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The follies girls pose with male leads (from left) Joey Biagini and Colby Dezelick in Westfield High's musical, "Crazy for You."

Spotlight Shines on Three Local Schools

Westfield receives 20 Cappie nominations.

BY BONNIE HOBBS
CENTRE VIEW

The Cappie nominations for outstanding high school theater were just announced and, all together, Centreville, Chantilly and Westfield received 30 nominations. The awards to the winners will be presented Sunday, June 10, at the annual Cappies Gala at The Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C.

For its musical, "Crazy for You," Westfield garnered 20 nominations. Chantilly received seven for "I Remember Mama" and Centreville received three for "A Christmas Carol."

Westfield's nominations are as follows: Musical; Song, "Slap That Bass;" Lead Actor in a Musical, Colby Dezelick; Supporting Actor in a Musical, Joey Biagini; Comic Actress in a Musical, Madeleine Bloxam; Featured Dancer, Corinne Holland; Featured Actor, Mitchell Buckley; Featured Actress, Sarah Schweit; Ensemble in a Musical, Follies and Cowboys; and Choreography, Colby Dezelick.

It's also nominated for: Orchestra; Stage Crew, Olivia Witt, Ally Engelbrecht, Shannon Douglass and Serena Emanuel; Props, Sophia Alam, Sarah Dickenson and Nate Schrader; Costumes, Bayleigh Aschenbrenner and Zoe Hawryluk; Sets, Colby

Dezelick, Brandon Sanchez and Olivia Witt; Lighting, Ben Nelms, Robert Palack and Elizabeth Ross; Sound, Dieter Stach and Arianna Willis; Critics Team; Graduating Critic, Joey Biagini; and Rising Critic, Julian Sanchez.

"I was very proud of our musical, 'Crazy For You,'" said Director Susie Pike. "I was hoping the Cappies would like it and that we would get some nominations — but I never expected 20. I must admit, I was a bit stunned."

She's particularly pleased for her young thespians "because they worked so hard" and is especially happy that the musical received nominations in so many areas, notably the technical categories of Sets, Props, Lighting, Sound and Stage Crew. Said Pike: "Good shows are not just about the leads, but are about the whole production and all the elements involved."

Furthermore, she said, "I am so lucky to have had a great choreographer in Colby, plus great dancers. Our costumes were amazing, and I could have listened to our orchestra all night long. I like the way musicals bring all the performing arts together — acting, singing, music, scenic artistry and technical aspects."

"We are honored to be able to perform our song, 'Slap that Bass,' on The Kennedy Center stage [at the Cappies Gala]," continued Pike. "I am very fortunate to have such great kids and parents who care about the arts and devote their time and energy to Westfield Theater."

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Brighter Future For Labor Center

More workers participating and CIF receives \$20,000 grant.

BY BONNIE HOBBS
CENTRE VIEW

Not only is the Centreville Immigration Forum (CIF) running a successful labor resource center, but it just received the 2012 Meyer Foundation Grant for \$20,000.

"It's wonderful," said CIF President Alice Foltz. "It's very affirming of all the things we've been doing."

Earlier, the CIF sent a letter of intent saying it planned to apply for the grant. Then, a few months ago, a Meyer Foundation representative came to the Centreville Labor Resource Center (CLRC) to check it out.

"She spent a couple hours with our staff, board members and representatives of Virginia Organizing, which provides our nonprofit status and does our bookkeeping," said Foltz. "She wanted to see how we were doing and how our programs were operating."

The Foundation provides fund-

ing to various nonprofits in the Washington Metropolitan area, and Foltz said the representative was impressed with what she saw. "She liked the fact that the programs were begun and done in a short time. And she was particularly interested in the ways in which the workers are involved in the decision-making and structure of the labor center and the CIF."

To make sure the CIF is a viable entity, the representative also checked its financial stability and, said Foltz, "She was pleased with what she saw." At the end of April, the CIF got word that it was getting the grant.

"It's really awesome," said Foltz. "This certainly doesn't solve all our funding needs, but it provides us with a base from which to continue fund-raising."

Actually, she said, "It's unusual for a group like ours to proceed with no government funding. Most nonprofits our size in this region receive some government support for the community outreach they do. But we're completely privately funded, so we have to work much harder for our financial support."

The CIF has already received the grant money, which is being used to keep the labor-resource center operating. It's also applied for some smaller grants to allow the center to increase its staff hours.

It currently has one full-time

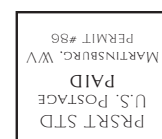


Alice Foltz

More information

❖ The Centreville Labor Resource Center is now a member of the Dulles Regional Chamber of Commerce.

❖ The CIF's Spring Fiesta on April 27 was a fundraising success. Donations and silent-auction proceeds yielded nearly \$4,000 for the CLRC.



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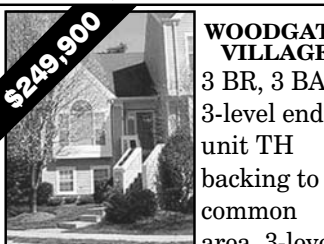
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NEWS



Chantilly High School Prom

In front of The Westfield Marriott, and their limousine to and from dinner at National Harbor are, from left, Ryan Boyle, Bailey Shaffer, Billy Germain, Layne Zimmerman, Kara Tribbie, Adam LaBrecque, Katie Athearn and Jake Dansey.

MILITARY NOTES

To have military news listed in Centre View e-mail centreview@connectionnewspapers.com. Photos, especially color, are encouraged. Deadline is one week before publication.

Army National Guard Pvt. James Gonzales has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C. During the nine weeks of training, the soldier studied the Army mission and received instruction and practice in numerous different combat skills and military procedures. Gonzales is the son of Anna Gonzales of Galveston, Texas, and grandson of Carol Wallwork of Centreville. He is a 2011 graduate of Ball High School, Galveston.

Army Reserve Pvt. Vichet Inhar has graduated from One Station Unit Training (OSUT) at Fort Leonard Wood, Waynesville, Mo. Inhar is the son of Riab Inhar of Brookfield Drive, Chantilly. He is a 2010 graduate of Chantilly High School.

Air Force Airman Todd A. Drechsler graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas. Airmen who complete basic training earn four credits toward an associate in applied science degree through the Community College of the Air Force. Drechsler is the son of Pam and Bob Drechsler of Martins Hundred Drive, Centreville and is a 2011 graduate of Westfield High School, Chantilly.

Marine Corps Pfc. Dakota Ashwood, son of Tisha B. and Douglas Ashwood of Centreville, recently graduated from the Marine Corps Basic Combat Engineer Course at Marine Corps Engineer School, Marine Corps Base, Camp Lejeune, N.C. Ashwood is a 2011 graduate of Westfield High School of Centreville, and joined the Marine Corps in August 2011.

Correction

In the May 17-23, 2012 Centre View, the article on "Volunteering on 'Red Day'" misspelled the name of Ellanor C. Lawrence Park.



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Bike To Work Day

On Friday, May 18, Brad Giaccio of Chantilly starts his 9-mile ride to work on Springhaven Drive in honor of Bike to Work Day. Giaccio is an avid biker and triathlete and rides about 70 miles a week.

ROUNDUPS

Cabaret in Reema's Honor

The Remembrance Cabaret for Reema Samaha is this Saturday, May 26, at Westfield High. The show starts at 7 p.m., but the doors open at 6 p.m. for a bake sale and silent auction. It's an evening of songs, dances and comedy sketches in memory of Westfield High grad and Virginia Tech victim Samaha.

The event is free, but donations are welcome. Attendees may contribute to The Reema J. Samaha Memorial Scholarship — awarded to students at both Westfield and Herndon high schools — and/or the Angel Fund, a nonprofit founded by the Samaha family to create safer schools and communities by focusing on issues of mental health, privacy laws and information sharing, and school safety.

Route 28/I-66 Interchange Meeting Scheduled

Supervisor Michael R. Frey (R-Sully) and VDOT are holding a public meeting to discuss the Route 28/I-66 Interchange. It's slated for Tuesday, May 29, from 7-9 p.m., in the Sully District Governmental Center, 4900 Stonecroft Blvd. in Chantilly.

VDOT plans to implement two projects in the vicinity of that interchange to improve congestion and enhance safety. VDOT representatives also want to discuss future options for the ultimate Route 28/I-66 Interchange. After the presentation, Frey and the representatives will listen to residents' comments, concerns and suggestions; they'll also answer any questions regarding the projects.

Fair Oaks CAC to Meet

The Citizens Advisory Council of the Fair Oaks District Police Station will meet Tuesday, May 29, at 7 p.m., in the roll-call room of the police station. It's at 12300 Lee Jackson Memorial Highway in Chantilly.

Free Carseat Inspections

Certified technicians from the Sully District Police Station will perform free, child safety carseat inspections Thursday, May 31, 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.

CPMSAC Awards June 2

The Chantilly Pyramid Minority Student Achievement Committee will hold its annual awards ceremony for middle- and high-school students on Saturday, June 2, at 5 p.m., at Chantilly High.

WFCM Seeks Food, Volunteers

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); rice (2 lb. bags); canned meats; salad dressing, jelly; jam; spaghetti sauce, Ramen Noodles, canned fruit; canned beets, spinach, greens, and mixed vegetables; canned garbanzo, lima, butter and northern beans; pancake mix and syrup; hot cereal and coffee. Also needed are laundry detergent, toothpaste, shampoo, toilet paper and baby wipes. WFCM clients are also in great need of gasoline cards.

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

Thrift store: Volunteers needed Mondays and Fridays, for two or three hours between 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Volunteers needed Tues-

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NEWS



PHOTO BY BONNIE HOBBS/CENTRE VIEW

Some of the cast of Chantilly High's upcoming children's play, "Cinderella and the Substitute Fairy Godmother."

Children's Play at Chantilly High

'Cinderella and the Substitute Fairy Godmother'

BY BONNIE HOBBS
CENTRE VIEW

Leave it to Chantilly High to take a classic fairytale, turn it on its head and come up with something hilarious. And that's just what the school has done with its upcoming children's show, "Cinderella and the Substitute Fairy Godmother."

The curtain rises Friday, June 1, at 7 p.m.; Saturday, June 2, at 2 and 7 p.m.; and Sunday, June 3, at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$5 at the door or online at www.chantillyhsdrama.com.

Featuring a cast and crew of more than 60, the play was written by Chantilly Theater Director Ed Monk. And besides his own students, he's invited eighth-graders from Rocky Run, Franklin and Rachel Carson middle schools to be part of the play.

"They'll be in the ensemble and the big dance number and will welcome children in the lobby before the show," said Monk. As for the Chantilly thespians — who are mainly underclassmen — he said they're learning the acting process and "will be wonderful and ready by the time we get to opening night."

Saying the play has funny characters and jokes for children, teens and adults, he called it "silly fun for the whole family."

Portraying Cinderella is freshman Mia Rickenbach. "Cinderella's fairytale is going on, but her fairy godmother becomes sick and can't come and save her," said Rickenbach. "So they have to call in a substitute, Lucretia Fossilwart. And the rest of the play tells all the disasters that occur because of it and how

things all work out in the end."

She describes Cinderella as "a miserable girl who's constantly annoyed at how stupid her step-siblings are," said Rickenbach. "And when it comes time for her fairytale to come true, she finds that it's not what she expected, at all. At first, she's patient, but eventually becomes angry and learns to stand up for herself."

Rickenbach is having a good time playing this role. "She's a unique character and it's nice to play out the transition of emotions. She's not the typical Cinderella — she's more quirky and has some fun traits, like how she learns to deal with her siblings sarcastically. I also enjoy the sense of community amongst the cast; we've all become friends."

She said the audience will enjoy the show because "it encompasses humor for every age group. And the wide body of emotions and the loud costumes are dazzling, as usual."

Sophomore Brooke Johnson plays Lucretia. "She's in her 60s and kind of airheaded," said Johnson. "She laughs things off, even when she's made a terrible mistake. She giggles, and you can't stay mad at her. She doesn't really know or remember all the spells to use as a fairy godmother; so sometimes, she'll turn people into things she didn't mean to. Or when trying to get coachmen for Cinderella's carriage, she ends up with pigs, instead."

Johnson loves her part because "Lucretia's one of the funniest characters. She rambles and starts talking about one thing and ends up in a totally different place, and people have to bring her back. She's like a lovable, but frustrating, grandma. The things she says are just crazy, and she doesn't realize she's being funny."

Children's shows are fun, said Johnson, because "the characters are so big. It's like playing pretend, and we dance to act out the spells. Cinderella's a

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Team Lees Corner Elementary School pauses for a group shot before the start of the Girls on the Run 5K.



Rachel Spencer of Lees Corner Elementary School (left), helped by her sister Chloe Spencer, gives her father Keith Spencer some pink "hair flair" before the start of the Girls On The Run 5K.



Participants in the May 20 Girls On The Run 5K held at George Mason University used a variety of techniques to celebrate their hard work that culminated in the race. This runner's t-shirt reads: "Told my daughter I would do ANYTHING 4 her ... 2DAY I PROVE it! 5-20-2012. PS. If you can read this roll me over!"

Girls on the Run

Twenty-six girls from Lees Corner Elementary School ran in the Girls on the Run of Northern Virginia 5K held on the George Mason University Campus on Sunday, May 20. The run was the capstone event of a 12-week after school

program that aims to help girls between 3rd and 6th grade develop self-esteem and self-respect through a curriculum integrated with a running program. More than 3,600 girls from schools in northern Virginia, and their buddy runners participated in the 5K.

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Bob Shave of New York got into the Girls On The Run spirit on May 20 to cheer his granddaughter Anna Walowsky and her Lees Corner Elementary School teammates.



Lees Corner Elementary School Girls on the Run coach Lori Walowsky, of Chantilly, hands out racing bibs to team members just before the start of the Girls on the Run of Northern Virginia 5K begins.



Lees Corner Elementary School Principal Robert D'Amato gets some hair color from Girls On The Run coach Lori Walowsky before the start of the May 20 Girls On The Run 5K at George Mason University. The capstone event of the program is the 5K during which each girl runs with a buddy runner – a parent or family member, a volunteer, or, in this case, the principal of the school.

Governor Signs Voter ID Bills

McDonnell directs state to send every voter a new voter card before Election Day.

BY VICTORIA ROSS
CENTRE VIEW

Gov. Robert McDonnell (R) signed watered-down versions of Virginia's Republican-backed voter identification bills on Friday, adding the Commonwealth to the growing list of states adopting stricter voting standards.

Under the new law, voters will be required to show ID before they cast their ballots, a measure that Democrats in the Virginia General Assembly have said will disenfranchise many voters, especially minorities, the poor and the elderly.

To subdue critics, the Governor signed measures expanding the type of ID acceptable at the polls — which include a utility bill or a Virginia student ID card — and directed the State Board of Elections to send every registered voter a new card before the 2012 presidential elections in November.

"Every qualified citizen has the right to cast one vote. Not two votes; not zero votes," McDonnell said in a statement released Friday. "This legislation does two things. It increases the forms of identification that can be used for purpose of voting, while helping to further prevent voter fraud and ensuring Virginians that they can have faith that votes have not been fraudulently cast."

THE PREVALENCE — or absence — of voter fraud is at the heart of the debate over whether Virginia or other states need any new legislation.

"The 'voter identification' bills are a solution in search of a problem," said state Sen. Chap Petersen (D-34) in an email on Saturday. "Our current system is working fine. By agreeing to these gratuitous changes, the Governor is making the system less open and convenient to law-abiding citizens."

State Sen. David Marsden (D-37) has said that using voter fraud as a justification for new voter identification rules is a smokescreen for voter suppression. "When we've asked these legislators [in Virginia] to cite one example of voter fraud, they just can't do it," Marsden said.

Acceptable Forms of ID

Under the new legislation and existing law, the following are acceptable forms of ID for voting:

- ❖ Virginia voter registration card
- ❖ Social Security card
- ❖ Valid Virginia driver's license
- ❖ Any other identification card issued by an agency of the Commonwealth, one of its political subdivisions, or the United States
- ❖ Any valid student identification card issued by a Virginia institution of higher education
- ❖ A valid identification card issued by an employer containing a photograph of the voter
- ❖ A copy of a current utility bill
- ❖ A copy of a bank statement
- ❖ A government check
- ❖ A paycheck that shows the name and address of the voter

Voter Information

❖ If a new voter card has not been received, check voter registration status and information by going to the Virginia State Board of Elections at www.sbe.virginia.gov/

❖ For more information, go to Fairfax County Office of Elections website at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/elections

❖ Or contact the Office of Elections at 703-222-0776, TTY 711.

Even McDonnell noted Virginia's "tradition of honest elections" and a voter compliance rate of nearly 100 percent in a survey of localities from the last presidential and gubernatorial elections in 2008 and 2009.

Currently, Virginia voters are allowed to vote without ID by signing a sworn affidavit affirming their identity. Under the new law, voters without ID cards will still be able to vote provisionally, on the condition they provide proper ID later for the vote to be counted.

"Some have argued that there are voters who do not have any form of ID to bring to the polls. For that reason, we will be sending every voter in Virginia a free voter card between now and Election Day to ensure they have at least one form of ID to bring with them to the polls," McDonnell said.

In addition to issuing every active voter a new card, McDonnell also ordered election officials to coordinate a

public education campaign to help raise awareness about the approved ID to the polling place on Election Day, and the process for obtaining a free voter card if someone does not have a form of ID.

McDonnell said the additional steps his administration is taking to implement this legislation ensure that no voter is "overly burdened by the provisions included in this legislation."

According to the National Conference of State Legislatures, a bipartisan research organization, Voter ID continues to be a high-profile and highly-contentious issue in many state legislatures. Currently, 32 states have voter ID legislation pending, and several states have pushed for rigorous laws that require voters to present a state-issued photo ID card.

JUST BEFORE McDonnell's pronouncement, the Fairfax County Office of Elections launched a campaign to alert voters to new voter registration cards the state is in the process of mailing to approximately 195,000 county voters this week.

But the cards are being mailed only to voters affected by Congressional redistricting and voters still holding a card that included their Social Security Number (SSN), which will be replaced with a system-generated identification number.

Now, every registered voter will get at least one new voter card. The cards mailed out this week also indicate a language preference.

According to Cameron Quinn, Fairfax County's chief elections official, as a result of the 2010 Census, Fairfax County falls under Section 203 of the Voting Rights Act, which requires the county to provide voting and elections-related materials in English and Spanish.

She said Fairfax County is now providing voter

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Remembering on Memorial Day

Time to honor, also time to ensure proper care of veterans.

In February, Brig. Gen. Terence J. Hildner, 49, of Fairfax, was the highest ranking military officer to die in the war on terror. Hildner died Feb. 3, 2012 in Kabul province, Afghanistan.

On Memorial Day, we remember all of those who have died in military service, more than 400,000 in World War II, more than 30,000 in Korea, more than 50,000 in Vietnam.

Since Sept. 11, 2001, more than 6,400 U.S. military service men and women have died in support of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. In 2012, there is just one reported death in Iraq, and more than 115 in Afghanistan.

Nearly 50,000 U.S. Military service members have been wounded in the war on terror, although that number is likely to be revised upward. The New York Times reported earlier this month that the military confirmed traumatic brain injury in more than 220,000 of the 2.3 million troops who have served in Iraq and Afghanistan.

The long-term consequences of many of these injuries are unknown, but they will require a national commitment to excellence in health care for both active duty military personnel and veterans.

On Memorial Day, we honor and thank all those who have served in the military, in times of war and peace. It is also a time to reinvigorate efforts to provide the best services and opportunities to our veterans. The Post-9/11 GI Bill dramatically increases the educational benefits extended to members of the military who have served at least three months of active duty since Sept. 11, 2001. Steps to provide better, faster and more responsive health care to veterans, including mental health care are underway, but have a long way to go. This is one place where we must commit the resources to do better.

More than 175 U.S. Military service personnel from Virginia have been killed in Iraq and Afghanistan, including several in the last year.

Aaron Carson Vaughn, 30, was one of 30 American service members and 22 Navy SEALs killed Aug. 6, 2011 when their Chinook helicopter was shot down in Afghanistan. Vaughn's family has ties to McLean and Burke. He is survived by his wife, Kimberly, and their two children.

Spc. Douglas Jay Green, 23 of Sterling, died Aug. 28, 2011. when insurgents attacked his unit using a roadside bomb in Kandahar province, Afghanistan. Green enlisted in 2007, after attending Potomac Falls High School.

Other Virginia losses since Memorial Day 2011:

Capt. Jesse A. Ozbat, 28 of Prince George, Va., died earlier this month on May 20, 2012 in Afghanistan when enemy forces attacked his unit with a roadside bomb.

Constructionman Trevor J. Stanley, 22, of



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Command Sgt. Maj. Guitaud Leandre, 13th ESC, hands Cindy Hildner an artillery shell moments after it was fired from a cannon in her husband's honor at Fort Hood Feb. 9. Brig. Gen. Terence J. Hildner of Fairfax died in Afghanistan Feb. 3.

EDITORIAL

Virginia Beach, Va., died April 7, 2012 while deployed to Camp Lemonnier, Djibouti. Stanley, a Seabee, was assigned to Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 3

Pfc. Michael W. Pyron, 30, of Hopewell, Va., died Jan. 10, 2012 in Parwan province, Afghanistan. He was assigned to the 25th Signal Battalion, 160th Signal Brigade, 335th Signal Command Theater, East Point, Ga.

Maj. Samuel M. Griffith, 36, of Virginia Beach, Va., died Dec. 14, 2011 in combat operations in Helmand province, Afghanistan.

Staff Sgt. James Ronald Leep Jr., 44 of Richmond, died Oct. 17, 2011 at Forward Operating Base Kalsu near Iskandariya in Babil province, Iraq.

Spc. Levi Efrain Nuncio, 24 of Harrisonburg, died June 22, 2011 when enemy forces attacked his unit with small-arms fire in the Narang district of Kunar province, Afghanistan.

Capt. Michael Wray Newton, 30 of Newport News, died June 11, 2011 in Meymaneh, Faryab province, Afghanistan.

HERE ARE the names of other local men and women who have died in Iraq and Afghanistan and in support of the "war on terror." We repeat these names at least twice a year on Memorial Day and Veterans Day to honor their service and to keep their memories in our consciousness.

If you know of someone who should be included in this list, or if you would like to share how you are honoring the memory of a family member or friend lost, or about the progress of someone injured, please let us know.

Capt. Charles A. Ransom, 31, of Midlothian was one of eight airmen who died April 27, 2011, at the Kabul International Airport, Afghanistan, from gunfire. Sgt. Sean T. Callahan, 23, of Warrenton was one of two Marines who died April 23, 2011 in combat in Helmand, Afghanistan:

Sgt. 1st Class Anthony Venetz Jr., 30, of Prince William died Jan. 28, 2011 in Afghanistan, in a non-combat incident. Venetz had been seriously wounded months before.

Spc. Sean R. Cutsforth, 22, of Radford, Va., died Dec. 15, 2010 in Afghanistan, when in-

surgers attacked his unit using small arms fire. Spc. William K. Middleton, 26, of Norfolk, was one of two soldiers who died Nov. 22, 2010 in Afghanistan, when insurgents attacked with an improvised explosive device. Staff Sgt. Christopher F. Cabaco, 30, of Virginia Beach, was one of two soldiers who died July 5, 2010, in Kandahar, Afghanistan, when insurgents attacked their vehicle with a roadside bomb.

Pfc. Benjamin J. Park, 25, of Fairfax Station, Va., died June 18, 2010 at Zhari district, Kandahar, Afghanistan, of injuries sustained when insurgents attacked his unit with an improvised explosive device.

May 12, 2010, Donald J. Lamar II, 23 of Fredericksburg, was killed in Afghanistan. Christopher D. Worrell, 35 of Virginia Beach, was killed in Iraq on April 22, 2010. Steven J. Bishop, 29 of

Christianburg, was killed March 13, 2010 in Iraq. Kielin T. Dunn, 19 of Chesapeake, was killed Feb. 18, 2010 in Afghanistan. Brandon T. Islip, 23 of Richmond, was killed Nov. 29, 2009, in Afghanistan. Stephan L. Mace, 21 of Lovettsville, died Oct. 3, 2009 in Afghanistan.

Bill Cahir, 40 of Alexandria, died Aug. 13, 2009 of a gunshot wound while conducting combat operations in the Helmand Province of Afghanistan. After 9/11, Cahir decided to leave his career as a journalist and join the Marine Corps. After his application to become a Marine had originally been denied because of his age, he lobbied members of Congress to get a special exemption.

Fairfax Station resident Pfc. Dillon Jutras, 20, was killed in combat operations in Al Anbar Province of Iraq Oct. 29, 2005.

Lance Cpl. Daniel Ryan Bennett, 23 of Clifton died Jan. 11, 2009, in Helmand province, Afghanistan. "He loved his country, and we're so proud of him," said his mother.

2nd Lt. Sean P. O'Connor of Burke died Oct. 19, 2008 while stationed at Hunter Army Air Field, Savannah, Ga. O'Connor was an athlete in soccer, baseball and football who attended Fairfax County Public Schools and was a 1999 graduate of Bishop Denis J. O'Connell High School in Arlington.

Pfc. David Sharrett II, 27 of Oakton, died Jan. 16, 2008 in Iraq. On Oct. 24, 2008, his father, David H. Sharrett, was on hand as the Oakton Post Office on White Granite Drive was renamed to honor his son. But the senior Sharrett has battled to learn the truth about his son's death, that he was killed by his lieutenant in the confusion of a firefight. Just last month, April, 2012, Sharrett Sr. obtained documents confirming some of the details of his son's death and a subsequent cover-up, according to Tom Jackman of the Washington Post.

Army 1st Lt. Thomas J. Brown, a George Mason University graduate and Burke resident, died on Sept. 23, 2008, while serving in Iraq. His unit came under small arms fire, and Brown, 26, died from his wounds.

Sgt. Scott Kirkpatrick, 26, died on Aug. 11, 2007, in Arab Jabour, Iraq. Kirkpatrick, who

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OPINION

Remembering on Memorial Day

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graduated from Park View High School in Sterling, and also considered Herndon and Reston as his hometowns, was a champion slam poet. His father, Ed Kirkpatrick, calls him the "warrior poet," and he and his wife help injured vets at Walter Reed through the Yellow Ribbon fund (www.yellowribbonfund.org).

Ami Neiberger-Miller of Sterling lost her brother, U.S. Army Spc. Christopher Neiberger, in August 2007 when he was killed by a roadside bomb in Iraq. He was 22. Since her brother's death, Neiberger-Miller has devoted herself to the Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors (www.taps.org), an amazing organization which provides emotional support and other services for families of the fallen. This Memorial Day weekend, TAPS will bring together survivors in Arlington for the 18th National Military Survivor seminar, along with a "good grief" camp for children who have lost a parent.

Staff Sgt. Jesse G. Clowers Jr., 27, of Herndon, died when an improvised bomb exploded near his vehicle in Afghanistan on Aug. 12, 2007. Jonathan D. Winterbottom, 21, of Falls Church, died in Iraq on May 23, 2007, when an IED exploded near his vehicle.

Nicholas Rapavi, 22, of Springfield, died Nov. 24, 2006, during combat in Anbar province in Iraq. Army Cpl. Andy D. Anderson, 24, was killed by enemy fire in Ar Ramadi, Iraq on Tuesday, June 6, 2006.

Airman 1st Class Lee Bernard E. Chavis, 21, was killed Oct. 14, 2006, by sniper fire in Iraq, trying to protect civilians from a roadside bomb.

Spc. Robert Drawl Jr., 21, a 2003 graduate of T.C. Williams High School, was killed by a bomb in Kunar, Afghanistan, on Aug. 19, 2006.

U.S. Army Specialist Felipe J. Garcia Villareal, 26 of Burke, was injured in Iraq and flown to Washington Hospital Center, where he died Feb. 12, 2006. He was a graduate of Herndon High School.

Capt. Shane R. M. Mahaffee, 36, a 1987 graduate of Mount Vernon High School, died May 15, 2006. He was a lawyer, married, with two children. His parents live in Alexandria.

U.S. Marine Lance Cpl. Nicholas Kirven, 21, was killed in Afghanistan in 2005 during a firefight in a cave with insurgents. He enlisted while still in high

school after 9/11. Maj. William F. Hecker III, a 1987 graduate of McLean High School, was killed in action in An Najaf, Iraq, Jan. 5, 2005. Staff Sgt. Ayman Taha, 31, of Vienna, was killed Dec. 30, 2005, when an enemy munitions cache he was prepping for demolition exploded. Army Capt. Chris Petty of Vienna was killed Jan. 5, 2006.

Staff Sgt. George T. Alexander Jr., the 2,000th soldier to be killed in Iraq, was literally born into the Army here in Northern Virginia, at DeWitt Army Hospital at Fort Belvoir. Alexander died at Brooke Army Medical Center in San Antonio, Texas, Oct. 22, 2005, of injuries sustained in Samarra, Iraq, Oct. 17, 2005.

Lt. Col. Thomas A. Wren, 44, of Lorton, died in Tallil, Iraq on Nov. 5, 2005. Marine Capt. Michael Martino, 32 of the City of Fairfax, died Nov. 2, 2005, when his helicopter was brought down in Iraq.

1st Lt. Laura M. Walker of Oakton was killed on Aug. 18, 2005, in Kandahar, Afghanistan. CW4 Matthew S. Lourey of Lorton died from injuries sustained on May 26, 2005 in Buhriz, Iraq.

Operations Officer Helge Boes of Fairfax was killed on Feb. 5, 2003, while participating in counterterrorism efforts in eastern Afghanistan.

Among other local lives lost: Lance Cpl. Tavon Lee Hubbard, 24, of Reston; 1st Lt. Alexander Wetherbee, 27, of McLean; 1st Lt. Jeff Kaylor, 25, of Clifton; Coast Guard Petty Officer Nathan B. Bruckenthal, 24, of Herndon; Army Chief Warrant Officer Sharon T. Swartworth, 43, of Mount Vernon; Command Sgt. Maj. James D. Blankenbecler, 40, of Mount Vernon; Capt. James F. Adamowski, 29, of Springfield; Sgt. DeForest L. Talbert, 22, of Alexandria; Marine Cpl. Binh N. Le, 20, of Alexandria; Staff Sgt. Russell Verdugo, 34, of Alexandria; Army Capt. Mark N. Stubenhofer, 30, from Springfield; Marine Gunnery Sgt. Javier Obleas-Prado Pena, 36, from Falls Church; Marine Sgt. Krisna Nachampassak, 27, from Burke; Army Staff Sgt. Nathaniel J. Nyren, 31, from Reston; Marine Lance Cpl. Tenzin Dengkhim, 19, from Falls Church; Navy Chief Joel Egan Baldwin, 37, from Arlington; Maj. Joseph McCloud, of Alexandria, and Major Gloria D. Davis, 47 of Lorton.

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LETTER

Shameful Rejection

To the Editor:

I am extremely disappointed in Del. Timothy Hugo for his vote and role as Republican Majority Caucus Chair in rejecting the nomination of Tracy Thorne-Begland for a judgeship. Mr. Thorne-Begland has a distinguished military record and has served for a decade as an outstanding prosecutor. He

is also openly gay.

The shame of Virginia's past is our massive resistance to the inevitable march of civil rights. Mr. Hugo's role in this anti-gay vote and Virginia's role will likewise be judged by history as shameful and obstructionist to the inevitable extension of civil and human rights to gay Virginians.

Jerry Simonelli
Attorney at Law
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Posing in stern 1930s style are cast members of Chantilly High's play, "I Remember Mama."



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The cast of Centreville High's production of "A Christmas Carol."

Spotlight Shines on Three Local Schools

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Chantilly

Chantilly's heartwarming play, "I Remember Mama" received nominations for: Best Play; Lead Actress in a Play, Amanda Miesner; Supporting Actor in a Play, John Downey; Stage Crew, organized by stage manager Emily James; Sets, A.J. Gresick, Drew Pardo, Roxy Shumate and Chloe Vasquez; Marketing and Publicity Team, Samantha Jones, Roshni Gorur, Hattie Clougherty and Julia Franke; and Graduating Critic, Amanda Miesner. "We're always pleased to get nominations because we know how strong the competition is," said Director Ed Monk. "So it's hard to get a nomination." Delighted with his school's nominations for Sets, Stage Crew and Play, he said, "The nice thing about them is that they each involved everyone in the cast and crew."

He believes Chantilly has received Cappie nominations for Sets, every year but one. And there's a reason for that, he said. "The kids pay attention to detail so, for example, when a door opens, there's a wall or a room behind it, not a black curtain," said Monk. "They take the time to get the details right. We have kids who are willing to do that, which is wonderful." He said it was also terrific to get a nomination for Marketing and Publicity because it's the first time it's been a Cappie category and "we were one of the first shows this year that did it. So it was nice that the girls were remembered."

Regarding the acting nominations, Monk said, "John really stepped up and did a dramatic part, for the first time, and did a really good job — and with an accent — which is really hard. And Amanda was the core of that whole show. I knew she could do it, and she did. She held the entire play together and gave a beautiful performance."

All in all, he said, "The nominations are

the real honor and, if you win, it's gravy. If not, it's fine, because the Cappies Gala is a wonderful night for the theater. The kids get to dress up and have fun, and you don't get a sense of competition and rooting against people. The gala is more of a supportive night."

Centreville

For its production of "A Christmas Carol," Centreville received nominations for Featured Actor, Anthony Ingargiola; Makeup, Ashley Avila, Emily Berkley and Christa Guh; and Graduating Critic, Kelly Strauch. And Director Mike Hudson is pleased.

"I am thrilled with the nominations that Centreville received from the Cappies critics," he said. "Anthony Ingargiola is an extremely talented actor. He is one of the most dedicated people of his generation, as well as professional, exacting and a truly pleasant actor to direct."

Hudson also said Guh, Avila and Berkley really deserve the nomination for "A Christmas Carol's" makeup. "They oversaw makeup for over 60 actors, kept the dressing rooms neat and did it all with smiles," he said. "I was extremely impressed with the creative designs of Emily Berkley — they were striking and appropriate to the show."

Regarding the Critics Team, he said it's been a very active group. Each student on the team has seen at least five shows. Graduating Critic nominee Kelly Strauch "has been a driving force on our Critics Team, and she has also been published four times," said Hudson. "That is a fantastic record for any critic. Kelly has a very analytical mind, and her reviews are precise and thoughtful. She has done an amazing job." "Centreville has been very fortunate to have such talented students in the program, but this year's nominees really display the broad range of that talent," he added. "I am so very proud of them."

Future Looking Brighter for Labor Center

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staff member and another who works three-fourths of the time. But Foltz would like the latter person to be able to work full time, too. As it is, she said, "The only way we're able to operate with that little staff is through the generosity and gifts of many wonderful volunteers."

The labor center opened in December 2011 at 5956 Centreville Crest Lane, beside Brick Pizza, on the lower level of the Centreville Square Shopping Center. But it got off to a slow start. Although the workers were eager to meet potential employers there, the center encour-

tered difficulty trying to encourage these employers to change their habits.

"Definitely, there's been a continuing upswing [in center usage], but we always can use more to have the full participation of all the workers," said Foltz. "But to have that happen, we need employers accustomed to hiring workers on the street to come and hire them at the center, instead."

What would help most of all, she said, would be for local residents to hire workers there for miscellaneous jobs around their homes, such as painting, yard work, repairs, etc. "We also encourage people to come by and see what's happening at the center," said Foltz. "They can see what work-

ers are available and how they could use these talented workers in the future."

She said the center offers workers with a large variety of abilities — not just people who can do manual labor, but those who are highly skilled in everything from masonry to drywall work, painting, carpet installation, carpentry and electrical work.

It's a good deal for everyone, said Foltz, because "We provide the opportunity for temporary employment and we don't take fees from either the workers or employers. We just provide a space for workers and employers to come together."

Furthermore, as things have turned out, the center is providing an unforeseen, but

welcome, benefit to other local residents. Foltz said tough economic times "have put into the job market people who have skills, but are not able to find long-term employment — and we serve them all. About 250 people have registered for temporary employment" and only about 90 of them are immigrants.

"There's no state employment office nearby, so we've ended up serving a large group of people who desperately need jobs," she said. "We help people get employment to make income which they then spend in the community. So we're also putting money back into the local economy."



At Virginia International Music Festival

Westfield High's Concert, Symphonic and Wind Symphony bands plus the Marching Bulldogs participated in the Virginia International Music Festival in Norfolk, April 27 and 28. It featured bands from as far away as Minnesota and International Bands from Belgium, Norway, Albania, plus military bands from each of the Armed Forces. The results from the International Music Festival: Jazz Band, Gold Medal, First Place Division III, Outstanding Solist Andrew Harrington; Concert Band, Gold Medal, Second Place Division I; Symphonic Band, Gold Medal, First Place in Division II; Wind Symphony, Gold Medal, Outstanding Soloist Justin Carpenter, First Place Division II; Marching Band, International Parade of Nations, Gold Medal, Best Music, Best Marching. The four Gold Medals earned by WHS were 4 of the 6 Gold Medals given for the entire weekend of competition. Additional recognition included Grand Champion Jazz Band, Grand Champion Concert Band and Grand Champion Parade of Nations.

Children's Play at Chantilly High

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familiar story, but this version tells what might happen if one, little thing changes."

Portraying the evil stepmother is junior Kelly Dodd. "She's mean to Cinderella and has a really annoying laugh," said Dodd. "She's surrounded by idiots and thinks she's smarter than everyone else, but she's really not. She loves her daughter, but thinks her son is an idiot and babies him. She's not scary, but goofy and obnoxious."

Her character and Cinderella do some slapstick comedy together, which Dodd's enjoying. "In a children's show, I can make big, over-the-top movements, and my laugh is loud and nasally. And my character has such a big personality that I can go in every direction with her."

Dodd was also head of costuming, choosing attire from Chantilly's collection that would appeal to younger children. So the costumes will be bright and

shiny. "The royalty will have four different colors in their dresses, with big hoop skirts and varying patterns," she said. "There are also animal costumes and sparkly fairies."

Sophomore Sam McKee plays the prince. "He's 27, but still immature and awkward," said McKee. "He likes playing with model trains, instead of getting married, and he does everything his parents say. He also loves llamas and llama cheese and wants to be a llama farmer."

It's great playing this part, he said, because he can overreact and do strange things. Although McKee said it's a bit difficult "to seem awkward on stage, without actually being that way."

He likes children's shows "because of the kids' laughter and their reactions to jokes that you don't think are funny, but they do. It's fun seeing them have a good time. The storyline's funny, and they'll like all the humor and the relationships between the characters."

ROUNDUPS

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SCHOOLS



Justin Brown with his sister, Olivia

Justin Brown, a former Westfield High School student, graduated from Old Dominion University on May 4. He earned a diploma from the College of Arts and Letters as a Communications major, with an emphasis in Mass Media, and an English minor, with an emphasis in Journalism. At ODU, Justin was also the founder of Monarch Media, an organization created to link journalism forums around campus. After graduation, he plans to



Ryan Wever with Doug and Linda Sue Wever.

search for a job pertaining to his major, to hopefully find his place in radio and broadcast journalism.

Ryan Wever, a former Westfield High School student, graduated from Christopher Newport University on May 12. He graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Sociology, with a concentration in Criminology, and an Anthropology minor. Ryan was also a standout player for four years on the CNU football team. After graduating, Ryan cur-

rently works for Old Dominion Security at Fairfax Inova Hospital but is hoping to pursue a post in the Secret Service in years to come.

Rocky Run Middle School is looking for World War II veterans and civilians to come to the school to share their eyewitness accounts at Rocky Run's 11th annual World War II Oral History Day (dubbed "The Latest Generation Meets the Greatest Generation") on Thursday, June 7. Contact teacher Jamie SEE SCHOOL NOTES, PAGE 13

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Voter ID

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information and materials for Spanish speakers. And the county's website www.fairfaxcounty.gov/elections has a Google Translations line that can translate information into Spanish and several other languages.

Quinn said that while the Fairfax County and state websites are updated, not all voter election web pages and links have been updated with the new congressional district information.

"Those voters whose congressional district changed as a result of redistricting are currently being mailed a new voter card," Quinn said. "Whether or not you received a new voter card, if you have questions or to be certain you know your congressional district information, refer to the county or state election office's website for the correct information or call us at 703-222-0776."

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ESSAYS

Students Write About Chantilly

Sultan Seraj from Chantilly High School and Rachael Hayes from Poplar Tree Elementary School won the Chantilly Day essay competition. The topic of the essay was: "Remember Yesterday, Celebrate Today, Embrace Tomorrow."

Past ... Present ... Future

BY SULTAN SERAJ
10TH GRADE
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"Remember yesterday, Celebrate today, Embrace tomorrow." These can be the words of a scholar or an author of a best-selling book, but in reality there are not. These six simple words convey the goals everyday individuals in society placed upon themselves.

We can never forget what happened "yesterday," however we must put them aside and celebrate "today." If we don't celebrate "today," the day will be over and we ought to embrace "tomorrow." Making mistakes is what makes us who we are. We cannot let the past hold us back, and should rejoice the present and grasp the future. The perfect candidate for this theme is Chris Rene.

Chris Rene was born on Dec. 25, 1982. He auditioned on the X Factor USA, where he admitted he was a rehabilitating drug addict. At the age of 15, Rene had smoked drugs such as methamphetamine and cocaine, along with drinking alcohol. Rene received extensive rehab at the Janus Rehabilitation Center of Santa Cruz, California. After being sober for 10 weeks straight, Chris realized "that there's always a chance and there's always a choice." He then sang his way through the auditions with flying colors and automatically became a fan favorite.

Rene was placed in L.A. Reid's (U.S. record executive/producer) group throughout his X Factor USA journey. His smooth vocals brought him all the way to the semifinals, but he finished in 3rd place. Rene was extremely grateful for his experience on the show, but that did not stop him. In March of 2012, Chris Rene released his first single, "Young Homie." Today his single is placed under iTunes "Top Songs" list and is extremely popular.

Chris Rene has not only been an inspiration to all rehabilitating drug addicts, but also to everyday Americans. Rene's battle with drug addiction, displays his strength and commitment to being sober. Everyday Americans see Chris as an individual who turned his life around and set strong goals. Rene understands that "life is too precious to waste," and has truly changed his life for the best. Even the legendary singer Stevie Wonder told Chris: "You are an inspiration to me."

Individuals like Chris, first set goals and plan on how to achieve them. Long or short, no matter what obstacle stands in their way they will fight for their dreams and push themselves to their breaking point. Drugs are in Chris' past, he is now in control of the present and his future is a straight forward path.

Rene stopped abusing drugs for his son and his girlfriend, but most importantly he stopped for him-

self. He realizes that drugs were holding his life back, and by stopping, Rene has opened doors to several great opportunities. In the words of Jim Rohn, American entrepreneur, author, and motivational speaker: "Take time to gather up the past so that you will be able to draw from your experience and invest them in the future." Chris Rene will never forget yesterday, he is living sober today, and now knows that nothing can stop him from embracing tomorrow.

'Remember Yesterday, Celebrate Today, Embrace Tomorrow'

BY RACHAEL HAYES
FIFTH GRADE
POPLAR TREE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Chantilly is a community with great history and opportunities.

A way we can remember yesterday is remembering Chantilly's history. Chantilly began with many farms where people grew plants and raised cows for a living. These hardworking people produced most everything except for flour, sugar, and coffee(a.). At one nearby hill, two armies met for battle during the Civil War. John Mosby, a Confederate hero who gained information and gave Union soldiers problems roamed behind enemy lines throughout our area.

We can celebrate today by making happy memories. During the summer, Ellanor C. Lawrence park offers free entertainment for kids on Saturdays. Last summer, my family saw puppet shows, magic shows, and musical presentations there. The Cub Run Center is my family's favorite place to swim all year. I remember my first time going down the dark slide. I go to Brookfield Elementary and enjoy learning because of great teachers.

The neighborhoods in Chantilly are beautiful. Many of the houses are big, but are often low priced and you can find friends quickly and easily. To keep in shape, my family rides to the Chantilly Regional Library. It is sometime hard to find the five books I read a week because there are too many good books to choose.

We can embrace tomorrow by making sure that Chantilly is a better place. We can be good citizens, obey laws, and not litter. We can build our community by supporting local businesses, including the Dollar Tree, Lotte Market, and Lowes. We can plant trees, flowers, and plants to make our community and environment better and prettier.

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BUSINESS NOTES

For the second consecutive year, **Odyssey Travel Inc.** of Centreville has been selected for the 2012 Best of Centreville Award in the Travel Agencies category by the U.S. Commerce Association (USCA).

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Rams Defeat Westfield in Rainy Concorde Title Game

Robinson baseball builds 3-0 lead before weather delay; go on to 4-2 title game victory.

BY RICH SANDERS
CENTRE VIEW

Both the Westfield and Robinson baseball teams, along with competing against one another in Tuesday night's Concorde District tournament baseball championship game, had to deal with sloppy, rainy weather conditions as well. Ultimately, following a third inning delay due to rain, the Rams of Robinson came away with a 4-2 finals win.

The title game was originally scheduled to be played on Monday night at Chantilly High, but rainy conditions forced postponement to Tuesday. While the contest did get played on Tuesday, the site was changed — from Chantilly High to Westfield.

The 6:30 p.m. scheduled start got off without a hitch. The game began with overcast clouds and the threat of rain, with a light sprinkle starting up later in the opening inning. Later, in the top of the third with Robinson batting, the rain began coming down harder. By the time the half inning concluded, the rain was coming down steadily and conditions were such that the umpire crew stopped play until the rain stopped or slowed down.

Players from both teams helped pull a large, white tarp onto the infield. The state of the art field protector also covered several feet of the outfield grass.

Fans in attendance had sought shelter away from the ball diamond and the players, after putting the tarp on, stayed in their respective dugouts waiting to see what the remainder of the evening would bring. The rain grew harder and steadier.

Music from the press box — everything from the classic "Singing in the Rain" to the Beach Boys — echoed throughout the mostly vacated ball diamond and stadium area. The game's three umpires, along with game officials and media personnel, filled a crowded press box.

Westfield head coach Chuck Welch came up to the press box, got to a computer, and checked the weather forecast for the remainder of the night on intellicast.com. A large, motionless heavy rain cloud, it appeared, loomed over the area and was there to stay.

"It's not the first time this year this has happened to us," said Welch, recalling a home game versus McLean in which the Westfield ball field was covered by tarp prior to the start of the game. Eventually, the non-district meeting got underway and was completed.

Speaking of the huge tarp, Welch, talking to the umpires and others in the press box, said, "I'm pretty sure this might be the only

tarp [of this quality] in the Northern Region. It's pretty easy to put on, not so easy to take off."

Ultimately, the game resumed following a long delay. After the teams had ample time to warm up again, "play ball" was the call. Robinson, who led 3-0 when the game was initially stopped in the third inning, went on to the 4-2 championship victory.

Initially, at the start of the game and prior to the rain delay, things had gotten off to a somewhat rocky start for the Rams, although they did take an early lead. The guests had scored a run in the top of the first inning, thanks to an RBI double down the left field line and off the outfield wall by Rams' No. 3 batter Chase Bailey. The extra base hit, which came with one out, plated Patrick Baker, who had led off the game with an opposite field double down the right field line. Danny Herrera, Robinson's No. 2 batter, executed a sacrifice bunt to move Baker to third before Bailey's two-bagger accounted for the game's initial run and a lead the Rams would never relinquish.

Following the Bailey double, Robinson's Denis Mikush walked and Will Miller reached on an infield single to lead the bases for the Rams, who were threatening to score more. But Westfield starting pitcher Bryan Drager retired the next two batters and Robinson left the bases full.

But Robinson soon found itself in a serious jam upon taking the field. In Westfield's first inning at-bats, walks to the first three Bulldog batters — Matt Pisarcik, Wade Arduini, and Kyle Corwin — loaded the bases and forced Robinson head coach John James to make an early pitching change. Reliever Matt Spaulding, who started the game at shortstop, took over on the mound and somehow got out of the inning without the Bulldogs scoring.

The first batter he faced, Patrick McLaughlin, sizzled a hard ground ball to third base. Rams' third baseman Herrera fielded the ball and threw home for a force play at the plate. Robinson catcher Kyle Hatterick, with one foot on home plate, made an outstanding short-hop catch of the throw for the innings first out. Spaulding then coaxed a 4-6-3 double play to get his team out of the inning unscathed and Robinson still ahead 1-0.

The game's next scoring inning came in the top of the third when Robinson scored twice to go ahead 3-0. Herrera and Bailey opened the inning by earning walks. A wild pitch advanced both runners before Mikush hit a high sacrifice fly down the right field line to score



PHOTO BY RICH SANDERS/CENTRE VIEW

Westfield baseball players enjoy the pre-game minutes prior to the start of Tuesday evening's Concorde District finals meeting versus Robinson. Rain factored into the title game, forcing a third inning delay.



PHOTO BY RICH SANDERS/CENTRE VIEW

Westfield catcher Patrick McLaughlin is positioned and ready for a first inning pitch. At the plate for Robinson is Will Miller.

a run and make it 2-0. Next, Miller, who bats left-handed, plated the innings second run on a fielder's choice ground ball to second base. When the half inning ended, Robinson had built a 3-0 lead just as the umpires were putting a temporary halt to the game due to the rain. The fairly long delay followed.

But at night's end, it was the Rams who had outlasted the elements and beaten a strong team in the Westfield Bulldogs.

Both Robinson and Westfield are scheduled to host opening round Northern Region playoff games this Friday night. Their opponents will be Langley and Marshall from the Liberty District.

Correction

Centreville High senior Maggie Dulkerian, whose name was mistakenly omitted in last week's listing of All-Concorde District Girls Lacrosse members in the Centre View, was indeed an All-District player this spring. Dulkerian was named Second Team as an attack. The fourth year Centreville student-athlete has earned All-District accolades in each of her four seasons as a member of the Wildcats. Last year, she earned First Team All-District and Honorable Mention All-Northern Region honors.

SCHOOLS

FROM PAGE 10

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Genevieve Marcus Haskins of Fairfax graduated from Juniata College with a Bachelor of Science degree in wildlife conservation. Haskins is a 2007 graduate of Chantilly High School and the daughter of Roger Haskins and Susan Marcus.

Patricia Laverdure of Oak Hill earned a doctor of occupational therapy degree from Creighton University during the spring commencement ceremony on Saturday, May 12, 2012.

Jenna Goffe participated in James Madison University's seventh annual Alternative May Break trip to New Orleans, La. The trip, dubbed "AMB: Rebuilding New Orleans," focuses on rebuilding those houses and communities affected by Hurricane Katrina.

The University of Kansas will present **Michele Rook of Fairfax**, with a Master of Arts in Design Management and Jennifer Shaw, of Chantilly, with a Bachelor of Science in Education at the university's 140th Commencement ceremony on Sunday, May 13.

Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) students earned top honors at the 57th annual Fairfax County Regional Science and Engineering Fair held at Robinson Secondary School.

Individual winners include **Arrush Choudhary of Chantilly High School** in Energy and Transportation for Improving Lipid Yield in Algae and **Soniya Pateriya of Chantilly High School** in Medicine and Health Sciences for Effect of Asafoetida and Chia in CNT on Cancer.

Benjamin Cobb and John Moran of Chantilly High School won team grand prizes in Cellular and Molecular Biology for Effect of Cortisol on the Occurrence of Cancer.

The following students from

AT THE LIBRARIES

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Chantilly were named to the Virginia Tech dean's list for the fall 2011 semester:

❖ **Dhananjay Tripathi**, a freshman majoring in general engineering in the College of Engineering.

❖ **John K. Vicinski**, a sophomore majoring in general engineering in the College of Engineering.

❖ **John H. Yu**, a freshman majoring in university studies at Virginia Tech.

The Virginia Society of Certified Public Accountants (VSCPA) announces the winners of its 2012 Award of Achievement for academic excellence in accounting studies. Each year, the VSCPA recognizes top graduating accounting seniors from Virginia high schools, community colleges and four-year universities. Congratulations to the local winners:

❖ **Kelly Botten**, Centreville, Westfield High School;

❖ **Emily Strait**, Chantilly, Chantilly High School;

❖ **Michael Randall**, Centreville, Lynchburg College.

Grove City College sophomore elementary education major **Whitney Blankenship of Chantilly** traveled to Tucson, Ariz., on an Inner City Outreach trip with other students from the College in early April. ICO Tucson partnered with Life in Christ Church and The Giving Tree, a local outreach organization. The team led a vacation Bible school program for local children and fed the homeless each night. They also tutored area students and participated in a construction project.

Andrew Criminski, the son of Scott Criminski and Charmain Wardley of Oak Hill, performed for a crowd of approximately 9,500 people at the Edward Jones Dome in Saint Louis, Mo. on April 14. Criminski is a member of the Randolph-Macon Academy Band, which, in conjunction with the R-MA Chorus, performed an hour-long concert, "A Salute to Freedom," as part of the National Rifle Association's "Celebration of American Values Freedom Experience." Drew is a junior at the Academy.

CRIME REPORT

Activities reported by the Sully police department through May 18.

LARCENIES

14800 block of Basingstoke Loop. Bicycle from residence.

13600 block of Poplar Tree Road. Shotgun from vehicle.

14200 block of Sullyfield Circle. License plate from vehicle.

14100 block of Parkeast Circle. Equipment stolen from business.

14200 block of Sullyfield Circle.

Christine LaPlaca of Fairfax has been inducted into the University of Mary Washington chapter of Phi Beta Kappa, Kappa of Virginia. Phi Beta Kappa is the nation's oldest academic honor society.

Ashna Sharan of Chantilly, a member of the class of 2012 at Washington and Lee University, has earned honor roll status for the recently ended winter 2012 term.

Fairfax County Public Schools middle and high school students won first place awards in 19 categories at the **2012 Virginia Technology Student Association (TSA) State Leadership Conference** held in Richmond. Winners will advance to the National TSA Conference, scheduled for June 21-25 in Nashville.

First place winners at the middle school level (level I), with their category in parentheses, include:

Shawn Jassal of Franklin Middle School (Career Prep).

Navya Kalale and Sahana Ramani of Carson Middle School (Challenging Technology Issues).

Arvind Chava of Carson Middle School (Electrical Applications).

Arvind Chava, Sashank Thupukari, and Anant Tewari of Carson Middle School (Environmental Focus).

Pranay Singh, Dhruv Gupta, and Royhan Pandit of Carson Middle School (Inventions and Innovations).

Shawn Jassal of Franklin Middle School (Multimedia Production).

Dhruv Gupta of Carson Middle School (Prepared Speech).

Pavan Reddy and Josh Choe of Franklin Middle School (Structural Engineering).

FCPS students and schools also won the following awards:

Carson Middle School, first place, Chapter Excellence Level I; second place, Community Service Award Level I; second place, Arvid W. Van Dyke Outstanding School Award.

Arvind Chava of Carson Middle School, Most Competitive Technosphere Participant, Middle School Level.

Briana Neuberger of Chantilly High School, Virginia Career Education Foundation Scholarship.

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Living Longer, Sort of Prospering



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

Though my column has appeared in the newspaper as usual the last few weeks, I haven't felt much like writing. Typically, I'm weeks ahead with my column inventory, having regularly found the time and inclination to put pen to paper and provide the prose you regular readers have come to expect. To say I haven't been in the mood lately would be an oversimplification of epic proportions. To say that I've been depressed and dealing with the weight (subconsciously for sure, consciously for maybe) of my diagnosis, prognosis, life expectancy, and life as a cancer patient in general, would be more accurate. It's an admission I take no pride in making. I never wanted to be a victim of my own circumstances (unless I was quoting Curly Howard from The Three Stooges) and I never wanted to use my having cancer for an excuse/explanation for anything. However, given my mood and manner these last few weeks and minimal literary output, that's exactly what I'm now doing; and I'm not too happy about it either, which almost makes its use even more disturbing.

Obviously, living with a terminal disease is heavy duty. To think I could shrug it off – all the time, is a bit naive. Not that cancer has a mind of its own, but it does find a way to infiltrate your defenses and occasionally bring you to your knees, literally and figuratively. After all, I am human, not Vulcan. I am ruled by emotion, not logic. Though the good of the many outweigh the good of the one, this one is weighed down pretty good by the one not being so good. When I see and read and hear about real people and even fake people (television, movies, etc.) dying of cancer (and lung cancer is a particularly pernicious player), it's impossible for me, after repeated exposure, to not take it personally; as in: you're next!

So yes, I feel it. And the longer I live beyond my original prognosis, the heavier the weight of inevitability becomes. In spite of lifestyle choices and changes I've made, and the miscellaneous supplements and homeopathic-type remedies I've employed, there does seem to be a reality that one would be hard-pressed to ignore: a terminal diagnosis (which stage IV lung cancer is) is not identified as such because of where one was diagnosed (at the airport), it's how long one can expect to live based on the best medical and statistical information known at the time. And as much as I want to believe that such prognostications are merely educated guesses and subject to interpretation – and reinterpretation (which of course they are, to a degree), there is some reasonably acceptable medical data to support the notion that cancer kills. Though dismissing that notion and maintaining a positive attitude has thus far been my approach, there are days – and weeks, like now, where that approach seems arrogant and pretentious, and I suffer accordingly, mentally mostly.

Not because of any recent change in my health or results (although this new chemo drug I'm on is exhausting me), it's more about the evolution of the reality: one can't live with terminal cancer forever, can they? I mean, it wouldn't be terminal if you could. There must be an end in sight. Otherwise, the end wouldn't have been mentioned at the beginning, during the original Team Lourie meeting with my oncologist. Sure, doctors can be wrong and I could be an anomaly: "the exception," as my brother, Richard has said, "that proves the rule," statistically speaking, anyway. But betting against long odds seems illogical; and if my years of faithful "Star Trek" viewing have showed me anything, it's that one's feelings can sometimes get in the way of how one acts, and not always with great results.

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FRIDAY/MAY 25

Swing Dancing. 9 p.m. to midnight. Cost is \$15. With Gina DeSimone and the Moaners. Drop-in beginner swing lesson from 8:30 to 9 p.m.; dancing from 9 p.m. to midnight. At the Hilton Washington Dulles Airport, 13869 Park Center Road, Herndon.

SATURDAY/MAY 26

Brookfield Civic Association Meeting. 7:30 p.m. Guest speaker is Shane Ayers from the State Corporation Commission and State Del. Jim LeMunyon. Ayers will present a progress report on natural gas line inspections in the neighborhood and a status of negotiations with WGL. Meeting held at Brookfield Elementary School cafeteria.

TUESDAY/MAY 29

Retirement Open House. 6 to 9 p.m. For Centreville High Principal Mike Campbell. At the Centreville High School Media Center.

WEDNESDAY/MAY 30

Volunteer for Change Orientation. 6 to 7 p.m. Volunteers for Change, a volunteer program for busy professionals, students, stay-at-home moms/dads or anyone with limited time, is

holding orientations for interested community members. Held at Volunteer Fairfax Office, 10530 Page Ave., Fairfax. Contact Jen Kivlin to register for the next orientation at 703-246-3895 or e-mail jkivlin@volunteerfairfax.org.

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Swing Dancing. 9 p.m. to midnight. Cost is \$15. With the band, Natty Beaux. Drop-in beginner swing lesson 8:30 to 9 p.m.; dancing from 9 p.m. to midnight. At the Hilton Washington Dulles Airport, 13869 Park Center Road, Herndon.

Jazzcats Café. 7 p.m. Centreville High School's Jazzcats will be performing at the 3rd Annual Jazzcats Café. Then their prestigious guest band, Dave Detwiler & The White House Band will take the stage. Tickets are \$8/advance; \$10/door and can be purchased at jazzcatstix@yahoo.com. Tickets includes entrance to the cafe, terrific music, and a dessert with beverage. At the Centreville High School Cafeteria.

SATURDAY/JUNE 2

2012 Creative Dance Center Competition Team Showcase. 7 p.m. Tickets are \$10. The dancers compete regionally and nationally in Lyrical, Jazz, Tap, Open, Musical Theater and Contemporary categories. At Freedom High School, 25450 Riding Center Drive, South Riding.

Purchase tickets online at Institute of Performing Arts for Youth at <http://www.ipayouth.org/shop.html> or visit any one of the studios in Chantilly, Ashburn, or South Riding.

JUNE 4 AND JUNE 5

Auditions for "The Producers." 7 to 9:30 p.m. Zemfira Stage is holding auditions for "The Producers." Contact Zina Bleck at zbleck@aol.com or 703-615-6626 to schedule a time to audition. Performances will be Thursdays through Sundays, Aug. 31 to Sept. 16 at the James Lee Community Center in Falls Church. Rehearsals will be in Centreville.

JUNE 5-9

Spring Jubilee. Westfield High School will host the Virginia High School League (VHSL) Group AAA Spring Jubilee June 5-9. The Spring Jubilee will determine state AAA champions in baseball, softball, and boys' and girls' tennis, soccer, and lacrosse. Baseball and softball competitions will be held at Westfield High beginning with semifinals set for Friday, June 8, and finals scheduled for Saturday, June 9. Tennis matches for boys and girls will be played at Jefferson District Park, 7900 Lee Highway, Falls Church, on Thursday, June 7; Friday, June 8; and Saturday, June 9. Girls' and boys' soccer semifinals are scheduled for Friday, June 8, and finals will be held

on Saturday, June 9. Boys' and girls' lacrosse semifinals are scheduled for Tuesday, June 5 (girls' semifinals), and Wednesday, June 6 (boys' semifinals). Finals are set for Saturday, June 9. Westfield High is at 4700 Stonecroft Boulevard in Chantilly.

WEDNESDAY/JUNE 6

Competititon Team Auditions. 6 p.m. Dancers should have a strong background in ballet and jazz in order to audition for the following year's team. Dancers should arrive in appropriate ballet attire (black leotard, pink tights, with hair in a bun) and bring all styles of current dance shoes (jazz, ballet, and tap). Interested audition participants must call the Chantilly Studio at (703) 378-1800 to reserve a space. At Creative Dance Center's Chantilly Studio, 14155 Sullyfield Circle, Suite E, Chantilly.

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