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Road Projects Moving Forward

Frey updates Sully District Council.

By Bonnie Hobbs Centre View

ransportation was the topic last week when Supervisor Michael R. Frey (R-Sully) addressed the Sully District Council of Citizens Associations, updating the panel and audience on local road projects.

"We have a fair amount of transportation improvements coming in the next two years," he said last Wednesday, June 26. "And for the first time in awhile, there's some optimism that we'll be able to [carry them out] because of the passage of the transportation bill."

And it's a good thing some money is finally available, said Frey, because road improvements don't come cheap. Take the current widening of Stringfellow Road between Fair Lakes Boulevard and Route 50 from two lanes to four, he said.

"Today's estimate for that project is \$63 million



Michael Frey discusses local road projects.

Matt Eline was Rocky Run's

principal for the past three

for 1.9 miles," said Frey. "That's \$31.5 million/mile."

Basically, he said, "Everything is increasing in cost tremendously. And it's partly because Congress passed a law saying that the owner of property taken by a government for eminent domain must not only receive fair-market value, but must also be compensated for the lost income on it."

Frey said the economy is on "a slight uptick. Homes are staying on the market a little less and prices are rising. So we're starting to see growth again and new construction."

By the end of the year, he said, "We should be able to do additional improvements on Route 28 between the toll road and Route 50. The Comprehensive Plan shows

four lanes total there. We've been designing it with Route 28 Tax District money, but now we can use some of this new revenue source for it."

Also on Route 28, Frey said VDOT's about ready to

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Remembering Reema

Dan Hrebenak sings and plays "An Original Song" at the Remembrance Cabaret for Reema Samaha.

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Eline Leaves Rocky Run

He's named new principal of Robinson Secondary School.

By Bonnie Hobbs Centre View

nder Matt Eline's leadership at Rocky Run Middle School, several teams of math and science students have won state and national championships, and the school, itself, received the Governor's Award for Educational Excellence, three years in a row.

But he's now moved on to become the new principal of Robinson Secondary School. And since he was an assistant principal at Fairfax High for four years and principal of Rocky Run, the past three, he's well-equipped for the job.

Eline found out June 21 that the School Board approved his appointment, and it was announced last Monday, June 24, at both schools. His first, official day at Robinson will be July 8.

"I have a lot of mixed emotions," he said. "I've loved

being principal at Rocky Run — it's been very fulfilling — and I'll miss the relationships I've built with the parents, students and teachers. But I'm really excited for a new challenge, and

I can't think of a better place to be than Robinson Secondary."

Eline's wife Belinda teaches music at a Prince William County elementary school. He's also a dad to four boys, stepsons in college, plus twins, almost 7. The move to Robinson was a family decision, and Eline says they all support it.

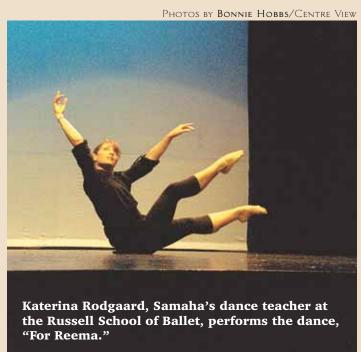
"I'm going to one of the best secondary schools in the state," he said. "It has a great staff, supportive community and motivated students, so there are lots of similarities between it and Rocky Run. But one of the things that attracted me was to have a bigger impact on students all the way from seventh through 12th grades."

A middle-school principal just has two years with the students.

"By the time you get to know them, they're leaving," said Eline. "So this gives me a longer time to establish relationships. I'm especially interested in that

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"Andaloosia," the number Reema Samaha choreographed as a member of Virginia Tech's Contemporary Dance Ensemble, is performed by the CDE in her honor.



The Gin Dance Co. performs "The Core."

Remembering Reema in Song and Dance

he annual Remembrance Cabaret for 2006 Westfield High grad and

Samaha was June 15 at Westfield. Several VT students and Westfield grads performed. Through dona-Virginia Tech victim Reema tions, the event raised \$10,637 for

Angel Fund, a nonprofit founded privacy laws and information sharby the Samaha family to create safer schools and communities by focusing on mental-health issues,

ing. Attendees also contributed \$2,107 to the Reema J. Samaha Memorial Scholarship Fund.



Claire Manship sings "Sooner or Later/The Man that Got Away."



Carolyn Agan sings "Anytime."



Shannon Douglass sings "Secondhand White Baby Grand."



Nick Burroughs sings "Let Me Fall."



Jon Lawlor sings and plays "Green Eyes."



"Siempre Estaras Conmigo," by Ritmo DMV Latin Dance Group.



Westfield grads perform a comedy sketch.

Roundups

Free Carseat Inspections

Certified technicians from the Sully District Police Station will perform free, child safety carseat inspections Tuesday, July 9, 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.

Countywide Transit Network Study

The Fairfax County Department of Transportation is conducting the Countywide Transit Network Study to determine the type of transit systems needed to accommodate forecasted growth throughout the county over the next several decades. The study has developed a proposed concept plan for where Metrorail should be extended, where light-rail systems are appropriate, and where dedicated lanes that allow buses to move faster could go. The study will also recommend how the system can be phased in and funded over time.

The public is invited to participate in the study's third public meeting and workshop to discuss the proposed High Quality Transit Network (HQTN) concept. It's slated for Wednesday, July 10, in rooms 4 and 5 of the Fairfax County Government Center. There'll be an open-house format from 6-9 p.m., with a 20-minute presentation at 7 p.m.

The public meeting will present preliminary recommendations for the HQTN corridors and describe the network's benefits for the county and its residents. For more information, see www.fairfaxcounty.gov/fcdot/2050transitstudy and join the conversation online via the IdeaScale discussion board at www.fairfaxcountydot.ideascale.com/. The next steps in the study will be to respond to the commentary received on the proposed concept, consider and incorporate potential revisions and develop final study recommendations this fall.

How to Hire CLRC Workers

The Centreville Labor Resource Center (CLRC) serves businesses and homeowners needing help with just about any home remodeling or maintenance project. And local residents who'd like to hire a worker from the CLRC may do so easily. Either call 703-543-6272 or go to www.centrevilleLRC.org and click on the "How to Hire" link. Tell what kind of work is required, how many workers are needed and when.

The CLRC will match the needs to its registered workers' skills and set up the job. The price for work will be negotiated. After the job is completed, employers are encouraged to provide the CLRC with feedback to ensure that the work was done well and to their satisfaction and to make sure the workers are fairly paid.

Food Donations for WFCM

Western Fairfax Christian Ministries' food pantry urgently needs donations of oil, canned fruit, rice (2-lb. bags), peanut butter, canned meat, Ramen noodles, canned white beans (garbanzo, northern, cannellini, navy), fruit juice, Hamburger Helper and canned vegetables (no green beans). Also needed are feminine napkins and dish soap.

Bring all items to WFCM'S new food-pantry location, weekdays, 9 a.m.-1:30 p.m., at 13888 Metrotech Drive, near Papa John's Pizza and Kumon Learning Center, in Chantilly's Sully Place Shopping Center.

In addition, Thrift Store volunteers are needed for two- to four-hour shifts Fridays, between 9 a.m. and 6 p.m., and Saturdays, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.

News



Pages monitor the entrance to the Senate chamber of the Virginia **State Capitol** in Richmond, where bills debated during the session became law on Monday, July 1.

When a Bill Becomes a Law

On July 1, sales taxes go up for Fairfax County residents.

> By Victoria Ross Centre View

hat happens in Richmond usually stays in Richmond during the General Assembly's annual legislative session.

Until the first of July, when what happened in Richmond becomes the law.

Based on low voter turnout for state representatives, most of Fairfax County's one million plus residents pay little attention to what their state legislators do or don't do in Richmond each year.

"Bills get passed in the blink of an eye, and what gets passed really does affect your day-to-day life," said Del. David Bulova (D-37.)

He pointed out that nearly 850 bills were passed into law during the 2012 session, including bitterlydebated legislation requiring a woman to have an ultrasound before an abortion, and the repeal of the "one handgun a month" law, which eliminated Virginia's 19-year ban on the purchase of more than one handgun a month.

Bulova had several legislative wins this session, including a bill that would make texting and driving a primary offense.

"We needed to at least make it clear that you risk a reckless driving offense if you text and drive," Bulova

Transportation funding dominated much of the discussion this year, and caused the most heartburn for many legislators. On the last day of the 2013 session, state legislators struck a bipartisan 11th hour deal for a comprehensive transportation funding plan, the first long-term plan in 27 years.

Most local legislators praised the bill, which is projected to raise more than \$3.5 billion for roads and rails over five years and nearly \$900 million annually after 2018. Northern Virginia gets hundreds of millions from the state, including \$300 million committed to complete Metro's Silver Line extension to Dulles International Airport.

State Sen. Chap Petersen (D-34) was one of a hand-

ful of Democrats who voted against the deal, arguing that the new taxes are "discriminatory against Northern Virginia. ... The bottom line is we did need new revenue for transportation. We just went about it the wrong way."

"If we had not seized the moment, I couldn't see another path forward in the foreseeable future to get a meaningful transportation package through a split General Assembly and then the governor," said Bulova during a legislative wrap-up session for constituents in the Braddock district in April. "While this wasn't a perfect package, it also wasn't a something or nothing deal either."

Del. Vivian Watts (D-39), considered a "transportation wonk" by her peers — she served as Virginia's Secretary of Transportation — has argued that not having the transportation deal would have been

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State Sen. Chap Petersen (D-34), (sitting, far right), discusses a bill in the Senate chamber of the Virginia State Capitol in Richmond in February, near the end of the session.

Braddock/Pleasant Valley Roads' Dilemma

Residents want their say before supervisors vote on design.

By Bonnie Hobbs Centre View

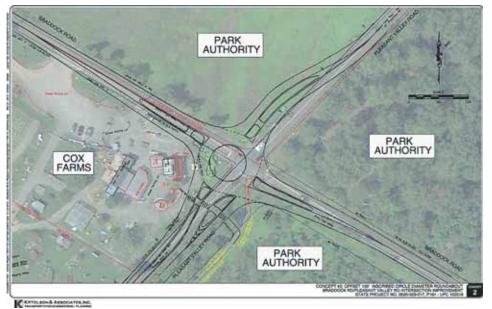
hile discussing local road projects last week, Supervisor Michael R. Frey (R-Sully) saved the most controversial one — the Braddock/Pleasant Valley roads intersection — for last.

VDOT's proposing a roundabout, but residents in nearby communities say it'll benefit Loudoun County commuters, while flooding Braddock and Pleasant Valley roads with so much traffic that it'll all but imprison them in their neighborhoods.

"A traffic circle has significantly less impact on the parkland," said Frey at the June 26 Sully District Council meeting. "You can't put a traffic light there without turn lanes with a required amount of stacking distance. There's no question a lot of the traffic is coming from Loudoun County. And Route 50 being as bad as it is more than likely caused a lot of people to use that intersection instead."

Noting that Pleasant Valley Road creates a de-facto, north-south connector between Routes 29 and 50, he acknowledged that "Pleasant Valley wasn't intended to carry so much traffic; that creates dangerous situations."

Frey said he believes that, when the Route 50 widening is completed in June 2015, much of the traffic that diverted to Braddock will return to Route 50.



VDOT's choice to improve the Braddock/Pleasant Valley roads intersection is a roundabout with the center shifted southwest.

"We've never had all the roads we need, in the Comprehensive Plan, and we're going to need the intersection improvement," he said. "Residents in other communities need to use Pleasant Valley Road, too, and the communities along Stone Road are bearing more traffic than they should. So I'm going to continue to work with VDOT to protect these communities and try to move this project along."

Since three quadrants of the roundabout would be on Fairfax County Park Authority land, Frey said two would remain open space, but the third quadrant has been earmarked for recreational use.

"The Park Authority's Sully Woodlands school along Braddock, a mile from the plan for the northwest quadrant calls for ballfields there," he said. "But they haven't fic, too. So I'm scared that, if we wait until

had the money to build them because of the drainage [problems], turn lanes and frontage improvements needed there — and they'll be compensated for their land."

Still, said Virginia Run's Ted Troscianecki, "We owe it to the taxpayers to wait and see if the Route 50 widening, plus the I-66/Route 28 improvements, alleviate the traffic before we do something here. The answer is not to continue to drive more traffic down substandard roads, but to funnel it to larger roads that can handle it."

But Frey said he's gotten complaints about that intersection for 15 years. He also revealed that Paul VI has plans to build a high school along Braddock, a mile from the Fairfax/Loudoun line, and "that'll bring traffic, too. So I'm scared that, if we wait until

2016 to do something, it'll be too late. I don't think we can afford that many more years of growth with the intersection as it is."

Troscianecki said VDOT, itself, disagrees about this intersection's importance. But the driving force is Loudoun County, which has raised \$1.2 million for the work — matched by the same amount from VDOT's Revenue Sharing Program — plus \$600,000 from the Commonwealth Transportation Board

"It wasn't my idea to get this project back up and make it a priority," said Frey. "But someone else will pay for it, and I think I owe it to the taxpayers to explore it."

Although years ago, the roundabout was estimated to cost \$6 million, Frey said the road bed won't have to be raised as much as was initially thought, so the price tag dropped to somewhere between \$3 million and \$4 million. But he believes it'll rise again. And, he added, "Loudoun County would also pay for the entrance to Fairfax County's ballfield; it's included in the price."

Since Fairfax County's Board of Supervisors will be voting on the roundabout's design, many residents want to make their wishes known to the board before it acts. "There's never been an opportunity for citizens to address the supervisors face-to-face about this issue," said Virginia Run's Jim Hart. "And I think a lot of people would like to get to say, 'Please don't do this, and here's why."

Frey said the supervisors will decide on the matter in the fall. "We rarely have hearings about VDOT road projects, and an improvement has been on the Comprehensive Plan for 20 years," he said. "But we'll talk about it and, obviously, the chairman will have a major say."

Frey Updates Sully District Council on Road Projects

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award the contract and start construction, in the next couple months, to lengthen the dual left-turn lanes going from Route 28 south to eastbound I-66. This project is anticipated to be finished by the end of this year or the beginning of 2014. Estimated cost is \$2 million.

The existing Route 29 bridge over Little Rocky Run needs to be replaced, so a new bridge with a six-lane capacity will be built. "Some design work is needed and right-of-way has to be acquired," said Frey. "Work is hoped to be underway by the end of the year or February or March. It'll take 15 months to build and should be done by summer 2015."

The box culvert on Lee Road will be extended, and Lee Road will be widened from two lanes to four over Schneider Branch. Construction should begin in March 2014 and end a year later. Estimated cost is \$4.2 million.

Regarding the Walney Road bridge over Flatlick Branch, the existing bridge will be replaced with a new, four-lane bridge with bike lanes. Cost estimate is \$7 million. In addition, Walney Road will be widened from two to four lanes from 250 feet south of Mariah Court to Willard Road. Cost estimate is \$8.5 million.

"There's federal funding for the bridge replacement, but the Walney Road piece is a separate project with separate funding," said Frey. "By the end of 2015, we should have a new bridge and a four-lane Walney from Route 50 to Route 28."

Also on the horizon is the widening of Stonecroft Boulevard from the Marriott service entrance to Westfields Boulevard. "The Westfield Business Park proffered in the 1980s to have Stonecroft/Westfield boulevards be six lanes," said Frey. "Their capacities haven't been huge problems, but Westfields Boulevard on the other side of Route 28 is mostly six lanes. The work could start later this summer and is being managed by the Westfield Business Owners Association."

So overall, said Frey, "We're trying to figure out how to spend the transportation money wisely and where it's needed most."



Artist's rendition of a widened, Walney Road Bridge, with inset photo of current bridge.

Chantilly Tragedy Described As Family Murder-Suicide

Police say suspect killed brother and himself.

BY BONNIE HOBBS Centre View

he tragic event in which two men were stabbed and another was shot last week inside a Chantilly home has turned into a murder-suicide. Fairfax County police identified the murder victim as Haseeb Raza, 24. They also said his suspected killer was his 20-yearold brother, Mohammad H. Raza.

According to police, Haseeb was fatally stabbed in the upper body. They say the other stabbing victim — identified only as a 61-year-old family member — was also "stabbed in the upper body when he tried to intervene." However, he was able to get away from the younger brother and flee downstairs. Then, say police, "It appears the suspect shot himself in the upper body."

The 61-year-old is recovering from his wounds. A woman and two young children — for whom she provided childcare — were also in the home in the 4100 block of Travers Court. But police say they weren't involved in the altercation or injured.

Police were dispatched to the single-family home

in the Rockland Village community, last Tuesday, June 25, around 11:19 a.m. Upon arrival, officers found the three injured men, all in critical condition. They were transported to hospitals, and Haseeb Raza was pronounced dead at Inova Fair Oaks Hospital that afternoon. Mohammad Raza died two days later, on June 27.

Police declined to give any motive for the fight. But officers encountered the aftermath of a violent, bloody scene and discovered that one person lost a body part in the fight.

In his June 25 affidavit for a warrant to search the house, homicide detective Robert Bond, of the Criminal Investigations Bureau, wrote that the person who called police that morning reported there was "a shooting and stabbing" at the residence. He also noted that "two firearms were seen in plain view by the arriving officers."

Police executed the search warrant that day at 3:20 p.m. and seized a multitude of items, including two .22-caliber rifles with their magazines, cartridges and cartridge cases; a .12-gauge shotgun and shells; boxes of ammunition and a knife.

Also confiscated were tables, a curtain panel, sleeping bag, comforter, pillow and eyeglasses — all with "red stains." In addition, police seized bloody clothing, a section of drywall where a bullet had deflected, a notebook, a laptop computer, cell phone and a "section of finger."



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OPINION

HOT-Lanes and No Metro for I-66?

Did you miss the public discussion and input? So did we.

ne day when I was stuck in traffic on I-66, I was briefly entertained by the license plate of the vehicle in front of me. "66 SUCKS," it read.

No question, commuting on I-66 is a bear. But last week, Gov. Bob McDonnell issued a request for the private sector to make improvements on the 25 miles between Route 15 and the Beltway.

A press release Thursday, June 27, announced that the "Commonwealth is looking for the best and brightest ideas, suggestions and recommendations from the private sector to transform I-66 from a highly congested corridor to a multi-modal transportation facility that moves traffic and people more efficiently."

So far so good. But the devil is in the details, which call to:

❖ Widen I-66 by building additional general purpose lanes that would not be tolled

* Convert the existing high occupancy vehicle lane into either a one or two lane (in each direction) facility that would be free to carpoolers, buses and emergency vehicles. The HOV lanes would operate similar to the I-495 Express Lanes, which were completed late 2012 or the I-95 Express Lanes, which are under construction.

❖ Locate Bus Rapid Transit in the median of I-66 extending west from Vienna to Haymarket.

Wait, Bus Rapid Transit is the only transit option in the request. Metrorail, VRE, light rail, all eliminated from consideration with the push of a "send" button.

thority expressed "grave concern regarding the lack of transit concepts moving forward for additional consideration." The NVTA said in a letter to McDonnell: "Although Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) is on the list of seven concepts being recommended for Tier 2, the absence of Metrorail extensions, VRE extensions and light rail transit is surprising. ... We EDITORIAL are concerned by the exclusion of these

transit options for additional study, as this could preclude development of these options in the future and is in conflict with existing and planned transit facilities for the I-66 Corridor."

This specific invitation to the private sector would stop consideration of any transit except bus rapid transit. While bus rapid transit should certainly be considered, this route could be a logical extension of the Metro Orange Line past Vienna, and VRE is also operating in the area. This is not the place to stop the consideration of transit options.

Also of concern is the fact that the 495 Express Lanes have not operated long enough to be fairly evaluated. Use of the lanes has been significantly below projections, and revenue has fallen short as well.

Nationwide, most HOT-Lanes projects are significantly underperforming projections. Turning over tolls for 75-80 years to a private partner is questionable, and the public needs to understand that the commonwealth invested heavily in the 495-Express Lanes as well.

The 495 Express Lanes were "funded with an extraordinary package of private equity, state funds and federal credit assistance, under a public-private partnership agreement signed on Dec. 20, 2007," according to Public Works Financing newsletter. "Key to making the numbers work were the large contribution

The Northern Virginia Transportation Au- from VDOT and the flexible federal credit assistance.'

> The agreement includes no limit on the amount of tolls, "protecting" the private investor from "excessive" HOV use (use of the lanes is free if there are three or more people in the vehicle), and revenue sharing with the com-

> > monwealth only after the project has met the optimistic expected return on investment of 13 percent.

There have been significant benefits to the 495 Express Lanes project including replacement of aging bridges and interchanges and additional capacity in the regular lanes. But we have no idea what those benefits will cost in the long run.

McDonnell should heed the request of the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority and pull back from the current request. Other transit options must be on the table, although bus rapid transit could still emerge as the best option. And an impartial analysis of how high occupancy toll lanes are working so far, and what Virginia's obligations are if they do not meet expectation, is a must before going forward on I-66

At presstime, early this week because of the Independence Day holiday, McDonnell released a draft 2013 Virginia PPTA Pipeline, calling for public comment between now and Aug. 1. Ten 'candidate projects" include; I-66 Corridor Improvements; Air Rights Development (VDOT); I-64 HOV to HOT Conversion; I-495 Express Lanes Extension; Cell Tower/Fiber Optic Opportunities. Ten conceptual projects include: Advertising/Sponsorship Opportunities (VDOT); Parking Facilities Enhancements (VDOT); Rest Area Enhancements.

See www.vappta.org.

— Mary Kimm, MKIMM@CONNECTIONNEWSPAPERS.COM

Animal Shelter Fundraiser Proves Successful

riends of the Fairfax County Animal Shelter held a fundraiser for the shelter, June 9, at Paradise Springs Winery in Clifton. Nearly 200 people attended the event, called "Wine, Whiskers & Wags," and raised \$6,000 for the shelter.

> PHOTOS COURTESY OF MARY O'MALLEY

Heidi Altman introduces her daughter, Sophie, to Lido the Irish Wolfhound.





Animal Services Advisory Commission board member Alison Volpert walks with her dog at the fundraiser.



Animal Shelter alumnus Dasher.



Animal Shelter alumna



Animal Shelter alumnus Lincoln.



From left are Animal Shelter Director Tawny Hammond and Fairfax County Board of Supervisors Chairman Sharon Bulova at the event.

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SCHOOLS





'Masquerade' at Rocky Run

Rocky Run Middle School held its 8th Grade Dance Friday night in the school cafeteria with the theme, "Masquerade."









LETTERS

So Many Supported Grad Party

To the Editor

On June 13, the Chantilly community came together to celebrate the graduation of the Chantilly High School Class of 2013. The 2013 CHS All Night Grad Party, themed "Oh, What a Knight," was held at Chantilly High School. It proved to be quite the night of fun for all who attended. The graduates enjoyed inflatables, carnival and casino games, as well as great food. It was a fantastic sendoff for our seniors as they begin a new phase of their lives. An event of this size takes many volunteers to make it a success. The 2013 CHS ANGP Planning Committee would like to thank all of the CHS parents and friends who volunteered their time and the families that made donations to the party. We would also like to thank the following businesses and organizations for their generous support:

Applebee's, Fair Lakes; Bagel Buddies, Fair Lakes; Baja Fresh, Chantilly; Baskin Robbins, Franklin Farm; Bob Evans, Chantilly; Bonefish. Greenbriar; Buffalo Wing Factory, Greenbriar; Cantina D'Italia, Fair Lakes; Century Distributors, Inc., Rockville; Chick-fil-A, Chantilly; Cici's Pizza, Chantilly Crossing; Curry's Automotive; Domino's, Greenbriar; Don Churros, Chantilly; Famous Dave's, Chantilly; Fancy Nails, Greenbriar; Firehouse Subs, Fairfax Towne Center; First Watch, Greenbriar; Franklin Middle School PTSA; Giant Food, Greenbriar; Greater Western Fairfax Cty. Women's Committee; IHOP, Sully Plaza; Jersey Mike's, Fair Lakes; Kathleen Peters, Studio 61 Hair Salon; King of Kings Lutheran Church; Maude Hair Salon, Herndon; Milwaukee Frozen Custard, Sully Plaza; Olive Garden, Fair Lakes; Papa John's, Chantilly; Papa Murphy's, Franklin Farm; Pepsico Foodservices, Inc., Chantilly; Piero's, Franklin Farm; Pinky Nails, Franklin Farm; Pohanka Automotive Group; Plato's Closet, Sully Plaza; PR Partners, Chantilly; Rocky Run Middle School PTSA; Ruby Tuesday's, Sully Plaza; Sakura, Fair Lakes; Shiang Yu, Franklin Farm; Sila Thai, Chantilly; Snap Fitness, Franklin Farm; Starbuck's, Greenbriar; Sweet Frog, Greenbriar; Trader Joe's, Centreville; Waterford Receptions, Fair Oaks; Wegman's, Fairfax; Wendy's, Expo Center and Fair Lakes, and Zinga Yogurt, Franklin Farm.

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Nguyen and Dave Jagels.



Wade Jordan Memorial: Ana-Lycia Pena and Dave Jagels.

Mountain View's Award-Winning Students Mountain View High School held its scholarship ceremony June 12. More photos, page 10.



Apple Federal Credit Union Foundation: (From left) Jeff Wilson, students Ada Ramirez and Jamie Frear, with Didi Crowder.



Mountain View Scholarships: (From left) Wes Robinson, Johanna Pineda, Keona Gaines and Jennifer Thompson.



ExxonMobil Education Alliance: Dung Nguyen and Principal Dave Jagels.



Merritt Family Memorial: Delsidia Avelar and Susan Lee.



The Rotary Club of Centreville/ Chantilly: Nofa Elias (left) and Catherine Read.



Troy Family: Nick McKeeby (left) and Tom Troy.



VFW Post 5412 Burke: Catie Chase and Tom Troy.



Woodruff Family - Ada Ramirez and Chuck Woodruff.



Dulles Regional Chamber of Commerce: (From left) Ali Aslam and Tim Harris.



Erin Peterson Fund: (From left) Jamie Frear and Buck Payne.

WELLBEING

Love after 50: Baby Boomers Need Romance Too

Couple chronicles their online dating experience in new book.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL Centre View

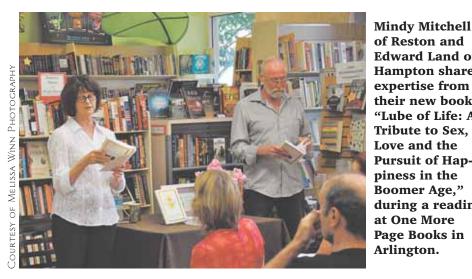
n a recent Wednesday evening, Mindy Mitchell and her partner, Edward Land, found themselves not only sharing some of the intimate details of their courtship, but also offering advice to other baby boomers who were looking for love. Mitchell, a bespectacled design consultant with cropped, chestnut hair, and Land, a tall, rugged longshoreman with a graying beard and matching receding hairline, were at One More Page Books in Arlington, to read from their newly released book on online dating for boomers.

"There were women who'd had intriguing experiences," said Mitchell. "They asked questions like how to know when someone puts something in [an online profile] that isn't true or not true anymore. One woman said she found a guy who said he was active, but when she met him, he was using a walker."

Sixty-one-year-old Mitchell of Reston and 63-year-old Land of Hampton recently published "Lube of Life: A Tribute to Sex, Love and the Pursuit of Happiness in the Boomer Age," a tome that chronicles their online dating adventure. They hope their story will inspire other single baby boomers who are searching for mates. "Dating in your 60s is a lot different than dating in the 1960s, to be sure," said Mitchell, who works as a design consultant at Sun Design Remodeling Specialists, Inc. in Burke. "Our message is one of hope and the courage to try one more time. Life is just too short."

Land, whose wife died prematurely of heart failure after 22 years of marriage, decided to try online dating because he was lonely: "I had been on my own for a year and a half and I missed the company of a sweetheart. I've always enjoyed the company of ladies.'

Mitchell, who has been divorced twice, noticed Land's online profile, and though she found him attractive, the two became only friends at first. "Mindy and I were just



of Reston and **Edward Land of Hampton share** expertise from their new book, "Lube of Life: A Tribute to Sex, Love and the **Pursuit of Hap**piness in the Boomer Age," during a reading at One More Page Books in Arlington.

buddies because she lived too far away,"

"We became friends to help each other and give each other dating advice," Mitchell added. "We ended up having all of these long conversations and connected energetically. Then one day, I blurted out, 'Why don't we meet?'

The book chronicles the evolution of their relationship from chums to lovers through a series of emails, text messages and dialogues. They share some of their innermost apprehensions with readers, their insecurities, thoughts and feelings, such as their first face-to-face meeting.

"I decided that I'd really like to have sex one more time before I die," said Mitchell. "We set up this time to meet for sex. If sex is like riding a bicycle, I wanted Edward to be my training wheels." She does offer a caveat, however: "That is not like me and I don't want to put it out there as a recommendation. You have to be careful. I had a background check [done] on him before we

When publisher Roseann S. Lentin of Turn the Page Publishing first heard Mitchell and Land's story, she knew it was a book in the making. "Now that baby boomers have a life expectancy that is now in the 90s, they are ready to have more of a revolutionary spirit," said Lentin. "The book was to be an inspiration for people to get back on the horse and get out there again."

Mitchell and Land say it is important to share details of their relationship in order to debunk some of the myths around online dating in one's golden years. "I think many baby boomers are uncomfortable with it," said Mitchell.º"We talked to so many people of our age. There were so many angry people who said, 'Why do I have to go online to do this?' For a woman, it is more about facing your own fears. Men often want younger women."

Ioana Boie, Ph.D., an assistant professor of counseling at Marymount University in Arlington says romantic relationships are important as people age. She also believes in removing some of the trepidation that often surrounds such discussions. "I think romantic relationships are a human need. We are relational beings," she said. "I don't think that people reach 70 and say, 'I don't want to be involved with anyone.' I believe romantic relationships mold who we are, offer support and help us be well."

John Martin of the online dating service Senior Match.com believes that an increasing number of those older than 50 are open to online dating as a way of finding a romantic partner. "I myself have met some terrific women online," he said in a statement. "In fact, it is now my preferred way to meet

women by far. Plus, I personally know many people who have found their husbands, wives, boyfriends or girlfriends through an online dating service. This is one of the reasons I believe that the older population is feeling better about using the Internet to find someone."

Mitchell and Land underscore the importance of safety and honesty when using online dating websites: "There are people who are predatory

and pick up people's insecurities. Do a background check, especially as a woman," Mitchell said.

Land recommends a straightforward approach: "Be honest with yourself and the online community," he said. "It is pointless tell people

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- Mindy Mitchell, coauthor of "Lube of Life: A Tribute to Sex, Love and the Pursuit of Happiness in the Boomer Age"

things that are not true. Have faith in yourself. Decide what is important to you, things you won't accept [and] what's negotiable."

Land and Mitchell are on a whirlwind tour promoting their book and sharing their wisdom. "The bottom line is not lose hope, and don't give up," said Land. "If you don't buy a ticket you can't win."

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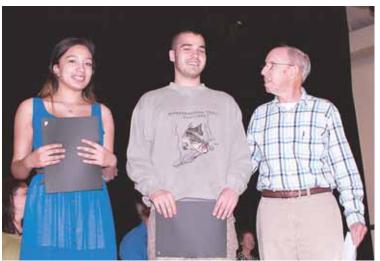
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Schools



Northwest Federal Credit Union Foundation: (From left) Judith Araya, Ada Ramirez and Laura Dawson.



The Closet of the Greater Herndon Area: (From left) Freedom Marques, William Parrella and Sam Harahan.

Mountain View's Award-Winning Students



Jessica Farthing **Memorial: Jane** and Jesse **Farthing** present it to Jamie Frear (center).

> Pнотоs Courtesy of Ken Burton

Centreville **Presbyterian** Church: Delsidia Avelar and sons with Kelly Johnson.





Business Alliance Networking Group of Centreville: Judith Araya.



Kris Hall Memorial: Oscar **Torres** and Sandy Valenzuela.



New Directions: Brusheinka Carrera and Buck Payne.



Parent Community Connection: **Isabel** Amaya and Dave Jagels.



Terry Studt Memorial: Claudia Villafuerte (left) and Catherine Collins.

Departmental **Awards**

The following awards were given to Mountain View High school students.

Art

Catherine Mabel Chase

Jamie Michelle Frear **Business and Information**

Technology

Ronny Alexander Burbano Sean Alexius Harper William Alecsander

Parrella Shiting Zhong

Education for Employment Brusheinka Carrera Granda

Family and Consumer Science

Jamie Michelle Frear Veronica Perez Pina English

Noelia Amurrio Claros Ada Ramirez Navarro **ESOL**

Level 1: Mayrene Rivera Rivera

Level 2: Jackeline Crisostomo Duran

Level 3: Assim Shammo and Maria Monge Abrego Level 4: Jose Serrano Arevalo, Nelson Duque Maldonado, Samantha Pamela Castro, Maria Villafuerta Pineda

SCIENCE

Chemistry Nofa Hussein Elias Rey Castellon Campos Timothy Choo Geosystem Elena Cifuentes Vasquez Jamie Michelle Frear Physics Catherine Mabel Chase Milton Fernandez Lemus

Reynaldo Gonzalez Martinez

SOCIAL STUDIES

World History I Shiwen Zhong World History II Wendy Maximo-Garcia US/VA Cesar Chavez Martinez Government Ana-Lycia Pena **MATH** Individual Math Fredy Alvarado Realegeno

Mayrene Rivera Rivera Algebra I Mercedes Gomez

Hernandez

Saima Iqbal Geometry Silvia Campos Panameno Algebra 2

Cesar Chavez Martinez

SCHOOLS

Eline Leaves Rocky Run

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transition from eighth to ninth grade. It's difficult for some students, and I believe I have the experience and interest to help kids with it."

"If they're going to become disillusioned, negative or disengaged from high school, it's in ninth grade," he said. "So we've got to make really sure they feel like they belong and we can hook them in and engage them in education. With Robinson Secondary, it's built in, and I think it helps that I've worked in both high schools and middle schools."

Eline's also ready to work with more students and staff and a larger community. Rocky Run has 1,024 students, but Robinson has 2,700 in secondary school and 1,200 in middle school, for nearly 4,000 total. And he's missed being in a school with sports teams.

But he won't forget Rocky Run and everything the school achieved with him at the helm. "Winning the Governor's Award three years in a row — and the fact that we were one of only two high schools in the whole state that won it this year — says a lot about the school, staff and community," he said.

Eline's also pleased about the anti-bullying work Rocky Run's done. "And we infused technology into the classroom," he said. "The students bring their own [electronic] devices and log into our network.

They're digital learners and we need to embrace that."

Once word got out about his new job, he received more than 400 e-mails congratulating him. "But it's not the number that's important — it's the relationships they represent," he said. "They came from friends, parents, colleagues, students, staff and even people I hadn't heard from in five years."

Many of them were also from Robinson staff. And last Friday, June 28, he was introduced to teachers, parents and students there and received a warm welcome.

He said being a principal is the hardest job he's ever had, but also the best. "It's demanding; everybody wants your time and attention," said Eline. "It takes a lot to run a school nowadays, and making it a high-flying school is even more challenging. But I love meeting the students, being part of their lives as they grow up and being a positive influence on them."

Reflecting on his time at Rocky Run, he's proud that the students "knew who their principal was at this school, and in a positive way. I was approachable for students and they knew I'd help them be successful. What I'll miss the most are the students and staff — there are some remarkable teachers at this school."

SCHOOL NOTES

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

The following academic awards were given out at Chantilly High School: Career and Technical Education: Kelly Sohee Chung, Outstanding Business Student; Jacob Andrew Rosenthal, Outstanding Technology Education Student. English Department Awards: Hannah Katherine Boehlert, Jack Henry Skopowski, Katherine Talbot Scott. Cornell Club of Washington Book Award: Jacob Samuel Payne. Harvard Prize Book Award: Megan Hue Lieu. Randolph College Book Award: Elizabeth Anne Cymerman. Smith College Book Award: Amanda Catherine Mason. Wellesley College Book Award: Ciana Elizabeth Deveau. Mathematics Department Awards: Cynthia Jing Zhuang, Robert John Guglielmino, Julie Elizabeth Estrada. Rensselaer Polytechnic Award: Pragati Prakash **Rohra**. Performing Arts Department Awards: Alice Lingpei Wang, Mia Elizabeth Rickenback, Amanda Catherine Mason. Physical Education Department Awards: Nancy Jannette Ramos, Ryan Boyd McGorty. Science Department Awards: Alice Lingpei Want, Jeffrey Zhengua Li, Clayton Wells Keating. University of Rochester, Bausch & Lomb Award: Michelle Tran. Social Studies Department Awards: Davina Eunice Miaw, Jack Henry Skopowski, Julie Elizabeth Estrada. Outstanding Work In American History Award: Julie Elizabeth Estrada. Visual Arts Department Awards: Jennifer Paige Freret, Shijia Zhao, Emily Victoria **Bishop**. World Languages Department Awards: Gopal Raju Hari, Outstanding Latin Student; Brian James **Morris**, Outstanding German Student; ine Talbot Scott Outstanding French Student; Kayla Beth **Blatman**, Outstanding Spanish Student. Randolph College Classics Book Award: Sai Teja Bondalapati. Governor's Language Academy (Latin): Gopal Raju Hari. Foreign Exchange Students Recognition: Gerui Cao and Ina Feistenauer. Boy's/Girl's State:

Peter Malander, William Rambin, Megan Toole. Governor's School: Prudvi Arabandi, Math, Science Technology; Siddharth Balakrishnan, Math, Science Technology; Brooke Johnson, Visual & Performing Arts; Megan Lieu, Humanities; Amanda Mason, Visual & Performing Arts; Erin McDermott, Visual & Performing Arts; Mia Rickenbach, Visual & Performing Arts. William and Mary Leadership Award: Katharine Talbot Scott. Fairfax County School Board Character Award Nominee: Katharine Talbot Scott.

The following students graduated from Villanova University: Alison Hager earned a bachelor of arts, Ricky Chan earned a bachelor of arts, Thomas Zigo earned a bachelor of arts, Jena Stenger earned a bachelor of science in accountancy, Derek Gleich earned a bachelor of science in computer engineering, and Dustin Gleich earned a bachelor of science in computer engineering.

The following students made the president's list at James Madison University for the spring 2013 semester: Kathryn Beitel, James Braudaway, David Bushey, Kaitlyn Clinage, Michael Farris, Jenna Goffe, Patricia Goose, Joshua Gordon, Michael Jacob, Rebecca King, Katherine Menzie, Diviya Muruganandam, Angela Park, Kathryn Rice, Natalie Scholberg, Lauren Schulte, Thanh Ta, Emily Taylor, Jennifer Urban, and Shannon Wang.

The following students graduated from James Madison University: Nkrumah Lusigi, Shannon Gunning, Tessa Amey, Caitlin Kimak, Ashleigh Hand, Amelia Kane, Natalie Clinton, Emily Collins, Alissa McGrath, Tracy Belmondo, Lauren Erdmann, Sally Holbert, Geoffrey Hughes, Daniel Kim, Ning Jiang, Stephanie English, Jonathan Huang, Brandon Norris, Margaret Perkinson, Stephanie Smith, Kevin King, Samantha Silver, Alexander Davani, Michael

Fries, Sarah Lyon, Andria Bacus, Rebecca King, Patrick Sheridan, Jessica Say, Sean Lochten, Catherine Carlton, Cooper Stevenson, Sarah Stanley, Nina Beaulieu, Jessica Albert, Jose Morales Mendizabal, Nandi Alexander, Patricia Goose, Matthew Pociask, Lindsay Jondahl, Michael Messiah, Kathryn Beitel, Kaitlyn Clinage, Katherine Zumbo, Stephanie Legieza, James Dennis, Brian Giordano, Lisa Comerford, Courtney Bast, Pauline Lubarsky, Richa Tiwari, Eddie Kim, Diviva Muruganandam, Charles Ohrnberger, Christina Lull, Christina Choe, James Dennis, Vikas Goyal, Jason Shuping, Gaurav Jain and Jeffrey Busch.

Farid Mohammadi received his Doctor of Chiropractic degree from Palmer College of Chiropractic in Port Orange, Fla.

Rachel Davis earned an MED in Special Education at the May 2013 Commencement of the UIC College of

The University of Mary Washington has announced its dean's list for the spring semester of the 2012-13 academic year. William R. Boyle, Patrick W. Byrne, Kristen A. Callahan, Katherine M. Diemer, Upma Kapoor, Shuang Li, Tara K. McCrone, Courtney R. Moore, Tien K. Nguyen, Jenna M. Randall, Elina R. Shirazi, and Alyssa J. Stewart are included.

Brittany L. Simmons has made the president's list for the spring semester of the 2012-13 academic year at The University of Mary Washington.

Ahsan S. Khan received a Juris Doctor degree from Western New England University on May 18.

Daniel Spalter graduated from Lafayette College in Easton, Pa., and earned a bachelor of arts degree in economics and business.



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Sports

Sully Station SSTs Capture First Victory

he Sully Station SSTs took home their first win of the 2013 NVSL season Saturday, June 29. The SSTs beat Mosby Woods 229-191 in what was a sometimes-close and an entirely-spirited meet. Winning more than half the individual events and six out of 12 relays, Sully Station placed at least once in every event, swept four events and scored personal best marks in all but five events. The Sully Station girls were especially successful, scoring 130 points of the team's total 229.

By the end of freestyle, the SSTs were leading 53-37. Starting out strong with six points, Tyler Whitacre scored the win in the boys' 8U freestyle with Jonathan Kronimus coming in third. The next win, thanks to Gonzalo Lopez Olan, came during the boys' 11-12 50-meter event. Sully Station's first sweep was next with a win by Allison Hickey in the girls' 11-12 50-meter freestyle, followed by Payton Moore in second place and Shelly Kehoe in third. Adding another win for the SSTs, Dominic Huffman kept his swim for the boys' 13-14 freestyle below 30 seconds, slashing 2.4 percent off his previous best time. The 15-18s clinched the freestyle events with first- and second-place finishes by Brandon Fiala and Danial Okhovvatgilani for the boys and Megan Hickey and Grace McKnight for the girls.

Slowing a bit in backstroke, with only 41 points, the SSTs held onto the lead at 94-86. Four wins were seized by Sully Station, including Leah Mozeleski in the girls' 8U 25 meters, Brian Patten in the boys' 11-12 50 meters, Elise Mozeleski in the girls' 11-12 50 meters and Zoe Hemmer racing in the girls' 15-18 50-meter event.

Fired back up for breaststroke, the SSTs gained their advantage back, scoring another 57 points. The team won seven of the 10 races and swept two events. Sisters Adison Moore (9-10 girls) and Payton Moore (11-12 girls) scored the wins in both sweeps, followed by Olivia Southerly and Brooke Patten for the 9-10s and Allison Hickey and Shelly Kehoe for the 11-12s.

Picking up another 41 points in butterfly, the team triumphed in half of those events with another seven swimmers taking second place and four swimmers placing third. The final butterfly event, the girls' 15-18 50 meters, marked the SSTs' fourth sweep, with Zoe Hemmer capturing her second win of the day, followed by Megan Hickey in second and Amy Layne placing third.

Many other SSTs had exceptional swims, including Logan Kimmel placing third in the boys' 9-10 freestyle with 5.51-percent improvement over his previous best time. In backstroke, the 8-and-unders progressed substantially with Shayan Jazaeri finishing third with a personal best of 7.67 percent and Kennedy O'Neail finishing third and 11.81 percent faster than her previous best time. Brian Dickinson swimming the boys' 11-12 backstroke earned a personal best mark of 6.21 percent while Avanti Sridhar improved 6.06 percent in the 13-14 girls' event. In breaststroke, 7-year-olds Tommy



The Sully Station 9-10 Girls Relay team beat the Mosby Woods girls in the 100m Medley Relay, Saturday, June 29. From left: Madison Moon, Adison Moore, Marie McPherson and Lily Render celebrate their victory.

Townsend and Keira O'Neail each improved considerably with personal bests of 21.97 percent and 10.68 percent, respectively. Crushing his best time by 14.91 percent, Lorenzo Lopez Olan finished just behind teammate AJ Hamluk, who also scored a significant improvement, cutting his time by 7.1 percent.

Sully Station locked up the win in the relays, prevailing in half of these events, starting with the boys' 8U 100-meter freestyle. In the medleys, the 9-10 girls won by nearly 8 seconds. Both the 11-12 teams beat Mosby Woods, the girls by more than 7 seconds. The 15-18 boys squeaked out a win in the 200-meter medley relay, beating Mosby Woods by .08 seconds, while the 15-18 girls won with 7.4 seconds to spare.

At press time, Sully Station is hosting Poplar Tree for a B meet. In the week ahead, the SSTs travel to Poplar Heights for an A meet Saturday, July 6 and to Brookfield for a B meet on Monday, July 8.



The Sully Station SSTs took home their first win of the season Saturday at Mosby Woods with a score of 229 to 191. Mitchell Basham won for the boys in the 9-10 50m Breaststroke.



Sully Station's Zoe Hemmer leads the 15-18 Girls to a sweep in the 50m Butterfly, Saturday in a win over Mosby Woods. Megan Hickey finished second, followed by Amy Layne in third.

Sully Station II Beats Riverside Gardens

The Sully Station II Piranhas swam away with their first win of the season on June 29 with a scorching performance against Riverside Gardens, 244-176. The team showed strength with four record-breaking times and depth by capturing eight of 12 relays to close out the meet.

Eight-and-under girls had a terrific showing, led by double-event winner Angela Cai in breaststroke (22.38 seconds) and fly (20.06, lowering her own record). Caroline Li claimed victory in free (19.52) and second in breast (27.96), while teammate Callie Ver Planck brought home the backstroke win in 25.83 seconds, as well as second in fly (23.59).

On the boys' side, Collin West turned in solid swims with a second-place finish in free

(20.27) and third-place finish in fly (30.53).

Faith Alston anchored the 9-10 girls with wins in free (34.21) and breast (42.50, breaking her own record). Aidan Crisci led the 9-10 boys with a victory in fly (18.41) and second-place finish in breast (46.63). Anthony Kang raced to two second-place finishes in free (40.66) and back (50.41).

The first sweep of the season was turned in by the 11-12 girls in breaststroke, led by Hope Alston (43.77), Taylor Smith (43.94), and Delaney Kennedy (46.69). Karenna Hall added two wins in free (32.63) and fly (38.12). The 11-12 boys won all individual events, led by Kellen Campbell in free (32.23) and back (36.70) and Flynn Crisci in breast (39.73) and fly (36.28). The boys paired with swift teammates Brody Campbell and Brantley Cervarich to set a new medley relay record in 1:08.92.

The 13-14 girls captured every event with fast swims across the board and several powerful 1-2 finishes. The age group started off strong with Lily Harkes (31.38) and Lauren Peters (31.52) in freestyle and continued the streak with Georgia Stamper (36.09) and Peters (37.41) in backstroke, Stamper in breaststroke (38.78), and Lily Li (34.28) and Harkes (37.07) in fly.

Double-event winner Jack Jiang led the 13-14 boys with victories in free (29.27) and back (35.88). Nick Jiang captured the fly in 34.16 and Harmon Saint Germain posted two second-place finishes in free (30.87) and breast (40.36). One of the biggest cheers of the day was earned by Daniel Shaver for his third-place finish in fly (41.92).

Nick Campbell broke his record from last season in 15-18 boys' backstroke with a winning time of 28.96. He was joined in victory by age group teammates Austen Bundy in fly (28.68), Madisyn Graham in back (34.79), and Erin Schulte in breast (37.97). Most improved swimmers were 10-year-old Rosana Glancy (dropping an average of 6.5 seconds in both free and back) and 6-year old Emerson Saint Germain, who cut 6.6 seconds off his backstroke time.

The Piranhas will compete in their last regular season home meet on July 6. Senior Sully II swimmers will be honored and then the battle will begin against Dunn Loring.



New Sully II team records were set by 18-year old Nick Campbell (center) and the 11-12 boys relay team of (from left) Kellen Campbell, Brody Campbell, Flynn Crisci and Brantley Cervarich.

When a Bill Becomes a Law

FROM PAGE 3 "catastrophic."

"The \$300 million that is raised here will stay here for local and regional priorities," Watts said.

Following is a list of legislation affecting Fairfax County residents that became law on Monday, July 1. For more information on a particular bill, visit the Legislative Information System at http://leg1.state.va.us/lis.htm.

TRANSPORTATION TAXES AND FEES (HB2313)

Statewide Provisions:

- * Replaces 17.5 cents per gallon tax on gasoline and diesel with a 3.5 percent tax on gas and 6 percent tax on diesel.
- ❖ Increases the automobile sales tax from 3 percent to 4.15 percent.
- ❖ Increases the state sales tax from 5 percent to 5.3 percent.
- ❖ Increases the state General Fund transfer to transportation from 0.5 percent to 0.675 percent.
- ❖ Increases the fee for alternative fuel vehicles to \$64.

Regional Provisions:

- ❖ Increases sales tax in Northern Virginia by 0.7 percent, for a total of 6 percent.
- ❖ Imposes 2 percent transient occupancy tax.
- ❖ Imposes a congestion relief fee [grantors tax] of \$0.15/\$100 valuation.
- Repeals the local option to enact a 1 percent income tax by referendum.

TRAFFIC SAFETY

- ❖ Texting and Driving (HB 1907/SB 1222). Driving while texting is now a traffic infraction punishable, for a first offense, by a fine of \$125 and, for a second or subsequent offense, by a fine of \$250.
- ❖ Driving under 18 (SB 1165). The holder of a provisional driver's license under age 18 is not authorized to operate a motor vehicle with more than one passenger who is less than 21 years old unless the driver is accompanied by a parent or person acting in loco parentis who is occupying a seat beside the driver.

SCHOOL SAFETY

School Emergency Response (HB 2345). This bill requires the Virginia Center for School Safety, in conjunction with the Department of State Police, the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services, and the Department of Education, to

develop a model critical incident response training program for public school personnel and those providing services to schools.

School Safety Audits (HB 2346). This bill requires each school, in its annual school safety audit, to complete a school inspection walk-through using a standardized checklist provided by the Virginia Center for School Safety, which will incorporate crime prevention through environmental design principles. Each completed walk-through checklist will be available to the chief law enforcement officer of the locality upon re-

❖ Firearms Safety (SB 1378). Anyone

convicted of the "strawman" purchase of a firearm, with the intent to resell or transport a firearm outside of Virginia, is now guilty of a Class 4 felony and will be sentenced to a mandatory minimum term of imprisonment to one year.

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Del. Vivian Watts (D-

39) explains to

state's historic

transportation

funding package

during a legislative

wrap-up session in

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constituents why

she voted for the

OTHER BILLS

- ♦ HB 1990 allows localities to impose a \$250 annual license tax for drivers who do not display license plates issued by the commonwealth, and who are not already exempt from displaying license plates.
- ❖ HB 2175 authorizes the governor to request federal funds to construct a new veterans care center in Northern Virginia, and requires the state treasurer to issue a short-term treasury loan in an amount up to \$28.5 million for the state share of construction costs, once the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs has determined that federal funds will be allocated for the new center.
- ♦ HB 2341 provides that a person who is qualified to register to vote may apply to register to vote by electronic means authorized by the State Board of Elections.



Bulova (D-37) addresses his fellow delegates in the lower house of the Virginia General Assembly during a session in February.

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Been There, **Doing That**

By KENNETH B. LOURIE

I.V. chemotherapy, that's what; and I'm not infusing it for the fun of it, either. I'm infusing it for the potential tumor-shrinking effect of it. It's not my first choice, to be infused, but after four-plus years of miscellaneous treatments, it is one of the few remaining choices I have left. I've had a good run of success though, diagnosis to date; especially considering that it's been 11 months since my last infusion. Since then, it's been a pill a day, 150 MG of Tarceva, which has indeed kept the doctor away. No fuss. No muss. Now, there's likely to be fuss and muss. It's nothing I haven't experienced and dealt with before - being infused - so I know the drill. The outcome, of course, I don't know.

Not that I'm looking forward to the treatment: three weeks on, one week off, etc., but looking backward serves no particular purpose and certainly offers no guarantee of future success. Tolerating the previous infusions as well as I have bodes well, as does my overall good health. However, if I've learned anything in my cancer journey, it is that oncologists, generally speaking, are not in the predicting business. Projecting maybe, but not so much that it anticipates a scenario worth planning for. The process is not exactly wait and see, it's more like treat and see – via the next scan; the anxiety concerning which has been well-chronicled in this space over the past month or so.

And sure enough, the results from this most recent scan were a bit discouraging. For the first time in nearly a year, growth, "slow growth" was apparent (and as my father used to say: "Any way you slice it, it's still ham.") In the cancer business, when the tumors grow after not having grown previously, it generally means the treatment/ medication is no longer effective; it's like a tipping point. Therefore, change is necessary. My change is to restart I.V. chemotherapy, and restart with a drug with which my body has not previously been infused and with which the cancer cells are not familiar. Another cancer fact I've learned: once the cancer cells become acquainted, shall we say, with their chemical adversaries, they fail to respond as hoped. Moreover, once the cells have been exposed/treated by a particular drug/cocktail of drugs, the treatment becomes progressively less harmful to the tumor and in turn more likely to cause collateral damage to the patient, making future treatment options challenging. Outliving one's prognosis is wonderful. However, it is akin to - if I may use a football analogy outkicking your punt coverage: protocols for patients who significantly outlive their prognosis are, unfortunately, few and far between, given the available patient population.

In addition, I'm limited by the irreparable chemotherapy-caused collateral damage I've already experienced. Still, I'm hopeful (25 percent so, as I've been advised by my oncologist). But I remain positive about this new negative. Diagnosis to date, I've responded better than expected to eve previous similarly-necessary treatment change I've faced; and other than the reality of the situation, I have no reason to believe otherwise infusing forward.

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WEDNESDAY/JULY 10

Meeting. The Fairfax County Department of Transportation has scheduled a third round meeting for the Countywide Transit Network Study. The meeting will be held in an openhouse format 6-9 p.m., with a 20-minute presentation starting at 7 p.m. It will take place at the Fairfax County Government Center in conference room 4/5. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/fcdot/2050transitstudy. To propose new ideas or vote on existing ones, visit www.fairfaxcountydot.ideascale.com.

SATURDAY/JULY 13

Self Defense Seminar. 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m. at the nZone in Chantilly. Designed for women ages 13 and up. To register visit www.thenZone.com or 703-266-0118.

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Summer Sports Camps. Jubilee Christian Center is holding summer sports camps (basketball, flag football, & soccer) for grades K-6 (as of fall school year) from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. The cost is \$160 per week, which includes a Tshirt. Pre-registration required by June 21. Before care & aftercare will be available for Aug. 12-16 only: cost is \$25 per day for before care & \$25 per day for aftercare (or \$45 per day for both). Jubilee Christian Center is at 4650 Shirley Gate Road, Fairfax. Call 703-383-1170 or visit www.jccag.org.

SCHOOL OPENINGS

The Clifton Presbyterian Church Preschool has openings in all classes for the fall. Schedules and classes have been adjusted for greater flexibility to meet the changing needs of the area. Visit www.cliftonpc.org/cpcpreschool.html or call Gretchen at 703-830-3175.

Pleasant Valley Preschool, 4615 Stringfellow Road in Chantilly is now accepting registrations for the 2013-14 school year. The goal is to provide a learning environment that promotes social development and a nurturing preschool education. Visit

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