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SCHOOLS



Chantilly High's Speech Team captured the district title last week for its second consecutive year.

Speech Team Takes District Title

The Chantilly High Speech Team won the district title for the second year in a row, on Wednesday, Jan. 15, at Westfield High. Teacher Barbara M. Clougherty is the coach, and the following Chantilly students placed:

Poetry: First Place, Michael Roesgrant; Serious Duo: Second Place, Kristen Popham and Maggie Shircliff; Extemporaneous: Second Place, Serhat Tas; Original Oratory:

Fourth Place, Justine Clougherty; Humorous Interpretation, Second Place, Chris Knarr; Third Place, Daniel Ricks.

Prose: First Place, Shannon Darroch; Humorous Duo, First Place, Lindsay Steinberg and Vi Trinh; Second Place, Gonzalo Izquierdo and Ryan Rickard; Storytelling, Fourth Place, Mary Sophia Clougherty; and Serious Interpretation: First Place, Jason Saitta.

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Challenges of a Lean Economy

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

BY BONNIE HOBBS
THE CONNECTION

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 stand-

point, 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, 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 percent. 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



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

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."

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'We Investigate Crime Scenes and Accidents'

Police detective discusses the job of the Crash Reconstruction Unit.

BY BONNIE HOBBS
THE CONNECTION

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 passenger — 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



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

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 be-

cause 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."

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.

News



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Snowstorm's Effects

A Fairfax Public School plow clears the parking lot at Lees Corner Elementary School on Jan. 21.



Chloe S. of Chantilly starts her walk back up the sledding hill behind Lees Corner Elementary School.



Ben S. of Chantilly carries his inner snow tube back on the sledding hill during the snowstorm on Jan. 21.



David Skiavo of Chantilly gives his daughter Sophia and her friend a push down the sledding hill.



Ann Hines of Chantilly clears her sidewalk during the snow storm.



Students from Health Science march in their scrubs while showing off the academy logo. From left, front row: Sharon Serrano, Ramsha Sultan, Aisha Imtiyaz, Aydan Rasulova, Nikhila Dasari, and back row, Silvia Dimitriev, Madeline Vargas Ortiz and Edom Edmissie.

Members of Air Force JROTC from left: Cadets Sebastian Quintana, Paulina Nardoni, Tanya Kumar and Jacob Payne.



Chantilly Academy Students Participate in Inaugural

Over the weekend, Chantilly Governor's STEM Academy was among the three schools selected statewide to participate in the inaugural ceremony for Gov. Terry McAuliffe. More than 20 students traveled to the Virginia Capitol in Richmond to march in

parade and represent some of the programs offered at the academy. Enduring the rain, students carried signs showing off their classes and also brought along a robot designed and built by the Chantilly First Robotics Team.

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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 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."



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

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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 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.

SUNDAY/JAN. 26

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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.

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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.

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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
THE CONNECTION

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/THE CONNECTION

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 sughan12@hotmail.com.

Artist's Work on Display at Sugarloaf Crafts Festival

Potter's works at juried show.

BY SENITRA T. MCCOMBS
THE CONNECTION

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.

Challenges of a Lean Economy

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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 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."

Teen Dances in London Parade

Kaylee Noble from Chantilly High School is one of more than 500 high school cheerleaders and dancers from across the U.S. who performed in the London New Year's Day Parade on Jan. 1.

She was invited to perform in the parade after being selected as an All American at the University of Maryland summer dance camp hosted by the Universal Dance Association whose parent company is Varsity. All Americans are selected to try out based on superior dance skills at Varsity camps across the country. Only the top 12 percent who attend Varsity summer camps earn the chance to march in the holiday event. In addition to performing at the London parade, the All Americans got the chance to tour London during their seven-day trip.

Noble is a member of the Chantilly Chargers Dance Team, a member of the Chantilly Showstoppers Show Choir and a dance student at The Joan Izzo Academy of Dance.



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Tyler P. Masters

Tyler Perry Masters, 30, of Fairfax County passed away Mon-
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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 fune-
ral home chapel. Burial will follow in Stonewall Memory Gar-
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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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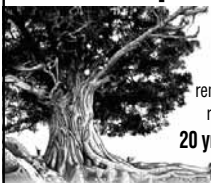
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By KENNETH B. LOURIE



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.

SPORTS

Chantilly Basketball To Face Oakton In Doubleheader

The Chantilly boys' and girls' basketball teams will travel to face Oakton in a double-header on Thursday, Jan. 23. The games were rescheduled due to inclement weather.

The boys' game will be at 6 p.m. and the girls' game will follow.

The Chantilly boys' team is 7-7 and has lost two of three after a four-game winning streak. Oakton is 9-5.

The Chantilly girls' team is 10-5 and has dropped two in a row after winning three straight. Oakton is 13-2, splitting its last four games after an 11-0 start.

SCHOOL NOTES

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

Kirsten Williams, of Oak Hill, has been named to Bob Jones University's Chamber String Orchestra, one of two orchestras at BJU. Williams is a freshman pursuing a bachelor of science degree in music education.

Chantilly resident, **Shirali Shah**, was recently selected to be part of James Madison University's Programmers-In-Training. Shah is a freshman computer information systems major. Programmers-In-Training, also known as the PIT Crew, have been through six weeks of training about programming, marketing and leadership skills to prepare them to work behind-the-scenes at large and small venue concerts, film screenings and student created events.

Virginia Commonwealth University students **Ananya Michera** and **Andrew Whitman** were initiated into The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi.

Katherine Ellinger, of Chantilly, has been named to the dean's list at Youngstown State University for the fall 2013 semester. Ellinger is majoring in integrated social studies educated at VSU.

Alexander Kaufhold, the son of Kim and Ed Kaufhold of Fairfax, was named to the dean's list. Alex is a senior at Randolph-Macon Academy.

Kelsey King, of Oak Hill, was named to the dean's list at Belmont University.

Westfield High School student **Aditya Sapre** and teacher **Katherine Lorio** are one of 15 student and teacher groups selected to be part of the 2014 Albert H. Small Normandy: Sacrifice for Freedom Student and Teacher Institute.

National History Day (NHD) sponsors the event, which allows team members to immerse themselves in the history of the Normandy invasion and remember the soldiers who gave their lives during World War II. In June, Sapre and Lorio will travel to Washington, D.C., where they will take part in five days of lectures and visits to memorials. Students and teachers will then travel with NHD staff to France and, on the 70th anniversary of D-Day, will walk on the beaches of Normandy.

Prior to the institute, students are required to complete selected readings, review interviews with World War II veterans, engage in online discussions with the other participants, and research a local silent hero who is laid to rest in the American Cemetery at Normandy.

Students will present their selected service member's eulogy and talk about his or her role in the invasion during a remembrance ceremony at the end of the institute.

Matthew Cumpian, a Harding University senior from Chantilly, was named to the dean's list.

BULLETIN BOARD

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MONDAYS/JAN. 13-MARCH 31

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.

THURSDAY/FEB. 20

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.

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

Silent Auction. Navy Elementary School, 500 W. Ox Road, is sponsoring a silent auction with proceeds benefiting the school. Visit navypt.org or 703-927-9606 to find out if you can donate items.

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DONATIONS

The **student Auto Sales Program** operating from Centreville High School works in conjunction with the CVHS automotive technology classes to bring in donated automobiles, boats and motorcycles for students to work on. Some refurbished vehicles are sold, with 75 percent of the proceeds going back to the auto tech program. The program is in need of cars, trucks or motorcycles, which are fully tax deductible, for student training. Contact Lyman Rose for further information at 703-802-5588 or by e-mail lyman.rose@fcps.edu.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The **Northern Virginia Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program** needs volunteer advocates for residents in assisted living and nursing facilities throughout the area. Volunteers can work in facilities close to where they live. Training is provided in March 2014. Call 703-324-5861, TTY 711 or e-mail Lisa.Callahan@fairfaxcounty.gov. Find more information on becoming a long-term care ombudsman volunteer at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dfs/olderadultservices/ltcombudsman/vol_ombud_program.htm.

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