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Assisted-living Facility Opposed

Issue heads to Planning Commission next week.

By Bonnie Hobbs Centre View

n general, assisted-living facilities for people with Alzheimer's and dementia are seen positively. But a proposal to build one in Chantilly has residents of the nearby neighborhood united in opposition.

They aired their concerns at a recent meeting of the West Fairfax County Citizens Association (WFCCA) Land-Use Committee. And they'll get to do so again next week when the county Planning Commission considers the issue on Sept. 18.

"We welcome them to the area, but we want their traffic to stay out of our neighborhood to get to the only stoplight to get onto Route 50," said Chantilly Estates resident Mark Lowe. "And there's no way they can guarantee that. It's an old-time neighborhood with narrow streets where only one car can pass at a time, including school buses."

Because of the growing need for a "memorycare home" as the number of senior citizens in the county continues to rise, Artisan Land Group LLC chose this area to build The Arbors of Chantilly.

It would be at 13622 Lee Jackson Memorial Highway, off Downs Drive which runs alongside a gas station on Route 50 west. And since assistedliving facilities require a special-exception permit, Artisan's pursuing one from the county.

The six-and-one-half-acre site is zoned residential and is currently a vacant lot. Planned is a onestory, residential-looking building facing Route 50. Traffic counts for this 48-unit facility are projected to be less than if that site were developed with the 13 homes that could be constructed on it by right.

Attorney Scott Adams, representing the applicant, said there'd be 35 parking spaces and 20 staff members maximum on site at the same time. "There's an existing bus stop across Route 50 with a crosswalk," he said. "So we're proposing an 8-10-foot-wide trail along the property's frontage from the bus stop to Downs Drive, a sidewalk along Downs and a pathway to the front entrance."

Regarding vehicle access to the site, there's a traffic signal at Chantilly Road, but VDOT won't allow a direct curb cut onto Route 50. "So to mitigate folks coming through the adjacent neighborhood, we've proposed a plan to direct employees and deliveries not to travel through there," said Adams. "People will be directed by a sign telling them to turn left out of the site, to Route 50, instead of right, through the neighborhood."

Overall, he said, "We think this facility's really going to be an asset to the community. Every 67 seconds in the U.S., someone's diagnosed with dementia."

WFCCA Land-Use Chairman Jim Katcham asked

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Attorney Scott Adams, representing the applicant, answers a question from Jim Hart.

WWII History and A Mystery Unveiled Centreville man's book, "South

Pacific Cauldron," is published.

By Bonnie Hobbs Centre View

n his book, "South Pacific Cauldron." Centreville's Alan Rems details a cover-up of a Marine Corps general's death during World War II.

His article disclosing this bombshell was first published in "Naval History Magazine" and earned him the 2008 Author of the Year award from the U.S. Naval Institute. Yet his book is more than that.

"It's the only game in town, as far as a complete history of WWII in the South Pacific, including military operations by all branches of the service," said Rems. "Other historians have written parts of it, but nobody has put it all together in one book. And most have stopped in early 1944, but lots of interesting things were happening at the tail end of the war, as well."

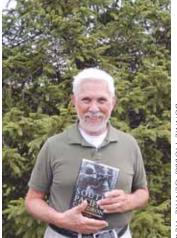
The book's available on Amazon, in bookstores and in Fairfax County's public libraries. And next Tuesday, Sept. 16, from noon-1:15 p.m., he'll be discussing it during GMU'S "Fall for the Book" event at the Sandy Spring Bank tent in Johnson Center Plaza.

"It's a prestigious showcase," said Rems, 77. "And to be selected to appear there is a signal honor."

However, the 24-year Virginia Run resident didn't set out to be a writer. He's a retired CPA who calls his second career a "pure fluke." He grew up during WWII, so he always had a special interest in it. Attending a friend's horticultural book talk in Fairfax in 2007, by

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Centreville's Alan Rems holds his book. "South Pacific Cauldron."

chance he learned about a WWII general he'd never heard of before and became curious.

"I started researching him and discovered an autobiography of him in the Virginia Room of the Fairfax Library because he was from Northern Virginia," said Rems. "The details of his death intrigued me and led me to investigate further and question the official cause of his death and whether there was a cover-up."

Along the way, he became an accomplished writer. Between 2007-2013, he published seven articles and wrote two reviews of other people's books in "Naval History Magazine." His own book, published in May, contains 29 chapters, each one telling a complete story.

"I think it's because I wrote those SEE A WWII, PAGE 13



Fairfax school's half-day Mondays were stressful for parents:

You scramble getting everyone to their appointments and lessons on time, and then on Mondays you're brokering deals with other parents, working from home and lining up sitters.

Help was on the way... Until Michael Frey got involved.

The Fairfax County Board of Supervisors was giving parents a break by funding full-day Mondays for students. But now Supervisor Michael Frey is saying he won't let full-day Mondays get "shoved down our throats."¹



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 "Fairfax full-day Mondays meeting ends with tense exchange on funding," Washington Post, September 3, 2014 Fairfax County Federation of Teachers Teachers Care!



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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 Sept. 11 and Sept. 18.

Free Carseat Inspections

Certified technicians from the Sully District Police Station will perform free, child safety carseat inspections Thursday, Sept. 11, 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 Land-Use Committee

An application for a home daycare is on tap for the next meeting of the West Fairfax County Citizens Association (WFCCA) Land-Use Committee. It's slated for Tuesday, Sept. 16, at 7 p.m., in the Sully District Governmental Center, 4900 Stonecroft Blvd., in Chantilly.

Helping Immigrant Children

The Centreville Labor Resource Center (CLRC) is collecting donations for the 70 immigrant children and 15 young mothers being housed at a secure facility in Bristow while awaiting hearings. The children need health and hygiene supplies, clothing and bedding. Donations may be brought to CLRC, 5956 Centreville Crest Lane in Centreville.

For more information call CLRC Director Roberto Fernández at 703-543-6272, Monday through Saturday, 6 a.m.-noon, or Foltz at 703-346-6030.

Meet the Congressional Candidates

A Congressional Candidates Night will be held Monday, Sept. 22, at 7:30 p.m., at the Sully District Governmental Center, 4900 Stonecroft Blvd. in Chantilly. It's jointly sponsored by the Sully District Council of Citizen Associations, League of Women Voters of the Fairfax Area, AARP, VA and Coalition of Asian Pacific Americans of Virginia.

10th District

- Dianne Blais (IG) (Confirmed)
- Barbara Comstock (R) (Invited)
- Brad A. Eickholt (I) (Confirmed)
- ♦ John Foust (D) (Confirmed)
- William Redpath (L) (Confirmed)
- **11th District**
- Gerry Connolly (D) (Will Send Proxy)
- ✤ Joe Galdo (G) (Confirmed)
- ♦ Marc Harrold (L) (Confirmed)
- ✤ Suzanne Scholte (R) (Confirmed)

Food Donations for WFCM

Western Fairfax Christian Ministries' food pantry urgently needs donations of canned vegetables (except for green beans), canned pasta and pasta sauces, canned tomatoes, canned fruit, peanut butter, canned and dry beans, and granola bars.

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. A volunteer stocker/bagger is needed Wednesdays, 4-6 p.m. Contact Annette Bosley at 703-988-9656, ext. 110, or abosley@wfcmva.org.

First Glimpse at Centreville Day

Nominees sought for Centreville Day Citizen of the Year awards.

Day.

By Bonnie Hobbs CENTRE VIEW

entreville Day 2014 is just a month away. The 22nd annual community celebration is set for Saturday, Oct. 11, from 10 a.m.-5 p.m., in Historic Centreville Park, 5714 Mount Gilead Road.

The day kicks off with the Third Annual Zombie Slouch 5K, at 9 a.m., outside St. John's Episcopal Church in the Centreville Historic District. This fun run benefits the DC Candlelighters Childhood Cancer Foundation and runners, walker and pets are encouraged to come in historical or Halloween costume. For more information, contact Meg Crossett at

dccandlelighters@gmail.com or call 202 747-7191. People in costumes, pets, floats, Scouts, antique cars, performers and other inventive entries are all welcome to join in the Centreville Day American Legion Parade. Registration is free via www.CentrevilleVA.org. The parade assembles at the end of Wharton Lane at 11:30 a.m. and passes by the reviewing stand outside St. John's around noon.

The parade travels through the heart of the Historic District along Mount Gilead and Braddock roads and disperse at Braddock Road. Prizes will be awarded. Direct any questions to Steve Hunter, American Legion Post 1995, at geoshunter@gmail.com.

Part of the day's festivities will be the Centreville Day Marketplace with crafts vendors, local businesses and nonprofits, historical activities, and live performances on the Centreville Day Stage – ranging from songs to dances to martial arts. There'll also be free children's games and rides, plus the Trick-or-Treat Trail, a food court and awards presentations.

"Do you know someone who is always giving to the community and deserves a pat on the back?" asks event Chairman Cheryl Repetti. "The Centreville Day Citizen of the Year awards recognize and spotlight outstanding volunteers and leaders in the Centreville area community, including areas with Chantilly and Clifton ZIP codes."

Bonnie Hobbs/Centre View Children enjoy a train ride at last year's Centreville

> Individuals, organizations or businesses may be nominated until midnight, Sept. 21. Nominees must be present at Centreville Day to receive their awards. Download nomination forms at www.centrevilleVA.org or contact Repetti at ccf@centrevilleva.org.

New this year will be a Pet Costume Show on the stage, plus a mini health fair including free flu shots, blood-pressure checks and vision screenings. Returning will be the Fairfax County Park Authority History Train to transport visitors back in time to Mount Gilead, the Old Stone Church and the Stuart-Mosby Museum.

However, none of the day's events would be possible, said Repetti, without the generosity of the vendors and sponsors. Vendor spaces and sponsorships are still available. Contact Repetti at ccf@centrevilleVA.org or go to www.CentrevilleVA.org for more information.

"If you enjoy giving your time and talent to support your community, there are lots of opportunities to help with Centreville Day, from participating on the planning committee to helping to pick up trash at the end of the day," she said. "All jobs are important and help to create a great, community event."

To volunteer, click on the green button at www.CentrevilleVA.org or contact Karen Waltman at volunteer@centrevilleva.org.

Crash Kills Man, 32

car crash Monday night took the life of a 32-year-old Fairfax man. He was identified as Brener Omar Llamas Rivera, of Summit Manor Drive.

Fairfax County police rushed to the area of West Ox Road and Polo Drive in Fair Lakes shortly after 9 p.m. on Sept. 8 in response to a report of a pedestrian being hit by a vehicle. Officers began in- a short time later. vestigating and Crash Reconstruction detectives were summoned.

Police say preliminary investigation revealed that Rivera had allegedly walked eastbound from the grassy median onto the northbound lanes of West Ox Road and wasn't in a crosswalk. At that

time, a 2011 Chevrolet Malibu driven by a 50year-old Alexandria man was traveling northbound on West Ox Road just north of Polo Drive.

According to police, the Malibu struck the pedestrian as he walked into the roadway. The driver remained on the scene. Rivera was transported to Inova Fairfax Hospital and was pronounced dead

Police say speed and alcohol "were not factors for the driver. It has not yet been determined if alcohol was a factor for the pedestrian." The investigation continues.

- Bonnie Hobbs



News

Supervisors Approve Revised Budget Plan

FCPS full-day Mondays at discussion forefront.

By Tim Peterson Centre View

hen students at the 142 public elementary schools around Fairfax County stayed there the full day on Monday — the first time in about four decades - they likely weren't worried about the cost. That's between the School Board and Board of Supervisors.

On June 26 this year, the School Board voted 10-1 in favor of banning early-dismissal Mondays. Then the Board of Supervisors followed suit at its Sept. 9 meeting, passing the fiscal year 2015 Revised Budget Plan 8-2, that includes continued budget "guidance" from the FY 2014 carry-over that would help "accommodate" the school change into the 2015-2016 school year.

The county would offer additional money to the schools to help cover the cost of fullday Mondays for both the 2014-2015 and 2015-2016 school years, as well as tentatively extend a three percent increase in the transfer. Both of which would factor into the next school budget.

Board of Supervisors Chairman Sharon Bulova introduced the line-up of speakers

slated to address the board regarding the 2014 carry-over. According to the July 29 review package, that amount is a "non-recurring balance" of \$11.22 million.

CO-PRESIDENT of the League of Women Voters Helen Kelly led off describing the effects of new voting equipment funded by the carry-over. Receiving the \$3.5 million in 2015 rather than 2016, she said, would not only increase training opportunity for 2016 election day volunteers and thereby potentially reduce lines for the presidential election, but afford a \$2.5 budget savings in that same year.

Chief Fairfax County public defender Todd Petit followed, making a case "for the first time" for the county to supplement public defenders' salaries. "We are state employees," said Petit, "as is the Sheriff and all of her employees. As are all the magistrates, commonwealth attorneys. This board has supplemented, historically, and continues to supplement those offices today."

Bulova responded in her motioning that the defenders' salaries are a state matter. and that the board would refer Petit's request to the county's legislative committee. "It is a real problem," Mount Vernon Supervisor Gerry Hyland said, "if we want our criminal justice system to work for those who can not afford counsel. Hopefully we'll have success at the state level."

In all, Bulova made one further funding adjustment and two additional motions. The former included \$535,000 in various environmental initiatives — applauded my several faith-based activists present, such as Scott Peterson of the Faith Alliance for Climate Solutions.

She then motioned for approval of a onetime funding of \$179,000 to support master site analysis and area use recommenda- $\underset{=}{\overset{\boxtimes}{\Rightarrow}}$ tion study for Lake Accotink Park. And then came matter of support for FCPS implementing full-day Mondays.

Funded by a salary placeholder of \$7.6 million (from the school board), with an additional \$600,000 (county supplement), the proposal would bankroll the extra class time. The allocations include increasing health services, changes to School Age Child Care (SACC) and projected losses from changes to recreation and nature centers that would lose Monday programming.

Language in the motion caused Providence Supervisor Linda Smyth to question SEE BUDGET REVISION, PAGE 15



Braddock Supervisor Jeff McKay (D-Lee) addresses the Board of Supervisors on September 9, 2014.

Advantages for Full Day Monday Challenges Discussed students noted.

By Reena Singh Centre View

he implementation of "full day Mondays" has been anything but easy for area elementary schools. The challenges that Fairfax County Public Schools faced to bring more hours to elementary students' school year was addressed by Superintendent Karen Garza and several board members during Thursday's school board meeting at Jackson Middle School.

Full day Mondays were approved by the board during its June 2 meeting. "I acknowledged publicly that it was a very aggressive timeline," said Garza.

She said it was her job to acknowledge that implementation has gone less than perfectly.

Mondays were originally cut in the early 1970s to give elementary teachers more planning time. When Monday was chopped in half, student recess was also cut. Students had 10-minute recess breaks to make up for lost time in the classroom. With the implementation, students are given 20-minute recess breaks with the additional instruction time.

Garza previously promised that teachers will still have adequate planning time. Board members agreed that she fulfilled that end of the promise.

"The new schedule seems to be working," said Dranesville District board member Jane Strauss. "You reassured us that it would work, and I believe you've done a good job." 4 ♦ Centre View ♦ September 11-17, 2014

Garza congratulated FCPS teachers and principals for doing the best they could during the several months they had to prepare for the additional hours.

"I worked with every single principal in the division," she said. "Every single one."

AUDIENCE MEMBERS clapped and cheered when she stated that, over the course of a student's elementary school career, a total of 90 days would be gained with the added hours.

Springfield District board member Elizabeth Schultz said she had fought for implementation for more than two years.

"I know there was a lot of trepidation, especially among teachers," she said. "They can see how well this plan is going to work and are grateful it is finally rolling out."

Schultz was in the second grade when her family moved to Fairfax County - resulting in her moving to a FCPS elementary school.

At the June 2 meeting, she said she remembers not understanding why she only went to school for half a day on Monday. During her time on the school board, she asked administrators how the elementary schools were meeting accreditation standards with the hours missed and was dissatisfied with their answers. Schultz said that schools throughout the district had been inconsistent with tracking whether students were in class for the amount of time required by the state.

"Dr. Garza's approach was to have a more unified practice across the board," she said.



The Fairfax County School Board addressed the challenges elementary schools faced this year implementing full day Mondays.

According to Schultz, 54 percent of the it," she said. total student population comprises elementary students. Earlier during the meeting, Garza stated that 186,000 students were enrolled in the school system this year, making it the 10th largest school district in the country.

"Every single elementary student in FCPS benefited from this decision," she said during the meeting. "Every single one."

She elaborated before the closed session that the additional hours allow students in gifted programs to get more time for STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) learning and gives students in remedial programs more time to be helped. Rather than helping only one group of students or a specific grade, she said, it benefited all elementary students.

"That's why we were so passionate about

THE FINANCIAL BURDEN the school system is facing as a result of the implementation is also a concern for board members.

"It was estimated that it could cost \$7 million to implement full day Mondays," said Schultz.

She and others, including Braddock District board member Megan McLaughlin said the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors should help shoulder the costs.

"It didn't fall neatly into our budget," said McLaughlin. "It came after the fact."

Because it was approved after the 2014-15 school budget was passed, extra funding was requested.

"We're increasing our services to our students and our families," she said.

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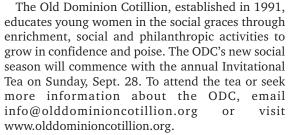


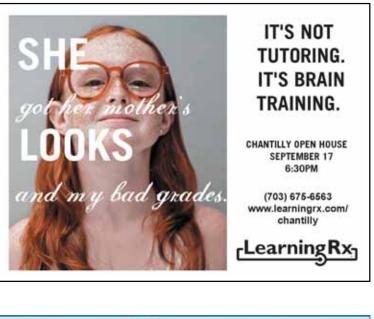
The 2014 Debutantes, from left, are Anna Heekyung Moon, Leilani Marie Wolf, Eryn Burr Cooper and Tatiana Mi-Hae Galli.

Old Dominion Cotillion Hosts Debutante Ball

he Old Dominion Cotillion held its 23rd Annual Debutante Ball at Westfields Marriott in Chantilly on July 19. Family and friends who gathered for dinner and dancing celebrated the debut of four young women. The Debutantes dressed in white ball gowns were formally presented and then escorted by cadets from Fishburne Military School in Waynesboro, Va.

The 2014 debutantes are Eryn Burr Cooper, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joshua J. Cooper of Oakton, who is a senior at Oakton High School. Tatiana Mi-Hae Galli, daughter of Mr. Paolo Galli and Dr. Suzanne Kim Doud of Washington, D.C., who will be a senior at Brookwood School; Anna Heekyung Moon, daughter of Ms. Jenet Dokhee Ahn of Centreville, a senior at Westfield High School, and Leilani Marie Wolf, daughter of Mr. Christopher H. Wolf of Chantilly and Ms. Grace Han Wolf and Mr. Michael Lamatrice of Herndon, who is a senior at Wakefield School.







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OPINION Change Is Coming, Right?

Legislators on changing the culture of cash and gifts in Virginia: Crickets.

ith former Gov. Bob McDonnell of making huge donations. and his wife Maureen facing what could be decades in prison after their convictions for corruption, a reasonable person might reasonably expect that members of the General Assembly would be gearing up to make some big changes.

Under Virginia law, there was no barrier to the McDonnells taking tens of thousands of dollars in gifts from a single donor in search of help.

In addition to the gifts, the tens of thousands of dollars in contributions to campaign funds were not part of the corruption trial, but they were certainly part of seeking influence.

Virginia needs real change, but there is silence from members of the General Assembly on any real change.

It turns out that unlimited contributions and gifts is not good for government, not good for the public, especially not good for elected officials as the recent news demonstrates. It would be better for most businesses to have limits as well so as not to be subject to the expectation

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Proven Track Record

To the Editor:

Del. Barbara Comstock has a proven record of leadership that we need to represent the 10th Congressional District of Virginia. As a delegate serving the Commonwealth, she has focused her efforts on several issues important to Northern Virginians, including creating a health economy, providing 21st century jobs, and expanding and promoting our technology community. She supported bills that provided tax relief to the middle class and small businesses and created jobs for Northern Virginia. She has also authored major pieces of legislation including Virginia's Competitive Bidding Law saving hundreds of millions of dollars, Virginia's first Lyme Disease legislation, and securing more in-state college spots for Virginia students.

Her proven track record dates back to her work as a trusted aide to Congressman Frank Wolf where she worked tirelessly on issues important to our community, such as federal employees, business, and transportation. Her work with Congressman Wolf led to passage of the child tax credit which is now valued at \$1,000 per child. As a working mother with three children, she understands the needs of families.

Her success as a legislator and as a businesswoman has earned her endorsements from numerous individuals and groups who support her efforts to strengthen the District. Congressman Wolf strongly endorses her, as well as numerous other Virginia leaders who represent local county school boards and governments, and businesses, such as the National and Virginia Realtors Association, the Virginia Credit Union League and the National Federation of Independent Business.

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The National Conference of State Legislatures www.ncsl.org summarizes how the 50 states regulate contributions: "States commonly place limits on contributions to candidates from various sources, and also on contributions to political action committees (PACs) and political parties. Just four states - Missouri, Oregon, Utah and Virginia — place no limits on contributions at all. Another seven states — Alabama, Indiana, Iowa, Mississippi, North Dakota, Pennsylvania, and Texas - have

minimal contribution limits. These states limit or prohibit contributions by corporations and unions to candidates, EDITORIAL but leave contributions from all other

sources unlimited. In the remaining 39 states, contributions to candidates from individuals, political parties, PACs, corporations and unions are typically limited or, in the case of corporations and unions, prohibited outright."

In Maryland, individuals can give \$4,000 to any one candidate and \$10,000 total, cumulatively to all candidates in a four-year election cycle. (These limits increase to \$6,000 and

\$24,000 in 2015.) In Maryland, corporations and CEOs are not giving \$100,000 and more in an election cycle. Do we really want to be a state where the

rules are so lax, that what barely raises an eyebrow here can send a former governor and his wife to prison for a long time?

The silence is bipartisan. The silence unites NoVa (Northern Virginia) and RoVa (the rest of Virginia). Every incumbent in Virginia thinks they are benefiting from the ability to collect so much cash.

They all know that they would not engage in the kind unseemly behavior that was recently on display in the McDonnell trial. They seem to think that the McDonnells were just an aberration.

Having our legislative process, locally and at the state level, awash in cash and gifts from people with business before the legislative bodies is not good for any of us.

It's time for some real limits and some disclosure requirements with teeth.

> - Mary Kimm MKIMM@CONNECTIONNEWSPAPERS.COM

Time and again, John Foust demonstrated he had little familiarity with our business community or issues facing our tech and defense communities.

> **Devon Flynn** Centreville

To the Editor:

After seeing the recaps of the 10th District town hall I have yet to see John Foust point to anything that he has accomplished. He has told us nothing about what he has done as a member of the Fairfax Board of Supervisors, all we know is that he has just repeatedly raised taxes; property taxes - 7.25% just this year, supported the proposed \$80 million proposed meals tax, calls the ObamaCare and it's \$1

trillion in new taxes "clearly a good thing." He simply has no legislative achievements and no idea on what he would do in Congress other than be a rubber stamp for President Obama. He has never worked on legislation to cre-

ate jobs, and has not received any endorsement from any jobs creators.

In contrast, Barbara Comstock has received the endorsement of every major champion of creating jobs including the U.S. Chamber of Commerce and the NFIB. Not to mention the other businesses and community leaders who have backed Delegate Comstock - even including those who support Senator Mark Warner and Governor Terry McAuliffe.

We need a member of Congress who has a proven record of job creation, passing bipartisan legislation and will work for common sense results, not another rubber stamp for the President's failed policies that are hurting our defense, tech and jobs in the 10th District.

Wayne Abernathy/Fairfax

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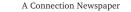
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Need Common Sense

Delegate Comstock is an experienced leader who has a proven track record focusing on issues important to our area. She should be elected as the representative of the 10th Congressional District of Virginia this November.

Dave Blum Clifton

Business Expertise

To the Editor:

On Wednesday, the candidates for the 10th Congressional District had their first debate before the Fairfax and Prince William Chambers and the Northern Virginia Technology Council. The contrast couldn't have been more stark.

In the hour and a half debate, Del. Barbara Comstock demonstrated that she had worked extensively with our business and technology community as a delegate, as a senior aide to Congressman Wolf and as an attorney and businesswoman in the private sector. Delegate Comstock mastered the business issues and had passed numerous bills that have enhanced our economic climate in Virginia. As chairman of the Science and Technology Committee, Comstock has led on important legislation such

as this year's Research and Development Tax Credit lauded even by Terry McAuliffe who signed the legislation. Comstock's Data Center legislation is helping this booming industry expand throughout the 10th District. Comstock also noted her past work with Congressman Wolf in advocating for the \$1,000 child tax credit that Comstock now wants to work to double to \$2,000 per child when she gets to Congress. We need someone who will get results in Congress, and not someone who needs on the job training, as Foust demonstrated he would need.

Neighbors Opposed to Assisted-living Facility

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about the patient-to-staff ratio, and Artisan President and owner Sean Ambrose said there'd be six to eight patients per staff member. But, he added, "That'll fluctuate, according to the acuity of the patients' conditions and how many are there." He said there'd be no more than 54 patients.

"If somebody's coming [on Route 50] from Loudoun County, do they make a Uturn to get there?" asked At-Large Planning Commissioner Jim Hart. Adams said they'd turn left on Chantilly Road and use the service road, or come down to the median break and make a U-turn.

"Most people will come from a 5- or 6mile radius, but some will come from 10-12 miles away," said Ambrose. He also noted that some of the patients will be people who've moved away, but returned because their children live here.

But these details didn't sit well with the Chantilly Estates residents. "Signs and calming things in the road won't be of any use to keep drivers out of there," said Mary Lowe, who lives on Chantilly Road.

"We're not trying to stop the project," said neighbor Michael Vita. "But we want assurances that the service trucks won't use our streets, because we have kids playing there all the time. There's no way a service truck could use the service road."

Adams said the applicant would make it

a development condition. "We're serious said. "There's a long traffic light to get onto Lori Whetzel. "We have a man in a motorabout keeping employees and service trucks out of your neighborhood," he said. "Otherwise, they'll lose their service contracts. You have our commitment in writing. And we'll ask VDOT to put up 'No through truck traffic' signs on Chantilly Road and Downs Drive."

Sully District Planning Commissioner John Litzenberger said he and Hart have both driven there and "what the residents are saying is 100-percent correct." He suggested that motorists violating the agreement not to drive in their neighborhood be fined. "We don't want trucks driving down there with kids playing," he said. "It's too dangerous."

Adams said they'd specify enforcement provisions in the paperwork. "Whether it's a trash truck, food-service vehicle or linen delivery, we could talk to their supervisors, if they don't listen," added Ambrose. "We want to be a good neighbor."

Alice Lowe asked how construction trucks would enter the site while the facility was being built. "We can control that," replied Ambrose, "They'll be required to come in and out of it through Route 50 west and turn right onto Downs Drive and directly onto the site."

But resident Cary Paley was still worried. "School buses can't pass each other on our streets, and they're coming through," he

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Route 50 and not enough space for drivers to back up on Chantilly Road."

Katcham asked about the anticipated traffic volume, and Ambrose said the facility will be very small. "None of the residents [patients] will drive and maybe 10 staff members will be driving," he said. "We'll do most of the laundry on site. The biggest deliveries are food, and they're box trucks."

Adams said staff traffic would be split up among three shifts and traffic volume would be very low, with "rush-hour counts in the teens."

But Vita said it would be double the current amount of neighborhood traffic. And with drivers going to and from the nearby gas station, added Mark Lowe, "That's a lot of traffic."

The WFCCA deferred its decision on the project that evening. But at its Aug. 19 meeting, the members voted to recommend approval to the Planning Commission, subject to an OK by Fairfax County staff. Additionally, said Katcham, "It was the view of the committee that such a facility will fill a significant need in the Sully District and Fairfax County."

Nonetheless, the nearby community is still upset at the prospect, and the residents also object to having the facility's entrance off of Downs Drive. "We have kids who catch the bus on corners without sidewalks," said ized wheelchair. While coming home [recently], I had to stop in a driveway so the UPS man could go around the corner."

With the memory-care home, she said, "We feel the driving situation is going to be quite a bit worse then we're being led to believe "

The community has 54 homes, and its residents have signed a petition opposing the project and its potential traffic implications for their neighborhood. "It's been signed by all homeowners except the neighbor who had a hand in brokering the deal for the property," said Whetzel.

The petition also raises another concern, contending that such a use located right next to a busy, major highway such as Route 50 is "inappropriate, regardless of what the developers represent their safety mitigations [to] be." Noting that sometimes, mentally challenged people walk away from such facilities, it stated that this possibility so near a highway "should be a concern to all."

Several neighbors have already signed up to speak at the Sept. 18 Planning Commission meeting. And, said Whetzel, "We've met as a neighborhood and are in agreement that this [project] will directly affect the way we live and be a danger to the many people who walk or drive in our neighborhood."

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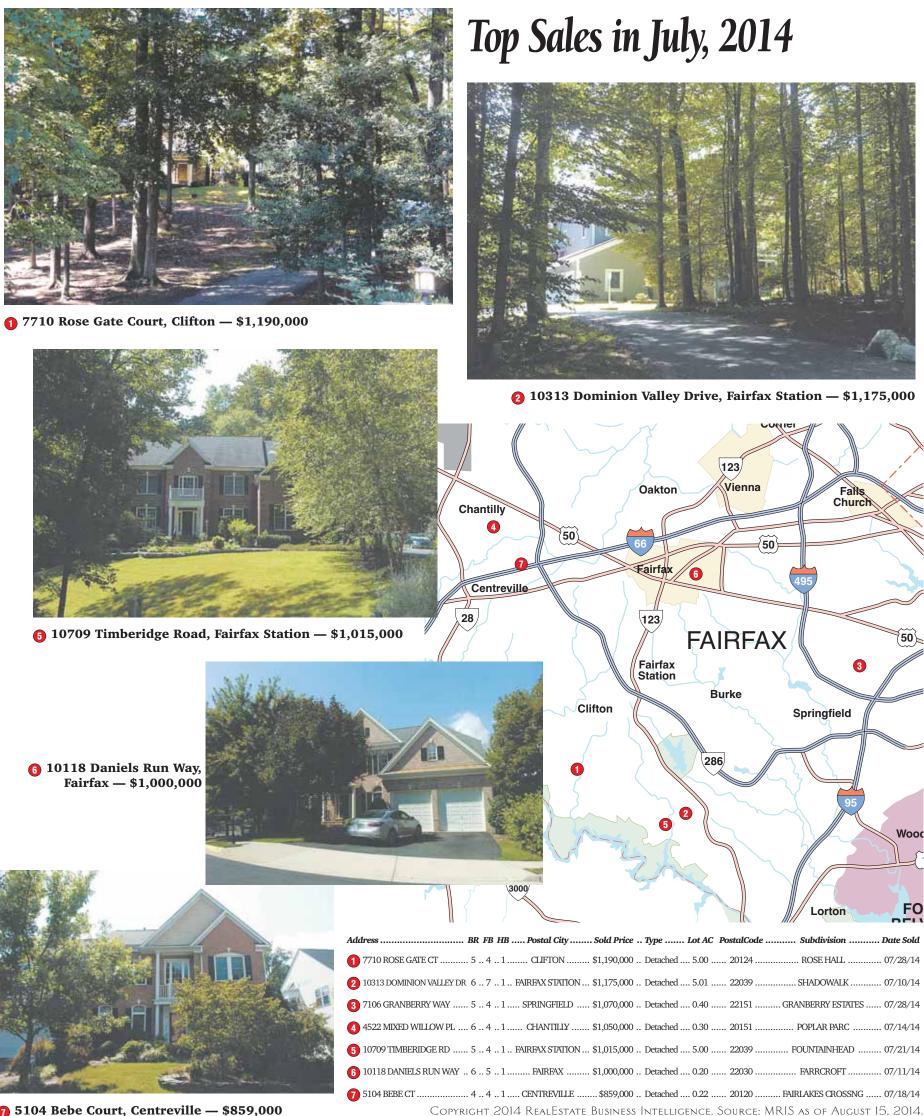


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'Recession Ripple Persists'

Private sector job growth key to strengthening regional economy, housing demand.

> By Tim Peterson Centre View

here's no question the primary economic driver of this region has always been Uncle Sam," said David Versal, senior research associate at the George Mason University Center for Regional Analysis. "That said, we're not Detroit."

That was a year ago, when Versal addressed members of the Northern Virginia Association of Realtors at their economic summit held in George Mason University's Mason Inn.

At this year's summit, his past remarks came back to haunt him, if not the whole room. "In 2013, job growth ground to a halt," he said at the event last Thursday. "July [2013] to July [2014], net was about 20,000 jobs in our region. Who do we come closest to?"

The stunned conference hall full of Realtors, seeing his slide, answered in unison: "Detroit."

Versal was back again for 2014, along with discussion moderator Kenneth Harney, author of the syndicated column "The Nation's Housing."

New panelists included: James Dinegar, president and CEO for the Greater Washington Board of Trade; Dr. Michael Frantoni, chief economist and senior vice president of research and industry technology for the Mortgage Bankers Association, and Mitchel Kider, chairman and managing partner for Weiner Brodsky Kider PC.

THE THEME of this year's summit was "Housing Hangover: Recession Ripple Persists in 2014: Jobs, Confidence, Mortgages (+ Aspirin) Fuel Recovery."

Each panelist brought a different perspective to the central concept that no, the recession is not over, growth is slow and home sales are flat; but yes, the recovery is on and as long as home buyers, sellers and Realtors alike keep in front of the economic and regulatory changes taking place, things are looking up. We're all still here.

Versal echoed his callout from last year, that since 2010 government spending cuts have decimated the Washington D.C. metro area. "We lost over \$11 billion in federal procurement," he said, referencing the massive contracting industry, "just in 3 years; \$11 billion that was in our economy in 2010 that is no longer. This is on top of the 20,000 jobs we've removed."

One true gainer in jobs over the same period, he said, has been hospitality — specifically restaurant jobs. However even though those jobs help pad the not-Detroit figure, they don't exactly help a housing market that's light on top-end inventory and lacking any semblance of a middle.

"Ask yourselves as Realtors: Are people buying \$6-7-800,000 houses in this region people who work in restaurants? Unless they own the restaurant probably not," said Versal.

According to Versal, Northern Virginia isn't creating enough jobs paying in the \$40- to \$70,000 range to stimulate growth in the market's midsection. www.ConnectionNewspapers.com But that's not all: Another factor — and a continuation from 2013's remarks — keeping the market from balancing out is the lack of adequate housing construction.

Or rather, construction of homes for purchase. Versal said half of what's being built is rental property, which doesn't produce sales and doesn't help the sagging middle.

But the regional analyst did point out a few bright spots, looking forward. In the next three to four years, Versal predicts, the D.C. metro region will be creating 50-60,000 jobs again, like it was 10 years ago which should drive demand for housing. However this growth, he stressed, will be borne by the private sector, not the federal government.

James Dinegar of the Greater Washington Board of Trade took that optimism and ran with it, giving a speech that hyped the many "cool factors" of the D.C. metro region.

He cited Forbes magazine recently voting that area "America's Coolest City."

He cited things like Bao Bao the infant panda at the National Zoo, Robert Griffin III, Maryland joining the Big Ten major college football conference (and more importantly the Big Ten Network) and capital bike-sharing program that leads the nation in users per capita.

He cited things like numerous top tier universities, the juggernaut of cyber job-creating — NSA at Fort Meade — and being the hospitality capital of the world. Things that, presumably, should be drawing young, family-oriented and financially stable professionals to the area, or keeping them here.

"You have to get your head around the Big Ten," Dineagar gave an example. "The BTN reaches 52 million households. We're not exposed to the Midwest the way we have been in the ACC. We're on radar screens now we haven't ever been on."

According to Dr. Michael Frantoni of the Mortgage Bankers Association, having a greater overall pull would be helpful to attract fresh capital to the nation's capital. The national trend, he said, is decreased mobility: Recent census data shows that aside from family-related moves, people are staying put more than they used to. "Moving to a better neighborhood? If anything, people are moving to save money. But they're not aspirational movers," he said.

Or maybe they are aspirational movers, but are saving money by living with their parents. That group would be the mercurial, hard to put a finger on, mid-20s to mid-30s bracket referred to as "millennials." And they're a key group, being well situated with academic and professional experience to fill the \$40-\$70,000 a year private sector jobs Versal said should be driving the regional economy going forward.

However, said Frantoni, "They're different in all kinds of ways. They get married later, have children later, come home later. Everything is later. We don't know why."

A MILLENNIAL'S HESITANCY to buy property probably doesn't have much to do with the projected rise in interest rates from 4.3 percent for a 30-year fixed mortgage rate in 2013 up to 5 percent in 2015. But it may have something to do with the fact that student loan debt has ballooned in the last decade from \$200 billion to over \$1 trillion, according to Frantoni.

None of the panelists expects dramatic changes in the next several years. We're off the roller coaster, they all concurred. We're still here.



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Extreme Politics Foust, Comstock stake out opposing positions during first debate in hyper-partisan 10th district Congressional race.

By Victoria Ross Centre View

orget first-debate politeness. Republican Barbara Comstock and Democrat John Foust — the candidates vying to replace longtime U.S. Rep. Frank Wolf in Virginia's 10th Congressional district — sustained the hyperpartisan tenor of their campaigns during a debate-style forum hosted by the Fairfax Chamber of Commerce in Herndon last week.

Sharing the stage for the first time since the campaigning began last February, Foust — a Fairfax County supervisor representing the Dranesville District since 2007 and Comstock — a Virginia House of Delegates member since 2009 and long-time GOP strategist — tried to paint each other as "extremists" during the 80-minute forum before a roomful of business and political leaders.

BOTH CANDIDATES staked out their opposing positions on a range of issues, including education, job creation, transportation, the national deficit, women's health and the Obama administration.

"Elections are about choices," Foust said after his opening remarks. "Voters in the 10th Congressional District will have a very clear choice on Nov. 4, between my common-sense, problem-solving record, and my opponent's extreme right wing agenda."

Foust frequently cited Comstock's 2012 General Assembly vote backing divisive legislation that would require women to undergo transvaginal ultrasounds before terminating a pregnancy.

"Barbara Comstock has been obsessed with taking away a woman's right to choose ..." Foust said. "If she goes to Washington she will continue to pursue a hyper-partisan agenda and we already have too many in Congress who do that."

Comstock just as frequently burnished her GOP stripes, repeatedly denouncing President Obama and the "Obama economy."

"The Obama economy isn't working,"

• Opening Comments

Supervisor John Foust (D-Dranesville) You know, I'm often asked why I'm running for Congress ... I was born in Johnstown, Pa., born into a working class family. I was the first person in my family to go to college, and the way I was able to do that was by working in the steel mills, working as a laborer on the railroad. When I graduated from college, I wasn't done. I wanted to get an MBA, I wanted to get a law degree, but I couldn't afford to go to school some time, so I worked full time for eight years and went to school at night ... I learned the value of hard work, and I learned the value of a good education. I'm running for Congress because I want to create opportunities in this country, so more families have the opportunity to live the American Dream the way I have. Unfortunately, the Congress we have now is broken, dysfunctional. Tea Party Republicans in the House are two parties, and they're not getting the job done. Something has to change. I've served on the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors for seven years. We do things differently in Fairfax County. We do them the right way. I've been a leader who works with both parties, and the business community, and the residents. When I go to Congress, my priorities will be to get past the partisanship and work across the aisle, so we can deal with our fiscal challenges and make Washington work again. We need a functioning Congress. We need to create jobs and opportunities by investing in job creators like education and infrastructure, and research and development.

Del. Barbara Comstock (R-34)

'Today, the real battles we face aren't about left vs. right. It's really about the past vs. the future. It's the status quo vs. moving forward. What I love about the 10th District is the opportunity to work with an incredibly diverse group of talented people in inventing the future. The people who understand that innovation will restore the American Dream that we've all lived, lift people out of poverty, ease the burden on the middle class, and get us all on the path to prosperity. These are people that work in our businesses, our government agencies, our hospitals, our law enforcement, our schools, our startups, and more. As your congresswoman, I will be focused on your future. I will work to break out of this mess in Washington that creates anxiety, uncertainty, and infighting.

Comstock said. "... I am the candidate in the race who has always made jobs, innovation, and a healthy economy my top priorities."

Foust countered with his pro-business record on transportation and education. Although both candidates said they sup-



Republican Barbara Comstock and Democrat John Foust during a debate-style forum hosted by the Fairfax Chamber of Commerce in Herndon last week.

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Del. Barbara Comstock (R-34) and Fairfax County Supervisor John Foust (D-Dranesville), who both represent McLean, shared the stage for the first time during a debate-style forum hosted by the Fairfax Chamber of Commerce at Dominion Power in Herndon on Wednesday, Sept. 3.

ported additional attempts to calm traffic congestion in Northern Virginia, Foust noted that he "stood with the Northern Virginia business community" and supported Gov. Bob McDonnell's historic bipartisan transportation bill.

"Barbara Comstock stood with the most extreme Tea Party Republicans in Richmond and opposed it ... You can't want everything and be unwilling to pay for anything."

COMSTOCK defended her vote against Virginia's \$6 billion transportation bill, which included \$300 million for the Metro's Silver Line, saying she opposed the transportation funding package because it was tied to Medicaid expansion.

"If you [back] Medicaid expansion, then we have less money for jobs and roads," she added.

Foust slammed Comstock on her voting record on education.

"On education, I stand with the Northern Virginia business community and support investments in K-12 education. Barbara Comstock stood with the extreme rightwing Republicans in Richmond and voted to slash \$620 million dollars from support for public education."

"My opponent dismisses (my) bipartisan bills, and goes so far as to attack me personally, as not having had a real job or knowing about real jobs," Comstock shot back, referring to a statement Foust made during a speech in Leesburg on Aug. 20 which inflamed Comstock supporters.

Foust's campaign later clarified the remark, providing a transcript of the full quote from the candidate's Aug. 20 speech: "She likes to say she's a job creator ... What she fails to recognize, and I think it's because — I don't think she's ever had a real job she's been, in business or any place else, she's been a partisan operative in Washington for so long."

Comstock, a Capitol Hill veteran and former top aide to Wolf, dismissed the "insider" prod, saying during Wednesday's debate that "those who know a thing or two about real jobs have looked at both of us and endorsed me." She then highlighted her business endorsements, which include the he U.S. Chamber of Commerce, the National Federation of Independent Businesses and the Virginia Realtors Associations.

Foust has earned support from the Human Rights Campaign, the International Association of Firefighters and leading union groups.

While both candidates sparred on many issues, they agreed on one thing: the necessity to work across party lines and break through partisan gridlock in Washington.

Comstock pointed to several bills that she said demonstrated her ability to work across the aisle.

"We passed the first telework bills, the telework bills that now are providing moms and dads with more work-life flexibility, while keeping more cars off the roads. The research and development tax credit we worked on, first passing it, then re-passing it again this year to extend it ... The credit that Governor McAuliffe praised as enhancing Virginia's business climate," Comstock said.

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 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.
- **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.

THURSDAY/SEPT. 11

- **Civil War Lecture.** 7 p.m. Centreville Regional Library, 14200 St. Germain Drive, Centreville. Sheridan at Opequon Creek, Sept. 1864 by author and historian Scott Patchen. Adults plus school age and up. www.fairfaxcounty.gov/ library/branches/ce/
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FRIDAY/SEPT. 12

Ready for School Storytime. 2 p.m. Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road, Chantilly. Early literacy storytime program for children ready to be on their own without caregivers or siblings. Age 4-5. www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/branches/ch/

SATURDAY/SEPT. 13

- **5K/10K Run/Walk.** At Lake Fairfax, Reston. 500 runners and 500 winter coats for local homeless veterans. All donations go directly to support projects and programs. Visit Americasadoptasoldier.org to register or call
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- Nature Hike During The Farm Animal Safari. 11 a.m. noon or 1-2 p.m. Frying Pan Farm Park, 2709 West Ox Road, Herndon. Go on a leisurely nature hike. Call 703-437-9101. To register for program, visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/parktakes.

SUNDAY/SEPT. 14

5th Annual Northern Virginia Cycle Fest Ride. 7:30 a.m. at Jewish Community Center of Northern Virginia, 8900 Little River Turnpike, Fairfax. Ride is open to all experienced riders who are comfortable riding on roads with traffic, minimum age of 12. Four ride options. Registration begins at 7 a.m. Visit www.active.com or e-mail paula.cole@jccnv.org or 703-323-0880.

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MONDAY/SEPT. 15

- **Golf Tournament.** at Osprey Golf Course, 401 Belmont Bay Dr, Woodbridge, Va. Join former major league baseball player Michael "Pags" Pagliaruloas as he hosts the Americas Adopt A Soldier 4th Annual Golf Tournament at Osprey Golf Course. Visit Americasadoptasoldier.org to register or call 703-278-3718 for more.
- Thriving Three to Fives. 11 a.m. Centreville Regional Library, 14200 St. Germain Drive, Centreville. Stories and activities. Age 3-5 with adult. www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/branches/ ce/ Afternoon Adventures: Animal Adaptations.
- 4 p.m. Centreville Regional Library, 14200 St. Germain Drive, Centreville. Hands-on activities will help children explore different animal adaptations and discover some of their own. Children experiment to see which work best. Ages 6-12. www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/ branches/ce/

TUESDAY/SEPT. 16

Storytime for Three to Fives. 1:30 p.m. Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road, Chantilly. Early literacy program with stories and activities. Age 3-5 with caregiver. www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/branches/ch/

THURSDAY/SEPT. 18

- Lunch 'N' Life. Noon-2 p.m. at Jubilee Christian Center, 4650 Shirley Gate Road, Fairfax. For people 50 or older. The program will feature Brian Van de Graaff, ABC Channel 7 - WJLA TV weather team and meteorologist. For reservations, call Faye Quesenberry, 703-620-0161, by Sept. 12. \$10. Call 703-323-4788 for
- transportation. Visit www.scfbva.org for more. **The End (Or Is It?) Book Group.** 7:30 p.m. Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road, Chantilly. Book discussion for 5th and 6th grade students.www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/ branches/ch/

SATURDAY/SEPT. 20

- **Beautiful Displays with Bulbs & Perennials.** 10 a.m. at Merrifield Garden Center, Fair Oaks Meeting Room, 12101 Lee Highway, Fairfax. Now is the time to plant bulbs for bright, beautiful color next spring. Peg and Stephanie will demonstrate how to combine bulbs and perennials for long-lasting displays of color and interest. Call 703-968-9600 or visit merrifieldgardencenter.com for more.
- Art Guild of Clifton Art Walk. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Along Chapel Road, Clifton. Fine art, jewelry, photography, artists and demos. Along the way you will also see unique shops for gifts, home accessories, paper craft, cupcakes and wine. artguildofclifton@gmail.com
- Thriving Three to Fives: Birds Take Flight! 10:30 a.m. Centreville Regional Library, 14200 St. Germain Drive, Centreville. Stories and activities. Age 3-5 with adult.
- www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/branches/ce/ **Civil War Wig-Wag in Fairfax.** 10:30 a.m. Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road, Chantilly. Learn a secret method of communication via flags that was used in Fairfax County during the Civil War. Age 6-12. www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/branches/ch/
- Master Gardeners. 10:30 a.m. Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road, Chantilly. A neighborhood plant clinic. Master gardeners provide horticultural tips, information, techniques and advice for home gardeners. Adults. www.fairfaxcounty.gov/ library/branches/ch/
- **Cheers to 10 Years.** 3-6 p.m. at Paradise Springs Winery, 13219 Yates Ford Rd., Clifton. Join the Assistance League of Northern Virginia in celebrating many accomplishments of helping those in need in the community, and learn how to help in the future. \$25, includes heavy appetizers and two glasses of wine. Contact Darlene Cooke 703-848-0623 or visit www.northernnvirginia.assistanceleague.org

SUNDAY/SEPT. 21

PJ Library Book Buddies. 1 p.m. Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road, Chantilly. Moms, dads, grandparents, caregivers and children who love books are welcome to join for stories and fun that relate to Jewish culture, traditions and holidays. Age 2.5-5 with caregiver. Siblings welcome. Email jennifer.deangelis@jccnv.org. **"Wedgwood Fairyland Lustre" Lecture.** 2 p.m. Total Wine Store, Chantilly. Lecture by Stuart Slavid followed by free wine tasting. www.wedgwoodcapital.org

MONDAY/SEPT. 22

- Sully Book Club. 1 p.m. Centreville Regional Library, 14200 St. Germain Drive, Centreville. "Crossing to Safety" by Wallace Stegner. Adults. www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/branches/ce/
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 Writers of Chantilly. 6:45 p.m. Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road, Chantilly. Share your work, give and receive feedback in a supportive setting. Adults.
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- Starlight Storytime. 7 p.m. Centreville Regional Library, 14200 St. Germain Drive, Centreville. Stories and fun for the whole family. Pajamas and stuffed friends welcome. Age 4-8.
- www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/branches/ce/ **Civil War Presentation.** 7:30 p.m. Cabell's Mill, 5235 Walney Road, Centreville. Presentation by David Welker based on his book, "Diary of a Keystone Rebel." Free. Contact Cheryl Repetti at ccf@centrevilleva.org.

TUESDAY/SEPT. 23

- **Toddlin' Twos.** 10:30 a.m. Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road, Chantilly. Early literacy storytime with stories, songs and activities. Age 2 with caregiver.
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- www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/branches/ch/ Storytime for Three to Fives. 1:30 p.m. Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road, Chantilly. Early literacy program with stories and activities. Age 3-5 with caregiver. www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/branches/ch/

WEDNESDAY/SEPT. 24

Read! Build! Play! Duplo Storytime. 10:30

a.m. Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road, Chantilly. Duplo play storytime to help develop and reinforce early literacy skills. Age 3-5 with adult.

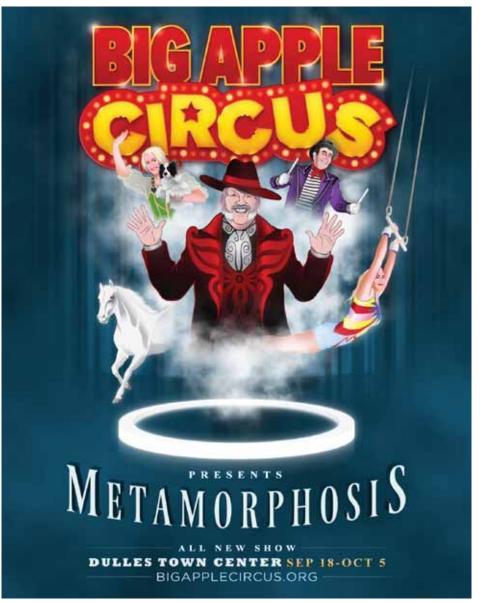
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- A Novel Society. 7 p.m. Centreville Regional Library, 14200 St. Germain Street, Centreville. And the "Mountains Echoed" by Khaleed Hosseini. Adults.www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/ branches/ce/

THURSDAY/SEPT. 25

Time for Tots. 11 a.m. Centreville Regional Library, 14200 St. Germain Street, Centreville. Stories and activities. Age 2-3 with adult. www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/branches/ce/

FRIDAY/SEPT. 26

- 7th Annual Erin Peterson Fund Golf Tournament. Westfields Golf Club, 13940 Balmoral Greens Ave., Clifton. Register at www.erinpetersonfund.org or erinpetersonfund@yahoo.com.
- Ready for School Storytime. 2 p.m. Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road, Chantilly. Early literacy storytime program for children ready to be on their own without caregivers or siblings. Age 4-5. www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/branches/ch/
- Bouncin' Babies. 3 p.m. Chantily Branches/Ch/ Bouncin' Babies. 3 p.m. Chantily Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road, Chantilly. Rhymes, songs, stories and activities for you and your baby. Birth-11 months with caregiver. www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/branches/ch/
- Small Wonders. 4 p.m. Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road, Chantilly. Rhymes, songs, stories and activities for you and your baby. 12-23 months with caregiver. www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/branches/ch/



Sports

Westfield XC Produces Pair of Top-5 Finishers



he Westfield cross country teams each produced at top-five finisher at Saturday's Monroe Parker Invitational. On the boys' side, Johnny Pace placed fourth with a time of 15:41, helping the Bulldogs finish 20th out of 30 teams. Chantilly's Ryan McGorty won the race with a time of 15:02, followed by Lake Braddock's Kevin Monogue (15:24) and Alex Corbett (15:25).

Lake Braddock won the team title with a score of 58, followed by West Springfield (190), Robinson (197), Patriot (201) and Thomas Jefferson (201).

In the girls' race, Westfield's Sara Freix placed fifth with a time of 18:44, leading the Bulldogs to an 11th-place finish out of 28 teams. Madison's Amanda Swaak placed first with a time of 18:06, followed by Chantilly's Xaveria Hawvermale (18:10), Robinson's Lauren Berman (18:29) and Osbourn Park's Jillian Everly (18:43). Centreville's Jackie O'Shea placed 15th (19:22).

Madison won the team title with a score of 75, followed by Lake Braddock (99), Patriot (140) and Washington-Lee (178).

Westfield's Johnny Pace placed fourth in the boys' varsity race at Saturday's Monroe Parker Invitational at Burke Lake Park.



Centreville Football Drops Season Opener to Gonzaga

t was announced prior to Friday's Gonzaga-Centreville football show down that Centreville was the first Fairfax County Public Schools program to play in a nationally televised game on ESPNU.

At the end of the night, the Wildcats had experienced a "first" of a less-festive variety.

The Centreville football team on Sept. 5 suffered its first defeat since the 2012 region semifinals, losing to Gonzaga 31-14 in front of packed stands at Centreville High School. After going undefeated and winning the VHSL 6A state championship last season, the 2014 Centreville Wildcats encountered a private school team loaded with talent that led for the final 35 minutes of the contest.

"It's a little bit of a smack in the face," said fullback Taylor Boose, who is committed to the University of Cincinnati, "but it's kind of what we need right now."

After Gonzaga scored a touchdown on the game's opening possession, Centreville countered with a long touchdown drive. The Wildcats marched 80 yards in 15 plays and took 8 minutes, 24 seconds off the clock, tying the score at 7-all on a 9-yard pass from quarterback Joe Ferrick to tight end David Liddle.

Gonzaga answered with a touchdown on its next possession, however, and led for the remainder of the contest.

"We played a great football team," Centreville head coach Chris Haddock said. "I think they're underrated. I think that they

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are probably better than most people think. I hope that a lot of the people in the region think that we're not very good because I think that we're going to come back and be very solid for the rest of the way."

"We've got a couple pieces to the puzzle that aren't quite ready yet, and that's going to make us even better. It's an opportunity for a lot of different kids to get some playing time against some really good people. This is going to benefit us in many, many ways down the road."

- Centreville head coach Chris Haddock

Trailing 24-7 in the fourth quarter, Centreville cut the Gonzaga lead to 10 when Boose scored on a 2-yard run with 7:47 remaining, but the Wildcats would get no closer.

Centreville was without running back AJ Turner, a South Carolina commit, who is expected to miss a few more weeks with a wrist injury.

"What tonight affected was a national ranking and a ranking in the Washington Post," Haddock said. "At the end of the day, those are nice things, but that's not why these guys are playing, and that's not why I'm coaching. We're trying to win championships, and we still have the same opportunity right now to do that as we did three hours ago. That's just the reality. People might call that an excuse, that we're trying to dodge it, but it is what it is. If we'd have won, I'd be saying the exact same thing. We beat a good team, but we're still

basically 0-0."

Boose carried 18 times for 75 yards and a touchdown.

Ferrick, making his first varsity start following the graduation of two-year starter Scott Walter, completed 12 of 24 passes for 111 yards and a touchdown, but was intercepted twice.

"It's a lot quicker. It's a quick game, and you have to make quick decisions," Ferrick said. "You've just got to trust that everyone is going to do what they are taught to do."

Centreville will host West Potomac at 7:30 p.m. on Friday,

"We're a good team, too," Haddock said.

— Bulletin Board

DONATIONS

Sept. 12.

The **student Auto Sales Program** operating from Centreville High School works in conjunction with the CVHS automotive technology classes to bring in donated automobiles, boats and motorcycles for students to work on. Some refurbished vehicles are sold, with 75 percent of the proceeds going back to the auto tech program. Contact Lyman Rose at 703-802-5588 or by e-mail lyman.rose@fcps.edu for more. "Folks need to make sure that they don't forget that. We're pretty good, too. We've got a couple pieces to the puzzle that aren't quite ready yet, and that's going to make us even better. It's an opportunity for a lot of different kids to get some playing time against some really good people. This is going to benefit us in many, many ways down the road. We're not going to see a better football team than we saw tonight.

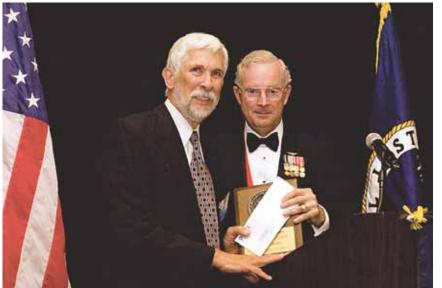
We're just not going to. I don't care what anybody says. I think if a few different things went a few different ways it's a tighter game and maybe some different things happen, but I think that when we go back and watch the film we're going to see that if we did a few things differently we would have played a little bit better with them. If you were to tell me we're going to find somebody better that we're going to play I'd like to find out who that's going to see all year ... I don't like losing at all. This is the best I've felt after a loss in a long time."

--- Jon Roetman

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

- Homeless Animals Rescue Team is looking for volunteers to hold dogs at adoption events, Saturdays noon-3 p.m. Volunteers must be 18 or older. Events will be held at Petsmart, 13866 Metrotech Drive, Chantilly. Call 703-691-HART or visit www.hart90.org/ for more.
- **Fairfax County.** In need of a volunteer On-Call IT Specialists to help older adults. Schedule is flexible. For these and other volunteer opportunities, call 703-324-5406 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/olderadults.

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Alan Rems (on left) receives the 2008 Author of the Year award, plus a \$5,000 prize, from Marine Maj. Gen. Thomas L. Wilkerson, former CEO of the U.S. Naval Institute.



AWWII Mystery Unveiled

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articles for 'Naval History Magazine' that I got accustomed to working that way," said Rems. "I was also getting wonderfully juicy quotes when I was doing the research and I made sure each chapter was built around one."

The most pertinent quote of all, he said, is in Chapter 10, "Halsey Knows the Straight Story." Call- ing it

the book's "most remarkable chapter," Rems said it was based mostly on his own, independent research and "on the most amazing letters in the Marine Corps archives in Quantico that had never been seen before by anyone other than the correspondents."

Initially, he'd planned to write a book about the Bougainville campaign in the Solomon Islands. "But this startling. new information about the general was a prelude to it," he said. "And when I realized nobody had done a complete history of WWII in the South Pacific, I saw a great opportunity to do so."

Those who've read "South Pacific Cauldron" have praised his writing style and, said Rems, "People who know their military history have weighed in on what a good book it is. But I wrote it to be read especially by veterans and their families. It's serious history, but with more than enough of interest to attract the average, intelligent reader."

Knowing that career military personnel and military-history buffs would be among his readers, he

felt "a serious obligation to tell this story with sufficient detail and adequate authority. This was a war of many, small-scale actions that added up, so I had to tell the story in that detail. I didn't want to broadbrush history."

Another element making this book special, said Rems, is the attention he gives to the Australian military. "If there's anything we don't know about, it's their critical contribution to the war in New Guinea

before enough American troops could get there," he said.

He's spoken about his book at various bookstores, on talk radio, at Arlington's Army-Navy Club and at the National Archives in Washington, D.C. He's also slated to discuss it at the Centreville Regional Library on Oct. 30, at 7 p.m.

Rems began writing it in late 2009 and finished in mid-2013. Hardest, he said, was the preface, explaining its contents and why people should care about it.

His greatest satisfaction was bringing to light "an important piece of WWII history, in Chapter 10, because of the insight it provides into Admiral [William] Halsey, one of our leading WWII figures."

He was also pleased to highlight the Australians' important contribution to the war in the South Pacific and to "at last be able to construct a cohesive history of this critical battleground of WWII." Basically, added Rems, "It's a damn good book and an exciting story."

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Comstock, Foust Debate

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She said she was also the candidate who worked on bipartisan efforts to get offshore drilling in Virginia.

FOUST noted his seven years as chairman of the Fairfax Economic Advisory Commission and on the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors where he helped pass a balanced budget every year.

"I've balanced seven budgets in tough economic times by setting priorities and cutting wasteful spending," Foust said.

"As chairman of the board's Audit Committee, I've saved tax payers millions of dollars by cutting waste and inefficiency. And as chairman of the Fairfax County Economic Advisory Commission, I've spent seven years working with dozens of businesses, busiwww.ConnectionNewspapers.com

ness and community leaders to make Northern Virginia even more attractive to new and expanding businesses."

Comstock promised to be focused on the future in Washington.

"I will work to break out of this mess."

Foust said Washington's partisan gridlock is hurting opportunities for the middle class.

"I want other people to have the opportunities that I was so blessed to have," he said.

Virginia's 10th Congressional District - which straggles from portions of Fairfax County through Loudoun County, Manassas, Manassas Park and past Winchester — is currently ranked "leans Republican" by the Rothenberg Political Report/Roll Call analysis.

Time Sensitive

By KENNETH B. LOURIE

As much as I don't want to be cognizant of date, time and place, relative to February 27, 2009 when Team Lourie first received the stage IV, non-small cell lung cancer diagnosis on yours truly, I am (a terminal diagnosis will do that to you). Moreover, as often as I write about the need to live forward, rather than die backward (if you know what I mean), I still struggle with the application. Not that I want to be preoccupied with it, but every day, every date presents opportunities, shall we say: anniversaries, birthdays, ages I thought I'd never be, appointments, scans, pills; constant reminders I am not in Kansas any more (in fact, I'm in Indiana as I write this column). Unfortunately, out of town doesn't put cancer out of mind. Though it may obfuscate its effect a little bit, I kind of feel like Al Pacino – as Michael Corleone in "Godfather III" (1990) - when frustrated by his attempts to legitimize the family business, he said: "Just when I thought I was out...they pull me back in again." And it's not as if I'm ever very far from my cancer reality anyway. The prospect of getting out (finding a cure) is probably less likely than the Corleone family going legit. Nevertheless, as I'm fond of admitting: it sure beats the alternative. So far, so good. Five and a half years and still counting.

Thankfully, life goes on and still I hope. And beholden to that hope is the recognition of the underlying facts: stage IV, non-small cell lung cancer is, as my oncologist said, "a terminal disease;" he could "treat me but he couldn't cure me." Meaning, at least to me, at that time: that a normal life expectancy had just left the building, especially since the prognosis I received from him was "13 months to two years." Now let me ask you this: how does one bury that statement of presumptive medical fact and go about your business/life as if everything is hunky dory? You don't, and as often and as consistently as I have attempted to bury that lead, the reality is, there are circumstances at nearly every turn, backwards and forwards, up and down, which make it nearly impossible to live as if I'm cancer-free. As much as I'd like to forget and live life as if the world were my oyster and that I had everything to gain and nothing to lose, the truth is, it's much easier said and written than actually done. And just like "Gold Hat" (portrayed by Alfonso Bedoya) didn't "need no stinkin' badges" in the 1948 film "The Treasure of the Sierra Madre," neither do I need any reminders, "stinkin'" or otherwise, that I have cancer.

Most of the time, I can overcome them. Sometimes I can't, though. No one said this cancer experience was going to be easy; in fact a close friend and fellow cancer survivor told me quite the opposite: that this would be the hardest thing I've ever done, and of course, she was 100-percent correct; and I'm reminded of that reality every single day, whether I want to be or not.

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News Budget Revision

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the amount of latitude being given to the School Board.

"That \$7.6 million is a very round guestimate," said Smyth. "The schools are saying they think it's going to be less than that — they just don't know how much yet. How long does this go on? Every year are we going to be paying for full-day Mondays again?"

But other supervisors clarified the estimating was a necessary evil and meant as a bridge to reaching the 2015-2016 budgetplanning.

"Once we get to next year's budget," said Lee District Supervisor Jeff McKay, "we're going to be weighing this against everything else. This is singularly one of the most important things they could've done."

Sully Supervisor Michael Frey was similarly frustrated with the way the motion reflected on the board itself, with respect to credibility.

"The fact is we are giving the schools more money for an item that wasn't considered important enough to put into their budget request last spring," Frey said. "We're rewarding behavior I think is simply picking and choosing what they think is most popular at the moment."

THE MAJORITY SENTIMENT, however, was that the School Board amending its budget request, partially as a result of the excessive snow days last winter, was unique timing, justified and necessary.

"This is guidance at this point in time," said Springfield Supervisor Pat Herrity. "I can support it as guidance. But this is a decision, basically, that increased their structural deficit. We'll have to look at it. It was the right thing to do, I'm happy we did it, but it increased the structural deficit."

Hunter Mill Supervisor Cathy Hudgins echoed the team, role-playing sentiment. She said, "That is the most difficult part for us: We say in one breath that they set their own policy. And we fund it. We're not setting their policy. They're now ready to do it, but it is their process."

PRIOR to the public hearing on the budget plan amendment, Bulova opened the day with a slate of formal recognitions and proclamations. The first group recognized was the Guardians of the Ribbon, Pink Heals Tour.

This love-based initiative led by Dave Graybill has brought a fire truck, police car and tour bus — all head-to-toe pink — to 440 cities across the U.S. to bring the needs of women and families in particular in line with community funds. "I give this to you; it's why we don't take donations," said Graybill.

Among other proclamations was the designation of the week of Sept. 8-14 as Suicide Prevention Week in Fairfax County. Supervisor John C Cook (R-Braddock) raised the issue.

"There were 150 suicides in Fairfax County last year," said Cook. "You compare that to homicides, where there's usually about 14-15. That's one almost every other day."

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WHITE HOUSE ORNAMENT SALE

The Western Fairfax County Woman's Club is selling **2014 White House Christmas ornaments** in honor of the 29th President Warren G. Harding. This two piece train ornament is a reminder of Harding's use of trains during his campaign and White Hour years. Ornaments cost \$20 and proceeds benefit charity. Order by calling 703-378-6841 or 703-378-6216.

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.

THURSDAY/SEPT. 11

English Classes. 10 a.m.-noon at Centreville Baptist Church, 15100 Lee Highway, Centreville. Beginner classes meet weekly through December. Childcare is available. Classes are \$5 per semester, textbook is \$15. Register at first class. Call 703-830-3333 or visit www.cbcva.org for more.

Community Patriot's Day Prayer

Walk. 6 p.m. at Woody's Ice Cream, 10435 North St., Fairfax. Cosponsored by Woody's Ice Cream and Jubilee Christian Center of Fairfax. Free ice cream after. Visit www.jccag.org or 703-383-1170.

English Conversation Group. 7 p.m. Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road, Chantilly. Practice English with other students. Adults. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/ branches/ch.

SATURDAY/SEPT. 13

- Church Anniversary. 8 a.m.-noon at Grace Covenant Church, 4600 Brookfield Corporate Drive, Chantilly. Celebrate Grace Covenant Church's 32nd Anniversary with WalkFit Fun Walk and Live Well Expo. Contact Evelyn Spain at
- evelynss328@yahoo.com. **eBook Help.** 2 p.m. Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road, Chantilly. Get your eBook questions answered. Please bring your tablet or eReader and library card. Adults. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/ branches/ch for more.

MONDAY/SEPT. 15

Application Deadline. You can now apply to the Citizens Fire and Rescue Academy. The Academy will begin Sept. 25, 2014, and will meet for nine consecutive weeks, from 6-9 p.m., at various locations in and outside of the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department. Each session will cover different aspects of the organization, providing an in-depth overview of the department, and of its uniformed and civilian workforce. To sign up for the free program, you must be 18 years of age and apply online at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/fr/ cfa.

- Register for ESL Classes. 7 p.m. Register for ESL classes by Spet. 15. Classes are Tuesdays and Thursdays, Sept. 16-Nov. 20, 7-9 p.m. at Lord of Life Lutheran Churches. 5114 Twinbrook Road, Fairfax, or 13421 Twin Lakes Drive, Clifton. Registration fee is \$15. The textbook is \$25. Call 703-323-9500 or visit www.lordoflifeva.org for more.
- **Centreville Garden Club.** 7 p.m. at Sully Government Center, 4900 Stonecroft Blvd., Chantilly. "Feasting on Your Garden's Bounty" potluck to share with new and returning members. Visit centrevillegarden club blogspot com or 703-266-0233
- club.blogspot.com or 703-266-9233. Woman's Club Meet and Greet. 7 p.m. at Greenbriar's Cale Community Center, 4615 Stringfellow Road. Come meet members and learn about the club and its activities. Free. Guests are welcome. Visit www.wfcwc.org or e-mail
- westernfairfaxcountywc@gmail.com. **ESL Book Club.** 7 p.m. Centreville Regional Library, 14200 St. Germain Drive, Centreville. Adults learning English meet to discuss a book chosen by the group. www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/ branches/ce/

ew Voting Equipment Demonstration. 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Centreville Regional Library, 14200 St. Germain Drive, Centreville. Staff from Fairfax County Office of Elections will provide an opportunity to see and try out the new voting machines and equipment that will be used in the upcoming elections. Adults. www.fairfaxcounty.gov/ library/branches/ce/ English Conversation Group. 10:30 a.m. Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road, Chantilly. Practice English with other students. Adults. www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/ branches/ch/

THURSDAY/SEPT. 18

English Conversation Group. 7 p.m. Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road, Chantilly. Practice English with other students. Adults. www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/ branches/ch/

SATURDAY/SEPT. 20

ESL Book Club. 11 a.m. Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road, Chantilly. Adults learning English meet to discuss a book chosen by the group. www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/ branches/ch/

- English Conversation Group. 3:30 p.m. Centreville Regional Library, 14200 St. Germain Drive, Centreville. English conversation practice opportunity for adult learners of English. www.fairfaxcounty.gov/ library/branches/ce/
- Presentation: Applying for Social Security Disability. 2-4 p.m. Attorney Mitch Lambros talks about SSDI benefits for those who are too ill to continue working. Free. No RSVP required. Refrain from wearing scented products. Call 703-968-9818 or visit www.cfsnova.com for more.

SUNDAY/SEPT. 21

"Ministering to Those Experiencing Grief." 1-6 p.m. at Christ Church, 8285 Glen Eagles Lane, Fairfax Station. Stephen Ministry, a Christian non-profit



organization, training pastors and layperson volunteers to better serve the caregiving needs of their community, hosts an introductory workshop. \$15 per person; \$50 for 4 or more. Visit www.stephenministry.org/workshop or call Stephen Ministries at 314-428

or call Stephen Ministries at 314-428-2600 to register.

MONDAY/SEPT. 22

Membership Meeting. 7 p.m. in the Sully District Governmental Center Front Meeting Room, 4900 Stonecroft Boulevard, Chantilly. A meeting to discuss the 10th and 11th District Candidates. Visit

www.SullyDistrict.org for more. **ESL Book Club.** 7 p.m. Centreville Regional Library, 14200 St. Germain Drive, Centreville. Adults learning English meet to discuss a book chosen by the group. www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/ branches/ce/

- New Voting Equipment Demonstration. 3-5 p.m. Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road, Chantilly. Staff from the Fairfax County Office of Elections will provide an opportunity to see and try out the new voting machines and equipment that will be used in the upcoming elections. www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/
- branches/ch/ Candidate Meet and Greet. 7:30-9:30 p.m. at the Sully Governmental Center, 4900 Stonecroft Blvd., Chantilly. Candidates for the 10th and 11th Congressional Districts will be discussing their views on important issues and guests will have a chance to interact in an informal setting.

TUESDAY/SEPT. 23

- Fairfax County Park Authority Board Meeting. 7:30 p.m. in the Herrity Building, 12055 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax. Free. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/ boardagn2.htm for meeting materials, archives and more. Call 703-324-8662.
- New Voting Equipment Demonstration. 5-7 p.m. Centreville Regional Library, 14200 St. Germain Drive, Centreville. Staff from Fairfax County Office of Elections will provide an opportunity to see and try out the new voting machines and equipment that will be used in the upcoming elections. Adults. www.fairfaxcounty.gov/ library/branches/ce/
- English Conversation Group. 10:30 p.m. Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road, Chantilly. Practice your English with other students. www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/ branches/ch/
- Teen Volunteer Information Night. 6:30 p.m. Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road, Chantilly. This presentation will show teens how to find agencies in need of volunteers and explore upcoming volunteer opportunities including VolunteerFest. Age 12-18. www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/ branches/ch/

WEDNESDAY/SEPT. 24

eBook Help. 1 p.m. Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road, Chantilly. Get eBook questions answered. Please bring tablet or ereader and library card. Adults. www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/ branches/ch/

THURSDAY/SEPT. 25

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