

Alex Berglie, 3, of the Newgate neighborhood in Centreville, tries the French horn. Sharie Stegeman is a flute player with the City of Fairfax Band.

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WEEK IN FAIRFAX

Teen Is Charged with Shining Laser at Helicopter

Fairfax County police arrested an 18-year-old man after he allegedly pointed a laser light at a Fairfax County police helicopter in flight over Mantua Elementary, on Thursday, July 15, around 11:26 p.m.

The flight crew had observed a group of people on the school premises and called for ground-patrol units to assist. Police say one of the people below reportedly shined a laser light directly at the helicopter, blinding crew members.

An investigation led to the arrest of a Fairfax man. He was taken to the Adult Detention Center and charged with interfering with the operation of an aircraft and endangering the life of the aircraft's operators. If convicted, he could receive as much as five years in prison.

Penderbrook Man Is Indicted

A Loudoun County grand jury last week indicted a Penderbrook man on 16 counts of embezzlement. He is Eun Tae Lee, 50, of 12123 Wedgeway Court in Fair Oaks. Following an investigation, the Loudoun Sheriff's Office arrested him April 15.

Authorities say he reportedly stole money from SEED International – a faith-based, nonprofit in Sterling that helps poor people all over the world. Lee was the organization's former financial officer and, as such, had control of the church's bank accounts. He's accused of writing checks from these accounts to individual accounts he'd allegedly established in his own name.

On June 16 in Loudoun General District Court, the case against Lee was certified to the grand jury. Following his indictment, last Monday, July 12, he's now scheduled for a March 14, 2011 jury trial in Loudoun County Circuit Court.

Helping Keep Children Safe

City of Fairfax police, in conjunction with the Optimist Club, will be offering Safe Assured identification kits on Tuesday, July 27, and Tuesday, Aug. 3, from 9 a.m.-3 p.m., at the City of Fairfax Police Department, 3730 Old Lee Highway.

Parents will receive a full-color photo ID and a mini-CD containing digital fingerprints, a digital photo, video showing movement and mannerisms, a general physical description, vital personal information and a family code word. Private information is encrypted and accessible only by law enforcement.

Missing posters can be created and printed directly from the mini-CD in English, Spanish and French. The Safe Assured ID kits can also be used as a valuable aid for adults with special needs. The kits are free and an appointment is necessary. Go to www.fairfaxva.gov/Police/SafeAssuredIdentification.asp to download the enrollment form. Call Sgt. Pam Nevlud at 703-385-7966 for more information.

Citizen's Police Academy Offered

The Fairfax County Police Department is now accepting applications for its fall Citizen's Police Academy which runs from Sept. 9-Nov. 13. The 10-week program offers county residents a better understanding of the Police Department and a greater awareness of the daily challenges faced by its officers.

Attendees will learn about departmental resources, programs and the men and women comprising the department.

Classes combine lecture and interactive activities. Topics include SWAT and special operations, gangs, 911 communications center, patrol, crime prevention, crime scene and identity theft. A tour of the Adult Detention Center is included.

The fall Citizen's Police Academy will be held on 10 consecutive Thursday evenings. Classes meet from 6:30-10 p.m.; graduation is Saturday, Nov. 13, from 8 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Class locations will rotate to various police facilities throughout the county.

The program is free. Applicants must live or work in Fairfax County, be at least 18 and provide their own transportation to and from training. Acceptance is subject to review of the applicant's criminal record and police-contact history. Sufficient lead time is required, so applicants are encouraged to submit their

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The Sully Station SSTs with BethAnn Telford, front row center.

Committed to 'Never Give Up'

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Fairfax resident BethAnn Telford was diagnosed with brain cancer five years ago. But that doesn't stop her from participating in marathons and triathlons – or raising hundreds of thousands of dollars for the National Brain Tumor Society (NBTS).

She met Jen Chapman, coach of the Sully Station Swim Team, SST, several years ago, when they did a triathlon together. And on July 7, the team did a swim-a-thon in Telford's honor.

Some 100 members of the 125-person team first obtained pledges per lap, with people donating whatever amount they wanted. Then, between 8:30 and 11 a.m., the swimmers, ages 4-18 – plus some adults – swam a total of 6,860 laps to raise nearly \$5,000 for Team BT, Telford's fund-raising organization for the NBTS.

"It's amazing that the community has come together to do this – not just for me – but for the many that are suffering," said Telford, 41. "That's because the money goes to research to help everyone with brain tumors and brain cancer."

THE EVENT was Chapman's idea. "Each summer, we try to do some type of community service, and I've gotten closer with BethAnn since we did that race together," said Chapman. "She works and trains hard, and I thought it would be nice for the kids to see somebody whose daily life is a struggle, but she keeps pushing herself."

"I'm tough on the kids and run hard practices, so I wanted them to see how hard she pushes herself, too – and they really stepped up," continued Chapman. "They realized they weren't doing it just for themselves, but for a greater good."



From left, front row, are Brett and Emma Goerl; in back row are Ryan, Tyler and Kristi Goerl; Darrel Sanburg and BethAnn Telford.

While Telford, 41, may begrudgingly accept what life's dealt her, she also uses it as a springboard to propel her to achieve as much as she can, for as long as she's able. Indeed, looking at her – smiling and happy, fit and trim in a blue bikini at the swim-a-thon – no one would know anything's wrong with her. And she's doing her best to defy doctors' expectations.

"With my first surgery in 2005 to remove a tumor from my brain, they told me I'd have difficulty walking or running," she said. "But that fall, I ran the Marine Corps Marathon." Telford relapsed, several months later; and that fall, she had another surgery.

But that didn't stop her; and for her positive attitude, she credits her friends. "I wouldn't be here now without the support of all my friends," she said. "They keep me going. One even ran me through the Boston Marathon this year and helped me qualify."

She also did the Iron Man Triathlon in Lake Placid, last year and the year before. Said Telford:

"I really wanted to do [the Boston Marathon and the Iron Man Triathlon] after getting the diagnosis because I didn't want to lay around and think about the time I have left."

TELFORD, who works for the U.S. Government Printing Office in the District, ran and did marathons prior to her diagnosis, but not triathlons. In those events, participants must swim 2.4 miles, bike 112 miles and run 26.2 miles – all in one day. But she relished the challenge.

"I didn't want to be considered handicapped or have anyone feeling sorry for me," she explained. "I wanted to fight it, and I wanted other people to fight it, too." As a result, in the past five years, she's also raised more than \$200,000 for the National Brain Tumor Society.

"My final goal is to eventually make it to the Kona Iron Man competition, where the sport's elite go," added Telford. "My biggest saying is, 'Never, never give up.'"