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At 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, December 12, 2019, Fairfax Water will conduct a public hearing on its Proposed Schedule of Rates, Fees, and Charges. The hearing will be held in Fairfax Water's offices at 8570 Executive Park Avenue, Fairfax, VA.

The proposed changes, to be effective April 1, 2020, include the following:

1. An increase in the Availability Charge from \$4,260 to \$4,320¹.
2. An increase in the Local Facilities Charge from \$15,285 to \$18,030.
3. An increase in the Service Connection Charge from \$1,300 to \$1,370¹.
4. An increase in the Account Charge from \$39 to \$40.
5. An increase in the Quarterly Billing Service Charge from \$12.20 to \$14.40¹.
6. An increase in the base Commodity Charge from \$3.07 to \$3.20 per 1,000 gallons of water.
7. An increase in the Peak Use Charge from \$3.80 to \$3.85.
8. An increase in the Turn Off / Turn On Charge from \$48 to \$49.
9. An increase in the Fees for Use of Fairfax Water Fire Hydrants to include the increase in the Commodity Charge and the Peak Use Charge.
10. A decrease in the Overhead Charge for Labor from 105% to 104% and the Overhead Charge for Materials from 16% to 13%.
11. An increase in the Installation of Sewer Use Meter Charge from \$38 to \$39.

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

Fairfax Water is also proposing a \$192.5 million budget for calendar year 2020¹. Water sales are expected to provide \$166.2 million and the remaining \$26.3 million is expected from connection charges, investment income and other sources.

The major areas of operation and maintenance expense are:

Category	-- \$1,000s --	
	2019	2020
Personal Services & Employee Benefits	\$ 56,839	\$ 60,020
Power and Utilities	10,890	11,060
Chemicals	7,241	7,878
Purchased Water	7,510	7,812
Supplies and Materials	5,418	5,713
Insurance	991	1,165
Fuel	685	730
Postage	612	622
Contractual Services	12,635	13,103
Professional Services	829	1,290
Other	2,353	2,562
Sub-Total	106,003	111,955
Transfer to Improvement Fund	(10,380)	(10,313)
Total	\$ 95,623	\$ 101,642

Net revenues are expected to be appropriated as follows:

Debt Payment	\$43,000,000
Improvement Fund	\$11,000,000
General Fund	\$36,099,000

¹ Fairfax Water's Board will continue to monitor economic factors and review revenues and expenditures at mid-year to determine if additional action is needed.

A copy of the proposed changes can be viewed on our website at www.fairfaxwater.org/rates. Those wishing to speak at this hearing or desiring a copy of the proposed changes should call Ms. Karen Barnette at 703-289-6029. Interested parties may submit written comments to PublicHearingComments@fairfaxwater.org or mail written comments to:

Fairfax Water
Public Hearing Comments
8570 Executive Park Avenue
Fairfax, VA 22031

All written comments must be received by close of business on **Wednesday, December 11, 2019** to be included in the record of the public hearing.

'There's a Family Whose Hearts Are Broken'

17 years in prison for 17-year-old's murder.

BY BONNIE HOBBS
THE CONNECTION

Before Fairfax City's Uriel Josaphat Espinosa Cruz was sentenced for killing Centreville High student Matthew Ortega, the victim's siblings told the judge how his death affected them.

"Matthew was my little brother," said Johnny Ortega. "There are no words to describe this immeasurable pain and incredible loss. Words can't replace a brother, a friend, a son."

Likewise, said Matthew's older sister, Margarita Ortega, "My world has been changed forever because he was so senselessly and cruelly taken from me. I'm overwhelmed with pain and grief, especially when my 6-year-old daughter and 4-year-old son ask where their uncle is."

And while the hole in their hearts will always remain, there is some justice in the world. Last Friday, Nov. 15, in Fairfax County Circuit Court, Espinosa Cruz was sentenced to 17 years in prison.

THE TRAGEDY occurred Feb. 13, 2018, when Ortega was 17 and Espinosa Cruz, 18. And after two eyewitnesses told police what happened that night – obtaining immunity from prosecution for themselves – Espinosa Cruz pleaded guilty, Sept. 9, to second-degree murder.

Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney Kathleen Bilton then explained the case against him. She said a paperboy called 911 after finding Ortega's body in the road, the next day, just after 5 a.m., in front of 13506 Jeb Stuart Square in Centreville.

"He was lying on his stomach with blood coming from his head," she said. But Ortega had no ID on him, so police didn't know who he was. "Det. Aaron Spooner got a list of absentee students and determined it was Matthew, and his mother confirmed it," said Bilton. "The medical examiner said cause of death was a single gunshot wound to the top of the head with a .40-caliber bullet."

She said nearby residents heard a scream, the night before, around 10:15 p.m., and detectives found a pill bottle containing just under 2 grams of marijuana in Ortega's pants pocket. Then, said Bilton, "A friend said he knew Matthew and that Uriel had confessed to killing him and said he'd buried the gun somewhere far away."

Ortega was actually shot inside a car and his body dumped on the ground afterward. He was in the back seat, with Espinosa Cruz next to him and two other people – Enrique Rivera, 18, and a teen nicknamed Peanut – in the front. Rivera presented details of the crime during Espinosa Cruz's preliminary hearing.

Rivera said he was driving around in his mother's car that night, smoking marijuana with Espinosa Cruz and Peanut when "Uriel said he wanted to rob somebody who had



Uriel Espinosa Cruz



The victim, Matthew Ortega

weed; he said it would be easy." So they contacted Ortega, who told them where he was in Centreville.

"There were people around, so I drove across the street because I knew Uriel was going to rob Matthew," said Rivera. He kept the motor running and, he said, less than a minute after Ortega got inside the car, he was dead.

"Uriel pulled out a gun from his waistband and pointed it near Matthew's chest," said Rivera. "I saw it in the rearview mirror. Matthew put up his hands, palms out in front of him, and said, 'Stop, chill, chill.' That's when Uriel shot Matthew in the head. I never expected Uriel to shoot him."

Afterward, continued Rivera, "Uriel said, 'He's bleeding, he's bleeding.'" So they pulled Ortega out of the car, placed him on the ground and drove to Safeway to buy cleaning supplies to erase the evidence of the crime inside the car. Said Rivera: "We all cleaned the blood off the back seat and the floor."

Espinosa Cruz later said he didn't mean to pull the trigger. But, said Bilton, both witnesses said he still wanted to take the marijuana from Ortega's pocket afterward, but they told him not to.

In court last Friday, Ortega's siblings read their victim-impact statements. Johnny Ortega was away at college at VCU when, he said, news of his brother's death "shattered my family to pieces. Things were already difficult for my mom because we'd just lost my dad to cancer. I called her on Valentine's Day to tell her I loved her, and she said Matthew didn't come home and she couldn't reach him."

Then, said Johnny, "I saw a news article about a body found in Centreville, with a picture of a hoodie that looked just like his. The next day, my family said, 'Come home.' And when I did, the first thing I heard was my mother crying in agony. My little brother was dead, and his future had been snatched away from him."

"I lost laughter, birthdays, songs and the pleasure of everyday life because Matthew's life was cruelly and carelessly ripped away," he continued. "This was supposed to be a year of celebration for him – senior pictures, prom and graduation. Today – 630 days from his murder – this pain is still with me

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The Chantilly show choir, dance team and cheerleaders gave attendees a rousing welcome.



These WWII veterans and their wives are ready to see the show. Frank Cohn (in suit) was the keynote speaker.

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‘Their Patriotism Meant Everything to Me’

Chantilly pyramid schools honor local veterans.

BY BONNIE HOBBS
THE CONNECTION

They heard the cheering even before they reached the entrance to Chantilly High, and once inside, attendees were greeted by students applauding them enthusiastically and holding signs of welcome and appreciation.

That was the scene, last Tuesday night, Nov. 12, when all nine schools in the Chantilly pyramid banded together for a special event honoring local veterans and active-duty military personnel. Organizing it was Chantilly student Madeleine LeBeau, president of iWitnessed iRemember.

She founded the nonprofit after being inspired by the annual, “iWitness to History Day” held by history teacher Jamie Sawatzky when she was a student at Rocky



Madeleine LeBeau



Frank Cohn



Chantilly High's ShowStoppers wow the crowd during the veterans' event at their school.

Run Middle School. During that event, eyewitnesses to WWII and other wars share their firsthand experiences with the students.

LeBeau wants today's teens to be able to meet WWII participants so they may learn from them and carry forward their ideals.

So her organization hosts various events nationwide to promote the legacy of these American heroes. Last week's celebration featured special musical performances, tributes and a dessert reception sponsored by Mission BBQ, Wegmans and The Cupcake Delivers.

In light of the upcoming 75th anniversary of the end of World War II, the evening focused on the service of World War II veterans and saluted men and women in all branches of the military. Besides Chantilly, schools participating were Rocky Run and Franklin middle schools, and Brookfield, Poplar Tree, Lees Corner, Greenbriar East and West, and Oak Hill elementaries.

ROCKY RUN'S SHOW CHOIR opened the program by singing, “Hallelujah, I Just Love Her So,” and members of Chantilly's Air Force JROTC presented the colors. Then Chantilly's Chamber Chorale sang the National Anthem.

“I'm proud that this event was initiated by a Chantilly High student, Madeleine LeBeau,” said Chantilly Principal Scott Poole. “She's truly an extraordinary young lady, and we thank you [and everyone else involved] for your hard work and dedication to make this a reality.”

Poole then told the audience about his friend's father – a fighter pilot who died in Vietnam when his friend was just 18 months

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The Chantilly ShowStoppers performing, “It Don't Mean a Thing.”



Poplar Tree's choir sings an Armed Forces medley.

CALENDAR

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

Holidays and Christmas

NOV. 22 TO JAN. 5

Bull Run Festival of Lights. 5:30-9:30 p.m. Mon.-Thurs.; 5:30-10 p.m. Fri.-Sun. and holidays. At Bull Run Regional Park, 7700 Bull Run Drive, Centreville. Every year from Thanksgiving through New Year's Day, visitors can drive through the Bull Run Festival of Lights. It stretches 2.5 miles and is illuminated by holiday light displays. After viewing the festival of lights, visitors may go to the holiday village to enjoy rides, refreshments, and photos with Santa Claus (holiday village open select nights). Visit the website: <https://www.novaparks.com/events/bull-run-festival-of-lights>

SATURDAY/NOV. 23

"The Nutcracker in a Shell." 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. At Freedom High School, 25450 Riding Center Plaza, South Riding. Nutcracker in a Shell: Clara's Wish – The Institute of Performing Arts for Youth at Creative Dance Center presents a delightful journey through the four realms where Clara rediscovers the joy of Christmas. Cost: \$10/student and seniors, \$15/adults. Visit the website: www.ipayouth.com/nutcracker

FRIDAY/NOV. 29

"The Nutcracker." At Hylton Performing Arts Center, Merchant Hall, 10960 George Mason Circle, Manassas. 2 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Presented by the Virginia National Ballet. Treat yourself to Virginia National Ballet's full-length, traditional production of "The Nutcracker." Featuring gorgeous scenery, costumes, and choreography, enjoy world-class professional, international dancers accompanied by the students of Virginia National Ballet School. VNB is led by Artistic Director Rafik Hegab, 2019 Winner of the Seefeldt Award for Outstanding Individual Artist. Tickets: \$37 adults, \$25 children (ages 17 and under). Visit www.virginianationalballet.org.

FRIDAY/NOV. 29

Reston Holiday Parade. 10 a.m. At Reston Town Center, Reston. The 29th annual Reston Holiday Parade – one of USA Today's 10 Best – plus tree lighting, sing-along, horse-drawn carriage rides, and more all day. Rain or shine. Schedule: 12:30 – 4:30 p.m.: Visits and photos with Santa & Mrs. Claus; 11 a.m. – 6 p.m.: Mini-train rides on Market Street; 5 p.m.: Dance Performance at Fountain Square; 6– 6:30 p.m.: Tree Lighting & Sing Along; 6:30– 10 p.m.: Horse-drawn Carriage Rides. Visit www.restontowncenter.com/holidays.

DEC. 7-8

"The Nutcracker." Saturday at 8 p.m.; Sunday at 3 p.m. At Centreville High School, 6001 Union Mill Road, Clifton. Mia Saunders School of Ballet presents "The Nutcracker." The 2019 production marks the first for new MSB Artistic Director Hannah Woodruff, an alumna of MSB and 2017 graduate of University of Virginia. Proceeds for this annual giving tradition will benefit CVHS Drama Scholarships and the Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research. Enjoy this holiday classic with your family and support local dancers and CVHS students. Tickets are \$12, (cash or checks payable to CVHS Drama Boosters only) and are available at the door. Visit the website: <http://miasaundersballet.com/>

SATURDAY/DEC. 14

Holiday Ice Show. 6:30-8 p.m. At Ion International Training Center, 19201 Compass Creek Pkwy., Leesburg. The Snow Story is a Holiday Ice Show featuring the Loudoun Ballet, 21st Battalion Grey Coats Fife & Drum Band and Four-Time World Champion Kurt Browning. Cost is \$20-\$30. Visit the website: www.ionitc.com.



Students from the Mia Saunders School of Ballet perform the classic Battle Scene from "The Nutcracker."

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Events in Alexandria

FRIDAY/NOV. 29

Black Friday Alexandria. Held in Old Town Alexandria and Del Ray. Alexandria's alternative Black Friday experience features more than 40 independent boutiques kicking off the holiday shopping season with one-of-a-kind deals on designer and coveted merchandise, including home décor, chic fashions, gourmet food, classic toys and gifts for dogs. Store offers vary, with special discounts throughout the day and more than 10 boutiques opening by 7 a.m., including fibre space, Pacers, The Shoe Hive, Red Barn Mercantile and Bloomers. Visit the website: www.visitalexandriava.com/blackfriday or visit www.visitalexandriava.com/holidays.

FRIDAY-SATURDAY/DEC. 6-7

The Scottish Christmas Walk Weekend. At various Old Town Alexandria locations. The Campagna Center presents the 49th Annual Scottish Christmas Walk Weekend and Parade. The parade is Dec. 7 at 11 a.m. and begins at St. Asaph and Wolfe Streets and concludes at Market Square with a massed band concert. Admission: Free for parade and Heather and Greens Sales; \$180-\$290 for Taste of Scotland; \$40 for Holiday Home Tours. In 1749, the City of Alexandria was officially established by three Scottish merchants and named after its original founder, John Alexander, also of Scottish descent. Through your support of the events of The Scottish Christmas Walk Weekend, you provide vital support to Campagna Center programs that serve more than 2,000 children, teens, and adults throughout the year. Visit the website: <https://www.campagnacenter.org/scottishwalkweekend>

SATURDAY/DEC. 7

Boat Parade of Lights. Parade begins at 5:30 p.m.; Dockside festivities 2 to 8 p.m. At Waterfront Park, 1 King Street, Alexandria. Parade viewing areas: Founders Park (351 N. Union St.), Alexandria City Marina (0 Cameron St.), Waterfront Park (1 King St. and 1A Prince St.), Point Lumley Park (1 Duke St.), Shipyard/Harborside Park (1 Wilkes St.), Windmill Hill Park (501 S. Union St.) and Ford's Landing Park (99 Franklin St.). Admission: Free; \$ for food/drink and some activities. Visit www.visitalexandriava.com/boatparade Schedule in Old Town (2 to 8 p.m.)

- ❖ Holiday music and giveaways from 97.1 WASH-FM
- ❖ Letters to Santa postcard station from Penny Post
- ❖ Holiday ornament activity from AR Workshop Alexandria (2 to 4 p.m.)
- ❖ Bookmark making station from Old Town Books (4:30 to 8 p.m.)

- ❖ Torpedo Factory Art Center Holiday Festival
- ❖ Santa arrives by fireboat at the Alexandria City Marina (3:30 p.m.)
- ❖ Alexandria Holiday Boat Parade of Lights begins (5:30 p.m.)

TUESDAY/DEC. 31

First Night Alexandria. 6 p.m. to 1 a.m. At venues throughout Old Town Alexandria. This 25th Anniversary Celebration is the largest New Year's Eve party in the D.C. region that is safe and fun for the entire family and culminates with a fantastic fireworks finale over the Potomac River at midnight. Kids Karnivals: 6 to 9 p.m. at four warm indoor venues in Old Town, Del Ray and the West End. Live Entertainment: 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. at warm indoor venues throughout Old Town Alexandria. Rockin' on the River: 10 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Waterfront Park, 1 King St., Alexandria. Midnight fireworks: Potomac River at the foot of King St., Alexandria. All Access Admission: \$25 through November 30, 2019; \$30 December 1-30, 2019; \$35 December 31, 2019; Kids Karnival is \$5 for children ages 2-12 and free for parents and infants. Call 703-963-3755 or visit firstnightalexandria.org.

Calendar

MONDAY/DEC. 2

African-American Genealogy. 7-8:30 p.m. at Centreville Regional Library, 14200 St. Germain Drive, Centreville. An African-American Genealogy study group meets the first Monday of the month (except September and November). Participation in the study group is free but registration is requested. To register, or for more information, visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/events or call 703-830-2223.

DEC. 6-7

Mesdames de la Halles. Dec. 6 at 8 p.m.; Dec. 7 at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. At Hylton Performing Arts Center, Gregory Family Theater, 10960 George Mason Circle, GMU Campus in Manassas. Celebrate the joy of the Holiday season and join Mason Opera for a production of Mesdames de la Halles, a comic one-act opérette bouffe by Jacques Offenbach, with libretto by Armand Lapointe. First performed in Paris in 1859, this comedy revolves around the competitive street vendors of a famous Parisian fruit and vegetable market, "La Halle." All the women vendors have fallen head over heels in love with the handsome kitchen boy, Croûte-au-pot, and they compete for his attention. Croûte-au-pot however loves the beautiful fruit vendor, Ciboulette. After a comedy of errors and misplaced identity, true love triumphs. Tickets are \$15 for Adults, \$10 for seniors, \$5 for youth,

and may be purchased in person, by phone, and online. To purchase in person, visit the Center for the Arts Box Office located on George Mason University's Fairfax campus or Hylton Performing Arts Center Box Office located on the George Mason University Manassas campus. Tickets may be purchased by phone at 703-993-2787 or 703-993-7759. To purchase online, visit cfa.gmu.edu or hyltoncenter.org.

JAN. 17-26

Joshua's Hands Quilting Event. Location TBA in Purcellville. Joshua's Hands is a non-profit in Loudoun County that hosts free quilting events to support wounded servicepeople. Joshua's Hands will host 10 days of quilting fun to make handmade quilts for servicemen and women wounded while serving our country. All are welcome. No sewing experience or registration needed. All materials are provided but donations are appreciated. Come for an hour or the day. Monday-Saturdays 9 a.m.-9 p.m.; Sundays 1-9 p.m. Purcellville. Check website for exact location. Info@JoshuasHands.org, or call 540-454-7827, or visit www.JoshuasHands.org.

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 or call 703-322-4475 for more.

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

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

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

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

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 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.

Westfield Beats Wakefield, Advances to 2nd Round

Undefeated Bulldogs (11-0) to face South Lakes next...

The Wakefield Warriors (5-5) took on the home team Westfield Bulldogs (10-0) in a 1st round playoff game on Friday, Nov. 15.

The Warriors would strike first in the quarter when Camron Johnson rushed in from about 5 yards out with 6:30 to play on the opening quarter and Wakefield was up 7-0 after a successful PAT. Avery Howard's 25-yard touchdown reception from Noah Kim and a successful PAT evened up the score at 7 with 4:35.

Mikal Legall would rush in for the first of his three running TD's from 3 yards out, just 5 seconds played in the 2nd quarter. Westfield would now take the lead for good, 14-7. ET Bushra then took a punt return 55 yards for a touchdown with 10:10 to play before halftime, the lead increasing to 20-7. The PAT was unsuccessful. Alex Richards then took a pass from Noah Kim 13 yards for a touchdown, and again the PAT was unsuccessful. The score was now 26-7. Westfield's kicker Deshawn Paige then kicked a 29-yard field goal to increase the lead to 29-7.

Mikal Legall added his 2nd and 3rd touchdowns of the game in the 3rd quarter. The first came with 10:59 to play in the 3rd quarter. The second TD came with 6:32 to play in the 3rd, the score was now 42-7.

With the 42-7 win, Westfield (11-0) advances to the 2nd round where they will take on South Lakes (7-4).

South Lakes defeated Chantilly in double OT 43-40.

Wakefield ends their season at (5-6). Noah Kim completed 12-14 passes for 187 yards and 2 TD's. Mikal Legall carried the ball 14 times for 111 yards and 3 TD's. Alex Richard had 5 receptions for 94 yards and a TD. Avery Howard caught 5 passes for 76 yards and a TD.

—WILL PALENSCAR



ET Bushra #6 punt return for a touchdown.

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WILL PALENSCAR
THE CONNECTION

Mikal Legall carried the ball 14 times for 111 yards and 3 touchdowns.



ET Bushra had big game including punt return for a touchdown.



Camron Johnson #29 is in for Wakefield's only points.

Chantilly Pyramid Schools Honor Veterans

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old. "But his dad was Missing in Action until 2016, when his remains were found in a jungle in Laos," said Poole. "He was later buried with full military honors in Arlington National Cemetery."

Poole attended and called the funeral "one of the most moving experiences of my life and a testament to the life he led. And to the veterans here tonight, we thank you for giving your service and inspiring us to give back for the greater good. You make us proud."

Poplar Tree's choir performed two songs, including an Armed Forces medley featuring the songs of each branch of the service. Then LeBeau and co-emcee Matthew Mendoza had audience members stand to be applauded as their particular branch was named. Next, Chantilly's Choir Ensemble sang the WWII song, "I'll be Seeing You."

GIVING THE KEYNOTE address was retired Army Col. Frank Cohn, 94. A Jewish youth growing up in Nazi Germany, he and his family came to the U.S. as refugees and he became an American

citizen and joined the Army. He fought in the Battle of the Bulge and later served in Korea and other places before retiring in 1978. Cohn told the crowd how much he appreciated the welcome he and his fellow veterans received that night at Chantilly, "just for being vets." And as he said that, another veteran shouted out, "Amen."

During WWII, since he spoke German, Cohn worked in Army Intelligence, and he talked about going to the Elbe River, which was the demarcation line. "I was just 19, and I made friends there with a Russian soldier who was glad the Germans were gone and the war was almost over," said Cohn. "The Russians heartily welcomed the Americans." Sixty years later, in 2005, he was invited to Moscow to celebrate the anniversary of crossing the Elbe. And, said Cohn, "The Russians still treated us royally and as friends."

Next, he and the other WWII veterans at Chantilly were honored by name – Sig Alman and Genevieve Desmarais, Navy; David Mbau, Air Force; and George Desmarais and Lee Smith, Army – and were given gift bags containing items from the school and local merchants. Then, after the

various principals gave them hundreds of cards made by the students, thanking them for their service, these veterans received a standing ovation from the entire audience.

Onstage next was the Chantilly ShowStoppers choral group performing "It Don't Mean a Thing," followed by a musical rendition of "The Chicken" by the Chantilly Jazz Combo. Then teachers and volunteers who are also veterans were honored, and the Chantilly Chamber Orchestra performed the song, "Shenandoah," plus "An Armed Forces Tribute."

IN CLOSING, LeBeau thanked Poole, all the participating schools and the student committee members who made the event possible. To the veterans, she said, "Thank you for what you've done so we may learn and grow in peace."

Afterward, two of the veterans explained what this program – and the recognition – meant to them. Richard Ford, of Chantilly's Poplar Tree community, served 26 years in the Air Force before retiring in 1989 as a colonel. During Vietnam, he was a logistician in the Pacific, keeping the planes flying. Calling the veterans event "fantastic,"

he said, "Seeing the kids learning the military songs was really nice – and you can imagine all the work it took to put this on. It was also nice to have all the schools and different ages of students involved. It means a lot; and, of course, I was glad to see their Air Force JROTC, too."

Another Air Force veteran, Bob O'Such, who also retired as a colonel in 1989, served 23 years overall. He was a pilot in Vietnam and was later the advance pilot for Air Force One during the Reagan, Ford and Carter presidencies.

Regarding the Chantilly event, he said, "This was a fabulous program. I was very impressed with these young people who showed superior patriotism and pride of country, all the way from the teachers to the students. It meant everything to me."

O'Such said the Air Force taught him teamwork and loyalty. In Vietnam, he said, "It was incredible, the number of young people who lost their lives on their first mission and weren't supported by many of the nonmilitary youths at home. So seeing the patriotism exhibited here by the students is very fulfilling."



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NEWS

Espinosa Cruz Sentenced To 17 Years in Prison

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and will never leave.”

Margarita Ortega said, “Whenever I see my mother cry because she misses Matthew, I tell her he’s skateboarding in heaven, because that was his passion. He was on the A-B honor roll at Centreville High and wanted to become an attorney and help people. But he’ll never get to accomplish his dreams, get married or have children.”

Calling Matthew “the embodiment of what’s right in this world,” she said, “I always thought we’d die of old age together; I never thought he’d be taken so soon. When he was murdered, a piece of my heart was taken with him. Today and for the rest of my life, I’m mourning the loss of my baby brother. Nothing can bring him back – all we want is justice for him.”

THE STATE SENTENCING GUIDELINES for Espinosa Cruz ranged from 13-21 years, with a midpoint of 17, and Bilton asked that he receive a “significant period of prison time. Matthew was a kind boy, humble, respectful, loyal – a good student with a bright future. But on Feb. 13, 2018, his light was extinguished by this defendant.”

She noted that, in a document Espinosa Cruz wrote about himself for the court, he described his “lack of respect” for others. “He pulled a toy gun on a child in elementary school as a prank; and when it didn’t work, he ordered others to beat him up,” said Bilton. “He later robbed people of money and weed; and at age 18, he committed murder. He may not have planned to shoot him, but he pulled out a gun and ended Matthew’s life – a life full of promise, joy and hope.”

Noting Espinosa Cruz’s abusive childhood, defense

attorney Mike Chick said it “doesn’t excuse what he did,” but if he grew up in a loving, supportive home, he might not have committed this “accidental homicide.” He said Espinosa Cruz was born into a world so violent that his mother left him at age 6 to be raised by his “drunken, abusive father. He became addicted to marijuana as a child as the only way of escaping his reality.”

Chick also said his client was diagnosed with complex PTSD, but never received treatment. And because of his conviction and lack of U.S. citizenship, he’s now subject to deportation. Chick then asked for a 10-year sentence.

But Judge Thomas Mann had the last word. “This defendant doesn’t value life, peace and dignity,” he said. “If it wasn’t Matthew Ortega, it would have been another person you killed. This defendant is a taker; he doesn’t think of others, but only of his own needs.

“He took out a loaded gun, cocked it and pointed it at Matthew’s head. I believe he didn’t mean to pull the trigger – and yet, he still wanted to rob a dying person. This defendant said he had a gun since age 15 and was involved in a couple shootouts at age 14. So at 18, he was legally an adult, but immature, and basked in his reputation as a tough guy. Even in jail – knowing this day was coming – he got disciplinary charges.”

Meanwhile, said Mann, “There’s a family whose hearts are broken. The court hopes Matthew’s family [eventually] finds some peace.” He then sentenced Espinosa Cruz to 40 years in prison, suspending 23, leaving 17 years to serve. Mann also placed him on 20 years’ active probation. Finally, he told Espinosa Cruz, “Today has been about your sentencing, but I want everybody to remember this name: Matthew Ortega.”

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NOW THRU JAN. 27

HOPE for Mental Health. 7-8:30 p.m. At Centreville Presbyterian Church, 15450 Lee Highway, Centreville. HOPE for Mental Health is a support group for adults 18-plus who are dealing with mental health challenges of

various kinds. The group is designed to provide a welcoming, confidential, supportive, and spiritually-enriching environment where participants are encouraged to share their experiences, give and receive comfort and encouragement, and learn how faith and reliance on God can instill hope.

Email: Lauren Mowbray at lauren@cpceco.org.

WEDNESDAY/NOV. 20
Sully District Council Membership

Meeting. 7:30 p.m. Meets at Sully District Governmental Center, 4900 Stonecroft Blvd., Chantilly. Topic: Fairfax County GIS Demo — presented by Brendan J Ford, GISP, Agency Geospatial Services Manager, Fairfax County Department of Information Technology.

WEDNESDAY/NOV. 20
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Fairfax County Board of Supervisors Meetings in 2019

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Nov. 26 Committee Meetings
 ♦ 9:30 a.m. - Economic Advisory Commission
 ♦ 11 a.m. - Personnel Committee
 ♦ 1:30 p.m. - Legislative Committee
 ♦ 3 p.m. - Budget Committee
 ♦ 5 p.m. - Audit Committee
 Dec. 3, 2019 9:30 a.m. - Full Board of Supervisors Meeting
 Dec. 10 Committee Meetings
 ♦ 9:30 a.m. - Health, Housing and Human Services Committee
 ♦ 11 a.m. - Development Process Committee
 ♦ 1:30 p.m. - Transportation Committee
 ♦ 3 p.m. - General Assembly Annual Reception and Work Session

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 8 p.m. At Cougar Elementary School, 9330 Brandon Street, Manassas Park. The Virginia Department of Transportation is holding a second public information meeting on a study of potential safety and operational improvements for two miles of Route 28 (Centreville Road) in Prince William County between Blooms Quarry Lane and the Fairfax County line. This meeting aims to present the draft improvements that have been developed to address the safety and operational issues experienced along the corridor. The public will be able to provide input through an online survey. Travelers of the corridor in the study area are asked to take a short survey on the study website (http://www.virginiadot.org/projects/northernvirginia/centreville_rd_study.asp) to provide feedback on the draft improvements. You may also give comments at the meeting or submit them by Monday, Dec. 2 to Mr. Terrell Hughes, P.E., Virginia Department of Transportation, 1401 East Broad Street, Richmond, VA 23219.

MONDAY/DEC. 2

DiabetesSisters PODS Meetup. 7-9 p.m. at Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road, Chantilly. A signature program of DiabetesSisters Opportunities to share experiences, peer support, and lived expertise with others who have been there too. Meet with other women living with diabetes for encouragement, education, and empowerment. Women age 18+ living with any type of diabetes or prediabetes are welcome, regardless of whether they were diagnosed yesterday or 40+ years ago. They strive to create an open, respectful environment for women with diabetes or prediabetes to truly focus on their health. Free. Email sara@diabetessisters.org or visit diabetessisters.org/pods-part-diabetessisters-meetups for more.

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An Idiot Servant No More



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

Given the extremely sad experience I shared with you all in last week's column: "Chino Lourie, Rest in Peace," this column will be an attempt to bounce back to my usual and customary reality, one oddly enough that has nothing to do with cancer (well, much, anyway). Instead it has to do with unexpected joy.

The joy to which I refer has to do with a subject which typically provides me little joy: I refer to our two automobiles, a 2000 Honda Accord and a 2018 Audi A4. The former inherited from my parents, payment-free but rarely hassle-free, the latter not free of payments, unfortunately, but free of hassle since its maintenance is covered by the warranty.

Nevertheless, for the past few years, off and mostly on, both cars have had an indication that all was not right. Each had illuminated dashboard warning lights (aka "idiot lights") constantly reminding the driver that attention to some detail was required. For the Honda, it was twofold, a "Main't Req" light and a "Brake" light "were dashing." For the Audi, it was "onefold," an icon which looks like an upside down horseshoe, sort of, which I learned, after thumbing through the owner's manual, meant low tire pressure, appeared directly under the speedometer. Since I felt no give or take with the Honda and saw no evidence of low tire anything with the Audi, I learned to take their reminders in stride and figured I'd wait until their respective next service calls to respond to them.

Those service calls have now occurred. And I am extremely glad - and relieved to say, that their necessary/underlying repairs have been made. Glad/relieved not so much because the repairs/obvious safety issues have been addressed. Rather, glad/relieved that in making those repairs, the dashboard warning lights are no longer illuminating their disdain with the idiot behind the wheel: me, neglecting them.

No more, after starting either car, will my initial focus be on the dashboard to see if miraculously the warning lights have disappeared and finally stopped their incessant, non-verbal badgering. No more will I be forced to ignore their illumination and attempt to compartmentalize their visual reminders that all is not well under the hood (so to speak). And finally, no more will I have to worry that one day - or night, the other mechanical shoe will drop and I or my wife, will be left stranded on the road somewhere waiting for a tow truck to drag us to our car-repair maker.

And though this dashboard-warning-light-turn-off is really a turn-on, I am still able to keep its effect in perspective. It's not a cure for cancer and neither is it a cure for my "stable" issue as written about multiple times recently ("Please Relief Me" and "Apparently, Not a Stable Genius"). However, as we say in sales: "I'll take a yes;" as they say on the high seas: "Any port in a storm;" and has been said for the last century: "Don't look a gift horse in the mouth." For the official record, I am not horsing around in the least when I say how thrilled I am now that everytime I start our cars, I see no lights reminding me what an idiot I've been. As a cancer patient I don't need that kind (or any other kind, quite frankly) of negativity in my life, or in my car either. Eliminating it from my activities of daily living adds a bounce to my step and a joie to my vivre.

I realize I may be over stating the significance of this momentous occasion, but when cancer takes over your life, it does so emotionally before it does so physically. As such, finding relief is HUGE. Moreover, solving a problem however insignificant in the scheme of things it appears to be, provides the building blocks of success that, as a cancer patient, help strengthen your foundation as you navigate your daily routine. A routine which is already filled with enough challenges. So yes, I am going to make a mountain out of a molehill. And I am going to fill myself up with as much positivity, nonsensical or otherwise, as possible.

I need to be pulled forward, not dragged backward.

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

OPINION

Give Locally

For tens of thousands of families in our area, uncertainty and need are distant from the celebrations and plenty that so many of us associate with this holiday period.

The holidays are about giving, and giving thanks. The holidays are about children and family. The holidays are about sharing, about joy. The holidays are about being thankful and about faith and appreciation. The holidays are about alleviating suffering for others.

Northern Virginia is among the wealthiest areas in the country. Many if not most of us go through our daily and seasonal routines without encountering evidence of the needy families among us.

In Fairfax County Public Schools, more than 54,000 students (29 percent) are poor enough to receive subsidized meals.

Many are children living in families who may be on the brink of homelessness, families who must choose between medical bills, car repair, heat and food. Some of these are children who may not be sure that they will have a meal between the meals they get in school.

School holidays can bring uncertainty and hunger, a far cry from the celebrations, gifts and plenty that we associate with Christmas

and the holiday season.

Hundreds of homeless students attend the public schools, and their needs are greater.

Many nonprofits in the region need your help to provide holiday meals around Christmas, to provide children with gifts.

There are literally hundreds, probably thousands, of ways to give locally this season, for humans in need, for animals in need, for an environment in need. Here are a few ideas. Please let us know what we have missed.

— MARY KIMM.

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predominantly in Centreville and Chantilly.
www.ourneighborschild.org/

❖ **Pathway Homes** providing non-time-limited housing and supportive services to adults with serious mental illness and co-occurring disabilities in Northern Virginia. Founded in 1980, Pathways currently serves more than 400 adults in community-based homes in Northern Virginia.
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❖ **PRS, Inc.** is a non profit providing mental health, crisis intervention and suicide prevention services in Northern Virginia and Washington, D.C. Seeking to change and save lives in our community by empowering hope, safety, recovery, wellness, independence and community integration.. PRS also provides crisis counseling and connection to supports CRISISLINK When crisis calls, we answer 24/7 Call: 800-273-TALK [8255] Text: "CONNECT" to 85511

❖ **Second Story** — Second Story (formerly Alternative House) provides shelter and services for homeless, runaway or abused teenagers, unaccompanied youth, and young mothers and their children. second-story.org.

❖ **SHARE** of McLean, celebrating its 50th anniversary, is an all-volunteer organization with no paid staff. We are supported by donations from local religious congregations, community organizations and individuals. Our food and clothing room is housed in space donated by the McLean Baptist Church. Our year round and seasonal programs include family emergency financial assistance, food pantry, used clothing room, recycled furniture, back-to-school supplies and refurbished laptop computers. During the holidays, we also provide our neighbors in need with grocery cards and gifts.

Main Message Center: (703) 229-1414
info@shareofmclean.org
Mail: Share, Inc. P.O. Box 210 McLean, VA 22101

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❖ **Shelter House** provides crisis intervention, safe housing and supportive services to promote self-sufficiency for homeless families and victims of domestic violence in Fairfax County. It is our mission to get families back into stable housing in order to provide them the opportunity to continue their journey to self-sufficiency.
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❖ **Shepherd's Center of Oakton Vienna** providing services, personal enrichment, volunteer opportunities for adults 50 and over. Currently serving 3,000-plus mature adults in the region. 703-281-0538,
www.scov.org

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❖ **Touching Heart** in Herndon is a nonprofit organization focused on how to enlighten, excite, and educate children about how they can experience the true joy that comes from helping those in need.
www.touchingheart.com, 703-901-7355.

❖ **Western Fairfax Christian Ministries** — 4511 Daly Drive, Suite J, Chantilly, VA 20151 in Chantilly. email Assistant Food Pantry Manager/Volunteer Coordinator Debbie Culbertson at dculbertson@wfcma.org and put Holiday Food in the subject line.
wfcma.org/

Where to Give Locally

❖ **Assistance League of Northern Virginia** is an all-volunteer nonprofit organization that feeds, clothes and educates children in need. Assistance League's philanthropic programs touch the lives of thousands of children at 11 Title I schools in Northern Virginia, serving children most in need at selected schools in Fairfax and Prince William counties and the City of Alexandria. To learn more about volunteer and sponsorship opportunities, contact nfo@alnv.org or visit www.alnv.org

❖ **Britepaths** Britepaths is working to assist 500 Fairfax County area families who might otherwise go without holiday meals and gifts for their children. Sponsor a family or donate to provide a family with a holiday meal and/or gifts for their children. Britepaths.org https://britepaths.org/our-programs/holiday-program

❖ **Centreville Labor Resource Center (CLRC)**, a safe, organized center where residents and contractors can negotiate work arrangements with day laborers. Centreville Square Shopping Center, 5944 Centreville Crest Ln, Centreville, VA 20121. Phone: (703) 543-6272 Email: Contact@CentrevilleLRC.org www.centreville-lrc.org/

❖ **Closet Of The Greater Herndon Area** is a nonprofit thrift shop in the heart of historic downtown Herndon. When you donate, volunteer and shop at The Closet, you help us give to the local community. The Closet recently awarded over \$20,000 in grants to seven local non-profit organizations: Cornerstones, Fellowship Square, Herndon-Reston FISH, Meridians Recovery, Mobile Hope of Loudoun, South Lakes High School PTSA Food Pantry, and Herndon Woman's Club in support of Wreaths Across America. We continue to be a source of low-cost clothing and household necessities for families and individuals on a tight budget. We also give away clothing at no cost to truly needy individuals. 845 Station Street Herndon, VA 20170 (703) 437-7652. Email TheClosetInc@verizon.net Web: theclosetofgreaterherndon.org/

❖ **Committee for Helping Others (CHO)**, Vienna, organized in 1969 by a group of churches and individuals in the Dunn Loring, Merrifield, Oakton, Vienna community to provide simple, loving charity to those in need. Coming up, holiday bike drive. 703-281-7614, www.cho.va.com

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❖ **Cornerstones**, 11150 Sunset Hills Road, Suite 210, Reston, serving Reston and Herndon. 571-323-9555, www.cornerstonesva.org. Nonprofit providing support and advocacy for those in need of food, shelter, affordable housing, quality childcare, and other human services. Programs and services include the Embry Rucker Community Shelter, Emergency Food Pantry, Hypothermia Prevention Program, Gifts for Kids and annual Coat Drive. For families in need, often there isn't enough money to spend on gifts. To register for the Gifts for Kids drive, visit https://www.cornerstonesva.org/donations/drives/gifts-for-kids/.

We will be accepting personalized wish list donations for the 2019 Gifts for Kids Drive at our main office, 11150 Sunset Hills Road, Suite 210, Reston, VA 20190, on the following schedule: Thursday and Friday, Dec. 5-6: 9 AM to 6 PM Saturday, Dec. 7: 9 AM to 12 noon Contact Nate King, Donations and Drives Coordinator, at 571-323-9569.

❖ **FACETS** helps parents, their children and individuals who suffer the effects of poverty in the Fairfax area, a partner in efforts to end homelessness in Fairfax County. FACETS is always in need of donations and volunteers, and offers a variety of one-time and ongoing opportunities. Please donate a basket of non-perishable food and a \$25 grocery store gift card

(so the recipient may purchase the perishable items needed to complete their meal). Please drop off your donations of Thanksgiving food baskets and gift cards by Friday, Nov. 22. Donations will be accepted at FACETS' main office (10700 Page Avenue, Building B, Fairfax VA 22030) between 9am – 5pm.

Contact Haylee Davis at hdavis@facetscares.org. 703-865-4251 or volunteer@facetscares.org. www.facetscares.org. 10640 Page Ave., Suite 300, Fairfax VA 22030

❖ **Food for Others** Located at 2938 Prosperity Ave., Fairfax, VA 22031, 703-207-9173. 2938 Prosperity Ave. info@foodforothers.org. Food for Others distributes food to more than 1,800 local families in need each week. Drop off food at our Merrifield Warehouse, 2938 Prosperity Ave, Fairfax, VA 22031. Monday through Friday from 9:30am to 5pm. The best time is between 2pm and 5pm. Park in a space, walk up to loading dock #2 and let one of the warehouse staff members know you have a donation. Holiday wish list: stuffing, gravy packets, instant potatoes, canned sweet potatoes, pie, canned cranberries, canned meat (tuna, chicken, beef, turkey) peanut butter, canned tomato products (chopped, diced, peeled), canned pumpkin, soup, spaghetti and spaghetti sauce; cereal, cans of beans, mac & cheese. www.foodforothers.org

❖ **Friends of the Fairfax County Animal Shelter.** Each year, nearly 5,000 pets, including cats, dogs, small mammals, reptiles and livestock, come to the Fairfax County Animal Shelter. Friends of the Fairfax County Animal Shelter funds important needs throughout the Shelter such as behavioral training and dental or medical care beyond what the shelter's budget can provide. generalinfo@ffcas.org 571-212-9858 www.ffcas.org/

❖ **Herndon-Reston FISH** (Friendly Instant Sympathetic Help), 336 Victory Drive, Herndon, 703-391-0105 herndonrestonfish.org Herndon-Reston FISH has assisted local residents in short-term crises by since 1969. 703-437-0600.

❖ **Homestretch**, to empower homeless

parents with children to attain permanent housing and self-sufficiency by giving them the skills, knowledge and hope they need to become productive participants in the community. Since 1990 Homestretch has helped over 2,000 families achieve permanent housing and self-sufficiency. 303 South Maple Ave, Suite 400, Falls Church, VA 22046 Phone: 703-237-2035 homestretchva.org

❖ **Lamb Center**, www.thelambcenter.org, day center for homeless, Fairfax 703-691-3178.

❖ **LINK**, serving Herndon, Chantilly, Loudoun and more. On Dec, 14th we will provide clients with food and new toys for children newborn through 16 years of age. When funds allow, grocery gift cards are also included. holiday@linkagainsthunger.org. 703-437-1776 www.linkagainsthunger.org.

❖ **Lorton Community Action Center (LCAC)** will provide holiday assistance to hundreds of families. There is still time to help for Thanksgiving, Christmas food baskets along with fulfilling gift wishes for children and teens will help low-income families. See website for warm coat donation details and volunteer needs. https://lortonaction.org/2019-thanksgiving-oureach/

❖ **National Capital Food Bank**, 6833 Hill Park Drive, Lorton, serving all of Northern Virginia, (571) 482-4770 . www.capitalareafoodbank.org

❖ **Northern Virginia Family Service.** The organization provides the essential building blocks for financial, emotional and physical well-being, serving as leaders and innovators for the Northern Virginia community. Every year, it empowers 35,000 individuals to achieve self-sufficiency. www.nvfs.org Northern Virginia Family Service, 10455 White Granite, Drive, Suite 100, Oakton, VA 22124. 571-748-2500

❖ **Our Neighbor's Child (ONC)** volunteers are preparing for delivery of holiday gifts for children from financially struggling families in western Fairfax County –