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GCA Honors Sharon Grogan as Greenbriar's 2016 Citizen of the Year

by Barbara Levermann

Sharon Grogan took over the Greenbriar playgroup for neighborhood children when founder Meital Orr was confined to bed rest due to complications with her pregnancy in the fall of 2015. Since then, Sharon has expanded the monthly playgroup to 60 families. According to Meital, "Sharon championed the Greenbriar playgroup that I created two years ago by taking all the organization, planning and recruitment on her shoulders ... All this while her own young son went through two surgeries. Without Sharon, there would be no Greenbriar playgroup today."

During the summer, the playgroup usually meets at Greenbriar Commons Park but sometimes visits other local playgrounds. In the winter months, the group meets in parents' homes or at indoor play spaces for young children, such as in Fair Oaks Mall. Sharon has also arranged special play dates at commercial kid-play spaces with early access for the Greenbriar group only. She tries to pick places where the kids can play, learn and explore together while the adults have an opportunity to socialize, make new friends, and meet other young families in the neighborhood.

Sharon later organized a walking group for mothers and their toddlers that meets once a week. It's primarily for mothers with kids who are willing to ride in a stroller. They walk on the quieter streets of Greenbriar when the weather is nice. The walking group offers the mothers an additional opportunity to socialize and make friends while getting a bit of exercise.

She has also organized a monthly mom's night out. The mothers meet at local restaurants for dinner or drinks to enjoy a relaxing night out without the kids.

Abby Mazanec, who nominated Sharon for the award, says, "Sharon has done an amazing job organizing the moms of Greenbriar so our little ones can play together and we moms can meet each other and make friends."

Lauren Putzke, who also nominated Sharon, says, "Sharon has spent countless hours organizing activities for the groups ... It isn't easy keeping groups like these going and finding new and exciting activities for them. Sharon has really helped bring neighbors together. I have met multiple neighbors who live right around the corner from me that I probably would not have met otherwise."

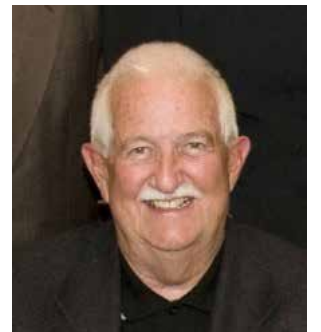
Sharon has two little ones of her own: Maggie, age 2; and Wesley, age 4. Sharon and her husband, Glen, moved to Greenbriar in 2007, and they know how important it is for little ones to interact with children their own age.

The GCA committee selected Sharon for the 2016 Greenbriar Citizen of the Year award because she has displayed leadership qualities and has made an important contribution to the betterment of Greenbriar by encouraging a sense of togetherness and community among young families in our neighborhood.

If you are interested in participating in the toddler walking group or mom's night out, you may contact Sharon at sharon.grogan@gmail.com. For information about joining the playgroup, please contact Meital at meitalorr@gmail.com.



Hal Strickland Honored for Professional-Lifetime Achievement



The National Association of County Park and Recreation Officials (NACPRO) will honor former Fairfax County Park Authority Board member Harold L. Strickland for his career in public service. Strickland served on the Park Board for 23 years, appointed by former County Supervisor Michael Frey and representing the Sully District area.

The organization named Strickland the 2016 NACPRO award recipient in the Professional-Lifetime category. Strickland retired from the Park Board earlier this year after more than two decades of service and six terms as chairman. He left behind a lifetime legacy of advocacy and accomplishment in the areas of both sports and recreation and the preservation of natural and cultural resources.

Strickland is acknowledged as a strong believer in the importance of acquiring parkland while open space was still available, and Park Authority land grew by thousands of acres during his tenure to its current 23,500 acres. He spearheaded efforts to plan and preserve for the newly established 2,300-acre Sully Woodlands area and was a strong proponent of the synthetic turf program as a solution to rectangular field shortages. Strickland was cited for keeping park issues at the forefront of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors' agenda, for the successful passage of voter-approved Park Bonds during his tenure, and for his leadership skills in helping the agency achieve national accreditation and become a three-time recipient of the Gold Medal Award for parks. He was a great proponent of the use of development proffers and partnerships to expand community facilities at minimal cost to taxpayers. Last year, the Park Authority established an award in his honor to recognize those who demonstrate his ability to use teamwork, collaboration and cooperation to get things done.

An awards ceremony will take place in Long Beach, California, on July 24, 2016, during NACPRO's summer meeting.

NACPRO is a non-profit professional organization that advances official policies that promote county and regional park and recreation issues while providing members with opportunities to network, exchange ideas and best practices, and enhance professional development.

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GCA NEWS

I am excited by the election of Becky Gotwalt to succeed me as the new president of the GCA for the coming year. She becomes the first female president of the Greenbriar community since 1992. Her husband, Brandon, is the district 1A representative on the GCA board. I can assure the community that you will be led by a fully committed, highly energetic and technically savvy individual who will take the community to the "next level." It's important that you fully support her as she transitions into this highly demanding role.

My heartfelt thanks to all within the community who have supported my efforts over the last three years. And, of course, my thanks to the GCA board members who have been a pleasure to collaborate with in coming up with ideas for programs and activities that continue to make Greenbriar the highly respected community it is. We remain stable, relatively crime free and prosperous. Our relationship with the county is strong at all levels, with many benefits to residents evident through the county's support of our efforts. I will continue to serve on the board as past president for the next year and will still be very involved with the community.

My goals and objectives were high but attainable with my philosophy, as stated by Michelangelo, "The greatest danger for most of us is not that our aim is too high and we miss it, but that it is too low and we reach it."

Vince Krevinas
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Hello neighbors,

I am thrilled to assume the Greenbriar Civic Association presidency and to serve the amazing residents of Greenbriar. Due to the efforts of everyone around me and of those who came before, I am able to take up the presidency of one of the most successful civic associations anywhere. It will be my pleasure and true joy to work with the finest community I have ever been part of.

To keep our neighborhood strong, alert, informed and connected, I urge anyone who hasn't yet done so to join Nextdoor Greenbriar Fairfax at <https://nextdoor.com>. It is a great resource to share information and ask questions. And you can find your GCA board and officers on Nextdoor, too. A couple things I like best about Nextdoor also shows what is best about Greenbriar. "Curb Alert!" has kept all kinds of household items out of the landfill and has given them a second life with a neighbor. Furniture, toys, food all go up on the page with an address, and they're free for the taking. How cool is that?

Better yet, I love watching the community jump into action when there is a post about a missing pet. If kitty sneaks out of the house or the pup goes under the fence, post details to Nextdoor Greenbriar Fairfax and see how fast the reports come rolling in. It really shows the character of Greenbriar, how we take care of and look out for our furry friends. And you can see it happening (almost) in real time if you join us on Nextdoor.

The GCA Scholarship Committee reviewed applications from teens and young adults of GCA members, and the future looks bright! Our winner, Jieru Shi, is already very accomplished and has an amazing future to look forward to. We can't congratulate her enough on her outstanding efforts. All of our applicants are well rounded, and they know the value of education and the meaning of giving back. And each has been engaged with the Greenbriar community. We will be lucky if some of these keen minds come back to work in the area and live in Greenbriar after their schooling.

It's almost time for our block captain appreciation party/membership drive kickoff/resident relations event. The GCA will recognize the important work of our block captains with food and fun at the Cale Community Center on Sunday, July 31, from 2-4 p.m.

If you are not currently a block captain but think you might be interested in pitching in, come out and meet these heroes, the front line of action in Greenbriar. In addition to block captains, your district representatives and other GCA board members and officers will be on hand to answer questions and hear your community ideas.

There are always opportunities to help and interact. Maybe you could assist a block captain with a heavy load or sub in if your block captain is sick or out of town. Maybe you see yourself as a resource to a neighbor in need by walking the dog of a resident with a broken leg or mowing the grass of a member who has taken ill. Whatever it may be, Greenbriar is a community that takes care of each other. Let us know how you can help!

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**Greenbriar Civic Association
Board Meeting Minutes
May 3, 2016**

President Vince Krevinas called the meeting to order at 7:34 p.m.

The board approved the minutes of the April 5, 2016, meeting as written and distributed.

The board accepted the April financial report as presented by Treasurer Jacqueline Marquez-Downie. As of April 30, 2016, we had a balance of \$129,973.91 in our accounts.

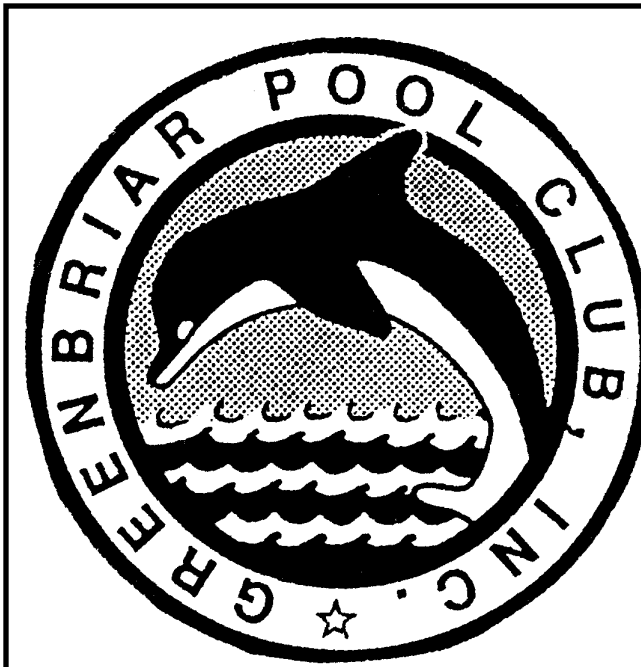
Adam Lind, Bicycle Program Manager with the Fairfax County Department of Transportation, presented a proposal to add bike lanes in both directions on Middle Ridge Drive when VDOT repaves the road. Although VDOT has included the repaving of Middle Ridge in the spring schedule, the actual date will depend upon contractor availability. The bike lanes are part of the Fairfax County Bicycle Master Plan, which the Board of Supervisors adopted on October 14, 2014. The goal of the master plan is to provide a network of both on-road and off-road facilities that will serve as a bicycle transportation network and promote bicycling as a mode of transportation. The bike lanes will not affect on-street parking and may help with traffic calming. District 3C Representative Mike Frizell moved that we accept FCDOT's proposal to install the bike lanes on Middle Ridge Drive. The motion was seconded and approved by the board.

District 1A Representative Brandon Gotwalt expressed his concerns about the numerous power outages in the community and asked the board's permission to approach Dominion Virginia Power on behalf of the GCA to request statistics on the frequency, locations and reasons for the outages. Brandon's goal is to encourage Dominion to come up with a plan to improve power reliability in the neighborhood, perhaps by burying the power lines. The board concurred with Brandon's request.

Vince reported that resident Shawna Burciaga, Secretary Barbara Levermann and he met with Fairfax County Park Authority staff members Troy Miller, park manager, and Dolen Crawford, park specialist, at Greenbriar Commons Park on April 15 to determine the best locations for the additional benches and picnic tables that the board approved at our April 5 meeting. One bench will be placed at the playground; three benches will be placed at intervals along the asphalt trail; and the picnic tables will be placed near the existing table. All of the benches must be installed on concrete pads, and two of those pads need to be somewhat larger to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requirements. The Park Authority is in the process of obtaining quotes for the provision and installation of the benches and tables.

District 2A Representative and Events Coordinator Sandy Williams announced that Patrick Wray, a vocalist and acoustic guitarist, will perform at the GCA-sponsored concert in the park on Saturday, June 11.

The meeting adjourned at 8:38 p.m.



Traffic Alert Near Greenbriar Pool: Swim Team to Host NVSL All-Star Relays

The Greenbriar Dolphins will be hosting the NVSL All-Star Relays on July 20, 2016. The swim meet will take place from 4-8 p.m. The neighborhood will experience a higher volume of traffic than usual and will have many cars parked on side streets near the pool. There will be police presence that day to help with traffic flow and control. This is a fantastic opportunity to showcase our pool to the rest of the county!

Please feel free to stop by and cheer on the Dolphins!

GCA Calendar of Events

Contact: Sandy Williams 703-378-6984

<u>Date & Time</u>	<u>Event & Location</u>	<u>Contact</u>
Tuesday, July 5 7:30 p.m. 4615 Stringfellow Road	GCA Meeting Cale Community Center	Pres. Rebecca Gotwalt 703-282-3090

SUMMER EVENTS TO BE ANNOUNCED

Saturday, September 24 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. RAIN DATE Sunday, September 25	Fall Community Yard Sale Your yard or driveway	Sandy Williams 703-378-6984
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For Calendar of Events updates: Visit Greenbriar Web site at www.egreenbriar.org.

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Attention All Block Captains ...

Enjoy the food and fun at the block captain appreciation party/membership drive kickoff/resident relations event at the Cale Community Center on Sunday, July 31, from 2-4 p.m.

Not a block captain? Come join the fun and see how you can lend a hand.

NEW TO GREENBRIAR?

The Greenbriar Civic Association would like to welcome you to Greenbriar by presenting you with a welcome kit. To obtain your kit, call Janet Goodgion at 703-968-7384.

POINT OF VIEW



Take a Book, Leave a Book

by Angela D. Glascock, Editorial Writer

There has been a delightful bloom of Little Free Libraries in Greenbriar.

What is a Little Free Library, you ask? A Little Free Library is just what it sounds like: a small structure that houses books to borrow or trade. Books are provided by citizens, creating a continuous, all-hours book exchange.

The aim of Little Free Libraries, according to LittleFreeLibrary.org, is “To promote literacy and the love of reading by building free book exchanges worldwide and to build a sense of community as we share skills, creativity and wisdom across generations.”

Sounds like a wonderful idea to me.

Todd Bol, who wished to honor his mother, a teacher who loved to read, created the first Little Free Library in Wisconsin in 2009. This original library looks like a little red schoolhouse. Bol built it, painted it, attached it to a post in his front yard, filled it with books, and put up a sign that read “Free Books.”

It was an immediate success.

The idea of Little Free Libraries in communities has caught on and spread quickly throughout the world. By June 2016, there were an estimated 40,000 registered Little Free Libraries — but that figure does not include thousands of unregistered little libraries, like three of those in Greenbriar. It is a brilliant way to share and find an eclectic variety of books while promoting literacy and community.

An internet search for “Little Free Library” brings up hundreds of photos of libraries in an amazing array of designs. The most common design is of a house, but these little house-shaped libraries are far from common: there are wee cottages, Victorians, lighthouses, even a motorhome. People have recycled phone booths, newspaper dispensers and wooden barrels to make libraries. Some designs are simple, some are complex, but they are all remarkable.

In Greenbriar, the Little Free Libraries look like small houses with glass doors, but again, they are far from plain.

So where are these delightful structures located? You’ve probably seen the one by the pool, at the intersection of Point Pleasant and Middle Ridge. That was the first one I noticed. It’s called the “Tiny Free Library,” and a sign invites you to “Take a book * leave a book.”

At Point Pleasant and Maylock is the “Scrapwood Library,” so named because it was built from recycled wood: “scraps from our new kitchen ...,” according to the sign, which

also invites you to “take a book, leave a book.”

Toward Stringfellow at the intersection of Point Pleasant and Peekskill is a cheerful, bright yellow and blue library; this is the Greenbriar Little Free Library #33664.

Finally, at the Cale Community Center, there is a white library accented with green trefoils, compliments of Girl Scout Troop 6396.

When I visited each library, I found that they were full of an assortment of books. The Tiny Free Library contained a lot of popular fiction, such as Charlaine Harris, James Patterson, Janet Evanovich and David Baldacci. This one is likely the most visited because of its central location.

The Scrapwood Library housed a mix of popular fiction, classics (such as Mark Twain’s *Huckleberry Finn*), non-fiction, anthologies, textbooks, well-loved books, old books, new books and cookbooks. There were also audiobooks on CD.

The Greenbriar Little Free Library #33664, owned by Mary and Tom O’Connor, contained mostly children’s books, which, Tom said cheerfully when I interrupted his mowing to inquire, was their aim.

The Girl Scout library at the Cale Community Center was chock full of picture books, chapter books and young adult selections. Perfect for kids.

So, Greenbriar, whether you take a book, leave a book, or borrow a book and return it later, the four little libraries in Greenbriar offer bountiful choices for reading this summer.

To everyone who installed little libraries, and to everyone who supports them, thank you for supporting literacy in our community!

Little Free Library information and the locations of registered libraries can be found at www.LittleFreeLibrary.org.



The Tiny Free Library at the intersection of Point Pleasant and Middle Ridge.



The little library in front of the Cale Community Center, compliments of Girl Scout Troop 6396.



The colorful Little Free Library, at the intersection of Point Pleasant and Peekskill.



The Scrapwood Library at the intersection of Point Pleasant and Maylock.

Library Kicked Off Summer Reading Challenge June 23

Incentives designed to thwart the summer reading slide

Fairfax County Public Library kicked off its Summer Reading Challenge on June 23. "Read for the Win" is aimed at getting children to read over the summer and thwart the "summer slide" in reading skills that can occur when kids are off from school for the summer months.

Students in preschool through high school can earn a coupon book with great prizes, including free and discounted items on everything from water parks to mini-golf to ice cream. They just need to complete their reading and go to their local library branch by September 3. Participants can register online at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library or in person at any library branch.

The summer reading slide has been well documented, beginning with Barbara Heyns' seminal study in 1978, which found that students who participated in a summer reading program dramatically improved or maintained their reading skills as compared to those that didn't. A RAND Corporation study published in 2011 found the positive effects in performance for students who attended strong summer reading programs lasted for at least two years, while the summer slide took its biggest toll on low-income students. Results of other studies further confirm the value of summer reading programs.

Highlights of the Library's Summer Reading Challenge

Preschoolers through third graders read 15 books (kids can have books read to them); fourth through sixth graders read 10 books; and teens in grades seven through twelve read six books.

- Kids can read any books they choose.
- Kids track their reading online or through a reading log they can pick up in any library branch.
- Those who finish reading the required number of books by September 3 submit their reading logs at a branch and receive a coupon book with a variety of free prizes and discounts.
- A list of suggested authors is available on the library's Web site at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library or at a branch.
- The coupons feature items and activities such as Six Flags, mini-golf, water parks, frozen yogurt, pizza and pottery painting, as well as admission to some of the Fairfax County Park Authority's RECenters and nature centers.
- More than 25 businesses and organizations have donated more than \$4.5 million worth of coupons for these free and reduced-price items to reward Fairfax County students for reading during the summer.

The Summer Reading Challenge Includes Special Events and Contests

The library offers lots of fun events all summer long, some geared for school-age kids, some for the whole family, and some for teens, including: Preschool Science ABC; Rhythma Dance; Little Red Rocket Hood puppet shows; Look Up to the Stars astronomy sessions; magic shows; tech workshops on laser cutting, 3D printing and computer deconstruction; a teen cover art contest; teen anime; and more. There's also an essay contest for rising seventh, eighth and ninth graders co-sponsored with the For Love of Country Foundation.

All events and activities are free but often fill up quickly, so registration is required. Please sign up online or at a branch beginning two weeks before an event. Ask for signed interpretation or assistive listening devices when you call (TTY users can call 711).

As part of their summer reading, K-12 students are encouraged to check out Fairfax County Public Schools' (FCPS) "Book Your Summer" program. Books read for the library's Summer Reading Challenge can also be counted toward Book Your Summer.

Summer Reading is Co-sponsored by Generous Donors

The Summer Reading Challenge is funded through generous donations, including \$50,000 from the Friends of the George Mason Regional Library for family and school-age programming at all library branches; \$17,000 from the Fairfax Library Foundation for printing of the coupon book and the sponsorship of some events; and \$7,500 from the Friends of the Kings Park Library for teen programming.

Fairfax County is committed to nondiscrimination on the basis of disability in all county programs, services and activities. To request this information in an alternate format, call 703-324-8380, TTY 711.

GCA Presents Scholarship Award to Jieru Shi

by Barbara Levermann

During the June 5 Greenbriar Civic Association annual meeting, Rebecca Gotwalt, chair of the GCA Scholarship Committee, presented an oversized check for \$2,500 to Greenbriar resident Jieru Shi. The GCA treasurer will send a real check to the University of Virginia, which has accepted Jieru for admission in the College of Arts and Sciences.

Some of you may recognize Jieru's name. She organized and operated an arts and crafts program for Greenbriar children at the Cale Community Center in August 2014 and 2015. Her goal was to provide our community children with an opportunity to form new friendships and enjoy the last week of summer together. She accomplished that goal, with more than 50 children participating in the program. With her experience of operating the summer crafts program, Jieru then initiated the Passport to Fun event at the Chantilly Regional Library, which allowed elementary school students in the Chantilly pyramid to explore various cultures and languages around the world.

The GCA board of directors approved a motion to award an annual scholarship to a deserving Greenbriar student at its September 1, 2015, meeting. A committee comprised of district representatives Brandon Gotwalt and Reginald West; Brandon's wife, Rebecca; and I met to discuss the criteria for the scholarship award and later devised a matrix for rating the criteria responses. Our criteria included information about a student's awards and extracurricular activities. We also requested essay responses about their volunteer activities and why they chose to give back in this way; how living in the Greenbriar

community shaped their decision to seek higher education; and what the student hoped to achieve professionally with a college degree. A subsequent committee of Brandon, Rebecca, Reggie and district representative Dennis Bell evaluated the applications and essays submitted to the board to determine the 2016 award winner. Although there were several outstanding candidates, the committee overwhelmingly voted to award the scholarship to Jieru.

Jieru provided a stellar list of accomplishments with her scholarship application, including leadership or founding roles with Sparks of Creativity, the French Honor Society, Future Business Leaders of America, Fairfax County Student Human Rights Commission and the Fairfax County Girl Up Club; a long list of honors and awards; and numerous extracurricular and volunteer activities.

As to her future goals, Jieru hopes to earn a degree from the McIntire School of Commerce at UVA and eventually take her experience and knowledge to a nonprofit organization. She says, "I've always been interested in the field of business, and combining that with my passion to create positive social impact, a nonprofit is the ideal vehicle through which I can pursue these two interests."

One of her two teacher recommendations from Chantilly High School stated, "I find Jieru to be a person of unquestionable character. Her academic standards are exceeded only by her personal integrity. Jieru is always a leader in group activities, inspiring excellence in others by her gentle encouragement and organization and by the outstanding example she sets for others to follow."

I hope the community will join the GCA board in congratulating Jieru on this well deserved award. We wish her all the best in her future endeavors.



Local Author Book Review

Our very own editorial writer, Angela D. Glascock, wrote and self-published a book!

It's called *Locksmith at the End of the World: A Dead Silence Novella, Part One*.

Angela started writing *Locksmith* in 2009. She originally intended it to be a short story to share with her husband. Angela ended up abandoning the project; she then rediscovered it in 2014, when it turned into a short novel, or novella. She is planning for it to be a two-part book.

Curious to see how the self-publishing process worked, Angela released *Locksmith* on Amazon Kindle, then, nearly a year later, in paperback, also on Amazon, printed by CreateSpace.

Self-publishing turned out to be an interesting and educational experience for Angela. She says, "It is a lot of work to do on your own, so I asked friends for feedback and to help proofread. They were incredibly helpful, and their feedback was valuable."

Locksmith is a fictional tale in which its characters, Chester, Lucy and Emma, must adapt and survive in a radically changed world. There is adventure, suspense and heartbreak. There is triumph.

Angela says, "There are a few zombies. Yes, zombies. I like stories about zombies, so I used them as a vehicle to put my characters in their predicaments. The zombies are not the stars of the novella."

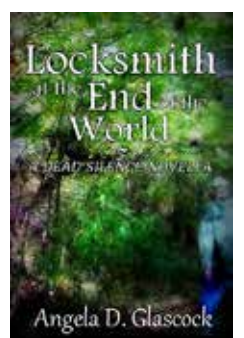
Even if you don't like zombies, you will like *Locksmith*.

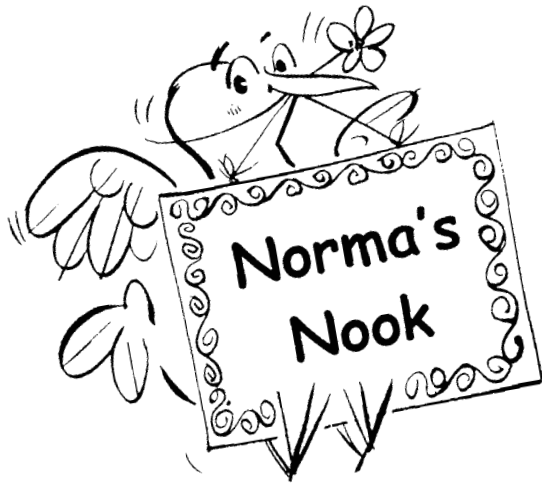
Angela's book is available on amazon.com in paperback (\$8) or e-reader (\$.99) and on CreateSpace.com in paperback (\$8). Angela will have a few copies on hand mid-July (\$8). You can email her for a copy (signed, if you wish) at SpeckledHaunches@gmail.com.

Angela is currently working on three books: the second half of *Locksmith*, called *Foothills and Hollers, A Dead Silence Novella, Part Two*; and two non-fiction books, one tentatively titled *The Biggest, Brightest Star in the Sky*, which is about the loss of her sister, and a book about her paternal grandfather, DT "Bill" Glascock.

Angela has a blog called "Biggest, Brightest Star in the Sky," which can be found at <http://bageerah.wordpress.com/>.

In mid-July, Angela will add copies of *Locksmith* to the Scrapwood Library (at Maylock and Point Pleasant) and the Tiny Free Library (at Middle Ridge and Point Pleasant).





Norma the Jail Bird ... by Norma Pace



"Oh," said my brother, "you could go to jail for that!" And thus began an adventure I wish had never happened.

Whenever I'm at my aunt's house, she does minimal cooking. Eating a meal there means shopping for food items and then preparing meats and veggies. I do lots of prepping food items — peeling, washing and chopping veggies. Her tiny trash can sits on the counter near the sink, and I fill it up numerous times while I'm preparing meals. I decided I needed a larger trash can if I were going to prepare meals in her home.

I asked her if I could look for an inside trash can that would sit on the floor and was larger than her tiny can on the counter. She agreed, so off I went to find a trash can for her kitchen.

I went to a large store, found a cart, and picked out a shiny, tall trash can. It was just the right size, and you could open it by pressing a lever with your foot. I put it into my cart and headed to the checkout line and on to Auntie's house. Problem solved ... or so I thought.

My brother was at Auntie's house when I arrived, and he took the can inside and opened it. He told me something was inside the can. He pulled out a blue towel and placed it on the table. We both looked at the towel



and then unfolded it. Inside the blue towel, there was a Samsung Galaxy cell phone still in its pristine plastic cover and box. We were dumbfounded. He said, "Did you know this cell phone was inside?" "No!" I said. We looked at the receipt, and there was no smart phone listed on it. I looked at my brother and said, "I didn't know there was anything in the can." He then said, "You mean you just walked out of the store and the security alarm system didn't go off? This item probably costs around \$300! You need to call the store and ask for the manager. Tell him what happened. The store manager will tell you what you need to do to return the phone. The worst case scenario is that they will arrest you and haul you off to jail. I'm just kidding, Norma, but they do arrest people for stealing, and you did not pay for the phone!"

I called the store manager and told her my sad tale of woe; I even apologized for walking out of her store and not paying. I had no clue there was a Galaxy smart phone in the trash can. Someone probably took the phone off the shelf and wrapped it in a towel to fool the alarm at the front door. That someone was probably going to steal it later, but I foiled his/her plans.

"Oops," I thought. "Hope the guy did not see me and follow me home."

All day long, I thought about returning the item and worried about re-entering the store. Tons of things could happen when I walked into the store. The alarm system could go off, and the security guard could arrest me for stealing. I could end up in jail! Not the thing I would want to happen. So, I called the manager again and asked her to please be at the front door at 10 a.m. when I would enter the store. I told her I was leary of the alarm system going off when

I walked through the door. She said she would try to be there but could not guarantee she would be at the door. I had anxious feelings about returning. How would I explain to my grandchildren that I had stolen a Samsung Galaxy cell phone and was hauled off to jail in a police car?

Sleep did not come easily to me that night. I got up early and dressed for my return trip to the store. Rusty put the trash can into the car, and I drove off.

I grabbed a cart, placed the trash can in it and checked my purse twice just to make sure I had the receipt. My blood pressure was probably up, and my mouth went dry as I stood in front of the door. "To be or not to be" crossed my mind several times, but I pushed the cart into the store and waited for the alarm to go WAAAAAA, but it didn't. I saw the male security guard, but the female manager was nowhere to be seen. I walked up to the gentleman and asked him to please call the store manager. "Why do you want to see the manager?" he asked. "I really need to speak to her now," I replied.

She finally appeared. She smiled at me and asked, "Are you, Norma?" "Yes," I said. She said, "I'm happy to see you. Are you okay?" "No. I've had a bad time dealing with this whole ordeal. I did not sleep well last night. Could we go somewhere to sit down, and could you please get me a cup of water so we can talk?"

We did sit down, and my mouth appreciated a drink of H₂O. My thoughts were racing, and I told her I thought I had probably foiled a robbery. Someone probably took the phone off the shelf, wrapped it in the towel to fool the alarm at the front door. That someone probably was going to come back later and steal the expensive phone. The manager said stealing was something they had to deal with daily and I had saved the company money.

The manager also explained to me that all of the cashiers were supposed to check all items thoroughly and to open cans to make sure there was nothing inside. This "theft" I committed was not my fault; it was the cashier who had failed to look inside the trash container. She looked at me and said, "I would like to give you a gift card just for returning the cell phone."

The gift card was an added bonus, and I'm thrilled knowing the incident was not my fault. Most of all, I'm happy I am not going to jail ...



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Wray Brothers Entertain at June 11 Concert in the Park

by Sandy Williams

After a long period of rain and in spite of the hot weather, a gentle breeze made for a delightful evening as residents and friends gathered in Greenbriar Commons Park to enjoy the concert sponsored by the Greenbriar Civic Association. The Wray Brothers, Patrick and Robert, gave an awesome performance.

Patrick, on guitar, and Robert, on keyboard, entertained the crowd with acoustic covers from the 1960s to today. Patrick sang tunes from the Beatles, Jimmy Buffett, Simon & Garfunkel, the Rolling Stones, Neil Young, David Bowie, Kenny Loggins, John Lennon, Elton John, Don McLean and many other musicians during the 1½-hour performance. Patrick and his family had just returned from Ireland in time for the concert, and jet lag did not affect his musical ability and gift of song.

The GCA expresses many thanks and much appreciation to:

- Kamlesh Kumar and Viday Sharma for providing the electrical current from their home to the sound system;
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- The Greenbriar Pool for providing ice and ice chests for the water and soft drinks plus freezer space for the ice cream and use of the parking lot and facilities;
- Michael Thornton from the Greenbriar Pool staff for assisting my husband, Don, with the ice chests;
- Brian Nardini for his help with the electrical cables and for assisting with the ice cream handout;
- Harold Matthias for putting out Concert in the Park signs; and
- My husband, Don, for helping with the cleanup and for transporting chairs, coolers and all of the needed supplies to and from the park.

And thanks to the community for attending and supporting the concert. Your GCA membership dues go to pay the concert fees and the purchase of refreshments enjoyed by so many. The Wray Brothers greatly appreciated the response from the audience as they enjoyed all those familiar tunes bringing back special memories and times. We look forward to their return.

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A Problem With Foxes in Greenbriar?

by Barbara Levermann

I have seen a lot of chatter lately on the Nextdoor Greenbriar Fairfax Web site and our neighborhood Facebook page about numerous fox sightings in the neighborhood. Some residents are concerned that the foxes are becoming way too comfortable around humans and could turn into a serious problem.

One resident posted a photo on the Facebook page of a fox in her front yard carrying a squirrel in its mouth. She was concerned about the possibility of a fox grabbing her small dog, which weighs all of four-and-a-half pounds, not much larger than the squirrel. Other residents witnessed foxes catching birds in midair. One resident reported that a fox bit a friend of hers a few years ago when she unexpectedly encountered it in her garage when getting ready to take out the trash. Residents are worried about foxes attacking their cats, getting into their houses via doggie doors, or getting into the garage when the door is left open. The biggest fears are about contracting rabies from a rabid fox or that a fox may attack a child.

For some reason, the majority of the fox sightings have been in the M section, but it appears that they are all over our neighborhood. Residents have encountered foxes in their front and back yards, on their front porch, on the sidewalks, in the street, and along the paths to Greenbriar West Elementary and Chantilly High schools.

Unfortunately, with all the building going on in our area over the years, the natural habitats for foxes, coyotes, raccoons, rabbits and other wildlife have disappeared ... they have nowhere else to go except into our urban environments.

I checked out the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries Web site at www.dgif.virginia.gov and found some general information and techniques for homeowners when wildlife become a problem. According to DGIF, the major problems associated with foxes, and other wildlife for that matter, involve their ability to invade houses or trashcans. These wild animals are very adaptable to urban areas.

Foxes are nocturnal creatures by nature, meaning they come out mostly at night, but you may now commonly see them during the day in urban and suburban areas. Just seeing a fox during the day is not a sign that it has rabies. Foxes and other wildlife are usually attracted by a food source or an easily accessed area to make a den, such as under porches, decks, crawl spaces or outbuildings.

DGIF says that the best way to prevent wildlife from becoming a problem is to stop giving them a reason to come into your area and provides a list of actions to take:

- If you are feeding wildlife, stop! Feeding wild animals causes them to lose their natural fear of humans.
- Keep trash inside until the morning of trash pickup or place trash in an animal-proof container, such as a metal trashcan with latches on the lids.
- Do not leave pet food outside; keep pet feeding areas clean.
- Remove bird feeders if you spot problem species around them.
- Close up all openings under and into your buildings. Animals look for places to den and raise their young — don't give them that opportunity.
- Clear fallen fruit from around trees.
- Reflective tape, lights or noise sometimes works. However, the wildlife will eventually grow accustomed to these methods, so this is only a temporary solution.
- Install fox-proof fencing around chicken coops or rabbit pens to protect them.

Pass along this information to your neighbors. If anyone in the neighborhood is feeding wildlife directly or indirectly, it can cause trouble for everyone.

Note that it is illegal in the State of Virginia to trap and relocate an animal to another area. But if the above techniques do not solve the problem, you can contact a licensed trapper or a critter removal service. The DGIF Web site provides a list of trappers, what areas they cover and which animals they are prepared to trap. You can also find such services in the Yellow Pages.

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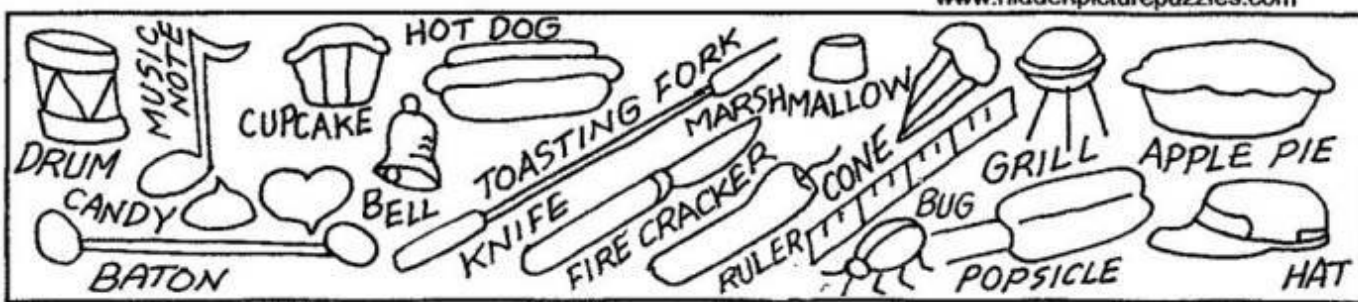
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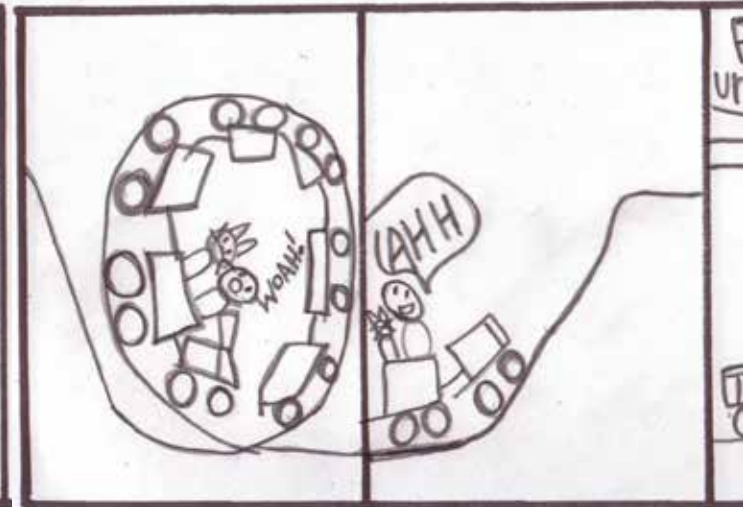
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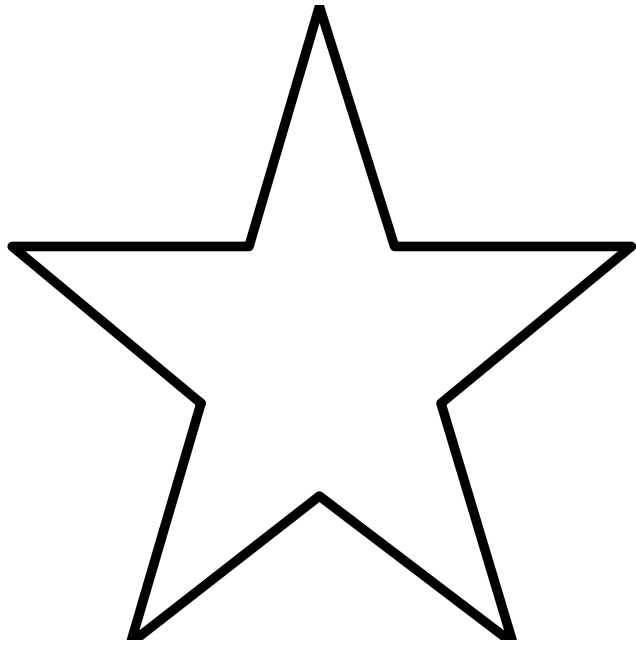
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- Nail
- Hammer
- Scrap paper
- Red, white and blue spray paint

Directions:

- 1) Fill the cans with water and place them in the freezer until the water is frozen. This will allow you to hammer a nail into the side of the can without the can denting.
- 2) Next, pick the design you want to add to the can. You can cut out and use the USA and star templates provided or you can create your own. Place on the can and trace around them with a permanent marker.
- 3) WITH HELP FROM AN ADULT — use a nail and hammer to punch out the design. Start at one end of the pattern and place the nail along the line. Gently pound the nail in with a hammer. The nail will go through the can into the ice. Continue working around the pattern until the design is punched out.
- 4) Allow the ice to melt and dry the can completely.
- 5) Decorate the cans in patriotic colors! Use scrap pieces of paper to cover areas of the can to create the stripes as pictured at right.
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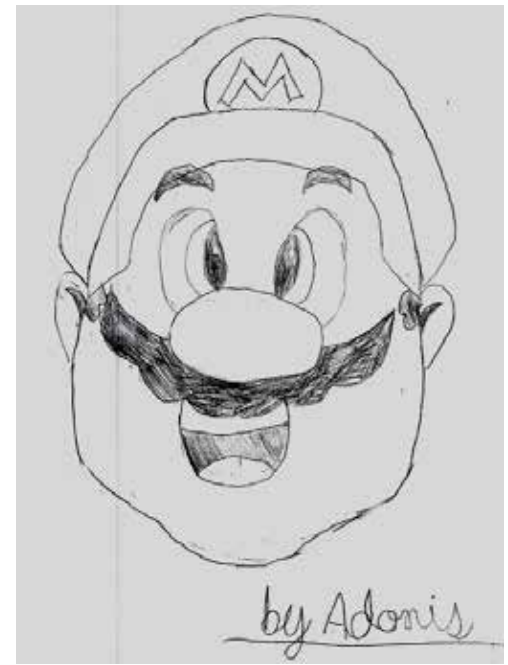
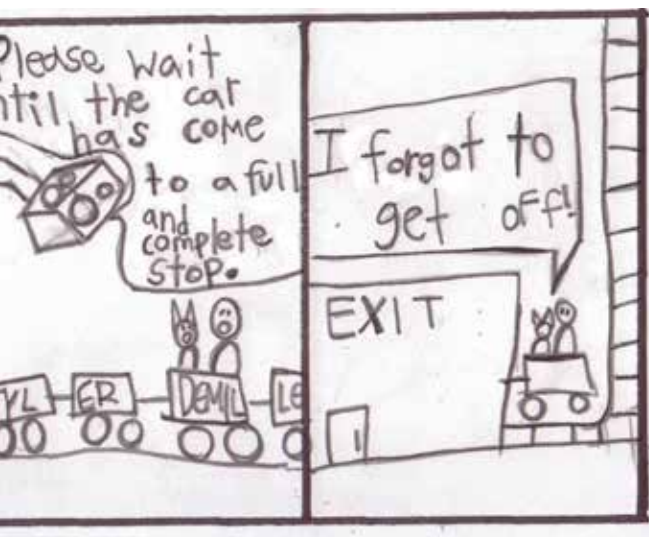


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pose a threat to humans or pets, or if they appear sick or injured. Animal Control Services will not respond to wildlife nuisances, such as wildlife living under porches, decks or sheds. They will respond only if the animal poses a threat to humans or pets. If any wildlife exhibits signs of rabies — such as stumbling, foaming at the mouth or aggression — call the Fairfax County Police non-emergency number at 703-691-2131. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/police/animal/animal-control-services.htm for more information about what Animal Control Officers will or will not do. You can also call the DGIF toll-free wildlife conflict helpline at 1-855-571-9003.

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Sports Report by Colin Barthel

Chantilly Chargers Baseball Are State Champions

Charger baseball posted an unbelievable record of 25 wins against only two losses — the best record in the Washington region and in the Commonwealth of Virginia. Behind the leadership of Washington Post All-Met first team 3rd baseman/pitcher, Jared DiCesare, the Chargers mowed down competition. They were undefeated in the Concord League and defeated Battlefield in the State Championship on June 11. In addition to All-Met honors, DiCesare was also named Conference Player of the Year. He was joined by a suite of First Team Conference honorees Jared Enders, Brett Norwood, Matt Padeway, Chris Pitura and Forrest Wagner.

On their way to the championship, the Chantilly Chargers defeated Cosby High School from Midlothian to advance to the final for a rematch against Battlefield, whom they defeated just a week prior for the Northern Regional Final. Congratulations on an historic season Chargers!

Brandon McGorty Dominates 800 and 1600 Meter

Senior Brandon McGorty had a standout year as part of the Chantilly Track and Field Team. McGorty posted the best time in Virginia and the nation in the 800 (1:48.58). He was undefeated in both the 800 and mile (1600) competitions this

year, winning both races at this year's state final track meet in Newport News on June 3-4.

Chantilly also had Conference Champions in several events. Jose Diego Almodiel was the conference winner in the pole vault at a height of 13'6". Titus Jefferies won the 400 meter with a time of 50.24 seconds. Cecelia Bacon was victorious in the high jump with a mark of 5'3". Congratulations on a successful spring track season to Coach Matt Gilchrist and all Charger runners, jumpers and throwers.

Softball Wins Conference Championship

The Chantilly softball team posted an overall record of 15-5 this year on its way to a conference championship over cross-town rival, Westfield, on May 20. The Lady Chargers ended up their season in defeat against West Potomac in the Regional Tournament, but that does little to dim the brightness of their play this season. The Chargers dominated their local rivals, going 10-3 against fellow Concorde League teams.




Greenbriar Garden Club Presents "Garden Renovations and Makeovers"

Barry Hall, a Master Gardener with the VCE Master Gardeners program at Green Spring Gardens, will present a program on "Garden Renovations and Makeovers" at the Greenbriar Garden Club meeting on Monday, July 25, at the Cale Community Center, 4615 Stringfellow Road, at 7:30 p.m. All are invited to attend this free program.

For more information about the club and its activities, please call Frances Moffett at 703-451-7105 or visit www.greenbriarardenclub.org.

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The Local Tourist & Day Tripper

by Rosanna Hoverman with photos by Bruce Hoverman



When you announce you are going to retire, people invariably ask if one of the things you plan on doing will be to travel. While some immediately think of long-range trips and exotic destinations, they tend to forget that there are many destinations close to home. So, based on the premise that we live here and don't have to spend lots of time — or money — on travel, hotel accommodations, etc., we have decided to become "local tourists."

Walk Around Hagerstown

Walking tours are a great way to learn about an area, its history and architecture, as well as to get some exercise. Hagerstown, Maryland, has a great one called "Discover Historic Hagerstown's Hidden History." Just briefly, Hagerstown is a city in Washington County, Maryland, and the county seat. With a population of about 40,000, it ranks as the sixth largest incorporated city in Maryland. Founded in 1739 by Jonathan Hager, a German immigrant from Pennsylvania who purchased 200 acres of land in the Great Appalachian Valley, Hagerstown was originally known as Hager's Fancy. Hagerstown's nickname of the "Hub City" came from the large number of railroads (and roads) that served the city.

Hagerstown has a distinct topography, formed by stone ridges running from northeast to southwest through the center of town. This is important to note because the walking route consists of some up-and-down travel along those ridges/hills.



These ridges consist of upper Stonehenge limestone, and many of the older buildings in town were built from this stone, which is easily quarried and dressed onsite. Several of Hagerstown's churches are constructed of Stonehenge limestone, as seen in St. John's Episcopal Church on West Antietam Street, one of the stops on the walking tour.

Due to Hagerstown's strategic location at the border between the North and the South, it became a primary staging area and supply center for four major campaigns during the Civil War. Various stops on the route will point out these campaigns and relate "first person" accounts of these events.

In 1861, General Robert Patterson's Federal troops used Hagerstown as a base to attack Virginia troops in the Shenandoah Valley. In the Maryland Campaign of 1862, General James Longstreet's command occupied the town while enroute to the Battle of South Mountain and Antietam. In 1863, the city was the site of several military incursions and engagements as General Robert E. Lee's army invaded the North and then retreated in the Gettysburg Campaign. In 1864, the Confederate army, under Lieutenant General Jubal Early, invaded Hagerstown. On Wednesday, July 6, Early sent 1,500 cavalry, commanded by Brigadier General John McCausland, into Hagerstown. The Confederates levied a ransom of \$20,000 and a large amount of clothing in retribution for U.S. destruction of farms, feed and cattle in the Shenandoah Valley.

Throughout the Civil War, private physicians and citizens of Hagerstown gave assistance or aid to men from both the North and the South in a number of locations, including the Franklin Hotel, Washington House and the Lyceum. Some of these places are on the tour.

While placards attached to the various buildings on the tour give history and vital statistics, they also provide some "Fascinating Facts" about people associated with the particular site. F o r

instance, the McIlhenny family, whose son, Edmund, invented Tabasco Sauce, originally owned the Eagle Hotel (which is now a business site).

Some placards are also a bit humorous. While giving great detail on the work of Chief Surgeon Augustine S. Mason of the Confederate States of America, it includes a photo of Mason's daughter's wedding. Odd, you might think, but it relates that several years after the war, the 40-year-old Mary Landon Mason (certainly an "old maid" by the standards of the day) married a former Confederate general ... who was 26 years her senior! The accompanying photograph seems to indicate some members of the wedding party weren't exactly thrilled with this match!

Like so many towns throughout the country, Hagerstown is in the midst of a revitalization program. They are experimenting with "pop-up shops" in an effort to attract people to the downtown area.

Walking around town will no doubt give you an appetite. There are a number of places with great food, and the best part is they are located in what I call "repurposed storefronts."

Rhubarb House, located on Public Square in the downtown, is billed as a dining spot "known for a casual atmosphere and pleasurable dining experiences." The restaurant specializes in American classics: homemade soups, fresh salads, pasta, etc. I recommend the rhubarb Caesar salad. And their homemade creamy tomato soup is excellent. This is a popular place with the locals, so be prepared to wait for a seat.

If you just want a quick cup of coffee and a treat, step across the street to The Public Square Café.

South 28 restaurant is another example of a repurposed storefront — formerly a hardware store from what I learned in conversation with our server. It is rather an ornate one, with stained glass windows no less! The menu is farm-to-table type meals.

One other restaurant well worth mentioning is located at 58 South Potomac Street: Schmankerl Stube Bavarian Restaurant. With servers dressed in traditional outfits and with memorabilia and beer steins hanging from the ceilings — and a biergarten out back — it is like you just walked into another country.



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Adventures in Art. Explore the exciting world of art through a combination of stories and art projects. Come dressed to get messy! Ages 4-7 with caregiver. Wednesday, July 20, 7 p.m.

April's Musical Storytime. Join Ms. April for a sing-along storytime event as she brings books to life through song. You'll have fun singing, reading books, dancing, playing instruments and supporting early literacy together as a family. All ages. Monday, July 18, 7 p.m.; Tuesday, July 26, 10:30 a.m.

Basic Internet and Microsoft Office Tutoring. Get one-on-one help with computers, basic Microsoft Office applications and navigating the Internet. Call or visit the library to schedule an appointment. Adults.

Book a Librarian. Reserve a free 30-minute session with a professional librarian for personalized research help. Call or visit the library to request an appointment. All ages.

Book and Magazine Sales. Visit the hall for our ongoing sale of used books, magazines, DVDs and VHS tapes.

Books and Bites. A book discussion group for teens (previously known as TBC) in grades 7-10. Join us as we discuss a popular YA novel and share some snacks. Tuesday, July 5, 4:30 p.m.

Bouncin' Babies. Rhymes, songs, stories and activities for you and your baby. Build an early literacy foundation for your child while enjoying your time together. Birth-11months with caregiver. Mondays, July 11 and 25, 10:30 a.m.

Chantilly Book Discussion Group. *In the Unlikely Event* by Judy Blume. Adults. No registration required. Wednesday, July 13, 7:30 p.m.

eBook Office Hours. Call or stop by the library to schedule an appointment and get your eBook questions answered. Please bring your tablet or eReader and library card. Adults.

English Conversation Group. Practice your English with other students. Adults. Tuesdays, July 5, 12, 19 and 26, 10:30 a.m.; Thursdays, July 7, 14, 21 and 28, 7 p.m.

Friday Flicks. Grab your favorite snack and join us for a favorite teen movie! Ask for title. Ages 13-18. Fridays, July 8 and 22, 2:30 p.m.

Getting a Jump Start on the College Essays. This workshop will focus on drafting an essay with the goal of creating an engaging, thoughtful composition to include with college applications. Students who commit to work on their drafts between sessions will get the most out of this course. Offered by the Writers of Chantilly. Space is limited. For rising grades 11-12. Thursday, July 14, 7 p.m.

Go for the Gold. Gary Lloyd shares amazing stories of Olympic victories and the first Olympic Games. Co-sponsored by the Friends of the George Mason Regional Library. Ages 6-12 only; no younger children or adults admitted. Monday, July 25, 2:30 p.m.

Kaleidoscope Storytime: An Adaptive Storytime. Family sensory storytime focusing on the strengths and adapting to children on the autism spectrum and with other developmental challenges. Stories, songs and movement in a welcoming atmosphere. All ages. Saturday, July 11, 10:30 a.m.; Wednesday, July 20, 3 p.m.

LEGO Block Party. Come show off your LEGO building skills. You bring your creativity, and we will provide the LEGOs. For students in grades 3-6. Monday, July 18, 2 p.m.

LEGO Mania. Come show off your LEGO building skills. You bring your creativity, and we provide the LEGOs. For children in grades K-2. Saturday, July 16, 12:30 p.m.

LGBTQA+ Book Club. A book discussion group focusing on LGBTQA+ themes. Ask for title. For students in grades 9-12. Tuesday, July 12, 3:30 p.m.

Look Up to the Stars. Explore the universe, stars and other celestial wonders. Presented by astronomer and former NASA consultant Kevin Manning. Co-sponsored by the Friends of Chantilly Regional Library. Ages 6-12 only; no younger children or adults admitted. Tuesday, July 12, 7 p.m.

Magic and Mayhem. A sci-fi/fantasy book discussion group for children in grades 6-8. Ask for title. Tuesday, July 19, 4:30 p.m.

Maker Minds. Bring your creativity to learn and explore with a different hands-on project each month. For students in grades 3-6. Thursday, July 7, 4:30 p.m.

Master Gardeners. A neighborhood plant clinic. Master Gardeners provide horticultural tips, information, techniques and advice to home gardeners. Adults. No registration required. Saturdays, July 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30, 10:30 a.m.

Milkshake Duo. Lisa and Mikel present songs, dancing and fun for the whole family. Co-sponsored by the Fairfax Library Foundation. All ages. Please sign up children and adults separately. Wednesday, July 20, 10:30 a.m.

Mystery Book Club. Mystery book discussion group. *A Shameful Murder* by Cora Harrison. Adults. No registration required. Wednesday, July 6, 7 p.m.

One-on-One English Conversation Practice. Practice your English with an ESL volunteer. Register in person only. Call library for details. Adults.

Pajama Party. Bring your favorite cuddly friend and a blanket. Wear your pajamas and get ready for a rockin' good time. Ages 3-5 with caregiver. Wednesday, July 13, 7 p.m.

Parenting by Dr. Rene. Join Dr. Rene Hackney, a leading parenting and child development specialist, as she offers a learning workshop on "Floortime and Encouraging Play." Dr. Rene is dedicated to helping parents raise happy, successful children from birth through 10 years of age and to helping make families stronger. Parenting by Dr. Rene is a yearlong monthly series. Topics change each month. Adults. Monday, July 25, 7 p.m.

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PJ Library Book Buddies Storytime. All moms, dads, grandparents, caregivers and children who love books are welcome to join us for stories and fun that relate to Jewish culture, traditions and holidays. Enjoy movement and crafts, along with stories. Ages 2½-5 with caregiver. Siblings welcome. Contact Jennifer.DeAngelis@jccnv.org of the Jewish Community Center of Northern Virginia for more information. Sunday, July 10, 1:30 p.m.

Read! Build! Play! Duplo Storytime. Duplo play and storytime help develop and reinforce early literacy skills. Have fun with your little one while building an early literacy foundation for reading success. Ages 18-35 months with adult. Wednesdays, July 6 and 27, 10:30 a.m.

Read! Build! Play! Duplo Storytime. Duplo play and storytime help develop and reinforce early literacy skills. Have fun with your little one while building an early literacy foundation for reading success. Ages 3-5 with adult. Wednesdays, July 6 and

27, 11:30 a.m.

Ready for School Storytime. Early literacy storytime program for children ready to be on their own without caregivers or siblings. Ages 4-5. Tuesday, July 26, 2 p.m.

Shazam Magic: Explore the Impossible! Magician Peter Wood performs amazing feats of x-ray vision and shares stories and artifacts from his travels. He is joined by a hilarious pick-pocketing sidekick. Co-sponsored by the Friends of the George Mason Regional Library. Ages 6-12 only; no younger children or adults admitted. Wednesday, July 27, 2:30 p.m.

Small Wonders. Rhymes, songs, stories and activities for you and your baby. Build an early literacy foundation for your child while enjoying your time together. Ages 12-23 months with caregiver. Mondays, July 11 and 25, 11:30 a.m.

Soul in Motion. Enjoy West African drumming, song and dance. Co-sponsored by the Friends of the Chantilly Regional Library. All ages. Please sign up each child and adult separately. Saturday, July 30, 2:30 p.m.

Sphero Robotic Ball Racing Workshop. TechShop DC-Arlington brings Sphero Robotic Ball Racing to Chantilly. Participants will learn the basics of robotic programming using a smart phone to learn to move through space and complete challenges. Students must bring their own cell phones. They will create their own racing obstacle course. For rising grades 7-12. Co-sponsored by the Friends of Kings Park Library. Friday, July 15, 11 a.m.

Sports Heroes: A to Z. Bright Star Theatre presents great American athletes in a live theatrical event. Co-sponsored by the Friends of the George Mason Regional Library. Ages 6-12 only; no younger children or adults admitted. Tuesday, July 5, 2:30 p.m.

Storytime for Three to Fives. Early literacy program with stories and activities. Ages 3-5 with caregiver. Thursdays, July 7, 21 and 28, 2 p.m.

The End (or is it?) Book Club. A book discussion group for children in grades 5-6. Call for title. Wednesday, July 27, 7:30 p.m.

The Uncle Devin Show. Journey through the land of percussion as you hear and play different instruments. Co-sponsored by the Friends of the Chantilly Regional Library. Ages 6-12 only; no younger children or adults admitted. Thursday, July 14, 10:30 a.m.

Toddlin' Twos. Early literacy storytime with stories, songs and activities. Age 2 with caregiver. Wednesday, July 13, 3 and 4 p.m.; Tuesday, July 19, 9:30 and 10:30 a.m.

Tree Songs. An adventure with song, dance and puppets presented by Wolf Trap Master Teaching Artist Penny Russell. Co-sponsored by the Friends of the Chantilly Regional Library. All ages. Please register each child and adult separately. Thursday, July 7, 10:30 a.m.

WII Tournament. Come show off your Super Smash Bros. Brawl skills. Rising grades 7-12. Tuesday, July 26, 6:30 p.m.

Wildlife Ambassadors. Meet animal heroes, such as parrots, opossums, spiders and snakes. Co-sponsored by the Friends of the George Mason Regional Library. Ages 6-12 only; no younger children or adults admitted. Monday, July 18, 10:30 a.m.

Writers of Chantilly. Share your work, give and receive feedback in a supportive setting. Adults. No registration required. Mondays, July 11 and 25, 6:45 p.m.

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And, of course, if you are having a crowd at your picnic gathering, what better way to end the meal than with a nice dessert? The following recipe is from Lois Price. Any Western Fairfax County Woman's Club member or book sale volunteer at Chantilly Library knows how delicious this cake is:

Chocolate Saucepan Cake

- 2 sticks margarine
- 4 tablespoons cocoa
- 1 cup water
- 2 cups flour
- 2 cups sugar
- ½ teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon soda
- 2 eggs
- ½ cup buttermilk
- 1 teaspoon vanilla

In a saucepan, melt margarine; add cocoa and water and mix well. Mix flour, sugar, salt and soda in a bowl. Add eggs, buttermilk and vanilla. Combine everything and mix well. Bake in a greased jelly roll pan or cookie sheet (17" x 11") for 20-25 minutes at 350°F.

Note: For the buttermilk, I put a tablespoon of cider vinegar in a half-cup measure, fill it with milk and let it sit until I need it.

Frosting — Note: Frost while the cake is still hot.

- 1 stick margarine
- 3 tablespoons cocoa
- 6 tablespoons milk
- 1 lb. powdered sugar
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 1 cup chopped walnuts
- 1 cup flaked coconut

Melt the margarine in a saucepan. Add the cocoa and milk and mix well. Bring just to a boil. Remove from heat and add almost a pound of powdered sugar, the vanilla, walnuts and coconut.

And one last dessert recipe: This **Fruit Pizza** is from the Hallmark "Very Best for Spring" magazine, April 1995.

- For the crust:
- 2 cups all-purpose flour
 - ½ cup powdered sugar
 - 1 cup butter or margarine, cut into pieces

Combine flour and powdered sugar; cut in butter until mixture is crumbly. Pat mixture on a 12 inch pizza pan. Bake at 350 degrees until browned, 8-10 minutes. Cool.

- For the topping:
- 1 8 oz. package cream cheese, softened
 - ½ cup granulated sugar
 - 1 teaspoon vanilla
 - 3-4 cups assorted fresh fruit (strawberries, blueberries, kiwis, mandarin orange slices, pineapple) — make sure these are thoroughly drained and "dry" so as not to make too wet a topping.
 - ¼ cup apple jelly, melted

Beat cream cheese, granulated sugar and vanilla until fluffy; spread over crust. Arrange fruit on top of cream cheese, then brush with melted jelly.
Makes 12-16 servings.

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Inside every woman's recipe box is the story of her life, discernible only to those who know her best.

Recipes and Memories

During the summer months, if my mother said, "Let's eat out," she didn't mean we were going to a restaurant. It meant she was going to fire up the grill, and we would be dining al fresco.

Of course, sometimes it was just hamburgers and hot dogs or kielbasa. But other times it was BBQ chicken or kabobs, etc. Her BBQ sauce was never from a written recipe; more than likely, it would be some ketchup mixed with pickle juice and ground pepper to taste. This sauce also worked well with pork ribs on the grill.

Another BBQ sauce recipe with the somewhat odd name "Monkey Meat" came from a neighbor who used it to grill flank steak. The amounts for the ingredients vary according to the size of the steaks. You simply marinate the flank steak in soy sauce, ground ginger and chopped garlic. A half-hour of marinating is sufficient. Grill and slice across the grain to serve.

This next recipe is for "Spiedies." Someone who grew up in the Binghamton, New York, area gave it to me. This is, apparently, a popular dish, and you can use the marinade for

beef, pork, venison, lamb or chicken; any meat you can cut into small cubes, at most 1 inch square. This marinade recipe is for two to three pounds of meat:

- 1 cup extra virgin olive oil
- ¾ cup red wine vinegar
- Zest of one lemon
- ¼ cup freshly squeezed lemon juice (about 2 lemons)
- 4 cloves of garlic, peeled, smashed and roughly chopped
- 1 bay leaf
- 1 tablespoon thyme leaves
- 1 tablespoon oregano leaves
- 1 tablespoon basil leaves, rolled and sliced into chiffonade
- 1 teaspoon granulated sugar
- 1 teaspoon kosher salt
- 1 teaspoon freshly cracked black pepper
- 1 teaspoon red pepper flakes, or to taste

Whisk all the above ingredients together in a large bowl. Add the meat to the marinade and cover tightly or place into large re-sealable plastic bags and refrigerate for 24 to 36 hours (just 10-12 hours for chicken).

Build a fire in your grill, leaving about one-third of the grill free of coals. If you're using a gas grill, set it to high.

Remove the meat from its marinade and thread onto metal skewers or wooden ones that you have soaked in water for 30 minutes or so. The chunks can be placed quite close together. Sprinkle with salt and pepper.

When coals are covered with gray ash and the fire is still quite hot, place the skewers of meat directly over the flames. Allow the meat to cook, undisturbed, for 3-4 minutes, then use kitchen tongs to turn them over and repeat on the other side. Continue turning the skewers every couple of minutes until the meat is deeply crisp at its edges and cooked entirely through, about another 5-7 minutes. Move the skewers to the cool side of the grill if they begin to burn and then cover the grill to allow them to smoke-roast until finished (this is much less likely to happen on a gas grill).

Allow the Spiedies to rest on a cutting board for a few minutes; then remove the meat from the skewers and serve on cut hero rolls or a plate. Serve with hot sauce on the side.

And how about a salad or two to go with your grilled meats?

American Summer Broccoli Salad

- 12 oz. fresh broccoli, chopped finely
- ½ cup red onion, chopped
- 1 small apple, chopped
- 4 slices bacon, fried crisp and chopped
- 2/3 cup grated sharp cheddar cheese
- 2/3 cup mayonnaise
- Liquid sweetener or Stevia to equal ½ cup sugar (optional)
- 2 tablespoons lemon juice
- 1 teaspoon red wine vinegar or apple cider vinegar (use the latter if leaving out the no-carb sweetener)

In large salad bowl, combine the broccoli, red onion, apple (if using), bacon and cheese.

In small bowl, combine mayonnaise, liquid sweetener, lemon juice and vinegar. Whisk until smooth; pour over vegetables

Note: Instead of apple, you can use toasted or untoasted sunflower seeds if desired.

Yield 6 servings

Fresh Corn Salad

- 5 ears fresh corn, shucked
- ½ cup red onion, diced small
- 3 tablespoons cider vinegar
- 3 tablespoons good olive oil
- ½ teaspoon kosher salt
- ½ teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
- ½ cup fresh basil leaves, sliced into chiffonade

In a large pot of boiling salted water, cook the corn for three minutes until the starchiness is just gone. Drain and immerse the corn in ice water to stop the cooking and set the color. When the corn is cool, cut the kernels off the cob, cutting close to the cob.

Toss the kernels in a large bowl with the red onions, vinegar, olive oil, salt and pepper. Just before serving, toss in the fresh basil. Taste for seasoning and serve cold or at room temperature.