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

Talking about Transportation

Frey addresses Sully District Council of Citizens Associations.

BY BONNIE HOBBS
THE CONNECTION

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 scheduled to open Saturday, July 26. The project's 11.7-mile first phase costs \$3 billion and has been highly anticipated.

"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."

Since the county is always looking 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 spe-



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Michael Frey discusses the need for more Fairfax County revenue.

cific 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-

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Update on Local Road Projects

Reviewing Stringfellow, Route 50 and two bridges.

BY BONNIE HOBBS
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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 mil-

lion 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 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 cre-



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

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Children + Touch-A-Truck = Fun

Some 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.

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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.



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.



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



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



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.



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.

ROUNDUPS

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 Pkwy., 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 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 or email jbush@wfcmv.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

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NEWS

Opposite Sides of the Road

Candidates for Senate divided on funding Virginia roads.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE
THE CONNECTION

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, Re-

publican 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 believe 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

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Ed Gillespie



Robert Sarvis



Sen. Mark Warner

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School Board Elects Chairman, Vice Chair

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

BY JANELLE GERMANOS
THE CONNECTION



Tamara Derenak Kaufax (Lee District)



Ted Velkoff (at-large)

Tamara 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 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,” 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 graduates 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, Illyong 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).



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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. 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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Numbers Indicate Housing Stable Market

June home listings climb, with slight dip in sales; average, median prices continue to inch up.

The Northern Virginia market recorded increased inventories, providing buyers with more choices. Nonetheless, buyers are challenged by affordability and accessing credit.

The June market in Northern Virginia continues the trend of sales numbers coming in just under those from one year ago at this time, but the signs of a stable market have led to an increase in sellers planting signs on their lawns.

"It is all about managing expectations," said Lorraine Arora, Managing Broker at Long & Foster Real Estate in Springfield. "Some buyers are nervous. When houses are priced correctly, homes will sell."

Arora explained that since there was no activity in winter months, there was pent up demand for this region's early spring season. Now, she explained, prices are higher but not all sellers are getting their full price. Buyers are less willing to engage in bidding wars.

The housing affordability may continue to be a challenge in the

region, said Mary Bayat, 2014 chair elect of the Northern Virginia Association of Realtors. "While the slightly rising home prices indicate an improving market, people are just not making quick decisions to buy." Bayat, a broker/owner of Bayat Realty in Alexandria, also noted that the current tight mortgage regulations have been a drag on buyers' loan process. She noted that mortgage standards are under scrutiny by industry and housing groups at this time.

The Northern Virginia Association of Realtors reported on June 2014 home sales activity for Fairfax and Arlington counties, the cities of Alexandria, Fairfax and Falls Church and the towns of Vienna, Herndon and Clifton.

A total of 2,174 homes were sold in June 2014, a 12.90 percent decrease below June 2013 home sales of 2,496.

Active listings continued to show an increase this month compared with 2013. Listings were up 47 percent over last year, with 4,777 active listings in June, com-

pared with 3,247 homes available in June 2013. The average days on market for homes in June 2014 was 30 days, an increase of 25 percent compared to the 24 days on market for homes in June 2013. Average home sale prices in-

creased slightly this June to \$580,013. This is up 3 percent compared to June 2013, when the average price was \$563,223.

The median sold price of homes this June, which is \$505,000, rose by 1 percent compared to the me-

dian price of \$499,900 in June 2013.

The 2,047 new pending home sales in Northern Virginia in June is a decrease of 9.62 percent compared with 2,265 contracts that were pending in June of last year.

Dental Associates to Support Give Kids The World

Dental Associates of Northern Virginia, with six locations in Northern Virginia, has partnered with Give Kids The World, and named their joint initiative "Smiles for Hope." Dental Associates of Northern Virginia will be fundraising for Give Kids The World throughout the year in support of its "Smiles for Hope" initiative.

Throughout the month of August, Dental Associates of Northern Virginia will be donating a portion of the proceeds from all children's sealant and adult oral cancer screening procedures to Give Kids The World. To learn more about this program, or to schedule a child's sealant procedure or oral cancer screening procedure to help support this initia-

tive, call:

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❖ Fair Oaks (703-273-5354) - 12011 Lee Jackson Highway, Ste 105, Fairfax,

❖ Fairfax (703-273-8111) - 9401 Lee Highway, Ste 200, Fairfax,

❖ Falls Church (703-671-1020) - 5113 Leesburg Pike, Skyline Building 4, Ste 811, Falls Church,

❖ Springfield (703-750-9404) - 5417-D Backlick Road, Springfield,

❖ Tysons Corner (703-734-1095) - 8100 Boone Boulevard, Ste 100, Vienna.

For more information visit www.dentalassociatesnova.com or call the office directly.

school year. Free meals that meet federal nutrition guidelines will be provided to children at approved sites throughout Fairfax County. To find a location, call 703-813-4800.

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SUMMER MEALS FOR CHILDREN

Fairfax County Public Schools will participate in the U.S. Department of Agriculture's summer food service program for children who qualify for free and reduced lunches during the

THURSDAY-FRIDAY/JULY 17-18

Mental Health First Aid. 8:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. at the Chantilly CSB Office, 14150 Parkeast Circle, Chantilly. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/hscodereg/Registration.aspx?groupID=47.

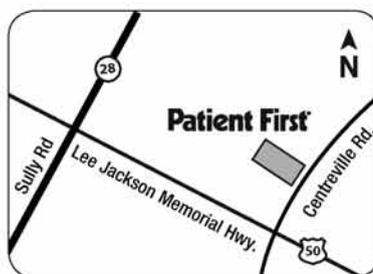


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World War II Weekend

Explosions and gunfire
abound at Sully Historic Site.

BY ELIZABETH SCHNEIDER
THE CONNECTION

The 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.



Reenactment reveals World War II battle tactics.



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



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

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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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SUMMER MEALS FOR CHILDREN

Fairfax County Public Schools will participate in the U.S. Department of Agriculture's summer food service program for children who qualify for free and reduced lunches during the school year. Free meals that meet federal nutrition guidelines will be provided to children at approved sites throughout Fairfax County. To find a location, contact the FCPS

Office of Food and Nutrition Services at 703-813-4800.

SCAM ALERT

Scammers, identifying themselves as deputy sheriffs, are calling residents of Fairfax County, the City of Fairfax and the Towns of Herndon and Vienna, threatening that they will be arrested unless they purchase a money card, or wire money through Western Union. The Sheriff's Office is in no way associated with this scam. Sheriff's deputies will not call to ask individuals for money nor threaten arrest. Hang up immediately on threatening phone calls related to jury duty or tax payments. Do not give out personal information and

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ELECTRONICS RECYCLING

Residents can now "e-cycle" at the I-66 transfer station. It is free but residents may be asked to show proof of residency. Personal waste only. The I-66 station is located at 4618 West Ox Road, Fairfax and open from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. from Monday-Saturday and from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. on Sundays.

Visit 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 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.

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.

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 for more.

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.

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 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. Visit 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 or coach Patrick Hally at patrickhally@gmail.com.

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 or call 703-330-2787.

FRIDAY/JULY 18

Ready for School Storytime. 2 p.m. at Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Early literacy storytime program for children ready to be on their own without caregivers or siblings. Age 4-5. Call 703-502-3883.

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.

Storytime and Rhyme. 10:30 a.m. at Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Storytelling, music and movement with Wolf Trap teaching artist Kofi Dennis. All ages; please register each child and adult separately. Call 703-502-3883.

Bouncin' Babies. 3 p.m. at 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 Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Rhymes, songs, stories and activities for children 12-23 months with adult. Call 703-502-3883.

Clifton Film Fest. 4 p.m. at Workhouse Arts Center, 9601 Ox Rd, Lorton. The Clifton Film Fest is an indoor and outdoor festival happening at the Workhouse Arts Center. Visit cliftonfilmfest.com.

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 or call 703 425-9225.

National Ice Cream Day. Glory Days Grills in Virginia and Maryland. Glory Days restaurants will donate \$.25 for

every Oreo Slider purchased to help support the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. Visit www.glorydaysgrill.com for more.

MONDAY/JULY 21

Bouncin' Babies. 10:30 a.m. at 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 Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Rhymes, songs, stories and activities for children 12-23 months with adult. Call 703-502-3883.

Writers of Chantilly. 6:45 p.m. at Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Share work and give and receive feedback in a supportive setting. Call 703-502-3883.

TUESDAY/JULY 22

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

"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.

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

Read, Build, Play Duplo Storytime. 10:30 and 11:30 a.m. at Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Duplo play storytime to help develop early literacy skills. Age 18-35 months with adult. Call 703-502-3883.

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

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.

"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.

PJ Library Book Buddies. 2 p.m. at Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Stories and crafts related to Jewish culture and traditions. Ages 2-5 with caregiver, siblings welcome. Call 703-502-3883 or contact Jennifer.DeAngelis@jccnv.org with questions.

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.

Bouncin' Babies. 3 p.m. at 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 Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Rhymes, songs, stories and activities for children 12-23 months with adult. Call 703-502-3883.

SATURDAY/JULY 26

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.

Peaceful Paws. 10:30 a.m. at Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Children can meet and read to a trained therapy dog for a 15-minute session. Especially for children with developmental challenges. Meet and read to a trained therapy dog. Bring a book or choose one from the library. Call 703-502-3883.

Paws for Reading. 3 p.m. at Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Children can meet and read to a trained therapy dog for a 15-minute session. Bring a book or choose one from the library. Call 703-502-3883.

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Reviewing Stringfellow, Route 50 and Two Bridges

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ates 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 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-



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

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 enhance 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-foot 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 existing 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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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."

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ROUNDUPS

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How to Hire CLRC Workers

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

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

Food Donations for WFCM

Western Fairfax Christian Ministries' food pantry urgently needs donations of 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.

Thrift-store needs include spring and summer clothing, quality shoes and like-new houseware. The store is at 13939 Metrotech Drive. 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@wfcmv.org.

Citizens Police Academy

People interested in law enforcement and who'd like to learn about the Fairfax County Police Department and meet many of those who serve in it may now do so. They may apply to join the Sept. 11-Nov. 15 session of the Citizens Police Academy. It's a free, 10-week program put on by the Police Department and is open to people who live or work in this county.

Participants complete some 40 hours of learning to gain a better understanding of and appreciation for police via a combination of lectures, tours and hands-on activities. Topics covered include the 911 Call Center, patrol, traffic stops, Adult Detention Center, gangs, financial crimes and SWAT team.

To apply, go to <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/police/services/citizens-police-academy.htm> or email CPA@fairfaxcounty.gov.

Meals on Wheels Volunteers

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

Long-Term Care Advocates

The Northern Virginia Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program needs volunteer advocates for residents in assisted living and nursing facilities. Training is provided in March. Call 703-324-5861, TTY 711 or email Lisa.Callahan@fairfaxcounty.gov.

Give Caregivers a Break

Fairfax County needs Respite Care volunteers throughout the county to give family caregivers of a frail older adult a well-deserved break. Volunteers visit and oversee the safety of the older adult for a few hours each month. Volunteers are matched with families in or near their own neighborhoods. Support and training is provided. Contact Kristin Martin at 703-324-7577, TTY 711, or Kristin.Martin@fairfaxcounty.gov.

How to Help the CLRC

The Centreville Labor Resource Center (CLRC) needs volunteers to lead vocational training workshops to increase the workers' job skills. A Wednesday morning ESOL instructor is also needed; contact Molly Maddra at coordinator@centrevilleLRC.org for more information.

In addition, end-of-year contributions to CLRC may be made at www.centrevilleimmigrationforum.org. The organization is supported totally by grants and donations; it receives no government funding.

NEWS

Fairfax County Updates Green Building Policy

New policy is result of new technology for green rating systems.

BY JANELLE GERMANOS
THE CONNECTION

The green building policy in Fairfax has been updated, requiring higher standards for residential, retail, office and other construction projects seeking approval for rezoning in the county.

"Fairfax County's Green Building Policy is a major component of our board's environmental agenda and my own efforts toward making Fairfax County a leader in energy efficiency.

Business leaders understand the value of this policy not only for its environmental benefits, but also the savings they achieve and the competitive advantage of low energy costs," said Sharon Bulova, chairman of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors.

The vote was made at the July 1 Board of Supervisors meeting. Fairfax County first adopted a green building policy in 2007, as part of the Comprehensive Plan.

Now, the policy is updated to include changes that have been made in rating systems of green buildings.

LEED certification or equivalent programs, which are more clearly defined in the updated policy, are extended to industrial areas under the plan, and for proposals in high density areas. Green buildings in higher density areas must meet higher levels of performance to be certified green in these areas. The new plan also urges data collection of water and energy use within green buildings.

More than 100 developers have committed to design and construct green buildings since the policy began in 2007.

"The Green Building Policy is all about promoting sustainability in Fairfax County. This policy helps position office buildings, residential developments, industrial sites and other developments for an energy-efficient and competitive edge well into the future," Bulova said.

The policy applies to development projects required to undergo the rezoning process. Under the updated policy, existing buildings looking to meet green standards are also supported. Infrastructure for electric car charging stations is also included in the plan.

Green buildings are buildings that have minimal effect on the environment through a decreased greenhouse gas emission

through lower levels of water and energy consumption. Fairfax County government has built 16 green-certified buildings since 2008.

Springfield District Supervisor Pat Herrity addressed his concern with the fiscal impact of this policy, specifically with the electric car charging stations.

"Clearly, this policy has a cost to industry, clearly this

has a cost to housing, it has a cost to commercial development — there is a cost impact," Herrity said. "I think we have to look at the cost of this before we charge ahead."

Some board members wanted to defer the decision, but this motion failed.

"I think the time has come to provide some guidance in our plan," said Lee district Supervisor Jeff McKay. "I don't know what delaying this accomplishes when people have been working on this and discussing this for this long."

Supervisors John Cook, Pat Herrity and Michael Frey voted against the motion to update the green building policy.

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Opposite Sides of the Road

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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."

Serving Alzheimer's Patients for 30 Years

Insight Memory Care Center offers respite care, support groups and education classes.

BY ASHLEY CLAIRE SIMPSON
THE CONNECTION

The Insight Memory Care Center in Fairfax has come a long way in the past three decades. Thirty years ago this month, the day program for Alzheimer's patients was launched in the basement of a local church. What started as a support group for families of Alzheimer's patients has evolved into a full-fledged day program for 40 patients per day.

Insight, a non-profit organization that also provides free Alzheimer's support groups and education classes, will be celebrating its landmark birthday at its Merrifield location on July 24.

"We were started in 1984 in the basement of a church out of an Alzheimer's support group," Robin McGlothlin, director of donor development, said. "It was family members of Alzheimer's patients that that thought it would be really great to have respite during the day."

Since Day One in that church basement, IMCC has added much to its offering. Not only is it a day health care program, but there are also programs for those in early stages of the disease as well as community education and support classes.

Executive Director Joel Bednoski said in his two years at Insight, he has seen some of these changes.

"I have been with IMCC for over two years," Bednoski said. "We have added to our programming."

This includes a Music and Memory program, a multi-sensory environment and a new early stage program called Reconnections. We have also increased the



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Insight Memory Care Center provides a variety of programming for its patients and their families.

number of education and support services we provide."

The more things change for Insight, the more things stay the same. Although the staff is planning for a move to a larger location next year, the goals and heart of the organization remain the same.

"The core values and basis of the organization are still true today," McGlothlin said. "We are still serving the families that need the support that they are not getting. We are enhancing lives. Even though it is an awful disease, people are just trying to find the best quality of life that they can."

"We are open from 7:30 in the morning until 5 at night, with therapeutic activity throughout the day, two meals and snacks," McGlothlin said. "There is a recreational therapist on staff who provides all of our programming. We do cognitive stimulation, redirecting different behaviors."

Bednoski said IMCC is unique among the 17 adult day health centers in the D.C. metropolitan area.

"IMCC is the only center in the area to provide a minimum of 1-to-4 ratio of staff to participants, improving on the state licensure requirement of 1 to 6," Bednoski

said. "IMCC's adult day health center provides a safe, engaging, and therapeutic environment for individuals with memory impairment. Without meaningful activity, individuals with dementia become bored, restless, and often exhibit behavior challenges that lead to impossible caregiving situations."

Our adult day health care center allows individuals with memory impairment to remain in the earlier stages of the disease for a longer period of time through mentally stimulating activity, physical exercise, and socialization."

Nights and weekends are also busy at center.

"We provide education classes and support groups for the families as well as community training," McGlothlin said. "We provide boot camp on Saturday for our caregivers. We also provide free consultations to our families or any individual that calls and wants information about newly diagnosed Alzheimer's patients with referrals."

"As one of our family members shared, 'the fact that this center has been taking such wonderful care of my mother, I am able

Details

Insight Memory Care Center's 30th anniversary event will take place on Thursday, July 24, 4-7 p.m. at its location at 2812 Old Lee Highway, Fairfax.

to take care of my own needs at work, et cetera," Bednoski said. "IMCC provides care to support the whole family affected by memory impairment."

Both McGlothlin said Bednoski said IMCC would not be where it is today without the support of its community.

McGlothlin said the 30th anniversary party is not only to celebrate Insight but also for its community whose support has been vital to its growth and success.

"We really want to celebrate and thank all of the families and the community that has supported us," McGlothlin said. "This is a free event at our center. We are going to provide a barbecue meal and we will also be able to provide a tour through the organization."

Bednoski said he foresees IMCC playing an increasing role in the Alzheimer's Northern Virginia community in the next 30 years.

"With the rate of Alzheimer's disease expected to increase by 22 percent in Northern Virginia by 2025, the demand for our programs and services is dramatically increasing," Bednoski said.

Regardless of the growth that IMCC will experience in the upcoming years, Bednoski said it will always stay true to its founding principles that have guided its founders and staff over the first 30 years.

"IMCC remains dedicated to our founding principles: enhancing the lives of individuals and families living with memory impairment, providing holistic and collaborative care for our participants and families, anniversary party is not only to celebrate Insight but also for its community and caring for individuals who are not being served by existing community services," Bednoski said. "IMCC's programs allow individuals and families affected by memory impairments to achieve the highest quality of life, in all stages of the disease. As each disease progresses in its own unique way, IMCC staff is trained in all forms of dementia care."

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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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SCHOOL NOTES

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Michael Metzger, of Fairfax, graduated from Armstrong Atlantic State University with a degree in economics international.

Patrick Kenna, of Chantilly, and **Jonathan Vega**, of Fairfax, were named to the dean's list at Saint Vincent College.

The following students graduated from Marymount University: **Macarena Munoz** of Chantilly, **Duong Nguyen** of Chantilly, **Jessica Daley** of Oak Hill, **Stan Ellis** of Herndon, **Julie Kann** of Herndon, **Jessica Neville** of Herndon, **Revati Patil** of Herndon, **Micheal Ashley** of Fairfax, **Jillian Goldstein** of Fairfax, **Christina Hargrove** of Fairfax, **Jung Kim** of Fairfax and **Maria Carmela Sioco** of Fairfax.

Mohammed Hoq, of Herndon, received an Associate of Arts from Oxford College.

At the 2014 National Technology Student Association Conference, **Carson Middle School** won first place in Technical Design, third place in Tech Bowl and fourth place in Geospatial Technology. **Kavya Kopparapu** and **Amrit Gorle**, of Carson Middle School, won sixth place in Communication Challenge and tenth place in Flight, respectively.

Samuel Palmer Fine, of Oak Hill, has been named to the dean's list at James Madison University.

Daniel Amico, of Chantilly, graduated with a B.A. in Economics and **Whitney Blankenship**, of Chantilly, graduated with a B.S. in Pre-K-8 Special Education and Pre-K-4 Elementary Education from Grove College.



Scholarship Winners

The McDonald's Family Restaurants of Greater Washington, D.C. awarded 42 scholarships to students in the region. More than 500 applications were received and reviewed by a panel of judges that included Greater Washington, D.C. McDonald's owners and operators. Local winners included, from left, Max, Neva and Jim Van Valkenburg, Fairfax McDonald's Owners; Cathleen Watkins, Westfield High School student; Celia Islam, George C. Marshall High School student, and Kyu Rhee, Fairfax McDonald's owner.

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Financial Education for College Students

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

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL
THE CONNECTION

As 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 in Fairfax. “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 located close to campus, 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 or build 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 scholarship.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 scholarships. Be aware that money borrowed must be repaid and the interest [accrued] is the cost of the rental of those funds.”



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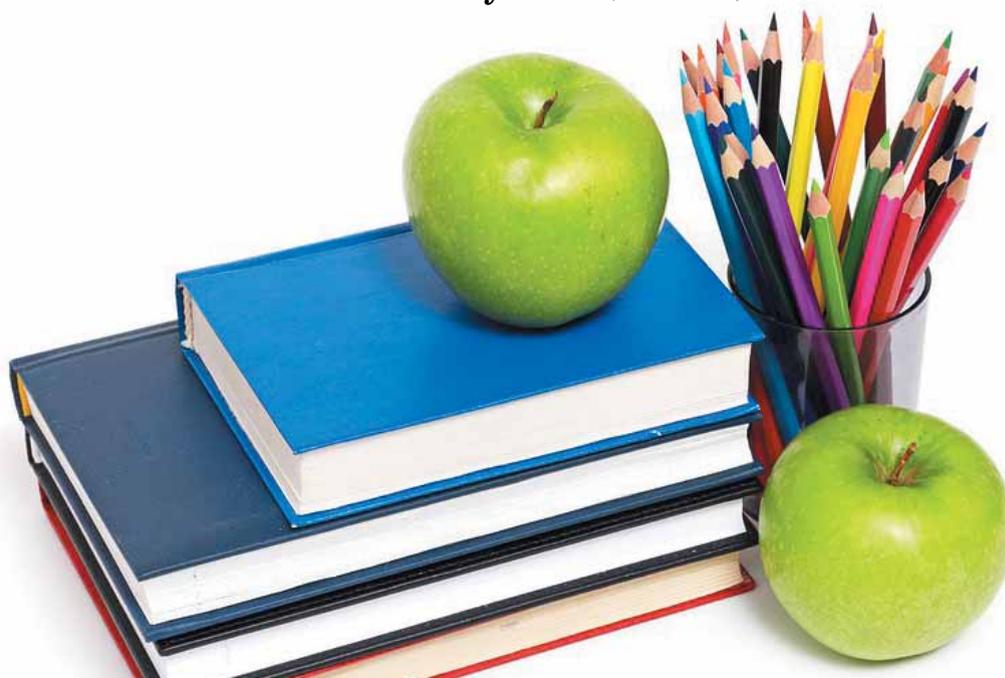
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