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# Year in Jail for Hit-and-Run Driver **Nguyen's car crash killed a mother of four.**

BY BONNIE HOBBS

**N**o matter what sentence Judge Robert Smith handed down last week, the damage was already done: A 37-year-old mother of four was dead and a young Centreville man was about to learn his punishment for causing her death. Nothing would ever bring her back, yet her family wanted some measure of justice.

And in the end, so did the judge. On Friday, April 27, in Fairfax County Circuit Court, he sentenced Khoa Do Dang Nguyen, 24, to a year in jail for the Oct. 8, 2016 hit-and-run death of Yesenia Esmeralda Funes.

In this case, the state sentencing guidelines called for a range of one day to six months. But Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney Kathleen Bilton told Smith, "I'm asking you to exceed the guidelines. The victim-impact letters make clear the full magnitude of this tragedy — four children lost their mother, a husband lost his wife, and parents lost their child."

Funes, of Manassas, was the mother of two boys and two girls, ages 6-19. After Nguyen pleaded guilty, Jan. 16, to felony hit-and-run, Bilton presented details of the incident to the court. She said the vehicle crash hap-

pened around 2:10 a.m. Funes had a black Toyota Solara convertible, and Nguyen drove a Toyota Corolla.

"Yesenia Esmeralda Funes was driving on I-66 west, around mile-marker 56, when she pulled her vehicle over to the right shoulder and stopped," said Bilton. "She then got



**Nguyen**

out and retrieved a water bottle from the trunk. As she was approaching her driver's-side door, she was struck by the defendant's vehicle."

Bilton said Nguyen turned himself in to the Virginia State Police, two days later, giving them a written statement. "He wrote that he'd fallen asleep at the wheel and knew he hit something,"

said the prosecutor. "His windshield, bumper and side mirror were damaged."

"He wrote that he'd left work at a restaurant around 12:30 a.m. and went to eat at the Silver Diner in Merrifield, leaving there around 2 a.m." continued

Bilton. "He said he didn't know what he'd hit; he thought it might have been a car because his vehicle had bounced off something. But he was tired, so he kept driving home."

Bilton said Nguyen later discovered that his side mirror and part of his bumper were gone. "He talked about it with his parents, who encouraged him to tell the police what had happened," she said. "In addition, debris at the scene matched that of the 2015 Toyota Corolla he

was driving, and DNA profiles of Funes were found on his car."

In court last Friday, she told Smith, "Yes, this was a terrible accident, and no racing or speeding was involved. But he struck and killed Mrs. Funes. He was tired, had the music turned up loud — trying to stay

awake — but he couldn't, and he fell asleep behind the wheel. That was his choice to drive when tired — and it had tragic consequences."

Furthermore, Bilton didn't buy Nguyen's statement that he didn't realize his vehicle had struck a car. And she said he should have understood that a person might have been inside it.

Instead, said the prosecutor, "He didn't stop, and he only went to the State Police at the urging of his parents. He fled the scene without stopping to see if he'd hurt someone. He hit Yesenia Funes because he was too tired to drive safely. She died on the side of I-66 while he fled the scene."

Defense attorney Peter Greenspun, however, tried to make his client's actions that night relatable. "We've all been on the road when we're tired — when you nod off and something wakes you up and you go, 'Wow, that was close,'" he said. "[In this case], there was the impact and the noise, but there was no fleeing."

He said Nguyen wasn't a thoughtless or uncaring person. "He works 50-60 hours a week," said Greenspun. After leaving the Silver Diner that night, he was headed home to sleep. "There's no evidence that he strays from lane to lane. And in a compilation in the intersection of the circumstances of life, he nods off at the exact moment Yesenia Funes gets a bottle of water. One-tenth of a second, either way, and this wouldn't have happened."

So, said Greenspun, "While it's understandable that the Funes family expects a

harsher sentence, [Nguyen] has already served three months in jail. And as a convicted felon, this will affect his life." Greenspun then asked the judge to consider a sentence of time served, but with a "significant number" of community-service hours added on.

"[Nguyen] had zero intent [to kill or injure the victim]," said Greenspun. "He didn't hide, or run his car to a body shop [to be quickly repaired]. He's a good, young man who made a tragic mistake."

But Judge Smith said Nguyen stated that, after the accident, he bought a cover for his car. "There's only one reason why you do this — to cover up something," said Smith. "This lady was taken from her family far too soon."

Then, right before sentencing, Nguyen stood and addressed the court. "I want to tell the Funes family how sorry I am for everything," he said. "I'd give anything to take back that night. I'll have to live with that, the rest of my life. I promise you that I'll work hard to be a productive member

of society. I accept full responsibility for what I did."

Smith then exceeded the sentencing guidelines and ordered Nguyen to spend a year in jail. He also gave the defendant three additional years behind bars, but suspended all this time and placed Nguyen on three years' post-release supervision. Nguyen's driver's license was suspended for a year, as well.

Greenspun then asked the judge if his client could serve his time via either the work-release program — which is a combination of outside employment plus jail — or home, electronic incarceration. Smith had no objection, so the final say will be up to the county Sheriff's Office.

**"He's a good, young man who made a tragic mistake."**

— Peter Greenspun, defense attorney

**"She died on the side of I-66 while he fled the scene."**

— Kathleen Bilton, Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney

**"I'd give anything to take back that night."**

— Khoa Nguyen, defendant

## Transform I-66 Project to Lead to Overnight Closures

Overnight lane closures on southbound Route 28 between Westfields Boulevard and Braddock Road are scheduled to occur Thursday night, May 3. On Friday and Saturday nights, May 4 and 5, overnight lane closures are scheduled on eastbound I-66 between U.S. Route 50 and Route 123 (Chain Bridge Road). Crews will shift travel lanes and set up work zones for construction on the Transform 66 Outside the Beltway project. Details are:

Southbound Route 28 between Braddock Road and Westfields Boulevard will be shifted to allow for barriers to be set up along the outside shoulders for upcoming construction activity. Closures include: Thursday, May 3: Overnight, two left two lanes will close on southbound Route 28 in the vicinity of Willard Road to

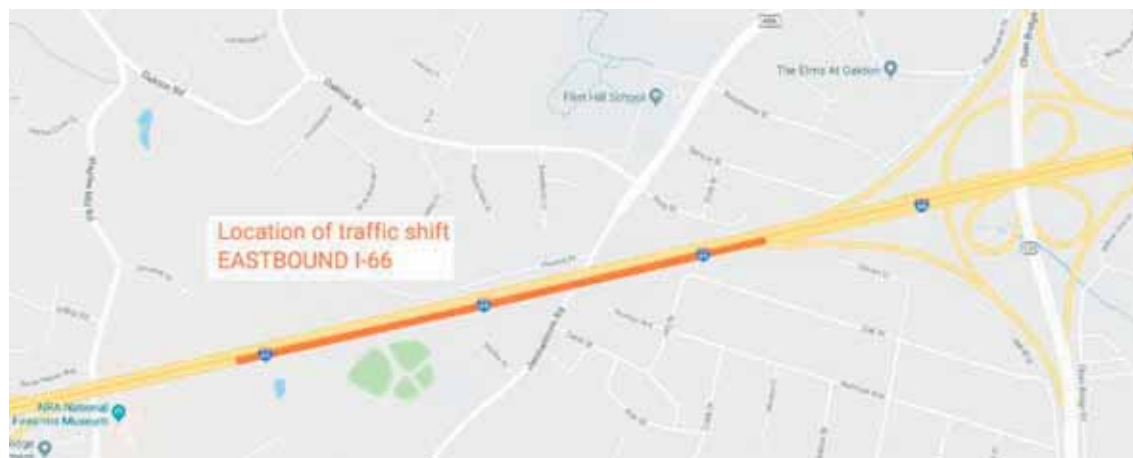
Braddock Road starting at 9 p.m. Thursday. I-66 East between Route 50 and Route 123 Lanes on eastbound I-66 between U.S. Route 50 and Route 123 (Chain Bridge Road) will be shifted toward the inside median to support upcoming construction activity. Closures are scheduled to occur overnight beginning at 9 p.m. on Friday, May 4 and Saturday, May 5:

- ❖ Single lane closure at 9 p.m. on eastbound I-66 near Monument Drive

- ❖ Multi-lane closure at 10 p.m. on eastbound I-66 near U.S. Route 50

- ❖ Closure of one of two lanes on the eastbound and westbound Route 50 ramp to eastbound I-66 at 10 p.m.

Drivers are advised that once this lane shift is implemented, the "red X" signs between U.S. Route



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50 and Route 123 (Chain Bridge Road), which are part of VDOT's Active Traffic Management (ATM) system, will be transitioned out of service. The signs will remain op-

erational east of Route 123.

Four travel lanes will be available during peak periods throughout construction of the Transform 66 Project. All work is weather

dependent, and will be rescheduled if inclement weather occurs. The I-66 Outside the Beltway Express Lanes are expected to open in December 2022.

# 'A Different Kind of Wonderful'

Westfield's Adapted Art students display their work.

BY BONNIE HOBBS

Besides teaching digital art at Westfield High, Kerry Johanson teaches two classes of Adapted Art for students with special needs. And although many of them have difficulty communicating verbally, they're able to express themselves through art.

So imagine their joy at having their artwork on exhibit for the rest of the school to see. "One of our goals is inclusion," said Johanson. "During the year, they display their work in the art cases and in the library, just like any other art students."

Recently, however, they did something extra-special. "We've had art in the pyramid art show before," said Johanson. "But this year, the students created a 20x8-foot, 3D, Southwestern U.S. desert scene that was displayed for three weeks in the student gallery in the main foyer." Most of the items were paper sculpture and included cactus, scorpions, a coyote mom and her pups, armadillos, desert owls, vultures, coral snakes, roadrunners, dead trees, lizards and painted rocks.

"They got a lot of compliments from students and staff, and it was delightful," said Johanson. "They were just thrilled to have their work on display; they're kids — they beamed. And we made signs with their names and faces on them, at the display, so everyone else could see who created everything."

She has 10 students in one class and seven in the other. And since they have various intellectual and physical disabilities, among her goals are imparting to them both functional and life skills. So while creating art, they improve their fine-motor skills, such as hand grip, control and pressure. They also learn how to clean up after themselves and protect their clothing.

Besides that, the students learn about sequencing, colors, numbers, shapes and sorting. And they hone their social skills — including voice volume, personal space appropriate touch and taking turns — while interacting with their classmates. "They treat others with respect and accommodate others' preferences," said Johanson. "Meanwhile, they're learning to follow through and have the stamina to complete a task or painting."

"Westfield pioneered the Adapted Art course in Fairfax County, and we're very proud of our program," she said. "We want all our students to feel an integral part of the Westfield family." Displays like the desert scene help our kids feel the pride of accomplishment and give them something to show off and talk about with other students."

Hers are studio art classes so, just like other Westfield art students,



From left: Students Jefry, Sedona, Fernando, Bruce, Brandon and Britany by the display.

Johanson's do 2D painting, drawing and printmaking, plus 3D sculpture with various types of media. That way, they get to sample a variety of materials and techniques to create a work of art.

"We've done weaving, painting with acrylics and watercolors, and a lot of sculpture," said Johanson. "The kids also draw but, for most of them, it's difficult" because of the hand coordination required. They employed their skills to make each part of the desert exhibit, and they dazzled even their teacher with their talent.

She designs and engineers her students' class projects — but doing so takes extra effort. "I have to think through how they

can do them with their particular limitations," she said. "For example, folding is difficult because it's an abstract concept. But whenever I see how the students do their artwork, I learn something new."

They use a great deal of recycled materials, and Johanson said the faculty is wonderful about bring them to school. "Then we turn these items into something terrific, like robots," she said. "We even just created giant, Venus flytraps. And whatever the students create, they also learn about. For example, they've learned about spiders and their habitat and how bats are beneficial to

people. So everything they do has some educational component."

All their artwork falls into four main categories — nature, art history, people and things (such as the robots). For art history, for instance, the students made totem poles and learned about different cultures around the world. Johanson also taught them how the birds and animals on their poles represent the various strengths and powers of a community.

In addition, her students have folders that go with them from class to class. "I write notes in them about what the kids did that day, and then the parents can talk with them about it," said Johanson.

Before they do a new project, she shows them PowerPoints about what they'll make and explains each step to them and to their adult, instructional aides. Calling these aides kind and amazing, Johanson said, "They know the kids so well — and even if they're having a bad day or don't feel good — because they're with them for several periods a day. I honestly couldn't do it without them. We're a team and, by the end of the year, we've become like a well-oiled machine."

In addition, she said, "We have some wonderful, peer-helper students who come to every class. They socialize with the kids and help them with their projects and, in so doing, they become friends. I like to have at least two peer-helpers per class, and both they and the kids love having them there."

For some of her students, said Johanson, "It's about the process, not the product; they just enjoy manipulating the materials. But most also enjoy the final product; and when they take it into their next classes, their other teachers and classmates praise them on it."

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Students in Westfield High's Adapted Art program created this whimsical desert scene.



A cute armadillo, a prickly cactus and a colorful snake are among this desert's denizens.

# ‘Celebrating the Magic of Giving Back’

Some 144 individuals and groups honored at Fairfax County Volunteer Service Awards.

BY STEVE HIBBARD

About 400 people attended the 26th annual Fairfax County Volunteer Service Awards on Friday, April 27, at the Waterford in Springfield where some 144 individuals and groups were honored. With the theme “Once Upon a Volunteer, Celebrating the Magic of Giving Back,” the breakfast included the “Who’s Who” of Fairfax County’s leaders in business, education, government and nonprofits. It was sponsored by Volunteer Fairfax, members of the Board of Supervisors and Chairman Sharon Bulova. The

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**Fairfax County Government Volunteer Program: Fairfax County Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) with Board Chairman Sharon Bulova.**

The Fairfax County Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program is a Citizen Corps volunteer program managed under the auspices of the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department. The CERT program prepares ordinary citizens to safely help themselves, their families, and their communities during emergencies. They also provide emergency preparedness and public safety related services on an ongoing basis.

Over the last year, 694 active CERT volunteers improved the county’s overall emergency response posture through a variety of trainings while also providing a multitude of emergency preparedness and public safety related services. In addition, hun-

dreds of volunteers applied their skills to support community activities and events such as lost child assistance and traffic management. CERT members attended 47 outreach events across the county, informing approximately 7,653 residents about opportunities and activities to better equip themselves, their families, and their neighbors in the event of an emergency.

Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department Volunteer Liaison Jeffery Katz said, “Fairfax County’s CERT program is a prime example of ‘Neighbors helping Neighbors.’ 2017 was another year of unprecedented growth and innovation during which our CERTs further improved our County’s disaster preparedness.”



**RSVP Northern Virginia: Ken Kozloff with Board Chairman Sharon Bulova.**

Ken Kozloff has spent the last five years volunteering with Junior Achievement of Greater Washington, an organization focused on inspiring the next generation to be financially capable and tenacious. Kozloff is a familiar face at JA Finance Park (Fairfax) where he serves as an adult role model for eighth graders who get hands-on experience meeting the fiscal challenges of everyday life. He is also a volunteer instructor in Fairfax County Public Schools through the JA In-a-Day program designed to foster financial literacy, work readiness, and entrepreneurship. He has also gone so far as to incorporate his other volunteer experience into support of JA programming. As a volunteer with Adaptive Aquatics at the Providence RECenter, he teaches swim classes to children on the Autism spectrum. He parlayed his experience with Adapted Aquatics into expanding JA’s high school program to include students with special needs. He developed a new financial literacy curriculum for children with Autism, called JA Life Skills Learning that is currently being offered at three local high schools.

Kozloff has taught 14 classes in Fairfax County schools, directly impacted 266 students, and volunteered over 1,990 hours in 2017. Gayle Robinson, director of Program Innovation at JA said, “Ken is a go-to volunteer that is always happy to help. We are so thankful for Ken’s support.”



**Adult Volunteer Group: PRS CrisisLink’s CareRing volunteers with Board Chairman Sharon Bulova.**

The PRS CrisisLink’s CareRing program assists vulnerable older adults in maintaining independence and community connections by increasing mental and social well-being. Through scheduled calls daily or several times throughout the week, CareRing Volunteers phone clients for social support while also assessing any risk of depression or cognitive decline. These volunteers build trusted and healthy social relationships with clients who may be at risk of isolation. The volunteers embrace clients’ thoughts and

feelings, making sure they know someone cares about them and that they are not alone. In 2017, CareRing volunteers served over 1,000 clients, handled over 35,000 calls, and exchanged over 33,000 text messages. The impact of this group is best described by a CrisisLink client whose letter to volunteers read, “I love when you call me to see how I am doing. It cheers me up and gets me going for the day. I tell you with all my heart and soul, I will never forget your kindness and love.”



**Supervisor Kathy L. Smith honors Glynda Mayo Hall, Sully District.**

Glynda Mayo Hall is an advocate and voice for individuals in need. Her resume includes a lengthy list of over 20 organizations she has volunteered for over the years including: Women at Work for the National Capital Area, the Centreville-Chantilly Rotary Club, the Northern Virginia Business and Professional Women’s Club, and Western Fairfax Christian Ministries. She has served on the board of directors or trustees for a number of organizations helping to set and approve policies, lead fundraisers, as well as solicit stakeholders and funds. As a Fairfax County Partnership Development Manager, she recruited and engaged businesses, faith-based organizations, nonprofits, community partners, and stakeholders to support county programs and find solutions to human service issues. After retiring from 28 years with the county in December 2017, she continues to volunteer to help the poor, homeless, disenfranchised, and any other groups needing an advocate. As District Supervisor Kathy Smith said, “Glynda’s efforts with many organizations have focused on bringing people together to provide the resources that help our neediest neighbors.”



**Chairman Sharon Bulova honors Charles Fegan, Fairfax County.**

For the last quarter-century, Charlie Fegan has served on the Fairfax County Library Board of Trustees as a reliable source of guidance for both the board and the community. He has been an invaluable source of knowledge and voice for both the libraries and the community in his role on the board. He has put in hours of outreach, library advocacy, as well as building and maintaining relationships with members of the Board of Supervisors to further serve the citizens of Fairfax County. As Board of Supervisors Chairman Sharon Bulova said, “Charlie has gone above and beyond the quality and quantity of service to the community as my appointee to the Library Board of Trustees for the last 25 years.”

# Westfield's Adapted Art Students Display Their Work

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She's currently in her 16<sup>th</sup> year at Westfield and started the Adapted Art program six years ago. She said it takes "an enormous amount of time" designing and engineering the projects and preparing the materials and patterns her students will use to create them. But she has no regrets.

"About 10 years ago, I saw the Adapted P.E. program and wondered why there wasn't one for art — and whether a non-special-ed teacher could teach it," said Johanson. "So we started it as a pilot program and it became really popular. Although in many ways, we still have to invent our own wheel."

But, she said, "Working directly with these students is just a different kind of wonderful than my other teaching. There's great joy in little successes, and they're often more appreciative than the average student. They also get to do a lot of decision-making, such as choosing which colors and scissors they want to use. And that's important because some of them don't get a lot of choices in the rest of their lives. They're individuals, like anyone else; they're people — and I like them."

Johanson also enjoys "figuring out and solving the problems of how these kids can successfully do a project, themselves. Sometimes, they do it differently [than I envi-



From left are students Zain, Daniela, Roland, Tanner and Summan by the desert showcase.

PHOTO BY BONNIE HOBBS

sioned it], but that's OK. If they're happy with it, then so am I. And all the effort I put in is worth it to see their artwork delight them — and to see their happiness in their accomplishments."

"It's just a million little things, moment by moment," she continued. Seeing her students' unabashed joy in expressing their emotions is also precious to her. And, she added, "For those who don't show a lot of

emotion, even a little glimmer is a victory for me."

During class recently, two of them said how pleased they were with the desert display. "I did scorpions," said Bruce.

"I like to paint," said Sedona. "We spent a lot of time doing our desert scene, and I took my vulture home."

In this class, said Rebecca Shen, one of the instructional aides, "The students get a sense of being able to do things on their own, and they enjoy that feeling of being independent. They like expressing themselves, and I get to partake in some of the beautiful art they make."

Also glad to be there is peer-helper Amber Williams, a Westfield senior. "I'm interested in teaching art to children and doing art therapy with them," she said. "And for a lot of them, that's what this is — physical therapy helping their coordination."

"They seem happy to be in class and interact with each other; it's a really nice environment," she continued. "And I like being able to facilitate an activity they enjoy doing. I'm also passionate about art, so we have that in common."

Williams said these students are all "really unique and special" and she's built good relationships with them: "One girl can't communicate very well, but she gets really excited when I come into the classroom, and that makes me feel like I'm making a difference."

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## Missing Numbers

To the Editor:

County Chairman Sharon Bulova's April 25 opinion piece, "Budget Hits All the Right Notes," about the proposed FY2019 real estate tax hike, is misleading. When she says the proposed real estate tax rate is \$1.15, she omits the stormwater rate. When that is included the FY2019 rate will be \$1.1825 instead of \$1.15.

She states that new budget includes a 2-cent increase in the real estate tax rate, but this omits the additional tax increase due to the 2.2 percent increase in average residential assessments. The effective rate increase when assessments and the additional stormwater rate increase (1/4 cent) are included is 4.7 cents, not 2 cents.

The typical Fairfax County homeowner's real estate tax bill will increase by \$258, a 4.2 percent increase. Loudoun County reduced its average tax bill by \$48,

a 1 percent decrease.

Chairman Bulova states that the tax hike fully funds the Market Rate Adjustment, Performance, Merit and Longevity increases for county employees and states that the Market Rate Adjustment is 2.25 percent. She does not state the total salary increase resulting from the Performance, Merit and Longevity increases. When those are included county employees will see average increases ranging from 4.25 to 4.50 percent.

Likewise, the school board is funding a 2.3 percent step increase and other salary adjustments, but does not say what the total average raise will be when the other adjustments are included. It is likely to be 4 percent also.

The real estate tax hike will increase county revenues by about \$116 million. The cost of next year's county and school raises is \$139 million. Raises are the primary driver of the county's annual real estate tax hikes.

Since FY2000, the supervisors have increased real estate taxes 169 percent, more than three times faster than inflation, which increased 53 percent.

If Chairman Bulova felt that the voters who defeated the 2016 meals tax, which would have raised \$100 million, would support next year's 4.2 percent tax hike to raise \$116 million for 4 percent raises, why didn't she acknowledge those numbers in her statement?

**Arthur Purves**  
President  
Fairfax County  
Taxpayers Alliance

## Supporting FLE Program

To the Editor:

For the past 25 years Fairfax County Public Schools has had a Family Life Education program in its schools that prepares young children for being members of families, cautions older children about some of the hazards of adulthood, and contains lessons that encourage all children to be safer in this world. The program at the same time respects the values of families of different perspectives and cultural backgrounds.

Most important of all, parents can examine and opt their children out of any part or all of FLE at any grade level — the children will receive a well-constructed alternative health lesson.

This year's proposal will include some tweaks to language that make the objectives more inclusive of transgender students. FCPS has adopted language in line with the major medical professional groups: the American Medical Association, the American Academy of Pediatrics, and the American Psychiatric Association. Alas, this has attracted a well-funded astroturf campaign from some national lobbying organizations opposed to such inclusion. Fairfax residents should rest assured that the FLE objectives are closely examined by a committee representative of staff and the community; almost all residents of the county will find nothing untoward in the objectives. Indeed, our Family Life Education program is something of which we can be proud. The campaign against it is really much ado about nothing.

**Robert Rigby, Jr.**  
President, FCPS Pride



## James River Sprints

Westfield High School's crew team captures a first place finish in the Women's Novice 8 race during the recent James River Sprints regatta in southern Virginia.

Westfield High School's crew team captures a first place finish in the Women's Novice 8 race during last weekend's regatta at Sandy Run Regional Park and received congratulations from WHS principal, Dr. Anthony Copeland. Front, from left, are Ishika Gupta, Modeste Folly, Isabel Yi, Rena Jornales, Roxanna Rafat, Bella Rubijono, Maddie Tate, Dr. Anthony Copeland, and, in back, Ayanna Pena and Jinjoo Noh.



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# Honoring the Past; Focused on the Future

**FACETS celebrates 30<sup>th</sup> annual “Opening Doors” Benefit Breakfast.**

BY ANDREA WORKER  
CENTRE VIEW

**T**elevision station NBC4’s Northern Virginia Bureau Chief Julie Carey emceed the event at the Marriott Fairview Park, celebrating the 30<sup>th</sup> birthday of non-profit FACETS at the group’s annual “Opening Doors” Breakfast. For its years of community service, FACETS received many kudos, but as Carey and others noted, meeting FACETS’s clients, hearing their stories of struggle and of success, and focusing on the future and understanding how much more has yet to be done, was the main mission of the day.

FACETS has been tackling the causes and consequences of poverty and homelessness in Fairfax County since July of 1988, when founder Linda Wimpey started a “hot meals” program for the people she saw in need, delivering food three nights a week with the assistance of a few area churches.

Thirty years later, that simple outreach effort has evolved into a multi-faceted operation. FACETS still offers hot meals and supplies from their emergency pantry, but now, armed with a staff of professionals and the aid of some 50 faith-based communities and scores of volunteers, the organization can do more to support families and individuals living in poverty, or who are homeless or at risk of becoming so.

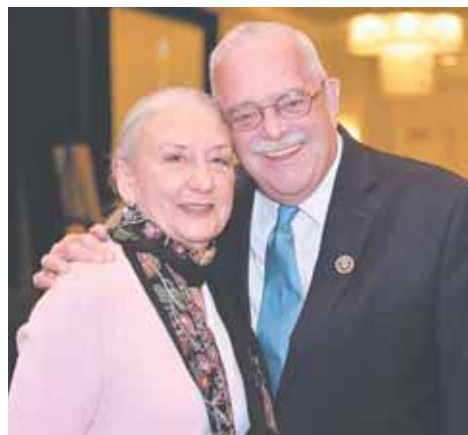
Case managers work with single adults and families, helping to stabilize them, avoiding eviction where possible, offering temporary accommodations where needed and assisting them toward achieving permanent housing. Parents and families receive support and training in financial, computer and life skills and are guided in accessing the tools and services needed to improve their lives. Clients are also connected with medical resources, including mental health services.

Not satisfied with addressing the needs of the moment, FACETS seeks to break the poverty cycle by providing programs for children and teens — help with homework, mentoring, school supplies, and college or career planning — just some of the offerings. In FY2015, 301 youth participated in FACETS community programs. Nearly 65 percent of those who had educational assistance achieved honor roll status, and all of the graduating seniors went on to higher forms of education.

**IN THE WINTER**, FACETS also partners with the county and a number of faith-based



**NBC4 Northern Virginia Bureau Chief Julie Carey was the emcee for the FACETS’ 30<sup>th</sup> Annual “Opening Doors” Breakfast. Carey was joined by FACETS Executive Director Joe Fay, Case Manager Robert Tindall (left) and Michael O’Reilly, chair of the Fairfax-Falls Church Partnership to Prevent and End Homelessness (right) before the start of the program.**



**U.S. Rep. Gerry Connolly (D-11) was in attendance and added his praise for Linda Wimpey, who founded FACETS as a community outreach hot meals program in July of 1988. Connolly said that Wimpey was a driving force for the county’s efforts to prevent and end homelessness, describing her as a “quiet disruptor,” finding ways to get things done.**

communities to operate the Hypothermia Prevention Program, offering overnight accommodations, meals and other services to the homeless.

Ralph Menzel, president of the West Springfield Rotary Club, presented Wimpey with a certificate from the Rotarians, recognizing her service to neighbors in need.

In his remarks honoring Wimpey during the breakfast, U.S. Rep. Gerry Connolly (D-11) credited her with sparking his own dedication years ago to solving the problem of

poverty and homelessness in Fairfax County, taking him and his young daughter on a “ride-along” to serve meals to area homeless. “It was eye-opening,” said Connolly. “People were literally coming up out of culverts to get a hot meal. There were men in business suits. I couldn’t believe what I was seeing in our own backyard.”

Connolly praised Wimpey and all of FACETS as being instrumental in the development of the county’s official response to the issue. During Connolly’s tenure on the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, first as Providence District supervisor and then as board chair, the county’s governing body embraced the goal, establishing an Office to Prevent and End Homelessness.

“There’s been a 47 percent reduction in homelessness in our community,” said Connolly.

“More to do, but good steps in the right direction.” Connolly also brought a recognition — an official Congressional Proclamation honoring FACETS — that received unanimous Congressional approval. “That really says something about your work. That’s not something you see these days.” Accepting the declaration was Joe Fay, executive director of FACETS, who said that the credit goes to all of the staff, volunteers and supporters of the organization. “You all give with your hearts and your hands.” Fay acknowledged that the “next 30 years will bring an even greater challenge” as the costs of housing and basic needs continue to increase. More education, training and support will be needed to help residents gain employment that will achieve FACETS’s



**Rachel and her husband came to be clients of FACETS through the winter Hypothermia Prevention program. At the event, she spoke about their struggles and ultimate successes. The couple experienced four years of housing insecurity and homelessness, despite both of them working.**

mission — a community “where everyone has a place to call home.” Fay said that the FACETS team is working to meet those increasing demands.

**THREE OF THE FACETS’ CLIENTS** agreed to tell their stories to the attendees, although without publication of their surnames.

Pam spoke for herself and her husband Chris. They had experienced almost four years of transitory housing or homelessness, even though they both worked. “It just wasn’t enough to make it,” said Pam.

Rachel, who had earned a nursing degree in Florida, fell on hard times when she escaped an untenable family situation there and moved to the area with her partner. “It was really humbling. I never thought this could happen to me. Now, I may not have much, but I have my own place and a place to put my things.” Rachel is hopeful that she will one day soon be “a nurse in one of our fine hospitals here.”

Howa, from a Somali refugee family, participated in FACETS’ youth program, crediting the staff and her mentors there with helping her to graduate from Old Dominion University. “My case worker even came on the admissions tour and asked all of the questions I never thought to ask.”

As the event concluded, the attendees were urged to sign financial commitment pledges before leaving the event. As former FACETS mentor Julie Wood said, as she provided the pledge instructions, “you see where your money goes and how much good it can do.”

## Ready for Second Annual FrogHair Golf Tournament?

Whether an old pro or new to the game, participants will have a chance to be a winner at the upcoming FrogHair Golf Tournament presented jointly by Southwestern Youth Association and Chantilly Youth Association on June 22 at Twin Lakes Golf Course. At this event, a fun twist on the

game is presented at each hole, providing both experienced and inexperienced golfers with an opportunity to win a prize. What’s more, all participants will feel like champions as they will help fund SYA and CYA youth sports scholarships, lending a hand up to those young athletes needing

financial support to play youth sports.

The event will kick off at noon with a putting and chipping contest. Then, participants will enjoy lunch before the fun begins at 1 p.m. Once on the course, golfers will experience entertaining twists and turns throughout the event: On hole two, it

is irons only, all team members use only irons/wedges for the play of this hole, including putting; on hole 12, the driver is used as a putter.

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Almost 2,000 people, including 900 singers, packed Hayfield Secondary School for the 46th annual All-County Chorale Festival.

PHOTOS BY VICTORIA ROSS

# Do-Re-Me SING!

## Voices ring for All County Choral Festival.

**T**he young singers have been honing their voices for months, singing in large and small groups every week since January.

On Saturday, they finally got the chance to showcase their work, as nearly 900 sixth-grade singers — hand-picked by their elementary school’s music teachers for their vocal talent — sang together at Hayfield Secondary School for the 46th annual All-County Choral Festival.

“It is truly an honor for the students performing today to be a member of this select group of vocalists,” said Kelly M. Harbison, president of the Fairfax General Music Educators Association and a music educator at Canterbury Woods Elementary School.

Led by guest conductor Dr. Jamie Hillman, the students sang a variety of music — from George Handel’s classic “Sing for Joy!” to Joan Varner’s “When I Am Silent,” a tribute to young Holocaust victims.

The song, and the voices of 900 sopranos, moved many in the audience to tears.

“These young singers were truly amazing,” said Hillman, who previously taught music at Phillips Academy and Boston



Nearly 900 sixth-grade singers — hand-picked by their elementary school’s music teachers for their vocal talent — sang together at Hayfield Secondary School.

University.

“They’ve only had one day to practice as a complete group, and they came together flawlessly. Their energy and enthusiasm was inspiring.”

In addition to the 900 singers, Hayfield’s auditorium was packed with twice as many family members, including School Board members, school principals and Superintendent of Schools Dr. Scott Brabrand.

“I told parents ‘prepare to be wowed by these singers.’ I think we were all blown

away by the talent and organization it took to accomplish this,” Brabrand said.

Organization was key as music teachers used songs and audience sing-offs to quickly reunite singers with their families and move 2,000 people out of the auditorium in under 15 minutes.

“The festival was a rousing success at every level. We’re all proud of these students and our music teachers for this festival,” BraBrand said.

— VICTORIA ROSS

## 14 Scholars Awarded

Fourteen Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) students have been awarded 2018 corporate-sponsored scholarships from the National Merit Scholarship Corporation. The students are part of a group of more than 1,000 National Merit finalists chosen to receive scholarships financed by corporations, company foundations, and other business organizations.

Winners of the corporate-sponsored scholarships, with their probable career fields in parentheses, are:

- ❖ Samantha Lane of Madison High School (biomedical engineering), National Merit James E. Casey Scholarship.

- ❖ Isaac Karachunsky of Marshall High School (mathematics), National Merit Northrop Grumman Scholarship.

- ❖ Grant Martin of Marshall High School (pharmaceutical science), National Merit Leidos, Inc., Scholarship.

- ❖ Julia Van Dyke of Robinson Secondary School (engineering), National Merit Leidos, Inc., Scholarship.

- ❖ Bharath Alladi of Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology (TJHSST) (neurosurgery), National Merit Leidos, Inc., Scholarship.

- ❖ Kyle Gatesman of TJHSST (computer science), National Merit Dr. James R. Schlesinger Memorial Scholarship.

- ❖ Charles Huang of TJHSST (computer science), National Merit CACI Scholarship.

- ❖ Amiti Jain of TJHSST (science-research), National Merit Dr. James R. Schlesinger Memorial Scholarship.

- ❖ Anna Lulushi of TJHSST (neuroscience), National Merit CACI Scholarship.

- ❖ Niharika Vattikonda of TJHSST (public policy), National Merit Leidos, Inc., Scholarship.

- ❖ Millan Welman of TJHSST (chemistry), National Merit Senator Charles S. Robb Scholarship.

- ❖ Anna Zhang of TJHSST (economics), National Merit Northrop Grumman Scholarship.

- ❖ Naitian Zhou of TJHSST (computer science), National Merit Citizen Watch Scholarship.

- ❖ Kate Schneider of Woodson High School (education), National Merit National Distillers Distributors Foundation Scholarship.

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Recipients can use the awards at regionally accredited U.S. colleges or universities of their choice.

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## Centreville Pedestrian Killed in Crash

Crash Reconstruction Unit detectives are investigating a fatal pedestrian accident involving a Centreville man who was hit and killed by a car.

The investigation has determined the man was hit shortly before 11 p.m. April 23 while attempting to cross Lee Highway at Stone

Road.

The driver of a 2001 Ford Mustang, which was traveling southbound on Lee Highway with the right-of-way, stayed at the scene and cooperated with investigators. The pedestrian was pronounced dead at the scene. Preliminarily, it does not appear speed was

a factor, but detectives believe alcohol may have been a factor for the pedestrian. His identity is being withheld until his family is notified.

Anyone with information about the accident is asked to contact the Fairfax County Police at 703-691-2131.



WELLBEING

# Erasing the Stigma

Mental Health advocates work to tear down barriers to treatment.

By MARILYN CAMPBELL

It was during college when Laura Greenstein began to notice that something was not quite right. “I noticed that things that were creating anxiety on a daily basis, they weren’t just situational,” she said. “My anxiety was grabbing onto anything that it could. If I was running late, I would start to panic. Any small thing became a big issue.”

“My mother has always been supportive, but when [my anxiety] got to a certain point some close friends and family began to stigmatize it,” said Greenstein, who now works for the National Association for the Mentally Ill (NAMI) in Arlington. “They would say, ‘You’re not doing enough.’ It was difficult to feel that I wasn’t being fully accepted.”

After months of therapy and recent session with a psychiatrist who prescribed medication, Greenstein said that she is beginning to feel some relief. She even began blogging about her experience. “This was my first time sharing my story,” she said. “It’s been a really validating process. Being open can really improve your outlook.”

During May, Mental Health Awareness Month, Greenstein and other mental health advocates are sharing the ways in which negative perceptions about mental illnesses can impact those who suffer from it. NAMI reports that approximately 1 in 5 adults and children in the United States are experiencing mental illness in a given year. Only 41 percent of those adults received mental health treatment, while slightly more than half of children aged 8-15 received those services. One of the roadblocks to treatment, say mental health professionals, is the stigma surrounding mental health.

“Micro-aggressions towards individuals with mental illness are very common, such as assuming that someone with a mental illness is inferior, stupid, or not in control of their own behaviors,” said Jessica McLaughlin, Ph.D., assistant professor of psychology at Montgomery College. “Because of our society’s misperceptions of mental illness, many individuals struggling with mental health problems feel ashamed and isolated. They may even feel like it is not appropriate to seek help. “[And] being on the receiving end of these hurtful comments and beliefs actually worsens symptoms.”

With a theme of “Cure Stigma,” NAMI activists are encouraging people to educate themselves and eradicate the stigma which can be a roadblock to those who suffer from mental illness to get the treatment they need. They were afraid of being labeled, so they suffered in silence.

This is particularly true with teenagers and preteens, advises Stacie Isenberg, Psy.D., a child psychologist who specializes in anxiety disorders. “A mental illness stigma may cause a teen or pre-teen to be hesitant to admit to her or himself that they are having a mental health problem, to share with a parent, teacher, or pediatrician about their problem, and to seek mental health treatment,” she said.

The stigma surrounding mental illness is an important issue that often goes unrecognized, says McLaughlin. “Individuals with mental illness face both overt and covert discrimination,” she said. “For ex-



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**Laura Greenstein is using her personal experience with anxiety to help others who suffer from mental illness.**

ample, there is an assumption that people with mental illness are violent or crazy, which is not true. However, our belief in these myths can affect someone’s ability to find employment or obtain housing.”

“Education is a powerful tool in combating mental health stigma, and community-wide, mental health awareness campaigns are helpful,” added Isenberg. “Individually, kids often search online to check out what their symptoms mean. Education from credible websites, and those of mental health organizations often provide clarity and guidance for those seeking help.”

Allowing those who might be experiencing symptoms of a mental illness to speak freely about their condition without fear of judgment can remove barriers to treatment advises McLaughlin. “That means asking how we can help, listening with an open mind, and being nonjudgmental,” she said. Sometimes it can be a tremendous help just to let someone know that they have someone to lean on and that they are not alone.”

People can also fight the stigma of mental illness by being accepting and supportive of people who are experiencing mental health issues, and by modeling this acceptance for their children, suggests Isenberg. “Employers can encourage employees to use mental health days as needed, and to permit longer lunch hours or flexible dismissal or arrival at times to accommodate therapy appointments,” she said. “Similarly, schools can work with families to allow kids to use free periods, lunch periods, etc. to attend therapy when an after-school time is not available and the need for treatment is significant.”

A family’s attitude about the mentally ill can affect a child’s willingness to ask for help, advises Isenberg. “A child who comes from a family that does not consider mental health issues to be real or problematic may be reluctant to share with her or his parents,” she said. “Similarly, kids whose friends stigmatize mental health issues, or kids who don’t talk much about personal issues with friends, are often unsure about sharing with their friends. On the contrary, kids who believe their families and friends will be sensitive and supportive to them are more likely to be open with them about any concerns they are having.”

McLaughlin says the conversation needs to happen on a national level. “One of the most important things our nation could do is make therapy services more easily accessible,” she said. “We should encourage individuals to seek treatment, not make them feel embarrassed. There is nothing more courageous than someone who is willing to advocate for their own mental health.”

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**2018 County Volunteer Service Awards**

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volunteers, who do everything from helping with technology mentoring, supporting at-risk seniors and working to combat homelessness, gave a total of 328,760 hours of service worth \$7.9 million in support of the Fairfax County community. Peggy Fox, Virginia Bureau Chief at WUSA9/CBS affiliate, served as event emcee.

Many different awards were given out, including 2018 Benchmark Awards for volunteering 100, 250, 500, or 1,000 hours; 2018 Community Champions who were selected by the Board of Supervisors honoring a volunteer in their districts who was dedicated to improving life in the county and beyond; and 2018 Competitive Awards for youth, adult, and seniors in individuals and groups.

"Today is all about recognizing the wonderful volunteers we have in Fairfax County," said Elise Neil Bengtson, CEO of Volunteer Fairfax. "We're giving them a platform so the county can understand better where volunteers fill gaps and meet the needs of the community and nonprofits at the same time. Without volunteers, we could not get everything done that we do. We have a tremendous wealth of experience and education in this area so even when you're older and retired, you can do amazing things and feel good and stay energized in this county and be an active participant."

Added Rick Garza, Volunteer Fairfax board president: "This is a signature event for Volunteer Fairfax and Fairfax County and the City of Fairfax to just honor so many people who devote their time outside of their working hours helping others, helping our community be a better place."

Board of Supervisors Chairman Sharon Bulova, who offered a Fairfax County Proclamation to

Volunteer Fairfax, which was established in 1975, added: "Fairfax County has a unique culture and that includes volunteerism through the roof ... We would not be able to do as much as we do with volunteers if we didn't have an organizational body pulling

people together, connecting people and making volunteerism happen. Congratulations Volunteer Fairfax and thank you so much for everything you do for our community."

For more on Volunteer Fairfax, visit [www.volunteerfairfax.org](http://www.volunteerfairfax.org).



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**Corporate Volunteer Program: Fannie Mae team with Board Chairman Sharon Bulova.**

In the past year, Fannie Mae employees have volunteered over 400 hours with Pathway Homes, a nonprofit organization providing housing and supportive services to adults with serious mental illness and other co-occurring disabilities in Northern Virginia. In May, over 100 Fannie Mae staff members provided landscaping at four Pathway homes where clients resided. Volunteers also assembled bathrooms sets and welcome kits for new clients moving into their new home. In total, their contribution of time and supplies estimates to over \$80,000, saving the agency funds that can be redirected to support residents. Pathway Homes also serves as a beta site for an emerging Fannie Mae Fellows program. This involves Fannie Mae

providing an employee to serve as a Fellow at no cost to Pathway Homes for three months on-site and an additional three months after returning to Fannie Mae. The Fellow, selected through a competitive process of approximately 225 eligible employees, will focus on identifying and mitigating barriers that decrease the number of affordable rental units available for special needs populations.

Pathway Homes President and CEO Dr. Sylisa Lambert-Woodard said, "Pathway Homes greatly appreciates Fannie Mae's innovative and thoughtful approach to working with nonprofits and applauds the effort they put forth to make sure the individuals served by the nonprofit truly benefit from their partnership."

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# CRIME

The following incidents were reported by the Sully District Police Station.

**MALICIOUS WOUNDING:** 14000 block of Woodland Ridge Drive, April 23, 1:56 a.m. Officers responded to the residence for a report of a shooting. The preliminary investigation revealed the victim came to the home to visit friends. When he walked down into the basement, a man pulled out a gun and shot at the victim causing a minor graze wound to his neck. The suspect fled from the house in an unknown direction.

**STOLEN VEHICLE/DWI/NARCOTICS VIOLATION/ARREST:** 13000 block of Lee Jackson Memorial Highway, April 21 around 1:15 a.m. An officer on patrol observed a vehicle swerve out of its lane. The officer ran the license plate and learned the vehicle was stolen. Before he was able to conduct a traffic stop, the driver of the stolen vehicle made a turn, pulled into a parking space, and ran towards a wooded area. Officers saturated the area and the suspect was found passed out behind a townhome by a K9 unit. An 18-year-old man of no fixed address was arrested and charged with grand larceny, receiving stolen property, possession of marijuana, two counts of credit card theft, DWI, fleeing from a law enforcement officer, and driving without a license. Other charges are also possible.

**TRAFFIC PURSUIT/DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED:** Route 28 at I-66, April 12, 3:40 a.m. An officer initiated a traffic stop but the car sped away and a chase began. The driver failed to keep the car on the road as it left Route 28 towards Westfields Boulevard and crashed into a stormwater retention pond. The car came to rest on the embankment and the driver ran away. After a short foot pursuit, officers caught a 27-year-old woman from Woodbridge and charged her with driving while intoxicated – second offense within 5 years, disregarding police signal to stop, driving on a revoked license – second offense, and refusal of blood or breath test.

**BURGLARY:** 4100 Chantilly Lace Court, April 10 between 8:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. Someone entered the residence and stole property. Detectives are investigating.

**BURGLARY:** 5600 Block of Gosling Drive, April 9, 7 p.m. A person entered the residence and stole property.

## APRIL 30 LARCENIES

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## Westfields Triathlon This Sunday

The Westfields Triathlon is Sunday, May 6, at 7 a.m. The race starts and ends at the Cub Run Rec Center, 4630 Stonecroft Blvd. in Chantilly, and is organized by the Westfields Business Owners Association. Proceeds benefit Team Rubicon and PRS (Psychiatric Rehabilitation Services). Register at <http://rev3tri.com/westfields/registration/>.

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## You Mean Next Week Tuesday?



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

Today, Sunday, April 22, I am not on any real – or imagined, deadline pressure, quite different than my previous column (“You Mean Tomorrow Tuesday?”), published April 25. This column isn’t due until nine days from now, since my copy editor returns from vacation that Tuesday. And of course, since there’s no abbreviated/immediate-type deadline, and it’s a relatively quiet weekend at home (as opposed to the “triple threat” Tuesday I wrote about last week), Chino, in addition to any of our other four cats, are nowhere to be found. Certainly, they’re all sleeping. I mean, it is 12:30 pm. In fact, as I get up to investigate, Chino is sleeping on the very same chair he ended up on last week. This week however, when I have minimal deadline pressure, Chino has minimal Kenny interest. At present, he is not the least bit involved in the creative process, other than as a point of reference, that is.

And just as Chino is minding his own business – for now, I am able to mind mine and stay on task. It is so much easier to do so when my writing pad is not the exact midpoint and/or crossroads for where Chino is and for where he wants to be. Therefore, I have no excuses for not maintaining a creative flow as pen is put to paper. No cat interruptions or interference whatsoever. To quote my late father, I have no “encumbrances” – at the moment. More so even than Chino walking right to left across my desk (and back of course). I just received an email from my oncologist, yes on the weekend, telling me that my two scans taken on Wednesday, April 18, continue to show “stable.” News, with which I’m extremely fond of writing – properly, I can live. As much as I could likewise live with tumor “shrinkage” as well, I am ALWAYS pleased when I see my new favorite word: “stable,” in any communication from my doctor. For a cancer patient still undergoing treatment – as I am, or for any cancer patient in remission, a “stable” result is hardly the problem. The problem is growth and/or movement or appearance elsewhere in the body. (For lung cancer patients, movement to the brain, which occurs in approximately 30 percent of patients, is the predominant worry. As such, I get a brain MRI regularly.) So, no scan-result pressure. No post-chemo side-effect pressure. No newspaper and/or deadline pressure. And no cat-related pressure compounding any of the aforementioned pressures. Ergo, the ‘pressure’ is officially off. And when the ‘pressure’ is off, my creativeness is on. Though this may not be the best column I’ve ever written, it’s certainly been one with the least amount of ‘encumbrances.’

And speaking of my father, Barry, who died in 2006, and now my mother, Celia, who died two years later, almost to the day, what I am particularly grateful for is the timing of my diagnosis/prognosis: it all happened after they had died. They never knew. My first symptom manifested four weeks after my widowed mother was laid to rest. They both know now though as I regularly update them when I visit their gravesites at the cemetery. And though the conversations are mostly one-sided, still, it brings me comfort and a peculiar sort of joy to share the details of my treatment and the miscellaneous pressures I experience, some of which I’ve mentioned and some of which I haven’t. Many of those my parents knew about, and were often topics of discussion – while they were alive.

I was lucky then and I continue to be lucky now. Great parents before and an amazingly fortunate post-cancer-diagnosis after. Whoever I have to thank: thank you.

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# ENTERTAINMENT

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## THURSDAY-SUNDAY/MAY 3-6

**Centreville Library Book Sale.** Thursday, noon-8:30 p.m.; Friday, 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m.; and Sunday, 1-3 p.m. at Centreville Regional Library, 14200 St. Germain Drive, Centreville. Proceeds benefit the library and its patrons. Free admission. For more information call the library at 703-830-2223 or visit [friendsofcentrevillelibrary.blogspot.com](http://friendsofcentrevillelibrary.blogspot.com).

## FRIDAY-SUNDAY/MAY 4-6

**Chantilly Library Book Sale.** Friday, May 4, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; Saturday, May 5, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sunday, May 6, 1-4 p.m. Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road, Chantilly. Great selection of gently used books, DVDs, CDs and audio books for children and adults. Sponsored by Friends of the Chantilly Regional Library. Free admission. Call 703-502-3883 or visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/events](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/events).

## SATURDAY/MAY 5

**Civil War Fortifications Tour.** 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m., meet for a brief orientation at 8 a.m. at the Fairfax Station Railroad Museum, 11200 Fairfax Station Road, Fairfax Station. Blake Myers, noted Civil War Historian, will lead a tour of Civil War fortifications in the Clifton area as well as Centreville's Confederate Military Railroad, Saint John's Church and cemetery, Mount Gilead and several other preserved Civil War fortifications. \$20 for Museum members, \$30 for non-members. Visit [www.fairfax-station.org/tours.html](http://www.fairfax-station.org/tours.html) or call 703-425-9225.

**Annual Plant Sale.** 9 a.m.-noon in front of Giant Food, 5615 Stone Road, Sully Station, Centreville. Perennials, annuals and herbs for sale by Centreville Garden Club. Proceeds maintain planter boxes at Sully Governmental Center and other civic projects. Learn more at [centrevillegardenclub.blogspot.com](http://centrevillegardenclub.blogspot.com), email



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## Jazz & Pizzazz

With songs and dances by the ShowStoppers and music by the Chantilly Jazz, the 32<sup>nd</sup> annual Jazz & Pizzazz extravaganza takes this stage this week at Chantilly High. Show times are Friday-Saturday, May 4-5, at 7 p.m.; tickets are \$10 and are available at [www.chantillychoral.org](http://www.chantillychoral.org).

[centrevillegardenclub@gmail.com](mailto:centrevillegardenclub@gmail.com) or call 703-830-3271.

**Derby Day in Centreville.** 5:30-7 p.m. at Alto Plaza, 5800 Old Centreville Road, Centreville. NOVA GOP PAC Kentucky Derby Day Fundraiser. Be on the Host Committee as a sponsor of the event for as little as \$100 which includes 2 tickets to the event. Consider joining the Host Committee at the higher levels, such as Patron (\$250-5 tickets), Benefactor (\$500-10 tickets) or Co-Host (\$1,000-20 tickets). Donate online at <https://www.campaigncontribution.com/contribution.asp?id=1556&jid=> or by mailing a check to NorthernVirginiaGOP.com, 13680 Bent Tree Circle, #403, Centreville, VA 20121. Call 703-502-0161.

**Clifton 5K Run.** 6-9 p.m. in the Town of Clifton, at the intersection of Clifton Road, Newman Road and Main Street. Calling all runners and walkers – register for the 21st Annual Clifton Caboose Twilight Run, a 5K run and a 1-mile run/walk that winds its way through scenic Virginia horse country. The family-friendly event includes a post-race party with refreshments and live music. 5k run, \$21; 1-mile fun run/walk, \$15. Visit [www.signmeup.com/123989](http://www.signmeup.com/123989) to register by Wednesday, May 2; after May 2, register on site. Call 703-968-0740 or visit [www.cliftonva.org/events/clifton-5k-race](http://www.cliftonva.org/events/clifton-5k-race).

**Festival to Fight Cancer.** 6:30 p.m. at Centreville High School track, 6001 Union Mill Road, Clifton. Centreville's Wildcats vs. Cancer club is holding a neon, nighttime, glow run featuring a 1-mile fun run/walk and 2-mile race. The fun includes a dance party on the infield, DIY glow face-painting, a selfie station with props, vendors, raffle-prize drawings and free, post-race food and beverages. Prizes will be awarded for the best glowing costumes. Signups are now open to participate at [runsignup.com/Race/VA/Clifton/FestivaltoFightCancer](http://runsignup.com/Race/VA/Clifton/FestivaltoFightCancer). Registration is \$20 and, this year, all proceeds will go to Team Mathias ([www.teammathias.org/](http://www.teammathias.org/)). Email [wildcatsvscancer@gmail.com](mailto:wildcatsvscancer@gmail.com) for more.

## SATURDAY-SUNDAY/MAY 5-6

**Two-Day HO Gauge Model Train Show.** Saturday, noon-5 p.m.; Sunday, noon-4 p.m. at the Fairfax Station Railroad Museum, 11200 Fairfax Station Road, Fairfax Station. The Fairfax Station Railroad Museum

will host the Potomac Module Crew and their HO Gauge model trains. 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.

## WEDNESDAY/MAY 9

**Shore Stories.** 6:30-9 p.m. at Centreville Library, 14200 St. Germaine Drive, Centreville. Join us for a Special Screening and Discussion of Shore Stories, exposing the impacts of offshore drilling on coastal communities and the climate. Free. Email [cscarver27@gmail.com](mailto:cscarver27@gmail.com) or visit [virginia2.sierraclub.org/](http://virginia2.sierraclub.org/).

## SATURDAY/MAY 12

**Liberty Vendor Fair.** 11 a.m.-4 p.m.



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Boys racing round and round at the Cub Carnival.

## Cub Scout Carnival

Games, prizes, and fun. Pack 1860 invites boy and now girls (K-5th grades) and their families for a fun evening at a scout-run carnival. Come learn about Cub Scouts – now open to boys and girls. Wednesday, May 16, 7-8 p.m. at Union Mill Elementary School, 13611 Springstone Drive, Clifton. Free. Email [akela@pack1860.org](mailto:akela@pack1860.org) for more.



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