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Back row, from left, are Jared Knutti, Patrick McGinty and Joshua Ewalt; (Front row, from left) are Kayla Ebright, Lily Park and Hailey Knapp.

Heading to Harrisonburg

Six CVHS students make Virginia's All-State Choir.

BY BONNIE HOBBS
CENTRE VIEW

Six Centreville High students — Kayla Ebright, Jared Knutti, Lily Park, Patrick McGinty, Joshua Ewalt and Hailey Knapp — have made Virginia's All-State Choir. And they'll perform in it, April 26, in Harrisonburg.

"I'm so proud of my kids — they're awesome," said Centreville Choral Director Lynne Babcock. "I love my job because they make every day wonderful."

HAILEY KNAPP

A senior, Knapp sings both alto and soprano in Bella Voce, the school's all-female, advanced choir. To qualify for All-State, she and the others first had to audition for and make All-District Chorus before auditioning for All-State in February.

"They take the top four people from each voice part in each district," she said. "We had to sing 'Oh, Shenandoah' in a blind audition to recorded music. Then we sang eight measures of music we'd never seen before. We got 30 seconds to study it and then had to sing it."

Knapp felt "pretty confident" she'd make All-State since she made it last year. "It's competitive, but I felt prepared because I'd been working hard

with my private voice teacher," she said. "I really wanted to make it this year because I knew more about it, so I was excited to get the news."

For the All-State concert, the students will learn five pieces of music on their own and will then work with a conductor there for a couple days before the big event. There are actually two, All-State choirs — one, all girls, for sopranos and altos, and another for both boys and girls singing soprano, alto, tenor and bass. Centreville's singers are split between the two.

KAYLA EBRIGHT

A junior, Ebright's always liked singing. "It makes me happy if I'm having a bad day," she said. "I gave performances for my parents when I was in elementary school. Then I focused more seriously in high school and started private voice lessons, which improved my sound quality."

At Centreville, said Ebright, a soprano, "We work on the technical aspects of singing, like focused sounds, elongated vowels and having expression when you sing." She's in Symphonic Choir, the top mixed choir, plus Madrigal, an after-school choir that meets twice weekly and performs in Renaissance costumes. In winter, the members carol at nursing homes and hospitals.

Since she gets nervous auditioning, Ebright didn't think she'd make All-State. So, she said, "I was really excited when I found out; I knew it would be a good experience. At the concert, we'll

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Music, Dancing, Food and Fun

Centreville International Showcase will be April 26.

BY BONNIE HOBBS
CENTRE VIEW

Celebrating the community's cultural diversity, the Centreville Immigration Forum (CIF) presents the Centreville International Showcase. A lighthearted evening of music, dance, food and friendship is slated for Saturday, April 26, from 6-9:30 p.m., at Centreville United Methodist Church.

The church is at 6400 Old Centreville Road in Centreville, and the festivities will take place in the gym. The theme is "One Centreville, One Community, One World," and the event will high-

light food and entertainment from around the globe.

"Living, shopping and dining out in Centreville is a true international experience," said CIF Executive Director Alice Foltz. "The International Showcase reflects the amazing opportunities we have to share our lives and traditions, right in this region." The idea, she said, is "to bring the community together for a family-friendly evening of fellowship and fun."

Traditional foods from Guatemala, El Salvador, Korea and other countries, including pupusas from Two Amigos restaurant in Chantilly, will be available for purchase all evening, as will American snacks. And performers will present music and dance from China, El Salvador, India, Korea, Guatemala and Mexico.

There'll also be a 50-50 raffle and a silent auction that includes one of the CLRC's green garden boxes. The event is free, but do

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These Korean youths did precision drumming during last year's celebration.

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ROUNDUPS

Three Charged With DWI

Police officers from the Sully District Station patrolled Fairfax County last Friday, April 11, searching for drunk drivers. As a result, they charged three drivers with DWI and issued six summonses and 22 warnings.

Police Seeking Robbers

Fairfax County police are looking for two men who robbed a victim, April 11, around 4:30 p.m., in the 13900 block of Sawteeth Way in Centreville. Police say the victim was walking on a path when they assaulted and took cash from that person. The first suspect was described as a black, in his 30s, about 6 feet 3 inches and bald. The second suspect was described as black, in his 30s, about 6 feet tall, with a medium build.

Gas Station Is Robbed

Fairfax County police are seeking the person who robbed a Centreville gas station last Saturday, April 12, around 5:05 p.m., in the 14700 block of Lee Highway. According to police, a man entered the gas station and implied to an employee that he had a gun. He demanded cash, received it and fled. The suspect was described as white, 25-30 years old, about 5 feet 9 inches to 6 feet tall and weighing 165-180 pounds.

Sully District Council Meeting

An update on projects in the Westfields Corporate Center is the topic for the next meeting of the Sully District Council of Citizens Associations. It's set for Wednesday, April 23, at 7 p.m., in the Sully District Governmental Center, 4900 Stonecroft Blvd., in Chantilly.

Free Carseat Inspections

Certified technicians from the Sully District Police Station will perform free, child safety carseat inspections Thursday, April 24, from 5 p.m. to dusk, 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.

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Celebrating Erin Peterson

Community remembers her life and honors her legacy.

BY BONNIE HOBBS
CENTRE VIEW

For most people, April means springtime, sunshine and the earth reborn in colorful flowers. But for those who lost a loved one in the April 16, 2007 massacre at Virginia Tech, it's also another reminder of that tragedy.

Centreville's Celeste and Grafton Peterson are in the latter category because their only child, Erin, a 2006 Westfield High grad, was one of the 32 who died that day. And each April, they celebrate her life and legacy with a Gospel program at Mount Olive Baptist Church.

To continue their daughter's dedication to education and to helping the less fortunate, they established the Erin Peterson Fund in May 2007, and the Gospel Celebration of Life raises money for it. This year's event, the seventh annual, was Sunday, April 13. The theme was "Keeping Hope Alive: The Seven Faces of Erin — Daughter, Sister, Friend, Mentor, Visionary, Peacemaker, Inspiration."

"Erin Nicole Peterson was not only a loving daughter and a vivacious presence in her friends' lives," said the Rev. Eugene Johnson. "Erin was a child of God, so she was a positive influence in the lives of others. She was an ambassador — woven in the fabric of humanity and crosscut with the faith of our savior, Jesus Christ."

Several musical groups performed during the program, including youth who sang moving and uplifting songs. And interspersed among them were three former teammates of Erin's on Westfield's basketball team. Each spoke about the impact she had on them and others.

"She was a visionary — someone who can see the world in a different way," said Kaitie Clarkin. "She was that friend you could confide in and who would give you everything



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she had to help you. And in the locker room, after a loss, she would always calm things down when things got testy. She was just a wonderful person."

Regarding Erin's relationship with her parents, Clarkin said, "They were each other's best friends — and I wonder where her parents get their strength from, after all that's happened. But they're still being parents, helping Erin realize her dream through the foundation."

Jessica Honesty called Erin "a walking angel in the flesh — a touch of heaven at its finest. When we played basketball, I was always hard on myself, trying to be the best, but she always reassured me, gave me confidence and told me I didn't have to be perfect. She was a pure leader on the court and the sweetest and most caring individual off the court. She was there for me when-

ever I needed a friend."

Carly Greenlief spoke next. "I was the youngest on the team and Erin made me feel welcome. I also knew her as a friend and neighbor; and even when she went to college, she still called and checked on me. And when she came back home for a visit when I was still in high school, she took me out for ice cream and helped me talk through some problems."

"Erin had the type of personality that could take a bad situation and make it better," continued Greenlief. "She was also so kind and, even if she didn't know you, she'd treat you as a friend. And I know she's still up there mentoring and guiding me and helping me make the right decisions."

At the program's end, Celeste Peterson stepped to the podium. She acknowledged the presence of her parents, sister and other



Celeste Peterson

relatives in the audience and told the crowd, "I'm truly humbled by your attendance because Erin meant a lot to Grafton and I."

"Gospel means good news, and we hope we brought that to you today," she said. Peterson also noted that, through the Erin Peterson Legacy Initiative, University of Mary Washington freshman Richard De Lima will be receiving a \$1,000 scholarship to return to that school in the fall.

"It's been seven years since I heard Erin's voice, or she took up too much room in the bed or was the boss of the TV — and I miss her," said Peterson. She then thanked her family for supporting her, this past seven years — "for being there for me and crying with me when all I could do was cry."

She thanked Team Erin, the group that put on the annual celebration, plus the

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Mount Olive's Unspoken Praise Mime Ministry



Kyriakos Praise Team

Tax Burden Targets Low-Income in Northern Virginia

Average tax burden for low-income workers is highest in Arlington, Alexandria and Fairfax.

By Michael Lee Pope
Centre View

Families that are struggling to make ends meet in Northern Virginia are the target of local governments in Northern Virginia, which has the highest tax burden in the region for low-income workers. Wealthy people face the highest tax burden in Prince George’s County and Montgomery County. But here in Virginia, poor people face the biggest tax burden in Arlington, according to a new study by the Office of Revenue Analysis in the District of Columbia. Alexandria ranked second, and Fairfax County ranked third.

“People of color and low-income people are being pushed farther and farther out,” said Jon Liss, founder of Tenants and Workers United. “The whole anti-immigrant backlash from 2006 to the present in Prince William was against the influx of people of color, particularly immigrants, being priced out and taxed out of this area and moving down there.”

The study included the average tax burdens for five different income levels, starting at a family that earns \$25,000 a year and ending with a family that earns \$150,000 a year. The families at each income level are assumed to own a single family home, although those in the \$25,000 are assumed to live in rental housing and own a vehicle. The combination of income tax, sales tax and automobile tax hit people at the bottom end of the scale hardest

“There is no deliberate policy to impose a disproportionate tax burden on the lowest income residents,” said Frank Shafroth, director of the Center of State and Local Leadership at George Mason University. “Rather, it’s a lack of state-delegated authority to use other kinds of taxes, which would provide greater options to create a more responsive tax policy in each of these two booming jurisdictions.”

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MAJOR STATE AND LOCAL TAX BURDENS FOR A FAMILY OF THREE RESIDING IN SELECTED WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA JURISDICTIONS CALENDAR YEAR 2012						
TAX	DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA	MONTGOMERY COUNTY	PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY	ALEXANDRIA	ARLINGTON COUNTY	FAIRFAX COUNTY
\$25,000 INCOME LEVEL						
Income	(319) 1/	(172) 1/	(172) 1/	144	144	144
Real Estate	2,095	2,095	2,095	2,095	2,095	2,095
Sales and Use	721	554	558	661	657	592
Automobile	213	394	456	428	503	212
TOTAL	2,710	2,871	2,937	3,328	3,399	3,043
RANK	6	5	4	2	1	3
\$50,000 INCOME LEVEL						
Income	1,179	1,349	1,301	1,123	1,130	1,103
Real Estate	1,197	1,739	2,229	2,079	1,969	2,239
Sales and Use	945	731	743	801	797	710
Automobile	257	502	584	554	697	264
TOTAL	3,579	4,321	4,857	4,557	4,593	4,316
RANK	6	4	1	3	2	5
\$75,000 INCOME LEVEL						
Income	2,410	2,540	2,807	2,200	2,210	2,181
Real Estate	2,082	2,609	3,343	3,118	2,953	3,359
Sales and Use	1,434	1,138	1,159	1,244	1,236	1,095
Automobile	458	931	1,096	1,035	1,320	810
TOTAL	6,384	7,219	8,406	7,597	7,719	7,445
RANK	6	5	1	3	2	4
\$100,000 INCOME LEVEL						
Income	4,157	4,518	4,426	3,393	3,389	3,352
Real Estate	2,968	3,479	4,458	4,158	3,937	4,479
Sales and Use	1,589	1,255	1,277	1,351	1,343	1,184
Automobile	551	1,012	1,178	1,087	1,377	825
TOTAL	9,265	10,263	11,339	9,989	10,046	9,840
RANK	6	2	1	4	3	5
\$150,000 INCOME LEVEL						
Income	7,534	8,027	7,888	5,624	5,595	5,553
Real Estate	4,738	5,218	6,687	6,237	5,906	6,718
Sales and Use	2,340	1,889	1,925	1,968	1,949	1,719
Automobile	543	1,405	1,702	1,692	2,517	1,433
TOTAL	15,155	16,539	18,201	15,521	15,967	15,423
RANK	6	2	1	4	3	5

Note: Numbers may not add to totals due to rounding.
1/ Negative numbers result from a refundable Earned Income Tax Credit.

lies that earn \$25,000 — a very low income for families who live inside the Beltway. The median household income in Arlington is about \$103,000, which means the study was looking at families who are struggling to make ends meet in a county where most families pull down salaries that are about four times larger. County officials say the tax burden tells only part of the story. Arlington leaders say the county offers a number of significant services to low-income residents, including public education and housing support.

“I believe we are the only Northern Virginia locality still providing housing grants to lower income families and seniors,” said Jay Fisette, chairman of the Arlington County Board. “We provide four to five times the level of support to help make housing affordable as do our closest Northern Virginia neighbors.”

As people earn more money, the tax burden decreased on Arlington residents. The same is true of people who live in Alexandria, which ranks second overall for people who are at the bottom end of the earnings scale. Alexandria also has the third highest tax burden among families with a \$50,000 and \$75,000 income level, and the fourth highest tax burden among families with a \$100,000 or \$150,000 income level. Residents in the District of Columbia have the lowest tax burden in all five of the income brackets.

“Talk to people in D.C., and they wish they had better services — EMS service, for instance, better police response times, more recreation centers,” said Alexandria Mayor Bill Euille. “So it’s what you invest in and reinvest in in terms of providing outreach and services to your taxpayers.”

VIRGINIA HAS a reputation as a low-tax state, so the relatively high tax burden on low-income people is counter-intuitive. For example, the Washington-based Tax Foundation ranks Virginia as the 25th lowest among states levying an individual income tax. When the organization looked at state and local income tax collections, though, it

ranked Virginia as the 11th highest nationally.

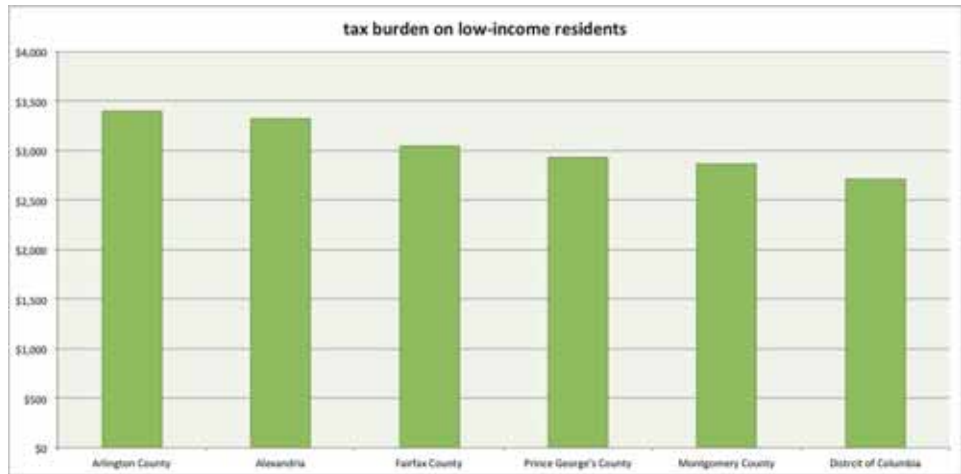
“We reside in a low-tax state,” said Shafroth. “So there is both a greater burden on local governments to raise taxes than in Maryland, but limited state authority on what kinds of taxes may be levied.”

Among the Northern Virginia jurisdictions that were part of the D.C. government study on tax burdens, Fairfax County had the lowest tax burden in all income brackets. That means that Arlington and Alexandria impose a greater tax burden on their residents than in Fairfax County. But as families earn more money, the tax burden decreases in Fairfax County.

“Saying that Fairfax has a lower tax burden than Arlington is like saying that Mount McKinley is not as high as Mount Everest,” said Arthur Purves, president of the Fairfax County Taxpayers Alliance. “Fairfax County’s tax burden and spending is still way too high.”

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— Frank Shafroth, director of the Center of State and Local Leadership at George Mason University



Dillon and Kelly Engaged

Mr. and Mrs. Francis Edward Kelly III of Midlothian, Va., happily announce the engagement of their daughter, Caitlin Wood Kelly, to Zachary Matthew Dillon, son of Mr. and Mrs. Byron Matthew Dillon of Centreville.

Caitlin is the granddaughter of Mrs. Francis E. Kelly Jr. of Glen Cove, N.Y., and the late Mr. Kelly, and the late Mr. and Mrs. Leon Goldstein, formerly of Nashville, Tenn.

Zach is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Marshall A. Mauck of Heathsville, Va., Mr. and Mrs. Gregory P. Dillon of Vail, Ariz., and the late Mrs. Gail Dillon, formerly of Colorado Springs, Colo.

Caitlin graduated from Collegiate School. She received her Bachelor of Arts from Wesleyan University in Middletown, Connecticut, and her Master of Arts from Teachers College, Co-



lumbia University.

Zach graduated from Westfield High School and received his Bachelor of Sciences from Virginia Commonwealth University. He served in the Navy as a Fleet Marine Force Medic and was deployed to Iraq during Operation Iraqi Freedom in 2008.

Caitlin and Zach will receive their M.D. degrees from St. George's University School of Medicine in June.

A May wedding in Richmond is planned.

Westfield High School To Present 'Little Shop of Horrors'

Westfield High presents its spring musical, "Little Shop of Horrors," Friday-Saturday, May 2-3 and 9-10, at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, May 4, at 2 p.m., in the school theater. Tickets are \$10 in advance at www.westfieldtheatreboosters.com or \$12 at the door. Tickets with valid student IDs are \$10 in advance and at the door.

Directed by Shannon Lynch, this show is a comedic look at how far one man will go for fame, fortune and love. It's based on the 1960 film directed by Roger Corman and takes place on skid row in a florist shop owned by the angry Mr. Mushnik (Zack Walsh).

Mushnik's geeky florist assistant, Seymour (TJ Vinsavich), stumbles across a new breed of plant that he names Audrey II (voice by Eni Oyeleye), after his co-worker crush, Audrey (Samantha Dempsey).

Seymour soon discovers that, instead of needing soil or water to survive, this plant thrives on human blood. As the shop becomes famous because of the plant in the window, Audrey II transforms into an arrogant carnivore with designs of world domination. Seymour must decide if he can sacrifice it all in order to save the world from this alien plant and its sinister plans.

Featured songs include "Suddenly Seymour," "Skid Row" and "Little Shop of Horrors." Supporting cast members are: Selena Clyne-Galindo, Emily Tobin, Estella Massey (Trashettes), Brandon Sanchez (Orin Scrivello), Andrew Sharpe (Bernstein), Shaina Greenberg (Ms. Luce), Connor Rudy (Snip), and Julian Sanchez (Narrator/Interviewer/Martin). The ensemble includes Porsche Amaya, Ian Booe, Allie Bush, Emily Cervarich, Sarah Damers, Caitlin Egan, Kaley Haller, David Koenigsberg, Evan Kohnstam, Skye Koutstaal, Gabrielle Moses and Ruby Tippl.

CRIME REPORT

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

BURGLARY, 4100 block of Pleasant Meadow Court, April 8. A resident reported someone entered the residence and took property.

LARCENIES

- ♦ 14600 block of Flint Lee Road, items from vehicle
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Good Friday, April 18 – 12:00 noon and 7:30 PM, Good Friday Liturgy

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OPINION

Celebrate Earth Day

Get outside with your family, participate in group activities, or just walk in your favorite park.

Earth Day is April 22, observed April 19-27 and beyond. Fairfax County offers many useful and educational ways to enjoy the day. Don't miss the chance to get outside, observe the developing spring weather, flora and fauna. Here are some of the opportunities:

Environmental Film Festival, Sunday, April 20 through Thursday, April 24, Cinema Arts Theatres: 9650-14 Main Street, Fairfax. Each day, networking will begin at 3:30 p.m. and films begin at 4 p.m. The public is welcome to join in discussion on film topics and how they relate to Fairfax County. Students throughout the County have been encouraged to submit 2-5 minute films which will be shown throughout the Festival in between feature films and will be rebroadcast on Cox Communications local Channel 74 following the Festival. Environmental nonprofit organizations like the Audubon Society, Lands and Waters, Northern Virginia Soil and Water Conservation District will be at Cinema Arts for the daily networking sessions at 3.30 p.m.

http://www.fcrpp3.org/wp-content/uploads/green_inspirations.pdf

Cub Run RECenter for Earth Day, Saturday, April 19, 9 a.m.-noon, 4630 Stonecroft Blvd, Chantilly: "Nike Reuse-a-Shoe Program," bring old, worn-out athletic shoes to Earth Day. Nike Reuse-a-Shoe will grind them down to create a new material called Nike Grind which is used to make sports courts, turf fields, tracks and more. Activities include: planting, weeding, mulching, watershed clean-up, crafts for kids and bring questions for Master Gardeners. What to bring: water bottle, sunscreen, hat, garden gloves and bug repellent. Age: 5 - adult

(ages 12 and under must be accompanied by an adult).

Springfest, April 26, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. The Workhouse Arts Center, 9601 Ox Road, Lorton: pony rides, plant sales, climbing wall, bounce house, petting zoo, face painting, two shows by Billy B, Reptiles Alive!, Under The Sea. 9-11 a.m. Stream Cleanup and Tree Planting with Occoquan Regional Park. Donate toothpaste, toothbrushes, cereal and rice to Lorton Community Action.

Invasive Management Area Volunteer Program is a community-based project designed to reduce invasive plants on our parklands. This volunteer-led program gives residents an opportunity to protect plants and wildlife of Fairfax County's forests while spending time outdoors, meeting new people and restoring natural habitats. Key components of this program are habitat restoration and a long-term commitment to the park. Many workdays planned during Earth Week, April 19-26, including in Vienna, McLean, Springfield and Burke. Virginia's Annual Invasive Plant Removal Day is May 3. To sign up, contact IMA Coordinator Erin Stocksclaeder at 703-324-8681

Fairfax County Biological Stream Monitoring: Aquatic forms of insects (called "benthic macroinvertebrates") live on the bottom of rocks and debris lying in the streambed. These small organisms play a big role in helping Fairfax County staff monitor the health of a stream. Data collected by volunteers is incorporated into a number of different water quality reports, including the Stream Protection Strategy Baseline Study. Join the hundreds of existing volunteers in collecting this important information and make a difference in the

Mother's Day Photos

Mother's Day is May 11, 2014, and every year at this time, we call for submissions to our Mother's Day photo gallery. Send photos of mothers, grandmothers, great-grandmothers, with children or without children. Please name everyone in the photo, the approximate date, describe what is happening in the photo and include your name, address, email address and phone number. (We will not print your full address or contact information.) You can upload photos and information directly to our website at www.connectionnewspapers.com/mothersday/ or email to editors@connectionnewspapers.com

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Help Create A Bee-Friendly Landscape, seedling sale: The trees and shrubs in this year's seedling sale will help provide habitat for bees and add beauty to your landscape. The 2014 Shrub and Small Tree Package includes 10 seedlings for \$16.95. The Tree Package includes six seedlings sold for \$11.95. A full, nonrefundable payment must accompany your order by Monday, April 28. Orders may be picked up on Friday, May 2, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., or Saturday, May 3, 9 a.m.-noon. <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/nvswcd/seedlingsale.htm>

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

No Justification for County Tax Increase

To the Editor:

The following open letter was addressed to Sharon Bulova, chairman, Board of Supervisor and Michael Frey, Sully District Supervisor:

We want to protest the increase in the current rate to \$1.1275 from the previous \$1.1060. We feel there is no justification for this increase. We have had increases in our real estate taxes that have almost doubled the inflation rate for the last seven years as noted on the chart below.

In the past seven years, as you can see by this chart, our real estate taxes have increased from \$5,752 to a projected \$7,570 for 2014 for a whopping 24.0 percent increase. For the same period of time, inflation increased 13.1 percent as reported by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (they re-

ported for the first two months of 2014 a rate of 1.3 percent, 1.5 percent for 2013, 2.1 percent for 2012, 3.2 percent for 2011, 1.6 percent for 2010, minus 0.4 percent in 2009, and 3.8 percent in 2008). These statistics show that our real estate taxes have increased almost twice the inflation rate for that seven-year period. This is outrageous. Our current assessment increased this year by 7.1 percent. It appears that with the proposed tax rate of \$1.1275 (which includes the storm water tax) and, as you can see by the chart, our real estate tax could increase this year by 8.9 percent over last year which is almost seven times the current inflation rate.

According to the Fairfax County Taxpayers Alliance (FCTA), the residential real estate taxes increased \$3,200 between FY2000

and FY2015. This simply means that, during this period, inflation increased 50 percent while the residential real estate increased 133 percent or more than twice the inflation rate. These figures include the storm water tax. How can you really justify increasing real estate taxes more than twice the rate of inflation? For decades, the County Board has been raising the budget and taxes more than twice the inflation rate.

In conclusion, we feel that the rates should be rolled back to \$1.03, the amount needed to offset the increase in residential assessments according to the FCTA. We look forward to your comments.

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Linda McAndrew
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Celebrating Erin Peterson

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church members and local community for also giving her strength, when needed.

“Grafton and I hope we’ll see Erin again,” said Peterson. “You’d think, after seven years, you wouldn’t cry as much. You never get over the loss of a child, but you can share your faith with other people so they’ll know what helps you to sustain. I want to see Erin in heaven and I’m living my life so I can.”

Via the Erin Peterson Fund, scholarships are given to graduating seniors at Westfield, Mountain View and Falls Church high

schools.

And grant money goes to Westfield for its Boys Leadership Group Today for Tomorrow, which supports at-risk young men attending that school.

“In total, we’ve given away \$125,900, and I couldn’t have done it without you all,” Peterson told the audience. “So far, we’ve graduated 547 young men through Westfield’s leadership program. They’re mostly minority boys and all of them are either pursuing careers or are in college. We affirmed them and told them we expected more from them and that we have confidence in them.”

Addressing the audience directly, she said, “I appreciate you all and thank you for coming today. And thank you for keeping Erin’s dream and legacy alive.”



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THURSDAY/APRIL 17

Republican Women's Club. 6:30 p.m. at the Sully Government Center, 4900 Stonecroft Blvd., Chantilly. Liberty Republican Women's Club

meeting with Del. Jim LeMunyon as guest speaker. Everyone is invited to attend. Social hour from 5:30-6:15. Free. Call 703-378-2519.

eBook Help. 5 p.m. at the Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Get eBook questions answered. Bring a tablet or digital reader and library card. Call 703-502-3883.

Diagnosis: Dementia ... Now What? 7 p.m. at the Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Christi Clark, education and outreach coordinator at Insight Memory Care Center, presents information on how to adjust to life with someone who has dementia. Call 703-502-3883.

English Conversation Group. 7 p.m. at the Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Practice English with other students. Call 703-502-3883.

SATURDAY/APRIL 19

English Conversation Group. 3:30 p.m. at the Centreville Regional Library, 14200 St. Germain Drive. Conversation practice for adult learners of English, led by volunteers. Call 703-830-2223.

SUNDAY/APRIL 20

Easter. Fairfax County Public Libraries are closed for the Easter holiday.

MONDAY/APRIL 21

Registration. Lees Corner Elementary School is gathering information on children who will be 5 years old by Sept. 30, 2014 and live within the school's boundaries. Boundary information can be accessed at www.fcps.edu/boundary. Call Mrs. Nolan at 703-227-3500 if you have a child who meets these requirements. Registration will be held 2-7 p.m. Enrollment information and forms will be mailed out prior to the registration. For more information about starting school in FCPS visit www.fcps.edu/parents/start/kindergarten.shtml.

ESL Book Club. 7 p.m. at the Centreville Regional Library, 14200 St. Germain Drive. Adults learning English meet to discuss a book. Call 703-830-2223.

Garden Club. 7 p.m. at Sully Government Center, 4900 Stonecroft Blvd., Chantilly. Centreville Garden Club presents "Vermicomposting - Want to improve your soil?". Theresa DeFluri, Native Plant Society Member and Certified Interpretive Guide, will display an actual Vermicomposting bin. Meetings generally 3rd Monday each month. Visitors welcome. Learn more at centrevillegardenclub.blogspot.com, email

centrevillegardenclub@gmail.com, or call 703-266-9233.

Communication Presentation. 7 p.m. at the Cale Community Center, 4615 Stringfellow Road. The Western Fairfax County Woman's Club hosts "Effective Communication and Dealing With Difficult People" by Dr. Don Boileau, George Mason University professor. He will illustrate tools for communicating effectively and for handling complicated situations. Free, guests welcome. Visit www.wfcwc.org or email westernfairfaxcountywc@gmail.com.

TUESDAY/APRIL 22

English Conversation Group. 10:30 a.m. at the Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Practice English with other students. Call 703-502-3883.

WEDNESDAY/APRIL 23

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. Call 703-324-8662.

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English Conversation Group. 7 p.m. at the Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Practice English with other students. Call 703-502-3883.

SATURDAY/APRIL 26

LRWC Yard Sale. 8 a.m.-1p.m. at the Sully Government Center, 4900 Stonecroft Blvd., Chantilly. Liberty Republican Women's Club meeting yard sale: rain, shine or snow. Call 703-378-2519.

eBook Help. 2 p.m. at the Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Get eBook questions answered. Bring a tablet or digital reader and library card. Call 703-502-3883.

MONDAY/APRIL 28

Kindergarten Registration. 2-4 p.m. at Virginia Run Elementary School, 15450 Martins Hundred Drive, Centreville. Virginia Run Elementary will hold kindergarten registration. Forms will be available on-site. A child is eligible for kindergarten if the child reaches his or her fifth birthday on or before Sept. 30, 2014. Call the school at 703-988-8900.

Kindergarten Orientation/Registration. 2:15 p.m. at Greenbriar East Elementary, 13006 Point Pleasant Drive, Fairfax. Greenbriar East Elementary will be having their Kindergarten Orientation/Registration. Call 703-633-6400.

"Building the Brain." 6:30 p.m. at the Manassas Campus of Northern Virginia Community College, 6901 Sudley Road, Manassas. Mark Finley presents "Building the Brain." Free, open to the community. Contact iCAD Project Manager Michael Carrington at mcarrington@nvcc.edu or 703-257-6555.

TUESDAY/APRIL 29

English Conversation Group. 10:30 a.m. at the Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Practice English with other students. Call 703-502-3883.

Kindergarten Registration. 4:30-6 p.m. at Virginia Run Elementary School, 15450 Martins Hundred Drive, Centreville. Virginia Run elementary will hold kindergarten registration. Forms will be available on-site. A child is eligible for kindergarten if the child reaches his or her fifth birthday on or before Sept. 30, 2014. Call 703-988-8900.

WEDNESDAY/APRIL 30

eBook Help. 1 p.m. at the Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Get eBook questions answered. Bring a tablet or digital reader and library card. Call 703-502-3883.

FRIDAY/MAY 2

Kindergarten Orientation. 9:15-10:15 a.m. at Poplar Tree Elementary, 13440 Melville Lane, Chantilly. Children who will be 5 years old on or before Sept. 30 and live within the school's boundaries are eligible for Kindergarten for the 2014-2015 school year. Call 703-633-7400 if more information is needed.

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Easter Bunny. Bunnyville will be located in the lower level of the Fair Oaks Mall's H&M wing, opposite Charming Charlie and Payless ShoeSource. Bunnyville will welcome visitors Monday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-8:30 p.m. and Sundays, 11 a.m.-6 p.m. through Saturday, April 19. Fair Oaks will be closed on Easter Sunday, April 20. All children who visit the Easter Bunny at Fair Oaks' new Bunnyville will receive a gift from the Bunny just for visiting. Visit www.shopfairoaksmall.com or call 703-359-8300.

High School Musical. "Little Shop of Horrors" at Westfield High School, 4700 Stonecroft Blvd., Chantilly. Runs May 2-10, 7:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, 2 p.m. Sunday. \$10 with valid student ID; others \$10 in advance and \$12 at the door. Visit www.westfieldtheatreboosters.com.

THURSDAY/APRIL 17

Girl Scout Day Out. 1-4 p.m. at Sully Historic Site, 3650 Historic Sully Way, Chantilly. Scouts can practice skills while exploring the history of Sully. Hear stories, play games, sample sweets and more. No badges will be completed, but components of several badges will be offered. \$16/scout. Tours for adults are \$5. Reservations must be made by March 26. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/sully or 703-437-1794.

Game Zone. 2 p.m. at the Centreville Regional Library, 14200 St. Germain Drive. Video games and food provided for teens. Call 703-830-2223.

Storytime. 2 p.m. at the Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Early literacy program with stories and activities for children age 3-5 with adult. Call 703-502-3883.

Friends of the Library. 6-8:30 p.m. at Centreville Regional Library, 14220 St. Germain Drive. The Friends of the Centreville Library will hold an open house to recruit volunteers to support the May Used Book Sale. Volunteer opportunities are available April 26-May 7. No experience necessary. Call the library at 703-830-2223 or visit friendsofcentrevillelibrary.blogspot.com or www.facebook.com/centrevillefriends for more.

The End (Or Is It?) Book Club. 7:30 p.m. at the Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. A book discussion for 5th and 6th grade students. Call 703-502-3883.

FRIDAY/APRIL 18

Customer Appreciation Day. 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at Dickey's Barbeque Pit, 11199-F Lee Hwy., Fairfax. Roland Dickey will give away copies of his new cookbook, with radio broadcast and discount sandwiches. Call 703-865-4333.

Boy Scout Day Out. 1-4 p.m. at Sully Historic Site, 3650 Historic Sully Way, Chantilly. Scouts can practice skills while exploring the history of Sully. Hear stories, play games, sample sweets and more. No badges will be completed, but components of several badges will be offered. \$16/scout. Tours for adults are \$5. Reservations must be made by March 26. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/sully or 703-437-1794.

Ready for School Storytime. 1:30 p.m. at the Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Early literacy storytime program for children age 4-5 who are ready to be on their own without caregivers or siblings. Call 703-502-3883.

Bouncin' Babies. 3 p.m. at the Chantilly Regional Library, 4000

Stringfellow Road. Rhymes, songs, stories and activities for babies up to 11 months with adult. Call 703-502-3883.

Small Wonders. 4 p.m. at the Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Rhymes, songs, stories and activities for children 12-23 months with adult. Call 703-502-3883.

SATURDAY/APRIL 19

Kaleidoscope Adaptive Storytime. 10:30 a.m. at the Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Stories, songs and movement for families and children on the autism spectrum and those who have other developmental challenges. For all ages. Call 703-502-3883.

Chocolate Bunny Adoption. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. at the Fairfax County Animal Shelter, 4500 West Ox Road. Shelter visitors will receive a chocolate bunny, a packet of information on rabbit care and a certificate for a half-off adoption fee on a rabbit or guinea pig, which can be used through April 19. Open Tuesday-Friday, noon-7 p.m. and Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. To see available pets online, visit www.fairfaxcounty.com/animalshelter to see available pets online.

Eggstravaganza. 1-3 p.m. at Fairfax Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway (grassy area behind building). Jubilee Christian Center is having its annual Eggstravaganza for children 11 and under. There will be an egg roll, moonbounce, games, face painting, and door prizes, and activities are free. Call 703-383-1170 or visit www.jccag.org for more.

SUNDAY/APRIL 20

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MONDAY/APRIL 21

Bouncin' Babies. 10:30 a.m. at the Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Rhymes, songs, stories and activities for babies up to 11 months with adult. Call 703-502-3883.

Small Wonders. 11:30 a.m. at the Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Rhymes, songs, stories and activities for children 12-23 months with adult. Call 703-502-3883.

Frying Pan Farm at the Library. 2 p.m. at the Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Meet and learn about a small farm animal, hear a story and take home a craft. For students in kindergarten through 6th grade. Call 703-502-3883.

Kinder-budds. 2:15 p.m. at the Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Book buddy discussion group for kindergarteners. Call 703-502-3883.

TUESDAY/APRIL 22

Toddlin' Twos. 10:30 and 11:30 a.m. at the Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Early literacy storytime with stories, songs and activities. Age 2 with adult. Call 703-502-3883.

Wheee! 11 a.m. at the Centreville Regional Library, 14200 St. Germain Drive. High octane storytime for children ages 3-5 with adult. Call 703-830-2223.

Storytime. 1:30 p.m. at the Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Early literacy program with stories and activities for children age 3-5 with adult. Call 703-502-3883.

PTA Fundraiser. 5-9 p.m. at Fairfax Corner, 4100 Monument Corner Drive, Fairfax. Centreville Elementary School's very own staff rock band, The Flock, will perform at the

fountain stage. Chipotle, California Pizza Kitchen, Potbelly and Ben & Jerry's will donate a portion of their proceeds to the school's PTA. Color Me Mine is also offering a special deal from April 21-25 — mention CES PTA when you make a reservation. Contact event CES event coordinator, Lee R. Kaiser at LRKaiser@fcps.edu with questions.

Ravenous Readers. 7 p.m. at the Centreville Regional Library, 14200 St. Germain Drive. Book discussion group for teens. Refreshments provided. Call 703-830-2223.

WEDNESDAY/APRIL 23

Duplo Storytime. 10:30 a.m. at the Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Duplo play storytime helps develop and reinforce early literacy skills for children ages 3-5 with adult. Call 703-502-3883.

Bouncin' Babies. 3 p.m. at the Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Rhymes, songs, stories and activities for babies up to 11 months with adult. Call 703-502-3883.

Small Wonders. 4 p.m. at the Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Rhymes, songs, stories and activities for children 12-23 months with adult. Call 703-502-3883.

Baby ArtsPlay. 7-7:45 p.m. at Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road, Chantilly. Music, drama and movement program to encourage self-expression and imaginative play. Families are expected to attend all 10 classes in the program. Children must be registered to attend. Birth-4 with adult. Call the library at 703-502-3883 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library.

THURSDAY/APRIL 24

Lego Block Party. 7 p.m. at the Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Legos provided; come show off building skills. For children in grades 3-6. Call 703-502-3883.

FRIDAY/APRIL 25

Bouncin' Babies. 3 p.m. at the Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Rhymes, songs, stories and activities for babies up to 11 months with adult. Call 703-502-3883.

Small Wonders. 4 p.m. at the Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Rhymes, songs, stories and activities for children 12-23 months with adult. Call 703-502-3883.

Step Out with the USO. 7-11 p.m. Support the Dulles USO lounge and members of the armed forces at the Washington Dulles Airport Marriott on Aviation Drive. There will be food, dancing, cash bar, silent auction and raffle. \$35/person. Visit www.eventbrite.com/e/step-out-with-the-uso-at-dulles-tickets-10454099493.

SATURDAY/APRIL 26

Lego Mania. 12:30 p.m. at the Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Children in kindergarten through second grade can show off their Lego-building skills. Call 703-502-3883.

Singles Dinner and Movie Night. 5 p.m. at PF Chang's in Fairfax Corner, 4250 Fairfax Corner Ave. Fixed price dinner followed by movie of your choice at Fairfax Corner 14. Cost of \$30 at door includes dinner, soda, tip and movie ticket. RSVP required. Sponsored by New Beginnings, a support group for separated/divorced men and women. Call 301-924-4101 or visit www.newbeginningsusa.org for more.

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Westfield junior Emma Lark, left, reaches in against Centreville senior Baylee Gillmore during an April 3 match at Westfield High School.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Girls' Soccer Roundup

The Westfield and Chantilly girls' soccer teams will return from spring break with winning records, while Centreville looks to bounce back from a lopsided defeat.

Westfield defeated Herndon 2-1 on April 9, handing the Hornets their first loss while improving to 4-1. The Bulldogs have also beaten Fairfax, Washington-Lee and Centreville. Their lone loss came against Lake Braddock.

Westfield will host West Springfield at 7 p.m. on Monday, April 21.

Chantilly improved to 4-2 with a 3-2 victory over Oakton on April 9. The Chargers have beaten Lake Braddock, West Springfield and Robinson, but lost back-to-back games against Forest Park and Battlefield.

Chantilly will host South County at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, April 22.

Centreville came out on the wrong end of a 7-1 final score against Robinson on April 9. The loss dropped the Wildcats' record to 2-3, including 0-2 against Conference 5 opponents. Centreville defeated Lake Braddock and Hayfield, and lost to Woodson and Westfield.

Centreville will travel to face McLean at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, April 22.

Chantilly Boys' Lax Holds Off Churchill to Remain Undefeated

The Chantilly boys' lacrosse team improved to 7-0 with a 12-11 victory over Churchill (Potomac, Md.) on April 14 at the Robinson spring break tournament. Churchill is the two-time defending MPSSAA 4A/3A West region champion from Montgomery County.

It was the Chargers' fourth game of the season decided by two goals or less.

Chantilly has also won close games against Robinson (7-5), Dominion (8-7), and New York's Hamburg High School (9-7).

The Chargers played a pair of tournament games on Wednesday, after The Connection's deadline. Chantilly will travel to face South County at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, April 22.

Centreville Boys' Lax Splits Games

The Centreville boys' lacrosse team hosted two games last week, a victory against JEB Stuart and a defeat against 2013 state champion Chantilly.

The Stuart game was a rousing 17-6 win on April 8 in which the Wildcats took immediate control with a 5-1 first quarter. Goals were made by Matthew Laurence, Kyle Cannon, Corey Spriggs, Carson McEver, and Danny Meador. Second quarter goals were scored by David Hyde, Brian Yoo, Kyle Richbourg (2) and another by McEver.

Centreville spread the scoring in the second half, with Tommy Bowden and John Tarver getting into the action while Cannon and Hyde both scored a second time, and Spriggs earning a hat trick with 1:15 left to play.

The defense of Ben Kandel, Britton Lee, and Aidan Barnes was solid throughout the game. Goalies Kent Roy and PJ Wilkerson split time to total four saves for the game.

Hosting Chantilly on April 10 was the other side of the coin as Centreville was downed by a score of 10-4. Both teams were patient, controlling the ball for long stretches during the first half, which ended with the Wildcats leading 3-2. Two of those goals were made by Danny Meador, including one that resulted in a pile-up of players at the crease, and the third was by Kyle Richbourg on a fast left-handed shot.

The third quarter was all Chargers as they ripped five goals over a five-minute span. Chantilly stayed hot in the fourth, scoring three more times. The final score came on a goal by Richbourg, who received a nice pass from Cannon following a clear in which he sprinted the length of the field. Despite the loss, Wildcat goalie Roy had a stellar showing, making 16 saves.

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Deadly Dangers of Drugs

Narcotics officer shares information with parents.

BY BONNIE HOBBS
CENTRE VIEW

Lt. Jim Cox is a 26-year member of the Fairfax County Police Department. From 1995-2001, he was a detective in the Organized Crime and Narcotics (OCN) Division; and since 2004, he's been an OCN supervisor.

But the ever-changing world of illegal drugs still keeps him on his toes — and battling to take down the dealers who ruin lives for profit.

"I know a lot about narcotics," he said. "But every day, something new comes on the market."

Cox was speaking before a recent meeting of the Sully District Police Station's Citizens Advisory Committee, and the topic was drugs and organized crime. He said the OCN has three units dealing with street crimes (gangs), narcotics and money laundering.

The narcotics detectives handle the "higher-end drug cases" involving substances such as heroin and meth. They also work with the FBI and other federal agencies. And Cox noted that the OCN's 40-caliber guns were paid for by seized drug money.

He discussed various drugs, starting with marijuana. In Virginia, he said, medical marijuana prescribed by a doctor has been legal since 1950. And he described a big marijuana bust police here made in 2007.

A man had a "grow operation" on 10 acres off of Union Mill Road in Clifton, where he rented a house just for that purpose, while living in Fairfax. "Our helicopter used its flare over the house to sense the heat from the operation," said Cox. "And once inside the house, the marijuana smell was overwhelming."

"There was a closet next to the refrigerator in the kitchen; and when you pushed on the door, there were steps leading to the basement where the plants were," he continued. "He had 175 plants, and each one yields 1 pound of marijuana. One ounce of marijuana costs \$600-\$700."

According to Cox, "kind bud" and "chronic" marijuana sell for \$8,000 or \$9,000 a pound and "give a powerful high. So there's more of a demand now for marijuana than crack cocaine — and they're sending it through the mail."

He said marijuana is often disguised as something else to avoid detection by the authorities and also to make it more appeal-



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Drug dealers often mix bags of cocaine with Kool-Aid to disguise it and prevent drug-sniffing dogs from detecting it.

ing. THC is the main, mind-altering ingredient in marijuana, and Cox said dealers take liquid marijuana and liquid THC and "make candy out of it or put it on cigarettes. They'll also make marijuana butter and use it to make cookies, brownies or Rice Krispie Treats to sell to high-schoolers."

So he advised parents to ask their children if they're using drugs. "Have a conversation with them," he said. "Check your kids' phone and Internet; you need to know what they're doing 24/7."

Cox said meth is also available in Fairfax County. "You can go into any drugstore and buy everything you need to make it," he said. "You can get enough to stay high for 14-16 hours." But police know what goes into meth and are alert for anyone buying those ingredients in large quantities.

For example, he said, "We found out that drums of certain chemicals were going to a townhouse near the Burger King off Route 28 [in Centreville]. We made an arrest and [the recipient] was convicted."

Some of the meth-making elements parents should watch for, said Cox, are acetone, alcohol, salt, batteries, lye, matches, engine starter, drain cleaner, iodine, coffee filters, propane tanks and a solvent called toluene. He said they should also be on the lookout for common-cold pills containing ephedrine or pseudoephedrine or muriatic acid, used to clean brick and stone.

And he warned residents not to make coffee in a hotel or motel room. "Because toxic waste is created when people make



Marijuana plants.

meth, they often cook it in coffee pots in hotel rooms," said Cox. "But it leaves a toxic residue in the pot, even after it's washed out."

Furthermore, he said, "Meth oil is often imported in bottles of tequila. Crystal meth is often transported across the U.S. as colorful bath gel — and this meth ice is the most powerful form. Meth users feel like they have bugs inside them and try to scratch and peel them off."

Cox said 99 percent of the drugs here, except for marijuana, are imported from other countries. "Tell your kids, friends and family that 70,000 people in Mexico died over cocaine in recent years," he said. So, said Cox, people who use cocaine are perpetuating the tragedy. He also said one way dealers smuggle it into the U.S. is by putting Kool-Aid into bags with the cocaine "to defeat the drug-sniffing dogs" at the airports.

Regarding heroin, he said, "The saddest day of all is the day you lose your kid to drugs. So tell your kid, 'You just don't know what you're putting in your body.' Cocaine is not made at CVS [Pharmacy], and heroin laced with *fentanyl* is what killed Philip Seymour Hoffman."

"When you're buying heroin, coke or weed from your local drug dealer, it may not be those things," said Cox. "The bad guys don't care about you — they care about

making money. If your child dies, there'll be someone else waiting behind him to buy these drugs."

He said police don't see much LSD in Fairfax County, but "we see some of it. It's a hallucinogenic drug, and these hallucinations can be exciting or frightening — so the users are going to act violently to protect themselves. It's sold in colorful stamps, each with four hits of LSD on it."

As for ecstasy, also hallucinogenic, it comes in colorful pills. "We don't see it as much here, but it's still out there," said Cox. "Mollies [amphetamines] come in capsules and psilocybin is on mushrooms. We also see a little bit of PCP use, plus prescription drugs."

Also troubling, he said, is K2. It's sold as herbal incense or potpourri for \$35 for a 3.5-gram pack. "It's synthetic THC and we still see this in Fairfax County," said Cox. "They changed the molecules so it's not illegal. They're marketing it to kids, so check your kids' Internet for any purchases made overseas."

He also advised parents to go to the Office of National Drug Control Policy Website, <http://www.streetlightpublications.net/misc/ondcp.htm>, to learn the street terms and slang for drugs and stimulants. That way, he said, "If your kids are mentioning these things on their cell phones, you'll be aware."

ROUNDUPS

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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. (The inspection may be cancelled in the event of inclement weather). Call 703-814-7000, ext. 5140, to confirm dates and times.

Drug Take-Back April 26

People wanting to get rid of prescription or non-prescription drugs in a safe way may bring them to the Sully District Police Station on Drug Take-Back Day. It'll be Saturday, April 26, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m., in the lobby of the station at 4900 Stonecroft Blvd. in Chantilly. People are asked to scratch out any personal information on the bottles and boxes. This event is completely anonymous, with no questions asked.

Recycle During Electric Sunday

Residents may recycle old TVs, computers, peripheral electronic devices — such as keyboards, speakers, printers and scanners, as well as household hazardous wastes — including fluorescent light bulbs and tubes, for free, during Fairfax County's "Electric Sunday" events. The next one is slated for Sunday, April 27, from 10 a.m.-3 p.m., at the I-66 Transfer

Station, 4618 West Ox Road in Fairfax. For more information, call 703-324-5052.

WFCCA Quarterly Meeting

The West Fairfax County Citizens Association (WFCCA) will hold its quarterly meeting Monday, April 21, at 7 p.m., in the Sully District Governmental Center, 4900 Stonecroft Blvd., in Chantilly.

Church To Host Centreville International Showcase

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nations will be accepted to help support the CIF and the Centreville Labor Resource Center (CLRC), which the CIF established and runs. Fundraising will also be accomplished via the food sales, raffle and silent auction.

Food and music will start at 6 p.m.; dancing begins at 6:45 p.m. "Dancers and singers with colorful costumes from many traditions will provide us with a beautiful evening," said Foltz. "This is a cruise around the world, without leaving home."

Back by popular demand, Sanjana Srikanth will perform two traditional Indian dances, including "Bharathnatyam;" Alberto Ramirez, original, contemporary, Guatemalan pop songs; Maehwa Dance Group, traditional Korean dance; Guatemalan Folkloric Dancers; and the Korean Harmonica Ensemble from Korean Central Presbyterian Church and St. Paul Chung Catholic Church in Chantilly will perform traditional Korean and international songs.

"They'll be performing folk music from around the world," said Foltz. "This special group has performed at the event for three years, offering both Korean and international favorites."

There'll also be about 30 minutes of salsa dancing for everyone, around 8 p.m., with a Latino dance instructor, plus what's billed as "a dramatic, surprise dance from around the world."

To see the latest acts that have signed up for the upcoming international celebration, go to www.centrevilleinternationalshowcase.org as plans for the showcase continue to grow.

Organizing the silent auction is the local teachers'

sorority, Alpha Delta Kappa. Items up for bid will include four dinners at Genghis Grill, two dinners at Picante, dinner at Coyote Grille, a home concert (cello and piano) by cellist Maria Baylock, a golf game with Supervisor Michael R. Frey (R-Sully), a food basket from Trader Joe's and a week at a cabin in the Tuscarora Mountains near Gettysburg/Chambersburg, Penn.

Also looking forward to the showcase is CLRC Director Roberto Fernández. He said it's really going to be something special and he hopes area residents will come and join the festivities.

"This event has become a tradition for promoting Centreville's cultural diversity and is a wonderful way to meet neighbors," he said. "Each year we can all learn a bit about other cultures, try great new dishes and feel closer as a community. The workers at the CLRC feel proud that they started this tradition and that the community has made it its own festival."

The CIF organized in October 2010 and opened the Centreville Labor Resource Center (CLRC) in December 2011. It got Centreville's day laborers off the streets, gave them a safe place to meet employers for jobs and ensured that they got paid for their efforts. The workers are also taking English classes at the center and learning new skills.

Most of them are immigrants from many countries in Latin America and Africa, and about 15 percent are American-born. The CLRC is the only walk-in job center in the local area. It charges no fees and is supported entirely by donations from foundations, churches and individuals. No government money is involved.



PHOTO BY BONNIE HOBBS/CENTRE VIEW

Javier Vasquez and Molly Maddra performed a traditional, Guatemalan dance at the 2013 event.

Centreville Choral Singers Heading to Harrisonburg

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sing one foreign-language song and four other songs. And singing with people from all over the state will be really cool because they're the top singers in all of Virginia."

LILY PARK

A soprano, junior Park is in Centreville's Symphonic Choir. "It's like a break from school and homework to do something I actually like to do," she said. "I've been singing since I was really little. I like performing — it's really exciting. I also enjoy everything we sing and I listen to all kinds of music. It's the first year I got to audition for All-State because it's for juniors and seniors only."

She, too, gets nervous auditioning, so she "honestly didn't expect to make it." But when she did, she was thrilled, and now she's looking forward to participating. "Last year, being in All-District was really fun, singing with other people and working with a new director," said Park. "So it was a good experience. This year, we'll be in Harrisonburg three days and will perform on Saturday, April 26."

JOSHUA EWALT

A junior, Ewalt sings tenor in Symphonic Choir and has been singing in choirs since fifth grade. "The great thing about being a male tenor is it's the rarest voice point in school choirs," he said. "I thought I'd do pretty well auditioning. I'm not the best

sight-singer because I never played an instrument, which helps. But I got good at developing my ear and being able to repeat melodies."

He learned he'd made All-State from his friends at school when they congratulated him. "I've never been part of an overnight event, rooming with friends," he said. "And I'm excited about doing really cool music."

This year's selections aren't what you'd normally expect a choir to sing. The spiritual piece isn't an older, liturgical piece — it's 'I Am the Great Sun,' which is very modern and has dissonant sounds. And a lot of the pieces have clapping and stomping, using our bodies to make the percussion."

Also a theater student, Ewalt likes singing Broadway songs best and is considering an eventual career in musical theater.

PATRICK MCGINTY

McGinty, a senior, sings bass with Symphonic Choir and Madrigals. "I enjoy when bass lines have really large leaps from one note to another," he said. "Renaissance pieces tend to do that and it's great fun; I also like singing in foreign languages."

It was his first time auditioning for All-State, but he made Honor Choir earlier in the school year. "It was an awesome experience and Hailey was in it, too," said McGinty. "So I thought I'd probably make All-State. The All-District performance we all would have been in this year got cancelled, due to snow, so this will make up for it."

Happy to make All-State, he's looking forward to traveling and performing in a big choir.

"It's going to be amazing," he said. "Having a career in music is my dream. Centreville has a great choral program and I've enjoyed singing in it, and Mrs. Babcock is a fantastic director. She encourages us to work together and get to know each other. So we think about each other as a family — and that's really how it is."

JARED KNUTTI

Singing bass with Symphonic Choir is Knutti, a junior who also sings in an alternative rock and reggae band. "I felt great about my audition after I did it," he said. "I practiced the piece for a long time, so I was

happy with what I did." Now, he's looking forward to hanging out with his friends McGinty and Ewalt in Harrisonburg and "singing music with people from all over the state."

Knutti's sung with his church, the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, since he was a young boy. And at Centreville, he said, "Mrs. Babcock helped us learn the music and get over our nerves by singing in front of the class. The program also helped me learn sight-singing better."

After graduation from high school, he plans to serve a two-year mission for his church and will then go to college. His advice to other, aspiring vocalists is to "keep trying and don't be embarrassed about singing."

Crimes Solvers Seeks Public's Assistance

Fairfax County Crime Solvers is seeking the public's help in identifying the people responsible for stealing three vehicles — and taking items from at least 10 others — during the overnight hours of Friday, April 4, to early Saturday, April 5, in Centreville.

According to police, investigators determined that the thieves pulled door handles to find unlocked vehicles parked in residential areas. They then stole property and money from them. In three of those unlocked vehicles, the perpetrators also discovered car keys and were then able to steal the vehicles, as well.

Two of them, a 2007 Toyota Solara and a

2010 Toyota Corolla, were later recovered. The third, a 2010 silver, convertible Ford Mustang with VA license plates XAL-8685, has not yet been found.

Detectives hope someone will see it parked in the area and contact police.

Anyone with information about these thefts is asked to contact Crime solvers at 1-866-411-TIPS/8477, e-mail www.fairfaxcrimesolvers.org, text "TIP187" plus a message to CRIMES/274637 or call police at 703-691-2131. A \$100 to \$1,000 cash reward will be paid for information leading to an arrest. Callers never have to give their names or appear in court.

Challenging a Child's Mind Through Reading

Experts say reading is critical to cognitive and emotional development.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL
CENTRE VIEW

Arlington mother Holly Karapetkova reserves time for reading in the schedules of her two young children. It has become such an important part of their daily routine that it is a treasured family activity. It is also vital to her children's development says Karapetkova.

"Reading is an extremely complex mental activity that engages a child's — or adult's — brain much more intensively than television or video games," said Karapetkova, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Literature at Marymount University in Arlington. "When you read, you employ higher-order cognitive skills. You learn to imagine things that you have not yourself experienced."

CHILD DEVELOPMENT and literature experts say that reading helps children develop imagination skills and an ability to learn and think in new ways. It also boosts emotional development.

"You learn to empathize with others, and so you are able to grow emotionally as well," said Karapetkova. "Critical thinking, imagination, and empathy are all qualities that are essential to our nature as human beings, and essential to our success in the world."

Fred Bemak, Ed.D., Professor and Academic Program Coordinator, College of Education and Human Development at George Mason University, says that even a few minutes each day can have a significant influence. "Reading to a child 20 minutes a days will increase their ability to read and think above grade level," he said. "That is just a matter of sitting with a child and reading with them, but it has a such profound influence."

A lack of reading time also

makes an impact on children. "When a child doesn't have access to books or when a parent doesn't have knowledge about reading to a child, that is where we see an achievement gap," said Bemak.

Mary Catherine Coleman, Lower School Librarian and JK-12 Library Department Chair at St. Stephen's & St. Agnes School in Alexandria, said reading offers children a broad view of the world. "I think, and research shows, reading helps to develop children's thinking because it helps to develop a background knowledge about the world," she said. "Reading also helps children to see the world from a different perspective, helping children develop an understanding, empathy and compassion for others and the world. It challenges children to look at events, people and things in a different way."

"When it comes to imagination, books challenge children to create a movie in their minds," said Coleman. "They need to imagine a world, characters and experiences that they are not familiar with."

"Reading challenges children to move beyond what they see in front of them," said

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— Fred Bemak, Ed.D., George Mason University



PHOTO BY KATIE PEEBLES

Marymount University professor Holly Karapetkova reads with her 4-year-old daughter. Experts say that reading is a complex mental activity that engages a child's brain more intensively than watching television or playing video games.

Coleman. "It also teaches children how to be storytellers, how to share experiences and fosters creativity."

Karapetkova said that reading is more open-ended than other media and challenges a child's cognitive abilities. "When you read, even when they are pictures, your brain has to do a great deal of work to process information and piece the story together," she says. "In a movie or video game, everything is predetermined and spelled out for you, and there's a lot less room left to the imagination to make leaps and discover things on its own."

Karapetkova has experienced this in her own life. "I have found with my older child that one book often leads to another," she said. "We might read something that piques his interest and sends him back to the li-

Book Suggestions

THIRD AND FOURTH GRADE:

"Escape from Mr. Lemoncello's Library"
by Chris Grabenstein
"Ophelia and the Marvelous Boy"
by Karen Foxlee
"Capture the Flag"
by Kate Messner

FIFTH AND SIXTH GRADE:

"Doll Bones"
by Holly Black
"Under the Egg"
by Laura Marx Fitzgerald
"Rump: The True Story of Rumpelstiltskin"
by Liesl Shurtliff

brary for more information, and the information he can find in the library is seemingly endless."

The same is not true with television or video games. "When he watches a film or plays a video game, he never says to me, 'I want to find out more about organisms deep under the sea because that's where Spongebob lives,'" said Karapetkova. "But when he reads a book, he asks questions and his curiosity and imagination open up."

Michael Moynihan, Upper School Head, The Heights School in Potomac, Md., believes in eschewing some electronic media and promoting "a renewed culture of reading...[and] conversation".

SO WHICH BOOKS do experts recommend? "Really, anything you and your children enjoy reading together will do the trick," said Karapetkova. "My children are several years apart. My daughter is 4 and my son is 9, and I have been amazed by how much each enjoys the books I pick out together for the other. I'll sit down with my daughter to read 'Brown Bear, Brown Bear' or another picture book and my son will stop whatever he is doing to join us."

"And my daughter also enjoys listening to what my son and I are reading aloud together," said Karapetkova. "We've been reading a variety of books this year, including things like Harry Potter and C.S. Lewis, and she listens and grasps part of what is happening. So their interest in each other's books reminds me that children can be drawn to and learn from a great range of books."

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SYA Summer Sports Registration Open

Registration for the SYA summer season is now available online at www.syasports.org. Summer sports include basketball, travel basketball, rugby and track and field. Register early to ensure team placement. For more information visit the website.

Basketball: the summer league is for boys and girls rising 2nd through 12th grades with the league beginning in late June. Games are played in local Centreville gyms on weekday evenings.

Select Basketball: the travel program is for boys and girls rising 5th through 8th grades. Registration takes place after try-outs once a player is selected to a team.

Rugby: teams of non-contact rugby will be formed for boys and girls ages U7, U9, U11 and U13. It will help develop abilities that will cross over to other sports.

Track & Field: summer track & field begins in late May and is open to boys and girls rising 1st through 12th grades.

SCHOOL NOTES

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

The Alpha Iota Zeta chapter of Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society at the Manassas Campus of Northern Virginia Community College recently inducted new officers, members and faculty advisors. New Phi Theta Kappa members at NOVA-Manassas include: **Sebastian Guadamos, Cameron Perrier, Trevon Smith, Rosalia Spina** and **Emily Marter**.

Emerson College student **Mitchell Buckley**, of Centreville, an acting major, has been named to the dean's list for the Fall 2013 semester.

Meghan Winesett, from Centreville, is one of 12 University of Delaware field hockey student-athletes named to the National Field Hockey Coaches Association National Academic Squad.

Vivian Diep, a sophomore engineering major; **Carli Molano**, a sophomore justice studies major; and **Melanie Robison**, a sophomore vocal music education major, were among 55 James Madison University students recently participated in LeadershipU, a one-day conference that helps to equip new and current student leaders with skills to prepare them to better lead their organizations. The conference was held February 1 of this year by the Student Activities and Involvement office along with JMU's fraternity and sorority life.

Virginia Tech undergraduates have selected their president and vice president for the 2014-15 school year. **Elizabeth Lazor**, of Centreville, a junior majoring in finance in the Pamplin College of Business, is president-elect. Lazor, who currently serves at Student Government Association treasurer, received 56.2 percent of the vote for president. She is a resident advisor for West Eggleston Hall, a member of the Pi Sigma Epsilon Professional Marketing Fraternity, and is a member of the Student Alumni Associates.

In the Washington Post's America's Most Challenging High Schools list for 2014, released on Monday, April 7, **Centreville High School** was ranked 18th best in the entire Washington, D.C. Metro Area. The Challenge Index, calculated by dividing the number of Advanced Placement tests taken by students at the school in 2013 by the number of graduating students, is a measure of the rigor that the school places on its student community. Centreville was the 2nd-highest ranked high school from Fairfax County, behind only Oakton High School, and had a substantially higher percentage of subsidized lunch participants — a standard measure of the poverty rate within the school's jurisdiction.

Dying of Curiosity

By KENNETH B. LOURIE



As I was completing last week's column ("I Thought I Was a Goner") and thanking my oncology nurse, Ron, in the process, for the excellent care he has provided me for nearly five years now; a week after I wrote a column thanking my Certified Holistic Health Coach, Rebecca Nenner, for the health and fitness-type knowledge she has given me over those same five years; it dawned on me that perhaps my subconscious mind knew something that my conscious mind didn't: that I should move closer to the undertaker like Radar's Uncle Ernest did two days before he died, in the M*A*S*H episode titled "Novacaine Mutiny" from season four.

I don't want to think that, and I certainly don't want to believe it; nevertheless, I thought it an interesting point to address: as a terminal cancer patient, as much as I fight against it mentally and physically, the presumptive death sentence that a "13-month to two-year prognosis" portends is the kind of news that's difficult — make that impossible — to ignore. And as much as I try to defend myself, as you know, with humor, a positive attitude and a variety of self-preservation, defense-type mechanisms — still, at the end of the day (heck, at the beginning and middle, too), I may talk and write a good game, but one's mind often interferes. The trick is knowing whether that interference (subconscious) is real or imagined. I struggle with that assessment every day, as I presume most characterized-as-terminal patients do as well.

As my struggle enters its sixth year, let me assure you, its familiarity has not bred content (nor contempt, either). Though I certainly know the warning signs, the dos and don'ts, and my responsibility in all of it, that doesn't mask — to me, anyway, the underlying reality: lung cancer kills. The survival rates, especially five years post-diagnosis, are in the low single digits. Fairly grim, I admit. Yet I am extremely happy and fortunate to say that I am one of those low-single-digits (and yes, I have been called worse; not much better though, considering my diagnosis). However, I am not in remission and I'm still receiving chemotherapy. In truth, I am an anomaly, an aberration; and expecting that my life continues without any further cancer-related ado seems naive and from most of what I read, fairly unrealistic. Now as much as I try to compartmentalize all these cancer facts and feelings — successfully for the most part, I'd like to add — the reality of my situation does manifest itself from time to time. This column has attempted to identify a recent example, my last two columns, where these facts and feelings may have collided.

Though nothing in my current health — or recent awareness of it (scans, lab work, physical exam, old symptoms, new symptoms persisting/getting worse, etc.) would indicate a change (a fatal flaw, if you will), there are always things with which I am totally unaware that may have changed and perhaps the way I learn about these changes is through my subconscious. I certainly don't know how or when I'll know when I'm at death's door. Perhaps there will be a knock, perhaps not. Still, I can't help wondering — and wanting to know — sort of.

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PUBLIC HEARING TOWN OF CLIFTON PLANNING COMMISSION

APRIL 22, 2014

Notice is hereby given that the Clifton Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, April 22, 2014 at 7:30 P.M. at the Acacia Lodge, 7135 Main Street, Clifton, VA 20124 to consider the amendment and revision of the Town of Clifton's Zoning Ordinance resulting from the revision of Section 9-13 of the Zoning Ordinance which contains provisions pertaining to Parking in the Town. The proposed revision to Section 9-13 of the Zoning Ordinance is available for review and downloading on the Town's website at www.cliftonva.us and a hard copy of the proposed Zoning Ordinance changes may be examined at the Clifton Post Office, 12644 Chapel Road, Clifton VA, 20124. All interested parties are invited to attend and express their views with respect to the proposed amended and revised Section 9-13 Parking of the Town of Clifton Zoning Ordinance.

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TRUSTEES' SALE OF
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TAX MAP ID NO. 065-2-09-0443
Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust from Isa K. Azzouz and May I. Azzouz, as grantors, to John D. Eubank and Timothy E. Lewis, as trustees, for the benefit of Commercial Lending, LLC, a Virginia limited liability company, as beneficiary, dated September 25, 2007 and recorded on November 27, 2007 in Book 19673 at Page 1179 as Instrument No. 2007033933.014 among the Land Records of Fairfax County, Virginia ("Deed of Trust"), with an original principal balance of \$20,000.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Trustees will sell at public auction at the front door of the Circuit Court of Fairfax County, Virginia, 4110 Chain Bridge Road, Fairfax, Virginia 22030, on

APRIL 30, 2014 AT 2:00 PM

ALL THAT REAL PROPERTY AND THE IMPROVEMENTS THEREON situated in Fairfax County, Virginia, and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust.

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