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The Cub Scouts of Sully District held their annual Bicycle Rodeo recently under the instruction and guidance of the Fairfax County Police Department. After the safety briefing is done, bicyclists are ready to start the course.

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Low-Turnout High-Stakes Special Election for School Board

Countywide at-large seat to be determined by Aug. 29 special election; early voting is underway.

By Michael Lee Pope

Could there be a worse time to hold a special election? August is a time when people do any thing they can to get out of the region, which transforms into a swampy sauna in late summer. Nevertheless, election officials are preparing for an Aug. 29 special election to fill the at-large seat vacated by School Board member Jeanette Hough in May. If Hough had waited just a few more days to resign, voters would have been able to vote in the general election this November. But the timing of Hough's resignation will prompt a late summer special election, a phenomenon experts say helps Republicans.

"Oftentimes a lower turnout election is going to feature a wealthier and whiter electorate," said Geoff Skelley at the University of Virginia Center for Politics. "But if the political energy of the moment is particu-

larly high, which I would say it is right now, it could potentially go a different way."

Fairfax County School Board members serve in non-partisan seats. But Democrats and Republicans endorse their preferred candidates, and Hough had been endorsed by Republicans. Traditionally, Democrats have a harder time with special elections because the electorate tends to be more conservative than the general population. So the timing is good for Republicans, although not necessarily perfect.

"The disparity would be even more pronounced early in August," said Stephen Farnsworth at the University of Mary Washington. "By late August, people tend to be done with their vacations. If you have students going off to college, for example, you are likely dealing with that by late August, if not mid-August."

No Democrat has ever won a summertime special election in Fairfax County, which means this special election is the Republicans to lose. Two candidates who have not been endorsed by either party will also be on the ballot.

CHRIS GRISAFE, 37, is a native of Lake Havasu City, Ariz. He was raised in California, and he's lived in Northern Virginia for 12 years. He currently lives in the Penderbrook neighborhood of the Providence District. He does not have any children in the school system, but he has served

on Superintendent's Business Advisory Committee, the Bonds Committee and the Adult Education Advisory Committee. He has a bachelor's degree in political science and philosophy from Loyola Marymount University and a master's degree in business administration from Virginia Tech. Professionally, he is a national security specialist. In 2011, he waged an unsuccessful campaign for the Providence District seat on the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors. He is the candidate endorsed by the Republican Party.

"I think we can be better served than we have been," said Grisafe. "It's important for us to understand how we are impacting student achievement and to prioritize investments for the classroom. I don't think we can gain that insight unless we are doing independent program evaluations."

On the issue of the budget, Grisafe would like to make government more accessible, increasing the amount of information that's available to the public while making it easy to get and understand. He said that would go a long way to help members of the Board of Supervisors understand the management of resources at Fairfax County Public Schools. It could also help School Board members when they need to make a case for increasing funding.

"The biggest critique I've heard from the county supervisors is that there's not transparency in the schools budget," he said. "For

example, if you go to the annual report it shows variances on the board documents. But if you really want to understand position numbers, you have to drill down five or six clicks into a different part of the website."

On the issue of class size, Grisafe was dismissive of the idea that the average class size was a metric that means all that much. On the campaign trail, he recently met the parent of a 4th-grade student at Chesterbrook Elementary School whose student was in a class with 33 students.

"The county has a policy for elementary schools not to exceed 29 students," he said. "And there are a number of schools that are exceeding that and basically violating the policy which isn't being enforced."

On the issue of trailers, he said he doesn't know enough to have a position.

"I guess I would want to understand the impact trailers have on the quality of education," he said. "I don't think that trailers are ideal. I haven't studied the trade offs here for trailers."

On transgender bathrooms, he does not support the Obama-era policy of requiring schools to allow students to use the restrooms of the gender they identify with. Rather, he said, the potential conflicts should be handled on a case-by-case basis.

"I think the way the schools are handling the situation now where it's on a case-by-

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‘A Great Use of the Site’ Memory-care facility is proposed for Centreville.

BY BONNIE HOBBS

Arden Courts, a new memory-care facility, is being proposed for Centreville’s Compton Village community. It would be built on now-vacant land at the intersection of Route 28 and Bradenton Drive.

Representing the applicant, ManorCare, attorney Zach Williams presented details of the plan last Thursday, July 26, at a joint meeting of the Western Fairfax County Citizens Assn. (WFCCA) Land-Use Committee and the Sully District Council of Citizens Associations.

The site is currently approved for an 800-seat church with 222 parking spaces. But, said Williams, “The church doesn’t plan to develop it.” So ManorCare is seeking the county’s approval for a change in use on that spot. Williams further stressed that, since the patients will not have vehicles, this new use should be “very low-traffic-generating.”

Proposed is a 64-bed, one-story building designed for memory-care (Alzheimer’s and

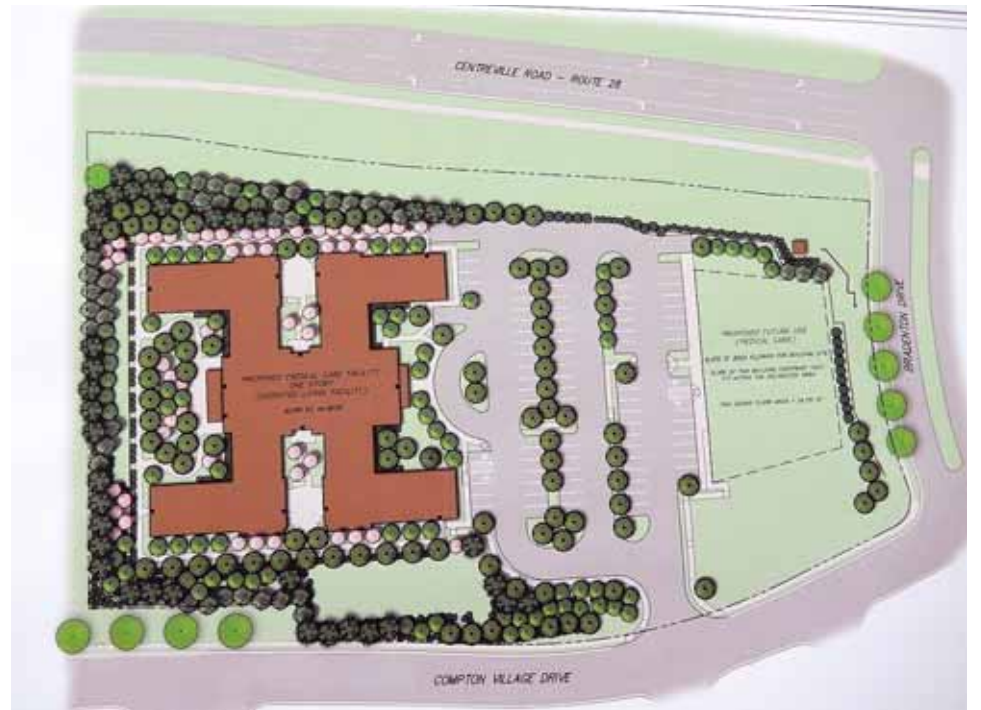
dementia) patients. The 30,050-square-foot facility would be located along Compton Village Drive.

There’s also room on the site for a 16,070-square-foot building for a potential, future, medical-care use bordering Bradenton Drive.

“We think a memory-care facility is a great use of the site, and the community has received it well,” said Williams. “It’s designed to fit in with the residential character of the community and is compatible with the Compton Village neighborhood.”

Noting that “There’s still a huge shortage of memory-care facilities in Fairfax County,” WFCCA Land-Use Chairman John Litzenberger asked if any plans are in the works to expand the building, if needed, but Williams said there aren’t. He also said, if all goes well, the anticipated start of construction will be in spring 2019 and should take a year to complete.

Both land-use groups then voted to recommend approval to the county Planning Commission, which is slated to hear this proposal some time in mid-September.



Site plan of the Arden Courts memory-care facility proposed for Centreville’s Compton Village community.

Report Anything Suspicious To Help Fight Terrorism

Residents are vital in keeping the community safe.

BY BONNIE HOBBS

In these uncertain and occasionally volatile times, a terror attack could potentially happen anytime, anywhere. But the Fairfax County Police Department has its own Counterterrorism Unit, and one of its members, Det. Doug Comfort, discussed it with the Sully District Police Station’s Citizens Advisory Committee.

One of the darkest days in American history was 9/11 and, said Comfort, “Our unit went up on Sept. 12, 2001. We had to develop new goals and programs and learn how to make them work in the community.”

Then in 2009, the U.S. Department of Justice asked him to write a counterterrorism program and train 300 instructors from throughout the nation in it. So Comfort did just that.

“We know there are people here who want to do us harm,” he said. “The only way we can counter it is with you, the public.

The slogan, ‘See something, say something,’ was developed, but we didn’t tell people what to look for and how to tell us about it.” Now, though, officials are being more specific.

Currently in his 42nd year in law-enforcement, Comfort has a wealth of experience

in keeping the community safe. Still, he says, “Counterterrorism and terrorism change on a minute-to-minute basis.”

“Things that are suspicious to you can’t be defined,” he said. “But they are things that don’t look right to you in your daily life. So when that happens, we want you to report everything. Pick up the phone and call us because – in the first eight months that our unit was up, we identified eight out of 12 of the 9/11 hijackers living in Fairfax County.”

However, Comfort stressed that his unit still has to operate within the confines of the law. “We can’t follow a U.S. person for no reason,” he said. “We need information about people who act suspiciously, including details about their vehicles and their locations.”

Four pieces of information are especially critical: People’s names, phone numbers, license-plate numbers and addresses. “With those things, we can do a lot of work,” said Comfort. “Even something like someone not

getting their car inspected, and having an outdated sticker, could be important – because ISIS wouldn’t know to do that.”

Sometimes, he said, “A little piece of information from a

citizen can provide us with the last bit of information we need to solve a particular puzzle. So your help is extremely important. Our proximity to Washington, D.C., and our many government buildings make us an attractive target. And since 9/11, we’ve been able to prevent some things from

happening here because of information from the community.”

Comfort then showed a video taken at a hotel and illustrating some seemingly ordinary people and actions that were anything but. “Terrorists and criminals try to blend in and look like everybody else,” he said. “But hotel clerks should look for and be aware of suspicious behavior, such as someone paying for their room in cash and having no credit cards.”

Red flags should also be triggered by a person who abandons a vehicle at a hotel or leaves a bag, box or backpack somewhere inside the building. Furthermore, said Comfort, “When planning an attack, terrorists may try to access employee-only areas, such as kitchens, and steal uniforms.”

So, he said, “If you notice something suspicious, tell hotel security or the police. But don’t intervene or investigate on your own.” The video ended with the narrator advising hotel guests to “have no reservations” about telling authorities about anything they believe is amiss.

Comfort said terrorist groups also target things that deal with government, are symbolic of this country or are financial in nature. “Terrorism isn’t the act – it’s what’s projected inside of us because of it,” he said. “The act that happened in New York [and at the Pentagon] on 9/11 stays with us for-

ever.”

But he said average citizens are critically important in possibly averting similar tragedies because “You live here and you know when something doesn’t look right. Our

officers are highly trained; a Fairfax County police officer works with the Joint Terrorism Task Force full-time, and I work with them part-time and also with the Department of Justice.”

Comfort said surveillance by organizations or groups, such as Neighborhood Watch, may be both mobile and stationary. It may be

done on foot or by skateboard, bike or car. And people may observe unusual behavior anywhere or anytime.

For example, he said, “If you see people go to a table in a restaurant, have water, chat and leave without eating, that’s suspicious.”

Or people who read a newspaper at a bus stop or Metro station, but don’t leave. Notice people dressed inappropriately for the season or doing things that aren’t normal, such as looking into a store window for an hour.”

But just observing isn’t enough, said Comfort. People need to take the next step, notify law enforcement and provide as much detail as possible. It’s crucial, he said, because, “If we can get the information, hopefully we can prevent something bad from happening.”

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base basis with the schools is what it needs to be for right now until we answer some broader questions of what follow-on policies flow from that," he said. "I personally would like to see more unisex bathrooms."

On the issue of J.E.B. Stuart High School's controversial name, he said he doesn't have a position one way or the other on the name. But he does have a position on the way the school system handled the issue, which he described as a "quintessential example" of a process that should never be repeated because it's been so divisive.

"If you're going to make a moral case of J.E.B. Stuart, then we need to make that same moral case for the rest of the schools," he said. "Do we now, because George Washington had slaves, remove any monuments to him? I don't know. I would want to know how is this helping the community and bringing us together."

KAREN KEYS-GAMARRA, 57, is a native of St. Louis. She has lived in Fairfax County since 1990, first in Huntington and later in the Sully District. She is the parent of three boys who graduated from James Madison High School in Vienna. She has a bachelor's degree in English and communications from Tulane and a law degree from Washington University School of Law. Professionally, she is an attorney who volunteers as a court-appointed special advocate and a guardian ad litem. She ran an unsuccessful campaign for School Board in 2015, and she's currently a member of the Fairfax County Planning Commission. She is the candidate endorsed by the Democratic Party.

"I initially started advocating educational issues with my own children, and then it carried over into my work," said Keys-Gamarra. "It just stuck out to me how critical educational issues are to the success of kids."

On the issue of the budget, Keys-Gamarra said the relationship between the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors and the Fairfax County School Board needs improvement. She said her experience on the Planning Commission gives her an insight into the inner workings of Fairfax County, especially in the Sully District which she represents.

"I really don't see the Board of Supervisors as an enemy, and I think that sometimes — at least to the public — it appears that may be the view," she said. "I don't think that's a healthy approach, and so I think that with my background I may be able to bridge the gap and bring a little more conciliation to the table."

On teacher salaries, Keys-Gamarra said she hears from teachers all the time about how difficult it is to live in Fairfax County earning the kind of money that comes with teaching in the public school system. She said Fairfax County needs salaries that are comparable to rival jurisdictions.

"I'm hesitating to give you a yes or a no because I don't want the impression to be given that ... we have to walk in and blow up the budget because this has to happen," she said. "It all has to be balanced against



Sandra Allen, Independent.



Chris Grisafe, endorsed by Republicans



Karen Keys-Gamarra, endorsed by Democrats.



Michael Owens, Independent.

one another but that would certainly be a concern for me."

On the issue of trailers, she's particularly concerned about young children being educated in trailers that don't have bathrooms. On the campaign trail, she's been hearing from parents who are concerned that their children have to wait long periods of time before they can go to a main building to use the facilities. Keys-Gamarra points out that Fairfax County has a shortage of land, which means that schools can't always get the larger size trailers.

"It may be a reality of the resources that we have had and how we've been making decisions," she said. "Some teachers and some students may actually like having that kind of privacy that may have a bathroom in there and air conditioning."

On the issue of class size, Keys-Gamarra said the average class size for Fairfax County elementary school — 22.4 students — is not necessarily a problem. On the campaign trail she's not hearing parents complain about a class size of 22 students. But she is hearing parents complain about class size of 28 or 29 students in a classroom. She said she would like to see the county do something about it, although she's doesn't have a specific proposal.

"I can't throw out a number," she said. "There are certainly concerns regarding class size, and I have those concerns as well."

On transgender bathrooms, she would not commit to agreeing with the Obama-era policy of requiring schools to allow all students to use the bathroom of the gender they identify with. Keys-Gamarra said she agrees with the current policy of handling issues as they arise on a case-by-case basis instead of having a countywide policy.

"I'm not stepping in that," she said when asked about her position. "I really hate to think of children and families being used as a political football."

On the issue of the controversial name of J.E.B. Stuart High School, she said she admires the students who are raising the issue. She agrees that the name should probably change, but she doesn't want to use the school system's limited resources to make it happen.

"I think the thing that probably sticks out to me is that he denounced his citizenship as a United States citizen," she said. "I am on record as supporting the name change. I am not on record as saying that we need to take Fairfax County's funds to pay for

that."

SANDRA ALLEN, 48, is a native of Bolivia. She's lived in the United States more than 40 years, immigrating as a child. She came to Fairfax County about 35 years ago, and currently lives in Vienna. She has two boys who attend James Madison High School, a rising 10th grade student and a rising 11th grade student. She has a bachelor's degree in business administration from Marymount University. She worked in budgeting and finance at the Department of Defense before leaving the workplace to become a stay-at-home mother.

"I'm concerned that there's not a voice present for the minority students," said Allen. "There's not a single person in any sort of leadership roles within the school system, ... and I've seen that a lot of the decisions that are being made without the input of the moms — the minority moms."

On the issue of the school budget, she said she would like to see better management of the finances. She acknowledges that she has not studied the budget in depth, but she said schools should focus on appropriating money to students rather than security. Budget documents show Fairfax County spends about \$5 million a year on 55 school resource officers. Allen said that's money that could be spent elsewhere.

"I think we should stop making the schools an extension of juvenile detention centers where there's police presence during cafeteria time," said Allen. "We can reappropriate that."

On teacher pay, Allen describes the \$71,000 average pay of Fairfax teachers as "doable." She said she would like to speak to more teachers before offering a definitive opinion, but she adds that teachers could be rewarded with salary increases based on performance. She said she would like to look at the benefit packages to see if some young professionals might be able to trade some of their benefits for higher pay.

"A lot of the young teachers don't need those excessive packages or excessive benefits," she said. "And they probably would do much better having higher pay, so doing a cafeteria plan could be an option."

On the issue of trailers, Allen said trailers have provided a good education for children across the county. But, she said, parents should be able to force school officials to find classroom assignments inside a brick-and-mortar building for their children.

"I don't have any issues with trailers," said

Allen. "But if a parent does choose to and sees that that's not to the benefit of her or his student," schools should be required to accommodate that.

On the issue of class size, Allen said the average elementary school class size in Fairfax of 22.4 students is not a problem, although she adds that she's willing to hear from teachers if they feel that number should be lower.

"I think that number is probably about right," she said. "I support the teachers' perspective on this, and if they feel students are not getting attention we may need to change that number."

On the issue of transgender bathrooms, Allen disagrees with the directive from former President Barack Obama that students should be able to use the bathroom of the gender they identify with. Instead, she said, schools should engage in a capital campaign to build new restrooms across the county.

"We need to provide the privacy that is necessary for the child, and I think that schools should create that environment of privacy by providing a third option — a neutral bathroom," said Allen, who said she understands how much money would be involved in making that happen. "Schools work with private institutions for funding. When there is a will to change something, there is a way to find a solution."

On the issue of J.E.B. Stuart High School's controversial name, Allen agrees with the students to are pressing to have the name changed. But when asked how she would finance the change, she said she would not support spending money on it.

"I support it. I didn't say it would be something that would be doable," she said. "We have to pick and choose what our priorities are."

MICHAEL OWENS, 43, is a native of Baltimore. She's lived in Fairfax County more than 20 years, first in McLean and later in Falls Church. She has a bachelor's degree in history from Johns Hopkins University and a bachelor's degree in English from Towson University. She also has a master's degree in English from the University of Virginia and a master's degree in education from Marymount University. Professionally, she is a usability and accessibility expert working on web-based applications for the consulting firm known as Design for Context in Washington, D.C. She is a former Fairfax County teacher who currently has one daughter in the school system who is a rising fifth grader at Belvedere Elementary School. She is the president of the parent teacher association there.

"I'm concerned because we have limited resources now, and we are going to have even more limited resources in the future," she said. "And we need to make really important decisions, and we need to do so prudently."

On the issue of the budget, Owens said the school system is unlikely to get increased funding from the Board of Supervisors. So she would like to see a more effi

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Email announcements to centreview@connectionnewspapers.com. Photos are welcome.

Harry Wolin will transfer from director of Student Services, Westfield High School, to director of Student Services, Centreville High School effective July 1. Wolin started his career in education as a counselor at Mt. Vernon High School. He has worked as a counselor, lead counselor, and director of Student Services at Key Middle School, Herndon Middle School, and Irving Middle School, respectively.

Wolin has been director of Student Services at Westfield High School for the past eight years. As a leader, Wolin was instrumental in building Westfield's Master Schedule, coordinating and promoting support services for students, and leading the counseling staff. He will also be remembered for his participation in Westfield's annual Student-Faculty Basketball game and as an avid supporter of our extracurricular programs.

Israel Rodriguez, of Centerville, received the Richard Fuller Excellence in the Arts Award from Wilkes University (Wilkes-Barre, Pa.). Rodriguez is graduating with a Bachelor of Arts degree in digital design and media art.

Endi Xu, of Shanghai, earned a Bachelor of Science in computer engineering from the College of Engineering at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

Jacob Moyar, of Centerville, was recognized with Distinguished Achievement Award in the sport of men's swimming and diving by the athletic department at Lehigh University (Bethlehem, Pa.).

Morgan Tweddle, of Centerville, qualified for the spring 2017 dean's list at Belmont University (Nashville, Tenn.).

Mitchell Buckley, a resident of Centerville, has been named to the Emerson College (Boston, Mass.) dean's list for the spring 2017 semester. Buckley is majoring in acting.

Hayley Anderson, of Centerville, is one of 12 University of Virginia scholars who was awarded a Fulbright Scholarship this year. Anderson, graduating with a master's degree in public policy from the Frank S. Batten School of Leadership and Public Policy's accelerated master's program, will be an English teaching assistant at a federal university in Brazil. While at UVA, Anderson was a Range resident; a member of Volunteers with International Students, Staff, and Scholars; president of the University Dance Club; and a student docent at The Fralin Museum of Art. Anderson will be a federal management consultant for Deloitte in Washington, D.C. when she returns from Brazil. Her eventual goal is to be a management officer in the U.S. foreign service.

"The Fulbright name carries a lot of weight in the government and private sectors, and I hope that my completion of the award will signal my ability to work and connect with people around the globe," Anderson said. "On a personal level, this is an opportunity to give my passion for language and cross-culture communication a practical focus."

Sarah Lim, of Centerville High School, is one of 22 students from 10 Fairfax County high schools named winners of \$2,500 scholarships from the National Merit Scholarship Corporation.

Luke Allen, class of 2017, from Clifton, was named to the dean's list at Bucknell University (Lewisburg, Pa.) during the fall semester of the 2016-17 academic year.

Mark McClendon Jr., who attends Westfield High School, was awarded an Esther Peterson Memorial Grant by Giant Food of Landover, Md.

Rashida Green has accepted the position of assistant principal at Willow Springs Elementary School for the 2017-2018 school year. She graduated from Mount Vernon High School then attended the University of Virginia where she received her B.A. in English and Masters in Education. She started her teaching career as a middle school 6th grade teacher in Alexandria City



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Community Foundation Scholarships

The Community Foundation for Northern Virginia has awarded scholarships to 89 students, totaling \$304,700, to support their continuing higher education beginning in the fall. The Community Foundation for Northern Virginia manages and administers the funds for 25 scholarships that support Northern Virginia students pursuing undergraduate and graduate degrees. The Booz Allen Hamilton Vision Scholarship was awarded to Shreya Shaw of Centerville High School going to The Ohio State University.

Public Schools and later received her Masters in Curriculum and Instruction from George Mason University.

In recent years, she has been an instructional coach in schools and central office. During the winter, she had the opportunity to serve as the Acting Assistant Principal at Willow Springs Elementary School.

Hung Ngo, of Centerville, was named to the dean's list for the spring 2017 semester at Georgia

State University in Atlanta.

Danielle Brooks, a freshman majoring in sociology, from Centerville, was named to the spring 2017 dean's list at Bridgewater College (Bridgewater, Va.).

Kayla O'Sullivan, a senior majoring in health and exercise science, from Centerville, was named

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So Many Chances to Vote

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Do we have election fatigue? Or are we still reeling from last November's election? Every year is an election year in Virginia, and some years offer multiple opportunities.

Either way, every voter in Virginia had a chance to choose a Gubernatorial candidate from one party or the other in the primary election on June 13.

Now in Fairfax County, a countywide special election for School Board at-large will take place on Aug. 29, with absentee in-person voting already underway. Four candidates are on the ballot, Chris S. Grisafe, Sandra D. Allen, Karen A. Keys-Gamarra and Michael H. Owens. To read our story about the candidates, see www.connectionnewspapers.com/news/2017/jul/31/low-turnout-high-stakes-special-election-school-bo/

Absentee voting for the special election is by mail or at the Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center Pkwy., Suite

323, Fairfax, through Aug. 25. Times: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday: 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.; Thursday, 8 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Then comes the General Election on Nov. 7, with every House of Delegates seat on the ballot along with the race for governor. Lieutenant governor and attorney general are also on the ballot.

To vote in the General Election on Nov. 7, the deadline to register to vote, or update an existing registration, is Monday, Oct. 16. In-person absentee voting begins Sept. 22, with the last day of Nov. 4.

For Fairfax County information: Voter Registration: 703-222-0776, TTY 711; Absentee Fax: 703-324-3725, Email: voting@fairfaxcounty.gov

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To read about candidates for the Aug. 29 special election for Fairfax County School Board: www.connectionnewspapers.com/news/2017/jul/31/low-turnout-high-stakes-special-election-school-bo/

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— MARY KIMM

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Renaming

To the Editor:

An open letter to the community.
The Fairfax County School Board voted last night [July 28] that the name of J.E.B Stuart High School be changed no later than the start of the 2019 School Year. The School Board further directed staff to start the renaming process this fall and that as part of that process — in the spirit of compromise and in recognition of the need to minimize costs as well as the desire for continuity by alumni — request that the Stuart community consider “Stuart High School” as the new name. The Board further directed staff to create a mechanism for private funding with the expectation that private funding will pay for a substantial portion of the costs.

I've met with both sides on this issue and it has yielded strong feelings and strong passions. Now that the Board has spoken, we will continue to follow the process as outlined by the School Board regulation for name changes. We will execute the renaming process in a fair, transparent, and expedient manner. In this spirit, I invite you to join me on Saturday, Sept. 9, at 10 a.m., at J.E.B Stuart High School, where we will hold an open public meeting — per Regulation 8170 — to gather names for

consideration along with the opportunity for presentations, questions, and discussion.

As outlined in the regulation, voting for the school name will be limited to those participants residing in the school's attendance area and a weighted point system will be used to determine the top three choices. Voting will take place on Saturday, Sept. 16, at J.E.B Stuart High School and will be open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

After review of the community's recommendations, the Division Superintendent will formulate a recommendation consisting of one or more of the most popular choices according to community input. The Division Superintendent shall then transmit the recommendation to the School Board for consideration and action.

The deadline for the Division Superintendent to submit a formal recommendation to the School Board shall be three weeks prior to the date scheduled for School Board action.

It is clear that this issue has impacted our community and it is my hope that we can work together to find common ground and embrace the diversity of our friends and neighbors to strengthen our bond around what we all hold true — that every student succeed and that we provide them the support necessary to be successful.

The most important name, I think we can all agree, is that of the teacher in front of them, and we are committed to ensuring whatever name is chosen that we have the best possible education for every student.

Scott Brabrand

FCPS Superintendent

What Matters

To the Editor:

Donald Trump recently tweeted that transgender persons will no longer be allowed to serve in the U.S. military, citing “tremendous medical costs” and “disruption.” Mr. Trump's announcement is nothing but a shameless attempt to win favor with his supporters. It is factually wrong, unconstitutional, hypocritical, and just plain un-American.

The U.S. military spends 10 times more on prescriptions for medicines for service members with erectile dysfunction than it would on transgender troops. Eighteen countries, including most of our western European allies, have allowed transgender persons to serve for years, without any effect on readiness. In fact, these countries, and the U.S., need every person willing to serve in order to meet recruiting goals. So much for the cost and disruption arguments.

Serving in the military is a basic

civil right. Just like the right to vote, it should be denied to no one. Because Mr. Trump's proposed ban denies this right, it is a violation of the equal protection clause of the 14th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, and is most likely illegal.

What makes Mr. Trump's statement particularly shameful and hypocritical is that it came from a man who secured five draft deferments in order to get out of serving in the military himself. Here's someone who fought tooth and nail to avoid serving his country, and he would deny that honor to others who would do so willingly.

Regardless of how one feels about transgenderism, the simple truth is that these individuals volunteered to serve their country — potentially putting their lives on the line — because they love America. They are willing to make great sacrifices to defend the liberties that all Americans — including Mr. Trump — enjoy. To deny them that opportunity is bigoted, and simply un-American.

Look ... when I served in the Army, I didn't care if the soldier next to me was named Bruce or Caitlyn, or whether they had a penis, a vagina, or both, or neither. All I cared about was that they could do their job. That's all that matters.

Mark Daugherty/Chantilly

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OPINION

'Working the Problem' Throughout the Year

BY JIM LEMUNYON
STATE DELEGATE (R-67)

As you may know, the Virginia General Assembly meets six to eight weeks a year in Richmond during the winter. However, a considerable amount of work occurs during the year through many boards and commissions that address specific issues. I serve on five of these entities. Here's a short update on the work of each. Of course, I welcome your comments and questions.

COMMENTARY

❖ **Beltway Tolling** — At my request, the Transportation Accountability Commission heard testimony in April from Transurban, the toll operator on the Beltway and I-95, regarding the relationship between variable toll pricing and traffic flow. In my view, toll prices should be set to maximize the combined traffic throughput on the free and tolled lanes, and therefore minimize congestion. This does not appear to be happening on a consistent basis, and the Commission will continue to evaluate how improvements can be made to accomplish this objective. The Commission also heard testimony related to traffic on I-81 and bridge tolling in the Hampton Roads region. More information may be found at <http://dls.virginia.gov/commissions/cta.htm?x=mtg>.

❖ **The Northern Virginia Transportation Commission (NVTC)** meets monthly and is focused on implementation of HB 2136, a bill I authored and was signed into law by Governor McAuliffe related to Metro safety and improving the overall operations of Metro. A subcommittee has been formed, on which I serve, to make specific recommendations related to restructuring the Metro board and other issues related to Metro governance. One change under consideration is to require at least some members of the Board have career experience in the operation of large transportation enterprises. Metro has lacked such Board-level experience in the past, which in my view has contributed to Metro's safety and financial woes.

NVTC members include local government officials and state legislators. More information may be found at <http://www.novatransit.org/>.

❖ **The SOL Innovation Committee** meets several times during the year, and makes recommendations to the General Assembly, state Board of Education and Governor related to standardized testing in grades K-12 and related issues. The Committee completed a review of high school level SOL tests according to H.B. 525, a law I authored in 2016. As a result, it appears the state Board of Education will implement changes in SOL testing and other high school graduation requirements starting in the 2018-19 school year. Although not yet firm, it appears the number of high school SOL tests required for graduation will be reduced to five. The committee consists of seven legislators and 27 educators from around the state. More information may be found at <https://education.virginia.gov/initiatives/sol-innovation-committee/>.

❖ **The Freedom of Information Act Advisory Council**, which I chair, meets several times a year and is reviewing "FOIA law" related to government contractors and their confidential business information. The focus is on what comprises "confidential business information" that can be released to the public or withheld by state and local government entities. The council also expects to address FOIA issues that arise from the use of new technology. For example, the council may consider whether posts on a public official's Facebook page are considered "public records." Some factors include whether the Facebook page is used for official government business or political campaign purposes, and whether comments made by private citizens on Facebook or through other media could be considered a "public record" in some circumstances. The FOIA Council consists of 14 members, including four legislators. More information may be found at <http://foiacouncil.dls.virginia.gov/>.

❖ **The Code Commission** meets at least bi-monthly and is engaged

in a re-write of Title 55 of the Code of Virginia (state law) related to real estate, home owners' associations and related matters. I serve as vice-chair of this commission. The Code Commission's responsibilities do not include changing policy or the meaning of the law, only to recommend changes to the General Assembly to improve the

clarity of the law or to eliminate obsolete laws. In doing so, one practical benefit of this work is to reduce litigation. The commission recently concluded rewrites of Title 33 (Transportation) and Title 23 (Higher Education). The commission consists of four legislators and nine others, including two judges and representatives of the

Governor and Attorney General. More information may be found at <http://codecommission.dls.virginia.gov/>.

Thank you for the privilege of representing you in the Virginia House of Delegates. Please feel free to contact me at any time at deljlemunyon@gmail.com or 703-264-1432.

SCHOOL NOTES

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to the spring 2017 dean's list at Bridgewater College (Bridgewater, Va.).

Allie Bush, of Westfield High School, was awarded a scholarship by The Northern Virginia Electric Coopera-

tive (NOVEC) and the Virginia, Maryland & Delaware Association of Electric Cooperatives (VMDAEC).

Arjun Deopujari and **Daniel Park**, also of Westfield High School, were awarded scholarships by the VMDAEC Educational Scholarship Foundation.

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Sully District Cub Scouts Hold Bicycle Rodeo

On a very hot Wednesday afternoon, the Cub Scouts of Sully District held their annual Bicycle Rodeo under the instruction and guidance of the Fairfax County Police Department.

The bicycle rodeo was held on the swimming pool parking lot of the Chantilly National Golf Course and Country Club through the assistance of Aleks Maksic, the club's event coordinator. The club provided hot dogs and water for all of the riders.

More than 100 Cub Scouts, siblings, and parents attended. Linda Watkins of the INOVA Fairfax Hospital provided bicycle safety guidance and also provided a few of

the riders with helmets. The police officers conducted a safety check on each bike, conducted a group safety briefing for the riders, and then manned the several stations of the bicycle course. Joe Arevalo, the event coordinator for the Cub Scouts, said it was one of the best Bike Rodeo events ever held. He was assisted by Life Boy Scout Jack Garrison of Troop 1548. The Cub Scouts thanked the six police officers in attendance – 2nd Lt Andrew Wright, MPO Lincoln Kieffer, MPO Rockie Arkhavan, PFC Richard Lundquist, PFC Ramsy Saffoori, and PFC Carrie Oliver. All who participated said they looked forward to attending the event next year.



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Cub Scouts and siblings on the course.



Police officers inspect the Cub Scouts' bikes.



Linda Watkins from INOVA with Bike Rodeo Director and Cubmaster Joe Arevalo.



Fairfax County Police Officers at the Sully District Bike Rodeo (from left) PFC Rich Lundquist, MPO Lincoln Kieffer, 2nd Lt. Andrew Wright, PFC Ramsy Saffoori, PFC Carrie Oliver, and MPO Rockie Arkhavan.



Bicycle Rodeo Director Joe Arevalo with his assistant — Life Scout Jack Garrison of Troop 1548.



Safety checks include that helmets properly fit.

Saving Your Skin

How to prevent sun damage while enjoying summer vacation.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL

August approaches and many head out for sun drenched vacations with a skin-baring wardrobe. This much anticipated time of year doesn't come without danger, primarily in the form of sunburn which can lead to skin damage, skin cancer, wrinkles and dark spots. Skincare gurus offer suggestions for protecting skin without sacrificing time outside.

"Sunscreen is the best protection from the sun," said Cheryl A. Oetjen, DNP, FNP-BC, assistant professor of nursing at George Mason University. "This can be from lotions that are SPF 30 or higher or from skin-protective clothing. Wearing a hat can also protect your face to some degree. Sunglasses should also be worn."

To maximize the effectiveness of sun-

screen, Oetjen advises being aware of some of the most commonly made application mistakes. "Ideally sunscreen should be applied 30 minutes prior to sun exposure," she said. "This gives it time to soak into the skin. Avoiding the water for this time is also important."

Avoid the sun between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. when it's most intense and use at least one ounce of sunscreen per application, says Oetjen. "The important part of applying sunscreen is ensuring that you are using enough," she said. "Fair complexions, red hair and blonde hair often are indicators of a higher risk of sunburn, so it's important to reapply often."

Make sunscreen part of one's daily skincare regimen, advises Colleen Sanders, RN, FNP, Marymount University in Arlington. "The recommendation is that you wear sunscreen

"Sunscreen is the best protection from the sun."

— Cheryl A. Oetjen,
George Mason University



PHOTO BY MARILYN CAMPBELL

Wearing sunscreen offers the best protection from sun damage.

every day if you're going to be outside even for a short period of time," she said. "It should be part of your everyday routine."

Relying solely on the SPF found in some cosmetics like foundation or powder is unwise, says dermatologist Dr. Lisa Bronstein. "Makeup doesn't necessarily provide the protection that it claims to provide," she said. "There are a lot of tinted sunscreens out now that match a variety of skin tones and also give amazing protection from sun damage."

"Wearing sunglasses with UVA and UVB protection as well as a hat will help prevent damage, says Sanders. "Common areas that people often forget to cover, and where we often find skin cancer, are the tops

of ears and the backs of their hands," she said. "These are places where people forget to put sunscreen."

"Make sure the most sensitive areas are covered ... these areas include the top of the ears, lips [and] the nose, added Oetjen. "Zinc oxide can be applied to sensitive areas."

Infants who are younger than six months old should have limited exposure to the sun, says Oetjen.

"The FDA has not approved a sunscreen for infants under 6 months so it is best for them to stay in the shade and wear sun protective clothing and hat," she said. "The skin of infants is thinner and more sensitive to the sun and sunscreen."



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— VICKI L. KRAUSE

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At-Large

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cient use of existing resources. For example, she said, the school system spends too much money on athletic programs like football that could be funded with outside money.

"I would like the athletic teams to actually raise money for the other programs within the school," said Owens. "The athletic teams could support the after-school chess club. Let's see the kids helping each other."

On teacher pay, Owens said she would like to see higher salaries — 10 percent to 20 percent higher. She said she understands the financial difficulties facing teachers because she was a single mother whose only income was the paycheck she got from Fairfax County Public Schools. In fact, she said, it was that economic pressure that caused her to leave the teaching and become a consultant.

"I left teaching not because I didn't enjoy the students or the parents or even the administrators. I left teaching because I couldn't afford to teach and live here. And that's pretty sad," she said. "I think it's really important that the people who are teaching your children and interacting with your children every day live in your community."

On the issue of trailers being used as classrooms, Owens said Fairfax County has too many students in portable classrooms. But she also said that there was little the School Board could realistically about it.

"I don't think anybody likes trailers," she said. "But that might not be something that we can do anything about, at least in the short term."

On the issue of class size, she said all parents would like to see a smaller student-to-teacher ratio. When asked about it, she circled back around to the question about trailers to make a point about her priorities if elected.

"I'd rather see us have more trailers and smaller classes than fewer trailers but more kids in each class," said Owens.

On the issue of transgender bathrooms, Owens is the only candidate in who supports former President Barack Obama's directive ordering schools to allow students to use the bathroom of the gender they identify with rather than the gender they were born with.

"The kid that feels comfortable going into the girls room to use the facilities, they need the right to do that," said Owens. "The kid who's going to the bathroom to cause trouble no matter what bathroom they're going into, that's a whole different issue."

On the issue of J.E.B. Stuart High School name, she understands those who want to change the name. But she was quick to add that the cost would be half a million dollars, and she said it's not appropriate for the school system to spend that kind of money when there are other budget priorities.

"This is not an emergency, and it's not a moral imperative," she said. "I understand if a student doesn't want to wear his name across their chest. But I don't want to pay to change it."

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Week to Weak



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

And speaking, a few weeks late, of my "whirled," (see July 5, 2017 column, "Not an Auto-Matic Fix"); at least as it relates to my next week or so: 24-hour urine collection on Tuesday, pre-chemotherapy lab work on Wednesday, in the Connection office on Thursday, chemotherapy infusion on Friday, continuing anxiety concerning the previous Wednesday's CT Scan/awaiting results from my oncologist followed by our usual post-scan appointment with him Friday a week later to discuss my future: status quo or the great unknown; coinciding with the typical eating challenges/post-chemo side effect which lasts a week to 10 days after treatment. If this cycle of gloom doesn't sound like fun, you're right, but it's a living/my life and I'm extraordinarily (I didn't want to say "damn") lucky to be able to live it.

And recently having spoken to a new stage IV, non-small cell lung cancer "diagnosee," who's on a 24-hour morphine drip and Percocet every four hours because he's in constant pain, I know how amazingly fortunate I am/have been since being originally diagnosed in late February, 2009. Sure, I've had my share of pain and discomfort, but in the medical-measuring system I'd give it a "1." Hardly the stuff with which nightmares are made (see column in a few weeks, as yet untitled).

I've always been a great believer in context. Not so much comparison because what you see and what you get are not necessarily relevant, comparatively speaking, but more that the circumstances are all relative. It takes me back to Popeye the Sailor Man, who apologizing to no one, always said: "I 'yam what I 'yam." And so am I. When I see other cancer patients at the Infusion Center, when I talk to cancer survivors, when I hear or read of other cancer patient circumstances, I try to live and learn, not take it personally, and count my blessings. Given the hand that I was dealt back on Feb. 27, 2009 I wouldn't say "Wild" Bill Hickok (and his black aces and black eights) came to mind, but my life, according to the "11 month to two-year" prognosis I was given, certainly passed before me — and much sooner than I had anticipated.

In spite of my diagnosis/prognosis, and the miscellaneous ups and downs that I and most cancer patients endure, I've never given in to my oncologist's initial assessment. It was so unbelievable hearing such grim news, especially considering that I was age 54 and a half, that it almost seemed like an out-of-body experience, sort of like Scrooge in Charles Dickens "novella," "A Christmas Carol." Sure we were listening attentively and asked our share of questions, but it didn't seem real or even about me, sort of. I mean at this juncture, I had no pain and no symptoms and no family history of cancer — and I was a life-long non-smoker. Yet here I was, in the bulls eye of a dreaded disease with no known cure receiving a modest life expectancy/two percent chance of living beyond five years.

But eight years and five months later, here I sit, breathe and try to write some wrongs about a life mostly unexpected, and one in which I haven't sweated too many details nor concerned myself with the "nattering nabobs of negativism," to quote former Vice President, Spiro T. Agnew, specifically as it relates to lung cancer outcomes. Which are dramatically improving.

New drug approvals and increased funding for lung cancer research has infused hope into lung cancer patient's lives. Routines with which us lung cancer patients/survivors have become accustomed will be less routine and will make our lives more fulfilling. It might not be perfect, but it's definitely a life worth living.

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History Volunteers Needed. Fairfax Station Railroad Museum needs history buffs. The Museum offers a variety of volunteer opportunities in Museum events, programs and administration. Email volunteers@fairfax-station.org or call 703-945-7483 to explore opportunities. The Museum is located at 11200 Fairfax Station Road in Fairfax Station. It is open every Sunday, except holidays, from 1-4 p.m. www.fairfax-station.org, 703-425-9225.

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.

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.

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.fairfaxjubilaire.org.

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.



Library Activities

Wednesday, Aug. 9, will be busy at the library. First, at 2 p.m., Chair Yoga, followed by Korean Folklore Painting on a Fan, from 2-4 p.m. at the Centreville Regional Library, 14200 St. Germain Drive. Teens and adults. Call 703-830-2223 for more.

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.

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Saturdays, 3-5 p.m. at Centreville Regional Library, 14200 St. Germain Drive. Drop in and enjoy casual conversation and learning for adult learners of English. Volunteer led program. Call 703-830-2223.

English as Second Language Book Club. Mondays, 7-9 p.m. at

Centreville Regional Library, 14200 St. Germain Drive. Adults learning English meet to discuss a book chosen by the group. Call the library 703-830-2223 for book title.

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

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

Mondays are Family Night. 5-7 p.m. at Villaggio, 7145 Main St. \$45 for a family of four. Call 703-543-2030.

PET ADOPTIONS

Adopt a Dog. Fridays, 6:30-8:30 p.m. at PetSmart, 12971 Fair Lakes Center, Fairfax. Visit www.lostdogrescue.org.



Adopt a Dog. Saturdays, 12-3 p.m. at Petco, 13053 Lee Jackson Highway. Visit hart90.org.

Adopt a Dog. Sundays, 1-4 p.m. at Petco, 13053 Lee Jackson Memorial Hwy. Adopt a puppy or dog. Visit aforeverhome.org.

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SATURDAY/AUG. 5

Clothing Drive. 8-10 a.m. at Chantilly Bible Church, 4390 Pleasant Valley Road. Free clothing for all sizes and ages, household items, toys, games will be available at no cost. Bags are provided for shopping. Take as much as you need. No resellers please. There will be translators available for Spanish, Mandarin and Hindi. Call 703-263-1188 or visit chantillybible.org.

Arts in the Parks. 10-11 a.m. at E.C. Lawrence Park, 5040 Walney Road,

Chantilly. Blue Sky Puppet Theater. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/performances/arts-in-the-parks or call 703-631-0013.

WEDNESDAY/AUG. 9

Chair Yoga. 2-3 p.m. at Centreville Regional Library, 14200 St. Germain Drive. Gentle restorative yoga class. Sponsored by the Friends of the Centreville Regional Library. Adults. Call 703-830-2223 or register online at librarycalendar.fairfaxcounty.gov.
Korean Folklore Painting on a Fan. 2-4 p.m. at Centreville Regional Library, 14200 St. Germain Drive. Korean folklore painter Jungsoon Spitzer will lead the workshop. Adults. Call 703-830-2223 or register at librarycalendar.fairfaxcounty.gov.

SATURDAY/AUG. 12

Arts in the Parks. 10-11 a.m. at E.C. Lawrence Park, 5040 Walney Road, Chantilly. Musicians "The Grandsons, Jr." performing children's songs. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/performances/arts-in-the-parks or call 703-631-0013.

SUNDAY/AUG. 13

Model Train Show. 1-4 p.m. at Fairfax Station Railroad Museum, 11200 Fairfax Station Road. The Northern Virginia NTRAK members will hold an 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 or call 703-425-9225.

SATURDAY/AUG. 19

Arts in the Parks. 10-11 a.m. at E.C. Lawrence Park, 5040 Walney Road, Chantilly. Fairfax Symphony Orchestra 'Percussion Ensemble.' Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/performances/arts-in-the-parks or call 703-631-0013.

SUNDAY/AUG. 20

Model Train Show. 1-4 p.m. at Fairfax Station Railroad Museum, 11200 Fairfax Station Road. The Northern Virginia NTRAK members will hold an 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 or call 703-425-9225.

SEPTEMBER 3-4

Model Train Shows. noon-5 p.m. at Fairfax Station Railroad Museum, 11200 Fairfax Station Road. Labor Day Weekend, The Potomac Module Crew members will have HO Scale and others will have a LEGO Model Train Show. Museum members, free; adults 16 and over, \$4; children 5-15, \$2; under 4, free. Visit www.fairfax-station.org or call 703-425-9225.

WEDNESDAY/SEPT. 27

Meet the Civil War Author. 7:30-9:30 p.m. at Fairfax Station Railroad Museum, 11200 Fairfax Station Road. Local historian, lecturer and author, Arthur Candanquist will look at a Confederate military railroad that ran between Centreville and Manassas Junction. Free, open to public. Visit www.fairfax-station.org or call 703-425-9225.

MONDAY/OCT. 2

"Fore" the Kids Golf Tournament. 8:30 a.m. at the International Country Club, 13200 Lee Jackson Memorial Highway, Fairfax. Benefiting The Boys & Girls Clubs of Fairfax County. Visit bgcgw.org.

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