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Scouts salute the monuments of Generals Isaac Stevens and Philip Kearny in Ox Hill Battlefield Park.

## A Time of Remembrance

**Memorial Day ceremony held at Ox Hill Battlefield Park.**

BY BONNIE HOBBS  
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**T**he Battle of Ox Hill was fought Sept. 1, 1862 in a torrential thunderstorm. When it ended, two key Union generals were dead and more than 1,500 soldiers had been killed or wounded.

It's the only major Civil War battle that occurred in Fairfax County. But, said historian John P. Murphy, "Since it happened two days after the Battle of Second Manassas and 16 days before

Antietam, not many people know about it. It appears as a footnote in history."

However, Fairfax County preserved almost 5 acres of the 500-acre battlefield and, each Memorial Day, a ceremony there honors the fallen soldiers of the Battle of Ox Hill/Chantilly. The 18<sup>th</sup> annual ceremony was held Monday afternoon, May 27, on the historic site at the corner of West Ox Road and Monument Drive in Fair Lakes.

The ceremony at Ox Hill Battlefield Park included music, a description of the battle and presentation of the colors and two wreaths at the Ox Hill monuments. Presenting the event were the Ancient Order of Hibernians (Father William Corby Division) and the Fairfax County Park Authority.

Murphy, a member of the Bull Run Civil War

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## 'We're Making All the Sacrifices'

**Residents say Stringfellow Road park-and-ride expansion will worsen traffic troubles.**

BY BONNIE HOBBS  
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**A**t first glance, Fairfax County's plan to expand the park-and-ride lot at Stringfellow Road and Fair Lakes Boulevard in Chantilly doesn't seem controversial. The idea is to add more parking spaces, three new bus bays and a small, transit-center building.

Trouble is, nearby residents say it'll make their Stringfellow Road traffic problems even worse and impact their ability to exit their neighborhoods. Worse yet, they say, it'll happen concurrently with the already-disruptive Stringfellow Road widening project — and no one told them about it in advance.

"We feel this [park-and-ride]

project has a significant impact on the neighborhoods across Stringfellow Road, so we need to have more input on this," said Barbara Osgood of The Greens neighborhood. "I'm sure it's beautifully designed; but if you haven't taken the people it affects into consideration, it's not a complete project."

She was speaking during an informational meeting, last Wednesday night, May 22, at Rocky Run Middle School. The county's Department of Transportation will construct and maintain the building, and VDOT — which owns the land — will maintain the parking spaces.

Roxanne Tomlinson, with the Building Design branch of the county's Department of Public Works and Environmental Ser-

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Site plan of the park-and-ride expansion. The new parking spaces are in yellow.

## Former Principal Accused of Molesting Boy

**State Police arrest Thom Clement.**

BY BONNIE HOBBS  
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Clement

**D**uring Thom Clement's three decades in education, there was never a hint of impropriety. When he retired from Fairfax County Public Schools in July 2006, he was a well-liked and well-respected princi-

pal and former teacher.

He opened Bull Run Elementary and served as its leader for seven years.

Before leaving that school, he was feted by both students and parents. Teachers, staff and alumni hosted a dinner in his honor, and the SCA and PTA had his picture carved into a granite plaque which still adorns the school lobby.

And sixth-grade teacher John Kelly expressed the sentiments of his colleagues when he said

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## NEWS

# Fundraiser Planned For Animal Shelter

**Wine-tasting event slated for June 9.**

BY BONNIE HOBBS  
CENTRE VIEW

**E**ach year, the nonprofit Friends of the Fairfax County Animal Shelter (FFCAS) raises money to pay for things the shelter can't afford. And in June, it holds a wine-tasting and invites the public to participate.

In past years, it's been at a beverage store. "But this time, we're doing something totally different," said FFCAS President Evelyn Grieve. "We're having it at Paradise Springs Winery. And besides the wine-tasting, there'll be appetizers, desserts and a raffle."

The event is slated for Sunday, June 9, from 1-5 p.m., at the winery at 13219 Yates Ford Road in Clifton. Tickets are \$30/person at [www.ffcas.org](http://www.ffcas.org). Or mail checks payable to FFCAS to FFCAS, P.O. Box 2321, Centreville, VA 20122. It's called "Wine, Whiskers & Wags" and includes samples of six or seven different wines, plus a free souvenir wine glass, and dogs are welcome.

"It's a fun event because it's an outing where people can just come and have a good time, while also helping the animals," said Grieve. "It's important to help support the shelter and ensure that all animals get a good home. These animals can't speak for themselves, so we have to speak for them."

FFCAS raised nearly \$12,000 at last year's event and, said Grieve, "We hope to do the same, this year. We may even have a small, silent auction, but we'll definitely sell raffle tickets for cool things."

Raffle items include baskets of wines; handmade, decorative, animal-print wall quilts; baskets of cat and dog treats, restaurant gift cards and items from Trader Joe's. Also up for grabs will be genetic testing kits for animals; the winners will be able to test their dogs to see what breed or breeds they are.

Although most of the animals at the shelter are dogs and cats, the facility takes in practically any potential pet imaginable, such as birds, snakes, turtles, chinchillas and hamsters. Currently, it has several baby chicks that were given as Easter presents and then turned in to the shelter.

It's also undergoing a major renovation that should be complete by fall. The dog holding areas — including isolation, quarantine, stray and adoption kennels — are all finished now, and all the dogs have been moved into the new section of the building. Cats for adoption have all been relocated to 40 cat condos in the new cat adop-



**Pictured are some of the many residents of the Fairfax County Animal Shelter.**

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tion room.

When construction is complete, there'll also be 40 holding cages for cats. Other small animals are also now housed in the new area, and the new adoption wing is open, as is the new lobby. But the shelter still has many other needs, and that's where the FFCAS comes in.

The all-volunteer group gives all the money it raises to the shelter. Proceeds from last year's wine-tasting event were used to train shelter staff and volunteers to work with the dogs. This year, said Grieve, one of the things FFCAS wants to focus on is the dog-holding areas.

"Last year's fundraiser enabled us to buy Kuranda beds for the dogs," she said. "They're nicer and softer than their old beds and are elevated off the ground. So from this year's funds, we'd like to buy another 20-30 beds."

A couple months ago, said Grieve, "We also bought special housing for all the small animals, like hamsters and mice, and that was about \$3,500. And we purchased an ID-tag machine for about \$3,600 to make tags for all the animals that leave the shelter. It's free to each adopter — they get an ID tag and a collar with their new pet."

So besides the dog beds, she said, FFCAS hopes to buy more tags and collars — and, perhaps, another small-mammal habitat. Then there are Nylabones. "Something we started this year is that all dogs coming to the shelter now receive Nylabones," said Grieve. "They're hard, bone-shaped toys and we'd like to purchase more of them."

FFCAS also helps fund some special needs of the animals — such as when a dog brought in after being hit by a car requires emergency medical treatment, or older animals need lab work done to prove that

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## ROUNDUPS

### I-66/Route 286 Ramp Closings

The I-66 ramps to and from northbound Route 286 (the Fairfax County Parkway) will be closed overnight this week as crews continue final paving for the new Fair Lakes/Fairfax County Parkway interchange. Drivers should follow posted detours Thursday, May 30, from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m., and Friday, May 31, from 9 p.m. to 9 a.m. Police will be on site for assistance.

Single-lane closures and detours onto Fair Lakes Circle are also in place Sunday-Friday nights, from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m., for the next eight weeks. Crews are working along Fair Lakes Parkway as well as the Fairfax County Parkway from Route 29 to Rugby Road.

The new \$69.5 million interchange improves pedestrian and cycle access, widens more than three miles of the Fairfax County Parkway, and improves traffic flow by separating local and Parkway traffic. The entire project is scheduled for completion this October.

### CPMSAC Awards Ceremonies

The Chantilly Pyramid Minority Student Achievement Committee (CPMSAC) is holding its 28th Annual Youth Motivation and Academic Awards programs. They're slated for Saturday, June 1, at 5 p.m., at Chantilly High for middle- and high-school students, and Sunday, June 2, at 4 p.m., at Centreville Elementary for the elementary-school students. This year's theme is "Social Networking: A Key to Helping Close the Academic Achievement Gap."

### Police Warn of Utility Scam

Fairfax County police are seeing a trend in the number of victims reporting a scam involving utility payments. It's received dozens of reports that someone is contacting residents claiming that their electric meter is broken and could even explode, if they don't buy a payment card and pay up immediately.

The scammer tells residents they should go to a convenience store and buy a pre-payment card in the amount of several hundreds of dollars, or their power will be shut off. Many times, residents are frightened and feel intimidated by the scammer.

While residents of all ethnicities have been victimized, police say recent targets appear to be Latino residents. Some live in apartments or multi-dwelling units. The scammer speaks in Spanish and several times has identified himself as "Jose Martinez."

Police warn residents to contact Dominion Power or other utilities, as well as police, if they receive calls of this nature. They're also advised to never provide their social security number, credit card number or banking information to anyone requesting it over the phone, unless they've initiated the contact with the caller.

Anyone receiving a call from someone claiming to be their utility company — and feeling pressured for immediate payment or personal information — should hang up and call the utility to report the incident.

### Police Pilot DUI Watch

To encourage residents to become more involved in their communities by spotting and reporting suspected drunk or impaired drivers, the Sully District Police Station is starting DUI Watch. Volunteers will be fully training in early recognition of impaired driving, the dangers of impaired driving and its impact on the community.<sup>o</sup>

The first-ever DUI Watch training session will be Wednesday, June 5, at 7:30 p.m., at the station, 4900 Stonecroft Blvd. in Chantilly. Pre-registration is recommended, but not required. Contact PFC Fruecht at 703-814-7018 or at FCPDSulCPO@Fairfaxcounty.gov with questions or to register.

### Free Carseat Inspections

Certified technicians from the Sully District Police Station will perform free, child safety carseat inspections Thursday, June 6, 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

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## NEWS

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# Bite Me Cancer Fundraiser

Fun activities planned for children and adults.

BY BONNIE HOBBS  
CENTRE VIEW

**W**hen she was 17, Chantilly's Nikki Ferraro was diagnosed with a rare form of thyroid cancer. It wasn't what she'd planned, but she attacked it head-on and continued fighting for others battling the same disease.

Before graduating from Chantilly High in 2011, she organized a Relay for Life team and raised \$20,000 for the American Cancer Society. Later, she and her parents formed the nonprofit Bite Me Cancer Foundation (BMC), [www.bitemecancer.org](http://www.bitemecancer.org), to help teens with cancer and to fight thyroid cancer by funding research grants.

Throughout her own diagnosis, surgery and ongoing cancer treatment, Ferraro, of the Armfield Farm community, discovered there were several programs for children and adult cancer patients, but little geared specifically toward teenagers.

So since September 2010, BMC has provided teen cancer patient support bags she's filled with music, a special message from her and other items to help and inspire teens going through what she did. The bags are distributed to teens in hospitals.

Also included is a video program which has already received more than 4,000 views and provides ongoing support to both teens and caregivers via its private, online forum: Bite Me Cancer Cares and Bite Me Cancer Caregivers.

But it takes money to create and fill these bags so, on Sunday, June 9, from 5:30-8:30 p.m., BMC will hold its second annual fundraiser, "Take a Swing at Cancer," at the Dulles Golf Center and Sports Park in Sterling. More information and ticket/sponsorship details are at <http://www.bitemecancer.org/take-a-swing-at-cancer.asp>.

"I'm really excited about it," said Ferraro, 20, a rising junior and marketing major at JMU. "We've got things for both adults and kids to do — Xboxes, dance games, batting cages, 18-hole miniature golf, a driving range, basketball, beach-style volleyball, food and a deejay."

Meanwhile, funds have come in from other sources. To mark the three-year anniversary of Ferraro's April 6, 2010 diagnosis and her continuing victory over it, BMC held three fundraisers to celebrate everything she's accomplished in such a short timeframe.

During the weekend of April 6, the International Country Club in Chantilly held its annual 5K/10K run/walk and donated the proceeds to BMC. Later that day, the Nicole Miller store in the Tysons Galleria donated a percentage of that evening's sales to BMC.

The following day, Potomac Falls Lube Express and Car Wash held a car clinic for women and teens and gave BMC the proceeds. The three events raised \$2,311, which Bite Me Cancer will use to provide



Nikki Ferraro (center) with parents Sharon and Michael Ferraro.

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more teen support bags and fund thyroid-cancer research.

Knowing that thyroid cancer is the fastest-growing cancer among both men and women in the U.S., one of Ferraro's first goals for BMC was to raise enough money for a two-year, \$50,000 research grant to help advance the fight against thyroid cancer. When the campaign kicked off in 2012, BMC adopted "\$50K for 50K" as its theme, in honor of the more than 50,000 people expected to be diagnosed in 2012 with thyroid cancer.

By April 2013, BMC was \$15,000 short of that goal. But on April 7, Sara Barokas — a BMC Advisory

Council member and a thyroid-cancer survivor, herself — stepped up and donated that last \$15,000, along with her husband Ben.

"As a thyroid cancer survivor, I am committed to supporting Bite Me Cancer's thyroid research grant mission," she said. "Thyroid cancer is a serious disease that affects more people every year. Three surgeries, treatment with radioactive iodine,

and several new tumors later have taught me firsthand just how critical finding more solutions for the treatment of this disease is."

Barokas said BMC and the people behind the foundation have been a "tremendous support" to her since her diagnosis. "I am deeply appreciative of the work they have done and continue to do," she said.

"This generous donation from Sara and her husband is a wonderful example of making a difference, as well as recognizing others for the good they have done," said BMC Advisory Council member Stephanie Eberhart. She said it's also a celebration of the strength and courage of Ferraro and others with thyroid cancer.

"We're so excited and grateful for Sara and Ben's donation," added Ferraro. "We'll be able to watch and see what happens as a result of that grant."

But with more than 60,000 people predicted to be diagnosed with this disease in 2013, she knows the work is far from over. So she said BMC will continue raising money to support a second thyroid-cancer research grant. Anyone wishing to contribute toward

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# Memorial Day Ceremony at Ox Hill Battlefield Park

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Roundtable and the Father William Corby Division, explained why the fray is sometimes called the Battle of Chantilly. He said the Northern army named battles after the nearest towns and the Southern army named them after prominent, geographic points.

“Confederate Gen. Robert E. Lee thought Maj. Gen. [John] Pope was going to make a stand in Centreville,” said Murphy. “So he sent [Maj. Gen. Stonewall] Jackson’s troops up to Northern Virginia to hold Pope’s army until Lee got there to destroy it.”

However, Union Army Maj. Gen. John Pope sent two brigades under the command of Maj. Gen. Isaac Stevens to block Jackson, and Maj. Gen. Philip Kearny’s division joined them. By the time Jackson’s army reached Ox Hill, they were tired, hungry and battle-weary — and Stevens’ men attacked them immediately.

The battle ultimately ended in a draw but, said Murphy, “If Lee had sent Maj. Gen. [James] Longstreet, instead of Jackson, it might have turned out differently. He had more men and they were in better shape. And if events were different at Ox Hill, it may have changed events later in Antietam or in the war.”

Ox Hill Battlefield Park contains monuments to both Stevens and Kearny, and during Monday’s ceremony, a Boy Scout plus Girl Scouts from St. Leo the Great Catholic School in Fairfax placed wreaths between the monuments.

The Father William Corby Division presented the colors, and Kate Kane and Jenee Lindner sang while musician Stevie Morris accompanied them on the fiddle and guitar.

Ed Wenzel of the Bull Run Civil War Roundtable is a trustee of the monuments, and he told those attending the event of future plans for the battlefield park. “We’re going to plant corn, and we have some rail fences to improve and lengthen,” he said. “We also want to place six markers along the offsite walking trail that crosses the battlefield to give additional information about what happened here.”

Planned, as well, are markers for four Union and four Confederate soldiers who fought at the Battle of Ox Hill/Chantilly. “We also plan future Union and Confederate soldier monuments with their regiments and units inscribed on obelisks,” said Wenzel. “We’ve got two generals commemorated here, but we never commemorated the soldiers, so we’re going to do that.”

Noting that 516 Confederate soldiers and at least 1,000 Union soldiers were either killed or wounded during the battle, he said the annual Memorial Day ceremony at Ox Hill Battlefield Park is important and meaningful.

“Memorial Day is a day when we remember our war dead,” said Wenzel. “It started in May 1865 when women and young girls laid flowers on the graves of the soldiers on both sides of the war, and now Memorial Day is for all the dead. But it was originally called Decoration Day because they were decorating the soldiers’ graves.”



Historian John P. Murphy discusses the Battle of Ox Hill.



Residents sing “America the Beautiful” to close the ceremony.

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## The Battle of Ox Hill

**T**he Battle of Ox Hill, the Confederate name for what the Union Army called the Battle of Chantilly, took place on the afternoon of Sept. 1, 1862. The fighting occurred during a fierce storm that field reports described as so thunderous it drowned out the cries and clamor of the battle.

Dry ammunition became scarce, and the fighting degenerated into a brawl of bayonets and musket clubs. The chaotic conflict lasted a little more than two hours and ended at dark as a stalemate. Two Union divisions under the command of Gen. Isaac Stevens and Maj. Gen. Philip Kearny engaged Confederate troops at Ox Hill and

both commanders were killed.

The events at Ox Hill were triggered by Confederate Gen. Robert E. Lee’s attempt to outflank the retreating Union army. After the battle of Second Manassas along Bull Run on Aug. 28-30, 1862, the Federal Army retreated toward the well-protected capital city of Washington.

Ox Hill marked the end of the Second Manassas Campaign. After the engagement, the Federal Army completed its retreat to the fortifications around Washington. The Confederates turned north and crossed the Potomac River, igniting the Maryland Campaign.

At Ox Hill, the fighting was spread over

some 500 acres of farmland and woods on either side of what is now West Ox Road between Route 50 and Fair Lakes Parkway, and between Fair Oaks Mall and the Fairfax County Parkway. Much of that area today is covered by housing and commercial business outlets.

So Civil War preservationists stepped forward in the 1980s to protect the current 4.8-acre park site from the development that encompasses the rest of the battlefield. The Fairfax County Park Authority owns and maintains Ox Hill Battlefield Park to protect and enhance it as a historical resource.

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The Father William Corby Division of the Ancient Order of the Hibernians presents the colors.



From left: Jenee Lindner, Kate Kane and Stevie Morris perform Stephen Foster’s “Hard Times.”



Scouts prepare to place a wreath by the monuments of two Union Army generals.

# Bite Me Cancer Fundraiser

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either the grant or the bags may do so at <http://www.bitemecancer.org/Donate.asp>.

As for her own health, Ferraro said, "I feel great." However, surgery may be in her future. "The doctors are seeing if I'll have to have outpatient surgery on my vocal cords so that it's easier for me to talk," she said. "I feel like I'm straining a bit, especially in noisy situations where I have to talk louder so people can hear me."

She said it'll be the third or fourth time she's had that procedure done because it's only temporary. But this time, doctors might be able to do something different. "If my en-



Nikki Ferraro

ocrinologist gives me the OK after my scans on June 11, then I'll have permanent surgery on my neck," said Ferraro. "They'll put in a vocal-cord implant so I won't have problems talking."

She just added a notebook, pen, sudoku book and car magnet to the teen bags and redesigned the bags to make them stronger. "We're now starting to order the next 100 bags," she said. "Some will resupply Inova Fairfax Hospital and some will go to the M.D. Anderson Cancer Center in Texas."

Ferraro's also looking forward to the June 9 fundraiser. "There'll be lots of things to do," she said. "It'll be a great event and, hopefully, a nice day and lots of fun for every-

one who attends."

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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 correct use of the child seat. Call 703-814-7000, ext. 5140, to confirm dates and times.

## Food Donations For WFCM

Western Fairfax Christian Ministries' food pantry urgently needs donations of spaghetti sauce, canned fruit, rice (2-lb. bags), canned pasta, peanut butter, canned tuna and meat, hot and cold cereal, fruit juice, and pancake mix and syrup. Bring all items to WFCM'S new food-pantry location at 13888 Metrotech Drive, near Papa John's Pizza and Kumon Learning Center, in Chantilly's Sully Place Shopping Center.

## Meals on Wheels Volunteers

Fairfax County needs Meals on Wheels drivers in Chantilly and group Meals on Wheels coordinators in both Chantilly and Fairfax. Contact Volunteer Solutions at 703-324-5406, TTY 711, VolunteerSolutions@fairfaxcounty.gov or visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dfs/olderadultservices/volunteer-solutions.htm](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dfs/olderadultservices/volunteer-solutions.htm).

## Give Caregivers a Break

Fairfax County needs Respite Care volunteers throughout the county to give family caregivers of a frail older adult a well-deserved break. Volunteers visit and oversee the safety of the older adult for a few hours each month. Volunteers are matched with families in or near their own neighborhoods. Support and training is provided. Contact Kristin Martin at 703-324-7577, TTY 711, or Kristin.Martin@fairfaxcounty.gov.

## Women's Self Defense Program

The Fairfax County Law Enforcement Foundation is partnering with the Fairfax County Police Department to offer the Women's Self Defense Training program. It's based on the SAFE program formerly provided by the Police Department, but now being taught by C&J Security Corp.

The program is a two-day class that will meet on consecutive Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6:15-9:30 p.m. It's currently offered free and all class materials are included. Program funding is provided through the Fairfax County Law Enforcement Foundation.

The course is offered to females, age 13 and older. A female guardian must accompany girls 13-18. No men other than the instructors are permitted to be present during a class. For more information, call 703-246-7806, e-mail WSD@fairfaxfoundation.org or go to [www.fairfaxfoundation.org](http://www.fairfaxfoundation.org).

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In 2008, 74.5 percent of Virginia's registered voters turned out to vote in the presidential election. In 2009, the last time Virginians elected a governor, lieutenant governor, attorney general and members of the House of Delegates, just 40.4 percent of registered voters came out to vote.

That is to say that 1.7 million voters went missing in the Commonwealth.

Last November, more than 70 percent of Virginia's registered voters turned out. Will this November see 40 percent or less? Choices at the statewide level could hardly be more stark, and low turnout will make the outcome unpredictable.

It's a mistake for people offended by the inflammatory and derogatory rhetoric by the Republican nominee for Lieutenant Governor E.W. Jackson to think that he is unelectable in Virginia or that his negatives will make Ken Cuccinelli, Republican nominee for Governor

unelectable.

It all depends on who turns out to vote.

As an example, in November 2007, incumbent state Sen. Ken Cuccinelli (R-37) won reelection by less than one-half of a percentage point, with an edge of just 92 votes out of 37,185 ballots cast, beating Democrat Janet Oleszek. Approximately 32 percent of registered voters in the 37th District cast ballots at the polls in that election. Imagine what might be different today if that race had gone differently. Cuccinelli was first elected to the Virginia Senate in 2002 in a special election.

## Primary June 11

Primary Election Day is Tuesday, June 11, with absentee voting currently underway.

Voters in the Democratic primary will choose between Ralph S. Northam and Aneesh Chopra for lieutenant governor; and between Mark R. Herring and Justin E. Fairfax for attorney gen-

eral.

The polls will be open from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. on June 11.

Good sources for information on upcoming elections.

Virginia State Board of Elections, <http://www.sbe.virginia.gov/>

Virginia Public Access Project, <http://www.vpap.org/candidates?display=state>

Fairfax County Board of Elections, <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/elections/ecalendar.htm>

## Father's Day Photos

Father's Day is June 16, and as in years past, The Centre View will publish a gallery of photos of fathers, grandfathers, great grandfathers and sons and daughters. Send your photos, including names of everyone in the photo, ages of children, town of residence and a brief description of what is happening to [editors@connectionnewspapers.com](mailto:editors@connectionnewspapers.com)

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Transportation Pie

To the Editor:

A recent breakfast gathering of the transportation cognoscenti of the region and hosted by the Northern Virginia Transportation Alliance posed this question: How will our various Northern Virginia jurisdictions split up the pie of new transportation money? County leaders or their representatives from Fairfax, Prince William, Arlington and Loudoun comprised the panel of presenters. Perhaps the most interesting information, however, came from the discussion sheets provided to the audience.

To preface what we found on the sheets, readers need to recall that several years ago, voters approved the formation of a Northern Virginia Transportation Authority, which until now has had no abilities to function as intended, since there was no transportation money. That changed with the passage of the Governor's transportation package, which makes available \$189,475,000 for FY 14 projects. The authority is comprised of appointees drawn mainly from the chairs/mayors of the nine cities and counties comprising the authority, along with a smattering of General Assembly members, transportation officials and gubernatorial appointees. By its nature, the pie will be split according to parochial interests. There is another transportation group that

has been on the ground for a number of years, the Northern Virginia Transportation Alliance, headed by Bob Chase. Bob and his organizations are the gurus to which our chamber and most all other chambers pay attention when questions arise about roads and bridges. They are non-partisan and they are experts. Mass transit is not part of their core mission.

So now, back to the sheets. Both groups were tasked with providing a list of their prioritized projects for spending the new money. The authority and the alliance completely disagreed on designated projects for Fairfax County.

The Fairfax representatives of the authority proposed:

- ❖ Widening to 6-8 lanes for Route 28
- ❖ A design/build for the Innovation Center Metrorail Station for which the county just agreed to assume the debt
- ❖ Several smaller improvements in Herndon.

The alliance chose instead:

- ❖ Support rehabilitating I-66 outside the Beltway to a new multi-modal facility with additional conventional lands and rail extension right-of-way to Centreville, along with upgrade of the Route 28/I-66 interchange
- ❖ Widen to 6-8 lanes for Route 7 between Tysons Corner and the Loudoun line
- ❖ Widen to 6-8 lanes on Fairfax County Parkway between the Dulles Toll Road and Route 50
- ❖ Add two lanes on Route 50

(Arlington Blvd.) between Fairfax Circle to I-495.

For Loudoun County, its authority members requested:

- ❖ Construction start of Route 28 hot spot improvements (Sterling Blvd. to Dulles Toll Road)
- ❖ Design start of grade separation at Route 15 Leesburg Bypass and Edwards Ferry Road
- ❖ Leesburg Park and Ride
- ❖ 2 new transit buses
- ❖ Widening of Route 15 from Route 7 Bypass south to Route 234 in Prince William County

Meanwhile, the alliance was recommending:

- ❖ Route 50 widening from FC line west to Route 15
- ❖ Adding 2-4 lanes on Route 7 Bypass between Leesburg and Purcellville
- ❖ Widening Route 60 as part of the Dulles Loop and constructing an interchange at Route 50
- ❖ Completion of Gloucester Parkway to Route 28 to alleviate Route 625 corridor congestion.

Both the authority and the alliance concurred about widening Route 659 (Belmont Ridge Road) north of the Dulles Greenway. The most expensive projects (as estimated by the authority) for Fairfax

would be the Innovation Center Metrorail Station at \$41 million, followed by the Route 28 widening from the Toll Road to Route 50, priced at \$20 million. Loudoun's most expensive project would be the Belmont Ridge Road design/build at \$20,000.

Only the authority requested monies for public transit alternatives such as work at three VRE stations and two WMATA projects: traction power upgrades on the Orange Line and 10 new buses on Virginia routes, together totaling \$12 million.

What does this mean to us the citizens? It gives two different views of how to prioritize transportation needs, one from a mainly legislative body, one from a transportation expert viewpoint, one encompassing both roads and mass transit, the other just roads. I hope you will use it as a road map to inform your own point of view and to share that with your legislators. It will be the authority that cuts the pie. For more information, visit [www.thenovaauthority.org](http://www.thenovaauthority.org).

**Eileen Curtis**

President, Dulles Regional Chamber of Commerce

### Write

The Centre View welcomes views on any public issue. The deadline for all material is noon Friday. Letters must be signed. Include home address and home and business numbers. Letters are routinely edited for libel, grammar, good taste and factual errors. Send to:

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# Court Rules Wolfe May Be Retried

In January, the family of Chantilly High grad Justin Wolfe hoped he'd be a free man after U.S. District Court Judge Raymond Jackson vacated Wolfe's convictions and sentences for drug distribution and the March 2001 murder of 21-year-old Centreville High grad Danny Petrole.

Jackson said the original prosecutors withheld evidence that could have helped Wolfe, now 31. He also said they intimidated the main witness against Wolfe, Owen Barber IV — who killed Petrole and initially testified that Wolfe hired him for the crime, but later recanted.

Special Prosecutor Ray Morrogh now wants to retry Wolfe, who's already spent 11 years on death row. But since Barber's now unable to testify for Wolfe in court — since, according to Jackson, he's been threatened with the death penalty, himself, if he does so — Jackson said any retrial of Wolfe has also been tainted.

On Dec. 26, 2012, Jackson ordered Wolfe's unconditional release and barred him from being retried. And on Jan. 2, Prince William Circuit Court Judge Mary Grace O'Brien said she'd uphold that order unless Virginia's attorney general requested a stay.

He did, so Wolfe was kept incarcerated

in the Prince William County/Manassas jail, where he'd been moved for his new trial. Jackson's order was appealed to the 4th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Richmond, which granted the stay.

That court heard full, oral arguments on both sides of the issue at the end of January. All along, Wolfe has maintained his innocence. Nonetheless, last Wednesday, May 23, the 4th Circuit ruled that Jackson exceeded his authority when he ordered Wolfe's sentences vacated and Wolfe released and barred his retrial. So after a new date is set, Wolfe will again stand trial in Prince William Circuit Court.

## CRIME REPORT

The following incidents were reported from the Sully District Station:

**UNLAWFUL ENTRY**, 6400 block of Paddington Court, May 23, 11:05 a.m. A resident reported someone entered the home but nothing was stolen. There were no signs of forced entry.

**PEEPING**, 13700 block of Marsden Court, May 18, 5 a.m. A 29-year-old woman reported someone was allegedly looking into her home. Her husband detained the individual. A 33-year-old man of no fixed address, was charged with peep into a dwelling.

**WEAPON**, 14100 block of Lotus Lane, May 18, 12:20 a.m. Officers were called for a loud noise. Following an investigation, a 21-year-old man from Centreville, was charged with reckless discharge of a firearm. No one was injured.

**ASSAULT**, Centreville Road/Machen Road, May

11, 4:15 a.m. An officer found an individual who appeared intoxicated and injured. Rescue personnel responded to examine and transport him. He allegedly became combative assaulting the rescue officer. An 18-year-old man from Chantilly, was charged with being drunk in public and assault.

**BURGLARY**, 5600 block of Thorndyke Court, May 10, 4:55 p.m. A resident reported someone entered the home and stole several items to include a wallet. There were no signs of forced entry.

### LARCENIES

❖ 13500 block of Sequoia Lea Drive, steering wheel from vehicle

❖ Bay Valley Lane/Compton Lane, cell phone from vehicle

❖ 4300 block of Chantilly Shopping Center, credit card from business

❖ 4300 block of Cub Run Road, bicycle from

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❖ 14300 block of Penrose Place, license plate from vehicle

❖ 4000 block of Westfax Drive, steel pipes from business

❖ 13900 block of Big Yankee Lane, bicycle from residence

❖ 7200 block of Ordway Road, jewelry from residence

❖ 14600 block of Thera Way, inspection sticker from vehicle

❖ 4000 block of Airline Parkway, hair products and furniture from business

❖ 6700 block of Jenny Leigh Court, wallet from business

❖ 4100 block of Pleasant Meadow Court, backpack from vehicle

❖ 5400 block of Arrowhead Park, bicycles from residence

# Fundraiser

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they're in good health and are still adoptable. In addition, it provides money and education for other programs, including the importance of spaying and neutering pets.

During all of 2012, FFCAS raised almost \$60,000 total for the shelter. And Grieve would like more people to donate, join the group's mailing list and help support its work.

Anyone wishing to donate to FFCAS may do so at the Web site, or by sending checks payable to the organization to: FFCAS, P.O. Box 2321, Centreville, VA 20122. It's also part of the Combined Federal Campaign, so contributions may be made there, as well, by designating number 88219.

For more information, people may also check out the organization on Facebook at Friends of the Fairfax County Animal Shelter.

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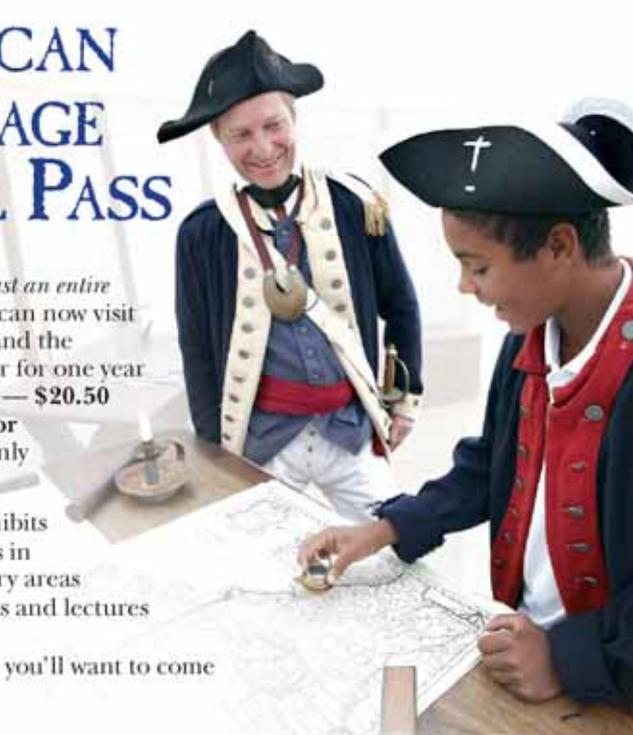
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# SUMMER FUN



All the Centreville High School choirs come together on stage during the 2012 CVHS Choral Department summer concert.

## CVHS Choirs Perform Summer Concert

The 2013 Centreville High School Choral Department summer concert, "Broadway Pops" is scheduled for Wednesday, June 5 and Thursday, June 6, at 7:30 p.m. in the Roy A. Skip Maiden Theatre at Centreville High School.

Email announcements to [centreview@connectionnewspapers.com](mailto:centreview@connectionnewspapers.com). Photos welcome.

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7:30 p.m., show starts at 8 p.m. at Fast Eddie's, 14114 Lee Highway. Watch Mariya Alexander, Becca Steinhoff and Dana Bell perform. \$5/person. 703-266-1888.

### WEDNESDAY/JUNE 5

**Broadway Pops.** 7:30 p.m. in the Roy A. Skip Maiden Theatre at Centreville High School. Features the entire choral program, soloists and a student-directed a capella group. Free for students; \$5/general admission.

### THURSDAY/JUNE 6

**Broadway Pops.** 7:30 p.m. in the Roy A. Skip Maiden Theatre at Centreville High School. Features the entire choral program, soloists and a student-directed a capella group. Free for students; \$5/general admission.

### FRIDAY/JUNE 7

**Comedy Showcase.** Doors open at

### SUNDAY/JUNE 9

**Train Display.** The Northern Virginia NTRAK group will be displaying running tabletop (T-TRAK models) N Gauge trains at the Fairfax Station Railroad Museum, 11200 Fairfax Station Road, Fairfax Station, from 1-4 p.m. \$3/adult; \$1/child. Visit [www.fairfax-station.org](http://www.fairfax-station.org) or 703-425-9225.

### THURSDAY/JUNE 13

**6th Annual Erin Peterson Fund Tournament.** Held at Westfields Golf Club, 13940 Balmoral Greens Ave., Clifton. To register visit [www.erinpetersonfund.org](http://www.erinpetersonfund.org).

## FAIRS & FESTIVALS

### THURS./MAY 30-SUNDAY/JUNE 2

**Herndon Festival.** The Town of Herndon's Parks and Recreation Department hosts the annual Herndon Festival. This is a town-wide event and attracts more than 80,000 people from the greater Washington, D.C. Metropolitan area. There is no admission fee to enter the Herndon Festival. See the Fairfax County Calendar for details. [www.herndonfestival.net](http://www.herndonfestival.net).

### FRIDAY-SUNDAY/JUNE 7-9

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### SATURDAY/JUNE 8

**Relay for Life.** 3 p.m., 14550 Lee Road, Chantilly. Centreville and Chantilly Relay for Life will take place at the nZone. Call 703-937-1903 or email [Brandi.Steward@cancer.org](mailto:Brandi.Steward@cancer.org).

### SATURDAY/JUNE 22

**Clifton Wine Festival.** 11 a.m.-6 p.m., in the Children's Park, 7140

Main St., Clifton. Visit historic Clifton, with wine, food, music and arts and crafts to make it a celebration; rain or shine. [www.cliftonwine.com](http://www.cliftonwine.com).

### SATURDAY-SUNDAY/AUG. 3-4

**County 4-H Fair and Frying Pan Farm Park Show** at Frying Pan Farm Park, 2709 W. Ox Road, Herndon. Farm animals, rides, displays, horse and dog shows, the tractor pull, children's crafts and face painting and live music. [www.4hfairfax.org/](http://www.4hfairfax.org/).

### SUNDAY/AUG. 18

**27th Annual Pakistan Independence Day Festival USA.** Noon at 7700 Bull Run Dr., Centreville. The Pakistan Independence Day Festival includes musical performances, rides and games. [www.pakistanfestivalusa.com](http://www.pakistanfestivalusa.com).

### SATURDAY/SEPT. 14

**Dulles Day Plane Pull.** Dulles International Airport, Dulles. The 2013 Dulles Day Family Festival & Plane Pull is a day of airplane and auto exhibits, children's zone and bus pull, displays, activities, vendors, food and entertainment. [www.planepull.com](http://www.planepull.com).



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**Lego Block Party.** 7 p.m. at Chantilly Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Children ages 8-12 can build. Free. Call for this month's theme. Registration required, 703-502-3883.

### FRIDAY/MAY 31

**JazzCats Cafe.** 7 p.m. at Centreville High School cafeteria, 6001 Union Mill Road, Clifton. Hear music from two bands. \$8/advance or \$10/door, includes music, dessert and a drink. E-mail [jazzcatstix@yahoo.com](mailto:jazzcatstix@yahoo.com) for more.

**Comedy Showcase.** Doors open at 7:30 p.m., show starts at 8 p.m. at Fast Eddie's, 14114 Lee Highway. Watch Tommy Sinbazo, Rob Farley, Mike Brown and Kevin McCarron perform. \$5/person. 703-266-1888.

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## MONDAY/JUNE 3

**Centreville Toastmasters.** 7 p.m. at Centreville Regional Library, 14200 St. Germain Drive. Overcome your fear of public speaking in a proven program that has helped thousands over the last 89 years. All welcome.

**Greenbriar Garden Club.** 7:30 p.m. Greenbriar Community Center, 4615 Stringfellow Road, Fairfax. A presentation by the Audubon Society of Northern Virginia on attracting birds and butterflies to your garden. Contact Diane at 703-378-0994 or Kathy at 703-817-0708.

**County Forum.** 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at Chantilly Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Share ideas on ensuring the county continues to be a livable, lifelong community for its growing older population. Free. Visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/olderadults](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/olderadults)

## TUESDAY/JUNE 11

**Ladies Book Club.** 7:30 p.m. at Beth Torah, 4212-C Technology Court, Chantilly. Bring a drink or appetizer to share and discuss "Snow in August" by Pete Hamill.

## THURSDAY/JUNE 13

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# OBITUARY

## Henry Mielo

Long-time Greenbriar resident Henry (Hank) Mielo died Friday, May 17, 2013, at the age of 76, from complications of diabetes.

Attending the New Jersey Institute of Technology, George Washington University, and the Department of Defense War



Mielo

College, he earned degrees in engineering and management. After retiring from the Department of the Navy (at NavSea) Hank was a substitute teacher at Chantilly High School, Rocky

Run Intermediate, and both Greenbriar elementary schools before joining Pender Veterinary Clinic as a bookkeeper.

He coached numerous CYA basketball and baseball teams, including the first girls select basketball team, as well as tutoring math to many students over the years. He always loved running into former students and team members as "grown ups."

Hank is survived by his wife

Helen, brother Gary, sisters-in-law Jill, Marilyn and JoAnn, brother-in-law Don Edwing, his children, Jennifer and Bob Shook, Pam and Dorian Zaelke, Mike Mielo, his grandchildren, Brad Goldie and Nina, Daniel and Madhumeta Shook, Debbie and Rhys Franck, and life-long friends and fellow Yankee and Giant fans, Donald Fucci and Steve Feldman.

Hank is also survived by many beloved nieces and nephews and

those who remember, "He helped me pass the math test that got me the job, the school, etc."

As per his wishes, Hank will be cremated without ceremony and requested that in lieu of flowers, contributions be made to the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation. He felt strongly that children should be spared diabetes. To make a donation, go to JDRF.org, click Donate, click Memorial Donation, and fill in the blanks.

## BUSINESS NOTES

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Pennoni Associates, an ENR Top 100 engineering, design, and consulting firm, announces that **William Allen, PE**, has joined the firm as a vice president and will focus on business development. He previously worked as director of project development, large projects group for Skanska USA Civil, Inc.

Allen has 40 years of experience in the engineering and construction industry, primarily through the management of large engineering and construction organizations. He has a proven record of success in marketing and in the acquisition of major projects and has built profitable engineering and construction business lines. Allen has extensive expertise in creating and implementing public-private partnership projects. A graduate of the Pennsylvania State University, he is a registered professional engineer in eight states, including Virginia, Maryland, and the District of Columbia. He is involved with many organizations, including ACEC, ASCE, AASHTO, APWA, SAME, the Design-Build Institute of America, and the American Underground Construction Association. He also served on the board of directors of the American Road and Transportation Builders Association.

**The Nest Egg** in Fairfax has been named one of Home Accents Today's 50 Retail Stars for 2013 by editors of the premier trade magazine for the home accents industry. The business, founded in 2003, is located at 11940 Grand Commons Avenue and is owned by Ann and Sean O'Shields. The Nest Egg hosts events throughout the year that benefit local organizations such as the Main Street Child Development Center and Journey 4 A Cure. The shop offers interior design services and offers a selection of customizable American-made furniture and upholstery.

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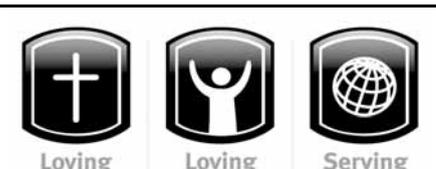
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# PEOPLE



## Scarlet Speedster

The Ed Lang Team celebrated Mother's Day by sponsoring the Angel Kisses Race, which it does every year. But this year, DC Comics star, The Flash, attended and was taking pictures with all the runners to help them run faster. Flash was played by Matt Beeman, a senior at Oakton High School. At left, The Flash is with Paige Imperial and her husband and, on right, with Craig Warnick and his son.



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## Science Competition

Each year in the local Catholic schools middle school students can be found doing science experiments, testing their hypothesis, and graphing and charting their results on board displays that eventually get judged by science judges. These local winners then travel onto the Diocesan level competition where more than 400 students gather to compete for top honors in various science topics ranging from chemistry, to behavioral science. Saint Timothy Catholic School was represented this year by Sarah Bresnahan (Honorable Mention Behavioral and Social Sciences), Kevin Coutry (Honorable Mention Biochemistry), Katherine Daly, Ashley Forster (1st place Microbiology), Katie Grandinetti (3rd place Microbiology), Kelsey Hamer, Ricky Kowalski, Peter Montwill (Honorable Mention Chemistry), Chris Susco (1st place Chemistry), and David Topping. With the students are Karen Young and Anita Ostrander, science teachers at Saint Timothy.

### SCHOOL NOTES

Westfield High School junior **Nick O'Connell** has been accepted at Stanford University's Summer College, where he will be studying computer programming and electrical engineering this summer.



Stanford's Summer College is an eight-week college experience where program participants build a schedule comprised of college-level courses, and credit earned is documented on a Stanford University transcript. Stanford credit may be transferable to other educational institutions depending on the transfer policies of the specific college or university.

O'Connell, who plans to double major in computer science and electrical engineering in college, is also a varsity member of Westfield's track and field and cross country teams. He will attend Stanford between June 18 and Aug. 18. When he returns he will begin practice for the 2013 fall cross country season. He also launched and coordinates an annual outreach on behalf of So Others Might Eat, through which he collects and donates clothing and essentials for homeless families in neighboring Washington, D.C.

### MILITARY NOTES

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**Francis J. Rechner** has been awarded an Air Force ROTC scholarship to attend a host college or university. High school seniors from across the United States are selected after a competitive application process based on comprehensive tests scores, scholastic achievement, school officials' evaluations, extra-curricular activities, and community involvement. Rechner is the son of Frank and Daphne Rechner of Chantilly and the grandson of Eva Stinson of Colorado Springs, Colo., Frank and Sue Rechner of Phoenixville, Pa. and Helen Rechner of King of Prussia, Pa. Rechner is a 2012 graduate of Chantilly High School.

Army Reserve Pvt. **John P.**

**Diaz** has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C. He is the son of Anamaria Abarca of Herndon, and Mario Diaz of Hagerstown, Md. Diaz graduated in 2010 from Westfield High School.

Army 2nd Lt. **Michael B. Kohn** has graduated from the Infantry Basic Officer Leader Course at Fort Benning, Columbus, Ga. Kohn is the son of Henry and Barbara Kohn of Myrtle Beach, S.C. He is a 1990 graduate of Chantilly High School and earned a bachelor's degree in 1997 from George Mason University.

Marine Corps Pfc. **Dennon J. Carranza-Kee**, a 2012 graduate of Westfield High School, earned the title of United States Marine after graduating from recruit training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, S.C.

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# Residents Fear Increased Traffic Problems

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vices, is the project manager. And she presented details during the meeting.

Adjacent to I-66, the existing lot has 378 parking spaces. However, a 2007 bond referendum funded an additional 300 spaces, plus a bus-transfer facility with a climate-controlled waiting room, benches, restrooms, drinking fountain and bike racks.

Tomlinson said \$4 million was approved for the parking expansion and \$1.5 million for the bus-transfer building, and they've been combined into one project. "The purpose is to enhance bus ridership and promote carpooling and, ultimately, use of Metrorail [when it's extended to this area]," she said.

Michael Guarino, a county DOT transportation planner, said the current lot fills up and there's a demand for more parking. A Fair Lakes Crossing resident noted that overflow vehicles from the lot are parking in his neighborhood, and Osgood said they park in The Greens, too.

Three bus bays will be added, and car and bus traffic will be separated on the lot. Cars will enter and exit the lot from the Stringfellow/Fair Lakes Boulevard intersection, and the existing entrance on Stringfellow will be for buses only.

The building will be 1,345 square feet, with solar panels and a large roof to cover bicycle parking on each end. "We'll also add bio-filters to the site, plus porous pavement, a landscaped dry pond and educational signage so people can learn about these features," said Tomlinson.

Mark Gunn, a civil engineer with Rinker Design Associates, is involved in the site design. "We'll add a dual left turn from Fair Lakes Boulevard to Stringfellow, toward I-66," he said. "There'll be dual-use paths for pedestrians and bicyclers. And we'll do the lighting design and landscape plan so it'll be both aesthetic and secure for the users' safety."

Gunn said the porous pavement, dry pond and bio-filters — which are small, vegetative rain gardens — are part of a green initiative to improve the quality of the site's water runoff. In addition, the entire front will be reforested and replanted.



Fairfax County employee Roxanne Tomlinson discusses the Stringfellow Road park-and-ride expansion project.

The existing traffic signal at Fair Lakes and Stringfellow will go from three-way to four-way, to accommodate the additional vehicles using the lot. But Jon Rochetti of the nearby Waters Edge community said that change "will cause residents driving on Fair Lakes to wait even longer to get out of their community because the signal will now go through an extra cycle."

He said that intersection is already heavily congested, handling traffic going to the Fair Lakes Shopping Center, plus residential drivers; school, Metro and Connector bus traffic heading to and from the I-66 HOV entrance/exit. Gunn said the dual left will improve movement, but Rochetti was skeptical.

"Traffic, we fear, may increase so quickly once the widened Stringfellow Road opens that it may revert back to the current, rush-hour gridlock in no time — just four lanes of gridlock vs. two," he said. "The additional parking spots will only add more traffic congestion — and the lot will be mainly used by people outside our community."

Furthermore, said Rochetti, "The single left-turn lane from Fair Lakes Boulevard onto southbound Stringfellow consistently backs up, [and] the length of the current unused turning lane appears [to] accommodate just 8-10 cars, which won't offer much relief. We're concerned that traffic will continue to block Great Heron Drive, making it challenging, if not unsafe" for Water's Edge and The Greens residents to exit their neighborhoods at Fair Lakes.

Osgood also worried about "traffic increasing significantly and affecting pedestrians and bicyclists in the neighborhood." Gunn said his office would coordinate with the county and incorporate the residents' feedback. Comments may also be sent to Supervisor Pat Herrity (R-Springfield) since the lot's in his district.

"Between the Fairfax County Parkway and Stringfellow widening project — and VDOT parking its construction trailers and dozens of pieces of equipment in our area, we've got construction fatigue," said Rochetti. And with one transportation-related project af-

ter another, the residents will get no relief.

The park-and-ride expansion is slated to begin in January 2014, and the work to widen Stringfellow just started and will last until July 2015. Said Guarino: "It's inconvenient, but these projects need to be done when we can do them."

Residents also stressed that — although the county and VDOT consider the Stringfellow widening and park-and-ride expansion two separate projects — they don't. Both will happen at the same time, but the park-and-ride project wasn't mentioned during a recent, public meeting about the widening.

There are 196 homes in The Greens and 220 in Water's Edge and, said Tony Petruzzi of The Greens, "The Stringfellow widening project affects this project and our communities, and we weren't told about this project until now. More than 400 families are being impacted by this, and we never got a flier or an e-mail about it."

Osgood said the impact on Great Heron should be studied and remedied as part of the park-and-ride project before it opens and problems occur. And, she said, "We'd like a sidewalk at Northbourne [Drive] and on The Greens' side of Fair Lakes Boulevard."

Added Petruzzi: "At the entrance to The Greens and Water's Edge, there are school-bus stops and traffic backs up, as it is — and nobody looked at this."

Guarino said there's "not an easy fix" for The Greens, and he said separating the bus and car park-and-ride entrances would remove some traffic from Stringfellow and shift it to Fair Lakes Boulevard. But, replied Osgood, "You have not studied the impact on the neighborhoods. I'd suggest you meet with the neighborhoods because it's important for them to have a say."

"This project helps keep this site as a transit hub, which has overall benefits," said Guarino. "And it works with our future planning, bus routes and HOV lanes on I-66."

That's all well and good, said Osgood, but "there are a lot of bits and pieces you could fix to make this project work better overall for everyone. We're making all the sacrifices — we should get some of the benefits."

## Bus-Transfer Building and Project Details

Part of the Stringfellow Road park-and-ride lot expansion will be the construction of a 1,345-square-foot bus-transfer building. Architect John Wirth, of Ritter Architects, talked about it during last week's public meeting.

"It'll be a glass building with a long, butterfly roof with secure bike parking underneath," he said. "There'll be a kiosk where people can get tickets and maps and add money to SmartCards. There'll also be restrooms, three benches and a drinking fountain."

The glass façade will allow staff to see

outside during business hours; the building will be locked, otherwise. It's anticipated to be staffed Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, 6:30-10:30 a.m., and 3-7 p.m. Currently, buses using that lot run weekdays from 4:30 a.m.-10 p.m.

"We're pursuing LEED silver certification on this project," said Wirth. He said the building will employ energy efficiency, water-use reduction, renewable materials, natural light and solar panels.

The facility will be centrally located on the site, which will also feature cutoff, shielded lights that won't illuminate across

Stringfellow Road. Also planned are two, asphalt, pedestrian/bicycle paths leading to the building. And there'll be a crosswalk at the Fair Lakes Boulevard entrance, with a pedestrian button on the traffic signal there.

The lot's bus loop will be up front, divided from the vehicular and pedestrian traffic. And the state will review all permits before work is begun. The site's design is slated for completion in August, and the project will open for bids in December. Construction is scheduled to start in January 2014 and be finished in late December 2014, when the expanded lot is set to open.

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Artist's rendition of the bus-transfer facility being built at the Stringfellow Road park-and-ride lot.

## SPORTS

### Centreville Baseball Falls in Regional Quarterfinals

The Centreville baseball team ended its season with a 5-4 loss to Marshall in the Northern Region quarterfinals on May 27 at Madison High School.

The Wildcats had the tying run in scoring position in the bottom of the seventh inning, but Marshall pitcher Mike Evans ended the game with a strikeout.

Centreville senior Danny Russell finished 3 for 4 with two RBIs. Carson Bach went 2 for 3 with a double and Daniel Drangsvet was 1 for 4 with a double and an RBI.

Centreville defeated West Potomac 6-2 in the opening round of regionals on May 24.

The Wildcats ended the season with a 16-5 record and finished atop the Concorde District regular-season standings under first-year head coach Scott Findley.

### Centreville Softball Reaches Quarterfinals

The Centreville softball team knocked off Patriot District champion Lake Braddock 4-2 in the opening round of regionals on May 24, but ended its season with a 4-1 loss to McLean in the quarterfinals on May 27.

Lake Braddock entered the game against Centreville with a 21-1 record.

### Centreville Boys' Lax

The Centreville boys' lacrosse team recently saw multiple players named to both the 2013 all-Northern Region team, and the 2013 all-Concorde District team.

The following players were named to the 2013 all-Northern Region team: Andy Balberde (first team); Antonio Choi (second team) and Nathan Marks (honorable mention).

Varsity Wildcats receiving 2013 all-Concorde District first-team honors were: Kainoa O'Connor, Andy Balberde, Antonio Choi and Nathan Marks.

Second-team honors were awarded to: Tyler Vennergrund, Carson McEver, Kyle Richbourg, Pat Lilburn, Logan Wakefield and Pat Prosser.

Receiving honorable mention honors were: Danny Meador, David Weisbrodt, Sean Doyle, Brett Clark, John Clements, Ben Kandel and Jake Hyde.

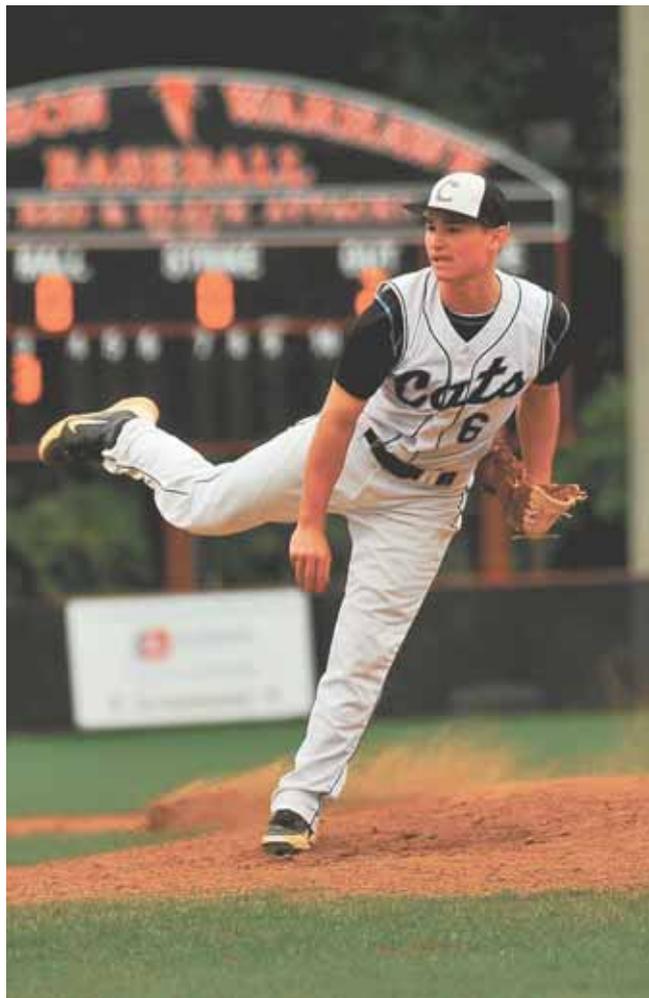
Both regional team honors and Concorde District team honors are voted upon by varsity head coaches from the Concorde District member high schools and the Northern Region member high schools.

Head JV coach Ryan Richardson was also recognized as the Assistant Coach of the Year, leading his JV Wildcats to an undefeated 2013 season.

### Chantilly Boys' Lax Headed to States

The Chantilly boys' lacrosse team will travel to face Albemarle in the state quarterfinals at 6 p.m. on Friday, May 31.

Chantilly finished runner-up in the Northern Re-



Centreville sophomore Daniel Woodruff pitched against Marshall on May 27.

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Scott Walter and the Centreville baseball team ended their season with a loss to Marshall in the Northern Region quarterfinals on May 27.

gion, losing 7-6 to Madison on May 24.

### Chantilly Girls' Soccer

The Chantilly girls' soccer team faced Woodson in the Northern Region semifinals on May 27, after Centre View's deadline. The winner secured a berth in the state playoffs.

### Westfield Girls' Soccer Loses to Yorktown

The Westfield girls' soccer team ended its season with a 2-0 loss to Yorktown in the Northern Region quarterfinals on May 23.

The Concorde District runner-up Bulldogs ended the season with a 14-2-1 record.

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# Airing on the Side of Caution

By KENNETH B. LOURIE



As a non-small cell lung cancer survivor, stage IV, 52 months post-diagnosis, I am no longer living within the margins, I am living outside of them. Therefore, since trouble has already found me, I am officially not looking for trouble anymore. To that end ("end," wrong choice of words; let's use "point" instead), to that point, I am an exceptionally compliant patient. I take my pills as directed. Complete my regular and recurring lab work as instructed. Am on time to my diagnostic scans. Arrive early for my medical appointments. Have proper identification in hand – when asked, and other than stubbornly and stupidly neglecting to mail a fecal sample in the self-addressed, postage paid envelope provided for such tasks, have been an extremely cooperative and accommodating patient. My reward? Living is the best reward; and for a characterized-as-terminal, late-stage lung cancer patient, living is so much better than dying – so far as we know anyway. (And since there are no guarantees about what happens when we die, I'd just as soon wait my turn and put off finding out with certainty for as long as possible.)

In addition to my exemplary patient behavior/attendance, I have also made numerous changes to my diet – and to a lesser degree, lifestyle, to likewise give myself every opportunity to "Arrive Alive," (and not just in Maryland) and see how this life actually is lived. I'd just as soon get my year's worth, and by my calculation, 58 years (how old I am at this writing), just doesn't cut it when you consider the average life expectancy for a male age 58 is 79 years, give or take (I'd rather give), according to various "actuarially-driven" sites available online. I don't think I'm asking too much. I'm not asking for a pony or long life; just a typical life. Unfortunately "typical" might be more statistical than realistic – at least for someone with an incurable disease, which was how my oncologist originally described my lung cancer diagnosis.

Respecting the facts and the statistics AND the "terminalness" of my diagnosis; presuming that bad things don't/won't happen to good people didn't seem a prudent course of inaction and hardly a convincing rationalization that meant somehow I would survive. Cancer is an equal-opportunity and indiscriminate destroyer of lives. Thinking (hoping, really) that luck would somehow keep me alive in this fight seemed naive at best and delusional at worst. Proactive and persistent participation in my own care and ongoing survival seemed the only logical approach.

Death happens by itself. Life is about doing everything you reasonably can to prevent that inevitability. The journey is certainly one fraught with danger. Emotional and physical challenges are the norm and surviving them requires a type of vim and vigor not in great supply. Cancer will not go down – or be held in abeyance, without a serious fight. For me, it's not about winning, and it's definitely not about whining, it's simply about getting my share; and dying at age 58 is not what I consider "getting my share."

If I want to live longer and prosper, I have to treat cancer respectfully, but as nothing more than an inconvenience. And even though I may have received a bit of a bad break (considering my family history; no cancer, normal life expectancy), woe is not me. My life is in my hands and I'm responsible for it. I may not have the margin for error that I once did, but it doesn't mean there isn't room to maneuver.

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## NEWS

# State Police Arrest Clement

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about Clement, "It's hard to see him go because he's an administrator good at his job — and a good friend, as well."

Tuesday afternoon, however, shockwaves spread through the community as local residents learned that Clement, 62, of Little Rocky Run, had been arrested by Virginia State Police and charged with sexually assaulting a minor.

His arrest stemmed from a complaint received in February by Virginia State Police Special Agent J.B. Root at state police headquarters in Culpeper County. Police say a boy told them that Clement reportedly sexually assaulted him in October 2009 while they were on an overnight camping trip at Burke Lake Park.

The boy was 9 at the time of the alleged incident, and Clement led a Scout group at his church. He was taken into custody last Thursday, May 23, and charged with two counts of felony aggravated sexual battery of a minor. He was released Tuesday, May 28, from the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center on \$20,000 bond and has a June 24 court date.

State Police spokeswoman Corinne Geller declined to identify the county in which the boy lives and said the reason he didn't report the alleged incident to authorities until February is "part of the ongoing investigation."

She said police are also seeking any other possible victims who might have been molested by Clement.

"At this time, this is the only victim we have evidence of," she said. "But the potential [for other victims] in these circumstances is there, so we're asking anyone with information about this incident, or who may have been victimized by him, to come forward and contact police."

Special Agent Root may be reached at 540-829-7744.

The state police's Bureau of Criminal Investigation's Culpeper Field Office is doing the investigating, but the case will be prosecuted in Fairfax County's Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court.

Clement began his 31-year career in education — 28 of them with FCPS — in 1975 as a middle-school teacher in Loudoun County.

He joined Fairfax County Public Schools three years later, teaching fourth, fifth and sixth grades for the next 14 years. And he taught at Union Mill Elementary when it opened in 1986.

He then was a resource teacher in the Area IV administrative office before becoming assistant principal of London Towne Elementary in 1989.

Afterward, beginning in 1991, he served as principal of Canterbury Woods Elementary for eight years. And on Feb. 1, 1999, he became the first principal of Bull Run Elementary.

He and his wife — a former elementary-school librarian — have been married 33 years and have four grown children.

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**Nicholas Horrock**

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❖ **Montie Martin, Alexandria Gazette Packet:** In-depth or investigative reporting • Guns From the South



**Montie Martin**

### Third Place

❖ **Michael Lee Pope, Alexandria Gazette Packet:** In-depth or investigative reporting • Looking Behind the Numbers



**Michael Lee Pope**

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❖ **Nikki Cheshire, Great Falls**  
 Connection: Breaking News Photo • Rescue at Great Falls

❖ **Deb Cobb, Mount Vernon Gazette:** Online Slideshow • Daily Patrols Take to the Water

❖ **Deb Cobb, Reston**  
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❖ **Laurence Foong, Michael Lee Pope, Alexandria Gazette Packet:** Informational Graphics

❖ **Bonnie Hobbs, Centre View North:** Public Safety Writing



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Connection: Column Writing

❖ **Alex McVeigh, Oak Hill/Herndon**  
 Connection: Education Writing



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• The Human Element of Learning

❖ **Michael Lee Pope, Arlington**  
 Connection: Multimedia News Report • Secret Police



**Victoria Ross**

❖ **Michael Lee Pope, Alexandria**

Gazette Packet: Business and Financial Writing

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 Gazette: Breaking

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❖ **Jean Card, Mount Vernon**  
 Gazette: Page Design

❖ **Bonnie Hobbs, Fairfax**  
 Connection: Public Safety Writing

❖ **Louise Krafft, Mount Vernon**  
 Gazette: Picture Story or Essay • Mount Vernon Graduation 2012

❖ **Louise Krafft, Jeanne Theismann, Alexandria**  
 Gazette Packet: Combination

Picture and Story • Memorial Day

❖ **Craig Sterbutzel, Burke**  
 Connection: Sports News Photo

❖ **Jeanne Theismann, Alexandria**  
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### Third Place Winners

❖ **Laurence Foong, Alexandria**  
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❖ **Mary Kimm, Fairfax**  
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 Gazette Packet: Picture Story or Essay • Celebrating the Irish

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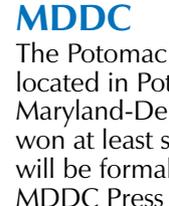
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