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Into the Budget Fray

Bulova highlights accomplishments, challenges in annual address.

BY VICTORIA ROSS
CENTRE VIEW

Despite the lingering impact of an anemic economy, and the regional ripple effects of federal sequestration, Fairfax County residents will see some concrete signs of progress this year.

That message was delivered by Fairfax County Board of Supervisors Chairman Sharon Bulova, who cast a mostly positive light on the county's future during a media screening of her televised annual State of the County address on Wednesday, Jan. 15.

In addition to the completion of Phase 1 of the Silver Line in Tysons, motorists can expect to see congestion eased through a number of state-funded transportation projects, including the new I-95 Express Lanes that will tie into the Beltway Express lanes at Edsall Road.

Residents can also look forward to the revitalization and redevelopment of older commercial and industrial areas throughout the county, includ-



PHOTO BY VICTORIA ROSS/CENTRE VIEW

Fairfax County Board of Supervisors Chairman Sharon Bulova hosted a media screening of her annual State of the County address on Wednesday, Jan. 15. Residents can view the address on Channel 16 from 7:30 to 8 p.m., or on YouTube at <http://youtu.be/YzeaC3K-wiY>

ing the \$250 million transformation of Springfield Mall into the Springfield Town Center in the fall of 2014.

The newly-renovated mall will include the addition of roughly 700,000 square feet of

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Highlights from 2014 State of County Video

"Based on my 26 years of experience in the Sheriff's Office, there are a number of initiatives that we will be pursuing in the coming year. First, it is important that the Sheriff have a strong bond with our diverse communities. I will be out in the community listening and learning and bringing the new ideas, as well as any concerns, back to the office."

— Sheriff Stacey Kincaid

"Recently, the department has established the chief's Council on Diversity Recruiting. This council provides the agency engagement with leaders from culturally diverse communities to assist us in developing innovative recruitment opportunities ... to mirror the communities we serve."

— Police Chief Edwin Roessler

"Our first area of response focus is on preventing the 911 call. This is where our men and women ... knock on doors and offer assistance in checking smoke alarms or checking other items that may cause fire or injury ... We've visited over 40,000 homes since June 8 and installed over 6,000 smoke alarms"

— Fire and Rescue Chief Richard Bowers

Challenges of A Lean Economy

Could a meals tax be the answer to fund the schools?

BY BONNIE HOBBS
CENTRE VIEW

The school budget, roads and money were the main topics Monday night, Jan. 20, when Supervisor Michael R. Frey (R-Sully) gave his annual, "State of Sully" address.

Speaking before the quarterly meeting of the West Fairfax County Citizens Association (WFCCA), he said that, although people see commercial buildings going up in the Westfields Corporate Center, "[local] development is flat."

COPT (Corporate Office Properties Trust) is constructing three new buildings there, and Frey said the project's advancing rapidly. "They're flying — they put steel up in the last week," he said. "And The Aerospace Corporation is doing interior work on its new building; they should be moving folks in by August."

So, said Frey, "From a tax-base standpoint, that's good news." But overall, he said, except for Tysons Corner, "the growth is on hold. We hope the federal budget adoption will encourage businesses to invest now."

Regarding the proposed FCPS budget, he said, "The Board of Supervisors doesn't want to be the bad guy and give the schools less money than they've asked for. But they requested a 5.7-percent increase. Over the last couple years, they've had to make some pretty substantial cuts."

Yet with its own revenue down from several years of a tough economy, Fairfax County isn't exactly flush with money. So it, too,



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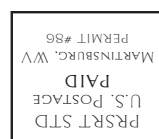
Supervisor Michael R. Frey (R-Sully) discusses roads and the school budget.

has to make tough decisions about where to spend its precious dollars.

"Until there's independent taxing authority and school boards can raise their own revenue, this problem will continue," said Frey. "It's inherent in the system. We're one of only two states that don't have it. The county executive has a 2-percent increase for the school system in his budget, but I hope we can get them more money than that. They've grown by over 10,000 students in the last four years."

He also believes the relationship between the supervisors and School Board is "better now than it has been in several years." He said Schools Superintendent Karen Garza is "fresh and new and everybody wants to work with her. I'm proud of our schools and we'd like to give them more than 2 per-

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NEWS

Retail Worries

October numbers artificially inflated; holiday numbers could spell trouble.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE
CENTRE VIEW

The partial government shutdown was more than an October surprise during the race for governor. Newly available statistics from the Virginia Department of Taxation show the month was also an unexpected boost to sales tax revenues across the commonwealth. Fairfax County, for example, recorded a 15.5 percent spike in sales tax revenue in October 2013 compared to October 2012. But state and local officials say that's because several major department stores neglected to increase their sales tax rate to reflect the new regional tax for transportation when the new fiscal year began in July. So the October numbers represent the backlog of uncollected revenues.

Which retailers flubbed their taxes?

"That's proprietary information, so we can't say," said Marcia Wilds, revenue and economic analysis coordinator with the Fairfax County Department of Management and Budget. "They're big."

The revenue corrections came at a key

time for local governments, a month that many expected to be particularly bleak. Many government workers and contractors were out of work in October, when local governments became concerned that spending habits might reflect a sense of uncertainty about the future. Now budget officials across Northern Virginia are worried about what kind of sales tax revenue they'll collect from the holiday season.

"The sales tax will be back with holiday sales," said Stephen Fuller, director of the Center for Regional Analysis at George Mason University. "Over the year there will only a minor weakening."

BUDGET OFFICIALS are not so sure. As local governments across the region prepare for the first round of budgeting next month, a sense of uncertainty looms over the revenue projections and spending priorities. Part of that is the unemployment rate, which remains at about 6 percent across Virginia. That means consumers may hold back on consumption based spending, which would

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Fair Oaks CAC to Meet

The Citizens Advisory Council of the Fair Oaks District Police Station will meet Tuesday, Jan. 28, at 7 p.m., in the roll-call room of the police station. It's at 12300 Lee Jackson Memorial Highway in Chantilly.

Free Carseat Inspections

Certified technicians from the Sully District Police Station will perform free, child safety carseat inspections Thursday, Jan. 30, 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.

What's Next for I-66

VDOT will hold a public information meeting on the next steps to identify potential traffic improvements in the I-66 Corridor. It's set for Thursday, Jan. 30, from 6:30-8:30 p.m., at Oakton High School, 2900 Sutton Road in Vienna. (If cancelled due to weather: Tuesday, Feb. 4).

VDOT and the Department of Rail and Public Transportation have identified 10 concepts to increase capacity within the I-66 corridor, plus options to increase travel-mode choices, improve individual interchanges, address spot safety needs and enhance travel efficiency.

Food Donations for WFCM

Western Fairfax Christian Ministries' food pantry urgently needs donations of cooking oil; sugar; flour; canned fruit, meat, tuna and greens (spinach, collards); fruit juice and cold cereal. (Also needed are toothpaste, deodorant, baby wipes and shampoo).

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.

Thrift-store needs include coats, fall and winter clothing, socks and underwear for adults and children, plus Bibles in English and Spanish.

The store is at 13939 Metrotech Drive. 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.

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.

Meals on Wheels Volunteers

Fairfax County needs Meals on Wheels drivers in Chantilly and group Meals on Wheels coordinators in both Chantilly and Fairfax. Contact Volunteer Solutions at 703-324-5406, TTY 711, VolunteerSolutions@fairfaxcounty.gov or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dfs/olderadultservices/volunteer-solutions.htm.

Investigating Crime Scenes

Police detective discusses the job of the Crash Reconstruction Unit.

BY BONNIE HOBBS
CENTRE VIEW

Fairfax County Police Det. Josh David minored in physics at GMU, and it's come in handy in his job.

A 13-year member of the Police Department, he's been with the Crash Reconstruction Unit for five years now. And, he said, "I realized how much math, physics and science is involved in what I do."

He spoke before a recent meeting of the Sully District Station's Citizens Advisory Committee, explaining what he and the members of his unit do every day.

David said his unit's task is "to determine what happened, see if there were any violations of the law and, if so, to prosecute them. We investigate crime scenes with shootings to help document the location of evidence. Patrol will also call us out to investigate accidents."

Generally, he said, "The crash scene will remain as it is until we get there. Then we can process the evidence, secure the scene and notify the family. We work closely with the patrol officers and rely on them to process for alcohol [use] before we get there."

David and his officers interview witnesses, take photographs, measure the scene with survey equipment for "skidmarks, debris, bodies. Whatever's in the roadway, we'll measure and document. Then we'll download the information into a CAD program to further refine it."

They also look for tire marks and impressions in the grass. "And we analyze all the evidence," he said. "We examine the skid distance for energy loss and speed. Based on the skid length, we can determine how fast a vehicle was going."

David said teens are still doing "hill-hopping" and that, too, often leads to accidents. It's when drivers speed up and intentionally go airborne over a high hill. However — as was the case several years ago in Oak Hill when the driver crashed into a tree on the way downhill, killing his 16-year-old front-seat pas-

senger — it can also result in tragedy.

When such accidents occur, said David, "We measure the hill, figure out the launch angle and measure their skid marks to see how fast they were going." And in these and other crashes, he said, "We measure the distance people are thrown from a vehicle. The crush on a vehicle will also help determine its speed [before impact]."

In addition, he said, "We'll match the damage from vehicle to vehicle. And if we have a suspect vehicle, a victim and DNA, we can see if it matches."

Pieces of the puzzle can also come from another source. "Cars with airbags have a computer controlling [the bags]," said David. "And it takes information from various places in the car and decides when to deploy the airbag. So we can get information from it, too. It's a tool we rely on because it's so accurate. We even used it in an involuntary-manslaughter case."

Generally speaking, said the detective, "I find speed to be the contributing factor in almost every accident. And if people refuse to give blood or take a Breathalyzer test, we'll get a search warrant for their

bodies to make them do it."

Regarding texting and distracted driving, David said, "We've had a few pretty serious accidents involving texting, and both involved pedestrian [victims]."

He said Fairfax County has from 35-60 vehicle fatalities a year, compared to about a dozen homicides. "And that doesn't include serious-injury accidents," he added.

David then warned the children in the audience to always wear their seatbelts and to stay inside the car after an accident until an adult helps them get out safely. "Don't run into the street," he said.

To the adults, David said, "If you witness a serious accident, wait until the police get there." He said the accident he did the most work on was a case involving texting and a pedestrian. Said David: "I interviewed lots of people and did a lot of time and distance analyses, and it ended up being a misdemeanor."

When he finished speaking, Sully Station Commander Ed O'Carroll praised David and the Crash Reconstruction Unit. Said O'Carroll: "The work they do in crash reconstruction is true detective work."



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Det. Josh David discusses the work of the Police Department's Crash Reconstruction Unit.

Join 26th Citizens Police Academy

Area residents curious about law enforcement protocols, procedures, tools and training — and wanting a firsthand look into the inner-workings of Fairfax County's Police Department may join the 26th Citizens Police Academy.

Slated to begin in March, the 10-week course will offer special tours, lectures and hands-on activities.

They're designed to help residents walk in the

shoes of police personnel, be better informed and have a better understanding about the person behind the badge.

The academy is free and available to people living or working in this county.

For more information, go to <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/police/services/citizens-police-academy.htm> or e-mail cpa@fairfaxcounty.gov.

A Chocolate Lover's Dream

Fairfax's annual festival is Feb. 1-2.

BY BONNIE HOBBS
CENTRE VIEW

Chocolate — candy, cake, sauce, pancakes, fudge, ice cream and even a chocolate fountain or three — they're all part of the City of Fairfax Chocolate Lovers Festival. And this year's event, the 22nd annual, is Saturday, Feb. 1 through Sunday, Feb. 2.

A dream-come-true for chocolate aficionados, as well as for those seeking tasty treats to give as Valentine's Day presents, the festival offers a full slate of activities for all ages.

The fun-filled weekend contains everything from a competition to see who can make the most beautiful and creative cakes, cupcakes and sculptures in chocolate to an irresistible sampling of chocolate goodies that attracts thousands of people from throughout the Washington Metropolitan area.

"Chocolate and Valentine's Day belong together," said Mayor Scott Silverthorne. "The City of Fairfax's annual Chocolate Lovers Festival has become a delicious destination for people throughout the region and beyond. Join us!"

The festivities begin Friday, Jan. 31, at 2 p.m., when Kaydee Puppets offers "Chocolate Dipped Tales" for children at the City of Fairfax Regional Library, 10360 North St. Then on Saturday, Feb. 1, the day starts with the annual, Kiwanis Club Pancake Breakfast, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., at Fire Station 3, at 4081 University Drive. Dine on regular or chocolate-chip pancakes, plus sausage, coffee, juice and milk. Cost is \$6, adults; \$4, children ages 4-10. Children 3 and under eat free with a paying adult. There are also music performances, fairytales, a fire-safety puppet show, a Chocolate Caper mock trial, a magician and open houses in historic buildings.

New this year is the "Chocolate and a Movie" night, Feb. 1, featuring the original "Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory" starring Gene Wilder. Admission is \$3/person and comes with a golden ticket that could prove lucky, and there will be



This pirate ship from Cake Walk won an award in 2013's Chocolate Challenge.

children's stories and activities before the movie.

There's even a Chocolate Express providing free, shuttle service between event locations. It will run Feb. 1, from 9:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. and Feb. 2 from 11:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

"We are excited to again be hosting the Chocolate Lovers Festival in the City of Fairfax," said Festival Chairman Beverly Meyer. "It brings folks from all up and down the East Coast, young and old alike, and weather is never a deterrent for the festival."

The event initially began as a joint effort of the City of Fairfax, Central Fairfax Chamber of Commerce, Downtown Fairfax Coalition, Downtown Fairfax Merchants Association and George Mason University. The goal was to attract visitors to Old Town Fairfax, encourage participation in the community and foster cooperation among the city government, businesses and local residents.

The first festival was in February 1993 and, since then, it's become one of the city's most popular events. And two of the main highlights are the Chocolate Challenge and



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City of Fairfax Chocolate Lovers Festival map.

the Taste of Chocolate.

Running Saturday, Feb. 1, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday, Feb. 2, from noon-4 p.m., on both floors of the Old Town Hall, 3999 University Drive, the Taste of Chocolate is not to be missed. Strollers may be left on the building's front porch. A fully accessible entrance is at the door on Main Street.

Admission is free; visitors buy pogs for \$1 each and then browse around the vendors' tables to check out the wide array of chocolate treats being offered. When something catches their fancy, they pay for it in pogs.

For example, a slice of cake could cost three pogs, or a customer could buy three small pieces of candy for two pogs. The vendors set their own prices and roaming volunteers in red aprons will have plenty of pogs on hand for people wanting to purchase more.

And the variety of goodies is mind-boggling. There are chocolate cakes, all kinds

of chocolate candies and bars, chocolate-covered strawberries, fudge, ice cream and even chocolate fountains into which customers may dip fruit, cake or marshmallows.

This year's Taste of Chocolate vendors include: BaTer Chocolates, C & D Sweets, Cakes by Shelby, Cameron's Coffee & Chocolate, Capitol Chocolate Fountains; Chocotenago, Cocoa Vienna, Confection Connection, Dave's Candy Kitchen, El Ceibo/Bolivia, Extreme Ice Cream, Fair Trade Winds, Fluffy Thoughts Cakes, Mike's Fudge, Rocky Mountain Chocolate Factory, Sugar Mama's, Virginia Chocolate Co. and Watergate Pastry.

The Chocolate Challenge, a display of imaginative creations in chocolate — art, cakes and cupcakes — takes place at the

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Chocolate Lovers Festival Schedule of Events

FRIDAY/JAN. 31

Kaydee Puppets: Chocolate Dipped Tales. 2 p.m.. City of Fairfax Regional Library, 10360 North Street.

SATURDAY/FEB. 1

Kiwanis Club Chocolate Chip Pancake Breakfast. 8 a.m. - 1 p.m. Fire Station 3, 4081 University Drive, Fairfax.

Child Fingerprinting. 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Fairfax Courthouse, 4000 Chain Bridge Road.

Taste of Chocolate. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Old Town Hall, 3999 University Drive.

Chocolate Challenge and Silent Auction. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Nutrition Kitchen, 3950 University Drive.

The Chocolate Caper Mock Trial. 10:15 a.m., 1:15 p.m. Fairfax Courthouse, 4000 Chain Bridge Road.

Musical Duo of Cody & BJ. 11 a.m. City of Fairfax Regional Library, 10360 North Street.

Harley Eye Candy Photos. 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. City of Fairfax Regional Library.

Fire Safety Puppet Show. 12:30 p.m. City of Fairfax Regional Library.

So You Think You Are Smarter Than a Lawyer? 11:45 a.m. Fairfax Courthouse, 4000 Chain Bridge Road.

Chocolate-Covered Fairy Tales with Gary Lloyd. 2 p.m. City of Fairfax Regional Library.

See Jane Sing Quartet. 3:30 p.m. City of Fairfax Regional Library.

Open House and Exhibits. Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Legato School, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.; Ford Building, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.; Ratcliffe-Allison House, 12 - 4 p.m.

Chocolate Movie Night: featuring "Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory" (rated PG). 7 - 9 p.m. Stacy C. Sherwood Community Center, 3740 Old Lee Highway.

SUNDAY/FEB. 2

Chocolate Challenge and Silent Auction. 12-4 p.m. Nutrition Kitchen, 3950 University Drive.

Taste of Chocolate. 12 - 4 p.m. Old Town Hall.

Fire Safety Puppet Show. 12:30 p.m. City of Fairfax Regional Library.

Wildlife Ambassadors. 2-3 p.m. City of Fairfax Regional Library. Journey to the Jungle, see exotic animals and learn how they live in the rain forest among the cocoa-bean trees.

Turley the Magician. 3:30-4:15 p.m. City of Fairfax Regional Library.

Open House and Exhibits. Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; Legato School, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.; Ratcliffe-Allison House, 12 - 4 p.m.

Schedule is subject to change. Visit www.chocolatefestival.net for an event map and information on parking, shuttle schedules, costs and more.



Raspberry-white chocolate cupcakes on display.

Into the Budget Fray

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retail, restaurants, a food court and a state-of-the-art movie theater. The 20-foot-tall brown numbers that indicated the mall's six main entrances — a hallmark of the 1970s-era mall — will be replaced with one central grand entranceway.

Bulova also praised the Economic Development Authority and Visit Fairfax for boosting tourism and facilitating the selection of Fairfax County as the host of the 2015 World Police and Fire Games, the world's second largest athletic competition after the summer Olympics. The event is expected to generate more than \$100 million in tourism revenue for the county.

The 30-minute State of the County video, 10 minutes longer than last year's production, highlights many county achievements in the past year — such as the county's low crime rate and a 26 percent reduction since 2007 in the number of people counted as homeless. It also features three of the county's new leaders: newly-elected Sheriff Stacey Kincaid, the county's first female sheriff; Police Chief Edwin Roessler and Karen Garza, the new superintendent of Fairfax County Public Schools.

IN THE VIDEO, Garza said one of her top priorities is "to listen and learn what our community expects of its schools."

"One of our big projects this year is that we enlisted the help of a broad-based community committee to develop the Portrait of a Graduate — which will detail what our community expects an FCPS student to know and be to do upon graduating from our system," Garza said.

Garza also addressed the ongoing challenge of funding a school system with a current enrollment of 184,600 students, making FCPS larger than the school systems of eight states and the District of Columbia.

"As you know, FCPS is facing some challenges as well," Garza said in the video. "We have grown by more than 15,000 students in the last five years and our required expenditures for items like employee benefits have continued to increase. At the same time, revenues have not increased enough to cover expenditures."

In fiscal year 2014, 53 percent of the county's general fund budget was transferred to Fairfax County Public Schools, a sum of roughly \$1.9 billion.

School officials recently unveiled a \$2.5 billion budget, asking for a 5.7 percent increase, or nearly \$98 million more in county funding.

Under the proposed budget, class sizes will increase at all grade levels and about 730 staff positions will be cut.

After the screening, Bulova emphasized that while education continues to be the board's "highest priority" and the community's "greatest investment," there will likely be a significant gap between what school officials are asking for in their budget, and how much the board is prepared to give.

"The schools won't get everything they asked for," Bulova said. "The school board will have to roll up their sleeves and so will supervisors."

When asked how close the board is prepared to get to the 5.7 percent request, Bulova said that a 2 percent increase — or \$33 million — is a more realistic number.

IN AN EFFORT to bridge that gap, supervisors have made state education funding the county's top legislative priority for this year's General Assembly session.

"This is our education year, our number one ask and priority from legislators is to get the full funding of \$33 million," Bulova said.

Although Fairfax County is not facing the "doomsday budgets" of the mid-1990s, a projected budget shortfall of \$25 million this fiscal year, coupled with the accelerating growth and financial needs of Fairfax County Public Schools will present the Board of Supervisors with choices and challenges.

"Once again, it will not be an easy budget year," Bulova said. "Actions or lack of action at the federal level has impacted commercial and sales tax revenue, making it more difficult for the county to recover from the downturn."

Bulova said the county's advertised budget for fiscal year 2015 will be released for public comment next month. The county will host a number of public hearings, community forums and town meetings to give residents the opportunity to ask questions and make suggestions. In late April, the board officially adopts the budget.

"Every budget tells a story," Bulova said. "We'll look for efficiencies and savings and opportunity for savings, but it won't be easy. The low-hanging fruit has already been picked."

In spite of the challenges, Bulova said she believes the board has consistently been able to strike a balance that has kept taxes affordable while delivering high quality services to residents.

"We remain committed to work with the community to maintain excellence in the face of our challenges," she said.

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OPINION

Extend Health Coverage in Virginia

General Assembly should not block coverage for as many as 400,000 uninsured.

Standing on what is essentially scorched earth, Republicans in the Virginia General Assembly have condemned hundreds of thousands of poor Virginians to living without health coverage even though it would be fully funded by Federal money for the next three years, and with Virginia paying 10 percent after five years.

Gov. Terry McAuliffe has pledged to do everything he can to expand Medicaid under the Affordable Care Act, and we encourage him to use every creative option available to make that happen. In Ohio, the governor found a legal way to accept the Medicaid funds despite objections from the General Assembly, for example.

Earlier this week, McAuliffe included an amendment to the FY2014 caboose budget bill authorizing the Governor to act in the event that the Medicaid Reform Innovation and Reform Commission (MIRC) fails to decide

whether or not to accept federal funding to cover up to 400,000 uninsured Virginians through Medicaid by the end of the current legislative session.

EDITORIAL

Business groups and chambers of commerce around Virginia, including the Fairfax County Chamber of Commerce, support accepting the expansion of Medicaid in Virginia under the Affordable Care Act. One persuasive factor for the business community: The expansion would create an estimated 30,000 jobs. Hospitals support expanding Medicaid which would offset many of the costs of caring for uninsured populations.

It isn't as if there is no health care cost for the uninsured now. Right now, they access health care when they are very sick by going to an emergency room or other clinics, where providers spread the cost of care around. This is inefficient, expensive and unhealthy, including for those of us who do have health insurance.

ance. It means unvaccinated and/or sick people are going to work and going about their daily lives putting themselves and others at risk.

As of January 2014, in Virginia, Medicaid eligibility for adults without disability is limited to parents with incomes below 51 percent of poverty, or about \$11,900 a year for a family of four, according to the Kaiser Family Foundation. Adults without dependent children remain ineligible regardless of their income.

The General Assembly should not be able to block coverage for as many as 400,000 Virginians basically out of spite. The established excuse, that the Feds can't afford it and can't be counted on to pay the money, doesn't hold water in Virginia, which receives more Federal dollars per capita than any other state but Alaska. If legislators are so concerned about Federal ability to pay, you might expect to see them refusing transportation money, for example, or to turn the possible FBI headquarters away, or thousands of other ways that Federal dollars make their way into Virginia.

— MARY KIMM,

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LETTER

Feels Betrayed

To the Editor:

The roundabout issue for western Fairfax County seems to have a bonus hidden inside of it. When any government representative actually shows contempt and arrogance towards the constituency, the time has come to replace that representative.

Michael Frey has been entrenched in his position since 1991 and this next cycle, no matter which party puts forward a humble soul that values the overwhelming opinion of the voters, that individual must be supported and voted into this position.

I've been in Centreville for over 20 years and it's time for a fresh face to step into the arena. Frey has sold out to Loudoun County. There is a big difference in being a team player for the state and holding the line for those that you represent. What next ... Pleasant Valley Road to be four-laned from Route 50 to Route 29 through the Sully Woodlands just for Loudoun County commuters? Please, political parties must find a replacement for this outstayed-his-welcome politician.

Jim Marotta
Centreville

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CYA members gathered to wrap all the presents for the families.

CYA Collects Presents for Pediatric Party

CYA and DC Candlelighters united to make the holidays brighter for pediatric oncology patients at Inova Fairfax Hospital. CYA collected more than 300 presents for the DC Candlelighter families whose children are fighting cancer. Then they wrapped them all to give out at the hospital Dec. 16 to more than 75 families for their children with cancer and their siblings.

"CYA did an amazing job," said Centreville's Meg Crossett of DC Candlelighters. "It was a wonderful evening, and the looks on the children's faces when they were able to sit on Santa's lap and receive presents were priceless."

These children weren't able to visit the mall and sit on Santa's lap because of their compromised immune systems. So, said Crossett, "Santa coming to the hospital allowed them that joy. We thank CYA so much for allowing these children to have a fun Christmas."



PHOTO COURTESY OF SUSAN KILDRUP

Chantilly's Tara Sankner, who's battling cancer, with Santa and Mrs. Claus at the holiday party.

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NEWS

A Chocolate Lover's Dream

FROM PAGE 4

Nutrition Kitchen, 3950 University Drive. It runs Feb. 1, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., and Feb. 2, noon-4 p.m. Both professionals and amateurs participate, and judges and visitors judge them in various categories. Visitors may also vote for the People's Choice Award winner.

This year's judges include Sabrina Campbell, owner and executive pastry chef of Occasionally Cake; Dean Thomas Prohaska of GMU's College of Health and Human Services; and Fairfax Mayor R. Scott Silverthorne. The event also features a silent auction enabling visitors to bid on the challenge entries, as well as items from local businesses.

In addition, the Chocolate Lovers Festival Committee donates part of each year's event proceeds to a charity.

This year's recipient is Best Buddies Virginia, a nonprofit provid-



PHOTO COURTESY OF JO ORMESHER

From left: Fairfax County Board of Supervisors Chairman Sharon Bulova, event Chairman Beverly Meyer and Fairfax City Councilman Steve Stombres judge cupcakes during last year's festival.

ing opportunities for one-on-one friendships between people with and without intellectual and developmental disabilities. The funds will support the Best Buddies chapter at GMU.

"And don't forget to visit our

downtown merchants, as they'll be running specials throughout the weekend," said Meyer.

For more information about the festival, go to www.chocolatefestival.net or call 703-385-1661.

Bring Food Donations

The Chocolate Lovers Festival Committee will again support the Fairfax Kiwanis Meals for Young Minds Program with multiple locations where people may drop off food during the festival for children in need. This project provides food for local, elementary-school students who don't have food to eat on the weekends.

Each child receives a gallon-size bag with kid-friendly, nonperishable, nutritious food items to last the weekend. Since its inception in 2010, the program has expanded to support students at three elementary schools here.

Needed are oatmeal packets; single-serving size boxes of cereal, chili cups, macaroni and cheese, tuna salad kits, pasta/meat cups; fruit cups, pudding, applesauce, cheese and crackers, granola bars, 100-percent fruit juice boxes, Capri Sun juice packets; and shelf-stable milk.

Children are given bags containing:

- ❖ Two breakfasts: oatmeal, small cereal box, granola bars and other breakfast foods;

- ❖ Two lunches: cheese and crackers, cup of soup and similar items;

- ❖ Two dinners: easy-cook macaroni and cheese, beef ravioli, tuna and similar foods;

- ❖ Two or three snacks: applesauce, pudding, fruit cup, fruit roll-ups and other snacks.

These and similar nourishing food items will be collected Saturday, Feb. 1 at the following locations:

- ❖ 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.: Fire Station 3, at 4081 University Drive (during the Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast)

- ❖ 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.: Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center, 10209 Main St.

- ❖ 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.: Nutrition Kitchen, 3950 University Drive

- ❖ 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.: City of Fairfax Regional Library, 10360 North St.

Food donations will also be collected Sunday, Feb. 2, at:

- ❖ 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.: Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center, 10209 Main St.

- ❖ Noon to 4 p.m.: Nutrition Kitchen, 3950 University Drive

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PEOPLE

Brothers Are National Taekwondo Champs

Sohwon and Siwon Kim of Chantilly train with their father Master Han Kim.

BY STEVE HIBBARD
CENTRE VIEW

Before they've even graduated from high school, two Chantilly brothers — Sohwon, 17, and Siwon Kim, 15, have each won national taekwondo titles.

Their father Master Han Kim has been running the U.S. Taekwondo College in Sully Plaza off Route 50 in Chantilly for 21 years. Sohwon started taking lessons from his dad at the age of 5 and started competing at age 7. And he hasn't stopped since.

"I wouldn't be where I'm at without him," he said of his dad. "It's a blessing; there's always emotions involved."

Sohwon won the gold medal in the 2012 U.S. National Championship in the Junior Featherweight Division for ages 14-17. He was a member of the U.S. Junior National Team. He also won the 2013 U.S. Senior National Championship in Chicago for the 18-32 age group. And he's the youngest male athlete ever to win gold at senior championships.

"He's a very talented kid, but he's too nice," said his father. "He's a tremendous athlete, but he doesn't have that killer instinct." He said with more time and age that, "I hope he'll get it soon."

To maintain his 127-pound weight, he runs about three to five miles a day, does



STEVE HIBBARD/CENTRE VIEW

From left: Sohwon, 17, and Siwon Kim, 15, with their dad Master Han Kim.

sprints and weight training at Gold's Gym. He eats a strict diet of proteins and mostly vegetables with no sugars or carbs.

Sohwon transferred from Chantilly High to Mountain View in his senior year. He hopes to graduate in February or early March so that he can devote more time to taekwondo.

Because his dad Han was a former professional boxer, they incorporate boxing strategies into both of his sons' taekwondo training.

"We would treat our taekwondo matches like it was boxing," Sohwon said. "I use my footwork and throw one shot at a time — just to get my opponents out of balance."

If his opponents make mistakes, Sohwon says he tries to take advantage of them. "My fights are very entertaining and dramatic ... Me and my brother always have a big fan base."

Sohwon describes himself as a "technical fighter," using clean techniques when he kicks and punches. He's best known for his 540-degree kicks spinning in the air. But he prefers to stick to the basics. "Everyone knows about my left-front leg kick, but they always have trouble containing it," he added.

His next step is to compete in the Canadian Open in Montreal next month where he hopes to receive ranking points. The top 35 athletes in the world are ranked and thus qualify for the World Grand Prix. And the top six athletes automatically qualify for the 2016 Olympics in Rio de Janeiro.

"That is a dream of mine," he said. "But my dream cannot be obtained unless I go to international competitions."

SIWON KIM, 15, started taekwondo when he was 3 years old. In March he will be com-

peting in the Junior World Championships in Taipei, China, in the lightweight taekwondo division (130 pounds).

In 2012, he won the national championships in Dallas in fin weight (under 99 pounds) in the 14-17 age division against 32 people from around the nation. In 2013, he won the national championship in Chicago in the flyweight (under 105 pounds) in the 14-17 age division against 20 people from around the nation.

He went to the Pan Am Championship in Mexico in 2013 as a national team member and competed against eight people and took home the bronze. He also made the U.S. National Team in 2012, 2013, and 2014.

"I just love physical contact," said Siwon, a sophomore who is home-schooled. "I'm very aggressive; I just go forward with a lot of attacking."

For his workout regimen, he runs about five miles a day and trains in taekwondo for about three hours. He says he stops going on Facebook and Twitter, eats lots of protein and drinks lots of water.

"He has the killer instinct," said his father of Siwon. "He always finds his way to win," He added that Siwon is the youngest junior national team winner at 14, repeated it at 15, and made it again at 16.

His dad says he's got a small chance of qualifying for the 2016 Olympics. In April, he will be 16 and have to compete against grown men. "But I believe he can do it through hard work," added Han Kim.

In order to compete, it costs Han Kim about \$20,000 a year for the airplane flights, hotels, meals and registration fees. They are hoping to receive donations and sponsors to help with the high costs of training and travel. To donate, contact 703-909-8077 or email sugghan12@hotmail.com.

Artist's Work on Display at Sugarloaf Crafts Festival

Potter's works at juried show.

BY SENITRA T. MCCOMBS
CENTRE VIEW

Potter Kerri Henry will be displaying her birdhouses and other functional stone ware at this year's Sugarloaf Crafts Festival at Dulles Expo Center in Chantilly, from Jan. 24-26. Among the pieces Henry will be showcasing at the festival, she will display some of her birdhouses that are molded into a fish shape.

"I was excited by the opportunity to display my work with high caliber artists who show at the Festivals. I'm looking forward to offering the new birdhouses I've designed this year. I'll also have my full line of functional art," Henry said.

She fell in love with the creative nature of pottery after taking a few pottery classes in high school in 2005. In addition, she also took a class at the Audrey Moore Rec Center in Fairfax and then moved on to become



Potter Kerri Henry

an associate at Creative Clay, a pottery studio in Alexandria. She also took classes at the Workhouse Arts Center in Lorton as well as workshops with Bill van Gilder.

"I cook and entertain a lot so I try to make pieces that are easy for you to use for entertaining like trays and dishes for crackers and dips," Henry said.

About seven years ago, she opened a pottery studio in her home. Some of Henry's most popular pieces include Berry Bowls and Brie Bakers. Additionally, she also sells bakeware such as the Brie Bakers, coffee mugs and serving pieces.

Henry said that baking her pottery in a high-fired electric kiln at 2232 degrees helps to ensure that it is durable or sturdy for daily use.

Henry hopes to advance her skills and start doing some more complex, larger pieces such as a 20-inch handle platter with a glazed trail decoration.

In her spare time, she enjoys sitting on her front porch or hitting up local thrift stores.

Henry moved from Sacramento to the Springfield area in 2004. Her studio is located in Springfield.

The Sugarloaf Crafts Festival was founded as the Sugarloaf Mountain Works by Deann and George Verdier in 1975.

Its mission was to provide a "low-overhead marketplace where artists and craftspeople could sell their unique creations direct to craftlovers." A year later in

the spring of 1976, the first Sugarloaf Crafts Festival was held in Gaithersburg with 200 artisans.

This year's festival will be held over three days: Friday, Jan. 24 and Saturday, Jan. 25 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; and Sunday, Jan. 26 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Adult admission is \$8 online and \$10 at the door, and free for children under 12. Admission is good for all three days of the Festival. Free parking is available on site.

During the festival, shoppers can choose from the latest trends in handcrafted arts, including those in jewelry, fashion, leather, home accessories, functional and decorative pottery, sculpture, glass, wood, metal, furniture, photography and fine art of more than 250 acclaimed artisans.

Unlike other craft shows, shoppers can speak directly to the actual artists instead of salespeople. And they can also watch live demonstrations where they can see the creations evolve from ideas to completion.

For more information on show previews, exhibitor lists and admission discounts, go to www.sugarloafcrafter.com or call 800-210-9900.

Could Meals Tax Be Answer To Fund Schools?

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cent. The hard part is where do you find it?" The county executive's proposed budget comes out in the third week in February. And, said Frey, "We're going to have a lot of issues to deal with. The board has urged all the county's agency heads to be creative and do more with less."

Still, some new expenditures have been unavoidable. For example, with the continued urbanization of Tysons Corner, its police department had to add nine new officers last year and the county opened the Wolftrap Fire Station. Furthermore, said Frey, "Some 900 child Medicaid cases were turned over to the county to manage. It's not their medical care, but their cases, but we didn't get a penny to pay for it."

So, he said, "It's a challenge to meet all the needs we have. The schools haven't asked us to put a meals tax on a referendum, and counties can only do it if it's on a referendum. It failed in spring 1992, but it's real money. Everybody to the east of us has a 4-percent meals tax, and it would generate \$90 million to \$100 million a year."

Frey doesn't have a position on a meals tax at this point. But given the opportunity, he said, he'd vote to put it on a ballot and leave it up to the voters to decide. However, he added, "I don't think the votes [for it] are there on the Board of Supervisors."

Now that Northern Virginia has finally received some transportation dollars, Frey said, "We're struggling with how to spend it efficiently and quickly. In the '90s, we had road projects moving along in various stages of design, land acquisition and construction. But as the money dried up, it made no sense to design projects, so they were taken off the table."

Locally, the I-66/Route 28 interchange remains his biggest priority. "We'll continue to push it," he said. "VDOT's working on two conceptual designs, and I suspect we'll have another public meeting later this year when there are more details."

But the project is still three to four years away from fruition, said Frey. "It'll be hard to do without impinging on parkland, and it's also a federal highway," he said. "About 55 million has been approved to do the design and land acquisition and start construction. But the cost estimate ranges from \$75 million to \$125 million, so it needs more money from the state."

Some smaller projects, though, are already underway. Frey noted that the Route 29 bridge replacement over the Little Rocky Run stream in Centreville began recently. The new bridge will have six lanes and should be done by October 2015. The project also includes a new sidewalk and shared-use path.

In addition, also under construction this

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— Supervisor Michael R. Frey (R-Sully)

year will be a new, four-lane bridge with bike lanes to replace the existing Walney Road Bridge over Flatlick Branch.

Now that VDOT's gotten the go-ahead to build a roundabout at the Pleasant Valley/Braddock road intersection in Centreville, Virginia Run's Ted Trosciancki asked Frey what will be done to fix the dangerous S-curve just east of Braddock.

"VDOT will try to add as much as they can to the road width at the S-curve," replied Frey. "[VDOT's] Bud Siegel will try to use maintenance money to build up the shoulders. But there's only so much you can do with that curve because it's all rock."

While noting that "we have secondary roads carrying more traffic than most primary roads in the state," Frey said no more secondary-roads money is anticipated until 2017.

"So let's plan some road initiatives so we'll

be ready to do these projects when a pot of money does become available," said Trosciancki. "And we need to make sure to get the community's input and involvement at the dawn of these projects, rather than at the twilight." He also said Fairfax County has to develop a six-year plan for secondary roads.

"We've identified road projects needing approval, but there's no money for them," answered Frey. Trosciancki then said he'd like there to be a Sully District meeting about local transportation projects.

Frey said the creation of a transportation-projects list for Sully is fine with him, and he suggested that Sully Transportation Commissioner Jeff Parnes be involved, too. Furthermore, said Frey, "Sully should also learn from the county DOT what other transportation projects there are in the county and how they all fit together."

SCHOOL NOTES

Email announcements to centreview@connectionnewspapers.com. Photos are welcome.

James Byun, of Centreville, was recently initiated into Phi Kappa Phi's Virginia Tech chapter.

Sean Douglass, a sophomore majoring in applied physics, from Centreville; and **Matt Pisarcik**, a sophomore majoring in applied physics, from Centreville, were both named to the dean's list at Bridgewater College.

Mathew Jonathan Snow, of Clifton, graduated from University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee with a master of arts from the College of Letters and Science.

Alexander Jung, the son of Kyung and Kristina Jung of Centreville, was named to the dean's list. Alexander is a sophomore at Randolph-Macon Academy.

Samuel Martinez, of Centreville, was named to the dean's list at Belmont University.

Carrie Hill, a sophomore English major from Centreville, was named to the dean's list at Bob Jones University.

Centreville resident **Rachel Treharne** was named to the dean's list for the 2013 fall semester at Messiah College. Treharne is a senior majoring in education certification grades 4-8.

Olivia Cibelle Zendja, of Centreville, has been named to the fall, 2013 dean's list at Georgetown College, Georgetown, Ky.

Zeyu Yuan, of Centreville, has been placed on the dean's list at New River Community College.

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Conversational English. 7:30-9 p.m. at Chantilly Bible Church, 4390 Pleasant Valley Road, Chantilly. There are four levels: beginning, basic, intermediate, and advanced. There is also a citizenship class. This is the eighth year church members have offered this free program. Childcare provided. Call 703-263-1188, ext. 15.

SATURDAY/JAN. 25

Coffee at the Barre. 9-10:30 a.m. at Studio BE Pilates, 11881 Grand Commons Ave., Fairfax. Take a Booty Barre class, followed by a meet and greet coffee break. Register by e-mailing info@studiobepilates.com or 703-222-0122.

WEDNESDAY/JAN. 29

Presentation. 7 p.m. at Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road, Chantilly. Climate Reality and Carol LeBlanc presents "The current state of climate change and what can be done to address it." Free. Registration encouraged. Visit <http://presenters.climateactproject.org/presentation/15091> for more.

FRIDAY/JAN. 31

Application Deadline. Juniors at Herndon, Chantilly and Westfield high schools who are in good standing and have an interest in history are encouraged to apply for this paid nine-month internship that runs April through December 2014. Up to three interns will be hired. Participants will gain experience in museum operations, public speaking, historic object collections, event programming and museum store and visitor center operations. Sully Historic Site, which is owned and operated by the Fairfax County Park Authority, will begin accepting applications for this internship program in December 2013. Candidates will be asked to provide a completed application, written essay, and teacher recommendations by January 31, 2014 for panel review. For further information e-mail either Carol McDonnell, site manager at Sully Historic Site (carol.mcdonnell@fairfaxcounty.gov) or Noreen McCann, visitor services manager (noreen.mccann@fairfaxcounty.gov). 703-437-1794.

SATURDAY/FEB. 1

Safe Sitter Course. Children 11-13 years old can learn how to handle

crises, how to keep their charges secure and how to nurture and guide a young child. Located at Temple Beth Torah, 4212-C Technology Court, Chantilly. Pre-registration required. E-mail safesitter@gmail.com or visit tysonscornerkiwanis.org to register.

WEDNESDAY/FEB. 5

Meeting. 7 p.m. at Rocky Run Middle School, 4400 Stringfellow Road, Chantilly. Kathy Smith will hold an informational meeting on the 2015 proposed budget.

Free Seminar. 7-8:30 p.m. at 12700 Fair Lakes Circle, suite 120, Fairfax. There will be a 90-minute review of 1031 Tax-Free Property Exchanges and investment information. Register by calling 703-818-9624.

THURSDAY/FEB. 6

Support Group. 7-8:30 p.m. at Centreville Regional Library, 14200 St. Germaine Drive. For people who have lost a loved one within the past two years. Free. E-mail ktyner@capitalcaring.org or 703-396-6198.

WEDNESDAY/FEB. 12

Fairfax County Park Authority Board Meeting. 7:30 p.m. in the Herrity Building, 12055 Government

Center Parkway, Fairfax. Free. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/boardagn2.htm for meeting materials, archives and more. For more information contact the Public Information Office at 703-324-8662.

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SATURDAY/FEB. 22

Free Parent Education Seminar. 9-1:30 a.m. at Montessori of Chantilly - Casa Dei Bambini, 4212F Technology Court, Chantilly. Learn about the impact of screen-time and technology on children. Visit www.mcdbc.com or 703-961-0211.

WEDNESDAY/FEB. 26

Fairfax County Park Authority Board Meeting. 7:30 p.m. in the Herrity Building, 12055 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax. Free. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/boardagn2.htm for meeting materials, archives and more. For more information contact the Public Information Office at 703-324-8662.

MONDAY/MARCH 3

Application Deadline. The online application for the Military Officers Association of America Educational Assistance Programs for the 2014-2015 school year is now available online at <https://scholarship.moaa.org/login.aspx>. Students can apply for the interest-free loans and grants, which are awarded annually for up to five years of undergraduate study (or until a student graduates.) Applicants must be graduating high school seniors or full-time college students working toward their first undergraduate degree. Students may apply online at www.moaa.org/education. The application deadline is Monday, March 3 at noon. Visit www.moaa.org/scholarshipfund or e-mail edassist@MOAA.org.

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FRIDAY/MARCH 7

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Super Science Saturdays. 10 a.m.-3 p.m. the second Saturday of each month at the Steven F. Udvar-Hazy Center, 14390 Air & Space Museum Parkway. Visit <http://airandspace.si.edu/udvarhazy>.

Exhibit. See an array of colorful nesting dolls on display at Sully Historic Site, 3650 Historic Sully Way, Chantilly. Exhibit runs through Jan. 31. Enjoy a guided tour of the 1794 home of Northern Virginia's first congressman, Richard Bland Lee. \$7/adult; \$6/student; \$5/senior and child. Hours are daily, except Tuesdays, from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. 703-437-1794.

Art Exhibit. See "Songs of the Shore," archival inkjet prints by Chantilly resident Peter Toth in the Margaret W. and Joseph L. Fisher Art Gallery, of the Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall & Arts Center, 3001 N. Beauregard St. Runs Feb. 7 through March 16. Visit www.nvcc.edu/schlesingercenter/gallery.html.

THURSDAY/JAN. 23

Toddlin' Twos. 10:30 a.m. or 11:30 a.m. at Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Children age 2 can enjoy stories and activities. Free. Registration required. 703-502-3883.

Storytime for Three to Fives. 2 p.m. at Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Children age 3-5 can enjoy stories and more. Free. Registration required. 703-502-3883.

Magic and Mayhem. 7 p.m. at Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Girls and boys in grades 6-8 can participate in this sci-fi/fantasy book group. Call for title. Free. Registration required. 703-502-3883.

Preview Party. 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Mrs. Green's Natural Market, 12995 Fair Lakes Shopping Center, Fairfax. Enjoy free tastings, live music, giveaways and children's activities. Free. Visit mrsgreens.com for more.

FRIDAY/JAN. 24

Sugarloaf Crafts Festival. 10 a.m.-6 p.m. at Dulles Expo Center, 4320 Chantilly Shopping Center Drive, Chantilly. Browse sculpture, glass, fashion, wood, leather and more from more than 250 American artists. There will also be music, demonstrations, food vendors, children's activities and more. \$8/online or \$10/door for adults; children under 12 are free; parking is free. Admission is valid all three days. Visit www.sugarloafcrafter.com or 800-210-9900.

Bouncin' Babies. 3 p.m. at Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Babies up to 11 months can enjoy rhymes, songs, stories and more. Free. Registration required. 703-502-3883.

Small Wonders. 4 p.m. at Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Children ages 12-23 months can enjoy rhymes, songs and more. Free. Registration required. 703-502-3883.

SATURDAY/JAN. 25

Sugarloaf Crafts Festival. 10 a.m.-6 p.m. at Dulles Expo Center, 4320

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SUNDAY/JAN. 26

Sugarloaf Crafts Festival. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. at Dulles Expo Center, 4320 Chantilly Shopping Center Drive, Chantilly. Browse sculpture, glass, fashion, wood, leather and more from more than 250 American artists. There will also be music, demonstrations, food vendors, children's activities and more. \$8/online or \$10/door for adults; children under 12 are free; parking is free. Admission is valid all three days. Visit www.sugarloafcrafter.com or 800-210-9900.

Peaceful Paws. 10:30 a.m. at Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Children on the autism spectrum or with other developmental challenges meet and read to a trained therapy dog Dakota, a gentle giant Bernese Mountain dog. Reading is not required, but can read from a library book or already owned one. Free. Registration required, 703-502-3883.

Paws for Reading. 3 p.m. at Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Children ages 5-12 can meet and read to a trained therapy dog. They can read from a library book or already owned one. Free. Registration required, 703-502-3883.

MONDAY/JAN. 27

Bouncin' Babies. 10:30 a.m. at Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Babies up to 11 months can enjoy rhymes, songs, stories and more. Free. Registration required. 703-502-3883.

Small Wonders. 11:30 a.m. at Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Children ages 12-23 months can enjoy rhymes, songs and more. Free. Registration required. 703-502-3883.

Sully Book Club. 1 p.m. at Centreville Regional Library, 14200 St. Germain Drive. Discuss "An American Hero" by Michael Korda. Free. 703-830-2223.

Book Buddies. 2:15 p.m. at Chantilly Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Children in grades 1-2 can discuss a book. Free. 703-502-3883 for title.

Afternoon Adventures: Celebrate the Chinese New Year. 3 p.m. at Centreville Library, 14200 St. Germain Drive. Children ages 6-12 enjoy food and crafts about the Chinese New Year. Free. Registration required, 703-830-2223.

Writers of Chantilly. 6:45 p.m. at Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Adults can share their work and receive feedback. Free. 703-502-3883.

TUESDAY/JAN. 28

Toddlin' Twos. 10:30 a.m. or 11:30 a.m. at Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Children age 2 can enjoy stories and activities. Free. Registration required. 703-502-3883.

Wheee! 11 a.m. at Centreville Library, 14200 St. Germain Drive. Children ages 3-5 can enjoy a high octane story time. Registration required 703-830-2223.

Storytime. 1:30 p.m. at Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Children age 3-5 can enjoy stories and more. Free. Registration required. 703-502-3883.

WEDNESDAY/JAN. 29

Read, Build, Play. Duplo Story Time. 10:30 a.m. at Chantilly Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Children ages 18-36 months can enjoy stories and more. Free. Registration required, 703-502-3883.

Bouncin' Babies. 3 p.m. at Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Babies up to 11 months can enjoy rhymes, songs, stories and more. Free. Registration required. 703-502-3883.

Small Wonders. 4 p.m. at Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Children ages 12-23 months can enjoy rhymes, songs and more. Free. Registration required. 703-502-3883.

A Novel Society. 7 p.m. at Centreville Regional Library, 14200 St. Germain Drive. Adults can discuss "Ordinary Thunderstorms" by William Boyd. Free. 703-830-2223.

A Cappella Festival. 7 p.m. at Centreville High School. Features a cappella groups from local colleges. Admission is by donation. Reception will follow.

THURSDAY/JAN. 30

Toddlin' Twos. 10:30 a.m. or 11:30 a.m. at Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Children age 2 can enjoy stories and activities. Free. Registration required. 703-502-3883.

Lego Block Party. 7 p.m. at Chantilly Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Children in grades 3-6 can build. Free. Call for this month's theme. Registration required, 703-502-3883.

Digital Photography for Teens. 7 p.m. at Centreville Library, 14200 St. Germain Drive. Teens age 12-18 can learn how to make memorable pics with a digital camera. Free. Registration required. 703-830-2223.

FRIDAY/JAN. 31

Ready for School Storytime. 1:30 p.m. at Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Children ages 4-5 can enjoy stories and more. Free. 703-502-3883.

SATURDAY/FEB. 1

Lunar New Year Festival. 1-5 p.m. at Fair Oaks Mall, off I-66 and Route 50 at Lee Jackson Memorial Highway. Families can enjoy traditional Chinese dragon dances, music and dance performances, arts and crafts, lantern festival, demonstrations and more. Free. 703-359-8300 or visit www.ShopFairOaksMall.com.

SUNDAY/FEB. 2

Lunar New Year Festival. 1-5 p.m. at Fair Oaks Mall, off I-66 and Route 50 at Lee Jackson Memorial Highway. Families can enjoy traditional Chinese dragon dances, music and dance performances, arts and crafts, lantern festival, demonstrations and more. Free. 703-359-8300 or visit www.ShopFairOaksMall.com.

MONDAY/FEB. 3

Bouncin' Babies. 10:30 a.m. at Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Babies up to 11 months can enjoy rhymes, songs, stories and more. Free. Registration required. 703-502-3883.

Small Wonders. 11:30 a.m. at Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Children ages 12-23 months can enjoy rhymes, songs and more. Free. Registration required. 703-502-3883.

Frying Pan Farm. 2 p.m. at Chantilly Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Children in grades K-6 can learn about a small farm animal, hear a story and take home a craft. Free. Registration required, 703-502-3883.



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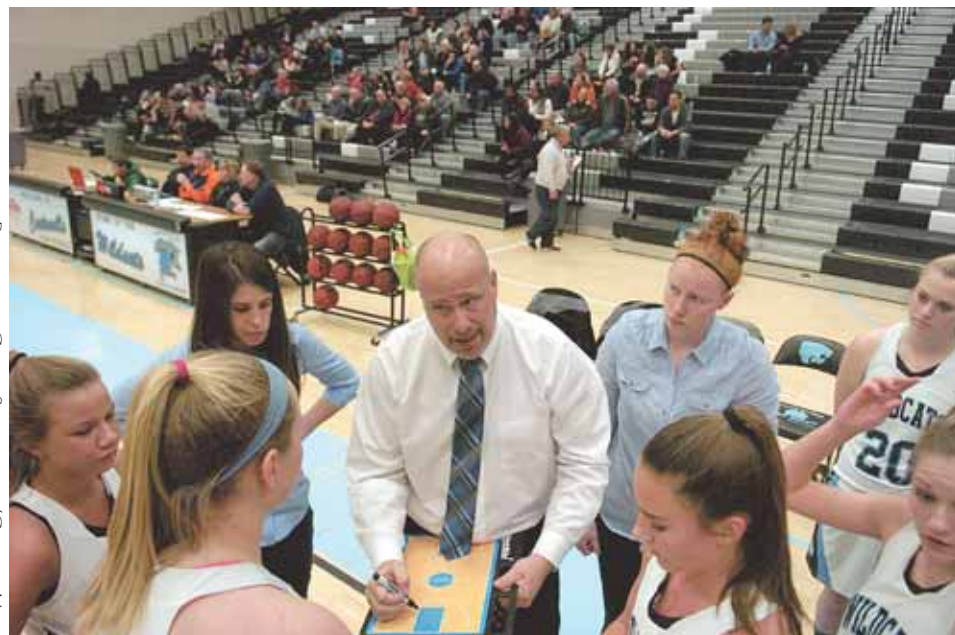

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Centreville point guard Jenna Green scored a game-high 20 points against Oakton on Jan. 17.**Centreville girls' basketball coach Tom Watson talks to the Wildcats during a game against Oakton on Jan. 17.**

Changing of the Guard? Centreville girls' basketball wins third straight over Oakton.

BY JON ROETMAN
CENTRE VIEW

The Oakton girls' basketball program was the defending state champion, had won eight consecutive district titles and hadn't lost to the Centreville Wildcats since 1995 when the two teams faced one another on Jan. 18, 2013.

Centreville had won 14 of its first 15 games during the 2012-13 season and the Wildcats felt confident they could knock off mighty Oakton. The Cougars, however, weren't ready to relinquish their place atop the Concorde District and won by 17 points on their home floor.

"I think we came out scared in the first half," Centreville head coach Tom Watson said after the game.

Centreville got another shot at Oakton the following month. This time, the Wildcats won, 49-38. Ten days later, Centreville beat Oakton again, this time in the Concorde District championship game, 44-41. It was Centreville's first district title since 1993.

Eleven months later, the teams had their first meeting of the 2013-14 season on Jan. 17 at Centreville High School. Friday's contest presented Centreville a chance to show last year's victories against Oakton were no fluke, while providing the Cougars an opportunity for payback.

In the second half, the Wildcats made a case that their stay atop the district (now Conference 5) will not be a one-and-done affair.

Centreville defeated Oakton 55-38 on Friday. The Wildcats led 24-17 at halftime before outscoring the Cougars 18-8 in the third quarter. A bucket by senior point guard Jenna Green with 3:52 remaining in the fourth quarter gave Centreville a 52-32 advantage, its largest lead of the night.

After going winless against Oakton since the mid-90s, Centreville has now won three

**Centreville junior Caroline Wakefield goes up for a shot against Oakton's Karlie Cronin on Jan. 17.**

straight against the perennial power.

"Last year, the first time we beat them — we beat them for the first time in [nearly] 20 years — that was the game that really helped us because then we realized that we could do this. We could win," Green said. "It's the same this year. We definitely have a good chance [of winning the conference] again and we're going to go after it. It's my senior year, there's a lot of seniors on this team and we want it. We want it really bad."

Green, who signed with William & Mary, played a major role in Friday's victory, finishing with a game-high 20 points. She opened second-half scoring with a three-point play after a nifty spin move.

"She's definitely the best player in the

region, point guard especially," Watson said. "Everyone knows that. Jenna has earned it. Nothing was given to her. She's in the gym before anybody, she's in the gym after everybody, she goes to a trainer three, four, five times a week. If you're putting that work in, then it should come back to you."

Green is one of six seniors on the Centreville roster. The Wildcats also have six juniors and two freshmen. Centreville started four seniors and a junior on Friday.

MEANWHILE, Oakton has just two seniors on its roster, along with five juniors, two sophomores and three freshmen. The Cougars started one senior, two juniors, a sophomore and a freshman against Centreville.

Watson, in his second season as Centreville head coach, praised Oakton head coach Fred Priester's ability to continually produce competitive teams.

"It's not a secret that that's our rival. It's not a secret to anybody," Watson said. "It's not a secret that Fred's a great coach. ... [Games against Oakton] mean everything. Every coach and every team has a chinning bar. Fred Priester is my chinning bar. ... It doesn't matter [when Oakton's top players graduate], he re-tools. [Oakton has three] freshmen and they're still unbelievable. He's got more freshmen, I've got all seniors and the game is still tight until the very end, when we broke away a little bit."

One of the reasons Centreville pulled away was the 3-point shooting of Katie Blumer. The senior guard knocked down a trio of 3-pointers during a 2-minute stretch of the third quarter on Friday and finished with 10 points.

"I think I have the best 3-point team in the region," Watson said. "... I have five kids

that can really jack that 3 up. As everybody else knows, Oakton was working their butts off on defense and [it is] debilitating [to the opposition] ... when you knock those down."

Junior Caroline Wakefield scored nine points for Centreville. Senior Ailyn Kelly and junior Chrissy Jacksta each had six.

Oakton junior guard and team captain Lindsey Abed scored a team-high 13 points. Freshman guard Aisha Sheppard scored nine points and sophomore guard Alex Marquis had six. Junior guard and team captain Karlie Cronin grabbed six rebounds.

Oakton kept the game close for a half, but after Green's three-point play in the opening minute of the third quarter, the Cougars trailed by double digits for the remainder of the contest.

Oakton finished with nine field goals.

"[The Wildcats] have a good team," Priester said. "I can't say anything poorly about them. They played a good game. We're a growing team and we did not play a good game."

The Cougars spent more than 30 minutes in the locker room after the game.

"I didn't tell them anything," Priester said of Oakton's postgame meeting. "I asked them things. They need to come up with some answers."

Oakton and Centreville will face one another again on Feb. 4 at Oakton High School for the Cougars' senior night. The two teams could possibly meet in the conference tournament, as well. For now, the Wildcats have gotten the best of the Cougars three straight times and are the defending Concorde champions.

"It feels great. It's awesome," Green said about beating Oakton in three straight meetings. "But we still will ... see them one, probably two more times. We've got to stay focused because it's really hard to beat a good team like that that many times, so we really need to keep working hard."

Sales Tax Error Explains Spike

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mean lower revenues for local governments on retail sales and restaurant meals.

"If revenues continue to decline, it may be necessary to make up any additional shortfalls with expenditure reductions," wrote Alexandria City Manager Rashad Young in a memorandum to City Council members this month.

The concerns are larger than retail sales. One of the potential problems on the horizon is transient occupancy tax revenues. In Alexandria, for example, the hotel occupancy rate fell from 76.1 percent in October 2012 to 72.4 percent in October 2013. In Arlington, hotel occupancy tax revenues fell 15 percent in November compared to the previous year and 18 percent in December compared to the previous year.

"Am I worried? Yes," acknowledged Arlington Budget Director Richard Stevenson. "But that's what budget directors do. We worry."

EXPERTS WHO FOLLOW local government revenues say jurisdictions are worried for two reasons. The first is the lack of continuity on the part of the federal government. When the shutdown was happening, nobody knew how

month	Alexandria	Arlington	Fairfax
July, 2012	\$2,095,566.17	\$3,209,203.92	\$13,721,734.05
July, 2013	\$2,131,996.31	\$3,035,747.37	\$13,659,947.01
difference	\$36,430.14	-\$173,456.55	-\$61,787.04
percent change	1.74%	-5.40%	-0.45%
August, 2012	\$2,140,318.83	\$3,319,659.04	\$14,475,843.20
August, 2013	\$2,026,859.07	\$3,037,107.38	\$13,530,731.80
difference	-\$113,459.76	-\$282,551.66	-\$945,111.40
percent change	-5.30%	-8.51%	-6.53%
September, 2012	\$2,183,674.38	\$3,285,824.25	\$13,581,370.46
September, 2013	\$2,103,012.61	\$3,067,027.71	\$13,521,411.87
difference	-\$80,661.77	-\$218,796.54	-\$59,958.59
percent change	-3.69%	-6.66%	-0.44%
October, 2012	\$2,027,158.90	\$3,178,335.39	\$13,614,131.71
October, 2013	\$2,208,159.20	\$3,661,773.43	\$15,728,025.92
difference	\$181,000.30	\$483,438.04	\$2,113,894.21
percent change	8.93%	15.21%	15.53%
November, 2012	\$2,078,264.35	\$3,301,839.75	\$14,234,067.26
November, 2013	\$2,062,527.46	\$3,218,338.10	\$13,908,035.89
difference	-\$15,736.89	-\$83,501.65	-\$326,031.37
percent change	-0.76%	-2.53%	-2.29%

long it would last or when it would end. That led families to cut back their spending habits and cast a wary eye toward the future.

"That, obviously, is scary," said Frank Shafroth, director of the Center for State and Local Government at George Mason University. "It means for a family that you al-

ways have to leave something aside instead of using it at a local restaurant, store or other facility."

A second reason for worry is that the uncertainty is far from over. The budget agreement reached between Congress and the presi-

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New Leadership

The Republican Women of Clifton introduced its 2014 officers and committee chairs at its first meeting of the year on Jan. 15. To the left of President Alice Butler-Short is Louisiana State Sen. Elbert Guillory, one of the evening's guest speakers who presented the "Presidential Report Card," a review of the President's performance. Attendees also welcomed Peggy Nienaber, Chief of Program for Faith and Action who spoke on "Changing the Hearts and Minds of Elected Officials on Capitol Hill."

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Tyler Perry Masters, 30, of Fairfax County passed away Mon-
day, January 13, 2014 at his residence.

Tyler was a fun loving free-spirited adventurer who loved na-
ture and enjoyed photography. He had a lust for life and new
experiences. A great friend, he was loved by all that knew him.
He was preceded in death by his father, Barrie Masters.
Survivors include his mother, Sarah Kerrigan; stepfather Dave
Kerrigan; brothers Brad Masters, Adam Masters and David
Kerrigan; sister Kaylee Masters; grandmothers Mildred Perry
and Delores Masters. He is also survived by numerous aunts,
uncles, cousins and a niece.

The family will receive friends from 6 to 9 p.m. Friday, Jan. 24
at Covenant Funeral Service, Lee Chapel.

A service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 25 in the funer-
al home chapel. Burial will follow in Stonewall Memory Gar-
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Online guest book at covenantfuneralservice.com.
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Notice is hereby given that the Town of Clifton Town Council
and Planning Commission will hold a joint Public Hearing on
Tuesday, February 4, 2014 at 7:30 p.m. in the Clifton Com-
munity Hall, 12641 Chapel Road, Clifton, Virginia. The purpose
is to consider amendment and revision of the Signs regulations
within the Zoning Ordinance, found in Chapter 9, Article 2 Gen-
eral Regulations, Section 9-14 of the Code of Town of Clifton,
Virginia.

The proposed revision is available for review on the Town web-
site at <http://clifton-va.com/TownCode.pdf> under the Town
Council/Legislation drop-down menu. A hard copy may be ex-
amined at the Clifton Post Office, 12644 Chapel Road, Clifton,
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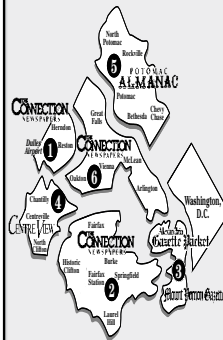
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By KENNETH B. LOURIE



Since it had been more than a few months, today I summoned up the courage to Google my long-time friend and fellow stage IV lung cancer survivor, Suzanne. Suzanne and I had been years out of touch (for no real reason other than initiative and the geographic consideration that she lived in Barnstable, Ma. and I live in Burtonsville, Md.) and recently back in touch – due to our identical cancer diagnoses. I learned that she had succumbed to her disease back in October, 2013. We last had contact electronically back in the summer. She was extremely weak then, she said, too weak to talk, so e-mailing was best. In that e-mail, ultimately her last, she wrote that the most recent chemotherapy drug with which she was infused was no longer effective and that her oncologist had no other drugs left to recommend. Not that she said it in so many words, but at that point her prognosis was grim. She offered that her two boys were with her and from them she would gain great comfort. The news was very unsettling to me and I was afraid that this e-mail might be our last – and so it was.

Suzanne and I were never boyfriend/girlfriend, but from Elementary School through High School we were extremely close and confidants of the highest order ("thick as thieves," to invoke a quote from the warden in the movie, "Shawshank Redemption" describing the close relationship between Tim Robbins – "Andy Dufresne" and "Red," – Morgan Freeman). Our friendship was forged during those formative, pre-adolescent years and maintained on – and then off – until back on again a year or so ago, for nearly 50 years. The reason I hadn't inquired sooner than today was because I was fearful of what I would find out. Typically her e-mails were fairly random and on the occasion when I would e-mail her, she would rarely respond in a timely manner. I tried not to worry about this last silent interval. Today my worst fears were realized.

Just as cancer survivors draw great strength from those of us still living with this terrible disease, so too are we weakened when one of us dies. Rather than feeling fortunate that I am still alive, I feel sadness that Suzanne is not. When one of us dies, we all die – a little bit, or at least, our resolve to persevere dies a little bit. I've always said that there is strength in our numbers, numbers that we cannot afford to lose. (Lung Cancer causes approximately 160,000 deaths a year, the leading cause of cancer deaths in the United States.)

Certainly Suzanne's death affects her family way more than it affects me. However, learning that she has died has given me pause to consider/reconsider how serious my health situation is. It's ironic that Suzanne and I were friends for so many years and that ultimately we should be diagnosed with the same disease and given a similar prognosis. It seems only fitting that since we started together, we should finish together. I imagine I'll see her soon enough. For the moment however, I hope it will be in my dreams – not that other place.

Kenny Lourie is an Advertising Representative for The Potomac Almanac & The Connection Newspapers.

NEWS

Sales Tax Error Explains Spike

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dent is good through September, leaving open the possibility of yet another battle about bankruptcy and insolvency. That leaves open a sense of doubt for long-term contracts involving everything from bridges and fighter planes to satellite and veterans hospitals.

"With the Federal Highway Trust Fund expected to be insolvent by next year," said Shafroth, "a key partner in the regional Washington economy is becoming an uncertain one."

THE NEXT FEW months will detail the extent of the economic damage created by sequester and shutdown. Will the numbers track with expectations? Or will they fall well below the budgets local leaders voted for last spring? That has local governments worried and prepared to make reductions if necessary. Then again, they also don't want to make spending reduction that are unnecessary and potentially damaging.

"What you don't want to do is make cuts that if we recover enough we didn't need to make," said Laura Triggs, finance director with the city of Alexandria. "But by law, if it continues to be low then yes I have to cut back on expenditures."

Part of the problem is revenue growth not meeting expectations. Even if local governments see an increase in revenue from sales tax revenue, failure to meet expectations could spell trouble for balancing the books in the current fiscal year. And that means even more headaches for trying to predict the future in fiscal year 2015.

"Normally our sales tax is increasing at a larger extent than it is right now," said Wilds.

BUSINESS NOTES

Email announcements to centreview@connectionnewspapers.com. Photos welcome.

Bob Buzzell and **Peggy Moore** of CORT Business Services have been promoted to senior vice president of commercial development and vice president of commercial sales, respectively. Prior to this promotion, Buzzell served as regional vice president of operations for CORT. Bob built his extensive retail background by working at a number of national, well-known retail companies including Sears and Circuit City where he served in operations and merchandising management roles.

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Inova Urgent Care Centers, a group of six urgent care treatment centers located in Ballston, Centreville, Dulles South, Purcellville, Vienna and Woodbridge, have earned Urgent Care Center Accreditation with the American Academy of Urgent Care Medicine. Urgent Care Center Accreditation ensures the provision of quality healthcare and the principles of professionalism. The goals of accreditation reflect the missions and goals of the American Academy of Urgent Care Medicine which are to elevate the standards of urgent care, provide positive and increased recognition of urgent care, and to serve the public by encouraging quality patient care in the practice of urgent care medicine.

CRIME

The following criminal incidents were reported by the Sully District Police Station.

BURGLARY, 13800 block of Poplar Tree Road, Jan. 17. A resident reported someone entered the residence and took property.

BURGLARY, 6800 block of Hartwood Lane, Jan. 10. A resident reported someone entered the residence and took property.

BURGLARY, 15000 block of Lee Highway, Jan. 2. A resident reported someone entered the residence and took

property.

INDECENT EXPOSURE, 13800 block of Braddock Road, Jan. 10. A woman was walking in a parking lot when a man exposed himself. The suspect was described as white, 30's with blond hair.

LARCENIES

- ❖ 7700 block of Bull Run Drive, cash from vehicle
- ❖ 6900 block of Confederate Ridge Lane, cell phone from location
- ❖ 8100 block of Spruce Valley Lane,

- cell phone from location
- ❖ 6700 block of Old Centreville Road, items from vehicle
- ❖ 5900 block of Trinity Parkway, wallet from location
- ❖ 14100 block of Wood Rock Way, property from vehicle
- ❖ 4300 block of Chantilly Shopping Center, merchandise from business
- ❖ 14600 block of Flint Lee Road, license plate from vehicle
- ❖ 14100 block of Lee Highway, cell phone from business
- ❖ 4000 block of Westfax Drive, equipment from vehicle
- ❖ 14600 block of Flint Lee road, license plates from vehicle

- ❖ 5200 block of Kimanna Drive, tools from vehicle
- ❖ 14800 block of Rydell Road, tools from vehicle
- ❖ 14400 block of Saint Germain Drive, tools from vehicle
- ❖ 11500 block of Wild Acre Way, property from vehicle
- ❖ 14700 block of Ealing Court, license plate from vehicle
- ❖ 13800 block of Braddock Road, cell phone and money from business
- ❖ 5500 block of Cavalier Woods Lane, cell phone from vehicle
- ❖ 13700 block of Marsden Court, package from residence
- ❖ 5100 block of Ox Road, wallet from

- vehicle
- ❖ 13800 block of Braddock Road, wallet from business
- ❖ 4300 block of Chantilly Shopping Center, purse from business
- ❖ 6400 block of Paddington Court, TV from residence
- ❖ 14400 block of Coachway Drive, wallet from residence

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