

LEGO man Zachary Gehring, 9, and sister Krista, 7, as Waldo. Zachary won the 1K fun run at the 22<sup>nd</sup> annual Goblin Gallop on Sunday, Oct. 25, in Fairfax Corner.

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## CRIME REPORT

The following incidents were reported by the Sully District Police Station.

**POSSESSION OF HEROIN**, Balmoral Forest Road/Balmoral Green Avenue, Oct. 23 around 4:38 p.m. Officers were called to the area for a suspicious vehicle. Officers located illegal contraband within the vehicle. A 44-year-old Round Hill resident was charged with possession of controlled paraphernalia and possession of schedule I/II substance.

**BURGLARY**: 11500 block of Yates Ford Road, Oct. 15 at about 6:11 p.m. A resident reported and unknown person entered the residence and took property.

**BURGLARY**: 14400 block of Woodmere Court, Oct. 9 at about 4:28 p.m. A resident reported that an unknown person entered the residence and took property.

**LARCENIES**  
14200 block of Centreville Square, bicycle from residence.

14000 block of Saint Germain Drive, package from residence

14300 block of Summer Tree Road, property from residence

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4700 block of Devereaux Court, jewelry from residence.

7000 block of Balmoral Forest Road, property from vehicle

13100 block of Compton Road, cash from vehicle

4100 block of Auto Park Circle, tires from vehicle

5900 block of Trinity Parkway, phone from business

14400 block of Chantilly Crossing Lane, license plate from vehicle.

13800 block of Lee Highway, merchandise from business.

13500 block of Orchard Drive, property from residence.

5300 block of Rosemallow Circle, license plate from vehicle.

**STOLEN VEHICLES:**  
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Chapter, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., Arts and Letters Committee is sponsoring a poetry contest for Fairfax County Public Middle School students. Students are asked to write on "Silhouette of a Woman: An Influential Female in My Life." Submissions will be reviewed for awards of \$125 for first place, \$75 for second place, and \$50 for third place. Visit [www.fcadst.org](http://www.fcadst.org) for more.

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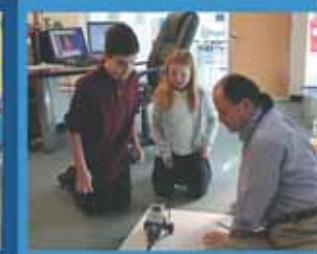
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# Candidates Compete for School Board Seat

## Karen Keys-Gamarra: 'I've been focusing on children's needs.'

BY BONNIE HOBBS  
THE CONNECTION

**K**aren Keys-Gamarra believes she's the best person to represent Sully District on the Fairfax County School Board. After all, she's been looking out for children's best interests for years.

So when a former Board member asked her to run, she talked with her family and did some soul searching. Then, said Keys-Gamarra, an attorney, "I realized I've been involved with children for more than a decade, either as a parent or representing more than 150 children as a guardian ad litem."

She and Antoine Gamarra, her husband of 25 years, live in Oakton's Vale precinct and have three sons, Jonathan, 21, James, 19 and Jordan, 16. The two oldest are in college (one at West Point) and the youngest attends Madison High. But, said Keys-Gamarra, "Our church and our community roots are in Chantilly. And because of my work and community involvement, I go to schools in Centreville and Chantilly all the time."

She has a bachelor's in English and communications, plus a law degree. As a guardian ad litem, she provides a voice for children, speaking on their behalf in legal matters.

All three sons attended FCPS and Keys-Gamarra first became involved in her their schools when her oldest son was in first grade. "I was concerned that the way they presented history wasn't positive for minority children," she said. "I talked to the School Board and got nowhere; then I spoke directly to teachers about presenting a melting-pot approach to history."

They let her give a presentation to the entire second grade. "I showed them that, irrespective of where your ancestors have come from, we've all contributed to who we are as Americans," said Keys-Gamarra. "That was in the early 2000s, but I eventually did it for all my children."

### KAREN KEYS-GAMARRA

**Neighborhood:** Oakton (Vale precinct)

**Education:** Tulane University, bachelor's in English and Communications; Washington University School of Law, law degree

**Occupation:** Attorney, guardian ad litem

**Family:** Husband, Antoine Gamarra, and three sons, Jonathan, 21, James, 19 and Jordan, 16.

**Money raised:** About \$20,000

**Web site:** www.karen4fairfaxkids.com



She has experience at all levels of school, volunteered for groups including Mothers of Preschoolers and was also involved with issues dealing with families. She volunteered, as well, for CASA (Court-Appointed Special Advocates), representing children in abuse and neglect situations — and part of her work entailed investigating their education.

As a guardian ad litem, Keys-Gamarra talks with school counselors, administrators and teachers regularly. She may recommend a child be evaluated for a disability or ensure that a particularly bright child's needs are met, so each can move forward.

"I discovered that — even for students who've experienced trauma — if that educational piece is in place for them, they have the keys for success," said Keys-Gamarra. "So for years, I've been focusing on children's needs and trying to improve their lives — that's what inspires me."

Now, running for office for the first time, she's been endorsed by both teachers' unions, the Fairfax Education Association (FEA) and the Fairfax County Federation of Teachers (FCFT). And, she said, "I'm grateful to both of these organizations for placing their trust in me to fight for what is best for our schools."

Concerned with the amount of acrimony regarding the school budget, Keys-Gamarra said, "There's a lot of angst on the part of

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## Tom Wilson: "It takes creativity and hard work."

BY BONNIE HOBBS  
THE CONNECTION

**T**om Wilson of Oakton believes he stands for the will of the people and is the best person to speak for them as Sully District's representative on the Fairfax County School Board.

"I'd like to see the School Board be more respectful of parents, citizens and teachers and what they have to say," he said. What especially upset him was the board's decision not to discriminate against children with gender-identity issues and to amend the school system's associated Family Life Education (FLE) curriculum.

"Last spring, the School Board voted to implement change to Family Life Education, and hundreds of people protested and the board received thousands of emails," said Wilson. "But when I asked a board member why there wasn't a decision to delay the vote, he said they already had all the information they needed to make their decision. He said, 'We don't make decisions based on mob rule.'"

He and Kerry, his wife of 25 years, have four children, Maddie, 23, Tommy, 19, Teddy, 15, and Wendy, 12. Wilson has a bachelor's in labor relations from Cornell University and a law degree from Northwestern University. He's a commercial real estate attorney and has been endorsed by the Fairfax County Republican Party.

He says his leadership skills come from being an Army officer during Operation Desert Storm, and his analytical abilities come from being an attorney. "I'm able to work on complex, real-estate transactions," he said. And, said Wilson, that'll come in handy when dealing with "an enormous, complicated" school system with 186,000 students, almost 200 schools and a budget approaching \$3 billion."

"I have the ability to dig in and deal with complex issues and stakeholder interests," he said. "We need to bring professionals to the board who can think comprehensively

### TOM WILSON

**Neighborhood:** Oakton

**Education:** Cornell University, bachelor's in Labor Relations; and Northwestern University, law degree.

**Occupation:** Commercial real estate attorney

**Family:** Wife Kerry and children Maddie, 23, Tommy, 19, Teddy, 15 and Wendy, 12.

**Money raised:** About \$7,000

**Web site:** www.tomwilsonforschoolboard.com



about an operation this size so our school system will continue being the benchmark for the country."

Stressing that the school system's budget goes up every year, Wilson said the board's challenge is to "work with the superintendent and staff to best utilize these funds. And there's a projected, \$100 million budget shortfall for FY 2016. So the response is to raise the issue of cutting sports, music and arts. But the real issue is planning — and they were off on their enrollment projections for this year by about 2,000 students."

He said that miscalculation equals some \$30 million to education funding, so "the board should be more accurate in its enrollment forecast, as well as in its capital-expenditure projections." When these predictions are wrong, said Wilson, it causes the superintendent to dig deeper, so "we need the inclusion of an auditor general to analyze the programs and functions and tell us if they're meeting their expectations and if their costs are justified. Although some things, such as special education, many not be able to be quantified in dollars."

Regarding teacher pay, he said, "Four years ago, this school board promised the teachers a 1-percent market increase in their pay, but they couldn't afford to do that. But had they projected correctly on enrollment, they could have. The dollar focus needs to be on teachers in the class-

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**Karen Keys-Gamarra with (from left) sons Jonathan, James (holding family dog Reo) and Jordan, plus husband Antoine Gamarra.**



**The Wilson siblings: (back row, from left) are Maddie, Teddy and Tommy. (In front) is Wendy.**



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Runners are ready to begin the 5K race.

## Halloween Fun at Goblin Gallop

The 22<sup>nd</sup> annual Goblin Gallop was Sunday, Oct. 25, in Fairfax Corner.



Santa and reindeer (from left) Allison Brown, Wade Pisarich, Ally Williams, Steven McCleskey, Jackie Baker, Lexi Cercy, McKenna Palmer and Amy Wikiera.



Superheroes Roberto and Carolyn Caballero.



Paul Whitlock and son Jaden, 2, as a football player.



Nathan Dixon with beagle, Delta, dressed as a turtle. Dixon's wife, Susan Hendrick, ran the 5K.



Jaxon Ernest, 4, as Spiderman.



From left are Diya Sentil, 4, and Gautam Ghanesh, 5.



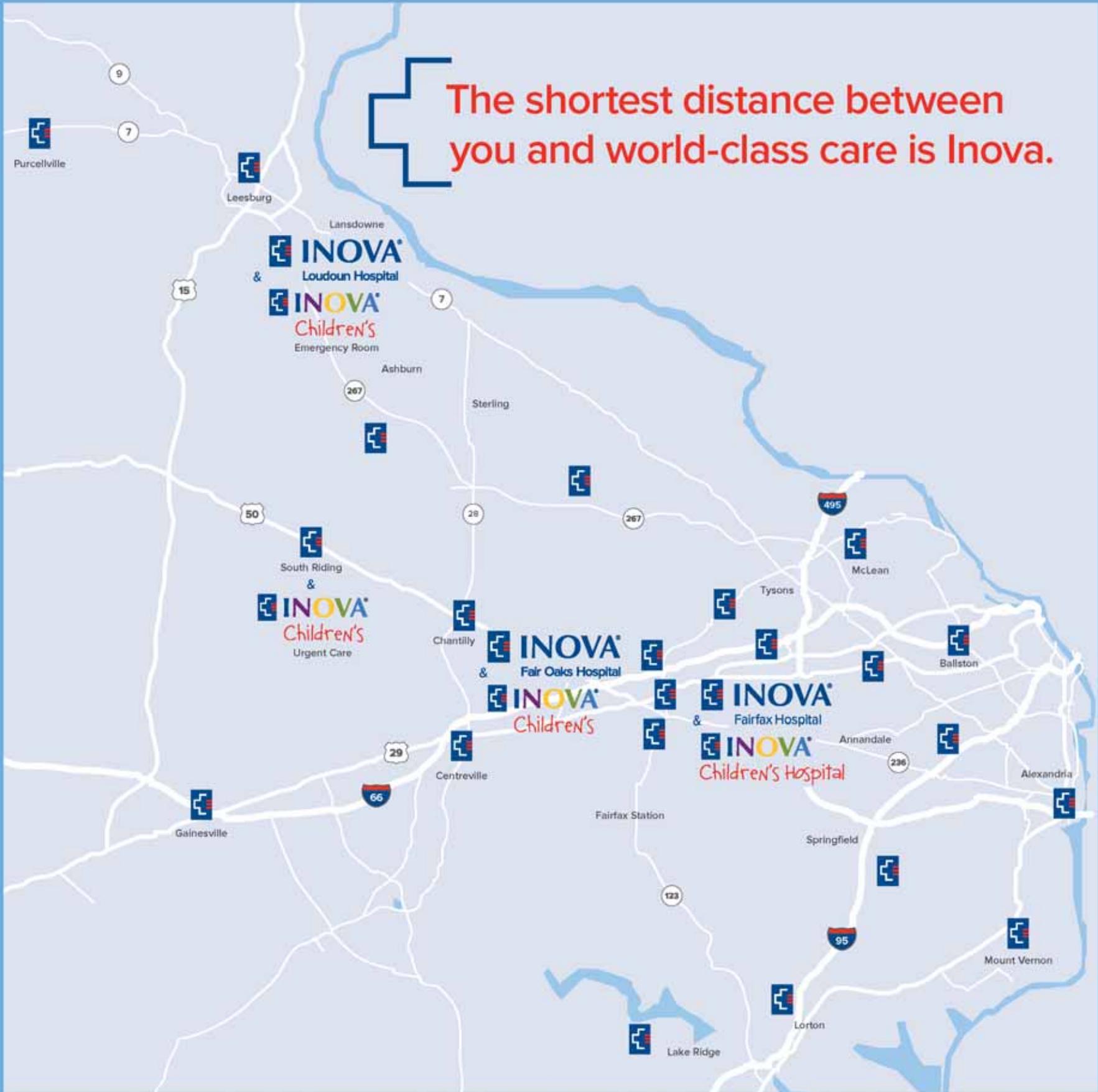
Parents John and Lorrie-Ann Melnick and sons (from left) Dillon, 14, and Evan, 11.



The Pike family: (Back row, from left) Stephanie, Caleb, Judy, Aidan, Andrew, Dan, Naomi and Hanna, and (in front) Rowan and Bishop.

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## We Can Do Better Opposition to I-66 tolls inside the Beltway.

BY STATE SEN. DAVID MARSDEN (D-37)  
AND DEL. DAVID BULOVA (D-37)

Having both been raised here in Northern Virginia, we have seen first-hand how the chronic congestion problems on I-66 have affected our economy and quality of life. Like most people in our area, this is personal.

### COMMENTARY

Traffic on I-66 has stolen countless hours that could have been spent with family or at work. That is why we were proud to support the bipartisan transportation package passed by the Virginia General Assembly in 2013 that is now generating billions for infrastructure improvements in our region. However, the way revenue is generated does matter, which is why we feel compelled to ex-

press our current opposition to the Virginia Department of Transportation's plan to toll I-66 inside the Beltway.

While legitimate concern has been raised with regard to the cost to commuters, there is a much deeper principal at stake. No one likes the idea of tolls. But like water and sewer service, there should at least be a strong link between who pays and the services delivered. The idea of tolling I-66 inside the Beltway without a solid plan for creating new infrastructure that directly benefits the toll payers simply fails to meet this basic test. Likewise, we are concerned that this project violates the concept of first do-no-harm.

A recent study by Fairfax County found that while those using parallel roads won't be affected in the direction of rush hour traffic, those who go the opposite direction will see

significant increases in traffic. Even if this can be absorbed in the short-term, we have serious doubts about whether this is sustainable in the long-term.

The days of one-way rush hour traffic are quickly going the way of the dinosaur as areas like Tysons, Herndon, Chantilly, Reston, and Centreville continue to develop. VDOT's actions mean that those who are using these local roads will see their commutes lengthened. This will include neighborhoods both inside and outside of the Beltway.

We applaud VDOT for coming up with some promising and creative solutions — including the active traffic management system recently implemented outside of the Beltway. But the current plan to toll I-66 inside the Beltway without increased capacity is the wrong way to go. It is a matter of principal.

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Hatred and Ignorance

To the Editor:

Ahmed Mohamed, the 14-year-old Muslim student who was arrested for building a clock, is now moving to Qatar with his family. Earlier this month, Ahmed was handcuffed and arrested by police because the staff at his school claimed that his clock looked like a bomb.

After his arrest, Ahmed's family has decided to move to Doha, Qatar to continue Ahmed's education. The family cited accusations against Ahmed (which claimed that he was a fraud and deserved his arrest) as well as the educational opportunities in Qatar as the reasons for their decision to move. Islam's Prophet Muhammad once said: "Seek knowledge even if it is as far as China."

While it is good to see Ahmed adhering to these words of wis-

dom to strive to be successful in his education, it is upsetting to see the United States losing an intelligent and talented boy due to hatred and ignorance.

**Shumaila Ahmad**  
Chantilly

## An Important Election

To the Editor:

The election on Nov. 3 is important; funding for our schools, transportation improvements and services will all be decided by the newly-elected Board of Supervisors. Supervisors will be faced with the challenge of doing more with less; as our population grows and our demographics change, we will need strong leaders, experienced in dealing with budgets and accommodating community needs. I want to be the Sully District Supervisor representing you when

these big decisions are made, and I'm asking for your vote.

As your School Board member for the past 13 years, I have listened to your concerns and acted on your behalf. I share your moderate views and have worked in a non partisan way to get things done. I have been a good steward of your hard earned tax dollars, and always put students first.

I voted against giving the School Board a raise, because it didn't seem fair when we had asked our teachers and other county employees to forego raises. Since 2008, the school budget has been decreased by nearly half a billion dollars.

As supervisor, I will work full-time to protect the quality of our schools, find solutions to our traffic congestion, and make sure that services are available to those who need them most, including our growing senior population. This is not the time for partisan bickering; it's the time for consensus –

building and problem solving. If elected, I will seek innovative and efficient solutions to our most pressing issues.

It has been an honor to serve as your school board representative and I ask that you vote for me to serve you as your next Sully supervisor.

**Kathy L. Smith**

Candidate for Sully District  
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# PEOPLE



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Meet the Smiths: (Standing, from left) are Gracie Malin, Madi Sarlo and Jacob Lamb; (sitting, from left) are Blake Phillips, Mavis Manaloto, Juliet Strom, Miryam Mendelson, Rachel Turner and Chester Kowalski.

## Local Student in Woodson Musical Juliet Strom, 7, acts in "Meet Me in St. Louis."

BY BONNIE HOBBS  
THE CONNECTION

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# How Sully School Board Candidates Are Viewed

## Thoughts from Keys-Gamarra's supporters.

BY BONNIE HOBBS  
THE CONNECTION

**T**easa Northern, of Chantilly's Armfield Farms community, has known Karen Keys-Gamarra for seven years through their church. They've served on several church committees and the children's program together.

"Karen's very committed and trustworthy — a woman of her word," said Northern. "I can always count on her to follow through on things she's promised. We're both attorneys working with children, and I know she's dedicated to children and cares about their rights and welfare. In cases I've sent her way, she took the time to make sure they were handled with the best of care."

Further describing Keys-Gamarra as level-headed, Northern said, "She thinks things through and examines all aspects of everything. And she's willing to step out of a partisan role to look at the facts at hand to make an educated decision that'll put the needs of children first."

"She's also fiscally responsible and budget-minded and would spend the taxpayers' money well," added Northern. "And that's important because I live in the district she'd represent."

Stacey Reynolds, of the Hunter Mill community, is a neighbor of Keys-Gamarra and has known her 16 years. "She's incredibly moral and faith-based," said Reynolds. "And she's not a politician — it's the first time she's ever run for anything."

Reynolds said Keys-Gamarra is "probably one of the smartest women I've ever met, and also pragmatic. She looks at all sides of every equation, studies the issues and doesn't make rash decisions. For example,

one time the kids didn't think their bus driver was doing the right thing at the bus stop and on the bus, assigning seats to them. Karen was the voice of reason. She listened to what the kids and parents were saying, then talked privately with the bus driver. She then concluded what the problem was and calmly facilitated a solution."

So, said Reynolds, Keys-Gamarra has "common sense and a real knack for sitting back, assessing a situation, listening and then giving her opinion. She's thoughtful about what she's doing and would work well with the other School Board members. And because she acts this way and is a good listener, she'd care about her constituency and her fellow board members and would bring a breath of fresh air to the School Board."

Also calling Keys-Gamarra "prudent and fiscally responsible," Reynolds said, "I was so excited when I heard she was running because she's not a politician. She's in it for our kids, families and school system, and she wants to give her expertise and input to make sure Fairfax County is the best it can be and the number-one school system in the United States."

Also rooting for Keys-Gamarra is At-Large School Board member Ted Velkoff, of Chantilly's Poplar Tree Estates community. Although he's only known her since January, he believes she'd be a great addition to the board. "The first thing that struck me about her was how morally grounded she is," he said. "It was my impression from talking with her and was later confirmed when I met her family and saw their strength and maturity."

Velkoff said her background is also im-  
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## Thoughts from Wilson's supporters.

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**S**ean Duffy, of Reston, has known Tom Wilson for seven years. Besides being a friend, he's a teacher at Waples Mill Elementary and taught two of Wilson's children, Wendy and Teddy. And he considers Wilson a person of good character.

"He's a nice guy, pleasant, engaged, calm, active with his kids and a family man," said Duffy. "I'm glad he's running [for School Board]. He's even-keeled and not adversarial. Tom's a fair and listening individual who would work well with the other board members."

As for David Newman, of Fairfax, he's known Wilson for six or seven years, through work. "Tom did some legal work for me for a commercial real estate project," said Newman. "He's friendly, approachable, good at problem-solving and communicating in a lot of different settings."

He said Wilson's thorough and is also skilled at working with people of different personality types and skill sets. For example, said Newman, "Because he was our legal counsel, we put a tremendous amount of responsibility on his shoulders. He understood our needs and addressed them well. He dealt with complex, legal documents with substantial budget implications and was creative in coming up with a solution so both sides could achieve what they wanted."

Besides that, said Newman, "Tom has a good heart; he's a family man with good morals and values. And if he gets

on the School Board, he'd have the best interests of the schools and children at heart — they'd be his top priority. And when it comes to dealing with complex issues and varying points of view around the table, I can't think of a better guy."

Meanwhile, Oak Hill resident Dennis Moyer has known Wilson since the mid-1990s.

Both men are commercial real estate attorneys, and Wilson joined one of Moyer's former law firms almost 20 years ago.

"His character is first-rate," said Moyer. "He's straight forward, upright and honest and is a family man. I know him mainly in a professional setting, but I'm sure his integrity follows through in his personal life and other affairs."

And, continued Moyer, "Tom illustrates that every day in the practice of law, where it's critical to maintain your reputation for honesty and integrity and not cut corners. He's a terrific person and only does what's appropriate and by-the-book. And he brings that [attitude] to work every, single day. Professionally, Tom's a person I refer a number of matters to. Because of the kind of lawyer and person he is, I know that he'll do a good job, so he's my go-to guy."

In addition, Moyer said Wilson's always been interested in community and civic affairs and is "vitaly interested in kids. He feels strongly about family and education and was a volunteer coach for his daughter's rowing team. So I think the School Board would be a natural combination of his interests in both the community and children."

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parents and community members. And I don't want us to lose sight of why we're here — to continue the excellent level of education for which Fairfax County is known."

She said many people don't believe the school system's economic crisis is real, or they think it still contains waste, although it's had to cut many items since 2008. "I'm willing to evaluate all the programs to see that they're still being responsive to our children's needs and are still doing what they're supposed to do," she said. "I want to be responsible with our tax dollars."

Keys-Gamarra said one of her strengths and abilities is "getting teachers and parents collaboratively to the table. That way, we can discuss what's really important to us in our schools and how we can maintain this quality of education."

"I believe leadership begins with listening," she continued. "Superintendent [Karen] Garza has gone a long way to en-

courage this, but people in our community still feel they're not being heard. If I could, I'd have coffee with everybody; I love hearing everybody's story and truly treasure families and hearing their perspectives. So I'd try to have more contact with parents."

Also important, said Keys-Gamarra, is "making sure our resources stay in the classroom, supporting our staff and providing equitable pay for our teachers. We don't want teachers with 10-20 years' experience to leave for another county because they can make more money there. We have to address that problem because teachers are so vital to the educational process and they need to know they're supported."

Furthermore, she said, "I want our children to continue to have choices. Arts, sports, music all help children discover the excellence within them. They make well-rounded, confident children who can be successful because they've had these opportunities."

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rooms, where learning is taking place. An auditor general would help in this respect, and we also have to pay our teachers competitive salaries."

"This board's employee is the superintendent," continued Wilson. "And it needs to hold the superintendent's feet to the fire to make sure promises are kept to teachers, parents, students and taxpayers. Right now, there's a dysfunctional relationship between the Board of Supervisors and the School Board."

Noting that both he and his children are products of FCPS, he said he's "protective of it. And it takes a school board that's professional, engaged, extremely hardworking and willing to press the hard issues and be creative [in its solutions to problems]."

For example, said Wilson, bus drivers have said they haven't been asked to provide bus-utilization numbers of how many students take the buses. "Not all high-school

students ride the bus," he said. "I've heard many parents say many virtually empty, high-school buses roll through their neighborhoods. With the largest bus system in the country, how do we not maximize their use to make sure they work more effectively? We need to examine the actual ridership of the buses, as well as every program in the schools and what they do."

Basically, he said, "It takes creativity and hard work to deal with a comprehensive and complex school system. And as an attorney for 20 years, I believe I have the skills to do that. You need to listen to people and be willing to change your mind as you get more information."

Wilson said the board must have the skills, commitment and ability to make the school system great for the next generation. "We need the best teachers to maintain our high, academic standards and all the other services FCPS provides," he said. "It'll be a tough challenge for the board, but I have a passion for it and am committed to it."

# ELECTION '15

## Candidates for Sully District Supervisor

### John Guevara (R)

Challenger for Sully Supervisor

**Town of residence:** Oakton

**Age:** 42

**Family:** Wife Marilyn, two sons in FCPS Peter and Nathan

**Education:** B.A. The George Washington University

**Offices held, dates:** None

**Occupation and relevant experience:** I am currently employed with AT&T as a Professional Services Manager. I oversee large IT engagements and manage multi-million dollar budgets. I was also an Army Signal Corps Officer; I started my career in the enlisted corps and was commissioned through the Georgetown University ROTC Program. I program-managed a medical executive skills program that taught healthcare providers and executives how to run hospitals and deliver quality care.

**Community involvement:** Board of Directors for WFCM, HOA President, Navy Elementary PTO Board Member, CYA Coach, Scouts Leader, Sunday School Teacher

**Website:** www.johnguevaraforsupervisor.com

**Email address:**

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**Twitter handle:** @johnguevara

**Name three favorite endorsements:** The Fairfax Chamber NOVABizPAC, Virginia Police benevolent Association, The League of Conservation Voters



Fairfax we can improve our schools, reduce gridlock, and make better use of our tax money.

**2. What distinguishes you from your opponent(s) and why should voters choose you?**

I have a positive message about new

ideas and practical solutions and this is exactly what we need on the Board of Supervisors. Despite having never run for public office before, I have won all of the key competitive endorsements and brought together an impressive coalition of Republicans, Democrats, and Independents that support my candidacy. I am especially proud of Sully District Supervisor Michael Frey's endorsement!

I believe this is because I am already proving to the residents of Sully District that I'm already listening to and working for them. Whether it's helping my neighbors keep our roads safe with SullyStreets.com or caring for those in need with the Western Fairfax Christian Ministries, I'm always working to improve the quality of life for all Sully District residents.

**3. More than half of the county budget is devoted to the local school system. A significant budget gap looms for the next budget cycle, both for FCPS and Fairfax County. What are the top county priorities and how will you assure funding and manage the budget? What ideas do you have for increasing revenue? Name two areas/items you would cut or reduce.**

As your Supervisor, I'll work to spend our tax money efficiently by eliminating redundancy and waste in our budget. I'll ensure the County is delivering quality core services (Transportation, Education, Public Safety, and Safety Net Programs for our most residents such as seniors) and you are seeing a return on investment for your hard earned tax dollars.

**4. How many hours a week of outside employment do you anticipate while serving on the Board of Supervisors?**

I have flexible employment with my current employer and have already proven that I can campaign, work, and serve the community full-time without any difficulty.

### Kathy Smith (D)

Challenger for Sully Supervisor

**Town of residence:** Chantilly

**Age:** 60

**Family:** Husband Steve, 4 children Brian, Kyle, Andrew and Stephanie; daughter-in-law Leah and 3 granddaughters Kathy Cate, Meredith and Caitlynn

**Education:** B.A. in Sociology and Elementary Education

**Offices held, dates:** Fairfax County School Board Member, Sully District from March 2002-present, Chair 2004, 2008, 2009

**Occupation and relevant experience:**

Elementary teacher 7 years and School Board Member for 13 years

**Community involvement:** PTA President at Poplar Tree ES, Rocky Run MS and Chantilly HS; Board member Fairfax County Council of PTAs

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**Twitter handle:** kathysmithsully, Facebook KathySmithSullyDistrict

**Name three favorite endorsements:** I'm proud of all my endorsements: Fairfax Education Association, Fire Fighters Local 2068, Northern Virginia Board of Realtors, Service Employees International Union (SEIU) and LiUNA (Laborers)



nity.

**3. More than half of the county budget is devoted to the local school system. A significant budget gap looms for the next budget cycle, both for FCPS and Fairfax County. What are the top county priorities**

**and how will you assure funding and manage the budget? What ideas do you have for increasing revenue? Name two areas/items you would cut or reduce.**

The top priorities for the county must be education, transportation, and essential services such as fire, police, emergency mental health care and senior services.

Education tops the list and takes the largest share of the budget which is appropriate considering that an excellent school system is vital to strong communities and a vibrant economy. Good schools provide a skilled workforce and attract both families and business.

The issue of transportation requires a comprehensive approach. In the long term, we must link regional land use planning with transportation resources, focusing on relieving traffic congestion. I will organize community groups and make sure their concerns about state highway projects are heard in Richmond and our area gets top priority in the distribution of state and federal highway funds. On the local level we must include bicycle and pedestrian initiatives, improvement to intersections and roads, and expansion of bus, Metro and VRE.

We have a responsibility to care for the most vulnerable among us, so resources must be allocated wisely to provide essential services like mental health care and senior centers.

Careful evaluation of all programs and efficient use of all resources are an essential part of the budget process. Eliminating duplication of services and seeking creative and innovative ways to deliver services are the best ways to find savings. In January the Board of Supervisors will begin its Lines of Business review, which is central to an understanding of programs and their effectiveness. This process will provide information about where consolidation or cuts could or should take place. It is premature to suggest cuts without this review.

We need to diversify our source of revenue, so that we are not overly reliant on fluctuating real estate values. Virginia's Dillon Rule significantly limits the ability of local governments to find new revenue sources, but letting the voters decide on a meals tax, is one possibility that I support.

**4. How many hours a week of outside employment do you anticipate while serving on the Board of Supervisors?**

None! I will work full-time as the Sully District Supervisor; the taxpayers of Fairfax County will be my only employers. The Sully Supervisor has always worked full-time serving the residents of the district, and they deserve full-time attention.

#### QUESTIONS:

**1. What is one issue that defines your call to serve, why does it matter, and how will you tackle it?**

I'm running for Supervisor for one simple reason: Fairfax County has challenges and I believe I can help solve them. My mother always told me that I wasn't good at sitting still and she was right. When I see something not working, I want to get it fixed.

Our community is a great place to live and raise a family, but we have challenges that will only be solved with a fresh perspective. From transportation, to education, to taxes, the story is the same.

We need new ideas and practical solutions to focus on easing traffic congestion, getting more money into our classrooms and getting quality public services with a maximum return on investment.

Fixing budgets and solving complex problems is what I do every day at work. As a program manager, I oversee \$120 million budgets. I make sure they are efficient, effective and that they get the job done. By using those same principles here in

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#### VOLUNTEER EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

Fairfax County is offering a free **Senior Medicare Enrollment** presentation on **Wednesday, Nov. 4, 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m.** at the Mott Community Center, 12111 Braddock Rd., Fairfax. To register call Carrie Brill at **703-324-5456**, TTY 711. Visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dfs/olderadultservices/vicap.htm](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dfs/olderadultservices/vicap.htm).

Fairfax County's free **Family Caregiver Telephone Support Group** meets by phone on **Tuesday, Nov. 10, 7-8 p.m.** Register beforehand at [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/olderadults](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/olderadults) and click on Caregiver Support.

**Northern Virginia Care-givers Conference** — "Prepare to

Care: Getting Your Ducks in a Row," Wednesday, Nov. 11, 8 a.m.-3:30 p.m. at the Korean Central Presbyterian Church, 15451 Lee Highway, Centreville. Speakers share their extensive knowledge on topics important to caregivers of persons with dementia. \$30 includes continental breakfast, lunch, and materials. Register at <http://states.aarp.org/nov11/>.

For more information call **703-324-5425**, TTY 711.

Fairfax County is offering a free presentation on **Medicare 101** on **Wednesday, Nov. 18, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.** at McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. To register call Sydney Duberstein at **703-790-0123**, TTY 711. Visit

[www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dfs/olderadultservices/vicap.htm](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dfs/olderadultservices/vicap.htm).

Fairfax County's free **Seminars for Family Caregivers of Older Adults** are held throughout the county in November:

❖ **Strategies for Diffi-** SEE VOLUNTEER, PAGE 10

# ELECTION '15

## Candidates for Springfield District Supervisor

### Corazon S. Foley (I)

*Challenger for Springfield Supervisor*  
**Town of residence:** Burke  
**Age:** 65  
**Family:** Married 42 years to Michael Foley; 2 Children; 2 Grandchildren  
**Education:** MBA in Finance from George Washington University  
**Offices held, dates:** Founding Chairman, Burke/West Springfield Senior Center Without Walls (2009 – Present); Delegate, Fairfax County Senior Citizens' Council (2011-2015); Board Member, Fairfax County History Museum Subcommittees (2008-Present); Founding Chairman, Fairfax County Asian American History Project (2007-Present); Founding Coordinator, Edgewater Neighborhood Watch (2012-Present);  
**Occupation and relevant experience:** Retired Economic and Intelligence Analyst, US Department of State.  
**Community involvement:** Lady Fairfax and Community Champion Awards  
**Website:** www.facebook.com/Foley4SpringfieldSeniorCenter  
**Email address:** corazonfoley@yahoo.com  
**Name favorite endorsements:** Independent Greens of Virginia



walls.

#### 2. What distinguishes you from your opponent(s) and why should voters choose you?

I will serve as full-time Springfield Supervisor providing much-needed responsive leadership to ensure that our district receives its fair share of county resources, particularly for senior health programs. I am a fiscal conservative who believes in good government with honorable public service with the US State Department; an Independent candidate spending \$1,000 of my money. The part-time incumbent is beholden to political donors – raising over \$470,000 while spending \$300,000 by spring, also proving that he is a big spender of other people's money. Moreover, Board decisions will benefit with broader community representation since I will serve as the first Filipino/Asian American Springfield Supervisor.

#### 3. More than half of the county budget is devoted to the local school system. A significant budget gap looms for the next budget cycle, both for FCPS and Fairfax County. What are the top county priorities and how will you assure funding and manage the budget? What ideas do you have for increasing revenue? Name two areas/items you would cut or reduce.

I will seek fair share of federal and state funding for education just as I am seeking fair share of county resources for Springfield District – and more partnerships with the business sector for cost-effective innovations. I will seek management reforms, including pensions, in the Lines of Business Review. I will cut unnecessary administrative costs in FCPS and Fairfax County, beginning with the office of the Springfield Supervisor whose spending was the highest among Supervisors in FY2015.

#### 4. How many hours a week of outside employment do you anticipate while serving on the Board of Supervisors?

I will serve as the Full-Time Springfield Supervisor and will have no outside employment.

### Pat Herrity (R)

*Incumbent Springfield Supervisor*  
**Town of residence:** Clifton, VA  
**Age:** 55  
**Family:** wife Nancy, son Sean, daughter Valeria  
**Education:** BS Accounting from Virginia Tech, West Springfield High School graduate  
**Offices held, dates:** Springfield District Supervisor – 2008 to present  
**Occupation and relevant experience:** Chief Financial Officer at a local government contractor. Active in the business, sports and civic communities. Received the President's Award and the Community Service Award from NVTC and the Chairman's Award from the Fairfax County Chamber.  
**Community involvement:** Having spent his entire life here, Pat has a unique understanding of Northern Virginia and its needs. First as a business, sports and community leader and now as a Supervisor, Pat has actively led efforts to implement solutions to neighborhood problems.  
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**Name three favorite endorsements:** NOVABIZPAC (Fairfax County Chamber of Commerce), Northern Virginia Association of Realtors, the Police Benevolent Association/ Fraternal Order of Police.



reduce the congestion that impacts our lives daily.

#### 2. What distinguishes you from your opponent(s) and why should voters choose you?

I have served on the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors for 8 years and throughout that entire time I have done everything I can to assist constituents who have issues and am dedicated finding solutions to their problems.

#### 3. More than half of the county budget is devoted to the local school system. A significant budget gap looms for the next budget cycle, both for FCPS and Fairfax County. What are the top county priorities and how will you assure funding and manage the budget? What ideas do you have for increasing revenue? Name two areas/items you would cut or reduce.

Our priorities should be schools, public safety, and a safety net for those that truly need it. In order to fund the quality services our residents expect we need to grow our commercial tax base and relieve the tax burden on our homeowners. We currently have an 18% commercial vacancy rate and we are losing high paying jobs. We need to leverage the region's assets and grow our economy and attract high paying jobs to the County. Our schools are the number one reason businesses locate here and we need to address their funding concerns. I have long been an advocate for year round budget committee meetings and joint budget committee meetings with the School Board. We need to tackle these issues head on and throughout the year, not just when it is time to review the budget. As for budget reductions, I have listed numerous ideas in the Herrity Reports (on my website) including outsourcing, focusing resources on those in need, implementing private sector practices and metrics (like reducing space requirements), and addressing our pension issues.

#### 4. How many hours a week of outside employment do you anticipate while serving on the Board of Supervisors?

The hours I spend as a CFO varies depending on what is going on in my Supervisor's office. My CFO role has been invaluable to me as a Supervisor and keeps me firmly grounded in the realities our residents and businesses deal with every day.

#### QUESTIONS:

#### 1. What is one issue that defines your call to serve, why does it matter, and how will you tackle it?

The part-time Springfield Supervisor has failed to do his job of providing constituent services to improve our quality of life. In particular, he has ignored numerous requests for a working group on solutions to redress the unfairness toward Springfield senior taxpayers and families; other districts have 17 permanent senior centers, Springfield District, NONE! Over the last eight years, I founded and developed the public-private partnership – the Burke/West Springfield Senior Center Without Walls (BWSSCWoW) – to provide needed health programs for Springfield seniors. This is important for our whole community because the longer a senior remains functional and healthy, the less the burden on the children, the grandchildren and our Springfield District. As Supervisor, I will implement cost-effective solutions to provide facilities for multigenerational health programs – building on my community service as founder of the Edgewater Neighborhood Watch and senior center without

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**cult Conversations** take place on **Monday, Nov. 2, 7-8:30 p.m.** at George Mason Regional Library, 7001 Little River Turnpike, **Annandale**. Learn how to have conversations with an older family member about driving, accepting help in the home or moving to a safer environment. Register at [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/olderadults](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/olderadults) and click on 2015 Caregiver Seminars.

❖ **AARP's Prepare to Care Workshop** takes place on **Thursday, Nov.**

**5, 3-4:30 p.m.** Sherwood Regional Library, 2501 Sherwood Hall Lane, **Alexandria**. Learn how to care for yourself and your loved ones. Register at [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/olderadults](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/olderadults) and click on 2015 Caregiver Seminars.

❖ **Scams and Financial Crimes against Seniors** takes place on **Tuesday, Nov. 10, 3-4:30 p.m.** at the North County Governmental Center, 1801 Cameron Glen Drive, **Reston**. Older adults as well as family members, caregivers, and service providers are welcome. Register at [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/olderadults](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/olderadults) and click on 2015

Caregiver Seminars.

❖ **Five Questions to Consider About Paying for Long-Term Care – WEBINAR, Wednesday, Nov. 18, Noon-1:00 p.m.** Register beforehand at [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/olderadults](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/olderadults) and click on 2015 Caregiver Seminars. Call **703-324-5484**, TTY 711.

The **Hollin Hall Senior Center** in **Alexandria** needs a volunteer to help with **fish aquarium upkeep** and instructors for the following classes: **Basic Guitar, Italian, Pottery and Ballroom Dance**. For these and other volunteer opportunities, call

**703-324-5406**, TTY 711 or visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dfs/olderadultservices/volunteer-solutions.htm](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dfs/olderadultservices/volunteer-solutions.htm).

The **Herndon Adult Day Health Care Center** needs a **Bingo Caller** and an **Art Therapy Assistant**. For these and other volunteer opportunities, call **703-324-5406**, TTY 711 or visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dfs/olderadultservices/volunteer-solutions.htm](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dfs/olderadultservices/volunteer-solutions.htm).

The **Kingstowne Center for Active Adults** in **Alexandria** needs a **Hula Hoop Class Leader** and instructors to teach

**Country Western Line Dance, African Style Dance and Mosaic Art or Jewelry Making**. For these and other volunteer opportunities, call **703-324-5406**, TTY 711 or visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dfs/olderadultservices/volunteer-solutions.htm](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dfs/olderadultservices/volunteer-solutions.htm).

Fairfax County needs volunteers to **drive older adults to medical appointments** and wellness programs. For these and other volunteer opportunities, call **703-324-5406**, TTY 711 or visit

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## ELECTION '15

# Candidates for School Board Sully District

## Karen Keys-Gamarra

**Town of residence:** Oakton

**Age:** 55

**Family:** Husband: Antoine Gamarra; Son: Jonathan Gamarra, James Gamarra and Jordan Gamarra.

**Education:** Tulane University BA; Washington University School of Law, JD

**Offices held, dates:** Board Member, Time to Fly Board member 2007-2008.

**Occupation and relevant experience:**

Attorney at Law, work primarily as Guardian ad litem

**Community involvement:** Church: Grace Covenant Church, CASA, Time to Fly, NAACP

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**Twitter handle:** @Keys\_Gamarra

**Name three favorite endorsements:** FEA, FCFT, Congressman Connolly



schools.

### 3. How will you address the growing economic divide in county schools?

By raising awareness of the diverse level of needs that such growth creates for educators. The FCPS response should include in-

creased parental involvement, greater access to early childhood education, and more dialogue with educators on successful tools for all students. I would also like to explore alternative funding for such programs, such as, grants and/or funding from the private sector.

### 4. How will you address the achievement gap?

Through oversight of the FCPS Achievement Gap plan which includes providing academic support, developing positive teacher/student relationships, increasing kindergarten readiness and enhancing parent and community engagement. I would also add that FCPS needs to engage staff to examine teaching tools and curriculum that provides positive role models for all children.

### 5. More than half of the county budget is devoted to the local school system with a significant budget gap looming, both for FCPS and Fairfax County. What steps would you take to manage the gap and to fund the needs of the school system? What are the top priorities and what could be cut?

My top priority is to protect resources for the classroom including teacher and staff salaries. Management of the funding gap requires examination of existing programs and discussions with teachers and parents to determine effectiveness to make sure that we are spending our tax dollars wisely. I would use this analysis to determine where appropriate cuts are necessary.

### 6. What value does FCPS add for taxpayers who do not have children in the schools?

Our schools provide the bedrock for our communities. Without quality schools, our property values suffer. Further, without appropriate community support and funding for schools, we miss the opportunity and responsibility to invest in the Fairfax County quality of life that we enjoy. I would rather invest in schools than in other programs to address the problems that stem from a lack of access to quality education.

## Tom Wilson

**Town of residence:** Oakton

**Age:** 49

**Family:** Married 25 years to Kerry Wilson, a speech and language pathologist who has worked many years in the public schools. Four children, Maddie, Tommy, Teddy and Wendy, all of whom have been in FCPS. Two dogs, Ollie and Jefferson.

**Education:** Lake Braddock Secondary School, Cornell University, Northwestern Law School

**Offices held, dates:** None

**Occupation and relevant experience:**

Attorney in private practice since 1995. Served as an officer in Army after graduating from Cornell University. Earned Bronze Star during Operation Desert Storm.

**Community involvement:** Member of St. John Neumann Parish where I have taught religious education to 8<sup>th</sup> graders. Active parent in athletic booster clubs for Teddy (Oakton Crew) and Wendy (Capital Gymnastics).

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**Twitter handle:** n/a

**Name three favorite endorsements:**



### 3. How will you address the growing economic divide in county schools?

I will not address any problem, including the economic divide, by throwing money at it and assuming the job is done. Any new programs or initiatives should have specific, transparent, and measurable goals. I would argue that most of the time

FCPS does not need expensive consultants from outside our system telling us what we need for our schools. Principals, teachers, parents, and other stakeholders in the communities where these schools are located are the real "experts" on their kids and what they need to succeed. We have excellent resources right here in our school buildings. We need to tap into that professional wisdom and expertise to solve big problems. There are no magic wands, magic programs, or one line answers to these large societal problems. The road towards addressing these issues is a long one and will require leadership, creativity, and hard work. Step one for Fairfax County is voting in a new School Board.

### 4. How will you address the achievement gap?

See answer above.

### 5. More than half of the county budget is devoted to the local school system with a significant budget gap looming, both for FCPS and Fairfax County. What steps would you take to manage the gap and to fund the needs of the school system? What are the top priorities and what could be cut?

My priority is to get as much of the taxpayer dollars that fund our school system into the classrooms and the school buildings where our teachers teach and our students learn each day. I would look for savings from unnecessary teacher training programs, ineffective supervisory positions, redundant bureaucracy, poor logistical management, and sole source contracts. I have talked with janitors, teachers, bus drivers, and others who are in the school buildings every day, and they can easily point out all kinds of wasteful spending. I would definitely support having an independent auditor.

### 6. What value does FCPS add for taxpayers who do not have children in the schools?

Very few people actually vote in these off year elections, and the result is that those few people who do take an interest are making decisions that personally affect all of us, whether or not you have kids in the schools. Property values, of course, are dependent on having excellent schools. Schools also prepare our next generation workforce for the jobs of the future. Our businesses depend on an excellent school system. Other county resources affected by the success of our school system include public safety, the judicial system, health care, and services for adults with disabilities. Many thanks to all the voters who are reading this and taking an interest in the School Board race and thanks to the Connection newspapers for highlighting this election.

### QUESTIONS:

#### 1. What is one issue that defines your call to serve, why does it matter, and how will you tackle it?

I do not have one issue but rather a commitment and desire to use my experience and legal skills to serve my community. My background affords me a broad view of a child's, parents and educators experience and the struggle to meet the educational needs of children. My desire is to provide a balanced approach to addressing budgetary concerns while providing leadership that begins with listening to my community.

#### 2. What distinguishes you from your opponent(s) and why should voters choose you?

Experience and Dedication. I am an attorney and volunteer in the community who has been focused on addressing concerns impacting children and families for more than 10 years. I regularly interface with teachers and school staff as a child advocate and discuss impediments hindering the ability to educate our children. I have experience with Special Education, English or Speakers of other Languages, Advanced Placement and other educational concerns. I collaborate with families and other professionals to develop solutions. I understand issues impacting children both inside and outside of the classroom. I have volunteered in a domestic violence organization and work to train others in assisting children in abuse and neglect situations. I study both legal issues and trends impacting children as well as appropriate safeguards to decrease risk. I am a member of the Budget Advisory Committee and have studied FCPS expenditures. Additionally, I have participated in community discussions and believe dialogue is critical when addressing issues impacting our

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## VOLUNTEER EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

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**Fairfax County's Meals on Wheels** needs **drivers, coordinators** for routes throughout the county. For

these and other volunteer opportunities, call **703-324-5406**, TTY 711 or visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dfs/olderadultservices/volunteer-solutions.htm](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dfs/olderadultservices/volunteer-solutions.htm).

The **Lewinsville Senior Center** in **McLean** needs instructors for the following classes: **Line**

**Dance, Zumba Gold, Certified Arthritis Exercise, Square Dance, Basic Guitar, Art and Basic Spanish.** For these and other volunteer opportunities, call **703-324-5406**, TTY 711 or visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dfs/olderadultservices/volunteer-solutions.htm](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dfs/olderadultservices/volunteer-solutions.htm).

The **Sully Senior Center** in **Centreville** needs a **certified personal trainer**, preferably with experience working with older adults. For these and other volunteer opportunities, call **703-324-5406**, TTY 711 or visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dfs/olderadultservices/volunteer-solutions.htm](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dfs/olderadultservices/volunteer-solutions.htm).

The **Herndon Senior Center** needs **Social Visitors** and a **Baked Goods Table Manager**. For these and other volunteer opportunities, call **703-324-5406**, TTY 711 or visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dfs/olderadultservices/volunteer-solutions.htm](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dfs/olderadultservices/volunteer-solutions.htm).

# Candidates for State Senate in 40th District

## Jerry Foltz (D)

Challenger, 40th District Delegate

**Town of residence:** Centreville

**Age:** 72

**Family:** Married 50 years to Alice H. Foltz, with 4 grown children and 9 grandchildren

**Education:** Catawba College (A.B.), Eden Theological Seminary (M. Div.), Eastern Baptist Seminary (D. Min.)

**Offices held, dates:** Elected to Willingboro, NJ, Board of Education - 1978-1981

**Occupation and relevant experience:** Parish Minister and Regional Minister in the United Church of Christ; Regional coordinator for the United Church of Christ Disaster Ministries; Serving on elected public school board for three years in New Jersey; Active Chaplain for the Fairfax County Fire & Rescue Department, and serving in the Emergency Operations Center; Appointed by the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors to the Human Services Council; Board member of the Alliance for Human Services; Board member of the Faith Alliance for Climate Solutions

**Community involvement:** Throughout my ministry I have been active in building community — organizing a Habitat for Humanity chapter in Shenandoah County, organizing a non-profit food co-op in New Jersey, and helping to organize the Centreville Immigration Forum and its major project, the Centreville Labor Resource Center. For 18 years I have been serving as a chaplain for the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department. These and other activities build community while finding local solutions to local problems.

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**Name three favorite endorsements:** Sierra Club; AFL-CIO; LGBT Democrats of Virginia

### QUESTIONS:

#### 1. What is one issue that defines your call to serve, why does it matter, and how will you tackle it?

Funding our public schools. I will find ways to provide more state funds for our public schools. Our teachers and other staff have been forced to give up salary increases while the state provides less funds for Northern Virginia. The state is not fulfilling its responsibility to its hard-working citizens and their families, especially to retired public safety personnel and teachers. We lose good prospective teachers; we have too many portable classrooms that are permanent fixtures — inadequate and unsafe for Fairfax County. Our students need to be well prepared for higher education and new professions. I will work to expand Medicaid to bring \$5 million a day into Virginia. I will end some of the outdated tax credits for industries that no longer need them. I will negotiate with other legislators to adjust the formula by which state funds for schools is distributed. My opponent refuses to assist our schools in any way as a state legislator, and reduces their funding.

#### 2. What distinguishes you from your opponent(s) and why should voters choose you?

As a pastor I am in touch with the needs of families for better transportation choices, for increased funding for our public schools, for fiscal responsibility on the state level. My opponent gets campaign contributions from industries that he allows to exploit military families, the poor, people of color, and immigrants, as well as people out of state through predatory lending reaching 300% interest annually. I will work to



reduce gun violence and provide more resources for mental health services. I will work to make our communities safer and more modern with a better quality of life. I will work for the state to fulfill its promised share of retirement funds for public employees — fire, police, and educators.

#### 3. Given the political makeup of the state legislature, what examples from your own experience suggests you can successfully bridge the intense partisan differences there?

As a life-long pastor serving 5 congregations and as a regional minister serving 41 congregations and their pastors and families, I have gotten people to work together over important issues to achieve goals. I have been trained and certified as a court appointed mediator in Willingboro, NJ, to help people in conflict to come to solutions and avoid the cost and imposition of a court decision. Personally, I am not easily offended by people with whom I disagree nor am I afraid of dealing with conflict. I know I can “work across the aisle” to get things done for my community and for the good of the Commonwealth.

#### 4. In order, list your top 5 specific legislative priorities.

1. expansion of Medicaid; 2. increased funding for public schools; 3. more good transportation choices for our region, including expanded bus service, improvements to I-66, extended bike lanes and paths, and Metrorail expansion — all without new tolls; 4. ending discrimination in housing, employment, credit, and adoption, on the basis of gender identity or sexual orientation; 5. raising the minimum wage in Virginia

#### 5. How has your district changed in the last 10 years? What caused those changes?

The 40th District has grown with an increasingly diverse population, many of whom are foreign born. Housing developments have multiplied and roads and highways have been improved to keep up. The major causes include our proximity to the U.S. government contracting and offices, the excellence of our school system, the good level of safety and security in our communities, and the overall quality of life in our District.

#### 6. Will you support legislation restricting high interest lending including car title loans?

Yes, absolutely. A cap of 36% interest should be the acceptable level for such loans.

#### 7. Will you support funding for Fostering Connections which would result in an influx of federal funding for foster children aging out of foster care?

Yes

#### 8. Do you support expansion of Medicaid under the Affordable Care Act, and if so, what would you do to make that happen?

I will support expansion of Medicaid. I will work with others who agree, and meet with others, to work through objections and make any reasonable compromises to get it done.

## Timothy D. “Tim” Hugo (R)

Incumbent

**Town of Residence:** Clifton, VA

**Age:** 52

**Family:** Wife, Paula & their four children

**Education:** College of William & Mary, B.A.; Kodak Fellowship, John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University

**Offices held:** House of Delegates, Member, 2003-present

**Occupation and relevant experience:** Executive Director of the Free File Alliance, a public-private partnership between tax preparation companies and the IRS, that provides free filing for federal income tax returns to low and moderate income families.

**Community involvement:** Member, American Legion; Member, Rotary Club; Member, Clifton Lions Club; Member, Knights of Columbus; Board Member, Occoquan Watershed Coalition.

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### QUESTIONS:

#### 1. What is one issue that defines your call to serve, why does it matter, and how will you tackle it?

Over the last 5 years, I’ve been directly involved in stopping the abhorrent crime of human trafficking. Whether it is continuing to raise awareness or passing legislation that created Virginia’s first standalone human trafficking statute — Virginia was the last state in the Country to do so — I’m committed to ending human trafficking.

#### 2. What distinguishes you from your opponent(s) and why should voters choose you?

I am opposed to the \$17 toll on I-66 inside the Beltway. Instead of using this money to widen I-66, it will be used to create bike and pedestrian paths in Arlington County. In addition, my opponent wants to raise/create new taxes on the services my constituents use every day, such as: mechanics, dry cleaners, consultants, lawyers, doctors, salons, etc. My opponent is for greatly expanding government, while I am for a more efficient government.

#### 3. Given the political makeup of the state legislature, what examples from your own experience suggests you can successfully bridge the intense



partisan differences there?

Since being elected, I have worked with my colleagues across the aisle to

meaningful legislation in areas such as: human trafficking, autism, mental health, and Lyme disease.

#### 4. In order, list your top 5 specific legislative priorities.

Stop the \$17 a day toll on I-66 inside the Beltway; Hold the line on taxes; Education — continue to fight for more slots at our public colleges and universities for in-state students; Transportation — prioritize congestion relief; Human Trafficking — continue to fight to stop child predators

#### 5. How has your district changed in the last 10 years? What caused those changes?

While families have come and gone, the issues important to my constituents remain the same. They care about a good quality of life, transportation solutions, a quality education for their children, and safe neighborhoods.

#### 6. Will you support legislation restricting high interest lending including car title loans?

On a bi-partisan basis, we reformed industry practices in Virginia years ago.

#### 7. Will you support funding for Fostering Connections which would result in an influx of federal funding for foster children aging out of foster care?

Yes. I am open to looking at this initiative while keeping in mind our budget restrictions.

#### 8. Do you support expansion of Medicaid under the Affordable Care Act, and if so, what would you do to make that happen?

No. If we expand ObamaCare, within two years we will need to find an additional \$200-\$300 million for our budget. This means raising taxes or cutting funding from our public schools and transportation budgets. Medicaid, over the last 10 years, has grown by 79% and accounts for 54% of general fund growth. In its current form, this program is unsustainable, and we should not expand ObamaCare in Virginia.

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## School Board Promotes Dyslexia Awareness

BY TIM PETERSON  
THE CONNECTION

Nine-year-old Maxwell Gebharts stood confidently on a stepstool to address the Fairfax County School Board Oct. 22. “My old school didn’t know I was dyslexic,” he said. “I was very sad and felt like I wasn’t keeping up with everybody.”

Gebharts was one of several individuals to speak at the board’s Thursday night business meeting on behalf of Decoding Dyslexia Virginia, the local chapter of a national grassroots organization advocating for better teacher training and resources for dyslexic students, as well as connecting parents with existing resources.

“I hope you can make it so kids like me don’t have to leave their friends, don’t have to struggle,” Gebharts said. Board members and dozens of Decoding Dyslexia mem-

bers and supporters applauded him when he finished speaking.

High school senior Calvin Rizek spoke next, explaining that he’s currently taking all his remaining classes at Northern Virginia Community College. “The way you have failed me is not approaching dyslexia properly,” he said. Rizek’s mother got him a tutor in elementary

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# Candidates for State Delegate in 86th District

## Jennifer Boysko (D)

Candidate for Delegate in District 86

**Town of residence:** Herndon

**Age:** 48

**Family:** Husband - Glenn Boysko, Daughters - Hannah and Sophie Claire

**Education:** B.A. Hollins University;

**Occupation and relevant experience:**

Former Aide to Fairfax County Board of Supervisors; Legislative Assistant, Bayles Boland Madigan and Barrett; Staff Assistant US Senator Richard Shelby

**Community involvement:** Virginia Board of Real Estate - Citizen Member, Creating a Livable Community for All Ages in McLean, Great Falls Seniors Committee, Rt. 28 Working Group- Staff representative, Dranesville APR Task Force- Staff representative, Sugarland Run and Horsepen Creek Watershed WAG, Herndon High School Synthetic Turf Committee, Fairfax County, Loudoun County, Town of Herndon Interjurisdictional Transportation Staff -Level Working Group, North County Human Services Team, Safe Community Coalition, Unified Prevention Coalition, McLean After School Child Care Committee, Herndon High School PTSA, Executive Board and Parent Education Chair, Herndon Fortnightly Club, Vice President, Eleventh District Democratic Committee, Dranesville Democratic Committee, Dulles Area Democrats- Founding Board Member, Delegate, Region V, Episcopal Diocese of Virginia, Radiant Child Yoga Teacher, Board of Trustees, Montessori Country School, Stephens Minister

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**Name three favorite endorsements:** Teachers (VEA and AFT); First Responders- (Virginia Firefighters and Police); Constituency groups (New Virginia Majority, CASA in Action, Emerge USA, Equality Virginia, Labor, Women's Health Groups)

### QUESTIONS:

**1. What is one issue that defines your call to serve, why does it matter, and how will you tackle it?**  
Improving our education system.

**2. What distinguishes you from your opponent(s) and why should voters choose you?**

I have a long history of working on the ground in our local community, solving problems and helping people with issues that are important to them. I've been able to bring people together to get things done regardless of what political party. Voters want more of that in Richmond.

**3. Given the political makeup of the state legislature, what examples from your own experience suggests you can successfully bridge the intense partisan differences there?**

As I said above, I've been working my whole adult life solving problems in a nonpartisan or bipartisan way. I will continue to be a leader to find commonsense solutions to the problems that Virginians face.

**4. In order, list your top 5 specific legislative priorities.**

Improve Education-Fully fund our schools, ex-



pand early childhood education, reform SOL testing so that our students and teachers can focus on critical thinking and problem solving instead of high stakes testing; Work with Governor McAuliffe and our local leaders to bring new jobs to expand our

economy; Bring our fair share of transportation funding from Richmond - and stop the initiative to toll I-66; Expand Medicaid to cover the 400,000 Virginians without healthcare and free up the \$5 million per day we already pay in taxes in Federal funds to tackle our other underfunded priorities - like schools, mental health and transportation; Keep the government out of our most personal private affairs.

**5. How has your district changed in the last 10 years? What caused those changes?**

The 86th District sits in the heart of the Dulles Technology corridor. We've experienced significant growth in the past 10 years and the district continues to diversify both ethnically and socioeconomically. It's a microcosm of the region in the education, transportation and economic challenges that this kind of growth presents.

**6. Will you support legislation restricting high interest lending including car title loans?**

Yes, absolutely.

**7. Will you support funding for Fostering Connections which would result in an influx of federal funding for foster children aging out of foster care?**

Yes, I spent years working at the County level covering Health and Human Services issues. I know that all of our child advocacy programs in Virginia are under funded. We should honor our commitment to care for our most vulnerable so that they can grow up to achieve their full potential.

**8. Do you support expansion of Medicaid under the Affordable Care Act, and if so, what would you do to make that happen?**

If we look at Medicaid Expansion in economic terms, we know that it would be a wise business decision for the Commonwealth. It would stretch our budget dollars, lessening the burden on our struggling hospital system and providing our residents with the economic flexibility that health care coverage gives. Currently we are giving up \$5 million per day because we refuse to expand Medicaid. If you take away the partisan perspective, and focus on this as a common sense business decision, the answer is clear. The business community, hospitals and public health professionals all agree, and current examples of expansion in states like Kentucky have proven the wisdom of this choice. Our approach to legislating should be based on these kinds of considerations - starting with the data - rather than based on an ideological foundation. I know there will be Delegates who would be open to civil discussion based on data, and that is how I would approach all of my work in the House of Delegates.

## Danny Vargas (R)

Candidate for Delegate District 86

**Town of residence:** Herndon

**Age:** 49

**Family:** Wife, Arlene, and two sons in Fairfax County Public Schools

**Education:** Bachelor's Degree in Management

**Occupation and relevant experience:** Founder/President,

VARCom Solutions; Former VP Global Sales and VP Latin America, AOL; Former VP Sales and Marketing - Americas, France Telecom; Former Director Corporate/Carrier Sales, Global One (Sprint/FT/DT JV); Former Manager, Raytheon; U.S. Air Force veteran

**Community involvement:** Former Chair, Virginia Board of Workforce Development (Governatorial appointment); Former Chair, Dulles Regional Chamber of Commerce; Board Member, Fairfax County Chamber of Commerce; Commissioner, National Museum of the American Latino Commission (Congressional appointment); Former Board Member, Northern Virginia Family Services; Former Board Member, Fairfax Partnership for Youth

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**Name three favorite endorsements:** Delegate Tom Rust; Fairfax County Chamber of Commerce; Northern Virginia Technology Council



velopment, I worked with both Republican and Democrat administrations to reform our workforce system and create new jobs in Virginia.

When I was Chair of the Dulles Regional Chamber of Commerce, the federal government was poised to pull their portion of the funding for Rail to Dulles. I rallied chambers and civic groups, coordinated with elected officials of both parties at every

level and as part of a collective effort, we were able to get Rail to Dulles back on track.

I am able to bring that bi-partisanship to Richmond to represent the needs of all the citizens in the 86<sup>th</sup> District.

**4. In order, list your top 5 specific legislative priorities.**

Grow and Diversify our Economy; Strengthen Education and Workforce Development; Improve Transportation, including stopping the \$17 tolls on I-66 Inside the Beltway; Improve Public Safety; Help our Veterans

**5. How has your district changed in the last 10 years? What caused those changes?**

The 86<sup>th</sup> District has changed significantly. The decline of Dulles airport and the stagnation of the economy due to our reliance on federal spending have hit our District hard. The District has also become more diverse and is now a minority majority District. I look forward to using my unique background to bring our varied residents together to focus on commonsense solutions to create jobs, improve education and solve transportation issues.

**6. Will you support legislation restricting high interest lending including car title loans?**

I have always focused on looking out for working families and would continue to do so, including making sure to curtail activities that prey on their finances.

**7. Will you support funding for Fostering Connections which would result in an influx of federal funding for foster children aging out of foster care?**

Growing up in challenging conditions and seeing firsthand how foster care and adoption can provide youngsters facing adversity with the stability and care they need, I have always cared deeply about helping them as evidenced by my services on nonprofit boards. Therefore, I would support this funding and the associated federal dollars that would support them to the age of 21.

**8. Do you support expansion of Medicaid under the Affordable Care Act, and if so, what would you do to make that happen?**

I grew up on Medicaid and am familiar with its limitations. I am concerned about the potential for massive, unexpected cost increases associated with Medicaid expansion. However I recognize that we have an opportunity to help provide insurance coverage to those in need at a time when our taxpayers are sending billions of dollars to Washington for Medicaid expansion. I would be open to exploring private sector orientated solutions that would protect Virginia's taxpayers from future unforeseen obligations and help struggling families obtain health coverage.

### QUESTIONS:

**1. What is one issue that defines your call to serve, why does it matter, and how will you tackle it?**

In spite of my austere upbringing, I have always felt blessed to have been born in the one nation on Earth where anyone from any background can succeed; where the outcome may not be guaranteed but the opportunity is. I want to make sure that the chance to strive for the American dream remains alive for all my neighbors. Unfortunately, in an economy that has been stagnant for several years, that dream seems increasingly elusive for those who are unemployed or underemployed. I want to apply my leadership skills and business background to grow and diversify our economy to create more good paying jobs, and use my knowledge of the workforce system to ensure people are better prepared to obtain those jobs. And this can only happen in an environment in which the economy is growing and thriving, folks have the tools to succeed, jobs are plentiful and opportunities are abundant.

**2. What distinguishes you from your opponent(s) and why should voters choose you?**

I've lived my entire adult life focused on service and solutions. My neighbors deserve to be represented by a proven leader who has had real positions of responsibility, with a demonstrated track record of bringing together people of all sides to solve tough problems and someone who truly understands their plight.

**3. Given the political makeup of the state legislature, what examples from your own experience suggests you can successfully bridge the intense partisan differences there?**

As Chair of the Virginia Board of Workforce De-

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# ELECTION '15

## House District 67

### Jim LeMunyon (R-67)

*Incumbent, unopposed*

**Town of residence:** Oak Hill  
**Age:** 56

**Family:** Married to Robin; three grown children: Mark, Heather and Kristin  
**Education:** B.S. Physics and Mathematics, Valparaiso University, M.S. Meteorology, University of Wisconsin-Madison

**Offices held, dates:** Virginia House of Delegates, 2010—present; Deputy Assistant Secretary, U.S. Department of Commerce 1989-93

**Occupation and relevant experience:** business person; co-founder of Sterling Semiconductor, now a unit of the Dow Corning Corporation; adjunct professor, George Mason University 1993-96

**Community involvement:** I've participated in a number of organizations and activities over the years through schools, church, scouts and sports associations.

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**Name three favorite endorsements:** Fairfax Chamber of Commerce—NOVABizPAC; Virginia Education Association; Police Benevolent Association



there?

I am a Republican, and I frequently cosponsor legislation with Democrats. I'm scored as the most bipartisan member of the House of Delegates by the non-partisan Sunlight Foundation. This does not mean "moderate." Instead it means that I work well with people who hold different viewpoints.

#### 4. In order, list your top 5 specific legislative priorities.

- ❖ Keeping Virginia's budget balanced.
- ❖ Stopping to proposed toll on I-66 inside the Beltway, and instead widening this road.
- ❖ Increasing funding for public education while reducing administrative burdens on teachers.
- ❖ Reforming Virginia's tax laws to encourage more job creation.
- ❖ Passing a public charter school amendment to the state constitution to give parents more choices in public education.

#### 5. How has your district changed in the last 10 years? What caused those changes?

Like most parts of Northern Virginia, people change residence frequently in the district I represent. There are always new people to meet in the 67<sup>th</sup> district!

#### 6. Will you support legislation restricting high interest lending including car title loans?

Yes, and I have voted for such legislation in the General Assembly.

#### 7. Will you support funding for Fostering Connections which would result in an influx of federal funding for foster children aging out of foster care?

I need to learn more about how this would work before offering an opinion.

#### 8. Do you support expansion of Medicaid under the Affordable Care Act, and if so, what would you do to make that happen?

The federal government ought to return the additional tax dollars Virginians pay under the Affordable Care Act without strings attached. I would direct these funds to additional care for people with physical and intellectual disabilities and mental health concerns, rather than provide healthy people with insurance.

## Senate District 32

### Janet Howell (D-32)

*Incumbent, unopposed*

**Town of residence:** Reston  
**Age:** 71

**Family:** married to Hunt Howell since 1966, two grown sons, 3 grandchildren

**Education:** BA in Government, Oberlin College; MA in International Relations, The University of Pennsylvania

**Offices held, dates:** Virginia Senate, 1992 to present

**Occupation and relevant experience:** Former teacher, former legislative assistant, current state senator

**Community involvement:** Prior to election to Senate, I was a PTA president (Forest Edge Elementary), chair of the State Board of Social Services, president of the Reston Community Association, chair of the Reston Transportation Committee, and various other positions.

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**Name three favorite endorsements:** Virginia Education Association, Northern Virginia Technology Council, Fairfax Chamber of Commerce, Sierra Club



#### 4. In order, list your top 5 specific legislative priorities.

- ❖ Make certain taxpayer money is invested wisely
- ❖ Increase funding for education at all levels, from pre-K through higher education.
- ❖ Pass legislation to expand Medicaid or 400,000 uninsured Virginians
- ❖ Increase and improve programs for persons with mental illness
- ❖ Pass commonsense gun safety legislation such as background checks

#### 5. How has your district changed in the last 10 years? What caused those changes?

Redistricting took away 40% of residents in my previous district and added 40% in new areas. Now the district includes part of Arlington and parts of Oakton and Centreville. The district is more diverse ethnically and has greater disparities in income.

#### 6. Will you support legislation restricting high interest lending including car title loans?

Absolutely. I have consistently voted to put a cap of no more than 36% on interest on loans. The current laws bring undesirable businesses into our state that prey on vulnerable residents.

#### 7. Will you support funding for Fostering Connections which would result in an influx of federal funding for foster children aging out of foster care?

Yes. I have been an advocate for this program and fought for it in budget conference. When the state takes children away from their parents, we have a heightened responsibility to those children. All parents recognize that children need support beyond age 18.

#### 8. Do you support expansion of Medicaid under the Affordable Care Act, and if so, what would you do to make that happen?

Yes, I have been a fervent supporter of Medicaid expansion and have worked across party lines in the Senate to find a solution agreeable to the House majority. So far, they have been unyielding in their opposition despite the moral, economic, and health arguments in favor of expansion. I helped craft the Marketplace Virginia proposal and am currently working on further refinements of it. The sad truth is that the opposition is unwilling to compromise or to produce their own proposal.

## ROUNDUPS

### Tour Public Safety Center

The Sully District Police Station's Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) will tour the McConnell Public Safety and Transportation Operations Center on West Ox Road in Fairfax Wednesday, Nov. 4, from 7-9 p.m. Transportation to and from the facility will be provided at the police station, 4900 Stonecroft Blvd. in Chantilly.

Attendees must be onboard the bus no later than 7 p.m. To participate, call 703-814-7051. The CAC will not meet Nov. 11 because of Veterans Day.

### Thanksgiving Food Drive

The Sully District Police Station is having its second annual, Thanksgiving food drive for local families in need within the Sully District. To donate, drop

off nonperishable food items to the station at 4900 Stonecroft Blvd. in Chantilly by Friday, Nov. 13. Needed items include: Canned vegetables, canned/dried fruit, canned cranberries, gravy (jar or powdered mix), instant potatoes, stuffing, cereal, macaroni and cheese, pancake mix, syrup, cake mix, frosting and brownie mix.

### Neighborhood Watch Training

The Sully District Police Station's Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) will host a Neighborhood Watch training session, Tuesday, Nov. 17, at 7 p.m., at the Sully District Station, 4900 Stonecroft Blvd. in Chantilly.

Anyone interested in starting a Neighborhood Watch or who knows someone needing training is welcome to attend. To participate, call 703-814-7051.

### Free Carseat Inspections

Certified technicians from the Sully District Police Station will perform free, child safety carseat inspections Thursday, Oct. 29, from 5-8:30 p.m., at the station, 4900 Stonecroft Blvd. in Chantilly. No appointment is necessary. But residents should install the child safety seats themselves so technicians may properly inspect and adjust them, as needed.

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.

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# Candidates for State Senate in 37th District

## Dave Bergman (R)

Challenger, Senate in 37th District

**Town of residence:** Centreville

**Age:** 46

**Family:** Wife and two kids

**Education:** Annandale High School – 1987, BA - James Madison University – 1991, JD - Widener School of Law – 1995

**Offices held, dates:** Never held office before, first time candidate

**Occupation and relevant experience:** Vice President of Legal and External Affairs and Chief Legal Officer for the National Board for Certified Counselors

**Community involvement:** Youth Soccer Coach of 11 years

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**Name three favorite endorsements:** Sen. Dick Black, Del. Tim Hugo



ten to other points of view is important in any legislative body. I have spent my career working with both parties to pass legislation and I will bring that to my job as your senator.

### 4. In order, list your top 5 specific legislative priorities.

Keeping taxes low. Improving transportation. Working to make our schools better and college in Virginia more affordable. Improving the mental health system. Preserving human freedom and curtailing the excesses of government.

### 5. How has your district changed in the last 10 years? What caused those changes?

The dirty little secret in the Virginia Senate is that in 2011 the Democrat majority in the senate gerrymandered the district lines to protect their majority. That's why this district begins in Lake Barcroft, snakes through 5 magisterial districts, and ends up near Dulles Airport. Ten years ago the 37th senate district was a lot more compact. I grew up here, and like anyone else who has been here this long, I have seen major good and bad changes. What hasn't changed is what the people want – good jobs, a good education for their children, safe streets and less traffic.

### 6. Will you support legislation restricting high interest lending including car title loans?

I dislike car title loan companies as much as the next person. However, these businesses would not exist if there were no customers, so they are filling a need. It seems our job is to make sure these companies are properly licensed and regulated and determine if there are better ways to fill the need.

### 7. Will you support funding for Fostering Connections which would result in an influx of federal funding for foster children aging out of foster care?

I am whole-heartedly for any program that will encourage adoption.

### 8. Do you support expansion of Medicaid under the Affordable Care Act, and if so, what would you do to make that happen?

When the government starts shelling out money somebody, somewhere, has to pay for it. Right now the feds are offering to transfer money from their treasury to Virginia's treasury to put more people on Medicaid, but there is no guarantee the money will continue to flow. And considering that the US government is running a deficit the size of the galactic empire, at some point the largesse will end, which means hard-working Virginians will end up with higher taxes. There is no pot of gold at the end of the rainbow, and the unicorns are not interested in paying our debts.

## Dave Marsden (D)

Incumbent

**Town of residence:** Burke

**Age:** 67

**Family:** Wife, Julia, and three sons

**Education:** W.T. Woodson High and Randolph Macon College

**Offices held, dates:** House of Delegates, 2006-2010; Virginia Senate 2010-present

**Occupation and relevant experience:**

Technical Assistance Director for DSG working to reduce youth violence across 10 major U.S. cities. Former Director Virginia Department of Juvenile Justice, probation officer, and Superintendent of Fairfax County Juvenile Detention Center.

**Community involvement:** Board Member Fairfax County Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA), former President of the Enterprise School and the West\* Lynch Foundation. Started Virginia's first local secure mental health/substance abuse program for young offenders. Former coach and referee for youth baseball, basketball, football, and soccer.

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**Name three favorite endorsements:** Fairfax County and Virginia Education Associations, Fairfax County Chamber of Commerce, and Fairfax County Professional Firefighters Association



Every year you can find multiple examples of my efforts to put progress above partisanship. Three examples from this last year include: 1. SB1314 with Republican Delegate James LeMunyon, prioritizes congestion relief when VDOT is choosing transportation projects instead of a

legislator's "pet" project. 2. SB1102 with Republican Senator Mark Obenshain, allowed Uber to legally and safely operate in Virginia. 3. SB1235 with Republican Delegate Dave Albo, is landmark legislation that allows someone suffering from intractable epilepsy to utilize non-psycho active medical cannabidiol oils.

### 4. In order, list your top 5 specific legislative priorities.

1. Improving funding for and reforming our education system.
2. Diversifying our economy so we are less dependent on the federal government spending.
3. Fighting against unfair tolling and continuing to invest in our transportation system to ease congestion.
4. Strengthening our juvenile justice system to ensure our communities are kept safe and advancing evidence based adult re-entry programming.
5. Continuing mental health system reforms so all those who need care receive it.

### 5. How has your district changed in the last 10 years? What caused those changes?

Fairfax County has long been a growing community, that growth has brought new needs and new opportunities in transportation, education, and human services. I was glad to support the Silver Line and am currently looking at all alternatives to 166 tolls. We've invested more in education, public safety, and human services. Because of the great people who have made Fairfax County home, this is one of the best places to live.

### 6. Will you support legislation restricting high interest lending including car title loans?

Yes

### 7. Will you support funding for Fostering Connections which would result in an influx of federal funding for foster children aging out of foster care?

Yes

### 7. Do you support expansion of Medicaid under the Affordable Care Act?

Yes, I will continue to work with legislators from both parties and Governor McAuliffe to forge a solution to this impasse. Expanding Medicaid will provide health coverage for close to 400,000 Virginians and it is estimated to create \$1.9 billion in economic impact and 30,000 jobs. This issue is too important to our community and Commonwealth to allow us to forgo \$1.8 billion in federal funding that Virginia taxpayers are already paying.

### QUESTIONS:

#### 1. What is one issue that defines your call to serve, why does it matter, and how will you tackle it?

I feel strongly about a lot of issues, but issues come and go. What is important in the long run are the principles I would bring to the task of representing the people of Fairfax County in the state senate. I believe government should be the court of last resort; many problems can be solved by people working together. I believe the more freedom and the less regulation, the better. I believe in lower taxes, more jobs, and a robust economy. I believe religious liberty is essential to our democracy. My call to service is driven by these principles that I will apply to any issue before the General Assembly.

#### 2. What distinguishes you from your opponent(s) and why should voters choose you?

We have policy disagreements in a number of key areas. I am adamantly against McAuliffe's plan to put tolls on I-66. He voted to take money from the roads and put that money into sidewalks (SB 932) and I think that's nuts. And on crime, there is vast chasm between our positions; I support truth in sentencing and no parole for violent offenders, and Marsden doesn't. I also support school choice for our families, while Marsden voted against educational savings accounts for disabled children. Dave Marsden is a good citizen; he's just wrong on some important issues.

#### 3. Given the political makeup of the state legislature, what examples from your own experience suggest you can successfully bridge the intense partisan differences there?

The Virginia General Assembly is nowhere near as partisan as many other state legislatures because we have a part-time legislature; its members are not professional politicians; and they all have day jobs. I think an open mind and a willingness to lis-

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## School Board Promotes Dyslexia Awareness

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school after he was "not taught the correct way to learn to read" in Fairfax County.

"I've been in the school system 15 years," Rizek said, "and I've been dyslexic the whole time, and not seen any change. Please act fast so you don't fail anyone else."

The speakers came to the meeting to coincide with the board recognizing October as Dyslexia Awareness Month.

Board members typically don't respond to citizen

participation, though chairman Pat Hynes has acknowledged professional development for teachers could be more focused in the area of dyslexia, and that the school system's Strategic Plan calls for "getting tighter on early literacy."

Superintendent Dr. Karen Garza has taken action including requiring elementary school administrators and instructional staff be trained to recognize dyslexia symptoms and warning signs.

"I'm extremely excited to see the progress that we have going on not only in Fairfax County but in the Commonwealth of Virginia," Braddock District representative Megan

McLaughlin before she read the proclamation.

She described Decoding Dyslexia as being led by "by extraordinary women who have really helped to shape not only better practices here in Fairfax County, but within the Commonwealth of Virginia. To all of you, thank you so much for what you're doing to improve the lives of our children."

A workshop hosted by the Office of Special Education Instruction for parents of elementary school students with dyslexia is scheduled for Nov. 13 from 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at the Dunn Loring Center, 2334 Gallows Road.

# State Senate District 33

## Jennifer Wexton (D)

*Incumbent State Senator*

**Town of residence:** Leesburg

**Age:** 47

**Family:** Husband: Andrew Wexton, Sons: Matthew (12) and Jamie (10)

**Education:** Undergraduate: University of Maryland; JD: William and Mary

**Offices held, dates:** Virginia State Senator, January 2014 - present

**Occupation and relevant experience:** Attorney, Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney

**Community involvement:** Community Services Board, Special Justice, Substitute Judge

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**Name three favorite endorsements:** Washington Post; Virginia Education Association (teachers); Fairfax County Chamber of Commerce's NOVABizPAC (business).



**suggests you can successfully bridge the intense partisan differences there?**

In my 21 months in the Senate, I have focused on passing non-partisan, commonsense legislation that actually helps my constituents and people throughout Virginia. This is a key reason nine of my bills passed by both houses of the General Assembly and were signed into law in 2015. Among them, one guaranteed that

women can legally breastfeed in public; another helped families with autistic children (Conner's Law); and others made it easier to investigate and prosecute online sexual predators and child abusers. These aren't "hot button social issues" but they make Virginia a better and safer place to live.

### 4. In order, list your top 5 specific legislative priorities.

- ❖ Improving education by reducing class sizes and the number of standardized tests that students take.
- ❖ Transportation issues, including improving our local transportation infrastructure, reducing congestion, and opposing new tolls.
- ❖ Expanding Medicaid to cover the 400,000 working uninsured people who fall in the coverage gap in Virginia
- ❖ Commonsense gun restrictions, including keeping guns away from criminals and domestic abusers.
- ❖ Protecting our children by passing laws that make it easier to prosecute child abusers and predators.

### 5. How has your district changed in the last 10 years? What caused those changes?

Loudoun County has been one of the fastest growing counties in America the past 10 years. Many people moved from inside-the-beltway to the 33<sup>rd</sup> District suburbs in search of nice houses, safe neighborhoods and good schools at a more affordable price. This has led to unprecedented growth in housing development, public school enrollment, and traffic.

### 6. Will you support legislation restricting high interest lending including car title loans?

Yes

### 7. Will you support funding for Fostering Connections which would result in an influx of federal funding for foster children aging out of foster care?

Yes

### 8. Do you support expansion of Medicaid under the Affordable Care Act, and if so, what would you do to make that happen?

Yes. I voted for the Marketplace Virginia plan that passed the Senate with bipartisan support in 2014, and will support similar legislation. That plan would cover 400,000 Virginians and bring Virginia more than \$1.7 billion of federal tax dollars.

### QUESTIONS:

#### 1. What is one issue that defines your call to serve, why does it matter, and how will you tackle it?

I am running for reelection to continue providing effective representation for the people of the 33<sup>rd</sup> Senate district. Voters want us to maintain the high quality of life that attracted them to Loudoun and Fairfax. For most people, that means quality schools and manageable commutes, so we need to invest in education and transportation. We must restore state funding for schools so that we can hire and retain the best teachers and keep class sizes small. We also need to reduce the number of SOL tests, to ensure quality classroom instruction time and reduce the amount of "teaching to the test." In transportation, money earmarked for NOVA should be spent first on projects that best reduce congestion. The new proposal for tolls on I-66 is a bad one for my constituents, and I will oppose I-66 tolls, just as I previously have worked to lower tolls on the Dulles Greenway.

#### 2. What distinguishes you from your opponent(s) and why should voters choose you?

As a working mom with two sons attending Loudoun public schools, I understand the concerns of most people in the district. My background as a prosecutor and an attorney gives me a good understanding of the law, and how to evaluate and improve proposed legislation. Putting these things together, I have earned a reputation as a thoughtful legislator who focuses on creating sound policy and who puts partisanship aside to pass good laws. My opponent, on the other hand, touts the rigid ideology of the Tea Party. He wants to weaken public education, repeal the bipartisan transportation legislation that provides hundreds of millions of dollars for transportation projects in Northern Virginia, and opposes even the most basic of commonsense gun restrictions, like universal background checks.

#### 3. Given the political makeup of the state legislature, what examples from your own experience

## Stephen B. Hollingshed

Republican challenger in 33rd Senate District  
No response received.

# Senate District 34

## J.C. "Chap" Petersen (D)

*Incumbent, unopposed*

**Town of residence:** Fairfax City

**Age:** 47

**Family:** Married to Sharon Kim Petersen. Four children: Eva Emmeline (17), Mary Walton (13), Thomas Henry (10) and Ida Grace (4).

**Education:** B.A., Williams College. J.D., University of Virginia.

**Offices held, dates:** Fairfax City Council (1998-2002), Virginia House of Delegates (2002-2006), Virginia Senate (2008-present).

**Occupation and relevant experience:** Practicing attorney since 1994. Owned local law firm since 2005.

**Community involvement:** Served in elected office since 1998. Also active as Sunday school teacher at Truro Anglican Church.

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**Name three favorite endorsements:** Any three voters in Fairfax.



I worked with law-makers on both sides of the aisle to pass major legislation, SB 985 in 2015, which set a standard on protecting personal liberty and

curtailing government surveillance. (Sadly, it was vetoed by the Governor). I enjoy meeting people with different viewpoints and have no problem working with them.

### 4. In order, list your top 5 specific legislative priorities.

Promoting economic growth in Virginia, modernizing our tax system, advocating for commuters, keeping college affordable and protecting our natural spaces.

### 5. How has your district changed in the last 10 years? What caused those changes?

Geographically, the 34<sup>th</sup> district was shifted west in 2011 and now includes 50,000 residents in Chantilly and Centreville.

### 6. Will you support legislation restricting high interest lending including car title loans?

Yes.

### 7. Will you support funding for Fostering Connections which would result in an influx of federal funding for foster children aging out of foster care?

Need to know more details. I'm not familiar with this program.

### 8. Do you support expansion of Medicaid under the Affordable Care Act, and if so, what would you do to make that happen?

Yes. I have voted for Medicaid expansion multiple times, most recently through the "Marketplace Virginia" project which used private insurers to certify eligible recipients and receive the Federal funds. It makes no sense to not use the Federal funds earmarked for Virginia's working poor.

### QUESTIONS:

#### 1. What is one issue that defines your call to serve, why does it matter, and how will you tackle it?

In 2015, I sponsored the "Good Samaritan" immunity legislation, SB 892, which provides legal protection to young people who report an overdose or alcohol poisoning. It passed the Assembly and is now law. It will save lives. It also teaches our young citizens in Virginia that no matter the circumstances — always do the right thing.

#### 2. What distinguishes you from your opponent(s) and why should voters choose you?

Unfortunately, I have no opponent.

#### 3. Given the political makeup of the state legislature, what examples from your own experience suggests you can successfully bridge the intense partisan differences there?

❖ Nov. 4 – Criminal Justice Academy, 11 a.m. at the Criminal Justice Academy <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/criminal-justice-academy-tickets-15374248792>

## 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).

## ROUNDUPS

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## Food Donations For WFCM

Western Fairfax Christian Ministries' food pantry needs donations of 1-2 pound bags of rice, canned fruit (all types), canned pastas, canned meats (tuna, ham, chicken), cold and hot cereals, spaghetti and sauces, peanut butter, canned vegetables (including spinach, collar greens, beets) and cooking oil.

Toiletries needed, which WFCM clients cannot purchase with food stamps, include facial tissues, toothpaste, shampoo and solid deodorant.

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 703-988-9656, ext. 110, or [abosley@wfcma.org](mailto:abosley@wfcma.org).

## Learn about Police Department

Throughout the year, the Fairfax County Police Department will host a series of lectures as part of its 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary.<sup>o</sup>

# SCHOOLS



## 'Glo-Coming'

Chantilly High School ended its homecoming week on Saturday, Oct. 10, with a homecoming dance. This year the theme was "Glo-Coming."

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## SCHOOL NOTES

Email announcements to [chantilly@connectionnewspapers.com](mailto:chantilly@connectionnewspapers.com).

**Lauren Hayden** has been named to the dean's list at the University of New England (Biddeford, Maine).

**Frank Healy** has been named to the president's list at The Citadel South Carolina Corps of Cadets (Charleston, S.C.) for the spring 2015 semester.

**Andrew Kim, Alice Wang, Junghun Koh, Gahyun Shim,**

**Stephanie Introne** and **Ishwarya Sivakumar** have been named semifinalists by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation for 2016. All semifinalists are eligible to compete for 7,400 National Merit Scholarship awards worth \$32 million, to be awarded in spring 2016.

**Ian Van Pelt** a senior majoring in microbiology in the College of Science at Virginia Tech (Blacksburg, Va.) will serve as the school's Associate Chief Justice within the Undergraduate Honor

System, providing student voice to the process for reviewing cases related to the university's Honor Code.

**Megan Bongardt** has entered Quinnipiac University (Hamden, Conn.) as a freshman studying in the School of Health Sciences.

**Rocky Run Middle** will receive a "Green Flag Award" for the work of the The Greenies Club, a.k.a. the Eco-Action Team which heads up the school recycling efforts.

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## ONGOING

**GFWC Western Fairfax County Woman's Club** is selling 2015 White House Christmas ornaments. This year's ornament honors 30th President, Calvin Coolidge. The ornament cost \$20. Call 703-378-6216 for more.

**Cox Farms Fall Festival**, through Nov. 3, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. (5 p.m. in November) at Cox Family Farms, 15621 Braddock Road, Centreville. The Fall Festival features a new "Imaginature Trail," hayrides, giant slides, rope swings, the Cornundrum Cornfield adventure and farm animals. Tickets are \$5-17. Visit [www.coxfarms.com](http://www.coxfarms.com) for more.

## FRIDAY/OCT. 30

**4th Annual Kelly Faughnan Foundation Golf Tournament and Banquet**, 11:30 a.m. at Westfields Golf Club, 13940 Balmoral Greens Ave., Clifton. The Tournament and Banquet will benefit the Tim Tebow Foundation. The Foundation raises money for ill children and their families. The goal of the foundation is to brighten the lives of children during their time of hardship. Tickets are \$150 per person. Visit [www.kellyfaughnanfoundation.org](http://www.kellyfaughnanfoundation.org) for more.

## FRIDAY-SATURDAY/OCT. 30-31

**Haunted Lab**, 10 a.m. 8 p.m. at

Children's Science Center Lab, Fair Oaks Mall, 11750 Fair Oaks Mall, Fairfax. The Haunted Lab is a family event with hands-on STEM activities. Also find the "Spooky Wind Tunnel," "Mystery Slime," and a Keva Plank Challenge. Also vote for a science-themed carved pumpkin, and take a Haunted Lab Memory Photo. Tickets are \$12 for visitor 2 and older, \$11 for seniors and military. Visit [www.childsci.org](http://www.childsci.org) for more.

## FRIDAY/OCT. 30

**Scary Screen on the Green**, 8 p.m. at the Winery at Bull Run, 15950 Lee Highway, Centreville. Watch a scary movie on a projection screen. Free to attend. Visit [www.wineryatbullrun.com](http://www.wineryatbullrun.com).

## SATURDAY/OCT. 31

**Mall-O-Ween**, 5-8 p.m. Fair Oaks Mall, 11750 Fair Oaks Mall, Fairfax. Fair Oaks Mall is celebrating its 28th annual Mall-O-Ween. As part of the festivities, kids can trick-or-treat at select storefronts within the shopping center and have their picture taken with several visiting Halloween characters in Center Court. Also on display is the Halloween-theme Peanuts TV Lounge, which showcases The Peanuts Movie trailer and a 3D dog house decorated by the lovable beagle Snoopy. Guests can stop by the Customer Service desk for additional sweet treats and special discounts toward this year's holiday Ice Palace display. Free. Visit [www.shopfairoaksmall.com/events](http://www.shopfairoaksmall.com/events).

**Trunk or Treat**, 6-8 p.m. at Jubilee Christian Center, 4650 Shirley Gate Road, Fairfax. Find games, candy, and a "best decorated" car contest. Free. Call 703-383-1170 or

[www.jccag.org](http://www.jccag.org) to enter a vehicle.

## FRIDAY/NOV. 6

**Magic Show**, 7 p.m. at The Winery at Bull Run, 15950 Lee Highway, Centreville. Magician Cantori performs acts of hypnosis and other demonstrations. Partial proceeds benefit the Meant to Live Foundation. Tickets are \$32 for members and \$40 for nonmembers. Visit [www.wineryatbullrun.com](http://www.wineryatbullrun.com).

## SATURDAY/NOV. 7

**Holiday Bazaar**, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at Centreville United Methodist Church, 6400 Old Centreville Road, Centreville. More than 60 local craft vendors will be on hand selling handmade items. Also find a silent auction, bake sale, "book nook," food, and more Free admission. Visit [www.centreville-umc.org](http://www.centreville-umc.org).

**Slave Life at Sully**, 1 p.m. at Sully Historic Site, 3650 Historic Sully Way, Chantilly. At the slave quarters, guests are invited to learn about the lives and chores of slaves who lived at Sully. Make a hoe cake, card wool and fill a pin cushion, and use a draw knife to work with wood. Tour the slave quarter and original outbuildings. Tickets are \$10-12. Visit [www.parktakes.fairfaxcounty.gov](http://www.parktakes.fairfaxcounty.gov)

**HomeAid Northern Virginia Gala & Auction**, 6 p.m. at Westfields Marriott Washington Dulles Hotel, 14750 Conference Center Drive, Chantilly. Auction items include a hot air balloon ride, Wizards tickets, a back-of-house tour at the National Zoo and more. Proceeds benefit HomeAid Northern Virginia, a nonprofit that manages the renovations and construction of

shelters for homeless families and individuals. Tickets are \$200. Visit [www.homeaidnova.org](http://www.homeaidnova.org) for more.

**Texas Hold'em Fundraiser**, 7 p.m. at Prince William County Police Association Hall, 14288 Independent Hill Drive, Manassas. NOVEC HELPS is an employee volunteer non-profit 501 (c) 3 organization that works together with family and friends to make positive contribution to their communities. Register to help by participating in the "Hands to Help" fundraiser. Registration starts at 6 p.m. The buy-in is \$50. Visit [www.novechelps.org](http://www.novechelps.org).

**Harvest Wine Dinner**, 8 p.m. at Paradise Springs Winery, 13219 Yates Ford Road, Clifton. Celebrate the harvest season with a menu featuring butternut squash and apple soup, salade mimosa, rosemary grilled butcher's cut steak and more — all paired with Paradise Springs wine. Tickets are \$119-139. Visit [www.paradisep Springswinery.com](http://www.paradisep Springswinery.com).

## SATURDAY-SUNDAY/NOV. 7-8

**Pumpkin Madness**, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. (5 p.m. in November) at Cox Family Farms, 15621 Braddock Road, Centreville. Find a new "Imaginature Trail," hayrides, giant slides, rope swings, the Cornundrum Cornfield adventure and farm animals. Tickets are \$5-17. Visit [www.coxfarms.com](http://www.coxfarms.com)

## SUNDAY/NOV. 8

**Jane Austen Tea**, 1 p.m. at Sully Historic Site, 3650 Historic Sully Way, Chantilly. Learn about the roles of members of Jane Austen's household, learn about fashion, medicine, and gardening in Austen's era. Tea and refreshments will be served. Tickets are \$28-30. Visit

[www.parktakes.fairfaxcounty.gov](http://www.parktakes.fairfaxcounty.gov)  
**Fairfax Station Railroad Museum Sale**, 1-4 p.m. at The Fairfax Station Railroad Museum, 11200 Fairfax Station Road, Fairfax Station. Railroad collectibles, antiques, railroad memorabilia, toys and art will be available for purchase. All proceeds will help support the museum's operations. Museum members and children 4 and under, free; children 5-15, \$2; adults 16 and older, \$4. Visit [www.fairfax-station.org](http://www.fairfax-station.org) for more.

**Book Talk**, 2 p.m. at Centreville Regional Library, 14200 St. Germain Drive, Centreville. AARP Virginia and the Organization of Chinese American Women (OCAW) will host local author Veronica Li as she discusses her new book, "Confucius Says," a novel about caring for elderly parents based on the author's own experience. Free. Call 1-877-926-8300 to register.

## WEDNESDAY/NOV. 11

**Texas Roadhouse Celebrates Veterans Day**, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. at Texas Roadhouse, 4993 Weststone Plaza, Chantilly. All veterans — including all active, retired or former United States military can choose one of 10 entrees for free. Call 703-378-9887.

## THURSDAY/NOV. 12

**Centreville Quilter's Auction**, 6-10 p.m. at Colin Powell Elementary School Cafeteria, 13340 Leland Road, Centreville. Bid on fabrics, notions, quilts, and more. There will be silent and live auctions. Free to attend. Contact Jodi Heins at [jodiheins@aol.com](mailto:jodiheins@aol.com) for more.

## SATURDAY/NOV. 14

**Gospel Concert**, 6 p.m. at Oakton Baptist Church, 14001 Sullyfield Circle, Chantilly. True Spirit Bluegrass Gospel Band performs. Free, but donations accepted. Call 703-631-1799.

## SUNDAY/NOV. 15

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## TUESDAY/NOV. 17

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## WEDNESDAY/NOV. 18

**Annual Veterans Celebration**, 6 p.m. at Chantilly High School, 4200 Stringfellow Road, Chantilly. Chantilly High School National Honor Society is hosting a Veterans Celebration with food and live entertainment. Admission is free, but registration is required. Registration closes on Nov. 11. Visit [www.chantillynhhs.com/veterans](http://www.chantillynhhs.com/veterans).

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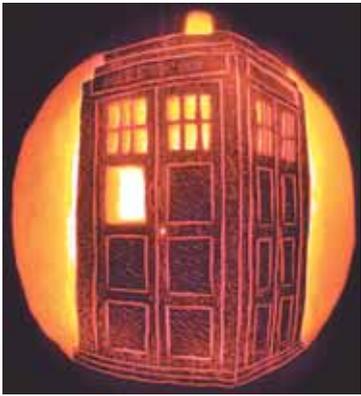
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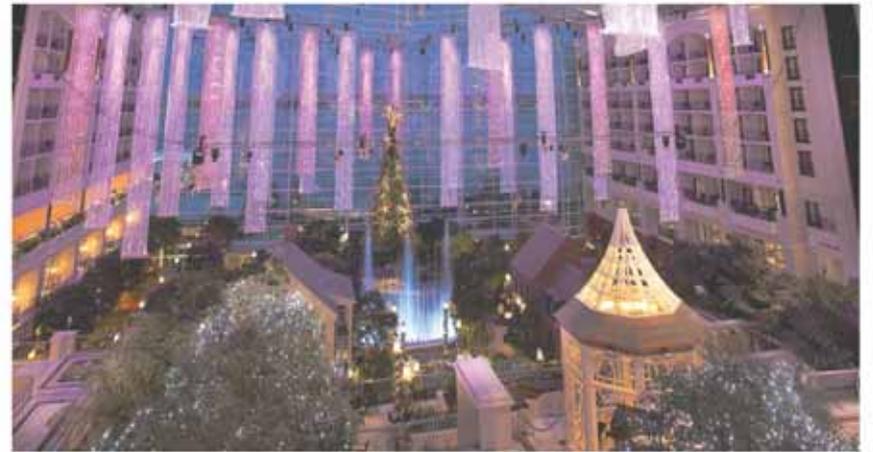
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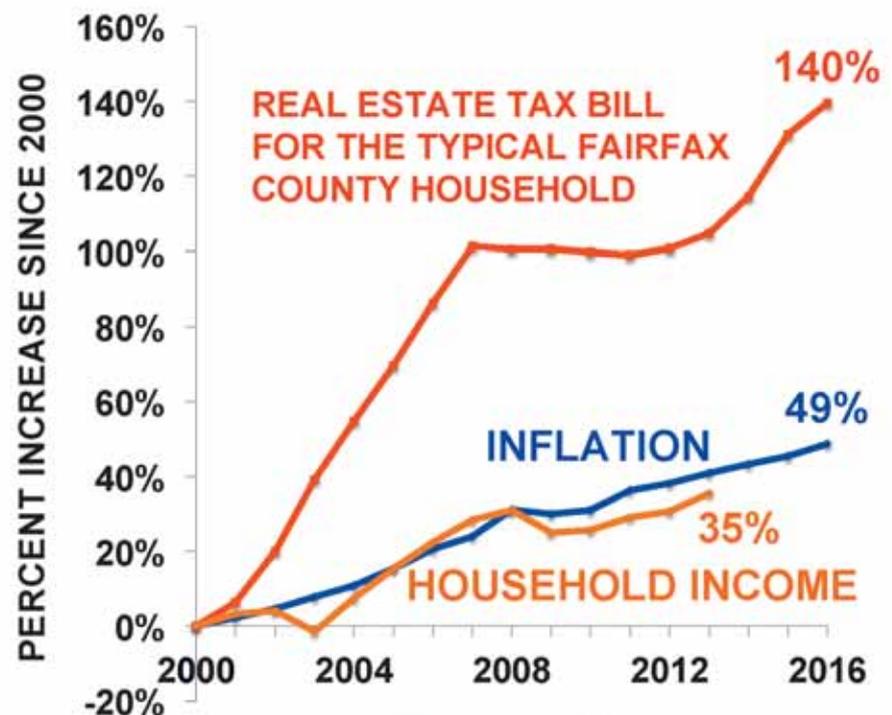
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# SPORTS

## Westfield Football Beats Centreville, Improves to 7-1

**W**estfield senior quarterback Tyler Scanlon and receiver Hank Johnson teamed up again Friday in football as they did last season on the hardwood. Scanlon passed for 204 yards and threw two touchdowns to Johnson. Westfield kicker Brian Delaney added two field goals and Westfield held off defending state runner-

up Centreville 20-12.

In the first half, Westfield was up 17-0 before Centreville put points on the board. Centreville's Julian Garrett and Kyle Richbourg each scored touchdowns for Centreville. However, the Wildcats were unable to put any additional points on the board.

Westfield improved to 7-1, 3-0 in Confer-

ence 5 and will have a home game against Herndon (2-6, 0-3) on Friday, Oct. 30, and a final regular season game with Chantilly on Nov. 6. Centreville (3-5, 1-2) will play at Chantilly (5-3, 2-1) on Friday and host its final regular season game against Robinson on Nov. 6.

— WILL PALENSCAR



**Rehman Johnson and the Westfield football team improved to 7-1 with a 20-12 victory over Centreville on Oct. 23.**



**Members of the Westfield defense tackle a Centreville ball carrier during Friday's game at Centreville High School.**



**Westfield quarterback Tyler Scanlon throws a pass against Centreville on Oct. 23.**

### SPORTS BRIEFS

#### Chantilly Football Loses to Briar Woods

The Chantilly football team lost to Briar Woods 27-24 on Oct. 23, dropping its record to 5-3.

The Chargers will return to Conference 5 action on Oct. 30 with a home game against Centreville at 7 p.m.

#### Westfield Field Hockey Wins Conference 5 Title

The Westfield field hockey team won the Conference 5 championship with a 3-0 victory over Herndon in the conference tournament final on Monday at Westfield High School, avenging last year's loss to the Hornets in the championship game.

It was the Bulldogs' seventh conference/district championship in the last eight years.

Westfield (16-2) will host Patriot at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 28.

#### Centreville Field Hockey to Face Battlefield

The Centreville field hockey team, the No. 4 seed from Conference 5, will travel to face Conference 8 champion Battlefield at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 28 in the opening round of the 6A North region tournament.

**The Westfield field hockey team, seen during the regular season, won the Conference 5 championship with a 3-0 victory over Herndon on Monday at Westfield High School.**



PHOTO BY WILL PALENSCAR

## Conservation Begins at Home

BY KEN MOORE  
THE CONNECTION

**T**hree of four candidates will be elected as directors to the Soil and Water Conservation District on Nov. 3.

Three of the four candidates, Scott Cameron and incumbents George Lamb IV and Gerald O. "Jerry" Peters Jr., debated at the Great Falls Grange on Monday, Oct. 19.

The Great Falls Citizens Association hosted and ran the candidate's forum at the recently renovated Grange which is now ADA accessible.

"Real conservation, the important work in conservation happens on the ground, happens locally," said Cameron.

Peters, of Great Falls, is an incumbent on the Soil and Conservation District Board. "I want to increase the sense of personal stewardship that people who own the land have for the land," he said.

Lamb has been the chairman the last four years. He thanked GFCA for hosting the forum and giving candidates in his race, usually overshadowed by races for supervisor, House of Delegates, state senator and the sheriff, among others, an opportunity to inform citizens of the board's work. Education efforts are top priority of the Soil and Water Conservation Board, he said.

Stephen L. Pushor, who is on the ballot, did not attend.

The three were asked questions about fertilizers, deer management, and the responsibility and partnership between urban, suburban and rural districts in Virginia.

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**Glenn Harris of MCA**



**Gerald O. "Jerry" Peters, Great Falls**



**Scott Cameron, Mount Vernon**



**George Lamb IV**

Northern Virginia Soil and Water Conservation District is one of 47 conservation districts in Virginia and approximately 3,000 nationwide. "Soil and Water Conservation Districts (SWCDs) were established in the 1930s to develop comprehensive programs to conserve soil resources, control and prevent soil erosion, prevent floods and conserve, develop, utilize and dispose of water," according to its website.

Although not a regulatory agency, the group collaborates with Fairfax County and other partners to provide conservation information, technical services, educational programs and volunteer opportunities to residents on many aspects of water quality, nonpoint source pollution and stream health.

They help connect residents with environmental initiatives and opportunities through the Watershed Calendar, Green Breakfast and Conservation Currents news updates.

**PETERS WAS APPOINTED** by the Virginia Soil and Water Conservation Board in March 2015 to be a director; he has been an associate director since 2009 and has

represented NVSWCD on the Fairfax County Tree Commission since 2012.

Peters is retired after a 30-year career as an environmental scientist and engineer, including being the first full-time employee of the Occoquan Watershed Monitoring Laboratory in 1972.

In retirement, he has focused on natural resource stewardship, he said. Peters is a Certified Master Naturalist and member of the Basic Training Committee of the Fairfax Chapter of the Virginia Master Naturalist program.

"I am also a Tree Commissioner," he said.

**LAMB HAS SERVED** on the board since January 2009 and is currently the vice chairman and treasurer.

Lamb, of Falls Church, serves as an at-large appointee on the Fairfax County Environmental Quality Advisory Council (EQAC) and is the lead author on the Inter-relationship between Land Use and Transportation chapter of the EQAC annual report. He was a co-founder of the Fairfax League of Conservation Voters, and represented the environmental community on

— and that, too, speaks volumes about her. She also has a great sense of humor, which is good for when things on the board get testy. Humor can diffuse some of the tension."

"She's also a poised, articulate speaker," continued Velkoff. "When she first ad-

## Three spots open to four running for key environmental and conservation board.

### Why This Matters

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the Tysons Corner Land Use Task Force. He serves as the chairman of the IT Committee for the Virginia Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts.

**CAMERON, A BIOLOGIST** who also has a M.B.A., has worked 36 years in environmental policy, including 20 years of federal service in natural resources programs at the Department of the Interior, Office of Management and Budget, Congress, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Cameron, of Mount Vernon, founded his own organization, Reduce Risks from Invasive Species Coalition. He is an environmental policy advisor to the governor of California, director of Conservation Policy for the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, and serves on the board of advisors to the Wildlife Alliance.

"We have 30 watersheds in Fairfax County, about a third are in good shape, a third are in really bad shape," he said, with the others in between.

"I've always wanted to get involved where it counts, locally," he said.

dressed the Democratic Committee, people were wowed by her skills. She was focused, clear and well-prepared, and this would also be a valuable asset to her on the board. She's made a great impression on the board and I'm certain she'd be a very good School Board member."

## Keys-Gamarra's Supporters

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pressive. "She's passionate about making sure that children get a fair shake in the world," he said. "And it's clear to me, through our interactions in the past year, that she's running for School Board for the right reasons. She understands its impor-

tance to the parents, children and community as a whole — and that's no small thing."

He also believes she'd be a constructive board member and would work well with others. "Karen's definitely a team player," he said. "Many of her volunteers have known her for years and think highly of her

### BULLETIN BOARD

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#### WEDNESDAY/NOV. 11

**Caregivers Conference.** 8 a.m.-3:30 p.m. at Korean Central Presbyterian Church, 15451 Lee Highway, Centreville. The 29th Annual Caregiver Conference is titled "Prepare to Care: Getting Your Ducks in a Row." The conference will provide information and advice for the transition of becoming a caregiver. There is a \$30 conference fee that covers breakfast, lunch, and conference materials. Visit [www.nvdcc2015.eventbrite.com](http://www.nvdcc2015.eventbrite.com).

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#### SUPPORT GROUP

**Telephone Support Group for Family Caregivers of Older Adults.** 7 p.m. every second Tuesday of the month. This telephone support

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**Fair Oaks Parkinson's Support Group** for people living with Parkinson's disease, caregivers and family, meets on the fourth Saturday monthly, 10 a.m.-noon at Sunrise at Fair Oaks, 3750 Joseph Siewick Drive, Fairfax. Call 703-378-7221 or visit [www.fairoaksparkinsons.com](http://www.fairoaksparkinsons.com).

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## A Situation Continuing to Fester

By KENNETH B. LOURIE



Nine days since my PET Scan, and no word, electronically or otherwise, from my oncologist. Not having had a PET Scan in six and a half years, I'm not sure what its results would indicate, currently or comparatively (it was requested that I bring a copy of my previous scan). I mean, I know I have cancer. Do I have more cancer? In more places? Nevertheless, I'm all ears and/or eyes waiting to see or hear something. Not that I'm obsessing about it, but I am thinking/wondering/hoping/praying for news with which I can continue to live.

Now this isn't the first time/interval when scan results have not been communicated quickly enough – for our sake/benefit. Obviously, good news/results we want to receive immediately, if not sooner. Bad news/results we don't want to receive at all (if you know what I mean), but in not receiving good news – within our preferred timeline – we then presume the news is bad. My oncologist has said previously that he'd rather wait and see us in person – which typically we do within a week's time or so, so that he can discuss/explain/strategize – as the case may be, in the event the radiologist's report requires some simplification and clarification. Having given us inaccurate/incomplete information once before – which in that one instance was bad news, he'd rather wait, thereby allowing him/the radiologist sufficient time to interpret the data and provide Team Lourie a correct assessment.

More often than not, however, when the news has been good, my oncologist has e-mailed advising us of the encouraging (I didn't say surprising) news. On the few occasions when the news has been bad (I'd rather call it discouraging), he has been inconsistent: sometimes he has e-mailed us, sometimes not; never a phone call though, regardless. This inconsistency has created an expectation that says good news we get, bad news not much, literally. And generally speaking, inconsistency in the flow of information between doctor and patient, especially between oncologist and cancer patient, needs to be consistent. If not, the byproduct is stress; the absolute last side effect a cancer patient needs – or rather never needs.

I understand, after addressing this communication breakdown with my oncologist, that he's happy to e-mail us results if we'd like, but when the news/results are bad, he seems to be a victim of his circumstances or the constraints of the system: he has no time to see us. His preference remains a face-to-face appointment – to minimize any misunderstanding on our part and perhaps to plan a new present/future for me – so waiting seems the only alternative. The problem is, as it is now, as it has been for over six and a half years: we're sort of receiving mixed messages – consistently. As a result, we never know if no news is good news; no news is bad news; or no news is simply no news (not to be interpreted in any way). After years of this back-and-forth/forth-and-back, my oncologist is very cognizant of our anxiety/potential misinterpretation of facts not yet in evidence. At this juncture, he must know that this cancer patient – who was originally diagnosed with non-small cell lung cancer, stage IV and who he gave a "13-month to two-year" prognosis, needs to be coddled a little bit (make that a lot) and maybe even accommodated (no "maybes" about it). To leave us (or any other diagnosed-as-terminal cancer patient) in the lurch is not exactly cruel and unusual punishment, but it doesn't make me long for "Addams Family" reruns either. But there is a similarity in our respective circumstances: it is "mysterious and spooky" and "all together ooky." Neither of which is helpful in the least.

Kenny Lourie is an Advertising Representative for The Potomac Almanac & The Connection Newspapers.

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## Local Student In Woodson Musical

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ID, \$10; senior citizens and children 12 and under, \$5. Tickets at the door are \$15; senior citizens, \$5.

The story's about the Smith family in the year leading up to the 1904 World's Fair in St. Louis. Daughter Esther has a crush on the boy next door and the family's close-knit and happy — until the dad upsets them all by telling them they're moving from St. Louis to New York.

"Yet despite their problems, they still love each other," said Director Terri Hobson. "It's based on the 1944 movie with Judy Garland and is a fun story for all ages. This is such a timeless, family show and a colorful, cheerful, feel-good musical."

There's a cast and crew of about 75 — including both choral and theater students — plus a live orchestra. "We've got some brand-new talent, plus triple-threat kids who sing, dance and act. There are really creative kids in the cast and crew, and it's fun to see the acting choices as they show the relationships of the family members and townspeople. And no matter how small their role, each actor has a back story for their character, and it helps draw in the audience." The scenes take place in and around the Smiths' home and at the world's fair. And the students have done research to make the props and costumes look authentic to that time period. But Hobson said the trolley they built will be the "scene stealer. It can hold upwards of 20 actors and it moves." Juliet Strom, 7, a second-grader at Colin Powell Elementary, shares the role of Tootie, the youngest Smith sibling, with Mary Clare Pelczynski and Taryn MacMahon. And, said Hobson, "They're all so great, people will have to come back three times to see them all."

Although Tootie's a young child, said Juliet, "She's an old soul. She likes to play with her dolls, but is sometimes inappropriate in the songs she sings. I love playing her because she wears some fancy dresses and says things that surprise people."

Juliet also loves acting and has done it before, so she's somewhat of a veteran. "I like it because it's fun to pretend to be someone else," she explained. She especially likes the song she sings, "Whenever I'm with You," because it's so funny. Overall, said Juliet, people will enjoy this musical because "there are some really good actors and really pretty costumes."

### Clarification

Regarding the story,"Guevara: Grow the Economy through Business," in the Oct. 22 Chantilly Connection and Centre View, neither the national League of Conservation Voters nor the Virginia League of Conservation Voters has endorsed John Guevara for Sully District supervisor; he was endorsed by an unaffiliated, local group called the Fairfax League of Conservation Voters, a PAC that supports local candidates.

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