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Firefighters from Fair Oaks Station 21's A shift, plus Hazmat Technician Jorge Arce of Fairfax's Fire Station 40, enjoy some pizza while supporting an injured McLean police officer.

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## Free Carseat Inspections

Certified technicians from the Sully District Police Station will perform free, child safety carseat inspections Thursday, March 29, 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.

## Route 28 Widening Meeting

The Fairfax County Department of Transportation will hold a public meeting on the Route 28 widening project, Tuesday, April 3, in the cafeteria of Union Mill Elementary, 13611 Springstone Drive in Clifton. A 6:30 p.m. open house will be followed by a formal presentation at 7 p.m., plus a question-and-answer period. The Route 28 Corridor has experienced increased congestion for many years. The proposed project calls for widening Route 28 in Fairfax County for about 2.3 miles from the bridge over Bull Run to the interchange at Route 29. The work entails adding more lanes on side streets to improve intersections; upgrading traffic signals; and improving bicycle and pedestrian connections and crossings, including new 10-foot-wide, shared-use paths on both sides of Route 28. For more information on the project, go to <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/transportation/projects/route28-widening>.

## Congressional Art Competition

U.S. Rep. Barbara Comstock has announced the 2018 Congressional Art Competition for Virginia's 10th Congressional District. The competition is open to all high school students who reside in the District. The Best in Show winner of the competition will have their piece of art displayed in the United States Capitol. Comstock is a member of the Congressional Art Caucus and started the House Arts Caucus in the Virginia General Assembly. Students should drop-off their completed artwork on April 2 between 2-5 p.m. at Enterprise Hall on the George Washington Virginia Science & Technology Campus. Art submitted must be ready to hang and entries are limited to two per student. For information and guidelines about the 2018 Congressional Art Competition, go to <https://comstock.house.gov/services/art-competition>. Students and teachers can also contact Amanda Gray Bailey in the congresswoman's office at 703-404-6903 or by email at [AmandaGray.Bailey@mail.house.gov](mailto:AmandaGray.Bailey@mail.house.gov).

## Teen Job Fair Offered

A 2018 Fairfax County Teen Job Fair and Resume Building Workshop will be held at Chantilly High School, 4201 Stringfellow Road, Chantilly, on Saturday, April 7. These events will focus on student job seekers (approximately ages 16 to 18) looking for full time employment, after-school employment, seasonal positions, internship opportunities, or volunteer experiences. It is open to all teens in Fairfax County looking for employment or wanting tips to build their resume. For students looking to begin to build their resume. To register, visit [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeuSSaLmT3ESMjN\\_z-BP4hkpg1tAy5VCJvHaL779YjR0dkw/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeuSSaLmT3ESMjN_z-BP4hkpg1tAy5VCJvHaL779YjR0dkw/viewform).

## Clean Out Medicine Cabinets

Take advantage of a free, convenient, confidential, and safe disposal of unused or expired medications during Operation Medicine Cabinet Cleanout on Saturday, April 28. Drop off medications (pills or liquids only, no pressurized canisters or needles) at the Fair Oaks District Station, 12300 Lee Jackson Memorial Highway, Fairfax, or the Sully District Station, 4900 Stonecroft Boulevard, Chantilly, between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.

# Deal Named Officer of Month

Honored for his  
“professional efforts  
under extreme stress.”

By Bonnie Hobbs

**P**FC Jason Deal has been named the Sully District Police Station's Officer of the Month for February. He was honored during the March 14 meeting of the station's Citizens Advisory Committee.

In his letter nominating Deal for this award, Sgt. Dave Kuhar explained why he was worthy of it. He said Deal transferred to the day shift in July 2017 and “quickly gained the respect of peers through his demonstrated professionalism and dedication to the community.”

He also noted that a recent event “showcases the level of strength and character possessed by PFC Deal and the fine men and women of the Fairfax County Police Department. Several officers were dispatched to a community member threatening to commit suicide. The distressed person was in crisis and phoned 911, crying and indicating she had walked into the woods, was in a tree and had a strong desire to hang herself with a makeshift device made from a shirt and shoelaces.”

Kuhar wrote that she gave directions to the officers, saying she was behind a house and badly needed medication. “The person was known to police and had a history of suicide attempts,” he wrote. “On this occasion, the individual insisted [that], if officers could not find her in five minutes she would jump from the tree and kill herself.”

“The demands placed a great deal of stress on responding officers,” wrote Kuhar. “Once officers arrived, they quickly spread [out] to search a large and heavily wooded parcel of land. Officers were able to talk to the woman intermittently through her cell phone and convinced her to yell out to officers who were in the area.”

According to Kuhar, Deal was the first to locate her, approximately 20 feet high in a tree. He immediately



Photo Courtesy of Sabrina Ruck

**PFC Jason Deal**

diately notified other officers and requested assistance. “Deal noticed the subject had a shirt and shoelaces tied around her neck [and] further secured to the tree branch,” wrote Kuhar. “From the ground, and unable to take immediate action, Deal attempted to build a rapport with [her] through communication.”

All was going well, explained Kuhar, until – without warning – the woman's legs gave out. She fell toward the ground, “was caught by her shirt and shoelaces and began to hang, strangling 20 feet above the officer,” wrote Kuhar. “Deal, unable to easily reach the subject, observed the signs of oxygen deprivation and knew there was not much time to act.”

Additional officers arrived and began helping. But because of weak branches, climbing the tree was not an option. “Instead, Deal hoisted another officer high enough to reach the subject's feet,” wrote Kuhar. “That officer pushed [her] up, allowing her to gasp for air. The woman became more responsive and lifted herself to a branch.”

Then, slowly, she was guided down the tree, branch by branch, until safely on the ground. Deal and other officers walked her out of the woods and to medics who were staged on the roadway. She was then treated medically and transported to a hospital for a psychological evaluation.

“PFC Jason Deal acted in a commendable manner that is indicative of the values of the Fairfax County Police Department,” wrote Kuhar. “His professional efforts under extreme stress prevented the death of a community member and are worthy of recognition as Officer of the Month.”

## Man Receives Community Action Award

Area resident Anton Kazanjian received a Community Action Award during the March 14 meeting of the Sully District Police Station's Citizens Advisory Committee. And it was for helping police catch the person who stole his own car.

“From time to time, citizens help us solve crimes,” said Lt. Ryan Morgan, the station's assistant commander. “Imagine if you see your car being driven by somebody else? [South Riding's] Anton Kazanjian saw that and did the responsible thing — he called 911.”

Morgan said police officers immediately started converging on the scene, but the victim “stayed calm and cool. The car took off and a pursuit followed. But we were able to stop it and arrest the driver for that offense, as well as for



Photo by Bonnie Hobbs

**Lt. Ryan Morgan (left) presents a certificate to Anton Kazanjian.**

other crimes. Mr. Kazanjian really helped us out and, for his actions, we're presenting him with a cer-

tificate and a Sully District Station challenge coin.”

— Bonnie Hobbs



From left are McLean police officers, PFC Rafael Orellano, Sgt. Laura Redman with son William, 3, PFC Alex Lipartiani, Lori Seiden and Sgt. David Kennedy.



MOD Pizza's day-shift members are (from left) Jessica Gonzalez, Situ Manandhar, Eric Sosa, Dean Ladson, Josh Kuster, Endira Stewart and Joana Alkhatib.

Photos by Bonnie Hobbs

## 'It Was the Right Thing to Do'

### Pizza fundraiser yields \$2,700 for injured police officer.

By Bonnie Hobbs

Whether they're putting out fires or keeping the community safe from crime, public safety personnel are one, big family. And when one of their own needs help, they all come together to lend a hand.

And that's just what happened on Tuesday, March 20, at MOD Pizza in the Greenbriar Town Center in Chantilly. Police, firefighters and area residents ate lunch and dinner there to raise money for Ashley Block, a McLean District Station police officer who was severely injured while helping clear a road during the March 2 wind storm.

"She's a patrol officer who was newly cut loose from her field-training officer," said her supervisor, Sgt. Laura Redman. "There were trees down everywhere and, while one officer cut them up, Ashley was clearing away the debris. But the wind was so strong that the top of another tree broke off and fell on her."

"It pinned her on the ground and impaled her leg," continued Redman. "She broke her femur, shoulder, elbow, four ribs and some vertebrae. Doctors expect her to fully recover, but it'll take a long time."

In fact, Block's injuries will likely cause her to be off work for 16-18 months. Like his fellow police officers, Lt. Ryan Morgan, assistant commander of the Sully District Station in Chantilly, heard about her accident and felt bad for her. And the next time he stopped in for a bite at MOD – which serves custom, artisan-style pizzas – he

mentioned it to Dean Ladson, the store's general manager.

"Ryan's a regular here, and he was casually talking about what happened," said Ladson. "So my assistant general manager, Josh Kuster, and I suggested maybe we could do something to help. MOD believes in community giving, and we felt like this was our way of giving back."

Most restaurant fundraisers generally give 10 or 20 percent of their proceeds during a two- or three-hour period to the recipient. But in this case, Ladson wanted to do more. "So we asked MOD's fundraising arm in Seattle if we could make the proceeds 50 percent. We also made it all-day and counted the proceeds from anyone eating here March 20, not just those mentioning the fundraiser. In addition, we decided to donate 100 percent of the day's tips."

On that date – despite freezing tempera-

tures, sleet, ice and an impending snowstorm – residents and public-safety personnel flocked to the restaurant. And by day's end, some \$2,700 had been raised for the officer.

"From the time we opened at 10:15 a.m. until about 1:30 p.m., it was packed," said Ladson around 2 p.m. that day. "And we expect a big crowd at dinnertime, too, besides our normal dinner customers."

"I don't think we'd be as established as a community without the police force," said Kuster. "They really help out."

"And we knew it was the right thing to do," added Ladson. "We give people good meals, but also support our community. These folks [police and firefighters] come in and support us and other local businesses, and Officer Block was just doing her job and got injured in the line of duty."

"Ashley has the best personality; she's

upbeat and a hard-charger," said Redman during the fundraiser. "She has spunk and she's always ready to go. She has heart for this job. The next day, when I visited her in the hospital, she was asking me when she could come back to work. She's the kind of new officer that every supervisor wants."

Sgt. David Kennedy, a former McLean officer now at Fairfax County Police Headquarters, said Block is "out of the hospital, on the mend and in good spirits. But even after she's recovered, she'll still be on light-duty status for a while."

Crime analyst Lori Seiden, also formerly at McLean, is now at the West Springfield station. "Ashley's always supporting my people," she said. "She's really friendly and wants to serve her community. So with this fundraiser, we all want to help offset her medical costs."

All 14 members of Block's squad, the A shift, participated, as did friends, plus others from the McLean station, including the Tactical Squad, SWAT team, detectives and the station commander, Capt. John Trace. (He and Morgan used to work together when Trace was the Sully station's assistant commander.)

"MOD Pizza offered up the idea to partner with a fundraiser to support our critically injured officer," said Trace. "Not only do they serve great food, but their company philosophy is very supportive in nature. Things went very well, even in the wintry weather. We had tremendous support from all of our public-safety friends and the community as a whole."

Among them were about 16 members of the county police Motor Carrier (motorcycle) Squad. "McLean was my old station, and I'm here supporting a fellow officer," said MPO Chris Huber. "But I also trained Ashley in speed measurement at the Police



Fairfax County Police Command Staff (from left) Capt. Paul Norton, Capt. Tom Rogers, Capt. John Trace, Lt. Brooke Wright, MOD's Dean Ladson, Capt. Chantel Cochrane, Lt. Tim Field, MOD's Josh Kuster and Lt. Rob Hines.

Photo Courtesy of Capt. John Trace

# Opinion

## 'Channeling Outrage into Activism'

By Adam P. Ebbin  
State Senator (D-30)



*Ebbin spoke to students at Lewinsville Park in McLean during the walkout on March 14. The students, who attend schools across Northern Virginia, were participating in a rally for gun violence prevention organized by Students Demand Action DMV following a 17-minute National Student Walkout held that morning at 10 a.m. in memory of the 17 who were killed in the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School shooting in Parkland, Fla.*

I'm Senator Adam Ebbin, and I have an "F" rating from the NRA. Across the country, the gun violence prevention movement is being led by students like you. You are doing more than just wearing an orange ribbon, you are taking action and leading a conversation. You are channeling your outrage into activism.

I've been moved and inspired by the bravery and resilience of the young people in Parkland. Today, we are amplifying their message. With your activism, we can make real progress.

Every day, 96 Americans are killed with a gun.

Every 10 hours a Virginian is killed with a gun.

153,000 students have been exposed to campus shootings since Columbine.

For decades, the corporate gun lobby has dictated our gun laws.

Elected leaders at the local, state, and national level can make a difference; implore us all to take action. Hold legislators accountable for their voting records.

### Letter to the Editor

## Respect Women

To the Editor:

As American Muslims, we call on all citizens to take an opportunity this month to reflect on the status of women in our culture. The respect and status of women was so important that Allah dedicated a whole chapter, surah Al Nissah, The Women in the Holy Quran I would like to take a moment and reflect on the social status of Muslim women. Due to the advent of Islam the social status of women changed dramatically. Society was given clear guidance by the Holy Qur'an and the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) on the treatment of women in their role as daughter, wife and mother.

### 1. Daughter

The pre-Islamic practice of killing infant girls at birth for fear of humiliation or poverty was totally abolished by Islam. In the Holy Qur'an, Allah says: "... Slay not your children for fear of poverty, it is We who provide for you and for them, and approach not foul deeds, whether open or secret..." (6:152)

And "... He creates what He pleases, He bestows daughters upon whom He pleases, and He bestows sons on whom He pleases." (42:50) After forbidding the killing of children, Islam goes on to teach a father that he must raise his daughters in the same way as his sons. In fact, taking good care of a daughter opens the door to Paradise for a Muslim. The Holy

While Washington is mired in empty expressions of thoughts and prayers, it's time for state legislators to step up.

I have worked for common sense gun laws for years. This year, over 60 bills addressing gun violence were introduced in the Virginia General Assembly, but every one was defeated.

Del. Kathleen Murphy [D-34] and I have formed a General Assembly Gun Violence Prevention Caucus, but we need more voices — loud voices, informed and passionate voices, particularly voices like yours.

I'm here to amplify your voice, to tell you that you don't have to be a voter yet to shape the debate.

Speak up by calling your elected officials.

Engage the community by writing letters to the editor.

Get involved at election time.

Register to vote as soon as you are eligible.

Stay informed and stay

active.

Vote.

### Commentary

Repeat until no school in America has to wonder "Who's next?"

Refuse to accept the status quo. Demand an end to gun violence.

The NRA tells us the AR-15 shouldn't be banned.

When a soft nosed bullet leaves the barrel of an AR15, it is travelling at three times the speed of a bullet fired from a handgun. It will break the sound barrier leaving the gun, travelling at 3,000 feet per second, tumbling end over end until it makes contact with its target.

When its target is a human body, the bullet enters and exits in less than the time it takes

Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) said: "He who brings up two girls through their childhood will appear on the Day of Judgment attached to me like two fingers of a hand." (Muslim) Thus it is clear that Islam raised the status of a daughter from that of being despised and unwanted to being loved and cherished.

### 2. Wife

Islam changed the role of wife from being little more than a servant to being an equal with her husband on all levels. The Holy Qur'an makes it clear that in marriage women have rights similar to men. It says: "Of His signs is that He created mates for you of your own kind that you may find peace of mind through them, and He has put love and tenderness between you. In that surely are signs for a people that reflect." (30:22)

Marriage is a harmonious union of two souls, the objective of marriage is to seek comfort from each other. The Holy Qur'an beautifully defines the equality of the relationship with this verse: "...They are a garment for you and you are a garment for them." (2:188) This shows that Islam regards husband and wife equal in providing support, comfort and protection for one another, fitting each other like a garment fits the body. Islam further teaches that the woman be treated with kindness and generosity and be given equal rights in marriage and divorce. Before Islam a woman could not initiate the divorce process even if she was seriously mistreated. Islam permits her to seek di-

voice if absolutely necessary. (The Islamic Marriage system is discussed in more detail in Chapter 3).

3. Mother  
In the role as mother, Muslim women achieve highest social status, because the mother is revered in Islam unlike any other individual. The Holy Qur'an repeatedly directs Muslims to care for their parents, especially the mother. Allah says: "And We have enjoined man to be good to his parents; his mother bears him in weakness upon weakness, and his weaning takes two years..." (31:15)

The Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) emphasized the love and respect due to the mother by saying: "Paradise lies at the feet of the mother." In another hadith, he is reported to have stated when asked to whom a man should be kind: "to your mother." When asked a second time, again said: "to your mother." He was asked a third time, again the reply was: "your mother." Only upon being asked a fourth time did he reply: "your father." Thus he emphasized three times how important it is for a Muslim to take of his/her mother and to give full consideration and respect to her needs and wishes.

There are many misconceptions about the treatment of women in islam, however Allah teaches us to respect and treat women just as equal. For further reading visit: <https://www.alislam.org/library/book/pathway-to-paradise/>

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# Opinion

## Truth about Sports Scholarships

By Bob Gardner  
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Executive Director, Virginia  
High School League



**Haun**

**M**any parents are trying to live the dream through their sons and daughters — the dream of landing a college athletic scholarship by specializing in a sport year-round. Unfortunately, most of these dreams are never realized.

The odds of a sports scholarship paying for even a portion of a student's college education are miniscule.

The College Board, a not-for-profit organization comprised of 6,000 of the world's leading educational institutions, reports that a moderate cost for college students who attend a public university in their state of residence is \$25,290 per year. The annual cost at a private college averages \$50,900.

Meanwhile, the most recent data from the NCAA reveals that the average Division I athletic scholarship is worth only \$10,400. More significantly, the same study shows that fewer than two percent of all high school athletes (1 in 54) ever wear the uniform of an NCAA Division I school.

Even if the dream is realized, parents likely will spend more money for club sports than they ever regain through college athletic scholarships. Thanks to the costs of club fees, equipment, summer camps, playing in out-of-state tournaments and private coaching, youth sports has become a \$15 billion-per-year industry.

### Bulletin Board

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#### KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

**Child turning 5 years old by Sept. 30?** If so, contact your child's school to make arrangements for kindergarten enrollment. Most schools begin getting information together now for parents of incoming kindergartners, and many host an orientation or open house. All kindergarten programs are full-day and located in FCPS elementary schools. Check your school's webpage or contact the school directly for specific enrollment information and dates of orientation or visit [www.fcps.edu/registration/kindergarten-registration](http://www.fcps.edu/registration/kindergarten-registration).

**Colin Powell Elementary School** is [www.ConnectionNewspapers.com](http://www.ConnectionNewspapers.com)

There is an option, and it's a financially viable one: Encourage your sons and daughters to play sports at their high school.

In education-based high school sports, student-athletes are taught, as the term implies, that grades come first. The real

life lessons that students experientially learn offer insights into leadership, overcoming adversity and mutual respect that cannot be learned anywhere else. Unlike club sports, coaches in an education-based school setting are held accountable by the guiding principles and goals of their school district. And the cost of participating in high school sports is minimal in most cases. While there is a belief that the only way to get noticed by college coaches is to play on non-school travel teams year-round, many Division I football and basketball coaches recently have stated that they are committed to recruiting students who have played multiple sports within the high school setting.

In addition, by focusing on academics while playing sports within the school setting, students can earn scholarships for academics and other talents — skill sets oftentimes nurtured while participating in high school activities. These scholarships are more accessible and worth more money than athletic scholarships. While \$3 billion per year is available for ath-

letic scholarships, more than \$11 billion is awarded for academic scholarships and other financial assistance.

Without a doubt, your sons and daughters will have more fun, make more friends and be better prepared for life beyond sport by participating in multiple sports and activities offered by the high school in your community.

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Meeting materials will be available at <http://www.ctb.virginia.gov/planning/springmeetings/default.asp> beginning April 16, 2018.

**Public meetings begin at 4:00 p.m. in each of the locations except as noted below:**  
*A formal comment period will be held at these meetings.*

<b>Monday, April 16, 2018</b> Hampton Roads - Hampton Roads Transportation Planning Organization, 723 Woodlake Drive Chesapeake, VA 23320	<b>Thursday, April 19, 2018</b> Lynchburg - VDOT Lynchburg District Office Ramey Memorial Auditorium 4303 Campbell Avenue Lynchburg, VA 24501	<b>Tuesday, April 24, 2018</b> Richmond - Hilton Garden Inn 800 Southpark Boulevard Colonial Heights, VA 23834
<b>Monday, April 30, 2018*</b> Northern Virginia - Northern Virginia District Office Potomac Conference Room 4975 Alliance Drive Fairfax, VA 22030  *meeting begins at 5:30 p.m.	<b>Thursday, May 3, 2018</b> Staunton - Holiday Inn and Conference Center 152 Fairway Lane Staunton, VA 24402	<b>Monday, May 7, 2018</b> Culpeper - Culpeper District Auditorium 1601 Orange Road Culpeper, VA 22701
<b>Tuesday May 8, 2018</b> Fredericksburg - Germanna Community College Workforce and Technology Center 10000 Germanna Point Drive, Fredericksburg, VA 22408	<b>Thursday, May 10, 2018</b> Salem - Holiday Inn Valley View 3315 Ordway Drive NW Roanoke, VA 24017	<b>Monday, May 14, 2018</b> Bristol - Southwest Virginia Higher Education Center One Partnership Circle Abingdon, VA 24210

You can also submit your comments by email or mail by May 30, 2018:

For roads and highways: [Six-YearProgram@VDOT.Virginia.gov](mailto:Six-YearProgram@VDOT.Virginia.gov), or Infrastructure Investment Director, Virginia Department of Transportation 1401 East Broad St., Richmond, VA 23219.

For rail and public transportation: [DRPTPR@drpt.virginia.gov](mailto:DRPTPR@drpt.virginia.gov), Public Information Office, Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation 600 East Main Street, Suite 2102, Richmond VA, 23219.

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# Spring Fun

## Easter Egg Hunts in the Area

### THURSDAY/MARCH 29

**EGG-Streme Teen Egg Hunt.** 8-10 p.m. at Historic Blenheim and the Civil War Interpretive Center, 3610 Old Lee Highway, Fairfax. Glow-in-the-dark-themed egg hunt begins at dark. Pictures with the Easter Bunny and obstacle course moon bounce. 10-14 years old. Bring a basket and a flashlight. \$5 per hunter. Register at [apm.activecommunities.com/fairfaxcityrecept/Activity\\_Search/11522](http://apm.activecommunities.com/fairfaxcityrecept/Activity_Search/11522).

**Easter Egg Hunt.** 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. At Cameron Run Park, Alexandria. Children, 2-11 years old, are invited to celebrate spring with coloring, games and photo opportunities with the Easter Bunny. Bring an Easter basket to collect eggs, a raincoat if it's sprinkling, and a camera to take photos with the Easter Bunny. Each hunt is \$10 per child, plus a \$3 online service fee. visit [apm.activecommunities.com/novaparks](http://apm.activecommunities.com/novaparks) for details and to register.

### THURSDAY-SATURDAY/MARCH 29-31

**Baskets and Bunnies Event.** Assist with arts and crafts, help with registration, dress up in the Sunny the Bunny costume, assist with Mini Golf or be a Sunny the Bunny helper at Burke Lake Park. Volunteer on Thursday, March 29, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. On Friday, March 30, volunteers are needed from 4 to 7 p.m. Helpers will be needed on Saturday, March 31. Sign up for shifts from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. or from 1:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Register at: [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/burke-lake/baskets-and-bunnies](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/burke-lake/baskets-and-bunnies)

### THURSDAY/MARCH 29-SUNDAY/APRIL 1

**Fairfax County Parks.** Egg-citing activities are breaking out at parks throughout Fairfax County in March. Visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/park-news/2018/psa055](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/park-news/2018/psa055).

**Hidden Oaks Nature Center** is running a Dinosaur Egg Hunt on March 29, 30, 31 and April 1. Enjoy a dinosaur-themed program and outdoor egg hunt while visiting Dinoland in Nature Playce. The program is for children age 2-8. \$8 per child.

On Saturday, March 31, **Burke Lake Park** is



**Traditional Easter Egg Hunt also features craft projects, story time, dance sessions with KinderJam, a petting zoo, coloring mural, potting station and photos with the Easter Bunny. Saturday, March 31, 9:30-11:30 a.m. at Herndon Municipal Center Town Green, 777 Lynn St., Herndon. Cost is \$9 per child in advance; \$10 onsite. Visit [herndonva.gov/recreation](http://herndonva.gov/recreation), or call 703-435-6800, ext. 2128.**



hosting a day of fun called Baskets and Bunnies. There will be egg hunts, carousel and train rides, crafts and games. \$12 per person in advance; \$16 the day of the event.

**Clemyjontri Park** is offering an Easter Egg Hunt, crafts and photo ops with the Easter Bunny for children age 1-9. \$7 per child. Add a carousel ride for \$2. There's also an Egg Hunt that day at **Nottoway Park**. Register at the picnic shelter for egg hunts for children age 1-9. Registration begins at 9:30 a.m. Schedule: ages 1-2, 10:30 a.m.; ages 3-4, 11 a.m.; ages 5-6, 11:30 a.m.; ages 7-9, 12 p.m. \$10 per child,

registration 9:30-11:45 a.m. \$10 per child – cash only at registration.

### FRIDAY/MARCH 30-SUNDAY/APRIL 1

**Easter Egg Hunt.** Friday, 3 p.m.; Saturday, 10:30 a.m., 12:30 and 2:30 p.m.; Sunday, 12:30 and 2:30 p.m. at Lee-Fendall House Museum, 614 Oronoco St., Alexandria. Activities include games, crafts, refreshments, and photos with the Easter Bunny. Every participating child will receive an Easter egg. \$12 children, \$5 adults. Call 703-548-1789 or visit

[www.lee fendallhouse.org](http://www.lee fendallhouse.org).

### SATURDAY/MARCH 31

**Easter Breakfast and Egg Hunt.** 9-10:30 a.m. at Grace Presbyterian Church, 7434 Bath St., Springfield. Enjoy a continental breakfast, a craft or two, and an Easter egg hunt. Bring an Easter basket. Free. Call 703-451-2900 or visit [gracepresby.org](http://gracepresby.org).

**Traditional Easter Egg Hunt.** 9:30-11:30 a.m. at Herndon Municipal Center Town Green, 777 Lynn St., Herndon. Features craft projects, story time, dance sessions with KinderJam, a petting zoo, coloring mural, potting station and photos with the Easter Bunny. Cost is \$9 per child in advance; \$10 onsite. Visit [herndonva.gov/recreation](http://herndonva.gov/recreation), or call 703-435-6800, ext. 2128.

**MCC Spring Fest.** 10 a.m.-noon at St. Luke's School, 7005 Georgetown Pike, McLean. Carnival games and arts and crafts projects, soccer demo, roaming duck, bunny and squirrel characters as well as magic tricks by The Amazing Kevin. A parent and child Easter Egg Hunt will be featured. For children ages 3-8. Hosted by McLean Community Center. Visit [www.mcleancenter.org](http://www.mcleancenter.org), and use Activity No. 4501.318. Call the Center at 703-790-0123, TTY-711.

**2018 Community Egg Hunt.** 10 a.m.-1 p.m. at Van Dyck Park, 720 Old Lee Hwy, Fairfax. The annual Egg Hunt at Van Dyck park is open and free to the community, thanks to Combined Properties. No registration required. All ages welcome. Visit [www.fairfaxva.gov/about-us/city-calendar](http://www.fairfaxva.gov/about-us/city-calendar).

### SUNDAY/APRIL 1

**Easter Brunch and Easter Egg Hunt.** 11 a.m.; 11:30 a.m.; 1 p.m.; 1:30 p.m. at Hilton McLean Tysons Corner, 7920 Jones Branch Dr., Tysons. The brunch buffets on both Easter, April 1, and Mother's Day, May 13, occur from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. and feature gourmet stations with an array of dishes. Arrive early as a maximum of 50 participants will hunt in each age group. In addition, the Easter Bunny will be available from 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. for photos. Reservations at 703-761-5131 or on OpenTable at [opentable.com/harh](http://opentable.com/harh).

## Entertainment

Submit entertainment announcements at [www.connectionnewspapers.com/Calendar/](http://www.connectionnewspapers.com/Calendar/). The deadline is noon on Friday. Photos/artwork encouraged.

### ONGOING

**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 [lynne.lott@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:lynne.lott@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](mailto: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](http://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](http://www.nvshag.org) for more.

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

**Live After Five.** Fridays at 5:30 p.m. at The Winery at Bull Run, 15950 Lee Highway, Centreville. Every Friday night a band plays on the patio of the winery. Free to attend. Visit [www.wineryatbullrun.com](http://www.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 for more.

### LIBRARY FUN

**Toddlin' Twos.** Tuesdays, 10:30 and

11:30 a.m. at the Chantilly Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Early literacy storytime with songs and activities included. Age 2 with caregiver, free. Call 703-502-3883 to reserve a spot.

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

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

**Lego Block Party.** Every other Saturday at 10:30 a.m. at the Chantilly Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Legos will be provided for an afternoon of building. Grades 3-6. Free. Call 703-502-3883 to reserve a spot.

**Duplo Storytime.** Every other Wednesday, 10:30 and 11:30 a.m. at the Chantilly Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Develop and reinforce early literacy skills for reading success. Ages 1-3 with adult. Free. Call 703-502-3883 to reserve a

spot.

**Legos Kids Club.** Every other Tuesday, 10:30 a.m. at the Centreville Regional Library, 14200 St. Germain Drive. Thousands of Legos for children to play with. Ages 6-12. Free. Call 703-830-2223 to reserve a space.

**Starlight Storytime.** Every other Wednesday, 7 p.m. at the Centreville Regional Library, 14200 St. Germain Drive. Stories under the stars for ages 4-8. Wear pajamas and bring stuffed friends. Free. Call 703-830-2223 to reserve a space.

### IMPROVING ENGLISH

**ESL Book Club.** Mondays, 7 p.m. at the Centreville Regional Library, 14200 St. Germain Drive. Meet and discuss a book chosen by group. Free. Call 703-830-2223 with questions and to reserve a spot.

**One-on-One English Conversation.** Various times at Centreville Regional Library, 14200 St. Germain Drive. Spend an hour with a volunteer tutor to practice conversing in English. Various times and days. Reservations are required. Call the library at 703-830-2223 to make a reservation.

**Practice English Conversation**

**Group.** 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 for more.

**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.

**Advanced English Conversation Group.** Tuesdays, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at Centreville Regional Library, 14200 St. Germain Drive. Drop-in conversation group for adult English as Second Language speakers who want to improve their skills. Call 703-830-2223 for more.

**ESL Book Club.** Every other Saturday, 11 a.m. at the Chantilly Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Adults learning English are welcome to meet and discuss a book chosen by the group. To find out book title, call 703-502-3883.

**English Conversation Group.** Thursdays, 7 p.m. at the Chantilly Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Practice English with a group of

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students and adults. Free. Call 703-502-3883 to reserve a space.

## English Conversation Group

Tuesdays, 10:30 a.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.

## PET ADOPTIONS

**Adopt a Dog.** Fridays, 6:30-8:30 p.m. at PetSmart, 12971 Fair Lakes Center, Fairfax. Visit [www.lostdogrescue.org](http://www.lostdogrescue.org) for more.

**Adopt a Dog.** Saturdays, 12-3 p.m. at Petco, 13053 Lee Jackson Highway. Visit [hart90.org](http://hart90.org) for more.

**Adopt a Dog.** Sundays, 1-4 p.m. at Petco, 13053 Lee Jackson Memorial Hwy. Adopt a puppy or dog. Visit [aforeverhome.org](http://aforeverhome.org) for more.

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## Centreville International Showcase

The 8th Annual Centreville International Showcase will feature food, song and dance reflecting the cultural heritage of Centreville residents including Guatemala, Ireland, India, Ghana, Peru and Korea. Admission is free. The showcase raises money for CIF through the Showcase Silent Auction, 50/50 Raffle, food sales, and donations during the evening, Saturday, April 21, 5:30-9 p.m. at Korean Central Presbyterian Church, 8514 Forrester Blvd. Springfield. Contact the Centreville Labor Resource Center at [contact@CentrevilleLRC.org](mailto:contact@CentrevilleLRC.org), 703-543-6272 or [centrevilleimmigrationforum.org/](http://centrevilleimmigrationforum.org/).

## WEDNESDAY/MARCH 28

**“Day of Giving.”** 11 a.m.-9 p.m. at Fair Lakes Jersey Mike’s, 12703 Shoppes Lane, Fairfax. Fair Lakes Jersey Mike’s will be donating 100 percent of proceeds to FCA youth, junior high and high school sports offering financial assistance and scholarships for student athletes to play sports. Call 703-502-3036 or visit [www.JerseyMikes.com/6033](http://www.JerseyMikes.com/6033).

**Open House.** Noon-7 p.m. at Steven F. Udvar-Hazy Center, 14390 Air & Space Museum Parkway, Chantilly. Call 703-572-4118 or visit [airandspace.si.edu/udvarhazy](http://airandspace.si.edu/udvarhazy).

## FRIDAY/MARCH 30

**“Please Touch” Tour.** 11 a.m.-4 p.m., tours on the hour, at Sully Historic Site, 3650 Historic Sully Way, Chantilly. Tour Sully as never before when visitors are encouraged to do more than just look. Enjoy the chance to touch such objects from the past as Redware dishes, blue and white china, tools, clothing and furniture. For participants age 5-adult. \$7 per person. Call 703-437-1794 or visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/sully-historic-site](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/sully-historic-site).

**Elusive Vernal Pools.** 7-8:30 p.m. at Ellanor C. Lawrence Park, 5040 Walney Road, Chantilly. Vernal pools are one of the most fascinating and elusive ecosystems in area parks. An after-hours campfire program will focus on vernal pools. Hike the trails at the park and search for signs of new amphibian life in the pools. Learn about the life cycle and early development of local amphibians. Following the hike, enjoy some time by the campfire and roast s’mores. For participants age 8-adult. \$8 per person. Call 703-631-0013 or visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/eclawrence](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/eclawrence).

## FRIDAY/APRIL 6

**Campfire Program on Owls.** 7-8 p.m. at Ellanor C. Lawrence Park, 5040 Walney Road, Chantilly. The Give a Hoot Campfire program focuses on the barred owls that inhabit stream valley parks in Fairfax County. Take a hike and learn how to tell these owls apart from other native owls. Wrap up the evening by snacking on s’mores by a campfire. Ages 4-adult. \$6 per person. Call 703-631-0013 or visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/eclawrence](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/eclawrence).

## SUNDAY/APRIL 8

**T-TRAK Scale Model Train Show.** 1-4 p.m. at the Fairfax Station Railroad Museum, 11200 Fairfax Station Road, Fairfax Station. The Northern Virginia NTRAK members will hold a N gauge T-TRAK model

train show. Ages 16 and older, \$4; 5-15, \$2; 4 and under, free. Visit [www.fairfax-station.org](http://www.fairfax-station.org), [www.facebook.com/FFXSRR](http://www.facebook.com/FFXSRR), or call 703-425-9225.

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## SATURDAY/APRIL 21

**SpringFest Fairfax.** 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at Sully Historic Site, 3650 Historic Sully Way, Chantilly. Participate in a day full of free, environmental, and health-focused family-friendly activities and games at this year’s SpringFest Fairfax – a celebration of Earth and Arbor Days. Admission is free and parking is \$5 per car. Call 703-324-5470 or 571-338-6710 or visit [www.springfestfairfax.org](http://www.springfestfairfax.org).

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## SUNDAY/APRIL 22

**NTRAK Scale Model Train Show.** 1-4 p.m. at the Fairfax Station Railroad

Museum, 11200 Fairfax Station Road, Fairfax Station. The Northern Virginia NTRAK members will hold a N gauge model train show. Ages 16 and older, \$4; 5-15, \$2; 4 and under, free. Visit [www.fairfax-station.org](http://www.fairfax-station.org), [www.facebook.com/FFXSRR](http://www.facebook.com/FFXSRR), or call 703-425-9225.

## SUNDAY/APRIL 29

### Railroad Communications Event.

1-4 p.m. at the Fairfax Station Railroad Museum, 11200 Fairfax Station Road, Fairfax Station. Ages 16 and older, \$4; 5-15, \$2; 4 and under, free. Visit [www.fairfax-station.org](http://www.fairfax-station.org), [www.facebook.com/FFXSRR](http://www.facebook.com/FFXSRR), or call 703-425-9225.

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## News



### Pinewood Derby

More than 250 Cub Scouts, parents and siblings attended the March 17 Pinewood Derby held at Liberty Middle School.

#### PINEWOOD DERBY WINNERS

**Lions:** 1st Place Matthew F. Pack-146, 2nd Place Eli C. Pack-146, 3rd Place Patrick M. Pack-1859

**Tigers:** 1st Place Dante F. Pack-1459, 2nd Place Hudson M. Pack-1859, 3rd Place Christian D. Pack-146

**Wolves:** 1st Place Brandon C. Pack-1133, 2nd Place Aiden O. Pack-146, 3rd Place Max G. Pack-1826

**Bears:** 1st Place Michael M. Pack-1514, 2nd Place Jake B. Pack-1859, 3rd Place William P. Pack-1459

**Webelos:** 1st Place Jake G. Pack-1514, 2nd Place Ishaan

C. Pack-1858, 3rd Place Benjamin C. Pack-1459

**Arrow of Light:** 1st Place Matthew C. Pack-127, 2nd Place Isaac H. Pack-1862, 3rd Place Brendan W. Pack-1858

**THE CHAMPIONSHIP RACE** consisted of the top three finishers of each rank (18 racers).

**Sully District Pinewood Derby Champion** - Matthew C. Pack-127 Arrow of Light

**2nd place** - Brandon C. Pack-1133 Wolf

**3rd Place** - Hudson M. Pack-1859 Tiger

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### Bake-Off

Twenty-six Cub Scouts participated in a Bake-Off. Jenni Davids was this year's Bake-Off chairman.

#### BAKE-OFF WINNERS (26 participants)

**Breads** - 1st Place Colin S. Pack-1859, 2nd Place Mark F. Pack-1860, 3rd Place Evan L. Pack-1860

**Cakes** - 1st Place Finn B. Pack-1859, 2nd Place James K. Pack-1859, 3rd Place Eli C. Pack-146

**Cookies** - 1st Place Shane O. Pack-1862, 2nd Place Mat-

thew I. Pack-1859, 3rd Place Dominik C. Pack-146

**Decorative-Creative** - 1st Place Anthony H. Pack-146, 2nd Place Ethan M. Pack-1860, 3rd Place Jake B. Pack-1859

**Pies** - 1st Place Timothy C. Pack-146, 2nd Place Ben W. Pack-1459, 3rd Place Mason A. Pack-1859

# ‘Nevertheless, She Persisted’

Commission for Women celebrates 2018 honorees at Women’s History Month reception.

By Andrea Worker

**M**arch is Women’s History Month, and the theme for this year’s celebrations is “Nevertheless, She Persisted,” referring to the now-famous phrase that was part of Republican Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell’s rebuke of Democratic Sen. Elizabeth Warren of Massachusetts in February of 2017 after a party-line vote to stop Warren’s speech against the appointment of Sen. Jeff Sessions as the U.S. attorney general.

“Sen. Warren was giving a lengthy speech,” said McConnell at the time. “She had appeared to violate the rule[s]. She was warned ... nevertheless, she persisted.”

Since then, that phrase has become a rallying cry for women’s rights advocates and others around the world, and is a fitting description for the women chosen by the Fairfax County Commission for Women as their 2018 honorees, according to Michelle Mueller, the county’s liaison to the commission, who led the program at the commission’s reception on March 6 at the Government Center.

The women selected as this year’s recipients for recognition by the county “have exemplified that persistence,” said Mueller in her remarks, especially in their work to “fight all forms of discrimination against women.”

❖ **Sheila Coates**, a sixth generation Virginian, Coates has been “persisting” for over four decades. The founder and president of Black Women United for Action since its inception in 1985, Coates has served on the board of the National Council of Women’s Organizations and as a delegate to the Na-



Photo by Andrea Worker/The Connection

**At its March 6 meeting, the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors presents a proclamation, declaring March 2018 to be Women’s History Month.**

tional Summit on Africa. She successfully lobbied for a minority-at-large position to the Fairfax County Commission for Women, as well as for the appointment of an African American woman to the board at George Mason University — a first for the institution which she attended and where she studied public administration and political science. Coates continues her work, serving on a number of boards, panels and committees, and advising and educating on women’s rights issues.

❖ **Grace Wolf Cunningham** is serving her fourth term on the Herndon Town Council and is the first Korean American elected official in the Commonwealth of Virginia. Cunningham is an adviser to the Washington Coalition for Comfort Women’s Issues (WCCW).

The group’s name comes from the euphemism given to the more than 200,000 women trafficked as sex slaves during World War II by the Japanese military as “comfort” for the fighting troops and was started to call for acknowledgement of, and reparation to these victims.

In addition to their founding mission, today, WCCW continues to advocate for the rights of wartime victims and is dedicated to the “eradication and prevention of sex crimes.” Cunningham was the driving force behind the installation of the “Peace Garden,” unveiled at the Government Center in 2014, as a memorial to those “Comfort Women” and as a reminder of the need to remain vigilant and continue to fight human trafficking.

❖ **Laura Harris** is another veteran in the fight against discrimination and as a champion for victims of domestic violence. Harris has worked for Fairfax County Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court Services Unit for over 30 years and led the charge to

bring county services and resources together in a coordinated response to domestic violence, instrumental in establishing the county Domestic Violence Prevention, Policy and Coordinating Council, as well as the Domestic Action Center. Among her achievements, Harris also helped to start the volunteer “Attorney for the Day Program” which provides pro bono legal services to clients seeking protective orders in domestic violence situations, but who cannot afford attorneys or who face challenges understanding their rights and the legal system.

❖ **Lidia Soto-Harmon**, the CEO of the Girl Scout Council of the Nation’s Capital, believes in developing and supporting future leaders, assuring that all young women have the opportunity to succeed. To that aim, Soto-Harmon works to make sure that no girl or volunteer is excluded from full participation in Girl Scouts because of financial difficulties.

Adding to her resume of years of activism, Soto-Harmon currently serves as the governance chair for the Meyer Foundation, an organization that “works on pursuing and investing in solutions that build an equitable Greater Washington community in which women of color and economically vulnerable thrive.”

Assisting Michelle Mueller in presenting certificates to the honorees were Fairfax County Board of Supervisors Chairman Sharon Bulova, and Hunter Mill District Supervisor Cathy Hudgins. At the regular Board of Supervisors’ Meeting which followed the reception, Bulova presented a proclamation, accepted on behalf of the Commission for Women by Cunningham, declaring March 2018 as “Women’s History Month, and a time to honor all women who continue to fight and succeed in bringing

positive change to the lives of diverse American Women.”

**ACKNOWLEDGING THE WOMEN** who sacrificed in the past to gain the opportunity for women of today to succeed, the reception also included a display of the planned Turning Point Suffragist Memorial, a garden-based memorial to be located within the Occoquan Regional Park in Lorton — once part of the prison grounds where women suffragists were incarcerated.

Executive Director of Turning Point Patricia Wirth was on hand to showcase the drawings of the memorial and remind attendees of the contributions of the women “who came before us.” Wirth says they still haven’t raised all the funds needed to build the national memorial, but declared that regardless of what phase of achievement has been reached by that time, “there’s going to be an unveiling event on Aug. 26, 2020.”

Cunningham vowed to “put pressure on my colleagues to donate to the fundraising efforts for the memorial. We are so fortunate to live in amazing Fairfax County,” said Cunningham, “where we have a woman as our Board of Supervisors chair, a woman chair for the public school board, mayors like Lisa Merkel of Herndon, women serving our area in the state legislature and so many more, unlike many other jurisdictions across our region and the country — and we wouldn’t have this opportunity without these women who sacrificed to get women the right to vote.”

For more about Women’s History Month and the Commission for Women, see [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/cfw](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/cfw). The Turning Point Suffragist Memorial Association has a Facebook page and information on [www.suffragistmemorial.org](http://www.suffragistmemorial.org).



**From left: Board of Supervisors Chairman Sharon Bulova; honorees Lidia Soto-Harmon, Laura Harris, Grace Cunningham, and Sheila Coates; Hunter Mill District Supervisor Cathy Hudgins; and Michelle Mueller, county liaison to the Commission for Women at the Women’s History Month 2018 Reception.**

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## News



### Champion for People with Disabilities

**U.S. Rep. Barbara Comstock (R-10) was honored on Feb. 13, as an AbilityOne Congressional Champion by SourceAmerica. ServiceSource nominated Comstock as an "elected federal policymaker who has demonstrated support for the AbilityOne Program and for related community-based nonprofit agencies through congressional actions while supporting the enhancement of opportunities for economic and personal independence of persons with disabilities." From left are Janet Samuelson, president & CEO ServiceSource; Springfield District Supervisor Pat Herrity; Amber Brownell, AbilityOne Employee; Comstock; David Raxsdale, AbilityOne employee; Heather Boncher, AbilityOne employee; Braddock District Supervisor John Cook; and John Huff, executive director, SourceAmerica. After the ceremony, Comstock toured the ServiceSource Community Integration Center at Chantilly.**

### Crime Report

*The following incidents were reported by the Fair Oaks District Police Station.*

**DISORDERLY / ASSAULT:** 3700 block of Vernacchia Drive, March 18, 9:15 a.m. Officers responded for a naked man who assaulted a woman and was jumping on cars. When officers arrived, community members were holding the man down. Officers gave the man several commands but they were ignored. An electronic control weapon was used and the officers placed him under arrest. The victim was transported with minor injuries. The 18-year-old man from Fairfax was charged with disorderly conduct, indecent exposure, and strangulation.

**SHOOTING / MALICIOUS WOUNDING:** 4100 block of Brookgreen Drive, March 13, 7:35 a.m. A 31-year-old man from Woodbridge was charged with malicious wounding,

abduction, robbery, and use of a firearm. An argument occurred between the suspect and the victim, which escalated to the point where the suspect used a gun and shot the victim in the lower body. The suspect drove away from the location and was later apprehended in Mclean. The victim was transported to a local hospital and treated for non-life threatening injuries. Detectives from the Major Crimes Bureau are continuing to investigate this case.

**ROBBERY:** 2973 Chain Bridge Road (7-11), Feb. 22, 1:50 a.m. A man in his mid-20's, approximately 5 foot 6 inches, thin build, wearing all black and white mask entered the store. He then pointed a handgun at the clerk demanding money. Money was given to the man and he ran out the front in an unknown direction.

**BURGLARY:** 5300 block of Poplar

Valley Court, Feb. 15, 12:55 p.m. The resident was home when she heard a knock at the door. She then heard a glass window break and saw three males run from the back of the house. The suspects were described as average height and having dark hair. Nothing was taken.

**BURGLARY:** 1200 block of Sleepy Lake Court, Feb. 13, 3:14 p.m. A resident heard a suspicious noise in their home and saw a man running out of the basement. Nothing was taken.

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From left are Fair Oaks Police Officer Sladzana Resnik and MPO Lauretta Garrett.

## Fundraiser

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Academy, about six months ago. In class, she was attentive and engaged in the course – which is hard to find in a new officer. She stayed focused, so I could tell she'd be a good officer, out on the street."

He tried MOD's Calexico pizza with gorgonzola cheese, chicken and jalapeños and pronounced it "nice and spicy – perfect for a day like today. I'll be back." He also noted that, at one point, MOD "had a line all the way around here, from the counter to the back wall. Since Ashley's only been an officer for six months, the amount of people that came out to support her says a lot. She's a family member because we are a family."

A whole table of firefighters from Fair Oaks Station 21's A shift was there, too. Lt. Eddie Thurston made his own pizza with "a little this and a little that" and said it tasted good. Besides, he added, "It was important to come help them with the fundraiser."

A shift Capt. E.J. Burroughs called Block "a fellow public servant, so this is one helping out another." He said his shift always eats together to build teamwork. Enjoying the Lucy Sunshine pizza made with garlic, artichokes, asiago cheese and tomato sauce, he said, "I'd absolutely recommend MOD because they make whatever you want and it's really good."

Joining them was Hazmat Technician Jorge Arce of Fairfax's Fire Station 40 on West Ox Road. Happy to pitch in for a police officer, he said, "Whether we're police or firefighters doesn't make a difference. We still respond to calls together, so I wanted to help out. This was my first time here, but I'm definitely coming back. The pizza is fresh and good, and you can't beat their real pizza oven."

Also there were brand-new, Fair Oaks Police Officer Sladzana Resnik and her training officer, MPO Lauretta Garrett. "This is our first time here," said Garrett. "We came for the fundraiser; we have to support our family members. I've never met Officer Block, but she had a terrible accident."

They each had salads and shared a pizza with tomato sauce, mozzarella cheese, onions, black olives and mushrooms. "It was amazing," said Garrett. "We'll come back again."

But last week, they were there for one of their own. Said Resnik: "As police officers, we work as one and take care of each other."

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## The Daze Continue To Go Bye



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

You know, if my feet didn't hurt so much, I could almost forget that I have cancer, other than being aware of my upcoming infusion: April 6; my upcoming CT Scan and MRI: April 18; and my upcoming follow-up appointment with my oncologist to discuss the results: April 27.

Nevertheless, the goal is to not think about the fact that I have non-small cell lung cancer, stage IV. The kind for which there is no cure; made clear by my oncologist at the initial Team Lourie meeting when he advised me that he "could treat me but that he couldn't cure me." What?! At that surreal moment, what goes in one ear flies out the other.

But here I am, nine years and counting; you bet I'm counting. That's one of the recurring thoughts I have as a multi-year cancer survivor; although, as my friend Frank has said to me: "you're in pretty good condition for the condition you're in."

Other than schedules and my underlying diagnosis (and my original "13 month to two year" prognosis), I regularly consider how long I've lived, one month now into year 10. It's both scary and reassuring: Am I further from the beginning or closer to the end? See. I can't stop thinking about it.

Generally speaking however, I am not bogged down by my diagnosis/circumstances, as anybody who knows me, knows. Nor am I preoccupied with the imminent danger in which my diagnosis places me everyday. And I'm certainly not bemoaning the likely reduction in my life expectancy from what I assumed it would be: mid to late 80s, given how long both my parents lived, to what is logical to believe it will now be: late 60s; considering all the statistics for similarly diagnosed individuals. Typically, one diagnosed with stage IV lung cancer doesn't just live with it (as a chronic-type disease), rather you die because of it.

This column is more for public consumption than it is about private perception. In truth, although a second, minute or hour doesn't go by when I don't think/remember/acknowledge the facts of my case, I am able, most of the time, to keep a smile on my face and not bring a frown to others.

Moreover, I want/need those others to forget that I have cancer as much as it is possible for it to be forgotten. And I want my behavior to be a contributing factor to their forgetting. If I don't start it then there's no reason for them to finish it.

And I'm being selfish in saying so? Absolutely! Because the better vibrations I receive from others, the better I'll feel about myself. And the better I feel about myself, the better and more able I'll be to deal with my disease and all its emotional and physical side- and straight-on effects. Effects which are hardly the stuff with which dreams are made. To invoke and rework a quote from the legendary screen actress Bette Davis: Having cancer is not for sissies.

But it is indiscriminate and projections into the not-to-distant future are frightening: for both males and females, one in three have a "lifetime risk of developing or dying from cancer," according to the U.S. National Cancer Institute's Surveillance Epidemiology and End Results (SEER) Database, based on "data compiled between 2012 and 2014, the most recent available."

So how do you put that in your pipe and not smoke it? If you're unlucky enough to be one of these new "diagnosees," you either roll with the punches or get rolled over instead. The choice is yours, as it was mine.

"Get busy living or get busy dying," as Andy Dufresne (Tim Robbins) said to "Red," (Morgan Freeman), in the Oscar-nominated "The Shawshank Redemption" (1994). And I try to remind myself of that every day, and every night, too.

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

# Bulletin Board

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session is scheduled for Monday, April 16 from 2-3 p.m. Families who live within the school's boundaries and have a child who will turn 5 years of age by Sept. 30, 2018, should visit [greenbriareastes.fcps.edu](http://greenbriareastes.fcps.edu) or call 703-633-6400 to make an appointment.  
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## FRIDAY/MARCH 30

**Application Deadline.** Sully Historic Site, the home of Richard Bland Lee (Northern Virginia's first representative to Congress), announces the fifth year of the Margaret C. Peck Youth Internship program, sponsored by the Sully Foundation, Ltd. Juniors at Herndon, Chantilly and Westfield high schools in good standing and who have an interest in history are encouraged to

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## MONDAY/APRIL 2

**Scholarship Deadline.** Scholarship for research of local Civil War history — The Bull Run Civil War Round Table in Centreville, a 501 (3) c organization, offers a \$2,000 scholarship to a public or private high school senior who resides either in Fairfax County. Applicants should

plan to attend college in the fall of 2018. Information and application instructions can be found at [bullruncwrt.org](http://bullruncwrt.org).

## TUESDAY/APRIL 3

**Community Meeting on Route 28 Widening.** 6:30 p.m. in the cafeteria of Union Mill Elementary School, 13611 Springstone Drive, Clifton. The Route 28 corridor has experienced increased congestion for many years. The proposed project calls for widening Route 28 in Fairfax County for a distance of approximately 2.3 miles from the bridge over Bull Run to the interchange at Route 29. The meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m., with

an Open House, a formal presentation at 7 p.m., followed by time for questions and answers. Visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/transportation/projects/route28-widening](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/transportation/projects/route28-widening).

## FRIDAY/APRIL 6

**Scholarship Nomination Deadline.** The National Capital Region Chapter of the National Football Foundation is accepting nominations for their 2018 Scholar-Athlete banquet. The Chapter awards five \$1,000 scholarships annually to deserving high school senior scholar athletes who played high school football. Nominees are evaluated on academic and athletic excellence, as well as contributions to their school and community. Nomination packets have been mailed to each high school head coach in the National Capital Region.

## SATURDAY/APRIL 7

**Teen Job Fair.** 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at Chantilly High School, 4201 Stringfellow Road, Chantilly. Employers will gather, take applications and resumes for part time jobs. Contact Dulles Regional Chamber of Commerce at [www.dulleschamber.org](http://www.dulleschamber.org) for more.

## MONDAY/APRIL 16

**Assistance League Meeting.** 10 a.m.-noon at Sully Government Center, 4900 Stonecroft Blvd., Chantilly. Assistance League of Northern Virginia invites community members to attend its Regular Monthly Meeting. New members welcome. Learn about the nonprofit's 2017-2018 programs, including Weekend Food for Kids and Reading Express. Pre-meeting social starts at 9:30 a.m. Free email [gronbiz@aol.com](mailto:gronbiz@aol.com) or visit [www.northernvirginia.assistanceleague.org](http://www.northernvirginia.assistanceleague.org).

## SUNDAY/APRIL 18

**REVIVE! Training.** 3 p.m. at 4213 Walney Road, Chantilly. REVIVE! trains individuals on what to do and not do in an overdose situation, how to administer naloxone, and what to do afterwards. Each attendee also receives a free REVIVE! kit, which includes all the supplies needed to administer naloxone. The medication itself can be acquired at a pharmacy after completing the training. Attendees also receive a safety plan to help individuals prevent overdose if they relapse. REVIVE! is a program of the Commonwealth of Virginia that makes naloxone (Narcan) available to lay rescuers to reverse opioid overdoses. Opioids include licit medications like hydrocodone and oxycodone, in addition to illicit drugs like heroin. Visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/community-services-board/facility/a-new-beginning](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/community-services-board/facility/a-new-beginning) for more information. Advance registration required at 703 502-7021 or 703 502-7016.

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