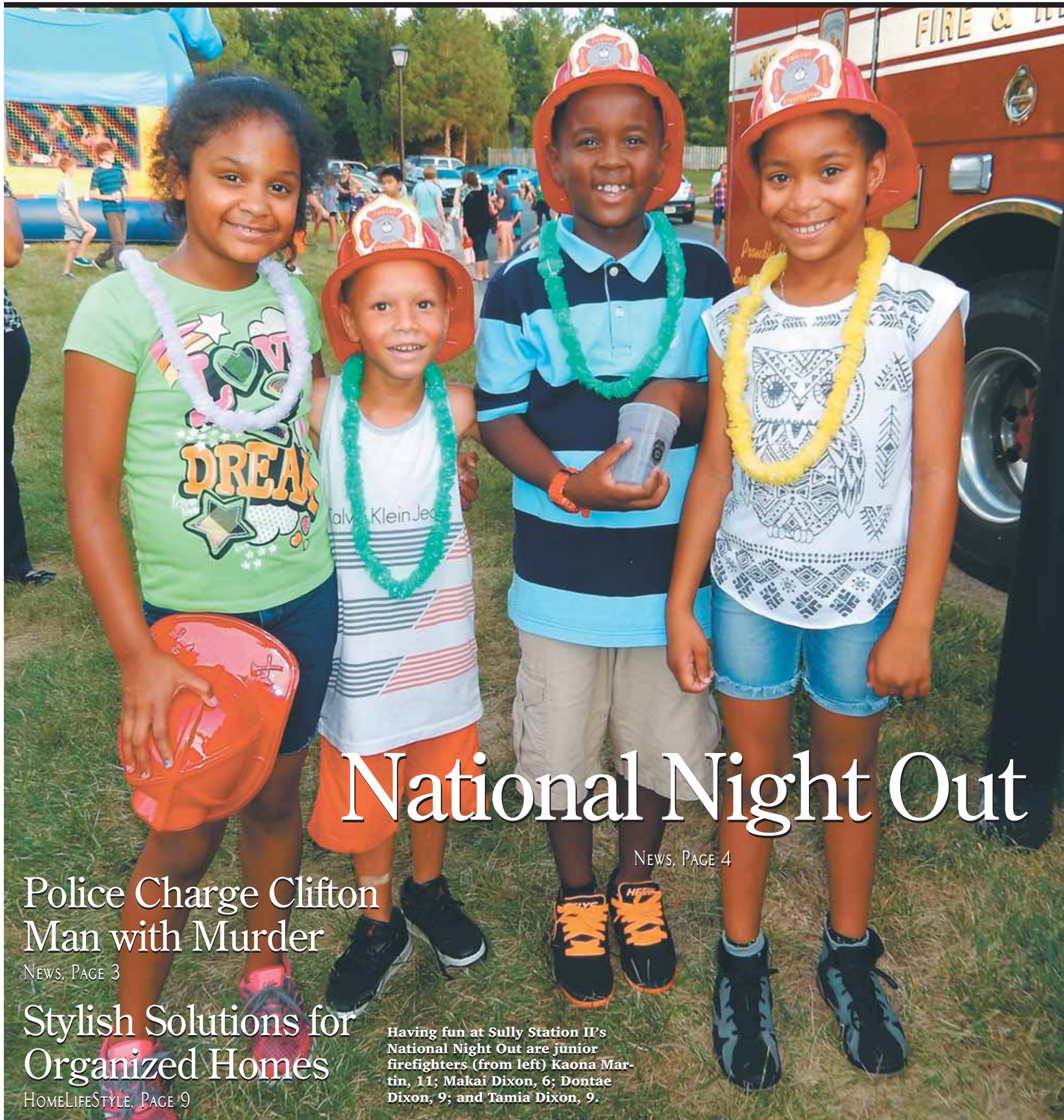


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Having fun at Sully Station II's
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tin, 11; Makai Dixon, 6; Dontae
Dixon, 9; and Tamia Dixon, 9.

One Step To 'One Fairfax'

Agreeing on a policy to create opportunity for all.

BY KEN MOORE
CENTRE VIEW

Jeff McKay didn't mince words when discussing racial, social and economic inequity in Fairfax County.

"There are different opportunities in this county depending on where you live and depending on what school you go to," said the Lee District supervisor.

Hybla Valley Elementary in Mount Vernon is by many measures the most equity-challenged elementary school in Fairfax County. Fully 90 percent of students are poor, that is qualify for "free and reduced meals;" 48.7 percent of students are limited English proficient. While 80 percent of students are Latino, just 2.4 percent are white.

Less than four miles away, at Waynewood Elementary School, also in Mount Vernon, the story is different. There are very few poor students; just 2.1 percent qualify for subsidized meals. White students make up 87 percent of the students body; 1.8 percent are Black; 4.46 percent are Latino. Just 3.4 percent of students have limited proficiency in English.

On the other side of the county, many elementary schools in McLean, Great Falls and Vienna have a tiny percentage of poor children; less than one percent in some cases.

At Churchill Road Elementary School in McLean, there are almost no students poor enough to qualify for subsidized meals; 0.82 percent; just 8.8 percent of students are limited English proficient. 51 percent of students are white, 32 percent Asian, 2.47 percent Black and 7 percent Latino.

At Wolftrap Elementary in Vienna, there are also almost no poor students with just 1.22 percent poor enough to qualify for subsidized meals. White students make up 71.25 percent of students; 8.8 percent of students are Latino; 13.2 percent are Asian. Less than one percent are Black.

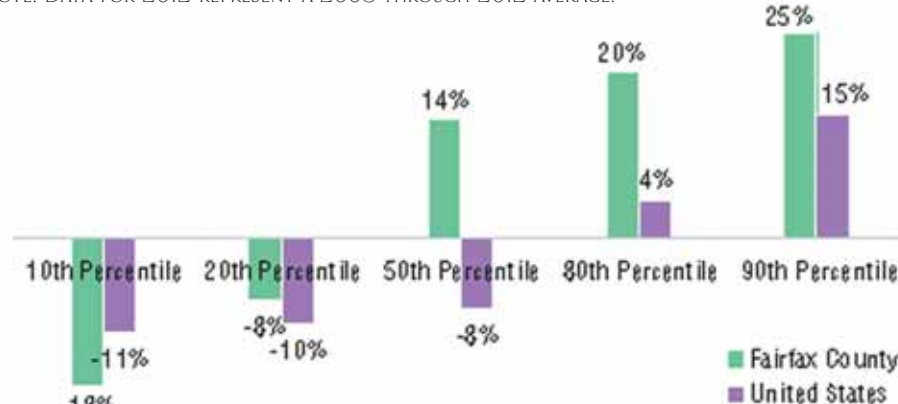
But in Herndon, at Hutchison Elementary, 78 percent of students are poor. The same percentage, 78, of students are poor at Dogwood Elementary in Reston.

THIS MONTH, the Board of Supervisors and the School Board passed a joint resolution called "One Fairfax: a community where everyone can participate and prosper." The idea is to address inequity in opportunities across the county.

"This puts it in writing, makes it deliberate and sends a strong message to our community that our leadership in this county believes strongly in equity, in social justice and in One Fairfax, where no matter where you are born, no matter what neighborhood you happen to grow up in, you have equal opportunity to succeed," said McKay.

Real Earned Income Growth for Full-Time Wage and Salary Workers, 1979 to 2012

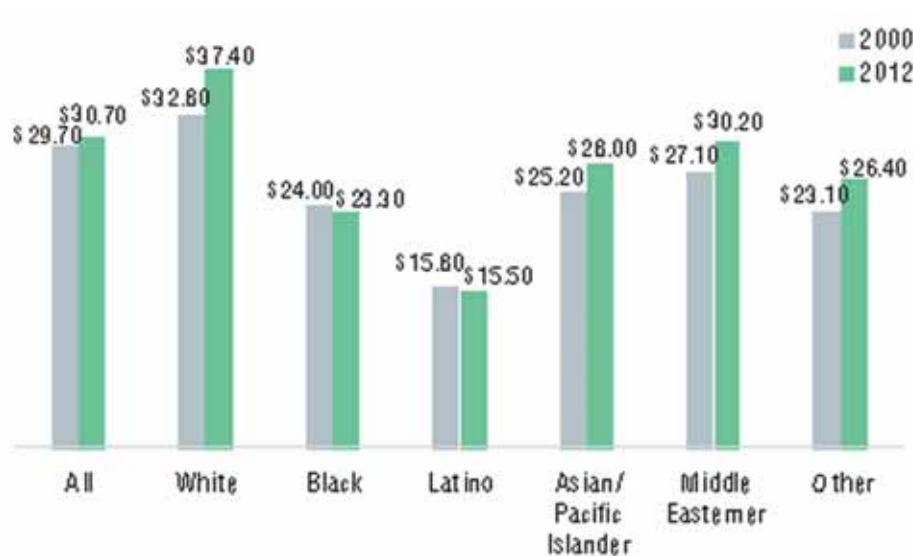
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SOURCE: IPUMS. UNIVERSE INCLUDES CIVILIAN NONINSTITUTIONAL FULL-TIME WAGE AND SALARY WORKERS AGES 25 THROUGH 64.

Median Hourly Wage by Race/Ethnicity, 2000 and 2012

NOTE: DATA FOR 2012 REPRESENT A 2008 THROUGH 2012 AVERAGE. VALUES ARE IN 2010 DOLLARS.



SOURCE: IPUMS. UNIVERSE INCLUDES CIVILIAN NONINSTITUTIONAL FULL-TIME WAGE AND SALARY WORKERS AGES 25 THROUGH 64.

The policy passed by the two boards directs the development of a racial and social equity policy and strategic actions to advance opportunities and achieve equity that includes intentional collective leadership, community engagement, equity tools and infrastructure to support and sustain systemic changes, and shared accountability.

"We don't have the opportunities we need for all people in the county. And we talk about that in the context of everything from career and technical education, to preschool," said Braddock Supervisor John Cook.

"We have had community members who have worked for a long time to figure out how to bring this to the forefront of the board," said Hunter Mill Supervisor Catherine Hudgins.

"It's not only the right thing to do, it's the smart thing to do," said Dranesville Supervisor John W. Foust.

"I can think of no more important statement that we can make at this time, at any

time, to our community," said McKay.

"You know if you don't have access to services you're not going to have outcomes for the child or adult," said Deputy County Executive Pat Harrison.

THE BOARD DEBATED the joint resolution at its meeting on July 12.

"If you don't have the right opportunities, you're not going to improve the outcomes. And that's the fundamental question we are asking ourselves here," said McKay.

"This all sounds really good, and the discussion is all really good. The devil really is in the details," said Springfield Supervisor Pat Herry (R).

"I think we need to do a better job at measuring the effectiveness of the programs and services. That's part of what I'm getting at," he said.

"How do you define the lens of equity?" he asked.

The last few years, the county implemented several initiatives to address dis-

parities in a variety of areas including juvenile justice, education, employment, self sufficiency, health and child welfare.

In 2015, the Board of Supervisors adopted the Strategic Plan to Facilitate Economic Success. School leadership and community representatives "identified racial and social equity as an integral component to improving educational and life outcomes for youth," according to county documents.

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— Hunter Mill Supervisor
Catherine M. Hudgins

"Linking people to opportunities including workforce development, education, employment and affordable housing helps ensure lifelong learning, resilience, and economic success," according to county documents.

Lynbrook Elementary and Sangster Elementary are both in Springfield, and are less than 7 miles apart. But the distance in demographics is massive. Lynbrook's students are 85 percent poor enough to qualify for subsidized meals and 72 percent of them are limited in English proficiency; less than 3 percent of students are White; 83 percent are Latino.

At Sangster, only 2.4 percent of students are poor enough to qualify for subsidized meals; only 3.6 percent are limited in English proficiency; two-thirds are White.

"Racial gaps in wages have grown over the past decade. From 2000 to 2012, White workers saw their median hourly wage increase significantly, while Latinos and Blacks experienced slight wage declines," according to county documents. "People of color earn lower wages than Whites at every education level. Wages rise with education, but gaps by race remain."

Hunter Mill Supervisor Hudgins says "it's taken a long time" to get this far.

"Now we have the harder part of putting the policy together and hoping it can work well throughout all of our agencies and all of our communities and in a way that the community can understand what we are trying to do."

Police Charge Clifton Man with Murder

Caterer dies from stabbing after E.C. Lawrence Park wedding.

BY BONNIE HOBBS
CENTRE VIEW

Weddings are normally happy affairs that don't end in tragedy. But an argument over folding chairs after a Saturday wedding in Chantilly's Ellanor C. Lawrence Park resulted in a woman's death and a man being charged with murder.

The victim was the event's chef and caterer, Tyonne Johns, 35, of Washington, D.C. Fairfax County police say her alleged assailant was Clifton

resident Kempton Bonds, 19, a 2015 graduate of Robinson Secondary School and a seasonal employee of the county Park Authority.

"I was very close friends with him," said Nik



Kempton Bonds

Martin, 19, of Burke. "We met in our freshman year at Robinson, and I can't imagine him doing something like this."

The wedding was Aug. 6 at historic Cabell's Mill, a popular venue for weddings and other events within E.C. Lawrence Park. The next day, the police and Park Authority held a press conference to explain what happened.

"Saturday, around 9:24 p.m., police responded to the park for a call Bonds made for disorderly conduct and loud noise made by the wedding guests," said police spokeswoman Monica Meeks. "Some of the people then left, and police said things were calm when they left."

Then, she said, about 10:50 p.m., another call came in from that location. But this time, it was regarding a stabbing. Police said Bonds and Johns didn't know each other previously, but had argued earlier that evening, leading up to a heated altercation as the event ended.

The chairs for the wedding had been sup-



Judy Pedersen (left) and Monica Meeks at a press briefing, Sunday afternoon, outside police headquarters in Fairfax.

PHOTO BY BONNIE HOBBS/CENTRE VIEW

plied by both Chef Tyonne Catering Co., owned by the victim, as well as by the Park Authority. According to Meeks, witnesses said Johns was starting to pack up the folding chairs, but Bonds told her the chairs belonged to the park, and the two began to argue. And, she added, "The suspect may have cut off the music a little early."

Police said the harsh words culminated in Bonds allegedly stabbing Johns with a knife. Meeks didn't know how many times she was stabbed, but said it was in the upper body. "It was a pocket knife, maybe a 3-inch blade," she said. "But I haven't seen the knife, myself."

Meeks said police "have no knowledge of any, particular motive" for the victim's killing. She said the victim went by Chef Tyonne and "appears to be well-known in the D.C. Metropolitan area."

After sustaining life-threatening injuries, Johns was taken to a local hospital where she was pronounced dead. Bonds, who stayed on the scene, was arrested and charged with second-degree murder and is being held without bond in the county's Adult Detention Center.

Bonds was also fired by the Park Authority, pending the outcome of the investigation. Major Crimes Division and Crime Scene detectives responded to the scene to investigate. There, they recovered the knife

to hold as evidence.

Anyone with information about this crime is asked to contact Crime Solvers at www.fairfaxcrimesolvers.org, text "TIP187" plus a message to CRIMES(274637)** or call 1-866-411-TIPS(8477) or police at 703-691-2131.

Park Authority spokeswoman Judy Pedersen said Bonds had worked for the entity for a year. "We did a background check before hiring him and nothing criminal came up," she said. "And since then, we received no reports of problems with him."

She said Bonds prepared sites for events and solved any problems the people putting on the events might have. And while some Park Authority jobs involving food might require employees to bring a knife with them, Pedersen said, "We wouldn't anticipate this job would have required him to have a knife."

"We're shocked at this tragic event and express our deepest condolences to the victim's family," she continued. "We have 600 regular and 2,500 seasonal employees and 426 parks. 23,000 acres of parkland and 18 million visitors a year. So unfortunately, when we have these kinds of numbers, things will happen. But our parks are safe."

Still, added Pedersen, "We'll take another look to make sure we're ensuring the safety



Tyonne Johns, the victim

of the public and our employees. This was an isolated incident between these two people."

Martin and Joey Garcia, who both graduated from Robinson with Bonds, were at the press conference outside police headquarters. Afterward, Martin described Bonds as a quiet, calm person who never held a grudge or had a quick temper. So, he said, "I was flabbergasted because this was out of character for him."

Martin said they originally met in Robinson's Rifle Club and that Bonds planned to transfer from NOVA to VCU in the fall to start his sophomore year there as a communications major. Shaken up by his friend's arrest, Martin said, "This is all so surreal to me."

He said Bonds called him Saturday at 7 p.m. and told him he'd been at a wedding where some of the people had given him a hard time. "He said people were upset about some of the regulations he had to enforce. For example, they couldn't hang anything on the walls."

But Martin didn't hear about the murder until Sunday, when a friend called to tell him. Stunned, he immediately went to Bonds's home in Clifton to see his mother. "His father died a few years ago from cancer," said Martin. "His mother was devastated. She said, 'I just want to get my boy back.'"

Garcia said Bonds was hospitable, a "really nice guy and fun to hang out with. He'd give me a hug and smile when he saw me. He was going to be our roommate at VCU."

"Joey and I are both criminal-justice majors so, naturally, we want to learn about the investigative process," added Martin. "And with this hitting so close to home, we'd like to help any way we can."

Like Martin, Garcia was also having a hard time believing that Bonds, the friend they knew so well, was now behind bars, charged with murder. "It's really shocking to me," said Garcia. "I couldn't have foreseen him doing this act."

ROUNDUPS

Immunizations For School

Fairfax County Health Department offers administration of school-required immunizations free of charge. Parents can have their children immunized in preparation for school at any of the Health Department's five clinics in Annandale, Herndon/Reston, the City of Fairfax, Mount Vernon, and Springfield.

The Health Department is offering extended walk-in hours for school-required immunizations and tuberculosis screening at all clinic sites:

- ❖ Monday, Aug. 22, 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.
- ❖ Monday, Aug. 29, 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.
- ❖ Tuesday, Sept. 6, 8 - 10 a.m.

For information about the clinics, immunizations, and records, visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/hd/immun/immunupdate.htm.

Care about Social Studies?

Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) is seeking public comment on basal resource materials under consideration for use in social studies courses in kindergarten through high school. A review committee composed of community members, administrators, and teachers will meet in the coming weeks to review and recommend new

social studies materials to the School Board. Citizens are encouraged to review materials under consideration and provide comments.

Social studies basal resource materials are available through Friday, Sept. 9, for public review. Hard copies of the resources as well as access information for digital resources will be available in the

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Building Trust in the Community

Residents, police and firefighters join together during National Night Out.

BY BONNIE HOBBS
CENTRE VIEW

Hot dogs, ice cream, water games, laughter and fun were all part of last week's annual National Night Out celebration in the local area. It was held Tuesday evening, Aug. 2, and enabled community residents and public-safety personnel to meet each other, mingle and share some time together in a happy and relaxed atmosphere.

Several neighborhoods held a variety of events, including cookouts, pool parties and ice-cream socials. There, residents got to discuss any concerns they had, as well as receive safety tips, from the police officers and firefighters who regularly serve their communities.

Ragan Oaks

In the Ragan Oaks neighborhood in Fair Oaks, hot dogs, raw vegetables, cupcakes, watermelon and strawberries with whipped cream were on the menu. FACETS and nearby Centerpointe Church sponsored the festivities, and the food was served on picnic tables under the trees.

"We want to be a church that's not just in the community, but with the community," said the Rev. Brandon Horst, the church's pastor. "So we partner with FACETS on several events; and this is a good one because it builds trust, instead of suspicion, between the police and the community."

"My brother's a state trooper in Maryland, and he said he feels like he has a target on his back," continued Horst. "But he also said some people have gone out of their way to show support. Still, when he's in crowds, he's always on edge."

That's why National Night Out is so important, said Horst. "It's easy to hate people you don't know," he said. "But when you know [law-enforcement personnel] and



Fair Oaks Police Sgt. Trevor Steranko chats with the Ragan Oaks children while they eat.

know they have families they love, it's a good antidote to hate."

Agreeing, Tijani Musa, a community development advocate with FACETS, said anything that brings the police and residents together for a common purpose is a good thing. And both Fair Oaks police officers and a sheriff's deputy were at the Ragan Oaks event.

"If you're going to serve the community, you need to know the people in it," said Musa. "And the residents need to know the people serving them, so it's a two-sided appreciation."

He said it's also good for children to know who's out there protecting them, "National Night Out builds good relationships; that's



Church, FACETS and law-enforcement personnel gather for a photo in Ragan Oaks.

why we have these events every year," said Musa. "The kids get to ask the officers about safety, and the officers can describe a good interaction with the police."

Representing the Fairfax County Sheriff's Office at Ragan Oaks was Reserve Deputy Kelly Gulich. "I find it rewarding because the kids are happy to see us," she said. "Oftentimes, something scary may be going on in their lives, and this gives them a chance to get to know a police officer or deputy and know that they're people, too. And it's always good to see a smiling face."

Police Sgt. Trevor Steranko said these events get the police in touch with the community. "We're normally in our cars all day, driving from call to call, usually dealing with people having problems, so it's not a good day for them," he said. "But National Night Out gets us out and interacting with

people, without them actually needing us. It's friendlier and gives them face time with us."

Sully Station II

The Sully Station II Community Center was chocked full of people enjoying themselves, both inside the building and outdoors. Nearly 450 people attended, throughout the evening, chowing down on sandwiches from Firehouse Subs, cotton candy, popcorn, Sno Cones, and ice cream. Children jumped inside a Blue's Clues moonbounce and played games on the lawn, while a deejay played hit songs. Neighbors chatted with each other and with Sully District police and firefighters from

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From left: Chanty Sommerfeld and daughter Caitlin, 14, a rising freshman at Westfield High, enjoy Sno Cones at Sully Station II.



Scooping ice cream during Sully Station II's National Night Out are (from left) Kayla Gadley, 11, and her mom, Jamie Gadley.



From left are Karen Sica of Volunteers in Police Services, police Officer Matt Schafer of the Sully District Station and Sully Station II resident Dan Jenuleson.

PEOPLE



PHOTOS CONTRIBUTED

20 Years

Virginia Bagel, at 5621 Stone Road, Centreville, is celebrating 20 years of business. Customers commemorated the store's anniversary by presenting owners Aziz and Karim Afzal (at right) with a photograph of the restaurant that was signed by many of the patrons. Virginia Bagel has participated in the Centreville community not just as a restaurant, but also by supporting Westfield High School.



BULLETIN BOARD

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.

REGISTRATION OPEN

Registration is under way now for fall 2016 classes offered by Adult and Community Education (ACE). Brush up on computer skills, learn a new language, try a new culinary adventure, or pump up a résumé. See fall course offerings at www.fcps.edu/is/ace.

AUGUST SCHEDULE CHANGES

Jubilee Christian Center, Fairfax, 4650 Shirley Gate Road, Fairfax, has changed the mid-week schedule as follows: Aug. 11, VBS open house and refreshments, 6 p.m.; Aug. 17, family picnic at the church, 6 p.m.; Aug. 24, no evening activities; Aug. 31, family movie night with pizza and popcorn, 7 p.m. Wednesday evening Family Night activities will resume Sept. 7, 7:15 p.m. (Adult Bible Study, Boys and Girls Ministries) Also, College Kairos at 7 p.m. Call 703-383-1170, or see www.jccag.org for activities.

THURSDAY/AUG. 11

Volunteers Needed. 9:30-11:30 a.m. or 1-3 p.m. at Deer Park Elementary School, 15109 Carlbarn Drive, Centreville. Volunteers are needed to sort school supplies into backpacks. Middle and high school students are welcome to volunteer as well to earn service hours. Sign up at:

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Eagle Scout

Troop 30 of Centreville honored Jeff Paschetag who earned the rank of Eagle Scout in a ceremony on Sunday, June 12. Jeff is a rising 11th grader attending Westfield High School. Jeff was recognized for his significant achievements and leadership in the ceremony held at Centreville Presbyterian Church. Jeff earned 21 merit badges for his newest rank and, for his Eagle Scout Service Project, he led a team of 18 workers through 162 hours of effort improving deteriorated benches at Rocky Run Middle School's ball fields. Jeff's parents presented the Eagle award and Neckerchief to him during the ceremony, which was attended by many family, friends, and fellow Scouts.

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OPINION

Laser Focus on Safety

While Metro lapses can't be excused, it's much safer than driving; maintenance-related safety issues also plague area bridges and roads.

Intense scrutiny on the safety and maintenance record of the Washington region's Metro system is resulting in continuing revelation of lapses, and ongoing inconvenience with repair schedules shutting down entire lines and the end of late night service.

Reporting on Metro accidents, derailments and incompetent and/or inadequate maintenance might even lead commuters to choose to climb in their cars instead. Wouldn't it be safer to drive, if Metro can't get its act together to even inspect the tracks?

No, not even close.

Riding commuter rail is 10-30 times safer than driving, according to several studies, and even small increases in transit ridership result in significant decreases in overall commuting deaths

Public transit overall has lower crash rates per unit of travel, reports Todd Litman in an analytical research paper, A New Transit Narrative, published in 2014 and cited by the National Center for Transit Research. Intercity and commuter passengers have about 1/20th the traffic fatalities per 100 million passenger-miles as automobile travel, he writes. Urban rail passengers have about 1/30th the fatalities as car travel, and bus passengers about 1/60th the traffic fatalities per 100 million passenger-miles as automobile travel.

"Transit travel has about one-tenth the traffic casualty [injury or death] rate as automobile travel, and residents of transit-oriented communities have about one-fifth the per capita crash casualty rate as in automobile-oriented communities," reports Litman. "People tend to underestimate automobile travel risks and exaggerate public transit risks."

Meanwhile, Virginia has 1,063 structurally deficient bridges, according to the American Road and Transportation Builders Association, citing data from the U. S. Department of Transportation Federal Highway Administration National Bridge Inventory, 2015. Maryland's number of structurally deficient bridges is 306, and the District of Columbia has 10 structurally deficient bridges, according to the same report.

In fact, a bridge used by 78,000 vehicles a day, including thousands of Northern Virginians commuting daily into D.C., the Memorial Bridge, is so corroded it has major weight restrictions, buses are not allowed to use it, and it would likely have to be closed within a few years, had Congress not recently allocated \$90 million to the National Park Service for emergency action towards a \$250 million rehabilitation project.

Risk and safety are complex issues. You're safer taking Metro than driving, much safer on a commuter bus. And one thing we do know, if you are riding in car, buckling your seatbelt makes you much safer.

— MARY KIMM

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Responding to the Zika Threat

As of early August, all 50 reported cases of Zika in Virginia are linked to foreign travel.

BY GERRY CONNOLLY
U.S. REPRESENTATIVE (D-II)

Last week, for the first time ever, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention was forced to issue a domestic travel warning to pregnant women planning to visit Miami, a popular getaway destination. This marks a sad milestone in our country's history. What was once seen as a threat from foreign travel has now reached our communities, jeopardizing our collective health and safety, especially that of newborns. To date, more than a dozen cases of the Zika virus have been traced to local mosquitos in Florida, which reports nearly 400 cases of Zika associated with foreign travel. There have been 50 reported cases of Zika in Virginia, all linked to foreign travel, as of early August.

Countless times, as a nation, we've come together to find cures when faced with similar health crises. American ingenuity eradicated polio and slowed the Ebola epidemic. So, like many of you, I assumed Congress would meet this crisis head-on like it has done in the past. Surely we would expeditiously provide funding for this global disease. Instead, sadly, Congress adjourned for summer break.

Recognizing the urgent need to respond to the spreading Zika threat, the Obama Administration redirected close to \$600 million in existing funds as a stopgap measure for initial activities. However, that will not be enough to fully address the threat. I support the President's emergency request for \$1.9 billion in Zika-related funding. Unfortunately, a counter proposal offered by the House major-

ity is insufficient and saddled with extraneous and divisive policy riders.

The consequences of Congressional inaction could be devastating. States and communities won't have the funding they need to fight Zika. State and local officials manage mosquito control and response operations. Here in Fairfax, we have consistently supported a program to trap and test local mosquitoes for viruses like West Nile and now Zika. Without additional funding from the federal government, we limit the ability of at-risk communities to sustain activities to reduce the spread of Zika once transmission begins.

Vaccine development may also be delayed. Creating a vaccine requires multi-year commitments from the government and private sector to reprioritize and spend money on research

New I-66 Exit Lane for Route 28

BY JIM LEMUNYON
STATE DELEGATE (R-67)

The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) will use the overhead, electronic signs on I-66 to implement a dedicated exit lane from westbound I-66 to northbound Route 28 during morning rush hours. On Mondays through Fridays, from 6 a.m. to 9:30 a.m., overhead lane control signs will display full-color route markers over a mile-long section of I-66, directing traffic to use the right lane to exit.

As you may know, a significant number of accidents have occurred in this area. This new

and development. The Secretary of Health and Human Services recently warned that, "Lack of funding will delay or prevent the performance of clinical trials ... limiting the ability of manufacturers to make vaccines at the scale required to protect populations against Zika."

We also need to ensure that there is enough diagnostic testing capacity available across the country. This is especially critical now with confirmed cases of local mosquito transmissions. Swift, accurate diagnostic testing is foundational to our ability to track and respond to this threat.

I was among those calling on Congress to cancel its August break until we addressed this challenge. We cannot simply swat away this threat. With the recent diagnoses of local Zika transmissions in Florida, Congress should reconvene as quickly as possible to partner with our states and local communities in responding to this growing public health crisis.

morning-time exit lane should be helpful in keeping westbound traffic from needing to stop quickly due to traffic backups on the Rt. 28 exit ramp.

Drivers are asked to be alert and aware of the new signage, and to follow the directions accordingly. For more information about VDOT's ATM system, see www.virginiadot.org.

This is an interim solution. I-66 will be widened starting next year with the I-66/Rt. 28 intersection completely redesigned to mitigate traffic backups on Rt. 28 as well.

As always, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 703-264-1432, or deljlemunyon@gmail.com.

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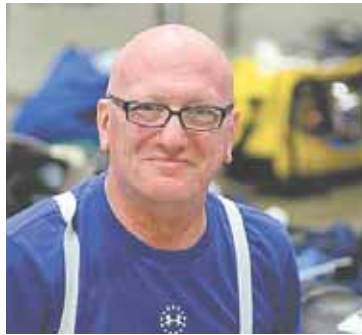
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OBITUARY

SGM (Ret) Daniel T. Benson-McCarthy

SGM (Ret) Daniel T. Benson-McCarthy, age 56, of Centreville, died on July 21, 2016, after a 14-month battle with pancreatic cancer. He is survived by his beloved wife of 19 years, Margaret L. Benson-McCarthy, and his much loved daughter, Abigail who were both present at his passing. He is also survived by his caring mother, Gerda McCarthy of New York. At the time of Daniel's death he was surrounded by many of his loving family members, who traveled from all over the country to be with him, including his twin brother, Dennis McCarthy from Texas and his sister Maureen Kaus from New York. Also included at the time of his passing were many nieces, nephews and in-laws from all over the country.

Daniel retired from the U.S. Army after serving his country for 30 years. He was as an intelligence operations analyst and this expertise sent him to live overseas for almost 50 percent of his career. In addition to his service at the Central Army Group (NATO) in Germany, he served at the U.S. Army Intelligence Threat Analysis Center, Washington, D.C. and the Combat Support Coordination Team in Korea. His last assignment before retiring was at the Joint Intelligence Center Pacific, Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. Before returning to the Pacific Command Joint Intelligence Operations Center, SGM Benson-McCarthy served with Combined Forces Command-Afghani-



stan, Kabul. This experience transferred to civilian companies in Northern Virginia, where his wife, Margaret and his daughter, Abigail still reside. Among the many awards he earned in his 30-year career, three were the Bronze Star Medal, The German Armed Forces Weapons Qualification in Bronze and he holds the U.S. Army Intelligence Corps' Knowlton Award.

After retiring, Daniel's passion turned toward sabre fencing, placing him 24th in the country for Vet50 Men's Sabre. He shared this passion with his daughter, Abigail.

Memorial Services will be held Saturday, Aug. 13, at 5 p.m. at the Virginia Academy of Fencing, located at 5401-B Port Royal Rd., Springfield, VA 22151, phone number 703-321-4922.

In lieu of flowers, the family would like guests to consider a donation to the National Fencing Foundation for the Abigail Benson-McCarthy College Fund. One hundred percent of these proceeds will go towards her college education. The National Fencing Foundation is a 501 C(3) organization so all donations are tax-deductible. The donation address is the following: National Fencing Foundation, The Abby Benson-McCarthy College Fund, c/o Russell Wilson, 7815 Rolling View Lane, Apt 101 Springfield, VA 22153. The date and time for burial at Arlington National Cemetery will be announced once the information becomes available.

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WEEK OF AUG. 15

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SATURDAY/AUG. 20

Bike Collection Project. 9 a.m.-noon at 14931 Willard Road, Chantilly. Collecting bicycles and accessories (along with a suggested \$10 donation for shipping, not required but suggested). Email thadseaglemail.com or visit bikesfortheworld.org for more.

MONDAY/AUG. 29

Volunteers Needed. 9:30-11:30 a.m. or 1-3 p.m. at Deer Park Elementary School, 15109 Carlbren Drive, Centreville. Volunteers are needed to stuff envelopes. Middle and high school students are welcome to volunteer as well to earn service hours. Sign up at www.SignUpGenius.com/go/20F0B4FACA92EA3FE3-envelope.

WEDNESDAY/SEPT. 7

Annual SYA Board Meeting. The Southwestern Youth Association will be holding its annual Executive Board of Directors Election Meeting at the SYA Office at 5950 Centreville Crest Lane, Centreville beginning at 7:30 p.m. The SYA Executive Board of Directors positions are for a one-year term and include the following positions: President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer. Nominations are currently being accepted and may be submitted to

the SYA Office at admin@syayouthsports.org. Applicants must be in good standing with SYA and at least 21 years of age. This meeting is open to the community. Any questions please contact the SYA Office at 703-815-3362 or admin@syayouthsports.org.

SEPT. 10-21

2016 Northern Virginia Senior Olympics. Online registration will open July 5. Registration forms will be mailed to previous participants in late June and will be available at community and senior centers, senior residences and event venues. The registration fee of \$12, which covers multiple events, remains the same. Three events have an added fee, ten pin bowling, golf and orienteering. Deadline for registering is Aug. 27 (by mail), Sept. 3 (online). Call 703-830-5604 or email nvso1982@gmail.com for more. To volunteer, call 703-403-5360.



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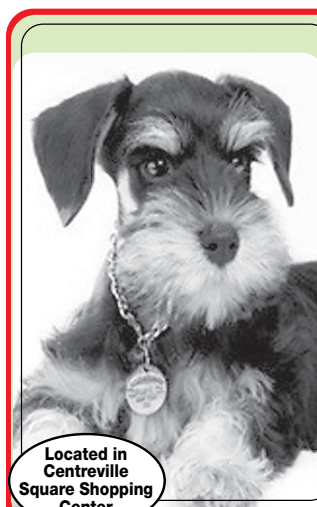
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West Centreville's Station 38.

Vanessa Quintanilla was there with her family. "My daughter wanted to come," she said. "It's a good thing to bring everyone together, and you get to meet new people."

"I think it's wonderful," said Jeff Chillemi. "You'd be surprised how many residents don't know each other. This is the biggest turnout I've seen here. Police have a thankless job but, without that thin blue line, we'd have mayhem. I don't know if I could be a policeman; they hear gunshots and run toward the danger to protect us."

Also appreciative of firefighters, he said, "I slipped on some snow and ice, a few years ago, and knocked myself out, and an ambulance came and helped me. In this community, we bring our police and firefighters food on holidays, but I wish we could do even more to thank them."

Karen Sica, of the Volunteers in Police Services (VIPS), said it's "Good for the people and police to see we can all get along together. And at National Night Out, we can also pass along crime-prevention tips."

Police Officer Matt Schafer said 30-40 Sully District police were attending 16 different events in the district. "With recent [national] events, tensions are high between communities and police," he said. "But they need to coexist, and this is just a great event to bring everybody together."

Leslie and Dan Jenuleson, with Sully II's Neighborhood Watch, have organized their community's National Night Out since 2001. "It's important that the police know we support them and we're here for them," said Leslie Jenuleson. "It's a night to recognize partnerships between police and neighborhoods, and a chance to build and maintain relationships with the men and women who keep us safe."

"Our law-enforcement officers are there when we need them the most, so this is a time to say thank you and let the community be with them during a local gathering," she continued. "With all the negativity in the nation [toward police], National Night



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Residents, dogs and police officers from the Sully District Station gather for a group photo during the National Night Out event in Centreville's Gate Post Estates community.

Out is a great way to show our Fairfax County police officers that we're behind them."

Norma Koby, whose daughter lives in Sully II, added, "Our police are very valiant; they risk their lives for us. But they get a bad rap, when they should be respected for what they do."

Meanwhile, firefighter Andrea Maturo lifted children in and out of Station 38's fire engine so they could explore it and sit behind the wheel and pretend to drive. "Anything that gets the community involved is a good thing," she said. "It's always a joy seeing all the kids and families out having fun."

Gate Post Estates

Centreville's Gate Post Estates community celebrated with an ice-cream social. Neighbors reconnected with each other, while children decorated their bikes and played in the cul-de-sac with giant bubbles, water squirt-tubes and glow sticks.

Heidi Zenyuh organized it all and about 60 people attended. Calling National Night Out a "great thing," VIPS member John

Werderman said it enables police to "interact with the community, answer people's questions and bond with the young ones."

"It helps bring the community together — whether to recognize that they don't want criminals in their neighborhood or just to be neighborly," said Sully District Police PFC Brendan Murphy. "And we get to interact on a more personal level when they're not in crisis or something bad has happened. It's grassroots, because that's what we are without our uniforms."

Although Gate Post Estates has participated in this event for many years, Zenyuh has organized it for at least five years. "I feel very fortunate because it gives us and the kids a chance to talk about any issues in the community," she said. "It also lets the kids get comfortable with the officers so, if there ever is an issue, they know they can trust the police. We were talking bike safety with them, as well. And it's a great chance for the neighbors to congregate and get to know each other."

"Heidi is an awesome organizer, and I'm glad I was able to come this year," said neighbor Jeannie Kinn. "The kids all had fun, and we always meet new neighbors at these events, too."

Winding Brook

Some 300 people attended the event in Chantilly's Winding Brook community. The Winding Brook Board of Directors organized it and provided all the food and entertainment. Neighbors enjoyed grilled hot dogs and hamburgers, chips and beverages, swam in the community pool and watched their children zip down a gigantic, inflatable waterslide.

Dropping by to socialize were Sully District police, including bicycle officers, firefighters from Chantilly's Fire Station 15 and a Virginia state trooper. And the school resource officer from Rocky Run Middle handed out stickers, glow sticks and coloring books to the children.

"The firefighters and police officers have

always been so good about coming out here, for the simplest of calls to things more complicated," said Board Treasurer Dayheem Pourhashemi. "They've always been great and so responsive, and this is just a little bit we can give back to them."

He and Board Secretary Matt Radek manned the grill, cooking up a slew of food. "We sent home our leftovers with the ambulance people from Station 15," said Bobbie Demoulin, board vice president. "We put on this event to show our respect and appreciation for the officers who serve our community and to thank them for everything they do for us. Whenever we need an extra patrol, they work it in."

Pleased with how things turned out, Community Manager Sarah Tozer said, "National Night Out really builds community for the homeowners to see their board members serving them. It's about food and fellowship, and it's a way for them to understand that we're all members of this community."



Erika Quintanilla, 12, a rising eighth-grader at Stone Middle, and mom Vanessa Quintanilla are all set to eat ham sandwiches at Sully II.



At Sully II, Firefighter Andrea Maturo stands by a fire engine from West Centreville's Station 38.



PHOTO COURTESY OF SARAH TOZER

Audrey Tozer, 4, zips down the inflatable water slide in Chantilly's Winding Brook community.

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Organized Homes with Style

Practical and chic ideas for making a home back-to-school ready.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL
CENTRE VIEW

Before school begins later this month, taking the time to organize home and school supplies can take the stress out of the transition from a laid-back summer to a structured, schedule-driven school year. Local home design and organizational experts share ideas to help parents add practical organizational tools to their home without sacrificing their sense of style.

"Organizing your home to make this transition smooth can make all the difference in the world," said Chuck Khiel, vice president of FRED Home Improvement in Bethesda. "Giving thoughts to how spaces around your home are used during the school year can help with this organization."

Using space efficiently and creating designated spaces for items like backpacks, jackets, sports equipment and clothing will keep a home organized and prevent the back-to-school necessities from overtaking a home's aesthetic. "For example, if you have a mudroom, specifying spaces for backpacks, shoes and sports apparel takes the guess-

work out of where the kids should be storing their stuff when they enter your home," said Khiel. "Consistently storing items in the same place will become a timesaver in the morning as the kids are getting ready for school."

Small home decor items can add a sense of style and serve a practical purpose. "Get a decorative hook to hang their backpack up when you come in," said Sallie J. Kjos of Grey Hunt Interiors in Chantilly. "It doesn't need to look junky or kiddish. Keep in mind, you want it all to be functional for your kids, but flow with your home."

From tests to homework, a new school year often brings an onslaught of paper, stacks of which can create an unsightly scene in a home. "Storage is key," said Kjos. "Get some fabric-covered boxes with lids for your children to stack up next to their desk to put school work in that has been graded in case they need to refer back to it."

A pegboard is another inexpensive accessory that can be used to organize piles of papers. "You can find them at a hardware store," said Arlington-based personal organizer Bonnie Atwater of Organize for You. "Get them cut to fit



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Think about how spaces in the home are used during the school year before bringing home new clothes and educational supplies, suggests Chuck Khiel of FRED Home Improvement.

into your particular space, like behind a door or over a desk. You can also paint them a bright color to add a touch of whimsy and put them in a spot that's easily accessible.

Making items visible but tasteful can boost organization without creating a design emergency. "Dry erase calendars and storage cubes in bright colors can go in your kitchen, mudroom or any room that you want to serve as a command central," said interior designer Cyndi Ibach of Elegant Interiors by Cyndi in Alexandria. "When school things are organized in a location where everyone can see them, everyone has access to important information."

For school supply organization, Kjos suggests: "Instead of using pencil holders, get your mason jars out, fill with crayons, markers and pencil to make for a cleaner, more organized look." Remember to add charging stations to your children's desk or study area.

Keep school notices, permission slips and other forms of paper in plain sight without creating clutter. Take an old [picture] frame...and staple ribbon across it in whatever your decor colors are and use paper clips for your child to put up homework assignments, certificates, or other reminders," said Kjos. "You can hang this above the desk."

Kjos also offers an innovative way to organize lunch supplies for easy access. "One of my favorite organizing for school tricks is inside of my pantry door," she said. "I use over-the-door shoe holders and put all their dried food for lunch boxes in there to make packing lunches easier and to reduce all the boxes and clutter in my pantry."

A neat, streamlined closet can also take some of the stress out of the morning mad dash to find shirts, socks and shoes. "Get a cute decorative basket and stack their clothes for the week by outfits so you don't have to do it every evening," said Kjos.

If constructing new storage space is an option, consider dual-purpose units, advises Eric Tovar, president of Churchill Classics in Poolesville, Md. "Chalkboards and corkboards in other areas of the home provide a place to leave and read notes for each other so everyone is aware of daily activities."



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Storing non-perishable food for school lunches in over-the-door shoe holders makes packing lunches easy and reduces clutter, advises Sallie Kjos.

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I Can't Worry About It



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

'It' not being "the cancer", as "Forrest, Forrest Gump" described the cause of his mother's death (it was on a Tuesday, I believe). Rather, 'it' being everything else in life. There's a peculiar sense of indifference that comes over you after receiving a diagnosis of cancer. Moreover, the sense of urgency of all things not cancer-related dissipates as well.

I mean, given your diagnosis, how can anything else really matter? And in terms of your survival, there is nothing more important quite frankly, so 'everything else' pales in comparison. This is not to say that you can't be bothered with anything, but I will admit to this: everything (most things) become a bother. Time-sensitive tasks may force your hand (almost literally), but even then, it's often a half-hearted endeavor.

Don't get me wrong, it's not as if I'm so pre-occupied with my survival that I can't function beyond my cancer perimeters; I can. It's more that whatever the task, it becomes challenging; more mentally than physically (thank God), although I do have my deficits. In most instances however, I do finish what I start, but it's that start that stops me.

It's almost as if I need an actual push to get me moving emotionally; not because I'm in pain or lacking red blood cells/fuel from heavy duty chemotherapy; I'm just stuck. And it's not as if I'm unaware of the consequences of my inaction, I certainly am. It's more that the 'consequences' be damned, one-quarter speed ahead. It's as if I'm a ship leaving harbor, I need a tug boat equivalent to get me out to see what I can accomplish.

Invariably, I get it done, not in the time frame that a "normal"/healthy person might, but more so in the time frame in which an extremely reasonable and accommodating person might expect. I make my appointments; I'm mindful of time, day and date; I'm aware of people, places and things; and I'm cognizant of requirements, demands and expectations. But none of it seems to have a hold on me. It sort of brushes by.

I don't mean to be disrespectful or inconsiderate (although I can understand how it might appear or be interpreted as such), it's simply that, at least from this cancer patient's perspective, I can't, nor do I want to, get out of my own way. It's somewhere between inexplicable, inexcusable and unexplainable. Hardly am I suffering, as many cancer patients are — and as I was during those early heavy-duty chemotherapy infusions (six hours-plus per treatment, no appetite, no energy, no motivation, no hair, minimal hope). Nevertheless, this malaise/lack of enthusiasm/lack of concern for the big picture consumes my days and nights. I'm too caught up — consciously and sub-consciously, with the small picture: my life as a stage IV, non-small cell lung cancer patient whose oncologist originally gave a "13 month to two-year" prognosis. Try putting that in your pipe and living normally.

As much as I have in fact lived my life in relative good spirits, a cancer diagnosis puts a sort of governor on the bounce that used to be in your step. How do you ever forget the circumstance that might be killing, or at least abbreviating, your life expectancy? Symptoms that you really feel and any number of which you imagine, constantly tug on your figurative cape. You can try to be Superman, but the reality is, cancer is a hell of an adversary, and pleading with it to stop its insidious effects is time not well spent. Still, giving into it and not living your life as if you weren't afflicted is much easier said than done, and it's pretty difficult even saying it.

The accumulation of all these things constantly weighing on you is the toll that it takes. The result is for me, oddly enough, even if I don't worry about one thing, I worry about the other — and vice-versa. And that's the recurring problem: you're damned if you do and damned if you don't.

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Free Carseat Inspections

Certified technicians from the Sully District Police Station will perform free, child safety carseat inspections Thursday, Aug. 18, 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 it, 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 to confirm dates and times.

Dairy Days at Sully Historic Site

Sully Historic Site is hosting Dairy Days. Participants age five to adult can churn butter, crank ice cream and play historic games for a taste of 18th-century life. Hour-long sessions will be held at 1, 2 and 3 p.m. on both Friday, Aug. 12, and Friday, Aug. 26. The cost is \$7 per person. Children must be accompanied by an adult. The tour cost is separate. Sully Historic Site is located at 3650 Historic Sully Way, Chantilly. For more information, call 703-437-1794 or visit <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/sully-historic-site/>.

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The Fairfax County Public Schools Office of Intervention and Prevention Services will again be offering Summer Parent Clinic. Parents will have an opportunity to schedule a 45-minute consultative appointment with a school psychologist or school social worker.

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This summer, Parent Clinic appointments will be available now through Aug. 19. To schedule an appointment, call the FCPS Parent Clinic at 703-503-2506 or email the

Parent Clinic at <http://www.fcps.edu/dss/parentclinic/mailform.html>.

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The Northern Virginia Softball Umpires Association is seeking individuals interested in becoming certified umpires for high school and recreational fast pitch softball in the Northern Virginia area. Complete training is provided with in a flexible schedule. For the fall season, training will begin in late August. For more information contact Bob Angeli at president@nvsua.org, 703-599-0016, or www.nvsua.org.

Volunteer Drivers Are Needed

Fairfax County needs volunteers to drive older adults to medical appointments and wellness programs. For these and other volunteer opportunities, go to www.fairfaxcounty.gov/olderadults and click on Volunteer Solutions.

Interested in Citizen Corps Council?

There is an opening for a Sully resident to serve on the Citizen Corps Council. The Citizen Corps is FEMA's grassroots strategy to bring together government and community leaders to become involved in all-hazards emergency preparedness and resilience.

For additional information, follow the link to its website: www.fairfaxcounty.gov/oem/citizencorps/. If you're interested in volunteering, contact Laura Floyd at laura.floyd@fairfaxcounty.gov.

Moving Equipment 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.

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.

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ONGOING

Evenings on the Ellipse Summer Concert Series. Thursdays through Aug. 25, 5:30 p.m. at Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax. In addition to different music each week, find wine tastings. Free. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov for more.

Government Center Farmers Market. Thursdays through Oct. 27, 3-7 p.m. at Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax. Free. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov for more.

Art Guild of Clifton Exhibit. 10 a.m.-8 p.m. at Clifton Wine Shop, 7145 Main St., Clifton. Includes oil paintings of European settings; doors, windows, and flower shops. Free. Call 703-409-0919 for more.

Carolina Shag Dance. Wednesdays, 6:30-10 p.m. at Arlington/Fairfax Elks Lodge, 8421 Arlington Blvd., Fairfax. Free lessons at 7:30 p.m.; no partners needed; dinner menu at 6:45 p.m. Tickets are \$8. Visit www.nvshag.org for more.

Open Rehearsal. Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m. at Lord of Life church, 13421 Twin Lakes Drive, Centreville. The Fairfax Jubil-Aires barbershop chorus invites men of all ages who enjoy singing. Free. Visit www.fairfaxjubilairs.org for more.

Toddlin' Twos. Tuesdays, 10:30 and 11:30 a.m. at the Chantilly Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Early

literacy storytime with songs and activities included. Age 2 with caregiver, free. Call 703-502-3883 to reserve a spot.

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

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

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

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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.

THURSDAY/AUG. 11

"Little Red Rocket Hood." 10:30-11:15 a.m. at Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road, Chantilly. Little Red and Jack and the Beanstalk travel to outer space in a fairytale puppet show presented by Goodlife Theater. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/branches/ch or call 703-502-3883.

Civil War Lecture. 7 p.m. at Centreville Regional Library, 14200 St. Germain Drive, Centreville. John Hennessey discusses "Battle of 2nd Manassas Campaign." Free. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/branches/ce or call 703-830-2223.

FRIDAY/AUG. 12

Brian Curry the Magician. 1 p.m. at Fair Oaks Mall, 11750 Fair Oaks Mall, Fairfax. A magic and comedy show designed for families. Free. Visit www.shopfairoaksmall.com.

Historic Desserts. 6:30 p.m. at Ellanor C. Lawrence Park, 5040 Walney Road, Chantilly. Join a historian and learn about the Machens, who lived at Walney in the 19th century, and how they might have made dessert. Try making raspberry dumplings with homemade ice cream. Tickets are \$10 for Fairfax County residents, \$12 for non-residents. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/eclawrence.

FRIDAY-SUNDAY/AUG. 12-14

Super Smash Con. 3-8 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Saturday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Sunday at Dulles EXPO & Conference Center, 4320 Chantilly Shopping Center, Chantilly. This is the first event to feature a full sized Super Smash Bros tournament alongside an all-ages convention, complete with exhibitors, vendors, competitions, music and more. Tickets are \$25 Friday, \$34 Saturday, \$29 Sunday. Visit www.supersmashcon.com for more.

SATURDAY/AUG. 13

Drive In Movie: "Inside Out." Gates open at dusk at Trinity Centre, 5860 Trinity Parkway, Centreville. Find "Inside Out" (rated PG) and children's games and rides. Food and drinks also available for purchase. Free. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/performances.

SATURDAY-SUNDAY/AUG. 13-14

Civil War Encampment Weekend. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Sunday at Sully Historic Site, 3650 Historic Sully Way, Chantilly. Federal and Confederate troops recreate Civil War daily life as reenactors demonstrate the various work of the army. Skirmishes each day include infantry, artillery and cavalry. Visit the weekend encampment and discover a soldier's lifestyle during this turbulent time in America's history. Enjoy live music and a fashion show. House tour includes artifacts rarely on exhibit belonging to the Haight family, mid-19th century residents at Sully. Tickets are \$9, \$7 for seniors and children. Visit

www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/sully-historic-site.

SUNDAY/AUG. 14

T-TRAK Scale Model Train Show. 1-4 p.m. at Fairfax Station Railroad Museum, 11200 Fairfax Station Road, Fairfax Station. The Northern Virginia NTRAK members will hold a N gauge T-TRAK model train show. Museum members, free; adults 16 and over, \$4; children 5-15, \$2; under 4, free. Visit www.fairfax-station.org.

Pakistan Festival. 4-9 p.m. at Bull Run Regional Park Special Events Center, 7700 Bull Run Drive, Centreville. Learn the culture and colorful traditions of Pakistan. Free. Visit www.pakfestusa.com for more.

MONDAY/AUG. 15

The Sport of Champions. 2:30 p.m. at Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road, Chantilly. Amazing Teacher Steve Somers presents a magical show with tricks, puppets, music and fun. Free. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/branches/ch or call 703-502-3883.

AUG. 16-SEPT. 20

Tai Chi for Beginners. Tuesdays, 10-11 a.m. at King of King's Lutheran Church, 4025 Kings Way, Fairfax. Registration is \$87. Visit www.inova.org/creg for more.

WEDNESDAY-FRIDAY/AUG. 17-19

Mid-Atlantic Police Motorcycle Rodeo. Various times at Dulles EXPO & Conference Center, 4320 Chantilly Shopping Center, Chantilly. Proceeds from the Rodeo go toward Concerns of Police Survivors, Inc. (COPS), training of area police motorcycle officers, and to the Make A Wish Foundation. Visit www.dullesexpo.com.

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Drive In Movie: "The Good Dinosaur." Gates open at dusk at Trinity Centre, 5860 Trinity Parkway, Centreville. Find "The Good Dinosaur" (rated PG) and children's games and rides. Food and drinks also available for purchase. Free. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/performances.

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