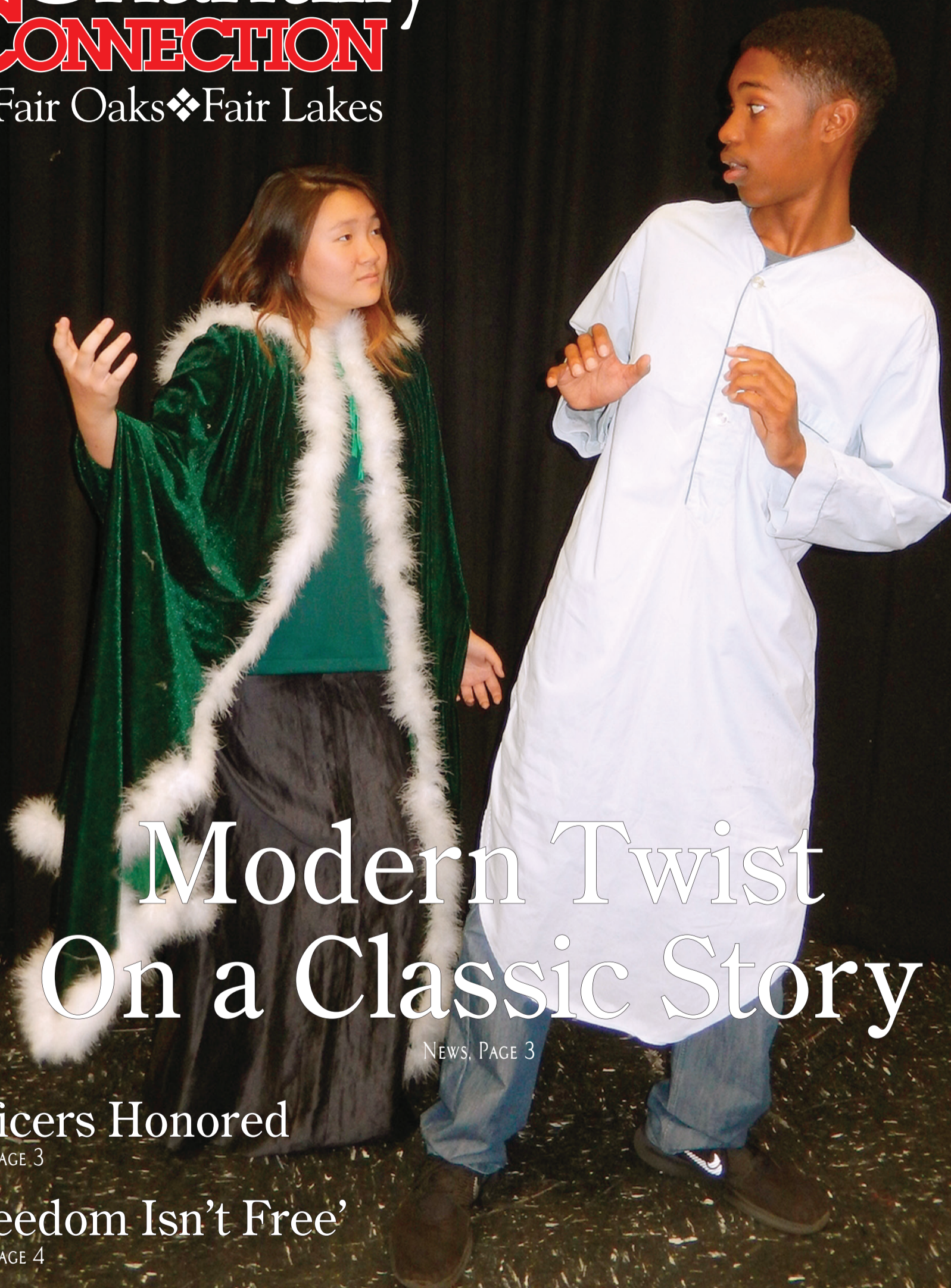


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As the Ghost of Christmas Past, Faith Cho surprises Ebenezer Scrooge, played by Jalin Dew, in Westfield High's upcoming play, "A Christmas Carol."



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NEWS

Modern Twist on a Classic Story

Westfield High presents "A Christmas Carol."

BY BONNIE HOBBS

Ebenezer Scrooge, Bob Cratchit and Tiny Tim — these well-known characters and more — will take the stage in Westfield High's upcoming production of "A Christmas Carol." It features a cast and crew of 55 and is based on the Charles Dickens novel.

Show times are Friday-Saturday, Dec. 1-2, at 7 p.m., and Sunday, Dec. 3, at 2 p.m., in the school theater. Tickets are \$8 at the door or via www.Westfieldtheatre.com.

"I'm excited about this show because it's a classic and we don't get to do the iconic pieces of literature enough," said Director Rachel Harrington. "And we're introducing a whole, new generation to these works that have been around for centuries. But it's a more modern twist on the old story that makes it more relatable to anyone who sees it. And it's a great way to kick off the holiday season."

Scenes will take place in the streets of London in the 1800s, in the Cratchits' home and in Scrooge's office but, most of all, on



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From left: Anna Krelovich, Jalin Dew, Faith Cho (Ghost of Christmas Past), Wade Parker and Nora Lewis rehearse a scene.

the village streets. "It's a simplistic set; we're relying on our actors to tell the story," said Harrington. "But we'll have a backdrop and some rolling set pieces to suggest certain things. And the actors will wear traditional costumes of the day."

Proud of her young thespians, she said,

"They're taking on the adaptation of this iconic piece with a maturity you don't get with other shows. In the process, they're having fun; and, in turn, the audience will enjoy themselves, too."

Adding to the ambience, there'll be carolers in the lobby as people arrive for the

performance. And toy donations will be accepted for Toys for Tots, as well as canned goods for Western Fairfax Christian Ministries' (WFCM) food pantry.

Said Harrington: "We want to wrap people in the holiday spirit from the moment they enter to the moment they leave."

Portraying Scrooge is sophomore Jalin Dew. "He's basically one of the most unlikely people you'll ever meet," said Dew. "He's cold and unloving and has a sad backstory, which led up to him being this way. He's mean, selfish and stingy and very pushy, and he bullies his employee, Bob Cratchit, all the time."

Calling it one of the most fun roles he's ever played, Dew called it a growth process for him. "Being a lead and having a lot of pressure on me makes it a great experience," he said. "When I'm onstage doing this role, I am Scrooge. And that's the coolest thing for me because I get to be someone else. It's always hard to make people love the bad guy, but my goal is to make people love him as much as they hate him."

He said the audience will like learning about Scrooge's past and seeing his softer side. "Plays are just way more awesome than movies," added Dew. "And I think people will really feel the chemistry be

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Sully Station Names Recent Officers of the Month

Kory Pfeiffer honored.

PFC Kory A. Pfeiffer was chosen the Sully District Police Station's Officer of the Month for July. He was honored at the Sept. 13 meeting of the station's Citizens Advisory Committee. The committee doesn't meet during the summer.

In her nomination letter, Lt. Deanna Weand said Pfeiffer has been an excellent patrol officer since his arrival at the station. In July, he was instrumental in several events that led to both arrests and rendering lifesaving aid.

"On July 17, 2017, Officer Pfeiffer utilized information updates from a shooting event that led to him finding the suspect vehicle fleeing the scene," wrote Weand. "Upon stopping the vehicle and the suspects bailing out of it, Officer Pfeiffer assisted perimeter units by giving updates over the radio, which helped effect an arrest."

Then three days later, on July 20, Pfeiffer responded to a stabbing in Chantilly. Once on scene, he found the victim who had sustained four, potentially life-threatening stab wounds. Pfeiffer rendered aid until medics could arrive. The victim was transported and ultimately survived his wounds.



PHOTO BY BONNIE HOBBS

Lt. Ryan Morgan (left) presents the Officer of the Month award to PFC Kory A. Pfeiffer.

"Pfeiffer excels at criminal patrol and, during July, he also made two traffic stops that led to two arrests and a seizure of a quarter pound of marijuana," added Weand. "It is a pleasure having Officer Kory Pfeiffer serving in the Sully District and he is well-deserving of the recognition as Officer of the Month."

— BONNIE HOBBS

Louise Spillars-Auville honored.

Police Communications Assistant II Louise E. Spillars-Auville was selected as the Sully District Police Station's Officer of the Month for August. She was honored at the Sept. 13 meeting of the station's Citizens Advisory Committee. The committee doesn't meet during the summer.

In his letter nominating her, 2nd Lt. Brian Calfee said she "exceeds standard performance as a PCA (police citizen aid). She acts as an intelligence gatherer for officers as they respond to various, high-priority calls."

Recently, he wrote, Spillars-Auville was assisting a mother and her two children who had come to the front desk area seeking refuge from the woman's husband. There was a protective order banning him from any contact with the woman or her children.

"PCA Spillars-Auville recognized the violation that was occurring in front of her and acted quickly by summoning NPU (Neighborhood Patrol Units) units from their office and escorting the mother and two children into the secure area of the station to keep them safe," wrote Calfee. "The NPU units were able to catch up to the suspect and make an arrest."



PHOTO BY BONNIE HOBBS

Lt. Ryan Morgan gives the Officer of the Month award to PCA Louise E. Spillars-Auville.

"Spillars-Auville reacted quickly and was able to not only get the resources needed to help apprehend the violator, but at the same time, put herself in a dangerous situation by going into the front lobby and getting those in danger to a safe and secure location," continued Calfee. "It is a pleasure having her serving in the Sully District, and she is well-deserving of the recognition as Officer of the Month."

— BONNIE HOBBS

Freedom Isn't Free for 92-year-old Veteran

Former sailor recounts the cost of WWII on Veterans Day.

BY MARTI MOORE

At 1200 hours Nov. 11, a World War II sailor was the guest of honor at a Veterans Day appreciation, with a color guard and brass band, outside the Mission BBQ restaurant on Lee Jackson Memorial Highway, where Fairfax resident Sigmond Alman, 92, is a loyal patron. A picture of young "Sig" in uniform, taken in 1943, hangs in one of the restaurant booths.

Visit www.thevoicesoffreedom.org next month to hear Alman discuss his work as a U.S. Navy operator of a newly developed early-warning technology called radio detection and ranging — also known as RADAR — aboard the light aircraft carrier USS Monterey. He said it helped him distinguish friendly ships from enemy vessels while he worked in the Monterey's command information center.

Online reports at www.hullnumber.com/CVL-26, www.military.com, www.navyhistory.org and www.usshullassociation.org state the ship and crew barely survived Typhoon Cobra that caught Adm. William F. Halsey's 3rd Fleet off guard Dec. 17 and 18, 1944 in the Philippine Sea.

The cyclone rolled the 11,000-ton vessel back and forth, tearing cables loose from the Monterey's planes. Aircraft smashed into each other, and caught the ship's hangar deck on fire until it was contained by the crew.

The 622-foot carrier weathered "Halsey's Typhoon," which experts said delivered a more crippling blow to the 3rd Fleet than the might of a major battle. Reports say a deck officer named Gerald R. Ford — who would become the 38th president of the



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VOICES OF FREEDOM PROJECT

Sigmond Alman, 92, of Fairfax waits in the greenroom of the Voices of Freedom bus during the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month, until it's time to step into the mobile recording studio and recall his World War II military experience.

United States — almost was swept overboard the Monterey as the ship rolled violently during the cyclone.

Three destroyer vessels capsized and sank in the brutal two-day storm, which claimed nearly 800 lives.

In a telephone interview Nov. 19, Alman stated he joined the crew of the USS Monterey after the storm. During the typhoon, he was aboard another ship headed to the Philippines from Pearl Harbor. He said he was supposed to replace radar operators killed on a larger ship called the USS Intrepid after the CV-11 aircraft carrier was hit by kamikaze suicide bombers Oct. 30 and Nov. 25, 1944, according to online reports.

Alman's orders changed and he was re-



Jay Waters of Alexandria helps his partner maneuver their 2005 Fleetwood RV out of the parking lot on a Saturday afternoon at the Greenbriar Town Center in Chantilly.

PHOTO BY
MARTI MOORE

assigned to the Monterey while the Intrepid went to San Francisco for repairs. He saw the storm damage to his new assignment and was aboard the Monterey as it also steamed stateside for repairs in Bremerton, Wash. The carrier returned to action in time for the Battle of Okinawa.

ALMAN HAS MANY WAR STORIES from his military service. The Philadelphia native enlisted three days after he graduated high school in 1943, and volunteered for the U.S. Navy.

Among his most poignant memories is when Japan finally surrendered and the Monterey arrived with the fleet to bring U.S. Marine Corps troops to Tokyo for the Allied occupation. Alman vividly recalls the sight of vessels in his fleet as they passed Japan's "bombed-out ships" in Tokyo Bay — a scene set against the majestic backdrop of the volcano Mount Fuji.

"It was emotional because I knew the war was over," he said Sunday. Aug. 14, 1945 marks the surrender with Victory over Ja-

pan, or "V-J" Day, and the end of WWII.

Alman said he opened a restaurant in South Philly after the war then got married 10 years later.

His experience was recorded by servicemen Jay Waters of Alexandria and Dennis Gill of Stafford, Va., who turned a 2005 Fleetwood RV into a mobile recording studio with a military theme for the Voices of Freedom Project of the Americans in War-time museum in Dale City, Va.

Waters, a retired U.S. Army colonel, and Gill, a U.S. Air Force staff sergeant, have spent four years traveling the East Coast to collect nearly 350 interviews of American war heroes.

Their recreation vehicle was parked in the Greenbriar Town Center in Chantilly Nov. 11 as part of the Mission BBQ appreciation event that honored the servicemen and women, who serve the community and abroad. The message printed on the T-shirts of Mission BBQ staff summed up the call of Americans who have volunteered for active duty: "Freedom isn't free."

Planning Changes to Planning Commission

Twelve-member commission endures multiple changes through grief, triumphs, retirement and more during 2017.

BY KEN MOORE

Two seats on the 12-member Fairfax County Planning Commission remain open.

And earlier this month, Hunter Mill District Supervisor Catherine M. Hudgins announced Frank de la Fe's decision to retire at the end of the calendar year.

"After 16 years of dedicated service, the Hunter Mill District Planning Commissioner Frank de la Fe has announced his intention to retire," Hudgins told the Board of Supervisors at its meeting on Nov. 2. De la Fe has served on the planning commission since 2001, and currently is vice chair.

Hudgins will appoint a new commis-



Karen Keys-Gamarra

sioner to begin on Jan. 28, 2018.

"We will have lots to say about Frank in the future," said Hudgins.

Sully District Supervisor Kathy L. Smith will also search for a new planning commissioner.

"I guess it's a day for Planning Commission announcements," she said at the supervisors' meeting.

Smith's Planning Commissioner Karen Keys-Gamarra announced her resignation effective Oct. 25. Keys-Gamarra won a special election in August to fill the at-large School Board seat vacated by Jeanette

Hough two years into serving her four-year term. Hough resigned after her husband accepted a position overseas.

Of Keys-Gamarra, Smith said, "As much as I would have loved for her to continue as my planning commissioner, it's just not possible to do both jobs."

Springfield District Supervisor Pat Herrity followed.

"I have no news on my planning commissioner," he said. "That is good."

Herrity's Planning Commissioner is Peter Murphy who also serves as chair of the Planning Commission and was first appointed to the commission in 1982.

MURPHY ANNOUNCED at-large commissioner Janyce Hedetniemi's immediate

resignation at the opening of the Planning Commission's public hearing on Oct. 26.

"It's a great loss to the commission, she knows it, we all know it," said Murphy. "We appreciate everything you have done for us."

Chairman Sharon Bulova appointed Hedetniemi in 2013 and plans to appoint her successor at the Board meeting on Nov. 21.

Murphy read a full version of Hedetniemi's statement to the commission:

"Tonight, I step away from this wonderful experience as an at-large member of the Fairfax County Planning Commission. ... From capital improvements to land use and parks, schools, the environment and more, here it is, we give it all, through regulations, procedures, judge

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ment and intuition, always in public view, and sometimes until 2 in the morning.”

“I am proud to have shared the title of commissioner with my esteemed colleagues,” she wrote. “Commissioners, the honor has been mine. I wish you all the best in your continuing efforts for the betterment of Fairfax County.”

THE PLANNING COMMISSION on Sept. 14 voted to change the start time of public meetings in January from 8:15 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., in part to encourage additional citizen participation and to keep meetings from lasting as late into the night.

The Planning Commission advises the Board of Supervisors on all matters related to land use in Fairfax County, a particularly busy time right now reviewing redevelopment along the Silver Line.

The commission holds public hearings, often multiple times a week, and often brings together residents, developers and county planners to work through concerns and conflicts.

This includes the location and character of public facilities; amendments to the Comprehensive Plan; amendments to the Zoning Ordinance, the Public Facilities Ordinance, and the Subdivision Ordinance; rezonings and special exceptions; approvals of final development plans; and also

sometimes advises the Board of Zoning Appeals.

Planning commissioners are appointed by the Board of Supervisors for four-year terms on a staggered basis. Each of the nine supervisory districts has a representative, and three members are appointed at-large.

PHILLIP NIEDZIELSKI-EICHNER replaced Kenneth Lawrence as the Providence Planning Commissioner on Jan. 11, 2017.

Lawrence died in December 2016 after serving 13 years on the Planning Commission.

“Ken had a difficult role, responsibility for Providence District at an exciting time, doing new and ambitious things in Tysons and elsewhere,” said colleague James Hart, at-large planning commissioner.

“His public service responsibility was a part of his core being. He gave the County all he had,” said Hart.

Hart and Lawrence were sworn in on the same day 13 years ago.

“I could count on one hand the number of votes Ken and I disagreed in that 13 years. I couldn’t begin to count the number of hours we spent in meetings together, so many topics,” he said. “Ken’s legacy added so much to Fairfax County. ... We absolutely will have more and better parks in Tysons thanks to him. His commitment improved our quality of life.”




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OPINION

Shop Locally, Give Locally

Every day is for shopping small and shopping locally.

An effort to support locally owned businesses has resulted in the recognition of Small Business Saturday, the Saturday after Thanksgiving. This year that is Nov. 25. Black Friday, the day after Thanksgiving, is promoted as a day of national zeal for shopping. Presumably the next day shoppers can focus on local shopping.

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

We all benefit when local stores thrive, when local business districts beckon.

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

Supporting small businesses, locally owned businesses, has to be more than a one-day affair. And in this area, there doesn't have to be anything small about shopping locally.

But still, local families will shop and exchange gifts during the next month, spending tens of millions of dollars in a variety of

places.

One way to be sure holiday shopping comes with some holiday spirit is to do a portion of your shopping in some of the area's locally owned stores. There is special holiday ambience available by shopping in the heart of a town that is decked out for the season. Small retail shops are part of defining any community. Their livelihood depends on the livability and quality of the neighborhoods around them. A small business owner pays attention to every detail in his or her business in a way that no chain can.

The small business owner is often the leader for fundraising for local charities, for fire and rescue service, for local schools and in organizing holiday events.

Local shoppers should be sure to save some shopping time and dollars for local stores. Spend some time shopping in your own community, and also plan an excursion to a nearby town to check out the holiday spirit there.

See Connection's Holiday Calendar for great celebrations near you.

❖ **Fairfax County:**

www.connectionnewspapers.com/news/2017/nov/16/holiday-calendar-2017/

❖ **Arlington:**

www.connectionnewspapers.com/news/2017/nov/15/arlington-holiday-calendar-2017/

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Short Deadline for Children's Edition

During the last week of each year, this newspaper devotes its pages to the creativity of local students and children. The results are always remarkable. It is a keepsake edition for many families. Even readers without children of that age spend time admiring and chuckling over the issue. The annual Children's Connection (including Children's Gazette, Children's Almanac and Children's Centre View) is a tradition of well over a decade.

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

We ask that all submissions be digital so they can be sent via email, dropbox or google drive or delivered on CD or flash drive. Writing should be submitted in rich text format (.rtf). Artwork should be photographed or scanned and provided in jpeg

format.

We welcome contributions from public and private schools, individuals and homeschoolers. To be published, we must have first and last name of the student. Please include the student's age and/or grade, school attended and town of residence, plus the name of the school, name of teacher and town of school location. Provide submissions by Friday, Dec. 1.

Email submissions for the Children's Edition to the following editors:

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Focus on Community Policing, Positive Outreach

To the Editor:

In response to: www.connectionnewspapers.com/news/2017/nov/08/commentary-independent-progressive-doublespeak-imm/

Fairfax County police officers do not conduct immigration enforcement sweeps or stop individuals solely to inquire about immigration status. Fairfax County police officers follow General Order 601 and cannot arrest someone unless there is reasonable suspicion that a crime was committed or is being committed.

Operation and policy decisions regarding the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center fall under the authority of the Sheriff, an elected constitutional officer, independent

of the Board of Supervisors. Per Code of Virginia 19.2-83.2, when individuals are arrested and booked into the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center, their computerized fingerprints are automatically transmitted to the Virginia State Police's Automated Fingerprint Identification System (AFIS), regardless of their immigration status. The Virginia State Police forwards the information to other state and federal databases per their guidelines. From there, it is up to ICE to determine who is a priority for deportation. Before 2016, ICE operated under the Priority Enforcement Program and focused its efforts on deporting undocumented immigrants with serious criminal records. Under

the Trump Administration, the Priority Enforcement Program no longer exists, and any immigrant who is in the country illegally may be selected by ICE for deportation.

If ICE places an arrest warrant and an order to detain on an inmate in the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center, the Sheriff's Office will hold that inmate for up to 48 hours (not counting weekends and holidays) past his or her scheduled release date. If ICE does not take custody of the inmate within that time frame, the inmate will be released.

The Board of Supervisors, the Police Department, the Sheriff's Office and all Fairfax County government agencies comply with state and federal laws, and immi-

gration is a federal matter. Any changes regarding deportations or the focus and direction of ICE must come from the federal level. On the local level, we continue to focus on community policing through positive outreach and building trust with the residents we serve. All residents of Fairfax County should know that Fairfax County police officers are here to protect and serve any and all community members, regardless of citizenship. No person should be afraid to call the police out of fear of deportation — our police officers are not in that business.

Sharon Bulova
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Thanksgiving

By Anita R Mohan

Thanksgiving is being thankful for mom, dad, brothers, sisters, grandparents, and all family

Thanksgiving is being thankful for teachers, friends, neighbors, and to all those who have helped us

Thanksgiving is being thankful for food, clothes, books, toys, and to nature and its beautiful wonders

Most of all, Thanksgiving is about giving thanks to God, by being nice, kind, and friendly to all, each and every single day

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ROUNDUPS

Support Toys for Tots

The Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department is participating in the Annual National Capital Region Fire and EMS Departments' 2017 Toys For Tots Campaign. The intent of the campaign is to "bring holiday joy and deliver a message of hope to children." Stations began to accept donations on Monday, Nov. 20.

Last year, thanks to the generosity of those who live and work in Fairfax County, the Fire and Rescue Department collected more than 11,000 toys.

Children who are served by this campaign include toddlers and youths through age 17. The campaign will only accept new unwrapped toys. Drop them off at any of fire and rescue stations Toys used as weapons or considered to be weapons (i.e., toy guns or knives of any kind) will not be accepted. Checks or money orders for donations must be made payable to Toys For Tots.

Fairfax County Fire and Rescue stations will accept donations through Monday, Dec. 18. Toys will not be accepted after this date.

Free Carseat Inspections

Certified technicians from the Sully District Police Station will perform free, child safety carseat inspections Thursday, Dec. 7, from 5-8:30 p.m., at the station, 4900 Stonecroft Blvd. in Chantilly. No appointment is necessary. But residents should install the child safety seats themselves so technicians may properly inspect and adjust them, as needed.

Because of time constraints, only the first 35 vehicles arriving on each date will be

inspected. That way, inspectors may have enough time to properly instruct the caregiver on the correct use of the child seat. Call 703-814-7000, ext. 5140, to confirm dates and times.

Meet Scott Braband, FCPS Superintendent

Fairfax County Public Schools Superintendent Scott S. Brabrand will be hosting a Community Conversations meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 28, in the lecture hall at Chantilly High School. The meetings will begin at 6:30 p.m. with a meet and greet, followed by discussion and questions from the audience from 7 to 8 p.m.

Volunteer Drivers Are Needed

Fairfax County needs volunteers to drive older adults to medical appointments and wellness programs. For these and other volunteer opportunities, call 703-324-5406 or go to www.fairfaxcounty.gov/olderadults and click on Volunteer Solutions.

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/volunteer-solutions.htm.

Fairfax Water

Notice of Public Hearing

NOTICE OF BUDGET AND WATER RATE PUBLIC HEARING

December 14, 2017 at 6:30 p.m.

At 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, December 14, 2017, Fairfax Water will conduct a public hearing on its Proposed Schedule of Rates, Fees, and Charges. The hearing will be held in Fairfax Water's offices at 8570 Executive Park Avenue, Fairfax, VA.

The proposed changes, to be effective April 1, 2018, include the following:

1. An increase in the Availability Charge from \$4,100 to \$4,150¹
2. An increase in the Local Facilities Charge from \$11,685 to \$13,420
3. An increase in the Service Connection Charge from \$1,240 to \$1,260¹
4. An increase in the base Commodity Charge from \$2.81 to \$2.94 per 1,000 gallons of water
5. An Increase in the Turn Off / Turn On Charge from \$44 to \$45
6. An increase in the Fees for Use of Fairfax Water Fire Hydrants to include the increase in the Commodity Charge
7. An increase in the Installation of Sewer Use Meter Charge from \$35 to \$36

¹ Charges reflect fees associated with a standard 5/8" residential meter. Changes in charges for larger residential and commercial meters are reflected in the Proposed Schedule of Rates, Fees, and Charges.

Fairfax County Water Authority (Fairfax Water) is proposing a \$178.7 million budget² for calendar year 2018. Revenues are expected to be \$178.7 million in 2018. Water sales are expected to provide \$155.8 million. Approximately \$22.9 million is expected from connection charges, investment income and other sources.

The major areas of operation and maintenance expense are:

Category	-- \$1,000s --	
	2017	2018
Personal Services & Employee Benefits	\$ 54,270	\$ 55,983
Power and Utilities	10,468	10,670
Chemicals	6,846	7,732
Purchased Water	7,677	6,340
Supplies and Materials	4,850	5,102
Insurance	1,186	1,200
Fuel	595	655
Postage	611	614
Contractual Services	11,252	11,610
Professional Services	990	1,025
Other	2,280	2,503
Sub-Total	101,025	103,634
Transfer to Improvement Fund	(9,991)	(10,248)
Total	\$ 91,034	\$ 93,386

Net revenues are expected to be appropriated as follows:	
Debt Payment	\$42,981,000
Improvement Fund	\$11,000,000
General Fund	\$31,087,000

² Fairfax Water's Board will continue to monitor economic factors and review revenues and expenditures at mid-year to determine if additional action is needed.

A copy of the proposed changes to the rates can be viewed on our website at www.fairfaxwater.org/rates. A copy of the proposed budget can be found at www.fairfaxwater.org. Those wishing to speak or receive a copy of the proposed changes should call Ms. Eva Catlin at 703-289-6017.

Interested parties may submit written comments to PublicHearingComments@fairfaxwater.org or mail written comments to:

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All written comments must be received by close of business on Wednesday, December 13, 2017 to be included in the record of the public hearing.

SPORTS



Noah Kim runs in for one of his two TD runs giving Westfield a 21-0 lead with 3:14 to play in the 3rd.



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Taylor Morin intercepts Patriot throw for a Westfield TD.

Bulldogs Advance in Playoffs

The Westfield Bulldogs, 12-0, advanced to the next round of the playoffs after 35-6 victory over Patriot High School on Saturday, Nov. 18. With the win, Westfield will host South Lakes 11-1 on Saturday, Nov. 25. Taylor Morin intercepted a Patriot pass and returned it for a score. Morin also scored on a TD reception in the first quarter.



Eugene Asante runs for positive yardage.



Sean Goodman scores one of Westfield's five touchdowns.



Israel McClain intercepts ball intended for a Patriot receiver.

SCHOOL NOTES

Email announcements to chantilly@connectionnewspapers.com. Deadline is Thursday at noon. Photos are welcome.

Justin Simmons has accepted an assistant principal position at Westfield High School. Simmons started his career in education as a college advisor in Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools. In FCPS, he was a middle school Counselor at Glasgow Middle School, Education Specialist for the College Partnership Program, and Program manager for the College Success Program. During the 2016-2017 school year, Simmons served as a staff development assistant principal at Westfield High School. Simmons earned both a B.A. in sociology and a M.Ed. in school counseling from The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He completed his administrative endorsement through the University of Virginia Accelerated Certification Cohort (ACC XI).

Sonya Williams has accepted the director of Student Services position at Westfield High School. She is replacing Harry Wolin who transferred to Centreville High School to serve as Director of Student Services. Williams is an Edison High School graduate. She started her career in education as a pro-

bation counselor working with adolescents at the Fairfax County Juvenile Detention Center. Years later, Williams began her career in FCPS as a school counselor at Langley High School and later transferred to Herndon High School. In 2011, she returned to Langley High School as the Director of Student Services. Williams earned a B.S. in Psychology and a B.S. in Criminal Justice from Virginia Commonwealth University. She received her M.S. in School Counseling Psychology from Marymount University.

Daniel T. Critchfield, a resident of Chantilly, was awarded a Bachelor of Arts degree with a double major in communications and cinema from Denison.

Ian A. Anspaugh graduated from Chantilly High School in spring 2017 and received the following awards:

- ❖ Presidential Volunteer Service Award
- ❖ The Vine Kasper Prize for Excellence in the Arts: Poetry Award first and second place
- Apple Federal Credit Union College Scholarship Award
- ❖ Chantilly High School PTSA College Scholarship Award "It Starts with One"

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U14 Champions

On Nov. 12 at Chantilly High School, the Chantilly 1 boys soccer team defeated Herndon 3 to 1 to win the Suburban Friendship League's (SFL) U14 championship, ending with an unbeaten season record of 11-0. Chantilly 1 is coached by Eric Schuchard, Nate Jencks and Jon Holl. Kneeling in front, from left: Cole Jencks, Sam Earle, Andrew Tacinelli, David Chavez, Chiao Soh, Phil Holl, Kasra Sarani, and Joseph Santiago-Sepulveda; standing in back, from left: Jack Schuchard, Pranav Shrivastava, Elias Hawkins, Matthew Nicholls, Will Vetter, Michael Mason, Charles Wilson, Garrett Payne, and Dhruv Peri.

ENTERTAINMENT

Submit entertainment announcements at www.connectionnewspapers.com/Calendar/. The deadline is noon on Friday. Photos/artwork encouraged.

ONGOING

Toy Collection. Through Dec. 10, Sheehy Infiniti of Chantilly, 4145 Auto Park Circle, Chantilly will collect new and unwrapped toys as part of the company's annual Sheehy Cares Toy Collection to benefit the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Program, which will distribute those toys as Christmas gifts to less fortunate children in the community in which the campaign is conducted.

Fitness for 50+. Daytime hours, Monday-Friday at Sully Senior Center, 14426 Albemarle Point Place, Chantilly. Jazzercise Lite, Zumba Gold, Hot Hula Fitness (dancing Polynesian style), Strength Training, Qi Gong, Tai Chi and more. Membership is \$48 a year, and waivers are available. Email lynnelott@fairfaxcounty.gov or call 703-322-4475 for more.

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 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.

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

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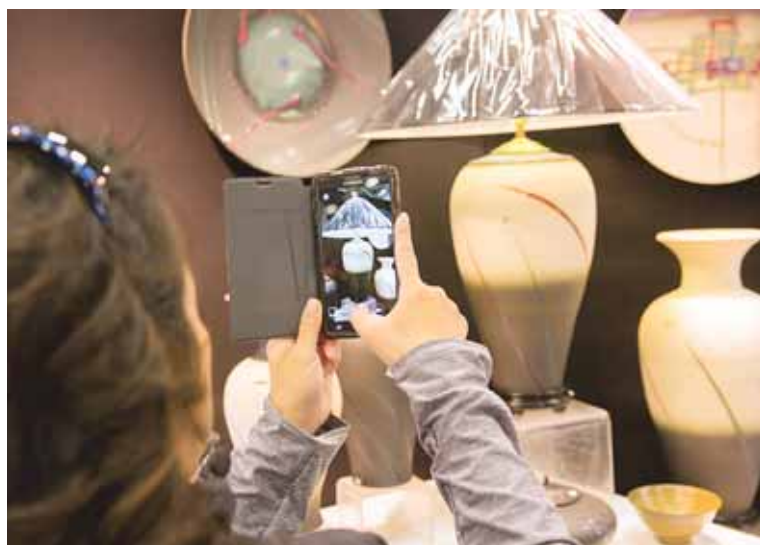
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NOV. 22-JAN. 7

Bull Run Festival of Lights. Monday-Thursday, 5:30-9:30 p.m., \$15 per car; Fridays-Sundays and holidays, 5:30-10 p.m., \$20 per car. Bull Run Regional Park, 7700 Bull Run Drive, Centreville. The Bull Run Festival of Lights is more than just a light show. After enjoying two and a half miles of light displays, stop at the Holiday Village, complete with bonfires, s'mores, holiday merchandise and free activities, the Holiday Village is fun for the whole family. Have a photo taken with Santa. Call 703-631-0550 or visit www.novaparks.com/events/bull-run-festival-of-lights.

FRIDAY/NOV. 24

Eli Lev in Concert. 4:30-8:30 p.m. at The Winery at Bull Run, 15950 Lee Highway. Call 703-815-2233 or visit www.wineryatbullrun.com.



Sugarloaf Craft Festival

Lamps of all shapes and sizes will be on display at the Sugarloaf Crafts Festival the weekend of Dec. 8-10 at the Dulles Expo Center, 4320 Chantilly Shopping Center, Chantilly. \$8 online, \$10 at the door. Visit sugarloafinfo@sugarloaffest.com.

SATURDAY/NOV. 25

Turkey Walk. 10-11 a.m. at Ellanor C. Lawrence Park, 5040 Walney Road, Chantilly. Discover the wild turkey's habits and secret ways during a walk through the cedar forest. Look for turkeys and their signs. This program for participants age 3 to adult. Call 703-631-0013 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/eclawrence.

Santa and Holiday Puppet Show. noon-4 p.m. at Sully Historic Site, 3650 Historic Sully Way, Chantilly. Santa, ornament-making, puppet show and wagon ride. Call 703-437-1794 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/sully-historic-site/.

The Nutcracker. 2 and 7 p.m. in the Centreville High School Auditorium, 6001 Union Mill Road, Clifton. The entirely student and volunteer production features Little Rocky Run residents, MSB alumnae dancers and current students from Mia Saunders School of Ballet. Email msb.nutcracker.tickets@gmail.com for more.

NOV. 25-26

Fairfax Ballet Company's Nutcracker. Nov. 25, 2 p.m. and 7 p.m., and Nov. 26, 2 p.m. at W.T. Woodson High School, 9525 Main St., Fairfax. Fairfax Ballet Senior company member Ana Victoria Smith of Clifton, dances the role of Clara. Company members, along with students from the Russell School of Ballet and professional guest artists. Email events@fairfaxballet.com or call 703-665-9427 for more.

WEDNESDAY/DEC. 27

The Nutcracker. 2 and 7 p.m. at the Ernst Community Cultural Center, 8333 Little River Turnpike, Annandale. The Virginia Ballet Company is presenting its 68th annual production of "The Nutcracker." This is a full-length, professionally-staged ballet. \$30 for adults and \$20 for children, seniors and students at VABallet.org. Email vbcoffice@vaballet.org or call 703-249-8227 for more.

THURSDAY/DEC. 28

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FRIDAY/DEC. 29

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FRIDAY/DEC. 1

Matt Walker in Concert. 4:30-8:30 p.m. at The Winery at Bull Run, 15950 Lee Highway. Call 703-815-2233 or visit wineryatbullrun.com.

Christmas Tree Lighting. 7 p.m. at Chapel Road and Main Street in Clifton. Set the holiday season in motion with the official lighting of the town Christmas Tree. Carol, drink hot chocolate, roast s'mores over the fire, and join in the holiday spirit. Visit clifton-va.com.

SATURDAY/DEC. 2

Annual Holiday Train Show. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. at the Fairfax Station Railroad Museum, 11200 Fairfax Station Road, Fairfax Station. Bring broken locomotives to the "Train Doctor" to fix or advise on other options. Stop and admire the antique cars visiting for this event, weather permitting. Visit the gift shop for holiday gift items and Santa may stop by to visit. Museum members and ages 4 and under, free; 5-15, \$2; 16 and older, \$5. Visit www.fairfax-station.org for more.

Matt Walker in Concert. 1-5 p.m. at The Winery at Bull Run, 15950 Lee Highway. Call 703-815-2233 or visit www.wineryatbullrun.com.

Town of Clifton Holiday Homes Tour. 4-7 p.m. at 12644 Chapel Road, Clifton. Five homes in Town and a bonus home outside of Town, in addition to the caboose and two historic churches that will be open to the public. Free admission. Call 703-517-7703 for more.

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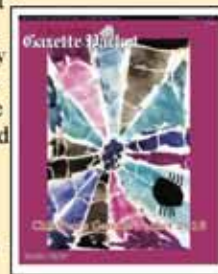
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Ian has chosen to attend George Mason University and has been nominated to be a George Mason University Ambassador.

Westfield High School received a \$2,000 Healthy Kids Grant from Community Foundation for Northern Virginia for Girls' Only Fitness Class at Westfield High School. This class was formed to educate the female students at WHS, who are non-athletes, not in PE class, on what is a healthy diet, what activities they can do to get their 60 minutes/day in so they can stay healthy and fit. This class aims change the way the girls think, feel, and view themselves.

Elementary and middle school students from Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) won awards at the 2017 Northern Virginia Junior Solar Sprint (JSS), a competition to design, build, and race model solar electric cars. Winners from Greenbriar West Elementary School included:

Poorna Prakash (as part of a team) won

♦ First place in Elementary Division (grades 5-6), Speed Category;

♦ Most Resourceful (Elementary School Division) – This award was given to a car that creatively incorporates already-used materials in its design and construction;

♦ Second place in The Overall Design Category awards from U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and Electric Vehicle Association-DC.

Lakshmi Hair and Gaayathri Mathuria won

♦ Second place in Elementary Division (grades 5-6), Speed Category;

♦ Artistic Merit – This award was given to a car that has extra artistic flair or has outstanding visual appeal.

Junior Solar Sprint winners and all the JSS Virginia teams are given the chance to compete again with more schools from Washington, D.C., and Maryland in the Greater DC Junior Solar Sprint scheduled for May 2018. For more information on upcoming JSS events contact Sahaj Vederey at vedereysahaj1@gmail.com or Krishna Cart at krishnacart@youngscholarscircle.com.

Two hundred twenty-three Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) students from 17 high schools have been named semifinalists in the 2018 National Merit Scholarship Program. Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology (TJHSST), which also serves as the Governor's Regional School for Northern Virginia, has 145 semifinalists. All semifinalists are eligible to compete for 7,500 National Merit Scholarship awards worth \$32 million, to be awarded in spring 2018. FCPS 2018 National Merit semifinalists are:

♦ Chantilly High School: **Adam Batori, Alvin Cao, Peter Liu, Benton Pelczynski, and Eli Rothleder.**

♦ Westfield High School: **Celi Johnson, Mason Joiner, Aditi Mittal, and Hayley Shankle.**

Three Fairfax County public schools have been awarded the Col. Charles E. Sledge Award for Sustained Excellence in Scholastic Journalism by the Virginia High School League (VHSL). Winners are "Odyssey," **Chantilly High School's** yearbook; "Freebird," **South Lakes High School's** yearbook; and "tjTodayOnline," the online news publication of **Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology.**

'A Christmas Carol' at Westfield

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tween the actors because we feel each other's roles, in addition to our own. We're all working together to put on this show, and I think it's going to be great."

Senior Wade Parker plays Bob Cratchit. "He's down on his luck, poor and has a wife and three children," said Parker. "Scrooge doesn't pay him much. Yet despite his situation, he's a glass-half-full kind of guy with a positive outlook on life. He doesn't assume the worst in people; for example, in one scene, he toasts Scrooge because he still has respect for him."

Parker enjoys his role because "It's cheery; so, for the most part, I get to act uplifting. And the people I'm cast with are my friends, so that's fun." He said this show is family-friendly and even funny in parts. "The way some of the actors bring out their characters is pretty entertaining," said Parker. "And two of the three ghosts speak and perform their roles in a non-traditional way, but it still fits."

There are four narrators and senior Anna Krelovich is one of them. "We take turns during the show and come onstage together at the very end," she said. "I'm narrating from right before the ghost of Marley comes until the entrance of the Ghost of Christmas Past."

To do it well, she said, "You have to have good storytelling abilities and be very expressive and help drive the story. The narration gives the story context that just straight dialogue can't. It's really fun; I enjoy telling the story in a different way, other than playing a role, and I talk directly to the audience."

Krelovich said the audience will like this production because "It's a classic Christmas story and a really nice way to get into a festive mood as the holiday season begins. It's a familiar story and everyone in the cast is super-talented."

Sophomore Nora Lewis plays Mrs. Cratchit, Bob's wife. "Her family's struggling financially, so she's worried about that," said Lewis. "And her youngest son, Tiny Tim, is sick. She's very caring and nurturing and wants the best for her family. And although she doesn't blame Scrooge for their position in life, she believes he makes it a lot harder on them."

Calling her part lots of fun, Lewis said it's one of her first larger roles. "Since my mom's a preschool teacher, she deals with a lot of younger kids, so I based my character on her," she said. "She goes through a lot of changes throughout the show, so it's nice to play such a dynamic character. She even has some outbursts, which I've never done before onstage."

Overall, said Lewis, "This is a great, family show with something for everyone. Even though it's a drama, there's some singing and dancing and funny scenes. Everyone in it brings a lot to the table, and both adults and kids will enjoy it."

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Welcome to the Club



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

"Some club," as my late mother would likely scoff. And the club to which I refer is, to spin an old Groucho Marx joke: a club you'd rather not join especially if they'd have you as a member. This is of course, the cancer club, a club whose membership continues to grow despite worldwide efforts to the contrary. According to Medscape.com, one in two men and one in three women will be affected by cancer in their lifetime. Hardly a statistic to be ignored. And so, even though I had a rather uneventful/healthy upbringing and further on into adulthood, in late middle age, 54 and five months, Feb. 27, 2009, I was impacted and rudely awakened with a non-small cell lung cancer, stage IV diagnosis - out of the blue, and given a "13 month to two-year" prognosis to boot. As a life long non-smoker with no immediate family history of cancer, whose parents both lived well into their 80s, I was more inclined to worry about the Boston Red Sox pitching depth than I was about cancer.

But cancer, for the past nearly nine years has been my life and amazingly, so far anyway, not the cause of my premature death (what death isn't 'premature?'). And what brightens my day and lifts my spirits more than anything else (other than a Red Sox World Series Championship) is when I meet a newly-diagnosed lung cancer patient who exhibits the can/will do positive-type attitude necessary to endure the inevitable ups and downs to follow. To be selfish, it empowers me and strengthens my own resolve to live life to the fullest (it's not as simple as saying it) and damn the torpedoes.

Within the last few months, I have met, over the phone, two such individuals. The first man, Lee, I met before he even had his first infusion. The second man, Mark, a bit more experienced, I met a year and a half after his first infusion. Each man was engaging, outgoing, confident, enthusiastic and quite frankly, happy to make my acquaintance. You see, after being given a less-than-desirable prognosis, it's helpful to meet someone who, despite having received a similar diagnosis, has nevertheless managed to live almost nine years post diagnosis. (If he can do it, I can do it kind of feeling.)

As for me, the nearly nine-year survivor, meeting cancer patients who are at the beginning of their respective cancer journeys, helps me to reconnect with my roots, so to speak, and share and share alike some memorable experiences, both cancer-related and not. In a way, we get to live vicariously through one another which for me reinforces how lucky I've been to survive for as long as I have.

And not that I need reminding, but it's easy to take for granted one's good fortune and forget - occasionally, the seriousness of my situation and the cloud that hangs over my head. The sword of Damocles has got nothing on me, literally or figuratively. Living with cancer is akin to nothing really. The chance that you'll survive beyond your prognosis, maybe even have your tumors shrink, or see your scans show "no evidence of disease," creates a kind of tease that cause your emotions to run the gamut. The possibility of living after being told you're dying - and vice versa, perhaps more than once, over your abbreviated - or not, life expectancy, is simply too much to handle/absorb sometimes. It's a roller coaster for sure, but one that rarely comes to a complete stop and never allows you to get off. Moreover, it's not multiple rides, it's one long, endless ride with no guarantees about what happens next - or where it even happens.

Meeting people who are ready, willing and able to confront their cancer future is just as important and stimulating as meeting someone like me who hasn't succumbed to this terrible disease. It's a win-win situation. Particularly significant when at date of diagnosis, it appeared to be a lose-lose. I'm proud to be a member of the cancer club, especially so when I meet people like Lee and Mark.

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

Help CYA Deliver Holiday Cheer to Children with Cancer

For the fifth straight year, Chantilly Youth Association (CYA) is looking for would-be Elves and Santa's Helpers-in-training to help make the season brighter for children fighting cancer and their families.

CYA is again helping DC Candlelighters Childhood Cancer Foundation provide gifts for the annual Pediatric Oncology Holiday Party.

"When a child is diagnosed with cancer, it takes a toll on the whole family," said DC Candlelighters President Meg Lawless

Crossett. "Often one parent has to cut back hours at work or quit working altogether to take care of the sick child. At the same time, the family's medical bills go through the roof."

"With finances tight, many parents worry about creating a memorable holiday for their family," Crossett said. "At this party they can forget about cancer for a few hours and celebrate with their children."

Unwrapped gifts can be brought to the CYA office, located next to Cassel's Sports Complex at 13996 Park Center Road,

Herndon, by Saturday, Dec. 2. If no one is in CYA office, donations can be dropped off at Cassel's. Gift value should be in the \$20 - \$25 range.

"Many of the kids who come to this party are immune-compromised, so going to the mall to see Santa really isn't an option," said Candlelighters' Crossett, who is organizing the annual event with Growing Hope, another group supporting families affected by childhood cancer.

Gifts are provided for all of the children in a family, not just the child with cancer.

"People don't always realize how hard it is for brothers and sisters," Crossett said. "They don't always know when they'll see both parents, or their sick brother or sister. Their lives can be very uncertain, and they often take a back seat to the child who is sick."

CYA will need plenty of "elves" to help wrap gifts at the CYA Office on Saturday, Dec. 2 between noon - 3 p.m. Contact Mark Abbott directly if able to help (MAbbott@ChantillyYouth.org). Learn about the Christmas Gift Wrapping program on the CYA website: www.ChantillyYouth.org.

BULLETIN BOARD

Submit civic/community announcements at ConnectionNewspapers.com/Calendar. Deadline is Thursday at noon, at least two weeks before event.

ORNAMENT SALE

GFWC Western Fairfax County Woman's Club is selling 2017 White House Christmas ornaments. This year's ornament honors the 32nd President, Franklin D. Roosevelt. The two-sided ornament features a gilded eagle, flags and the Great Seal. 2017 ornaments cost \$21. Proceeds benefit charity. Order now by calling 703-378-6841 or 703-378-6216. It is possible to order previous years' ornaments when you call.

6:30-8 p.m. at Chantilly High School, 4201 Stringfellow Road, Chantilly, Lecture Hall (Region 5). Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) Superintendent Scott S. Brabrand will host Community Conversations to hear what students, parents, employees, and members of the community are thinking about and what issues are important to them. Brabrand welcomes citizens to attend and take part in any of the upcoming sessions that are convenient for them. Citizens needing a translator can make a request for services online. Visit www.fcps.edu/news/superintendent-brabrand-schedules-five-community-conversations-fall.

Drive, Fairfax. College and career conference for area middle and high school students with disabilities, as well as their parents, teachers and other professionals. Featuring more than 40 workshops and exhibits related to successful life after high school. Free. There is free parking in Lot K, or in the Mason Pond Parking Garage for \$8. Visit www.futurequestgmu.org to register or email futurequestnova@gmail.com.

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- ❖ Centreville Elementary School, 14330 Green Trails Blvd., Centreville
- ❖ Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 14150 Upper Ridge Drive, Centreville
- ❖ Office of Supervisor Kathy Smith, Sully District Governmental Center, 4900 Stonecroft Boulevard, Chantilly

ELECTRONICS RECYCLING

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

DONATIONS

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

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

SUPPORT GROUP

Support Groups. Jubilee Christian Center of Fairfax is having its "Living Free" support groups for the spring on Wednesdays, 7:15 p.m. The support groups are free, and will cover "Stepping into Freedom," "Concerned Persons Group" (for family and friends of addicts), "The Image of God in You," and "Handling Loss and Grief." There are also support groups on Sundays, 10:10 a.m. 4650 Shirley Gate Road, Fairfax. For information or to register, call 703-383-1170, email livingfree@jccag.org or see www.jccag.org.

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

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

TUESDAY/NOV. 28

FCPS Community Conversations.

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Future Quest. 8 a.m.-3 p.m. at GMU's Johnson Center, 4400 University

THROUGH DEC. 3

Coat and Blanket Drive. Nova Relief Center is holding a blanket and coat drive for Syrian and Iraqi refugees who have fled their homest to escape the violence from the civil war in Syria. Paxton Van Lines and Maersk are donating their services this year. Donated blankets and coats should

FRIDAY/DEC. 8

Academy Open House. 9:30-11:30 a.m. at Clifton Children's Academy Preschool, 14315 Compton Road. Email cca@childrensacademy.com or call 703-968-8455 for more.

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