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Welcoming Santa

Homes in Centreville are decorated for the holidays.







'In the Spirit Of the Season'

Sully police collect, deliver holiday food to local families.

By Bonnie Hobbs Centre View

anta's elves aren't the only ones lending a hand this holiday season. The men and women of the Sully District Police Station are doing their share, too. They "adopted" 30 local families in need, collected 2,009 pounds of food and then delivered it to them.

"We did a competition between the patrol squads to see which one could bring in the most food," said Capt. Bob Blakley, the station commander. "The winner was one midnight squad of 11 officers which brought in 770 pounds. We make it fun, but the collection is also done in the spirit of the season."

1st Lt. Matt Owens, the assistant commander, said the winning squad received a fitting prize for its efforts. "They got a homecooked, barbecue dinner from the wife of one of the officers," he said.

It's the second year the station has done this holiday-food project and, said Blakley, "We nearly doubled our last year's collection amount. Members of the community also contributed food, and the Westfield Business Owners Association donated a \$20 grocery card for every recipient family."

"We're very proud," he continued. "Any time we get an opportunity to give back to the community in a positive way, we jump at the chance. This is a good example of a Sully District partnership because this is the police, the business community, residents and the



PFC Kevin Baldassari packs a bag of food.



Placing canned goods into a bag is 2nd Lt. J.C. Stern.

faith community — Western Fairfax Christian Ministries — coming together to help those in need in the holiday season."

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Homes in Greenbriar and Chantilly's Eagle Chase neighborhood are decorated for Christmas.





Roundups

Moving Equipment Is Sought

The Centreville Labor Resource Center is in need of moving equipment to add to its tool supplies. Requested items are back braces, lift belts, sliders and straps that are used for moving jobs.

This equipment can be checked out by workers and brought back when they complete jobs. It will ensure that they're able to complete moving jobs more safely. In addition, the CLRC is seeking Spanish-speaking people to fill a number of volunteer positions. Contact Molly Maddra-Santiago at director@centrevillelrc.org.

Free Carseat Inspections

Certified technicians from the Sully District Police Station will perform free, child safety carseat inspections Thursday, Jan. 7, 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@wfcmva.org.

Meals on Wheels Volunteers

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

Long-Term Care Advocates

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

Give Caregivers a Break

Fairfax County needs Respite Care volunteers throughout the county to give family caregivers of a frail older adult a well-deserved break.

Volunteers visit and oversee the safety of the older adult for a few hours each month. Volunteers are matched with families in or near their own neighborhoods. Support and training is provided. Contact Kristin Martin at 703-324-7577, TTY 711, or Kristin.Martin@fairfaxcounty.gov.

Drive Seniors to Appointments

Fairfax County needs volunteers to drive older adults to medical appointments and wellness programs. Call 703-324-5406, TTY 711, visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/olderadults and link to Volunteer Solutions or email VolunteerSolutions@fairfaxcounty.gov.

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Preparing to pack the food bags are (from left) $1^{\rm st}$ Lt. Matt Owens, PFC Michelle Alexander, $2^{\rm nd}$ Lt. J.C. Stern, PFC Tara Gerhard, PFC Kevin Baldassari and Capt. Bob Blakley.

'In the Spirit of the Season'

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WFCM connected the police with the families needing food, and all of them live in the Sully District. "Each family will get enough food for a holiday meal, but also for a week's sustainment," said Blakley. "And we'll take any leftover food to crime victims known to us."

Owens noted that each family's bag doesn't just contain items that can be eaten at dinner, but has food for breakfast and lunch, as well. "We think of the kids who are home from school for two weeks without free- or reduced-price lunches," said Blakley. "So we make sure we have enough food in the bags for their holiday break."

Trader Joe's and the Giant Foods store on Stone Road in Centreville donated the bags. "And we'll put holiday cards in each bag," said PFC Tara Gerhard, the station's crime-prevention officer. She also stressed how much receiving this food means to the families who need it so much.

"We call them in advance to arrange a delivery date so they'll be home when we arrive," she said. "And one woman actually cried on the phone, she was so appreciative."

The officers filled all the food bags Dec. 9-10 and then delivered them Dec. 17-18. Overall, said Gerhard, "It's been a lot of fun and the squads did a good job. We like

the community to know we're supporting them and are here to help



Sully District police collected 2,009 pounds of food for families in need.

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'Honor, Humility, Humanity'

Members of Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, constitutional officers, sworn in.

undreds of friends, family, constituents and county employees came on Tuesday, Dec. 15 to see the swearing-in of the members of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors and constitutional officers.

Music was provided by the Chantilly High School Orchestra. Deputy Sheriff Rob Deer played the bagpipes, and the Fairfax County Sheriff's Office Singing Stars, Myrna Kinney, Sommer Grasty and Nicole Arnet, sang the National Anthem and America the Beautiful.

Sharon Bulova was sworn in for her third term as chairman of the Board of Supervisors, although she began as Braddock District supervisor in 1988 and has served on the board since then. The Board of Supervisors consists of the chairman, elected at large, and nine district members.

With two members of the board retiring, there are two new members, both previously serving as members of the school board. Daniel Storck (D-Mount Vernon) will replace longtime supervisor Gerry Hyland (D). Kathy Smith (D-Sully) will replace Michael Frey (R).

Other members sworn in include: John Cook (R-Braddock), John Foust (D-Dranesville), Penelope Gross (D-Mason), Pat Herrity (R-Springfield), Catherine Hudgins (D-Hunter Mill), Jeffrey McKay (D-Lee), and Linda Q. Smyth (D-Providence).

Also sworn in on Tuesday were the three constitutional officers, Commonwealth's Attorney Raymond F. Morrogh, Sheriff Stacey A. Kincaid and Clerk of the Fairfax Circuit Court John Frey. Three members of the Northern Virginia Soil and Water Conservation District also took oaths as direc

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Michael Frey (R-Sully) is all smiles about his impending retirement.



Sharon Bulova (D), re-elected to her third term as chairman of the Board of Supervisors, takes the oath of office on Dec. 15. Bulova was first elected chairman in a special election in 2009, and served as Braddock District supervisor from 1988-2009.



Kathy L. Smith (D-Sully) takes the oath of office after serving on the Fairfax County School Board from 2002 through this year, as chairman and in other leadership roles. Smith will replace retiring Michael Frey (R) on the Board of Supervisors. A graduate of Muhlenberg College, Smith taught for seven years.



Sheriff Stacey A. Kincaid (D) takes the oath of office.

Excerpts

From Board of Supervisors Chairman Sharon Bulova's inauguration speech:

One of the greatest rewards of local government, and service at the community level, is achieving tangible results. As public servants, we work with the community to turn ideas into real changes that directly impact our everyday lives. While we come from different political parties, there is no such thing as a Democrat storm drain or a Republican turf field.

Basic things we may take for granted like clean parks, helpful libraries, affordable RECenters, stormwater management to prevent homes and offices from flooding, and being the safest jurisdiction of our size in the nation are the services we expect, and rely upon, from local government.

That's what we're all about: ensuring tax dollars are spent responsibly in a way that invests in the priorities of the community as a whole. ...

One of the top priorities for all localities in our area is transportation. This truly is a regional issue. Gridlock doesn't stop at the county line. A traffic jam in Arlington can cause a ripple effect all the way to Prince William County. I-66 in particular, has become a highway that simply doesn't work. Improving I-66 inside and outside the Beltway will be an important issue for our new board in 2016.

The opening of Phase I of the Silver Line has helped take cars off the road, surpassing first year ridership estimates by over 1,000 travelers a day. Phase II of the Silver Line is scheduled to be completed in 2019.

Investments in major transit projects yield economic benefits in addition to transportation benefits. Since the Tysons Plan was adopted, Fairfax County has approved 31 million square feet of new development for the Tysons area. This is predicted to bring in 48,000 new jobs. Areas like Tysons, Reston and Merrifield have attracted corporate headquarters such as Northrop Grumman, General Dynamics, Capital One, and Intelsat. Fairfax County has more Fortune 500 companies than 30 states. Exciting revitalization projects and opportunities are taking place in the Richmond Highway Corridor, Springfield and Lorton.

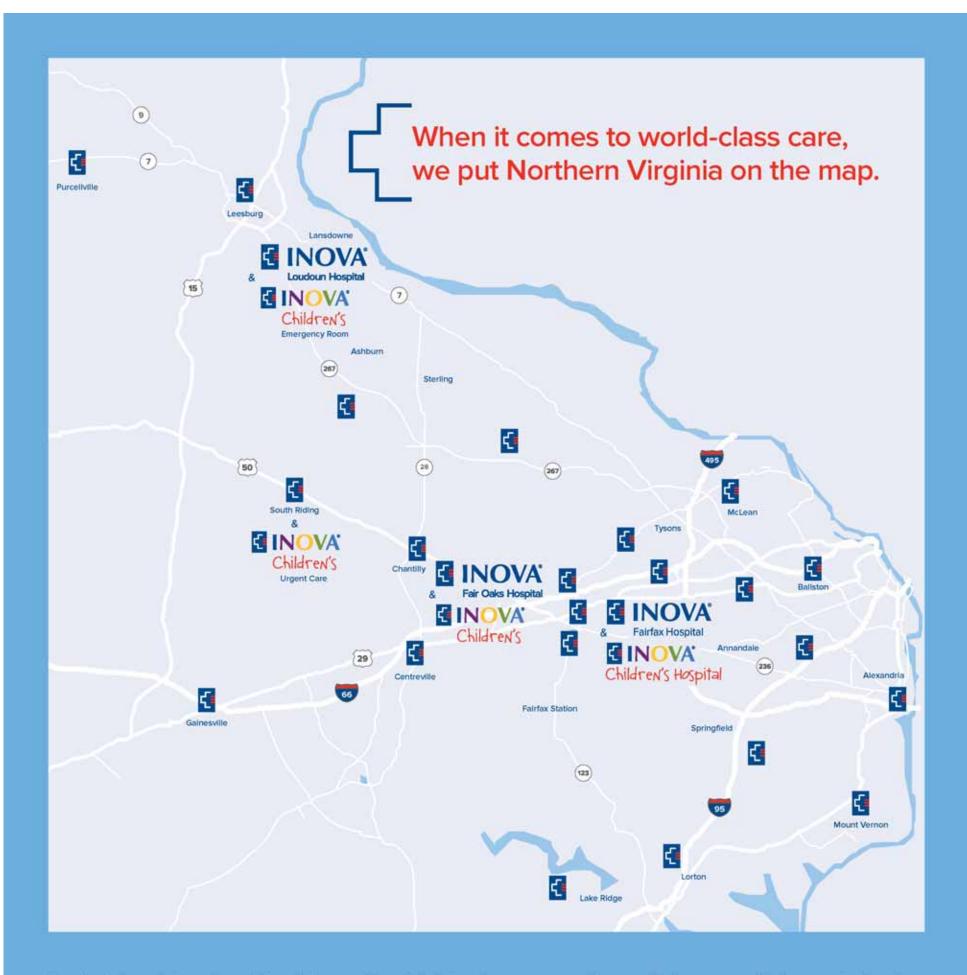
This year our board approved our Strategic Plan to Facilitate Economic Success, which calls for diversifying our economy, improving our land use development process, making strong investments in infrastructure, and creating more "destination spots" where people enjoy spending their time.

Even through the Great Recession and years of a sluggish recovery, Fairfax County has continued our tradition of responsible financial management with a coveted Triple-Triple A bond rating. Only nine states, 37 counties and 32 cities in the United States have an AAA rating from all three rating agencies, something that has saved county residents over \$700 million over the decades.

Business wants to locate in places where their employees can live in vibrant communities, with top-tier schools. Even throughout this difficult fiscal climate, our Board of Supervisors has increased funding to the school system by over \$200 million during the past five years, devoting almost 53 percent of our General Fund budget to education. This is a priority for us, and it is a priority for Gov. Terry McAuliffe. Our overarching priority during 2016 will be funding for the education of our children.

Almost 30 percent of children in Fairfax County Public Schools are eligible to receive free or reduced-price lunches, and for some, that meal is the only food they receive all day. Last year, 1,200 people in Fairfax County were literally homeless, surviving in tents in the woods or in their cars. Forty-six of these people were veterans. Last year, I signed on to Michelle Obama's "Mayor's

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Merry Christmas

We wish you hope, peace, love and joy during this holiday season.

he pages of our newspapers have been full of holiday spirit for more than a month. Menorah lightings, group and individual efforts to help the needy, stories of giving, secular celebrations, religious celebrations. Shopping locally. Giving locally.

Christmas is about the birth of Jesus Christ. Whether you believe the Christmas story literally or in spirit, you know it is the story of joy, hope and love, the promise of redemption.

It is also about embracing the teachings of Jesus: to love thy neighbor as thyself; to help the needy; to feed and clothe the poor; to care for those who are sick; to treat others as you would have them treat you.

Matthew 7:12 "So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you, for this sums up the Law and the Prophets."

Matthew 25:35-40 "For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me."

"Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? When did we

back to your community.

The Time to Give

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see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?' 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine.

of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David:) To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child. And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered. And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them

And there were in the same country, shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, 'Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, 'Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.'

And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, 'Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us.' And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger. And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child. And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds."

— MARY KIMM

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Editor's Note about the rest of 2015: This is our last regular edition of 2015. Next week, after Christmas, we will publish our annual Children's Connection, devoted entirely to the artwork and writing of local students. Our next regular editions will publish Jan. 6-7, 2016, with deadline for content and advertising of Dec. 30 (late ads accepted).

In the meantime you can reach the editors at editors@connectionnewspapers.com and sales/ marketing/advertising at

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you did for me." So let us share the verse relating the birth of Jesus from the Bible, Luke 2: 4-19: "And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out

in the inn.

For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. '

County promotes 11 ways to give Forget the Fruitcake. Give a gift that really matters this holiday season.

BY WENDY LEMIEUX FAIRFAX COUNTY OFFICE OF Public Private Partnerships (OP^3)

t's the most wonderful time of the year ... to help others. Fairfax County has made it easy with its "Forget the Fruitcake - Ways to Give Campaign" that promotes 11 ways to give back to your community. Running through the end of the year, you can donate to any of these 11 county nonprofits, foundations and agencies 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 time of year.

On any given day more than 67,000 people go hungry in the county and more than 30 percent of the students in Fairfax County

schools are eligible for free and reduced lunch. Despite its affluent status, Fairfax has a population that benefits from programs such as "Ways to Give." There is something for everyone on your list whether they like animals, education, summer fun or community spirit. Gifts that give back include books, a week at camp, medical care, bikes, trees and food for the

Through a partnership with ad agency Williams Whittle, Fairfax County's Office of Public Private Partnerships has honed the mes-

sage and the graphics which has made a difference in the look and feel of the campaign. Williams Whittle liked the campaign in previous years and offered their professionals services and contacts to make the program even better. And it's resulted in numerous pro bono advertisement and engagement from community stakeholders. One beneficiary of the increased exposure was the Fairfax County Restoration Project (FCRP) – whose mission is to restore the tree canopy in Fairfax County. When the first ad was placed in the Connection in mid-November, FCRP reported a 70 percent increase in visits to their website that offers to plant five native trees in honor of a family member or

This is the fifth year of the "Ways to Give" campaign that so far has resulted in an increase of 50 percent in web traffic. Although donation numbers won't be available until January, participating agencies and nonprofits have reported a surge in traffic to their sites.

To donate and learn more visit www.GiveFairfax.net.

Bulletin Board

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.

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Holiday SoberRide. 10 p.m.-6 a.m. Offered by the nonprofit Washington Regional Alcohol Program (WRAP), the annual Holiday SoberRide program will provide free cab rides up to \$30. Call 1-800-200-TAXI.

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Affordable Care Act Enrollment

Assistance. Northern Virginia Family Service (NVFS) is scheduling Saturday appointments with Certified Application Counselors to assist individuals to apply for and select a health plan. Free. Call 571-748-2580 or visit www.getcoveredamerica.org/ connector for more.

ELECTRONICS RECYCLING

Residents Can "E-cycle" at the I-66 transfer station. It is free but residents may be asked to show proof of residency. Personal waste only. The I-66 station is located at 4618 West Ox Road, Fairfax and open from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. from Monday-Saturday and from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. on Sundays. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpwes/ recycling/electric-sunday.htm for more.

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 703802-5588 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/ltcombudsman/.

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 jajt7@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
- ***** Korean Meals on Wheels needs Korean-speaking volunteers to deliver meals in Centreville, Annandale and Falls Church.

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.

Sully Historic Site needs volunteers to help plan and present programs. Volunteers who enjoy gardening, working with children, learning new recipes and cooking methods, or just like to be around interesting people are needed both weekdays and weekends. Sully is a historic house museum owned and operated by the Fairfax County Park Authority. Volunteer at Sully can choose an aspect of historic interpretation, event support or any other area to make a difference for visitors. Call 703-437-1794 for an interview. Visit

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VIEWPOINTS

What's been the best gift you received? Photos by Will Palenscar



Musharah Dehyar

The best gift is cash or a gift card, and it is because people are being picky especially relatives and family.

Robin Strasel

adopt a dog.

The best gift I received was

was my dog Buddy, a Bichon

Frise. Santa told me in a let-

ter to get with my mom and

dad so that we could carefully



Lisa Thach

My parents paid my bills for me for one month. I would take that anytime.



AJ Boylan

My parents gave me this belt buckle that you see in the picture. It belonged to my grandfather and I try and wear it daily in remembrance of him.



St. John's Episcopal Church **Christmas Services**

Thursday, December 24, Christmas Eve

- 4:00 PM Family Service of Lessons and Carols, with Holy Eucharist
- 9:30 PM Christmas Carols by the St. John's Choir
- 10:00 PM Service of Holy Eucharist

Friday, December 25, Christmas Day

• 9:30 AM - Service of Holy Eucharist

With God's help, we offer healing, nurture hope and provide hospitality. The Rev. Carol Hancock, Interim Rector

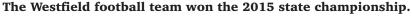






Sports







The Westfield field hockey team won the 2015 6A North region title.

Top Area Sports Moments from 2015

Westfield, Chantilly, Centreville produce state champions.

By Jon Roetman Centre View

rea high schools produced multiple team and individual state championships in 2015. The Westfield football team needed triple overtime to knock off unbeaten Oscar Smith in the state final. The Chantilly golf team finished in the top two for the fifth straight year and former Centreville wrestler Tyler Love ended his high school career as a repeat champion.

The following is a look at some of the top moments from the last year.

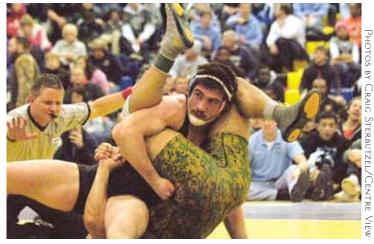
Chantilly Golf Wins 2nd State Title in 3 Years

The Chantilly golf team carded a 607 and won the 2015 6A state championship, finishing 20 strokes ahead of runner-up Riverbend. It was the fifth consecutive season the Chargers finished in the state top two. Chantilly won it all in 2013, producing a 583 while finishing 14 strokes ahead of Riverbend.

Chantilly senior Nick Antonacci tied for fourth in the individual standings with a two-day 147. Sophomore Sam Jung tied for sixth with a 149. Freshman Gary Bullard tied for 16th with a 158, and senior Joe Miller finished 18th with a 159.

Westfield Football Wins State Title

The Westfield football team did plenty to hurt its cause during the 2015 6A state championship game against Oscar Smith on 8 CENTRE VIEW * DECEMBER 23-29. 2015



Tyler Love, a 2015 Centreville High School graduate, repeated as the 6A 195-pound state wrestling champion.

Dec. 12 in Charlottesville, including losing four fumbles and allowing more than 500 player and wrestler yards of offense to the Tigers.

School graduate, we player and wrestler As a linebacker, he

But after regulation ended with the score tied at 28, Westfield couldn't be stopped.

The Bulldogs scored a touchdown on each of their three overtime possessions, including a pair of touchdowns by running back Tim Beard, and Westfield won the 6A stat championship with a 49-42 triple overtime victory over Oscar Smith. The Bulldogs defense forced Tigers quarterback Shon Mitchell to throw incomplete on fourth down from the 2-yard line in the third overtime, securing Westfield its first state title since 2007. Beard carried 37 times for 234 vards and three touchdowns. Quarterback Rehman Johnson, making his third start, rushed 20 times for 110 yards and three touchdowns, and passes for 106 yards and a score. Westfield finished the season with a 14-1 record, winning its final 13 games.

Centreville's Love Repeats as 195-Pound Champion

Tyler Love, a 2015 Centreville High

School graduate, was a standout football player and wrestler for the Wildcats.

As a linebacker, he played in two football state finals, helping Centreville win it all in 2013.

On the wrestling mat, Love followed his 195-pound state title in 2014 by repeating in 2015.

Love pinned Colonial Forge's Cameron Houston in the 195-pound final onFeb. 20 at Robinson Secondary School. Love and teammates Victor Echeverria (113-pound champion) and Michael Vu (132-pound runner-up) helped Centreville finish state runner-up in the team standings, as well.

Love is now a freshman on the University of Virginia wrestling team.

Westfield Field Hockey Wins Region Title

The Westfield field hockey team failed to score during regulation, but sophomore Mackenzie Karl found the back of the cage in overtime, giving the Bulldogs a 1-0 victory over T.C. Williams in the 6A North region final on Nov. 5.



Tyler Scanlon helps cut down the net after the Westfield boys' basketball team won the 2015 6A North region title.

Westfield Basketball Wins in Triple

OT in State Semis

the season with a 20-3 record.

The Bulldogs lost to First Colonial 5-0 in

the state semifinals on Nov. 13 and finished

After winning the 6A North region championship, the Westfield boys' basketball team earned a trip to the state final by beating Landstown 64-60 in triple overtime in the state semifinals on March 13 at VCU's Siegel Center in Richmond.

The Westfield/Landstown game tied for the second-longest contest in final four history. Booker T. Washington and T.C. Williams needed four overtimes in 1980.

Tyler Scanlon led the Bulldogs with 20 points and Blake Francis added 17.

The following night, Westfield lost to Colonial Forge 47-46 in the state final.

Honorable mention: Westfield wrestlers Justin Yorkdale (132) and Austin Knies (285) win state championships.

Chantilly baseball reaches second straight state final.

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Success with A Little Help

Determination along with assistance from Northern Virginia Family Service.

rystal Farrington isn't afraid to work. In fact, she worked at a dry cleaning company for seven years and increased her salary by 50 percent in that time. The problem is that going from \$8 per hour to \$12 per hour still leaves one living in poverty. In trying to make ends meet, Farrington went to social services in spring 2013. She and some family members were

FROM NVFS

living in a hotel on Route 1 in Mount Vernon at the time.

She was told that she

She was told that she didn't qualify for much because her income was

too high. However, she noticed a sign about the Vehicles for Change (VFC) program, which led her to Northern Virginia Family Service.

FILES

As the NVFS caseworker helped Crystal get an affordable vehicle to get to and from work, she saw something in Farrington ... a drive and tenacity. She told her, "You are supposed to do something much greater Crystal." The caseworker told her about the Training Futures program, located in Tysons Corner.

Just weeks later, Farrington's mother died of pancreatic cancer.
Farrington said that she felt as if her VFC caseworker took her under her wings and let her cry on her shoulder. She also encouraged her again to apply for Training Futures and in October 2013, regular 8
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Crystal Farrington

Farrington began the Training Futures program which required that Farrington reduce her hours at the dry cleaning company. She found another nonprofit to assist her with affordable housing which required that she pay a modest stipend enabling her to focus on the Training Futures program.

"It amazed me that a stranger could have more faith in me than I did in myself," Farrington said. In March 2014, she graduated from Training Futures and was selected by her classmates as a keynote speaker. She said that the program gave her confidence and purpose. It also landed her a job. Farrington is now a concierge in an office building in downtown D.C. She is the "go to person" for 12 businesses covering administrative tasks and distributing weekly events.

Her job is to say abreast of all that is happening in the city. With regular 8 a.m.-5 p.m. hours, a \$35,000 salary and benefits, Farrington sees a bright future for herself and her children.

Having grown up poor, Farrington is proud to shout out to the world, "I'm above the poverty line!"



Holidays Lights

The Bull Run Festival of Lights is open 7 days a week through Jan. 3, from 5:30-10 p.m. See http://www.bullrunfestivaloflights.com/.





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www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/sullyhistoric-site for more. **The Fairfax Station Railroad**

Museum needs volunteer docents on Sunday afternoons from 1-4 p.m. Greet museum visitors and tell them about the exhibits, the Museum and the its railroad and Civil War history. Docents should possess good people skills. Opportunity for those interested in railroads, the Civil War and Northern Virginia

history. Training and orientation

publicity and exhibit planning. The Museum is located at 11200 Fairfax Station Road in Fairfax Station. Call Michael at 703-945-7483 for more information, or visit Fairfaxstation.org

Northern Virginia Family

Service is seeking volunteers to organize collection drives of toiletries products for clients in need. Requested items include shampoo, soap, lotion, deodorant, hand sanitizer, toothbrushes and toothpaste. Learn more about Northern Virginia Family Service at www.nvfs.org and contact Colleen Ross cross@nvfs.org if interested.

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PUBLIC HEARING FOR TOWN OF CLIFTON PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO SPECIAL USE PERMIT PUBLIC HEARING OF TOWN OF CLIFTON TOWN COUNCIL

JANUARY 5, 2016

Notice is hereby given that the Town of Clifton Town Council will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, January 5, 2016 at 7:30 P.M. at the Town Meeting Hall, 12641 Chapel Road, Clifton, VA 20124 to consider the amendment of the special use permit of the Clifton Cafe, located at 7144 Main Street, to include an

expansion of the use, including, but not limited to, the increase in number of seats, inside and outside; an increase in parking onsite; expansion of the hours of operation; increase in employees. The application for the proposed amendment

in employees. The application for the proposed amendment to the Clifton Café's special use permit is available for review and downloading on the Town's website at www.clifton-va.com and a hard copy may be examined at the Clifton Post Office, 12644 Chapel Road, Clifton VA, 20124. All interested parties are invited to attend and express their views with respect to the requested amendment to the Clifton Café's special use permit.

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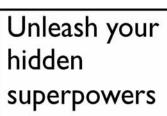
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PUBLIC HEARING FOR TOWN OF CLIFTON PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE TOWN CODE

JANUARY 5, 2016

Notice is hereby given that the Town of Clifton Town Council and the Town of Clifton Planning Commission will hold a joint Public Hearing on Tuesday, January 5, 2016 at the Town Meeting Hall, 12641 Chapel Road, Clifton, VA 20124, directly after the special use permit hearing at 7:30 P.M, to review and implement proposed changes to the fee schedule for use permit annulications, and other items pertaining to the adminispermit applications and other items pertaining to the administration of use permit applications in the Town Code Section 9-10 c. The proposed changes are available for review and downloading on the Town's website at www.clifton-va.com and a hard copy may be examined at the Clifton Post Office, 12644 Chapel Road, Clifton VA, 20124. All interested parties are invited to attend and express their views with respect to the proposed changes to Clifton's Town Code.

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Present Accounted For

By KENNETH B. LOURIE

Last week I was "naive and delusional." This week, not so much. Meaning: I'm well aware of my circumstances and not minding what usually matters. To that point, there's no doubt there are days/weeks that are more challenging than others. And even though I'm a veteran of the cancer wars, seven years and counting come this Feb. 27, I have been to have been blessed with the proper temperament and attitude for the task at hand: enduring the stress and strain of dealing with a cancer diagnosis and all its effects and affects and not goingnegative/dark in the process. It's not as if cancer has become my new best friend, more like a roommate I've learned to accept - who's not moving out any time soon, but I have learned to manage, mostly. (I am a Libra after all, and balance is my symbol.)

Still, over time, you do get used to the demands. You find a way to ignore the symptoms, not so much that it risks your health, but enough so it doesn't "anguish" your daily life. Because there's definitely no future — or rather not much of one, when every day becomes an emotional battle to the hopefullynot, death, so to speak. I don't want to give cancer too much credit but, it's a fairly powerful adversary and contributing to its strength serves no purpose and creates no advantage. It doesn't need any help doing all the harmful physical, emotional and spiritual, things it does. Granted, nipping it all in the bud is much easier in the garden than it is in the doctor's office/infusion center, but unless you become the master of your domain, the king of the castle, the lord of the manor, the more difficult your cancer experience will be.

This is not to imply that a positive attitude cures cancer. (But I doubt it hurts.) This is more to say that being miserable, feeling sorry for yourself or "woeing" is me, though understandable under the circumstances is boring and as Prince Kuragin (a character from Downton Abbey) said: "Nothing is more tedious than other person's misfortunes." And I certainly don't want to be tedious and boring. As a matter of fact, I'll make the extra effort even when I don't feel like it, to avoid being thought of as anything but healthy and dare I say, normal. The more positivity I can exude, the more positivity I likely will receive in turn. It's not exactly chemotherapy, targeted treatment or immunotherapy, but "Good Vibrations" is more than just a Beach Boys classic. It's a way to my heart and soul, and hopefully to my lungs as well.

When it comes to being a cancer patient, I know what I know/what I feel, and more importantly — in my mind, anyway, I know what I don't know. Facts, figures, protocols, drugs, clinical trials, I don't know, As my wife's deceased, maternal grandmother, Franny would say: I'm as "dumb as a post." For me, ignorance is sort of bliss. I don't worry about what I don't know; I already have enough trouble worrying about what I do know.

Ergo my strategy: take the good with the bad — which is easy, and when there is bad, compartmentalize it somehow; put it in "the vault." To summarize; and with all credit and respect to Bing Crosby (singing in "White Christmas): I must "Accentuate the positive. Eliminate the negative. Latch on to the affirmative." Moreover, I have to believe if I want to feel good, I have to think good — thoughts that is. And the more humor and normalcy I have in my life, the better I'll feel and think. I don't know if my future will be any better because of it but my present sure will be

Kenny Lourie is an Advertising Representative for The Potomac Almanac & The Connection Newspapers.

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Challenge" where mayors and chairs across the country pledged to end veteran homelessness as we know it by the end of 2015. Thanks to our strong partnership with nonprofits and faith-based organizations homeless veterans are now quickly identified and connected to support services and housing. When homelessness occurs, it must be rare, brief and non-recurring. Our new board will continue to lead in this effort to ensure our progress to end homelessness in Fairfax County by 2018 stays on target.

Recent college grads, servers at restaurants, retail workers, entry-level technicians, teachers, and older adults on fixed incomes, often find it hard to afford to live here in Fairfax County. It's important that Fairfax County does not price out hard-working people from living here. Creating more affordable housing choices is a priority and allows employees to live closer to where they work. This not only improves the quality of life for many of our residents, but also helps alleviate traffic congestion and our clean air challenges.

Fairfax County is the safest jurisdiction of its size in the nation, due in no small part to the hard work and dedication of our public safety personnel. We had a wonderful opportunity to showcase our impressive public safety capabilities at this year's World Police and Fire Games.

To build on and enhance, what is already a great Police Department, I convened an Ad Hoc Police Practices Review Commission this year. Recommendations from the commission centered on use of force, mental health, communications, oversight, and recruitment. Recommended changes will help foster our culture of public trust and ensure the fair and timely resolution of police-involved incidents.

Another element of public safety we will be addressing is the treatment of people suffering from mental illness who become involved with law enforcement.

Fairfax County needs to focus on diverting nonviolent offenders suffering from mental illness into treatment, instead of incarceration. Diversion First will help individuals with mental illness get the help they need.

I am proud to lead a county that appreciates many cultures and celebrates the diversity of all those who live here.

In light of recent racial and cultural tensions rising across the country, let us be grateful we live in a county that celebrates our differences and demonstrates acceptance and compassion for others. These simple values set Fairfax County apart as a fantastic place to live, work, play and raise a family. This board is committed to maintaining and nurturing this exceptional culture.

Priorities

All members of the Board of Supervisors completed questionnaires for the Connection. Read about their priorities at: www.connectionnewspapers.com/news/Election/FairfaxCounty/Board-of-Supervisors

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Honor

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tors, Scott Cameron, George Lamb and Gerald O. Peters Jr.

Judge Penney S. Azcarate, who administered the oath of office to each, reminded elected officials to serve with "honor, humility and humanity."

Bulova's inaugural speech included a note of serious gratitude:

"In light of recent racial and cultural tensions rising across the country, let us be grateful we live in a county that celebrates our differences and demonstrates acceptance and compassion for others."



Commonwealth's Attorney Raymond F. Morrogh takes the oath of office for his third term. Morrogh hired Penney S. Azcarate as a prosecutor. Morrogh has served 33 years as prosecutor in Fairfax County, beginning his career as an Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney in 1983 and serving as the Chief Deputy Commonwealth's Attorney for 19 years before being elected as the Commonwealth's Attorney.



John Frey (R), re-elected as Clerk of the Fairfax Circuit Court, takes the oath of office. Frey has served as Clerk of the Fairfax Circuit Court since 1992.



The inauguration ceremony began and ended with Master Deputy Sheriff Rob Deer playing the bagpipes.



Fairfax County Sheriff's office singing stars, Myrna Kinney, Sommer Grasty and Nicole Arnet, sang the National Anthem and America the Beautiful.

Entertainment

Email announcements to centreview@ 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

Christmas at Sully Historic Site.

Through Dec. 28, 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.

Sully Museum Shop Sale. Through Dec. 31, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. daily, except Tuesdays, at Sully Historic Site, 3650 Historic Sully Way, Chantilly. Everything in the museum shop is 10 percent off. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov for more.

Santa Through the Ages. Through
Jan. 31, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. daily, except
Tuesdays, at Sully Historic Site, 3650
Historic Sully Way, Chantilly. This
exhibit of Santa figures depicts Santa
through different time periods.
Tickets are \$7 for adults. \$6 for
students, and \$5 for seniors and
children. Visit
www.fairfaxcounty.gov for more.

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.

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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.

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Saturdays, 3 p.m. at the Centreville
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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
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reinforce early literacy skills for
reading success. Ages 1-3 with adult.
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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 awardwinning director. Visit www.fairfaxjubilaires.org for more.

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MONDAY-THURSDAY/DEC. 28-31

Winter Break Camp. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Children's Science Center, 11948 Fair Oaks Mall, Fairfax. Campers, grades 4-8, will learn morse code, cryptography, and more in this spy-themed camp. The cost is \$225. Visit www.childsci.org for more.

WEDNESDAY/DEC. 30

Holiday Concerts. 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. at Sully Historic Site, 3650 Historic Sully Way, Chantilly. Listen to traditional Celtic music, and take a tour of the house. Tickets are \$12. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov for more.

THURSDAY/DEC. 31

New Year's Eve: "A Night in Venice." 5-6:30 p.m. and 8-10 p.m. seatings at Trummer's on Main, 7134 Main St., Clifton. Start at the "Bellini Bar," inspired by "Harry's Bar" in Venice where the Bellini was invented. A chef's menu will showcase his take on Venetian cuisine. During the second seating there will be live strolling

entertainment. There will also be a

DJ in the lounge area for those interested in dancing before or after dinner. Tickets are \$86 for 5 p.m. seating, \$148 for the 8 p.m. seating. Call 703-266-1623 for more.

New Year's Eve Beer Dinner. 7 p.m. at Dogfish Head Alehouse, 13041 Lee Jackson Memorial Highway, Fairfax. Eat a four-course meal, each course paired with a beer. After dinner, listen to live music performed by Burn the Ballroom at 9 p.m. Tickets are \$55 for dinner, \$10 for the show. Visit www.dogfishalehouse.com for more.

New Year's Eve at The Winery at Bull Run. 9 p.m. at The Winery at Bull Run, 15950 Lee Highway, Centreville. Celebrate the new year with a DJ, photobooth, wine and champagne. Tickets at \$29-39. Visit www.wineryatbullrun.com/events for

FRIDAY-SUNDAY/JAN. 1-3

The Nation's Gun Show. 3-8 p.m. on Friday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. on Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. on Sunday at Dulles Expo & Conference Center, 4320 Chantilly Shopping Center Drive, Chantilly. Tickets are \$20 for a three-day pass, \$13 for adults, \$7 for children 12-17, free for children under 12. Visit www.thenationsgunshow.com for more.

SATURDAY/JAN. 9

Stretch & Sip. 11 a.m. at The Winery at Bull Run, 15950 Lee Highway, Centreville. Take an hour-long yoga class followed by a glass of wine. Tickets are \$13.50 for members, \$15 for non-members. Visit www.wineryatbullrun.com/events for more

SATURDAY-SUNDAY/JAN. 9-10

D.C. Big Flea Market. 9 a.m.-6 p.m. on Saturday, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. on Sunday at Dulles Expo & Conference Center, 4320 Chantilly Shopping Center Drive, Chantilly. Find more than 700 vendors with antiques and more.Tickets are \$8 and are valid for both days. Visit www.thebigfleamarket.com.

SATURDAY/JAN. 15

Sipping & Painting. 6:30 p.m. at The Winery at Bull Run, 15950 Lee Highway, Centreville. Take a class from a painting instructor and find wine for sale. Tickets are \$40 for members, \$45 for non-members. Visit www.wineryatbullrun.com/events for more

FRIDAY-SUNDAY/JAN. 15-17

30th Annual Washington Camping RV Expo. 12- 8 p.m. on Friday, 10 a.m.-8 p.m. on Saturday, and 11 a.m.-5 p.m. on Sunday at Dulles Expo & Conference Center, 4320 Chantilly Shopping Center Drive, Chantilly. RV dealers from six states will display the newest RVs from tent campers to luxury motor coaches. Find out about campgrounds, RV maintenance, insurance and financing. Admission is \$10 for adults, free for children 16 and younger. Visit www.agievents.com for more.

SUNDAY/JAN. 16

Garden Scale Train Show. 1-4 p.m. at Fairfax Station Railroad Museum, 11200 Fairfax Station Road, Fairfax Station. The Washington, Virginia and Maryland Garden Railroad Society will hold their annual G Scale (Garden) Train Show. Tickets are \$4 for those 16 and older, \$2 for youth, and free for children 4 and under. Visit www.fairfax-station.org for more.

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