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Chantilly CONNECTION

Fair Oaks ♦ Fair Lakes

Little boy, big tractor: A.J. Pearson, 2, reaches for one of the controls, as if to say, "I got this." Springfest, Fairfax County's official Earth Day and Arbor Day celebration, was held Saturday at the Sully Historic Site in Chantilly.

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PHOTO BY BONNIE HOBBS/THE CONNECTION

Helping Children Fighting for their Lives

Centreville High's Wildcats vs. Cancer club holds fundraiser.

BY BONNIE HOBBS

It's almost time for the second annual Festival to Fight Cancer. Put on by Centreville High's Wildcats vs. Cancer club, it's set for Saturday, May 5, and will be a neon, nighttime, glow run. Both the 1-mile fun run/walk and 2-mile race will be held on Centreville's track at 6001 Union Mill Road in Clifton.

The fun includes a dance party on the infield, DIY glow face-painting, a selfie station with props, vendors, raffle-prize drawings, plus a free pizza dinner and beverages. Participants will also receive commemorative T-shirts, and prizes will be awarded for the best glowing costumes.

There's free parking by the stadium, and the event will be held, rain or shine. Runner check-in starts at 7 p.m., followed by the dance party at 7:45 p.m. The 1-mile run/walk kicks off at 8 p.m.; after that will be the raffle drawing and 2-mile race. Registration is \$20; sign up at <https://runsignup.com/Race/VA/Clifton/FestivaltoFightCancer>.

Centreville High senior Valerie Nguyen founded the Wildcats vs. Cancer club at her school in October 2015 while her younger sister, Cecilia, was battling the disease.



From left: Wildcats vs. Cancer board members Suksiri Lerditsomboon, Olivia Dinh and Valerie Nguyen volunteering at the DC Candlelighters' 2017 Halloween party.

Nguyen had attended a camp for the siblings of cancer patients and was determined to help other families going through the same thing.

That first school year, the club attracted 42 members and did activities and fundraisers to help children fighting cancer. It now has 100 members, 75 active, and



From left: Wildcats vs. Cancer club board members Liyandra Aranjuez and Sakina Lashkeri play with a childhood cancer patient at Inova Fairfax Hospital's pediatric oncology education night.

continues to make a difference in people's lives.

"We've been really involved with the community," said Nguyen. "In January, we held a hat drive for pediatric cancer patients at Inova Fairfax Hospital and donated about 100 hats. We also volunteered at the holiday parties that DC Candlelighters puts on

for these children and their siblings."

Lately, though, the club members have been focusing on the upcoming race. Unlike the previous race, this one will be held in May, not June, and will be a nighttime affair, instead of daytime. "The weather's warming up, so it should be an ideal event,"

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PHOTOS COURTESY OF VALERIE NGUYEN

STAYING SAFE TOGETHER

May is National Bike Month! Expect more people biking on roads and trails. Here are some safety tips from BikeFairfax.

- SPEED LIMIT 35** Follow posted speed limits.
- STOP** Come to a complete stop at red lights and stop signs, including when turning right. Always yield to people crossing the street.
- NO TEXTING** Avoid distractions. Never text while operating a vehicle.

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Bike to School Day - May 9 and
Bike to Work Day - May 18
fairfaxcounty.gov/transportation/bike-walk

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Sandy Stallman (left), with Green Spring Gardens, gives out containers planted with vegetable seeds.



Aya Birch, 6, holds a patent leather beetle.



Imran Khachaturov, 4 and a half, tries to pet a box turtle at the Hidden Pond Nature Center table.

PHOTOS BY BONNIE HOBBS

Celebrating the Earth at Springfest



The Mulholland brothers (from left) Parker, 8, and Chase, 10, pet Fern, a 2-and-a-half-month-old bunny held by Frying Pan Park's Paul Nicholson.



Technician Tony Shockley tells Sayan Roy, 6, about this ambulance from Fire Station 15 in Chantilly.

Springfest, Fairfax County's official Earth Day and Arbor Day celebration, was held Saturday, April 21, at the Sully Historic Site in Chantilly.



Aiden Demirhan, 3, throws a soccer ball at a target.



Children play on a toy train.



Young children playing in a "sandbox" full of corn kernels.



From left are the Fairfax County Park Foundation's Margaret Thaxton, Bobbie Longworth and Brooke Nielsen at their informational booth.



Brynn Farley, 2 and a half, prepares to plant a leaf clipping in some mud.



Elise Wheeler, 2, high-fives Buddy, the anti-bullying wolf, from the county Park Authority.

International Showcase in Centreville

Talent and exotic food on display during CIF's 8th annual cultural celebration.

The 8th annual Centreville International Showcase was held Saturday, April 21, at the Korean Central Presbyterian Church in Centreville. This cultural celebration sponsored by the Centreville Immigration Forum (CIF) included an international talent show, a silent auction and 50/50 raffle, as well as exotic cuisine from a variety of local restaurants. The evening highlighted the cultural heritage of Centreville residents from such countries as Guatemala, Ireland, India, Ghana, Peru and Korea.



PHOTOS BY STEVE HIBBARD/CENTRE VIEW

Huellas de Centro America, originally from London Towne Elementary, performs.

Eric Rice-Johnston plays the bagpipes.

"The Showcase is a wonderful coming together of so many diverse groups and individuals in our community. I think it's a testament to the work that volunteers do

through the Labor Resource Center and throughout the community encouraging us to appreciate and enjoy all of the contributions from so many different groups," said CIF

President Alice Foltz. For more information on CIF, go to www.centrevilleimmigrationforum.org
— STEVE HIBBARD



Centreville High School Junior Ricardo Avalos sings "Vivir Mi Vida."



The Parade of Flags and Countries.



The Autoharp Group of Centreville Senior Center performs.



The O'Neill-James School of Irish Dance performs.



Centreville Immigration Forum and Labor Resource Center's (from left): Terry Angelotti, CIF Executive Director; John Cano, CIF Community Organizer; and Samantha Zaboli, Labor Center Manager.



JUB Cultural Center Korean drummers perform.

ENTERTAINMENT

Submit entertainment announcements at www.connectionnewspapers.com/Calendar/. The deadline is noon on Friday. Photos/artwork encouraged.

WEDNESDAY/APRIL 25

Adventures in Art. 7-8 p.m. at Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road, Chantilly. Explore the world of art through stories and art projects. Come dressed to get messy. Ages 4-7 with a caregiver. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/branches/chantilly-regional for more.

FRIDAY/APRIL 27

Erin Peterson Fund Gala. 6:30 p.m. at Foxchase Manor, 8310 Chatsworth Drive, Manassas. It has been 11 years since the college shooting that took the life of Erin Peterson. To honor her legacy, the Erin Peterson Fund was established in 2007. Since its inception the fund has awarded more than \$184,000 in grants and scholarships. The fund will hold its Inaugural Scholarship Gala with an evening of great food, fellowship and entertainment featuring musical artist Clarence T. Brown, III. Visit www.erinpeterfund.org/gala-sponsors for sponsorship and ticket information.

SATURDAY/APRIL 28

Fairfax Run for the Children. 8 a.m. at Fairfax County Courthouse Complex, 4110 Chain Bridge Road, Fairfax. Join Fairfax Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) for the 8th Annual 8K and 3K races. The superhero-themed race attracts nearly 1,000 runners and walkers, 250 volunteers, and raises almost \$85,000 each year to support Fairfax CASA's advocacy work with abused and neglected children in the community. Participants can enjoy the after race celebration, including superhero meet and greets, a DJ, free food, face painting, kids' crafts, photo booth, and more. Visit www.fairfaxrunforthechildren.com/.

SATURDAY-SUNDAY/APRIL 28-29

Deco Expo. At the Dulles Expo Center in Chantilly. The Washington D.C. Modernism Show, formerly known as the Exposition of 20th Century Decorative Arts, or the Deco Expo,



'Snow Queen'

Fairfax Ballet Junior Company Member Heather Qian rehearses for her role as Rose in Fairfax Ballet's "Snow Queen," May 19-20 at Centreville High School. For more information and tickets, visit www.fairfaxballet.com.

will mark its 35th anniversary. Held in the North Hall of the Dulles Expo Center adjacent to The D.C. Big Flea, running concurrently in the South Hall. One admission is good for both shows. Show hours are Saturday, April 28 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday, April 29 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. The \$10 admission is good for both. Visit www.dullesexpo.com.

SUNDAY/APRIL 29

Railroad Communications Event.

1-4 p.m. at the Fairfax Station Railroad Museum, 11200 Fairfax Station Road, Fairfax Station. Take part in demonstrations of the many means by which railroads communicated vital information through their networks. Ages 16 and older, \$4; 5-15, \$2; 4 and under, free. Visit www.fairfax-station.org, www.facebook.com/FFXSRR, or call 703-425-9225.

Coyote Campfire.

6:30-8 p.m. at E.C. Lawrence Park, 5040 Walney Road, Chantilly. Listen to coyote calls, take a short hike and make s'mores while you learn about this wily canine. For participants ages 4 to adult. The cost is \$8 per person, and children must be accompanied by a registered adult. Call 703-631-0013 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/eclawrence.

MONDAY/APRIL 30

Fairfax 50+ Employment Expo. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at Fairfax Marriott at Fair Oaks, 11787 Lee Jackson Memorial Highway, Fairfax. Free admission. Sponsored by Fairfax County, Jewish Council for the Aging, AARP Virginia and more. Visit <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov>

THURSDAY-SUNDAY/MAY 3-6

Centreville Library Book Sale.

Thursday, noon-8:30 p.m.; Friday, 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m.; and Sunday, 1-3 p.m. at Centreville Regional Library, 14200 St. Germain Drive, Centreville. Proceeds benefit the library and its patrons. Free admission. For more information call the library at 703-830-2223 or visit friendsofcentrevillelibrary.blogspot.com.

FRIDAY-SUNDAY/MAY 4-6

Chantilly Library Book Sale. Friday, May 4, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; Saturday, May 5, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sunday, May 6, 1-4 p.m. Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road, Chantilly. Great selection of gently used books, DVDs, CDs and audio books for children and adults. Sponsored by Friends of the Chantilly Regional Library. Free admission. Call 703-502-3883 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/events.

SATURDAY/MAY 5

Civil War Fortifications Tour. 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m., meet for a brief orientation at 8 a.m. at the Fairfax Station Railroad Museum, 11200 Fairfax Station Road, Fairfax Station. Blake Myers, noted Civil War Historian, will lead a tour of Civil War fortifications in the Clifton area as well as Centreville's Confederate Military Railroad, Saint John's Church and cemetery, Mount Gilead and several other preserved Civil War fortifications. \$20 for Museum members, \$30 for non-members. Visit www.fairfax-station.org/tours.html or call 703-425-9225.

Annual Plant Sale. 9 a.m.-noon in front of Giant Food, 5615 Stone Road, Sully Station, Centreville. Perennials, annuals and herbs for sale by Centreville Garden Club.

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SUPERHEROES WANTED!



IMAGE COURTESY OF CASA

Superheroes Wanted

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Public Hearings

Funding the Right Transportation Projects

You are invited to share comments on transportation projects that have been recommended for funding in the FY2019-2024 Six-Year Improvement Program (SYIP). Additionally, pursuant to §33.2-202, comments will be accepted for new projects valued in excess of \$25 million. The Commonwealth Transportation Board will take your comments into consideration as it develops the FY2019-2024 Six-Year Improvement Program. The program allocates public funds to highway, road, bridge, rail, bicycle, pedestrian and public transportation projects. All federally eligible projects in the SYIP will be included in the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program to document how Virginia will obligate its federal funds.

Meeting materials will be available at <http://www.ctb.virginia.gov/planning/springmeetings/default.asp> beginning April 16, 2018.

Public meetings begin at 4:00 p.m. in each of the locations except as noted below:

A formal comment period will be held at these meetings.

<p>Monday, April 16, 2018 Hampton Roads - Hampton Roads Transportation Planning Organization, 723 Woodlake Drive Chesapeake, VA 23320</p>	<p>Thursday, April 19, 2018 Lynchburg - VDOT Lynchburg District Office Ramey Memorial Auditorium 4303 Campbell Avenue Lynchburg, VA 24501</p>	<p>Tuesday, April 24, 2018 Richmond - Hilton Garden Inn 800 Southpark Boulevard Colonial Heights, VA 23834</p>
<p>Monday, April 30, 2018* Northern Virginia - Northern Virginia District Office Potomac Conference Room 4975 Alliance Drive Fairfax, VA 22030</p> <p>*meeting begins at 5:30 p.m.</p>	<p>Thursday, May 3, 2018 Staunton - Holiday Inn and Conference Center 152 Fairway Lane Staunton, VA 24402</p>	<p>Monday, May 7, 2018 Culpeper - Culpeper District Auditorium 1601 Orange Road Culpeper, VA 22701</p>
<p>Tuesday May 8, 2018 Fredericksburg - Germanna Community College Workforce and Technology Center 10000 Germanna Point Drive, Fredericksburg, VA 22408</p>	<p>Thursday, May 10, 2018 Salem - Holiday Inn Valley View 3315 Ordway Drive NW Roanoke, VA 24017</p>	<p>Monday, May 14, 2018 Bristol - Southwest Virginia Higher Education Center One Partnership Circle Abingdon, VA 24210</p>

You can also submit your comments by email or mail by May 30, 2018:

For roads and highways: Six-YearProgram@VDOT.Virginia.gov, or Infrastructure Investment Director, Virginia Department of Transportation 1401 East Broad St., Richmond, VA 23219.

For rail and public transportation: DRPTPR@drpt.virginia.gov, Public Information Office, Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation 600 East Main Street, Suite 2102, Richmond VA, 23219.

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The Gaffney home.



The Healy home.

PHOTOS BY GINNY AX

Four Homes to See at Clifton Homes Tour and Silent Auction

The 46th annual event is set for May 18.

The Clifton Community Woman's Club is preparing the 46th Annual Clifton Homes Tour and Silent Auction on Friday, May 18. Tour: 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Silent Auction: 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. at the Clifton Presbyterian Church. Proceeds benefit their 501(c)(3) Charitable Trust and are distributed to local scholarships and charities.

There will be guided tours of four elegant homes in Clifton. Tour a farm house built in 1900 with furniture and antiques specific to Virginia. In another home, see how bold colors and true Williamsburg style combine to create a fun family atmosphere. A third home balances natural elements and 18th century proportion. Finally, don't miss the Georgian hilltop manor with Virginia-made furniture, original artwork, and active artist's studio. Free guided tours are offered for two historic churches: Clifton Baptist Church (1910) and Clifton Primitive Baptist Church (1871). Visit Silent Auction, Trinkets and Treasures, and wreath sale at the Clifton Presbyterian Church.

Tour tickets may be purchased in advance at local shops, online at www.cliftoncwc.org, and at the Clifton Presbyterian Church the day of the tour. Tickets: \$25 in advance, \$30 the day of the tour, \$10 for 1 home. Free admission to events at the Clifton Presbyterian Church. Visit www.cliftoncwc.org or contact Kay at kaygilbert@cox.net for more information.

The four homes on the tour include:

The Gaffney Home

The Gaffneys' Virginia Colonial Style home sits on an elevated property in Balmoral of Clifton. Laurie and Peter fell in love with Williamsburg, Va. early in their marriage while visiting Kingsmill on the James for a golf trip. The Gaffneys then designed their Balmoral home in keeping with Carter's Grove, a historic home in Williamsburg. Laurie was also inspired by a home in her own collectible Department



Free tours of two churches will be offered as an added feature for the Clifton Homes Tour on Friday, May 18. Clifton Baptist Church was built in 1910.



The Clifton Primitive Baptist Church was built in 1871.

56 Christmas Village.

Upon your entering the home, Laurie's love of Colonial Williamsburg is evident. Richly saturated paint colors and French reproduction Thibault wallpapers adorn the walls. Carefully selected Williamsburg tiles create the fireplace surround in the elegant living room. The large open family room is the heart of the home and a tasteful blend of Colonial Williamsburg and modern day family life. Laurie has a home-based baking business, Clifton Cupcakes. The generous kitchen with double ovens and ample counter space is home to many tasty creations. A restful seating area with a fireplace off of the kitchen is the perfect spot for a cup of afternoon coffee and a good book. This area provides access to an outside patio with hot tub, dining area, and an outdoor fireplace and seating group.

The fully finished basement houses a custom bar, air hockey, pool table, media area, music room, guest room, and Peter's software business. Always the house where the kids like to go, this space is perfect for family fun and action-packed entertaining.

You can reach the second level by either a front foyer staircase or a back staircase from the kitchen. The master suite is adorned with a dramatic Drexel Heritage bed, chaise lounge and crystal lamps. An open walkway takes you to the adjoining boys' bedrooms and a girl's room with a private bath.

Attention to detail, bold use of color, and a true Williamsburg style make this an elegant family home.

Floral Designs by the Dominion Valley Garden Club

The Healy Home

The Healys designed and built this impressive Balmoral home in 1997. Tom Healy is a builder and you will appreciate his mastery of classical eighteenth century proportion and detail in the timeless facade. Inside, he and his wife Mary Beth chose architectural ornamentation from the same period, such as large cased openings, Corinthian pilasters, Palladian windows, a

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The Jackson home.



The Mulrooney home.

PHOTOS BY CINNY AX

Homes Tour

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broad staircase and warm hardwood floors—walnut on the main floor and cherry upstairs.

This is a home built with family gatherings and entertaining in mind. A recent renovation created one open space incorporating the kitchen, casual dining and family room. Here the furnishings are on a large scale, including a farmhouse trestle table with ladder back chairs, the family room with coffered ceiling, stone fireplace and rich leather seating fit for a crowd. The new kitchen will make you swoon. It is as beautiful as it is functional. Soft cream cabinets, a stone accent wall, deluxe appliances, bell jar pendant lights, and a raised fireplace all surround the star of the show which is a huge island topped by a dramatically patterned slab of granite and inset with a hammered copper sink. Nearby, Tom's study is replete with references to his favorite pastimes, most of which have to do with football, skiing and fishing. Pocket doors lead directly to the most inviting home gym, surrounded by three walls of windows overlooking the backyard. Even the couchiest of potatoes would be hard pressed to resist a quick workout here.

Another great family hangout is the lower level which was just renovated this year. There is something for every generation to enjoy with a pool table, air hockey, media room, a portable sauna and a spectacular 1,200 bottle wine room.

On your way out, stop by the pool which is beautifully landscaped for privacy. It includes a stone patio with fire pit, hot tub, built in grill and a charming furnished pool house. This is just one more spot for the Healys to gather for special times with their family and friends.

PARKING: On the street. Floral designs by The Clifton Community Woman's Club

The Jackson Home

The Jacksons' classic Georgian manor commands a hilltop position in Glencairn surrounded by stately trees and sweeping

lawns. A gracious foyer sets the stage for the rest of the house with its curved staircase, marble floors, exquisite Regency style Maitland-Smith furnishings, and a huge American Rococo giltwood pier mirror made in Philadelphia in 1860 and still housing its original mercury glass. The adjacent cherry paneled library is Scott's domain, surrounded by sentimental references to his family's heritage as Texas cowboys. It's all here—longhorns, found animal skulls, ancestral photos, and a large Frederic Remington reproduction sculpture. The Jacksons also own "Senterfitt Farms" in Madison, Virginia, purveyors of excellent beef to all of us who shop at Wegmans.

Themes echo as you continue through the dining room and beyond. Look for palace Oriental rugs, elegant Maitland-Smith furniture, other wooden pieces crafted by E.A. Clore Sons, their neighbors in Madison, and Blair's whimsical collections—hands, teapots, miniature chairs. She also displays cherished heirlooms such as a delicate dress from her infancy, her mother's cut glass collection in the dining room display cabinet and perfume bottles on her dressing table, a large soup ladle from Lady Bird Johnson, and a magnificent silver tea service which was an engagement gift to her grandparents. All of these riches notwithstanding, the unique treasures of this home are on the walls and come from Blair's own hand. She is a master photographer and quintessential artist. She is the president of the Metropolitan Washington Colored Pencil Society. For most of us, this is the first time we will see this medium extensively exhibited in all of its meticulous and vibrant artistry. Her works adorn each room in abundance, along with pieces by her similarly talented friends. Works by her sister-in-law, Kay Jackson, are in a different style and just as distinctive — oils on wood panels with gold, palladium, and silver leaf. To get a glimpse into the mind and method of an artist, don't miss Blair's studio, housing a large drafting table, thousands of colored pencils and other supplies, and "idea boards" to inspire her work.

PARKING: On the street. Floral designs by The Garden Club of Fairfax

The Mulrooney Home

The Mulrooney Home is located a half mile outside of the historic Clifton. In the 19th century this property sat on 140 acres. This house was burned during the Civil War and rebuilt afterwards. The house burned again in 1900 due to a kitchen fire. The 1900 house is a two over two Virginia farm house – two rooms on the first floor and two bedrooms above them. The many handmade bricks found on the property from an earlier structure are used to edge the south facing old well garden.

You feel you are walking into a special place from the past when you walk to the front door up the front brick walkway under the two old silver maples. You enter the home's main parlor which has a wood burning fireplace, the original 1901 heart pine floors and staircase banister. A beautiful antique walnut drop front desk is located to the right of the fireplace. Antique fashion advertising prints for ladies' wear from 1899 to 1901 decorate the wall over the couch. A primitive bench sits outside the small coat closet under the stairs.

An addition with a kitchen, bath, and master bedroom was added in between 1920 and 1950. A large addition for a family room, master bedroom and mudroom was built in 1991. The kitchen was renovated in 2005. Additional upgrades and remodels were done to all the baths in 2014. Attention to detail and traditional design has kept these modern upgrades true to the period of the original home.

The old laundry room in the back now houses two old pieces from the great grandson of Robert E. Lee. This room exits to a charming side porch with a new slate floor. More pieces from the Robert E. Lee family can be found in the family room, a primitive trunk and a painted green chest. Jackie's black and white family photos, an

antique tobacco knife from Richmond, 1935 radio, and miniature oil lamps also adorn the family room. The dining room is furnished with her grandmother's Kittinger set with its handmade needlepoint on the chair seats. It also houses her collection of antique teacups, crystal and paperweights. Colorful handmade Persian rugs can be found throughout the home.

The second story with its original banister and railing also boasts heart pine floors. Jackie restored the trim on the 1850s walnut Lincoln bed in the south guest bedroom. An 1850s "butter print" chest and Victorian frames complement this period room. Four antique German exotic bird prints hang in the upper hallway.

The new master bedroom and master bath have cathedral ceilings. The original master bedroom is now the master bedroom sitting room. A small French inlaid antique side table in the master bedroom is very similar to the one in the opening of the PBS series Downton Abbey. An early American antique dresser from a West Virginia estate sits opposite the bed. The gardens underwent a renaissance from 2005 to 2014 to install deer-resistant foundation plantings including box woods, lamb's ear, English laurels, Goshiki false hollies and spireas to name a few. An abundance of birds including a golden eagle have been spotted. A renovated four-stall barn circa 1940 with tack room and wash room sits at the end of the driveway. Jackie's herb garden is located behind the barn. A regulation size dressage ring is situated on the southeast side of the property. The Mulrooneys do not have horses but use the five acres to rescue and rehabilitate German Shepherds. Additionally, they have set aside 3 acres as a butterfly sanctuary. The milkweed and butterfly bushes bring twelve different species of butterflies in summer.

PARKING: A shuttle will run from the Presbyterian Church to this home. The trip is less than five minutes. Please park at the Presbyterian Church or nearby.

Floral Designs by the Rocky Run Garden Club.

Lucky Half Penny

Supervisors intend to drop a half-cent from the proposed 2.5 cent increase in real estate tax rate

BY KEN MOORE

The Board of Supervisors will drop one half cent for the FY 2019 advertised budget. “This is the fewest number of changes we’ve made to the budget in recent years. And I think a lot of that is a reflection on our desire to fund a lot of needs that exist in the county,” said Lee District Supervisor Jeff McKay, at the board’s budget committee meeting on Friday, April 19.

The board meets on Tuesday, April 23, after the Connection’s presstime, for a full-day to make changes to the advertised budget, the markup process.

The Board of Supervisors will officially adopt its FY 2019 Budget on May 1.

“The recommendation is to go from a two and a half cent increase to a two cent increase, so going to \$1.15 as the new rate for FY 2019,” said Joe Mondoro, the county’s chief financial officer/director.

That translates to a drop from \$268 to \$241 for the average taxpayer on this year’s

real estate bill.

“We need to identify \$12.3 million,” said Mondoro. “We are doing that in proportions, schools and county, just as we did with the building of the budget, so the impact is felt by both and as a result of the actions will maintain the 52.8 percent allocation to schools and will maintain the same growth rate for county and schools. That growth rate will be 4.2 percent as a result of this action. For the school side, the adjustment is \$3.6 million.”

Supervisors expressed concern that they are providing more money to schools for teacher salaries, but schools plan to spend more than \$17 million of the funds for administrators, not teachers.

“The bottom line, for me, is that they are still talking very significant increases for administrators in one year,” said John Foust, Dranesville District supervisor.

SEVERAL SUPERVISORS complained that they needed detailed information from the schools about raises for administrators,

but they hadn’t gotten that information as the vote approaches.

“I don’t think we have the information we need to get them that money,” said Foust.

“We’re hoping we’re going to have more definitive numbers before we have to act on this,” said McKay. “The point is, we should have that information and we should be able to view it and we should be able to have it sooner rather than later since we have to take action on this on Tuesday.”

“Tuesday is going to come real quick,” said Foust. “They have to lay it out.”

Pat Herrity added that School Board members hadn’t gotten the answers to these questions either.

IN AN UNUSUAL TWIST, the General Assembly has still not approved the budget, injecting some uncertainty to how much the county and schools can expect to receive.

But overall, the news on state funding appeared to be good, with additional revenue from the state included in all three versions of the state budget, House of Del-

egates, Senate and Governor.

“As the board is aware, there is not yet a state budget. However, the \$900,000 that we’re identifying here is included in all three the Governor, the House and the Senate versions of the budget so staff felt comfortable that recognizing this amount of money add on, which is typically what we would do, made sense,” said Mondoro.

“And so the addition of that \$900,000 to the advertised balance that the county executive identified for you in February of \$3.9 million means going into markup there’s \$4.8 million available to the board,” he said.

Negotiations continue at the state level about expanding Medicaid, with the House of Delegates’ and Governor’s versions of the budget including the expansion. With expansion of Medicaid comes significant extra funding.

“Should Medicaid expansion happen, we should make sure as quickly as possible that we sit down back at this table and take a look at the results of that will be,” Chairman Sharon Bulova said.

Honoring the Past; Focused on the Future

FACETS celebrates 30th annual “Opening Doors” Benefit Breakfast.

BY ANDREA WORKER

Television station NBC4’s Northern Virginia Bureau Chief Julie Carey emceed the event at the Marriott Fairview Park, celebrating the 30th birthday of non-profit FACETS at the group’s annual “Opening Doors” Breakfast. For its years of community service, FACETS received many kudos, but as Carey and others noted, meeting FACETS’s clients, hearing their stories of struggle and of success, and focusing on the future and understanding how much more has yet to be done, was the main mission of the day.

FACETS has been tackling the causes and consequences of poverty and homelessness in Fairfax County since July of 1988, when founder Linda Wimpey started a “hot meals” program for the people she saw in need, delivering food three nights a week with the assistance of a few area churches.

Thirty years later, that simple outreach effort has evolved into a multi-faceted operation. FACETS still offers hot meals and supplies from their emergency pantry, but now, armed with a staff of professionals and the aid of some 50 faith-based communities and scores of volunteers, the organization can do more to support families and individuals living in poverty, or who are homeless or at risk of becoming so.

Case managers work with single adults and families, helping to stabilize them, avoiding eviction where possible, offering temporary accommodations where needed and assisting them toward achieving permanent housing. Parents and families receive support and training in financial, computer and life skills and are guided in accessing the tools and services needed to

improve their lives. Clients are also connected with medical resources, including mental health services.

Not satisfied with addressing the needs of the moment, FACETS seeks to break the poverty cycle by providing programs for children and teens — help with homework, mentoring, school supplies, and college or career planning — just some of the offerings. In FY2015, 301 youth participated in FACETS community programs. Nearly 65 percent of those who had educational assistance achieved honor roll status, and all of the graduating seniors went on to higher forms of education.

IN THE WINTER, FACETS also partners with the county and a number of faith-based communities to operate the Hypothermia Prevention Program, offering overnight accommodations, meals and other services to the homeless.

Ralph Menzel, president of the West Springfield Rotary Club, presented Wimpey with a certificate from the Rotarians, recognizing her service to neighbors in need.

In his remarks honoring Wimpey during the breakfast, U.S. Rep. Gerry Connolly (D-11) credited her with sparking his own dedication years ago to solving the problem of poverty and homelessness in Fairfax County, taking him and his young daughter on a “ride-along” to serve meals to area homeless.

“It was eye-opening,” said Connolly. “People were literally coming up out of culverts to get a hot meal. There were men in business suits. I couldn’t believe what I was seeing in our own backyard.”

Connolly praised Wimpey and all of FACETS as being instrumental in the develop-



NBC4 Northern Virginia Bureau Chief Julie Carey was the emcee for the FACETS’ 30th Annual “Opening Doors” Breakfast. Carey was joined by FACETS Executive Director Joe Fay, Case Manager Robert Tindall (left) and Michael O’Reilly, chair of the Fairfax-Falls Church Partnership to Prevent and End Homelessness (right) before the start of the program.

ment of the county’s official response to the issue. During Connolly’s tenure on the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, first as Providence District supervisor and then as board chair, the county’s governing body embraced the goal, establishing an Office to Prevent and End Homelessness.

“There’s been a 47 percent reduction in homelessness in our community,” said Connolly. “More to do, but good steps in the right direction.” Connolly also brought a recognition — an official Congressional Proclamation honoring FACETS — that received unanimous Congressional approval. “That really says something about your work. That’s not something you see these days.”

Accepting the declaration was Joe Fay,

executive director of FACETS, who said that the credit goes to all of the staff, volunteers and supporters of the organization. “You all give with your hearts and your hands.”

Fay acknowledged that the “next 30 years will bring an even greater challenge” as the costs of housing and basic needs continue to increase. More education, training and support will be needed to help residents gain employment that will achieve FACETS’s mission — a community “where everyone has a place to call home.” Fay said that the FACETS team is working to meet those increasing demands.

THREE OF THE FACETS’ CLIENTS agreed to tell their stories to the attendees, although without publication of their surnames.

Pam spoke for herself and her husband Chris. They had experienced almost four years of transitory housing or homelessness, even though they both worked. “It just wasn’t enough to make it,” said Pam.

Rachel, who had earned a nursing degree in Florida, fell on hard times when she escaped an untenable family situation there and moved to the area with her partner. “It was really humbling. I never thought this could happen to me. Now, I may not have much, but I have my own place and a place to put my things.” Rachel is hopeful that she will one day soon be “a nurse in one of our fine hospitals here.”

Howa, from a Somali refugee family, participated in FACETS’ youth program, crediting the staff and her mentors there with helping her to graduate from Old Dominion University. “My case worker even came on the admissions tour and asked all of the questions I never thought to ask.”

CAMPS & SCHOOLS Affording Summer Camp

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL

For families with a limited budget, paying for camp can be a challenge.

One of the great pleasures of summer is going to camp. From kayaking and rock climbing to horseback riding and sailing, camp is a place where lifelong memories are created. A recent study by the non-profit, global policy think tank RAND Corporation shows that voluntary summer programs like camp have a significant, positive impact on low-income students during a time when they fall behind their wealthier peers both academically and socially.

Katie Crump, a case manager at Interfaith Works, a non-profit organization dedicated to helping the poor and underserved, says that the luxury of summer camp often eludes those who need it most.

"The opportunity of attending a real summer camp is a big thing for them. Unfortunately, this experience can be unattainable due to the high cost and finding transportation among other things," said Crump. "Attending summer camp affords kids a special and important experience that's all their own. It allows kids to be kids, something that is particularly vital for low-income children who are often forced to deal with the burdens of adulthood at a young age."

Despite the cost of summer camp, keeping children engaged during the stretch of time between June and August when school is not in session is a critical part of their

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development, says Jerome Short, Ph.D., associate professor of psychology at George Mason University.

"Summer camps give opportunities for children to develop social, emotional, cognitive, and behavioral skills," he said. "Some research shows that higher [socioeconomic status] children increase academic and behavioral skills over the summer and lower [socioeconomic status] children lose skills over the summer. Research shows that lower [socioeconomic status] children benefit from learning social and behavioral skills in different settings with new peers and challenges to apply their skills."

Even with limited resources, summer camps can still be accessible, says Tom Rosenberg, president and CEO of the American Camp Association (ACA). "There is a camp for every budget," he said "[Most] ACA-accredited camps provide some form of scholarship assistance. Reach out to the camp directly to ask about specific financial aid and scholarship options."

The RAND study also showed that even though low-income students can lose up to two months of math and reading skills over

the summer, high-quality summer programs can bridge that gap. Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) camps are an example of programs that can be effective, but possibly unaffordable for some families.

Wolftrap and Colvin Run elementary schools in Fairfax County will be the site of a non-profit STEM camp called Camp Invention. Organized by the National Inventors Hall of Fame (NIHF), the hands-on program is designed for children in kindergarten through sixth grade. Through activities like building robots and designing gadgets, campers get a sense of what it's like to be a physicist or engineer.

"The program has sponsors that provide funding that's used to help underrepresented kids attend the camps," said Ken Torisky, spokesman for National Inventors Hall of Fame. "The money is distributed to students by the school district."

Options for financial assistance for summer camp run the gamut from discounts for dependents of those serving in the military to camp funding offered by churches, synagogues, and civic organizations. "I would suggest to parents that they look into their child being sponsored by a local business to attend a camp or look into payment plan options at a camp that they are interested in attending," advised Stacie Gottlieb, director, Bullis Summer and Extended Day

Programs in Potomac, Md.

While Bullis does not offer financial assistance for summer camp, Gottlieb says that there are discounts for early registration and registering for multiple weeks of camp.

Parents should check to see if a camp participates in U.S. government assistance programs, particularly those with income eligibility requirements, like Title XX, advises Rosenberg. While it might be too late for this summer, he encourages parents to explore Dependent Care Flexible Spending Accounts and a Child and Dependent Care tax credit through the FSA Feds website: <https://www.fsafeds.com/>.

"I generally think lower income children benefit when they have access to the same opportunities as upper-income children and also gain cultural skills and knowledge important to upward mobility when they have opportunity to interact with upper-income kids," said Amy L. Best, Ph.D., professor and chair, Department of Sociology and Anthropology at George Mason University. "I also think upper-income kids gain mightily when they have genuine interactions with kids from other class backgrounds. Because empathy, cross cultural understanding, and an ability to work in diverse groups are skills that this new century demands, having opportunities to hone those skills are of value for all involved."

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Making Prom Dreams Come True

Fairfax County Public School (FCPS) marketing students from Centreville High School and the Fair Oaks Classroom on the Mall program opened the annual Fair Oaks Prom Dress Shop earlier this month. The dress shop, which has been in business for 12 years, has helped hundreds of financially challenged students attend prom in style each spring.

Donations of stylish, high-quality, dry-cleaned prom dresses and select accessories can either be dropped off in the main office of Centreville High School between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 3 p.m. or at the shop in Fair Oaks Mall during the shop hours listed below.

Centreville High School Fashion Marketing students started collecting donated dresses in 2006 as a way to combine their interests in fashion with community service. They came to the conclusion that students would not feel comfortable "shopping" for a

dress at school. They decided to set up the shop in another location to give students a more authentic shopping experience, which led them to partner with the Fair Oaks Classroom on the Mall program.

The Fair Oaks Prom Dress Shop is located on the lower level of Fair Oaks Mall behind the barricade between the Sleep Number store and Helzberg Diamonds. Students from any area high school — not just FCPS — who are in need of a prom dress and do not have the funds to purchase one can come and choose from hundreds of donated dresses and accessories. They must show a valid student ID, or other form of school identification, in order to anonymously select a free dress during the following store hours: Friday, May 4, 4 to 7 p.m.; Saturday, May 5, 2 to 5 p.m.; Sunday, May 6, 1 to 4 p.m.; Friday, May 25 4 to 7 p.m.; Saturday, May 26, 2 to 5 p.m.; and Sunday, May 27, 1 to 4 p.m.

ROUNDUPS

Free Carseat Inspections

Certified technicians from the Sully District Police Station will perform free, child safety carseat inspections Thursday, April 26, 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.

Erin Peterson Fund Plans Gala

It has been 11 years since the Virginia Tech shooting that took the life of Erin Peterson. To honor Erin's legacy of academic excellence, her kindness, and empathy for those in need, the Erin Peterson Fund was established. Since its inception the fund has awarded more than \$184,000 in grants and scholarships.

On Friday, April 27, the fund will hold its Inaugural Scholarship Gala at Foxchase Manor in Manassas. Participants will hit the red carpet at 6:30 p.m. for an evening of food, fellowship and entertainment featuring musical artist Clarence T. Brown, III. The Erin Peterson Fund (EPF) was established May 9, 2007 as a result of gifts and monetary donations from

all over the United States.

The Fund, a 501(c) (3) non-profit organization, continues Erin's legacy to work to change the lives of young people. Visit <http://www.erinpeterfund.org/gala-sponsors> for sponsorship and ticket information.

Clean Out Medicine Cabinets

Take advantage of a free, convenient, confidential, and safe disposal of unused or expired medications during Operation Medicine Cabinet Cleanout on Saturday, April 28. Drop off medications (pills or liquids only, no pressurized canisters or needles) at the Fair Oaks District Station, 12300 Lee Jackson Memorial Highway, Fairfax, or the Sully District Station, 4900 Stonecroft Boulevard, Chantilly, between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.

Westfields Triathlon Is May 6

The Westfields Triathlon is Sunday, May 6, at 7 a.m. The race starts and ends at the Cub Run Rec Center, 4630 Stonecroft Blvd. in Chantilly, and is organized by the Westfields Business Owners Association. Proceeds benefit Team Rubicon and PRS (Psychiatric Rehabilitation Services). Register at <http://rev3tri.com/westfields/registration/>. Team Rubicon's primary mission is providing disaster relief to those affected by natural disasters, be they domestic or international.

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said Nguyen. “We have a deejay for the dance party on the turf field, the raffle will be held throughout the evening and a pizza dinner from Domino’s is included in the registration price.”

Raffle items include gift cards to several restaurants, including Dickey’s Barbecue Pit and P.F. Chang’s, and to hair salons including Mara Hair Studio. Peterson’s Ice Cream Depot in Clifton is donating a pass for free ice cream for the season, and movie tickets and other entertainment opportunities will be raffled off, as well.

This year, all event proceeds will go to Team Mathias (<https://www.teammathias.org/>). Nguyen hopes 150 people will sign up to participate; her goal is to raise more than \$10,000 for this charity. For more information, contact the race director at wildcatsvscancer@gmail.com.

“We chose Team Mathias because he passed away at the age of 13 due to osteosarcoma [cancer of the bone] – the same type of cancer my sister had,” said Nguyen. “Cecilia was also 13 when she died, so we’re doing this festival in her memory, too. By holding this event, we hope to illuminate Cecilia’s spirit. She may be physically gone, but her bright soul lives within each of us through our actions in honor of her.”

But there’s another reason, as well, and it’s important, too, said Nguyen. “Not only will this make people more aware of childhood cancer, but they’ll realize that this can happen to anyone,” she said. “And for us able-bodied people, it’s our obligation and responsibility to stand up for children and families who are busy fighting for their lives.”

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SUNDAY/MAY 20

Young Women Leadership Program. U.S. Rep. Barbara Comstock R-10) is accepting applications for the summer 2018 session of the 10th Congressional District Young Women Leadership Program. This program provides young women enrolled in middle school and high school the opportunity to meet and interact with women in leadership positions in government, medicine, technology, philanthropy, business, and more. This program is scheduled to begin mid-June and will continue through the end of August. The deadline to apply is Sunday, May 20. Call 202-225-5136 or visit comstock.house.gov.

REVIVE! Training. 3 p.m. at 4213 Walney Road, Chantilly. REVIVE! trains individuals on what to do and not do in an overdose situation, how to administer naloxone, and what to do afterwards. Each attendee also receives a free REVIVE! kit, which includes all the supplies needed to administer naloxone. The medication itself can be acquired at a pharmacy after completing the training. Attendees also receive a safety plan to help individuals prevent overdose if they relapse. REVIVE! is a program of the Commonwealth of Virginia that makes naloxone (Narcan) available to lay rescuers to reverse opioid overdoses. Opioids include licit medications like hydrocodone and oxycodone, in addition to illicit drugs like heroin. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/community-services-board/facility/a-new-beginning for more information. Advance registration required at 703 502-7021 or 703 502-7016.

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You Mean Tomorrow Tuesday?



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

Not that deadlines don't happen in the newspaper business; of course they do, every Tuesday for us weeklies. But when combined with my usual post-chemotherapy malaise, it is a bit more challenging. More so when the deadline is tightened up due to the nature of hitting and occasionally missing in-house communications, which is also not unreasonable given the multiple demands multi tasking imposes.

Compounding this task even more is that until I'm back to semi post-chemo normal, in the interim, I am not eating too much, not sleeping well, have low energy (related to the previous two deficiencies), my hands are shaky, my balance is off and I'm having some difficulty focusing. It's a good thing I'm sitting at a desk while attempting to write this column because operating any heavy machinery would definitely be out of the question. What I need to do is mind my own business.

Business which at the moment involves fending off my buff-colored male cat, Chino, as he angles to sit on my writing pad as I move him from left to right – and then right to left since he won't take “Chino, move!” for a directive. But if I know anything, other than what to expect post chemo, I also know what to expect from Chino – or any of the other cats we manage: independence, as any fellow cat owner knows. Unlike a “true and loyal dog,” a cat, generally speaking, is not inclined to respond to your commands, well, too many of them, anyway. Nor are they likely to respond to any physical discipline and/or pushing/pulling/redirection. Invariably, if you push, they pull. If you pull, they push.

How Chino knows I'm not feeling well and on an unanticipated and abbreviated deadline, I'll never know. But rather than leave me to it, he'll interfere every way possible: nuzzling, nudging, leaning, rubbing, meowing, moving about and plopping down when all else fails. If you love cats as we do, this is their charm. If you don't love them and their antics, I can see how this kind of behavior can be very frustrating.

I mean, with all this activity, it's difficult to think about what I'm supposed to be doing when I'm so busy preventing things from getting done. I imagine Chino thinks he's doing me a favor, being so affectionate and so in the way. Maybe he thinks he's contributing to the creative process by sitting in the middle of my writing pad? In a way, maybe he is. He's forcing me to concentrate. Moreover, he's forcing me to focus on this most immediate task which, at the moment, has me fending him off with my left wrist while I'm scribbling prose with my right hand. Oddly enough, it might be working as I'm three-quarters finished with this column which 30 minutes ago was a weekend task until it became a today/Tuesday task.

Now if I didn't have a CT scan and lower abdomen MRI scheduled for Wednesday, I'd have a bit more time to sort out the details of writing this column. Unfortunately, post-chemo, mid-newspaper deadline and pre-scan is a triple threat which sometimes can impose its will. A ‘will’ which I take personally so I will persevere and complete this column with one final paragraph now that Chino has left my desk and likely ended up on some unoccupied couch to sleep; he's had a big day.

All kidding aside, if there's one behavior I need more than any other during these deadline triple threats, it's companionship. Because of Chino and our other four cats: Andrew, Sloane, Biscuit and Twinkle, I am never alone and always have someone to talk to who, occasionally talks back. Not that we understand one another, but it's giving and getting, and it's loving and affecting – me and my cancer; and everything in between.

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Clifton 5K Run. 6-9 p.m. in the Town of Clifton, at the intersection of Clifton Road, Newman Road and Main Street. Calling all runners and walkers – register for the 21st Annual Clifton Caboose Twilight Run, a 5K run and a 1-mile run/walk that winds its way through scenic Virginia horse country. The family-friendly event includes a post-race party with refreshments and live music. 5k run, \$21; 1-mile fun run/walk, \$15. Visit

www.signmeup.com/123989 to register by Wednesday, May 2; after May 2, register on site. Call 703-968-0740 or visit www.cliftonva.org/events/clifton-5k-race.

Festival to Fight Cancer. 6:30 p.m. at Centreville High School track, 6001 Union Mill Road, Clifton. Centreville's Wildcats vs. Cancer club is holding a neon, nighttime, glow run featuring a 1-mile fun run/walk and 2-mile race. The fun includes a dance party on the infield, DIY glow face-painting, a selfie station with props, vendors, raffle-prize drawings and free, post-race food and beverages. Prizes will be awarded for the best glowing costumes. Signups are now open to participate at runsignup.com/Race/VA/Clifton/

FestivaltoFightCancer. Registration is \$20 and, this year, all proceeds will go to Team Mathias (www.teammathias.org/). Email wildcatsvscancer@gmail.com for more.

SATURDAY-SUNDAY/MAY 5-6

Two-Day HO Gauge Model Train Show. Saturday, noon-5 p.m.; Sunday, noon-4 p.m. at the Fairfax Station Railroad Museum, 11200 Fairfax Station Road, Fairfax Station. The Fairfax Station Railroad Museum will host the Potomac Module Crew and their HO Gauge model trains. Ages 16 and older, \$4; 5-15, \$2; 4 and under, free. Visit www.fairfax-station.org, www.facebook.com/

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Shore Stories. 6:30-9 p.m. at Centreville Library, 14200 St. Germaine Drive, Centreville. Join us for a Special Screening and Discussion of Shore Stories, exposing the impacts of offshore drilling on coastal communities and the climate. Free. Email ccarver27@gmail.com or visit virginia2.sierraclub.org/.

SATURDAY/MAY 12

Liberty Vendor Fair. 11 a.m.-4 p.m. at Liberty Middle School, 6801 Union Mill Road, Clifton. Admission is free. Email sean.david.foster@gmail.com.

BULLETIN BOARD

Submit civic/community announcements at ConnectionNewspapers.com/Calendar. Photos and artwork welcome. Deadline is Thursday at noon, at least two weeks before event.

DOCENTS WANTED.

Docents Needed. Sundays 1-4 p.m. at the Fairfax Station Railroad Museum, 11200 Fairfax Station Road in Fairfax Station. Greet museum visitors and tell them about the exhibits, the museum and the its railroad and Civil War history. Ideal for people who live in the Fairfax, Burke, Clifton or Fairfax Station area and want to contribute to the local community through volunteerism. This is a perfect opportunity for those interested in railroads, the Civil War and Northern Virginia history. Training and orientation provided. Other volunteer opportunities are gardening, publicity and exhibit planning. Call Michael at 703-945-7483.

SATURDAY/APRIL 28

A Community Conversation about the Opioid Crisis. 1-5 p.m. at Epiphany Episcopal Church, 3301 Hidden Meadow Drive, Herndon. For students in 7th-12th grades and their parents. Register online at epiphanyes.org/occc. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/community-services-board/news/2018/battling-opioid-crisis.

FRIDAY-SUNDAY/MAY 4-6

Volunteers Needed to Pack Meals. Friday, 9:30 a.m.-10 p.m.; Saturday, 9 a.m.-10 p.m.; and Sunday, 9 a.m.-5:30 p.m. at Dulles Expo Center, 4320 Chantilly Shopping Center, Chantilly. Community members will fight world hunger by packing food for starving children through a partnership between New Hope Church (Lorton) and nonprofit Feed My Starving Children (FMSC). Visit www.2018foodfight.com.

THURSDAY/MAY 17

Safe Driving While Aging. 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. at Lord of Life Lutheran Church, 13421 Twin Lakes Drive, Clifton. NV Rides will host workshops offering tips and best practices to help older drivers stay on the road safely, and for as long as possible. Free. RSVP requested at Ginac@nvrives.org or 703 537-3070.

TUESDAY/MAY 22

Primary Candidate Forum. 6-7:30 p.m. at Chantilly High School Auditorium, 4201 Stringfellow Road, Chantilly. Free. Last chance to hear from all six Democratic candidates for the 10th Congressional District before the June 12th primary vote. Robert McCartney, Senior Regional Correspondence and Associate Editor for the Washington Post, will be the moderator. Visit www.sullydemocrats.org.

Fight Back Against Fraud!



AARP
Fraud Watch Network



Join us for a free fraud fighting event

Every day, hundreds of local residents lose their hard-earned money to a variety of fraud schemes. In fact, every 2 seconds, a con artist steals someone's identity!

To strike back against scammers, AARP Virginia and Fairfax County Government's Silver Shield Task Force are bringing together top experts and law enforcement officials to present at a free informational Scam Jam.

The presenters will discuss scams targeting Virginians, such as fake solicitor schemes, bogus investment deals, lottery scams, email fraud, a grandparent ruse and the latest identity theft shams.

FREE FRAUD EVENT

Saturday, April 28, 2018 | 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

*shred truck will be on-site from 8 a.m. – Noon

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Light refreshments and lunch will be served. Registration is required at aarp.cvent.com/OSSFairfax or call **1-877-926-8300**.

Your documents will be shredded on-site free of charge. No quantity limit. Please, no plastics or electronics.

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