

# 'I've Loved What I've Been Doing'

**Michael Frey reflects on his 24 years as Sully supervisor.**

BY BONNIE HOBBS  
CENTRE VIEW

**F**airfax County budget shortfalls? Ribbon-cuttings to attend? Meetings between eager developers and angry residents? No longer Michael Frey's personal problems.

That's because — for the first time in nearly four decades — his time is finally his own. After serving 37 years with the county, most notably 24 years as the Sully District's first and only supervisor, he retired on Dec. 31.

Frey's career started in June 1978 when he began working for former county Board of Supervisors Chairman Jack Herrity. That led to a job with former Springfield District Supervisor Elaine McConnell and, eventually, six terms as Sully's supervisor.

"I was 21 and still in college at AU [American University] when I started working for Jack," said Frey. "If you'd have told me then that I'd stay for 37 years, I'd have said, 'You're nuts.'"

So what's he going to do with his newfound freedom? "For awhile, I'm figuring on doing some fun things," said the Pennsylvania native and rabid Philadelphia Phillies baseball fan. "I'm going to Clearwater, Fla., in late February-early March for Phillies' spring training. I couldn't before because of the budget, but

**"But what I really loved were the people; I'll miss those relationships, but I'll still see many of them. I'll still be here in Centreville and go to Westfield and Centreville high games."**

— Michael Frey

I've always wanted to do that. My real life's goal is to be the Phillie Phanatic [team mascot]."

Saying his passions are animals, sports and history, Frey will continue being interested in Centreville's history and its preservation. He also wants to help grow the Friends of the Fairfax County Animal Shelter via charitable donations.

And, he said, "I'm going to help [SYA President] Gary Flather begin phase two of the Fields of Dreams [youth sports complex in Centreville]. We're dealing with the infrastructure problems so more new fields can be developed, and the fundraising. I've been a part of it from day one, so to come at it from a different perspective would be a lot of fun."

Traveling is also on Frey's agenda. At his last Board of Supervisors meeting, Dec. 8, he received a plaque and a gift card for an international group of bed and breakfasts. So, he said, "Next summer, I'm going to Africa — the Serengeti, Tanzania and Kenya. I also plan to visit the Galapagos."

"And I want to go back to Alaska — the Katmai, a coastal area in south-central Alaska," he continued. "They say there are more grizzly bears there than anywhere else in the world. And because they've never been hunted, they have no fear or antagonism;

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**Michael Frey, and his dog Boomer, with a picture of his pets done by Mary O'Malley with Friends of the Animal Shelter.**

# New Sully Supervisor Chooses Her Team

**Board of Supervisors has final say on Kathy Smith's nominees.**

BY BONNIE HOBBS  
CENTRE VIEW

**N**ew Sully District Supervisor Kathy Smith (D) has been busy choosing her team to assist her in issues regarding Sully. At press time on Tuesday, Jan. 12, she planned to announce her nominees to the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, which has the final say on their approval.

She's selected Karen Keys-Gamarra as the Sully District Planning Commissioner and Maggie

Godbold as Sully's representative on the county Park Authority. She's also decided to re-appoint Marvin Powell to the Small Business Commission and Debbie Robison to the History Commission.

"The number-one question I have heard since winning the election in November was who I would appoint as the new Sully District Planning Commissioner," said Smith. "We



Smith

received a number of extremely qualified applicants who, combined, had hundreds of years of service to our community. After careful consideration, I have decided to appoint Karen Keys-Gamarra as the next Planning Commissioner."

Keys-Gamarra is familiar to Sully residents because of her recent candidacy for the School Board. And although she didn't win, it was a close race in

which she received more than 10,000 votes. Besides that, said Smith, "Karen is an attorney who is frequently appointed as a guard-

ian ad litem to represent the best interests of children brought into complicated court cases. She also has extensive experience in business and consumer issues. Karen

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## ROUNDUPS

### WFCCA Land-Use Committee

The next meeting of the West Fairfax County Citizens Association (WFCCA) Land-Use Committee will be Tuesday, Jan. 19, at 7 p.m., in the Sully District Governmental Center, 4900 Stonecroft Blvd., in Chantilly. Discussed will be the development of property for retail uses and a grocery store in the Chantilly Crossing Shopping Center.

### Replenishing Food Pantry

Fairfax County's annual "Stuff the Bus: Helping Fairfax Families" program will arrive on Saturday, Feb. 6, at the Clifton Giant, 5740 Union Mill Road to benefit Western Fairfax Christian Ministries. Donation hours are from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

### Garza's 2016 Listening Tours

Fairfax County Public Schools Superintendent Karen K. Garza will hold five listening tours in 2016, and invites students, parents, employees, and community members to participate. The local session will be held at 6:30 p.m., Monday, Feb. 29 at Centreville High School.

Garza, accompanied by the regional assistant superintendents, will provide an update on the budget, Strategic Plan, classroom initiatives, and other happenings in FCPS and listen to ideas, comments, and questions from the audience. Those planning to attend are asked to register in advance online at [www.surveymonkey.com/r/2016ListeningTour6YZ7PCY](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2016ListeningTour6YZ7PCY) and indicate if an interpreter is needed.

### 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](mailto:director@centrevillelrc.org).

### 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@wfcmbva.org](mailto:abosley@wfcmbva.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.

## NEWS



**Fairfax County Public Schools Superintendent Dr. Karen Garza proposed a \$2.67 billion school system budget for FY 2017 that emphasizes increasing employee compensation and decreasing class sizes — all without making any further cuts.**

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TIM PETERSON  
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# Above a Cut

**FCPS Superintendent Garza calls for no additional cuts in \$2.67 billion FY 2017 budget.**

BY TIM PETERSON  
CENTRE VIEW

**F**or Fiscal Year 2015, Fairfax County Public Schools Superintendent Dr. Karen Garza over saw \$96.5 million in cuts made from the school system's annual operating budget. For FY 2016, it was \$55.4 million, she said.

Before a library full of news cameras, elected officials, students, teachers and principals at West Potomac High School, Garza presented her proposed FY 2017 budget for the first time on Jan. 7.

"The most important announcement for our students and teachers may be what the proposed budget does not do," she said, "it makes no further cuts."

The \$2.67 billion budget includes \$62.2 million for raising all employees' salaries, as well as another \$40 million specifically for teacher salaries.

Garza said the salary raises are the "first steps" in a multi-year plan to make Fairfax County more competitive in attracting and maintaining teachers. At the beginning of this school year, she said, there were 200 open positions in the school system. "This must not continue."

Garza cited the nearly half a billion dollars having to be cut from FCPS budgets going back to 2008, as well as a trend of underfunding from state and local government from the last nine years.

Another focus of the budget is decreasing class sizes, for which the superintendent proposed a \$10.8 million increase for hiring 165 new employees. The additional personnel would lower all elementary classes to fewer than 30 students, according to a release from Fairfax County Public Schools.

"This budget reflects only our very basic and most pressing needs," Garza said, "and, as a community, we must commit to investing in our teachers and students once again."

Garza's new budget tops FY 2016 by \$121.4 million, or 4.8 percent, and expecting little increase in funding from the Commonwealth of Virginia (roughly 15 percent of the school's budget), would require a

6.7 percent increase in the transfer from Fairfax County (the majority source of funding) to fully execute.

Kimberly Scott, Franklin Middle School teacher and FCPS 2015 Teacher of the Year, urged community members to support getting the budget fully funded.

Scott said she and her colleagues commit fully to teaching "not for multi-digit salaries but the call we feel to complete this work with excellence."

"As we give our best," Scott continued, "we ask our community now give its best. Please rally around us and for us so we can continue the work we love, and an education families can be proud they've chosen for their children."

Marshall High School senior Samee Ahmad thanked specific Fairfax County teachers who helped him develop a lifelong love of reading and learning. "Schools are the underlying foundation in community-building," he said. "I'm excited to hear Dr. Garza's forward-looking budget in the interests of both students and teachers."

Annandale High School Parent Teacher Student Association president Robin Hylton said the challenge in making sure the proposed budget is fully funded is "not one for just Dr. Garza."

She urged parents, community members and businesses to take a more active role in finding funding solutions. "We as a community must choose to support," she said.

Pat Hynes, School Board chairman, was the final speaker at the Jan. 7 morning event. "After nine long years" of underfunding, she said, "we need some good news."

Hynes said the school system is already spending \$1,000 less per pupil now than in 2009. "Quality education is not a luxury, it's an absolute necessity," she said.

"What should we cut? Those are not questions that should come before the school system."

Among other aspects, West Potomac High School principal Alex Case said he was pleased to see in the

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# Frey Reflects on His 24 Years as Sully Supervisor

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you can get close and get some good pictures.”

## SHAPING THE COMMUNITY

Reflecting on his career as supervisor, Frey said it's been “fun shaping the community and the development we've experienced. Sully was created after the 1990 census and we started with 94,000 people. By 2000, we were at about 147,000 so, during my first decade, there was huge growth. There was open space, so it was going to develop; but I'm more proud of filling it in with public amenities.”

He said the county budget “was never good, so it was a fight every step of the way trying to get the money to build Westfield High, Colin Powell Elementary and Stone, Carson and Liberty middle schools. Deer Park Elementary was the first school that [former Sully School Board Representative] Gary Reese and I built. SYA was using the site for Little League fields, but it belonged to the school system. And then, Gary and I got the school system to build the field complex for SYA at Cub Run Elementary.”

Frey said schools were in the greatest demand because of the population growth. “But with it also came the need for roads, fields, gyms and health services,” he added. “We had no substance-abuse centers in Chantilly or mental-health facilities. And we had no police station here until 2003, just the Fair Oaks station.”

For years, Centreville's only fire station was Station 17; but during Frey's tenure, West Centreville's Station 38 was constructed. His office contained a couple dozen hard hats and shovels from some of the many groundbreakings in which he participated. And for Station 38, said Frey, “I remember [former Supervisors Chairman] Kate Hanley uncoupling a fire hose to dedicate it, instead of cutting a ribbon.”

He also recalled buying the land resulting in both the Cub Run Rec Center and



**Sully Supervisor Michael Frey and some of his many supporters during his Dec. 5, 2015 retirement party.**

Westfield High, and and he's always had a special bond with that school. “Westfield is the only high school physically in the Sully District,” said Frey. “And the vast majority of its students are Sully kids, so it's my school.”

So it particularly touched him when, during halftime of a Bulldog football game right before he retired, the school gave him a letterman's jacket with his name on it. “They said, ‘You've earned your letter for your support of Westfield,’” said Frey. “It's so humbling; I loved every minute of working with the school and going to their games. And to have them give me something personalized like that means a lot to me.”

## PARKS AND HOMES

“I'm also hugely proud of Sully Woodlands — putting together over 2,000 acres of protected, permanent parkland,” he said. Frey was the supervisor who convinced the board to preserve this land as green, open

space. “I told them someday people will say how wise and farsighted we were to save this land,” said Frey. “It took us seven or eight years to acquire it all. But it resulted in five, major parks — some for active recreation, but more than 80 percent for passive uses. There are trails throughout, and the rec center has a naturalist that uses some of that land for educational programs.”

When he first started as supervisor in 1992, Centreville's Stone Road shopping center was newly built and Centreville Square I and II had just opened. And with much of this area zoned for residential density, townhouses and apartments sprang up throughout the late '80s and the '90s.

“When you're living in a growth area, people come here from all parts of the country and don't know the long-range plans,” said Frey. “So they'd tell me, ‘My children's schools are crowded and the roads are congested; how could you possibly consider



**Michael Frey and his rescue German Shepherd, Boomer, share a moment.**

building more?’ It was a challenge my whole career.”

“I spent 15 years doing Land-Use 101 courses for all the new communities,” he said. “We didn't have the power to stop development and you can't stop people from selling their land, so I got a lot of bruises. But I also made so many friends through development, working through things with the residents.”

Crediting former U.S. Sen. John Warner and former U.S. Rep. Frank Wolf for their efforts in bringing the Udvar-Hazy Center to Chantilly, Frey called it “one of the most thrilling things to be involved with.”

## RECALLING TRAGEDY

However, tragedy struck during his last two decades as supervisor. On May 8, 2006, a mentally ill teen shot and killed two Sully police officers, Det. Vicky Armel and MPO Mike Garbarino.

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is going to be a great advocate for Sully.”

However, added Smith, “I also want to thank John Litzenberger, who has served for the last eight years as our Sully District Planning Commissioner. This is an extremely time-consuming job, and John has put in the hours working with [former Sully District] Supervisor [Michael] Frey to represent our interests on the Planning Commission. Thank you to John for [his] service and [his] kind offer to work with Karen to make for a smooth transition. We appreciate all he has done.”

Regarding the Park Authority, Smith plans to replace longtime Sully District Park Authority representative Hal Strickland with Godbold. “Maggie shares my commitment to retaining and expanding the many parks



**Karen Keys-Gamarra**



**Maggie Godbold**



**Marvin Powell**



**Debbie Robison**

programs,” said Smith. “And she will work closely with our office to protect and expand playing fields in the Sully District.”

“I also want to thank Hal Strickland, who has served for 23 years as the Sully District member of the Park Authority,” continued Smith. “I've known Hal even longer than that, as we met when my kids were involved

in youth sports. Hal has done a superb job since the time our district was founded, and we will be finding a way to appropriately honor him soon.”

As for Powell, he's already served 11 years on the Small Business Commission, including a stint as chairman. “Marvin has represented Sully well, and I'm pleased to be able to re-nominate him for another term,” said

Smith. “Marvin has also served as chairman of the Centreville Community Foundation.”

Regarding Robison, Smith said, “Sully District is home to some of our very important historic sites in the county, and Supervisor Frey did a wonderful job documenting and preserving many pieces of that history. This is a very important issue for many residents in Sully, and Debbie runs a Northern Virginia history Website, as well as serving on the Historic Centreville Society. Professionally, she also works with historic preservation and has been a member of the History Commission since 2007.”

Meanwhile, Smith's office is continuing to take applications for other Fairfax County boards and commissions. Anyone interested in serving on one may call her office at 703-814-7100; ask for Laura Floyd for information on how to apply.



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# Above a Cut

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fine print of the proposed budget a moderate increase in salaries for support employees such as custodial staff and food service workers that were below federal living wage standards.

"Obviously this is something the school system, Board of Supervisors and delegation to Richmond need to work collectively on," Case added, "to fully fund and protect this wonderful asset we call Fairfax County Public Schools."

Matt Haley was chairman of Garza's budget task force that convened to review community feedback and analyze all operating costs. "We dug into this for a long time," he said after the event. "It all came back to levels of service."

In advertising what potential cuts — from fourth grade strings to language immersion programs to varsity sports — might look like, the task force drew some public outrage.

"I believe our community finds any of the potential cuts untenable," Garza said in a statement. "We cannot continue to balance budgets by cutting services, raising class sizes and freezing sala-

ries, or by providing only nominal pay raises."

Included in the salary raise is a step increase and one percent market scale adjustment for all employees. Fairfax Education Association President Kimberly Adams said teachers "will feel more valued in this budget than we have in a long time."

Adams also encouraged more community members to become involved with the budget process and voice their support.

"They need to realize how important the school system is to job security, the local economy."

Garza formally presented her budget to the School Board at their business meeting in the evening on Jan. 7.

Public hearings are scheduled for Monday Jan. 25 and the budget will be presented to the Board of Supervisors on April 5. The School Board should adopt the approved budget in May.

More information on the budget, including a video of the press conference and Garza's presentation, can be found online at [www.fcps.edu/news/fy2017.shtml](http://www.fcps.edu/news/fy2017.shtml).

  
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# OPINION

## Budget Season Trainwreck?

### County looks at “lines of business,” schools call for full funding.

**K**aren Garza didn't move to Fairfax County from Texas to preside over the decline of Fairfax County Public Schools.

For this year's budget, the superintendent refused to cut to fit as the school system has the last two years, and called for a fully funded budget. It's true that Fairfax County schools have more students who are poor and/or are still learning English and those students cost more to educate. It's true that Fairfax County teachers make less than teachers in other bordering jurisdictions. It's true that Fairfax County spends less per student by a significant amount than other bordering jurisdictions, even accounting for size.

It's also true that Fairfax County, which provides most of the school funding, already transfers 52 percent and more of its annual budget to the schools. It's true that the county has limited revenue sources, with almost all revenue coming from property taxes. Residential property tax revenues are not growing much. Fairfax County's commercial tax base is flat or contracting with historically high vacancy rates. This is in part due to reduced spending by the federal government, but it's also about new and likely lasting trends in the way companies use office space.

The county is facing a shortfall, not just for education, but for other important things like transportation, social services, recreation and

the environment.

The Board of Supervisors and heads of county departments are about to engage in an intensive effort to review every area of county spending, with supervisors devoting two full days a week for the foreseeable future on “lines of business” review in the budget committee. What results from this process could set the stage for some reforms and some savings.

But none of those invested in Fairfax County, not the elected officials, not the teachers, not the county employees, especially not the residents, want to preside over the decline of quality of life in one of the wealthiest counties in the universe.

#### EDITORIAL

What's really needed is for the county to have access to a variety of revenue sources. It's excruciating to raise property taxes across the board, knowing that some people will be hard hit since there is no relation to ability to pay. But that is almost the only option the county has.

This brings us to tax reform and the General Assembly. It's pie in the sky, but localities in Virginia should have direct access to a portion of the income tax collected by the state. Northern Virginia pays the vast majority of the income taxes paid to the Commonwealth, but every penny set gets funnelled through a formula that by definition sends less money back.

Income is a measure of economic viability. There are other options, which we will detail in the future.

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— MARY KIMM

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#### LETTER

### Reducing Gun Violence

To the Editor:

*U.S. Sen. Tim Kaine released the following statement on Jan. 5 on the executive actions President Obama announced to reduce gun violence.*

Virginia knows all too well the tragedy and pain of gun violence. When I was Governor, Virginia suffered the deadliest mass shooting to date on the campus of Virginia Tech. More recently, the nation witnessed the terrifying shooting of two young journalists from our Commonwealth on live television. And there are too many incidents of domestic violence, suicides and urban violence involving guns that remain outside the coverage of the mainstream press. In the wake of Charleston, Sandy Hook, and countless other tragedies across the country, there's simply no denying that gun violence is one of the most pressing crises that our nation faces. That is why I strongly support the executive actions the President has announced.

The proposals seek a robust and holistic approach focused on strengthening background checks and providing the resources to enforce gun laws, increase mental health treatment and improve reporting to the background check system. They also encourage the use of smart technology to develop safer guns. It's my hope that Congress will not stand in the way of these important actions to protect Americans and their families and that we can work together to find more ways to reduce gun violence.

**Tim Kaine**  
U.S. Senator (VA-D)

### Pet Photos for The Pet Edition

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# Schools, Guns, Judges, Marijuana and the Safety Net

Residents tell legislators of priorities ahead of the 60-day session of the General Assembly.

By KEN MOORE  
CENTRE VIEW

**B**arbara Quesada, parent of a Franklin Sherman Elementary School student, reminded the General Assembly delegation from Fairfax that Nova Firearms opened its new store right next to the McLean elementary school.

During Quesada's three-minute testimony, Dranesville School Board member Janie Strauss, McLean resident Marilyn White and a dozen others stood in solidarity.

White held a sign that said, "Gun store free school zone."

"Please pass legislation so gun stores are not located within immediate proximity to schools," said Quesada, who testified before the county's delegation to the General Assembly Saturday, Jan. 10 at Fairfax County Government Center.

"This is not a second amendment issue, and it is so infuriating the amount of time it gets twisted," she said, requesting authorizing legislation to allow localities to regulate the proximity of a gun store to a school.

Nearly 100 speakers testified Saturday, Jan. 9, in a hearing that lasted more than 240 minutes.

Burke's Martina Leinz attended the CNN Town Hall meeting at George Mason University two nights before where President Barack Obama spoke about the need for gun reform.

Leinz, speaker number 88 on Saturday, said she was asked if she had been personally affected by gun violence. "I looked him in the eye and said, 'I am an American citizen. Of course I have been affected by gun violence — we all have,'" Leinz told the Fairfax Delegation to the General Assembly.

The 2016 session of the Virginia General Assembly starts Wednesday, Jan. 13, and will last six weeks.

Leinz testified on behalf of the NOVA Chapter of the Brady Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence and the Virginia Gun Violence Prevention Coalition.

"We cannot stop all gun deaths but certainly we should do everything we can to stop some. And surely we all can agree that there are some categories of people who should not have access to firearms — that is why we have prohibited purchaser categories; criminals, domestic violence abusers, the adjudicated mentally ill and terrorists should not have easy access to guns."

**CHAIRMAN SHARON BULOVA** was the first to testify Saturday.

"Fairfax County is often described as a wealthy community, but we also have many individuals and families struggling finan-

cially," she said. "More than 52,000 students in Fairfax County Public Schools qualify for free and reduced lunch. Only four school divisions in the state have more total children than we have children living in low-income households."

State cuts to K-12 education in recent years have cost localities \$1.7 billion per biennium, Bulova said, "and have been detrimental to our efforts to educate our children."

"A state that is in the top 10 in income should not be in the bottom 10 in state education funding," said Bulova.

Dozens spoke of the need for full funding for K-12 programming and education.

Steve Greenburg, president of the Fairfax County Federation of Teachers, supports legislation for an increased county tax on cigarettes.

"If people are going to kill themselves and run up everyone's health care costs by smoking the stupid things, then we should certainly get some return for the costs they incur the rest of us," he said.

Advocating for the importance of the investment on education, Dean Howarth, a teacher from McLean, talked of the need for schools to emphasize critical thinking, not standardized test scores.

"We always say, 'Great minds think alike. No they don't, great minds think differently,'" said the physics and science teacher. "Students come back. You know what they remember? It's never ever their SOL score."

Del. Marcus Simon stopped the testimony to say Howarth was his physics teacher in high school.

Simon remembered Howarth getting students on rollerskates to learn about physics. But emphasis on standardized testing has robbed teachers of the freedom to teach in creative ways, Howarth said.

"Students have lost the joy of learning because their teachers are shackled," said Howarth. "I like being like Bill Nye, stoking fun in education."

**THE DISPARITY** between Virginia's rank as one of the 10 most wealthy states and spending on social services and education was invoked by many speakers.

Keith Foxx spoke in favor of state Sen. Barbara Favola's bill to help young adults that age out of foster care without being united with family or being adopted.

"It's critical that you support and fund Senator Favola's bill 'Fostering Futures' for the more than 500 young adults who age out of foster care at age 18 in Virginia every year," said Foxx, of Springfield. "Helping these young adults grow successfully to independence will save the commonwealth hundreds of millions of dollars over their lifetimes."



More than 30 people had signed up to speak for Critical Thinking Revolution. Shaista Keating said: "The era to teach to the test must indeed come to the end."

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KEN MOORE  
CENTRE VIEW

With a waiting list statewide of more than 10,000 people with intellectual and developmental disabilities for access to services in the community (through Medicaid waivers), only 325 new slots are included in the Governor's proposed budget. This is the minimum number required by settlement agreement between the Justice Department and the Commonwealth, said Rikki Epstein, executive director of the ARC of Northern Virginia.

"We can't keep doing the minimum and hoping the time will come when the problem solves itself," Epstein said, calling for the addition of 800 waivers in this cycle. This would "give hope to those with most urgent need, hope to those who have been waiting the longest."

Molly Long of the Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board pointed out that people moving out of residential facilities like Northern Virginia Training Center are getting priority for services ahead of those who have been on the waiting list for a long time, and the waiting list continues to grow. Nearly 1,000 people locally qualify for services urgently, but their waivers are not funded at the state level, including people with intellectual disabilities whose elderly parents can no longer meet their needs at home, and youth aging out of special residential services who are in danger of becoming homeless.

Long also cited the intense local battle with heroin addiction, and lack of resources. "Detoxification is often the important first step," she said, but clients seeking help must wait two-to-three weeks or longer for a detox bed.

"Waiting decreases the chance of successful intervention, and puts people's lives in danger. We must have more detox beds."

Richard Kennedy of Lorton testified in favor of sensible marijuana policy and cited the "insanity of arresting people for use of a drug that is an order of magnitude safer than alcohol or tobacco."

**SEVERAL OTHERS** spoke of the potential dangers of legalizing marijuana, even for medical purposes.

Sara Freund, of Great Falls, and a member of the Unified Prevention Council, said that states with medical marijuana laws have higher levels of youth use of mari-

juana. She also cited a recent survey showing that a higher percentage of Fairfax County 12th graders than national average have recently used marijuana.

Jerry Foltz of Centreville, a retired minister in United Church of Christ, was one of several speakers who requested increase of the minimum wage. "We need to support the people who are working hard," he said. "Those on the bottom rung who get a little increase in income, they spend it. That stimulates the economy. This should be non-partisan issue to raise the minimum wage. It's a good year to do it. It doesn't cost much to do it, and it has all kinds of benefits."

And Medicaid expansion was discussed by many.

"Medicaid expansion is a life issue. Everyone has a right to health care coverage," said Bob Stewart, speaking for Social Action Linking Together, also citing good financial reasons for extending coverage to more people by expanding Medicaid.

Brooke Annessa of Fairfax, Maya Simbulan of Burke, Brian Rosen of Vienna, and Sarah Pickford of Springfield spoke in support of Brain Injury Services of Northern Virginia, and thanked members of the delegation for past support. "We tell families we will walk with them after the unthinkable has happened. ... We give a voice back to survivors of brain injury and their families," said Annessa.

**"YOU NEED TO WRAP** it up," said state Sen. Dick Saslaw (D-35), moderator of the four-hour plus hearing, said when people ran over their allotted time.

Others talked of the need for reduced class sizes, exposure to foreign languages in elementary school, and giving teachers more freedom to teach.

Attorneys talked for the need for all 15 allotted circuit court judges and eight juvenile and domestic relations court judges to be filled, and several called for keeping Judge Jane Roush on the Virginia Supreme Court.

"Cases are taking forever," because of the vacancies, said Joseph Dailey, of McLean speaking for the Fairfax Bar Association. "This is about justice for your constituents." A case that begins this week, he said, won't be resolved until after the next World Series is over.



# Late Chantilly Free Throws Give Herndon Second Loss

**Clougherty finished with 19 points and 11 rebounds.**

BY JON ROETMAN  
CENTRE VIEW

**T**he Herndon girls' basketball team overcame a six-point deficit early in the fourth quarter, twice took the lead during the final period and had a chance to win in the closing seconds of Monday's Conference 5 contest at Chantilly.

But after junior guard Indeya Sanders' runner off the glass failed to drop, the Hornets' found their fate resting in the hands of Chantilly's best player.

With the score tied at 48, Chargers junior Mary Clougherty rebounded the Sanders miss and was fouled with 2 seconds remaining. With Chantilly in the bonus, Clougherty went to the line to shoot one-and-one. She calmly knocked down the front end and made the second, as well, giving Chantilly a 50-48 victory in a battle of teams that had already reached double digits in the win column.

Clougherty, a first-team all-conference selection last season, finished with 19 points and 11 rebounds.

"Mary's our best player," Chantilly head coach Kurt Sporkmann said. "... We want her on the line."

Was Clougherty comfortable in that situation?

"I've always liked the high stress," she said. "I've learned to not get butterflies."

Clougherty scored 11 points in the first quarter and had 13 at halftime, but didn't score in the third. No. 44 went 6-for-6 at the free-throw line in the fourth quarter.

What makes Clougherty a dangerous player?

"Her simple basketball IQ," Sporkmann said. "She knows how to manage a game and she knows how to take care of the players around her. We're lucky enough that Mary is flexible to play a variety of positions for us. She'll put the ball in her hand and be our guard, she'll go down low and post up, she'll play against the fastest guard, she'll play against the biggest post. ... She's versatile and she's accepted that role."

The victory improved Chantilly's record to 12-2, including 2-0 in the conference. The Chargers won their conference opener against Centreville, 35-33, on Jan. 8.

Meanwhile, Herndon dropped to 10-2. After 10 straight wins to open the season, the Hornets opened conference play with a 57-44 loss to defending region champion Oakton on Jan. 8 before falling to Chantilly on Monday.

Senior forward Shawnice Gresham had a big night for Herndon, finishing with 19 points and 12 rebounds. She tied the score at 48 with a putback with 51.4 seconds remaining.

"I think Herndon is just a tough team,"



**Head coach Kurt Sporkmann and the Chantilly girls' basketball team improved to 12-2 with a win over Herndon on Monday.**

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CRAIG STERBUTZEL  
CENTRE VIEW

**Chantilly junior Mary Clougherty scored 19 points and made the game-winning free throws against Herndon on Monday.**

Sporkmann said. "They are one hell of a team. ... They've got probably one of the best post players, one of the best rebounders in Shawnice. She's tough. We did everything we could to game plan against her and she still got [19 points]."

Junior guard Janiece Loney scored 10 points for Herndon and Sanders finished with eight.

Junior forward Sarah Maxseiner had 10 points for Chantilly and junior guard Chiara Ballam finished with six.

Herndon faced Centreville on Tuesday, after The Connection's deadline. The Hornets will travel to face Potomac Falls at 7:15 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 14.

Chantilly faced Robinson on Tuesday. The Chargers will travel to face Oakton at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 19.

"I'm proud of my girls for coming together this year and really keeping their eye on the next play, worrying about the next thing," Sporkmann said, "and not worrying about off-court crap and drama."

## Westfield Boys' Basketball Extends Win Streak

**T**he Westfield boys' basketball team, fresh of its Bulldog Bash Tournament championship, played their final non-conference game against visiting Potomac Falls on Jan. 5.

After trailing 15-13 in the first quarter, Westfield outscored Potomac Falls 16-6 in the second quarter to take a 29-21 half-time lead. Westfield would not trail again. Westfield would outscore Potomac Falls 21-15 in the third quarter en route to a 62-46 victory.

Tyler Scanlon led Westfield with 25 points, followed by Kory Jones' 13. Westfield connected on seven 3-pointers for the game and shot 70 percent from the charity stripe. Potomac Falls was led by Dondrea Tillman's 15 points and received 12 from Danny Cox.

Westfield also defeated Robinson 70-51 in both teams' Conference 5 opener at Robinson on Jan. 8. Blake Francis led Westfield with 22 points. Tyler Scanlon had 19 and Kory Jones finished with 15. Westfield improved to 9-2, 1-0 in Conference 5.

The Bulldogs faced Oakton on Tuesday, after The Connection's deadline. Westfield will host Centreville at 7:15 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 15.

**Blake Francis and the Westfield boys' basketball extended its win streak to eight games.**



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# HomeLifeStyle

## Design Trends for 2016

Local style gurus predict the elements that will be popular this year.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL  
CENTRE VIEW

The start of the year offers an opportunity to ring in new trends, particularly when it comes to a home's interior. From sustainably sourced textiles to sparsely accessorized rooms, local tastemakers look into their crystal balls and offer predictions on design elements that will be popular this year.

Interior design is going high tech, allowing designers and clients an opportunity to work collaboratively during the design process. "Technology seems to be driving design firms," said Jean P. Freeman, professor of Interior Design at Marymount University in Arlington. "Since there are so many computer programs that assist designers in creating visual, 3-D drawings, clients are able to better understand the designs. Designers and clients both are able to visualize how spaces appear with colors, textures, volume, proportion and other aspects of design."

Freeman believes that consumer demand for energy efficient appliances and designs, as well as sustainably sourced materials, is a trend that will continue and even be elevated. "Now they are interested to find out the origins of various textiles, furniture [and] cabinets," said Freeman. "Clients are seeking healthy environments that are safe. The off gassing of toxic gases from some of the synthetic materials used in carpet, paint, upholstery, furniture is now considered harmful."

Eschewing fussy and indulgent decor in favor of a clean and simple aesthetic is a trend that Kristine Winner, associate professor of Interior Design at Northern Virginia Community College expects to see this year. "... This indicates a trend toward more comfortably contemporary environments with minimal accessories," she said. "It also indicates that we should be designing interiors for people that will allow them to be surrounded by the things they love rather than a load of things selected for no real reason."

The trend toward decluttering and simplification will extend to home choices. "Go small or go home" is one theme that Sharon Kleinman of Transitions in Potomac, Md. believes will resonate with consumers this year.

"One trend I'm seeing among my clients is that they are either downsizing from large homes on more acreage or moving towards city living with little to no property and more compact living space," said Kleinman. "I'm also seeing clients gravitate towards transitional furnishings. There doesn't seem to be as great a divide between the more traditional versus the more modern."

Outdoor upholstery fabric will no longer be confined to alfresco furniture, forecasts Amanda Mertins,



PHOTO BY GWYN HUNT

**Downsizing from a large home to a compact living space will be popular this year, says interior designer Sharon Kleinman.**

president of Patina Polished Living in Alexandria. "One of the most popular design trends for this year is the use of outdoor fabric for indoor upholstery," she said. "It has been used for high traffic rooms especially where kids are involved but now, given a broader selection and interesting patterns, customers are using it in traditional living areas and dining rooms."

Elegant and bold mirrors will make an appearance in bathrooms marrying style and function. "Bye-bye to medicine cabinets and hello to mirrors that make a statement," said Mertins.

"Modern metallics, large wood-framed and vintage mirrors add interest and boost style to a utilitarian space which is used every day."

Furniture and accessories made of Lucite, a transparent plastic material, is one trend that Marika Meyer of Marika Meyer Interiors predicts for 2016. The designer also expects to see a transition from cool grays to warmer grays, whites and

cool beiges being used as neutral shades. "We are seeing a return to organic patterns as a change from the strong geometrics, which have populated the fabric field for the last few years," she said. "Colors and patterns are still quite popular and will be."

Trends that Gretchen Fuss, interior designer with Tchoupitoulas Furnishings in Alexandria, expects to see include "classic, elegant, fundamental pieces with clean lines as seen in midcentury modern, vignettes composed in thoughtful arrangements that include pops of color found in Abstract art," she said.

**"We should be designing interiors for people that will allow them to be surrounded by the things they love rather than a load of things selected for no real reason."**

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# "You're Old News"

By KENNETH B. LOURIE



So said my wife, Dina, after hearing me describe my most recent visit to the Infusion Center. Visits which I've now made approximately 100 times since I received my cancer diagnosis in late February, 2009. For nearly seven years, save for 15 months or so when I was taking two pills a day at home instead of infusing once every three weeks, I have been an oncology patient getting treated for stage IV, non-small cell lung cancer (NSCLC) – a treatable but not-curable form of cancer, as my oncologist explained to Team Lourie on February 27th, 2009. In short, I was "terminal," with my chance of surviving beyond two years calculated in the low single digits. The fact that I sit here, almost seven years later, alive and reasonably well, is a miracle of biblical proportions, and a reality for which I am extraordinarily grateful and fortunate, although "fortunate" doesn't really characterize how lucky I am, all things considered.

And seven years into my treatment, it's safe to say I know the drill at the Infusion Center. As such, I require very little attention, special or otherwise, when I am admitted into the treatment area. This past visit was a bit different, however. Due to a computer coding/data-entry error, one of my lab results was not posted. As a result, there was a delay of nearly an hour before the results were retrieved, which in turn prevented my chemotherapy drugs from even being ordered/mixed, a process which ordinarily takes 15 to 20 minutes. Because of this snafu, I was left to sit in my Barcalounger/pace in my cubicle for quadruple the normal wait. Eventually, the results were loaded, but in the interim, I was left to fend for myself.

It was during this delay that I noticed a fellow oncology patient across the room who seemed to be getting an inordinate amount of attention, although it didn't seem urgent; from the LPNs, the oncology nurses and even from my oncologist – who is generally not present/involved (nor does he need to be, according to my experience) at the Infusion Center. Yours truly, on the other hand, stood idly by/sat minding my own business/making numerous non-medically-related cell-phone calls and was basically but not totally ignored. (I'm not a shrinking violet; if I needed something, I would have asked.)

When I shared this story with my wife, she scoffed at my semi inconvenience and said: "You're old news." To which I laughed and agreed. I suppose, after seven years of treatment/miscellaneous interactions, and having far exceeded my original "13-month to two-year" prognosis, I am very old news. The kind of news which apparently is very rare; but having survived so long requiring so little, I guess I'm sort of ignorable. Not that there's anything wrong with that; I'd much rather not require any attention, especially the life-saving kind, and go about my regular infusions with amazingly minimal complications – which seems to be my norm.

Of course, I don't take any of this for granted, as you regular readers know. But there was a peculiar sort of indifference/lack of concern/being taken for granted that was oddly reassuring. If the staff is not paying attention to me, then I must not need any attention paid. And if I don't require any attention, I must not present any kind of problem. And if I don't present any kind of problem, then what am I worried about? So what if there's a delay? Apparently, there are patients with bigger problems and I don't seem to have any of them. Perhaps I should just recline in my Barcalounger and relax; I've earned it.

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January 26, 2016

Notice is hereby given that the Town of Clifton Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, January 26, 2016 at 7:30 P.M. at the Acacia Lodge Hall, 7135 Main Street, Clifton, VA 20124 to consider a requested special use permit for the Peterson's Ice Cream Depot, located at 7150 Main Street, which would include an expansion of the existing use, including, but not limited to, the increase in number of seats; an increase in parking; an expansion of the hours of operation; an increase in employees, from the previous special use permit. The application for the changed special use permit is available for review and downloading on the Town's website at [www.clifton-va.com](http://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 the Planning Commission's public hearing and express their views with respect to the requested special use permit of Peterson's Ice Cream Depot.

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Michael Frey with his Phillies mug and a 1998 Centre View featuring a story on him.



Michael Frey with his Westfield letterman's jacket and some groundbreaking shovels.

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## Frey Looks Back as Sully Supervisor

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"Nothing was harder than losing them," said Frey. "That will never be far from my mind. And I told the crowd at the first vigil I've never been prouder to be the Sully supervisor than that evening; more than 1,000 people turned out. I'll also never forget the day after the shooting. I pulled into the station and saw a huge banner from Westfield High, signed by the students and saying, 'Sully P.D., we love you.'"

And when the police officers on duty at the time of the shooting eventually returned to work, Sully residents came to the station at 3 a.m. and cooked breakfast for their whole shift. Said Frey: "To see that kind of support was phenomenal."

Then 11 months later was the Virginia Tech tragedy in which Westfield graduates Reema Samaha and Erin Peterson were killed. "There was a prayer vigil at Tech, including at least 25 Sully police officers," said Frey. "They said, 'Westfield students were there for us and we want to be there for them.'"

Also during his tenure, the Centreville Historic District grew from 18 acres to 82, and the county bought Mount Gilead and the Sears/Spindle house and fixed up both homes. "And now, we're beginning a sign system and walking tours there," said Frey.

One of his toughest accomplishments was the establishment of the Centreville Labor Resource Center for the community's day laborers, which he supported. "A fair amount of people were against it initially, but it was an obvious human need," he said. "And I'm thrilled with the way it turned out."

### PROTECTING ANIMALS

Frey's also pleased with the creation of a dog park here, plus a no-tethering law and vast improvements at the county animal shelter. "When I first joined the board, it didn't care about humane treatment of animals, and this bothered me," he said. "It took lots of amazing people, including veterinarian and shelter volunteer Susan Hall, to make progress at the shelter and fight for better conditions for the animals." So he was proud when, two summers ago, the

shelter received special recognition from the Humane Society of the U.S.

One year, Frey even got dog runs for the shelter for \$21,000 in the county budget. "But there's more we can do," he said. "And now I'll advocate for the shelter without the rules and regulations of a supervisor."

He also plans to golf and read and keep in touch with his former staff. "I've loved what I've been doing, so it'll be an adjustment," he said. "But what I really loved were the people; I'll miss those relationships, but I'll still see many of them. I'll still be here in Centreville and go to Westfield and Centreville high games."

Frey said his successor, Kathy Smith, will do fine. "She's a good person, a quick learner and a great listener," he said. "So I'm confident Sully's in good hands."

Meanwhile, he said, "I'll still be involved with the Historic District, local sports and the Friends of the Animal Shelter — I just won't have to deal with budgets. I'm going to do what everybody else does — sit in my kitchen with a cup of coffee and bitch about the traffic."

## 10-Mile Hike at the Battlefield of Antietam



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After a five year hiatus, Troop 30 of Centreville returned to the Battlefield of Antietam for a history-filled campout before the holidays. The Troop 30 Committee Chair and self-proclaimed Civil War historian Mitch Simmons first introduced the Scouts to the life of a Civil War Union soldier during a troop meeting. He then instructed the volunteer in close order drill movements for the Scouts to have an appreciation for how a replica 1861 Springfield musket would be carried on the march and the steps in its loading. Simmons led the 16 Scouts and 5 adults through a 10-mile hike where they discussed key movements and aspects of the battle. They covered each component of the critical battle that marked the single bloodiest day in America's military history with a combined loss of over 22,000 killed, wounded, and missing/captured. The Scouts of Troop 30 are in or rising students in the pyramids for Westfield High School, Centreville High School, Chantilly High School, and home-school. Contact [troop30scoutmaster@gmail.com](mailto:troop30scoutmaster@gmail.com) about getting a son involved in Scouting.



# ENTERTAINMENT

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## ONGOING

**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](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov) for more.

**Fine Art Exhibit at Clifton Wine Shop.** Through Jan. 31, 10 a.m.-8 p.m. at The Clifton Wine Shop, 7145 Main St., Clifton. This exhibit includes landscapes, watercolors, and acrylics from artist Michele Frantz. Free. Visit [www.artguildofclifton.org](http://www.artguildofclifton.org) for more.

## FRIDAY/JAN. 15

**Budding Scientist Workshop.** 11 a.m.-12 p.m. at Children's Science Center, 11948 Fair Oaks Mall, Fair Oaks. Preschool aged children are invited to a special program. Tickets are \$12, \$11 for seniors and active military, free for children under age 2. Visit [www.childsci.org](http://www.childsci.org) for more.

**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](http://www.wineryatbullrun.com/events).

## FRIDAY-SUNDAY/JAN. 15-17

**30th Annual Washington Camping RV Expo.** 12- 8 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Saturday, and 11 a.m.-5 p.m. 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](http://www.agievents.com) for more.

## SATURDAY/JAN. 16

**Richard Bland Lee's 253rd Birthday Party.** 1-4 p.m. at Sully Historic Site, 3650 Historic Sully Way, Chantilly. Celebrate the 253rd birthday of Sully's former owner, Richard Bland Lee, Northern Virginia's first Representative to Congress. Take a special tour of the grounds. Tickets are \$7 for adults, \$6 for students, and \$5 for seniors and children. Call 703-437-1794 or visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/sully-historic-site/](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/sully-historic-site/).

## SUNDAY/JAN. 17

**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](http://www.fairfax-station.org) for more.

## MONDAY/JAN. 18

**Tips for Beautiful Garden Pictures.** 7 p.m. at Sully Government Center, 4900 Stonecroft Blvd., Chantilly. Photographer Patty Hankins offers tips for garden photos using a smartphone. Free. Visit [www.centrevillegardenclub.blogspot.com](http://www.centrevillegardenclub.blogspot.com).

## MONDAYS/JAN. 18-MARCH 7

**Castles & Catapults Workshops.** 1-2 p.m. or 4:45-5:45 p.m. at Children's Science Center, 11948 Fair Oaks Mall, Fair Oaks. Children will learn about science and engineering principles, like gravity, buoyancy, and simple machines, presented in the context of medieval times. Activities include building towers, boats, draw-bridges, and catapults as well as designing medieval coats of arms and jewelry. The earlier session can be customized for homeschooled children ages 7-12, the second session is for grades 4-6. The price per participant is \$160. Visit [www.childsci.org](http://www.childsci.org) for more.

**Science Solutions Workshops.** 2:15-3:15 p.m. at Children's Science Center, 11948 Fair Oaks Mall, Fair Oaks. Children will apply science, math and engineering solutions to help the owners of the "E.Z. Science Journal." They will create sand clocks, design an experiment, build a stronger egg carton, solve knot puzzles, design journal cover art, sketch and construct a new invention, and develop more efficient delivery routes. The price per participant is \$160. Visit [www.childsci.org](http://www.childsci.org) for more.

## WEDNESDAYS/JAN. 20-MARCH 9

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## SATURDAYS/JAN. 23-MARCH 12

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## FRIDAY/JAN. 22

**Friday Night Flights: Meritage.** 7 p.m. at The Winery at Bull Run, 15950 Lee Highway, Centreville. Tasting room manager Dean Gruenberg will lead a wine tasting of meritage blends from Argentina, California, France, Washington State, South Africa, and Virginia. Tickets are \$20-30. Visit [www.wineryatbullrun.com/events](http://www.wineryatbullrun.com/events).

## FRIDAY-SUNDAY/JAN. 22-24

**Home and Remodeling Show.** 10 a.m.- 9 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. on Sunday at Dulles Expo & Conference Center, 4320 Chantilly Shopping Center Drive, Chantilly. Find and learn more about home related products and services. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$3 for children 6-16, free for children 5 and younger. Visit [www.homeandremodelingshow.com](http://www.homeandremodelingshow.com) for more.

## FRIDAY/JAN. 29

**Magic Show: Michael Cantori.** 7 p.m. at The Winery at Bull Run, 15950 Lee Highway, Centreville. Experience magic, psychology, hypnosis, etc. Tickets are \$32-40. Visit [www.wineryatbullrun.com/events](http://www.wineryatbullrun.com/events).

## FRIDAY-SUNDAY/JAN. 29-31

**Sugarloaf Craft Festival.** 10 a.m.- 6 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. on Sunday at Dulles Expo & Conference Center, 4320 Chantilly Shopping Center Drive, Chantilly. Find more 250 artists and craft designers. Tickets are \$8 in advance for adults, \$10 at the door, free for children 12 and younger. Visit [www.sugarloafcrafter.com](http://www.sugarloafcrafter.com) for more.

## SATURDAY/JAN. 30

**Steven F. Udvar-Hazy Center Open House.** 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at Steven F. Udvar-Hazy Center, 14390 Air & Space Museum Parkway, Chantilly. Go behind the scenes and talk with curators, conservators, archivists, and other Museum experts; see objects not on public display; and participate in unique activities, tours, and on-stage presentations. Call 703-572-4118 or visit [airandspace.si.edu/udvarhazy](http://airandspace.si.edu/udvarhazy).

## SATURDAY/FEB. 6

**Heritage Family Day: African American Pioneers in Aviation and Space.** 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at Steven F. Udvar-Hazy Center, 14390 Air & Space Museum Parkway, Chantilly. Learn more about the accomplishment of African Americans in the fields of aviation and space exploration. Free. Call 703-572-4118 or visit [airandspace.si.edu/udvarhazy](http://airandspace.si.edu/udvarhazy).

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## SUNDAY/FEB. 14

**Valentine's Day Wine Dinner.** 8 p.m. at Paradise Springs Winery, 13219 Yates Ford Road, Clifton. Find a four-course dinner paired with Paradise Springs wine. VIP tickets are \$149, \$129 for wine club members. General admission tickets are \$129, \$119 for wine club members. Call 703-830-9463 for reservations.

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