

Chantilly CONNECTION

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National Honor Society members
Hyma Yaddanapudi (left) and
Neha Ankam serve turkey wraps
at the annual event honoring
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Fairfax Water

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON WATER RATE AND PROPOSED 2016 BUDGET

At 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, December 17, 2015, Fairfax Water will conduct a public hearing on its proposed Schedule of Rates, Fees and Charges and its proposed 2016 Budget. The hearing will be held in Fairfax Water's offices at 8570 Executive Park Avenue, Fairfax, VA.

The proposed changes to the Schedule of Rates, Fees and Charges, to be effective April 1, 2016, include the following:

1. An increase in the Availability Charge from \$3,950 to \$4,100†.
2. An increase in the Local Facilities Charge from \$9,750 to \$10,240.
3. An increase in the Service Connection Charge from \$1,090 to \$1,150†.
4. An increase in the Account Charge from \$36 to \$37.
5. An increase in the Quarterly Billing Service Charge from \$9.80 to \$10.10†.
6. An increase in the base Commodity Charge from \$2.55 to \$2.68 per 1,000 gallons of water.
7. An increase in the Peak Use Charge from \$3.55 to \$3.80 per 1,000 gallons of water.
8. An increase in the Turn Off / Turn On Charge from \$50 to \$52.
9. An increase in the Fees for Use of Fairfax Water Fire Hydrants to include the increase in the Commodity Charge and Peak Use Charge.
10. A decrease in the Overhead Charge for Labor from 110% to 104%.
11. A decrease in the Overhead Charge for Materials from 25% to 16%.
12. An increase in the Installation of Sewer Use Meter Charge from \$45 to \$46.

†Charges reflect fees associated with a standard 5/8" residential meter. Changes in charges for larger residential and commercial meters are reflected in the proposed Schedule of Rates, Fees, and Charges.

Fairfax Water is proposing a \$170.4 million budget for calendar year 2016*. Revenues are expected to be \$170.4 million in 2016. Water sales are expected to provide \$147.3 million. Approximately \$23.1 million is expected from connection charges, investment income and other sources.

The major areas of operation and maintenance expense are:

Category	-- \$1,000s --	
	2015	2016
Personal Services & Employee Benefits	\$ 53,891	\$ 55,581
Power and Utilities	10,677	10,750
Chemicals	6,335	7,857
Purchased Water	6,717	6,090
Supplies and Materials	4,985	5,113
Insurance	1,017	1,050
Fuel	781	880
Postage	637	664
Contractual Services	9,930	10,422
Professional Services	1,146	1,046
Other	2,363	2,447
Sub-Total	98,479	101,900
Transfer to Improvement Fund	(9,669)	(9,616)
Total	\$ 88,810	\$ 92,284

Net revenues are expected to be appropriated as follows:

Debt Payment	\$41,417,000
Improvement Fund	\$11,000,000
General Fund	\$24,131,000

*Fairfax Water's Board will continue to monitor economic factors and review revenues and expenditures at mid-year to determine if additional action is needed.

A copy of the proposed changes to the rates and the 2016 budget can be viewed on our Web site at http://fairfaxwater.org/current/public_hearing_2015_12_17.htm. Those wishing to speak at this hearing or desiring a copy of the proposed changes should call Mr. Ken Lasso at 703-289-6194. Interested parties also may submit written comments to PublicHearingComments@fairfaxwater.org or mail written comments to:

Fairfax Water
Public Hearing Comments
8570 Executive Park Avenue
Fairfax, VA 22031

All written comments must be received by close of business on **Wednesday, December 16, 2015** to be included in the record of the public hearing.

NEWS

Members of Stone Middle School's National Junior Honor Society at last year's Panther Drop-Off with gifts donated to Our Neighbor's Child.



PHOTO COURTESY OF KELLY LAVIN

ONC Needs Clothes, Toys

And volunteers.

Each year at Christmastime, the non profit, all-volunteer organization, Our Neighbor's Child, provides new clothes and toys for families in need in the local area. But the need is so great that ONC can't do it without help from the local community. Below are dates, contact information and ways to lend a hand:

❖ Stone Middle School's National Junior Honor Society will host a "Panther Drop-Off" gift collection at their school, 5500 Sully Park Drive in Centreville, on Saturday, Dec. 5, from 9 a.m.-noon. That's when people may drop off donations of brand-new toys, books, games and clothing.

❖ ONC's Clothing Coordinator, Stephanie Somers, is seeking volunteers to help purchase children's clothing wishes. For more information, email her at Clothing@ournighborschild.org.

❖ There are also many other ways to help Our Neighbor's Child. To volunteer for any of the needs below, go to www.ournighborschild.org. At the top of the home page are links to "Calendar," "Volunteer Needs" or "Donate Now."

❖ Volunteers are needed Thursday, Dec. 10, for packaging day. That's when each recipient family's gifts are gathered up and packed in big bags for delivery. And with nearly 800 families receiving gifts, as much help as possible is needed on this critical day. Even if people can just work an hour or two, it will be a huge help.

❖ Some 20,000 homemade cookies will be delivered, along with the gifts, so anyone who can help bake them will be greatly appreciated. Bring cookies in disposable containers, Dec. 10, from noon-4 p.m., to the Virginia Run Community Center, 15355 Wetherburn Court, off Route 29 and Pleasant Valley Road, in Centreville.

❖ Sunday, Dec. 13, from 1-4 p.m. is delivery day. As many drivers as possible are needed to bring all the gifts to the families.

❖ Monetary donations are also vital so the ONC volunteers may buy the wished-for items that weren't selected from the giving trees. That way, no child will go without a gift. Checks may be sent to: Our Neighbor's Child, P.O. Box 276, Centreville, VA 20120, Attn: Karen Moore, Treasurer.

— BONNIE HOBBS

'This Honor Is Well-Deserved'

PFC Michelle Alexander is Officer of the Month.

BY BONNIE HOBBS
THE CONNECTION

PFC Michelle L. Alexander was recently recognized for a job well done. She was honored as the September Officer of the Month by the Sully District Police Station's Citizens Advisory Committee.

When PFC Tara Gerhard, the station's crime prevention officer (CPO), went on maternity leave for three months, Alexander stepped into her role. And according to Lt. Todd Kinkead, who nominated her for the award, she did so "welcomingly" and enthusiastically.

"Michelle stepped in with open eyes and a willingness to do whatever was asked and more," he wrote. "And she has exceeded our expectations."

Kinkead said the position of CPO "requires



BONNIE HOBBS/THE CONNECTION

PFC Michelle Alexander receives her certificate from Capt. Bob Blakley.

flexibility and adaptability to work through its many demands, and Michelle learned the job quickly so she could perform at a high level." And although a CPO typically works business hours, evening and weekend commitments require constant adjustments.

He also noted that Alexander continued all the programs already in place and kept "a high level of service and personalization."

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ROUNDUPS

Seeking Donations for Victims

The Fairfax County Police Department Victim Services Section is kicking off its Second Annual Holiday Gift Card Drive in an effort to provide holiday help for children of domestic and sexual violence.

Many of these children and families are facing the reality of not celebrating the holidays this year due to the financial burden that comes with being a victim of crime.

The Victim Services Section is seeking donations of gift cards for the families they have worked with this past year, the opportunity to bring a smile to the faces of their children — those who have witnessed or been a victim of domestic or sexual violence themselves.

Gift cards can be dropped off or mailed to the Victim Services Section main office located at 10600 Page Ave., Fairfax, VA 22030.

Bilingual Volunteers Needed

The Centreville Labor Resource Center (CLRC) is collaborating with GMU's school of Conflict Analysis and Resolution on a community assessment project. The CLRC is looking for bilingual volunteers to assist researchers with conducting interviews. Schedule varies depending on interview times. Contact Molly Maddra-Santiago at director@centrevillelrc.org if interested in this opportunity.

Free Carseat Inspections

Certified technicians from the Sully District Police Station will perform free, child safety carseat inspections Thursday, Dec. 10, from 5-8:30 p.m., at the station, 4900 Stonecroft Blvd. in Chantilly. No appointment is necessary. But residents should install the child safety seats themselves so technicians may properly inspect and adjust them, as needed.

Because of time constraints, only the first 35 vehicles arriving on each date will be inspected. That way, inspectors may have enough time to properly instruct the caregiver on the correct use of the child seat. Call 703-814-7000, ext. 5140, to confirm dates and times.

Food Donations for WFCM

Western Fairfax Christian Ministries' food pantry needs donations of 1-2 pound bags of rice, canned fruit (all types), canned pastas, canned meats (tuna, ham, chicken), cold and hot cereals, spaghetti and sauces, peanut butter, canned vegetables (including spinach, collar greens, beets) and cooking oil.

Toiletries needed, which WFCM clients cannot purchase with food stamps, include facial tissues, toothpaste, shampoo and solid deodorant.

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@wfcma.org.

Learn about Police Department

Throughout the year, the Fairfax County Police Department will host a series of lectures as part of its 75th anniversary.

♦ Dec. 14 – Crisis Negotiations Team, 11 a.m. at the Criminal Justice Academy <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/fcpd-crisis-negotiations-team-tickets-15374274870>.

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. V

olunteers 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.

NEWS



From left are Steve and Monique Hunt, Bill Sheads and Maria Mnimbo.



Elise Mazzone serves spinach quiche to Navy veteran Charlie Fontz.

PHOTOS BY BONNIE HOBBS/THE CONNECTION

Serving Those Who Served

Chantilly High honors America's veterans.

BY BONNIE HOBBS
THE CONNECTION

Each year, Chantilly High and members of its National Honor Society (NHS) honor area veterans, and it's something both the hosts and guests eagerly anticipate. And the Nov. 18 event was no exception.

Attendees feasted on hors d'oeuvres and desserts made by the school's culinary arts students and then were treated to an evening of entertainment. Chantilly's Air Force JROTC presented the colors, and retired Chantilly teacher and Army vet Charles Demek led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The school's Chamber Chorale sang the National Anthem and "Blades of Grass and Pure White Stones." Theater students reenacted historical vignettes of note, and the orchestra performed several numbers, including an Armed Forces salute with the chorus.

"I love it," said Navy Cmdr. (ret.) Charlie Fontz, the librarian at Rocky Run Middle School. Before retiring in 1989, he was a helicopter pilot and communications specialist during the Vietnam War. Attending this veterans' celebration for his second time, he said, "It's wonderful bringing all the veterans together to be recognized. Chantilly puts on a good show and we really appreciate it."

NHS members Hyma Yaddanapudi and Neha Ankam, both freshmen, helped serve the food and were happy to participate. "It feels good to give something back to my community," said Yaddanapudi. "The veterans have done many things for us."

"I feel honored, serving a lot of great people," said Ankam. "And giving back to them is respectful because they worked hard for us."

NHS President Jordan Beeker, a senior, said some 80-90 NHS members volunteered for the event. "We all got here at 3:30 p.m. to set up tables, decorations and lighting," she said. "And after serving the food and beverages, they'll also do cleanup."

"This is something Chantilly has been part of for seven years," she said. "It's unique to our National Honor Society. We take pride in doing it every year, and the veterans look forward to it."

Fairfax County Electoral Board Chairman Steve Hunt, a former county School Board member, visited with WWII veteran Bill Sheads, 92, who landed at Normandy on June 16, 1944, driving a truckload of explosives. Sheads was in the Army's 113th Armed Cavalry in Europe and later had a career with the



Representing Chantilly's AFROTC are (from left) Cadet 1st Lt. Seung Gue Kang; senior instructor Tim Lambert, a retired Air Force lieutenant colonel; and Cadet 2nd Lt. MacEgan Froberg.

Fairfax County Fire Department.

Hunt is a retired Naval flight officer who flew F4 and F14 aircraft during the Cold War. Pleased with Chantilly's annual veterans' event, he said, "I think it's just great. It's always fabulous, and the kids do a wonderful job with the food and music. And it's very special for them to get to meet the veterans and to honor them this way."

Greenbriar's Bob Mason is a former Marine who went in as a private and retired 31 years later as a colonel. Serving from 1952-83, he was in the infantry in Vietnam with the 26th Green Regiment and was the regiment's communications officer. Now, he goes to various elementary schools and talks to children about the Constitution, Bill of Rights and freedom.

At last week's event, he said, "Young people nowadays get such bad press that it's good to see these young kids doing something positive like this. My children went to Chantilly High and my grandson was in the AFROTC here."

AFROTC Cadet 1st Lt. Seung Gue Kang, a Chantilly senior, said 50 or more AFROTC members were there

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Serving Those Who Served

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helping the veterans, guiding them around and answering their questions. "We thank them for their service, talk with them and get to know them a little more so we can better serve them," he said.

Delighted to participate, Kang said, "It's an opportunity we can't miss. It's an honor to meet all these veterans and learn their stories. And it reflects our unit positively. The Air Force core values are 'integrity first, service before self and excellence in all we do,' and this is the service part of it. The veterans have gotten us to where we are today and this is our way of honoring them."



Retired Marine Col. Bob Mason (left) with his grandson, Bryan Holleman.

PHOTO BY
BONNIE HOBBS
THE CONNECTION

Alexander Named Officer of the Month

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Some of the many duties, programs and events she took over included: Kids Fest, preschool safety talks, CAC, homeowners association meetings, senior center talks, Worship Watch, Neighborhood Beams and National Night Out.

"Michelle has been very easy to work with and had a great attitude and desire to help during her time filling in as CPO," wrote Kinhead. "She has even taken steps to further her knowledge in this area, attending the two-day training seminar put on yearly by the Piedmont Regional Crime Prevention Association. This illustrates her commitment to bettering herself and her abilities in the area of crime pre-

vention."

Furthermore, he said, "I know she will continue to excel and be a great help to the Sully District Station's strategic goal in the area of community engagement. I commend PFC Michelle Alexander for a job well done and proudly nominate her for the Citizens Advisory Committee Officer of the Month award."

Alexander officially received the honor during the Oct. 14 CAC meeting, when the station commander, Capt. Bob Blakley, presented her with a certificate. "She went from being a patrol officer to doing something totally different, and she was great at it and will continue [in this position] through the end of the year. She dealt with the community well and this honor is very well-deserved."

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PROVIDE HEALTHCARE \$300 will buy one child a year of medical care.	FEED THE HUNGRY \$100 will buy a holiday meal for a family in need.	FUND SOME SUMMER FUN \$50 provides a week of summer fun at camp.	COUNTY OF FAIRFAX VIRGINIA

Enough with all the snowflake ties and reindeer sweaters, too. This year, there are lots of great ways to give and give back at the same time. Now you can donate to any of these Fairfax County nonprofits in honor of anyone on your gift list. It makes shopping easy and offers you a nice tax deduction. But best of all, it helps those organizations succeed in bringing goods and services to those who need them most at this special time of year. Learn more at givefairfax.net

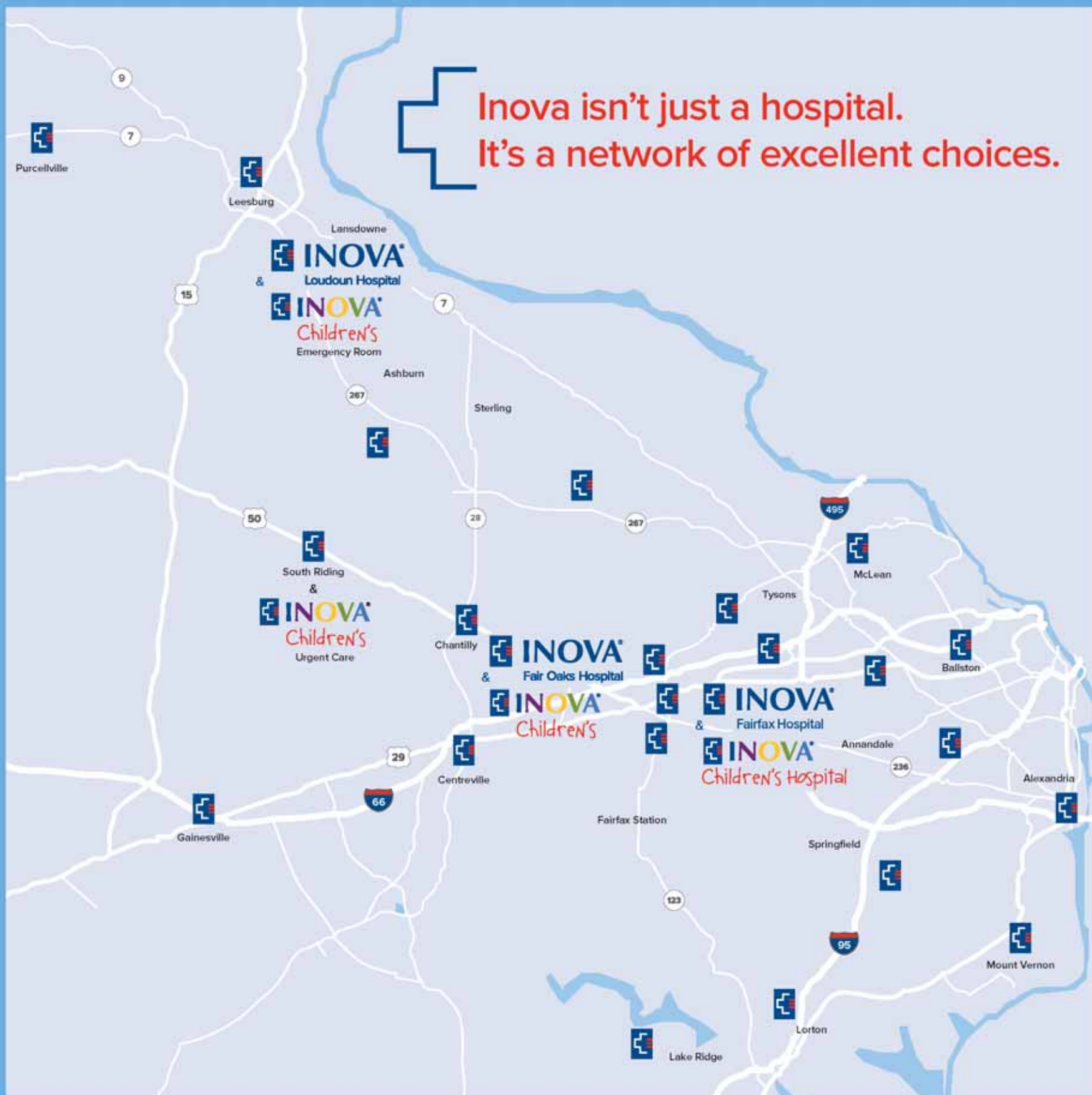
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OPINION

Celebrate, Shop, Dine Locally

Every day can be “small business day.”

There is a joy to participating in community traditions and celebrations during the holidays, from walking along a sidewalk with the streets decked out for the holidays, to shopping in local stores, to being greeted by someone likely to be the owner of the store, to finding gifts that are not mass-produced.

One way to be sure holiday shopping comes with some holiday spirit is to do a portion of your shopping in some of the area's locally owned stores. There is special holiday ambience available by shopping in the heart of a town that is decked out for the season. Small retail shops are part of defining any community. Their livelihood depends on the livability and quality of the neighborhoods around them. A small business owner pays attention to every detail in his or her business in a way that is otherwise unmatched.

We all benefit when local stores thrive, when local business districts beckon. An effort to support locally owned businesses has resulted in the recognition of Small Business Saturday, the Saturday after Thanksgiving, also called Shop Small. This year that day is Nov. 28.

EDITORIAL

Locally owned retail shops, services, restaurants depend on vibrant local communities to thrive, and communities depend on those businesses as well. Most small, locally owned businesses invest in community, helping to transform our towns and communities with a sense of place.

Frequently, it is the small retail person who is active in fundraising for local charities, advocating for improvements, for fire and rescue service, for local schools and in organizing holiday events.

Local retail stores, mom-and-pop stores, face tough challenges right now. Com-

Children's Connection

During the last week of each year, The Connection devotes its entire issue to the creativity of local students and children. It is a keepsake edition for many families. The annual Children's Connection is a tradition of well over a decade.

We publish artwork, poetry, essays, creative writing, opinion pieces, short stories, photography, photos of sculpture or gardens or other creative efforts.

We ask that all submissions be digital so they can be sent through email or delivered on CD or flash drive. Writing should be submitted in rich text format (.rtf). Artwork should be pho-

graphed or scanned and provided in jpeg format. We welcome contributions from public and private schools, individuals and homeschoolers. To be published, we must have first and last name of the student. Please include the student's age and/or grade, school attended and town of residence.

Identify each piece of writing or art, including the student's full name, age, grade and town of residence, plus the name of the school, name of teacher and town of school location. Please provide submissions by Friday, Dec. 4. Email submissions for the to chantilly@connectionnewspapers.com.

— MARY KIMM

MKIMM@CONNECTIONNEWSPAPERS.COM

grew up and has permanent residence in Fairfax County, I was very pleased to see that this topic was at least touched on by someone. It would be interesting to see more awareness spread, as being a town newspaper, it would be reaching everyone in the community and be seen by most schools. I have the deepest empathy for Ahmed, as I myself have encountered stereotyped events in which I was at a disadvantage due to the ignorance and hatred felt by others.

Ahmed's family decided to move to Doha, Qatar, due to the accusations being thrown upon Ahmed and educational opportunities. Even though Ahmed was put through something no 14 year old should go through, all over a clock he did for an assignment, he was still suspended, and punished, for other kids' "safety." This was a message to Ahmed and his family making them feel out of place. There should be more implementation and awareness of accepting and understanding differences in ethnicity, culture, race, etc. at a younger age. Learning provides empathy, which results in a good society.

Medina Khatib
Centreville

Need Is Great

To the Editor:

In response to the article regarding the WFCM Holiday Food Program, I would like to take time emphasizing the importance of not only this specific program, but also others like it.

As the article states, even though Northern Virginia is a wealthy area, there are many families who do not reap the benefits. Not only are 1 in 4 children in FCPS receiving free or reduced lunches at school, but according to the 2013 census, 5.9 percent of our residents and 7.8 percent of children live in poverty here in Fairfax County.

It is sad that there is such a harsh line being drawn, separating families who are struggling from those who are well off. This divide creates a hierarchy that only benefits a select few, and is especially damaging to that 7.8 percent of children that aren't getting the resources they need to succeed. Children living in poverty have access to at least one free, full meal a day at school but during holiday breaks, those kids often go without — an issue that other kids, due to being a part of a higher income family, do not have to worry about. It is also sad that many people are unaware of the level of poverty present in our community — and if they remain unaware, how can this issue be fixed?

That is why programs that spread awareness and get the community involved are so necessary, and which is why I encourage residents to support the WFCM Food Program. It can be your way to help bridge the gap between those

in need and those who aren't by making food resources available so that everyone can have meals on the table during the holiday season.

As a FCPS graduate and someone who has only ever called Fairfax County home — I am glad to read about fellow residents reaching out to help one another, and I hope that this will become a priority for more people in the future.

Jemma Stratton

Clifton

*Centreville High School graduate,
now a freshman at JMU*

Learning And Empathy

To the Editor:

After reading a letter to the editor by Shumaila Ahmad, "Hatred and Ignorance," I was inspired to add my support and thoughts. On the topic of Admed Mohamed, a young Muslim student who was arrested, investigated, and suspended from school for building a clock the school thought was a bomb, I really felt for Ahmed. As a middle eastern that

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SATURDAY/NOV. 28

Little Rock Run Annual Blood Drive. 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at Little Rocky Run Recreation Center, 6201 Sandstone Way, Clifton. Mitch Kiefer, a senior at

Paul VI Catholic High School, is trying to help nova meet their need for 250 units of blood daily. Email PantherPints@gmail.com to make an appointment.

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VIEWPOINTS

What are you thankful for?

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Arya Rashidian, Centreville

"I am most grateful for being around family. I wish everyone around the world a lovely weekend and a Happy Thanksgiving."



Randy Allen, Centreville

"I am most grateful for my wife and my kids. I am also grateful for God and His word. I would also like to add that I have a sign over my door in my classroom that asks this same question: 'What are you most grateful for?'"



Elizabeth Mashakas, Centreville

"I am thankful for my extended family. I am fortunate to have both parents, so we are able to celebrate the generations."



Linda Braskamp, Herndon

"I am grateful for my son Zac, my dog Rufus, and family. I am also grateful for the opportunities we have in this area. I also have to add I am grateful for the Green Bay Packers who play on Thanksgiving Day."

James Hepler, Chantilly

"I am most grateful for public safety, family, and good health. I am also grateful that people are good to each other."



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SPORTS



Kevin Petrillo and the Westfield football team defeated South Lakes in the 6A North quarterfinals on Nov. 20. The Bulldogs will travel to face Lake Braddock at 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 28.



Westfield quarterback Tyler Scanlon scored a pair of rushing touchdowns during the Bulldogs' 24-13 win over South Lakes in the 6A North region quarterfinals on Nov. 20 at Westfield High School.

PHOTOS BY WILL PALENSCAR

Westfield Football Beats South Lakes in Quarterfinals

Bulldogs will travel to face Lake Braddock in semifinals.

BY WILL PALENSCAR
FOR THE CONNECTION

The No. 3-seed Westfield football team overcame a fourth-quarter deficit to defeat No. 6 South Lakes 24-13 on Nov. 20 in the 6A North region quarterfinals at Westfield High School.

The Bulldogs led 10-6 entering the fourth quarter. The Seahawks answered with a 3-

yard touchdown pass from quarterback Devin Miles to Marvin Grunshie. Khalil Dover's extra point gave South Lakes the advantage at 13-10. However, Westfield's Tavon Greene returned a punt 70 yards for a touchdown and quarterback Tyler Scanlon rushed for his second score of the game with 6:19 remaining to close out scoring.

Westfield will travel to face No. 2 Lake Braddock in the region semifinals at 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 28.

Westfield opened up scoring in the second quarter when quarterback Scanlon ran for his first of two scores. The first touchdown was a 22-yard burst which came with 29 seconds left in the second quarter. After Brian Delaney's extra point, Westfield was up 7-0.

In the third quarter, a Westfield punt was downed at the South Lakes 1-yard line. On the next play, South Lakes sophomore quarterback Miles took the snap and fired the

ball to receiver Eric Kirlew, who took the ball 99 yards for the score. After a missed South Lakes extra point, Westfield held a 7-6 edge. Kirlew finished with four catches for 114 yards.

With 5:15 left in the third quarter Westfield's Delaney kicked a 32-yard field goal to give the Bulldogs a 10-6 lead heading onto the 4th quarter.

South Lakes ends its season with a 9-3 record. Westfield improved to 11-1.



PHOTO BY JEFF MCQUILKIN

Chargers End Season

Senior quarterback David Tammaro and the No. 13-seed Chantilly football team lost to No. 5 Robinson 31-24 in the 6A North region quarterfinals on Nov. 20 at Robinson Secondary School. The Chargers finished the season with a 6-6 record, including a 27-19 upset of No. 4 Madison, the Conference 6 champion, in the opening round of the playoffs on Nov. 13.



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U14 Champions

The SYA Cardinals '01 Red Boys Travel Soccer Team competed in the CASL Boys Jr. Showcase in Raleigh, N.C. the weekend of Nov. 14-15. The U14 team — Demitri Turner, Ryan Ross, James Anderson, Thomas Corral-Chavez, Peter Kim, Matthew Kim, Andrew Strait, Tobey Phan, Keegan Shackford, Damon McCarthy, Kiran Sarvepelli, Griffin Yow, JP Wiemann, and Christian Norem — came home as champions after a tight final against Triangle United Soccer Academy. The game winning goal was scored by Griffin Yow of Clifton. The team is coached by Dean McAlpin.

ENTERTAINMENT

Email announcements to chantilly@connectionnewspapers.com. Include date, time, location, description and contact for event: phone, email and/or website. Photos and artwork welcome. Deadline is Thursday at noon, at least two weeks before event.

ONGOING

GFWC Western Fairfax County Woman's Club is selling 2015 White House Christmas ornaments. This year's ornament honors 30th President, Calvin Coolidge. The ornament cost \$20. Call 703-378-6216 for more.

Toddlin' Twos. Tuesdays, 10:30 and 11:30 a.m. at the Chantilly Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Early literacy storytime with songs and activities included. Age 2 with caregiver, free. Call 703-502-3883 to reserve a spot.

Storytime for Three to Fives. Tuesdays, 1:30 p.m. at the Chantilly Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Stories and activities for children age 3-5 with caregiver. Free. Call 703-502-3883 to reserve a spot.

English Conversation Group. Thursdays, 7 p.m. at the Chantilly Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Practice English with a group of students and adults. Free. Call 703-502-3883 to reserve a space.

English Conversation Group. Saturdays, 3 p.m. at the Centreville Regional Library, 14200 St. Germain Drive. Practice English with a group of students and adults. Free. Call 703-830-2223 for more.

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Plant Clinic. Saturdays, 10:30 a.m. at the Chantilly Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. A neighborhood plant clinic with horticultural tips, information, techniques, and advice. Free. Call 703-502-3883 to reserve a space.

ESL Book Club. Mondays, 7 p.m. at the Centreville Regional Library, 14200 St. Germain Drive. Meet and discuss a book chosen by group. Free. Call 703-830-2223 with questions and to reserve a spot.

ESL Book Club. Every other Saturday, 11 a.m. at the Chantilly Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Adults learning English are welcome to meet and discuss a book chosen by the group. To find out book title, call 703-502-3883.

Lego Block Party. Every other Tuesday, 3 p.m. at the Chantilly Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Legos will be provided for an afternoon of building. Grades 3-6. Free. Call 703-502-3883 to reserve a spot.

Duplo Storytime. Every other Wednesday, 10:30 and 11:30 a.m. at the Chantilly Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Develop and reinforce early literacy skills for reading success. Ages 1-3 with adult. Free. Call 703-502-3883 to reserve a spot.

Live After Five. Fridays at 5:30 p.m. at The Winery at Bull Run, 15950 Lee Highway. Every Friday night a band plays on the patio of the winery. Free to attend. Visit www.wineryatbullrun.com for a full schedule.

Sully Historic Site. 3650 Historic Sully Way. 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-

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Legos Kids Club. Every other Tuesday, 10:30 a.m. at the Centreville Regional Library, 14200 St. Germain Drive. Thousands of Legos for children to play with. Ages 6-12. Free. Call 703-830-2223 to reserve a space.

Starlight Storytime. Every other Wednesday, 7 p.m. at the Centreville Regional Library, 14200 St. Germain Drive. Stories under the stars for ages 4-8. Wear pajamas and bring stuffed friends. Free. Call 703-830-2223 to reserve a space.

THROUGH DEC. 24

Fair Oaks Mall Celebrates with "Peanuts Gang." Various times at Fair Oaks Mall, 11750 Fair Oaks Mall, Fairfax. To celebrate the launch of *The Peanuts Movie*, guests will find Peanuts characters center stage within interactive Ice Palaces at the mall. The indoor holiday displays feature a 30-foot dome complete with falling snow, a light show and other activities. Free to attend. Visit www.shopfairoaksmall.com/events.

NOV. 25-JAN. 31

Santa Through the Ages. 11 a.m.-4 p.m. daily, except Tuesdays, at Sully Historic Site, 3650 Historic Sully Way, Chantilly. This exhibit of Santa figures depicts the Jolly Old Elf through different time periods. Tickets are \$7 for adults. \$6 for students, and \$5 for seniors and children. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov for more.

SATURDAY-SUNDAY/NOV. 28-29

"The Nutcracker." 2 p.m. and 7 p.m.

on Saturday, 2 p.m. on Sunday at W.T.Woodson High School, 9525 Main St., Fairfax. Members of the Fairfax Ballet Company, along with students from the Russell School of Ballet and professional guest artists will perform this holiday classic with new choreography including; angels, Spanish chocolate. Chinese tea, and Dutch Mirlitons. Tickets are \$23-28. Visit www.fairfaxballet.com.

DEC. 2-28

Christmas at Sully Historic Site. 11 a.m.-4 p.m. daily, except Tuesdays, at Sully Historic Site, 3650 Historic Sully Way, Chantilly. The Sully Plantation will be decorated as it would have been in the 18th century. Tickets are \$7 for adults. \$6 for students, and \$5 for seniors and children. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov for more.

SATURDAY/DEC. 5

Panther Pick-Up. 9 a.m.-12 p.m. at Stone Middle School, 5500 Sully Park Drive, Centreville. Volunteers will collect gifts for local children in need. Email Kathleen Schroeder at mschroeder@fcps.edu.

Christmas Treasure Hunt, Santa, & Fun. 1-4 p.m. at Sully Historic Site, 3650 Historic Sully Way, Chantilly. Go on a treasure hunt and earn a prize. Make ornaments for your "critter friends" and yourself, and relax with refreshments. Weather permitting, take a ride on the Santa Express Trackless Train. Admission is \$10-12 for children, \$5-7 for adults, \$3 additional for a train ride. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov for more.

Goodbye Party for Supervisor Michael Frey. 3-5 p.m. at Sully Governmental Center, 4900

Stonecroft Blvd., Chantilly. This is an open house for the community to say 'goodbye' to Supervisor Michael Frey for serving the Sully District for 24 years of elected service. Free. Call 703-814-7100.

SATURDAY-SUNDAY/DEC. 5-6

26th Annual Holiday Model Train Show. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. on Saturday, 12-4 p.m. on Sunday at The Fairfax Station Railroad Museum, 11200 Fairfax Station Road, Fairfax Station. Model and toy trains displays in G, Standard, O, S, Lego, HO, N and Z Gauges. The "Train Doctor" will be available to fix or advise on broken models. Weather permitting, antique autos will be on the Museum grounds. Admission for museum members is free, \$5 for adults and \$2 for children. Visit www.fairfax-station.org for more.

SUNDAY/DEC. 6

Road to Success Program and Luncheon. 11 a.m. at Waterford at Fair Oaks, 12025 Lee Jackson Memorial Highway, Fairfax. This event, targeting high school students, focuses on preparing students for the academic, social and financial transition from high school to college. Free. Visit www.fcacd.org to register before Nov. 30.

MONDAY/DEC. 7

Evening in December. 7:30-9:30 p.m. at Floris United Methodist Church, 13600 Frying Pan Road, Herndon. Listen to music by Point of Grace, and a message from Ellie Lofaro, Author and Humorist. Tickets are \$15. Visit www.helpingchildrenworldwide.org

for more.

FRIDAY-SATURDAY/DEC. 11-12

Centreville Library Holiday Used Book Sale. 10 a.m.-6 p.m. on Friday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. on Saturday at Centreville Library, 14200 St. Germain Drive. Books available in "like new" condition. Free. Call 703-830-2223.

FRIDAY-SUNDAY/DEC. 11-13

"Christmas in New York." Various times at Richard J. Ernst Theatre, 8333 Little River, Annandale. Encore Theatrical Arts Project presents a Broadway-style music about a boy who attend a new boarding school, and eventually winds up in the North Pole. Tickets are \$19-23. Visit www.ensemble-tap.org for more.

SATURDAY/DEC. 12

Civil War by Candlelight. 4:45-8 p.m. at Sully Historic Site, 3650 Historic Sully Way, Chantilly. Experience a Civil War Christmas as Confederate soldiers cook dinner in the field and fire the Christmas guns. Enjoy music by Evergreen Shade, make a 19th century holiday decoration, sample hot cider and homemade cookies. House tour is 45 minutes. Tickets are \$10-12. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov for more.

Christmas Palooza at the nZone. 5-7:15 p.m. at The nZone, 14550 Lee Road, Chantilly. Have breakfast for dinner at this Christmas event for crafts, cookie decorating, carolers, moonbounces and more. Santa will visit. Visit www.newlife.church/santa.

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By KENNETH B. LOURIE

In fact, it was my idea (and I do think much of it), as it has been previously, but this time, my oncologist felt – to quote my late father: “The idea had merit.” And so, infusing forward, I will be visiting (I use that word loosely), the Infusion Center every four weeks instead of three. A change nearly seven years in the making. Now whether it hastens my demise or simply improves the quality of my life, I certainly don’t know. All I know is what little I know. Nevertheless, given my amazing good fortune to still be alive so many years after my original prognosis “prognosed” otherwise: “13 months to two years,” (as stated by my oncologist on 2/27/09), I suppose I’m living proof that cancer works in mysterious ways and not always according to medical expectations. Thank God!

Perhaps the future – and maybe even the present, is what I make of it. And though it’s difficult – but not impossible – to do so, among the rather grim tales that one hears in the lung cancer/cancer-in-general world, there are success stories, many of which I’ve actually heard. And the more of these stories I hear, the more I feel empowered and realize that even though we have not won the war on cancer, we are winning battles, not just skirmishes. Lung cancer patients are living longer, as I have been fortunate to do; now we’re going to try and improve the quality of that “living longer.”

Not that you readers can’t sort it for yourselves, but extending my infusion schedule by one week from three to four is not merely a 33 percent increase in that interval, it’s an exponential increase in my head; meaning it feels way more significant than one week. It almost seems as if I can breathe normally again (not that I have any cancer-related difficulty breathing other than climbing stairs, lifting heavy objects or otherwise over-exerting myself); the sensation now, the expectation now, is that I have control of my life for an extra week EVERY SINGLE MONTH that I’ve not had for almost seven years. I don’t want to go commercial here, but can you spell relief? For me, it’s not a product, it’s a lifestyle.

However, as relieved as I am, this decision/possibly even accommodation from my oncologist, is not because I’m cured, in remission or cancer-free. No. It’s because I asked and my most recent PET Scan answered by indicating that I was “stable,” according to my oncologist. News, I like to joke, with which I can live. But news which hardly extricates me from “Cancerville.” Rather, news that allows/enables my oncologist to consider some options that many cancer patients are unable to consider. For the record, though: this is unlikely to be permanent and guarantees are not being made. Still, to invoke Hubert H. Humphrey: “I’m pleased as punch.”

As a long-time salesman, I’ve heard many technique advisories. One I will mention here: “Don’t be afraid to take ‘yes’ for an answer.” Well, I’ve learned my lessons. I am going to take “yes” for an answer. I’m not looking for trouble. If my oncologist is happy to oblige/agree with the four-week interval, then who am I to question it? Question it is the last thing I’m going to do. I’m going to embrace and enjoy it. Besides, I deserve it. I only wish there hundreds/thousands of other “terminal” cancer patients receiving similar results and subsequent improvement in the quality of their lives. And though it may be temporary (until the results of my next CT Scan in January, that is), for the time I’m still being: “Oh, what a relief it shall be!”

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DONATIONS

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

Cell Phones for Soldiers is accepting donations of old cellphones so that troops can call home. Patrons may drop off donations at 14215E Centreville Square, Centreville.

SUPPORT GROUP

Telephone Support Group for Family Caregivers of Older Adults. 7 p.m. every second Tuesday of the month. This telephone support group is designed to help caregivers of older adults share experiences, gain support and get important information without having to travel. These are one-hour free sessions. Find out more and register at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dfs/olderadultservices/ and click on Caregiver Telephone Support Group.

Fair Oaks Parkinson's Support Group for people living with Parkinson's disease, caregivers and family, meets on the fourth Saturday monthly, 10 a.m.-noon at Sunrise at Fair Oaks, 3750 Joseph Siewick Drive, Fairfax. Call 703-378-7221 or visit www.fairoaksparkinsons.com for more.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Northern Virginia Long Term Care Ombudsman Program needs volunteer advocates for residents in nursing homes and assisted living facilities. Contact Lisa Callahan at 703-324-5861, TTY 711 or email Lisa.Callahan@fairfaxcounty.gov. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dfs/olderadultservices/lteombudsman/.

Shepherd's Center of Fairfax Burke serves those 50+ and who no longer drive. Volunteer drivers are needed for trips (Monday-Friday) to medical appointments and companion shopping within the Fairfax/Burke area. Contact Barry Wickersham at 703-359-2918 or aowbrw@verizon.net or contact John Taylor at 703-239-2898 or jjajt7@verizon.net. For these and other volunteer opportunities, call 703-324-5406, TTY 711 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/olderadults and click on Volunteer Solutions:

❖ **The Sully Senior Center** in Centreville needs a certified personal trainer, preferably with experience working with older adults.

❖ **Meals on Wheels** needs drivers in Chantilly and McLean. Substitute drivers needed throughout the county.

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In execution of a Deed of Trust dated October 7, 2013, in the original principal amount of \$180,000.00, recorded as Deed Book 23421 at Page 0043 in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Fairfax County, Virginia, the undersigned Trustee will on Tuesday, December 8, 2015 at 9:30 a.m., by the front main entrance to the Fairfax County Courthouse, 41 10 Chain Bridge Road, Fairfax, VA 22030, offer for sale at public auction to the highest bidder the following property with improvements thereon commonly known as 14740 Flint Lee Road, Unit Q, Chantilly, Virginia 20170 and more particularly described as follows: Building 14740, Unit Q of Parcel A of FLINT LEE BUSINESS PARK CONDOMINIUM, as created by the Declaration and By-laws, Plats and Plans as recorded in Deed Book 7173 at Page 1896, among the land records of the County of Fairfax, Virginia, together with an undivided interest in the common elements as set forth in the Declaration and Exhibits. Tax Map Ref: 034 3 12 4740Q

This sale is subject to any reservations, restrictions on use, covenants, obligations, rights of way, conditions, easements, and mechanic's liens, if any, whether of record or not of record, to the extent any of the foregoing apply and take priority over the lien of the Deed of Trust. Deposit of \$15,000.00, or 10% of the sales price, whichever is lower, by cashier's or certified check, shall be required to qualify as a bidder prior to the sale, except for the Noteholder. The deposit, without interest, is applied to the purchase price at settlement. Settlement will be held on or before fifteen (15) days after sale. Upon purchaser's default, the deposit shall be forfeited and the property shall be resold at the risk and costs of the defaulting purchaser. The balance of the purchase price shall be paid by certified or cashier's check, or wire transfer. Settlement shall be at the offices of the undersigned Trustee, or other mutually agreed upon location. The property and any improvements thereon shall be sold in "as is" condition without any warranties. The successful bidder shall assume all loss or damage to the property from and after the time of the sale. Purchaser shall be responsible for all costs of the conveyance, which shall be by special warranty including, but not limited to, the preparation of the deed and the grantor's tax. Real estate taxes shall be adjusted as of the sale date. The sale is subject to such additional terms as the Trustee may announce at the time of sale. The purchaser will be required to sign a Memorandum of Sale incorporating all the terms of the sale.

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