It’s Four Lanes All the Way

Newly widened Stringfellow Road opens to traffic.

By Bonnie Hobbs
Centre View

It’s been a long time coming but, on Monday, Dec. 15, Stringfellow Road became four lanes all the way from Route 50 in Chantilly to Route 29 in Centreville. And the newly widened section opened to drivers six months ahead of schedule.

Heavily congested during rush hours, Stringfellow already carries 23,000 vehicles a day and is expected to increase to 33,000 in 2034. The portion of the road between I-66 and Route 29 was four-laned in the 1990s by Fairfax County’s Department of Transportation. Now, the section is expected to increase to 33,000 in 2034.

Phase one began in October 2010 and was focused on moving major utilities. The work proved to be a more-extensive and time-consuming undertaking than was initially anticipated. As a result, the actual road construction didn’t begin until spring 2013.

Since then, motorists have had to endure lane shifts and closures plus traffic delays. But for the most part, Stringfellow remained open to drivers. Since it’s the entryway to four elementary schools, a middle school and a high school, a regional library, two parks, several athletic fields, churches, shopping centers and highly populated residential areas, it would have been nearly impossible to shut it down altogether.

On Friday, workmen shifted northbound traffic from the existing lane to the two new lanes. Then during the weekend, crews completed extensive paving at the north end of Stringfellow from Route 50 to Jasper Road, as well as striping and signal work at all of Stringfellow’s seven intersections. All turn lanes and permanent signals are now in place, and the partially closed ramp from Fair Lakes Parkway to northbound Stringfellow has reopened.

Over the next few months, drivers may encounter minor lane closures for median work and punch-list items. But the final surface paving and striping can’t be done until warmer temperatures arrive in the spring. The project is slated to be finished by July 2015.

Centreville Man Charged with Murder

Three days after a Centreville man was killed in his home in the Meadows community, Fairfax County police have charged one of his roommates with his murder. The victim was Mario Cedillo-Santiago, 29, and the incident occurred Saturday, Dec. 13.

Police were called to a home in the 14,000 block of Cool Oak Lane, shortly before 4 p.m., after receiving a report of a man there suffering from an apparent stab wound. Officers found the victim unresponsive inside the home and immediately began CPR while waiting for fire-and-rescue personnel to arrive.

Cedillo-Santiago was transported to Inova Fairfax Hospital where he was pronounced dead five hours later, around 9 p.m.

Meanwhile, homicide detectives and crime-scene technicians responded to the scene of the tragedy.

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Creating Books For Those In Need

Eagle Scout projects are all about helping people, and Garrett Anderson’s project fits the bill. Thanks to his efforts, children staying at the Katherine K. Hanley Family Shelter now have 11 new and original books to read and enjoy.

The shelter’s at 13000 Lee Highway in Fairfax, at the intersection of Meadow Estates Drive and Route 29, across from the Hampstead Centre. Police say initial investigation determined that Cedillo-Santiago’s roommates heard an argument between him and another person. When they went to investigate, the assailant had fled and they discovered their injured roommate.

However, in the early morning hours of Tuesday, Dec. 16, law-enforcement authorities arrested the man they believe is responsible for the crime. He is Daniel Jacinto Marco Cedillo, 22, who also lived in that home, and he has now been charged with murder. Police say the two men are not related.

Homicide detectives, assisted by detectives from the Fugitive Squad and from the U.S. Marshals Service Fugitive Task Force, found and apprehended Cedillo in Baltimore, Md. He has since been extradited back to Fairfax County and is currently incarcerated in the Adult Detention Center, awaiting trial.

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Scout donates original works to Hanley Shelter.

Motorists drive on the two, new northbound lanes of Stringfellow Road, late Monday afternoon, en route to Route 50.

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Third Route 50 Lane to Open
A third lane of westbound Route 50 will be opened Thursday night, Dec. 18, from Stoneroost Boulevard in Chantilly to Pleasant Valley Road in Loudoun County. There’ll be temporary lane closures between Thursday at 7 p.m. and Friday, Dec. 19, at 5:30 a.m., to complete the traffic shift. Part of VDOT’s widening project, it will provide drivers with three westbound lanes on Route 50 from Route 28 in Fairfax County to Poland Road in Loudoun. The whole project is scheduled for completion in November 2015.

Jagels to Lead CVHS
David Jagels, currently principal at Mountain View Alternative High School, has been selected as the principal of Centreville High School, beginning Jan. 5, 2015.

Jagels earned his B.S. at Radford University and his M.Ed. at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University. Prior to being the principal at Mountain View, he was the lead assistant principal at Westfield High School.

Free Carseat Inspections
Certified technicians from the Sully District Police Station will perform free, child safety carseat inspections Thursday, Dec. 18, from 5 p.m. to dusk, at the station, 4900 Stoneroost Blvd. in Chantilly. No appointment is necessary. But residents should install the child safety seats themselves, so technicians may properly inspect and adjust them, as needed.

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. (The inspection may be cancelled in the event of inclement weather). 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 canned vegetables (except for green beans), canned pasta and pasta sauces, canned tomatoes, canned fruit, peanut butter, canned and dry beans, and granola bars. Also needed are toiletries, which WFCM clients cannot purchase with food stamps. Especially needed are shampoo, diapers sizes 4 and 5, deodorant, toothpaste and toilet paper.

Bring all items to WFCM’s food pantry, weekdays, 9 a.m.-1:30 p.m., at 13888 Metrotech Drive, near Papa John’s Pizza and Kumon Learning Center, in Chantilly’s Sully Place Shopping Center. A volunteer stocker/bagger is needed Wednesdays, 4-6 p.m. Contact Annette Bosley at 703-988-9565, ext. 110, or abosley@wfcmva.org.

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Gingerbread, Lollipops and a Good Book
The Friends of the Centreville Regional Library decorated this display case in the library’s entrance to advertise its used-book sale, Dec. 12-13. The whimsical scene includes gingerbread people, lollipops and a gingerbread house (not pictured). Standing by the display is the library’s Youth Services Manager Maggie Wrobel.

Long-Term Care Advocates
The Northern Virginia Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program needs volunteer ad
ONC Volunteers Make Like Santa’s Elves

Volunteers with Our Neighbor’s Child gathered up and packaged Christmas gifts, Dec. 11, for nearly 800 local families.

Cindy Kanoder (left) and Sue Harpe select toys for a girl.

Leslie Dominy (left) and Reid Lavin give out bags to be filled with each family’s presents.

Emad Mansour (left) and Kerrie Peterson gathering sports-related gifts for families.

Lending a hand on gift-packaging day is the Hampton Inn’s David Hawk.

Chantilly’s Teresa Edmondson (left) and her daughter Lauren help out on packaging day.

From left: Ania Lindenau, Sandra Pena and Leandra James, all of the Hampton Inn in Chantilly, help choose toys with Virginia Run’s Geri Lightturn.

Photos By Bonnie Hobbs


‘Children Are Going To Love These Books’

Boy Scout Garrett Anderson holds the books that he had created for the children at the Katherine Hanley Family Shelter.

The octopus thinks the pig is dirty and not a beach and meeting an octopus,” he said. “The story’s about a pig walking on Pig and the Octopus,” written by his dad’s cousin. “The story’s about a pig walking on the beach, out of the water. It’s smart, and the pig is surprised to see the octopus on the beach, out of the water. It’s smart, and the pig is surprised to see the octopus.

But Anderson didn’t want to just buy some — he wanted to create them. “I knew it would be more difficult, but I could also get involved and illustrate one book myself,” he said. So at the beginning of summer, he emailed flyers asking people to participate and kept in touch with all the authors and illustrators.

“The authors emailed their books to me, and I’ll review them and email them to the illustrators, who’d send me their illustrations,” he said. “Then I used Shutterfly, put the pictures on different pages, cropped the words that would fit and kept in touch with all the authors and illustrators.

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Anderson illustrated a book called, “The Pig and the Octopus,” written by his dad’s cousin. “The story’s about a pig walking on a beach and meeting an octopus,” he said. “The octopus thinks the pig is dirty and not smart, and the pig is surprised to see the octopus on the beach, out of the water. It’s smart, and the pig is surprised to see the octopus.

The books ranged from 20-30 pages, with the stories ranging from one sentence on a page to whole paragraphs. So there’s a variety of books for readers of different ages and interests. For example, “A Dragonella Story” is a fantasy written by an 11-year-old, while “Little Jason’s Big Adventure,” which is more realistic, was written by an adult. And “It’s a Faire Day” takes place at a Renaissance fair.

“The books turned out way better than I thought they’d be,” said Anderson. “Some of the illustrators were art majors and did really high-class work. And the stories all had good flow for toddlers through elementary-school ages.”

Once school started in September, it was tougher for him to supervise and coordinate the project because his time was limited. Besides doing schoolwork, he plays alto sax in Westfield’s marching band, is on the school swim team and swims six mornings a week for a USA League club team.

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In front of his parents and brother and others, Anderson officially presented the books to the shelter on Nov. 3. “I received financial donations from friends and family all over the country to produce these literary works of art,” he said. “I can’t thank enough those who gave their time, talents and money. It is with great pride that I hand these books and carry them with them good organizational skills and flexibility. And, he added, “It makes me feel like I have purpose in my community — which will help me later on in life.”

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The shelter often contains as many as 45 children. When the books were presented, 32 were living there; their ages ranged from infants to age 17. “We get a lot of help from the Scouts and we truly appreciate it,” said Ahmedova. “The children are going to love these books and will feel special to have them.”

One of the authors was Anderson’s cousin, Amy Baldwin, who wrote a story called, “Little Jason’s Big Adventure.” She, too, was at the presentation and wrote a book because she “wanted to help Garrett and the children here. I wrote a family story based on true events and it was fun. It’s my first book and my sister-in-law illustrated it because it was about her brother. It was exciting to see my words and her pictures come together.”

“It feels great to have my book at the shelter,” continued Baldwin. “When I told my 6-year-old daughter what a homeless shelter was, she ran to her toy box and got some toys to donate.”

Ahmedova, Garrett Anderson and Becky Anderson (his mom).

Boy Scout Garrett Anderson holds the books that he had created for the children at the Katherine Hanley Family Shelter.

Holding some of the new children’s books are (from left) Boy Scout Drake Wilkinson, Braeden Anderson (Garrett’s brother), Nurjan Ahmedova, Garrett Anderson and Becky Anderson (his mom).
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Survey Deadline. Fairfax County
Public Schools is participating in
Speak Up, a national online survey
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schools. The information collected
will help policy makers at the local,
state, and national levels, as well as
the business community contribute to
the national dialogue about science,
technology, and preparing students
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Schools can also request the survey
results from their school. FCPS will
be participating in the survey through Dec. 19, 2014. The online
survey is open to K-12 students,
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TUESDAY/MARCH 3
Listening Tour. 6:30 p.m. at Chantilly
High School, 4201 Stringfellow Road.
Fairfax County Public Schools
Superintendent Karen R. Garza
will hold a series of listening tours
during the 2014-15 school year, and invites
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DONATIONS
The student Auto Sales Program
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to bring in donated automobiles,
boats and motorcycles for students to
work on. Some refurbished vehicles
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Holidays Are for Giving

In the scramble to finish Christmas shopping, remember tens of thousands of local children are short of food as well as presents.

T he holidays are for giving. Christmas and Hanukkah are about children and family, about sharing, about joy, about being thankful and about faith and appreciation.

Here in Northern Virginia, many of us see few signs of families in need as we go about our daily lives and holiday shopping. Our neighborhoods are largely segregated economically; we mostly see the people who are most like ourselves economically.

But in Fairfax County, about 65,000 people live below the poverty line, about 6 percent. In Arlington and Alexandria, more than 8 percent of the population lives in poverty, about 18,000 people in Arlington and more than 12,000 people in Alexandria.

To be clear, the poverty line is $19,780 for a family of three; it’s $11,670 for a single person household. Imagine for a minute how far $20,000 a year would go in your family. To live in Northern Virginia, a family needs to earn about twice the rate of poverty to get by. The median household income in Fairfax County and Arlington is well over $100,000.

In Fairfax County Public Schools, more than 52,000 students, or more than 28 percent, are poor enough to receive free or subsidized meals, a significant measure of poverty.

In Arlington more than 32 percent of the students are poor enough to receive free or subsidized meals; that’s 7,452 students at last count. In Alexandria, more than 8,500 students are poor enough to receive free or subsidized meals. That’s 60 percent of the 14,222 students enrolled.

These are children who may not be sure that they will have a meal between the meals they get in school. School holidays can bring uncertainty and hunger, a far cry from the celebrations, gifts and plenty that we associate with Christmas, Hanukkah and winter holiday vacations.

Many of these are children are living in families who must choose between medical bills, car repair, heat and food. Almost all are families where at least one adult is employed full time, but still many are one unexpected expense away from disaster. Many of these families live on the brink of homelessness.

There are literally hundreds, probably thousands, of ways to give locally this season. Also mark your calendar to help again in a month or two. The needs don’t go away after the holidays. Here are a few ideas.

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Addressing Immigration Enforcement

By Alice Foltz:
Centreville Immigration Forum President

I n response to President Obama’s announcement of administrative changes in U.S. immigration enforcement, the board of directors of Centreville Immigration Forum approved the following statement on Dec. 2: “The mission of the Centreville Immigration Forum is to ensure that our community is a welcoming place for new immigrants, no matter their cultural background, religious beliefs or economic status. Last month, President Obama made a powerful statement in creating the opportunity for possibly 5 million undocumented parents and students to obtain temporary status through administrative relief, and this action will bring stability to many families.”

“Centreville Immigration Forum will work to provide accurate information about the process and requirements for immigrant families in our area, during the next months as more details become available.

“At the same time, there are an estimated 11 million undocumented people living in the United States. Centreville Immigration Forum is committed to serving the needs of all immigrants in the community, regardless of their eligibility for administrative relief.”

Members of the CIF Board of Directors are (back row, from left) Bankole Large, Jim Daniels and Ed Duggan; (middle row, from left) Terry Angelotti, Roberto Fernandez, Alejandro Santiago, Alice Foltz and Stephen Vandivere; and (front row, from left) Luis Flores, Benito Chavez, Molly Maddrick and Marci Huntsman.

Wage theft among day laborers is about 58 percent, according to a Fairfax County survey of those seeking work on street corners. Workers at the Center have improved job stability, and benefit from opportunities to build skills through trade classes and English classes offered regularly.

For more information about the current administrative changes, go to the Immigration Policy Center website, http://www.immigrationpolicy.org/executive-action-immigration-resource-page

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www.centrevillelrc.org for up-to-date information on these sessions.

Centreville Immigration Forum opened the Centreville Labor Resource Center in December 2011, to provide a site where temporary workers can meet employers to negotiate for work, safely. The Center has served more than 600 workers and more than 800 employers, and there have been no cases of wage theft in jobs negotiated at the Center, in the past 2 years.
How to Hire CLRC Workers

The Centreville Labor Resource Center (CLRC) serves businesses and homeowners needing help with just about any home remodeling or maintenance project. And local residents who’d like to hire a worker from the CLRC may do so easily. Either call 703-324-5861, or go to www.centrevilleLRC.org and click on the “How to Hire” link. Tell what kind of work is required, how many workers are needed and when.

The CLRC will match the needs to its registered workers’ skills and set up the job. The price for work will be negotiated. After the job is completed, employers are encouraged to provide the CLRC with feedback to ensure that the work was done well and to their satisfaction and to make sure the workers are fairly paid.

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.

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Wildcats scored two touchdowns in final six minutes to force OT.

By Jon Roetman Centre View

Throughout the 2014 season, the Centreville football team often faced adversity in the form of a star player or players unable to contribute on the field due to injury. During Saturday’s 6A state championship game against undefeated and nationally-ranked Ocean Lakes, Centreville was without University of Cincinnati-bound running back Taylor Boose, who did not play due to a knee injury. But while Centreville missed Boose’s presence in the backfield, No. 25’s on-field absence was not the source of the Wildcats’ most pressure-packed moments of the evening.

After Ocean Lakes running back Jaason Lewis raced 53 yards into the end zone for a fourth-quarter touchdown, Centreville found itself trailing 24-10 with 5 minutes, 34 seconds remaining in the season. The Wildcats run-first offense, which had been shut down for most of the game, would need to find points in a hurry.

While the outlook appeared bleak, Centreville displayed the kind of resiliency that allowed the Wildcats to reach this moment in the first place.

Centreville scored two touchdowns in the closing minutes and got a third possession with a chance to win in regulation. While the comeback showed the Wildcats’ heart and forced overtime, it did not result in victory.

After holding Centreville scoreless in the opening possession of overtime, Ocean Lakes scored the game-winner on a 10-yard touchdown run by Lewis and captured the state championship with a 30-24 victory on Dec. 13 at the University of Virginia’s Scott Stadium.

“After getting a defensive stop, Centreville took over at its own 20 with 2:04 remaining. On the next play, quarterback Joe Ferrick lofted a deep pass to Charles Tutt, who ran under the ball and took it 80 yards for the game-tying touchdown.

“We knew the corner was playing aggressive, so we knew he would bite on a flat route,” Tutt said. “We called the play, Joe threw it, I went to go get it and I made a play.”

The Centreville defense stopped Ocean Lakes once again, giving the Wildcats one more shot in regulation, but the game went to overtime.

“I think it says everything about them,” Haddock said about the late comeback. “You’re down 14 points with 5-and-change left in the game … and an offense that’s predominantly running finds a way to score twice in that time frame and actually get the ball back with a shot late. I think it says everything about the heart and the guts of these kids. I could talk all night about it.

“I think it shows what type of character these guys have,” Haddock said. “(Ocean Lakes) going up 14 points, a lot of people would have thrown it in right there. The resiliency of these guys, it never ceases to amaze me.”

In the end, Ocean Lakes running back Lewis was too much. The 6-foot-3, 240-pound Arizona State commit carried 28 times for 247 yards and three touchdowns. How did the Centreville defense approach a ball carrier with such size?

“Hit him low,” senior linebacker Tyler Love said. “He was definitely the biggest back I’ve played against. He wasn’t a slow kid, either. He had it all. I thought we actually did a pretty good job stopping him.

“He’s the biggest guy on the field,” Haddock said. “He’d play offensive line for me.”

Centreville’s first touchdown of the game was memorable, as well. Trailing 7-3 late in the first half, senior running back A.J. Turner, who is committed to South Carolina, took the handoff and threw a 14-yard touchdown pass to Tutt, giving the Wildcats a 10-7 halftime advantage.

First off, I was trying to take off my glove, but I didn’t have any time,” Turner said. “I was like, you know what, forget it, whatever; I’m just going to do this play.”

Nickens-Yzer carried seven times for 86 yards, and Turner rushed 18 times for 82 yards.

Tutt had four catches for 101 yards and two scores. Ferrick completed 11 of 21 passes for 167 yards.

Centreville reached its third state championship game in four years. The Wildcats will graduate several standout players, including Turner, Tutt, Nickens-Yzer and Love.

“I’m extremely proud of my guys,” Haddock said. “… We faced more adversity this year than any team that I’ve probably been a part of and we’re sitting right here right now. …

“This group has set the standard for Centreville football, and I think they’ve set the standard for Northern Virginia football. I think that we’ve shown with last year and as tight a game as this was, that we’ve set the standard for football in the state of Virginia, as well.”
An Essay To Remember

Local educators offer advice on acing independent school admission essays and interviews.

By Marilyn Campbell
Centre View

While many are knee-deep in wrapping paper and eggnog, some students are holed up with computer keyboards and books of quotations. In addition to driving to the mall for holiday shopping, some parents are throwing rapid-fire questions at their children to make sure they are fast on their feet. For students and parents who hope for slots at the area’s top independent schools next year, ‘tis admissions season.

“As a school we want to know what the relationship will be between what a student brings to the table and what we will need to bring to the table,” said Julie Jameson, director of admissions at St. Andrew’s Episcopal School in Potomac, Md.

Interviews are opportunities for admissions teams to get to know applicants and their parents, and share information about their schools. “We try to encourage students to view the interview as a conversation,” said Julie Jameson, director of admissions at St. Andrew’s Episcopal School in Potomac. “They should feel comfortable … be themselves … and feel free to ask any questions they might have.”

In fact, the interview is really a two-way street, says Ann Richardson Miller, director of admission and financial aid at Bullis School in Potomac, Md. 

“Learn as much as you can about the school before your visit and be prepared to ask questions,” said Scott Conklin, director of admissions, Episcopal High School in Alexandria. “This is an opportunity to brag about your interests, talents and accomplishments. … Be humble, but make sure you let us know all about you.”

That doesn’t mean you should ignore your flaws, however. “We look for genuine conversations that convey the student’s real interests and passions,” said Simpson. “We also want students and parents to be open to talking about strengths and weaknesses.”

THE ADMISSION ESSAY

An Essay To Remember

Students at Episcopal High School in Alexandria collaborate on a school project. Essays and interviews help admissions teams determine how an applicant would fit into the school community.

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Dominion Cove Point LNG, LP Proposes St. Charles Transportation Project

On December 3, 2014, Dominion Cove Point LNG, LP (DCP) filed with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC), in Docket No. CP15-22-000, an Abbreviated Application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity, pursuant to section 7 of the Natural Gas Act, for authorization to construct, own, operate, and maintain certain facilities located in Charles County, Maryland that comprise the St. Charles Transportation Project. DCP seeks authorization for this project by July 1, 2015. The details of this proposal are more fully set forth in the application that is on file with the FERC and open to public inspection.

Specifically, DCP is seeking authorization of its “St. Charles Transportation Project” pursuant to which DCP will provide 132,000 dekatherms per day (Dt/d) of transportation service to one customer. The facilities required for these services and proposed in the application consist of additional compression at an existing station, a new gas cooler, and re-ran pipe interconnecting pipe in Fauquier County, and install two new delivery taps in Charles County, Maryland.

The filing may also be viewed on the web at http://www.ferc.gov using the “library” link. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, please contact FERC’s Office of External Affairs toll free at (866) 208-3372 or see www.ferc.gov. To contact DCP about this project, please contact (202) 502-8659.

The project name and docket number are important to know if you want to contact DCP or FERC with questions concerning this project. The name of this project is the St. Charles Transportation Project and the docket number is CP15-22-000. Please use both the project name and docket number in any communication with DCP or FERC.

DCP is a limited partnership organized and existing under the laws of the State of Delaware with its principal place of business at 2100 Cove Point Road, Lusby, Maryland, 20657, and offices at 701 East Cary Street, Richmond, Virginia, 23219. DCP is a wholly-owned limited partnership of Cove Point GP Holding Company, LLC and Dominion Gas Projects Company, LLC. A separate notice concerning the project is being mailed to each affected landowner and to the government agencies involved in the Project. A copy of the Application can be viewed at the following libraries:

- Richard Byrd Library, 7250 Commerce Street, Springfield, VA 22150 Phone: (703) 451-8055
- Rust Library, 380 Old Waterford Road, Leesburg, VA 20176 Phone: (703) 777-0323
- Charles County Public Library, 2 Carraret Avenue, La Plata, MD 20646 Phone: (301) 934-9001

Additional information, including a copy of the application and a publication called “An Interstate Natural Gas Facility on My Land? What Do I Need To Know?” is available through the FERC’s website at www.ferc.gov. In addition, you may contact FERC’s Office of External Affairs toll free at (866) 208-3372 or see www.ferc.gov. To contact DCP about the project, contact Tiffany Wente at (866) 319-3382 toll free with questions regarding the application.

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2. **Cornerstones**, 11150 Sunset Hills Road, Suite 200, Silver Spring, serving Rockville and Gaithersburg. 571-323-9555, www.cornerstones.org. Programs and services include the Embrey Rucker Community Shelter, Emergency Housing, Hypothemia Prevention Program and the Volunteer Program.
3. **FACETS** helps parents, their children and individuals who suffer the effects of poverty in the Fairfax area. FACETS is always in need of volunteers, and offers a variety of one-time and ongoing opportunities. 703-865-4261 or volunteer@facets.org.
4. **HealthWorks for Northern Virginia**, formerly Scavenger Schmedt Free Clinic, provides medical, dental and behavioral health care to anyone in need, regardless of age or ability to pay. Herndon location, 1141 E Old Town Plaza, Herndon, VA 20170, 703-481-8160 http://brownschmedt.org
5. **Alternative House**—Abused and Homeless Children’s Refuge, 1200 Gateway Drive, Vienna, VA 22182, 703-506-9191. www.alternativehouse.org
6. **Fairfax City Area FISH (For Immediate Sympathetic Help)**, working with the Office of Coordinated Services Planning, Fairfax County Department of Human Services, FISH helps the homeless and those who are facing extraordinary need of basic necessities such as food, clothing, and financial assistance for rent, mortgage payments, utilities, and medical expenses. 703-222-0880 http://fairfaxfish.org
7. **Lamb Center**, www.lambcenter.org, Day center for homeless, Fairfax 703-691-3178
8. **Northern Virginia Family Service**, providing gift cards and toys for 1,700 of Northern Virginia’s neediest families this season. 10455 White Granite Drive Suite 200, Oakton, VA 22124 703-385-3267 http://www.nvsf.org
9. **Food for Others**, largest distributor of fresh, food directly to people in need in Northern Virginia, plus provides a safety net for people who suddenly face a financial emergency such as a family illness or the loss of a job or spouse. 2938 Prince Street, Falls Church, VA 22046, 703-207-9173, www.foodforothers.org
10. **Boys and Girls Clubs of Greater Washington Fairfax Area** – Operates clubs in two of the neediest areas of the county, Culmore (southern Fairfax County) and the Route 1 corridor, focusing on character and academic success. http://bgwcf.org
11. **Office to End and Prevent Homelessness** has a strategic road map to prevent and end homelessness, created by the Planning Committee to End Homelessness, in partnership with the cities of Fairfax and Falls Church, government agencies, nonprofits, faith communities and businesses. http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/homeless/
12. **12 Ways of Giving** Fairfax County Office of Public Service Partnerships’ “12 Ways of Giving” campaign is an annual event that showcases ways for meaningful, local giving during the holiday season, highlighting nonprofits in Fairfax County. www.publicservicepartnerships.org
13. **Assistance League of Northern Virginia** is an all-volunteer organization. Feeds, educates and nurtures those in need focusing five of the neediest elementary schools. Volunteers and donors are always needed. Contact ALNorthernVA@yahoo.com or see www.northernvirginiaassistanceleague.org
15. **Western Fairfax Christian Ministries** — food pantry 13991 Merrifield Road Suite 200, Chantilly (near Backyard Grill and Bar). For more information or to donate to this location, call 703-988-9656, ext. 105. To mail gift cards or send donations by check, add a note saying “food bank” and send them to: WFCM, P.O. Box 220802, Chantilly, VA 20153. 703-988-9656, www.wfcmva.org.

**Opinion**

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A Level That’s Anything But

By KENNETH R. LOURIE

This is not a home improvement reference, but it is one of the most difficult to define – the do-it-yourselfer. And though friends, family and all the medical professionals at the local cancer center, and of course the Oncology staff, have been wonderfully supportive and encouraging throughout my nearly-six-year ordeal, at the end of the day, everyday, the patient has to figure a way to navigate through this characterized-as-terminal minefield. More often than not, this has been my greatest challenge: keeping my spirits up and my attitude positive when there are only three people present and accounted for: me, myself and I.

Dealing with unexpected results – both good and especially bad, from lab work, diagnostic scans and/or medical appointment/physical examinations/assessments – and the effect all of this has on the patient’s presumptive expectancies and emotional hurdles I regularly endure. Moreover, interpreting any of these results, better left to the professional, freely provides us amateurs (patients) with wishfully-thinking, denying or faking out entirely. After all, your life is at stake and since there are no guarantees or 100-percent predictable outcomes in the treatment stage of IV, non-small cell lung cancer – other than it is preferable, according to my oncologist – anticipating the worst while praying for the best becomes your 24/7 reality.

This reality is never more apparent to me, since I’m relatively asymptomatic, than when I complete my every week-three, pre-chemotherapy lab work. That’s when other than my quarterly CT Scan, the tape of my tape, so to speak, is updated. If certain measurements are too high: creatinine, bilirubin, potassium – then no chemo for me. If certain other measurements are too low: white and red blood cells counts, oxygen, also potassium; then again, no chemo for me. These are two very new anxiety – for me, is what levels show up on the inevitable retest (the first order of business is to confirm the abnormality with additional lab work). Typically, at least historically, two of the neediest areas of the county, Culmore (southern Fairfax County) and the Route 1 corridor, focusing on character and academic success. http://bgwcf.org

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Dec. 6—time, location, description and contact for connectionnewspapers.com. Include date, Email announcements to centreview@branches/ce/ or 703-830-2223.

Read any five books between Dec. 6—Jan. 31. Centreville Regional Library, celebrate the season. Visit displays and a Holiday Village to Almost two and a half miles of light 4 at 7700 Bull Run Drive, Centreville.

Nutcrackers, both old and new, in a Sully Way, Chantilly. See an array of Sully Historic Site, 3650 Historic www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/1843 and lived there until his death at Ellanor C. Lawrence Park, 5040 Braddock Road, (north off Rte. 29) Centreville, VA

Holy Communion 10 A.M. Sundays (with Church School and Nursery) 13941 Braddock Road, (north off Rte. 29) Centreville, VA 703-830-5716 • www.ascension-acc.org

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15100 Lee Highway, Centreville, VA 20120 703-830-3333 • www.chvca.org

Entertainment

Singing, 7:30 p.m at Lord of Life Lutheran Church, 13421 Twin Lakes Drive, Clifton. The Fairfax Jubi-Aires rehearse every Wednesday. This holiday exhibit is included in a guided tour of the 1794 house. 703-437-1794 or visit www.fairfaxjubilaires.org for more.

FRIDAY/DEC. 19
Ready for School Storytime. 2 p.m. Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road, Chantilly. Early literacy storytime program for children ready to be on their own without caregivers or siblings. Age 4-5. www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/branches/ch/ or 703-502-3883.

Bouncin’ Babies. 3-4 p.m. Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road, Chantilly. Rhymes, songs, stories and activities. Build an early literacy foundation for the child while enjoying time together. Birth-11 months with caregiver.

Small Wonders. 4 p.m. Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road, Chantilly. Rhymes, songs, stories and activities. Build an early literacy foundation for the child while enjoying time together. Birth-11 months with caregiver.

Almost two and a half miles of light 4 at 7700 Bull Run Drive, Centreville. 

ENTERTAINMENT

English Conversation Group. 3:30 p.m. Centreville Regional Library, 14200 St. Germain Drive, Centreville. English conversation practice opportunity for adults learning English. www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/branches/ch/ or 703-830-2223.

Candlelight Tour. 4.45 p.m. Sully Historic Site, 3650 Historic Sully Way, Chantilly. As Sully redefines Christmas celebrations of the past, see the 1794 house and outbuildings lit by natural candlelight. Explore Christmas in the 19th century from Austen to Dickens. Hear some of Jane Austen’s observations of the holiday in the Federal period. Prepaid reservations are required and space is limited. Tickets are $10. www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/sully or 703-437-1794.

SUNDAY/DEC. 21
Christmas Carol Festival. 4 p.m. at King of Kings Lutheran Church and Preschool, 4025 Kings Way, Fairfax. The Church’s choirs celebrate the Lord’s birth with music, featuring the Chantilly High School Carolers. Contact Beth Gustafson at 703-378-7727, ext. 230.

MONDAY/DEC. 22
ESL Book Club. 7 p.m. Centreville Regional Library, 14200 St. Germain Drive, Centreville. Adults learning English meet to discuss a book chosen by the group. www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/branches/ch/ or 703-502-3883.

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Small Wonders. 11-12 p.m. Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road, Chantilly. Rhymes, songs, stories and activities. Build an early literacy foundation for the child while enjoying time together. Birth-11 months with caregiver.

TUESDAY/DEC. 23
Lego Block Party. 3 p.m. Centreville Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road, Chantilly. Come show off Lego building skills. Grades 3-6. www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/branches/ch/ or 703-502-3883.

SATURDAY/DEC. 27
Peaceful Paws. 10:30 a.m. Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road, Chantilly. Rhymes, songs and stories. Families meet and read to a trained therapy dog. www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/branches/ch/ or 703-502-3883.

All About Hedgehogs. 2 p.m. Centreville Regional Library, 14200 St. Germain Drive, Centreville. Learn about hedgehogs. Ages 5-10. www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/branches/ch/ or 703-830-2223.

Local Musician. 7 p.m. at Electric Maid Community Exchange, 268 Carroll St NW, Washington, D.C. Nick Cabreros, of Centreville, aims to inspire others through his music. Visit www.reverbnation.com/nickcabra.Eng.M

MONDAY/DEC. 29
Thriving Three to Fives. 11 a.m. Centreville Regional Library, 14200 St. Germain Drive, Centreville. Stories and activities. Ages 3-5 with adult. www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/branches/ch/ or 703-830-2223.

Clay Sculptures and Creatures. 2 p.m. Centreville Regional Library, 14200 St. Germain Drive, Centreville. Teens will make clay creatures and creatures using a variety of techniques from Japanese kawaii to mixed media armatures and wraps in this 90-minute workshop. Age 12-18. www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/branches/ch/ or 703-830-2223.

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