

The nZone: A Work in Progress

New Life is creating sports complex, worship space.

BY BONNIE HOBBS
CENTRE VIEW

A combination sports complex and worship space may at first glance seem like an odd pairing. But to the members of New Life Christian Church, it makes perfect sense.

"We want to be the kind of church that makes people happy we're here," said Brett Andrews, the lead pastor. "The church ought to make things better around it."

"We realize people have all kinds of needs and we've done things, through the years, to help people start spiritual conversations," he continued. "This building presents the opportunity for us to do that all the time in the community — and people can come here for those conversations when they're ready to."

Now called the nZone, the building, itself, is at 14550 Lee Road in Chantilly and was a former Budweiser beer-distribution facility. However, the

83,000-square-foot structure is currently undergoing major renovations so, until it's ready for use, New Life continues meeting Sundays at Westfield High, where it's been for nine years.

Initially, the church planned to construct its own building along Route 29 in Centreville, not far from several other churches. But, said Andrews, "It became clear that wasn't the right place to be, economically or traffic-wise. The costs of building from the ground up were very high; it was much less expensive to buy an already-existing building."

In addition, New Life was only going to build a 25,000-square-foot facility. So its new digs have more than triple the space. The church bought the new building in September and began renovations in October. Visioneering Studios will do the architectural work, and church members are excited about what's planned.

The former, refrigerated-keg room is now the student-ministry room and will also become the multi-

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"Our first priority isn't to have a great room for me to preach in."

— Brett Andrews, lead pastor



The nZone will have three indoor turf fields and two wooden courts for athletic activities.

Frey's State of Sully: County Budget, Transportation

Average residential property value up 3 percent.

BY BONNIE HOBBS
CENTRE VIEW

Roads and dollars were the main topics Monday night during Supervisor Michael R. Frey's annual talk about the state of the Sully District. He spoke during the quarterly meeting of the West Fairfax County Citizens Association (WFCCA).

This year, he said, residents will see about a 3-percent increase in residential property value. But the same isn't true of commercial property value; Frey said it's not as bad as it's been, but it's still down. And with Fairfax County's budget process right around the corner, revenue is definitely on the supervisors' minds.

"Our primary source of money is property tax," said Frey. "We don't have a local income tax or sales tax. In excess of 60 percent

of our income comes from sales tax — which is not good. In fact, in the case of senior citizens, property isn't necessarily an indicator of wealth. In many cases, the value of their property could have skyrocketed while their income decreased."

Regarding salaries, Frey said, for two years now, county employees have had no pay increases, and the county is looking at a possible third year. He also noted that county schools Superintendent Jack Dale put a 2-percent cost-of-living increase for school employees and a 2-percent step increase for teachers into his proposed budget.

But, said Frey, that's easy enough for Dale to do because the funding doesn't come from the school system, but from the county. "We have to pay for his budget," said Frey. "And clearly, school employees won't get a pay



Supervisor Michael R. Frey (R-Sully) talks budget and transportation.

increase if county employees don't. We're all in this together and, whatever happens to one will happen to both."

He also doesn't expect Virginia

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Updates on Local Projects

BY BONNIE HOBBS
CENTRE VIEW

After giving his annual, state of Sully address Monday night, Supervisor Michael R. Frey (R-Sully) presented updates on several, local projects involving roads, trails and fields.

❖ **Parkway Interchange:** Frey was glad to report that construction of the Fairfax County Parkway/Fair Lakes Parkway Interchange is already underway. "It was helped, a year ago, by funding from federal stimulus money," said Frey. Then, explaining the particulars of the roads involved in this project — and how the interchange would tie into Monument Drive — he said, "It will significantly decrease traffic [in that

area]."

❖ **Stringfellow Road:** Regarding the widening of Stringfellow Road from two lanes to four, from Route 50 to the Fair Lakes Parkway, he said, "We're still working with specific homes on Stringfellow to mitigate the impacts on them."

Although this VDOT project is already funded and approved, construction has yet to begin — mainly because the utility relocation entailed for the widening will be such a massive undertaking.

"There are major water lines, plus several oil and natural-gas pipelines that are part of the East Coast distribution system carrying heating oil to the northeast United States," explained Frey. "So from October to April, they're pretty much restricted from shutting them down for utility relocation."

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Alliance Presents 'Annie Jr.'

Annie (Samantha Dempsey) is the story of an orphan who befriends President Roosevelt (Adam LeKang) and finds a new home with billionaire Oliver Warbucks (Luke Wilbur) and his assistant Grace (Chelsea Townsend).

Alliance Theatre will present the musical, "Annie Jr.," Saturday, March 5, at 2 p.m.; Sunday, March 6, at 1 and 5 p.m.; Friday, March 11, at 7 p.m.; Saturday, March 12, at 11 a.m. and 4 p.m., and Sunday, March 13, at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$10 at www.thealliancetheatre.org. All shows will be at Mountain View High School, 5775 Spindle Court, in Centreville, off Braddock Road and behind Glory Days Grill.

Group tickets are available at 703-220-8101. The Girl Scout program includes pre-show discussions, March 5, at 12:30 p.m.; March 6, at 11:30 a.m.; and March 12, at 9:30 a.m., for all ticket holders. Custom-made patches are available for purchase; Girl Scout order form is online.

In the story, Annie and her friends live in an orphanage, and FDR and Warbucks help expose the plots of Mrs. Hannigan (Alison Koeningsberg), the director of the orphanage; her brother, Rooster (Nick Ingargiola) and Rooster's girlfriend, Lily (Nora Leibold).

The director is Annie Ermlick; producer, Dawne LeKang; artistic/tech director, Maggie Swan; choreographer, Cathy Arnold; and music director, Beth Atkins. They say the audience will also enjoy the set, costumes, dance numbers and recognizable songs, such as "Hard Knock Life," "Maybe," "You're Never Fully Dressed without a Smile" and "Tomorrow."

Portraying the orphans are: Beth Ann (Georgia Cerisano); Lainey (Alana De Voe); Tessie (Cameron Fischer); Cathy (Danielle Holsinger); Maggie (Lindsey Jacobson); Kate (Lindsay Jones); Judy, (Catie Moore); July (Bryce Nabulsi); Pepper, (Julia Recto); Duffy, (Payton Robertson); Molly, (Grace Shields). Head Servants are Mrs. Pugh (Jessica Bogert) and Drake (Diego Encarnacion). Rounding out the rest of the cast are Madalyn Farmer, Ashley Leightley, Amanda Holsinger, Christopher Lang, Michael McCabe, Joey Cronin, Natalie Spitzel and Tayler Fischer.



Colin Powell Elementary performs "Reach."



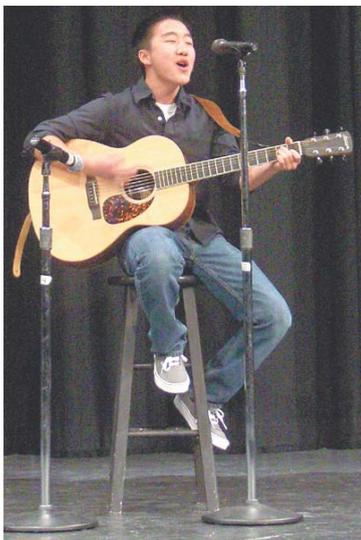
Centreville Elementary's chorus sings "Heal the World."

Remembering Martin Luther King, Jr.

The Chantilly Pyramid Minority Student Achievement Committee (CPMSAC) presented its 17th annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Festival, on Sunday, Jan. 16, at Westfield High.

Calling it a way of uniting people from diverse backgrounds "in recognition of a very special man and a very special dream," Westfield Principal Tim Thomas thanked CPMSAC for all it does for the community and its schools. And CPMSAC President Johnny Nelson told attendees, "Don't just dream your life — live your dream."

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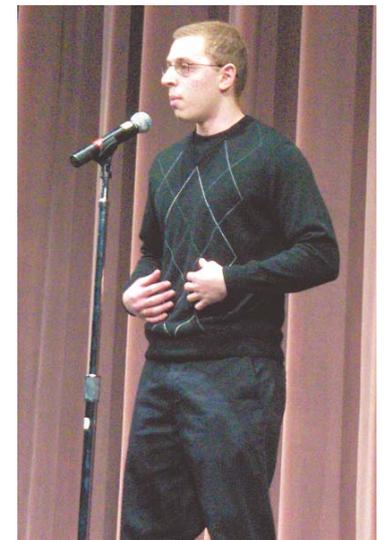
Andrew Kwon of Westfield sings "Sunday Morning."



Westfield High's Guitar Ensemble performs.



Violinist Anna Kong of Westfield plays "Vocarise."



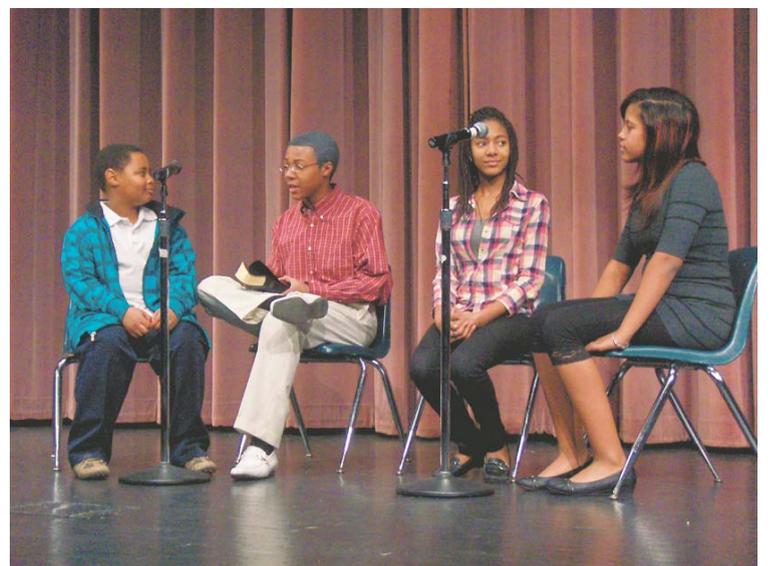
Westfield's Josh Braunstein reads the poem, "The Minority Report."



Centreville High's Wildcat Guitar Ensemble plays "Ja Da Suite."



Westfield's Valeria Sierralta sings "Vivo y Mueso en tu Piel."



Westfield High's Chaz Coffin (second from left) portrays a grandfather explaining "A Reason for the Holiday" to Aadaeze Ogbonna, Ik Ogbonna and Tara Vaughn.

FCPS Releases School Redistricting Recommendation

Clifton students would move to Fairview, Oak View and Union Mill next year.

BY JULIA O'DONOGHUE
CENTRE VIEW

Fairfax County Public Schools staff will present a final proposal for elementary school redistricting in the central and southwestern portions of the county to the local school board at an evening meeting on Jan. 20.

If implemented, the redistricting plan would change boundaries for 21 schools communities located in Centreville, Chantilly, Clifton, Fairfax, Fairfax Station, Burke and Springfield. The school system would also spend \$15.1 million on building additions, interior school modifications and the relocation of modular classrooms at a handful of campuses, according to documents posted on the school system's website.

The School Board launched an elementary school boundary study for central and southwestern Fairfax in order to address severe overcrowding at schools serving the Route 29 area in Fairfax. Staff predicts Eagle View Elementary would reach 144 percent of its capacity and Greenbriar East would reach 124 percent of its capacity by 2015 if the School Board took no action.

The School Board has scheduled public hearings on the proposal for Feb. 7 and 8 at Jackson Middle School in Falls Church. It is schedule to vote on the boundary proposal on Feb. 24.

THE FINAL BOUNDARY recommendation is slightly different from the most recent iteration that was released in December, which staff had called "option d."

Under the proposal released this week, Clifton students — whose school is scheduled to close — would move to Union Mill, Fairview and Oak View elementary schools for the next school year. The previous recommendation had shown Clifton students attending Union Mill, Fairview and Sangster elementary schools. Now, Sangster would undergo no boundary changes at all.

"The projections don't show enough room at Sangster to make that work. There is a pretty large special education population. ... It is a little bit too full. We heard from the Sangster community that they were concerned about the space," said Dean Tistadt, the school system's chief operating officer.

IN ADDITION TO Clifton, some students from Fairview Elementary School would also move to Oak View under the new proposal. These shifts would help elimi-

nate a longstanding "attendance island" for Oak View in the Fairfax Station area.

The changes would leave Oak View slightly over capacity next school year, with approximately 778 students in a building meant to hold 761 students, according to School Board documents about the boundary change. Fairview would be slightly underutilized, with 719 students remaining in a building that could hold 748 students, according to the same documents.

Oak View's PTA president, Kristi Stoddard, was not aware that the school system has proposed moving students from Clifton and Fairview to her school. The Oak View boundary remained untouched in "option d," so she hasn't been paying as close attention to the boundary study as other school communities.

"I don't even know what to say about how I feel. I guess it would depend on how many students we are talking about. ... It hadn't been affecting us at all so I checked out for a little bit," said Stoddard.

The PTA president added that Oak View, at 5004 Sideburn Road, is fairly long distance from Clifton Elementary.

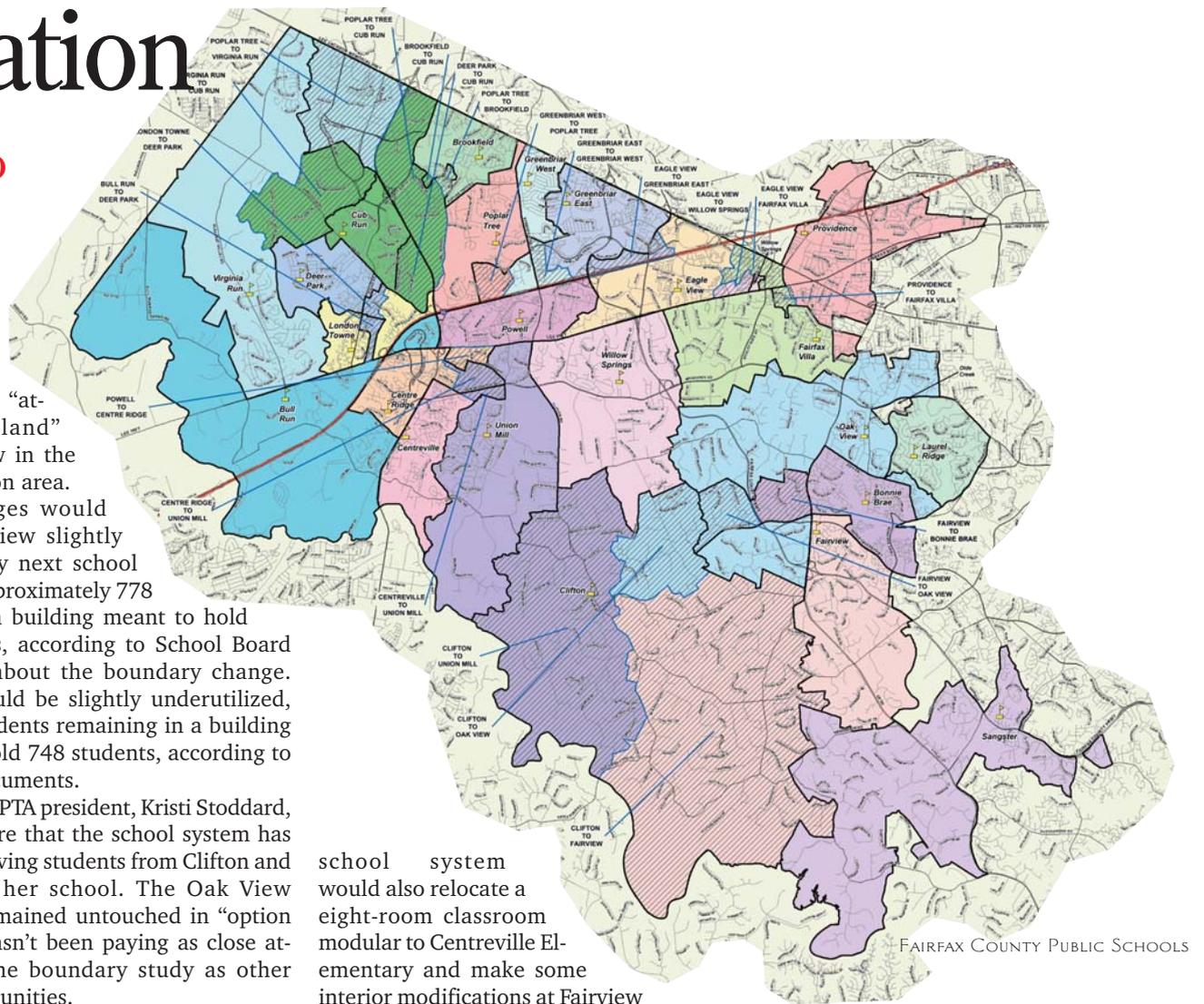
"I guess I would feel bad for those Clifton students, that is a pretty long ride," said Stoddard.

UNDER THE CURRENT RECOMMENDATION, Eagle View, Londontowne, Bull Run, Powell, Centreville, Fairview and Providence elementary schools would lose at least some students. Fairfax Villa, Willow Springs, Cub Run, Union Mill and Oak View elementary schools would receive children.

Several other schools — Greenbriar East, Greenbriar West, Poplar Tree, Deer Park, Brookfield, Virginia Run and Centre Ridge — would both lose current students and gaining new pupils at the same time under this proposal.

The boundary changes, including the closing of Clifton, would primarily take place next year, though the school system would wait to make some shifts until 2013, when the building additions are slated to be complete.

Greenbriar East, Union Mill and Fairfax Villa would have to receive eight-room building extensions for this redistricting effort to work, according to Tistadt. The



school system would also relocate a eight-room classroom modular to Centreville Elementary and make some interior modifications at Fairview under this recommendation, according to school board documents.

ACCORDING TO the school system, some parents have complained that recommendation would move a few families from Eagle View, Greenbriar East, Poplar Tree and Centreville from full-day kindergarten programs to half-day kindergarten programs at their new schools.

School Board Member Tessie Wilson (Braddock) said some discussion has taken place about expanding the full-day kinder-

garten program to those schools that are receiving students from those campuses that already have full-day kindergarten.

Wilson said the School Board would prefer to have full-day kindergarten at every school in the county but budget constraints over the past few years have slowed the expansion of the program.

"It is our goal to have full-day kindergarten in all schools but these [receiving] schools would certainly be the ones that would be my top priority," said Wilson.

BUSINESS NOTES

Through its "Room for Dinner" campaign, **Storage Village** fed 76 families that would have been otherwise unable to enjoy a Thanksgiving meal. Storage Village partnered with **Western Fairfax Christian Ministries**, a local non-profit that provides solutions for the most pressing needs of neighbors living in poverty, to distribute Thanksgiving dinners to families in the community. Storage Village, a self-storage company in Maryland and Virginia, is dedicated to supporting to the neighborhoods they serve.

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Artist's rendition of New Life Christian Church's future home in Chantilly.

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purpose room. And the previous, truck-wash site will be the church's Passion 4 Community area, which serves people in need. There, once-homeless persons will receive a "House in a Box" containing food, furniture, bedding, clothing, silverware and some appliances to help them set up housekeeping in their own places.

The showpieces of the building, though, will be its five, indoor athletic fields. "There'll be three, 180-foot, turf fields for soccer, lacrosse and indoor flag football," said Executive Pastor Creed Branson. "There'll also be two, wooden courts for volleyball, basketball or futsal — a new soccer game played on a wooden court — plus a fitness center." Restrooms with showers and a locker room are also part of the package.

"We could have wrestling, martial arts, gymnastics and speed-and-endurance training all taking place at the same time," he said. Moms can also work out while their children are cared for in the nursery and toddler room.

Outside will be 230 parking spaces; plus glass in place of the five bay doors currently there. Walking under an awning at the building's primary entrance, people will go into a 70x70-foot-room where trucks used to be unloaded.

Inside this entrance will be a seating area with a café. "It's like a sports-bar concept," said Branson. "Kids will be here playing volleyball, soccer, basketball — we want to get men into the building to participate in games with their children."

SYA cheerleaders already hold practices in one of the rooms, as do the Chantilly Soccer Club and Gainesville Little League. "We're also in conversations with CYA about using the facility," said Andrews.

All in all, he said, the building is a great deal. Not only won't New Life and its participants have to deal with Sunday church traffic on Route 29 in Centreville, but they'll also be able to provide more amenities to the community. Said Andrews: "We'll do almost \$5.8 million in renovations, but we have more than three times the space than we would have had, and a much better location."

Of course, religion will also be an important part of the building. Said Branson: "Every Sunday morning, we'll set up 450 chairs on one of the wood courts for services."

Andrews said people are surprised to learn New Life is concentrating on installing the athletic functions of the new building before anything else. But, he explained, "Our first priority isn't to have a great room for me to preach in. It's to have a sports-themed building to meet that need in the community."

Furthermore, said Andrews, "When Jesus was on earth, he cared for people and said we should be as

salt and light in the world. This is our opportunity to build relationships with people in the community by serving them. We also plan to build an auditorium for community theater, in a later phase."

"There are people open to God, but not to church," he said. "So this is how we start conversations with people who'll then see the church as caring for them." If people are part of things that happen at a church, said Andrews, they feel as if they're "an insider, instead of an outsider — and we want everybody to feel like an insider."

He said questions such as, "Why am I here? What gives meaning to my life? How do I forgive and be forgiven? and What does the future hold?" are spiritual questions with which everyone wrestles.

"So we want to be a place where people can feel safe to ask those questions — especially those who feel like they're church outsiders," said Andrews. "And we think that honors God to be in the salt and light."

Branson said New Life will also host an after-school program for children of "under-resourced" families so they can participate in sports and other activities. "We'll have volunteers sponsor families, and we hope someone will sponsor a computer lab," he said.

"We have big visions for this church," continued Branson. "We're applying for a grant with the North American Soccer Association to allow us to have kids here who don't have the financial resources to be involved in other youth-sports programs."

Noting that he's coached baseball since his son in college played T-Ball, Andrews said there's "a value in kids being involved in sports. When we did a community survey and asked what the community needed, one of the answers was, 'More things for kids.' And we believe that being involved in sports helps prepare kids for life."

But, he added, "Our focus is the whole person — spiritual and emotional needs, plus physical fitness. That's why we offer food, clothing, children's development and recovery programs." For more information, see www.newlife4me.com.

Branson says they hope to have all the construction done by July 15 and have all parts of the facility open at once. If necessary, said Andrews, they may start with three Sunday services, instead of the usual two.

"It's exciting to be part of something bigger than you are — and something you know you couldn't have made happen, on your own," he said. He's also thrilled to see "how excited people both in and out of New Life are about the nZone."

As for Branson, he's proud to belong to an organization "that really lives its values and loves people, no matter their condition. Jesus's great commandment was 'Go into all the world' and be among the people. And we want to be a place that really serves people in the community."

Decide To Ride Local bicycling advocacy group drives plans to make county more "bike-friendly."

BY VICTORIA ROSS
CENTRE VIEW

Fionnuala Quinn of Fairfax regularly hops on her Trek hybrid bike for many local trips, including visits to the dentist, grocery store and book club meetings. A native of Dublin, Quinn grew up bicycling and using public transportation.

Bruce Wright and his wife, Kerie Hitt of Reston, also use their bikes instead of a car for many trips. For nearly 20 years, they bike-commuted to work on a daily basis.

As active members of Fairfax Advocates for Better Bicycling (FABB), all three hope to make it easier for the other 200,000 bicycle-owners in Fairfax County to get out of their cars and onto the seats of their two-wheelers in the coming year.

"We often hear 'I wish I could ride my bike to work or to school but it's just not safe enough around here,'" said Wright, chairman and co-founder of FABB, which has a core membership of about 30 residents and an email list of 850 area cyclists.

"Since 2006, Fairfax County has become more bike friendly with the adoption of the county-wide bicycle initiative, but cyclists still need better-connected bike routes, secure bicycle parking and education programs to help them travel comfortably and safely," Wright said.

IN DECEMBER, FABB was recognized by the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors for publishing a resource guide for cycling advocates in Virginia. The Guide for Reviewing Public Road Design and Bicycling Accommodations for Virginia Bicycling Advocates has become a popular guide for enthusiasts, outlining how to navigate the road design process.

"Agencies make critical planning, design and budgeting decisions that shape the new facilities that become part of the overall transportation system. This guide details ways advocates can influence the process," said Quinn, a civil engineer who was the lead author of the guide.

"FABB is clearly focused on improving our quality of life and health by providing better opportunities for biking," said Supervi-



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Fionnuala Quinn bundles up for a ride to Fair Oaks Mall from her home in Fairfax. She frequently runs errands using her bike instead of her car.

sor Catherine Hudgins (D-Hunter Mill). "[The group] has already completed a key goal of informing the community and providing directions on how to improve biking opportunities with its wonderful guide."

Hudgins, who has backed many cycling initiatives, said she thinks cycling generally helps create more livable, healthy and sustainable communities by "connecting us as people."

"I have a great foldable Dahon bike that is not getting enough use. I usually ride the pathways in Reston and the W&OD Trail when I have time, but not lately," she said.

Supervisor John W. Foust (D-Dranesville), who named improving pedestrian and bicycle safety as two of his top priorities, agrees with Hudgins, and said he supports FABB's efforts. "We need to encourage people to get out of their cars and exercise outdoors. Improving the trail and bicycle networks are excellent ways to do this," Foust said.

Supervisor Penelope Gross (D-Mason) also said she welcomes the input of FABB and other cycling advocates who help determine "how and where we can get the best bang for our buck."

"In my district, I have been working with

my appointee to the Sidewalk and Trails Committee to identify those areas in Mason District that would be better served by improving bicycle connections. My appointee, and my new land use aide, who is an avid cyclist, recently took a cross-district bike ride to examine trails, stream valleys, and even culverts under I-395 for possible pedestrian and bicycle connections. It was a wet and dirty trek, highlighting the need for improvements," Gross said.

BICYCLE ADVOCATES contend that cycling can improve quality-of-life issues such as traffic congestion, air quality and childhood obesity. But opinions vary among Fairfax County supervisors as to how much the County can and should do to make it more bicycle-friendly, particularly in a tight budget environment.

"I think there's always room for promoting trails and promoting cycling," said Supervisor Pat Herrity (R-Springfield), but he differs somewhat with FABB's approach. Instead of dedicated bike lanes on roads, he would like to see cyclists using Fairfax County's 500 miles of trails [shared use paths], that criss-cross the county and range in width from six feet to the newer 10-foot standard.

"Fairfax County has an award-winning trail system, and I think most cyclists would appreciate more trails as connections, rather than riding on the roads and competing with motorists," Herrity said.

When the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors approved the comprehensive bicycle initiative in 2006, a program committed to making Fairfax County bicycle-friendly, the plan established a full-time staff position devoted to bicycle facility coordination.

Wright and Quinn maintain that without the County's hiring of Charlie Strunk, the bicycle coordinator for the county's Department of Transportation, and Jeffrey Hermann, a transportation planner, Fairfax County would not have moved forward with recent projects that make the area more accessible to cyclists. "They have been invaluable in helping us with these initiatives," Wright said.

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Nine Dance Companies Performing

The Chantilly-based Encore Theatrical Arts Project will be performing at the Fairfax County Dance Coalition's (FCDC) first annual gala, "A Celebration of Dance." It's slated for Saturday, Jan. 29, at 8 p.m., and Sunday, Jan. 30, at 2 p.m., in the theater of NOVA's Annandale Campus.

"This is a unique opportunity to appreciate a showcase of dance styles – ballet, tap, jazz, modern and Indian dances – integrated into a diverse array of dynamic dance talent," said Tish Cordova, FCDC president. "Advanced and professional dancers from throughout Fairfax County will represent our dance arts community."

Nine companies will perform, including: BalletNova, Classical Ballet Theatre, Dancin' Unlimited Jazz Dance Co., Dream in Color Foundation – Impact Dance Co., Encore, Lasya Dance Co., The Ballet Arts Ensemble of Fairfax, Center Stage Dance Co. and the Virginia Ballet Co.

The Fairfax County Dance Coalition formed in 2008 with the encouragement of the Arts Council of Fairfax County. The Coalition's mission is to grow awareness of and participation in the dance arts by students, audiences and dance companies.

"I believe that dance enriches the cultural fabric of a community," said Marilyn York, an FCDC officer and dance company director for more than 35 years. "Fairfax County is rich in dance ability, but we haven't been promoting it enough. There's something in this family-oriented show for everyone."

Tickets are \$15 in advance and \$18 at the door. To purchase them, or for more information, visit www.dancefairfax-gala.org, or contact any of the participating dance organizations. NOVA's Annandale Campus is at 8333 Little River Turnpike.



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OPINION

Transportation Plan without Substance

Say no to liquor plan, a giveaway to big business.

If it sounds too good to be true, it probably is. It's a major component of consumer protection and something we try to teach our children.

So consider this quote from Gov. Bob McDonnell on his latest plan for transportation funding:

"I'm asking all of you to support a plan that pumps billions into roads, creates tens of thousands of new jobs, adds no new debt, starts work now, and doesn't raise taxes."

Lots of money, no debt, no taxes. Not likely. In fact, the governor's plan would take existing revenue that is paying for existing costs, like public safety and education, and forcing reallocation to transportation.

The so-called privatization of the liquor business would cost the state hundreds of millions of dollars in lost revenue that is cur-

rently being used for core state services, services that have already been cut to the bone. The one-time infusion of up to \$400 million (literally not enough money to pay for a single new interchange on a highway) does not make up for the loss of revenue annually. Or the harm of possibly tripling the number of liquor stores in the state.

Who would benefit? Very large retailers who would get almost all of the licenses to sell liquor.

Fixing the transportation debacle in Virginia will require new revenue. Gov. McDonnell is more interested in saying that he cut the size of government and turned more business over to the private sector than a meaningful fix for transportation. Right now, his proposal is to take the insufficient amount of money being spent on education, public safety and the safety net and spend it on roads instead.

The result will be irreparable harm and not nearly enough money to improve roads and transit.

Our legislators in the Virginia General As-

sembly should just say no.

Judge the governor's proposal for yourself, read it at www.governor.virginia.gov/News under Jan. 14.

- MARY KIMM,
MKIMM@CONNECTIONNEWSPAPERS.COM

Dogs and Cats, Parrots and Pigs, Spiders and Snakes

It's time to take some photos of your family and your favorite animals and send them in to the Connection for our Feb. 2 Pet Connection.

Write a paragraph or two about how you acquired your pet or what's special about your pet or what you've learned from your pet, have your children draw a picture, take some photos and email in by next week.

Send smauren@connectionnewspapers.com to

Looking Ahead to Priorities for 2011

BY SHARON BULOVA
CHAIRMAN, FAIRFAX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

As we turn the page for the New Year, Fairfax County continues to face significant challenges. Our economy is on a slow road to recovery from the worst recession in decades. Residential and commercial property values are still too low, close to a thousand homeowners in Fairfax are still struggling with foreclosures and nearly 30,000 of our residents are unable to find work.

Despite these challenges, Fairfax County continues to be an exceptional place to live, work and play. We have taken advantage of some of the opportunities the economic downturn has presented. With the cost of construction at a record low, we have been able to realize long-term savings in our capital program for parks and schools. We have also made organizational changes and found efficiencies that have lowered the cost of providing services while keeping taxes affordable.

Work has begun on the County's budget for Fiscal Year 2012. As the effects of the Great Recession linger, we estimate a projected shortfall in our \$3.3 billion General Fund Budget for Fiscal Year 2012 of about \$50 million. Giving employees raises "as usual" would increase this shortfall by \$107 million — \$33 million for County workers and \$74 million for School employees.

When our Board adopts the budget in April, we will be investing in our community's priorities. The budget we adopt must be balanced and cannot include a deficit. As in past years, it is critical to have the community at the table with us as we consider funding decisions and I look forward to working with my colleagues and constituents through another community engagement process.

A number of things will happen in Fairfax

County during 2011 in addition to adopting the budget — some Supervisor districts will change, 13,000 Defense employees will move to Ft. Belvoir, and state and local elections will take place.

In addition to these items, I will be working toward achieving several goals for the year ahead. These goals deal with growth and redevelopment, energy efficiency, and sustainability, economic development, and transportation.

Fairfax County's future is in redevelopment.

As Fairfax County continues to grow, it is important that we get it right by encouraging growth where it can be supported by mass transit in compact, walkable mixed use developments. This will allow growth to happen in a way that protects the environment, our older stable neighborhoods and offers another life style choice that is desirable for our residents through all chapters of life.

Our vision for transforming Tysons is a model for future smart growth in Fairfax County. Look for development to advance during the next year (as a result of Comprehensive Plan changes in Tysons, Merrifield, Springfield and other redeveloping parts of the county) that will contribute to that vision.

In 2011, I will make encouraging innovation

and collaboration for energy that is clean, efficient, sustainable, secure and reliable a priority. Energy efficiency is critical for industry to remain competitive in Fairfax County. It is also the right thing to do. In November I began plans for a Private Sector Energy Task Force that will work with our county staff and my office to identify strategies to realize progress toward meeting our energy goals.

In addition to clean energy, I will be working with our corporate neighbors in identifying and fostering the emergence of new industry sectors, such as personalized medicine and tourism. Together with our business community we can build a new economy in Fairfax County, and emerge from the Great Recession stronger than ever.

And lastly, improving mobility in Fairfax County that incorporates multi-modal options for our workers and residents will be a top priority for 2011. We must continue to plan for and invest in pedestrian and bike routes, light rail, Metro, and the VRE, and ensure they connect to offer efficient mobility options.

Fairfax County offers a great quality of life. The most important ingredient in making that happen is the positive engagement of our community. I extend my warmest wishes for the year ahead as we work together to realize its promise.



Coat Drive

Girl Scout Troop 659 had a coat drive sponsored by p.s. Aeropostale (Aeropostale's children's store) and 1WarmKid charity organization. They collected 88 coats with the help of the Willow Springs Elementary School SCA and 77 coats from Clifton Elementary School for a total of 165 coats. The coats Troop 659 collected were taken to SERVE in Manassas as directed by Aeropostale. Through 1WarmKid, needy children received a new coat from p.s. Aeropostale for every gently used coat that was donated. From left are Katie Yusko, Kasey Smith, Hannah Holman, Nikki Kozy and Emme Seale. Not pictured: Elena Calderone, Karen Lohrmann, Mary Kate Foley, Taylor Corridon, Delaney Desman.

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Frey Reports on State of Sully

FROM PAGE 1

to come to Fairfax County's aid. "The wealthier you are as a district, the less money you get from the state," he said. "The rest of the state likes using our money, and there's not enough votes [in the General Assembly] to change the state funding formula."

Right now, said Frey, "The thing most people are watching – and we're watching – is transportation funding. Delegates Albo and Rust are working on a bill to tax corporations not headquartered in Virginia, but doing substantial business in Virginia."

When they investigated the possibility, said Frey, they learned that "many other states already do this. They believe they could raise \$200 million for transportation this way, so we'll see where this goes."

He also mentioned Gov. Robert McDonnell's suggestion to sell nearly \$3 billion in bonds, over the next three years, to fund transportation. "We are one of 26 states in the country rated AAA by three, bond-rating agencies," said Frey. "So we'd be able to get those bonds, but how will we pay that debt back? How will we pay the debt service on these bonds?"

Furthermore, he said, "Three billion dollars sounds like a lot of money, but it's not a substantial, long-range solution to our transportation problems. It's been estimated that we really need \$100 billion, over the next 20 years, to adequately deal with transportation."

And even more bleak news is on the horizon. "After July 1, we'll get zero dollars for secondary roads in Fairfax County," said Frey. "We won't even be able to install a new traffic light unless a developer offers it. And transportation is on the minds of corporations considering locating here, so the General Assembly has to do something."

Touching on the topic of redistricting, Frey said

"School employees won't get a pay increase if county employees don't."

— Michael R. Frey, Sully District Supervisor

he's about to undergo his fourth redistricting since he's been in office. But, he added, Chantilly's Greenbriar community has been redistricted five times.

Local resident Ralph Hubbard will be Sully District's representative on the countywide redistricting committee. Frey said the Board of Supervisors — which will determine the county's magisterial-district boundaries — is considering having the committee report back to it by the end of March.

Then public hearings on the proposed plan would be held around the end of April or in early May. The Justice Department must approve any changes by the end of July, and each district's new boundaries would become effective Jan. 1, 2012.

Frey said Hubbard would be happy to meet with residents about their redistricting ideas after he and the other committee members receive the latest census data in February. Once they do, said Frey, "They can start to put lines on paper."

He said that, in 2001, "The ideal district was 107,000 or 108,000 people. This time, the ideal district is a little over 117,000. Right now, Sully is at about 115,500 residents. The growth has been in the Lorton and Reston areas."

Noting that, "While there will be some partisanship in Richmond [redrawing legislative districts]," Frey said, "Historically, Fairfax County's magisterial districts try to keep communities of interest together and keep logical boundaries. Lorton is pushing for a new district, but it's not anywhere near large enough, on its own, to warrant a new district."

He also told residents that there are always openings on various boards and commissions for anyone wishing to volunteer his or her time and give back to the community. Those interested may contact his office at 703-814-7100.

Frey Gives Updates on Projects

FROM PAGE 1

❖ **Poplar Tree Road:** To eliminate a bottleneck that backs up traffic, Fairfax County will widen Poplar Tree Road from two lanes to four between Sully Station Drive in the north and Braddock Ridge Drive in the south. This project was funded by the 2007 transportation bond. However, said Frey, "Right-of-way was given, but nothing else, so it's been tough squeaking [the widened road] through there."

"Last week, the county took the pools out of three backyards that were too close to the road," he continued. "Two of the homes were in foreclosure and the third homeowner was happy to get

rid of it. We're hoping they'll actually go to work [on this project] as soon as school is out."

❖ **UOSA's pipe replacement:** UOSA is replacing an extensive amount of 40-year-old sewer pipes in Centreville and Chantilly and, said Frey, "As a result of UOSA's work, we're getting some nice improvements to the trail system." UOSA agreed to put in some pedestrian bridges over Cub Run in exchange for having to disturb parkland while replacing the pipes.

"They're going to set the bridge over Cub Run, between Country Club Manor and Virginia Run, a week from tomorrow [Jan. 25]," said Frey. "And a second [foot] bridge will connect London

Towne to Virginia Run."

He also praised UOSA for replacing the pipes, on its own. "The fact that UOSA has the foresight to do needed maintenance and replace pipes before they rupture is to our benefit," he said. "And it's been done with a minimum of inconvenience to the community."

❖ **Artificial-turf athletic fields:** The county Park Authority has put in several, artificial-turf fields and plans to do some more. "Westfield High finished theirs, and we're working with Chantilly High to get its done, too," said Frey. "It's estimated that you get 60-65-percent additional usage from turf fields, over natural-grass fields – which is a great boost to our local, youth sports teams."

Encouraging People to Get Out

FROM PAGE 7

Since 2006, several projects have been completed by the County, including:

- ❖ The County's fleet of Connector buses were equipped with front-mounted bike racks;
- ❖ Creation of a county bicycle route map;
- ❖ Large annual increases in Bike-to-Work day participation;

❖ Bike lanes added along several streets including Lawyer's Road, Gallows Road, Westmoreland Street and Wakefield Chapel Road;

❖ More bicycle parking – racks and municipal lockers at many locations, plus bike valets at several events;

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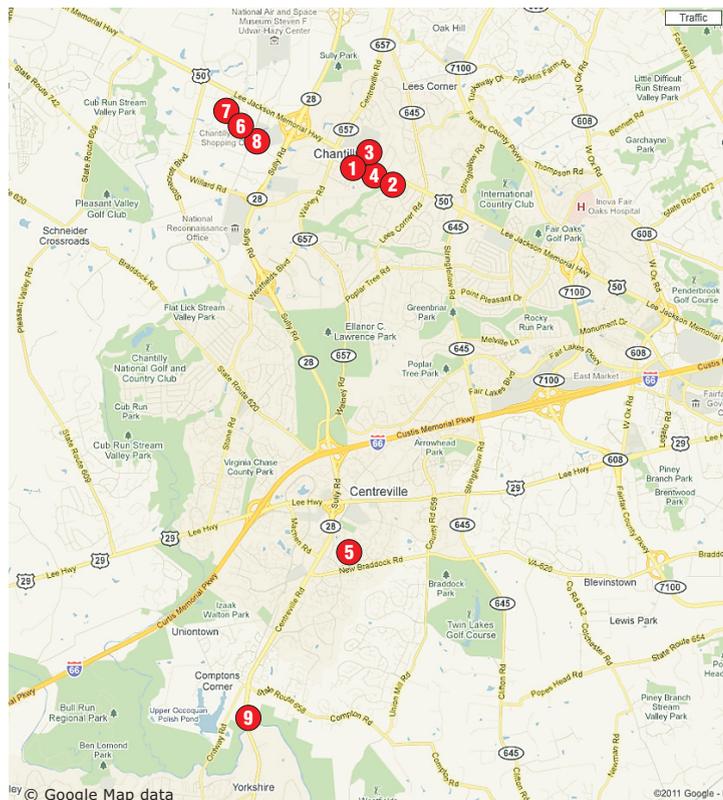
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14502 OAK CLUSTER DR	5	2	2		CENTREVILLE			\$415,000		Detached		0.23		ROCKY RUN
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PEOPLE



Laura Eom, Sarah Mysinger, Kelsey Daily, Natalie King and Colleen Sheard earned their Silver Medals.



Gold Medals were awarded to Kylene Daily and Brynna Heflin.

Scouts Earn Gold and Silver Awards

Seven Girl Scouts, who earned their Gold and Silver awards, were recognized at a Nov. 28 ceremony. These awards symbolize accomplishments in leadership, community service, career planning and personal development. The Girl Scouts from Centreville High and Liberty Middle received the highest recognition that they could receive for their age level.

Senior Scouts Brynna Heflin and Kylene Daily, of Troop 3676.5, each received the highest award Girl Scouting has to offer, the Girl Scout Gold Medal. Before beginning a project, a Senior Scout must have earned several Interest Project Patches, the Gold Career Award, the Gold 4 B Challenge and the Gold Leadership Award. She must then write a proposal and present it to the council for consideration. Once approved, the Scout can begin working on the project. Brynna built a program called "Tutoring for Success" that she implemented at the Centreville United Methodist Church. Over the course of 20 sessions, Brynna worked with youngsters of parents who attended an "English as a Second Language" program. These youngsters not only received help with homework, but were also taught good study habits and organizational skills.

Kylene Daily's project, "Warm Heads, Warm Hearts" was a project designed to show other teenagers that helping those in need can be as easy as making a hat. With simple instructions and several sewing

machines, Kylene and her volunteers made more than 800 hats. These fleece hats were distributed by Our Neighbors Child this Christmas.

The Silver Medal is the highest award a Cadette Girl Scout can earn. After completing three Interest Project patches, earning the Silver Leadership Award, the Silver 4 B Challenge and completing a Career Study, the Girl Scout can begin to plan and implement a project of her choosing. Five members of Troop 5235 earned their Silver Medals.

"Saving the Planet One Can at a Time" was the project of Laura Eom. She worked with the Little Rocky Run HOA to recycle cans and cardboard at the three community pools this past summer. Sarah Mysinger's project was "Save Your Sanity, Hug a Pillow." She collected and donated craft materials and sporting equipment to be used at a teen mental health home. Then she made pillows that will be given to the teens upon discharge to help them remember to use coping skills that they have learned. "Books, Bags and Buddies" was a collective project completed by Kelsey Daily, Natalie King and Colleen Sheard. They made more than 130 fabric bags, and added children's books and a small stuffed animal. They then donated the bags to two Head Start school programs in the Centreville area. They are hoping that these books will encourage the youngsters and their parents to read together.



Devon Turner, Andrew Bokman

Turner and Bokman Are Married

Devon Turner and Andrew Bokman were married July 17, 2010, at Pleasant Valley United Methodist Church in Chantilly. The bride is the daughter of Dale and Lynda Turner of Clifton. The groom is the son of Ed and Beth Bokman of Eldersburg, Md. The newlyweds reside in Hagerstown, Md.



All for Toys for Tots

The Ed Lang Team/Remax Premier held a private viewing of the new film "The Chronicles of Narnia: the Dawn Treader" in 3D on Saturday, Dec. 11 at the Centreville Multiplex Theatre, to benefit Toys for Tots. The hour before the movie began was filled with activities, and this year the Rocky Run Middle School Band and Chorus groups joining in the celebration with a special concert prior to the movie. Other activities guests enjoyed were photos with Santa, decorate a Stocking, join in a holiday trivia contest, enter the door prize drawing and write a card to our honored troops. The Toys for Tots event entertained up to 500 guests. The toy donations from guests filled a truck, and Lang was told it was one of the Marines largest donations from events this season.



\$1,000 Donation The merchants of Colonnade at Union Mill in Clifton donated \$1,000 to Union Mill Elementary School as part of the shopping center's holiday promotion. The school received the donation thanks to Rebecca Brinker of Clifton who listed Union Mill Elementary as her favorite school on the entry form she filled out for a shopping spree drawing. In addition to a \$1,000 donation to the school, Brinker won a \$500 shopping spree to Colonnade at Union Mill. In back row, from left, are Sarah Bieber of Alder's Art & Frame; Vernon Ruiz of VA Runner; Susan Shadis, principal of Union Mill Elementary; Rebecca Brinker, Holiday Shopping spree Winner, and Yriah Breunig of ATA Martial Arts. In middle and front rows: Mrs. Wrenn's 6th grade class. Principal Shadis said she plans on using the donation to purchase wall mountable projectors for the classrooms.

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Thursday, Jan. 27 — 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.

Thursday, Feb. 10 — 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.

Thursday, Feb. 24 — 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.

MONDAYS AND WEDNESDAYS

ZUMBA Classes. 7 to 8 p.m. Latin based dance fitness class. The first class is free; afterward it's \$7-\$9 per class. At Cornerstone Montessori School, 4455 Brookfield Corporate Drive, Suite 201, Chantilly. Visit www.gozumbafun.com.

FRIDAY/JAN. 21

Swing Dancing. 9 p.m. to midnight. Admission is \$15. With the band, King Teddy. Beginner swing lesson from 8:30 to 9 p.m.; dancing from 9 p.m. to midnight. At the Hilton Washington Dulles Airport Hotel, 13869 Park Center Road (Route 28 near the airport), Herndon.

JAN. 28 THROUGH JAN. 30

Sugarloaf Crafts Festival. More than 250 craftspeople will display their handmade works. Hours are Friday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Saturday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Sunday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is \$7/online; \$9/door. At the Dulles Expo Center, 4368 Chantilly Shopping Center, Chantilly. Call 800-210-9900.

FRIDAY/JAN. 28

A Cappella Festival. 7:30 p.m. Centreville High Choral Boosters are hosting the Georgetown Chimes from Georgetown University, the Mixed Emotions from Virginia Tech and the UVA Sil'hooettes from the University of Virginia. The Sil'hooettes count as two of their members Brittany Peterson (CVHS class of 2008) and Alexandra Peterson (CVHS Class of 2010). All students in the CVHS pyramid schools: CVHS, Liberty Middle, Union Mill Elementary, Centre Ridge Elementary, Centreville Elementary, Colin Powell Elementary, and Bull Run Elementary are admitted free. General admission for all others is \$10. At Centreville High School's auditorium.

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SATURDAY/JAN. 29

Winter Dance Clinic. 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. For grades 1-8. Participants will learn two dances, and are invited to perform at halftime at the Chantilly Girls' Varsity Basketball game vs. Oakton on Tuesday, Feb. 1 at 7:30 p.m. The cost for the clinic is \$50 includes pizza lunch and a t-shirt. Registration forms can be found at www.chantillysports.org on the Dance Team page under "Camps and Clinics". Questions? Contact coach Casey Cassara at chargedancers@gmail.com.

MONDAY/JAN. 31

Fund-raiser. 5 to 10 p.m. Come out to support the Chantilly High School Ice Hockey Team. At Tony's New York Pizza in Fair Lakes (Take Out or Dine In), 3087 Fair Lakes Shopping Center, Fairfax.

SATURDAY/FEB. 5

Choral Cabaret. 7 p.m. The Centreville High Choral Department presents its annual Choral Cabaret (an informal and fun-filled evening of musical entertainment featuring individual student performances) in the CVHS Cafeteria. Desserts will be served. There will also be a silent auction and raffle to benefit the Choral Department. Tickets are \$10 for adults/ \$5 for students.

Beekeepers Beginners Class. 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. An eight-week class. The Beekeepers Association of Northern Virginia is offering beginner classes for those interested in learning about beekeeping. At Centreville Regional Library, 14220 St. Germain Drive, Centreville. Visit BANV's website at beekeepersnova.org.

THURSDAY/FEB. 10

"Race To Nowhere" Screening. 7 p.m. Tickets are \$10/online; \$15/door. Chantilly High School PTSA, Rocky Run Middle School PTA and the Franklin Middle School PTA are hosting a screening of the documentary film. The film is

about the pressures faced by schoolchildren and their teachers in a system and culture obsessed with the illusion of achievement, competition and pressure to perform. Visit www.racetonowhere.com.

FEB. 12-13

Wine and Food Showcase. More than 300 different wines produced by Virginia's leading wineries as well as food and wine demos and pairings. The goal is to offer wine lovers the opportunity to sample Virginia's wines all in one place. Tickets per person run \$45 at the door, \$36 online, and \$20 for non-drinkers. At the Westfields Marriott Hotel in Chantilly. (www.vawineshowcase.org).

MONDAY/FEB. 14

Marriage Seminar. 7 to 8 p.m. Free. "Falling in Love Again: Rekindling Romance and Restoring Hope in Your Marriage." Presented by Marriage Coach Lynn M. Griesemer at the Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Rd., Chantilly. Reservations accepted, but not required. lynn@marriagecoachlynn.com. Visit www.marriagecoachlynn.com/Feb14Flyer.html.

SATURDAY/FEB. 19

Bluegrass Gospel Concert. 6 p.m. With Bob Stone and The Virginia Gospel Singers from Fredericksburg. A freewill offering will be received. At Oakton Baptist Church, 14001 Sullyfield Circle, Chantilly. The church is located on Route 50, 1/5 mile east of the Route 28 overpass on the corner of Route 50 and Sullyfield Circle. Call 703 631-1799.

MONDAY/FEB. 21

Travelogue on Greece and Turkey. 7 p.m. Free. Lois Price, retired Fairfax County teacher and long-time member and former President of the GFWC-Western Fairfax County Woman's Club (GFWC-WFCWC), will present a travelogue on her tours of Greece and Turkey at the WFCWC meeting. At the meeting room of the Total Wine store in the Greenbriar Plaza Shopping Center, 13055-C Lee Jackson Highway, Chantilly. A tasting of selected South African wines will follow the presentation. Call Jackie at 703-378-8551 or e-mail westernfairfaxcountywc@gmail.com.

FEB. 24 TO FEB. 27

"Les Miserables." Centreville Presbyterian Church's community theater group will present the musical, "Les Miserables," Thursday-Friday, Feb. 24-25, at 7:30 p.m.; Saturday, Feb. 26, at 2 and 7:30 p.m.; and Sunday, Feb. 27, at 2 p.m., at the church. The 56 cast members range in age from 12-18 and represent 20 high schools and six middle schools. Tickets are \$10 at the church office or via www.centrevillepres.com. Call 703-830-0098.

FAITH NOTES

Congregation Yad Shalom, located in Centreville, provides a variety of programs in a traditional format with a modern flair. It invites inquiries about participation in these special activities by the local community. There are a number of activities for the family:

❖ Come celebrate the changing of the seasons. Enjoy a Tu B'Shevat seder with the congregation on Saturday, Jan. 22, at 10 a.m. at Little Rocky Run Community Center # 3.

❖ Come to the Super Bowl party with the congregation at a member's home on Sunday Feb. 6, at 5:30 p.m. - check the website for details.

❖ Join the congregation for a dinner and Friday night service with Cantor Zucker on Feb. 11, at Little Rocky Run Community Center # 3. Dinner will start at 6:30 p.m.

❖ For more information and/or directions, contact the Congregation at 703-579-6079, or visit www.yadshalom.com.

Temple Beth Torah is a Reform Jewish congregation and member of the Union of Reform Judaism (URJ) that meets at St. Johns Episcopal Church in the heart of Centreville. Religious school is held at the Goddard School in Chantilly, Virginia. The congregation offers the Northern Virginia Jewish community services that provide numerous spiritual, educational, support and social opportunities including religious school for member children age 3 through Bar/Bat Mitzvah and confirmation. Our congregation welcomes all members of the community to attend any of our services or events. For more information, a newsletter, or a membership package, call 703-263-2252 or visit www.BethTorah.net

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Looking Ahead to Summer

Parents begin signing up their children for summer camp.

BY CRISTINA ABELLAN-MATAMOROS
THE CONNECTION

In spite of harsh winter winds, parents are shifting their focus for warmer months and looking for the perfect summer camps for their children.

“Late January is the time to start looking,” said Grace Becker from Northern Virginia, mother of a 10 year old and a 13 year old. “It can be a stressful process initially, but every year gets a little bit easier. For me, I didn’t have much of a choice because I needed the childcare, but every family is different.” At most summer camps, enrollment works on a first-come first-serve basis, causing some to fill up quickly.

To help guide parents in their search, the Fairfax County Association for the Gifted has

More

A sampling of county and community fun camps: <http://www.katydidkids.com> which is the one that has the camps in Fairfax County Parks <http://www.ticcamp.com/> located in McLean http://www.levineschool.org/site/PageServer?pagename=classes_campgeneral located in Arlington <http://www.theauburnschool.org/camp.cfm> in Herndon

SCHOOL NOTES

News From Centreville High School

PRINCIPAL FORUM — PTSA-Principal Forum on Jan. 26 at 7 p.m. in the Media Center. If you would like to suggest a topic or issue, email president@cvhsptsa.org.

The FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) form is now available online for the 2011-2012 school year. It is important to check the financial aid website for each school to which you have applied to find their FAFSA application deadline. College financial aid administrators encourage every student to complete a FAFSA. Steps to completing the FAFSA can be found at <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/>.

Super Saturday Fill in the FAFSA event to be held at Centreville High School on Feb. 5. Free assistance will be available in the Media Center from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. to help you complete your FAFSA. For further information on Financial Aid and to view the flyer for the Super Saturday Fill in the FAFSA event, go to http://www.fcps.edu/CentrevilleHS/career_center.htm.

Juniors and their parents are invited to annual College Planning Night on Feb. 16 at 7 p.m. in the CVHS theatre. (Snow date Feb. 22). A panel of college admissions representatives from four-year universities and NVCC will present a lively discussion on a variety of issues that will assist students in preparing for the college application process.

NOVA CASH - Free Tax Preparation for Qualifying Families — Organized by Fairfax County Department of Family Services, the NOVA CASH (Creating Assets, Savings, and Hope) Coalition is dedicated to helping local families who made \$49,000 or less in 2010 avoid the costly service

compiled a summer camp guide, available for \$10. The guide focuses on “enrichment [and] academic camps,” according to Lara Bove of McLean, producer of the guide. “I try to get as much of an overview of the camps listed in the guide as I can.” Music, drama, and nature camps are also featured in the guide, providing “exposure for niche camps ... that won’t put a flashy ad in the Washington Post,” said Becker, who volunteers on the production of the guide.

“Parents are looking for different things,” Becker said. “There are working parents who are mostly looking for childcare for the summer, and then there are stay-at-home moms who look for more flexible camps [with] half-day sessions.”

The availability of extended care hours is a growing concern among working parents, according to several camp directors. Kate Summer, who runs the Katydid Kids summer camps in Frying Pan Park, Burke Lake Burke, Colvin Run Mill Park, and Lake Fairfax Park, said that she has “a lot of parents signing up for after care.” About 60 per cent of the parents who enroll their children in one of her sessions are working parents, according to Summer. The guide includes information about childcare for each listed camp.

Although specifics vary, most parents are looking for a safe, fun camp where their child will be actively engaged. “[I’m looking for] safety, fun, the typical things that parents want,” said Bove.

most organizations charge to prepare and file taxes. With the help of dedicated IRS certified volunteers, low-income families throughout Northern Virginia received over \$5.5 million in federal refunds last tax season. This initiative runs from January, 2011 to mid-April. Tax preparation sites are located throughout Alexandria, Arlington, Fairfax, Fauquier, Loudoun and Prince William. Visit www.nvacash.org for additional information and for flyers in different languages.

Six Fairfax County public schools have been recognized as finalists for the Scholastic Crown Award, the highest honor bestowed on student publications by the Columbia Scholastic Press Association (CSPA). Each of the publications will receive either a Gold or Silver Crown Award during the CSPA convention in March 2011.

The local Crown Award finalists are: **Odyssey**, Chantilly High School, High School Yearbook Crown Finalist. Mary Kay Downes is the adviser; **The Sentry**, Robinson Secondary School, Middle School Yearbook Crown Finalist. Pat Hinman is the adviser, and **The Guardian**, Westfield High School, High School Yearbook Crown Finalist. Anthony Whitten is the adviser.

More than 1,400 newspapers, magazines, and yearbooks published during the 2009-10 academic year were eligible to participate in the 2011 Crown Awards program. A total of 170 Crown Awards will be given to high school and college publications.

Clifton Children’s Academy will be holding a Registration Open House for Kindergarten and Morning, Afternoon and Fullday Preschool classes on Tuesday, Jan. 25, from 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. This is for registration for Fall 2011. There will also be limited registration available for this Winter - 2011. Bring your child and come to tour the school. The school is located at 14315 Compton Road in Centreville. Call 703-968-8455 for more information and to schedule for Open House. Registration Info is available on the Website at www.childrensacademy.com.



PHOTO COURTESY OF KATYDID KIDS

Youngsters gather at one of the Katydid Kids summer camps.

Clifton’s Elizabeth Schultz, mother of four, added, “I investigate for things that are fun. It’s great [for the youngsters] to have an outdoor experience, [to] exercise brain and body ... and [to] give me a break.”

But for many parents, money is also a concern when considering camps for their children. “Especially if you have three of four children, price is a biggie,” said Schultz.

However, some parents such as Tim Higgins of Great Falls, say that expensive enrichment camps can help flesh out a college application.

Nancy Soschan, who runs a camp-advis-

ing program in Springfield called Summer Solutions, strongly agrees. “Wilderness adventure camps, academic enrichment camps, art camps are really great for teenagers,” she said. A representative of Wilderness Adventure, a sleepaway outdoor camp in Roanoke, claimed that such summer experiences give college applicants intriguing essay topics.

Soschan strongly recommends sleepaway camps to foster competence and independence. “Kids learn to be independent,” she said. “They learn ... sharing and communicating with others.”

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BY RICH SANDERS
CENTRE VIEW

The high school swim and dive regular season has just one more week remaining and the Westfield High boys' team is sporting an unbeaten record at 6-0.

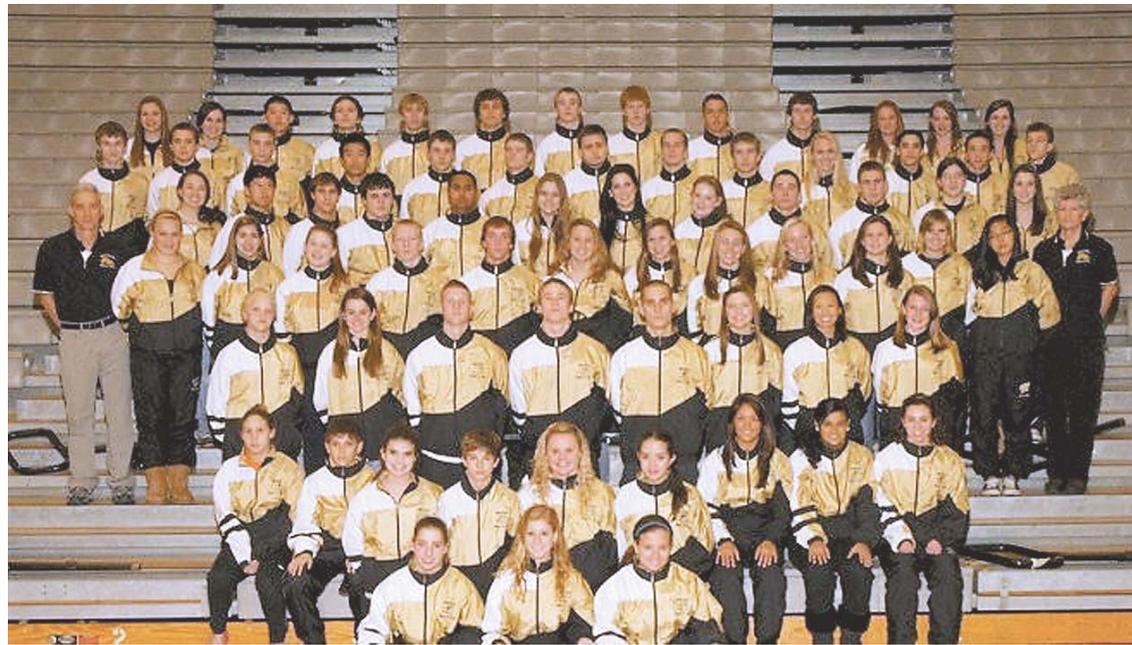
This past Friday night Westfield defeated Robinson, 173-142, to remain atop the Concorde District standings.

The Westfield girls (4-2) also won against their Robinson counterparts, 171-143. Making the evening extra special for the Westfield teams was that the Bulldogs were celebrating "Senior Night."

Indeed, it has been the seniors who have led the outstanding Westfield boys' team, which has victories this season over their following district opponents: Herndon, Chantilly, Oakton, Centreville and Robinson. The team has defeated Robinson twice - the first time in the season opener on Dec. 3 and the second time in Friday's meeting.

"Our boys have been outstanding, especially our seniors," said Westfield coach Bruce Andersen. "They came into the season with lofty goals, but they weren't all believers. They beat Robinson to start out the season to give them a big morale boost."

Just prior to the winter holiday break, the



The Westfield High boys' and girls' swim teams, pictured here, will conclude the regular season this Friday night with a meet versus Centreville High.

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Bulldogs defeated a talented Oakton squad, 161-154. That boys' team victory came down to the final relay.

Both the Westfield boys' and girls' teams will close out the regular season this Friday night with a meet versus local district rival Centreville High. The meet will take place at Oak Marr Recreation Center beginning at 6.

THE FOLLOWING WEEKEND will see the Bulldogs competing at the district championships, beginning with the dive championships on Thursday morning, Jan. 27 at 11:45 a.m. at Audrey Moore. The district swim preliminaries will take place Friday evening, Jan. 28 beginning at 5:30, then

the finals will be held on Saturday night, Jan. 29, also at 5:30. The preliminaries and finals swim competitions will take place at Cub Run.

"We are excited about the upcoming championship season," said Andersen, of the upcoming postseason which will consist of districts, followed a week later by the Northern Region Championships (Feb. 1-5) at Oak Marr. This year's state championships will take place in Virginia Beach the weekend of Feb. 18.

The Westfield boys' top swimmers this winter have been CJ Fiala, Kurtis Ratcliff, Charlie Keith, Brandon Fiala, Richard Xue, and Matt Glowacki.

"Our divers have also been a big plus,

even though we don't have any summer dive programs that feed into Westfield," said Andersen.

THE WESTFIELD GIRLS are a younger team across the board and have been a little inconsistent. Even so, the Wildcats have gained four wins going into the final week.

"Our girls aren't as deep, but we have some young talent," said Andersen.

The team's victories have come over Herndon, Chantilly, Centreville and Robinson. The win over Robinson on Friday avenged an earlier season, week one loss to the Rams on Dec. 3.

The Westfield girls have not had a full squad available for any of their meets this season.

"We haven't had a meet yet where we had everyone, and we have a few girls who are still battling some injuries and aches," said the coach.

"We are hoping to put it all together by district championship time."

Westfield diver Heather Magill has had a strong season and qualified for regions.

The girls' team's top swimmers have been Carli Molano and Seirra Higinbotham, both who have region cuts. Freshmen Zoe Hemmer and Amy Layne have been strong performers, as have sophomores Erin Schulte and Reagan Warrington.

Andersen is optimistic his teams can excel during the postseason meets.

"If both teams continue to work hard and stay healthy they should do well through the championship season," he said. "They are a fantastic group of student athletes, with infectious enthusiasm."

CVHS SPORTS NOTEBOOK

BY KAREN FULKERSON

Women, Men's Basketball: The Centreville Lady Wildcats could not sustain their first half lead Friday night, Jan. 14 against the Chantilly Chargers in a 56-50 loss. After leading by as many as eight points in the first half, and six at the half, the Wildcats saw Chantilly battle back to secure the victory. Erin Meador led all scorers with 19 points. With the loss, the Cats fall to 9-5 and 1-2 in the district. Next up are for Centreville was a meeting with the top ranked Oakton Cougars on Tuesday, Jan. 18.

In boys' action, Chantilly scored four, three-pointers in the first quarter during their contest against CVHS, jumping to a 19-7 first quarter lead. The Wildcats outscored the Chargers by four

points from that point forward, getting within three points (44-41) with four minutes to go in the game. Cameron Owens led all scorers with 21 points (converting 4-of-7 three-pointers) while grabbing 12 rebounds. Drakkar Sanders, Will Doyle, and Travis Whitney each had 6 points for Centreville. Centreville held St. Louis University-bound John Manning to just 8 points.

Lady Wildcats Defeat Herndon: The Lady Wildcats had their fastest start of the year, opening an early 19-point lead on Wednesday night, Jan. 12, as they led wire to wire and defeated the determined Herndon Hornets, 63-51. Chaney Forbush had her fourth double-double of the year with 17 points and 10 boards. Freshman Jenna Green had 13 points, six boards and five assists. Seniors Erin Meador, Hayley Diamond and Tay-

lor O'Hara added 11 points and seven boards, three, 3-pointers, and ten rebounds respectively.

Boys Fall to Herndon: The CVHS Men's team endured a tough night at the hands of the Herndon Hornets, falling to them 76-50. Cameron Owens had 24 points for CVHS as well as five rebounds and two 3-pointers, while Travis Whitney had six rebounds.

Gymnastics: Congratulations to the CVHS gymnastics team for placing 5th as a team in their Jan. 10 meet. In individual honors, the following students placed in individual events: Uneven Bars - Megan Riedel, 4th place; Balance Beam - Adrian Hurdle, 2nd place; Floor - Megan Riedel, 4th place; All Around - Megan Riedel, 4th place.

Swimming: On Friday, Jan. 14

the CVHS swim/dive team competed against Herndon in a Concorde District contest. Overall the swim teams' times keep improving, reports Coach Jen McFeely, which is particularly impressive considering the team missed a day of preparation due to the snow day on Tuesday, Jan. 12. Many individual accomplishments need to be recognized; Congratulations to the following for their hard work:

Boys 1st place finishers: 200 Medley Relay: Germanis, Hamrick, Helme, Clarke;

200m Free: Johnny Germanis; 100m Back: Johnny Germanis.

Boys 2nd place finishers: Diving: Chance Roman; 100 Fly: Jonathan Clarke; 200 Free Relay: Balberde, M. Cole, Yom, Helme.; 400 Free: Yom, Clarke, N. Cole, Germanis.

Boys 3rd place finishers: 50 Free: Mitchell Cole; Diving: Rama Rafie; 500 Free: Nick Cole; 100 Back:

Jonathan Clarke; 100 Breaststroke: Andy Balberde.

Girls 1st place finishers: 200 Free: Kylie Cuomo; 50 Free: Abby McCranie; 200 Free Relay: Cuomo, T. Avery, R. Anderson, A. McCranie.

Girls 2nd place finishers: 200 Medley Relay: McCranie, Melanie Luck, R. Anderson, T. Avery; 200 IM: Rachel Anderson; 50 Free: Taylor Avery; Diving: Lauren Johnston; 100 Fly: Taylor Avery; 100 Free: Abby McCranie; 100 Back: Rachel Anderson.

Girls 3rd Place: 200 Free: Brooke Worley; Diving: McKenzie Islin; 500 Free: Brooke Worley; 200 Free Relay: Morgan Cripe, Mackenzie Cripe, Erin Hessler; Brooke Worley; 100 Breaststroke: Melanie Luck; 400 Free Relay: Kylie Cuomo, Brooke Worley, Katie Schwindt, Erin Hessler.

PEOPLE



Girls on the Run

Some 35 girls from Virginia Run Elementary School participated in the Girls on the Run program, which culminated in the Reindeer Romp 5K in Reston on Dec. 4. The girls participated in a 10-week program (meeting twice a week before school) to prepare for the race.



Victory Cup

Students from the Black Belt Academy in Centreville recently competed in the Victory Cup Martial Arts Championship tournament held at the Northern Virginia Community College in Annandale. The school placed fourth overall out of approximately 14 schools from across the Northern Virginia region. Shown with Master Iby Abdalla, an instructor at the Black Belt Academy are: Yousuf Azhar, Abigail Muller, James Zhang, Zachary Dupont, Ahmad Zeiaei, Sahar Zeiaei and Raymond DelVecchio. Not pictured: Taha Hasan, Mark Litman, Natasha Barrett and Kelly Dahbura.

Proper Disposal

American Legion Post 1995 and Boy Scout Pack 321 of Centreville dispose of old and worn American Flag in a ceremony held in November at Fairfax Fire Station 38. A couple of hundred flags were burned, each, one at a time while American Legion members and Boy Scouts stood at attention. At right, Boy Scout Sean Scully.



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Children's Play At Chantilly

Hilarity ensues when Mother Goose mixes up her fairytales and combines stories and characters in unexpected ways. The fun takes place this weekend during Chantilly High's children's play, "Mother Goose's Really Fabulous Fairytales." It'll be presented Friday, Jan. 21, at 7 p.m.; Saturday, Jan. 22, at 2 and 7 p.m.; and Sunday, Jan. 23, at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$5 at the door.

Recycle During Electric Sunday

Residents may recycle old TVs, computers, peripheral electronic devices – such as keyboards, speakers, printers and scanners, as well as household hazardous wastes – including fluorescent light bulbs and tubes, for free, during Fairfax County's "Electric Sunday" events. The next one is slated for Sunday, Jan. 23, from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. at the I-66 Transfer Station, 4618 West Ox Road in Fairfax. For more information, call 703-324-5052.

Centreville Immigration Forum

The next meeting of the Centreville Immigration Forum is Tuesday, Jan. 25, at 7:30 p.m., at the Centreville Regional Library.

Fair Oaks CAC To Meet

The Citizens Advisory Council of the Fair Oaks District Police Station will meet Tuesday, Jan. 25, at 7 p.m., in the roll-call room of the police station. It's at 12300 Lee Jackson Memorial Highway in Chantilly.

Sully District Council Meeting

Inova Fair Oaks Hospital is planning to build its fourth, medical office building and expand the hospital, itself. Details will be presented at the next meeting of the Sully District Council of Citizens Associations and its Land-Use Committee. It's slated for Wednesday, Jan. 26, at 7 p.m., in the Sully District Governmental Center, 4900 Stonecroft Blvd. in Chantilly. Call Jeff Parnes, evenings, at 703-904-0131.

Park Authority To Meet

The Fairfax County Park Authority will meet Wednesday, Jan. 26, at 7:30 p.m., in the Herry Building, 12055 Government Center Parkway, Suite 900 in Fairfax. Call Judy Pedersen at 703-324-8662.

Free Carseat Inspections

Certified technicians from the Sully District Police Station will perform free, child safety carseat inspections Thursday, Jan. 27, 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.

Relay For Life Needs Volunteers

The American Cancer Society's community fundraiser, Relay For Life, is coming to Centreville High on June 4. Some fund-raising teams of walkers have already signed up, but the event's planning committee needs more members and more volunteer assistants to make this event successful.

Go to www.CentrevilleRelay.org and click the "Volunteer Interest Form" for more details about volunteer positions and to submit an online, interest form. Or e-mail Marion Rantis at CentrevilleRelay@gmail.com for more information.

WFCM Seeks Food, Volunteers

Western Fairfax Christian Ministries (WFCM) urgently needs donations of sugar (2-5-pounds), coffee, tea, cocoa, mayonnaise, ketchup, syrup, toothpaste and deodorant. Bring them to WFCM's food pantry at 13981 Metrotech Drive (near the Backyard Grill and Bar) in Chantilly. The thrift store also needs coats and sweaters.

* WFCM recently opened a second office in Centreville at 14631 Lee Highway, No. 313, and needs administrative volunteers to help out there. Especially needed is a receptionist to check in clients, make new appointments and answer phones, Mondays-Fridays, from 9:50 a.m.-2:10 p.m.

* The Chantilly location also needs volunteers. A driver or drivers are needed to pick up store donations for the food pantry on Monday mornings. In the thrift store, general help is needed Mondays-Fridays, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. and 3-6 p.m.; and Saturdays, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.; 10 a.m.-2 p.m.; or 1-5 p.m. An administrative volunteer is also needed; hours and days are flexible. Call 703-988-9656.

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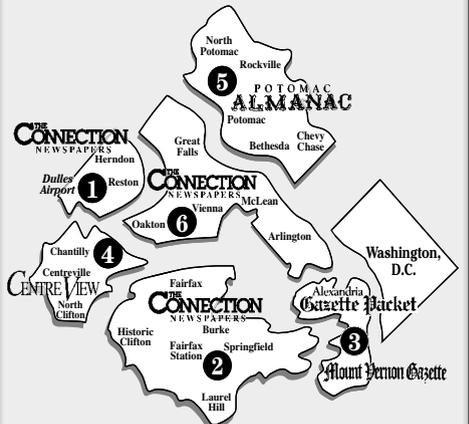
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Not Just Any Wednesday



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

Today is the first Wednesday – in three week intervals, going back nearly 22 months, on which I haven't been scheduled for my regular/recurring chemotherapy, per doctor's orders, of course. Given the fact that I've semi-outlived my original prognosis (13 months to two years) and that there are few lung cancer patients who've been infused with Avastin for as long as I have (and lived), according to my oncologist, he decided, pending the still unknown/undiscussed results of my end-of-December scans, that I skip this week's chemotherapy. He wants to wait and see. The risk-reward of continuing to introduce this poison into my system with its potential harmful internal side effects is a constant concern, trying to balance the positive with the negative. The negatives being breathing problems, hypertension, muscle weakness, among others. The most-positive being remission.

Twice before, during my most intense chemotherapy (March '09- July '09, a "cocktail" of three drugs infused for six hours every three weeks) when my white blood cell count was too low, the treatment was delayed one week to allow the cells to regenerate. Fortunately they did – on both occasions, and my treatment continued. That stoppage was, of course, precautionary – and prudent. The stoppage now (perhaps it too will simply be for one week) seems more serious.

Not because of any health reason per se, other than the obvious, but more so because of treatment protocols and how I think I will be monitored going forward: differently for sure, less frequently, presumably. What this likely change in frequency means to me is, that my treatment will now become more reactive as opposed to the feeling/sense that it has been proactive. And what little I know about medicine and health care is, advocating and being proactive likely saves more lives than depending/waiting and reacting does. I can't get the oil light illuminating on the dashboard advisory out of my head: if the light comes on, it's already too late; the damage is done. Being too late is what I'm afraid will now characterize my treatment. Generally speaking, stopping treatment/medication, etc., is better than starting but who knows? The doctors don't, and that's the problem now that I've lived beyond the original prognosis.

And it's the doctors not knowing that's unsettling. Being the exception that proves the rule (I'm still alive) has its benefits but, in so proving, you end up where few have ever been before. Uncharted territory doesn't begin to accurately describe where I feel I find myself now as I near/pass the end of my original prognosis. Where do I go from here? Treatment-wise, routine-wise, frequency-wise. On one hand, living this long – and believing what I believe, feels like a leap of faith. On the other, I feel like I've earned the extra time. And if I've earned any extra time, I've earned it doing what I've done; treatment, routine, frequency – diagnosis-to-date. The last thing I want to do is change what I've been doing. It got me this far, farther than my oncologist anticipated/advised on Feb. 27, 2009, so why would I want to change? I don't think I do but, apparently change is exactly what's coming; it's happened already. No chemotherapy this week. Hopefully, it's a change for the better.

But I'd rather not hope, I'd rather know. (So would the doctors.) I'd rather be monitored as closely as I have, not as closely as future symptoms dictate. Being asymptomatic – so far, has been a blessing. As I consider/anticipate the future, my fear is, now it will become a curse.

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Open House. 9 a.m. to noon. Centreville Preschool Inc. Registration packets will be available for the 2011-2012 school year beginning in September. Morning and afternoon co-op and non co-op classes are available to children ages 2 to 4 by Sept. 30, 2011. Meet the staff of professional teachers and learn more about CPI. Located at 13196

Braddock Rd., Centreville. Call 703-830-5656 or www.centrevillepreschool.com.

SUNDAY/JAN. 23

DWC Annual Meeting. 3 to 5 p.m. In the first hour of the meeting, Sen. George L. Barker and Del. Mark Sickles will discuss 2011 General Assembly legislation and redistricting. The Annual Meeting will follow from 4 to 5 p.m. and will include "Soapbox Time." At Clifton Community Hall, 12641 Chapel Road, Clifton. Email cliftonwomendems@aol.com or go to www.DemocraticWomenofClifton.org.

MONDAY/JAN. 24

Republican Women of Clifton. Social hour at 7 p.m.; general meeting at 7:30 p.m. Guest speaker is Dr. Illeana Johnson who will discuss

the progressive loss of liberty in America as government encroaches on our daily lives. Also, the new RWC Board will be installed by Fay Williamson, president of the Virginia Federation of Republican Women. Bring coats and jackets (any size) for donation to the Katherine K. Hanley Family Shelter on Lee Highway in Fairfax. Meeting is at Clifton Elementary School.

SATURDAY/JAN. 29

Workshop. Free. Yoga for Weight Loss. Noon to 1 p.m. At the Women's Club Fitness Center and Day Spa, 14175 Sullyfield Circle, Chantilly. Pre-registration is required. Call 703-817-0700 or send and email to womensclub@aol.com.

SATURDAY/FEB. 5

Food Donations. A Fastran bus will be parked

from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. to collect food donations for the needy at the Colonnade Giant, 5740 Union Mill Road, Clifton. Sponsored by Neighborhood and Community Services, the Office of Public Private Partnerships and MV Transportation Inc. Visit <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/rec/news/nr2011/fstb.htm>. Call 703-222-9764, TTY 711.

SATURDAY/FEB. 19

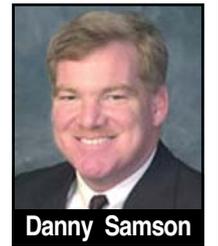
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