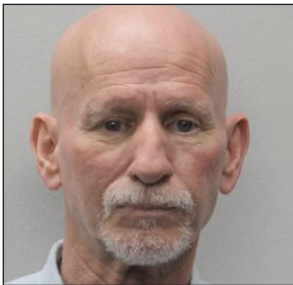
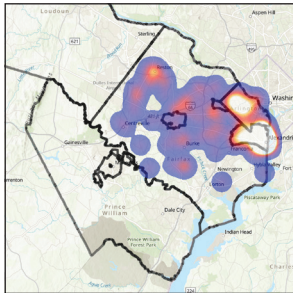


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REMEMBERING THOSE WHO SACRIFICED

## Gubernatorial candidate Youngkin outlines priorities

By Noelle Riddle  
FAIRFAX COUNTY TIMES

Republican gubernatorial nominee Glenn Youngkin will face off against former governor Terry McAuliffe in the election November 2. Early voting begins September 17. Youngkin spoke with the Fairfax Times about his platform and how he plans to implement change if he wins the governor's race in November.

According to Youngkin's website, "One party Democrat control is failing Virginians: our recovery from the pandemic ranks in the bottom 10 among states, our students are behind in school, violent crime has risen to 20-year highs, and much of government, like the Virginia Employment Commission and Department of Motor Vehicles, is broken. People are voting with their feet and leaving the Commonwealth."

The current state of public schools in the Commonwealth is a big concern for parents and students alike, and Youngkin addressed his ideas to improve the education system. "We have actually seen the

standards which kids are asked to achieve drop down for reading and math in the country. We need to ask our children to do better before they can move on, which does mean, in fact, asking our kids to do better in school," he said. "Not necessarily making more SOL's but we need to have them be administered appropriately and see progress. We need to invest in teachers and schools. Ask our schools to perform. When 88 schools [in the Commonwealth] didn't reach accreditation, standards were lowered. I want to raise them. On top of that, on day one I will launch 20 new innovation charter schools, we only have eight, and add more governor's schools."


When asked how he plans to keep schools open amid the Delta variant being a major concern for students and staff, he addressed why he wants schools to stay open. "I worry about my opponent. He embraces mandates, closing this, closing that, and I fear we are going to watch the current [Northam] administration shut down schools, businesses and the economy," Youngkin

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## Don't woke-wash 9/11

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By Asra Q. Nomani  
SPECIAL TO THE FAIRFAX COUNTY TIMES

On this austere 20th year recognition of the tragedies of the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks, the eyes of the world are correctly focused on the ground zero of the tragedy in Manhattan and also the Pentagon, where so many lost their lives because of 19 hijackers motivated by an interpretation of my faith of Islam that justified their violence.

But, in Virginia, we should also set our eyes closer to home where ideologues have sadly used the anniversary of this tragedy to try to hijack the history of the 9/11 attacks and rewrite the details of the day that we teach our young ones. With "woke", the contemporary word used to describe ideas that are now considered "politically correct," the Virginia Department of Education has been engaged in woke-washing the tragedy of the attacks.

The Virginia Department of Education

posted a webinar August 27 in which a local educator, Amaarah DeCuir, a professorial lecturer at American University, trained teachers to not call the 9/11 hijackers "terrorists," but instead call them "extremists" without any discussion of Islamic extremism. She also guided them to avoid any conversation about "American exceptionalism," instructing them instead to focus on "anti-Muslim racism."

Parents in Virginia shared the video with an organization I helped start earlier this year, Parents Defending Education, expressing deep concern about the revision of historical facts in the lesson guidelines and the insensitivity of the speaker and the state agency to the trauma and facts of the 9/11 attacks. On September 1, after we rang alarm bells about the inappropriateness of the 9/11 webinar, the Virginia Department of Education removed the webinar from its official YouTube channel. But, this week, the agency still has

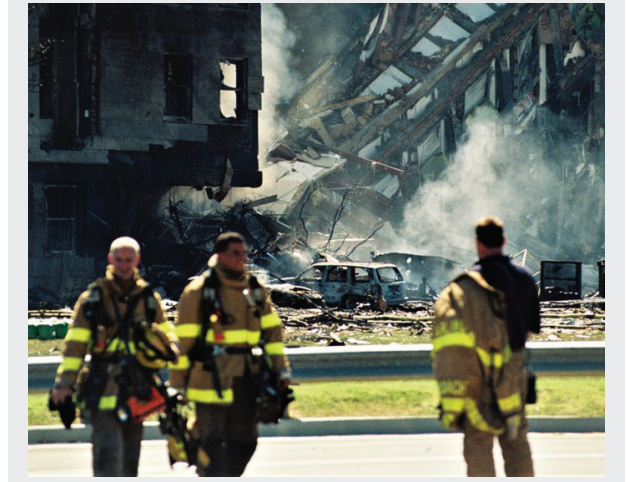
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### POSITIVE Vibes



BY NOELLE RIDDLE • Special to the Fairfax County Times

## Still Standing-Still Free commemorates the 20th anniversary of the 9/11 attack on the Pentagon



Joe Pisciotta is the president of Still Standing-Still Free, an organization which has hosted a free annual exhibit every year since 2010 to commemorate the September 11, 2001 terrorist attack on the Pentagon. With 2021 marking the 20th anniversary of the attacks, the ex-

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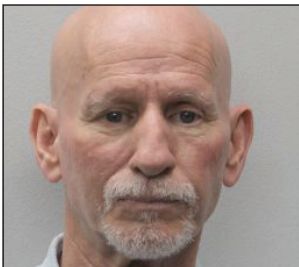
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Henry Pacheco

Social worker arrested for unlawful filming of minor

A 64-year-old social worker has been arrested for multiple felonies for recording a juvenile in his home.

Detectives from the Fairfax County Police Department Major Crimes Bureau were notified August 23 after the victim reported the unlawful filming that had occurred several years ago. The victim first met Henry Pacheco, of Clifton, around 10 years ago while Pacheco was employed as a social worker providing services for the victim's family member. Detectives believe Pacheco began grooming the victim's family offering vacations, gifts, and his home for shelter.

The victim recounted to detectives three occasions when she found recording devices hidden in the bathroom and a bedroom of his residence, recording her as she was in various stages of undress. The victim was a juvenile at the time of the offenses.

Earlier this week, detectives executed a search warrant on his home and vehicle, recovering multiple pieces of electronic and digital evidence. Pacheco was subsequently arrested and charged with two counts of unlawful filming of a minor, and one count of attempted unlawful filming of a minor. Detectives continue to review the evidence recovered. At this time, the criminal offenses have been confined to Pacheco's home.

Pacheco worked with at risk youth through a variety of contract positions throughout the D.C. Metro area for more than 30 years. Detectives are seeking anyone who has information about this investigation or may have had inappropriate contact with Pacheco to call our Major Crimes Bureau detectives at 703-246-7800, option 3.



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These signs are posted in archery program areas, at park entrances and trailheads.

Deer management archery program begins this weekend

The Fairfax County Deer Management Archery Program begins September 11 and runs through Feb. 19, 2022.

Under the oversight of the Fairfax County Police Department, in collaboration with the Fairfax County Park Authority, NOVA Parks, and other public landholders, the archery program is conducted in parks and other locations throughout Fairfax County.

The archery program began in FY 2010 and is part of an integrated Deer Management Program to reduce and stabilize the white-tailed deer population in Fairfax County in efforts to minimize safety and health hazards and other impacts related to an overabundance of deer. These impacts include deer-vehicle collisions, potential spread of diseases, and environmental damage attributed to deer that can impact the ecosystem. The program was approved by the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors in 2000 and is recognized as a safe and efficient method of deer population control by the Virginia Department of Wildlife Resources.

Because of its proven track record of safety, archery is a preferred deer management method in Fairfax County. Archery is a compatible use with residential areas and community parks, allowing for deer population management in urban and suburban areas. Since Virginia began tracking hunting injuries in 1959, no bystanders have been injured by an archer hunting deer anywhere in the Commonwealth. The Fairfax County Deer Management Program is conducted on approximately 100 properties countywide. Last year, 823 deer were harvested through the use of archery by hunters in the county program. The archery program accounted for 94 percent of the total deer harvests in the Fairfax County Deer Management Program.

Fairfax County's Archery Program standards require that all archers meet state hunter licensing, education and safety requirements and must pass qualifications to demonstrate skill and marksmanship, in addition to carrying program identification. Archers are also required to have completed additional training through the International Bowhunter Education Program to participate in the Fairfax County Deer Management Program. All archers must also pass a criminal background check to be eligible for the program. Only hunters that have gone through this screening and selection process with the Fairfax County Police Department may hunt within the designated parks. All archers must comply with state and federal game laws and regulations, local ordinances, and program rules.

Parks remain open to the public during the archery program. Florescent orange signs are posted in parks where hunting is authorized. Hunters can only take shots at deer from elevated tree stands; hunting from the ground level is prohibited in county parks. Tree stands must not be located closer than 100 feet from property lines or closer than 50 feet from established park trails. Archers are

not allowed on private property without permission by the owner or tenant. Archers are approved to hunt at assigned sites Monday through Saturday during legal hunting hours, 30 minutes prior to sunrise until 30 minutes after sunset. No hunting is allowed on Sundays in county parks.

More information about the Fairfax County Deer Management Program can be found at: <https://bit.ly/2X0D5f1>



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Firefighters on the scene of a fire in the 3400 block of Upside Court.

Lake Barcroft house fire caused by lightning strike

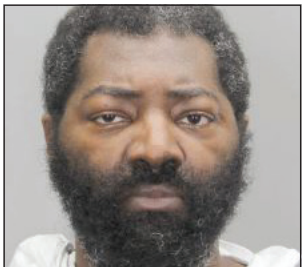
Units from Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department, the Arlington County Fire Department, and the City of Alexandria Fire Department responded for a house fire in the 3400 block of Upside Court in the Lake Barcroft area of Fairfax County at approximately 3:18 a.m. September 1.

Crews arrived on the scene of a two-story, single-family home and located a fire in the basement. One firefighter sustained a minor injury and was transported to a local hospital.

Three occupants were home at the time of the fire. An occupant was awakened by the smoke alarm sounding. When he opened his bedroom door, he discovered thick, black smoke coming from the first floor. He notified the rest of his family and all self-evacuated. After safely exiting the home, the occupant called 9-1-1.

Fire investigators determined that the fire was natural in nature and started in the basement utility room. The cause of the fire was a lightning strike.

Three occupants were displaced because of the fire. Red Cross assistance was offered and declined. Damages as a result of the fire were approximately \$120,000.



COURTESY PHOTO

Patrick Michael Chaloupka

Forensic evidence leads to sexual assault suspect arrest

A Woodbridge man has been arrested after detectives received a positive match last week from a latent print

recovered from the July 21 crime scene in the 8600 block of Westwood Center Drive in Vienna.

Through this evidence, a composite sketch and other investigative leads detectives arrested Patrick Michael Chaloupka, 38, at his home September 2. Chaloupka has been charged with rape and abduction with intent to defile. He is currently being held at the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center without bond.

"The meticulous work from our Cyber and Forensics Division detectives can be the difference in these significant cases. Their phenomenal efforts often go unseen in the headlines but always prove to be pivotal in the courtroom," said Maj. Ed O'Carroll, Major Crimes, Cyber and Forensics bureau chief. "In this case, it brought a dangerous offender into custody. I want to thank our dedicated detectives from our Sex Crimes Squad who never gave up on this case. We'd also extend our sincere appreciation to the Prince William County Police Department, a forensic artist specialist with the Loudoun County Sheriff's Office who drafted this near identical composite sketch of our offender and the examiners at the Northern Virginia Regional Information System who were instrumental in assisting in the case."

Detectives believe this man may be responsible for other similar crimes in the area and would like anyone who may have had contact with him to please call the Major Crimes Bureau at 703-246-7800, option 3.

Tips can also be submitted anonymously through Crime Solvers by phone - 1-866-411-TIPS (866-411-8477).

Men charged after shooting incident

The victims were approached in the 5500 block of Sully Park Drive by two men traveling in a red Kia sedan at 7:35 p.m. August 29.

The men in the sedan produced a BB gun and began shooting at the victims and dog prior to fleeing the scene. Both victims reported injuries that were considered not life threatening.

On September 2, officers charged Edward Williams, 21, of Burke and Michael Sullivan, 21, of Fairfax Station with three counts of assault, animal cruelty and discharge of a pneumatic gun.

Detectives investigate fatal hit and run in Reston

Detectives from the Fairfax County Police Department Crash Reconstruction Unit are investigating a fatal hit and run crash that occurred September 1 at the intersection of the Fairfax County Parkway and Walnut Branch Road in Reston. Officers responded just after 7:30 p.m. to the intersection after it was reported a SUV

ran a red light striking a car.

Following the crash, the driver of the SUV was seen running from the scene. He was described as a Hispanic man, between 5 foot, 6 inches and six feet tall, heavy set and wearing a black short sleeve shirt over a white undershirt. He was also described as having a beard and shaggy hair. As officers arrived, they began an extensive search with the assistance of our K9 unit and helicopter. However, the suspect was not located.

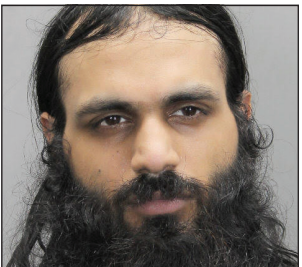
According to a preliminary investigation, detectives determined that the driver of 2013 Volkswagen Passat was attempting to make a left turn from northbound Fairfax County Parkway onto Walnut Branch Road on a green arrow. The driver of a 2006 Chevrolet SUV was traveling southbound on Fairfax County Parkway, disregarded the red signal, proceeded through the intersection and struck the car.

The driver of the car, Andrew Willingham, 37, of Reston, was taken to a nearby hospital by Fairfax County Fire and Rescue personnel, where he was pronounced deceased.

Detectives believe speed may have been a factor in the crash and continue to investigate to determine if alcohol was also a factor for the driver of the SUV. Speed and alcohol do not appear to be factors for the driver of the car.

If you have any information or witnessed this crash, please contact the Crash Reconstruction Unit at 703-280-0543. Tips can also be submitted anonymously through Crime Solvers by phone - 1-866-411-TIPS (866-411-8477).

This is the ninth non-pedestrian related fatality in the county to date in 2021. Year to date, there were eight non-pedestrian related fatalities last year.



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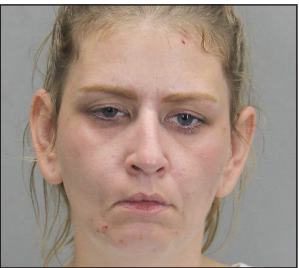
Shujaat Qamar

Multiple charges after Reston man caught trespassing

Officers responded for a man trespassing on private property in the 2000 block of Sanibel Drive at 2:36 a.m. August 31.

The investigation revealed Shujaat Qamar, 30, of Reston, was unlawfully carrying a concealed weapon. Officers discovered he was also in possession of multiple rounds of ammunition, a large amount of marijuana and materials consistent with the sale of marijuana.

Qamar was charged with carrying a concealed weapon, distribution of marijuana less than one ounce, possession of controlled substance within a school zone and carrying a loaded weapon within a specified locality.



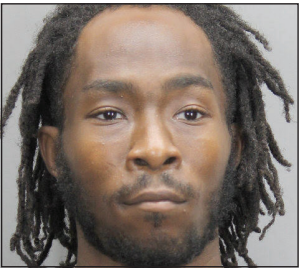
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Esther Bernstein

Maryland woman arrested after traffic stop

Officers saw stolen 2014 Ford Escape at Richmond Highway and Memorial Street and conducted a traffic stop September 1 at 7:04 p.m.

The driver, Esther Bernstein, 36, of Maryland, was arrested and charged with grand larceny.



COURTESY PHOTO

Isaiah Tate

Maryland man charged after foot pursuit

The victim was alerted to movement in his driveway in the 7800 block of Harwood Place at 11:07 p.m. September 2. He saw his father's car was being stolen.

Officers were in the area and located the stolen car nearby. Upon investigation, a foot pursuit ensued. The pursuit resulted in Isaiah Tate, 26, of Maryland, being arrested and charged with grand larceny and eluding police.

Detectives investigate fatal crash in Chantilly

A 65-year-old man died early September 2 after being struck by his 2013 Toyota 4Runner in front of his home in Chantilly.

Officers responded at 12:09 a.m. to the 13500 block of Tabscott Drive and found Edgar Gutierrez pinned between his SUV and a light pole. Rescue personnel freed Gutierrez from the vehicle and pronounced him deceased at the scene. Crash Reconstruction Unit detectives determined Gutierrez was working on his SUV and left it in gear when he exited the driver's seat. The SUV began to roll, and Gutierrez tried to stop the vehicle. The vehicle rolled out of his driveway and across the street pinning Gutierrez between the door of his vehicle and a light pole.

Detectives continue to investigate the circumstances that led to the crash, but do not suspect foul play. Preliminarily, alcohol does not appear to be a factor.

Anyone with information about this crash is asked to contact our Crash Reconstruction Unit at 703-280-0543. Tips can also be submitted anonymously through Crime Solvers by phone - 1-866-411-TIPS (866-411-8477).

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PEOPLE AND PLACES



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Gail C. Christopher

GMU senior scholar receives leadership award

**Gail C. Christopher** has been named a winner of Independent Sector’s 2021 John W. Gardner Leadership Award, along with John A. Powell of University of California-Berkeley.

The award, established in 1985 to honor founding chair John W. Gardner, honors extraordinary social-sector champions whose work has transformed the nonprofit community and mobilized and unified people, institutions or causes to positively impact the ability of all Americans to thrive.

Christopher is a senior scholar at George Mason University’s Center for the Advancement of Well-Being. She is also the executive director of the National Collaborative for Health Equity, which partners with the Association of American Colleges and Universities to help universities develop Truth, Racial Healing and Transformation (TRHT) Centers. Mason is one of 70 colleges that has established a TRHT Center.

“There is a nice cohort of people who have been trained as practitioners, and who conduct racial healing circles on Mason’s campuses,” said Christopher. “I’ve found the people at Mason are very innovative and very committed to this work.”

She hopes to create a TRHT course at Mason as well.

She is also a Fellow of the National Academy of Public Administration. She will accept the Gardner Award during the Upswell Summit, October 20-22.

“I’m deeply honored and moved to receive this award,” said Christopher. “John W. Gardner has actually been an inspiration for my career for many decades. This is a man born in 1912 and lived until 2002, so he really got to see the arc of the moral universe begin to bend toward justice.”

She said it’s a pleasure to share the award with John A. Powell.

“I think of John as a kindred spirit, and we’ve worked together in many ways over the years,” said Christopher.

She also plans to release her new book on racial healing in the fall, and write another book with her daughter, New York Times best-selling author Heather McGee.

The collaborative developed a “culture of health leaders” leadership program to recruit young leaders and offer them a community of practice, and a data initiative to orchestrate the available evidence-based data to drive states and localities toward doing the work of creating health equity. Christopher said the collaborative will launch a new leadership program in the spring with an inaugural cohort of 40 leaders.

“We are going to be working hands-on with local communities, using data to help them drive non-partisan unified efforts to bring about change,” Christopher said.

Provide input on Boundary Policy Review at a virtual community meeting

The Fairfax County School Board is in the process of reviewing Policy 8130, Facilities Planning, Local School Boundaries, Program Assignments, and

School Closings.

In July 2019, the board requested the superintendent hire an outside consultant to work with the board to identify best practices in boundary policy and engage the community in the discussion.

MGT Consulting Group (MGT), an education consulting firm, will be sharing information about the boundary policy review at three upcoming community meetings and seeking community input in a survey.

You are invited to attend a virtual community meeting. Each meeting will provide the same information and use the same format. No specific boundary changes will be discussed at the meetings. The meeting dates are: September 13, 7 to 8 p.m., September 14, 7 to 8 p.m., September 20, 7 to 8 p.m.

Please register online at <https://bit.ly/3n7az6F> to receive the meeting link and indicate if you need an interpreter.

MGT will send all FCPS parents an email with the survey link to collect input. The community meetings will not be discussing any boundary changes for any schools within FCPS. The information shared will focus on what factors should be considered when making boundary changes.

More information about the Boundary Policy Review is available online at <https://bit.ly/311IMTy>.



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Ronnie Billodeaux

Three Frying Pan Farm volunteers are Harold Strickland Partnership awardees

The Fairfax County Park Authority Board is honoring three volunteers from Frying Pan Farm Park with the 2021 Harold L. Strickland Partnership and Collaboration Award, which recognizes teamwork in bringing state-of-the-art facilities to parks.

Over the winter, **Ronnie Billodeaux**, **Ed Robichaud** and **Steve Williams** (not pictured), volunteer wagon ride drivers at the park, joined forces to repair and expand picnic facilities at Frying Pan. The men sacrificed weekdays and weekends to ensure the site’s picnic tables were ready in time for the start of the spring birthday party and picnic rental season.



COURTESY PHOTO

Ed Robichaud

Frying Pan’s picnic tables had fallen into poor condition, but it would have costs thousands of dollars to replace them. The volunteer trio saved the park the replacement costs and doubled the number of picnic tables available through their hard work deconstructing, reconstructing and adding new tables. They disassembled the old tables, discarded unusable wood, and salvaged any hardware that could be reused. Using their own tools, they cut new boards, reassembled tables with the salvaged hardware, and built 10 new tables with new hardware.

The Fairfax County Park Authority Board established the Harold L. Strickland Partnership and Collaboration Award in June 2015 in

honor of the retiring Park Board member’s long service and significant contributions to the Park Authority. In the spirit of Strickland’s accomplishments, this award recognizes the value and importance of the teamwork and cooperation necessary to provide varied constituencies with state-of-the-art facilities in Fairfax County Parks, often at limited, reduced or no capital expense to the taxpayer.

The winners will be honored at a virtual Park Authority ceremony in November.



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**Hridhaan Banerjee**, a student at Cooper Middle School, won the National Science Bee 2021 competition at the sixth grade level September 3. Another Fairfax County student, **Aaryan Sumesh** won at the eighth grade level. The National Science Bee is a science-themed, buzzer-based academic quiz competition for individual students in elementary, middle and high school. Consisting of both qualifying stages and a National Championships, competing students have a chance to put their science knowledge to use against other students in their respective age divisions in an engaging quiz tournament setting.

GMU makes strong showing in latest worldwide rankings

George Mason University has five programs in the top 100 in the world in the latest Academic Rankings of World Universities. The university also gained in the Times Higher Education World University Rankings.

In the Academic Rankings of World Universities, Mason’s law program at the Antonin Scalia Law School led the way at No. 35 worldwide. Atmospheric science came in at No. 40, and economics, public administration, and communication placed in the 51-75 grouping.

Atmospheric science (16th among publics and 24th nationally), economics (14th among publics, 31st nationally), public administration (16th among publics and 21st nationally), and communication (25th among publics and 32nd nationally) all were judged best in Virginia.

Mason’s law program is ranked No. 32 in the United States and No. 17 among publics, surpassed only by the University of Virginia among commonwealth’s institutions.

Mason is No. 34 among public universities in the United States (up two spots from last year and tied with Virginia Tech and Virginia Commonwealth), and No. 63 nationally (up three spots and tied with Georgetown, Virginia Tech and Virginia Commonwealth).

Mason is ranked in the 201-300 group worldwide.

The rankings, compiled by the ShanghaiRankings Consultancy, are based on indicators such as the number of papers authored by an institution in an academic subject; the average impact of those papers, as measured by InCites; the number of papers published in top journals and conferences in an academic subject; and the number of staff at an institution winning significant awards in an academic subject.

In the Times Higher Education rankings, Mason placed 33rd among U.S. public universities (up four spots from 2021 and tied with Virginia Tech), and 63rd among all universities nationally (up seven spots and tied with Virginia

Tech and Howard University). Mason is in the 251-300 grouping worldwide.

In the Best Value Schools ranking of bachelor’s programs in sustainability, Mason is 10th among public institutions and 14th nationally.



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**Jasmine Wilson**, VASH case manager, accepts the chapter’s back-to-school gift cards.

Vietnam veterans help children of local homeless veterans

For the eleventh consecutive year, the Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter 227 of Northern Virginia, in fulfilling its founding principle of “Never Again Will One Generation of Veterans Abandon Another” donated a total of 90 gift credit cards to veterans and children of veterans who are in the Veterans Administration Supportive Housing (VASH) program.

The three grant categories include 62 students for \$75, 13 special need students for \$100, and 15 veteran students for \$150. The number of students is triple from 2020 for a total amount of \$8,200.

The gift cards pay for school supplies and other essentials for the new school year.

The VASH Program is a joint effort between the Departments of Housing and Urban Development and the Veterans Administration (VA) to assist homeless veterans and their families in transitioning from homelessness to normalcy with affordable and stable lodging.

The VA case managers serve more than 100 veterans and their families in the Northern Virginia area.

The chapter’s holiday plans include being Santa for a the family of a wounded warrior being treated at a military hospital, and to provide credit card gift cards to needy VASH families. Anyone wishing to contribute to the holiday program can mail a check made payable to VVA Chapter 227 with memo: 2020 Holiday Gift Card and the mailing address is VVA Chapter 227, P.O. Box 5653, Arlington, VA 22205 or through PayPal at the chapter’s Facebook, <https://www.facebook.com/VVA227>. Please contact Len Ignatowski at 703-255-0353 for more information.

Volunteers sought for National Public Lands Day efforts

The Fairfax County Park Authority will join in the nationwide celebration of National Public Lands Day Sept. 25 from 9 until 10:30 a.m.

Volunteers will contribute toward national efforts by helping to weed and water pollinator gardens, pick up trash and remove invasive vines within Laurel Hill Park, located at 8780 Lorton Road. The Laurel Hill Park Volunteer Team will host the one-hour work session. A brief ceremony will follow at 10 a.m. The ceremony will be held at Barrett House located at 8780 Lorton Road, at the intersection of Lorton and Workhouse roads. Attendees should turn off Lorton Road at the Central Green entrance



MISSY PRATT

Parents and children gather outside the Fairfax County Public Schools Gatehouse Administration Center in Falls Church September 7 to protest COVID vaccine mandates. Many parents want to be the ones making medical decisions for their children, not the school district or government. Last week FCPS announced a COVID vaccine mandate for student-athletes. This week FCPS provided an update saying there is no requirement for 12 to 15 year olds. “We want ALL the mandates to stop. The vaccine mandate is primary but we also want them to stop the mask mandates,” said Missy Pratt, a Fairfax County parent. “Last Friday they announced a voluntary vaccine disclosure which is a soft approach to vaccine passports.”


and drive forward to the white house.

National Public Lands Day provides all lovers of the environment an opportunity to show appreciation for precious natural resources through trail restoration, park cleanups and other events that teach about the environment. This year’s theme is “More ways to connect to nature.” The workday and celebration represent the nation’s largest single-day volunteer event for public lands. Established in 1994 and held annually on the fourth Saturday in September, this celebration brings out thousands of volunteers to help restore and improve public lands around the country.

“The Park Authority depends on individuals and organizations, such as our Park

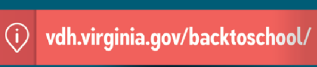

Volunteer Teams (PVTs) to help us maintain, care for and restore open space,” said Fairfax County Park Authority Acting Executive Director Sara Baldwin. “With about 24,000 acres of parkland under the jurisdiction of the Fairfax County Park Authority, it’s clear how valuable volunteers are to our efforts. We could not do it without them. National Public Lands lets everyone know across the country that they are not alone in their love of the land and work as environmental stewards.”

Volunteers should dress appropriately for the weather, wear closed-toed shoes, bring work gloves and personal drinking water. To sign up as a volunteer, please go to <https://bit.ly/3btbKNF>.



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In loving memory

Cathy Lou Anastasio



Cathy Lou Anastasio, 71, of Delaware, OH passed away peacefully Tuesday morning, August 3, 2021, at her residence surrounded by her loving family.

She was born May 26, 1950 in Delaware to the late Paul and Freda (Thomas) Waddell. A graduate of Elgin High School in Marion, she also attended Ohio University.

Cathy was a flight attendant for United Airlines for over 30 years and attended St. Paul Lutheran Church in Waldo. Spunky and happy, she always enjoyed making people laugh. She enjoyed spending time with friends but first and foremost she loved being a mom and grandma and spending time with her family. Selfless, she was always helping others and was described as “the matriarch of her neighborhood”. Cathy loved animals especially dogs and was an avid fan of college football, but Ohio State and Notre Dame were her favorites.

Left to cherish her memory are her sons, Adam Anastasio of Washington, DC and Chase (Elizabeth) Anastasio of Richmond Hill, Georgia; grandchildren, Hunter Thomas Johnson, Noah Anastasio and Julia Anastasio; sister, Criss Cline of Waldo; nieces, nephews and cousins.

In addition to her parents, Cathy was preceded in death by her brother, Roger Waddell and her brother-in-law, Larry Cline.

In accordance with her wishes, there will be no calling hours or services at this time.

In lieu of flowers, contributions in Cathy’s memory may be made to St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, P.O. Box 1000, Dept. 142, Memphis, TN 38148-0552.

The Snyder-Rodman Funeral Center of Delaware, Ohio is honored to serve the Anastasio family.

To share a fond memory of Cathy or to offer a condolence to her family, please visit [www.snyderfuneralhomes.com](http://www.snyderfuneralhomes.com)



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hibit this year is the biggest one yet.

“The reason for this exhibit is so people can remember this event that happened and to recognize our first responders who put themselves in jeopardy every day, but this was a particularly tragic day,” Pisciotta said. “There were not as many deaths in comparison to New York, but it is still important people remember the Pentagon was the center of our national defense and that first responders prevented a lot more damage that could have been done. They searched for bodies, and they did a fantastic job. It is one day that has lasted 20 years, things are coming full circle now as the war in Afghanistan is ending. We want to bring all this attention, so people never forget.”

Pisciotta, a photographer, was on his way to his father’s house, who worked at the Pentagon and lived a walking distance from the site, when he found out the Pentagon had been hit by American Airlines Flight 77. Pisciotta made his way to the Pentagon and had his camera with him to document the tragedy. And as a former history teacher at T.C. Williams High School, Pisciotta is passionate about documenting events and making sure younger generations learn about major historical events like 9/11.

“Young people especially aren’t taught about 9/11, and as a former teacher, history is very important to me. This 20th anniversary and our leaving Afghanistan is vitally important,” Pisciotta said. “People underestimate the daily impact that 9/11 had on firefighters and EMTs, survivors and those going back into the Pentagon and how they suffer from Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD). The slightest noise like the slamming of a door or watching the events unfold on TV can be very

emotional. What people can do is learn and reach out to those who were present at the Pentagon and be caring.”

Having captured the aftermath with his camera and armed with a passion for history, Pisciotta put his talent and passion together to remind people how important it is to commemorate the attack. The Still Standing-Still Free exhibit is a free event which is open to the public to view photographs and memorabilia and learn about stories from 9/11. It runs from September 11 to October 11 in the Fashion Centre at Pentagon City. In addition to Pisciotta’s photographs, fellow photographers Sean Kelley and Bob Pugh also photographed the attack unfolding at the Pentagon that day and have their pictures featured in the exhibit.

“The entire region was impacted by that day. Whole lives have changed since 9/11. Just asking ‘Where were you on 9/11?’ brings out so many stories from people and the impact it had on them,” Pisciotta said. “The exhibit will have photographs and memorabilia like fire hoses, cameras, old newspapers and other items from that day and the days afterwards. People can come learn stories of those who lost their loved ones, stories about real people.”

Witnessing the event and speaking with first responders about September 11 has helped Pisciotta get a better understanding of firemen’s jobs, and in return share with others the risks of their careers. “Interviewing firemen I have learned so much, we take for granted what they do. They put their lives on the line every day for us, be it a cat out of a tree or putting out a fire in a backyard, it is bigger than that,” Pisciotta said. “In the Pentagon they had to worry about toxic fumes from the plane and make sure their air tanks had enough air. So in talking to firemen I learned about the pressure they were under that day. The Pentagon is a very difficult and confusing build-

ing to get around. You get a real sense of what it was like for them on that day talking to them and we bring that to life in our exhibit.”

Pisciotta got a preview of the impact the exhibit will have on people when a family accidentally walked in the showroom before they were open. “This family from Georgia came in the other day accidentally, and they had high schoolers, so I let them have a peek. The junior in high school said: ‘I really get it now. I feel the pain of the people that went through this,’ and that to me was very significant,” Pisciotta said. “I am afraid that people after this date in this area are going to not think about it as much. The teacher in me feels the importance of making sure that people keep learning about it.”

The exhibit is within walking distance of the Pentagon Memorial, and this is a crucial part of the exhibit to Pisciotta. “The Pentagon Memorial is a very important piece, I made a display for the memorial in our exhibit and then people can walk from the exhibit to the memorial,” Pisciotta said. “It is a special part of our exhibit to see what the memorial is like.”

Pisciotta also has a request for the community. “Because of the size of the exhibit, we need volunteers. It could be anyone, history buffs, retired teachers, veterans or even a couple. Interested volunteers can contact me (Coach)Pisciotta@gmail.com) about hosting and showing a day in the gallery,” Pisciotta said. “They’ll learn so much, and they just have to ask visitors: ‘Where were you on 9/11?’”

The extra money raised for the event after expenses are paid will be going to the D.C. Firefighters Burn Foundation, an organization which helps firemen and victims of fires who have suffered serious burns.

To learn more, visit Still Standing-Still Free’s website: stillstandingstillfree.org



# Food insecurity rises in Fairfax County during the COVID pandemic

By Noelle Riddle  
FAIRFAX COUNTY TIMES

While Fairfax County is considered one of the nation’s wealthiest counties based on median household income, not everyone in the county knows where their next meal will come from. The Fairfax County Government website describes the county’s food security situation; “Food security includes not only access to food, but the nutritional quality of that food as the foundation to overall health and wellness. Prior to the pandemic, while Fairfax County has traditionally had a low food-insecurity rate compared to other counties in the nation, it had the highest number of food insecure in Virginia with approximately 58,000 residents food insecure with over 23,000 children suffering from food insecurity. Since the pandemic, it is estimated that the number of residents who are food insecure has doubled.”

Those who face food insecurity may eat fewer meals, cut out important food groups like meat or vegetables, or may only be able to afford processed foods. This can lead to long-term health issues like Type 2 Diabetes, high blood pressure, heart disease, and obesity. Children who do not get enough to eat or are food insecure tend to have social and behavioral issues, difficulty concentrating in school, and delayed physical development.

Fairfax County provides no-cost meal kits for children 18 and under at FCPS sites weekly to supply them with enough food and snacks for a week. While adults can pick up food kits from neighborhood centers, community centers, and non-profit providers in the area.

FCPS also works to provide qualifying students free-and-reduced lunch at school. Last year, FCPS reported 34 percent of students qualified, with families who earn less than 130 percent of the poverty level are eligible for free meals while those with incomes between 130 and 185 percent of the poverty level are eligible for reduced price meals.

As the pandemic continues, FCPS has stepped up its efforts to provide all students with free meals due to the continuing food insecurity which the county

faces. “FCPS is offering healthy no-cost meals at all locations this school year as part of VDOE’s Seamless Summer Option implemented under the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010,” according to the FCPS website. “Enrolled students will be offered a nutritious meal for breakfast and lunch each day at no charge to the household. Households will not be required to submit a meal application form to receive meals at no charge; however other benefits may be connected to eligibility.”

But the Fairfax County government and the FCPS system are not the only ones stepping up to answer the demand for help securing food during these tough times. The Capital Area Food Bank is one of several local food pantries that serves the greater Washington, D.C. area as they source and distribute more than 45 million meals every year to support the community.

In their 2021 Hunger Report, the non-profit describes what can lead families to becoming food insecure. “Any discussion of food insecurity must come with the acknowledgement that this issue does not exist in a vacuum. It has many contributing factors and is most often an indicator of other individual and societal barriers,” their website says. “At the root of most food insecurity is financial instability, along with its numerous related challenges- namely, the forced trade-offs between nutritious food and other necessities. Other common and interconnected issues include unemployment, low availability of affordable housing, disability status, social isolation, and transportation hurdles that make it difficult to travel to work or a distant grocery store.”

One local business, SAIC, headquartered in Reston, has created a bond with local food bank organizations like The Capital Area Food Bank and Feeding America for their employees to give back and fight food insecurity.

“SAIC led its employees in volunteering with Capital Area Food Bank and Food and Friends, with the total number of meals delivered increasing from 30 million in 2019 to 75 million in 2020. While SAIC has partnered with Feeding America for years, recent events have increased the need for aid from these

types of nonprofits,” said Business Development Director, Jeff Raver. “The ongoing pandemic has led to a significant increase in food insecurity, with 45 million Americans now also dealing with the continued impact of COVID-19. Throughout the past year, SAIC’s employees have donated time and money to fundraising campaigns and directly volunteered where we live and work, as we recognize our responsibility to be a force for change within the local community, and the global economy more broadly.”

The SAIC team has learned a lot from their volunteering and shows that any group or person can step up and help the community fight food insecurity, especially during a pandemic. “It is shocking to see how many people are affected by food insecurity. Knowing that we can help and support so many members of the community through donations of time and money is incredibly rewarding,” Raver said. “Seeing the sense of pride and feeling the camaraderie while helping at the food banks and preparing meals is incredible. Many of our volunteers return to events multiple times and some have even gone on to work with organizations above and beyond the engagement with SAIC. Knowing that we are making a difference is exciting and motivating.”

The team at SAIC does volunteer activities like going in warehouses to help package groceries for pick-up and delivery to people in need or packaging prepared meals for critically ill members of the community that cannot cook for themselves, and even volunteer to package nutritionally appropriate groceries for individuals who are able to cook, but cannot grocery shop due to illness.

For any other businesses or people looking to fight food insecurity in the county, there are plenty of ways to get involved including volunteering at local food pantries, hosting and donating to local food drives, and contributing monetary donations to food pantries and drives.

For ways to get involved with Capital Area Food Bank visit <https://volunteer.capitalareafoodbank.org/>

For ways to get involved with Food and Friends visit <https://foodandfriends.org/volunteer/>



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# NOVA Families for Safe Streets create near misses map for vehicle mishaps

By Rick Horner  
FAIRFAX COUNTY TIMES

A group advocating for safer streets in Northern Virginia has created a map documenting the number of near misses experienced by pedestrians and bicyclists in the area.

“Each year, more than 40,000 people, the population of a small city, are needlessly killed on American streets and thousands more are injured,” is the opening statement that one will read when they go into the “Why it matters” section of the NOVA Families for Safe Streets website. This small, but growing, organization seeks to educate and advocate for policies which will create safer streets not just for drivers but for pedestrians and cyclists in Northern Virginia.

Started in 2017, the organization began in Alexandria after founder Mike Doyle got hit by a car in 2016. Doyle, an investment banker in healthcare technology by occupation, went through three years of neurological therapy to recover from a car hitting him at what he was told was 10 miles per hour but may have been significantly faster if it was able to put him in need of recovery for so long.

During that time, Doyle founded NOVA Families for Safer Streets which has grown from covering the streets of Alexandria to those in Arlington and Fairfax County. Since then, the organization made progress in

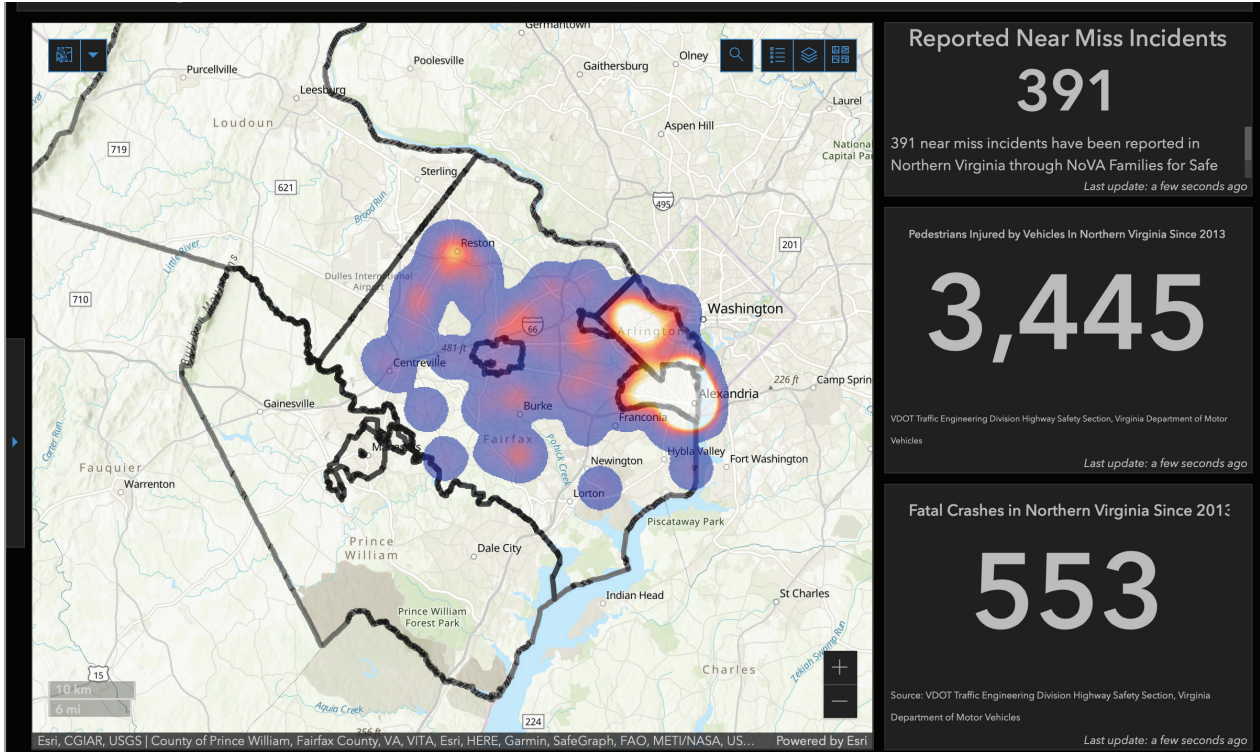
getting the message out by meeting with local officials, meeting with the public at farmer’s markets to hand out educational pamphlets, and taking their message down to Richmond to make themselves heard.

“I just want to help people to stay safe, I don’t want to see somebody go through the experience that I went through. If we could change things for the better it would justify what I went through,” said Doyle.

NOVA Families now has a resource for the public to report and record instances of near misses and fatalities due to vehicles going too fast on the roads. Together with the Virginia Tech Graduate School of Urban Planning, the organization has created an online map driven by reports crowdsourced through testimonies from the public as well as corroborating reports from local authorities. All this information put together give NOVA Families the data that they need to prove their point, that street safety should be a greater priority than it is currently.

“The map was done as a capstone program for graduate students at Virginia Tech,” said NOVA Families volunteer Philip Kemelor. “We got together with Dr. Tom Sanchez, he and his class of 10 students helped us put together this map where people can report these instances and give us what we need to be data driven.”

Another key element to their goal is NOVA Families’



advocacy of Vision Zero, a multi-national road safety project that seeks to create changes in policy that could create safer streets and prevent serious injuries and fatalities due to road traffic. Started in Sweden in 1995, Vision Zero has gained ground in several countries including many cities and localities in the U.S.

According to Doyle and Kemelor, Alexandria discussed adopting a multi-pronged program similar to Vision Zero that would make engineering changes to city streets and bike lanes to make them safer. While Doyle and Kemelor praise Alexandria for taking such steps they also realize that similar efforts may be harder in Fairfax

County and through no fault of the county itself.

Unlike cities such as Arlington and Alexandria, which have the power to shift budgets and change speed limits on their own, Fairfax must consult with the Virginia Department of Transportation since they maintain the roads going through the county and must be involved in such decisions.

But VDOT tends to have a different take on how to create safer traffic conditions than what NOVA Families would prefer, instead of slowing commuters down they tend to get them to speed up. As an example, Doyle and Kemelor point out the use of VDOT’s “85 Percent Rule” when judging speed limits.

According to the pair, the rules require VDOT to post a speed at or below which 85 percent of drivers observe in order to minimize accidents and promote a uniform flow of traffic. The end result is that speed limits tend to go higher which doesn’t gel with NOVA Families’ idea of street safety. VDOT’s metrics for such a change rely on the level of service, volume of traffic, and how many cars can get through, which the organization points out are not enough to ensure safe streets.

Doyle and Kemelor emphasize that these do not take into account pedestrian crossings, especially those uses who may have light physical impairments. The pair point out Route 1 as an example to

this idea referring to its local nickname as “The Killing Road” where the crosswalks don’t give enough time for pedestrians to cross before the lights turn green and lead to potential near misses and fatalities.

The pair also mentioned a planned expansion of the route that could potentially exacerbate the problem of mistimed crossing lights for all pedestrians.

NOVA Families are continuing to gather data for their map and encourage residents to take a two-minute survey which can be found on their website [novasafeststreets.org](https://novasafeststreets.org).

“The more data we have the louder our collective voices can be to make a change for safer streets,” said Doyle and Kemelor.

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said. “That would be an awful outcome for Virginia kids who are so far behind now. Virginia is ranked 44th in job recovery, and we must stay open. I advocated for everyone to get the vaccine, it is the best way for administration and teachers to be safe, but I wouldn’t impose it on folks. Should they get sick, we will have resources around them.”

While children were home from school, many Fairfax residents faced unemployment in the wake of the pandemic. Thousands of citizens had issues getting their unemployment money from the Virginia Employment Commission (VEC). Youngkin said he wants to address this problem. “It is one of my top issues, under making government work for Virginia. The VEC failed Virginia. The VEC is at the top of the list, it took an order from the courts for the VEC to get to work and file the backlog of claims. We were last in the nation at one point in filing claims,” Youngkin said. “Northam processed \$40 million in fraudulent claims that shouldn’t have been processed. It will take stepping back and fixing it, by getting a massive upgrade in systems, processing and people. I can’t wait to get to work and fix it, I have a 30-year business career and know how to get things done. It was absolutely shocking how poorly the VEC has responded and how our governor handled the spike in claims. We need customer service, and to make sure we have a real upgrade in the system by adding more qualified people with a customer service orientation.”

Youngkin also has a plan to create more jobs in

the commonwealth to help those who suffered or lost their jobs during the pandemic. The creation of jobs stems from his plan called #JumpstartJobs which is part of his Day One plan. His Day One plan states that he will immediately get to work on top priorities on the first day he is in office should he win the election.

“Virginia over the last eight years has only generated 45,000 jobs. States around us have blown us away, generating five to 10 times as many jobs, and the economy has stalled out. We have an economic growth and job creation problem,” Youngkin said. “We have to make sure we keep our businesses open. We cannot allow it to be closed again and we have to protect the Right to Work status, which my opponent will get rid of. We have to develop talent; schools need to focus on preparing kids to be college or career ready. I was heartbroken by small businesses suffering, and I will declare a 12-month small business holiday on taxes for them and create 400,000 jobs over four years. We have real work to do, we can get this done.”

Youngkin touched on his plans to work on Virginia’s mental health system as well. “Our mental health system is in a state of crisis, liberal leadership has failed to react and create more capacity. Capacity meaning space and staff, we need to actually focus on recruiting adequate staff,” Youngkin said. “It would relieve the law enforcement community so patients can get care faster. So much of our mental health system challenges is drug addiction, particularly opioids and meth, and we need to support those that are suffering and provide a path to recovery. The mental health system has been

ignored by the Democrats; I will get it fixed.”

During the pandemic, many areas across the country saw a rise in crime. Youngkin described his plan to address this issue in Virginia. “There has been a rise in crime that has been startlingly high in Virginia, with a 20-year high murder rate. When McAuliffe was governor, it went up 43 percent. There is misguided policy coming from progressive leadership,” Youngkin said. “I will invest in law enforcement, fully fund them, their salaries and training. My opponent wants to get rid of qualified immunity, and law enforcement feels demoralized, and they need a governor who will support them. We have got work to do. It is a top priority.”

Another priority for Youngkin includes eliminating the grocery tax which the Commonwealth has in place. “Virginia has become so expensive to live in and we need to go to work to cut costs. Virginia is one of only 13 states to tax groceries,” Youngkin said. “It is an important part to overall cut the cost of living, I would cut it on day one.” Food purchased for home consumption is currently taxed at 2.5 percent in Virginia.

When asked if he had any closing notes for Fairfax County voters, Youngkin wanted to mention his goal to unite all Virginians. “I will go to work for all Virginians, build a rip-roaring economy and lift up all of Virginia,” he said. “I will work on schools so kids can compete and live their dreams and make our communities safe. Virginians can come together and make Virginia the best place to live and raise a family.”

For more information on Glenn Youngkin visit <https://www.youngkinforgovernor.com/>

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# Afghan refugees settle into Fairfax County

By Noelle Riddle  
FAIRFAX COUNTY TIMES

With U.S. forces withdrawn from Afghanistan and thousands of refugees finding new homes on American soil, there are many questions arising about where refugees will decide to settle down. While originally it seemed many refugees were just stopping for a layover in Fairfax County before heading to military bases in other states, it seems that more Afghans than originally thought will be staying and integrating into the county.

“I do not know how many refugees are going to be going into the schools and the county, but I am looking for and have been trying to get that information,” said Springfield Supervisor Pat Herry. “The real problem is the lack of information from the federal government about this topic. It is a federal government project.”

Currently, more refugees are being temporarily housed at the former Dick’s Sporting Goods location in Fair Lakes, which has been empty for

several months. “What we do know is what we are doing, which is police and fire and rescue presence at the site being provided for refugees. Lots of them are going into our hospitals,” said Herry. “We also have nonprofits engaged to help, but short of that we don’t have a lot of details for what the refugees’ plans are, we just haven’t gotten answers yet.”

The Fairfax County Government website goes into some detail about how they are helping the refugees who will be staying in the county after fleeing. “Because Fairfax County has a sizable Afghan population, it is anticipated that many refugees will eventually resettle here. We’re working with nonprofits and faith communities in assisting Afghan refugees who will eventually call the county their home,” the Fairfax County Government website says. “Afghan refugees have experienced significant trauma, uncertainty, and stress during the evacuation process. It is our priority to ensure that individuals and families who resettle here can

access services as quickly as possible so that they can focus on rebuilding their lives and establishing support networks in the community.”

A flyer on the Fairfax County Government website lists resources for refugees including housing, human services, and schools. The sheet lists how the county can provide refugees with necessities, transportation, behavioral health services, housing assistance, education, immunizations, and public assistance benefits, and what numbers to call to access these services provided by the county.

While the exact number of refugees staying is currently unknown, Fairfax County Public Schools is ready to accommodate as many refugee students as possible. Meredith Hedrick, the English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) Department Chair at Annandale High School, told WDVM about how the school is already accommodating some refugee students, and preparing for more. “I think we have 17 to 18 Afghan students enrolled at our school,



and I’m assuming that’s going to increase by 20 to 30 percent soon,” she said. “Specifically, we just meant to have registration systems in place so that when they do come, we can efficiently register them.”

FCPS prides itself on its abilities to help students acclimate to a new country through their ESOL classes, where students from all over the world and speak different languages can come together to learn English. One Afghan refugee shared his family’s story of success, giving

hope to those fleeing. Tahir Luddin told WTOP news of the success his children had learning English after fleeing Afghanistan just a year ago, and the immense progress they have made in a short period of time thanks to FCPS.

“Nooria and Samiullah had never used a computer before. So, for the first couple of months, it was so hard, but luckily it was the pandemic, so I was not at work, so I was helping them,” Luddin said. “It’s amazing; I cannot even express how much I’m satisfied with the teachers. I am surprised by my daughter and

my son when they speak. I said, ‘Have these guys been here for 20 years?’ But it’s the first year.”

While FCPS offers daytime school lessons to students, there are also family literacy options available for those looking to learn English. The FCPS website details how children as young as 3 can come to begin learning English, as well as parents for a year-long, free course to learn English with their children.

To access Fairfax County resources for refugees visit <https://bit.ly/3BR4aAD>.

## Virginia behind on CDL licensing, contributing to lack of bus drivers

By Rick Horner  
FAIRFAX COUNTY TIMES

The Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles is playing catch up to license new bus drivers to make up for shortages in the state.

Since the beginning of the new school year in late August, school systems like Fairfax County have had to deal with many issues as a result of the Coronavirus pandemic. Among them a shortage which plagues school districts nationwide has greatly affected students, a lack of available bus drivers. The issue became so bad that area public schools made a post on their Facebook page asking for parents and caretakers to drive their children to class if possible.

Fairfax County Public Schools has been taking steps to alleviate the problem and attract bus drivers who are eligible and can complete the criteria for employment. The school system has made promises of a bonus up to \$3,000 for drivers on top of raising the regular salary they would receive. The average salary of a bus driver in the United States is \$32,000 per year according to ZipRecruiter.com.

One of the major impediments contributing to the shortage has been the lack of qualified drivers with Commercial Drivers Licenses, something else that can also be blamed on the pandemic.

This shortage came as a result of an order made by Governor Ralph Northam in March 2020 which closed all in-person DMV services temporarily to comply with pandemic protocols such as social distancing. Those CDL testing sites and other DMV customer service centers, with the exception of the Manassas site, would all reopen in May 2020 as part of the governor’s “Forward Virginia” recovery plan.

The Manassas site would eventually reopen later in June since Northern Virginia was lagging a phase behind the rest of the state at that time.

However, according to DMV Public Relations and Media Liaison Jessica Cowardin the way the CDL test was administered had to be adjusted in order to conform with social distancing requirements that were still in place. The department started using an out-of-cab method which had been approved by the

Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, an agency in the U.S. Department of Transportation which regulates the trucking industry in the country.

Between May 2020 and August 2021, the DMV used this new process at their CDL locations to administer 53,563 knowledge tests which covers different areas of knowledge necessary for drivers. The department also administered 8,772 skills test events where prospective drivers could come to complete one or more of the three skills test exams segments.

The CDL testing sites finally returned to in-cab testing at the start of September as social distancing requirements eased up and allowed examiners to get in the cabs with the prospective drivers. As of September 2, the DMV had completed a total of 97 in-cab exams.

The DMV has also been working closely with the U.S. Department of Education and individual school systems such as Fairfax County to assist those who need CDL road skills testing.

The Fairfax County Schools’ Transportation Department can administer both the road skills test and the knowledge test through a very successful program which allows third parties to administer CDL testing. Thirty-nine school divisions in Virginia administer road skills testing through this program. School divisions can also enter into an agreement to administer CDL knowledge tests (the written test) to prospective school bus drivers. Thirty-one school divisions participate in this program, according to Cowardin.

Through those programs CDL applicants can obtain a commercial driver’s permit and then the license without having to appear in person at a DMV office. The department has also been accepting applications for permits and CDLs by fax or mail with a short turn around time of one to two days.

Through this third-party process 12,598 remote knowledge tests and 4,384 remote skills tests have been conducted between May 2020 and August 2021.

But with as many ways to get a CDL license available it may still take Fairfax County Public Schools some time before they can get their buses fully staffed again.

### WOKE-WASH

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advertising online sharing DeCuir’s PowerPoint presentation as part of its “EdEquity VA” webinar series.

What’s more, this story tracks back to Richmond. Earlier this year Virginia Governor Ralph Northam announced that DeCuir is a member of the state’s Culturally Relevant and Inclusive Education Practices Advisory Committee. Also, the state education agency’s communications officials posted the video, titled, “Culturally Responsive and Inclusive 9/11 Commemoration,” on the agency’s official YouTube channel, and it featured the Virginia Department of Education “EdEquity VA” logo and name on its first slide, with each slide in the presentation carrying the agency’s official logo. In addition, DeCuir thanked Virginia Education Secretary Atif Qarni, a Pakistan-American Muslim, aligned with her thinking, for his support. She said she presented him with her recommendations before presenting the remarks to the public.

The Virginia Department of Education didn’t respond to questions, including whether it paid DeCuir to deliver the remarks. And DeCuir referred media requests for comments to her online writings.

In the video, DeCuir provided instructions to teachers teaching about the 9/11 attacks and said, “We’re not going to reproduce a false assumption of Muslim responsibility for 9/11. We’re just going to begin right there and name that there is no responsibility and therefore we’re not going to use this space to try and untangle this.”

That is exactly the opposite of what so many reform-minded Muslims believe. As a cofounder of the Muslim Reform Movement, which acknowledges the reality of Islamic extremism and works daily to defeat it, we know that we have to name a problem to defeat it. We accept that responsibility, as all people of conscience should do whenever there is a problem within their communities.

Sadly, she continued, “We’re also not going to reproduce what’s understood as American exceptionalism — this understanding that America is a land at the top of a beautiful mountain and that

all other countries, nations, and people are less than America.”

Indeed, America is a “land at the top of a beautiful mountain” and that is why so many Muslims – like my parents -- left their homelands to call America home. As a Muslim woman, I enjoy more freedoms in America than I could in any Muslim nation in the world.

What DeCuir instructed teachers to do was pivot to a victimhood narrative for our young Muslims, and that is the last thing that any youth need. She said, “It’s going to be important as we begin to plan our 9/11 lessons in a way that does not seek to reproduce anti-Muslim racism.”

Of course, we must all defeat racism, but this is a narrative adopted by too many American Muslim groups, including the locally-based Council on American-Islamic Relations, which has echoed the talking points of DeCuir over the past 20 years in a game of denial and deflection.

But what they fail to recognize is something that my son received as an assignment in elementary school years ago, as part of human development: the value of owning up. Having rights and responsibilities also mean learning to own up, and there is a reality of extremism within our Muslim community that we witness from the rise of the Taliban today to the flight of young men from northern Virginia to fight for ISIS and other extremist groups over the years.

This is a very personal battle for me. In October 2001, as U.S. bombs dropped in Afghanistan, I walked into the home of the man who is now a chief propagandist for the Taliban, a man by the name of Sohail Shaheen. At that time, he was the newly-deposed deputy ambassador to Pakistan – and his two wives, for following the interpretation of Islam of the Taliban and Islamists who espouse political Islam, he believed he could marry four wives.

On Jan. 23, 2002, my friend and Wall Street Journal colleague Danny Pearl left a home I had rented in Karachi, Pakistan, for an interview from which he never returned, because of an extremism that we had allowed to metastasize in our world. Every moment that men and women have challenged our battle for Muslim reform, I see Danny’s face before me, like a light. He was

goodness and humanity incarnate, and the fact that the men who kidnapped and murdered Danny did so in the name of my religion gave me the clarity and will to challenge them in every manifestation their thinking expressed itself.

For the past 20 years, the Taliban’s Sohail Shaheen and his fellow Taliban leaders have been enjoying a good life in Doha, Qatar, to now rise from the ashes of defeat in 2001 to seize power in Kabul with the cameras of Al-Jazeera live-streaming their disturbing coup.

It is a distressing turn of history, but on the anniversary of 9/11, I am reminded of not only the journey that has been my life, but the courageous journey of so many Muslim reformers – and our friends – as we navigate violent response from character assassination to actual slayings of the body, in our bold and critical battle to challenge – and defeat – the ideology of Islamism, or political Islam.

Just imagine that 20 years ago, we faced a reality in which women were barred from driving in Saudi Arabia, female genital mutilation was happening throughout the world without challenge, it was unimaginable for women to lead prayer of men and women, the understanding of Islamism was remote and the concept of Muslim reform was hardly even articulated.

And today this is what we have: a new reality in which women and girls have enjoyed the wind in their hair in Afghanistan for two decades, women can drive in Saudi Arabia, women have led men and women in prayer from my hometown of Morgantown, W.V., to Barcelona, Spain, and a clear and specific understanding of the Islamist machine that must be challenged from America to Afghanistan.

The best teachable moment from the tragedy of 9/11 is not denial and deflection but rather that we must all do whatever we can to own up and eliminate extremism within our communities. For a safer Virginia. For a safer America. For a safer world.

*Asra Q. Nomani is a cofounder of the Muslim Reform Movement and the Pearl Project, which is advocating for justice for Wall Street Journal reporter Daniel Pearl, murdered in Pakistan by Muslim extremists. She is the author of Standing Alone: An American Woman’s Struggle for the Soul of Islam.*



# First week high school football roundup

By Michael Marrow  
FAIRFAX COUNTY TIMES

Friday night lights went dark this past week in observance of the Labor Day holiday in FCPS. Teams played on Thursday night, unless noted otherwise.

#### Stone Bridge at Centreville

The Centreville Wildcats were bested by the Stone Bridge Bulldogs 32-7. The Bulldogs held the Wildcats to one touchdown in the first quarter and gradually widened their lead for the remainder of the game. Centreville is 1-1 and Stone Bridge is 2-0.

#### Oakton at Woodson

In their opening game of the season, the Woodson Cavaliers lost to the Oakton Cougars. Despite a close game and back-and-forth interceptions by Woodson and Oakton, the Cougars eventually pulled away for a final score of 30-13. Woodson is 0-1 and Oakton is 2-0.

#### Mount Vernon at Justice

The Mount Vernon Majors defeated the Justice Wolves 35-21. It was the Majors' first win for the season and the Wolves' first defeat. Both teams are 1-1.

#### Wakefield at West Potomac

The West Potomac Wolverines defeated the Wakefield Warriors. After an explosive 76-yard touchdown by Wolverines Wide Receiver Emmanuel Ampem, the Wolverines would go on to score three more and hold the Warriors to one. The final score was 30-7. The Wolverines are 2-0 and the Warriors are 0-2.

#### Westfield at Washington-Liberty

The Westfield Bulldogs beat the Washington-Liberty Generals 30-0 on the Generals' home turf. The Bulldogs defense was firmly in control, even returning a blocked field goal attempt for a touchdown. Westfield is 1-1 and Washington-Liberty is 0-2.

#### Robinson at Annandale

The Annandale Atoms were shutout at home by the Robinson Rams, with the Rams dominating both sides of the ball. The final score was 42-0. The Rams are 2-0 and the Atoms are 0-2.

#### Chantilly at Falls Church

The Chantilly Chargers eclipsed the Falls Church Jaguars. It was a strong performance for the Chargers defense, who held the Jaguars on their home turf to a single touchdown. The final score was 37-7. Chantilly is 1-0 and Falls Church is 0-2.

#### Alexandria City at South Lakes

The South Lakes Seahawks fell to the Alexandria City Titans. The Seahawks' undoing came in the fourth quarter, when the Titans racked up 19 points. The final score was 26-21, making the Titans 2-0 and the Seahawks 0-2.

#### Langley at Fairfax

The Fairfax Lions held off the Langley Saxons September 3. The final score was 20-10. Langley is 0-2 and Fairfax is 2-0.

#### South County at Hayfield

The South County Stallions were victorious in their first match of the season against the Hayfield Hawks for the Hawks' second

shutout loss. The final score was 22-0, making South County 1-0 and Hayfield 0-2.

#### Lake Braddock at Madison

The Madison Warhawks triumphed against the Lake Braddock Bruins. It was an impressive performance for Warhawks running back Alex Jreige, who carried the ball 19 times for a total of 179 yards and three touchdowns. The final score was 49-21. Both teams are 1-1.

#### West Springfield at Edison

The West Springfield Spartans trounced the Edison Eagles September 3. The Spartans defense held the Eagles to a single field goal while the Eagles defense struggled to keep pace. The final score was 56-3. West Springfield is 2-0 and Edison is 0-2.

#### Marshall at McLean

The McLean Highlanders were defeated by the Marshall Statesmen. After a close first half, the Statesmen pulled away in the second for a final score of 46-14. McLean is 0-2 and Marshall is 2-0.

#### Northern Virginia Home-school Athletic Association at Thomas Jefferson

The Colonials of Thomas Jefferson High School prevailed against the Centurions of the Northern Virginia Homeschool Athletic Association September 3. It was the Colonials' first game of the season, making the Colonials 1-0 and Centurions 1-1. The final score was 18-12.

Herndon and Lewis had a bye week. Both teams are 0-1.



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Mt. Vernon vs. Justice



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West Springfield vs. Edison



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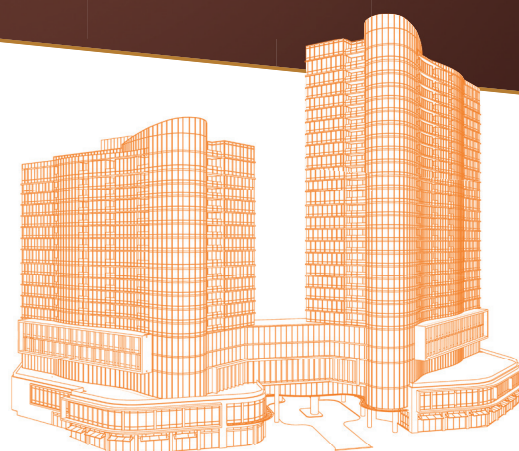
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# HEALTH & WELLNESS

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## September is Men's Health Awareness Month

**KEYS TO BETTER HEALTH**  
CINDY SANTA ANA



I don't usually pay attention to world waffle day or national cookie day, but when it involves our health, I tend to hop on these awareness campaigns. Men's Health Month is an annual observance focused on raising awareness of preventable health problems and encouraging early detection and treatment of disease among men.

This month, there are numerous health fairs and other health education and outreach activities across the country to encourage males and their families to take control of health issues with the proper screenings and care. I mean, how long has your husband put off that doctor visit?

Did you know that men, on average, die almost five years earlier than women? Part of the reason is that men are more reluctant to go to the doctor, according to menhealthmonth.org. In fact, studies show that women go to the doctor twice as much as men. Additionally, Men's Health Network notes that certain conditions are more prevalent in men, which patients and their doctors should keep an eye on through regular appointments.

"When you look at the top 10 leading causes of death and list by gender, men lead

in 9 of the 10 categories," says Salvatore J. Giorgianni Jr., PharmD, a senior science adviser to Men's Health Network (MHN). "Even before the difficult scenario of COVID-19, men's suicide rates were four times higher than women's. The CDC believes a large reason for this is the increase in substance abuse across the board. Even more difficult to take is that the shift has moved from older men to middle-aged men. There is a tremendous fear among men's health experts that this will be exacerbated for quite some time. There are too many men dying from conditions that are manageable but by and large preventable."

#### Steps for prevention:

- Get regular checkups
  - Quit smoking/vaping, if you do
  - Seek mental and physical health support when you need it
  - Eat a healthy, nutrient-dense diet of whole foods, healthy fats & more vegetables
  - Drink plenty of filtered water daily
  - Get quality sleep
- Stay active daily with walking, running, cycling, swimming or weight lifting
- Get regular blood work: lipid panel, C-reactive protein, iron levels, testosterone, hemoglobin A1c, & Vitamin D (to name a few)



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## Great ways to keep your mind sharp as you age

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September, which is World Alzheimer's Month, is an excellent reminder to keep your mind and body healthy through the years. Experts say that doing so can reduce your risk for cognitive decline. Try taking on these new hobbies to keep your mind sharp as you age:

- **Cooking:** Not only can the development of a new complicated skill such as cooking improve cognitive functions like problem-solving and concentration, but having the ability to create your own nutritious meals at home has the added benefit of being good for brain health. From TikTok tutorials to online classes taught by master chefs, today, there are more avenues for picking up culinary know-how than ever before.

- **Music:** Learning to play a musical instrument has countless benefits for brain health, helping improve memory, hand-eye coordination and more. It's also a mood booster, which is important, as depression is considered a risk factor for dementia. Check out instruments designed to build skills quickly. Whether you're a total novice or taking up the piano after a long hiatus, Casiotone Keyboards, for example, are portable, easy to use and connect to an app that features lessons and more.

- **Exercise:** The mind-body connection is strong.



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For ultimate brain health, stay physically active; and if you can do so outdoors, all the better. Research suggests that connecting with nature is good for one's mental well-being, reducing stress, anxiety and depression. Support your journey with tools that track your activity and inspire you to delve further into adventures, whether that be hiking, fishing or rock climbing. The watches in the Pro Trek line feature Quad Sensor technology to provide you with temperature and barometric pressure so you can keep your eye on the weather conditions while out and about, as well as sunrise and sunset times, an app for anglers and much more.

- **Camaraderie:** Having an active social life can improve brain function.

Unfortunately, if you aren't proactive about it, there are not always that many opportunities to make new friends in adulthood. Whether it's a sewing circle or a bowling league, consider joining a club or team for camaraderie and fun.

- **Fast fingers:** Did you know that you can use your calculator to keep your mind engaged when there's downtime or you're on-the-go? Calculator games can build math skills, improve memory and keep your mind nimble.

Just as it is important to maintain physical fitness as you age, it's also critical to exercise your mind. Stay mentally active by trying new hobbies, building new skills and seeking out new experiences.



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# Kennedy Center celebrates 50th Anniversary

*Conductors JoAnn Falletta, Steven Reineke and Thomas Wilkins lead celebratory concert*

**By Keith Loria**  
SPECIAL TO THE  
FAIRFAX COUNTY TIMES

This year, the Kennedy Center turned 50, and even though the performance slate has been impacted by the pandemic in 2021, it's not stopping the renowned center from celebrating big. The Kennedy Center will commemorate the milestone September 14 with its 50th Anniversary Concert, an evening running the gamut of what the famed venue does with performances from classical to Broadway to Hip Hop. The celebration also kicks off a re-launch of live, full-scale productions at the Center.

JoAnn Falletta, Steven Reineke and Thomas Wilkins, three of the most noted conductors to have led orchestras at the Kennedy Center, will lead the National Symphony Orchestra on

that night. "After a very, very tough 18 months, to come together and be together is a big deal," Falletta said. "When the Kennedy Center celebrates, it's always so inclusive and so joyful. Every time I work with them, I always leave feeling so much better about the world."

Falletta, a multiple Grammy Award-winning conductor, currently serves as music director of the Buffalo Philharmonic, principal guest conductor of the Brevard Music Center and artistic adviser to the Hawaii Symphony and the Cleveland Institute of Music Orchestra.

Over her impressive career, she has served as music director of the Virginia Symphony Orchestra, conducting the orchestra's highly acclaimed Kennedy Center debut in January 2000 as part of the prestigious Washington Performing

Arts Society Series. She most recently led the National Symphony for the PBS 2021 New Year's Eve Special, "United in Song: Celebrating the Resilience of America," and also led the NSO in a gala performance celebrating the 50th Anniversary of Wolf Trap honoring women in music.

"I also led a big celebration at the Kennedy Center of women a number of years ago, and that was an amazing night," she said. "They represent our country in a really true way."

Falletta is honored to be one of the trio of conductors taking part.

"We'll all be doing our thing in a way that fits together; the Kennedy Center always manages to choreograph these things in a special way," she said. "They don't do things in a small way, and they always take chances and

this kind of a presentation echoes that."

Falletta's part of the program will include Bernstein's "Candide Overture," Mendelssohn's "Violin Concerto" with soloist Ray Chen, Rachmaninoff's "Spring Waters" featuring Renée Fleming, and "Somewhere Over the Rainbow," with Fleming and Kellie O'Hara.

"Is there a person in America who doesn't know 'Somewhere Over the Rainbow?' It's a perfect song because it gives the idea that we'll get through this and there is some promise ahead," Falletta said. "We have two great singers in Renée and Kellie and it was their idea to do this together and I love that."

The concert will be directed and choreographed by Joshua Bergasse, and Caroline Kennedy will be on

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## Jammin Java welcomes former American Idol winner Lee DeWyze

*The singer is touring in support of a new album*

**By Keith Loria**  
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There are three distinct periods of time in the musical life of Lee DeWyze, a singer songwriter from Mount Prospect, Ill.

The most notable may be winning the ninth season of "American Idol" back in 2010, when his cover of "Hallelujah" gave the judges and fans chills, and cemented himself as the favorite to win. That brought about a record deal with RCA Records and millions of new fans.

But pre-Idol, DeWyze was already building a nice career for himself, releasing two independent albums, "So I'm Told" and "Slumberland" that were critically praised. So even with-

out his "American Idol" win, it appeared he was already on the road to stardom.

That leads to his current third act, the post-Idol years. Somewhere around 2013, the singer-songwriter put the show behind him, signed a new record deal, and saw success with the release of "Frames." His song "Blackbird Song" was used on AMC's hit show, "The Walking Dead," and millions of new fans started listening.

Today, at 35, DeWyze feels that those coming to see him play and listen to his music have very little if any connection to the fans who watched him on Idol.

"I've been off of Idol for 10 years and haven't been connected with the show for the last eight," he said. "As far as what my career is now, it's tour-

ing and songwriting, and to be honest, Idol gets your name out there, but it's up to you to stay out there. It was a great experience at the time, but from the day I left the show, it's been up to me."

And he's definitely taken the opportunity and ran!

Last month, the singer released a new album entitled "Ghost Stories," half of which were created during the pandemic. DeWyze believes everyone has "ghosts that hover over our brains and in our hearts when we go to bed," which led to the title of the album.

"When things first started to hit the fan, I was like, 'I'm going to write all these songs and do all this music,' but for a long while, I wasn't able to do that," he said. "I took up different projects until

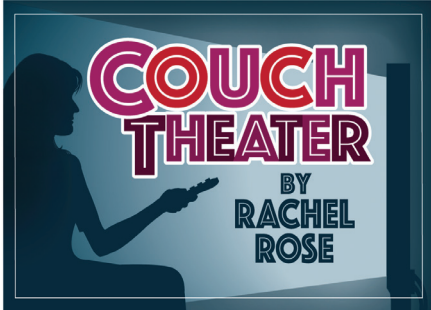
the time was right for me to finish the record."

So, five of the songs were written before the pandemic and the others were written almost six months later, but the songs came together in a very reflective way.

"It's always been a goal of mine to make an album that could be listened to from beginning to end, straight through, like a book," he said. "For me, these songs felt like these 10 chapters, and people can kind of just scroll through them. I'm really proud of that, because that was my initial intent."

He cites the song, "Parade," as one that's very much about "just getting through" and noted the latter songs were very much

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### "Doogie Kamealoha, M.D."

(TV-PG) -- As the trend of TV reboots continues, we now have this updated version of the early '90s sitcom "Doogie Howser, M.D." This time around the teenaged physician is a girl who's balancing hospital rounds with time off surfing with friends in her home state of Hawaii. The 10-episode series stars 17-year-old Peyton Elizabeth Lee (who isn't actually Hawaiian, so slight casting fail there). The original theme song now played on ukulele is a nice nostalgic touch. (Disney+)

### "Sweet Girl" (R)

-- In a very timely plot, Jason Momoa plays Ray Cooper, a Pittsburgh blue-collar worker who loses his young wife to cancer. Blaming a pharmaceutical company's CEO for his wife's death after the company pulls a life-saving medication from the market, Ray vows vengeance against him. His teenaged daughter, Rachel, insinuates herself into Ray's violent attacks, and the two soon find themselves fleeing authorities. Fair warning, there are lots of graphic fight scenes that are painful to watch. But a plot twist changes the whole dynamic of the film, so you may end up watching it twice. (Netflix)

### "9/11: Inside the President's War Room" (NR)

-- With all the previous documentaries that have come out over nearly 20 years, it's hard to imagine there is still unseen footage, but such is the claim by the BBC production team bringing this doc just prior to the anniversary of 9/11. Narrated by Jeff Daniels, the film centers on the vantage points of President George Bush's main advisers in the 12 hours following the Twin Tower strikes, from Vice President Dick Cheney and national security adviser Condoleezza Rice, to the president's Secret Service detail, his press

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# National Museum of the Army to hold virtual 9/11 exhibit



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By Rick Horner  
FAIRFAX COUNTY TIMES

The National Museum of the United States Army will hold a virtual event to commemorate the 20th anniversary of the September 11 attacks. The museum in partnership with Google Arts & Culture have created this exhibit which will reflect the Army's experience of that day.

The virtual exhibit will be divided into six parts which will look at aspects such as a timeline of the event itself, the stories of the soldiers who experienced these events, as well as art and artifacts from that period. The museum has posted the running time of one hour for viewers to go through the entire exhibit.

One section called "Soldier Stories" takes a look at the personal histories and profiles of soldiers who were impacted by the events of that day.

One story of interest in the part of the exhibit is the story of Chaplain (Col.) Khallid Shabazz, the highest ranked Muslim chaplain in the Army's history. Shabazz had enlisted in the Army in the 1990s in order to support his family. Shortly after, Shabazz converted to Islam and eventually became an Imam ministering to fellow Muslims in the service.

In an interview with the museum, Shabazz recounts how he was treated upon

returning to active duty after learning in the seminary for three years.

"I'm am the extrovert of the extroverts," said Shabazz. "I came in smiling ready to go to work, I go to shake my commanding officer's hand and he tells me that we have a problem with your religion and how you treat women. He didn't talk to me for nine months after that."

According to Shabazz that commanding officer would publicly apologize to him nine months later, but Shabazz would continue to experience this sentiment in one form or another every time he changed duty stations. When the September 11 attacks happened, Shabazz's fellow chaplains wanted to get him to safety for fear that the unit would turn on him. Shabazz elected to stay and became a known and calming face of the Muslim community in the Army.

Another part of the exhibit features artifacts from the events of September 11, among these items are personal items that were either burned or melted in the attacks such as rings, coins, badges, and books.

One item of fascination is a fragment of the lower portion of a landing gear strut which came off of American Airlines Flight 11 which struck the north tower of the World Trade Center complex. This particular item had been found during a debris

recovery operation conducted by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

The exhibit also features pieces from the Army Art Program which were created by members of the service. Many of the works feature scenes such as the state of the Pentagon after being struck by American Airlines Flight 77, paintings of soldiers headed to the fields as well as their lives on the front lines of Afghanistan and Iraq.

Another section of interest in the exhibit is called "Monument Men" which takes accounts from various Army curators who identified and retrieved items of historic significance from the Pentagon after the attack occurred.

One curator, Leslie Jensen, led such a team to find items of interest at the Pentagon. Prior to the events of September 11 Jensen had been in the museum field since 1971 and has served in various places such as Colonial Williamsburg, the Museum of the Confederacy in Richmond before enjoying a 10-year stint as curator of the U.S. Army Center of Military History in Washington D.C. While there, he taught numerous training sessions for Army Museum personnel which concentrated on research and regulatory issues.

Jensen is currently the curator of arms and armor at the West Point Museum in West Point, N.Y., a position he has held since 2002.

The National Museum of the United States Army is located at Fort Belvoir and was officially opened November 11, 2020. The museum's original opening date of June that year was delayed due to the

Coronavirus pandemic. The objectives of the museum include the preservation of the Army's history as well as educating and engaging current and future generations about the Army and its contributions.

The virtual exhibit is currently available for viewing and can be found via the museum's webpage at thenmusa.org. The exhibit is free and will run until the end of September 12.

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4 Gasoline dispensers

9 Attorney's field

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14 Blond shade

15 Online reference source

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4 Slipcover trim

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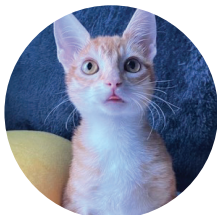
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### Dorito

**Breed:** Domestic short hair  
**Age:** 3 months  
**Gender:** Male neutered  
Dorito is a perfect orange tabby. Dorito has some more growing to do into those darling big ears! This boy is all around easy going, loving and playful. He gets along with everyone and would love a home with another cat to play with. This boy would be a perfect addition to any family.



### Axel

**Breed:** Domestic short hair  
**Age:** 1 year  
**Gender:** Male neutered  
Axel is a handsome young tabby boy ready to find his Forever Home. He spent some time at a rural shelter and he would love a home with another kitty or kitties to help him settle in and hone in on his playing skills. Axel prefers to have a buddy around so he doesn't get bored being alone. Axel enjoys settling in to a cozy couch, but since he's learning that not every home is a loud shelter, sometimes a big noise will scare this sweet guy, but he won't run and hide, he simply looks for reassurance and will go back to what he was doing. Who could resist those big green eyes and reassuring him all is okay?



### Davey

**Breed:** Domestic short hair  
**Age:** 3 months  
**Gender:** Male neutered  
Davey is affectionate, energetic, and goofy. He wants to be cuddled up right next to you on the couch, and he has tons of kitten energy. He's incredibly easygoing and tolerant, but won't hesitate to let you know when he wants you to play. Davey is looking for a loving home with his buddy Pippa. He will come and plop on your lap and ask for belly rubs. Reach out and let us know if you want to meet this handsome boy and his friend!



### Porsche

**Breed:** Domestic short hair  
**Age:** 2 years  
**Gender:** Female spayed  
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### Sylvester

**Breed:** Domestic short hair  
**Age:** 2 years  
**Gender:** Male neutered  
Are you sick of having an empty lap? Are you looking for a buddy with an extremely squishable face whose greatest joy is curling up in your arms? Do you also need someone who doubles as a ferocious fly catcher? Then, look no further! Sylvester is the cat for you. While timid and cautious when meeting new friends and adjusting to new environments, this silly ol' boy loves nothing more than being by his person's side, or even better, in their arms. Chin scratches are required on the regular, as is a dose of patience when you first meet. But in exchange, you'll be rewarded with a constant and loyal companion.



### Harriet

**Breed:** Domestic medium hair  
**Age:** 11 years  
**Gender:** Female spayed  
Harriet is a beautiful golden-brown tabby who is happy to entertain herself and then come over and request some head pets from you and hang out nearby while you work. She is initially a bit reserved but warmed up to her foster mom and loves chatting with you. She is enthusiastic about cat nip, enjoys mealtime, and gazing out the window. Harriet is quite sweet and will make a loving companion for someone willing to shower her with attention.



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## FROM THE DOG'S PAW



# Don't get skunked!

By Abby! Noah!

SPECIAL TO THE FAIRFAX COUNTY TIMES

“Uh oh! Noah. Did you forget your deodorant this morning? Or, uh, what have you gotten into? Ruff!?”

“Meows! HISS! HISS! HISS! Yeah, Noah, what's going on with you, buddy? I know you like to be outside digging, pawlaying, and rolling around in stuff, but what happened? Go into the sewer or something? You stink to the highest heavens of something pawlently pawful! HISS! HISS!!”

“Arf, Abby, and Samson, I got skunked.”

“WOOF!” “HISS!!” “Paws, you ain't sleepin' inside with us tonight. Tomorrow night. And pawssibly not the next several night's buddy!”

“Barks, how did it happen. Noah?”

“Paws, it was a dark and stormy night, oh that's Snoopy's line -- sorry, but it was dark. Dad let me outside, and as I got to the end of the deck, he noticed, but it was too late, as I noticed it too. A skunk! I had never seen one before, so I was curious. I didn't mean it any harm, but appawrently it didn't know that as it got scared when I went running to check it out. Woof! I got sprayed on the right side of my face, just missing my eyes. Barks! I took off running around the backyard like a crazy dog pushing my head into the ground, trying as desperately as I pawssibly could to get the stinky stenchy stuff off my face! Barks, then Dad came to the rescue. He grabbed my collar and took me to the garage, where he cleaned me off.

Barks, he did NOT use the familiar routine of tomato juice as its acidity can cause severe issues with my skin, and it is not always effective. Instead, he contacted our veterinarian to learn what to do in the cleaning pawcess. Woofs! The veterinarian asked questions about me, including did I get sprayed in the eyes? When did it happen? If I had gotten sprayed in the eyes, Dad would have flushed them with cool water and used a veterinary eyewash product. If you live in an area where skunks are common, keep some handy. Ask the veterinarian for product recommendations.

Woofs, then it was bath time! You need to remove the oil as quickly as pawssible. He used a mixture of (1) quart of 3 percent hydrogen peroxide solution (found at any pharmacy or supermarket), 1/4 cup of baking soda, (1) teaspoon of liquid dishwashing soap. He worked the solution into my coat, not leaving it on very long as it could bleach it. Barks, immediately rinse. You might need to do this several times, rinsing each time. Barks, should you not have the ingredients recommended on hand, an alternative can be using vinegar diluted with water. Paws, it's not as effective but will help.

Woofs! When he was satisfied the odor has been removed as best he pawssibly could, he bathed me with dog shampoo to remove any last bits of the oil as well as the solution you made as the hydrogen peroxide could bleach your dog's coat.

The next day, while Dad was working at his desktop computer at the office, he began noticing a strong stenchy odor coming from somewhere. He checked his shoes. Nothing. He still smelled the scent, so he smelled his hands, especially the one used to clean me up last night. He found the horrid odor. He rushed to the restroom and washed his hands thoroughly a few times. He went back to his desk and tried to stay away from his coworkers for the day -- except maybe the annoying one. Woof! Dad reminds humans to wear protective gloves when cleaning the dog from skunk odors.

Barkingly, to keep me from getting skunked again, Dad knocks loudly on the door windows a few times and looks around the yard before letting me outside. Barkingly, he makes sure that there are no holes in the fence where critters could come and go! Paws, he will ensure that there are no holes around the property, including under the porch, deck, and around the house's foundation where critters could nest. Woofs, skunks tend to be more active at dawn and dusk, so we avoid walks, especially in wooded areas, or let out in the yard during those times of the day.”

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WOOF! MEOW! Do you enjoy our articles? Barks and purrs, pawlease follow us at [www.fromthedogspaw.com](http://www.fromthedogspaw.com) to enjoy our adventures. Noah, Samson, and Abby are Pawthors pawing about dog/cat care tips using facts and humor, and entertaining stories about their lives with humans. Our human, Allen Pearson, is a dog, nature, and railroad photographer and writer.

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# HOLLYWOOD

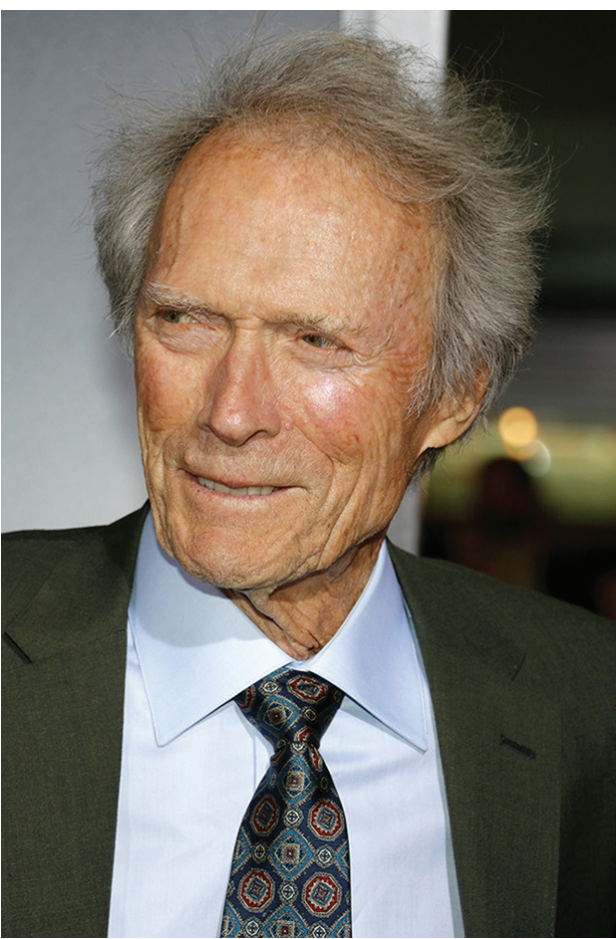
by Tony Rizzo

In 1955, Clint Eastwood began his career in “The Revenge of the Creature” (from “The Black Lagoon”). He landed the lead in the CBS series “Rawhide” in 1958, then went to Italy in 1964 and starred in “A Fistful of Dollars,” the first of three spaghetti Westerns. At 40, Eastwood directed his first film, “Play Misty For Me” (1971). He kept acting, but it was directing that earned him four Oscars (from 11 nominations). On Sept. 17, at 91, his 40th film will open, “Cry Macho,” which he directed, produced and stars in. Clint east country singer Dwight Yoakum as his co-star. Yoakum’s memorable films are

“Sling Blade” (1996), “Panic Room” (2002), “Wedding Crashers” (2005) and most recently “Logan Lucky” (2017), with Channing Tatum, Adam Driver, Seth MacFarlane and Sebastian Stan. Famed director Frank Capra won six Oscars and made his last film at age 64. Alfred Hitchcock directed 59 films (and never won an Oscar, though he did receive the Irving Thalberg Award from the Academy), directing his last one at 76. While Capra had two wives and four kids, and Hitchcock had one wife and one kid, Eastwood juggled his career with two wives, two partners and eight children. At

least five of his kids have successful acting/directing careers, including Scott Eastwood, who can be seen in the recent hit “The Suicide Squad.” Clint had many memorable moments as an actor, but as a director, he’s in a class of his own. At long last, Shari Lewis (who died in 1998) and Lambchop -- who made their TV debut in 1956 with “Captain Kangaroo” on CBS, won 13 Emmy Awards and a Peabody -- will finally be the subject of an upcoming documentary. Not so lucky is Johnny Depp, whom the San Sebastian Film Festival is giving a Lifetime Achievement Award and getting backlash from women’s groups, including Spain’s Association of Female Filmmakers. It follows the decree of an English judge who found the accusation of Depp beating his ex-wife, Amber Heard, “was substantially correct” (despite her beating him too?). More bad news for Harvey

Weinstein. Pulitzer Prize-winning New York Times writers Jodi Kantor and Megan Twohey’s bestselling book “She Said” is becoming a movie with Carey Mulligan playing Twohey and Zoe Kazan as Kantor, as well as Patricia Clarkson and “Brooklyn Nine Nine’s” two-time Emmy-winner Andre Braugher, plus Brad Pitt as one of the producers. The film is a dramatic retelling of the sexual harassment investigation that took down Weinstein and sparked the #MeToo movement. It will focus on their efforts to uncover and expose decades of allegations against Weinstein, who has already been sentenced to 23 years in prison on charges of sexual assault and third-degree rape, and is now facing more charges in Los Angeles. Tick, tick, boom ... time’s up!



Clint Eastwood

DEPOSITPHOTOS

## Art News

**Fine Arts Festival** Enjoy more than 200 artists who are creating unique, hand-made works. Begins at 10 a.m. September 10 and runs through 5 p.m. September 2. Reston Town Center, 11900 Market St., Reston. For more information visit <https://bit.ly/38SSIYG>. **Wildlife Felting** Learn the fine art of creating charming felt animals from yarn using techniques that compress the threads into a creature. A fox and an owl will be made in class. 7 p.m. September 10. Cost is \$40. Hidden Oaks Nature Center, 7701 Royce St., Annandale. For more information visit <https://bit.ly/38SSIYG>.

**Second Saturday Art Walk** showcases the diverse work of more than 100 visual artists in a unique historic venue. 6 p.m. September 11. Free. Workhouse Arts Center, 9601 Ox Rd., Lorton. For more information visit <https://bit.ly/2X6Qld1>. **Calamity Improve** Improv, sketch comedy, and classical theatre collide in this Wild West Show. 7:30 p.m. September 11. Cost is \$10 to \$15. ArtsHerndon, 750 Center St., Herndon. For more information visit <https://bit.ly/3DVMRQJ>. **Honeyfunk** An evening of Marvin Gaye, Jerry Garcia,

Chris Thile, String Cheese Incident, Stevie Wonder and more all mashed together with a side of funk like you’ve never heard before. Doors open at 5 p.m. Show is at 6 p.m. September 12. Free. The State Theatre, 220 N. Washington St., Falls Church. For more information visit <https://bit.ly/3DXqOJw>. **Jason Isbell and the 400 Unit** returns with a Grammy-winning blend of Americana and Alabama roots along with Waxahatchee. 7:30 p.m. September 14. Tickets start at \$47. Filene Center, 1551 Trap Rd., Vienna. For more information visit <https://bit.ly/3BWWXiD>.

**Country & Western Line Dancing** Enjoy a variety of line dances. Singles and couples welcome. Cost is \$122 for this program which runs from September 15 to November 17. Frying Pan Farm Park, 2709 West Ox Rd., Herndon. For more information visit <https://bit.ly/3ni4Meu>. **Digital Photography** Topics include your camera’s controls, resolution, flash, composition, stop motion, close ups and more. Course includes weekly assignments with reviews. Software and printing are also covered. Course runs September 15 to November 3. Cost is \$131. Frying Pan Farm, 2709 West

Ox Rd., Herndon. For more information visit <https://bit.ly/3BQLZuS>. **Art Mirrors Culture** is a Reston multicultural inter-generational exhibit featuring works from Japan, China, India, Italy Germany and more. Through September 30. Free. Jo Ann Rose Gallery, 2310 Colts Neck Rd., Reston. For more information visit <https://bit.ly/3greDu7>. **Equality for All** is a mural commissioned by the Women’s Suffrage Centennial Commission to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the 19th Amendment. It is on permanent display at the Workhouse Arts Center, 9518 Workhouse

Way, Lorton. For more information visit <https://bit.ly/3xGZwTw>. **Highest Honor** Returns to the atrium this season and will be on display through Nov. 14. Inspired by the building’s industrial founding, artist Andy Yoder designed the 25-foot triangular banner as an oversized version of the Army-Navy “E Award,” which was presented to workers during WWII for excellence in production of war equipment. Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union St., Alexandria. For more information visit <https://bit.ly/34gh8sP>.

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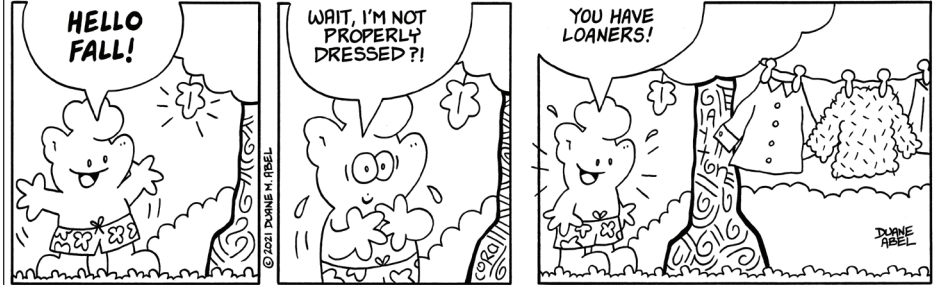
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Community Information

**Farmers’ Markets** Visit a variety of vendors to purchase produce, pastries, bread, meat and more. 8 a.m. to noon. Fridays through Nov. 12. Lewinsville Park, 1659 Chain Bridge Rd., McLean. For more information visit <https://bit.ly/3fK9H2t>. 3 to 7 p.m. Fridays through Oct. 29. 5844-5862 Kingstowne Center, Alexandria. For more information visit <https://bit.ly/34fWuHG>. **Twilight by Kayak** Watch the sun set on the lake as the wildlife settles in for the night, then return to the dock by the light of the moon. Single kayaks and all equipment will be provided. 6:30 p.m. September 10. Cost is \$43. Burke Lake Park, 7315 Ox Rd., Fairfax Station. For more information visit <https://bit.ly/3tmy2BO>. **Watershed Clean Up** Collect trash from streams and trails. Compile and report results on trash collected to contribute to a global snapshot of littered items. 8 a.m. September 11. Free. Riverbend Park, 8700 Potomac Hills St., Great Falls. For more information visit <https://bit.ly/38X0b93>. **Community Market** includes themed activities including vendors, artist demos, food, entertainment, and more. 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. September 11. Free. Workhouse Arts Center, 9518 Workhouse Way, Lorton. For more information visit <https://bit.ly/3hTCNiO>. **Perk Up Your Fall Garden** Green Spring horticulturist Brenda Skarphol discusses dividing perennials, planting cool season plants, and beautifying your garden with fall season show-stoppers so it looks its autumn best. 10:30 a.m. September 11. Cost is \$18. Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Rd., Alexandria. For more information visit <https://bit.ly/2VsuYYs>. **Dog Daze** Bring your pooch out for dogs-only swimming and a canine resource fair from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. 10 a.m. September 12. Cost is \$10 per dog. Water Mine, 1400 Lake Fairfax Dr., Reston. For restrictions and more information visit <https://bit.ly/3hamfBK>. **Night Sky Tour** Take a fun tour of planets, constellations, stars, nebulae, and galaxies that can be seen at night with the naked eye and with telescopes at the Roll-Top Observatory at Turner Farm Park. 7:30 p.m. September 13. Cost is \$8. Turner Farm, 925 Springvale Rd., Great Falls. For more information visit <https://bit.ly/3hgKcaz>. **Fall Wildflowers** Stroll along the riverbank in search of our fall wildflowers and learn some of the folklore associated with them. 10 a.m. September 16. Cost is \$9. Riverbend Park, 8700 Potomac Hills St., Great Falls. For more information visit <https://bit.ly/3BNnEpC>. **Farmers Markets** Visit booths from local vendors on Wednesdays and Thursdays through late fall in local county parks McCutcheon, Oak Marr, Wakefield, Annandale and Herndon. For more information visit <https://bit.ly/3kYWYGU>.

**ONGOING**  
**St. Mark’s ESL** English as a second language program is looking for new students and volunteers. Classes will be Tuesday and Thursday evenings from September 28 to December 7. Students register online <https://bit.ly/StMarkRegistrationFall2021>. For more information call 703-980-9380 or 703-242-7449. **See X-wing Starfighter** as it undergoes conservation at the Mary Baker Engen Restoration Hangar. Daily from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. through January 1. Free admission but parking is \$15. Steve F. Udvar-Hazy Center, 14390 Air and Space Museum Pkwy., Chantilly. For more information visit <https://s.si.edu/37aVYOM>. **Forgotten Road Tours** these outside walking tours of the original outbuildings and representative slave quarters focus on the lives and stories of the enslaved who were at Sully more than 200 years ago. 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Friday, Saturday, Sunday, and Thursday through Oct. 31. Cost is \$20 to \$40. Sully Historic Site, 3650 Historic Sully Way, Chantilly. For more information visit <https://bit.ly/34WkvFN>. **Virtual Mental Help** Events and Support Recovery Program Solutions of Virginia holds a variety of free online events and support groups each week. Meet new friends, stay healthy and fit, participate in art therapy and more. For more information visit <https://bit.ly/3vokjut>. **Help Needy Children** through volunteer work with Assistance League. Learn more at <https://bit.ly/305C3ge>. **Volunteer Fairfax** has volunteer opportunities and donation needs. Please visit <https://bit.ly/3b169oZ> for more information. **Meals on Wheels** needs drivers, coordinators, and co-coordinators. Apply at <http://bit.ly/2DGfhme>.

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Clive Owen as Bill Clinton

Kurt Iswarienko/FX

**Q: Could you tell me why “Evil” was moved to Paramount Plus? It’s a great show, but I don’t want to pay extra to watch it. – Frank in New York**

**A:** According to an article from “Variety” back in May, the first season of “Evil” was a big hit for CBS, but its audience grew even more substantial when it re-aired the episodes on Netflix. “Variety” explains that “again and again in recent months, media conglomerates have demonstrated that streaming services are the priority in this landscape. ... CBS moving ‘Evil’ to Paramount Plus in order to capitalize on its streaming success is another example of this new world order.” CBS is obviously hoping that cable and Netflix subscribers will follow “Evil” to Paramount Plus for \$5 a month.

For those who aren’t familiar with the show, “Evil” stars Katja Herbers as a forensic psychologist and Mike Colter as a priest who work together to solve supernatural mysteries for the Catholic Church. The series was created by husband-and-wife team Robert and Michelle King, who also were the masterminds behind CBS’s “The Good Wife” and “The

Good Fight” on Paramount Plus.

**Q: I was watching a commercial for the new series about Monica Lewinsky. I didn’t recognize anyone in it. I’m especially intrigued about who is playing President Bill Clinton – he sounded just like him. – E.E.**

**A:** The newest installment of “American Crime Story” premieres Sept. 7 on the FX channel and focuses on the Monica Lewinsky-Bill Clinton scandal. In fact, “Impeachment” is co-produced by Lewinsky herself and stars Beanie Feldstein (“Booksmart”) as the infamous intern.

British actor Clive Owen was initially skeptical about taking on the role of our 42nd president, telling producer Ryan Murphy, “I don’t really look like him,” but the makeup department did a fantastic job on Owen with modifications to his forehead and nose. The voice is all a result of Owen’s talent.

Rounding out the cast are Edie Falco as the formidable Hillary Clinton and Sarah Paulson as Lewinsky’s frenemy, Linda Tripp. A chameleon, Paulson previously played prosecutor Marcia

Clark in “The People v. O.J. Simpson: American Crime Story.” As for Owen, he’s been in countless projects, but is probably best known for his Oscar-nominated role in the 2004 film “Closer,” opposite Natalie Portman and Julia Roberts.

**Q: Who is the actress playing four versions of herself in the Buick commercials? She looks so familiar, but I can’t figure out where I’ve seen her. – R.S.**

**A:** Vanessa Curry is the model/actress driving her three alter egos around in her Buick Envision after a “brutal” spin class. She’s a former NBA Laker Girl who also was once part of the pop group Pussycat Dolls. She appeared in a slew of national commercials for Target, AT&T and BMW before landing the Buick campaign. Curry has guest-starred on numerous prime-time shows, so perhaps you saw her on “Glee,” “CSI: New York” or “Pump.”

Send me your questions at NewCelebrityExtra@gmail.com, or write me at KFWS, 628 Virginia Drive, Orlando, FL 32803.

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DEWYZE

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influenced by the world we lived in over the past 18 months.

“Every artist has one, and for me, I think this is ‘my record,’ the most complete record front to back that I’ve put out,” DeWyze said. “I believe so strongly in this record and so happy that I’m now able to go out on tour with it.”

DeWyze will perform at Jammin Java September

16, playing the entire new record and giving fans a taste of their favorites from throughout his career.

“I’ll also be playing some new covers, which I’m excited about, and some stuff from all of my albums; I know the stuff that fans love,” he said. I am on show 17 now since coming back, and it means everything to me. I fell back in love with touring again. I can just see how happy people are to be there, and for me, to play the new music, I’ve felt so

appreciative.”

DeWyze grew up listening to Simon and Garfunkel, James Taylor and other singer/songwriters, and always dreamed of following in their footsteps, both as performers and songwriters, and it appears his goals have come true.

“At the end of the day, it’s all about writing songs and going out and performing them,” DeWyze said. “That’s always my focus.”



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Peyton Elizabeth Lee in “Doogie Kamealoha, M.D.”

COUCH THEATER

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secretary and the pilot of Air Force One. Hundreds of never-before-seen photographs and archived film give a new insight into the decision-makers on that horrific day. (Apple TV+) **“First Wives Club”** (TV-14) -- This BET original series isn’t really a reboot of the hugely successful 1996 movie, it’s more like a reinterpretation of it in episodic form. It still focuses on three longtime friends who all find themselves divorcing their cheating or otherwise dubi-

ous husbands at the same time, but that’s where the similarities end. The jokes fall flat and the writing is uninspiring. Singer Jill Scott is dynamic, but her talents are underutilized here. (BET+)

**In Case You Missed It**

**“I Don’t Like Mondays”** (NR) -- This 2006 documentary tells the story of 16-year-old Brenda Spencer, who perpetrated America’s first mass school shooting. The 1979 tragedy inspired the pop song “I Don’t Like Mondays” by the Boomtown Rats, written for Spencer’s stated reason for why she

began shooting that morning in San Diego. The film covers events up to and including her 2005 parole hearing, mostly through interviews with childhood survivors of the event, family members of those killed, police on scene and her own parents. What is unexpected is the shocking number of times that Spencer was repeatedly failed by adults who could have changed the course of her life, and how the public’s focus on her statement overshadowed the full story. (Prime Video)

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hand to mark the special occasion.

Six-time Tony winner Audra McDonald will host the event. Among the artists taking part are Abigail Barlow, Emily Bear, Ray Chen, Robert Glasper, Renée Fleming, Ben Folds, Joshua Henry, Bettye LaVette, Keb’ Mo’, Gaby Moreno, Kelly Marie Tran, Zhu Wang, Mo’Nique, the original cast of David Henry Hwang and Jeanine Tesori’s “Soft

Power.”

“A lot of the night will be just great American music,” Falletta said. “I always have fun at these events whether I’m conducting or watching someone else conduct, so I feel very honored to be on the stage or in the same performance with Thomas and Steve.”

Tickets are available at [www.kennedy-center.org](http://www.kennedy-center.org), but for those who are unable to attend, the show will be broadcast on PBS October 1.

“I am delighted that

viewers across the country will be able to take part in the 50th Anniversary of the Kennedy Center through this special PBS broadcast,” said Kennedy Center President Deborah Rutter. “I offer my continued well wishes for Michael Tilson Thomas on his journey to health as we carry forward his vision for the evening with JoAnn, Steven, Thomas, and all of these incredible artists whose work spans the breadth and depth of the performing arts in America.”

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[[Full name(s) of owner(s)]:  
Cuates Grill, Inc. 


Trading as:  
Cuates Grill  
502 W Broad St Ste 5  
Falls Church, Fairfax County, VA 22046-3206

The above establishment is applying to the VIRGINIA ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL (ABC) AUTHORITY for a Wine and Beer On an Off Premises, Mixed Beverage Restaurant license to sell or manufacture alcoholic beverages.

Sergio Kehl

NOTE: Objections to the issuance of this license must be submitted to ABC no later than 30 days from the publishing date of the first of two required newspaper legal notices. Objections should be registered at [www.abc.virginia.gov](http://www.abc.virginia.gov) or 800-552-3200.

3008743 (09-10-21, 09-17-21)

[[Full name(s) of owner(s)]:  
TH Big Buns LLC 

Trading as:  
Big Buns Damn Good Burgers  
13300 Franklin Farm Rd Ste G  
Herndon, Fairfax, VA 20171-4096

The above establishment is applying to the VIRGINIA ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL (ABC) AUTHORITY for a wine and beer on and off premises/ delivery permit / mixed beverage restaurant license to sell or manufacture alcoholic beverages.

Alireza Azima, Managing Member

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3008699 (09-03-21, 09-10-21)

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[[Full name(s) of owner(s)]:  
Fresh Connections Catering LLC 


Trading as:  
Fresh Connections Catering  
8424 A Lee Hwy  
Fairfax, Fairfax, VA 22031-1503

The above establishment is applying to the VIRGINIA ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL (ABC) AUTHORITY for a Mixed Beverage Caterer license to sell or manufacture alcoholic beverages.

Mark Pajak, Owner

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3008707 (09-03-21, 09-10-21)

[[Full name(s) of owner(s)]:  
Shree Ganeshay Namah LLC 


Trading as:  
Curry House  
5765 Burke Centre Parkway, Ste C  
Burke, Fairfax County, VA 22015-2264

The above establishment is applying to the VIRGINIA ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL (ABC) AUTHORITY for a WINE & BEER ON & OFF PREMISES AND/ MIXED BEVERAGE ON PREMISES license to sell or manufacture alcoholic beverages.

Govinda Roka, Owner

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3008729 (09-10-21, 09-17-21)



TOWN OF  
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the **Planning Commission** of the Town of Herndon, Virginia, will hold public hearing on Monday, September 27, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. in the Herndon Council Chambers Building located at 765 Lynn Street, Herndon, Virginia.

The Planning Commission will hold a work session on Monday, September 13, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. A notice will be issued announcing the location and will also be posted on the town's Website on September 8. The public is invited to attend the work session to listen to the discussion among the Planning Commission and staff.

**ZONING ORDINANCE TEXT AMENDMENT, ZOTA #21-03**, to revise regulations governing accessory dwelling units. This zoning ordinance text amendment is being considered pursuant to Virginia Code §§ 15.2-2204, 15.2-2285, 15.2-2286, and an Initiating Resolution adopted by the Town Council on June 8, 2021. Notice is hereby given to consider zoning text amendments to establish new, and clarify, revise, and/or delete, existing regulations and definitions in order to amend the regulation of accessory dwelling units. The proposed amendments under consideration include, without limitation: Chapter 78 (ZONING), Article VII (Use Regulations), Article VIII (Accessory Uses) and other articles as deemed necessary to revise the regulations. *(Continued from the August 23, 2021 Planning Commission public hearing.)*


The proposed item is available for review by the public on the town's website [www.herndon-va.gov](http://www.herndon-va.gov) beginning September 10, 2021, after 3:00 p.m.

The public is encouraged to participate in the town's public hearing process. Individuals having an interest in the above item are invited to attend the public hearing and to state their opinions. Individuals may submit comments to [planning.commission@herndon-va.gov](mailto:planning.commission@herndon-va.gov).

The Town of Herndon supports the Americans with Disabilities Act by making reasonable accommodations for persons with disabilities, so that they may participate in services, programs, or activities, offered by the Town. Please call (703) 435-6804 to arrange for any accommodation that may be necessary to allow for participation.

Viki L. Wellershaus, Town Clerk

Note to Publisher:  
Publish September 10 and September 17, 2021



FAIRFAX COUNTY  
OFFICIAL ELECTION INFORMATION  
November 2, 2021, General and Special Elections

To elect the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General and House of Delegates and authorize Fairfax County Bond Referenda.

**VOTER REGISTRATION**  
To be eligible to vote in the November 2, 2021 General and Special Elections, you must be a Virginia registered voter with residence at a Fairfax County address. Qualifications of voters to register in the Commonwealth of Virginia are: be a citizen of the United States, be 18 years of age by November 2, 2021, not have been convicted of a felony without civil rights granted, and not have been adjudicated as mentally incompetent without competency reestablished.  
Notice is hereby given that October 12, 2021 is the final day to apply to register to vote, or to update an existing voter registration record, for the November 2, 2021 General and Special Elections.  
Any voter who is a member of a uniformed service of the United States and is on active duty; any person who resides temporarily outside of the United States; or any spouse or dependent residing with a person just mentioned; such person is entitled to extended provisions and alternative methods for voter registration. Please contact the Fairfax County Office of Elections for information.  
Voters are not required to register by party in the Commonwealth of Virginia.  
**VOTER REGISTRATION ONLINE:** any person with a Virginia DMV record may apply to register or update their record online through the Virginia Department of Elections website: [Elections.Virginia.Gov](http://Elections.Virginia.Gov) until Oct. 12 at 11:59 p.m.  
**VOTER REGISTRATION IN PERSON:** any eligible person may register or update their record in person during normal business hours at the Fairfax County Office of Elections until Oct. 12 at 5:00 p.m.  
**VOTER REGISTRATION BY MAIL:** any eligible person may apply to register or update their current record by sending a completed original voter registration application by mail. Any application sent by mail must be postmarked on or before Oct. 12.  
**EARLY VOTING**  
**EARLY VOTING IN-PERSON:** any eligible Fairfax County voter may request an early ballot through the mail by applying for a vote by mail ballot. Completed vote by mail ballot applications may be sent by mail, faxed, delivered in-person, or sent as an email attachment to [absenteeballot@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:absenteeballot@fairfaxcounty.gov). Any registered voter with a Virginia DMV record may apply for a vote by mail ballot online at [elections.virginia.gov](http://elections.virginia.gov). Any vote by mail application, regardless of the method of submission, must be received in the Fairfax County Office of Elections on Oct. 22 at 5 p.m.  
To be counted, all marked vote by mail ballots must be postmarked or hand delivered on Election Day, Nov. 2, 2021, by 7 p.m. Mailed vote by mail ballots must be received in the Office of Elections by Friday, Nov. 5, 2021, at 12 noon. Mailed ballots received after 12 noon on Nov. 5, 2021, will not be counted. Postmarks will not be considered for accepting ballots as meeting the deadline.  
**SATELLITE EARLY VOTING:** Early voting will be available at 13 satellite locations throughout Fairfax County, weekdays 12 p.m. to 7 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 21 to Friday, Oct. 29, two Saturdays, Oct. 23 and Oct. 30, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. One Sunday, Oct. 24, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.  
**EARLY VOTING BY-MAIL:** any eligible Fairfax County voter may request an early ballot through the mail by applying for a vote by mail ballot. Completed vote by mail ballot applications may be sent by mail, faxed, delivered in-person, or sent as an email attachment to [absenteeballot@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:absenteeballot@fairfaxcounty.gov). Any registered voter with a Virginia DMV record may apply for a vote by mail ballot online at [elections.virginia.gov](http://elections.virginia.gov). Any vote by mail application, regardless of the method of submission, must be received in the Fairfax County Office of Elections on Oct. 22 at 5 p.m.  
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**EARLY VOTING LOCATIONS AND CONTACT INFORMATION**  
**COVID-19 update: Please check our website for updates: [fairfaxcounty.gov/elections](http://fairfaxcounty.gov/elections).**  
*Any registered Fairfax County voter may vote early at any Fairfax County early voting location.*  
Early voting is available at three locations from Sept. 17 through Oct. 30.  

<b>Fairfax County Government Center</b>	12000 Government Center Pkwy; Fairfax 22035
<b>North County Governmental Center</b>	1801 Cameron Glen Dr; Reston 20190
<b>Mt. Vernon Governmental Center</b>	2511 Parkers Lane, Alexandria 22306

**Weekday hours of operation:**  
Government Center: 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
All other locations: 12 to 7 p.m.  
**Saturday hours of operation:** Sept. 18, Oct. 23 and Oct. 30  
All Locations: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
**Sunday hours of operation:** Oct. 24  
All Locations: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
Early voting is available daily at 13 additional locations from **Oct. 21 through Oct. 30.**

<b>Burke Centre Library</b>	5935 Freds Oak Rd, Burke 22015
<b>Centreville Regional Library</b>	14200 St. Germain Dr; Centreville 20121
<b>Franconia Governmental Center</b>	6121 Franconia Rd, Alexandria 22310
<b>Gerry Hyland Government Center</b>	8350 Richmond Hwy; Alexandria 22309
<b>Great Falls Library</b>	9830 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls 22066
<b>Herndon Fortnight Library</b>	768 Center St, Herndon 20170
<b>Mason Governmental Center</b>	6507 Columbia Pike, Annandale 22003
<b>McLean Governmental Center</b>	1437 Balls Hill Rd, McLean 22101
<b>Providence Community Center</b>	3001 Vaden Dr; Fairfax 22031
<b>Sully Governmental Center</b>	4900 Stonecroft Blvd, Chantilly 20151
<b>Thomas Jefferson Library</b>	7415 Arlington Blvd, Arlington 22042
<b>Tyson-Pimmit Library</b>	7584 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church 22043
<b>West Springfield Governmental Center</b>	6140 Rolling Rd, Springfield 22152

**Office of Elections mailing address:**  
**Fairfax County Office of Elections**  
PO Box 10161  
Fairfax, Va. 22038  
**Website:** [fairfaxcounty.gov/elections](http://fairfaxcounty.gov/elections)  
**Main Email:** [voting@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:voting@fairfaxcounty.gov)  
**Early voting Email:** [absenteeballot@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:absenteeballot@fairfaxcounty.gov)  
**Business hours:**  
**Weekdays:** 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
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**Phone:** 703-222-0776 (TTY 711)  
**Fax:** 703-324-2205  
**Online voter portal:** [Elections.virginia.gov](http://Elections.virginia.gov)

**- Scott O. Konopasek -**  
General Registrar | Director of Elections  
Fairfax County, Virginia