

Happy Birthday, Claudette Ward

Family, friends, community honor long-time volunteer.

BY BONNIE HOBBS
CENTRE VIEW

Friends, family and even Supervisor Michael R. Frey (R-Sully) helped Claudette Crouch Ward celebrate her 75th birthday, last Saturday, Jan. 9, at Centreville United Methodist Church (CUMC). They enjoyed lunch and cake, and Frey presented the longtime Willow Springs resident with a resolution he drew up in her honor.

It acknowledged how she's "given tirelessly of her volunteer time to the community, dating back to the 1960s," and mentioned the many articles on Virginia history she's written for the local newspapers, plus the Historic Centreville Society's publication, Millrace.

She and her husband John, who



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Claudette Ward with her birthday cake.

died in October 2002, were married 53 years and had eight children — four boys and four girls. John Jr. lives in Aldie; Bill, Manassas; and Ted, Fairfax. Linda also lives in Fairfax; Norma, Fayetteville, N.C.; Karen, Oak Hill; and Judy, Haymarket. Youngest son Jimmy died in an accident in 1978. They also have 11 grand

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Cold Weather Changes Immigration Concerns

BY BONNIE HOBBS
CENTRE VIEW

With the weather becoming ever-colder, shortly before the Christmas holidays, members of the Centreville Immigration Forum worried that local immigrants might not have places to stay.

"We're aware some day laborers are homeless or near homeless," said Alice Foltz, who leads the CIF. "Some are living in an abandoned house and some rent a bed in a house for a few hours — and these are guys who, a few years ago, were making it. That may be OK during the summer, but not in cold weather."

She said the police asked the CIF

if there was anything it could do to provide afternoon shelter. But, said Foltz, "That's pretty daunting."

Sarah Allen, a regional director with Fairfax County's Department of Systems Management for Human Services, noted that the Lamb Center in Fairfax provides a hot meal and shelter during daytime, "but transportation would be an issue."

Heather Thomas added that FACETS runs one of the largest hypothermia programs in the county and the churches housing it rotate from week to week. "It's open now and runs until spring," she said. "It's for single adults, 18 and over. Guests come in at 5:30

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PHOTO BY JULIA O'DONOGHUE/CENTRE VIEW

State Sen. Dave Marsden (D-37) was sworn in as Fairfax County's newest state senator June 13 after winning a special election the night before.

Marsden Takes Special Election

Republican Steve Hunt loses by 327 votes.

BY JUSTIN FANIZZI
CENTRE VIEW

Del. David Marsden (D-41) and his fellow Democrats celebrated an election victory Tuesday night, Jan. 12, that proved significant for not only the candidate, but for the party as well.

Marsden, a two-term member of the House of Delegates, defeated Republican challenger and former School Board member Steve Hunt 11,954 to 11,627 in Tuesday's special election to fill Attorney General-elect Ken Cuccinelli's vacant 37th District State Senate seat. While the margin was 327 votes, the victory perhaps reversed a Republican trend in recent Fairfax County elections and helped strengthen a Democratic Party

majority in the Senate.

"We knew it was going to be close, but we felt we had momentum," Marsden said. "Nobody can analyze what happened in November. There were a lot of folks who stayed home and didn't vote [in November] that started thinking 'We need something else' and came out tonight."

Turnout, as both candidates were fully aware, is the key in special elections, and that was the case Tuesday night. In a special election for the same seat in 2002, slightly more than 18,000 residents participated overall, while 23,602 cast a ballot this year. Though Marsden won the overall vote, Hunt actually won two more precincts, but the race seemed to

be decided in the lopsided absentee ballot totals. Marsden garnered 800 absentee votes to Hunt's 395, which proved to be a larger margin than the final overall vote total.

"I hate it when they say I need 11,000 votes [to win] and I get 11,000 and I don't win," Hunt said with a laugh. "We worked really hard and got an incredible turnout, but [Marsden's team] did well. The margin in absentee ballots was larger than the final count. It was a smart move on their part [to target absentee voters]."

ALMOST IMMEDIATELY AFTER the unofficial election results came back and a victory speech

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NEWS

More Schools Added to Study

Twenty-eight schools from Centreville to Lorton in play to address overcrowding.

BY JULIA O'DONOGHUE
CENTRE VIEW

In a narrow six to five vote, Fairfax County School Board members voted to include five more elementary schools in a sprawling study about how to address student overcrowding in the western county during a work session Jan 11.

Lees Corner and Navy in Fairfax, Waples Mill in Oakton, Silverbrook in Fairfax Station and Terra Centre in Burke now join 23 other elementary schools that could potentially see building additions, boundary changes or academic program shifts as the result of a recent school population boom that officials predict will continue for the next several years.

The School Board also pushed back the time frame to vote on any permanent solutions to western county overcrowding — such as a boundary adjustment or new facility approval — from June to at least next fall.

The school system's chief operating officer Dean Tistadt said this was a prudent decision, given that some cuts to the school system's operating budget next year would have an impact on several of the

overpopulated schools capacities. The School Board finalizes it operating budget in May.

For example, if the School Board cuts full-day kindergarten or the elementary music program, it will free up extra classroom for overflow students at some facilities, he said.

"There will be substantive impacts depending on what happens with the operating budget," said Tistadt.

Most of the elementary school student growth is taking place north of Route 29 in the Centreville and Fairfax areas, with Powell and Eagle View elementary schools seeing the most severe overcrowding problems. But schools in Burke, Fairfax Station, Chantilly and Clifton are also on the list of those that could be impacted.

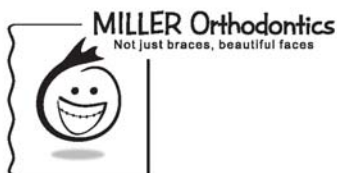
The School Board added the five new schools to the list at the recommendation of the school system's Southwestern Regional Planning Study Committee, comprised of two representatives from each of the 23 schools originally included on the list. Representatives from the five additional schools will now be allowed to join the committee, which started to meet last fall.

SOME SCHOOL BOARD members were opposed to expanding the number of schools that would both potentially be impacted by the study and who would have representation on the committee. There is always reason to include one more school in a discussion of this sort, they said.

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Sorting toys for packaging are (from left) Ross Lavin, Jeremy Ryan, Shawn Mordhorst, Steve Crouse and Kevin King. Crouse lives in Chantilly Highlands and the others are all college students and Westfield High grads.



Holding their home-baked cookies are Centreville High students (from left) Katie Dudzik, Allison Blumer, Emily Bullard, Molly MacDonnell, Danielle Stoffelen, Haley Esau, Shelby Reingruber, Gina Masters and Amanda Smith. Some 200 members of Centreville's SGA each made three dozen cookies for ONC.



Westfield High students gather to package the homemade cookies they baked for ONC. Each of the 100 SGA members made three dozen cookies.



Verifying package-delivery information are (from left) caller Veronica Delaney of Sully Station II and Virginia Run residents Nicole Rogers, project leader for packaging day, and Melissa McKee, project leader for calling volunteers.



From left: Virginia Run's Bob Biagi and Victoria View's Bob Hager of Ourisman Automotive helped organize bikes. Biagi took over as bike coordinator this year, when last year's coordinator couldn't do it, at the last minute, and Ourisman donated several bikes.

Bringing Holiday Joy to Local Families

Because of Our Neighbor's Child and its volunteers, nearly 800 local families in need — including more than 2,300 children — received Christmas gifts this year. The photos show Centreville and Westfield students readying homemade cookies for each family, plus ONC volunteers packaging toys.



From left: Sue Kiely, Kym Sunday and Suzanne Olijar sort clothes for the ONC clothing "store" for recipient families.

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Sisters Kacey and Molly Cronin (from left) organized bikes, scooters and skateboards and matched them with helmets (pictured). Kacey is a Westfield High 2008 grad and Molly is a Westfield junior.



ONC treasurer Karen Moore (on left) hands ONC clothing coordinator Denise McInerney a check from a local resident. Donations from the community helped furnish these coats for families in need.

Traffic Charges Are Levied after Fatality

In November, a Centreville man died following a two-car crash near Middleburg. Now, the man authorities say is responsible for the incident has been charged with two traffic infractions — including driving with a license that had been revoked.

The tragedy occurred Nov. 19 on Route 50, just east of Carters Farm Lane, outside the Town of Middleburg. The victim was Syan Trilochan-Singh, 69.

According to the Loudoun County Sheriff's Office, a 66-year-old Middleburg man was trying to turn west onto Route 50 from a private drive on the south side of Route 50 when the crash occurred. Authorities said his 2005 Toyota Prius crossed into the path of an eastbound 2003 Lincoln Town Car driven by Trilochan-Singh.

The Middleburg man and his juvenile passenger were treated at INOVA Loudoun Hospital and released. At the same hospital, Trilochan-Singh succumbed to his injuries sustained in the crash. Following an investigation by the Crash Reconstruction Unit, the Middleburg man was charged with driving with a revoked license and failure to yield right-of-way before entering a public highway.

Learn about Census at WFCCA Quarterly Meeting

The census will be main topic at the quarterly meeting of the Western Fairfax County Citizens Association (WFCCA). It's slated for Monday, Jan. 18, at 7 p.m., in the Sully District Governmental Center, 4900 Stonecroft Blvd. in Chantilly. Guest speaker Paula Clements, from the Fairfax Local Census office, will brief the group on the coming 2010 census initiative. As always, the public is welcome to attend. For more information about the WFCCA, see www.wfcca-sully.org.

WFCCA Land-Use Meeting

The Western Fairfax County Citizens Association (WFCCA) Land-Use Committee will meet Tuesday, Jan. 19, at 7 p.m., in the Sully District Governmental Center, 4900 Stonecroft Blvd. in Chantilly. On the agenda is Harvest Chinese Christian Church, which hopes to build a place of worship in Centreville. The potential site is on four acres at the southwest corner of Route 29 at Cedar Spring Road, near Bull Run Elementary.

Man Pleads Guilty to Robbery

In May, Fairfax County police charged two Centreville residents with robbing the BB&T Bank at 13360 Franklin Farm Road in Chantilly. Now both have been convicted and will be sentenced in February. They are Zoghanno Holmes, 50, and Marlon Negassa, 37, both of 14547 Golden Oak Road in The Meadows community.

On Oct. 15 in Circuit Court, Holmes pleaded guilty to robbery. Judge Robert Smith then set her sentencing for Feb. 26. Negassa was scheduled to stand trial Dec. 1 in Circuit Court, but instead pleaded guilty to use of a firearm in the commission of a felony, plus an amended charge of robbery on or near a street. He's slated for sentencing, Feb. 5, by Judge Michael McWeeny.

Free Carseat Inspections

Certified technicians from the Sully District Police Station will perform free, child safety carseat inspections Thursday, Jan. 21, from 5-8:30 p.m., at the station, 4900 Stonecroft Blvd. in Chantilly. No appointment is necessary. But residents should install the child safety seats themselves so technicians may properly inspect and adjust them, as needed.

However, because of time constraints, only the first 35 vehicles arriving on each date will be inspected. That way, inspectors may have enough time to properly instruct the caregiver on the proper use of the child seat. Call 703-814-7000, ext. 5140, to confirm dates and times.

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p.m., register and get a mat and some blankets.”

But that's not all FACETS does, said Thomas, who runs the organization's hypothermia shelter program. “Besides preventing hypothermia, we also want to help them so they won't have to keep coming back,” she said. “There's a big push for case management to figure out their job situation, help them overcome their problems, find out their housing situation and help them make a plan.”

“We link them to resources, and the church provides a hot meal, snacks and fellowship,” continued Thomas. “They get a hot breakfast, are given a bag lunch and leave by 7:30 a.m. This year, we're also trying to build their life skills; for example, how to get from point A to point B. We have some bus tokens and vans; churches can provide drivers for them, pick up people in a central location and then drop them off at the church.”

LAST YEAR, said Thomas, FACETS and the participating churches provided shelter for 300 different people, mainly men. “Two churches per week see 25-40 people, per church, per night,” she said. “But it takes a lot of resources and manpower — including overnight volunteers, plus people to make meals, etc. — planning, collaboration and cooperation.”

In addition, she said, there's often distrust by undocumented workers. “They worry, ‘Are you going to report me?’” said Thomas. “And sometimes, problems escalate between the documented and undocumented workers, so we



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From left, CIF members Kitty Stapleton, George Crossman and Joe Gillen listen while Heather Thomas makes a point.

have to diffuse them.”

Jerry Foltz said many of Centreville's day laborers only have bikes for transportation. But Thomas said, “If they know a hypothermia shelter is available, they'll find a way to get there. People come to us from all over. They'd call the FACETS main number to find out where the shelter is, the hours and the bus routes.”

For more information, call 703-352-5090 or see www.FACETScares.org.

Added Allen: “Police dispatchers and mental-health personnel also have this phone number, so there's backup.” And Alice Foltz said it would be good to spread the word about this resource through Centreville United Methodist Church's (CUMC) Grace Ministry and via Connie Rojas, the CIF's Spanish-speaking liaison to the day laborers.

“It's important to know that Fairfax County is supporting this,” said Alice Foltz. “And the support this immigration forum has received from the Sully District police and [Supervisor] Michael Frey has been magnificent. They said it's helpful to them to know that community groups like us are working with a population that's difficult for them to work with.”

THE CIF ALSO discussed immigration reform, and Edgar Aranda — who works in this field and is an advocate with the Legal Aid Justice Center in Falls Church — shared a synopsis of the Immigration Reform Bill that U.S. Rep. Luis Gutierrez's (Ill.) was preparing. And, said Aranda, “If people have papers, they'll have a better chance to get jobs and help the commu-

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Immigrants

Day laborers constructed these snowmen after the recent snowstorm. The snow sculptures were on St. Germain Drive, in front of the Giant grocery store shopping center, near the Centreville Regional Public Library.

Marsden: Newest State Senator

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was given, Marsden had to hop in a car for a late night trip to Richmond for the beginning of the General Assembly Wednesday morning. Marsden will be sworn in as senator later in the day at the General Assembly, but as of Tuesday night, was already ready to get to work in his new position.

Marsden said that he is eager to work on legislation to create more jobs in his district and throughout the state, something he believes would solve many of the region's economic woes. He said that he would work on legislation that will allocate money to the Governor's Opportunity Fund and other bills that would attempt to bring more businesses into the area. In addition, he said that he wants to continue his work to improve the juvenile court system and expand a program to keep custodial spouses out of jail.

"As a senator, I want to work on legislation to create an environment to create jobs and get our revenue back," Marsden said. "The budget is going to be an overriding concern, though, and I look forward to being able to have discussions on both sides of the aisle and work together."

As for Hunt and his fellow party members, the loss stung a bit more. The 37th District has been a Republican district since 1992, and Hunt said that he was disappointed that he could not keep the seat within the party. However, Hunt would not rule out another run for public office, saying that he could

not ignore his desire to serve his community.

"It's a little too early to tell [if I would run again for public office]," Hunt said. "I have a great need to serve people. We had a lot of people that got behind us, so we'll see what opportunities present themselves in the future."

THE NEXT STEP for both parties is to prepare for the special election for the now vacated 41st District House of Delegates seat. According to state election laws, a special election to fill the seat must take place no less than 30 days and no more than 90 days after the seat opens and will be scheduled by the governor. According to Fairfax County Democratic Committee Chair Rex Simmons, if Marsden resigns his delegate seat before the General Assembly begins on Wednesday, at 12 p.m., Gov. Timothy Kaine (D) can set the date for the election before his term expires on Saturday. If Kaine does not set a date before then, Simmons said, Gov.-elect Bob McDonnell (R) will make the decision. The delegate seat will remain open until the election takes place.

Simmons said that as of Wednesday morning, no one declared intentions to run for the Democratic Party nomination but that there is interest. He expects to hear something official by Wednesday afternoon.

According to Fairfax County Republican Committee Chairman Anthony Bedell, Kerry Bolognese, who

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Candidate Steve Hunt (R), left, stands with Supervisor Pat Herry (R-Springfield) at Hunt's election night party Tuesday night.

Three Generations Work Together on Election

BY BONNIE HOBBS
CENTRE VIEW

On the surface, spending 15 hours working at a polling place on election day doesn't exactly sound like a barrel of fun. But for three generations of a local family, it was a blast.

Little Rocky Run's Beth Methfessel, her daughter Dorin and her mother, Trudy Dixon of Clifton, all joined forces Tuesday — along with Olga Hernandez, Sam Budak and Andy Garlich — to man the voting place at Centreville Elementary.

"We're the first, three-generation election officers to work together," said Methfessel. "It's never happened before."

They're all interested in politics, but the tradition of helping others vote began with Dixon, a 40-year resident of the Maple Branch community. She retired, three years ago, after working 13 years in the Fairfax County Registrar's Office, assisting with absentee voting.

"I've been registering people part-time for the county since 1976, before joining them full-time in 1993," she said. "I was looking for a part-time job and someone suggested I call the voter-registration office, then in the City of Fairfax."

So she did, and the rest is history. "I was impressed with the office and decided this was for me," said Dixon. "It's people-oriented, and I enjoy interaction with people. And I found great satisfaction working in the democratic process."

Her daughter, Methfessel, was a government major at UVA and has always found politics fascinating. "I helped in George Allen's first campaign when I was a college student," she said.

Now she coordinates the high-school page program for the county, training high-school government students to assist election officers in November elec-

tions. She's also the chief election officer of the polling place at Centreville High.

"But it's not in the 37th District, so the Fairfax County Office of Elections assigned me here for today," said Methfessel. Tuesday's event was a special election only in that district. "My mom's regular precinct is the Clifton [Elementary] precinct; she's the assistant chief there. But it doesn't vote today, either, so she was assigned here, too."

Normally, 2009 Centreville High grad Dorin Methfessel wouldn't have been there, either. During regular, November elections, she's away at college. But since Tuesday's was a special election — to fill the vacancy created when Ken Cuccinelli, the previous senator representing the 37th District, won the Virginia attorney general's race — she was still home on winter break.

In the 2008 election, Dorin served as a page. But since turning 18 last May, she worked as an election officer in the June primary and again on Tuesday. A UVA freshman, she's double majoring in international politics and history and wants to go to law school to focus on international law.

Tuesday, at Centreville Elementary, she worked the poll books. "I've been taking people's IDs [as they come in to vote] and marking them off on a list of the voters in this precinct," she said. "I keep track of everybody who votes. I enjoy it a lot; you see a lot of different people and it keeps you active."

The 37th District contains 39 precincts, and those in the Green Trails precinct vote at Centreville Elementary. But of the 4,500 people in that precinct, slightly more than 300 had voted by 3 p.m. "It's probably a 7- or 8-percent turnout," said Dorin. But, added her mom, Methfessel, "A light turnout was expected."

Usually, Dorin and her mom work together at

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All in the family (from left): Trudy Dixon works Tuesday with her daughter, Beth Methfessel, and granddaughter, Dorin Methfessel, at the Green Trails precinct polling place at Centreville Elementary.

Large Classes, Tough Choices

Opening the doors for more charter schools in Virginia.

One reason for growth in the student population in public school systems in the area right now is the effect of the recession on family budgets. With more than 70,000 unemployed people in Northern Virginia, and thousands more underemployed, some families who did have children in private schools have switched to public school. Given the stellar reputations of the schools in question, it's a rational financial move.

But now growing enrollment and costs combined with stagnant budgets are forcing some local public school systems to rework their budget calculations as well, resulting in more than 30 students in many classes, more than 40 students in some classes.

This will no doubt send some parents back to the family budget drawing board, seeking a way to afford private school and smaller class sizes for their children.

Most parents don't care very much about the size of the average class, only the sizes of the classes in which their children are trying to learn.

Very large classes, especially classes with 30 or more students in them, are a detriment to learning. Students with any sort of challenges are particularly poorly served by large classes. Very large classes also make the task of maintaining a civil school environment much more difficult.

Schools would do well to focus first on lim-

iting very large classes, worrying a bit less about average class size.

It's also an excellent time to begin paving the way for charter schools in Virginia. What, in the middle of a financial crunch? If we start now to develop more encouraging guidelines for charter schools in the region, by the time the first schools are open, the economic climate will be vastly different.

Public schools cannot meet all the needs of all the students that come through the doors. Families deserve some well-constructed alternatives. Governor-elect Bob McDonnell, along with President Obama, is right to push to open the doors for more charter schools in Virginia.

to fry themselves at the potential cost to the healthcare system. Allocate tanning tax dollars to research, education and awareness of skin cancer. Oh, and let's make it a 25 per cent tax.

Amy Waldrop
Clifton

Hajj

To the Editor:

As season of sacrifice sets in the horizon for Muslims all over the world, many western countries weren't even aware of the fact that it was taking place.

Hajj, one of the five pillars of Islam, is obligatory upon Muslims, if they are physically and financially capable of taking the journey. It is a pilgrimage to Mecca that Muslims have the opportunity to perform at least once in their life time. This pilgrimage is the ultimate goal set by God for Muslims to fulfill their spiritual journeys in this lifetime. The time appointed for the pilgrimage is during the month of Dhul Hijjah of the lunar calendar, 10 weeks after the celebration of Eid-ul-Fitr (an annual Islamic holiday at the end of Ramadhan). As it is based on the lunar calendar, and rotates through the year, the pilgrimage thus falls in all seasons of the year.

God desires to make all mankind as if they were one person. This could also be called a democratic singularity. Under this concept the diverse mankind could be considered as one individual. Muslims from all around the world, different cultures, different nationalities gather in Mecca for one purpose of attaining the nearness to God and reaping the benefits of the spiritual bounties. This symbolizes the international unity and removes all the differences and prejudices that could exist and strengthens the relationship and promotes unity and brotherhood among people regardless of race.

The true purpose of Hajj is to create righteousness in the heart. In pilgrimage a Muslim man or woman takes part in specific rituals, which bring them closer to the Creator. These ceremonies and acts of worship take place around the Ka'aba. The pilgrims perform circuits around the first house of worship built by Prophet Adam (and rebuilt by Prophet Abraham). Everyone who goes to Hajj also runs

back and forth between the hills of Al-Safa and Al-Marwah and drinks from the Zamzam Well. This is done to signify the event when Abraham had left his wife, Hagar and son Ishmael in the desert because it was God's will to do so. Hagar ran back and forth, seven times, between the two hills looking for water to give to the hungry and thirsty child. Meanwhile, Ishmael had been kicking in the sand, and in that spot, a small well arose, illustrating God's blessings.

Before the start of the pilgrimage at a certain point the pilgrim discards his usual clothing and puts on the ihram, which in the case of males, consists of two pieces of white, unstitched cloths draped and fastened round the body in such manner that the head, the hands, the right shoulder and arm, and the feet and ankles are left uncovered. From all parts of the globe, men and women converge on Mecca, coming by sea, by land, and now also by air, clad in the pilgrim's garb, which effaces all marks and insignia of wealth, rank, office, family, and places everyone on the same level. The simple garb signifies that the pilgrim has responded to the call of God as he will answer the last call when his time to depart this life arrives. All vanity is purged, and king and subject, master and servant, the white and the black, the yellow and the brown, hasten from all directions to the Sacred House, repeating:

Here am I, O God, here am I;
Here am I, there is no associate with Thee;
All praise is Thine and all Bounty;
There is no associate with Thee.

The pilgrim throws stones in a ritual known as the Stoning of the Devil to signify his allegiance to God and portrays his anger and dislike towards the Devil. Each Muslim man has to shave his hair and the women simply have to cut some of it off. It symbolizes that the restriction put on a person were being lifted. These rituals are performed to reach nearness to God and to purify oneself.

Although the time of Hajj is in the past, and won't return for another year, the spirit of sacrifice continues to thrive in the hearts of all Muslims. Not only should Muslims carry this spirit, but everyone, regardless of their religion should try as well.

Tayyaba Ijaz, Aneela Wadan, and Hurmet Ahmed

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Time To Ban Tanning Beds

To the Editor:

The National Healthcare Bill debate has touched melanoma/skin cancer communities with the proposed 10 per cent excise tax on tanning beds currently under debate. Several agencies and organizations in the "melanoma and skin cancer world" have expressed their support of this tax. But they've forgotten to add an important suggestion to the table that could also save the American healthcare system billions of dollars. A ban on the sale of cancer causing UV exposure (tanning beds) to minors.

In addition to the proposed 10 per cent tax on tanning beds, let's take this opportunity to save the tax payers money and lives, by preventing skin cancer. A ban on the sale of tanning exposure to minors would contribute significantly to that effort. This proposed ban is not on the legislative table now; let's push this through, quickly. It's time for our legislators to jump on this band wagon.

In July, 2009, the World Health Organization's International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) announced that it has moved UV tanning beds to its highest cancer risk category "carcinogenic to humans." The IARC report found the use of tanning beds before age 30 to be associated with a 75 per cent increase in melanoma risk. A separate study reported last July by researchers from the National Institute of Health found that melanoma rates among young women in the United States almost tripled between 1973 and 2004. Melanoma, the most deadly form of skin cancer, is the second most common cancer in women between the ages of 20 and 35, and is the leading cause of cancer death in women ages 25 to 30.

During this tanning tax debate, you will hear arguments that a tanning bed ban or tax will be harmful to small business. Jobs might be lost. But wait. Let's not lose track of something. The tanning bed industry should not be allowed to continue to profit by selling known cancer-causing UV exposure to our minors.

Doing the math is easy. Prevention saves taxpayers money and lives. I urge Americans to demand action now. Ban the sale of tanning exposure to minors, now, and tax the adults who choose

MLK Festival Sunday, Jan. 17.

The Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. will be honored in song, dance and spoken word, this Sunday, Jan. 17, during the 16th annual King Festival. It will be held from 4-6 p.m. in the Westfield High auditorium. (Snow date is Jan. 24).

The Chantilly Pyramid Minority Student Achievement Committee (CPMSAC) sponsors this free event, and students from several local elementary, middle and high schools will participate. Kim Graham, Brenda Johnson, Wanda Tanks-Gregory and Deneen Vaughn are the co-chairs.

This year's theme is "We Dream a World of Love, Vision, Democracy and Hope," and each group or individual performing will illustrate one of these concepts. Said Tanks-Gregory: "CPMSAC invites the community to come out and celebrate the life of Martin Luther King Jr., a man who also believed in equality for all."

Chantilly High seniors, Malcolm Gregory and Alexis Askew, will be, respectively, the master and mistress of ceremonies. Performers include acts such as the Wildcat Guitar Ensemble from Centreville High; choirs from Lees Corner, Brookfield, Greenbriar East and Colin Powell elementaries; pianist Kathryn Young from Rocky Run Middle; and Westfield musicians, dancers and theater students.

"For the last 25 years, CPMSAC has been dedicated to promoting programs that strengthen enrichment for minority students in the schools, as a means of closing the academic gap," said Tanks-Gregory. "This year's King Festival provides the opportunity for the community to see the strength of diversity and the value of racial harmony in Fairfax County Public Schools."

— BONNIE HOBBS

Grand Larceny Ends in One Month Jail Time

A Centreville man has been sentenced to a month in jail for two counts of grand larceny. He is Michael Chase Nelson, 24, of 6829 Malton Court in the Crofton Commons community. Fairfax County police arrested him for entering a Little Rocky Run couple's open garage and stealing a woman's purse from an unlocked car parked inside.

The incident occurred March 29, 2009, around 9 p.m., in the 13900 block of Springstone Drive. Police had received a report of a man looking into cars and were given a description of his vehicle — a 1996 Chevrolet Camaro — which they found, unattended. An investigation determined that several items in-

side the car had been stolen from a house nearby.

Following further investigation, on April 7, police charged Nelson with burglary and two counts of grand larceny. His burglary charge was later dropped. But on Aug. 11 in Circuit Court, he pleaded guilty to both grand larcenies.

Nelson returned to court Nov. 20 and, at that time, Judge Jane Roush sentenced him to 12 months in jail, with 11 months suspended, on each charge. She ran the sentences concurrently, leaving him with one month total to serve, and also placed him on two years supervised probation.

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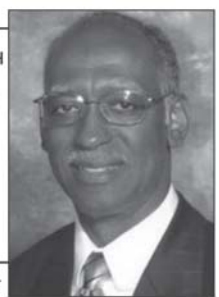
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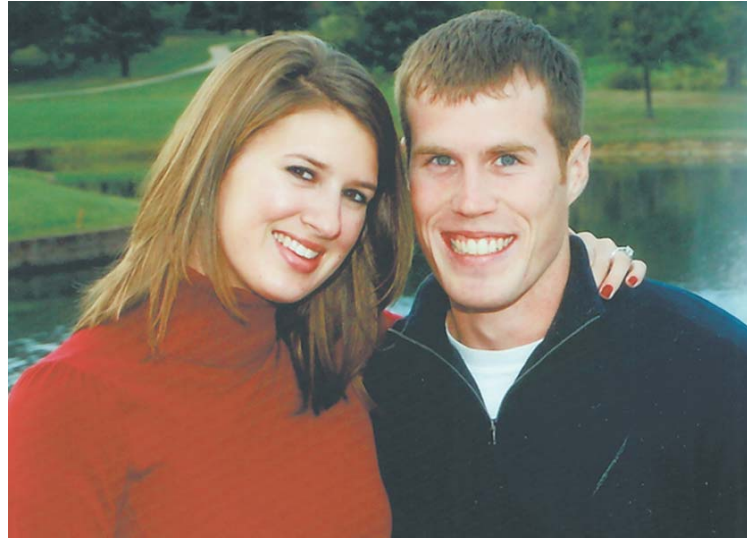
COMMUNITY

Butchko and DePorter Are Engaged

Mr. and Mrs. David Butchko of Centreville are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Christina Butchko, to Joseph DePorter, son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael DePorter, Oakton, Va.

Christina Butchko is a 2004 graduate of Centreville High School and a 2008 graduate of Radford University with a degree in Elementary Education. She is currently a second grade teacher at Orange Hunt Elementary and is pursuing her master's in reading and math.

Joseph DePorter is a 2003 graduate of Paul VI High School and a 2007 graduate of Bridgewater College with a degree in Health and Physical Education. He is currently a physical education teacher at Orange Hunt Elementary. He has been a high



Christina Butchko and Joseph DePorter.

school football coach for the past three years.

An August 2010 wedding is being planned.

SCHOOL NOTES

The Goddard School at 5001 Westone Plaza in Chantilly has recently been awarded the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) accreditation. NAEYC — the nation's leading organization of early childhood professionals, was established over 20 years ago. Only 8 percent of preschools and early childhood programs achieve this recognition. The Goddard School in Chantilly is the only NAEYC Accredited school in the Chantilly, Centreville area.

Northern Virginia Community College will sponsor its first Day of Service Jan. 18, with service projects for which more than 100 NOVA students, faculty, staff, and members of the community have committed to volunteer their time. NOVA's Day of Service coincides with the Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service, a nationwide event to honor the late civil rights leader on the federal holiday commemorating his birthday.

At an off-campus event Jan. 18, volunteers will assist customers and sort donated clothing and household items at the Clock Tower Thrift Shop in Centreville, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. All Clock Tower Thrift Shop proceeds go to support Northern Virginia Family Services' Special Foster Care and other programs.

Centreville Elementary is planning an evening of food, fun and educational games on Friday, Feb. 12,

from 5-9 p.m. Students will participate in The Brain Show — an authentic, educational, trivia game show with the look and feel of a live, TV game show. There'll also be a huge food court featuring food from Chick-Fil-A, Baja Fresh, Cici's Pizza, Soo Won Gal Bi, Sushi Sashimi, Baskin Robbins and Bonefish Grill.

An Open House at The Boyd School is scheduled for Saturday, Jan. 23 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. The Boyd School has seven campuses in Northern Virginia serving infants through middle school. The Boyd School is fully accredited with the American Montessori Society and The Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. It is licensed by the Virginia Department of Social Services and maintains many affiliations with Montessori and academic organizations throughout the area. Visit the Web site www.theboyschool.com or call Herndon/Oak Hill at 571-203-8686 or Westfields/Chantilly at 571-321-0362.

Evelyn Wang, the daughter of Victor and Sherry Wang of Fairfax, submitted an essay to a contest that was held for young writers. Evelyn is in the eighth grade at Rachel Carson Middle School in Herndon. Her essay was selected from thousands of entries as one of the top 10 in her grade division. The contest was held for students in grades 7-9. The top 10 writers in each division are receiving special recognition in the essay anthology "Celebrating What Is

Important to Me." Each top 10 winner receives a complimentary copy of the anthology and a \$50 savings bond. Essays are selected for their literary merit, creativity and social significance.

Pleasant Valley Preschool will be holding its annual Open House and Registration on Friday, Jan 29 from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. PVP is a non-profit cooperative preschool with half day programs for 3- to 5-year-olds. The school is located in the Greenbriar Community Center, 4615 Stringfellow Road, Chantilly. Email info@pleasantvalleypreschool.com or 703-378-6911 or visit the Web site at www.pleasantvalleypreschool.com.

Centreville Preschool Inc. (CPI) is hosting an Open House on Saturday, Jan. 23 from 9 a.m. to noon. Registration packets will be available for the 2010-2011 school year beginning in September. Morning and afternoon co-op and non co-op classes are available to children who turn 3 or 4 years of age by Sept 30, 2010. A beginner's non co-op morning class is offered to children who turn 2 1/2 by Sept 30th. Established in 1969, CPI is a non-profit cooperative preschool located in a renovated Victorian house at 13196 Braddock Rd. in Centreville. Bring your child's birth certificate and meet the staff of professional teachers. Call 703-830-5656 for more information or email register@centrevillepreschool.com.

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Navy Seaman Recruit Sean P. Kendall, son of Belinda A. Clark of Centreville, and Brian F. Kendall of Great Cacapon, W. Va., recently completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill. Kendall is a 2008 graduate of Paw Paw High School of Paw Paw, W. Va.

Army Pvt. Christina M. Santiago has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C. She is the daughter of Cynthia Santiago of Scallion Court, Orlando, Fla., and niece of Gina Superville of Boac Circle, Chantilly. Santiago is a 2005 graduate of Bishop Moore Catholic High School, Orlando.

MILITARY NOTES

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Edgardo C. Soto has received a four-year Army ROTC (Reserve Officer Training Corps) scholarship to attend Virginia Military Institute, Lexington. The cadet is pursuing a degree in international studies. He is the son of Edgardo and Sherrie Soto of Braddock Ridge Drive, Centreville, Va.

Paul B. Scarcella has received an Army ROTC (Reserve Officer Training Corps) four-year college scholarship the Virginia Military Institute, Lexington. He

is the son of Tomas A. and Deborah J. Scarcella of Henry Pond Court, Chantilly. Scarcella is a 2009 graduate of Massanutten Military Academy, Woodstock, Va.

Army Reserve Pvt. Alexander J. Landau has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C. During the nine weeks of training, the soldier studied the Army mission, history, tradition and core values, physical fitness, and received instruction and practice in basic combat skills, military weapons, chemical warfare and bayonet training, drill and ceremony, marching, rifle marksmanship, armed and unarmed combat, map reading, field tactics and more. Landau is the son of Sharon Landau of



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NEWS

Happy Birthday, Claudette

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children and two great-grandchildren.

John Ward was one of the first members of the Centreville Volunteer Fire Department (Station 17), and Claudette Ward served as the Ladies Auxiliary president and vice president. She was also president of CUMC's United Methodist Women and is a member of the Historic Centreville Society and the Springfield District/Fairfax Center Land-Use Committee.

In 1992, Frey selected Claudette Ward as the very first Lady Fairfax from the Sully District for her contributions to the Centreville area. The resolution notes, as well, that "she dedicated countless hours in the Crouch School relocation, moving the Legato School and the expansion of the Centreville Historic District."

In June 2008, the Lane's Mill Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) presented her with its Community Service Award. And in December 2009, she received the Clinton Hatcher Award from the Sons of the Confederacy Camp 21. Both honors were in recognition of her "outstanding service and efforts for the educational, historical and patriotic preservation of history."

Therefore, concluded Frey in his resolution — which was signed



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CENTRE VIEW

Claudette Ward receives a special resolution from Supervisor Michael Frey.

and adorned with the official, Fairfax County seal — "On behalf of the residents of the Sully District and greater western Fairfax County, I hereby thank Claudette Ward for her outstanding volunteerism and wish her the happiest 75th birthday on Saturday, Jan. 9, 2010."

Some 90 people attended Saturday's event, including Ward's stepbrother, Richard Green of Manassas, plus a slew of cousins, nieces, nephews and grandchildren. And several of them spoke to those gathered for the occasion.

"Mom and dad instilled a strong

sense of family in us," said son Bill. "We might not have had everything, but we felt like we had a pretty good life."

Daughter Judy said, "Mom inspired me by her dedication to her family, community and faith. She listened, comforted and consoled me, when needed — not just as my mother, but as a friend." She then read two poems in her mom's honor and said she hopes to publish a book of Ward's writings about Virginia history.

A cousin, Ralph Thompson, said he appreciated her work with the Crouch school. And granddaughter Gretchen Ward said, "She's a wonderful woman who's always instilled in me that being a Virginian is something to be proud of."

Since the party was a surprise, Claudette Ward didn't have a prepared speech and mainly spoke to the guests personally. But at the microphone, she thanked everyone for coming and said that being named the first Lady Fairfax was "one of the proudest moments" of her life.

Presenting her with the resolution, Frey said how happy he was to be at Ward's birthday party. "I first met Claudette, long before I got elected," he said. "I've enjoyed the chance to work with her, and it's a pleasure and an honor for me to give a little bit back to her."

Forum Discusses Homelessness

FROM PAGE 4

nity."

Foltz said this bill tells immigrants that, to obtain American citizenship, they need to have good English skills, pay any back taxes owed and have their documents in order. So, she said, "People in our ESL classes can encourage their students to keep going forward with their studies because, if this bill passes, knowing English is going to be even more important to them than ever."

She said Gutierrez is soliciting support for his bill, all over the country. But, said Foltz, "Citizens have to get involved and support it. It's not good for the health of this country to have workers who don't have rights."

CUMC member Joe Gillen said, "The problem is, they're trying to solve the whole thing, all at once. They need to do it, piece by piece."

But, warned Aranda, "If they don't solve it by spring, it'll be difficult, because then elections will be coming."



Historic Society's Dinner

Members of the Historic Centreville Society gather at their Dec. 7 Holiday Dinner, held at Mt. Gilead in the historic district. Above are, from left, Mildred DeBell, Ted McCord and Brenda DeJarnette.

WORTH NOTING

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Neighborhood Watch Training Dates — The Fair Oaks District Police Station is offering four training dates in 2010, for the Neighborhood Watch Program. They will be held at the police station, located at 12300 Lee Jackson Memorial Highway, at 7 p.m. in the roll call room and will last approximately two hours. These opportunities are designed for communities that want to expand their existing Neighborhood Watch participation, those who wish to begin a new Watch program or those who would like a refresher course. We look forward to serving you and maintaining the quality of community and police partnerships that we have both come to depend on and enjoy.

The training dates are as follows:

- Tuesday, Jan. 19
- Tuesday, April 20
- Tuesday, July 20
- Tuesday, Oct. 19

FRIDAY/JAN. 15

Swing Dancing. The Grandsons. Cost is \$15. Swing lesson from 8:30-9 p.m.; dancing from 9 p.m. to midnight. With Sue and Gary Caley. At the Hilton Washington Dulles Airport Hotel, 13869 Park Center Road, Herndon.

A Cappella Night. 7:30 p.m. Benefit concert for the Centreville High Choral Program that features outstanding a cappella groups from around the area. Appearing are the Voice Males (Barbershop Quartet), Academical Village People from UVA (with CVHS grad, Clay Pulsipher), the Blue Tones from James Madison University and the Georgetown Chimes. Tickets for are \$5 for students and \$10 for adults and are available at the door. Admission is free to all CVHS students with ID. At Centreville High School Theatre.

SATURDAY/JAN. 16

Yoga for Weight Loss. 12-1 p.m. With Master Yoga Instructor Kathy Duke. At the Women's Club Fitness Center and Day Spa, 14175 Sullyfield Circle, Chantilly. Call 703-817-0700 or register at womensclub@aol.com to reserve your space.

SUNDAY/JAN. 17

Search for Owls. 6-7:30 p.m. Cost is \$10/family. Join a Fairfax County Park Authority naturalist at Cabell's Mill in E.C. Lawrence Park for a brief evening hike to search for owls. Return for a roaring campfire to roast marshmallows. At 5235 Walney Road, Centreville. Call 703-631-0013.

MONDAY/JAN. 18

GFWC Meeting. 7 p.m. The Western Fairfax County Women's Club's annual Arts and Crafts Contest and Exhibition will be the feature of the evening. At the Greenbriar Community Center, 4615 Stringfellow Road, Chantilly. Contact President Eileen Chambers at 703-378-7054 or Vice President Randy Weston at 703-266-0428.

Assistance League Meeting. 10 a.m. ALNV runs two reading programs in Fairfax County and provides layettes to newborns and comfort items to sexually assaulted women and children and others in need. Meets at the Sully Government Center, 4900 Stonecroft Blvd., Chantilly. Call Darlene at 703-848-0623. Email: alnorthernva@yahoo.com or visit www.northernvirginia.assistanceleague.com.

FRIDAY/JAN. 22

Swing Dancing. The Cutaways and Jack and Jill Dance Off. Cost is \$15. Swing lesson from 8:30-9 p.m.; dancing from 9 p.m. to midnight. With Sue and Gary Caley. At the Hilton Washington Dulles Airport Hotel, 13869 Park Center Road, Herndon.

SATURDAY/JAN. 23

Open House. Sponsored by Centreville Preschool Inc. Registration packets will be available for the 2010-2011 school year. Morning and afternoon co-op and non co-op classes are available to children who turn 3 or 4 by Sept. 30, 2010. A beginners non co-op morning class is offered to children who turn 2 1/2 by Sept. 30. At 13196 Braddock Road, Centreville. Call 703-830-5656 or email register@centrevillepreschool.com.

SUNDAY/JAN. 24

National Christian Choir Concert. 6 p.m. At Jubilee Christian Center. NCC has 24 recordings, including hymns, spirituals, inspirational, Christmas songs, patriotic, and others over the past 25 years. Jubilee Christian Center is at 4650 Shirley Gate Rd., Fairfax. Call 703-383-1170, or visit www.jccag.org.

THURSDAY/JAN. 28

Relay for Life Kick-Off.

7-8:30 p.m. Enjoy refreshments, be inspired by a cancer survivor's personal story, and learn about the American Cancer Society's signature fund-raiser, coming to Centreville High School in May 2010. RSVP to Committee Chair, Marion Rantis at CentrevilleRelay@gmail.com. Visit www.CentrevilleRelay.com. At Lord of Life Lutheran Church, 13421 Twin Lakes Drive, Clifton.

JAN. 29, 30, 31

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FRIDAY/FEB. 5

Swing Dancing. With Gina Desimone and the Moaners. Big Game Football Night — wear your favorite team's colors. Cost is \$15. Swing lesson from 8:30-9 p.m.; dancing from 9 p.m. to midnight. With Sue and Gary Caley. At the Hilton Washington Dulles Airport Hotel, 13869 Park Center Road, Herndon.

SATURDAY/FEB. 6

Choral Cabaret. 7-10 p.m. At Centreville High School. Will feature a variety of musical acts performed by students; a dessert assortment of cakes, pies, cheesecakes and cookies served table-side; a raffle; and a silent auction. Tickets are \$10 general, and \$5 students. To order tickets, contact Lana Zarger at lanazarger@cox.net.

FRIDAY/FEB. 12

The Brain Show and Family Food Court. 5-9 p.m. The Brain Show is an educational trivia game show with the look and feel of a real TV game show. Also a food court with Chic-fil-A, Baja Fresh, Cici's Pizza, Sushi Sashimi and more. At Centreville Elementary.

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Denny, Wildcats Reach the 10-Win Mark

Senior scores 23 points to pace Centreville in boys' home basketball win over Westfield.

BY RICH SANDERS
CENTRE VIEW

The way Centreville High senior Warren Denny sees it, simple mathematics is the proof behind the Wildcats' improved play this season compared to last year. Last Friday night, Denny and his teammates improved their record to 10-1 with a commanding 66-48 win over local rival Westfield. The Concorde District boys' basketball contest was played in front of a large, vibrant crowd on the Wildcats' home floor.

"Last year we were 10-14 for the season, so we've already matched last year's [win total]," said Denny, a versatile, 6-foot-3 forward who scored a game-high 23 points to lead Centreville to the victory.

Denny, the Wildcats' leading scorer this winter season with 19 points per game, did it all against the Bulldogs — scoring most of his points off hard drives to the basket. He had a team-high 10 rebounds to go along with his points' outage, and also had four assists. He went to the foul line 12 times, making nine of the free throw conversions.

While listed as a forward, Denny's game is much more wide ranged than that. He handles the basketball like a play-making point guard and displays his physical strength around the basket like a pivot player. Denny is the best player on a talented Wildcats' team with good depth.

"We don't like to say he's anything [position-wise] other than a basketball player," said Centreville coach Drew Murphy, of his standout player. "He rebounds and can shoot. He's been playing real well."

Denny, a third-year varsity starter, averaged 14 points and 10 rebounds per game last year as a junior to earn First Team All-District honors. Thus far, he is having an even better campaign as a senior.

"I like bringing the ball up [the floor in transition] and going to the basket most," said Denny, of being out on the floor. "Being a senior leader I feel it's my job to carry the



PHOTOS BY CRAIG STERBUTZEL/CENTRE VIEW
Warren Denny (23) possesses the ball underneath the basket as Westfield's Marty Walsh defends. Denny and the Wildcats defeated the visiting Bulldogs last Friday night in a Concorde District affair to improve to 10-1.

team."

Murphy loves the emotional charge Denny brings to Centreville.

"He's our guy, he's fired up and plays as hard as anyone I've coached," said Murphy.

Doug Ewell, Westfield's coach, is impressed with Denny's all-around game.

"He's a very good athlete and a good basketball player," said Ewell. "He's something to be reckoned with in the district and the [Northern] Region too. He's quick and can shoot the ball. He has all the tools."

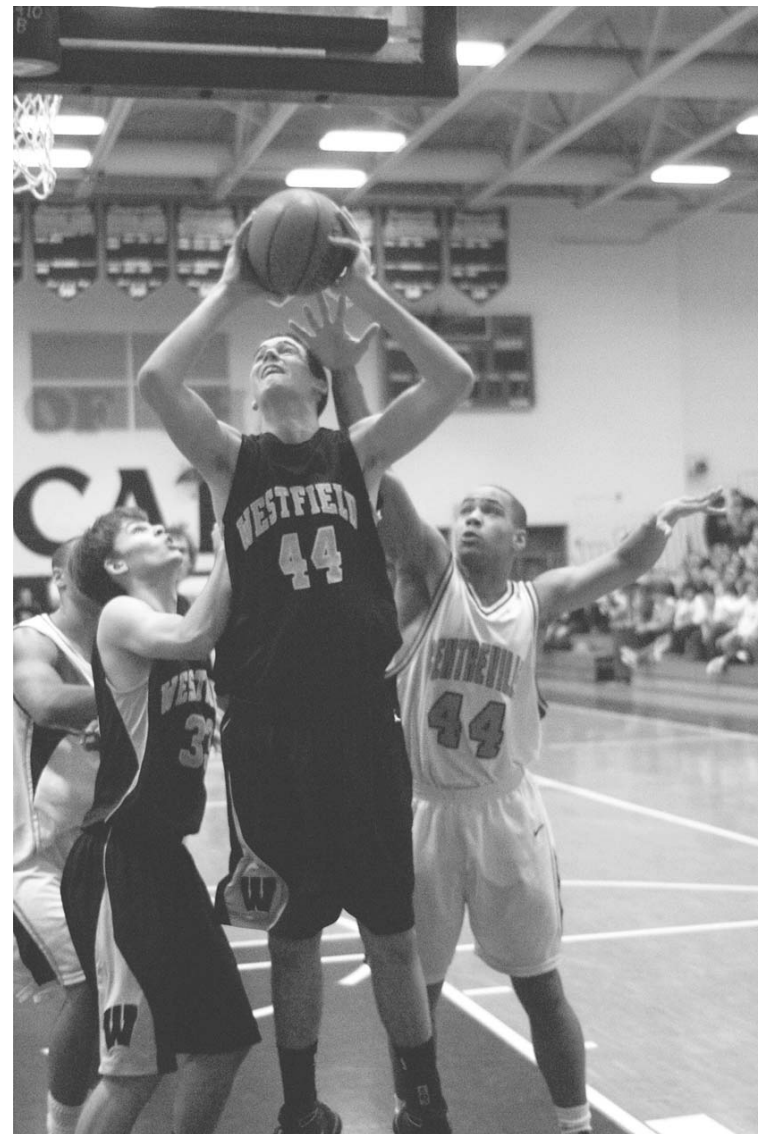
EARLY IN THE SECOND quarter on Friday, Centreville trailed 10-6 before Denny scored the first seven points of an 11-0 Wildcats' run to help put the home team ahead, 17-10, with three minutes remaining until the half. Centreville never lost the lead thereafter. Denny, during the game-changing spell, started things off by scoring on a five-foot jumper while being fouled. He

nailed the free throw to get his team within 10-9. A few moments later he scored on a driving six-footer off the right side. Then shortly after that, he made two foul shots to make the score 13-10 Centreville.

Centreville led 20-15 at halftime. A strong third quarter saw the Wildcats increase their lead to 38-26 going into the fourth. The Wildcats never relinquished control in the final quarter.

One of the game's highlights of the night came with 2:30 remaining when Centreville senior forward Bobby Warhurst (7 points) burst towards the hoop for an uncontested slam dunk from the left side of the floor to give the Wildcats a 60-40 lead. The emphatic basket brought a roar from the Centreville student body. Denny, during a timeout moments later, hugged Warhurst from behind as fans shouted, "Bobby Warhurst, Bobby Warhurst."

Three Centreville players scored



Westfield's Zach Elanco goes up for a shot from close range as Centreville's Ken Ekanem (44, white jersey) defends. Elanco, the Bulldogs' sophomore center, scored 13 points and had nine rebounds in his team's loss to the Wildcats last Friday night.

in double figures in the win. Along with Denny's huge game, junior forward Cameron Owens scored 12 points and senior guard Chris Campbell added 11.

Centreville has a good core of senior leadership with Denny, Warhurst and point guard Nick Tsinger (5 points).

"We have seniors who have been there before and we've gotten contributions from other guys too," said coach Murphy.

WESTFIELD, MEANWHILE is a less experienced team and is going through a tough early part of the season. The Bulldogs, who were 2-10 following the loss to Centreville, started just one senior against Centreville — 6-4 shooting guard Danny Fenyak. But Westfield has several promising underclassmen players in 6-9 sophomore center Zach Elanco and 5-11 sophomore guard Mark Gibson, who scored 13 and 12 points, respectively, against Centreville. Marty Walsh, a junior

guard, scored eight points in the loss and Mack Spees, also a junior backcourt player, had seven.

"We're just not consistent enough," said Ewell, the Westfield coach. "We play a good half of basketball but not a full 32 minutes. We're young and if we don't play [a strong] 32 minutes, we get exploited."

Ewell loves the potential of 10th grader Elanco, his talented pivot player who was a starter on the Westfield JV team last year.

Westfield's win thus far have come over McLean High, 49-36, on Dec. 4 and Freedom High (South Riding), 69-45, on Dec. 28. Both victories came at home.

The Bulldogs were scheduled to play district home games this week against Robinson (Tuesday, Jan. 12) and Herndon (Friday, Jan. 15).

Centreville, meanwhile, was set to play Herndon at home on Tuesday before traveling to Chantilly this Friday night.

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By KENNETH B. LOURIE

I think I've been watching "CSI" and "NCIS" (along with spin offs CSI: Miami, CSI: NY and NCIS: Los Angeles) too long. After an unknown neighbor cleaned 18 inches of snow off my second car (I had cleaned off our primary car myself; it was closer to the road), in an attempt to determine who unselfishly "unsnowed" my buried car and shoveled all around it as well (to provide easy access, should I be so inclined), I looked first for physical evidence of this extremely good deed and noticed boot prints in the snow. (Determining directionality was impossible given the number of intersecting boot prints.) I only wish I would have had the same materials the CSIs have on television (presumably in real life, too) in order to secure the evidence for further inside consideration and avoid any degradation. Said consideration would have included having the appropriate materials on hand to make a plaster cast of the boot print which I then could scan and run through the boot-tread software to determine a size and hopefully find a brand/tread-pattern match.

Once having learned the brand and the size, I could then call the manufacturer to inquire what stores locally carried that brand - and size - of boot. With that information, I could then contact the stores directly (in person or over the phone) to see if the specific matching size and brand had been sold recently. If any matches were found, I could ask for sales receipts to see how payment had been made. If any payments had been made with a credit card, it would enable me to quickly identify the non-guilty but so far, anonymous party. If payments had been made with cash, I could then visit the stores myself and bring pictures of my neighbors to show to whomever had sold the matching brand and size boot to further corroborate the non-D.N.A. evidence and hopefully make a positive I.D. If one of my neighbors was picked out of the photo array, I believe I would then have sufficient evidence/information to confirm who was responsible for this non-random act of kindness.

Or I could just ask.

Nevertheless, no good deed of such caring and unselfish concern - and sensitivity to another person's less than ideal medical situation (my stage IV lung cancer diagnosis, with which the neighborhood is keenly aware) - should go unacknowledged. As such, I want to give/express my heartfelt gratitude to my neighbor/neighbors who gave so selflessly of themselves and their time to do for me what I was not so inclined/able to do for myself. And even though the "act" performed here this snow-bound Sunday was no crime, I think its commission would make Gil Grissom, Horatio "H." Caine, Mac Taylor, Leroy "Jethro" Gibbs and "G" Callen proud of their fellow man. I sure am. And lucky as well, to be living amongst such kind and considerate individuals.

It makes my future, with all its uncertainty, less uncertain. And if there's one thing, other than love and positive vibrations that a cancer patient can't have enough of, it's certainty. Of that, I'm certain.

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Five More Schools Added for Boundary Study

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"If we include Lees Corner, Waples Mill and Navy, we have to think about including Crossfield. ... Where does it end?" said School Board member Kathy Smith (Sully).

Other School Board members were worried that by including more schools — and pushing back the timeline for producing a solution — the school system was not addressing the overcrowding problem at some facilities fast enough.

"If we don't do a boundary study this spring, we don't get any relief for two-and-half years from now. We have some schools that are at 140 percent capacity and need relief," said School Board member Stuart Gibson (Hunter Mill).

The facilities staff will be looking into temporary fixes for some of the elementary schools overcrowding problems, including additional trailers, while a permanent solution is developed, said Tistadt.

The majority of School Board members said they wanted to give the citizens com-

mittee, which had requested more time, the benefit of the doubt. School Board members said they feared cutting off the work of the advisory group, especially since the school system had been accused of not involving the public enough in boundary decisions in the past.

"If this is done poorly, we will have more shed more heat than light on this process," said School board member Dan Storck (Mount Vernon).

AS PART OF the overall regional facility review, officials have asked the citizen group to look at the prospect of closing one school, Clifton Elementary.

According to staff estimates, Clifton would be much more expensive to renovate on a cost-per-pupil basis than most Fairfax elementary school facilities. The school system said its facility is on a difficult site and the student population is smaller than many of the other schools nearby.

Though the Clifton community has been very vocal about keeping the elementary

Impacted Schools

Officials said that some or all of the following schools could be impacted by changes made to alleviate students overcrowding in western Fairfax County. These changes could include boundary adjustments, building additions or shifts in academic programs — such as the moving of a gifted and talented center or foreign language program to another location. The Fairfax County School board added those **schools in bold** to the list at a work session Jan. 11.

Bonnie Brae Elementary School, Fairfax
 Brookfield Elementary School, Chantilly
 Bull Run Elementary School, Centreville
 Centre Ridge Elementary School, Centreville
 Centreville Elementary School, Centreville
 Clifton Elementary School*, Clifton
 Cub Run Elementary School, Centreville
 Deer Park Elementary School, Centreville
 Eagle View Elementary School, Fairfax
 Fairfax Villa Elementary School, Fairfax
 Fairview Elementary School, Fairfax Station

Greenbriar East Elementary School, Fairfax
 Greenbriar West Elementary School, Fairfax
 Laurel Ridge Elementary School, Fairfax
Lees Corner Elementary School, Fairfax
 London Towne Elementary School, Fairfax
Navy Elementary School, Fairfax
 Oak View Elementary School, Fairfax
 Poplar Tree Elementary School, Chantilly
 Powell Elementary School, Centreville
 Providence Elementary School, Fairfax
 Sangster Elementary School, Springfield
Silverbrook Elementary School, Fairfax Station

Terra Centre Elementary School, Burke
 Union Mill Elementary School, Clifton
 Virginia Run Elementary School, Centreville
Waples Mill Elementary School, Oakton
 Willow Springs Elementary School, Fairfax

* Clifton Elementary is the only school proposed for closure

school open, the citizen advisory group has held back on advocating for the building to stay open regardless of cost.

But the group of parents, which include several people from schools other than

Clifton, said that the school system should give more consideration to the history of the Clifton school, which is more than 100 years old, and the impact on community sentiment in the Town of Clifton.

Three Generations Work Together on Election

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Centreville High during elections, while Dixon's at Clifton Elementary. So it was a treat for them to work shoulder to shoulder, Tuesday, in the same place.

"I like taking directions from my mom because she's not very hard on me," said

Dorin. "And I've never worked without her."

Methfessel was Centreville Elementary's chief election officer, Tuesday, in charge of all aspects of the election in that precinct. "We arrived at 5 a.m. and the polls opened at 6 a.m.," she said. "They'll close at 7 p.m. and, hopefully, we'll be out of here by 8 p.m.

Voters get to choose between paper and electronic ballots. Then the state police will drive the results down to Richmond and the winner will start [Wednesday] in the General Assembly." Despite the long hours, though, Methfessel was enjoying herself. "It's been a lot of fun working with my mom

and daughter," she said. "They're smart and my mom's got a ton of experience."

As for Dixon, she said, "I'm doing what Dorin's doing — and making coffee. I love it — it's a pleasure to be working in the same room with my wonderful daughter and granddaughter."



SYA Team Fights against Hunger

SYA Synergy White U10 Girls Travel Soccer team concluded their successful Fall 2009 season by volunteering an afternoon at Food for Others. The girls spent their time stocking shelves full of food supplies and then packed emergency food boxes preparing them for distribution. Synergy White would like to thank their sponsors, Phoenix Consulting Group, Silverpointe Events and Marketing, and the Fairfax Coalition of Police for giving them the opportunity to do a project like this. The team finished as runners-up in the Richmond Cup, semi-finalists in the Battlefield Classic and 7-1-2 in its WAGS season.

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Marsden Becomes Newest State Senator

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lost the delegate race to Marsden last November, has announced that he would vie for the nomination but that others might still enter their names as well. Regardless of the final candidate, however, the Republi-

cans agreed that to win that election, they would have to alter their strategy.

"It's unfortunate to come up a little short here," Cuccinelli said. "As aggressive as we were, we needed to be more aggressive and that's what the next election is for."

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Families Will Feel Crunch in School Budget

Superintendent asks for additional \$57.8 million from county.

BY JULIA O'DONOGHUE
CENTRE VIEW

Superintendent Jack Dale wants to ask the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors for an additional \$57.8 million in funding to help meet Fairfax County Public Schools budget needs next year, according to a presentation he made to the School Board Jan. 7.

Fairfax already allocates the school system approximately \$1.7 billion annually, or about 53 percent of the county's overall revenue. But Dale said the schools are facing a projected shortfall of \$166 million in the 2010-11 school year, in part due to rising costs that are out of the system's control.

The additional money equates to an increase of 3 cents per \$100 of assessed land value in the Fairfax County real estate property tax rate. Fairfax schools draw approximately 75 percent of its funding from the local county government, which in turn, almost exclusively relies on real estate taxes

for revenue.

In addition to requesting more money from the county, Dale has suggested \$108.2 million in spending cuts to assist in closing the schools system's projected funding gap for next year.

The superintendent added that the quality of Fairfax County public education system would suffer as a result of the cuts.

"We spend the same amount of money on schools as Montgomery County, Md. but we have 30,000 more students than they do," said Dale, referencing Fairfax's largest public education rival in the region.

Dale does not ultimately make the decision about the Fairfax schools' budget. The School Board — largely relying on the superintendent's budget proposal as a template — will make its formal request for funding from the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors next month.

In late April, the supervisors will pass an annual countywide budget and announce how much they intend to allocate to Fairfax schools overall next year.

Some School Board members have already indicated that they would like to ask the county for funding above and beyond what Dale has suggested.

"Let's just say \$57.8 million is not my favorite number," said School Board member Brad Center (Lee).

NEW FEES FOR FAMILIES

To make up for the budget shortfall, Dale is proposing \$3.4 million in new fees for families and students, such as:

- ❖ a \$75 charge for any Advanced Placement or International Baccalaureate exam a student takes
- ❖ a \$100 student fee for participating on a sports team

PROPOSED PROGRAMS FOR ELIMINATION

Dale has proposed the elimination of the following services:

- ❖ "behind the wheel" drivers education. Fairfax students would now have to depend on the private sector for such training.
- ❖ bus service to "gifted and talented" centers if a base school has "gifted and talented" equivalent classes available.
- ❖ bus service to academy programs if there are fewer than five students enrolled in the program from a high school.
- ❖ freshman athletics, indoor track and winter cheerleading
- ❖ foreign language in the elementary schools (not including immersion programs)
- ❖ elementary "focus" programs (currently present at Riverside, Fort Hunt, Hollin Meadows, Woodley Hills elementary schools in Mount Vernon; Lake Anne and

Forest Edge elementary schools in Reston; Kent Gardens Elementary School in McLean; Daniels Run Elementary School in Fairfax)

- ❖ Pimmit Hills Alternative High School in Falls Church
- ❖ Modified School Calendar (currently present at Dogwood Elementary School in Reston, Franconia Elementary School in the Springfield area, and Timber Lane Elementary School in the McLean area)
- ❖ Project Excel (currently present at Bucknell, Hollin Meadows, Hybla Valley, Mount Vernon Woods, Riverside, Woodlawn, Woodley Hills and Fort Belvoir elementary schools in the Mount Vernon area; Dogwood Elementary School in Reston; Hutchinson Elementary School in Herndon; Halley Elementary School in Fairfax Station; and London Towne Elementary School in Centreville)
- ❖ Most traditional summer school programs

OTHER BUDGET ACTIONS

- Dale has also proposed the following:
- ❖ To increase class size by one student per teacher for all classes except special education.
 - ❖ To freeze employees salaries and not give school system staff a "cost of living" increase in the next year.



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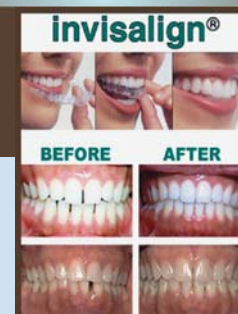
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