONNECTION

**G**inger Sanaie from McLean is exhibiting three watercolors at the opening reception of the McLean Art Show Friday May 13. Sanaie says most people have the misconception that watercolors are pale and fade but it's not true. They

have the same pigment as in the color of your auto.

She points to her painting of a small dog exhibited on the panels. It only has three colors—yellow, blue and burnt sienna. “I can mix them and don’t need a lot.” Sanaie has been painting for 20 years. “My parents didn’t encourage an art degree so I became a lawyer.” But when she retired and the children

were gone she had time, so she began to paint more. “It’s fun and I like to see that I have a product. It’s all you.” She encourages people to just go take a class. She started with adult education in Fairfax. “There’s so much you can do now including online classes.”

The McLean Art Society (MAS), in existence since 1955, has sponsored the art show held at Walker



Jane McElvay Coonce, Arlington artist

Chapel United Methodist Church in Arlington. Lori Lisiecki who is in charge of this show says they started setting up on Thursday and spent most of the day on the mechanics, then today the 21 artists brought in the 84 hanging exhibits as well as the smaller paintings displayed on the tables.

The McLean Art Society members include working artists, beginners and individuals who have an interest in art. They hold monthly meetings open to the public at the McLean Community Center as well as demonstrations and lectures. Anna Katalina, President of McLean Art Society is greeting visitors but says she doesn’t have any of her oil paintings in the Old Dutch Masters style on exhibit for this show. “I am in three shows at the same time and just couldn’t do it.”

Jane McElvay Coonce, Arlington, is exhibiting a variety of oil paintings including a large koi in a rock pond selling for \$600, a smaller peony picture for \$250, a crab, and a landscape of Key Bridge. She says she teaches art at the Arlington Adult Center but began painting with her mother 40 years ago. She remembers her mother loved to paint birds.

Coonce says her koi picture took a while. “You don’t just do it one sitting. You have to draw it out first, then start blocking the color down to see if it is working. Then you have to refine it. You don’t want the fish floating on top of the water so you have to work with the water.”

Coonce says she exhibits in different shows. “The problem with painting is that if you don’t sell them, your house is full of paintings. COVID was really bad because I made the commitment to paint every day. I had so many.”

For more information [www.mcleanartsociety.org](http://www.mcleanartsociety.org)



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## Enforcement Stepping Up at Scott's Run

Scott's Run Nature Preserve in Great Falls, Virginia is a fantastic natural resource to be enjoyed by those looking for a quiet place to enjoy a hike; to gaze at the waterfall and streams, as well as the shoreline of the Potomac River; and to take in the rich abundance of local fauna, woodland creatures and natural resources.

If you are seeking a place to drink alcohol, swim or wade in the water, or climb on rocks, this is not the place. The Fairfax County Park Authority will be working collaboratively with the Fairfax County Police Department to ensure only permitted activities take place in this natural area, that people can recreate safely, and that the rules as they apply to alcohol and use of the preserve are observed.

Law enforcement and FCPA staff will be enforcing the rules as follows:

No coolers are allowed. No alcohol or

glass bottles are permitted in Scott's Run. Bags will be checked at parking lot trailheads. Enforcement will be stepped up at the waterfall area.

No swimming, wading or boating allowed at Scott's Run. Crowds in the water threaten the many invertebrates and the remarkable and rare plant species that call the preserve home. Parking is limited to 50 cars in the designated parking areas. No parking is permitted in adjacent neighborhoods or along the roadway leading to the park. Dogs must be on a leash while in the park.

Our rules are posted on the Scott's Run Nature Preserve Park Rules webpage. [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/rules/scotts-run](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/rules/scotts-run)

Scott's Run Nature Preserve is located at 7400 Georgetown Pike, McLean, Virginia. For more information, visit Scott's Run Nature Preserve. [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/scotts-run](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/scotts-run)

## Langley HS Orchestra

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In a bittersweet close to the evening, senior musicians once again took the stage to perform "City of Stars" by Justin Hurwitz, from the critically acclaimed film La La Land. Langley's orchestra has a long-standing tradition of a "senior song," a piece selected by graduating orchestra members played over a slideshow of all their post-high school destinations. "City of Stars" was a particu-

larly meaningful selection- the same senior song was selected by the graduating class of 2020, who never got to perform it due to the pandemic.

Reflecting on their tenure in Langley's orchestra, senior musicians are nostalgic. "Orchestra has been such a core part of my high school experience," says senior violinist Anh-Thu Pham. "I've made so many great memories and this concert was an amazing way to conclude my four years in the program."

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# 2022 ViVa! VIENNA!



The Cole Family of Vienna comes for rides, prizes, and snow cones.



Isabella, 5, of Oakton, spends her second day at ViVa! Vienna, this time getting her hair braided by "Cinderella" of the Vienna Singing Princesses, otherwise known as Laelia Kavalier, 16, of Vienna.



Cleo Kolundzik, 3, of Oakton wants to be princess according to her mom, Ashley.



Alona of McLean enjoys the food at ViVa! Vienna! on her first time to the festival.



Maple Academy of Irish Dance performs on the Town Green Stage.

# 2022 ViVa! Vienna! Doing a World of Good

## Memorial Day Tribute held.

By **MERCIA HOBSON**  
THE CONNECTION

The Rotary Club of Vienna, in collaboration with title sponsors Navy Federal Credit Union and the Town of Vienna, returned in full force for 2022 ViVa! Vienna! Back to its 2019 footprint with the closing of Church Street, the three-day, admission-free Memorial Day Festival welcomed the local community. As part of ViVa! Vienna!, on Monday, May 30, Rotary held a Memorial Day Tribute on the Vienna Town Green featuring remarks by local, county, and state leadership.

This year, Rotary benefited from a new event at ViVa! Vienna! called Backstage Brew Fest. It mirrored the recently held Taste of Vienna.

"We are doing it on two days, over at the Vienna Firehouse," said A.J. Oskuie, 2022 ViVa! Vienna! Chair and Rotarian. "It (Backstage Brew Fest) is a new pipeline of giving for us (as) we work in conjunction with the Vienna Volunteer Fire Department," Oskuie said.

The Club's support, coupled with proceeds of ViVa! Vienna!, would be approximately \$250,000 and go to over 70 different local charitable organizations, according to Oskuie.

Oskuie lauded the community and the Vienna Town Council's "fantastic" support for the new effort. He noted that the beer was exclusively offered at the fire station because the Rotary wanted to



The Coozies perform on the Lawyers Road Stage.

maintain the family-friendly nature of ViVa! Vienna! The event included amusement rides and activities provided by the clubs' partner, Cole Amusements, an extensive selection of food and business vendors, and two stages of musical performances.

Major Gunnar Spafford, USMC (retired), Vienna Rotary Club, and Master of Ceremonies for the Memorial Day Tribute, said that he would discuss the true meaning of



Crowds come in full force to celebrate community and Memorial Day together at the 2022 ViVa! brought to patrons by the Rotary Club of Vienna with its partners Navy Federal Credit Union and the Town of Vienna.

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you turn around and educate people about the true meaning of Memorial Day," Spafford said. Spafford watched the families and teens in front of him make their way toward ViVa! Vienna!'s attractions, games, and fun. "[Memorial Day] is a day to remember those who have come before, gone off to war, and been killed in combat," Spafford said. "I'm going to make sure that we take a lot of time and talk about the over one million Americans who have died for us to have stuff like this that we get to experience today," he said.

According to Spafford, it is acceptable on Memorial Day to the people who served for 20 years and have since died. "They still served. They gave a piece of themselves, and while they didn't die on the battlefield, they have passed on. It's okay to remember them too," he said.

The Memorial Day Tribute featured remarks by speaker Rear Admiral Fred Kacher, United States Navy, and elected officials, Mayor Linda Colbert, Town of Vienna and Chairman Jeffrey McKay (D), Fairfax County Board of Supervisors.

Governor Glenn Youngkin (R), who also attended the Tribute said: "Today, we pay tribute to our fallen heroes. I ask that you remember their courage, their devotion, and, above all, their sacrifice and live in gratitude each and every day for the precious gift they have given us. Freedom is not free," Youngkin said.

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# CALENDAR

## SATURDAYS UNTIL DECEMBER

The Reston Farmers Market (sponsored by the Fairfax Co. Park Authority) will take place at Lake Anne Village from 8 a.m.-noon. SNAP beneficiaries receive up to \$20 match. Visit <http://restonfarmersmarket.com/>

## NOW THRU DEC. 31

Crafts for Kids. 10 a.m. to 12 noon. At Reston Art Gallery and Studios, 11400 Washington Plaza W at Lake Anne, Reston. Free, themed art projects for children (with guardian) are offered at Reston Art Gallery and Studios every Saturday from 10 a.m. until 12 p.m. Visit the website: [www.restonartgallery.com](http://www.restonartgallery.com)

## MCLEAN FARMERS MARKET

The McLean Farmers Market opened for the 2022 season on Fridays at Lewinsville Park, 1659 Chain Bridge Road, McLean. The market will run every Friday from 8 a.m. to noon through Nov. 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.fairfax-county.gov/parks/farmersmarkets/>

## HERNDON FARMERS MARKET

Thursdays through Nov. 3, 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. 765 Lynn St., Herndon, VA, 20170 <https://www.fairfax-county.gov/parks/farmersmarkets/herndon>

## GREAT FALLS FARMERS MARKET

The Great Falls Farmers Market Outdoor Market is open every Saturday, Spring and Summer, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m., 778 Walker Road, Great Falls. For vendors and weekly highlights see <https://www.greatfallsfarmersmarket.org/>

## NOW THRU JUNE 19

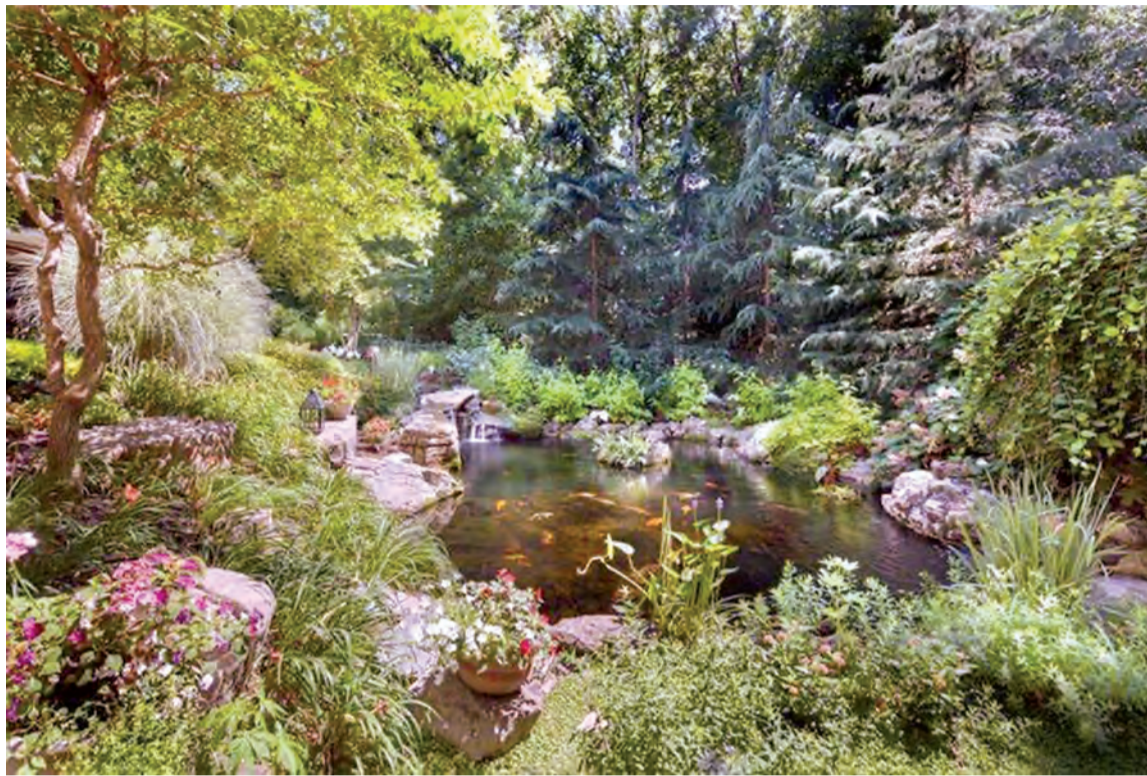
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## JUNE 2-19

"Under the Sea." At 1st Stage in Tysons, 1524 Spring Hill Road Tysons. Thursdays at 7:30 p.m., Fridays at 8 p.m., Saturdays at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m., and Sundays at 2 p.m. Tickets: \$50 general admission, \$47 seniors (65+), \$15 students, educators, and military. Purchase online at [www.1ststage.org](http://www.1ststage.org).

## JUNE 2-5

Herndon Carnival. At Northwest Federal Credit Union, 200 Spring Street, Herndon. The Carnival will feature 22 rides, games, strolling entertainers, an assortment of food vendors, a Run Into Summer



The Great Falls Garden Tour will take place on Saturday, June 4 in Great Falls.

5K Race (Sunday, June 5 at 7:30 a.m.), free shuttle bus service, and free admission. The Herndon Carnival is produced by the Town of Herndon Parks and Recreation Department with assistance from local civic organizations and businesses. Northwest Federal Credit Union is proud to serve as the title sponsor for the 2022 Herndon Carnival. Event attendees can learn about all the Carnival at [herndon-carnival.net](http://herndon-carnival.net). Register for the race at [www.herndoncarnival.net/10k-5k-races.html](http://www.herndoncarnival.net/10k-5k-races.html).

## STARTING THURSDAY, JUNE 2

RCC Take a Break Concerts. 7-8:30 p.m. At Reston Station, adjacent to Wiehle-Reston Metro Station, Reston. Reston Community Center will present their free Thursday evening summer concerts at Reston Station in summer 2022. Previously held on Lake Anne Plaza, these concerts offer a variety of musical styles with monthly "dance night" instruction on Thursday evenings from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

## JUNE 3-5

Tysons Library Booksale. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. At Tysons Pimmit Regional Library, 7584 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church. Large selection of books and media for all ages and interests. Bag sale on Sunday, June 5. \$10 for a full grocery sack or half price if less. Visit the website: <https://booksaletinder.com/VA.html#X2291>

## FRIDAY/JUNE 3

Memoir Writing Workshop. 2-3 p.m. Virtual Event. Series of four workshops, 6/3, 6/10, 6/24 and 7/1. Led by Shabnam Curtis, published memoirist of My Persian Paradox. Adults. Visit the website: <https://librarycalendar.fairfaxcounty.gov/event/9166657>

## SATURDAY/JUNE 4

Reston Gardens of Note. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. At various residential gardens in Reston. Explore residential gardens in Reston on the 2022 Gardens of Note tour, including musical performances. Presented by The Reston Chorale in partner-

ship with the Reston Garden Club and Hidden Lane Residential Landscapes. Cost: \$20 in advance, \$25 day of event. Visit the website: <https://restonchorale.networkforgood.com/events/42499-gardens-of-note-2022>

## SATURDAY/JUNE 4

Art Sale. 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at 3124 Fox Mill Road, Oakton. Vale Club is having an Art Sale featuring original artwork by several local Artists. All mediums and sizes. All proceeds benefit the preservation of the Historic Vale School House. Don't miss this special one day event. (Cash, Check and Credit Cards Accepted)

## SATURDAY/JUNE 4

Goat Yoga. 8:15-9:45 a.m. At Roer's Zoofari, 1228 Hunter Mill Rd., Vienna. Roer's Zoofari is hosting four Saturday-morning sessions of goat yoga this summer. For \$40 (\$30 for members), guests can enjoy a playful, hour-long workout with goats. This event will be outdoors and socially distanced. Guests can participate on the grass or bring their own yoga mat or towel. After the workout, there will be 15 minutes for cuddling with the goats. Visit the website: <https://www.roerszoofari.com/goat-yoga/>

## SATURDAY/JUNE 4

Bubble Fun Run. 10 a.m. to 12 noon. At McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. This fitness event is for children ages 3 to 9 with a bubble course and unlimited time playing in the bubbles. Cost: \$20 out of district / \$15 in district. Visit the website: <https://mcleancenter.org/events-calendar/icalrepeat.detail/2022/06/04/13064/-/bubble-fun-run>

## SATURDAY/JUNE 4

The Kinsey Sicks. 8 p.m. At Reston Community Theater's CenterStage. America's favorite Dragapella Beautyshop Quartet will serve up a feast of a cappella music and comedy. Cost: \$20 Reston/\$30 Non-Reston. Visit [www.restoncommunitycenter.com](http://www.restoncommunitycenter.com).

## SATURDAY/JUNE 4

Clifton 5K Run. 6 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. At 7139 Main Street, Clifton. Area residents looking for a fun weekend activity won't want to miss the Clifton Caboose Twilight Run, a 5K run and a one-mile run/walk held just outside the scenic town of Clifton. A post-race party with refreshments, live music, and an awards ceremony will take place at the Red Barn near Clifton's Main Street area. Cost: 5K Run - \$25, One-Mile Fun Run/Walk - \$20. Visit the website: <https://potomac.enmotive.com/events/register/2022-clifton-caboose-run-5k>

## SATURDAY/JUNE 4

Reston Pride Festival. 12-6 p.m. At Lake Anne Plaza, Reston. The event includes a full day of musical and community performers, over 60 local businesses and organizations, and plenty of fun activities for all. Reston Pride is a local grassroots non-profit operating under the CORE Foundation, and serves to support and celebrate members of the LGBTQIA+ community in Reston and its surrounding area. Visit [www.restonpride.org](http://www.restonpride.org).

## SATURDAY/JUNE 4

Sacred Self Love. 7:30-9 p.m. At Honest Soul Yoga. 7505 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church. Join Johanna for a 90 minute exploration of self love with a Sacred Cacao Ceremony, guided breathwork, meditation and a soothing sound journey. Visit the website: <https://www.eventvesta.com/events/16962/t/tickets>

## SATURDAY/JUNE 4

Great Falls Garden Tour. 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. At 9830 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. The Great Falls Garden Club tour will include eight gardens all located in Great Falls ranging from a large cutting garden to a five-acre property including hundreds of perennials, a small orchard; a "secret garden" backyard with a waterfall and koi pond. Cost is \$30. Contact: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/great-falls-garden-tour-tickets-295387220127>

## SATURDAY/JUNE 4

Paws on the Plaza: A Pet Event. 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. At The Plaza at Tysons Corner Center, McLean. Paws on the Plaza invites the Tysons community out to celebrate a day devoted to their furry friends. Event activities include a dog park and doggie splash pad, beer garden (for the humans), pet vendors, free caricatures of your pet, a DJ, a photo booth, giveaways, and more. Some participating vendors: Becky's Pet Care, Artful Paws Photography, Bow Wow Designs, Operation Paws for Homes, Lucky Dog Animal Rescue, Homeward Trails, Pet-O-Bed, Citizen K-9, and more.

## SUNDAY/JUNE 5

The 16th Annual Reston Sprint Triathlon will take place on Sunday, June 5 at Lake Newport Pool, Reston, and registration is open. RST has added a team relay and virtual event for those who would like additional options this year. We welcome all to join our amazing community event and are grateful for the support of our loyal volunteers, sponsors, and athlete participants that have helped us remain vibrant through the years. Visit the website: <https://reston-sprinttri.org/>

## SUNDAY/JUNE 5

Concerts on the Green. 6-8 p.m. At the Village Centre Green, Great Falls. Featuring Anglelee with special guest Eric Sayles - Passionate singer-songwriter with a clear, strong voice. Hosted by Great Paws Mobile Veterinary Service. Come relax at the Village Centre Green and enjoy laid-back evenings of good music and good times with your neighbors.

## WEDNESDAY/JUNE 8

Mary Gauthier with Special Guest Jai-mee Harris. 7:30 p.m. At Jammin Java, 227 Maple Ave. E, Vienna. Visit [www.jamminjava.com](http://www.jamminjava.com)

## WEDNESDAY/JUNE 8

Princess Diana: Accredited Access Exhibition. At Tysons Corner Center, 1961 Chain Bridge Road, McLean. This exhibition features photos and never-before-heard stories of the People's Princess from her Official Royal Photographer, Anwar Hussein, and his sons, Samir and Zak, who are now Official Royal Photographers for the next generation of Royals. Tickets are available here: [www.PrincessDianaExhibit.com/Washington](http://www.PrincessDianaExhibit.com/Washington).

## THURSDAY/JUNE 9

Get to Know. 5-7 p.m. At Brightview Great Falls, 10200 Colvin Run Road, Great Falls. Explore the community, enjoy cocktails and hors d'oeuvres and meet the team at Brightview Great Falls.

## SATURDAY, JUNE 11

Fairfax County's Communities of Trust Committee will host a Public Safety Day at London Towne Elementary School, 6100 Stone Road in Centreville. The event is slated for Saturday, June 11, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., and will feature food and games plus various police vehicles on display. For more information, email [fairfaxCOTC@gmail.com](mailto:fairfaxCOTC@gmail.com).

# NEWS

## Sixth Defendant in \$3 Million COVID-19 Fraud Ring Pleads Guilty

A Falls Church man pleaded guilty today to conspiring to commit wire fraud, bank fraud and to make false statements on loan applications in connection with COVID-relief loans.

Foad Darakhshan, 46, of McLean; Haleh Farshi, 44, of Ashburn; Farough Darakhshan, 39, of Great Falls; Shoughi Darakhshan, 30, of McLean; and Marcus Gharib, 29, of Tysons all previously pleaded guilty for their involvement in the conspiracy.

According to court documents, Fouzi Darakhshan, 36, conspired with his brothers and their friends to submit falsified loan applications in order to obtain Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) loans through banks and Economic Injury Disaster Loans (EIDL)

through the Small Business Administration. Altogether, the defendants wrongfully obtained over \$3 million in loan proceeds. They submitted at least 63 loan applications, of which 17 were approved.

The defendants used multiple shell entities they controlled to apply for PPPs and EIDLs and falsified IRS tax forms submitted to lenders. They engaged in a group WhatsApp chat devoted to executing the fraud scheme, openly discussing falsifying documents and inflating the numbers of employees, company revenues, and payroll figures in order to induce lenders to make the loans.

The defendants are scheduled to be sentenced beginning in July and concluding in September. They face up to 5 years in prison, full restitution, and forfeiture.

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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 raingutter regatta and learn about our pack. Visit the website: <https://www.gfvscouts.com/>

#### SATURDAY/JUNE 4

Memorial Service for Robert "Bob" Alden. The family of Robert "Bob" Ames Alden will hold a memorial service for McLean's community servant and MCC champion at 2 p.m. on Saturday, June 4, at Lew-

insville Presbyterian Church. The church is located at 1724 Chain Bridge Rd, McLean. Bob was a regular fixture at MCC and his namesake, The Alden Theatre, as he was among the community leaders who worked tirelessly to establish MCC, McLean Central Park and Dolley Madison Library, "the McLean Green" as he liked to call it.

Bob passed away in June, 2020, but due to the pandemic, a proper service could not be held until now.

#### TUESDAY/JUNE 7

Hope for the Warriors Workshop. 12-1

p.m. Virtual. Hope For The Warriors will be presenting a free virtual employee readiness workshop to help active-duty service members, veterans and military spouses in their search for employment.

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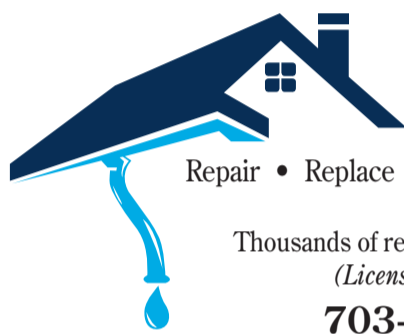
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**Bobby Gordon Jones Sr, 83**, formerly of McLean, VA died May 17th, at his home in New Bern, NC. He was the loving husband of Marie Jones for 66 years. He was born in Accotink, VA, he was the son of late Lusher and Lucy Jones.

He was a prominent businessman in the McLean, Great Falls, Vienna communities as he owned and operated B&M Exxon Servicenter/Auto Body in Chesterbrook McLean and B&M Automotive in Vienna.

Bobby's passion was his work and serving all of his customers, priding himself in his quality of work and the personal relationships he built with them. He considered all of them family.

He enjoyed many hobbies some of which were antique cars, camping, race horses, farming, the beach and offshore fishing.

Surviving in addition to his wife, are two sons and two daughters, Bobby Jones Jr of Summit Point, WV., Casey Jones of New Bern, NC., Debbie Thompson of New Bern, NC., and Joyce Beans of Berryville, VA, as well two brothers and one sister, Douglas Jones of Leesburg, VA., Jerry Jones of Chesapeake Beach, MD., Gladys Valliere of Granbury, TX, along with 15 grandchildren, 28 great grandchildren and many nieces & nephews.

A funeral service will occur at 11am on Thursday, May 26, 2022 at Community Church of God, 2500 Galloway Rd, Dunn Loring, VA 22027 with a graveside service to follow at National Memorial Park. A visitation for Bobby was held Wednesday, May 25, 2022 at Murphy Funeral Homes of Falls Church.

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## Time is What I'll Make of It



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

As I sit here and wonder about tomorrow/ the future, I try not to wonder about it too much. Since I have cancer, and at present a type of papillary cancer which, due to some unusual circumstances/dare I say, missteps, is characterized as "terminal." 'Terminal' in that currently there is no medicine, other than my present daily pill, that can sustain me beyond three years, give or take, from date of this most recent diagnosis. (Although, I'd like to believe that end date is not prescribed in stone.) I had been treated for non-small cell lung cancer, stage IV for the preceding 10 years or so until a biopsy revealed the tumors were thyroid cancer which had moved to the lung. A subsequent surgical removal of my thyroid glands didn't exactly solve the problem due to some persistent cancer that remained embedded under my collarbone. And soon thereafter, I officially became a thyroid cancer patient, for which I take a 10mg pill daily called lenvima. The side effects are modest, but unfortunately, the cancer is considered incurable.

In summary, I'm sort of taking a long walk off a short pier. And given that there are no guarantees/alternatives to my present protocol, and furthermore, given that the cancer is beyond anybody's control - aside from taking all my supplements and drinking alkaline water, I don't worry about what I can't control. As an example: I can't worry about the Red Sox bullpen. As much as it matters to me, as a life-long member of Red Sox Nation, that Boston's relievers are ordinary at best and disastrous at worst (see game one of the most recent Orioles/Red Sox series when the bullpen gave up two six-run leads), I have zero influence or input and/or control over any of it. And unlike the cancer, it's not exactly my problem, if you know what I mean? Now if the Red Sox wanted to pay me for my opinion, then perhaps it might be my problem. However, given the unlikely occurrence of yours truly getting paid for his baseball opinions, I'll have to narrow my focus and worry about my own problems. Cancer is enough of a problem that I don't need to look elsewhere for additional problems/challenges (and the Red Sox bullpen is most certainly a 'problem'/challenge).

Obviously, I can't ignore any symptoms or neglect my health. And even though my life expectancy has been shortened, I don't have a death wish. On the contrary, I have a life wish. And that 'life wish' consists of this cancer patient navigating through the ongoing demands without letting any of take me down emotionally. My intention/philosophy is, now in my 14th year post cancer diagnosis, to somehow rise above the inevitable downward pressure and try not to get dragged down by the sheer weight of the diagnosis. As my close friend and fellow cancer patient, Lynne said to me at the beginning of my diagnosis: "this is going to be the toughest thing you'll ever have to do." And of course, she was right. Consequently, I don't need to make matters worse. They're already bad enough on their own. If pretending, disconnecting, and laughing in the face of all this adversity gets me to the promised land (a normal life expectancy), then I promise to keep laughing and stay positive about the negative. "Rome wasn't built in a day, and neither was Milwaukee." I'm in this fight for the long haul. Besides, I'd like to live long enough to see how it all ends.

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