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'Flight 905 Heavy' The Space Shuttle Discovery, atop its Boeing 747 carrier, prepares to end its last flight at Dulles International Airport on Tuesday, April 17. The shuttle will become part of the Smithsonian Institution's permanent collection at the Steven F. Udvar-Hazy Center in Chantilly. The flight was referred to as "flight 905 heavy" on the air traffic control channel.

Honoring Erin's Life

Remembering
Erin Peterson
in song and dance.

BY BONNIE HOBBS
CENTRE VIEW

A day before the fifth anniversary of the tragedy at Virginia Tech, two local victims — Westfield High grads Erin Peterson and Reema Samaha — were honored and remembered at Mount Olive Baptist Church in Centreville.

Erin was commemorated in song and dance, last Sunday, April 15, during the Fifth

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Students Raise Money To Educate Children in India

BY BONNIE HOBBS
CENTRE VIEW

Project LIFE 2K/5K is scheduled for Sunday, April 22.

Priya Khanna is still in high school, but she's the chairman and CEO of a non-profit organization, The Hollow

Trunk. Comprised of students from Westfield, Chantilly, Fairfax and Thomas Jefferson high schools, plus Robinson Secondary, it raises money for worthy causes.

The Hollow Trunk is currently raising funds to educate poor children in India. So this Sunday, April 22, at 8 a.m., it's holding a 2K/5K Fun Run/Walk, outside the Cub

Run Rec Center. Cost is \$25 for the 5K; \$20 for the 2K. Walkers are welcome in both events; registration information is at www.thehollowtrunk.com. Race-day registration begins at 7:45 a.m.

The USATF-certified course starts in the rec center's parking lot, goes down Stonecroft Boulevard, loops around Conference Center Drive and returns on Stonecroft to the start. The top three male and female finishers will receive gift cards donated by local merchants and restaurants. All participants will get commemorative T-shirts.

The Hollow Trunk was established in 2009 and, since then, has

donated almost \$2,000 to the Alzheimer's Association, more than \$4,000 to the Red Cross' Haitian Relief Efforts, nearly \$1,000 to INOVA Fairfax Children's Hospital and about \$1,000 to CrisisLink, a suicide-prevention and awareness organization.

The Hollow Trunk is also helping educate a young girl in Afghanistan. "We selected her through an application process," said Khanna, a Westfield senior. "We bought her a laptop and are funding four years of online education for her."

Khanna has volunteered at a home for Alzheimer's patients since 2007 and, years ago, she wanted to hold a fund-raiser for

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From left are Hollow Trunk board members Shriram Sundararaman, TJ; Shannon Parker, Fairfax High; Sarah Haug, Westfield High; Priya Khanna, Westfield; Christina Kim, Fairfax; Wills Johnston, TJ; Diana Saffarini, Chantilly High; Miles Ransom, Chantilly; Noor Siddiqui, Robinson Secondary, and Maddie Welch, Chantilly.



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Cast members of "Brenda Bly: Teen Detective" sing "Show Biz."

Student Sleuth Takes the Stage

Rocky Run Middle presents "Brenda Bly: Teen Detective."

BY BONNIE HOBBS
CENTRE VIEW

Granted, says Theater Director Julie Wharton, "Nobody's ever heard of this show, 'Brenda Bly: Teen Detective,' but it's funny and the characters are charming." And soon, local residents will be able to enjoy it, too, at Rocky Run Middle School.

It will be presented Thursday-Friday, April 26 and 27, at 7 p.m., and Saturday, April 28, at 2 and 7 p.m. Tickets are \$7 at the door or during school lunches, the week of April 23.

The play's a comedy-mystery musical set in a private, all-girls school in 1958 Florida, and the girls are in rehearsal for their musical production inspired by the space program. When a sandbag falls on the lead actress' head, knocking her out, she gets amnesia and can't remember her lines.

She's replaced by another actress, and her best friend, Brenda Bly — a student who's a teen detective — tries solving the mystery of what happened to her. Meanwhile, Brenda's boyfriend Buddy is jealous that she spends so much time on her cases and not enough with him.

The cast and crew of 45 have been rehearsing since early February, and Wharton says they're doing a fabulous job. She also praised the choreographer, Sue Skaddan, and music director, Lynn Christman.

"The 1950s music — swing, cha cha, boogie and rock — will sound familiar to the audience," said Wharton. "We've got big skirts, big hair and big fun; people will love the story, characters and music. The show's family-friendly and has a great message — find your talent and passion in life and embrace life while doing that."

Eighth-grader Roxy Matten has the title role. "Although Brenda's still in high school, she's the town's main detective," said Roxy. "She's sure of herself and matter-of-fact. She's pretty much perfect in every way; she gets great grades, is good in sports, is popular and has lots of friends. She basically does it all."

Roxy's having a good time working with her cast mates. "I love the music and the costumes are great,"

she said. "I don't usually play characters so sure of themselves, so it's good for my acting skills. It's awesome to be a lead and spend so much time on stage and learning the lines and music."

Her favorite number is "I Always Get My Man," in which Brenda sings about all the cases she's solved. "It's a bright and happy song and gives me the opportunity to convey a lot of emotion," said Roxy. As for the show, she said the audience will like the story because "it's an interesting mystery with an unexpected ending."

Portraying Brenda's boyfriend Buddy is eighth-grader Connor Schutte. "He goes to a private boys school and is charismatic, bold and on top of the world," said Connor. "He's also arrogant and full of himself, and everyone bows down before him."

Since the character is so unlike himself, Connor's had to learn how to strut and do certain hand movements to illustrate his character's cockiness. "I'm enjoying it," he said. "And I've met interesting people in the cast."

He especially likes the song, "Thief in the Night," because "it's well-written and fun to sing, so it sounds really good. Buddy sings it and is sad at the time." Connor said the audience "will be amazed by how talented we are as middle-schoolers. They'll be impressed by the quality of the actors and the play."

Eighth-grader Rachel Cahoon plays the headmistress of the girls school, Vera Van Strander. "She's categorized as the villain — cold and bitter to everyone," said Rachel. "But as the play goes on, you learn about her background and see why she's that way. Some people stereotype her when they first meet her, instead of digging deeper to see why."

Rachel likes playing villains because "it's cool to change who you are and playing someone evil makes me a better actor. I even have an evil laugh and am stern to the students and yell at them." Her favorite number is "Van Strander's Lament," which she sings. "It's the turning point, when others see who she really is," said Rachel. "It's slow and sad, but I like its emotion."

She said the audience will enjoy watching the group dances and noted that some of the dancers will perform "cool tricks" in them. "The set's interesting, too," she said. "At times, there are two different scenes on stage at the same time."

Playing school security guard Cecil Sessile is Marc Manaloto. "He's always trying to be in charge and

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ROUNDUPS

Free Carseat Inspections

Certified technicians from the Sully District Police Station will perform free, child safety carseat inspections Thursday, April 19, 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.

However, because of time constraints, only the first 35 vehicles arriving on each date will be inspected. That way, inspectors may have enough time to properly instruct the caregiver on the correct use of the child seat. Call 703-814-7000, ext. 5140, to confirm dates and times.

Firefighter Recruits to Graduate

The 132nd Firefighter Recruit Graduation will be held this Friday, April 20, at 7 p.m., in the auditorium of the Fairfax County Government Center.

For some five months, 28 recruit firefighters have been undergoing training to respond to fires, hazardous materials incidents, vehicle crashes and extrications, swift water rescue, confined space rescue and emergency medical incidents.

These firefighter/EMT recruits will officially become professional firefighters here upon graduation. John W. Marshall, former Secretary of Public Safety, Commonwealth of Virginia, will be the keynote speaker. He served 14 years with the Virginia State Police, and in 1999 became director of the U.S. Marshals Service.

Help Plan Centreville Day

Local residents are invited to help plan Centreville Day 2012. The first meeting is slated for Monday, April 23, at 7:30 p.m., in the Sully District Governmental Center, 4900 Stonecroft Blvd. in Chantilly.

The committee members are seeking the public's energy, ideas and skills for Centreville Day's 20th anniversary. Proceeds go to the Friends of Historic Centreville, a nonprofit dedicated to supporting Historic Centreville Park and local historic preservation and education. For more information, contact Cheryl Repetti at ccf@centrevilleva.org.

Learn about Parkway Paving

VDOT will hold a meeting Tuesday, April 24, at 7 p.m. at its district office at 4975 Alliance Drive in Fairfax (off West Ox Road, across from Costco). Representatives will discuss the work plan and schedule for the repaving of the Fairfax County Parkway.

Fair Oaks CAC to Meet

The Citizens Advisory Council of the Fair Oaks District Police Station will meet Tuesday, April 24, at 7 p.m., in the roll-call room of the police station. It's at 12300 Lee Jackson Memorial Highway in Chantilly.

Sully District Council Meeting

The Sully District Council of Citizens Associations and its Land-Use Committee will meet Wednesday, April 25, at 7 p.m., in the Sully District Governmental Center, 4900 Stonecroft Blvd. in Chantilly. Call Jeff Parnes, evenings, at 703-904-0131.

Plans for automated traffic management on I-66 will be discussed, as well as plans for the modification of the residential component of the EDS site's redevelopment (west side of Centreville Road between Kinross Circle south and the Cox Communication offices).

Park Authority to Meet

The Fairfax County Park Authority will meet Wednesday, April 25, at 7:30 p.m., in the Herrity Building, 12055 Government Center Parkway, Suite 900 in Fairfax. Call Judy Pedersen at 703-324-8662.

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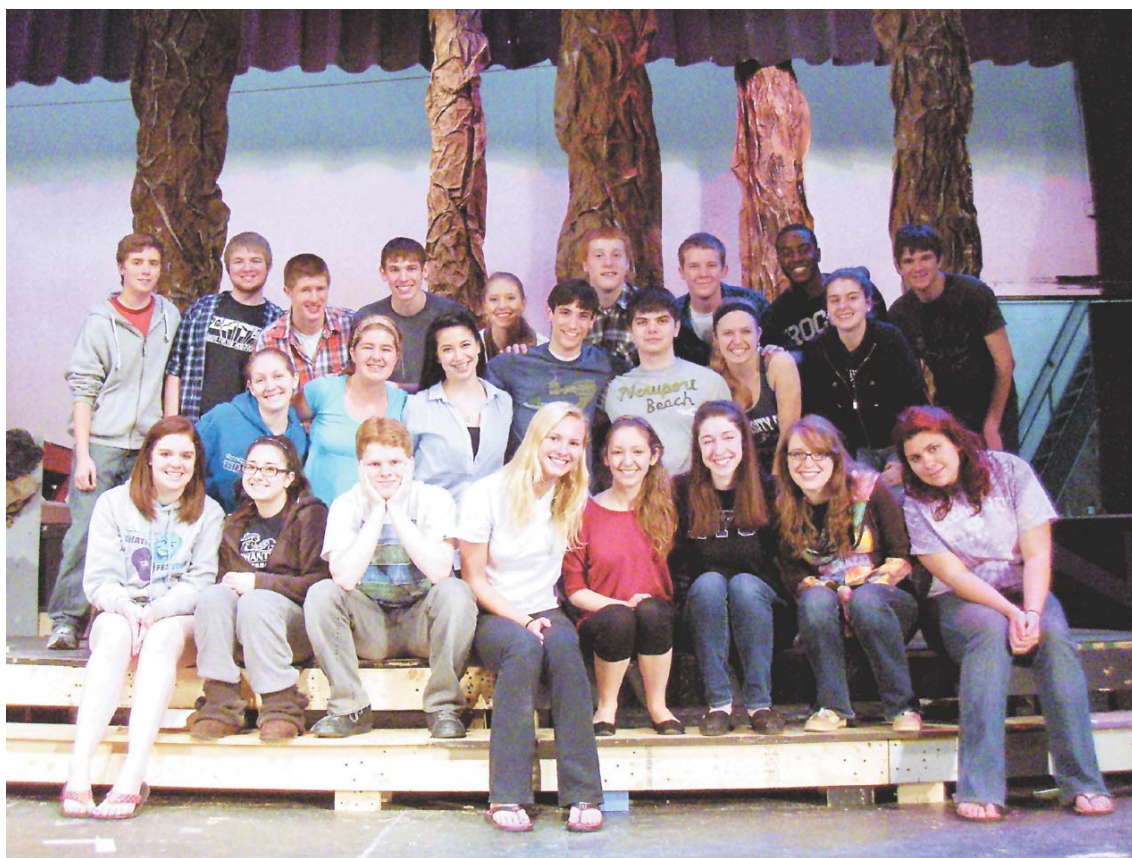


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Most of the cast of Chantilly High's upcoming musical, "Into the Woods."

It's OK, Come 'Into the Woods'

Chantilly High School's play is based on Grimm fairytales.

BY BONNIE HOBBS
CENTRE VIEW

Audiences throughout the country are currently enjoying two TV shows and a movie based on fairytales, so Chantilly High's upcoming play, "Into the Woods," should receive an enthusiastic reception here.

"It's a Stephen Sondheim classic and different from what we normally do at Chantilly," said Director Shannon Khatcheressian. "It's quirky and off-the-wall. But the kids really liked this music when they heard it at a theater workshop, two years ago, so my vocal director and I decided it would be a good fit."

And for this production, it's a family affair, because the vocal director is her sister-in-law, Molly Khatcheressian, who holds that same post at Thomas Jefferson High.

The curtain rises Wednesday-Friday, April 25-27, at 7 p.m. A shortened, tiny-tots version will be presented Saturday, April 28, at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$10 for the evening shows and \$8 for the matinee, at the door and at www.chantillyhsdrama.com.

This musical is based on the brothers Grimm fairytales. The baker and his wife go through the forest to find items to undo a witch's spell. Along the way, they run into the characters from "Jack and the Beanstalk," "Cinderella" and "Little Red Riding Hood."

However, warned Shannon Khatcheressian, "Because of the darker subject matter in act two, it's not a children's show. That's why the Saturday matinee is for children 6 and younger."

There's a cast and crew of 35, plus a large orchestra that will perform on a raised platform on stage. "Things are coming along really well," said Khatcheressian. "It's a smaller cast, so we're able to

give more individualized attention to the actors. And there's no choreography, so we can focus on the music and acting."

The setting is a forest, and the actors will wear the costumes of their fairytale characters. Narrating will be students Chloe Vasquez and John Cuddehe.

"It's always good to revisit a classic, especially one that the entire family can see together because we all know these characters," said Khatcheressian. "There are morals for everybody of every age, and this play asks the question, 'What happens when you get what you always wished for?'"

Junior Devyn Tinker plays one of the main characters, the baker. "He's a little ditzy, doesn't know what to do and constantly needs help," said Tinker. "He feels like his marriage isn't working out because of him and what's happened with his family in the past. But he wants to prove he can do things on his own and be a man when times are rough."

Enjoying his part, Tinker said it's one of the show's more difficult roles. So, he said, "I get to put more emotion into his character and also show his quirky and funny attributes."

His favorite song is one he sings, "No More," because "it's deep and intense and something that catches the other characters off guard, coming from him. And the audience will be able to relate to and feel remorse for him." Tinker said people will like this play because it's fun, energetic and has meaning. "The more I watch it, the more I love it," he said. "The moral is to trust in what you believe is right."

Portraying the baker's wife is sophomore Amanda Mason. "She wears the pants in the relationship," said Mason. "Her husband is the clumsy, affectionate one, and she's the controlling, get-it-done person. In her journey through the show, she always thirsts for the good life and lives vicariously through Cinderella."

Mason said it's wonderful playing this character because she's so complex. "Although controlling, she does love and care about her husband. She learns in

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In the past, the Clifton Car Show has featured the cars seen in George Lucas' 1973 movie "American Graffiti." They are, from left, a 1932 Ford Deuce Coupe, a 1955 Chevrolet and a 1958 Chevrolet Impala.

Car Show Slated for April 29

All proceeds benefit children's hospital.

BY BONNIE HOBBS
CENTRE VIEW

Besides being a longtime Clifton resident and its former mayor, Jim Chesley is also a classic-car aficionado. He's president of the Custom Cruisers of Northern Virginia, and the group is putting on a car show to benefit a children's hospital.

The event is slated for Sunday, April 29, from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. (rain date, May 20), outside the Jukebox Diner, 8637 Sudley Road in Manassas (across the street from Prince William Hospital). And all proceeds go to Children's National Medical Center in Washington,

D.C.

"It'll be one of the first, big car shows in the area this year," said Chesley. "It'll be a lot of fun; there'll be plenty to eat and a deejay will play 1950s-'60s music." The event is free for the public to attend, and parking will be available in a designated lot at Prince William Hospital.

The show will feature a variety of cars, trucks and motorcycles, including a 1950 Mercury, 1931 Ford hot rod, 1957 Volkswagen convertible and a 1967 Nova. Said Chesley: "There'll be everything from antique cars to hot rods to new 'muscle cars' like Mustangs, Camaros and Corvettes."

Gift-card door prizes will be given by Jukebox Diner and Roy Rogers, and attendees may vie for a 50-50 cash raffle, with half the proceeds going to Children's National Medical Center and the other half to the raffle winner.

All registration will be done at the show; the cost is \$15 to participate. All participants will receive a commemorative dashboard plaque of the event for their vehicles. Twenty-five awards will be given to the best vehicles in various categories, and the participants will choose 20 of the winners.

"We want to turn this into an annual show here," said Chesley. "This will be the Custom Cruisers' 26th anniversary spring car show, but the first at this location. We hope this will grow into a huge event like Clifton's Labor Day Car Show."

For more information, call Chesley at 703-830-2129 or go to www.customcruisersnova.com.

"We're looking forward to a great turnout," he said. "We want to make as much money as we can for Children's National Medical Center."



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SCHOOL NOTES

Brendan English, a Centreville native and sophomore economics major and mathematics minor at James Madison University, was a finalist for the Hillcrest Scholarship. His proposal to study international business issues at the University College of Dublin in Ireland and intern at a leading Irish financial institution was among the seven finalists selected from 15 applicants.

The \$7,500 scholarship was established this year by the Honors Advisory Council, a group comprised of JMU and Honors alumni and supporters of the Honors Program.

English's proposal involved spending 8



weeks in Dublin, Ireland. The first two weeks, English would study international business issues at the University College Dublin. Following the study, English would intern at a leading financial institution or within the Irish Department of Finance. While working as an intern, English also proposed that he would complete and present a research paper examining how institutional factors and private incentives influenced the decisions of business and government leaders in Ireland during the nation's sovereign debt crisis.

Meredith Rigby of Clifton was among the Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE) team members from Susquehanna University who claimed a league championship at the SIFE USA Regional Competition in Baltimore on April 4.

SIFE members use business concepts to

develop community outreach projects that improve the quality of life and standard of living for people in need. Regional competitions identify which teams had the greatest impact on their communities.

Rigby is majoring in communications with an emphasis in communications studies at Susquehanna and is a 2010 graduate of Centreville High School. She is the daughter of Susan and Peter Rigby.

The following students from Centreville enrolled at Virginia Tech were named to the dean's list for the fall 2011 semester:

♦ **Erik D. Shea**, a senior majoring in marketing management in the Pamplin College of Business.

♦ **Kevin M. Shedlick**, a junior majoring in international studies in the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences.



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Centreville's Kevin Whalen will bicycle 230 miles in three days during the 16th annual Police Unity Tour.

Police Unity Tour Fund-Raisers Set

BY BONNIE HOBBS
CENTRE VIEW

The 16th annual Police Unity Tour (PUT) ride will be May 10-12, and Centreville's Kevin Whalen is already busily raising funds for the cause. The event honors fallen officers and raises awareness of and money for the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund and Museum in Washington, D.C.

Whalen, of the Walney Glen community, is a federal agent with the Treasury Department, and he and his fellow law-enforcement officers will ride their bicycles 230 miles from Richmond to Charlottesville to Warrenton to the District.

He's riding in memory of Virginia Tech Police Officer Deriek Crouse who was shot and killed Dec. 8, 2011. Crouse was one of 162 law-enforcement officers nationwide who died in the line of duty in 2011. Their names will be engraved in the memorial and dedicated on May 13.

Meanwhile, Whalen has several upcoming fund-raisers:

❖ On Saturday, April 26, Glory Days Grill — at 13850 Braddock Road in the Old Centreville Crossing Shopping Center — will host a Bartenders Night from 6-9 p.m. Whalen and others who'll be riding in the PUT will tend bar and will have tip buckets out for donations.

A football signed by the entire Washington Redskins team will be

raffled off, along with Redskins and Washington Nationals sports jerseys and a Kentucky Derby-themed gift basket. In addition, Glory Days will donate 10 percent from the proceeds of all meals it serves that whole day.

❖ On Monday, April 28, from noon-3 p.m., a document shredding will be held in the Glory Days parking lot. Cost is \$10 per any size box/bag of documents, staples, folders, credit cards or mail. Items will be shredded on the spot in minutes by TrueShred. Each participant will receive a tax receipt, a coupon for a Glory Days Grill appetizer and a blue ribbon to tie on his or her car to show support for law enforcement.

"We're hoping to raise \$1,000 at the Bartenders Night and \$1,500 at the shredding event," said Whalen.

❖ From now until May 19, at all Glory Days Grill locations in Virginia, 10 percent of food receipts will be donated to Whalen's fund-raising efforts for the ride. To make that happen, customers must give their original, detailed food receipts to him. Contact Whalen at 703-201-4586 or via kevwhalens@gmail.com.

❖ Donations may be made on his Virginia Chapter IV Web site, <http://policeunitytourchapter4.com/>, or by check mailed to: Kevin Whalen, Police Unity Tour, Chapter IV, P.O. Box 706, Fairfax, VA 22038. Contributions may also be made at www.firstgiving.com/fundraiser/kevin-whalen-1/2012.



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OPINION

Every Day Is Earth Day

BY DANIEL WHITE
THE NATURE CONSERVANCY

In celebration of Earth Day on April 22, I asked fellow Nature Conservancy staff from Maryland, D.C. and Virginia to offer their favorite ways of going green. Here are some responses that can help you save money, energy and maybe even the planet. To share your tips for living green every day, join us at www.facebook.com/dc.md.va.nature.conservancy.

THE RUN DIARY

Arlington's Kate Hougen, our marketing director, invites anyone who cares about the environment and healthy living to join her on Team Nature: "the team shares tips like how to recycle your running shoes, and raises money for environmental causes, join us and run for a healthier you, and a healthier planet." For more info, visit us online at nature.org/rundc.

HANG 'EM DRY

New mother Kristin Bramell, a fundraiser in Bethesda, prefers to air-dry her laundry: "Why not save energy by using a clothesline at least for your large items? I put up a clothesline in my backyard and love to hang my towels, sheets and t-shirts outside. It takes just five minutes, and there's nothing better than that fresh, natural smell. Now that the weather's nice, I'll probably start hanging up my cloth diapers too!"

THE THRIFTERS

Philanthropy Coordinator Karen Schuyler, who lived in Alexandria prior to settling in Barbourville, shops for clothes at thrift stores: "It's very green since the clothing is being used again, thus saving the energy costs in growing and harvesting plant-based fibers, as well as saving energy in the production and transport of new factory-made garments. Most exciting of all, it's like a treasure hunt and you never

know what you'll find."

INSPECT YOUR GADGETS

Lyle Solla-Yates of Charlottesville manages our technology systems and suggests responsible recycling and purchasing of electronics: "Goodwill has partnered with Dell to recycle computer equipment, making them a good place to bring old equipment and to pick up used equipment that still works for a great price. When you do buy, choose greener electronics or consider a smaller device. You can do a lot more now with less machine, which can save money, hassle and the environment."

SOIL, IT'S GREEN

Brian van Eerden directs our Southern Rivers Program in Richmond and is an avid composter: "Composting helps the environment by reducing solid waste and the greenhouse gas emissions such as methane it produces in landfills. Compost is also a great low-cost source of organic fertilizer for your garden."

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Jennifer Donovan, donor relations manager in Charlottesville, grows her own vegetables and buys from local farmers: "My family pays a fixed price per month to obtain a CSA share of organic vegetables, beef, chicken and fish. By purchasing food directly from local farmers, you are putting all the proceeds from the sale directly in their pockets. The food I buy locally also tastes much better. We really are what we eat, so eat healthy, local and fresh!"

MR. BEAN

Allegheny Highlands director Marek Smith of Lexington chooses coffee from shade-grown beans: "Growing coffee under the shade of trees in the Central and South American rainforests not only produces a richer flavor, but also helps protect critical wintering habitat for neotropical migratory songbirds such

bumper traffic.

Before we can single out the funding of the silver metro line between Tysons and Dulles, we need to address the entire funding arrangements made by our elected officials both here in Northern Virginia and the State of Virginia. When our personal property taxes on our automobiles were reduced by 75 percent years ago, the State of Virginia continues to reimburse the counties for their loss in collecting this tax revenue from its residents. These funds come from the State of Virginia's transportation trust fund. When states have large population growth centered around urban areas like Chicago in Illinois and St Louis in Missouri, the receipt of tax revenue and the return of their tax dollars to its citizens are unbalanced. Added to this fact, national surveys continue to

highlight both Fairfax and Loudoun county residents are enjoying one of the richest per capita income in the United States, plus having the lowest unemployment rate as well. These facts alone help to attract people from other parts of the country to move here for jobs and to pursue the quality of life we enjoy. People living in less populated areas of the State of Virginia continue to have needs to be funded and mandated by passed state legislation.

Being homeless, without a job, and needing health care do not have a regional boundary. Over the years, some elected leaders here in the commonwealth have gone on public record lobbying their case as to why Northern Virginia shouldn't be a separate funding entity, and/or should be given taxing authority like the state.

This approach only places an

as scarlet tanagers and cerulean warblers. These same bird species nest here in the broadleaf forests of our Central Appalachians, including Warm Springs Mountain Preserve in western Virginia.

COMMENTARY

ENERGY AT THE GATES

By following recommendations from a comprehensive home energy audit, Charlottesville preserve steward Tim Sanjule reduced his energy use. "Energy usage of any kind has an impact on our environment. Heating and cooling a house that is not well-insulated or well-sealed will waste your money and precious resources."

MAN ON A HEDGE

Clinch Valley ecologist Braven Beaty of Abingdon says, "If you have a creek on your property, don't mow right up to the bank. Leaving a strip of taller plants and shrubs can help stabilize the bank and provide wildlife habitat. The root systems help keep banks from eroding during high water, and the shade and structure provide shelter and food for fish, birds, salamanders, and other wildlife that need cool, moist areas to live. Try it and see if you don't notice more critters."

LAWN & ORDER

For a lawn that's green in more than color, use less water and fertilizer, says Richmond's Michael Lipford, our Virginia executive director: "A significant amount of nitrogen is put back in the soil if you leave your clippings on the grass. Don't water every day, and don't fret if the grass goes dormant when the heat of summer comes. Using less fertilizer is good for the Chesapeake Bay. Nutrients are the main problem in the bay, and a significant portion comes from residential fertilizers. Use low-nitrogen and low-phosphate fertilizers, fertilize less, and wisely — not before a heavy rain. Many stores now supply low-nitrogen organic fertilizers that can also reduce your carbon footprint."

uncooperative wedge between political organization at the state and county levels. These feelings can only lead to a more dysfunctional form of government which is not good for its people.

Most state budgets in the United States do not even approach the size of the Fairfax County yearly budget. Most of our county citizens have been sheltered from the pressures of what is happening to the rest of the residents in the state due to a weak economy. We seem to adopt the feeling we are entitled to be more privileged than others. Maybe the answer as to "who benefits and who pays" should be given a broader view as to who are more fortunate by having a better standard of living and able to pay than those who are less fortunate.

Ronald L. Baker
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Another Look At 'Who Benefits'

To the Editor:

Your concerns about "who benefits and who pays" on funding this latest transportation project here in Northern Virginia are worth noting and appreciated [Editorial, "On Funding the Silver Line," Connection, April 11-17, 2012]. Previous surveys have shown the traffic congestion here in Virginia, especially for its citizens trying to compute from their homes in nearby communities to their jobs around the area, is one of the worst in the country. Previous road projects such as the "mixing bowl" here in Springfield, and now the construction of "hot lanes" around the beltway, are attempts to reduce travel time sitting in our cars in bumper to

LETTER

NEWS

Fund-Raiser Set for Pediatric Cancer Care Research

Kyle Hahne, 7, is a baseball-loving second-grader at Cub Run Elementary. The Centreville boy is also battling leukemia. He was diagnosed in October 2010 and has about two more years of treatment left at Children's National Medical Center.

But since pediatric cancer research is so underfunded, Kyle's parents and other supporters are trying to raise money for pediatric-cancer care at the hospital where he's being treated. Toward that end, they're holding a casino night, this Saturday, April 21, from 7-11:30 p.m., at the Westwood Country Club, 800 Maple Ave. in Vienna.

The fun includes several, different food stations, start-up casino dollars, silent and live auctions and celebrity guest dealers. There'll be table games, a raffle, door prizes and more than 125 items up for bid. Tickets are \$65 and include dinner and the start-up "dollars." Dress is semi-formal (coat/tie optional). For tickets, go to www.KKCasinoNight.eventbrite.com.

In addition, a baseball fundraiser for the hospital is slated for May 24-28 for various age groups and adult teams. Three games will be played at Washington Nationals Park for the teams raising the most money. For more details, see www.KylesKamp.com.



— BONNIE HOBBS **Kyle Hahne**

Project LIFE 2K/5K Is April 22

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them. "I got friends to help but, as youth, we ran into so much red tape," she said. "So we formed The Hollow Trunk as a channel through which we could work to make a difference in the community."

The organization is run and managed by a board whose members all live in the Chantilly/Centreville area. Its name comes from the novel, "To Kill a Mockingbird." During the story, character Boo Radley leaves gifts for the local children in a hollow tree trunk. So, said Priya, "We adopted that name because we believe the best gifts come from unexpected places."

In April 2011, The Hollow Trunk launched Project LIFE (Leading Initiatives to Foster Education) to help improve educational and recreational facilities for children throughout the world. "Volunteering and donations provide short-term help for various needy organizations," said Khanna. "But our vision was to identify and build/execute hands-on projects that can last a lifetime."

The first Project LIFE fund-raiser was last year's 2K/5K, and it yielded more than \$2,000 for the Casa Guatemala Orphanage for structural renovations and to furnish teaching and recreational supplies. This year's beneficiary will be the Social Outreach Foundation (SOF), a school that provides primary education for underprivileged children in India.

"We had the chance to see this school in India last summer because it's near my grandparents' home, and we were inspired by the eagerness of those kids

"It only costs \$100 for one kindergarten child to go through one grade there — and that includes tuition fees, textbooks, uniforms and meals."

— **Priya Khanna**

to learn," said Khanna. "It was started by local moms to educate their children through the fifth grade. But then most would return to the slums. We hope to raise enough money to provide scholarships so they can continue their education past fifth grade."

So she's hoping lots of people register for the race or donate to The Hollow Trunk. "Our goal is to raise \$5,000," said Khanna. And in India, she added, that money will go a long way. "It only costs \$100 for one kindergarten child to go through one grade there — and that includes tuition fees, textbooks, uniforms and meals."

The Hollow Trunk board also plans on visiting the school and its headmaster in July and acting as ambassadors to build partnerships with the local community. And even after she graduates from Westfield, Khanna plans to hold a 5K every year for a different beneficiary.

First, though, she and her board members are focusing on this Sunday's race. "We want to attract a lot of support for this wonderful cause," she said. "So we hope people can rally up a group of friends and walk to promote literacy."

Those unable to participate, but wanting to contribute to the project, may make tax-deductible donations. Send checks payable to The Hollow Trunk to 5428 Chandley Farm Circle, Centreville, VA 20120.

For more information about The Hollow Trunk or to become a Project LIFE sponsor, go to www.thehollowtrunk.com or e-mail thehollowtrunk@gmail.com.

MILITARY NOTES

Air Force Airman Robert J. Lewis graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

The airman completed an intensive, eight-week program that included training in military discipline and studies, Air Force core values, physical fitness, and basic warfare principles and skills.

Airmen who complete basic training earn four credits toward an associate in applied science degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

Lewis is the son of Jill Lewis of Ottawa Road, Centreville. He is a 2011 graduate of Westfield High School, Chantilly.

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Below: The program flyer shows Erin, 5, deep in thought at the beach.



Celeste Peterson (far left) and the members and mentors of the Westfield High Boys Leadership Today for Tomorrow group listen while Westfield Assistant Principal Pat Williams speaks. The boys receive grants from the Erin Peterson Fund to participate.

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Honoring Erin Peterson

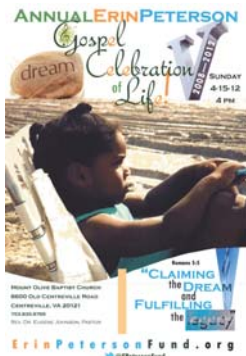
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Annual Erin Peterson Gospel Celebration of Life. And this year, the Erin Peterson Fund will award a Legacy Initiative educational scholarship in Reema's name.

"She and Erin played soccer together in third grade," said Erin's mother, Celeste Peterson. "At Virginia Tech, their rooms adjoined each other, and they were in French class together when they died."

Erin believed in excellence through education and, after her death, her parents established a fund in her name to help others achieve their educational goals. They also began the Leadership Today for Tomorrow group at Westfield High to provide guidance for at-risk youth. And to date, the Erin Peterson Fund has awarded \$82,000 in grants and scholarships.

During the ceremony, Erin's cousin, Tracy Littlejohn, Skyped from California and thanked the Centreville community for supporting Erin's parents, Celeste and Grafton, after the loss of their daughter. She also praised Erin for "living such an inspired



life."

Following the musical performances, some of the 35 members of the Leadership Today for Tomorrow group came forward and told the Petersons how much they appreciated their establishing the fund to give them better opportunities. The boys thanked them for "guiding us in the right direction," "giving us the motivation to learn lessons to have a brighter future" and "helping us become good leaders and successful in life."

"To date, 140 boys have gone through this program, and this has been a labor of love for us," said Westfield Assistant Principal Pat Williams. "They're becoming wonderful citizens and we love each and every one of them. The group includes everyone from athletes to the prom king, and this is the only group of its kind in Fairfax County Public Schools."

Celeste Peterson also told the boys how much she cares about them and thanked God for making all things possible. Mount Olive's pastor, the Rev. Eugene Johnson, then thanked the community for attending

Sunday's remembrance celebration for Erin.

"Erin was not only a spiritual person, but a religious person," he said. "Tragedy never leaves our minds, but a dream and a legacy can be used to bring joy from sadness."



The choir, Youth for Tomorrow (Today), First Baptist Church of Manassas, performs.



Celeste Peterson at the podium.



Soloist Anna Moore.



Radical Praise mimes Delance Jefferies (left) and Kilante McMillan.



Mount Olive's Male Chorus leads attendees in song.



God's Anointed Praise Choir, First Baptist Church of Vienna.

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Student Sleuth Takes the Stage

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acts like he knows what to do,” said Marc. “He’s also having a secret affair with Van Strander. I’m excited because, as a seventh-grader, I was surprised to get a lead role. I was nervous, at first; but now, I’m happy and proud of myself. This is more of an adult role, so it’s fun to make my voice lower for it.”

The song Marc likes best is “Find Me That Man,” which he sings. “It has a catchy tune and, once you hear it, it’ll easily get stuck in your head,” he said. Overall, he added, “The audience will like the cheesy humor throughout the whole show and how much fun it is to watch.”

From left: Roxy Matten, in the title role, rehearses with Connor Schutte, who plays Buddy Rogers.

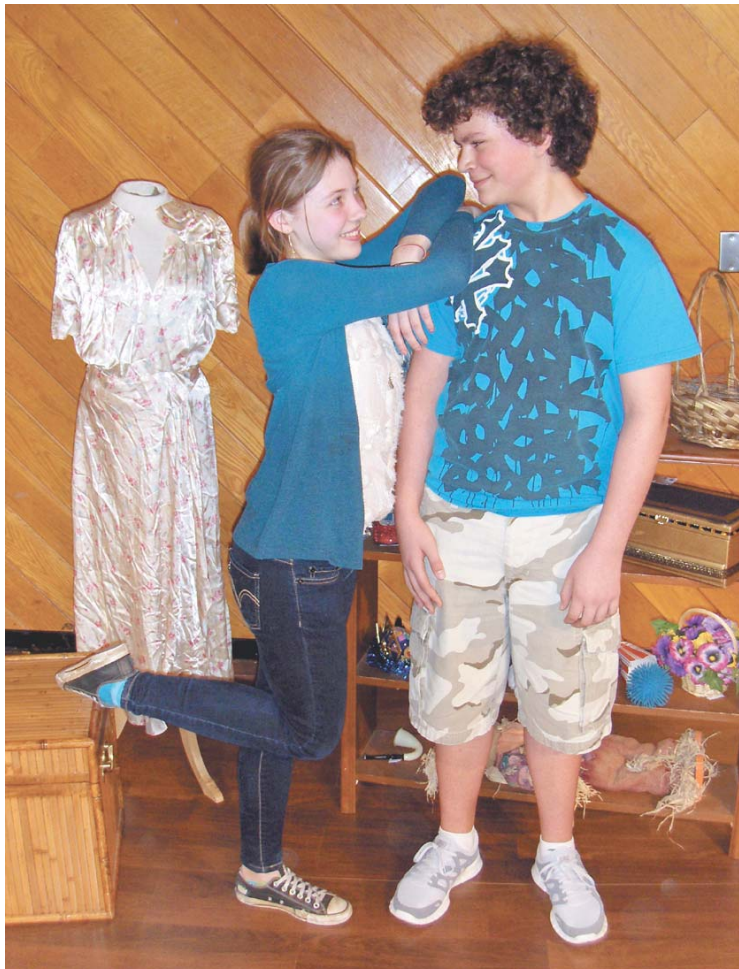


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CRIME REPORT

Activities reported by the Sully police department through April 13.

ROBBERY

5600 block of Stone Road, April 9, 7 p.m. The victim reported a man approached her with a handgun displayed and demanded money from the cash register. She opened the drawer and stepped away. The suspect took cash and fled.

FORCIBLE FONDLING

4100 block of Weeping Willow Court, April 10, 2:30 p.m. The victim reported she felt someone following her on the sidewalk. She stepped aside to allow him to pass. The suspect approached, grabbed her crotch and fled. The victim was not injured.

ANIMAL BITE

5900 block of One Penny Drive, April 8, 12:30 p.m. Animal Control officers responded for a reported dog bite. The suspect dog, a Yellow Labrador Retriever, allegedly was running at large and attacked a neighbor dog. The victim was attempting to separate the two dogs and was bitten. The Yellow Lab was routinely quarantined for 10 days.

ANIMAL BITE

10700 block of Almond St., April 9, 1:30 p.m. Officers responded for a Rottweiler that got out of his yard and attacked an 82-year-old Fairfax woman. The victim was transported with non-life threatening injuries. The dog was turned over to the shelter.

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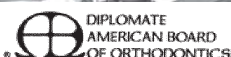
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It's OK, Come 'Into the Woods'

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the end that getting your wish isn't all it's cracked up to be and that her life wasn't so bad, after all."

Mason especially likes the song, "Agony," sung by Rapunzel's prince and Cinderella's prince, "because it's hilarious and so pompous and cleverly written." And she said the audience will love "the mixture of all the fairytales that come together with wonderful music to make a fantastic story."

Junior Stephanie Feedback plays the witch. "She messes with everyone else's business, is very powerful and takes control of other people's actions," said Feedback. "She doesn't trust anybody; she thinks she knows what's right and that others are harmful to the world. Her daughter is Rapunzel and she's very protective of her."

Feedback is thrilled to have this part. "Ever since I saw the DVD of the original Broadway cast, I wanted to play this role," she said. "The witch is a big, loud character, has great dynamics and is really over-the-top — and I love getting to sing her beautiful music. My favorite number is 'Last Midnight.' It's her last song and she's summarizing everything that's happened and how what seems like a good intention isn't necessarily right."

As for the audience, said Feedback, "They'll like the show because it's a fairytale and the set is really cool. It's creative the way they built the trees and, with the light, they look really eerie."

Portraying Cinderella is junior Natalie Spitzel. She describes her character as vague and someone who "doesn't know what she wants in life. She thinks she wants to be with the prince and a big crowd, but then she thinks it's too much attention. She's lighthearted, caring and hardworking. I love playing her because she talks to birds, and the other characters only see her as a princess and not a human being, at all."

Roundups

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Recycle During Electric Sunday

Residents may recycle old TVs, computers, peripheral electronic devices — such as keyboards, speakers, printers and scanners, as well as household hazardous wastes — including fluorescent light bulbs and tubes, for free, during Fairfax County's "Electric Sunday" events. The next one is slated for Sunday, April 29, from 10 a.m.-3 p.m., at the I-66 Transfer Station, 4618 West Ox Road in Fairfax. For more information, call 703-324-5052.

Help Meals on Wheels

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Police Seeking Auxiliary Officers

The Fairfax County Police Department is seeking people to join its Auxiliary Police Officer (APO) program. An all-volunteer, civilian force comprised of



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From left: Stephanie Feedback, Devyn Tinker and Amanda Mason rehearse a scene.

The number Spitzel likes best is "Your Fault." In it, she said, "Everyone's coming together and blaming each other for what the giant has done, and the witch tells them it's all their fault. It's a rap-style song with fun tempos." Spitzel said the audience will love the moral of the story and be able to relate to it. "You have to be careful what you tell your children and what you do," she said. "What you wish for isn't always what you want."

108 men and women, APO's play a vital role in supplementing the sworn personnel in essential, public-safety operations. They perform a myriad of duties such as staffing sobriety checkpoints and protecting the integrity of crime scenes; they may also be deployed to natural or manmade disasters at any time.

APO's come from a variety of backgrounds that enhance the FCPD with their unique sets of knowledge, skills and abilities. A blend of retirees and employed, APOs like to learn and have the time to commit. Once they pass a rigorous background check, they're required to undergo training at the Criminal Justice Academy in Chantilly. It runs two evenings a week and a few Saturdays a month during a 16-week academy slated to begin in January 2013.

Applications are now being accepted. To learn more about the APO program or request an application, call 703-280-0576 or e-mail AuxiliaryPolice@FairfaxCounty.gov.

WFCM Seeks Food

Western Fairfax Christian Ministries' (WFCM) food pantry urgently needs donations of oil (48 oz. or smaller); flour (2-5 lb. bag); sugar (2-5 lb. bag); canned meats; salad dressing, jelly; jam; spaghetti sauce, canned fruit; canned beets, spinach, greens, potatoes and mixed vegetables; pancake mix and syrup; mayonnaise, baby food (stages 1 and 3); cocoa, coffee, ketchup and mustard.

Bring all items to WFCM's food pantry at 13981 Metrotech Drive (near Backyard Grill and Bar) in Chantilly.

Culinary Classes for Children

Little gourmands cook up fun in the kitchen.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL
CENTRE VIEW

If you lick your hands you have to wash them,” said instructor Beth Bigler as she teaches a class of kindergartens students how to make vegetable pizzas.

“Are these pickles?” asks a 6-year-old student as she clutches a dark-green, cylindrical vegetable in her tiny fingers.

“No, these are baby cucumbers,” said Bigler. “We need to cut the ends off and then chop them up very, very finely. Always put it on a cutting board so you don’t cut your hands. We’re going to do the same thing with the celery and carrots. We have lots of vegetables to cut.”

Soon the click-clop of plastic knives hitting cutting boards fills the air, along with the giggles and squeals of curious young foodies.

This is a typical session for Tiny Chefs, one of a handful of local culinary schools that cater to children. In these classes, pint-sized gourmands are introduced to all things epicurean. They also learn about kitchen safety and the importance of eating healthy food. Instructors say the lessons extend beyond the edible.

“Cooking classes for kids build and instill confidence,” said Anna Reeves, founder of Tiny Chefs. “Children get to do things that they didn’t think they were able to do. A 4 or 5-year-old may not be used to someone handing them a bowl or spoon and saying ‘Stir this all by yourself.’”

In addition to after school classes like the one at Norwood, local culinary schools offer parent-child classes, seasonal classes, holiday classes, cooking birthday parties and cooking summer camps. The level of complexity depends on the age and interest of the children.

“We teach simple techniques like sautéing and braising,” said Stephen Sands CEO of Culinaria Cooking School in Vienna. “Students make full meals in our summer camps. We have other classes during the year. We do a pasta class where kids make fresh pasta. They learn what goes into it instead of just seeing it come out of a box. They learn how to make sauce instead of just opening a jar.”



PHOTO COURTESY OF CULINARIA COOKING SCHOOL

Young food enthusiasts get a lesson from Chef Brian Batsel of Culinaria Cooking School in Vienna. Some local culinary schools now offer cooking birthday parties and summer camps for children.

DURING A TYPICAL CLASS, pint-sized culinary enthusiasts come in, wash their hands, don aprons and begin the prep work for the day’s dish.

Classes are often divided by theme and culinary discussions are intermixed with food preparation. “The theme this session is ‘On the Farm,’ said Bigler, an instructor with Tiny Chefs. “Students learn about fresh vegetables and where they come from.”

Students are introduced to new ingredients or get hands-on experience with familiar food items. “Maybe they’ve heard of cinnamon, but have never smelled or touched a cinnamon stick,” said Reeves. “They’ve probably heard of eggs, but they’ve never actually cracked one.”

Instructors say the lessons can also be academics disguised as recreation. “They have so much fun that they don’t even realize that they are working on math and reading skills,” said Arlington resident Whitney Gray, director of auxiliary programs at The Langley School.

“Students learn how to use cooking tools and they get to add and subtract fractions by using measuring cups,” said Jennifer McNroy, a Tiny Chefs instructor who teaches classes and summer camps at The Langley School in McLean.

Social skills are also enhanced. “With five or seven kids in a group they learn to wait their turn and co-operate work together and have patience,” said Reeves.

An increasing number of local schools are offering cooking classes as an afterschool activity for students.

“Cooking is an important life skill,” said Liz Holland, afterschool activities coordinator at Alexandria Country Day School. “Children definitely need to be making healthy choices for themselves and having those skills is definitely enriching.”

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In Baseball, Concorde District Title Is Up for Grabs

No clear cut favorite as the six teams gear up for final month of regular season.

BY RICH SANDERS
CENTRE VIEW

Back and refreshed from spring break week, the local high school baseball teams opened up the Concorde District portion of their schedules last week. For the final month of the regular season, the six Concorde teams, including Centre View area schools Centreville, Chantilly, and Westfield, will go head to head to determine regular season final standings and seedings for the postseason district tournament set to begin May 15.

The top two regular season finishers will earn first round Concorde District tournament byes and automatically have a place in the semifinals.

The top four teams from each of the Northern Region's four district tournaments, including the Concorde, will earn berths to the following week's 16-team Northern Region Tournament.

It is the primary goal of teams to ultimately qualify for regionals. To do so, teams must get beyond the quarterfinals rounds of their respective district tournaments.

In the six-team Concorde, two good, quality teams will not make it to regionals as a result of not winning their quarterfinals round district tournament games. Oakton, Herndon, and Robinson are members of the district along with Centreville, Chantilly, and Westfield.

THUS FAR, THE THREE Centre View area teams - Centreville, Chantilly, and Westfield - are having good seasons.

Westfield (8-4) opened district play last week with a pair of home losses to Chantilly, 4-3, on Tuesday, April 10, and Robinson, 3-1, on Friday, April 13. But the Bulldogs got a much needed district win earlier this week on Tuesday, April 17 when they won at Centreville, 9-2. Westfield, under head coach Chuck Welch, will look to make it two straight when the Bulldogs travel to Herndon High for a district affair with the Hornets this Friday night at 6:30.

Centreville High (12-2) lost to Westfield this week but won its first two district games last week with clutch, one-run victories at Robinson, 5-4, on April 10, and at home versus a talented up-and-coming Herndon team, 4-3, on April 13. In the earlier week win over the Rams of Robinson, game highlights for the Wildcats included 13 strikeouts by junior pitcher Carson Bach and a home run by senior outfielder Chris Simpson. In the win over the Hornets, senior starting right-handed pitcher Mitch Mahoney earned the win with senior Mitch Ferrick getting the save.

Robinson coach John James said his Rams



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Westfield's Kyle Corwin releases a pitch for the Bulldogs, who lost their first two district games last week before defeating Centreville earlier this week.

(6-6 overall, 2-1 district) have seen their ups and downs thus far this spring. The loss to the Wildcats earlier last week was a tough one for his crew.

"Our season so far has been a learning process," said James. "We've done things well at times and not so well at times. We're just trying to find some consistency in our approach. The Centreville game was a game that could've gone either way, and

Centreville got the job done when they needed to. Give them credit."

Centreville, under head coach Morgan Spencer, is scheduled to play at Oakton on Thursday, April 19 of this week. Next Tuesday, April 24, the Wildcats will travel to Chantilly for a big cross-town outing versus the Chargers. Centreville does not play at home again until next Friday night, April 27 at 6:30 versus visiting Robinson.

CENTREVILLE HIGH SPORTS NOTEBOOK

WILDCAT CLASSIC

General Dynamics and the Wildcat golf team invite the community to the 8th Annual Wildcat Classic on Monday, April 30 at 1:30 p.m. at Westfields Golf Club in Clifton. The registration fee for this year's event is \$400 per foursome and \$100 per individual. Registration includes greens fees, cart, range balls, on-course challenges, a tournament goodie bag, and admission to the awards reception and tournament banquet.

GIRLS LACROSSE

BY AILEEN ANDERSON

The Centreville girls' varsity lacrosse team came on strong in their first Concorde District competition against Oakton on Friday night, April 13. The intensity never let up as the Lady Wildcats beat first-ranked Oakton, 14-13. Senior midfielder Hayley Anderson pounded home two consecutive shots at the start, fed by freshman attacker Reagan Newell, taking the Cougars by surprise. Anderson led the scoring with seven goals (2 draw controls), followed by junior midfielder Carly Sane with three goals (1 draw control). Freshman midfielder Caroline Wakefield was indispensable, keeping the ball in the Wildcats pockets with two goals, two assists, six groundballs, three draw controls, and three caused turnovers. Newell showed, yet again, her ability to dominate in the attack position with one goal, five assists, one draw control, five ground balls, and one caused turnover.

Leading 8-2 at the half, the challenge for the Wildcats had only just begun as the Oakton Cougars began a full advance bringing in 11 points during the second half. Remarkable

coaching led the Wildcats to not be swayed by a man-down field four times during the last 10 minutes as the coaches turned their attention to the defense. In the net, first season senior goalie Ayana Teran was outstanding with 14 saves from a well-seasoned group of Cougar offensive players. Junior defensive players Danielle Smith and Brooke Peterson held off the rampage, each tallying two ground balls and a caused turnover. There is now no doubt that Centreville has matured into a cohesive team working together. The Wildcats were scheduled to take on Concorde rival Chantilly on the Chargers' home turf earlier this week on Tuesday, April 17.

BOYS LACROSSE

BY EILEEN BALBERDE

The Centreville High School varsity boys' lacrosse team competed during spring break in the Woodgrove High School Spring Break Tournament, in Purcellville. The Wildcats won all three of their games, facing Williamsburg Lacrosse Club, McLean High School, and Edison High School. The Wildcats faced a tough Williamsburg Lacrosse Club during their first game on Monday, April 2, finding themselves down 5-1 at the half. However, they quickly rallied and dominated play during the third quarter, scoring six unanswered goals. Centreville ended the close game with a final score victory of 10-8. Scoring goals for Centreville were Zack Sikora (4) and Andy Balberde (3), along with one each from Nathan Marks, Tyler Vennergrund and Kevin Hagan. Assists on the goals were given by Zack Sikora and Andy Balberde. Solid defensive play was provided by Antonio Choi, Jake Hyde and Kevin Brawner. Pat Prosser was back in goal for the Wildcats, having undergone shoulder surgery and rehab in the off season.

Chantilly, under head coach Kevin Ford, won both of their district games by one run last week. On Tuesday, April 10 at Westfield High, Chantilly edged the Bulldogs, 4-3. Then in a home game last Friday night, April 13, the Chargers defeated Oakton High, 3-2.

In the win over Oakton, Cory Donovan had a pair of hits and three RBIs for Chantilly. Starting pitcher Tom Wood got the win in six innings of work, allowing two runs and four hits. Chris Fraser earned the save in working the seventh inning.

Going into this week, Chantilly held an impressive 9-2 overall record with a 2-0 district mark. Ford's team was scheduled to play district road games this week versus Herndon on Tuesday night, and at Robinson this Friday night, April 20 at 6:30.

Chantilly's top hitters on the season thus far have been senior third baseman Sam Hellman, senior Casey Gittings, and junior Sonny Romine. Senior catcher Kevin Johnston, Ford said, has been outstanding behind the plate. On the pitching mound, the Chargers have received solid work from seniors Caleb Reinhardt and Wood.

Over the next month, Chantilly, like all the other teams in the balanced, up-for-grabs district, will continue to be challenged as it faces strong competition in the Concorde.

"Moving forward we are going to have to keep doing the same kinds of things in terms of executing, pitching and playing good defense," said Ford. "Our district schedule is going to be a battle every night and could come down to who executes."

Game two of the Woodgrove Tournament found the Wildcats facing McLean High School. Centreville's defense was the star of the show, allowing only one goal the entire game. The stellar defensive performance was led by junior goalie Pat Prosser and sophomore goalie Kent Roy. Both Roy and Prosser made multiple stops during the game. Superb one-on-one defense was displayed by Kevin Brawner, Jake Hyde and Antonio Choi, completely shutting down McLean's offensive threat. Man down defense held McLean to no goals, with solid long stick man performance by Nick Ziegler and Kainoa O'Connor. Centreville's offensive game was highlighted by top scorer Nathan Marks with four goals for the day, followed by Tyler Vennergrund and Andy Balberde, both with a 'hat trick' (3 goals). Kevin Hagan had 2 goals, and Zack Sikora, David Weisbrodt and Sean Doyle each had one for the day. Assists on goals were made by Zack Sikora (3), Andy Balberde (2), and Nathan Marks (2), along with one apiece from Kevin Hagan, Chase Heiner, Nick Ziegler and Danny Meador. The lopsided victory, with a final score of 15-1, was especially sweet for the Wildcats since they lost a close game to McLean in the 2011 season.

The final game of the tournament saw Centreville play Edison High in a competitive match, with the Wildcats winning 9-6. Junior midfielder Andy Balberde was the high scorer for the Wildcats with three goals for the day, while David Weisbrodt and Nathan Marks each had two. Also scoring for Centreville were Zack Sikora and Tyler Vennergrund. Nathan Marks and Zack Sikora each tallied multiple assists during the day. Defensive midfielders John

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Clements and Matt DeVera had impressive games, limiting scoring chances for Edison. Solid defensive play by Jake Hyde, Antonio Choi and Kevin Brawner made for key turnovers, leading to fast breaks. The Wildcats also saw excellent long stick help from Kainoa O'Connor and Nick Ziegler. Pat Prosser helped the Wildcats in goal, stopping numerous shots.

In more recent Centreville boys' lacrosse action, the Wildcats faced a tough Madison High School team Wednesday night, April 11, handing the Wildcats their first loss of the season. The Wildcats were ahead 3-1 at the end of the first quarter and the score was tied several times throughout the rest of the evening. But the Wildcats could not hold on to their original lead. They ended the night with a 13-10 loss. Attacker Tyler Vennergrund was the leading scorer for Centreville with three goals for the evening. Other players scoring goals for the Wildcats were Nathan Marks and Zack Sikora with two each, as well as David Weisbrodt, Kevin Hagan, and Andy Balberde with one goal each. Assists were given by Andy Balberde (3), Tyler Vennergrund (2), Zack Sikora (1), and Nathan Marks (1).

In their first Concorde District game of the season, the Wildcats suffered a 15-8 loss against Oakton. Midfielders Zack Sikora and Andy Balberde were the top scorers for the Wildcats, with three goals apiece for the evening. Chase Heiner and Kevin Hagan each had one goal during the game. Lending assists to their teammates were Zack Sikora with two, and Kevin Hagan and Andy Balberde with one each. The Wildcats' record now stands at 8-2.

Wildcats' JV Lacrosse Update: Friday the 13th lived up to its reputation for the Centreville JV boys' lacrosse team in a tough 11-1 loss to Oakton. After giving up an early goal, the Wildcats struck back quickly on a great steal by Elliott Cunningham, who fed the ball to fellow attackman Alex Rizzi whose shot tied the score at 1-1. Despite tough defense by the Wildcats, the first quarter ended with Centreville down 3-1. Oakton's own swarming defense frustrated Centreville shooters in the second quarter, leading to a halftime score of 5-1. The lead gave Oakton the luxury of passing the ball around the perimeter throughout most of the second half. The Wildcats were increasingly forced to press as the game wound down, a necessary risk that led to additional shots and goals by Oakton. The team has still moved to a solid record of 4-1-1, and is scheduled to face two perennial opponents — Chantilly and Lake Braddock — at home this week, on April 17 and 20, respectively.

GIRLS TENNIS

BY COACH LESLIE O'CONNOR

Matches against Chantilly on Wednesday, April 11, and Robinson on Friday, April 13, didn't play out in the Lady Wildcats' favor, with shutouts on each day. But all players continue to improve their games through tough district competition. Of particular note were improvements in depth and power, as well as movement and shot placement. This week, the tennis team was scheduled to face Herndon on Tuesday, April 17. Then, the final home match, and Senior Day, will be played against Westfield on Thursday, April 19.

TRACK AND FIELD

BY MONIQUE KING

The Wildcat track and field team faced Oakton and Robinson at a home meet last Wednesday, April 11, and both the boys and girls teams placed second in the team scoring. There were many

outstanding individual performances, including first place finishes for the girls by Seo He Im in the triple jump and long jump, Kylie Cuomo in the 1600, Isabella Medina in the 800, Sara Emsley in the discus, and Natalie King in the 3200. First place finishers for the boys were Chris Jones in the 400, Chan Young Lee in the 800, Philip Christophe in the long jump, and Nathan Milton in the discus. Second place scorers were Seo He Im in the 100 hurdles, Elizabeth Ellis in the 300 hurdles, Maria Cowen in the triple jump, Michael Bishop in the 100, and Calvin Jones in the 400. Third place finishers were Elizabeth Ellis in the 100 hurdles, Rachel Lee in the triple jump, Joanna Ahn in the 800, Amber Assadi in the long jump, Michael Bishop in the 200, Presley Day in the 1600, Jay Cowen in the 400, Bobby Dunn in the 800, and Jay Cowen in the high jump.

Also this past week, the varsity squad competed in the Morgan State Invitational in Baltimore. Centreville highlight performances include three second place finishes by Sara Emsley and Nathan Milton in the discus throw, Chan Young Lee in the boys' 1600, and Isabella Medina in the girls' 1600. Also, sophomore Maryn Wood qualified for the district championship meet in the 100 and 200 meters; senior Mike Wright qualified for the district championship in the 200 and 400 meter sprints; and senior Chris Jones qualified for the championship in the 800 meters. Other placements included: Elizabeth Ellis, 7th, 400 hurdles; Maryn Wood, 8th, 100 dash; Mike Wright, 7th, 400 dash; Chris Jones, top 6 in the 800; Nathan Milton, 8th, shot put; Sara Emsley, top 8, shot put; Philip Christophe, 8th, long jump; boys 4x100 (Philip Christophe, Alex Marmol, Marcel Smith, Mike Wright), 6th place.

CENTREVILLE SOFTBALL

BY LYNNE WILSON

Lady Wildcats varsity softball won an away game against Robinson on Monday, April 9, by a score of 5-4. Key hits were made by Gretchen Kernbach, Kara Love, and Courtney Burke. The second game of the week was played Friday night, April 13, against Herndon. It was a hard fought game and there were plenty of hits on the night. Lexi Murdock smashed a home run as well as a double with two RBIs. Kara Love had two doubles with a sacrifice fly resulting in an RBI. Lauren Knoble had a double and single. Macy Luck, Natalie Hopkins and Gretchen Kernbach also had base hits. Morgan Yi pitched a solid game, with Gretchen Kernbach coming in to relieve in the seventh inning. Despite having the tying runs on base, the Wildcats were not able to close the deal, losing 7-5. The team is now 6-6 on the season, 1-1 in the district. They were scheduled to play Westfield at home earlier this week on Tuesday, April 17, and then visit Oakton on Friday night, April 20, at 6:30.

SPORTS NOTES

Coaches Top 10 Baseball Poll (Week 5): Lake Braddock, Madison High, and Oakton High are the top three teams, respectively. No. 4 this week is defending region champion South County, while Westfield and McLean are fifth and sixth. Tied at the No. 7 position are Concorde District teams Herndon and Centreville. Another team from the Concorde, Chantilly, is No. 8. Rounding out the Top 10 are Liberty District teams Stone Bridge and Marshall. Other teams receiving votes: Yorktown, W.T. Woodson, and Robinson.

SYA summer sports registration is now available online at www.syasports.org. Registration is available for the following sports: basketball, travel basketball, and track and field. Note that registration for travel basketball will take place after tryouts (check the website for additional information). Register early to ensure placement on a team and avoid late fees. For more information visit the website or send an email to syaboard@verizon.net.

BASEBALL

BY CHRIS BARRON

The Centreville High varsity baseball team defeated previously undefeated Herndon, 4-3, on Friday April 13. Senior catcher and James Madison University recruit Bobby San Martin led the way, going 2-for-2 with three RBI, including a three-run, bases-clearing double in the third inning. Senior pitcher Mitch Mahoney picked up the win after going six innings with three strikeouts before giving way to senior Mitch Ferrick, who picked up the save after throwing out the potential tying run at the plate to end the game.

This victory came after the varsity Wildcats defeated Robinson 5-4 earlier in the week. Centreville is now 12-1 (2-0 Concorde) and was scheduled to face rival Westfield at home on Tuesday, April 17, then travel to Oakton on Thursday, April 19 with both games scheduled for a 6:30 start.

Wildcats' JV Baseball defeated Robinson 13-11 on Tuesday, April 10th, and Herndon 5-4 on Friday, April 13. Against the Rams, both teams combined for 15 runs in the first inning, eight for Centreville and seven for Robinson. Freshman Matthew Blaise led the team, going 4-for-5 with a triple and two RBI. Two of Blaise's hits came in that first inning where the Wildcats had their first eight batters reach base before an out was recorded. Centreville tacked on two more runs in the third and its final three in the fifth. Blaise came into pitch with the bases loaded in the seventh and recorded the final three outs, including a passed ball which catcher Jake Behne was able to collect at the backstop before tossing it to Blaise and getting the runner out at the plate to end the game.

The JV team is now 6-0 (2-0 Concorde) and was scheduled to travel to Westfield on Tuesday, April 17, then play Oakton at home Thursday, April 19 at 6:30 p.m.

Note: Don't forget to follow @CVHSWildcats on Twitter for updates during the game as well as final scores.

GIRLS SOCCER

BY KATHY HULL

The Centreville girls' soccer team opened district play on Tuesday night, April 10 at Westfield. The young team performed well, getting the first goal of the game after Jenna Green's cross allowed Bella Muzo to place a shot past the Bulldogs' keeper in the first half. Centreville goalie Tori Collar had six saves of her own. Westfield scored to open the second half, and then again in the waning minutes of the game to secure a one-goal victory.

The Lady Wildcats are now 4-2-1 for the season and the march through the Concorde District opponents continues. Earlier this week, they were slated to visit Oakton on Monday, April 16 and then host Robinson on Wednesday, April 18.

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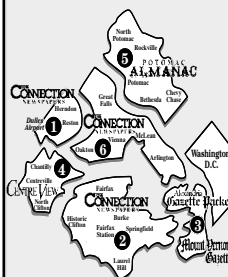
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sider the adoption of a Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation
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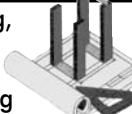


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"Meagulpa"



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

As a veteran of the chemo wars, I should have been better prepared mentally for the food/taste challenges often caused by the infusion of such cancer-fighting chemicals, but I wasn't. Oh, I was ready for the hair loss, the fatigue, the diabetic-type neuropathy, the overall aches and pains (general feeling of discomfort/feeling out of sorts), but for some inexplicable reason, I wasn't ready for the food issue. Specifically, I refer to its lack of taste, and a directly-related effect: minimal interest in eating. Whether the effect/cause was in my head or in my taste buds, it was most definitely an effect from a cause.

Not that I appear, at present, to be the least bit undernourished (disheveled, maybe), or not in need of a modest reduction in weight; nevertheless, not being able to enjoy my daily bread, as but one example, was/is disappointing. Moreover, being one of the many individuals who uses food as a stress-reducer and oral-fixator, not being satisfied by any of my staples has made for a very dull boy. Not cranky. Not irritable. More like miserable. And this misery doesn't like company, and has made this four-time infusion much less palatable than I had anticipated. I had anticipated: been there done that; no problem. However, as experienced as I thought I was; having survived/endured six infusions (round one) three years ago, my overconfidence for this second round seems to have led me to a bit of an emotional thud. I thought I was going to slide through this treatment unscathed. Unfortunately, I have been scathed.

What upsets me most about my circumstances is that I think I should have known better, especially since I take such pride in trying to know better/be prepared (I'm not exactly a Boy Scout, but I am usually more on the ball). Yet I wasn't. And when the food began to taste bad a week or two after my second infusion (as if it were a surprise), emotionally I went south. Not only was I "disappointed" in the taste of food, I was more disappointed in my lack of awareness of a fairly likely/predictable occurrence when chemotherapy is infused. If Hostess Brands, the makers of Twinkies, Ding Dongs, Ho Hos, Cupcakes, etc., had not already filed for bankruptcy protection back in January, 2012; given my modest – and uncharacteristic – first quarter consumption of such delicacies, they likely would have been forced to file for bankruptcy in April of 2012. I wouldn't say however, that as an adult I've maintained the pace of my indulgent adolescence (almost a box a day); who could? But I have eaten my share (and a few others' shares, no doubt) and am proud of the hours I've spent satiated and of the product knowledge I've gained as a direct result. This second round of chemotherapy ended all of that. No taste, no pleasure. No pleasure, no patience. No patience, no happiness. And it's all my fault. I have been down this road before, bumpy as it was, and I should have been better prepared, mentally.

If there's one thing I believe I've learned during this whole cancer trip, and some wisdom I feel I can impart, it would be: managing expectations, both good and bad. Control what you can, don't worry about what you can't. Remember what you know and be mindful of what you don't. Expect the unexpected and don't take anything for granted. And though this food/lack of taste thing will pass soon enough, my arrogance in not preparing for/anticipating it will linger. I'll get over it, I suppose, but not before I've told you readers about it first.

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

ENTERTAINMENT

FRIDAY/APRIL 20

Swing Dancing. 9 p.m. to midnight. Admission is \$15. With Boogie Woogie Hall of Famer Carl Sonny Leyland. 8:30-9 p.m. drop-in beginner swing lesson; 9 p.m.-12 midnight dance. At the Hilton Washington Dulles Airport, 13869 Park Center Road, Herndon.

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