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Work progresses along Route 29 in Centreville as part of the bridge replacement over the Little Rocky Run stream.

## Update on Local Road Projects

### Reviewing Stringfellow, Route 50 and two bridges.

BY BONNIE HOBBS  
CENTRE VIEW

When Supervisor Michael R. Frey (R-Sully) addressed the Sully District Council of Citizens Associations on June 25, he also provided an update

on local road projects. A Fairfax County transportation bond was discussed, as well.

"There will be a transportation bond this year, probably for \$100 million," he said. "About 15 or 16 million will be for roadway projects and 84 or 85 million will be for pedestrian and walkway projects. That includes bike lanes and bike-way improvements, and that's a huge shift. We used to do these bonds for roads and Metro."

"I think there should have been a better balance," continued Frey. "Some items are for pedestrian crosswalks that shouldn't be paid for with 20-year debt, but with capital improvement funds."

Locally, he said this year and next year will be busy with a slew of road and bridge projects. Said Frey: "A lot of the transportation projects we've been talking about for a long time are finally breaking loose

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Workmen on Wednesday smooth and level a freshly cemented curb at the corner of Stringfellow and Poplar Tree roads.

## Talking about Transportation

### Frey addresses Sully District Council of Citizens Associations.

BY BONNIE HOBBS  
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Transportation and Fairfax County revenue ideas were the top topics when Supervisor Michael R. Frey (R-Sully) spoke recently before the Sully District Council of Citizens Associations.

"It's an interesting time to be in the county," he said during the group's June 25 meeting. "It's undergoing a tremendous transformation."

Things are different, though, in the Sully District. "It's not wide open for development, anymore," said Frey. "We're seeing build-out here."

Conversely, Tysons Corner is a hotbed of activity. "The county is trying to transform Tysons into an urban downtown," he said.

"It's concentrating development in urban areas because it's easier to focus transportation improvements [that way]. But we can't control the market or private landowners, so the best-laid plans don't always jive with development."

Frey said Metro's Silver Line train service linking East Falls Church with Reston via Tysons is



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Michael Frey discusses the need for more Fairfax County revenue.

scheduled to open Saturday, July 26.

The project's 11.7-mile first phase costs \$3 billion and has been highly anticipated.

**"Everybody east of us has a meals tax, and nobody west of us."**

— Supervisor Michael R. Frey

"It's the first extension of the rail line into Fairfax County since the Orange Line in the 1980s," said Frey. "We're

redoing the entire, feeder-bus network serving the northern part of Sully District to go to the Wiehle Avenue Metro Station."

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### Police Looking For Robber

Fairfax County police are looking for the person who robbed someone last weekend in the 14200 block of St. Germain Drive in Centreville. Police say the victim was walking Saturday, July 12, at 5:57 p.m., when he was approached by a teenager.

The teen grabbed cash and property from the victim and fled on foot; no one was injured. The suspect was described as black, 16-17, and wearing a striped shirt with khaki shorts.

### Farmers Market On Thursdays

Each Thursday, from 3-7 p.m., the Fairfax County Government Center hosts a farmers market in its parking lot. The Government Center is at 12000 Government Center Parkway in Fair Oaks, and the next markets are slated for July 17 and July 24.

### Free Carseat Inspections

Certified technicians from the Sully District Police Station will perform free, child safety carseat inspections Thursday, July 17 and July 31, 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.

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.

### WFCCA Quarterly Meeting

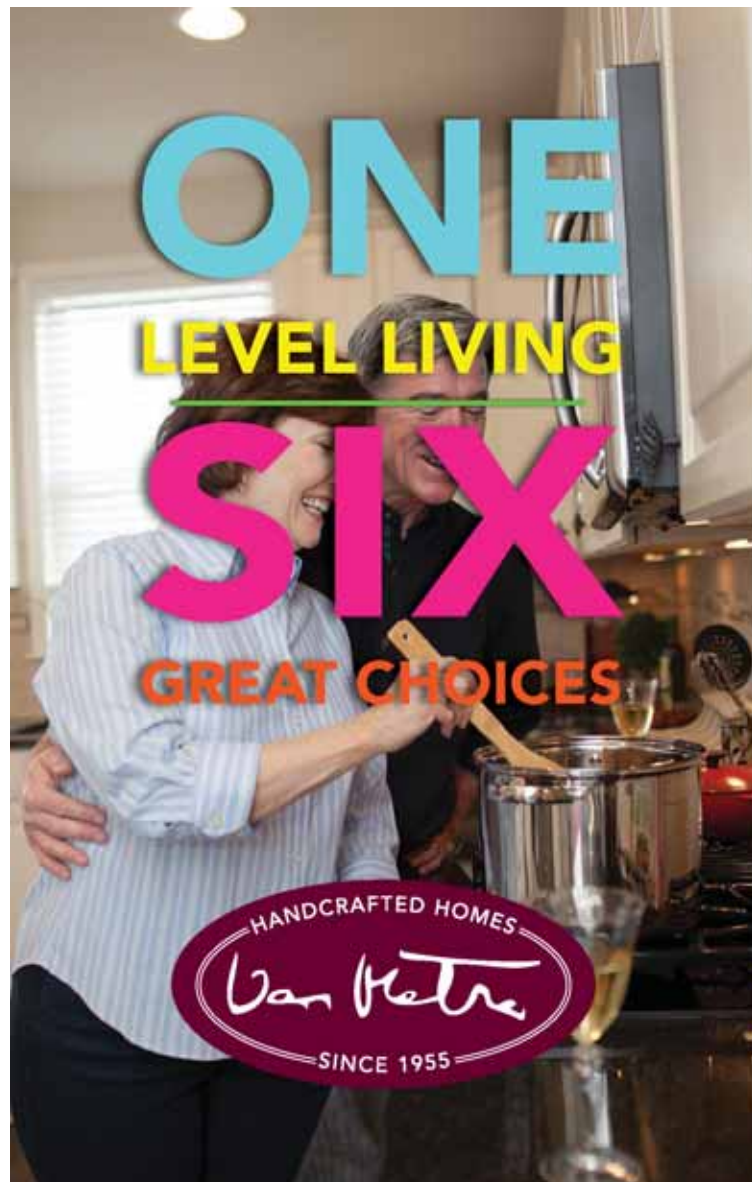
The quarterly meeting of the West Fairfax County Citizens Association (WFCCA) is slated for Monday, July 21, at 7 p.m. It'll be held in the 4900 Stonecroft Blvd. in Chantilly. At that time, the group's annual James D. McDonnell Award for exemplary community service will be presented.

### Sully District Council Meeting

The Sully District Council of Citizens Associations Land-Use Committee will meet Wednesday, July 23, at 7 p.m., in the Sully District Governmental Center, 4900 Stonecroft Blvd. in Chantilly. On tap is Fairfax Forward – phase one of the Fairfax

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# Children + Touch-A-Truck = Fun

**S**ome 2,800 people attended the second annual Touch-A-Truck event, June 14, at the Chantilly Regional Library. Sponsors were the library and the Sully District Police Station. Besides the Fairfax County Fire and Police departments, participants included: Virginia State and Manassas Park police; county Animal Shelter and

Public Works; Federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (ATF); and Fairfax Connector.

Also taking part were: Willow Springs Towing; Fairfax Water; Dominion Power; VDOT; CSI Disposal; Mr. Knick Knack; Paws for Reading; Chantilly High's Choir, Jazz Band and Robotics Team; three balloon artists and the Chick-fil-A cow.



**Abraham Zuhairi, 4, enjoys being inside the Fairfax Water bobcat.**



**Luis Alfaro, 10, in a Fairfax County pressure-washing truck.**



**Austin Westcott, 4, tries out a Fairfax County police motorcycle.**

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**Max Neely, 3, tries on a helmet inside an ATF Special Operations Team armored vehicle.**



**From left are Noah Robinson, 5, and Elijah Robinson, 7, in the water truck.**



**Hunter Wilfong, 2, wears Virginia State Police riot gear next to Trooper Ronchez Hancock.**



**Chantilly's Aurelia Attaway, 2, holds her ducky while manning a Fairfax County garbage truck.**



**Toddlers enjoy walking up and down the ramp of the Willow Springs tow truck.**

**Little Rocky Run's Rhett Weber, 3, inside Dominion Power's bucket truck.**



**Police PFC Greg Moss (left) and Det. Brian Storm, of Fairfax County's Explosive Ordnance Disposal Unit, tell these children about the robots used in barricade situations and to investigate suspicious packages.**



# Reviewing Stringfellow, Route 50 and Two Bridges

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because of VDOT money.”

They include:

❖ **Walney Road Bridge and Widening:** The existing, Walney Road bridge over Flatlick Branch is disintegrating structurally and surpassed its life expectancy 17 years ago. So VDOT is replacing it with a wider, sturdier and safer bridge.

The new bridge will have a four-lane capacity with bike lanes. Walney Road will also be widened from two to four lanes from 250 feet south of Mariah Court to Willard Road.

In addition, the downhill curve on north-south Walney will be smoothed out significantly to make it descend gradually. The road will also be raised 10 feet higher in the area where it currently dips down as drivers leave the bridge, for better sight distance.

Utility relocation should begin in September or October, with construction slated to start in January 2015, in hopes of a December 2015 completion.

Because of the work, the bridge will be closed from May 1, 2015 to Aug. 30, 2015. Estimated cost is \$15.5 million.

❖ **Route 50 Widening West of Chantilly:** Construction began in fall 2011 to widen 3.7 miles of Route 50 from four to six lanes between Poland Road in Loudoun County and Route 28 in Chantilly.

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

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

This \$100 million improvement project should have three lanes open in both directions by May 2015. All the construction



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**A newly asphalted section of the widened Stringfellow Road between Chantilly High and Rocky Run Middle School.**

work, including permanent traffic signals, should be finished in November 2015.

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

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

Utility relocation has already been done and construction is now underway; it’s expected to be done in mid-summer 2015. Estimated cost is \$63 million.

❖ **Stringfellow Road Park and Ride Expansion:** Adjacent to I-66, the existing park-and-ride lot on Stringfellow Road has 378 parking spaces. A 2007 bond referendum funded an additional 300 spaces, plus a bus-transfer facility with a climate-controlled waiting room, benches, restrooms, drinking fountain and bike racks.

The costs are \$4 million for the parking expansion and \$1.5 million for the bus-transfer building, and they’ve been combined into one project. The goal is to en-

hance bus ridership and promote carpooling and, ultimately, the use of Metrorail when it’s someday extended to this area.

The county’s Department of Transportation will construct and maintain the building, and VDOT — which owns the land — will maintain the parking spaces. Cars will enter and exit the lot from the Stringfellow/Fair Lakes Boulevard intersection, and the existing entrance on Stringfellow will be for buses only. Construction is beginning this summer and should be completed in spring 2015.

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

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

On the bridge’s south side, a path will connect to existing trails. The north side will have a 5-foot-wide sidewalk connecting to the Faircrest community and exist-

ing sidewalks. Estimated cost is \$16.3 million and anticipated completion is October 2015.

“The construction will cause some inconvenience,” said Frey. “But when you sit in traffic caused by construction, at least you know an improvement is being made.”

❖ **Lee Road Widening/Culvert:** The box culvert there will be extended, and Lee Road will be widened over Schneider Branch. Construction began in March and should be finished in May 2015. Estimated cost is \$4.2 million.

❖ **I-66 and Route 28:** Portions of the existing interchange will be reconstructed, and four traffic signals on Route 28 will be removed to enhance safety and improve capacity. A VDOT study is underway. VDOT already has \$50 million programmed for this project. Cost estimate: \$322 million. Six-year funding recently approved by FCDOT: \$54 million.

The work also includes widening and reconstructing the westbound I-66 off ramp to northbound Route 28. Braddock/Walney roads will be realigned, and an overpass with ramp connection from northbound Route 28 to the new bridge will be constructed. New connections will go from Braddock to eastbound and westbound I-66, from Braddock to and from southbound Route 28, and from southbound Route 28 to eastbound I-66 (flyover).

This project extends Poplar Tree Road across Route 28 from Stonecroft Boulevard to Walney Road. It also involves construction of a new access road to E.C. Lawrence Park and reduces congestion on both I-66 and Route 28.

“The Route 28/I-66 design will be a physically huge improvement,” said Frey. “If Braddock and Walney are to have access to Route 28, it’ll take separation and four ramps. Sometime before the end of the year, another [public] meeting will be held about it.”

“I’ve been told it’ll be in construction by 2017,” he continued. “It seems like a long way off, but it’s actually pretty aggressive when you consider that you’re dealing with a federal highway, environmental issues in E.C. Lawrence Park and a residential development.”

## Frey Talks Transportation and County Revenue

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ing for new ways to bring in revenue to meet the ever-increasing needs of its residents, Frey said the big issue recently under consideration by the Board of Supervisors has been the possibility of a meals tax. The supervisors even appointed a panel to investigate the matter in depth and already received its report.

“The report doesn’t make a specific recommendation, but lays out the pros and cons of [having a meals tax], as well as the pros and cons of when to put it before the voters on a referendum,” said

Frey. “We’ve discussed 4 percent as the tax amount.”

“Everybody east of us has a meals tax, and nobody west of us,” he continued. “It went to a vote here in 1992 and failed. I’ll support sending it to the voters, but I don’t expect to take a position on the tax. Let’s put it to a referendum and let people have their say. I have no idea if it would pass — there are groups on each side who feel strongly about it.”

Regarding the idea to allow FCPS high-school students to get more sleep by starting classes later in the day, Frey said it would entail major changes in both the

school bell and bus schedules. “The biggest cost is transportation, and I’m not sure where the money’s going to come from,” he said.

**ALSO DRIVING** the school system’s demand for more county dollars, said Frey, are the students’ increasing diversity and poverty levels, the rising number of students receiving free and reduced lunches, and the increased need for special-education programs.

He also noted that county residents, in general, are asking for more health-and-fitness and recreational opportunities — “And

they aren’t cheap,” said Frey. “So we have some difficult budget years coming up.”

Compounding the problem is the fact that — just as the county’s income from residential property tax has declined in recent years — so, too, is its commercial-property tax base.

“A developer the other day told me that companies are downsizing and changing their methods of operations, including more telework, so they’re only leasing 70 percent of the space they used to,” said Frey. “So commercial-tax revenue isn’t something we can count on as we go forward.”



## NEWS

# School Board Elects Chairman, Vice Chair

**Tamara Derenak Kaufax and  
Ted Velkoff elected to lead board.**

BY JANELLE GERMANOS  
CENTRE VIEW

**T**amara Derenak Kaufax (Lee District) and Ted Velkoff (at-large) were elected chairman and vice chair of the Fairfax County School Board on Thursday night, July 10, following an abstention from some members in the election of chairman. Both will serve in their positions for one year.

"Ms. Derenak Kaufax has served the Lee district well and is also a team player for the greater good across the county," said Ilryong Moon (at-large), who served as chairman of the school board for two years. "One thing is for sure — she is not afraid to speak out."

Derenak Kaufax is the owner of Altamat Marketing Solutions and has been a School Board member since January 2012. She is the parent of a sophomore and a 2013



**Tamara  
Derenak  
Kaufax (Lee  
District)**



**Ted Velkoff  
(at-large)**

graduate of Fairfax County schools.

Derenak Kaufax said the board is one with "many challenges" but a lot of passion.

"I want us to be the best board ever. I will respect your opinions, as I think you know I have while working as the vice chair. I will work to keep everyone informed — sometimes you may not like what I say, but I will keep us moving forward in a strategic way,"

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# Save a Little, Help Others

Virginia's tax holiday on school supplies is a good reminder to donate supplies for children who need help arriving at school prepared.

Virginia's tax holiday on school supplies and clothing is Aug. 1-3, and it makes sense to take advantage of the savings, and to spread the wealth around.

During this three-day period, school supplies selling for \$20 or less per item, and clothing and footwear selling for \$100 or less per item will be exempt from Virginia sales tax. There are some items that do not qualify, for example digital school supplies. See <http://www.tax.virginia.gov/> for more details.

EDITORIAL

When you are buying school supplies for your family, buy extra to donate to local families who are not able to afford to do the same.

In Fairfax County, just under 50,000 students are poor enough to qualify for free or reduced price meals at school.

In Fairfax County, local nonprofits, Fairfax County Public Schools and corporate partners are collecting school supplies and backpacks. Monetary donations and backpacks are being accepted by eight local nonprofits and through local Apple and North-

west Federal Credit Union Branches, as well as online at <http://collectforkids.org/donate/> through Sept. 2. Last year the drive provided supplies for nearly 20,000 students. A \$10 cash donation goes a long way.

Collect for Kids Program runs through Sept. 2. Monetary donations can be accepted any time. Donate money at [www.collectforkids.org](http://www.collectforkids.org). Donations of backpacks are also being accepted at every Apple Federal Credit Union and Northwest Federal Credit Union branch in Fairfax County and at any of the affiliate charitable organizations, including Cornerstones, Western Fairfax Christian Ministries, Our Daily Bread, Koinonia, United Community Ministries and others.

For more, see the Collect for Kids website at <http://collectforkids.org>.

# Small Acts of Kindness

Evidence of the long-lasting effects of kindness to others in daily life.

BY JOAN BRADY

A foster child alumni recently told me that what helps her to keep moving forward are the happy memories she has stored in her heart. Curious, I asked if she would share a few with me.

Each of her examples represented a time that someone was simply kind to her. And her list, after 22 years in and out of foster care, is depressingly short.

Last Sunday, I was doing some early evening weeding, when my beagles started barking like crazy. I looked up to see a man peering through my garden gate.

I didn't recognize this older, mustachioed gentleman in his shorts and t-shirt. And I guess I should have been a little nervous as he brazenly walked through the gate.

But ever since we filled in our swimming pool to plant vegetables and berries, we get the occasional looky-loo, interested to see the pool-turned-garden.

He seemed friendly enough calling out a warm greeting as he approached. He said he had been wanting to come by and see me as I "had always been so nice to him."

I wracked my brain, trying to recall this man who seemed so familiar with my dogs, my garden and me.

"Whenever I have seen you over the past years, you always asked about my wife. I wanted you to know," he said, voice shaking, "that she died."

In that moment, I realized that this is a man I have known for many years. A man I didn't recognize without his PETRO uniform. A man whose name, I could not come up with, without the helpful stitching that adorns his work shirt.

We met, he and I, just after my husband and I moved into our house, over 13 years ago.



Joan's Garden, created by filling in the former swimming pool.

Concerned about the potential environmental hazard our in-ground oil tank presented, we decided to remove it.

There was a bit of drama during the removal process when the backhoe severed the main power line into the house (a bit of a utility-marking snafu).

The fairly large explosion was followed by a realization that we had knocked out the electricity. The guys couldn't continue until the Fire Marshal arrived and I couldn't work until electricity was restored. So, the group of us (two from PETRO, Fred-the-Beagle and I) bonded over pizza and the long wait for the Fire Marshal and Dominion Power to arrive.

I think it was then that he told me about his wife's illness. We didn't speak every time he came to fill our new oil tank. But occasionally

we would see each other, exchange a few pleasantries, and I would ask about his wife. There were ups and downs over the years, but mostly downs.

We both cried a little, as he told me that she had passed last month. And that it was very hard. While he does have friends, every night he returns to an empty house. He didn't want to have a drink. He didn't want to sit for a while. He just wanted me to know.

As he walked slowly to his car, head bowed, I turned back to my weeding and considered life's small interactions and their impact.

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# Fairfax School Board Elects Chairman, Vice Chair

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Derenak Kaufax said at the meeting.

Dan Stork (Mount Vernon) nominated Sandy Evans as vice chair of the school board, while Pat Hynes (Hunter Mill) nominated Ted Velkoff for the position. Velkoff won the position with seven votes.

"He thinks outside the box a lot," Hynes said. "He's also shown tremendous leadership on the budget."

Velkoff has also served on the school board since January 2012 and was this year's chair of the budget committee. He is the parent of two Fairfax County gradu-

ates and previously served as Chantilly High School's PTSA president and treasurer.

"When I look back a year from now, what will I have seen? I want to look back and see that in my role here as vice chairman, that I've helped to bring some balance and have tried to build bridges to represent fairly the views of everybody that's on the board and to

offer my best advice to the chairman and to the superintendent, and communicate fairly and equally to everyone," Velkoff said.

Kaufax was elected chairman with seven votes, while five members abstained from voting because of what they explained was a "brokered deal" for the position of vice chair.

The same seven votes from

Tamara Derenak Kaufax, Pat Hynes, Ryan McElveen, Illryong Moon, Kathy Smith, Jane Strauss, and Ted Velkoff gave Ted Velkoff the majority as vice chair. Sandy Evans, Megan McLaughlin, Patty Reed, Elizabeth Schultz and Dan Storck voted for Sandy Evans for vice chair.

Some School Board members said they didn't know Velkoff was

running for vice chair until hours before the vote.

"Until last night, Mrs. Smith was the other candidate for vice chair, and she withdrew. We were in a 6-6 deadlock. We couldn't break it. At 3:30 this afternoon, I got a phone call from Mr. Velkoff saying that he was a candidate for vice chair," said Elizabeth Schultz (Springfield).

## SCHOOL NOTES

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**Caroline Cook, Victoria Karl, Julia Kron, Lauren O'Leary, Kathleen O'Brien, Helen Tan and Dana Vivirito** have qualified for the president's list at James Madison University during the spring 2014 semester.

The following students have qualified for the dean's list at James Madison University during the spring 2014 semester: **Rebecca Baumgart, Rachel Bisaga, Jacob Brodie, Laurel Brubaker, Ximena Calvo, Francesca Castellano, Elizabeth Chang, William Datta, Rachael Donnelly, Emily Elcano, Austin Fallon, Katherine Fiely, Rafael Fuentes, Mary Kim, Rachel Knotts, Alexandra Kriss, Mollie Leon, Ellen Lombard, Johannah Miller, Jenna Millman, Carli Molano, Kevin Murphy-Toohey, Sara Padilla, Lindsey Pugh, Sarah Schweit, James Seltzer, Patrick Shea, Elissa Smith, Alexandra Vermillion, Melissa Walsh and Jessica Woolson.**

**Justin Hugel, Shannon Lochbaum, Ellen Waymire and Paul Zettersten** made the dean's list at the University of Kentucky.

**Brendan English and Katie Malinowski** graduated Magna Cum Laude from James Madison University.

**Emma Stewart** graduated Cum Laude from James Madison University.

**Adriana Isabel Mendoza Cervantes** graduated with a bachelor's degree in mathematics and Spanish and **Murphy Mark Luatua** graduated with a master's degree in exercise science and physical education from McDaniel College.

**Wicitra Mahotama** of Centreville has been named to the dean's list at Iowa State University for the spring 2014 semester.

**Pooja Chandrashekar**, at Thomas Jefferson High School, has received the Award for Aspirations in Computing from the National Center for Women & Information Technology and Bank of America.

**Hunter Ragsdale** has been named to the dean's list at Dean College for spring 2014.

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# World War II Weekend

Explosions and gunfire  
abound at Sully Historic Site.

BY ELIZABETH SCHNEIDER  
CENTRE VIEW

**T**he sounds of explosions and gunfire became almost commonplace on July 12 and 13, as Sully Historic Site celebrated its 9th annual World War II Living History event. At the event, visitors witnessed a view of the war through reenactments.

At Sully Historic Site, several such major events are held each year and each is planned “for anywhere from four to 12 months,” said Barbara Ziman, events coordinator. Sully Historic Site showcases facets of Fairfax County history from the 19th century through the mid-20th century. Richard Bland Lee, General Robert E. Lee’s uncle, completed the main house at Sully in 1799.

Much attention was also given to historical accuracy when planning the event: “as a historic site, we don’t want to have just anybody coming to do events for us because they are perceived as representing the park authority ... it is an event that is by invitation only,” said Ziman.

Representing the 511 Pathfinders, Matthew Wallin was one of those invited to be a part of the event.

The 511 Pathfinders “would’ve been the first paratroopers on the ground. There were over 10,000 paratroopers dropped on D-day,” said Wallin.

On display near Wallin were the various types of equipment a para-

trooper would’ve carried on D-day. Most of the equipment were originals, but some were reproductions as “some original stuff is very, very difficult to get.”

There were other units in attendance, and Robert Ibay, a self-proclaimed lover of military history, said that the “uniforms and soldiers’ equipment were very accurate and informational.”

The highlight of the weekend was the large skirmish towards the end of each day. It was “thrilling to see the skirmishes,” said Ibay.

Each battle was “not a reenactment of any specific battle, but more a demonstration of tactics that two opposing sides would use if they came upon each other,” said Ziman.

Ziman and volunteer reenactor coordinator Kelly Roder handled crowd control during the reenactments to ensure safety.

Strict safety guidelines were enforced throughout the weekend to protect reenactors and visitors. Every unit had a safety officer and there was a weapons inspection at the beginning of each day to ensure that there were no live rounds, said Ziman.

Kathleen Kinsolving Willmann, a teacher at Centreville High School, and several other local authors were also in attendance selling copies of their World War II-related books.

Call 703-437-1794 or visit <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/sully-historic-site/> for more information on Sully Historic Site and its future events.

**Jeff Jordan, representing the 26th U.S. Cavalry, speaks to visitors.**



Reenactment reveals World War II battle tactics.



The equipment a 511 Pathfinder would’ve carried on D-Day.



Matthew Wallin is representing the 511 Pathfinders. The 511 Pathfinders were the first paratroopers on the ground on D-Day, June 6, 1944.



A row of World War II era tents. Most of the gear on display was authentic.



Kathleen Kinsolving Willmann, a teacher at Centreville High School, with her book “Dogs of War.” Several local authors were in attendance, selling copies of their World War II related books.



Barbara Ziman is the events coordinator at Sully Historic Site.

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regularly monitor all accounts and always use strong passwords. To confirm a jury duty summons, contact the Circuit Court jury duty clerk at 703-246-7816 (press 0). For information about tax scams, visit the IRS consumer alerts page, [www.irs.gov/uac/Tax-Scams-Consumer-Alerts](http://www.irs.gov/uac/Tax-Scams-Consumer-Alerts).

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Visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpwes/recycling/electric-sunday.htm](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpwes/recycling/electric-sunday.htm) for more.

## JULY 14-AUG. 1

**Volunteer Opportunity for Centreville HS Community.** July 14 - Aug. 1 at local elementary schools. Volunteer through The STEMbassadors Team for Centreville High School community as a teacher's aide or as a mentor to young children. Volunteers are accepted during various weekdays to accommodate student schedules. Please send an email to [stembassadors@tjhsst.edu](mailto:stembassadors@tjhsst.edu) to get involved and indicate the name of the school where you would like to

help.

## TUESDAY/JULY 15-WEDNESDAY/AUG. 6

**SOL Test Only.** 8:30 a.m. at West Springfield High School, 6100 Rolling Road, Springfield. The writing test will be July 15-16, and the non-writing tests will be administered Aug. 5-6. Free. To register, visit [www.fcps.edu/is/summer](http://www.fcps.edu/is/summer).

## THURSDAY/JULY 17

**I-66 Briefing.** 8 a.m. VDOT District Office, 4975 Alliance Drive, Fairfax. A briefing on the future of I-66, from the Capital Beltway to Route 15. Visit <http://transportation.virginia.gov> for more.

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## ONGOING

**Theater.** Through Saturday, July 26, Fridays and Saturdays, 7:30 p.m. and Sundays, 2 p.m. at Westfield High School, 4700 Stonecroft Blvd., Chantilly. "How to Succeed in Business without Really Trying." Tickets: \$12 in advance, \$15 at the door. Seating is reserved. Visit [www.westfieldtheatreboosters.com](http://www.westfieldtheatreboosters.com).

**Evenings on the Ellipse Summer Concert Series.** Thursdays through Aug. 28. 5:30-7:30 p.m. Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax. Whether you like jazz, big band, bluegrass, or Latin pop, there is sure to be something for everyone. Rain or shine. Free. Visit <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/performance/ellipse.htm> for more.

**Fairways-Fore-FREEdom.** Through Sept. 1. 3 p.m. at Westfields Golf Club, 13940 Balmoral Greens Ave., Clifton. Military golf program in honor of the armed forces. Only for those with valid with military ID. \$29 - \$69. Visit [www.marriottgolf.com](http://www.marriottgolf.com), or call 703-631-3300.

**Registration for 2014 Northern Virginia Senior Olympics.** Online registration for the 2014 Northern Virginia Senior Olympics is open now. Call 703 228-4721. Deadline to register is Aug. 29 by mail and Sept. 5 online. Adults 50 years of age by Dec. 30, 2014, residing in a sponsoring jurisdiction, are eligible

to compete. Fee is \$12. Visit [www.nvso.us](http://www.nvso.us) for more.

**Sully Historic Site.** 3650 Historic Sully Way, Chantilly. Enjoy guided tours of the 1794 home of Northern Virginia's first Congressman, Richard Bland Lee. \$7/adult; \$6/student; \$5/senior and child. Hours are 11 a.m.-4 p.m. 703-437-1794.

**D-Day: Normandy 1944.** at the Steven F. Udvar-Hazy Center, 14390 Air and Space Museum Pkwy., Chantilly. A movie about D-Day and those who gave their lives. Free. Visit [www.si.edu/Imax/Movie/133](http://www.si.edu/Imax/Movie/133).

**Singing.** 7:30 p.m. at Lord of Life Lutheran Church, 13421 Twin Lakes Drive, Clifton. The Fairfax Jubil-Aires rehearse every Wednesday which includes training by an award-winning director. Visit [www.fairfaxjubilaires.org](http://www.fairfaxjubilaires.org) for more.

## CAMPS, CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

**Young Actors Workshop.** For elementary students in rising grades 2-6 to learn about theatre arts. Runs July 21-25, 9 a.m.-noon at Westfield High School, 4700 Stonecroft Blvd., Chantilly. Tuition is \$125. The musical theatre camp includes theatre games, improvisation, acting exercises, songs and dances and culminates with a show from musical comedy classics. Sponsored by Westfield Theatre Boosters and led by Westfield Theatre alumni and current students. Visit [www.westfieldtheatreboosters.com](http://www.westfieldtheatreboosters.com) for or call 703-488-6439. Space is limited.

**Boys Basketball Camp.** Centreville and Westfield High School work together to offer three sessions of basketball camp for ages 7-15. Session III July 28-Aug. 1, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. daily. Cost is \$170. Discounts available. Camps feature free throw

contests, a daily raffle, championship tournament and more. Contact coach Doug Ewell at 703-488-6406 or [DPEwell@fcps.edu](mailto:DPEwell@fcps.edu) or Coach Patrick Hally at [patrickthally@gmail.com](mailto:patrickthally@gmail.com) for more.

**Whodunit? Mystery Workshop and Performance.** Monday-Friday, July 21-Aug. 1, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Center for the Arts, 9419 Battle St., Manassas. Teens and adults can hone their mystery skills at this performance camp. Register at [www.center-for-the-arts.org](http://www.center-for-the-arts.org) or call 703-330-2787.

## THURSDAY/JULY 17

**Storytime and Rhyme.** 10:30 a.m. at Centreville Regional Library, 14200 St. Germain Drive. Storytelling, music and movement with Wolf Trap teaching artist Kofi Dennis. All ages; please register each child and adult separately. Call 703-830-2223.

**"Flights of Fancy" — Stories for Children.** 11 a.m. at Udvar-Hazy Center, 14390 Air and Space Museum Pkwy., Chantilly. A reading from "Hare and Tortoise Race to the Moon," presented by Oliver Corwin. Free. Visit <http://airandspace.si.edu/visit/udvar-hazy-center/things-to-do/story-times.cfm> for more.

**Ask an Expert.** 12:30-1 p.m. at Udvar-Hazy Center, 14390 Air and Space Museum Pkwy., Chantilly. "Explaining Apollo to a New Generation," Presented by Dr. Allan A. Needell. Meet at the nose of the SR-71 in the Boeing Aviation Hangar. Free. Visit <http://airandspace.si.edu/events/ask-an-expert/#hazy>.

**U.S. Air Force Band.** 7:30 p.m. at Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax. Summer Concert Series, "Celtic Celebration." Free. Visit [www.usafband.af.mil](http://www.usafband.af.mil), or call 202-

767-5658.

## FRIDAY/JULY 18

**Professional Magician.** 8:30 p.m. at The Winery at Bull Run, 15950 Lee Highway, Centreville. Professional magician Max Major will perform. General Admission: \$40; VIP Seating: \$55. Contact Tracey Lucas at 202-638-0200 for more.

## SATURDAY/JULY 19

**Plant Clinic.** 10:30 a.m. at Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Master gardeners will provide horticultural tips, information, techniques and advice to home gardeners. Call 703-502-3883.

**Clifton Film Fest.** 4 p.m. at Workhouse Arts Center, 9601 Ox Road, Lorton. The Clifton Film Fest is an indoor and outdoor festival happening at the Workhouse Arts Center. Visit [www.cliftonfilmfest.com](http://www.cliftonfilmfest.com) for more.

## SUNDAY/JULY 20

**Yolly Molly.** 1-3 p.m. at Yolly Molly, 12164 Fairfax Towne Center, Fairfax. Yolly Molly is donating 15 percent of all sales during that time to the Kids First Foundation. 15 percent off. Call 703-944-3907 for more.

**NTRAKScale Model Train Show.** 1-4 p.m. at Fairfax Station Railroad Museum, 11200 Fairfax Station Road. There will be a two day NTRAKScale Model Train Show at the Fairfax Station Railroad Museum open to the public. Museum members, free; adults 16 and older, \$4; children 5-15, \$2, under 4, free. Visit [www.fairfax-station.org](http://www.fairfax-station.org) or call 703-425-9225.

**National Ice Cream Day.** At Glory

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## TUESDAY/JULY 22

**"Flights of Fancy" — Stories for Children.** 11 a.m. at Udvar-Hazy Center, 14390 Air and Space Museum Pkwy., Chantilly. Free. Visit <http://airandspace.si.edu/visit/udvar-hazy-center/things-to-do/story-times.cfm>.

**The Frisbee Guy.** 2:30 p.m. at Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Freestyle Frisbee champion Gary Auerbach shares stories and tricks to help children master the frisbee. For ages 6-12. Call 703-502-3883.

## WEDNESDAY/JULY 23

**"Flights of Fancy" — Stories for Children.** 11 a.m. at Udvar-Hazy Center, 14390 Air and Space Museum Pkwy., Chantilly. Free. Visit <http://airandspace.si.edu/visit/udvar-hazy-center/things-to-do/story-times.cfm> for more.

## THURSDAY/JULY 24

**Fairy Tale Writing Workshop.** 10:30 a.m. at Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Learn to write a fairy tale, for children in grades 3 and 4. Call 703-502-3883.

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**Eric Dobell: Mind Invader.** 7 p.m. at Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Psychic magician Eric Dobell reads minds and predicts the future, or does he? Door prize drawing. Call 703-502-3883.

## FRIDAY/JULY 25

**Dairy Days.** 1, 2 or 3 p.m. at Sully Historic Site, 3650 Historic Sully Way, Chantilly. Make ice cream and butter the old-fashioned way. \$5 for in county, \$7 for out of county. Visit [www.fairfax.gov/parks/sully](http://www.fairfax.gov/parks/sully).

## SATURDAY/JULY 26

**Summer Basketball Camp.** 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at KCPC Gym, 15451 Lee Highway, Centreville. Registration required. \$25 for members, \$40 for non members. Visit [www.sfsbasketball.myevent.com](http://www.sfsbasketball.myevent.com) to register.

**Surf's Up.** 10:30 a.m. at Centreville Regional Library, 14200 St. Germain Drive. Stories and activities for children ages 3-5 with adult. Call 703-830-2223.

## SUNDAY/JULY 27

**Udvar-Hazy Center Summer Concert Series.** 6-7 p.m. at Udvar-Hazy Center, 14390 Air and Space Museum Pkwy., Chantilly. Loudoun Jazz Ensemble will play a concert. Free. Visit <http://airandspace.si.edu/events/calendar/?month=7&year=2014> for more.

**Benefit Concert.** 6 p.m. at Epicure Cafe, 1104 Lee Highway, Fairfax. Allison Ashforth for The World Race, featuring Dr. Robinson's Fiasco. Donations accepted to support an 11 month mission trip. Visit [www.allisonashforth.theworldrace.org](http://www.allisonashforth.theworldrace.org) for more.

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# Financial Education for College Students

## Local experts offer budget tips to keep students out of debt.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL  
CENTRE VIEW

**A**s the summer wanes, many recent high school graduates are preparing to head to college. For those who are living away from home for the first time, this means newfound independence. But that freedom brings responsibility — especially when it comes to money.

From student loans to credit cards, the financial maze can be filled with debt-traps and money pitfalls. A recent financial literacy assessment of 15-year-old students by the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development shows that one in six lacks basic financial literacy skills.

That leaves approximately three years for them to learn about money management before leaving home. And that education is key: financial education is the best way to develop sound money management skills, say financial advisors.

Taking a financial education class is an option. The Northern Virginia Urban League offers a financial literacy workshop series with Fairfax County Human Services and Fairfax County Homeownership & Relocation Services.

“College students can learn everything from understanding a [credit] score and avoiding credit traps to banking and money management,” said Vickey King of the Northern Virginia Urban League.

“College is not the time to live the lifestyle of your dreams,” said Rachel Powell of the Northern Virginia Council for Economic Education at George Mason University’s Center for Economic Education. “College courses, room, board, books are all costly. You can expect to be poor in college, and if you use the many resources your college makes available to you in exchange for all the fees you are required to pay, you can expect to be fed, safe and reasonably comfortable.”

**THE FIRST STEP** in financial literacy for college students is taking a personal money inventory. “Know before you go how much money you’ll have available from your income or allowance,” said Powell. “Will your folks be making regular contributions to your survival or are you on your own?”

Make a budget that includes all expenditures, including luxuries like frozen yogurt or coffee or movie tickets. Put some money aside for

emergencies; even \$5 per week will add up over time.

Online tools can help college students organize their finances and track their spending and savings patterns. Alexandria-based financial planner Mark Friese recommends mint.com, which categorizes spending, and bettermoneyhabits.com, which offers videos clips on how to budget better.

“Many people, especially teens and young adults, are surprised when they look at their entire spending picture because they haven’t ... had to make the money they spend,” said Friese. “They just don’t know the value of a dollar until they are lining their own wallets with their own money. So the big picture tools that highlight spending and savings habits are helpful.”

Know the difference between needs and wants: “Don’t buy what you don’t need,” said Powell. “Cold medicine — yes. The latest movie on DVD — no.”

Open a checking and savings account at a bank, one that offers products and services for students, advises Powell. “Don’t accept accounts that require minimum balances or charge fees,” she said. “Shop around for the right bank.”

Find a way to establish savings, especially if you plan to work during college. “Pay yourself first,” said Friese. “When you have a job, take a set portion of it and save it for your future self. If the job offers a retirement plan such as a 401(k), take advantage of it. A 401(k) provides the significant benefit of saving before taxes are taken out.”

**AVOID USING CREDIT CARDS** for immediate gratification and focus on building a high credit score for the future, said Friese. “That score, that number, will be more important and reap greater rewards than any grade or SAT score ever was or could be,” he said. “If you build and maintain a good credit score, you will be rewarded time and time again with preferred lending rates.”

When it comes to financial aid, take time to do research, and don’t underestimate the availability of college scholarships. Friese points to a study from scholarships.com, which shows that billions of dollars in scholarship funds go unawarded every year.

“Take advantage of the opportunities out there,” he said. “Don’t assume that scholarships are only for top scholars or athletes because

many scholarships start with GPA requirements of 2.5 or less. Start looking as early as sophomore or junior year and apply as soon as you qualify.”

“Saving as much as possible from summer jobs ... can help with at least some of the expenses,” said Powell. “Loans are available for all the expenses you cannot pay for through gifts, grants and scholar-

ships. Be aware that money borrowed must be repaid and the interest [accrued] is the cost of the rental of those funds.”

In fact, the Department of Education reports that 10 percent of U.S. college graduates default on student loans so only borrow money as a last resort.

Investigate federal loans first. “Loans such as the Stafford loan can

be far more cost effective than higher-priced private loans,” said Friese.

College students should also estimate how much they will be able to afford to repay after graduation, said Powell. “Make sure that your target labor market is willing to compensate you with income commensurate with the cost of your education.”



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## Relay Team Breaks Sully Station II Record

The Sully Station II Piranhas had an eventful week of fast swims and family fun. The thrills began on Wednesday, July 9, with the Divisional Relay Carnival, where the team's cheerfulness and camaraderie was once again on display. The atmosphere was electric, resulting in the first team record of the season.

The 13-14 girls broke last year's 200 medley relay record with the powerful combination of Lauren Peters, Georgia Stamper, Hope Alston, and Karenn Hall. With a scorching time of 2:17.34, the girls earned a spot in next week's All-Star Relays. Joining them at All-Stars will be 11-12 girls Delaney Kennedy, Daeun Lee, Taylor Smith and Faith Alston, who tore up the pool in the 100 freestyle relay. Several other squads had strong showings at the Carnival, including a first-place finish by the mixed age girls' relay of Faith Alston, Angela Cai, Karenn Hall, and Madisyn Graham, and two second-place finishes by 9-10 girls Maddie Stalfort, Angela Cai, Caroline Li and Dorothy Cervarich. Three days later, the Piranhas took their talent to the Mantua pool where the 11-12 girls enjoyed another dominant performance. The girls captured wins in all four individual events on the shoulders of Faith Alston in free (31.04) and backstroke (38.77) and Taylor Smith in breaststroke (42.00) and fly (37.09). They were joined in victory by double-event winners Angela Cai in free (37.00) and breaststroke (46.44) and Madisyn Graham in free (30.57) and fly (33.07).

### SWIMMING

Single-event victories were claimed by Harmon Saint Germain in free (29.38), backstrokers Brantley Cervarich (39.59) and Maddie Stalfort (47.01), breaststrokers Harrison Saint Germain (51.21) and Flynn Crisci (37.73), and fly standouts Aidan Crisci (37.92) and Dorothy Cervarich (20.25). Solid second place finishes were turned in by Ben Wu, Caroline Li, Karenn Hall, Kellen Campbell, Austen Bundy, Caitlin Campbell, Colin Crisci, Georgia Stamper, and Michael Jiang. The week culminated on Saturday, July 12, in one of the most anticipated traditions of the season: Family Fun Night. Swimmers and parents alike enjoyed pool games, crazy relays and



**The 13/14 girls' team of Lauren Peters, Karenn Hall, Hope Alston and Georgia Stamper broke the Sully 2 medley relay record.**

the annual belly flop contest. The crowd went wild as several dads created terrific splashes, including Eric Stalfort, Matt Cervarich, Pat Morris, Shah Alston, and reigning champion Scott Bundy. Even SS2 lifeguard Dusan got into the act with quite a doozy. SS2 will bring their competitive drive and joyful spirit to Crosspointe for their last A meet of the season next Saturday, July 19.

## Virginia Run Claims Two Victories

The Virginia Run Riptide claimed two victories during this fourth week of the NVSL summer swim season with a win at Wednesday's Divisional Relay Carnival and a convincing win of 279-140 over Popular Heights at Saturday's home A meet.

Not only did the Riptide bring home the Division 6 relay trophy, but they sent eight teams to the NVSL All-Star Relays on July 16. Three relay teams set new Riptide records at the Relay Carnival. The boys' 200M freestyle mixed-age team of Anthony Arcomona (11-12), Jason Cheifetz (9-10), Geoffrey Eisenhart (13-14), and Joey Castro (15-18) broke a seven-year-old record with a swim of 1:57.46.

The 15-18 girls' team of Chloe Hicks, Skyla Davidson, Mia Newkirk and Serena Emanuel broke their own 200 medley record with 2:07.24 and shattered the six-

year-old 200 free relay record with a 1:54.71. Five additional teams will represent the Riptide at All-Stars: girls' 18U mixed-age free relay of Chelsea Nguyen, Maddie Whitton, Didi Pace and Chloe Hicks; boys' 11-12 100 medley relay of Anthony Tonthat, William Beamon, Anthony Arcomona and Noah Schettini; boys' 13-14 200 medley relay of Geoffrey Eisenhart, Leo Wang, Thomas Beamon and Jordan Banzon; boys' 8U 100 free relay of William Whitton, Davis Collinsworth, Jack Kelly and Charles Beamon, and girls' 13-14 200 free relay of Sarah Boyle, Lauren Stovall, Chanel Cogan and Didi Pace.

Still undefeated, the Riptide hosted their first home meet of the season last Saturday and saw 49 swimmers posting 60 personal best times. Three team records were set by Olivia Masterson (11-12 breast) at 38.31, Leo Wang (13-14 breast) at 32.62, and Anthony Arcomona (11-12 fly) at 31.06.

The freestylers started strong with three race sweeps by the Riptide boys. Charles Beamon took first, Davis Collinsworth second and Jack Kelly third for the 8&Unders; Jason Cheifetz took first, Michael Hart second and Owen Thomas third for the 9-10s, and Geoffrey Eisenhart claimed first, Jordon Banzon second and Charlie Gunn third for the 13-14s. Three girls won their races: Neha Srinivasan (8U), Didi Pace (13-14) and Chloe Hicks (15-18). Five swimmers captured second place: Natalie Orwat (8U), Maddie Whitton (9-10), Noah Schettini (11-

12), Chelsea Nguyen (11-12) and Lauren Stovall (13-14).

With a comfortable 58-32 lead, the Riptide backstrokers pushed off. Seven of the events were won by the Tide: William Whitton (8U), Ella Thomas (8U), William Beamon (11-12), Chelsea Nguyen (11-12), Geoffrey Eisenhart (13-14), Lauren Stovall (13-14), and Chloe Hicks (15-18). Six swimmers claimed second place: Logan Dahm (8U), Natalie Orwat (8U), Andrew Boyle (9-10), Caitlin Kelliher (9-10), Anthony Tonthat (11-12), and Chanel Cogan (13-14). Three swimmers won thirds: Charlie Gunn (13-14), Joey Castro (15-18), and Maggie Blondin (15-18).

When the breaststrokers started their events the Riptide lead had expanded to 104-66. The 8U boys swept their race with Griffin Osterhout in first, William Whitton in second, and Logan Dahm in third. The 9-10 boys followed with their own sweep: Michael Hart won first, Connor Gary second, and Tommy Vu third. The next six races were won by Virginia Run swimmers: Anthony Arcomona (11-12), Olivia Masterson (11-12), Thomas Beamon (13-14), Sarah Boyle (13-14), Leo Wang (15-18), and Mia Newkirk (15-18). Gabriela Borsato (9-10) swam for second with a new personal best, while third-place swims were achieved by Laney Zimmerman (8U), Jack Liskey (11-12), Joel Cheifetz (13-14), Abby Borsato (13-14), Andrew Meredith (15-18) and Skyla Davidson (15-18).

The Riptide butterfly squad won nine of 10 races. A three-way tie for first for the 9-10 boys was an improbable occurrence as three swimmers (and three sets of timers) recorded identical 20.05 times, with Andrew Boyle and Jason Cheifetz of the Riptide and Dan Kinsella of Poplar Heights sharing the win. Neha Srinivasan was all alone winning the 8U fly by four seconds with a new personal best 22.75. Maddie Whitton (9-10), Anthony Arcomona (11-12), Olivia Masterson (11-12), Leo Wang (13-14), Didi Pace (13-14), Joey Castro (15-18), and Mia Newkirk (15-18) all followed with first-place finishes. Jack Kelly (8U), William Beamon (11-12), and Sarah Boyle (13-14) secured seconds, while Chanel Cogan (13-14), Andrew Meredith (15-18), and Allison Meredith (15-18) swam for thirds. Enjoying the benefit of swimming at home for the first time this year, a dominant performance was the order of the day for the Riptide relay teams as 10 of 12 races were won by Virginia Run.



**Virginia Run Riptide boys' mixed-age relay team of Anthony Arcomona, Jason Cheifetz, Geoffrey Eisenhart and Joey Castro.**



**Virginia Run Riptide girls' 15-18 relay team of Skyla Davidson, Mia Newkirk, Serena Emanuel and Chloe Hicks.**



## SPORTS

# CVHS Grad Green Chooses Basketball Over Soccer

**Standout point guard to play at College of William & Mary.**

**J**enna Green faced the tough decision of whether to pursue basketball or soccer in college. Before she left Centreville High School, however, she found success in both.

On the basketball court, Green, a standout point guard, led the Wildcats to the 2013 Concorde District championship, the program's first since 1993.

"She's definitely the best player in the region, point guard especially," Centreville girls' basketball coach Tom

**Q & A** Watson said. "Everyone knows that. Jenna has earned it. Nothing was given to her. She's in the

gym before anybody, she's in the gym after everybody, she goes to a trainer three, four, five times a week. If you're putting that work in, then it should come back to you."

On the soccer field, Green helped the Wildcats reach the 2014 state championship match, where they lost in a penalty-kick shootout. She scored both Centreville goals during a 2-1 victory over previously unbeaten Cosby in the state semifinals.

"[Green] played well, but it's not impres-



**Centreville graduate Jenna Green will play basketball at the College of William & Mary.**

sive because we expect it," Centreville girls' soccer coach Gary Malebranche said. "It's not like, wow, where did that come from? She played well, she's a great athlete. If she had played soccer full time, I think we're talking about her as one of the best players in the area."

Green, a 2014 Centreville graduate, ulti-

mately chose basketball, and will continue her career at the College of William & Mary. Green recently participated in a Q and A via email with Centre View.

**Q: What made William & Mary the right fit for you?**

Green: I chose William & Mary because it

had the best balance between academics and basketball.

**Q: What is your major?**

Green: I have no idea what I want to major in.

**Q: You were a standout basketball and soccer player at Centreville. When did you decide basketball is the sport you wanted to play in college?**

Green: Going into high school, I knew I was going to have to choose. Although I knew I wanted to play basketball, I kept playing club soccer up until my junior year.

**Q: How difficult was choosing between basketball and soccer? Did you ever think about trying to play both?**

Green: Deciding between the two was one of the hardest decisions I have ever had to make, but I knew that I could never give up basketball. My club soccer coach wanted me to try and play both but my schedule is already packed with just basketball.

**Q: What is your favorite memory of playing basketball at Centreville? What is your favorite soccer**

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# Between Halves

By KENNETH B. LOURIE



At present, July 12th, I'm halfway, approximately, between my last CT Scan which showed a previously unseen silver-dollar sized growth in my lower left lung and my next CT Scan scheduled for August 6th, one month earlier than my usual three-month interval in order to make an evaluation sooner rather than later; to determine if this is new growth or nothing more than old growth that is now visible due to the combination of shrinking tumors and dissipating fluid opening up the viewing area, so to speak. Apparently, the chemotherapy drug, Alimta, with which I've been infused every three weeks since last September appears to be doing its hoped-for job: shrinkage.

My reaction to this new finding in late May was not negative. At worst, it was neutral, at best, it was positive; something seen for the first time because previously there was too much of other unhealthy stuff in the way for it to be seen at all. Less clutter, if you'll allow a lay person's description to suffice. And for all my oncologist knows, this growth may have been there all along and is not the least bit a cause for concern, quite the opposite in fact. But we don't know enough yet, so he decided not to wait three months. Heck, this growth could even be smaller than it was originally (affected by the Alimta also) and smaller even on this next scan. But we won't know definitively, we'll only know comparatively – between late May and early August.

To say I'm looking forward to the results would be a bit overstated. Curious, I'll allow. Moreover, I don't want to express any real confidence about my prospects, because so much of what cancer does it will do, regardless of what I think or hope or pray. But two things/symptoms my oncologist advised me to e-mail him about: pain in the area of the "new" growth and/or a persistent cough, neither of which I've experienced in the slightest. Now he didn't give me a timeline as to when I might feel something, but six weeks out, I haven't felt a thing. (I know better than to ask him hypotheticals; presumably patients feel symptoms differently, manifest symptoms differently and tolerate/notice symptoms differently, so feeling/not feeling might mean something or nothing; it varies. Uniformity is hardly at play here.) Still, I suppose I would have to go along with my brother Richard's encouragement: "It's better not to feel anything, KB, isn't it?" Heck yes! But it's hard not to worry. It's cancer, after all.

Following the calendar and chemotherapy schedule, I will have one more infusion before my next – and final – CT scan before I see my oncologist to discuss the results and dare I say, treatment options. On or about August 15th, I will once again know the tale of the tape. I will learn if my life goes on as it sort of is, with relative calm, or if I'll be thrust into the unknown vortex of clinical trials/N.I.H-type studies and the educated hands of researchers.

I've been extremely fortunate so far, diagnosis-to-date. And I'd like to think (wishfully, naively) that my luck will continue to be exceptional. Although, I realize I may be beginning to bump up against some shorter odds here, having survived five-plus years already (only 16 percent of stage IV NSCLC survivors live beyond five years). Nevertheless, I'm thrilled to be an aberration. In fact, I can't think of anything I'd rather be called.

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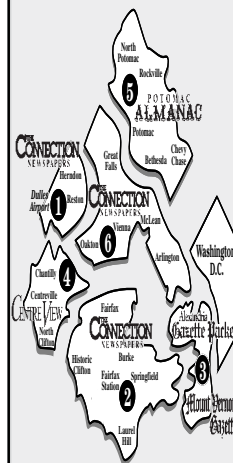
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## SPORTS

# Basketball Over Soccer

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### memory?

Green: My favorite basketball memory at Centreville was winning the district championship [in 2013]. My favorite soccer memory was [beating Cosby in] the [2014] state semifinal game.

### Q: If you could go back and change one thing about your high school athletic career, what would it be?

Green: I wouldn't change anything about my high school career, but I do wish it went by much slower.

### Q: What are you most looking forward to about the transition from high school to college?

Green: I am most looking forward to being at the next level. It is going to be a lot more challenging, but it will also be very exciting.

### Q: Who is your favorite music

## ROUNDUPS

FROM PAGE 2

Center Area Study. Call Jeff Parnes, evenings, at 703-904-0131.

## Backpack Donations Needed

WFCM (Western Fairfax Christian Ministries) is collecting 2,000 new backpacks for children in need who attend schools in the Centreville, Chantilly and Westfield high school pyramids. But it needs the community's help to accomplish such a large task. Especially needed are large backpacks. They should have at least two compartments to hold multiple books and binders and should be 18-19 inches tall, 13 inches wide and 8-10 inches deep.

The backpacks may be brought to WFCM at 13888 Metrotech Drive in Chantilly (next to Papa John's Pizza), Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-2 p.m., and Wednesday and Thursday, 4-7 p.m., until Aug. 13. For more information, go to [www.WFCMVA.org](http://www.WFCMVA.org) or email [jbush@wfcmvva.org](mailto:jbush@wfcmvva.org).

## Host a WFCM Food Drive

WFCM needs the community's help over the summer months when it has a critical shortage of food. "For instance, of the 24 schools that we serve, one has over 900 students who count on free and reduced lunches during the school year," said WFCM Community Outreach Manager Jennie Bush. "This creates a financial strain on families looking for food help."

But she said local residents can make a tremendous difference by hosting a food drive with their sports team, camp, swim team or place of employment. To arrange a food drive for WFCM, contact the organization's summer intern, Annie Cecil, at [intern@wfcmvva.org](mailto:intern@wfcmvva.org).

### artist? Why?

Green: My favorite music artist is Rascal Flatts, because I feel like their songs are very relatable.

### Q: What is your favorite movie? Why?

Green: My favorite movie is definitely "Remember the Titans," because it is so inspiring, and it makes me want to work even harder each day.

### Q: What is your favorite hobby outside of basketball and soccer?

Green: I don't really have many other hobbies, but I do love to go to the beach and I love outdoor activities.

### Q: What location is the farthest you've traveled from the Washington, D.C. metro area?

Green: The farthest I've traveled is probably Cabo San Lucas.

— JON ROETMAN

## 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](http://www.centrevilleLRC.org) and click on the "How to Hire" link. Tell what kind of work is required, how many workers are needed and when.

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

## Food Donations For WFCM

Western Fairfax Christian Ministries' food pantry urgently needs donations of canned vegetables (no green beans), vegetable oil; dry pasta, flour, canned fruit and meat, white or brown rice (1- or 2-lb. bags), cold cereal, pancake mix, powdered and evaporated milk. Also needed are toilet paper, diapers, shampoo and baby wipes. (WFCM clients cannot purchase toiletries with food stamps).

Bring all items to WFCM'S food pantry, weekdays, 9 a.m.-1:30 p.m., at 13888 Metrotech Drive, near Papa John's Pizza and Kumon Learning Center, in Chantilly's Sully Place Shopping Center. In addition, food-pantry volunteers are needed Tuesdays, 11 a.m.-2:30 p.m., and Wednesdays, 4-6 p.m. Contact Annette Bosley at 703-988-9656, ext. 110, or [abosley@wfcmvva.org](mailto:abosley@wfcmvva.org).



# Opposite Sides of the Road

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE  
CENTRE VIEW

Washington is on the road to creating a short-term fix for funding the nation's highways, kicking the can down the road and handing the problem to the next Congress. That means voters will have the final say when they cast a ballot in this year's hotly contested race for Senate, a contest that features three candidates will sharply different perspectives on how to handle the \$100 billion shortfall over the next six years.

Democratic incumbent Mark Warner supports public-private partnerships as a way to raise new revenue, an approach that includes a bipartisan proposal to leverage private capital known as the Bridge Act. Republican challenger Ed Gillespie says revenues for roads could be raised from offshore energy exploration, an approach that Republicans say Democratic President Barack Obama has blocked. Libertarian candidate Robert Sarvis says the federal government should get out of the business of funding highways altogether, leaving the role of funding surface transportation to the states.

"This is an issue that voters should care about," said Geoff Skelley, analyst with the University of Virginia Center for Politics. "It's

something of daily importance that could impact voters directly, whereas it's harder sometimes to draw a direct connection between immigration policy or certain aspects of health-care policy."

One aspect of the debate all the candidates agree on is that revenues from the gas tax are on the decline, and as automobiles become more efficient the government continues to receive less money. One solution is to raise the gas tax, a proposal supported by Sen. Bob Corker (R-Tenn.) and Sen. Chris Murphy (D-Conn.). But neither Corker nor Murphy are up for reelection this year.

Gillespie opposes raising the gas tax, and a spokesman for Warner says he does not support the proposal currently before Congress to raise the gas tax.

"This is going to be a very big issue next year," said Frank Shafroth, director of the Center for State and Local Leadership at George Mason University. "So it's something voters should consider when they go to the polls in terms of what this means to the taxpayers of Virginia."

**THE HIGHWAY TRUST** Fund was created during the Eisenhower administration in 1956, when the Highway Revenue Act created a new tax of three cents per gallon. In January 1983, Republican President Ronald Reagan signed a bill that increased the gas

tax to nine cents a gallon. A few years later, Republican President George H.W. Bush increased it to 14 cents a gallon. Then Democratic President Bill Clinton increased the gas tax to 18.4 cents a gallon, which remains the current rate. That brings in about \$34 billion a year even though the current transportation bill includes about \$50 billion in infrastructure spending.

"Despite months of debate, lawmakers have failed to act," said BlueGreen Alliance executive director Kim Glas in a written statement. "The job market is steadily improving but the threat that Congress will let the Highway Trust Fund go bankrupt looms large."

Conservatives in Congress have questioned the role the federal government should play in surface transportation. Sen. Tom Coburn (R-Okla.) introduced legislation that would eliminate the 20 percent of the trust fund that is not spent on roads. And Sen. Rand Paul (R-Ky.) wants to create a fund for emergency transportation projects paid for by repatriating overseas capital back to the U.S. The Libertarian candidate takes those arguments a step farther, saying the federal government should get out of funding surface transportation altogether.

"It just creates graft and corruption and inefficient use of resources," said Sarvis. "The federal government should not be channeling billions of dollars of taxpayers dollars through the federal bureaucracy to the states."

The two major party candidates both be-

lieve that the gas tax is a dwindling source of revenue, and neither candidate supports raising it. Instead, Warner and Gillespie have seized on alternatives sources of revenue in a way that reveals something about their priorities and legislative style. As governor, Warner supported public-private partnerships such as rail to Dulles. Now that he's in the Senate, he hopes to use his background as a venture capitalist to forge a solution to the funding crunch facing the nation's roads.

"We need to acknowledge that the current funding mechanism — the gas tax — is a declining source of revenue, and that means everyone will have to bring some new ideas to the table," said Kevin Hall, spokesman for Warner. "That should include Sen. Warner's Bridge Act, a bipartisan proposal that will leverage more private capital to jumpstart work building and modernizing our country's infrastructure."

On the Republican side, Gillespie responded to a question about the Highway Trust Fund by blasting Democrats for presiding over an economy when gas prices have gone up so dramatically.

"We need to increase accountability in how transportation funds are spent, give states more say in spending decisions, and identify a stream of revenue to fund our transportation infrastructure projects for the long-term," said Paul Logan, a spokesman for Gillespie. "One such revenue source could be new revenues from offshore energy exploration, which this administration has consistently blocked."



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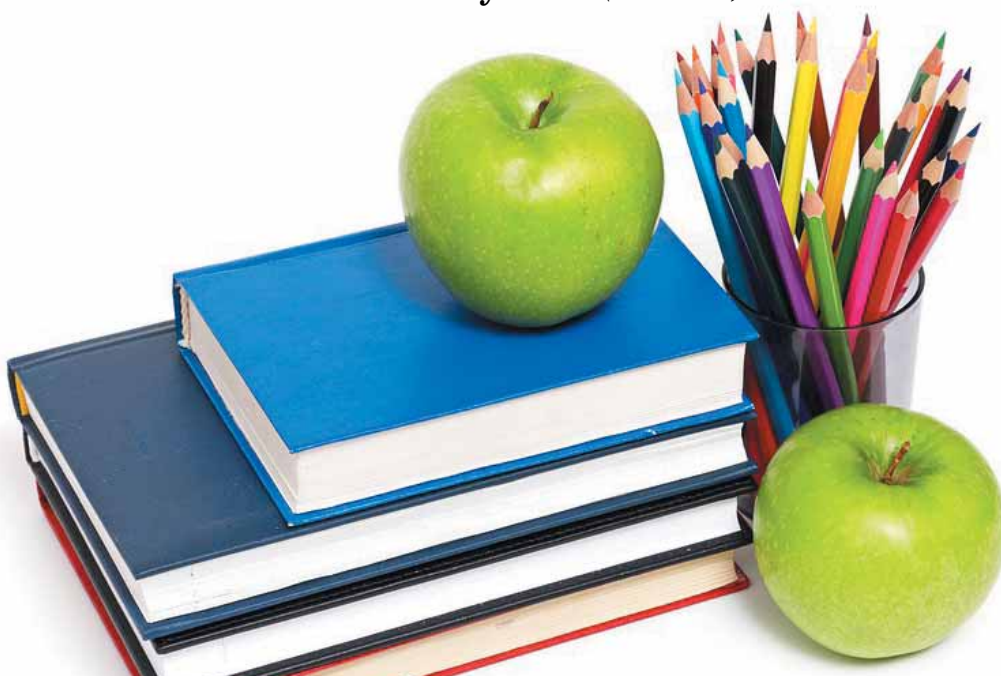
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