



Students perform the song, "Freak Flag," from "Shrek, the Musical" at rehearsal.

Spotlight Shines on Local Talent

Alliance Theatre offers Musical Showcase.

BY BONNIE HOBBS
CENTRE VIEW

Shining a spotlight on the local community's youth, The Alliance Theatre presents its inaugural Musical Showcase, Friday-Saturday, May 4-5, at Mountain View High. The event is a fund-raiser for Mountain View to purchase additional lighting, sound and window covers for its auditorium. Participants include students from Centreville,

Chantilly and Westfield high schools; Greenbriar West and Union Mill elementary schools and St. Timothy Catholic School. Directors are Jen Farmer and Cathy Arnold; the producer is John Ingargiola.

"It's a coffeehouse-type variety show," said Arnold, of Chantilly's Franklin Glen community. "We wanted to showcase the kids and bring in new talent. We even have some really talented 7-year-olds that'll knock your socks off. One's doing Tae Kwon Do, and another, a routine from 'Annie' — and they're possibly going to steal the show. But everybody has talent and will get to shine their own way."

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Fund-Raiser Planned for Animal Shelter

"Wine, Whiskers, Wags & Beer" event is May 5.

BY BONNIE HOBBS
CENTRE VIEW

Like a Statue of Liberty for animals, the Fairfax County Animal Shelter is a place of refuge for animals needing care. They often arrive ill or injured, and many have been abused, neglected or abandoned.

With limited funds, the shelter can't pay for the care each animal needs. But it has a guardian angel in the nonprofit Friends of the Fairfax County Animal Shelter (FFCAS). Since 2006, this organization

has raised money to fund things the shelter can't.

But to be able to keep making donations, FFCAS must continue raising money. So on Saturday, May 5, from 6:30-9 p.m., it's holding a wine- and beer-tasting event at Total Wine & More in the Greenbriar Shopping Center on Route 50 in Chantilly.

Called "Wine, Whiskers, Wags & Beer," it's \$35/person, and each attendee will taste five different wines and five different beers, enjoy heavy hors d'oeuvres and receive souvenir wine and beer glasses adorned with the FFCAS logo. Anyone wanting to attend should sign up at www.ffcas.org.

"Last year we raised almost \$10,000 at this event," said FFCAS President Evelyn Grieve. "So this time, we hope to exceed that amount." People who can't

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Whalen: 'We Ride for Those Who Died'

Local man bikes in Police Unity Tour.

BY BONNIE HOBBS
CENTRE VIEW

The motto of the Police Unity Tour (PUT) is "We Ride for Those Who Died." And May 10-12, Centreville's Kevin Whalen is bicycling 232 miles in memory of Virginia Tech Police Officer Deriek Crouse who was killed Dec. 8, 2011.

Whalen, of the Walney Glen community, is a federal agent with the Treasury Department, and he knows firsthand the mortal dangers law-enforcement officers face every day. That's because, on Sept. 1, 1994, he nearly lost his life.

"I was on a surveillance detail with ATF [the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms] in an unmarked van in northwest Washington, D.C.," he said. "When we were finished, one of the other officers went to move the van, and a drug-gang member we were investigating shot five rounds at us."

"I was kneeling in the van and the bullets went through it, missing my body by half an inch," continued Whalen. "That's when it really hit home that I could have died."

His wife was pregnant with their second of four children at the time. And by then, he'd already gone to



Centreville's Kevin Whalen takes riding in the Police Unity Tour seriously.

the funerals of four law-enforcement officers. "But you don't give up," he said. "You keep going to work every day, catch the bad guys and make it a safer place for everybody."

And that's what Crouse — a 39-year-old father of five — was doing when he was fatally shot while sitting in his unmarked car. After

he made a traffic stop on the VT campus, a person unrelated to it approached his vehicle and shot him in the head.

Both Whalen and Fairfax County Police Officer Rodney Barnes are riding in the PUT in Crouse's honor, and they met with

his wife Tina, April 13, in her Blacksburg home. "We wanted to get to know a little more about him as a person," said Whalen. "She thanked us, and we told her that her husband would never be forgotten and that we're riding in honor of him, his family, the community and the Virginia Tech Police Department."

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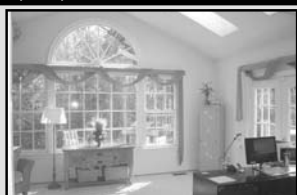
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News

Two More Weeks to Chantilly Day

Area prepares for its first celebration.

BY BONNIE HOBBS
CENTRE VIEW

Fun, food, music, a car show, children's fair and parade — they'll all be part of the first-ever Chantilly Day. It's slated for Saturday, May 12, and its organizers have high hopes for its success.

"Chantilly Day is a great way for area businesses to say thank you to our community for supporting us every day," said Saharnaz Farivar, president of SF Design Group of Chantilly. She had the initial idea for this event, and now it's becoming a reality.

She's also the coordinator of the Chantilly-Centreville Chamber of Commerce, and this organization and the Westfield Business Owners Association are jointly sponsoring Chantilly Day. The family festival will run from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. in the parking lot of the Sully Place Shopping Center (near Babies R Us and K-mart), followed by a free concert from 4-6 p.m.

First, though, there'll be a parade along Metrotech Drive, starting at 9:30 a.m. The grand marshal will be Supervisor Michael R. Frey (R-Sully), and both the Chantilly and Westfield high school marching bands will perform.

The parade is open to all residents; people from Centreville, Chantilly, Clifton, Fair Oaks, Fair Lakes, Fairfax, South Riding, etc., are welcome to participate. Just e-mail the organizing team at info@chantillyday.com. People with pets and children with decorated bikes, scooters, etc., are also invited to march in the parade.

The festival is expected to attract thousands of people and more than 100 local businesses. Restaurants will offer some of their tastiest dishes at the Taste of Chantilly, and the children's fair will include face-painting and other activities. There'll be onstage performances from 11 a.m.-4 p.m., with a deejay making announcements and playing music during breaks. Then from 4-6 p.m., local band The Merchants of Cool will give a free concert.

The fun also includes a pet parade, plus a pet adoption from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. The car show will run from 11 a.m.-3 p.m., and the Taste of Chantilly will be offered from 11 a.m. to 5:30 or 6 p.m. Awards for Educator of the Year, businesses and nonprofit groups will be presented between 11:30 a.m. and noon. Farivar will honor essay-contest winners, and a

people's-choice award will be given to the favorite car in the show.

The theme for Chantilly Day is "Remember Yesterday, Celebrate Today, Embrace Tomorrow." Besides giving the town more of a cohesive identity, Farivar wants to promote its businesses, art, education and science. She also wants attendees to be able to learn more about their community — past and present, appreciate what it has and "work for a better tomorrow."

Toward that end, people will also be encouraged to visit Sully Plantation and the National Air and Space Museum's Udvar-Hazy Center, and shuttles will be available that day to take them to and from the festival and Sully Plantation.

Both Westfield and Chantilly High will have tents in the business expo area. Westfield is still finalizing the particular attractions it

will offer, but Chantilly will feature its performing arts, Hispanic Leadership Club, Art Department, athletic boosters, PTSA, and The Chantilly Academy. For example, cosmetology students will do hair braiding and extensions, carpentry students will show a picnic table and shed they constructed, and members of the Robotics Club will bring the robot they built.

In addition, both the Westfield Jazz Band and Chantilly Jazz Band will perform onstage; and at 3 p.m.,

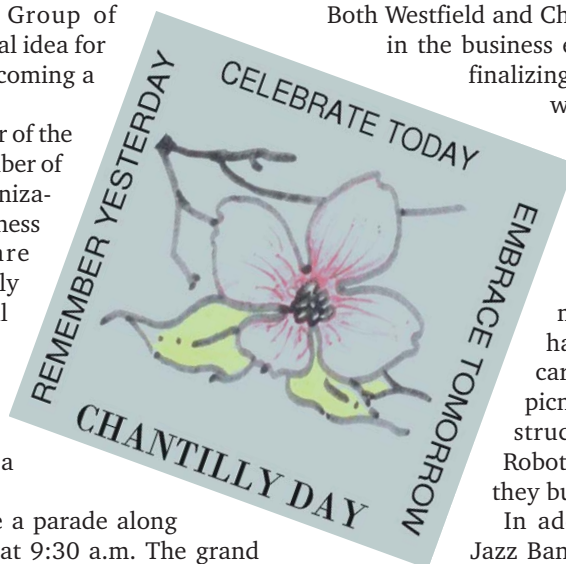
Chantilly's Junior Air Force ROTC drill team will dazzle the crowd with its precision marching.

While planning this event, Farivar contacted entities in the area's namesake of Chantilly, France, apprising them of the details and inviting them to attend. And, she said, "I am absolutely delighted that two representatives from the mayor's office in Chantilly, France will come. They're giving an award and will also have a booth where they'll talk about their city."

Sully Place Shopping Center owner, Beatty Management Co., donated the space for the day's festivities, and Roy Eppard, Beatty's director of property management, is looking forward to the event. "We're thrilled that Chantilly Day will take place [there]," he said. "This will be the best event of the year."

Visit www.chantillyday.com for registration information, plus more ways to get involved. Anyone interested in marching in the parade, entering the car show, participating in the business expo or volunteering should contact the event organizers at info@chantillyday.com.

Said Farivar: "Chantilly has a lot to offer, and our business community is planning this festival to show the community how wonderful our town is."



CRIME REPORT

Activities reported by the Sully police department through April 20.

DANGEROUS DOG

6100 block of Hatches Court, April 16, 3:45 p.m. The victim was walking his Husky on a leash when an English Bulldog came running around a corner and attacked the Husky. The English Bulldog owner, a 37-year-old male of Centreville, was charged with no dog license and dangerous dog.

ANIMAL BITE

2900 block of Stuart Drive, April 13, 3:45 p.m. A mail carrier was bitten once by a dog who escaped the backyard. The mail carrier received minor injuries and the Husky/Labrador mix was routinely quarantined.

LARCENIES

14300 block of Chantilly Crossing

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14400 block of Saguaro Place. 2001 Saturn.

ROUNDUPS

Smoking Materials Cause Fire

Fairfax County fire investigators say “discarded smoking materials” caused an accidental townhouse fire, April 12, in Centreville. The incident occurred around 3:25 p.m. at 5213 Prairie Willow Way. Upon arrival, firefighters encountered heavy smoke and fire coming from the rear and deck area of the three-story, end unit.

They fought the blaze from both the exterior and interior to keep the fire in check. They were able to bring it under control in approximately five minutes, preventing the flames from spreading to the adjoining townhouse. An adult male and a dog escaped unharmed and two adults were displaced. No one was injured.

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.

Free Carseat Inspections

Certified technicians from the Sully District Police Station will perform free, child safety carseat inspections Thursday, May 3 and May 17, 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.

Join Parade at Chantilly Day

The First Annual Chantilly Day is set for Saturday, May 12. A parade starting at 9:30 a.m. on Metrotech Drive will feature the Chantilly and Westfield high school marching bands. However, many parade openings are still available for anyone in any community wishing to participate. Children with decorated bikes, scooters, etc., are welcome. E-mail the organizing team at info@chantillyday.com.

The family festival will run from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. in the parking lot of the Sully Place Shopping Center, followed by a free concert from 4-6 p.m.

Visit www.chantillyday.com for more ways to get involved. Major sponsors are the Chantilly-Centreville Chamber of Commerce and the Westfield Business Owners Assn.

WFCCA Elects its Officers

Last Monday, April 16, the West Fairfax County Citizens Association (WFCCA) and its Land-Use committee elected their new slate of officers.

❖ The WFCCA officers are: President, Jim Katcham (Centre Ridge Regent); Administrative Vice President, Stephen Chulick (Virginia Chase); Executive Vice President, Judith Heisinger (Bull Run); Secretary, Carol Hawn (At-Large); and Treasurer, Chris Terpak-Malm (At-Large).

❖ WFCCA Standing Committee Chairs are Education, Mark McConn (At-Large); Environment, Parks & Recreation, Chris Terpak-Malm (At-Large); Social Services and Outreach, Carol Hawn (At-Large); and Transportation, Judith Heisinger (Bull Run).

❖ WFCCA Land-Use Committee members are: Stephen Chulick (Virginia Chase); Judith Heisinger (Bull Run); Jim Katcham (Centre Ridge Regent); Brian Mazanec (Brookfield Civic Assn.); Mark McConn (At-Large); Jim Neighbors (Sully Station I); and Chris Terpak-Malm (At-Large). Katcham remains as chairman.

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On April 19, 12,035 people visited the Smithsonian Institution’s National Air And Space Museum Steven F. Udvar-Hazy Center to witness the shuttles Enterprise and Discovery nose-to-nose on the tarmac behind the museum. The Enterprise (on left) was the first Space Shuttle Orbiter built by NASA in 1976. It became part of the Smithsonian Institution in 1985. The Space Shuttle Discovery was built in 1983, flew 39 missions and spent 365 days in space.



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The Space Shuttle Discovery will take the Enterprise’s position in the hangar at Udvar-Hazy.

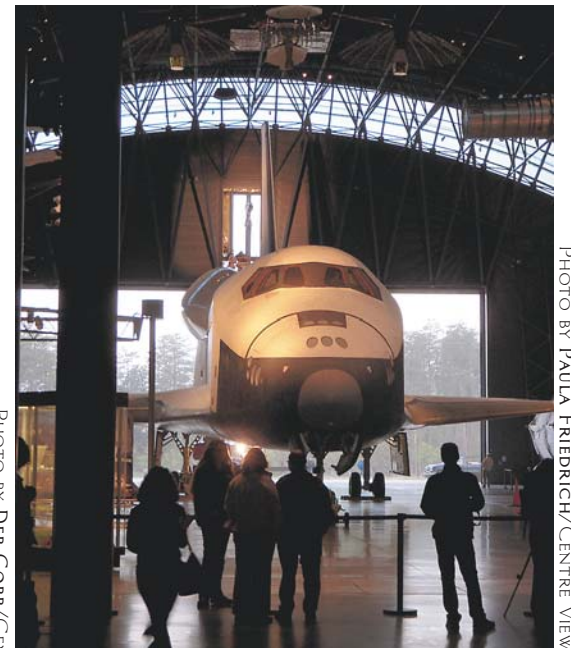


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The Space Shuttle Enterprise is readied to leave its position in the hangar at Smithsonian Institution’s National Air And Space Museum Steven F. Udvar-Hazy Center. It will be displayed at the Intrepid Sea, Air and Space Museum in New York City.



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On Tuesday April 17, a Boeing 747 carrying the Space Shuttle Discovery, and escorted by a T-38 supersonic jet-trainer does a fly by of Dulles International Airport.

ROUNDUPS

FROM PAGE 3

Meals on Wheels Volunteers

Fairfax County needs Meals on Wheels drivers in Chantilly and group Meals on Wheels coordinators in both Chantilly and Fairfax. Contact Volunteer Solutions at 703-324-5406, TTY 711, VolunteerSolutions@fairfaxcounty.gov or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dfs/olderadultservices/volunteer-solutions.htm.

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 108 men and women, APO's supplement the sworn personnel in public-safety operations. They perform such duties 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 different 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 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.

PEOPLE

Foster, Foltz To Be Honored

Both nominated as Community Champions.

Volunteer Fairfax and Supervisor Pat Herrity will honor Ned Foster of Springfield District with a Community Champion award during the 20th Anniversary Fairfax County Volunteer Service Awards sponsored by UnitedHealthcare. The awards will be held Friday, April 27, at the Waterford at Springfield in Springfield.

Herrity nominated Foster for this award on behalf of his dedication to maintaining a clean watershed. Whether removing numerous tires, a truck cab, or various sized mattresses, Foster's work with the Friends of Little Rocky Run has had a positive effect on all residents of Fairfax County. His clean-up efforts have resulted in over 3,000 garbage bags, and over 50 tons of discarded waste being cleared from Little Rocky Run's watershed, providing the community with cleaner water and a beautiful landscape.

Also, Volunteer Fairfax and Supervisor Michael Frey will honor Alice Foltz of Sully District with a Community Champion award.

Frey nominated Foltz for this award on behalf of her work on immigration. Foltz has given countless volunteer hours to work to find solutions to the difficult issue of immigration.

Through the Wellspring United Church of Christ in Centerville, Foltz served on the Outreach Committee to accomplish the goal of reducing tension about the issue. As a result, the Centerville Labor

Resource Center was implemented to provide an opportunity to move the street-side employment market indoors to a space provided by a community business owner.

Each year, Community Champions are nominated by their district supervisor. Every member of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors is granted the honor of selecting one volunteer within their district to be recognized with this award. This distinguished award recognizes volunteers who are committed to improving Fairfax County through their dedicated efforts of bringing the community together in order to work towards a common goal of addressing the concerns of County residents.

In addition to Foster and Foltz, other individuals from the region are being honored for their accomplishments as Community Champions. Each will receive an award during the breakfast ceremony as well. This year's list of Community Champions also includes:

- ❖ William Cervenak, Hunter Mill District
- ❖ Louise Cleveland, Mount Vernon District
- ❖ The Shepherd's Center of Oakton-Vienna, Providence District
- ❖ Greg Sykes, Braddock District
- ❖ Don Hakenson, Lee District
- ❖ Robert Lundegard, Dranesville District
- ❖ Julie Clemente, At Large
- ❖ Stanley Garnett, Mason District.

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Local Man To Ride in Virginia Tech Officer's Memory

FROM PAGE 1

Last Thursday, April 26, Crouse's name was engraved into the Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Washington, D.C., and Barnes and Whalen were there. Crouse was one of 162 officers nationwide who died last year in the line of duty. However, said Whalen, "We're honoring him not for the way he died, but how he lived."

This year's PUT, the 16th annual, is in tribute to them all, with each participant riding in memory of a particular fallen officer. The event also raises awareness of and money for the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund (NLEOMF) and Museum in the District.

ON MAY 10, at 7:30 a.m., Whalen will be among about 100 officers from the PUT's Chapter IV contingent, led by Fairfax County police, to leave from Richmond on the first leg of their journey, 93 miles to Charlottesville. The chapter president, Maggie DeBoard, was FCPD's deputy police chief and is now the first female chief of the Town of Herndon's police department.

They'll pedal 80 miles to Warrenton the next day and 59 miles more to Washington, D.C., on May 12. That day, they'll bicycle up Route 29 in Centreville, around 9:10 a.m., en route to a lunch provided by Glory Days Grill before heading to the District for the ride's end.

"I never thought, at nearly 50, I'd be riding a bike 232 miles," said Whalen. "But I'm inspired to do it. We all wish we didn't have to [ride because of tragedy]. Every time we get a notice that another officer's died, it's really upsetting."

To stay in shape for the event, he bikes all year along the W & OD Trail and in Clifton and is currently up to 75 miles/week. He also takes spin classes, a few times at week, at Life Time Fitness in Centreville. During the actual PUT ride, a motorcycle escort and ambulances will accompany the

"You're thinking of the officer you're riding for and you're overwhelmed with emotion."

— Kevin Whalen

you're riding for and you're overwhelmed with emotion. You get tears in your eyes at the same time you're reaching out for the hands welcoming you."

A crowd will be waiting there to cheer for the bicyclists, including NLEOMF Chairman and CEO Craig Floyd. "Then there's a big ceremony and all the police chapter presidents will present him with one check," said Whalen. "Last year it was an incred-



Sporting his Police Unity Tour jersey, Kevin Whalen stands with his 12-speed, lightweight road bike adorned with VT emblems.

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cyclists, while a support team handles their food, water and lodging.

Bicyclists from other police departments — federal, state and local — across the country will ride from New Jersey. Then on May 12, they'll join with the Virginia riders at RFK Stadium and, together, all 1,400 of them will cycle two by two to the Memorial.

At that point, said Whalen, "You're just numb and full of goosebumps. You're thinking of the officer

ible \$1.5 million."

EACH RIDER must raise a minimum of \$1,700 to participate in the PUT. So far, Whalen's raised \$6,000 and will use his excess to help other riders meet their goals. "It's not a contest; we're all a team raising money for a good cause and the right reasons," he said. "And it's not just about the money — it's about raising awareness of the memorial and the officers who made the ultimate sacrifice to protect our government, communities and families."

"Law-enforcement officers do dangerous things every day that people don't hear and know about," continued Whalen. "You never know if something will happen to you. On an average, one officer dies every 48 hours."

Each PUT rider wears a special, blue bracelet engraved with the name of the officer in whose honor they're riding. And at the end of their journey, they'll present those bracelets to that person's loved ones.

"You also walk over to the memorial, see your officer's name, kneel down and touch it and tell him, 'Thanks for protecting us; you'll never be forgotten,'" said Whalen.

Local PUT Fund-raisers

❖ On Thursday, 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. Kevin Whalen and other PUT riders will tend bar and receive donations in tip buckets.

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 Saturday, 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. Participants will receive tax receipts, coupons for Glory Days Grill appetizers and blue ribbons to tie on their car to show support for law enforcement.

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

"Then on Sunday, May 13, at 8 p.m., is the Candlelight Vigil. The families of all 163 officers will be there for the memorial dedication and the reading of everyone's names."

The theme for this year's Candlelight Vigil and National Police Week, May 13-19, is "In Memory of Many, In Honor of All." After this year's additions, the memorial will contain 19,660 names and, said Whalen, "You're praying they'll never have to add another wall to it."

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OPINION

Connection Wins Public Service Award for Homeless Coverage

VPA Award for Journalistic Integrity and Community Service; plus 44 other awards.

The Connection Newspapers was awarded the Virginia Press Association Award for Journalistic Integrity and Community Service last Saturday, April 21, “for exhaustive coverage of homelessness in the newspaper’s circulation area.” The award was announced in Roanoke at the press association’s annual convention.

The public service entries were judged by Robert Giles, former editor and publisher of The Detroit News and the immediate past curator of the Nieman Foundation.

Giles wrote of the Connection coverage: “Its stories gave voice to the homeless. Its stories effectively portrayed the plight of the poor living in tents and other makeshift shelters. It reported on how poverty and homelessness affects children. It examined the

causes of homelessness and explained why people don’t have a place to live even when some have a job. It reported on the role of government and groups that advocate for the poor. It provided extensive lists of community organizations with missions to help the poor and homeless, and told how individuals could volunteer.

“It invited knowledgeable citizens to contribute guest editorials that offered perspectives and fresh ideas for addressing the problems of homelessness.”

The online component of the homeless project also won first place in the multimedia category. Edited by Michael O’Connell, the project included stories, video and photos by Victoria Ross, Deb Cobb, Robbie Hammer, Bonnie Hobbs and Amber Healy.

The Connection Newspapers group, including the Alexandria Gazette Packet, Mount Vernon Gazette and Centre View and Potomac Almanac, won 45 awards in all.

The Alexandria Gazette Packet won 17 awards.

The top award winner was Michael Lee Pope, who won 12 awards including first place for government writing; health, science and environmental writing; in-depth or investigative reporting; breaking news and public safety

writing.

In addition to her work on the homeless project, photographer Deb Cobb won individual first place awards for photo illustration for a cover depicting a vampire; for an online slide show of “wounded warriors at bat,” and for general news photo.

Bonnie Hobbs won two first place awards, one for education writing and one for feature portfolio. Alex McVeigh won first place for in depth or investigative reporting for his coverage of a land use issue in Great Falls. Montie Martin won two first place awards, one for business writing, the other for personal service writing.

The Children’s Connection won an award and judges said it was a “simple and elegant idea showcasing children’s artwork, a great way to attract young readers.”

While it is gratifying and fun to win awards, it reflects our mission to tell the stories of the local community. We welcome your ideas and suggestions about what we should be covering now.

— MARY KIMM,

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Winning Entries, Connection, Centre View

See a complete list of winners on page 14.

❖ Virginia Press Association 2011 Award for Journalistic Integrity and Community Service

❖ Michael O’Connell, Victoria Ross, Deb Cobb, Robbie Hammer, Bonnie Hobbs, Amber Healy, 1st Place, Fairfax Connection, Multimedia Feature Report, An End to Homelessness, Judges comments: Wow. This is an amazing endeavor. The print and digital components complement each other nicely, although I would have liked to see some aggressive promotion of digital from print. The video and photo gallery provide nice layers to the overall storytelling. The webpage featuring your original coverage will be an excellent home to keep following this important topic. Well-done.

❖ Alex McVeigh, 1st Place, Great Falls Connection, In-Depth Or Investigative Reporting

❖ Bonnie Hobbs, 1st place, Centre View, Education Writing, Judges Comments: What the judges really appreciate about Bonnie’s stories is that each one is a unique, interesting and very readable story that makes the sometimes dry subject of education coverage appealing to readers. Much more than the “school board did this and the school board did that” type stories that so many newspapers publish, not to say that this coverage is not important. Bonnie’s work really made us want to read it. Good job, and congratulations.

❖ Bonnie Hobbs, 1st place, Centre View, Feature Writing Portfolio, Judges comments: These entries were fantastic. Great writing style really makes these unique stories shine. Nicely packaged

final product. Well done!

❖ Deb Cobb, 1st place, Fairfax Connection, Online Slideshow, Wounded Warriors at Bat

❖ Deb Cobb, 1st place, Fairfax Connection, General News Photo, Warm Welcome, Judges comments: I love how every subject in this photo is engaged into a moment. Wonderful.

❖ Deb Cobb, 1st Place, Burke Connection, Photo-Illustration, Vampire Feast, Judges comments: The intensity in the model’s face combined with the high contrast photo make this a dynamic illustration for a story about vampires.

❖ Victoria Ross, 2nd place, Fairfax Station/Clifton/Lorton, In-Depth Or Investigative Reporting

❖ Jon Roetman, 2nd place, Fairfax Station/Clifton/Lorton, Sports Writing Portfolio, Judges comments: This entry exhibits solid sports reporting, plain and simple. The completeness of these stories is the name of the game here. The reporter demonstrates versatility, switching from feature to news writing within the articles themselves, giving the reader the whole story.

❖ Lashawn Avery-Simon, 2nd Place, Arlington Connection, General News Photo, ribbon cutting at park, Judges comments: great expression and tight composition

❖ Michael Lee Pope, 2nd Place, Arlington Connection, Health, Science and Environmental Writing, Judges comments: Excellent writing. Diverse topics. Took what could be dry material and led me through it and kept me interested. Good work.

❖ Marilyn Campbell, 2nd Place, Great Falls Connection, Personal Service Writing, Beating the Holiday Blues, Great

American Smokeout, Getting into ‘Right Fit’ Private School; Judges comments: Trio of strong entries.

❖ Mike O’Connell, Victoria Ross, Deb Cobb, Robbie Hammer, Bonnie Hobbs, Amber Healy 2nd place, Fairfax Connection, Special Sections or Special Editions, End to Homelessness, Judges comments: “End to Homelessness” tab. It is nice to see a newspaper commit to a project such as this in the form of a special tab.

❖ Julia O’Donoghue, 2nd place, Fairfax Connection, Education Writing W2W06 31912 Judges comments: Very nice variety in these stories, again, like the first place winner, going much deeper into the multitude of possibilities available in coverage of education and schools.

❖ Kenny Lourie, longtime columnist and Connection advertising representative, won two 1st place awards from the Maryland Delaware DC Press Association, one for local column and one for sports column. Lourie has been writing about his odyssey with Stage IV lung

cancer, and the judges noted: “Writer chooses tough subject, his own mortality, and handles it quite well. He gives us an honest look at a very personal issue.”

❖ Kemal Kurspahic, Laurence Foong, Amna Rehmatulla, 3rd place, Reston Connection, Special Sections or Special Editions W2M08 30698, Children’s Connection, Judges comments: Simple and elegant idea showcasing children’s artwork, a great way to attract young readers.

❖ Victoria Ross, 3rd place, Fairfax Connection, In-Depth Or Investigative Reporting

❖ Mary Kimm, 3rd Place, Burke Connection, Editorial Writing, Judges comments: Mary Kimm’s columns are strong, particularly the one taking to task a school board on its disciplinary procedures in light of a student’s suicide. The community is better for her work.

❖ Michael Pope, 3rd place, Mount Vernon Gazette, In-Depth Or Investigative Reporting

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Centre View welcomes views on any public issue.

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LETTERS



Sara Segalini

Exchange Student Appreciates Year

To the Editor:

My name is Sara Segalini. I am an exchange student from Italy. I'm having a lot of fun here in Virginia and I'll never forget this year in the U.S.

I was scared at the beginning but a lot of people have helped me throughout the year. Therefore I would like to thank World Heritage that gave me the opportunity to come to the U.S., my local coordinators (Sharon and Diane), all my teachers at Chantilly High School because they really helped me with my English, my counselor who is amazing, the CHS tennis team and the coaches (coach Doug and coach K) and, most important, my host family (Marc, Vicki, Breanne, Jason and Buzz) who has been like my Italian family.

Thanks to you guys my year has been awesome. I learned a lot about the American culture and I'll never forget you all and I'll miss you so much. Thank you again.

If you'd like to host a student, you can call my rep, Diane Galvin at 703-507-9224 or go to www.whhosts.com for details.

Sara Segalini
Italy

Bullying Behavior

To the Editor:

Without question, the involvement of a community is vital to dealing with bullying among youth. Children being bullied need to feel that they have safe places to interact, and, if they are bullied, safe ways to voice their problems without fear. A child having a

mutual respect for the other is important, as it makes it less likely for someone to bully another if they view them as an equivalent in their eyes. If they are not viewed as somebody capable of being victimized, they won't harass them. The children doing the bullying need to be addressed as well, and not solely in a punishment light.

If a child is partaking in bullying, there are strong odds that they have been bullied by a figure of power or trust in their life. This behavior becomes learned, and they enact it on others where they want. Once they grow older, and have families of their own, there is also a strong likelihood that they partake in similar acts as what was done to them, creating a cycle. Children tend to pick up on this behavior from someplace, whether it is a physical person in their life or something more abstract, like the media. While the media no doubt has an influence on development, it can barely hold a candle to the importance of significant relationships, and can impact future relationships for that child. Whether or not they intend to, the behavior can become ingrained in their mind as how to act in situations, and a few classes or detentions here and there are not strong enough to trump that.

Dealing with the problem in this light should also be addressed. While this may not be true in all circumstances, it definitely is present and should be addressed if a community is looking to treat the bullying problem. Helping children who are victims of bullying is absolutely important, but some attention should also be paid to those doing it outside of just serving penance. Punishments after punishments that continually get harsher can make someone indifferent rules altogether, and that may lead to greater problems in the future. If more work with counselors or teachers can help put a trustworthy adult figure in their life that they feel like they can talk too can be put into effect, it may help ease the stress. If something is wrong in their life, it should be helped so they can be helped.

Chris Liotta
Oak Hill

Investment in

America's Youth

To the Editor:

Have parents and their baseball-oriented sons from ages 15 to 18 given much thought to the advantages of playing American Legion Baseball — a program that is extremely active in the Northern Virginia District 17 of the American Legion? If they haven't, they should because American Legion Baseball is not just another local baseball program for youth.

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For information on how to be involved in American Legion Baseball as a player or coach, contact Bill Murphy, District 17 Baseball Chairman via e-mail at bigmerf@gmail.com or Jim Glassman, District 17 Baseball Administrator, at jimglassman@verizon.net.

Jim Glassman

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MILITARY NOTES

Army Pvt. Erik R. Melgarejo has graduated from the Basic Field Artillery Cannon Crewmember Advanced Individual Training course at Fort Sill, Lawton, Okla. Melgarejo is the son of Miriam B. Nunez of Sturbridge Road, Woodbridge, and

Hernan Melgarejo of Tabscott Drive, Chantilly. He is a 2010 graduate of South County Secondary School, Lorton.

Air Force Airman 1st Class Justin N. Mynatt graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force

Base, San Antonio, Texas. Mynatt is the son of Susan Wroton and Don Mynatt, both of Point Pleasant Drive, Fairfax. He is a 2006 graduate of Chantilly High School. He earned an associate degree in 2009 from Northern Virginia Community College.



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Alliance Theatre To Present Musical Showcase

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The 40 performers range in age from 6-21, and the event includes guitar solos and songs of The Beatles and The Who. It also features solo, group and ensemble numbers from Broadway shows, including "Shrek," "Aida," "Annie," "Beauty and the Beast," "13 the Musical," "Les Miserables," "Suessical" and "Phantom of the Opera."

There'll be songs, dances and monologues, with the entertainment flowing from one act to the next. "The kids came to the auditions prepared with the acts they wanted to perform, and we turned them into a show," said Arnold. "It'll be great, family entertainment."

Centreville High senior Anthony Ingargiola will sing "What You'd Call a Dream," from an off-Broadway musical revue called "Diamonds." Said Ingargiola: "It's a beautiful ballad about baseball, envisioning your future and achieving your dreams."

He's also part of the group number, "Freak Flag," from "Shrek, the Musical." Describing it as a fun song, Ingargiola said, "All the fairytale creatures have been kicked out of the kingdom. But they sing about how proud they are of what they are they decide to rebel against the kingdom."

"The music is upbeat and will make the audience want to get up and start dancing," he continued. "We'll be in costume and each character will have a particular, funny voice." He says the whole show is "a big appreciation of young talent" and the audi-

To Go

The Alliance Theatre will present a Musical Showcase on Friday, May 4, at 7:30 p.m., and Saturday, May 5, at 2 and 7:30 p.m., at Mountain View High. It's at 5775 Spindle Court, behind Glory Days Grill in Centreville. Tickets are \$15 at www.thealliancetheatre.org or at the door. For details about a special, pre-show event for Scouts, May 5, e-mail boxoffice@thealliancetheatre.org or call 703-220-8101.

ence will enjoy seeing the participants "express themselves and grow through this opportunity to perform for the community."

Courtney Jennelle, a 2011 Centreville High grad now attending NOVA, will sing "My Strongest Suit" from "Annie." She chose it because "it's a powerful song and shows a lot of girl power."

She's also helping choreograph the show, working on "Freak Flag" with Anthony Ingargiola. "As I listened to the music, I started making dance moves in my head," she said. "And it's a great experience for me to teach the choreography to the younger kids."

Jennelle is part of the "Beauty and the Beast" medley, as well. "My favorite song in it is 'Be Our Guest' because of the choreography and because it's such a fun tune," she said. She's also one of the tap dancers in the "Puttin' on the Ritz" number from "Young Frankenstein." Overall, said

Jennelle, "The audience will love all the different genres of music from ballads to classics, rock, opera, contemporary and jazz."

St. Timothy sixth-grader Diana Witt also performs in "Puttin' on the Ritz," the "Beauty and the Beast" medley and "Freak Flag" — which she especially loves because it's so funny. "I was in [Alliance's production of] 'Hairspray' last year, and this [musical showcase] looked like a fun thing to try out for," she said. "There's a lot of singing, dancing and acting and I love doing all three."

"It's different from the usual Alliance show," said Diana. "And it's not like a school talent show because everybody has amazing talent and we've been practicing for a long time."

Other performers include Westfield junior Paige Arnold, who'll play guitar while her friend Alli Saenz, also of Westfield, sings The Who's "Pinball Wizard." Katie Williams will do an Irish dance, Megan James will sing the Beatles' song, "Til There Was You," and Johnny Cerisano will play an electric-guitar solo called "Cannon Rock."

Union Mill first-grader Ali Adams, 7, is also expected to be a standout. She's taken Tae Kwon Do lessons since age 3 and takes classes at ATA Marshal Arts in the Colonade at Union Mill shopping center.

"I like getting to do all these crazy tricks and flips and stuff," she said. She just earned her advanced red belt, meaning her train-



PHOTO BY BONNIE HOBBS/CENTRE VIEW

Tae Kwon Do red belt Ali Adams, 7, strikes a fierce pose.

ing level is just one below a black belt — for which she must be 8 before she can receive it.

In the show, she'll do a Tae Kwon Do routine to the song, "Make a Man out of You," from "Mulan," and she's looking forward to it. Said Ali: "I'm excited because I have a really good talent in Tae Kwon Do and I'm happy to show it to the world."

Wine-tasting To Raise Funds for County Animal Shelter

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come, but would like to help out, may contribute on the Web site.

The fun includes a silent auction for a wide variety of items, including golf outings for four at the Twin Lakes and Westfield golf courses; tickets to GMU men's basketball games; a jersey signed by the whole Washington Capitals team; four tickets to a Washington Nationals game, plus a baseball signed by a player, and baskets full of wine.

Also auctioned off will be a three-night stay and spa bath treatment for an animal at Old Town Pet Resort; a gift basket from Great Harvest Bread Co.; free pet wash at the Vienna Pet Spa; a plant or gift certificate from Merrifield Garden Center; and merchandise and gift cards from other, local merchants, as well.

All funds raised by the all-volunteer FFCAS go to the shelter, so the more money it receives from this event, the better it will be able to help the shelter care for its animals. And it receives all kinds. Although the majority of them are dogs and cats, the facility takes in practically any potential pet imag-



PHOTO BY MARY O'MALLEY

A collage of some of the animals who were or still are at the Fairfax County Animal Shelter.

inable, such as birds, turtles, chinchillas and hamsters.

"People drop off potbellied pigs, porcupines, horses, chickens, mice, rats, snakes, iguanas — anything," said Grieve. "It's really amazing. Sometimes, people just leave them outside the door, so they do their best to place them somewhere else. One man

dropped off 30-40 rabbits all at once."

Shelter Director Karen Diviney notifies FFCAS when an animal with special needs comes in and, if the group can help, it does. People don't want to adopt animals needing surgery; but, often, it's needed to save an animal's life.

"Outside of the normal care, a

lot of these animals won't have a second chance," said Grieve. "If they need immediate or extensive surgeries, the shelter can't afford to pay for them. They're only budgeted for so many surgeries, but they get so many animals."

The shelter handles more than 4,000 animals a year. In 2011, it gave veterinary treatment to more than 150 animals with special needs. These included Baby, a boxer-pit bull mix needing complicated spay surgery, and Jake, a Shiba Inu who was operated on after being hit by a car. And, said Grieve, "We just chipped in for hip-replacement surgery for a dog named Chevy."

Last year, FFCAS raised \$45,000 total for the shelter. Part went toward caring for the 160 cats and kittens the shelter received from a November 2010 hoarding case in Annandale. Some also went toward a program FFCAS started with Clocktower — a veterinarian office focusing on neonatal care — to provide specialized care for neonatal kittens.

The group also buys cages and supplies for the shelter's feral cats spay and neuter program. And

now, it wants to hire a dog trainer.

"One of the big things we're trying to do is fund a behavior-modification program for the dogs coming into the shelter to help them become more socialized," said Grieve. "The trainer would teach the staff and volunteers basic commands and skills for the dogs. That way, it's consistent and everyone would be saying the same thing to them."

FFCAS also supports the shelter's foster program. Through it, underage and sick dogs, cats and other companion animals are sent to volunteer, foster-care providers to be cared for until they're mature and healthy enough to be returned to the shelter for adoption.

So with all these responsibilities, Grieve's hoping for a good turnout for the wine- and beer-tasking event. "It's a fabulous cause," she said. "Plus it's Cinco de Mayo that day, so we want people to come celebrate and help the animals."

Anyone wishing to donate to FFCAS may do so at the Web site, or by sending checks payable to the organization to: FFCAS, P.O. Box 2321, Centreville, VA 20122.

Audition Workshop Set for Westfield Summer Stage

BY BONNIE HOBBS
CENTRE VIEW

Westfield Summer Stage celebrates 12 years of summer musicals with the classic musical comedy, "Anything Goes," to be performed in late July at Westfield High. Auditions will begin in a few weeks, so an audition workshop for prospective cast members will be held Monday, April 30, at 6:30 p.m., where material for the vocal and dance auditions will be taught.

Auditions are May 5, from 9 a.m.-4 p.m.; callbacks are May 6, from noon-2 p.m. Rehearsals be-

gin June 20; most are on week-day evenings until the performances. All activities are at Westfield, 4700 Stonecroft Blvd. in Chantilly.

"Anything Goes' is a saucy and splendid production of Cole Porter's musical romp across the Atlantic," said Director Lori Knickerbocker. "When the 'S.S. American' heads out to sea, eti-

quette and convention head out the portholes, as two unlikely pairs set off on the course to true love."

She said the audience ultimately learns that, "Sometimes, destiny needs a little help from a crew of singing sailors, an exotic disguise and some good old-fashioned blackmail."

Stowaway Billy Crocker is out to win back his true love, Hope

Harcourt, from Lord Evelyn Oakleigh, with the help of a singer-turned-evangelist, plus a gangster and his girlfriend. Along for the ride are a minister and his shady converts, a hapless captain and a harried purser.

Meanwhile, performed throughout the show will be some of musical theater's most memorable standards, including "You're the

Top," "Blow, Gabriel, Blow," "It's De-Lovely," "I Get A Kick Out of You" and "Anything Goes."

Auditions for this show are open to Northern Virginia teen actors, singers and dancers in rising grades 7-12, plus 2012 high-school graduates. All roles are open. Approximately 45 actors will be cast. Yvonne Henry is the cho-

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Bat Or Award Presented to Chantilly Scout

Madeleine LeBeau, a member of local Junior Girl Scout Troop 6730, received the Bat Or (Daughter of Light) Award in a ceremony at Temple Rodef



Madeleine LeBeau

Shalom in Falls Church, on Friday, April 20. The award is sponsored by the National Jewish Committee on Girl Scouting and honors girl scouts in grades 4-6 who have undertaken an extensive exploration of their Jewish faith, tradition, and heritage. The award has special meaning this year, the 100th anniversary of the Girl Scouts of America, as it recalls the significant contributions made by Jewish women in the beginning of the Girl Scouts movement, which was founded in 1912 by Juliette Low in Savannah, Ga. Three troop leaders in the Scouts' first year were Jewish, with one later serving on the first Girl Scout Council and another becoming its secretary.

LeBeau was presented the award by Cantor Michael Shochet of Temple Rodef Shalom. Cantor Shochet served as LeBeau's advisor for the award.

"It was a great experience that I think other scouts would enjoy, if they have a chance," said LeBeau, age 10. "I want to thank Cantor Shochet for being my advisor. I learned so much."

LeBeau is a member of Junior Girl Scout Troop 6730. The troop meets at Temple Rodef Shalom and the scouts are in grades 4 and 5. LeBeau is a 4th grade student at Greenbriar West Elementary School.

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Nifty Fifty speaker and Princeton physicist Dr. Andrew Zwicker (third from left) meets with Chantilly High School students to discuss plasma and physics through hands-on experiments, as part of the USA Science & Engineering Festival's (April 28-29 at the DC Convention Center) effort to inspire students to become scientists.

SCHOOL NOTES

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❖ **Hooman Rouhi**, a senior majoring in civil engineering in the College of Engineering.

❖ **Megan W. Silsby**, a senior majoring in wildlife science in the College of Natural Resources and Environment.

❖ **Julie H. Ta**, a junior majoring in biochemistry in the College of Science.

❖ **Stephanie D. Taing**, a senior majoring in accounting and information systems in the Pamplin College of Business.

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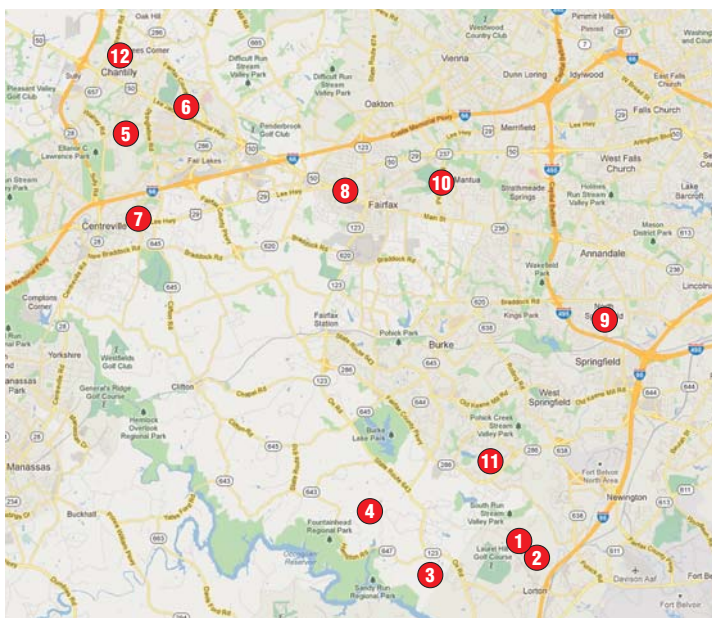
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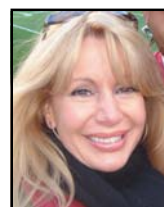
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APRIL 27 AND 28

Spring Arts Festival. In conjunction with the City

of Fairfax's Spotlight on the Arts, Truro Church of Fairfax will be hosting its Third Annual Spring Arts Festival. The community is invited to submit work for the Juried Arts Show. Winners will be awarded prize money in separate age categories: elementary school, middle school, high school, and adult. Free, family friendly and professional classes in the arts will be offered on Saturday, April 27. Classes include a variety of visual and performing arts including sculpture, painting, musical theatre, theatre improv, singing, poetry, and art lectures. Visit www.trurochurch.org/springartsfestival.

APRIL 27-29

Chantilly Library Used Book Sale. 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, and 1 to 4 p.m. Sunday. Huge selection of adult and children's fiction and non-fiction books, including Russian, Chinese and Korean novels, plus audio/video recordings. Sponsored by the Friends of the Chantilly Regional Library to fund special programs, renovation projects, activities and equipment for the library. Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road, Chantilly. For more information, call the library at 703-502-3883 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/events.

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MONDAY/APRIL 30

Audition Workshop. 6:30 p.m. Westfield Summer Stage celebrates 12 years of summer musicals with the classic Cole Porter musical comedy, "Anything Goes," which makes its way onto the Westfield High School stage for five performances, July 20-28. Prospective cast members should attend an audition workshop on April 30 at 6:30 p.m., when material for the vocal and dance auditions will be taught. Auditions are May 5, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Callbacks are May 6 from 12-2 p.m. Rehearsals begin June 20; most are on weekday evenings until the performances in late July. All activities are at Westfield High School, 4700 Stonecroft Blvd. in Chantilly.

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By KENNETH B. LOURIE

Having recently upgraded my cell phone, I have finally, due to its larger keys and simplified data-entry process, learned how to enter "contacts" and their phone numbers as well as select some of these key contacts for speed-dialing. This relatively basic function, which had eluded me for years, has opened up a slew of possibilities, that even I can see will lessen the burden on my brain to remain engaged. Now I won't have to think nearly so much about what I've spent 40-plus years doing: dialing a phone number from memory and/or referring to a phone/address book for that number. Thanks to my new phone, I have finally turned the corner of technology. I have passed "Go." Next we'll see where I land: "Boardwalk" or "Baltic" and see if there is a monopoly of my time as a result.

One week into my new communication life, I have entered 16 contacts, some with only one phone number, others with mobile, home and work. In addition, I have entered/selected two speed-dial numbers. Obviously, I have ample space remaining for future contacts and certainly more space for speed-dials. Going through the list of prospective "speed-dialers" and "contacts-to-be," I have now reached a point where I'm sort of looking for people/numbers to add; I suppose you could say I've reached the second tier. I've already entered/allocated from the top tier (most called, most familiar, most logical: friends, family and business). Yet spots remain, so I've begun a mental search of who/what numbers might be cell phone-worthy (meaning whose phone numbers might I want to include in my cell phone) either as a "contact" or a "speed dial" since the process of doing so is now clearly within my rather limited abilities.

Two numbers that I've thought about adding – and which relate directly to this column's title, are my car's auto repair shop and my oncologist. I have most definitely entered them as contacts. However, given the semi-precious nature of driving a car with 137,000 miles on the odometer, perhaps it would be prudent to assign a speed dial number to my mechanic. Not that I want to be calling him that often or have the circumstances be so time-sensitive that speed – in our ability to connect with one another over the phone – is of the essence but, hoping and praying don't necessarily make it so. And let's be honest, my car is not getting any newer.

I have similar feelings toward my oncologist. I don't want to have to/need to call him that quickly, but again, let's be realistic; I'm probably not getting any healthier. As such, if I did call him, presumably it wouldn't be to inquire about the weather; more likely it would be to inquire whether a new symptom or a deterioration of some kind relating to my being a stage IV lung cancer survivor (who has now outlived his original "13-month-to-two-year prognosis" by years) is significant. But if I'm being honest about my life/health circumstances, who better to call – and be able to call quickly and efficiently, than the doctor who is primarily responsible for my well-being/treatment? I don't want to feel this way, but if there's anything that seems increasingly more relevant (as I continue to live beyond my original prognosis), it would be to plan for circumstances that are beyond my control (although I'm not saying/admitting their inevitability), especially if there are other people (close to me) who might need some assistance attempting to control those circumstances, should they occur.

Admitting to their significance – and need however, and in turn acting/planning on their behalf, so to speak, are tough pills to swallow. Never do I want to give credence to my original diagnosis and accept my fate, sort of. Nevertheless, organizing my phone to prepare for the worst, while still hoping for the best, might be the best way – for me, to take care of myself and those closest to me as well. But thinking that technology, specifically my phone, would play a major role in that task, is a really big surprise, all things considered.

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BY RICH SANDERS
CENTRE VIEW

As has been the case for the Chantilly High girls' soccer program in recent years under head coach Melissa Bibbee, the Chargers seem to be at or near their best for the bigger, more highly anticipated games on their schedule.

Certainly, every game on Chantilly's schedule is important and the Chargers have, for the most part, played well throughout the season. The team, going into this week, stood at 8-1-1 overall.

But against opponents this spring who have, in recent years, proven to be some of the better teams in the Northern Region or across the state, Chantilly has played some of its best soccer. Wins against such stellar teams have come against visiting Stone Bridge (Liberty District), 1-0, on March 27; Concorde District rival Robinson, 2-1, on April 10 at Chantilly; and most recently, at district foe Oakton, 3-0, last Wednesday, April 18. And in an out-of-the-area contest versus a talented Cox High team (Virginia Beach) earlier this season on March 24, the Chargers fought hard to a 1-1 tie in the meeting at the Virginia Beach Sportsplex.

Bibbee, with the postseason Concorde District tournament less than a month away, said there is still room for her team to get better, though she is certainly pleased with the good overall win loss record and 3-0 district mark.

"We are still playing a bit inconsistent from game to game, but we have played well in the big games for sure," said Bibbee, specifying the contests versus Cox, Stone Bridge, Robinson, and Oakton. "We have several players that are playing well for us."

One of those players is senior goal keeper Lauren Mashinski, who missed the Chargers' first four games this season, but has been outstanding since her return.

"Lauren is really on fire," said Bibbee, of Mashinski's high caliber of play in the net. "She is controlling her box and really a leader in the back."

Chantilly, in Mashinski's six games, has allowed just four goals. The team's overall strong defense, along with the goal tender's top notch season and other factors, have certainly contributed to those close to lock-down results against opposing offenses.

OTHER CHANTILLY PLAYERS having particularly exceptional seasons include freshman center midfielder Kaitlin Forsht, senior midfielder Olivia Colella, junior midfielder Sammie Shifflette, senior forward Morgan Morris, and sophomore forward Laila Gray.

Gray has scored eight goals with two assists thus far.

"Laila is our most dangerous offensive threat," said Bibbee. "She is a dynamic forward who has the ability to beat defenders off the dribble and is a scoring threat."

Also contributing a large number of goals has been Shifflette, a transfer student from South County who has found the net seven times and also has a pair of assists.

"Sammie Shifflette is a speedy, athletic addition on the outside," said the coach, of the former Stallion. "She has been a spark for our offense."

Colella and Morris, both 12th graders, have scored five goals apiece. Colella, who is set to play collegiately on scholarship at Longwood University next school year, leads Chantilly with seven assists.

"She is our playmaker in the midfield," said Bibbee.

Morris (3 assists) has accepted an offer to play the college game at Florida International University.

Forsht, a ninth grader, has given the Chargers a nice boost in her first high school season.

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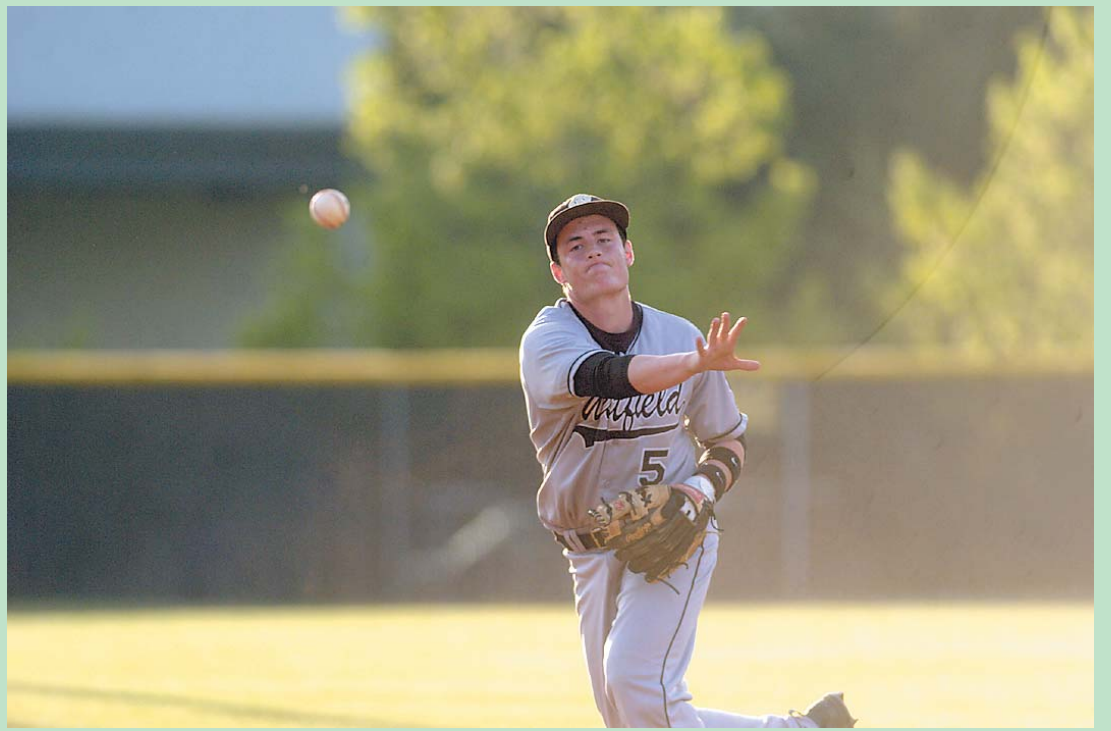


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Bulldog Victory

Ryan Wittman, a junior infielder, makes a play for the Westfield High baseball team during its game at Herndon High last Friday night. The Bulldogs won, 5-4, to improve to 9-4 overall and even their record in the Concorde District to 2-2.



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Aaron Tucker, a sophomore outfielder on the Westfield High baseball team, makes a hard slide towards second base in hopes of hindering this Herndon infielder's throw to first base. Westfield has a Concorde District game at Chantilly High this Friday night at 6:30.

ter mid and is really adjusting to the faster pace of the game," said coach Bibbee. "She is a very composed player."

Chantilly won its first two games this season in dominating fashion - 7-0 in a season-opening, home game versus Jefferson High (Liberty District) on March 15, and 8-0 at Mount Vernon (National District) on March 19.

Chantilly, two days later, lost

its next game — its lone setback to this point — by a 4-1 score at home versus the Patriot District's Lake Braddock Bruins.

Chantilly then made its trip to the Virginia Beach area where it defeated Princess Anne, 3-0, then tied the Cox team two days later.

Since the trip to Virginia Beach, Chantilly has gone 6-0-1, including a non-district 3-0 win at West Potomac (Patriot District)

on March 29.

Chantilly's district wins are over Robinson, Herndon, and Oakton.

On Thursday night, April 26 of this week, Chantilly will host local district rival Westfield for a 7 p.m. game. It will be Senior Night for the Chargers. Their next game after that will not be until Monday, May 7 when they play at rival Centreville.

SPORTS

The Westfield High School Athletic Booster Club (WABC) is accepting nominations for the executive board for the 2012-2013 school year. The following positions are up for nomination: President, vice president, recording secretary, correspondence secretary, and treasurer. To nominate someone for a position on the board, or for additional information, contact one of the following members of the nominating committee: Robin Angle at anglehome@att.net; Karen Duncan at Wkduncan@aol.com or 703-222-4382; or Frank Giancola at fjgpcnv@aol.com or 703-830-4921. Volunteers are always welcome and other committee opportunities are available. The elections will be held at the Monday night, June 4 meeting at 7 in the school library. The mission of the WABC is to support all athletic programs at Westfield. This is an active, rewarding board. Be involved and support the Bulldogs.

The Chantilly Class of 2015 is hosting its first annual golf Tournament. The event will be held at Pleasant Valley Golf Club on Thursday, May 3. Proceeds will benefit the class of 2015. For more details on registration, go to www.fcps.edu/ChantillyHS/indexpdfs/golftournamententrysheet.pdf.

This week's Northern Region Top 10 Baseball Coach's Poll is: Lake Braddock of the Patriot District remains at the No. 1 position, with a trio of Concorde District clubs - No. 2 Centerville, No. 3 Chantilly, and the No. 4 Herndon Hornets - following. The five through seven slots are filled by teams from the Liberty District with the McLean Highlanders at No. 5, the Madison Warhawks No. 6, and the Stone Bridge Bulldogs No. 7. The next two teams in the poll are defending Northern Region champion South County (Patriot District) at No. 8 and Oakton (Concorde District) at No. 9. Two teams, Langley High (Liberty District) and Westfield (Concorde) are tied for the No. 10 position. Other teams receiving votes were: W.T. Woodson, West Springfield, Robinson, and Marshall.

The Northern Region's 30 varsity high school girls' lacrosse teams will each compete in their respective first round district tournament games next Friday, May 4. The region is made up of four districts — the Liberty,



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Capital Classic

Westfield senior Zach Elcano scored 11 points for the Suburban All-Stars during the 39th Annual Capital Classic on April 21 at T.C. Williams High School in Alexandria.

Concorde, Patriot, and National Districts.

But the first round district postseason games will be extra special this spring because they will benefit breast cancer research. The Friday night of district tournament lacrosse is being dubbed the first annual "Virginia High School League (VHSL) Tournament for a Cure."

VHSL is the governing body of high school sports in Virginia.

Each of the Friday night district first round contests will be played at different locations in support of, and for the awareness of, breast cancer research and its cure. Proceeds from the postseason games will be given to the Susan G. Komen Foundation.

More than 625 girls' lacrosse players from the region will take the field for the postseason showcase wearing the same pink attire, unified in their support for the breast cancer awareness cause. All of the players will be wearing pink hair wraps, pink ribbon shoe laces,

and pink ribbon pins.

The multi-site, multi-team, near simultaneous effort is the first of its kind and one in which the Northern Region Girls Lacrosse Coaches Association hopes will become an annual event.

Fundraising for this year's district tournaments was left to each team. In the future, possible unified fundraising is under discussion as well as expanding the tournament by joining together with the 30 boys' lacrosse teams of the Northern Region.

NoVa West Lacrosse will begin tryouts for their Elite Summer Teams beginning this Sunday, April 29. There is an elite team for each of the following age groups/categories: Under-11, U13, U15, High School Varsity, and High School Elite. Join the lacrosse family that has helped over 90 percent of its high school players achieve their dream of playing collegiately. Register for a tryout at <http://www.novawestlax.com>.

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This Just In:

Fifteen Fairfax County Public School students received national medals for their entries in the 2012 Scholastic Art Awards sponsored by the Alliance for Young Artists and Writers.

Whatever the talent or interest, Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) provides students with a comprehensive arts education.

Students in grades K through 6 receive music and art instruction taught by certified art teachers. Middle school and high school students may choose to enroll in a variety of elective course offerings in all fine arts disciplines to include dance, music, theatre, and visual art. Advanced Placement (AP) or International Baccalaureate (IB) art classes are offered for students in grades 11 - 12.

Art engages students in a process that helps them develop the self-esteem, self-discipline, cooperation, and self motivation necessary for success in life.

"Art making involves critical thinking and problem solving to create a product," said Aaron Stratton, art education specialist at FCPS. "In this sense, art is an authentic approach to providing students with essential skills they will need in the 21st century to

develop creative solutions to challenges. Creativity and problem solving are essential components of innovation which will feed the economy and industries of the future."

Art All Around Us

Students can explore many forms of art including art, music, photography, computer graphics, dance, orchestra, theatre, band, and more. Beginning in elementary school, students are introduced to concepts and processes that nurture creative thinking and problem solving through art and music classes.

"As they advance to the next grade level, students are exposed to recognized works of art and become actively involved in finding connections between images and ideas," said Stratton. "Emphasis is placed on exploring themes and concepts related to family and a sense of place. By participating in real and meaningful art experiences, students increase their understanding of the value of the visual arts to themselves, their family, and to the world in which they live."



Music to Your Ears

More than 40,000 FCPS students are enrolled in the music elective programs of band, chorus, general music, orchestra, and guitar. The vocal and instrumental ensembles are seen and heard worldwide. Locally, the ensembles perform at the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, George Mason Center for the Performing Arts, and the White House among others.

"Music, through its inherent ability to develop intellectual and emotional communication skills, encourages cultural awareness and enriches society," said Tamra Ferreira, fine arts coordinator at FCPS. "The FCPS music curriculum provides opportunities for students to attain the knowledge and skills necessary to become musically literate, well-rounded individuals."

Let the Shows Begin!

Springtime theatre productions bring performance spaces alive throughout Fairfax County Public Schools. The study of theatre provides students opportunities for personal and academic growth, ways to create bridges to other subject disciplines and other cultures, and the development of skills which provide lifelong enjoyment. In middle school, FCPS students discover and explore the basic elements of theatre, and augment that study with a variety of theatre presentations and special events. At the high school level students develop and expand their knowledge, skills, and resources to create a high level of accomplishment in the classroom and in performance.

Go see a show at a Fairfax County Public School. Many events are free or inexpensive. Find out more at www.fcps.edu and click on the blue Events tab.



Getting To Know Us:

Herndon High School Theatre Teacher
Zoë Dillard

Zoë Dillard grew up around theatrical personalities, so it was an obvious choice when it came time to decide on a career. Theatre, of course.

Though she initially pursued acting roles, it was a request in 1982 from Falls Church High School to help them choreograph a musical that confirmed her love of working with young people in the theatre.

Today, she serves as the theatre director and teacher at Herndon High School.

Dillard believes theatre offers students a chance to discover themselves.

"High school is all about finding your niche. Some students come into the theatre to see what's

here and what's going on. Once they are here, they realize there are many opportunities," said Dillard. "They can direct children's theatre or participate in improv. They can be part of the ensemble or put their technical skills to work building sets. They can work with 5th and 6th graders in the children's theatre. They can also use their computer graphic design skills for publicity."

"I try to offer students many different kinds of opportunities in the theatre so they will grow," she said. "It's not just about acting."

"I love their energy," she continued. "By the time they are seniors, they've changed and grown. I find that inspiring to watch."

Did You Know?

More than 33,000 secondary students enrolled in fine and performing arts courses during the 2011-12 school year:

Visual art	12,400
Music	12,600
Theatre	2,600
Dance	200

Cappies: Award-Winning Performances



For those who would rather critique than perform, the Cappies, or Critics and Awards Program, is designed for high school theatre and journalism students who are trained as theatre critics, attend shows at other schools, write reviews, and publish the reviews in local newspapers and online. The international program was launched by FCPS in 1999.

Each spring, Cappies critics nominate actors and technicians for Cappies awards, which are presented, along with awards for critics, at the annual Cappies Gala at the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts.

"The Cappies Gala showcases the amazing artistic talents of our high school students," said Judy Bowns, co-founder of Cappies and theatre arts and dance specialist at FCPS. "Student actors, backstage technicians, singers, dancers, and musicians are honored with a Cappie by their peers who acknowledge this excellence by their votes. It's the only student theatre awards program that is student-driven with no awards decided by adults."

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