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Members of the community, the armed services and government employees, including members of the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department, participated in the 9/11 10th Anniversary Remembrance Ceremony at the Fairfax County Government Center on Sunday, Sept. 11.

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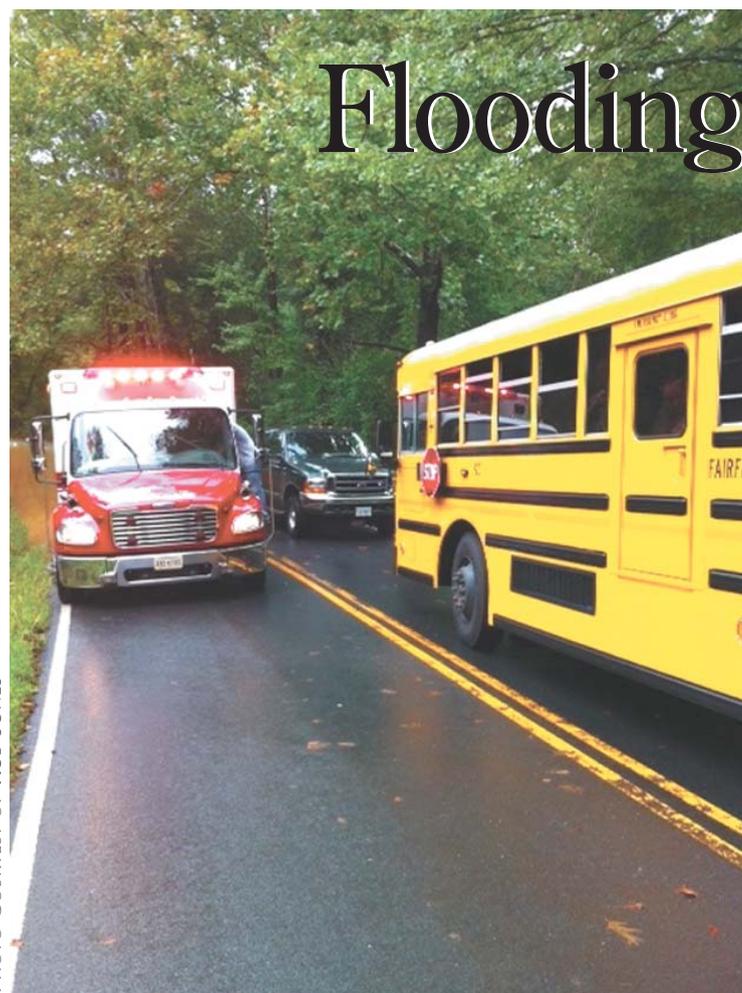


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Flooding Fiasco Strands Students

Buses from Robinson, Oak View stranded by heavy rains, rising water.

BY BONNIE HOBBS
THE CONNECTION

In the midst of the torrential rains on Thursday, Sept. 8, Robinson seventh-grader Tyler Jones texted his parents around 2:45 p.m. He said the school bus taking him home was stuck on flooded Fairfax Station Road and couldn't get through. In all, three Robinson buses were trapped there.

Since Oak View Elementary is across the street from Robinson, and Tyler's sister Erin, 8, is in third grade there, their mother called Oak View to tell school staff about the flooded road and was told to call the FCPS transportation department.

"So my wife and other parents contacted Oak View and FCPS Transportation informing them Fairfax Station Road was impassable and the students should remain at the building," said dad Rob Jones of Colchester Hunt. "Yet the buses still rolled out, taking students home."

As a result of that decision, plus flash flooding, he said, a bus carrying more than 30 elementary-school children was re-routed through a flood plain and wound up stranded on Chapel Road in Clifton for

more than three hours. "The bus was trapped on Chapel Road between Frosty Meadow — a known flood plain — and the Town of Clifton," said Jones. "Many of these students didn't get home that night until between 7:15 and 8:30 p.m."

All these children lived in the areas of Colchester, Newman and Fairfax Station roads.

During last Thursday's whole ordeal, said parent Elizabeth Vittori, also of Colchester Hunt, "I never once was contacted by the school by e-mail or phone — nothing. What really angers me is that Oak View already knew the Robinson buses were trapped, so they sent the Oak View bus driver on an alternate route — Chapel Road, the first road that floods here — but she was unfamiliar with the road and, in some places, the water was 4 feet deep."

So besides her son J.P., a Robinson sophomore, being stuck on his bus, her daughter Ann, an Oak View fourth-grader, was stranded, as well.

Jones said his son's bus sat for about two hours until police arrived and directed the cars stopped behind the bus to back up. Then that bus and the two in front of it could back up, turn around and return to Robinson.

Meanwhile, said Jones, "I got concerned about my daughter after we contacted Oak View and learned her bus wasn't coming back to the school. The secretary told us the bus was at Popes Head and Chapel Road and those roads don't meet."

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The flooded Chapel Road is behind the black vehicle and to the left of the ambulance, which went to Oak View's stranded school bus to get children off the bus and take them to their parents.

Fairview Fire Station Gets a Makeover

Local Eagle Scout landscapes Fire Station 32.

BY MAYA HOROWITZ
THE CONNECTION

The front of Fire Station 32 in Fairview needed work. "It was pretty barren and ugly," said Jason Buttenshaw, a paramedic at Station 32 and local Boy Scout scoutmaster. "It needed some improvement."

"The plants in front of the station were severely overgrown to the point that it was a security issue," said Capt. Robert Konczal of Station 32. "We need to be able to see out our windows. People come at all times of night. We need to have a visual outside."

But the fire station didn't have the means to do the work themselves.

"Right now, there's no funding mechanism," said Konczal. "To re-landscape a firehouse, that's not a priority in the county right now."

Buttenshaw, a scoutmaster in Culpeper, suggested putting the word out to local Scouts as a possible Eagle project.

W.T. Woodson senior Ethan Ellert an-

swered the call. He was on his way to becoming an Eagle, the highest rank in Boy Scouts, but hadn't found a project yet.

"It takes a lot of time and a lot of determination to become an Eagle," said Ellert. "A lot of people drop out. The main thing of becoming an Eagle is the project. It really defines the Eagle."

Ellert thought helping the Fire Station was a worthy endeavor.

"To me it seemed like a good project," said Ellert. "It was for a perfect cause. I was planning on getting it done for the 10th anniversary of 9/11."

Ellert collected money and plants from his Boy Scout troop, parents and neighbors. He organized, at peak, around 25 volunteers. He put in about 150 hours of planning and labor.

At first, the plan was just to redo a 12-foot-by-12 foot area, but Ellert found other things that needed to be done. He planted a low maintenance garden, cut down and thinned existing plants, made a kind of walkway, added a bench and purchased a memorial plaque dedicated toward the firemen

"To me it seemed like a good project. It was for a perfect cause."

— Ethan Ellert



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The Fairview Fire Station after landscaping

generally and the firemen and policemen who died in the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks.

"I like it a lot," said Ellert. "I really do. It makes the fire station look a lot better. It will look a lot better next spring when a lot of the bulbs I planted come up. It's something that will be there a long time."

"We take pride in our firehouses," said

Konczal. "When you're a firefighter you take pride in your fire station and your equipment. ... I told him you hit a homerun here. It's beautiful. We're very thankful for his work."

The relationship between Ellert and the fire station has turned out to be mutually beneficial. "It takes a lot of work to get the rank of Eagle," said Buttenshaw.

Fairfax County Workers To Receive 2 Percent Raise

Despite numerous appeals to give Fairfax employees a 3.5 percent salary increase, the Board of Supervisors voted Tuesday, Sept. 14, to extend a 2 percent increase and to save some \$28 million from the county's "carryover" funds to defray costs in the 2013 budget. Some of the carryover funds could cover flood damage.

The pay raise will take effect on Sept. 24.

According to a report by County Executive Anthony H. Griffin, county revenues in 2011 came in "\$49 million or 1.5 percent higher than anticipated," giving the Board of Supervisors additional funds to distribute. The saving came from conservative budgeting, higher than expected sales tax revenue, the easing of a federal mandate and the settlement of a lawsuit that could have cost the county.

Last spring when Fairfax adopted its 2012 budget, it voted that if it had a sufficient overage at the end of the 2011 fiscal year, it would provide a 1.5 percent salary increase for county employees.

The size of the savings allowed the board to raise the salary hike to 2 percent. This is the first salary increase for county employees since 2009. But last year, the School Board gave school employees a 3.5 percent increase, raising the cry that there was unfair treatment for employees of county government.

Virtually every leader of an employee group or county union urged the supervisors to provide 3.5 percent to reward the county employees for their role in holding down costs and to allow the attraction of top flight personnel.

"County employees deserve much of the credit for Fairfax County weathering the economic storm," said Chairman Sharon Bulova (D-At-large). But she and the other members agreed with Griffin's concern that a larger portion of the savings should be kept to assist the county in meeting what Griffin said might be a \$100 million short fall in 2013.

— NICHOLAS HORROCK

Lorton Man, 25, Third Drowning Victim of Flood

Galo Sebastian Salvador Vinueza, 25, of the 9000 block of Two Bays Road in Lorton drowned on Thursday, Sept. 8, after he apparently attempted to walk across a flooded bridge on foot, said Fairfax County Police spokesman Tawny Wright.

His death is the third confirmed drowning in the area as a result of flash floods from Tropical Storm Lee.

On Thursday, around 7:40 p.m., Vinueza's wife returned home late in the evening because of flooding on the roadway. Her husband was not there and she left to search for him, and she located his vehicle parked unattended in the 8800 block of Telegraph Road near the Accotink Creek Bridge, according to police reports.

She contacted police, who initiated a search for her husband but he was not found, and officers listed him as a missing and endangered adult.

Shortly after 9 a.m. on Friday, Vinueza's wife notified police that her husband had not returned home. Patrol officers coordinated with Fort Belvoir fire and emergency services to continue searching the area. Fort Belvoir fire personnel located Vinueza's body on base at the Davison Air Field.

"We believe this was an accidental death," said Wright. "There definitely does not appear to be foul play."

— VICTORIA ROSS



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Master Deputy Sheriff Rob Deer of the Fairfax County Sheriff's Office warms up on the bagpipes in front of the Fairfax County Government Center on Sept. 11, before the start of the Fairfax County Government's 9/11 10th Anniversary Remembrance Ceremony.



Solemn Ceremony

County government marks 10th anniversary of Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks.

In a solemn ceremony on Sunday, Sept. 11, at the Fairfax County Government Center, local politicians, first responders and members of the community remembered those who died in the terrorist attacks on Sept. 11, 2001. The ceremony culminated in a procession to the Memorial Grove at the Government Center, where Fairfax County Police Chief David Rohrer and Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Chief Ronald Mastin placed a wreath of remembrance.

Fairfax County Police Chief David Rohrer and Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Chief Ronald Mastin lay a wreath in the Fairfax County Government Memorial Grove during the 9/11 10th Anniversary Remembrance Ceremony on Sunday, Sept. 11.



Sharon Scarce of Clifton, a Girl Scout volunteer, and Karyn Kram of Girl Scout Troop 1840 were two of the many community members that came out to participate in the Fairfax County Government's 9/11 10th Anniversary Remembrance Ceremony on Sunday, Sept. 11, at the Government Center.

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Send notes to the Connection at south@connectionnewspapers.com or call 703-778-9416. Deadline is Friday. Dated announcements should be submitted at least two weeks prior to the event.

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- Teen Lego.** 4 p.m. Burke Centre Library, 5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke. Meet fellow lego enthusiasts, share ideas, and build. Age 13-19. 703-249-1520.
- English Conversation Group.** 7 p.m. Burke Centre Library, 5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke. Practice English with other adults. 703-249-1520.
- Springfield Writers' Group.** 7 p.m. Richard Byrd Library, 7250 Commerce St., Springfield. Share your work, give and receive feedback in a supportive setting. Adults. 703-451-8055.
- English Conversation Group.** 7 p.m. Kingstowne Library, 6500 Landsdowne Centre, Alexandria. Conversation group for adults learning English. 703-339-4610.
- Book Discussion Group.** 7:15 p.m. John Marshall Library, 6209 Rose Hill Drive, Alexandria. Call for title. Adults. 703-971-0010.
- Make a Magic Window.** 4 p.m. Lorton Library, 9520 Richmond Highway, Lorton. Simple paper craft activity. Age 6-12. 703-339-7385.
- Lorton Library Book Club.** 7 p.m. Lorton Library, 9520 Richmond Highway, Lorton. "Travels of a T-Shirt in a Global Economy" by Pietra Rivoli. Adults. 703-339-7385.

FRIDAY/SEPT. 16

- Evergrey, Powerglove, The Absence and more.** 6:30 p.m.

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Baby Feet, Baby Beat. 11 a.m. Burke Centre Library, 5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke. Music and movement for babies. Attendance limited to 15, age 18-23 months with adult. 703-249-1520.

SATURDAY/SEPT. 17

Gallery After Hours: Social Ballroom. 7:30-10:30 p.m. Gallery W-16, Second Floor, Workhouse Art Center, 9601 Ox Road, Lorton. A reception featuring ballroom dancing led by a dance instructor. Complimentary refreshments and cash bar. Dress code is casual. \$10 per person, \$8 members. Ballroom mini-lesson with a focus on the cha cha, additional \$5. All skill levels welcome. www.WorkhouseArts.org.

Sally Ride Science Festival. 11 a.m.-5 p.m. George Mason University, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. For girls in grades 5-8. Discovery workshops by local scientists and engineers, talks by a featured speaker, workshops on ways to support students' interests in science and math and a Street Fair with booths, hands-on activities, food, and music. Admission \$20, registration required.

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Virginia Grand Military Band. 8 p.m. Hayfield Secondary School, 7630 Telegraph Road, Alexandria. A concert band extravaganza, paying tribute to the sesquicentennial of the civil war and commemorating the 100th anniversary of naval aviation. Tickets \$20 adults, \$10 under age 18. 703-426-4777 or www.VGMB.com.

South County Crew Learn-to-Row Day. 1-4 p.m. Sandy Run Regional Park, 10450 Van Thompson Road, Fairfax Station. Any South County High School and 8th grade students are welcome to attend. Crew is a co-ed varsity (lettering) spring sport, no experience required. 703-690-4565 or www.sc-crew.org.

Fairfax Symphony Orchestra. 8 p.m. George Mason University Center for the Arts, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. Featuring violinist Karina Canellakis. Corigliano's Three Hallucinations, Chausson's Poème, Saint-Saens' Introduction and Rondo Capriccioso, and Berlioz's Symphonie Fantastique. Free pre-concert discussion for ticketholders with Rachel Franklin at 7 p.m. Tickets \$25-\$55. info@fairfaxsymphony.org.

SUNDAY/SEPT. 18

South Fairfax Chamber Challenge 10K. South County Secondary School, 8501 Silverbrook Road, Lorton. Sponsored by the South Fairfax Chamber of Commerce, to benefit the academic and athletic programs at South County Secondary School. http://

southfairfaxchamber.org

*Registration and check-in for the 10K begins at 6:30 a.m. Welcome, race instructions and warm up from 7:45-8 a.m. Race starts at 10 a.m. on a USATF-certified course with electronic chip timing. \$30 advance registration, \$40 on site.

*Registration for the 1-mile Fun Run for all ages begins at 9 a.m., and the run at 11 a.m.

*Children's Fun Fair. 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Music, carnival games, prizes, arts and crafts and the Iron Man Challenge.

*Family Health & Fitness Fair. 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Bloodmobile on location, exhibits, health screenings, nutrition counseling, and more.

*Hula Hoop Challenge. 12 p.m.

*Limbo Contest. 1 p.m.

Northern Virginia NTRACK. 1-4 p.m. Fairfax Station Railroad Museum, 11200 Fairfax Station Road, Fairfax Station. Members will have a display and N gauge trains running. \$3 adults, \$1 children. www.fairfaxstation.org or 703-425-9225.

Northern Virginia Archers "Deerslayer" 3D Hunter Course. 9 a.m. 10875 Hampton Road, Fairfax Station. Field target course with tournament scouring. www.northernvirginiaarchers.org or 703-250-6682.

A Grand Piano Celebration. 3 p.m. George Mason University Center for the Arts, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. This event marks the launch of the Dr. Linda Apple Monson Music Endowment Fund, which honors the commitment and impact Monson has had on Mason's School of Music. The fund will support student scholarships and related programs in the School of Music. Post-concert reception on the Center's Grand Tier III at 5 p.m. cfa.gmu.edu.

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Robinson sophomore quarterback Avyn Johnson is wrapped up by a group of West Springfield defenders during the teams' matchup on Sept. 12.

Rams Lose to West Springfield

Robinson takes eight quarters to score first points of 2011 season.

BY JON ROETMAN
THE CONNECTION

Robinson running back Tyrek Worrell burst through the middle of the West Springfield defense and raced 28 yards for a touchdown, capping a seven-play, 71-yard drive during the second half of the teams' Monday, Sept. 12 contest.

Worrell's run marked the first time Robinson had scored in the season's first eight quarters. The touchdown helped the Rams pull within three of the Spartans, but sloppy tackling by the Robinson defense and continued struggles on offense rendered Worrell's run a silver lining to a 0-2 start.

The Spartans defeated the Rams, 17-7, at Robinson Secondary School. Worrell's touchdown cut West Springfield's lead to 10-7 in the fourth quarter, but the Spartans responded with a 14-play, 74-yard touchdown drive that chewed more than 6 minutes off the clock. West Springfield quarterback Sarosh Gilani threw a 14-yard touchdown pass to Tyler Sutter, who spent the game rotating at quarterback with Gilani, to extend the Spartans' lead to 10 with 4:42 remaining.

Poor execution on both sides of the ball left Robinson coaches and players frustrated. Defensively, the Rams are allowing just 10 points per contest through two games, but poor tackling directly led to a West Springfield touchdown. Robinson had limited Spartans' running back Jonathan Dunn to 3 yards in 11 carries, but the junior ball carrier broke free from a group of would-be tacklers to score on a 15-

yard run in the third quarter, giving West Springfield a 10-0 advantage.

"We just gave up big plays because we didn't wrap up, we didn't finish the tackles," senior defensive lineman Andre Kendall said. "That's what really did it in the end."

Offensively, Robinson managed just 166 yards, 71 of which came during the Rams' lone scoring drive. Robinson has scored a combined seven points in two games.

"It seems every play there's a different problem," first-year Robinson head coach Trey Taylor said. "It's not one kid out there having issues. It just seems like every play we have one issue somewhere that ends up impacting the play. Until we fix those issues, we're going to continue to struggle on offense. ...

"The one touchdown drive, it was no different than all of the rest of the drives that we had, we just executed. To see us actually move the ball and score, that was positive, but we've

got to it every down. We've got to stop with the dumb penalties, we've got to stop with the missed assignments and then we'll have some success."

Worrell finished with 92 yards and a touchdown in 13 carries. As a team, Robinson completed three of 11 passes for 11 yards and threw two interceptions.

THE GAME against West Springfield was originally scheduled for Sept. 9, but rescheduled to Sept. 12 due to issues stemming from inclement weather.

The Rams, in search of their first win, will travel to face an athletic T.C. Williams team on Saturday, Sept. 17, at 1 p.m. Will the rough start bring added pressure for Robinson, a program that won state championships in 1997 and 2001?

"It's not pressure, it's just embarrassing for us, you know," senior linebacker/running back Joe Meier said. "We have standards that we need to live up to and we're 0-2 right now. If you told me two months ago we'd be 0-2 right now I'd say you're [an] idiot."

South County, in a 21-7 high school football loss to home team Oakton on Monday night, Sept. 12, got on the scoreboard on a fourth quarter touchdown pass play of 43 yards from quarterback Shane Foley to receiver Michael Ferguson.

The early season non-district game, like several others across the Northern Region last week, was put on hold for a few extra days due to last week's heavy rains that resulted in areas of flooding throughout Northern Virginia. Oakton was originally scheduled to host the Stallions last Friday night. The poor weather conditions forced postponement and the game was re-scheduled for the following day (Saturday) at Lee High School in Springfield. But plans changed and the game was re-scheduled for Monday, Sept. 12, at another neutral site, Westfield High. But ultimately, school administrators decided to play the game on Monday at its original venue at Oakton.

South County, under new head coach Gerry Pannoni, trailed the Cougars 7-0 after one quarter. That was still the score before Oakton, under first year head coach Jason Rowley, scored a pair of third quarter touchdowns to take control of the game. South County's long scoring pass in the final quarter got the Stallions on the scoreboard and prevented any hopes for the Cougars of a shutout. Foley, following his touchdown pass, kicked the extra point.

"I thought our defense did a good job playing assignment football," said Rowley, the Oakton coach. "[South County] is an option football team and we had to play to our assignments."

South County forced four Oakton turnovers.

"Aside from our turnovers we took advantage of a very good South County defense when afforded the opportunity," said Rowley. "They were tough to throw the ball against but we hung in there and grinded it out."

South County will be looking for its first win when it travels to West Potomac this Friday night, Sept. 16. Oakton (2-0), meanwhile, will play at W.T. Woodson on Friday night. The Cavaliers, under new head coach John Dishun, have struggled over their first two games, losing at home to Chantilly, 44-0, in week one, and falling at Madison, 24-0, this past Saturday afternoon in Vienna.

Lake Braddock got its first football win of the season last weekend with an overwhelming 39-0 shutout victory at Annandale High. The Bruins (1-1), the two-time defending Division 6 Northern Region champs, had lost their season opener on Sept. 2 to visiting Centreville, 23-8. Lake Braddock, with the taste of that opening week loss to the Wildcats still fresh, came out hungry and ready to play against the Atoms. The Bruins built a 10-0 lead after one quarter and extended the margin to 17-0 at halftime. They scored six points in the third quarter and 16 more in the fourth.

Game highlights for Lake Braddock included: a first quarter 90-yard kickoff return by junior Rori Renzi; a fourth quarter 60-yard interception return for a score by Renzi from his defensive back position; two rushing touchdowns and 82 total yards on just three carries by Kyle Shanahan; and a solid passing game by quarterback Tyler Quigley (19-of-29, 186 yards).

Lake Braddock will play at 2-0 Westfield this Friday night. The Bulldogs are coming off a 28-13 home win over T.C. Williams.



South County senior quarterback Shane Foley and the Stallions faced a tough Oakton defense on Monday night.

OPINION

Tune in for Elections

Vote early, but not before figuring out who, what, where, when and why.

Voting will be more complicated in some jurisdictions than others.

In Arlington, for example, figuring out what state senate district you are in is important; there are three possibilities, each is contested, and all of the choices are new to you or new to the Senate. In the 30th, Timothy McGhee (R) vs. Adam P. Ebbin (D); in the 31st, Caren D. Merrick (R) vs. Barbara A. Favola (D); in the 32nd, Patrick N. Forrest (R) vs. Sen. Janet D. Howell (D).

In Fairfax County, what is arguably the most important race this year is also nearly incomprehensible in its size and scope: school board, especially the at-large race. There will be at least seven candidates on the ballot for the three school board at-large seats, and only one incumbent, Ilryong Moon, who is endorsed by Democrats. Two more candidates were endorsed by the Democrats, Ted Velkoff and Ryan McElveen. There are three candidates endorsed

by the GOP, Lolita Mancheno-Smoak, Sheree Brown-Kaplan and Lin-Dai Kendall. Steve Stuban, father of a high school student who died of suicide earlier this year after being badly treated by the Fairfax County Public Schools disciplinary process, is also on the ballot. Technically, school board is non-partisan, but party endorsements have been important historically. FCPS controls more than 50 percent of the Fairfax County budget.

In the City of Alexandria, determining what Senate district you are now in and sorting out candidates will also matter. Could be 30th, Ebbin v. McGhee; 35th, Sen. Dick Saslaw (D) vs. Robert C. Sarvis (R) and Katherine Pettigrew (I); 39th, Sen. George Barker (D) vs. Miller Baker (R).

Virginia's state senate lines have changed dramatically, and all of Northern Virginia's races for Senate are contested by both major parties, so you'll have to tune in wherever you

passed for this to be a place where people feel free to dump their garbage, we might rightly ask "What's next?" And more importantly, how do we prevent it?

Barbara Miller
Lorton

Disciplinary Policy

To the Editor:

In a recent opinion article by Steven Stuban, an at-large candidate for the Fairfax County School Board ["Setting Record Straight," Connection, Aug. 11-17, 2011], Mr. Stuban presents an argument that the county school system's discipline policy needs a major overhaul and the School Board decisions on the matter lacked creative thinking and understanding. On the contrary, during the past several months the Fairfax County School Board and staff has spent numerous hours and conducted several meetings on this issue, an issue that affects less than 0.5 percent of the student population and of that 0.5 percent only 0.37 percent of the students are recommended for expulsion.

Mr. Stuban is clearly upset about several disciplinary matters, in particular, the issue of parent notification. As a School Board member and parent who has witnessed the effects of students victimized by other students due to serious disciplinary infractions on school grounds, such as but not limited to drug involvement, stealing, bul-

lying, possession of weapons, etc., I tend to disagree with his argument and simplification of the matter. It is during times of serious school infractions parents rely on the administration to get to the bottom of issues quickly and accurately to resolve problems in schools before they can escalate into bigger problems. FCPS hires administrators and teachers whose careers are dedicated to serving children. These administrators make daily decisions about the welfare and safety of thousands of students. Why would we not trust these same administrators to resolve and report on such serious disciplinary matters at our schools?

An accurate and thoughtful resolve of such issues by school staff and Student Resource Officers (SRO) would seem to work in the best interest of safety for all students at a school. Mr. Stuban stresses the need for facts and the facts are that school administrators typically make efforts to contact and notify parents when they have reached a point in their investigation when they believe they have a reasonably good understanding of what occurred, as well as that specific student's role in what occurred (whether that is the offender, the victim, a witness, etc.) When the police or the SRO is involved, a parent is typically notified prior to a Miranda warning. If there is a non-SRO involved, parents would be notified and their permission sought to speak to the non-SRO officer prior to an interview (per the existing School

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Board regulation).

I believe, similar to my colleagues on the School Board, that FCPS' discipline process needed some revision. The School Board and staff acted wisely in its decision to revise certain aspects of the discipline policy and did so by listening to constituents during the May 2011 Disciplinary Dialogue Session with parents. During this session, only a few parents out of several hundred mentioned concerns about parent notification. For the most part, FCPS' discipline policy has kept our schools safe places to learn. For Mr. Stuban and several others who have had students involved in the disciplinary process due to infractions against school system policies and other students the use of the term Zero Tolerance is simply incorrect and it is an all too convenient term used to oversimplify a rather complex issue for the purposes of an upcoming election.

Elizabeth Bradsher
Springfield District member
Fairfax County School Board

School Board

To the Editor:

I am writing this letter to encourage members of my community to vote for Lolita Mancheno-Smoak for School-Board member at-large. Although I only attended public school for two years, I have lived in Fairfax for the past 11 years, and I am very familiar with

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the school system because my mother has worked as both an interpreter and a parent liaison in the county.

I have several friends who attended South County Secondary School and frequently complained about the overcrowding of their schools. Many of my friends were also forced to learn in small, cramped trailers rather than actual classrooms.

Mancheno-Smoak intends to improve the public school environment to ensure that children receive the best education they possibly can. She hopes to reduce the student-teacher ratio as well as class sizes. She will achieve this by making certain that our taxpayers' dollars are spent as efficiently as possible in schools through the use of an external auditor. This auditor would be independent of the school system.

Mancheno-Smoak understands that although Fairfax has a great school system, there is still room for improvement. I have high hopes for Lolita and I fully support her for School-Board member at-large.

Maria Barrios
Fairfax Station

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The environmental assessment will be available on September 9, 2011, on the project Web site and at the above locations. The transit and TDM plan will be available on September 26, 2011 at www.drpt.virginia.gov and at the meeting.

Give your written or oral comments at the hearing. Comments on the project design and environmental analysis may be sent to John Lynch, P.E., Regional Transportation Program Director, 6363 Walker Lane, Suite 500, Alexandria, VA 22310 or e-mailed to info@i-95hotlanes.com by **October 14, 2011** with "I-95 Joint Meetings" in the subject line. Comments on the transit and TDM plan can be sent to Public Information Office, DRPT, 600 E. Main Street, Suite 2102, Richmond, VA 23219 or to drptor@drpt.virginia.gov by **October 26, 2011**.

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BY JOHN BYRD
THE CONNECTION

Vienna's Johnson family, Christer, his wife Beth and daughters Natalie and Megan, recently remodeled the family-use areas of their circa 1960s Colonial with an eye to spending more time together, even when working at home.

"We wanted an enhanced environment that would make it easier for all four of us to interact, multi-task and learn from one another," says

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Christer, 40, an IBM executive who has occupied the 5,000 square foot residence with his family for nearly a decade.

"I wanted it to be easier for Beth to do her work while keeping an eye on the girls, and for the girls to have some exposure to computers and the internet."

The family also wanted to a) access family living areas without tracking-in mud, b) keep down clutter, c) improve kitchen efficiencies with more visual contact to the outside and d) create an aesthetically cohesive whole.

Starting from these goals, Katherine MacNeil at Sun Design Remodeling in Burke commenced a plan that converts a boxed-in kitchen/great room into an open floorplan, including specified activity zones, uncluttered sightlines and an orderly sense of purpose crisply articulated in alcoves, anterooms and precisely-purposed built-ins.

"You could call it a back-to-school makeover", the designer quips.

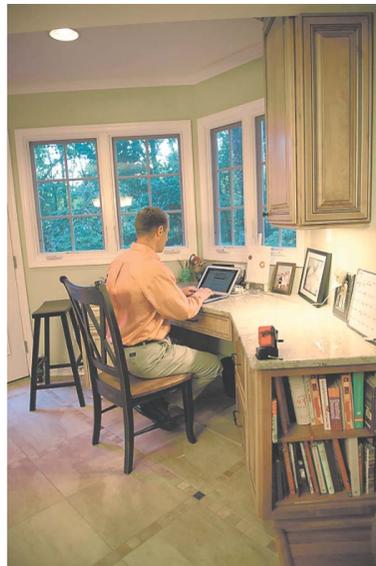
MacNeil's first challenge was to render the Johnson program and budget as an actionable floorplan "Katherine helped us visualize," Christer Johnson says. "Her drawings allowed us to edit back a rather over-large program into ideas that are focused and manageable."

Hence:

- ❖ A needlessly long garage-to-kitchen hallway borrows a few square feet from the dining room to become a family entry, complete with designated closets and cubbies;
- ❖ A U-shaped kitchen counter is replaced by a triangular food preparation island and dining counter;
- ❖ A wing off the rear of the house, a hexagonal-shaped bump out, accommodates a custom-designed work-station.



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Christer Johnson and his wife Beth (not pictured) can see their daughters Megan and Natalie Johnson from their "command center" in their remodeled kitchen.



Natalie Johnson uses the microwave, built into the kitchen island, while her father cooks.

The purpose of the renovation was to create a space where the family could multitask and learn from each other. Here, Christer and daughter Megan prepare dinner while daughter Natalie tackles homework and a friend uses the computer in the background.

"This is the command center," MacNeil points out. "It's the spot where adults can check on work projects without leaving the family, and the kids can start homework with Mom nearby."

Naturally, a key consideration is where this essential cockpit should be located. One can't have a "command center" in the middle of primary traffic streams, so MacNeil proposed an octagonal alcove that extends the rear elevation from the breakfast area. A steel I-beam now supports a portion of the existing rear bearing wall. The alcove also features several divided-light windows and a glass-facing door.

The set-up allows Beth to work from the computer while keeping an eye on the kids playing in the backyard. It's also situated so that she can oversee the children's online activities while preparing dinner.

The work-station complements the existing decor, which mainly deploys traditional furnishings and soft neutral colors.

The solid maple desk features a spacious ivory-hued granite surface. Bookcases and cabinets — finished in a brown antique glaze — were built by Sun Design carpenters to satisfy specific household requirements.

Other original pieces include an alderwood hutch, a floor-to-ceiling wet bar and surfaces, plus drawers and cabinets for a wide array of tasks and tools.

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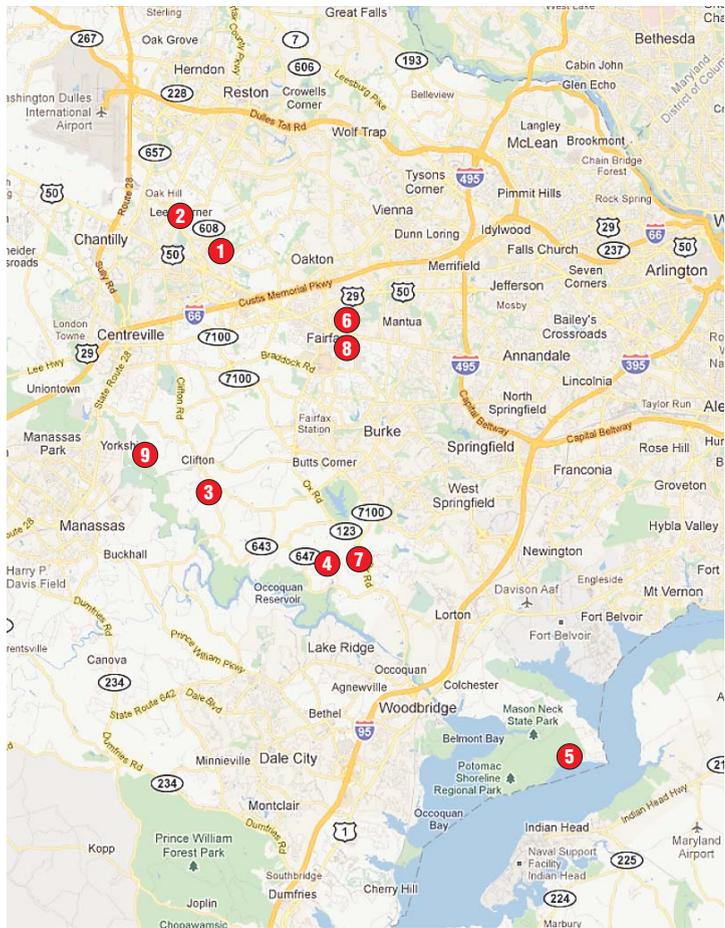
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Flood Strands Students

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Vittori was also upset with the school's response. "When my husband or I called to inquire about our daughter's bus, the secretary told us to just sit tight, honey," said Vittori. So she and several other parents used a newly established Facebook page, Clifton Community, to ask each other questions about where the bus and their children could be, if anyone had seen it, which parents were going where to help and which roads to avoid because of downed trees and flooded conditions.

"It was like a phone tree, where neighbors talked to neighbors," she said. "If not for them, we wouldn't have known where our kids were." In the end, she added, the children got home that night thanks to the efforts of "a bunch of good Samaritans, civilians and parents who went to the bus."

Vittori doesn't blame the bus driver, though. "It's not her fault, she was just following orders and doing the best she could in a horrible situation," said Vittori. "It was a string of poor decisions on behalf of the school system that put the children and the bus drivers in harm's way and with no communication to the parents."

Parent Pat Haworth, of the Patterns community in Fairfax Station, at Fairfax Station and Colchester roads, said his emotions ran the gamut from anger to frustration to fear, as he wondered what was happening and where his 7-year-old daughter was. At the same time, the bus driver had incorrectly told the school her bus was near Popes Head Road, in the opposite direction from Chapel Road, so parents like Jones, who initially went there to find their children, left empty-handed.

Therefore, said Haworth, "Trying alternate routes wasn't a plan. The driver didn't know where she was and which roads were passable, and the school shouldn't have sent her out without this information. The situation was bad and rapidly changing. When roads became blocked and impassable, the bus driver should have been told to report back to the school. At least, we would have known our children were safe."

Furthermore, he said, "When they did tell us where the bus was and we'd go out to verify it, it was wrong. That means they just lost my child, and there's nothing more precious in my life. They lost a bus full of school children. That's frightening. This wasn't just a rainstorm, there were fatalities in the county because of it, and something bad could have happened."

Through it all, said Haworth, "We never received a call or e-mail from Oak View notifying us that the bus would be late and was trying alternate routes, and we had to call the school repeatedly for information."

Now, said Haworth, he'd like FCPS Chief Operating Officer Dean Tistadt to tell parents the procedures buses are to follow when encountering impassable roads. "Had the bus simply returned to Oak View and the school notified parents that their children were safe and at school, it would have relieved much of the anxiety and frustration the parents felt," said Haworth.

"I also know I could have retrieved my daughter several hours earlier than she was eventually returned home by my neighbor," said Haworth. "Certainly, FCPS leadership will use weather as an excuse, but there is no excuse for their track record of indecision and poor judgment. Fortunately, and by sheer dumb luck, nothing catastrophic occurred."

Meanwhile, the parents were mobilizing. Jones, a Scoutmaster, headed out to find his daughter. The

bus driver called parents of children who remembered their phone numbers, and his daughter was one of them.

"The bus had come through Frosty Meadow on Chapel Road but, when I got there around 5:30 p.m., Chapel Road had 5 feet of water on it," said Jones. "So I parked at Frosty Meadow and walked through it and onto an un-flooded part of Chapel to the bus. I called my wife to let her know the bus was there, and she relayed that information to the other parents."

An ambulance from the Clifton Fire Station was there, plus resident Roy Barrett who was out driving and offered his help to the bus driver. He also called parents and even drove his truck to the Clifton Store and brought back water for the children.

Around 6 p.m., the water receded enough so the bus driver could drive the students to the Clifton Town Hall. By then, the bus' battery had died and needed to be jumped, but it eventually started and the children made it to Clifton.

At the same time, parent Kim Werthmann was also searching for her daughter Anni, detouring around flooded streets and a downed tree on Maple Branch Road to pick up her second-grader, plus Haworth's, from the bus, herself. She reached Clifton via Henderson Road and planned to walk up Chapel to the bus.

"Then another mom said it was coming to the Town Hall, so I went there," said Werthmann. "The kids were all giddy and grateful to be off the bus. They were hot and thirsty, and half of them ran to the bathroom."

Friday night, Oak View Principal Bonnie Glazewski e-mailed the parents and said the school didn't know which students were on which bus so it didn't know which parents to notify. In the future, she wrote, "We'll have a list of students by bus number so we'll be able to notify parents of any delays. I will work hard to ensure that communication about incidents such as this happens much more rapidly."

Since Sept. 8's flooding was of such magnitude and so extraordinary, said Tistadt, "That afternoon was chaotic, and communications were challenging. Because of the sheer volume of communications from bus drivers, it became overwhelming."

"Between 1-2 p.m., I sent out a notice to principals saying there was a possibility of flooding on the roadways and buses taking kids home may be late," he said. "I told them buses might have to take kids back to the schools for the parents to pick up, and they might want to let the parents know."

But, stressed Tistadt, "I don't know which principals got the message. And the flooded-roads situation kept changing, so there was no absolute certainty a flooded road would remain that way."

"We allowed our drivers to use their independent, decision-making to ensure the safety of the children on their buses," said Tistadt. "At no time was those children's safety at risk. Overall, thanks to the dedicated work of school and transportation staff, all the children throughout the county got home safely. They might have been late, but they were safe."

"Yesterday, we had a post-mortem on how to improve our communications between the schools and parents, and my staff will continue to explore this," he said. "And Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Transportation was working feverishly to redesign bus routes throughout the county, based on the road, path and bridge damage due to the flooding."

"We're always trying to improve how we do business," said Tistadt. "We can do better and we will; we learn from each one of these kinds of incidents."

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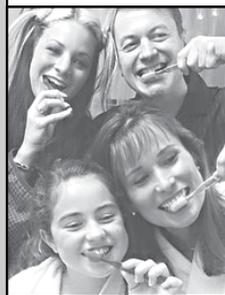
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No one was injured when the Lorton Road bridge over Giles Run washed away.

Tropical Storm Lee Trashes Area Roads

VDOT estimates \$10 million in damages to roads and bridges.

BY VICTORIA ROSS
THE CONNECTION

The 35-foot deep gaping hole in Hillside Road looked like something out of the disaster film "Earthquake." A foot-wide crack ran along the width of the roadway, and appeared to be widening as gawkers stood looking at the sinkhole on Saturday, Sept. 10.

"You can see it starting to crumble," said resident Joseph Pinot, who came to look at the hole with two friends. "It looks like it could collapse any minute."

Supervisor Pat Herry (R-Springfield) was at the site, along with Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) officials Saturday morning, to assess the damage. He cautioned several onlookers to stay off the footbridge that runs on the side of the road, but eventually had to call police to stop residents from getting too close to the fissure.

"It's a lot more dangerous than it looks from the roadway," Herry said. "If you just look at it from the creek, you can see how unstable it is." VDOT had put up several rolls of police tape, which didn't stop nearby residents from walking along the footbridge, and leaning over it to snap photos. By 2 p.m., VDOT had erected a flashing "road closed" sign about half a mile from the sinkhole.

On Monday, Herry's staff hand-delivered letters to every home on or near Hillside Road, cautioning residents not to go behind police lines near the collapsed road.

"While the pedestrian bridge looks safe from above the embankment, below the bridge abutment is severely eroded and could give way at any time. In addition, there are large sections of roadway which could collapse into the washout at any time," he stated in the letter.

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— Garrett Moore, VDOT district administrator for Northern Virginia

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9138 SILVERSHADOW CT	4	3	1	LORTON	\$390,000	Townhouse	0.04	22079	LAUREL CREST
8072 HORSESHOE COTTAGE CIR	3	2	2	LORTON	\$383,000	Townhouse	0.04	22079	LORTON STATION SOUTH
8234 GUNSTON COMMONS WAY	3	2	1	LORTON	\$377,000	Townhouse	0.04	22079	GUNSTON COMMONS
9102 MARIE CT	3	3	0	LORTON	\$371,500	Townhouse	0.05	22079	SOUTH POINT
6752 CARDINAL WOODS CT	4	3	1	LORTON	\$365,000	Townhouse	0.05	22079	VILLAGE OF MOUNT AIR
8916 KIGER ST	3	1	0	LORTON	\$350,000	Detached	0.50	22079	LORFAX HEIGHTS
5504 QUAIL CT	3	3	1	CLIFTON	\$343,000	Townhouse	0.04	20124	CENTREVILLE GREEN
8224 BATES RD	3	2	2	LORTON	\$340,000	Townhouse	0.03	22079	GUNSTON CORNER
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Messiah United Methodist Church, 6215 Rolling Road in Springfield invites the public to their Messiah Day Block Party on Sunday, Sept. 18, at 12:30 p.m., with outdoor food, fun, games, music and more. A new small group study for military spouses is being offered at Messiah United Methodist Church, Thursday morning at 9:30 a.m. for a Bible study. It will start on Sept. 15 with "Psalms: Assurance of God's Goodness." All are welcome re-

gardless of church affiliation. dcarnes@messiahumc.org.

Jubilee Christian Center, 4650 Shirley Gate Road in Fairfax, is having a "Friends & Family Day" on Sunday, Sept. 18, 8:45 a.m. and 11 a.m., with a reception following the morning service. For K-sixth grade, a Back to School Bash takes place during the 11 a.m. service with door prizes. 703-383-1170 or www.jccag.org.

The Fairfax Church of Christ, 3901 Rugby Road in Fairfax, has facilitators available to help those who are experiencing a separation or divorce.

703-63-200 or www.fxcc.org.

Jubilee Christian Center, 4650 Shirley Gate Road in Fairfax, will hold Fall Women's Bible Study on Tuesdays, Sept. 13-Nov. 15 at 9:45 a.m. There will be no study on Nov. 8. The topic is "Basic Discipleship," and the cost is \$10. Register at 703-383-1170 or www.jccag.org.

The Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Fairfax, 2709 Hunter Mill Road in Oakton, offers services on Saturdays at 4:30 p.m., in addition to Sunday services at 9:15 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. www.uucf.org.

COLLEGE NOTES

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Kelly McGuinness of Fairfax Station earned a bachelor of business administration at Marymount University's 60th Commencement Ceremonies at DAR Constitution Hall in Washington, D.C., on May 8.

Cheryl Ogletree of Fairfax Station earned an M.A. in school counseling at Marymount University's 60th Commencement Ceremonies at DAR Constitution Hall in Washington, D.C., on May 8.

Lori Suess of Fairfax Station earned an M.A. in human resource Management at Marymount University's 60th Commencement Ceremonies at DAR Constitution Hall in Washington, D.C., on May 8.

Zuhair Turki of Fairfax Station earned an M.S. in information technology at Marymount University's 60th Commencement Ceremonies at DAR Constitution Hall in Washington, D.C., on May 8.

Thomas Smith of Clifton earned a B.A. from Emory College, GA, at its 166th commencement ceremony on May 9. During the spring semester, he had also been appointed to the dean's list. Known for its rigorous academics, students must be in the top twenty percent or have a 3.86 GPA to be named to the Dean's List. Thomas is the son of Thomas and Anne Smith.

Brandon W. Koser of Fairfax Station received an M.B.A. and an M.P.H. at the Benedictine University graduation in May.



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Flooding Damages Roads

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"Of the six roads we are working on, Hillside has the most damage," said Joan Morris, spokesman for VDOT, on Tuesday, Sept. 13. "We have people working round-the-clock putting emergency contracts together, and doing all the estimates for materials for the jobs. I hope that in the next couple of days, we will have a better estimate of when repairs will begin and how long it will take."

Torrential rains from Tropical Storm Lee drenched the region on Thursday, Sept. 9, dumping 10 inches of rain in some parts of Fairfax County and causing flash floods and severe damage to several bridges and roadways.

"Our initial assessment indicates that there could be up to \$10 million in damages to bridges and roads in Fairfax County," said Garrett Moore, VDOT district administrator for Northern Virginia. "We will make repairs as quickly as possible. We could even see more pavement and slope failures in the coming days, in addition to potholes."

"This is the most damage from flooding since Hurricane Agnes in 1972," said John Harrington, a VDOT worker.

While the Hillside Road collapse was the deepest gash in a county road, the Lorton Road Bridge over Giles Run washed away on Friday, causing two cars to slip down the collapsed bridge. No one was injured, according to police. Lorton Road, which carries about 6,000 vehicles each day, will be temporarily replaced within two months, according to VDOT officials. The posted detour route would be a little more than 8-miles long.

BY THE END of the weekend, VDOT engineers completed assessments on more than 200 bridges. As of Tuesday afternoon, VDOT crews continued to assess road and bridge damage in Northern Virginia from the flooding, which destroyed three bridges on secondary roads and damaged pavement on dozens of roads.

According to VDOT, in addition to Lorton Road Bridge, two other bridges were destroyed and will be replaced with temporary structures:

- * Beach Mill Road over Nichols Branch will be temporarily replaced within six weeks. Beach Mill Road carries about 1,700 vehicles a day. The posted detour will be approximately six miles long.

- * Towlston Road will be temporarily replaced within six weeks. This road carries about 350 vehicles a day, and the posted detour will be approximately 2-1/2-miles long.

Plans were already underway to permanently replace each bridge that was damaged by the flooding, said Moore. Construction for the permanent bridges on Beach Mill and Towlston roads is scheduled to begin in 2012, and a Fairfax County project for relocating Lorton Road, which includes a new bridge over Giles Run, is scheduled to begin in 2013.

The following roads were also reported

closed as of Monday morning, Sept. 12.

- ❖ Sunrise Valley Drive eastbound between Glade Drive and Mercator Drive
- ❖ Hillside Road (both directions) between Moverly Court and Cameo Square
- ❖ Essex Avenue (both directions) at Middlesex Avenue
- ❖ Miller Road (both directions) at Westhurst Lane
- ❖ Hunter Mill Road (both directions) between Crowell Road and Chamberlain Drive
- ❖ Walker Road (both directions) between Colvin Run Road and Walker Mill Road

For the most updated listing of road conditions by county, including major and secondary road closures, call 511 or visit www.511virginia.org and click on Road Conditions. Northern Virginia traffic information is also available on Twitter @511northernva.

To report road flooding, traffic signal outages, or debris and downed trees in roadways, contact VDOT's Customer Service Center at 1-800-FOR-ROAD (1-800-367-7623).

"Sinkholes, road cave-ins, and bridge damage present a continued danger to pedestrians and drivers and police have cordoned off these areas with flares, cones and police tape. It is not safe to play near or travel through these areas. The road and surrounding area may look stable but the ground and supporting material could give way at any time," according to a statement released by Fairfax County Police.

In an effort to deter onlookers, police officials emphasized that anyone caught beyond the police barriers could be charged with crossing police lines, perimeters or barriers. These are misdemeanor charges that carry fines of not more than \$250 or \$500.

During a Fairfax County Board of Supervisors meeting Tuesday, Sept. 13, the board authorized County Executive Anthony Griffin to place more than \$28 million in a reserve fund to help prepare for FY2013 and to use part of that money for countywide cleanup and recovery efforts related to the floods of Sept. 8.

"Right now there is not a dollar amount attached to funds from carryover that will be used for flood cleanup and recovery. Anthony Griffin and staff will come back to the board with specific expenditures for approval," said Clayton Medford, a spokesman for the Board of Supervisors.

"The damage countywide caused by the floods last week is remarkable," said Board of Supervisors Chair Sharon Bulova (D-At-large). "My heart goes out to the families of the three residents that lost their lives. Cleanup and recovery efforts are underway in the hard hit Huntington area and across the County, where roads and bridges were washed out. We are dedicating significant resources to our recovery efforts, but the need is great. The timing of this event, within a week of an earthquake, hurricane, and the tenth anniversary of 9-11, reminds us that we all must be prepared should disaster, man-made or natural, strike us."

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There has been a release from an underground storage tank system at:

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The Corrective Action Plan will be submitted to the Northern Regional Office of the DEQ on September 18, 2011. If you would like to review or discuss the proposed Corrective Action Plan with the staff of the DEQ, please feel free to contact Kurt Kochan at (703) 583-3821 after the date of the Corrective Action Plan submittal. The DEQ Northern Regional Office will consider written comments regarding the proposed Corrective Action Plan until (October 18, 2011) and may decide to hold a public meeting if there is significant public interest. Written comments should be sent to the DEQ at the address listed below. The DEQ requests that all written comments reference the tracking number for this case; PC# 2010-3109.

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In execution of a Deed of Trust from Jamie Reichenbach, dated April 28, 2006, and recorded May 1, 2006, in Deed Book 18417 at page 603 among the Land Records of Fairfax County, Virginia, the undersigned trustee will offer for sale at public auction at the front entrance of the Judicial Center for Fairfax County, at 4110 Chain Bridge Road, Fairfax, Virginia, on Thursday, September 22, 2011 at 12:15 p.m.

the following property being the property contained in said Deed of Trust, described as follows:

Condominium Unit 51341, Stonegate at Faircrest Condominium and the limited common elements appurtenant thereto including limited common element parking space no. S-256 as established by condominium instruments recorded in Deed Book 15683 at page 72, among the Land Records of Fairfax County, Virginia. Commonly known as 5134 Brittney Elyse Circle, #1, Centreville, Virginia 20120.

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of \$20,000.00 or ten percent (10%) of the sale price, whichever amount is less, in the form of cash or its equivalent will be required of the purchaser at the time and place of sale; the balance of the purchase money being due and payable within fifteen (15) days after sale, time expressly being of the essence, with interest at the rate of 3.50 percent per annum from date of sale to date of settlement. Provided, however, that if the holder of the secured promissory note is the successful bidder at the sale, no cash deposit shall be required, and part of or the entire indebtedness, including interest and costs, secured by the Deed of Trust, may be set off against the purchase price.

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Audrey J. Truumees, 75, died, Monday, September 12, 2011 at her residence. Born on March 28, 1936 in Bronx, NY. She was the daughter of the late Walter and Lillian (Nasie) Clerke. Ms. Truumees worked for the Commonwealth of Virginia in Fairfax and also volunteered her time with the church and community services. She is survived by four loving children, Paul Truumees, Roy Truumees, Laura Nye all of Long Island, NY and Liisa Klopfenstein of Bartonville, PA; eight grandchildren; two great grandsons; a sister, Leslie Higgins of Ft. Myers, FL and a brother, Walter Clerke of Tamarac, FL. She was preceded in death by a grandson, Jon Klopfenstein, a daughter, Linda and a sister, Lynn Downey. A viewing will be held from 9 am to 11 am Saturday at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 2935 Kingston Road, York, PA 17402. Followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at 11 am at the church with the Rev. Louis Petruha O.F.M. Cap. officiating. Burial will be private. The John W. Keffer Funeral Homes and Crematory, Inc., 902 Mt. Rose Ave., York, PA 17403 is entrusted with the arrangements. KefferFh.com

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