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Help Plan Centreville Day

Centreville area residents, businesses, churches, schools, crafters, and non-profits and other groups are invited to celebrate the 220th anniversary of the chartering of town of Centreville this 20th annual Centreville Day on Saturday, Oct. 20. Proceeds from Centreville Day will help support Centreville Historic Park and the Centreville Historic District, where the town started 220 years ago in 1792. More information, sponsorship and market-place applications are available at www.CentrevilleVA.org . Help plan this community event on Monday, Aug. 27 at 7:30 at the Frank Room in the Sully Government Center & Police Station at 4900 Stonecroft Blvd or contact Cheryl Repetti at ccf@centrevilleVa.org .

Free Carseat Inspections

Certified technicians from the Sully District Police Station will perform free, child safety carseat inspections Thursday, Aug. 23 and Sept. 6, from 5-8:30 p.m., at the station, 4900 Stonecroft Blvd. in Chantilly. No appointment is necessary. But residents should install the child safety seats themselves so technicians may properly inspect and adjust them, as needed.

However, because of time constraints, only the first 35 vehicles arriving on each date will be inspected. That way, inspectors may have enough time to properly instruct the caregiver on the correct use of the child seat. Call 703-814-7000, ext. 5140, to confirm dates and times.

Recycle During Electric Sunday

Residents may recycle old TVs, computers, peripheral electronic devices – such as keyboards, speakers, printers and scanners, as well as household hazardous wastes – including fluorescent light bulbs and tubes, for free, during Fairfax County's "Electric Sunday" events. The next one is slated for Sunday, Aug. 26, from 10 a.m.-3 p.m., at the I-66 Transfer Station, 4618 West Ox Road, in Fairfax. For more information, call 703-324-5052.

Women's Self Defense Program

The Fairfax County Law Enforcement Foundation is partnering with the Fairfax County Police Department to offer the Women's Self Defense Training program. It's based on the SAFE program formerly provided by the Police Department, but now being taught by C&J Security Corp.

The program is a two-day class that will meet on consecutive Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6:15-9:30 p.m. It's currently offered free and all class materials are included. Program funding is provided through the Fairfax County Law Enforcement Foundation.

The course is offered to females, age 13 and older. A female guardian must accompany girls 13-18. No men other than the instructors are permitted to be present during a class. For more information, call 703-246-7806, e-mail WSD@fairfax foundation.org or go to www.fairfaxfoundation.org.

WFCM Seeks Food, Volunteers

Western Fairfax Christian Ministries' (WFCM) food pantry urgently needs donations of oil (48 oz. or smaller); flour (2-5 lb. bag); sugar (2-5 lb. bag); rice (2 lb. bags); canned meats; salad dressing, jelly; jam; peanut butter, spaghetti sauce, Ramen Noodles, canned fruit; canned peas, beets and mixed vegetables; canned soup and baked beans; dry pasta and beans; ketchup, mustard, pancake mix and syrup; hot and cold cereal and coffee. In addition, the Food Pantry would appreciate fresh produce from local gardens.

Also needed are laundry detergent, toothpaste, shampoo, toilet paper and baby wipes. WFCM clients are also in great need of gasoline cards. Bring all items to WFCM'S food pantry at 13981 Metrotech Drive (near Backyard Grill and Bar) in Chantilly. Volunteers are also needed:

Thrift store: Volunteers are needed Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m., to receive donations. Contact Volunteer Manager Annette Bosley at 703-988-9656.

News

Another Death-Row Victory for Wolfe

Federal judge vacates murder and drug convictions.

By Bonnie Hobbs Centre View

essage from the court system to Prince William Commonwealth's Attorney Paul Ebert: Be fair and play by the rules, or convictions you've obtained by skirting the boundaries of what's right may eventually be overturned.

And in the case of Chantilly High grad Justin Wolfe — convicted of a murder-for-hire scheme in 2002 and sentenced to death — that's just what's happened.

In July 2011, a federal court in Norfolk ruled that Wolfe's due-process rights had been violated before and during his capital-murder trial in Prince William County; so he overturned Wolfe's convictions and

sentences. Then last Thursday, Aug. 16, because of "prosecutorial misconduct," the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit upheld that ruling.

It's now up to the state Attorney General's Office to either retry Wolfe or set him free. It may also appeal the ruling to the U.S. Supreme Court. But as far as Wolfe's mother, Terri Steinberg, is concerned, enough is enough.

"The commonwealth should not appeal the court's ruling," she said. "This case has already gone on too long, wasted too much taxpayer money and destroyed too many lives. Justin is innocent. He has spent 11 years in prison for a crime

he did not commit. It is time for the commonwealth to stop pursuing this wrongful conviction and for Justin to come home to his family."

Now 31, Wolfe has spent more than a decade on death row in Sussex No. 1 State Prison in Waverly, Va. But when 21-year-old, Centreville High grad Danny Petrole was murdered in his car in front of his Bristow townhouse — on March 15, 2001 — it was the night before Wolfe's 20th birthday.

The shooter was Centreville's Owen Barber IV, then 21. When Petrole arrived home, Barber fired 10 shots from a 9 mm Smith & Wesson, through Petrole's passenger-side window, with all but one bullet striking him. Driving away, Barber flung the gun in a nearby intersection. Both he and Wolfe then fled the state, but were arrested that April.

Petrole was the son of a former Secret Service agent. But when police searched Petrole's belongings, they discovered nearly \$1,000 in his wallet and \$17,460 in the trunk of his car. In his townhouse were guns, \$120,366 and nearly \$500,000 worth of ecstasy and marijuana. It was later revealed that Petrole spent \$360,000/month buying marijuana from Seattle, pocketing \$100,000 to \$140,000/month from selling it.

Barber and Wolfe were 1998 Chantilly High grads; Petrole graduated in '98 from Centreville. During Barber's and Wolfe's trials in Prince William County Circuit Court, much of the testimony came from young, self-admitted drug dealers and users in the local area.

Both Barber and Petrole sold marijuana. According to court testimony, Wolfe, too, had a high-level operation, buying marijuana from both of them and dealing it to others. Initially facing the death penalty for killing Petrole, Barber agreed to testify against

Wolfe. He said he hadn't known Petrole, but killed him because Wolfe had hired him to do so; in return for his testimony, Barber's charge was reduced from capital to first-degree murder.

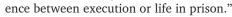
In January 2002, Wolfe was convicted of capital murder, since murder-for-hire is a capital offense. Five months later, Wolfe was sentenced to death, as his jury had recommended, plus 30 years in prison for drug distribution and three years for use of a firearm in the commission of a felony. On Aug. 6, 2002, Barber was given 38 years in prison.

Wolfe has always maintained his innocence, and Barber provided the only evidence directly linking Wolfe to the murder. But during a November 2010 evidentiary hearing in Federal Court in Norfolk, U.S. District Court Judge Raymond Jackson heard evi-

dence not presented in 2002.

In his July 2011 decision to overturn Wolfe's convictions and sentences, Jackson wrote that the commonwealth "failed to disclose evidence indicating Barber had a relationship with Petrole" prior to his death. This disclosure, he wrote — plus statements from a confidential informant that "Barber owed Petrole money [and] Petrole had a hit out on Barber" — could have impeached Barber's testimony.

Furthermore, prosecutors failed to disclose a report from Det. Samson Newsome explaining that, during his first interview with Barber, he told Barber that implicating Wolfe "could mean the differ-



The prosecution also withheld evidence indicating that Barber told his roommate, Jason Coleman, that he acted alone on the night of Petrole's murder. But at the evidentiary hearing, Coleman testified to that effect.

Jackson also agreed with defense attorneys' claims that the prosecution withheld evidence of and never pursued alternate theories of the crime, including a Washington State drug dealer with a possible motive to kill Petrole.

In the Aug. 16 opinion of the U.S. Court of Appeals, Fourth Circuit, Judge Robert B. King, wrote, "The single, momentous item of suppressed Barberimpeachment evidence on which we rest today's decision is a written police report reflecting that — before Barber ever asserted that Wolfe hired him to murder Petrole — Prince William County Det. [Samson] Newsome advised Barber that he could avoid the death penalty by implicating Wolfe."

The Newsome report documents the detective's April 14, 2001 conversations with Barber following his arrest. Newsome told Barber the police knew he'd killed Petrole, but believed he'd done it at Wolfe's behest.

"I told him he was potentially facing a capital murder charge and he needed to help himself," said Newsome. "[Barber] then said, 'What do I get if I name the higher up?' I told him it could be the difference between capital murder or first degree, execution or life in prison, or that the commonwealth may be willing to make a recommendation in sentencing."

"The Commonwealth inexplicably withheld the Newsome report from Wolfe until these proceedings

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Justin Wolfe

Newcomers & Community Guide

Looking Ahead: Many Projects Are on the Horizon

By Bonnie Hobbs Centre View

ew and exciting projects are on the horizon in the Sully District. Below are some of them:

COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT ❖ Inova Fair Oaks Hospital

Currently, many local residents needing radiation or other oncology treatments go to Inova Fairfax Hospital to receive them. But a new, fourth, medical office building on the Inova Fair Oaks Hospital campus would bring these services closer to home. Inova Fair Oaks plans to construct that building, plus more parking and a new entrance from Rugby Road. Hospital representatives hope to have the medical office building completed and occupied by the end of

The office building would be four floors and 90,000 square feet, with a 25,000-square-foot cellar. It would house a new oncology center made possible by the relocation of a portion of the radiation/oncology services from Inova Fairfax to Inova Fair Oaks. The plan also entails some 450 new parking spaces — 150 in a new, surface-parking area on the northwestern part of the campus, plus about 300 in an existing garage with extra space. A new, five-level parking garage is slated for construction in a future phase.

Also on the horizon is an addition to house more patients, Inova Fair Oaks already has approval for a 160,000-square-foot, hospital-bed tower expansion north of the existing hospital. But it wants to increase it by 39,175 square feet for a total of 199,175 square feet within the same footprint of what's already approved.

* Fairfax County Public Safety



A northbound view of the bridges under construction on Fairfax County Parkway in Chantilly. In the foreground is Fair Lakes Parkway, the bridge in the rear goes over Monument drive. The bridges will be open to traffic in December 2012. When the bridges open in December, there will be three northbound and three southbound lanes on the parkway. The roads that currently serve traffic on Fairfax County Parkway will become ramps for local traffic to Fair Lakes Parkway and Monument Drive. Further North, the bridge that crosses Route 50 is being widened to add an additional north and southbound lane.

Complex: Projects still to be completed at the campus along West Ox Road, near Route 29 in Fairfax, include:

❖ A 20,000-square-foot expansion of the existing Fire and Rescue Academy facility. On the bottom floor, men's and women's locker rooms will be enlarged and improved and more lockers will be added. More classrooms will be built on the top floor. Construction should start this fall.

❖ A full renovation of the existing, 15,600-square-foot Animal Shelter and a 13,400-square-foot expansion to increase its total size to 29,000 square feet.

* Office building: The Aerospace Corporation (TAC) is constructing a seven-story office building with a garage at 14725 Lee

Road in Chantilly.

❖ Bank: BB&T plans to build a 3,221-square-foot bank, with two drive-through windows and a drive-up ATM, at one end of the Sully Station Shopping Center on Stone Road in Centreville. The layout will be similar to the existing BB&T Bank in the Franklin Farm Shopping Center.

❖ Restaurant: Coyote Grille is slated to open a new location in Centreville in September. It will be in Centrewood Plaza, where the Shade Tree Restaurant used to be. Billing itself as "a culinary adventure of southwest cuisine," its menu will include items such as fajitas, enchiladas, burritos and chimichangas, along with a wide variety of soups, salads, beverages and desserts.

RESIDENTIAL/OFFICE PROJECT

* Ridgewood: Developer Kettler has plans for two parcels of land between Ridge Top and Waples Mill roads, along the northern and southern sides of Government Center Parkway in Fairfax Center. Some 39 townhouses will be built on the southern parcel, and 30,000-35,000 square feet of community-oriented offices will go on the northern parcel. The rear of the office site will include a community park at the intersection of Ridge Top Road and Government Center Parkway.

The townhouses will each have two-car garages, plus parking on their driveways. They'll be three, finished levels with either three or four bedrooms. The office building will contain about 20,000 square feet of community-serving retail as amenities for nearby residents. The offices will be for doctors, dentists and other professionals.

TRANSPORTATION

❖ Stringfellow Road: The part of Stringfellow between I-66 and Route 29 was four-laned in the 1990s by Fairfax County's Department of Transportation. But the section from I-66 to Route 50 will also go from two to four lanes, providing a quicker, wider conduit between Route 50 in Chantilly and Route 29 in Clifton/Centreville.

Stringfellow Road currently carries some 23,000 vehicles a day, and that figure is only expected to increase. So the goal is to reduce traffic congestion there, especially during evening and morning peaks.

Planned are four travel lanes — two, 12 feet wide, and two, 14 feet wide; a 10-foot multipurpose trail, a 6-foot sidewalk and a raised, 16-foot, grass median. And bicyclists will not only share the trail with pedestrians, but also pedal side-by-side with cars,

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Supervisor Michael Frey's View of Centreville

That day, a

By Bonnie Hobbs Centre View

ichael Frey has lived in Centreville's London Commons community for more than 20 years and has been the Sully District supervisor since the district was created in 1992. So Centre View asked him to explain what he believes makes Centreville so special.

"An awful lot of community life is built around the schools," he said. "People love them and the PTAs have tremendous support." He also praised the volunteers who put on Centreville Day and other community events at E.C. Lawrence Park and its mill and visitors center.

But what especially left an indelible mark on him, said Frey, was "the way people came together after the May 8, 2006 shooting at the Sully District Police Station. That, to me, says as much about the character of the community as anything."



Frey

heavily armed and mentally deranged teenager opened fire in the station's parking lot, killing two police officers, Det. Vicky Armel and MPO Michael Garbarino. Armel, 40, died that day, and Garbarino,

53, died nine days later; both left spouses and children.

"The day after the shooting, Westfield High students took a huge roll of butcherblock paper and strung it on the fence outside the station," said Frey. "It was signed by hundreds of students saying, 'We love you."

Then came the April 16, 2007 tragedy at SEE FREY, PAGE 11



Supervisor Michael Frey's favorite view in Centreville is from Route 29 looking down toward the Shenandoah Mountains.





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Building, Road Construction Ahead

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trucks and buses on each outer, 14-foot lane. Utility relocation has already been done; construction is scheduled to begin this fall.

❖ Fair Lakes Interchange Project: The Fairfax County Parkway will be widened within the existing median to six lanes — three in each direction — between I-66 and Route 50. But an interchange is also needed to handle the congestion and rush-hour backups. And now, the funding has finally come through to build this project that's been on the county's to-do list for years. Construction is anticipated to take about 2 1/2 years.

The signalized intersections at Fair Lakes Parkway and Monument Drive will be eliminated. And the additional lanes on the Fairfax County Parkway will improve traffic flow from south of I-66 to north of Rugby Road. A split-diamond, grade-separated interchange will have a free-flowing Fairfax County Parkway bridging over Fair Lakes Parkway and Monument Drive.

Fair Lakes Parkway will be widened to accommodate the necessary left-turn lanes for the interchange. Beginning at Fair Lakes Parkway, a multi-purpose trail is anticipated along the east side of Fairfax County Parkway with a connection to the existing trail at Rocky Run Stream Valley Park.

Project completion is slated for 2013.

* Route 50 Widening West of Chantilly: Construction began last fall to widen Route 50 from four to six lanes between Poland Road in Loudoun County and Route 28 in Chantilly. The 3.7-mile design-build project will take three years to complete.

There will be no lane closures on holidays or during rush hours, but drivers can expect lane closures overnight and mid-day. During all other times, all lanes and turn lanes will remain open.

Currently, Route 50 narrows from six lanes to four just west of Route 28 in Chantilly. But increased development and congestion in Loudoun County creates backups during much of the day on the existing four-lane segment, especially during morning and evening rush hours.

When completed, traffic-clogged Route 50 will have three lanes in each direction, improved turn lanes and traffic signals, curb and gutter on the outside lanes, crosswalks and pedestrian signals, widened and upgraded bridges, and pathways on both sides of the road. The road will also be more level and provide wider buffers between travel lanes and roadside hazards.

The \$100 million improvement project includes



Construction on Fairfax County Parkway in the Fair Lakes area of Fairfax County continues. This image shows the southbound view of Fairfax County parkway from the Route 50 bridge on Aug. 17. The Route 50 bridge is being widened, and two bridges are being built, one over Monument Drive and one over Fair Lakes Parkway.

\$8.3 million for preliminary engineering; \$24.5 million, right-of-way acquisition; \$9.9 million, utility relocation; and \$57.2 million, construction. Shirley Contracting is the contractor for this project. It should be done in early 2014 and should then be able to handle increased traffic demands for many years to come

*Route 29 Bridge Replacement: VDOT plans to replace the Route 29 bridge over the Little Rocky Run stream in Centreville. Besides improving the bridge, itself, the project will also result in a new sidewalk and shared-use path. The new bridge will go from .2 miles east of Pickwick Road to Union Mill Road and will be just under a half-mile long.

The existing bridge is 22 feet long, was built in 1932 and is structurally deficient. It's not unsafe, but requires an increasing amount of monitoring and maintenance. It'll be brought up to state standards by lengthening it to 150 feet and elevating it some 3

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Insiders' Tips



Cherishing Franklin Glen

Franklin Glen has been a wonderful place to raise our family. We moved here in 1985 and our children are now grown. Many of the friendships they made here have continued into their adult lives. The swim team was perhaps the greatest "glue" of all. It was a wonderful experience for both children, especially our daughter Molly, who waxed philosophical at her final team cookout at age 18. She had compiled and read aloud numerous nuggets of wisdom entitled "Everything I Ever Needed to Know I Learned on the Franklin Glen Swim Team." My favorite from that list is "Winning doesn't always mean finishing first.' Our children didn't always finish first, but that team was a huge part of the "village" that helped them and so many others to feel like winners.

– Mike an Donna Cash, Franklin Glen



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This spring, our papers won some very special awards, including the Virginia Press Association Award for Journalistic Integrity and Community Service, and the Fairfax County Media Partnership Award, along with dozens

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Here in our Newcomers and Community Guide, we've included an insider's look at the

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parks, plus details of how to vote in the upcoming elections. Many voters will be surprised when they look at the map on our elections page and discover that their Congressional district has changed.

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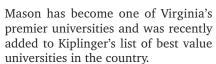
By Sharon Bulova Chairman, Fairfax County Board of Supervisors

reetings and welcome to Fairfax County! Fairfax County is an exceptional place to live, work and play. We have a

range of fantastic parks, trails, and recreational attractions as well as one of the best public school systems in the country. We are also one of the safest jurisdictions of our size in the United States. I'm sure that after experiencing what Fairfax has to offer, you will see why so many families, professionals, and top-tier businesses call Fairfax County home.

The Fairfax County Public School system, with a budget this year of \$2.4 billion, is consistently ranked among the top public school systems in America. Twenty-three Fairfax county high schools have been featured in the Washington Post's 2012 list of 1.800 top high schools in the nation, putting these Fairfax County schools in the top nine percent nationwide.

Fairfax County is also home to George Mason University, which is centrally located and an easy commute from all parts of the County.



We are a business-friendly community. Fairfax County is home to nearly 600,000 jobs, with companies ranging from startups to Fortune 500 compa-

nies, ten of which have located their headquarters here. Our range of business start-up resources via the Fairfax County Economic Development Authority makes it easier for firms of any size to thrive. In fact, about 97 percent of the companies in Fairfax County are small businesses with fewer than 100 employees and less than \$1 million in annual revenue. When a corporate leader recently moved his medium sized technology company to Fairfax County, he announced that he did so because he liked the "mood" in Fairfax, explaining that he wanted to be close to others who were as excited as he about their work and engagement in the community.

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Fairfax County also has a vibrant and growing arts community. The Workhouse Arts Center in Lorton, an historic county attraction and now converted arts space, allows visitors to watch artists perform their craft, and hosts many events ranging from exhibitions to plays.

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By Ilryong Moon Chairman and Member At Large Fairfax County School Board

elcome to Fairfax County! One of the primary reasons you chose to live here may be the excellent reputation of Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS). As chairman of the Fairfax County School Board, I am pleased to inform you that our reputation as one of the best public school systems in the country is well deserved.

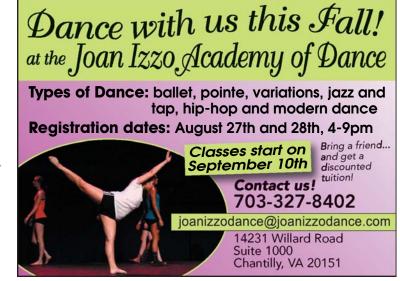
FCPS is the largest school division in Virginia and the 11th largest in the United States out of more than 15,000 school divisions. The organizaneeds of more than 180,000 students while managing 196 schools and centers.

The Fairfax County School Board sets general school policy and, within the framework of state regulations, establishes guidelines and rules that will ensure the proper administration of the county school program. The Division Superintendent works closely with the deputy superintendent and the assistant superintendents who oversee the dayto-day operations of the schools. As a world-class school system, FCPS inspires, enables, and empowers students to meet high academic standards, lead

ethical lives, and demonstrate responsible citizenship.

Despite the economic challenges our school system has faced over the past four years, our students have continued to succeed at the highest levels. Our commitment to the achievement of all students is reflected in our students' SAT scores; FCPS' SAT average of 1654 exceeds both the state average of 1516 and the national average of 1500. For the 2010-11 school year, FCPS' pass rates for the Virginia Standards of Learning assessments were 93 percent in

English and 92 percent in mathematics, and the achievement gap continued to narrow in reading for Black students and in mathematics for Hispanic students. About 92 percent of FCPS graduates plan

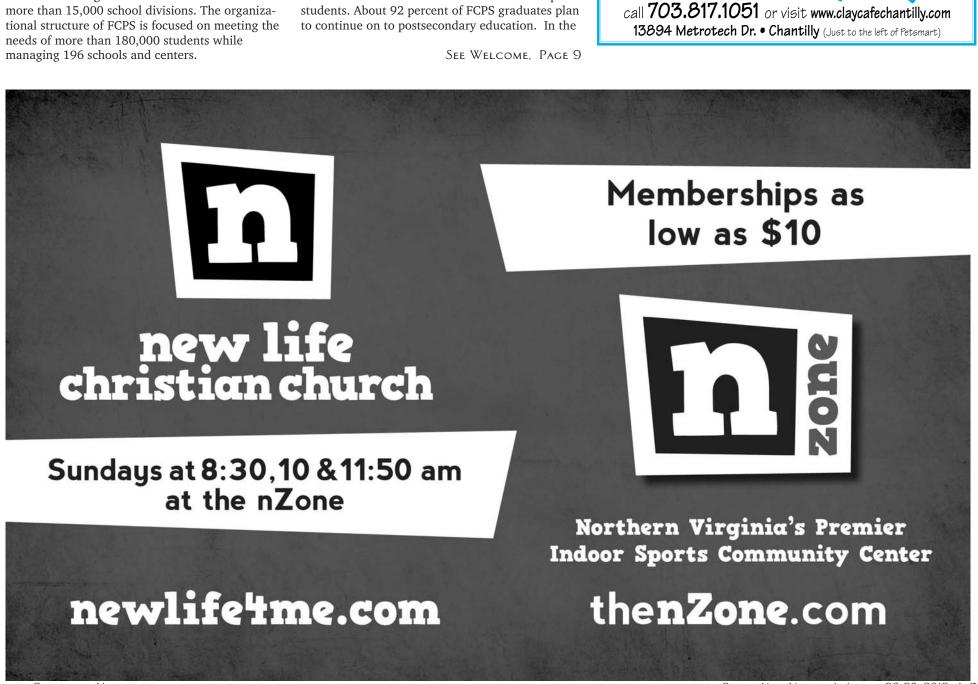


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Federal Judge Vacates Murder and Drug Convictions

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in 2010, after Wolfe's first appeal and during contentious discovery proceedings," wrote King. "During the Nov. 12, 2010 evidentiary hearing, Barber recanted his trial testimony while under oath."

At that time, Barber said the police, prosecutors and even his own attorney had influenced what he said to implicate Wolfe in a murder-for-hire scheme. King noted that Barber also had the following exchange with the commonwealth's lawyer during cross-examination:

Lawyer: "Wasn't their statement to you that they wanted the truth?"

Barber: "They said they wanted the truth. But at the same time, they said this is what you have got to say or you are getting the chair."

Explaining his actions, Ebert told the court that his office doesn't have an "open-file policy," providing criminal defense attorneys access to entire case files against their clients. But, wrote King, "The Newsome report is material because it reflects that Barber had a motive to misrep-

resent the facts regarding Petrole's death."

Furthermore, he wrote, "Wolfe had to labor for years from death row to obtain evidence that had been tenaciously concealed by the commonwealth and that the prosecution should have disclosed prior to Wolfe's capital murder trial."

King also stated that, whatever evidence exists of Wolfe's alleged drug-dealing is "inevitably tainted by the prosecutorial misconduct in this case. The conduct of the prosecution in concealing the Newsome report undermines confidence in the fair-

ness and propriety of the entire trial, including the drug-conspiracy conviction, rendering that misconduct a sufficient independent basis for vacating each of Wolfe's convictions and ordering his unconditional release or retrial."

Afterward, Wolfe's attorney, Ashley Parrish, said he's hopeful that Virginia will "stop pursuing this wrongful conviction and allow Justin to return home to his family." Wolfe's mother said her heart goes out to Petrole's family and she's "grateful to the courts for doing justice in Justin's case."

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Newcomers Guide

Welcome to FCPS

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2011 ranking of public high schools in the nation by the Washington Post, nearly all FCPS high schools were listed in the top 6 percent. Complete implementation of full-day kindergarten during the 2011-12 school year has been a vital success for the division, ensuring that all of our youngest students will benefit from the same educational opportunities. The commitment to serve our students is evident, with a majority of resources directed to the classroom. In FY 2013, 93 percent of our employees will be based in schools, and a majority of the operating budget, nearly 86 percent, will be spent on instruction. Hiring and retaining the very best teachers and divisionwide staff is also an essential component of our success.

FCPS values its diversity and a well-rounded education that

goes beyond basics and encompasses the arts, literacy, technology, and preparation for the world of work. In return, the residents of Fairfax County embrace their schools. Businesses and community members generously volunteer their time and resources to help students. Schools are integrated into the fabric of the community, and residents take pride in the success of FCPS. Additionally, FCPS facilities and athletic fields are available for use by the community, and adult and community education classes are offered throughout the year at locations throughout the county.

Once again, welcome to Fairfax County. Enjoy all that our community has to offer including our world-class school system!

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Insider's Edition

How To Register, Vote and Vote Early

Election Day is Nov. 6, but you can vote as early as Sept. 21.

BY MARY KIMM
CENTRE VIEW

hy does it matter?
How important is it for Virginia voters to turn out on or before Nov. 6? As a critical "battleground" state, Virginia will be key in determining who will be the next President of the United States. Who will represent Virginia in the U.S. Senate is also too close to call. Since polling shows that there are very few undecided voters in the Commonwealth, every eligible voter will want to be sure to cast a ballot.

This area has very high rates of voter registration. Consider that Fairfax County, with a population of just more than 1.1 million people, has 711,817 registered voters. And 24 percent of Fairfax County's population is under 18, so not eligible to vote.

Arlington has a population of about 216,000 and 157,236 registered voters. Sixteen percent are under 18.

The City of Alexandria has a population of about 144,000 with 101,887 registered voters; 17 percent are under 18.

REGISTER, CHANGE OF ADDRESS: In

order to vote on Election Day, you must be registered at your current address no later than Oct. 15, 2012. You can check your registration status online by going to www.sbe.virginia.gov. There you can also download a voter registration form and mail it to the elections office address, listed above.

Voter ID: New laws also affect what identification voters must bring with them to the polling place. Acceptable forms of identification include: Virginia voter identification card; valid Virginia driver's license; military ID; any Federal, Virginia state or local government-issued ID; employer issued photo ID card; concealed handgun permit; valid student ID issued by any institution of higher education located in the Commonwealth of Virginia; current utility bill, bank statement, government check or paycheck indicating the name and address of the voter.

Voters arriving to the polls without ID will be required to vote a provisional ballot and will have until noon on the Friday after the election to deliver a copy of identification to their locality's electoral board in order for their provisional ballot to be counted.

All Virginia active registered voters will be mailed a new Virginia voter identification card prior to the November 2012 General Election. Call 804-864-8901 or toll free 800-552-9745, TTY toll free: 800-260-3466. According to the State Board of Elections at presstime, some of the voter identification requirements listed are pending

LOUDOUN COUNTY **DULLES AIRPORT** CITY OF FALLS CHURCH COUNTY OF ARLINGTON CITY OF FAIRFAX CITY OF ALEXANDRIA Braddock PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY There have been major boundary changes in the Congressional districts serving Fairfax County since the last election two years ago. Map provided by Fairfax County government.

preclearance from the Department of Justice.

VOTING EARLY, ABSENTEE

Virtually every voter in Virginia is eligible to vote absentee, which includes voting inperson absentee at a variety of locations between Sept. 21 and Nov. 2.

There are many reasons that voters are allowed to vote absentee, but the most

broad of these applies to almost anyone with a job: "Any person who, in the regular and orderly course of his business, profession, or occupation, will be at his place of work and commuting to and from his home to his place of work for 11 or more hours of the 13 that the polls are open (6 a.m. to 7 p.m.).

See http://www.sbe.virginia.gov/cms/absentee_voting/index.html for a complete

list of acceptable reasons to vote absentee, links to download a request for an absentee ballot and other instructions.

You can download an absentee ballot and mail it to your local voter registration office, or you can vote "absentee in person."

Absentee Voting in Person, Fairfax County:

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Newcomers & Community Guide

Frey Reflects on Sully District

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Virginia Tech in which Westfield graduates Reema Samaha and Erin Peterson lost their lives. "We were all torn up by losing them," said Frey. "I went to the first prayer vigil for them at Centreville Presbyterian Church, and dozens of police officers were there because of the support the Westfield students had given them."

On a lighter note, when asked which view of Centreville he likes best, he said his favorite spot is coming south on Route 29 by the CVS store at Pickwick Road. "On a clear day, you can see the Shenandoah foothills — that's the vista I always love," said Frey. "And that's why there was a fort

there during the Civil War, because it was the highest point."

Although Centreville doesn't actually have a town center or main gathering place, he has hopes that the Trinity Centre might someday fill the bill. "More office buildings will eventually come to Trinity Centre to completely ring the lake," he said. "That will open up more public spaces there once the walkway around the lake is completed."

Then, said Frey, that area can serve as much more of a public center and focal point than it is now. "It currently has Movies under the Stars in August," he said. "But one day, it could be a draw for community events such as picnics, fund-raisers and concerts."

Building, Road Construction Ahead

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feet higher than it is now.

The bridge will be built six lanes wide to accommodate future traffic, but will initially be striped for four lanes. A 16-foot-wide, raised, grass, median strip will separate north- and southbound lanes. Each outer lane will be 15-feet wide, with the outermost three feet earmarked for bicycle riders.

On the bridge's south side, a path will connect to existing trails. The north side will have a 5-foot-wide sidewalk connecting to the Faircrest community and existing sidewalks. Estimated cost is \$14.5 million and the project is fully funded. Anticipated completion is fall 2015.

❖ Walney Road Bridge: Built in 1980, the

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Walney Road Bridge over Flatlick Branch in Chantilly carries more than 21,000 vehicles a day. Trouble is, it often floods, is disintegrating structurally and surpassed its life expectancy 15 years ago. So VDOT plans to replace it with a wider, sturdier and safer

It's about 500 feet from the Walney Road/ Westfields Boulevard intersection. Walney will be four-laned to Willard Road. And the downhill curve on north-south Walney will be smoothed out significantly to make it descend gradually.

The road will also be raised 10 feet higher in the area where it currently dips down as drivers leave the bridge, for better sight distance. Anticipated cost is approximately \$7 million. Construction is expected to begin in summer 2014 and end in summer 2015.

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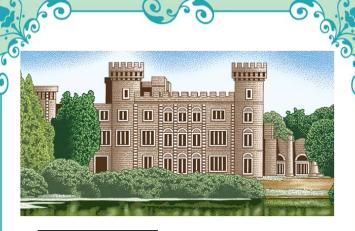
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Arts Center

Workhouse Arts Center
9601 Ox Road, Lorton

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The Workhouse Arts Center consists of seven studio buildings, the main galleries and the recently opened Youth Arts Center. Visitors are encouraged to interact with artists. In addition to visual arts, the Workhouse Arts Center is home to performing arts, including theater, film institute, musical and dance performances. The education department supports both the visual and performing arts, offering classes and workshops in a variety of disciplines. Future plans for the Workhouse include an event center, amphitheater, Workhouse Theatre, restaurants, apartments, music barn and garden/horticultural area. Other buildings on site, yet to be renovated, may provide for other activities such as a visitors center, a blacksmith shop, theatre scene shops and rehearsal space.

Fairfax County Parks

1 Annandale Park

7701 Royce Street, Annandale nature center 50.7 acres, district park

2 Baron Cameron School Site

11300 Baron Cameron Avenue, Reston softball (unlit), soccer/football (unlit), biking/ hiking trails, picnic area, playground 60 acres, district park

3 Braddock Park

13451 Braddock Road, Clifton
 Softball field (lit), soccer/football (unlit and lit), minigolf, biking trail, equestrian trail, hiking trail, open picnic areas
 227.1 acres, special purpose park

A Burke Station Park

6031 Kerrwood Street, Burke basketball, tennis (lit), hiking trail, playground, tot lot

18.1 acres, community park

6 Centre Ridge North

Field Encampment Road And St. Germain Drive, Centreville

basketball (lit), tennis (lit), biking/hiking/nature trails, playground 8.9 acres, community park

6 Clarks Crossing

9850 Clarks Crossing Road, Vienna soccer/football (unlit), biking/equestrian/hiking trails, open areas

143.8 acres, district park

Collingwood Park

8200 West Boulevard Drive, Alexandria soccer/football, basketball, tennis, playground 12 acres, community park

8 Cub Run RECenter

4630 Stonecroft Blvd, Chantilly pool, water playground, fitness center, trails, playground

9.3 acres, special purpose park

Dranesville Tavern

11919 Leesburg Pike, Herndon historic structure, natural/picnic areas, meeting

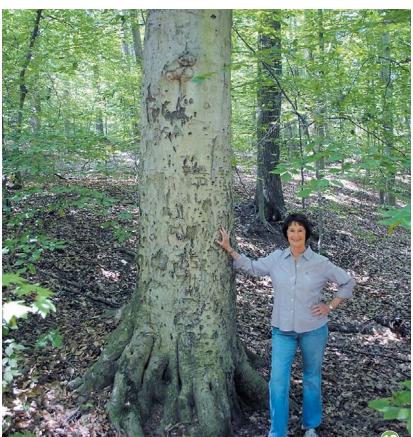
14.6 acres, cultural resource park

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Lake Fairfax Park



Sharon Bulova in Fairfax Villa Park.

'My Favorite Parks'

By Sharon Bulova

Chairman, Fairfax County Board of Supervisors

he tree I am standing next to in this photo is one of a number of large American Beech trees that populate the forests in Villa Park where I like to hike and jog. Villa Park is located in the central Fairfax area, with an entrance into the park off of Park Drive near Shirley Gate Road.

This park is unique. It has been left in its natural wooded condition and designated a Heritage Resource park to preserve features such as Native American quarries and work/chipping areas. It also contains remnants of the never-completed Independent line of the Manassas Gap Railroad. While no track was ever laid along this rail line, it played a significant role in the Civil War, serving as a little-known transportation route for both Confederate and Union soldiers. The earthworks served as protection during skirmishes.

A number of years ago a Civil War historian told me that he believed soldiers had carved their initials into trees located in Villa Park. The trees near my running path are covered with initials and symbols carved into the smooth grey bark. On the larger trees, the markings have become pretty much unreadable. I don't know if it's true or not, but I like to think these may be the trees my history buff friend was referring to.

When running along this trail, I imagine passing Native American Indians chipping arrow heads out of hunks of quartz and Civil War camp sites with soldiers drawing water from the Popes Head Creek and passing time by carving their initials or troop insignia in the smooth-barked Beech trees growing nearby. The experience is a perfect marriage of my love for history and nature.

Some other favorite Fairfax parks that

interpret our county's fascinating history and showcase its environmental beauty:

* Riverbend Park in Great Falls, includes more than 400 acres of forest, meadow and ponds. Trails include a 2.5-mile portion of the Potomac Heritage Trail linking national and regional parkland. Kayakers and canoeists can enjoy exploring many islands in the Potomac River.

Riverbend's visitor center overlooks the Potomac River and has an outdoor deck that is an ideal place to relax or have a snack after a hike. It has a wonderful interpretative display about the historic Native American presence in the area.

❖ In the South County Hybla Valley area, Huntley Meadows Park contains 1,425 acres of majestic forests, wildflower-speckled meadows and vast wetlands bursting with life. Some of the best wildlife watching in the Washington metropolitan area is enjoyed here. From the wetland boardwalk trail and observation tower, people have excellent views of beavers, frogs, dragonflies and herons. Huntley Meadows is well known as a prime birding spot, with more than 200 species identified in the park.

❖ Lake Accotink Park, located on 7500 Accotink Park Road in Springfield, is one of my favorite parks. Not only is this 493-acre park one of the most scenic in the county, it is also one of the most fun. In addition to boating, hiking, canoeing, and mini-golfing, you can always find a nice quiet spot to enjoy a picnic on the lake. Children love the beautiful antique carousel.

Lake Accotink was originally created to provide drinking water for troops stationed at Camp Humphries (which is now Fort Belvoir) during the early 1900s. The Norfolk Southern Railroad tracks carry D.C.-bound VRE commuter rail passengers over the Lake Accotink Dam. Remains of an older former railroad trestle make up part of the four-mile trail that winds around the lake and park.

An Insider's Guide to Area Parks



Scotts Run, McLean

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11) Fairfax Villa Park

4420 Belden Street, Fairfax historic structure, biking/historic/hiking trails, natural areas 59.7 acres, community park

Fred Crabtree Park

2801 Fox Mill Road, Herndon Little league (lit), soccer/football field (unlit), historical structure, biking/ equestrian/hiking/nature trails 208.5 acres, district park

12 Frying Pan Farm Park

2717 West Ox Road, Herndon historic structure, biking/equestrian/ hiking trails, open areas, playground 135.3 acres, multiple resource park

Great Falls Nike Park

1089 Utterback Store Road, Great Falls baseball field (lit), soccer/football field (unlit), basketball (unlit), tennis (unlit), playground, biking/hiking trails

45.5 acres, district park

Grist Mill Park

4710 Mount Vernon Memorial Hwy, Alexandria baseball, soccer/football, basketball, biking/hiking trails, playground 75.5 acres, district park

Huntley Meadows Park

3701 Lockheed Boulevard, Alexandria nature center, historic structure, biking/ hiking/nature trails, observation 1444.8 acres, natural resource park

16 Hybla Valley Park

3431 Lockheed Boulevard, Alexandria tennis, hiking trails, open areas 1.2 acres, neighborhood park

1 Lake Accotink Park

7500 Accotink Park Road, Springfield basketball, volleyball, minigolf, trails, picnic 448.1 acres, multiple resource park

13 Lake Braddock School Site

9200 Burke Lake Road, Burke soccer/football (unlit), fitness trails, open areas 13.1 acres, community park

19 Lake Fairfax Park

1400 Lake Fairfax Drive, Reston softball (lit), soccer/football (unlit), amphitheater, carousel, campground, tour boat, picnic shelters 479 acres, multiple resource park

21 Lake Mercer Park

9500 Silverbrook Road, Fairfax Station historic structure, biking/hiking/historic trails, fishing 196.5 acres, multiple resource park

21 Langley Fork Park

6250 Georgetown Pike, McLean baseball (lit), soccer/football (unlit), basketball (unlit), biking/fitness

54 acres, district park

22 Laurel Hill Park

8515 Silverbrook Rd., Lorton baseball (unlit), softball (unlit), clubhouse, driving range, 18 hole, disc golf, picnic areas, hiking/biking 1197.5 acres, countywide park

23 Lee District Park

6601 Telegraph Road, Franconia softball, soccer/football, tennis, basketball, volleyball, trails, treehouse 138 acres, district park

24 Lewinsville Park

1659 Chain Bridge Road, McLean baseball, soccer/football (lit), basketball, tennis, biking/fitness trails, picnic, playground, tot 37.7 acres, district park

🔼 Mason District Park

6621 Columbia Pike, Annandale softball (lit), soccer/football (unlit/lit), basketball (lit), tennis (lit), shuffleboard, dog park, amphitheater, biking/hiking/fitness 121.2 acres, district park

26 Muddy Hole Farm Park

7941 Kidd Street. Alexandria soccer/football, basketball, tennis, hiking trails, picnic areas, playground 13.6 acres, community park

27 Newington Heights Park

8590 Heller Road, Lorton soccer/football, basketball, tennis, biking/hiking trail, playground 69.3 acres, district park

28 Nottoway Park

9537 Courthouse Road, Vienna baseball (lit), soccer/football (lit), basketball (lit), tennis (lit), trails, picnic 90.9 acres, district park

29 Patriot Park

12111 Braddock Road, Fairfax little league (lit), soccer/football (lit) 130.5 acres, district park

Pope Head Park

5635 Rivercomb Court, Clifton soccer/football, basketball, tennis, biking/ fitness/hiking trails, picnic, playground 75.6 acres, district park

31 Poplar Tree Park

4718 Stringfellow Road, Chantilly baseball (lit), soccer/football (lit), biking, hiking, picnic, playground 48.3 acres, district park

Riverbend Park

8700 Potomac Hill Street, Great Falls nature center, historic structure, biking/ equestrian/hiking trails, picnic areas, craftroom

411.2 acres, multiple resource park

Rolling Valley West Park

6512 Sydenstricker Road, Burke softball, soccer/football (lit), basketball, tennis, biking, hiking, playground 20.7 acres, community park

34 South Run District

7550 Reservation Drive, Springfield baseball, soccer/football, basketball, tennis, recenter, equestrian, playground, swimming 196 acres, district park

Spring Hill Park

1239 Spring Hill Road, McLean swimming, fitness rooms, racquetball, picnic, playground, soccer/football 46.1 acres, district park

(3) Wakefield Park & RECenter

8100 Braddock Road, Annandale softball, soccer/football, basketball, tennis, recenter, biking, fitness trail, skate park 292.6 acres, multiple resource park



COMMUNITY

nZone To Host Hoops of Hope

Hoops of Hope is coming to the nZone on Saturday, Aug. 25 to raise money for children around the world orphaned by HIV/AIDS.

Hoops of Hope is a free-throw marathon. Similar to a walk-athon, participants raise awareness and funds for children who have been orphaned by HIV/AIDS by shooting free throws. All of the funds raised through the free throw marathons go directly to care for orphan children in highly affected areas.

The nZone is located at 14550 Lee Road, Chantilly. The event, which has no age requirement, runs 5-9 p.m.

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TUESDAY NIGHTS

World-Class Jazz. 6-9 p.m. Paul Langosch on bass and Rick Whitehead on guitar. At the Copper Canyon, 5815 Trinity Pkwy. Call 703-830-6600 for reservations.

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

Men's Chorus. 7:30-10 p.m. Sing "Acappella" with the Fairfax Jubil-Aires men's barbershop chorus. Members of the Barbershop Harmony Society. At Lord of Life Lutheran Church (West), 13421 Twin Lakes Dr. Visit www.fairfaxjubilaires.org or contact Aaron Watts at 703-793-7166 or adwatts78@yahoo.com.

THURSDAY/AUG. 23

Needle Craft. 1:30-3:30 p.m. Centreville Stitchers welcome adults who enjoy knitting, crocheting, or other needlework crafts, and conversation. At the Centreville Regional Library, 14200 St. Germain Dr. Free. Contact Jo at 703-803-0595 or email joknitter@verizon.net.

FRIDAY/AUG. 24 TO SUNDAY/AUG. 26

Conference. Rebuilding Christendom: Towards a Vision of Reconstruction Amidst the Ruins. The Conference will include presentations by 10 speakers, a Friday reception, Continental breakfast on Saturday, Saturday lunch, Saturday dinner, full breakfast on Sunday, Mass on Saturday and Sunday. Early Bird registration of \$150. At the Dulles Marriott Hotel, Visit



Cole Bros. Circus will be at Special Events Field in Bull Run Regional Park, 7700 Bull Run Dr. Aug. 31-Sept. 3. Tickets start at \$16. Visit www.GoToTheCircus.com.

www.rebuildingchristendom.com to

SATURDAY/AUG. 25

Civil War Reenactment.

Commemoration of the 150th anniversary of the Medical Evacuation of wounded soldiers will be held at the Fairfax Station Railroad Museum. This Commemoration will honor Clara Barton, "Angel of the Battle Field" and Founder of the Red Cross. The Museum is located at 11200 Fairfax Station Rd. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Outside activities are free. Museum fee is \$5 adults; \$1 children 5-10. Under 5 are free. Call 703-425-9225 or visit

www.fairfax-station.org.

Concert with "Heritage Brothers"

from West Virginia. 6:30 pm. Oakton Baptist Church, 14001 Sullyfield Circle, Chantilly. The church is located on Route 50, 1/5 mile east of the Route 28 overpass on the corner of Route 50 and Sullyfield Circle. Call 703 631-1799.

SUNDAY/AUG. 26

Open House. Caring Hands Animal Hospital of Centreville is holding their 16th Annual Open House and Dog Wash from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Dog wash for donation, silent auction, freebies, children's games, pet contests and more. Open to the



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Best Buddies Fundraiser. Noon-6 p.m. The 2012 Best Buddies Challenge Little Rascals Team members present their All afternoon Music Jam FUNdraiser at Sully's Restaurant, 14513 Route 50 in Chantilly. Cost is \$20 at door, or \$15 online: http://bestbuddies.ticketbud.com/sullys.

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MONDAY/AUG. 27

Greenbriar Garden Club. 7:30 p.m. Multimedia presentation by Master Gardener Jo Ann Benson of four of the most important flower and horticultural locations and events, including Flora Holland—the largest flower and plant auction in the world; the Chelsea Flower Show in London; Floriade, occurring every 10 years; and Monet's gardens at

Giverney in France. Greenbriar Community Center, 4615 Stringfellow Rd.

AUG. 31-SEPT. 3

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SATURDAY/SEPT. 1

Battle of Ox Hill 150th

Anniversary Commemoration. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Ox Hill Battlefield Park, 4134 West Ox Road, Fairfax. The event is free and open to the public. Activities include costumed Civil War reenactor soldiers, officers, and civilians, artillery and infantry demonstrations, and a souvenir craft for the kids. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/oxhill

WEDNESDAY/SEPT. 5

CVHS Fundraiser. 6-9 p.m. Support the Wildcat Band at Tropical Smoothie, 14220-B Centrevillle Square, Centreville. Students are raising funds towards their spring trip and for band programs.

SATURDAY/SEPT. 8 AND 9

Home & Lifestyle Expo. Fair Oaks Mall, immediately off I-66 at Route 50 (Lee Jackson Memorial Hwy). The Expo will feature more than 20 exhibitors focusing on products and services for residential buyers for use in and around the home in the fall and winter months. 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday and 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday. Free and open to the public. Visit www.ShopFair.Oaks.Mall.com or call 703-359-8302.

SUNDAY/SEPT. 9

CVHS Fundraiser. 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Support the Wildcat Band at the car
wash. Colonnade Shell Gas Station,
5784 Union Mill Rd, Centreville.
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Bulletin Board

Email announcements to centreview@connectionnewspapers.com. Deadline is Thursday at noon. Photos welcome.

MONDAY/AUG. 27

Blood Drive. Virginia Tire & Auto is partnering with Inova Blood Donor Services as it hosts a blood drive from noon-6 pm at the Ashburn/ Dulles (44285 Ice Rink Plaza) and Centreville (14611 Lee Hwy) facilities. Customers who donate blood will receive a voucher for a free oil change at any of its 11 locations (or \$30 off any service). Appointments are preferred, but walk-ins will are welcome at the two Virginia Tire & Auto facilities. To schedule an appointment visit inova.org/donateblood, click donate blood 2x, and enter sponsor code 8000 for Ashburn/ Dulles or enter sponsor code 7929 for Centreville or call 1-866-BLOODSAVES.

SATURDAY/SEPT. 8

Metabolism Boost. 12:15 - 1:15 p.m. In this seminar you will learn how to fuel your body, fire up your metabolism, and get the most from your exercise program. At The Women's Club Fitness Center and Day Spa, 14175 Sullyfield Circle. Preregistration required; call 703-817-0700 or email womensclub@aol.com to reserve.

SUNDAY/SEPT. 9

Volunteers for Change

Orientation. 12-1 p.m. Volunteers for Change invites community members of all ages to attend an orientation where volunteers can choose from more than 50+ monthly community service projects throughout Northern Virginia. At the Volunteer Fairfax Office, 10530 Page Ave. Register for the next orientation at 703-246-3895 or email jkivlin@volunteerfairfax.org.

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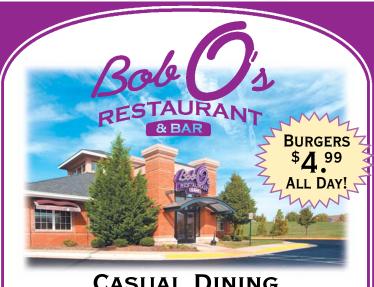
SUNDAY/ SEPT. 16

Troop 1983 Eagle Scout Project, Senthil Kannan. Noon- 4 p.m. Bikes for the World Used Bike Collection. Donate your used bike (and bike parts) to make a difference in someone's life. A \$10 donation along with a donated bike (both are tax-deductible) covers shipping and handling, and the donation will help reduce landfill waste. REI Fairfax in Fairfax Corner, 11950 Grand Commons Ave. Contact Senthil at senthil.kannan.61109@gmail.com. Visit www.bikesfortheworld.org.

WEDNESDAY/SEPT. 26

Local Grants. If you have an idea or project to improve the quality of life in your neighborhood, Fairfax County is now offering up to \$5,000 in matching grants to neighborhood or civic groups, homeowner's associations or nonprofits through the Neighborhood Enhancement Partnership Program (NEPP). Applications are due by Sept. 26 at 10 a.m. Call Rachel Robinson, Fairfax County Department of Administration for Human Services, at 703-324-5639, TTY 711.





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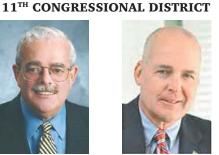


Kristin A. Cabral



Frank Wolf (R)*

Gerry Connolly



* = incumbent

Chris Perkins (R)

Election Day Is Nov. 6; Absentee Voting Begins Sept. 21

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* Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Suite 323, Fairfax, VA 22035

Absentee voting hours, Sept. 21-Oct. 16, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday, 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Thursdays: 8 a.m. - 7

Oct. 17-Nov. 2, Monday-Friday: 8 a.m. -8 p.m.

Saturday Hours: Oct. 6, 13, 20, 27, Nov. 3: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Office Closed On: Monday, Oct. 8, 2012 (Columbus Day)

Last Day to Vote In-Person: Saturday, Nov.

Absentee Voting in Person, Fairfax County Satellite Locations

available Oct. 17 - Nov. 3, Monday - Friday, 2 p.m. to 8 p.m.; Saturdays, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.:

Voting in the following seven locations is

❖ Franconia Governmental Center, 6121 Franconia Road, Alexandria, VA 22310

❖ Dolley Madison Library, 1244 Oak Ridge Avenue, McLean, VA 22101

North County Human Services Building, 1850 Cameron Glen Drive, Reston, VA Absentee In-person Voting in the City of

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Mount Vernon Governmental Center,

❖ Sully Governmental Center, 4900 Stonecroft Boulevard, Chantilly, VA 20151

2511 Parkers Lane, Alexandria, VA 22306

6140 Rolling Road, Springfield, VA 22152

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In-person absentee voting starts Friday, Sept. 21 at 8 a.m. and ends Saturday, Nov. 3 at 5 p.m.

Regular hours for in-person absentee voting are Monday - Friday, from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. at the Office of Voter Registration and Elections, 132 North Royal Street, Suite 100 (the office is closed on Monday, Oct. 8).

Beatley Library will be used as a second absentee voting site beginning Thursday, Oct. 25.

More details, including dates of extended hours at http://alexandriava.gov/elections/ info/default.aspx?id=1720

Arlington In-person Absentee Voting:

Will be available starting Sept. 21 and ending 5 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 3 at 2100 Clarendon Blvd., Lobby Level, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday to Friday, (closed Oct. 8) with some extended hours, and Saturdays beginning Sept. 29.

Two satellite locations, Barcroft Sport and Fitness Center, 4200 S. Four Mile Run Drive and Madison Community Center, 3829 N. Stafford St., will have in-person absentee voting from Oct. 6 - Nov. 3. For hours, visit http://www.arlingtonva.us/departments/ voterregistration/ voterregistrationabsenteevoting.aspx

WHAT'S ON THE BALLOT?

Every voter in Virginia will vote for U.S senator and their member in the U.S. House of Representatives, in addition to President of the United States and two constitutional questions.

For Senate, Tim Kaine (D), former governor will face George Allen (R), also former governor and former U.S. senator, to replace U.S. Sen. Jim Webb (D) who is retiring from the Senate after a single term. Webb defeated George Allen six years ago. Connection coverage of the U.S. Senate race is available at http:// www.connectionnewspapers.com/news/ Election/National/Senate/

Two constitutional questions will appear

on all Virginia ballots, one about the use of eminent domain and one about the timing of a particular session of the General Assembly to consider overriding vetoes by the governor of legislation that was passed by assembly. the See http:// www.sbe.virginia.gov/webdocs/ 201211ConstitutionalAmendmentsPoster.pdf.

In the races for U.S. House of Representatives, it's worth noting that redistricting resulted in significant changes in Northern Virginia in terms of who your U.S. representative will be. If you live in Reston, for example, while last election you were represented by Jim Moran and the 8th district, now you are in the 11th district where the incumbent is Gerry Connolly. See the map for details. Fairfax County is represented by three Congressional Districts, 8, 10 and 11. Connection coverage of congressional races is available at http:// www.connectionnewspapers.com/news/ Election/National/Representatives.

In the 8th District, incumbent Rep. Jim Moran (D), seeking his 12th term since being elected in 1990, will face Patrick Murray (R), and two independent candidates, Janet Murphy and Jason Howell. The 8th district includes all of Alexandria and Arlington, plus parts of Fairfax County including Mount Vernon, Lorton and parts of McLean, Tysons and Falls Church.

In the 10th District, Frank Wolf (R), elected to office in 1982, will face Democrat Kristin A. Cabral and independent J. Kevin Chisholm. The 10th district sprawls from McLean to Winchester, and includes Great Falls, Chantilly, parts of Fairfax Station, the Town of Clifton, part of Burke and Springfield.

In the 11th District, Gerry Connolly (D), former chairman of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, elected to Congress in 2008, will face Republican Chris Perkins and Independents Joe Galdo and Peter M. Marchetti. The 10th district now includes the City of Fairfax, the Town of Herndon. Reston, central Fairfax County including parts of Burke, Springfield and Lorton.

IN FAIRFAX COUNTY, voters will also decide whether to invest in infrastructure based on four bond questions, answering yes or no to supporting \$75 million for parks, \$55 million for public safety facilities, \$25 million for library facilities and \$30 million for stormwater and sewer improvements. http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/elections/nov_2012_county_bond_issues.pdf

IN THE CITY OF ALEXANDRIA, voters will also choose a mayor, members of the city council and school board.

The Alexandria City Council is composed of a Mayor and six Council members who are elected at-large for three-year terms. Incumbent mayor Bill Euille (D) will face Andrew H. Macdonald (I) in the race for

Voters will choose six City Council members from the list of 12: Frank H. Fannon IV (R)*, Alicia R. Hughes (R)*, John R. "Bob" Wood (R), John Taylor Chapman (D), Timothy Lovain (D), Del Pepper *(D), Allison Silberberg (D), Paul C. Smedberg❖ (D), Justin M. Wilson (D), Glenda B. Davis (I), Robert Krause (L), Jermaine A. Mincey (I). ❖ means incumbent.

The Alexandria City School Board is a nine-member elected body that adopts policy for the daily operation of schools and sees that school laws are properly explained, enforced, and observed. The city is divided into three voting districts, and three Board members are elected from each district. Each member serves a three-year term. Incumbents marked *.

School Board District A: Stephanie Amann Kapsis, William E. "Bill" Campbell*, Karen A. Graf, Helen F. Morris*, Joyce D. Rawlings, Heath E. Wells

School Board District B: Michael A. Brookbank, Chyrell D. Bucksell, Kelly Carmichael Booz, Justin P. Keating, Marc Williams *

School Board District C: Ronnie M. Campbell*, Patricia A. "Pat" Hennig, Christopher J. Lewis, Jeff N. Zack.

IN ARLINGTON, voters will choose one member of the County Board and one member of the School Board. Both Arlington boards are made up entirely of at-large members, so both races will appear on all Arlington ballots.

Incumbent Libby Garvey (D) will face Matthew A. Wavro (R) and Audrey R. Clement (I) for the seat on the County Board.

For School Board, incumbent Emma N. Violand-Sanchez will face Noah L. Simon.

Arlington voters will also decide yes or no on four bond questions, whether to authorize raising \$32 million public schools, \$28 million for community infrastructure, \$50 million for local parks and recreation, and \$32 million for Metro and transportation. http://www.arlingtonva.us/departments/voterregistration/forms/ Bonds2012ENG.pdf

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SPORTS

Getting To Know Chantilly Sports

Boys' lacrosse team finished region and state runner-up in 2012.

School: Chantilly High School.

Mascot: Chargers.

School Colors: Purple and white.

Athletic Director: Terry Brown, 703-222-8160. **Football Coach**: Michael Lalli (eighth year).

The Chargers won their first five games in 2011, finished the regular season with a 6-4 record and qualified for the postseason. Chantilly lost to West Potomac in the regional quarterfinals.

Cross Country Coach: Matt Gilchrist.
Volleyball Coach: Charles Ezigbo.
Boys' Basketball Coach: Jim Smith.
Girls' Basketball Coach: Valerie Allen.
Baseball Coach: Verin Ford

Baseball Coach: Kevin Ford.

Boys' Lacrosse Coach: Kevin Broderick. Girls' Soccer Coach: Melissa Bibbee.

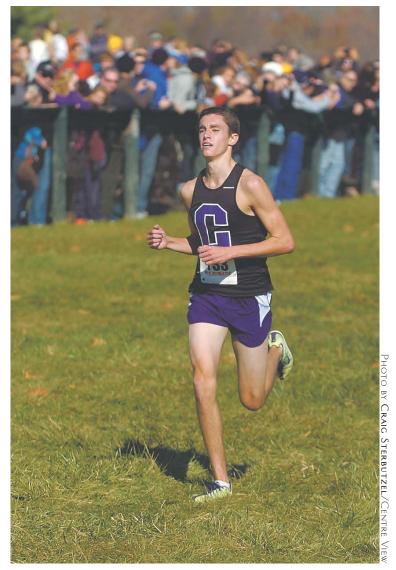
Rival School: Centreville.

What Happened Last Year: The volleyball team won a Concorde District championship. The boys' cross country team finished fifth in the state, led by

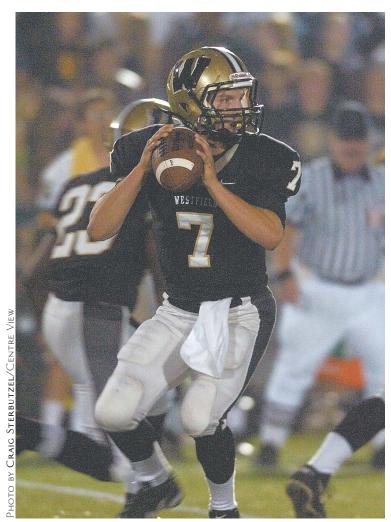
individual runner-up Sean McGorty. The girls' basketball team finished district runner-up. The boys' lacrosse team finished region and state runner-up to Langley. The girls' soccer team went 13-1-1 in the regular season, winning a district title, but lost to Madison in the first round of regionals. The softball team won a district title.

Famous Graduates: Scott Secules (1984 graduate) played quarterback at the University of Virginia and was a sixth-round selection of the Dallas Cowboys in the 1988 NFL Draft. He also played for the Miami Dolphins and New England Patriots. Mike Kohn (1990) won a bronze medal in the bobsled at the 2002 Winter Olympics. Bhawoh Jue (1997) played defensive back for Penn State University and was selected in the third round of the 2001 NFL Draft by the Green Bay Packers. He was also a member of the San Diego Chargers, St. Louis Rams and Arizona Cardinals. He last played in the NFL in 2007. Joe Koshansky (2000) was a sixth-round selection of the Colorado Rockies in the 2004 MLB Draft.

Quotable: "The key has been having players buy into the system you are teaching and then play extremely hard. At both Chantilly and McLean I had players who did just that." — Chantilly boys' basketball coach Jim Smith after achieving his 400th career victory.



Sean McGorty placed second at the 2011 state cross country meet, helping the Chantilly boys' team finish



Matthew Pisarcik and the Westfield football team finished region runner-up in 2011.

Getting To Know Westfield Sports

Boys' basketball team won a Northern Region championship in 2012.

School: Westfield High School.

Mascot: Bulldogs.

School Colors: Black, gold and white. **Athletic Director**: Terri Towle, 703-488-6400. **Football Coach**: Kyle Simmons (second year).

The Bulldogs went undefeated during the 2011 regular season, capturing a Concorde District championship along the way, but lost a rematch with Centreville in the Northern Region championship game. Westfield finished 12-1.

Field Hockey Coach: Starr Karl.
Volleyball Coach: Jim Bour.
Boys' Basketball Coach: Doug Ewell.
Wrestling Coach: Chuck Hoskins.
Baseball Coach: Chuck Welch.
Rival Schools: Centreville, Chantilly.

What Happened Last Year: The field hockey team won a Concorde District title and finished Northern Region runner-up. The boys' basketball team won a region championship. The baseball team finished

district runner-up and advanced to the region semifinals. The wrestling team won its fourth region title in five years. The boys' lacrosse team finished district runner-up.

Famous Graduates: Eddie Royal (2004 graduate) is a receiver for the San Diego Chargers. He played collegiately at Virginia Tech and was a second-round choice of the Denver Broncos in the 2008 NFL Draft. Sean Glennon (2004) played quarterback for Virginia Tech. Brent Bowden (2005) was a first-team all-ACC punter for Virginia Tech. Brandon Snyder (2005) was selected with the 13th pick in the first round of the 2005 MLB Draft by the Baltimore Orioles and reached the Major Leagues in 2010. He is now in the Texas Rangers system. Evan Royster (2006) is a running back for the Washington Redskins. He played collegiately at Penn State and was selected by the Redskins in the sixth round of the 2011 NFL Draft. Mike Glennon (2008) is the starting quarterback at North Carolina State.

Quotable: "We've been working for this for like three years. We just played as a team all 32 minutes and poured our hearts out. This is the happiest moment of my life." — Zach Elcano after the Westfield boys' basketball team captured the 2011-12 Northern Region title.

Newcomers & Community Guide

Take Aim

Bull Run Shooting Center

7700 Bull Run Drive, Centreville 703-830-2344

Located in Bull Run Regional Park, the Bull Run Shooting Center is a hunter's or archer's delight — with skeet and trap, sporting clays, a renovated indoor archery range, and an archery and gun pro shop. Five people may occupy each of the five skeet and trap shooting fields, and 14 clay-shooting spots are available.

Cost: shooting skeet and trap is \$5.50/round for 25 targets; sporting clays are \$20/round for 50 targets; five-stand is \$8/round for 25 targets. Shotgun rentals are \$11 for the day, and \$6.50 for a box of ammunition. Take the learn-to-shoot class for \$30/person. Classes are limited to 8 people. Archery lanes are \$5.25/hour. (Must bring archery equipment). The shooting center is open Wed.-Fri. 3-8 p.m.(upper) and clays are open at 12 p.m.; Sat.-Sun. 9-5 p.m. Closed Monday-Tuesday. Visit www.nvrpa.org. Click on the Bull Run Shooting Center link.

Strike and Spare

Bowl America Chantilly

4525 Stonecroft Blvd., Chantilly 703-830-2695

www.bowl-america.com

Cost to bowl: Mon.-Fri. before 6 p.m. is \$2.99/person per game. Sat. and Sun. \$3.69 per game. After 6 p.m. it's \$5.35/per person. Shoe rentals: \$4.25. Leagues play every evening.

AMF Centreville Lanes 13814 Lee Highway, Centreville 703-830-3700

Cost to bowl: Mon. - Tues. \$1.99 all day. Wed-Fri. \$2.75 per game. After 6 p.m. is \$4.25. Friday and Saturday nights is Cosmic Bowling for \$5.50. Sat. -Sun. daytime is \$4.25/person. Shoe rental. \$3.25/child; \$4.50/adults. Leagues bowl on certain nights.

Cox Farms' Fall Festival

Cox Farms

15621 Braddock Road, corner of Braddock and Pleasant Valley roads, Centreville

703-830-4121

www.coxfarms.com

Each fall, Cox Farms becomes a 96-acre children's playground featuring mountain slides, rope swings, petting zoos, a castle, hay bales to climb on, mounds of soft sponges for kids to land on, and live musical entertainment. Attractions include Panda Pagoda, Miners' Motel, Cox's Mountain, Volcano Mountain, Fairyland, Winnie the Pooh's House and Jack-and-the-Beanstalk Barn Slide. The Volcano Mountain Slide has dragons on top and special sound effects. Pumpkin Madness, group visits, food and a pumpkin patch round out the entertainment

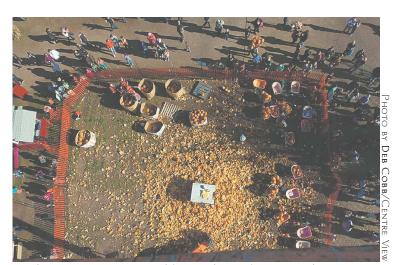
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At the Cox Farms Pumpkin Madness in November, guests can bring their jack o' lanterns or old pumpkins to be dropped from a 60-foot boom lift. This is the last thing the pumpkins see before they fall to their ... squash.

Ages 6 and up, individuals, families, youth groups, summer camps, scout troops, business team building.

Hours: Mon.-11 a.m.-6 p.m.; Tues.-Thur. 11 a.m.-10 p.m.; Fri. 11 a.m.-midnight; Sat. 10 a.m.-midnight; Sun. 10 a.m.-10 p.m.

Cost per person: single play \$7.75; double play \$14.75; triple play is \$20.50 per person. Walk-in groups of six to 14 playing two adventures are \$13.50 per person. Groups of 15 to 39 playing two adventures are \$12.50 per person. Groups of 40 and up are \$11.50 per person. Offers birthday parties for ages 7 and up as well as group outings.

Each adventure lasts 30 minutes with 15-minute briefing and 15-minute play time. Located near the Dulles Expo Center.

Please Pass the Popcorn

Trinity Centre

5875 Trinity Parkway, Centreville www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/performances/starlight.htm

Starting this August, families can participate in free movie nights every Saturday at Trinity Centre Park. Families can arrive at 6 p.m. to enjoy fun children activities. The movies start rolling after dark for an exciting night with the family.

Dive Into

Cub Run Rec Center 4630 Stonecroft Blvd. Chantilly 703-817-9407

www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks

The Cub Run Recreation Center features a plethora of amenities, including a competitive pool with spectator seating for 175 people, a 4,860-sq. ft. leisure pool with two huge slides, a whirlpool spa, two multipurpose rooms, a 9,600-sq. ft. fitness and health spa, a 270-square foot party room. The competitive pool also has an advanced drowning-detection system to aid the lifeguards on duty. Cost for county members: \$8/adults; \$6.50/youth, students, seniors. Cost \$10.50 for out of county residents.

Giddy Up, Pony

The Clifton Horse Society P.O. Box 183, Clifton

703-250-6188

www.cliftonhorsesociety.org

Established in 1977, the Clifton Horse Society serves the needs of those interested in horses in Fairfax County and the surrounding communities. Most club members are horse owners, but membership is open to all horse lovers. Although founded in Clifton, the society's hundreds of members now include people throughout Virginia, in other states, and overseas. Activities cover every base including recreational, social, educational and service.

Recreational Activities — Organized monthly trail rides with fast and slow groups are on local trails or those within a short trailer drive of Northern Virginia. Other mounted events throughout the year have included horse/fun shows,

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Andrew and Mason Pratt listen to a member of the 1st Virginia Regiment of the Continental Line discuss the life of a Revolutionary War soldier at the Sully Historic Site Colonial Day in November.

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Judged Pleasure trail rides, the Fairfax Fourth of July Parade, and Christmas caroling on horseback in the Town of Clifton.

Social — Activities include spring and fall social parties, Knowdowns (a "Trivial Pursuit/Pictionary" type of event) and Christmas caroling. Although this is not a children's riding club, social activities frequently include the whole family.

Educational — CHS sponsors clinics on horse care, training, vetting, safety, trailering, purchasing and maintenance of tack, and other aspects of quality horseman-

Service — In cooperation with local park authorities and landowners, the club maintains trails and develops new ones. Funds raised support worthy causes such as Therapeutic Riding and scholarships for those pursuing equine studies.

Benefits Of Membership — Provides camaraderie with others of similar interests and fosters sharing, learning and meeting new friends. CHS' monthly newsletter, Lead Line, includes articles about horse care and horsemanship, trail and pasture maintenance, other articles of interest, classified advertisements, and a calendar of CHS events and other area horse organization's activities. Members also receive a club roster with members' telephone numbers and addresses (postal and e-mail). Yearly dues are \$20 for individual or \$30 for family membership. For more information or to get a

complimentary copy of the Clifton Horse Society's monthly newsletter, write to CHS, P.O. Box 183, Clifton, VA 20124. Call Mary Flowers at

Gone to the Dogs

Centreville Dog Park

15150 Old Lee Road, Chantilly www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/

www.Centrevilledogs.org 703-324-8662

The Centreville Dog Park is on three acres at 15150 Old Lee Road, one-eighth mile north of Old Lee and Braddock Roads. The facility features a separate large-dog area

of 1 1/4 acres and a small-dog area of 1/6 acre. The park is free and is open seven days a week during daylight hours. This off-leash playground for pooches opened March 2005 and was made possible by CentrevilleDogs and the Fairfax County Park Authority.

CentrevilleDogs, a nonprofit group of 350 area residents and businesses, sponsored and maintains the 65,000-sq. ft. facility. And dogs need not reside in Centreville to come and have fun. All licensed dogs are welcome, since that also means their shots are up-to-date. The park is open from dusk to dawn.

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13869 Park Center Drive, Herndon 703-359-9882

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A History of Flying High

Steven F. Udvar-Hazy Center

14390 Air & Space Museum Parkway, Chantilly

202-633-1000

www.nasm.si.edu/UdvarHazy

The Steven F. Udvar-Hazy Center opened in Chantilly in December 2003 and is the companion facility to the Smithsonian Institution's museum on the National Mall in D.C. Among the planes on display are the Lockheed SR-71 Blackbird — the fastest jet in the world — and the Boeing B-29 Superfortress Enola

The centerpiece of the museum's space hangar is the space shuttle Enterprise. The center also offers an IMAX theater, flight simulations, food service, a museum store, free tours, daily educational programs and school group tours and activities. Open daily from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Parking costs \$15 (free after 4 p.m.), but admission is free.

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Life in the Cancer Lane



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

Not to look a reasonably good result from my anti-cancer oral medication in the mouth, but however good I feel, however asymptomatic I am (other than the dry skin and pimply rash on my face), the results from my next CT Scan in early September will tell me how I should really feel. If the tumors (one in particular) have not grown or moved – or have even shrunk, I will feel Tony-the-Tiger "Great!" If on the contrary, the tumors have grown again, as they had in June - after my two previous chemotherapy infusions, then whatever I think I feel now will be replaced by what I don't want to think about ever: the presumably inevitable, now-what?

"Now what" as in "what next," has rarely been a discussion I've had with my oncologist, the scenario question as I refer to it. Whenever I would ask the perfectly logical question - to me, about what we might do if so and so happens or if such and such occurs (medically speaking relating to the cancer, that is) my doctor would always defer, and advise patience and caution, not wanting to get too far ahead of where we were but rather wait until we got there – considering that "there" is hardly a straight line. As difficult as it was for me to not always have clear options and strategies outlined for the future, what did become clear to me was that trying to anticipate such outcomes and plan treatment protocols accordingly, was not something my oncologist was comfortable doing, given the variability and unpredictability of how my body (cancer) would respond to whatever we had been doing. In a professional way, sort of, it was kind of a waste of his time to discuss treatment for eventualities which had not yet manifested themselves. The plan/his thinking was - as I soon learned, preempt what we could, treat what we knew, and wait for results to know what, or what not to do, next.

Presuming facts not yet in evidence and/or reactions not yet diagnosed/confirmed was natural for me - as a salesman. For an oncologist however, it would be unethical almost, to tell me things which are not yet true but might be or might not be, depending on.. And so I've come to accept that (for awhile, I continued to ask except-type scenario/what if questions). Eventually, I grew comfortable with these perimeters and knew that waiting and hoping - and wondering, was going to be the currency with which I was going to pay my emotional dues. Once having assimilated these dos and don'ts into my understanding and expectations, the planning of my present and future life became less stressful, oddly enough. Once I knew the limitations of our conversations projecting medically (into a very uncertain future), I could work it into my head and better manage the emotional roller coaster which had/has become my life. Oh sure, we had general discussions about treatment options, and there was a road map of sorts, but specifically visiting and discussing scenarios A, B and C either in person or electronically was rarely how our time together has been spent.

If I hadn't learned to sit tight and wait for results – and then discuss those results and future treatment options, I might have driven myself and all those around me crazy. Now I'm waiting again - until September. Having been there and done that now for three and a half years certainly helps. And however familiar it may be and/or has become, it doesn't exactly help to pass the time or affect the results, unfortunately. Cancer sucks! That much is clear. Now and in the future.

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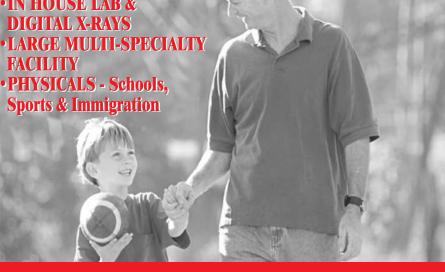
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