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From left: Docents John Carter and Tom Anderson stand outside the Stuart-Mosby Civil War Cavalry Museum in Centreville.

Centreville's Civil War Past

Travel back in time via the Stuart-Mosby Museum.

BY BONNIE HOBBS
CENTRE VIEW

Few communities are lucky enough to have a Civil War museum in their midst; Centreville is one of them. The Stuart-Mosby Civil War Cavalry Museum first invited the public in for a peek during last fall's Centreville Day. But it opened officially in June.

It's a small building in Centreville's Historic District, but it's jam-packed with memorabilia about two famous Confederate leaders, Gen. James Ewell Brown (J.E.B.) Stuart and Col. John Singleton Mosby.

The curator is Howard Crouch but, often, volunteer docents are there to provide information and answer visitors' questions. On a recent Saturday, the docents were Tom Anderson and John Carter.

"First, we find out people's level of knowledge about Mosby and Stuart," said Carter. "Sometimes, people want to see if they're related to them or if their ancestors might have ridden with them. And if you're from Fairfax, Loudoun, Prince William or Fauquier counties, there's a good chance."

Mosby served under Stuart, the entire war; but later on, Mosby had his own, independent command, the 43rd Battalion, Virginia Cavalry. During the war, said Anderson, "They mostly had established places where Stuart and his men would meet to go on a mission." Afterward, added Carter, "They'd disburse and go home to keep secret where they'd been."

The structure housing the museum has its own, interesting history. "The old Four Chimney, or Grigsby House, fell down over the years," said Carter. "The chimney remnants and foundations were used to build this house in 1937 on Lee Highway. It served as a home and a gas station, and [Centreville Realtor] Dennis Hogge later bought it and moved it here."

Centreville's Claudette Ward, who's a member
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A display of Civil War weapons.

Complete Failure

Fairfax County says Verizon "failed completely" during June 29 derecho.

BY VICTORIA ROSS
CENTRE VIEW

The eerie silence is what Steve Souder, Fairfax County's 911 director, remembers about the night of June 29, when the derecho hit Fairfax County.

"The derecho was fierce and sudden, a lot of things most storms aren't," Souder said in an interview on Friday. "We were busy as all get-out."

The fast-moving storms slammed Fairfax County at about 10:20 p.m., resulting in a record number of emergency calls — a 415 percent jump for 911 dispatchers and a 2,000 percent jump for Fire and Rescue. Approximately 30 minutes later, power flickered and then died in the

McConnell Public Safety and Transportation Operations Center (MPSTOC), where 46 911-dispatchers were fielding hundreds of calls.

"We can't afford to be crippled, so our generators came on, and we're rocking and rollin' in the blink of an eye," Souder said.

At 1:30 a.m., the first wave of calls started to subside.

"We're taking a deep breath and looking ahead to sunrise, when we fully expected another wave of calls as people wake up and take a look around their homes at the damage," Souder said.

THE NEXT MORNING, as hundreds of thousands of county residents awoke to smashed cars, split fences and downed power lines
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Fairfax County's 911 Call Center located in the McConnell Public Safety and Transportation Operations Center, named after former Fairfax County Supervisor Elaine McConnell.

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NEWS

Clifton Car Show on Labor Day

Proceeds benefit charities.

By BONNIE HOBBS
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Featuring street rods, custom and antique cars, muscle and classic cars, and motorcycles, the 13th Annual Labor Day Car Show is Monday, Sept. 3, from 8 a.m.-3 p.m., in Clifton. Sponsored by the Clifton Lions Club and the Custom Cruisers of Northern Virginia, it happens rain or shine.

"It's the only show of its type within 100 miles of here on Labor Day," said event organizer Jim Chesley. "Our show has gotten such a good reputation that people don't want to go anywhere else but here."

More than 400 vehicles of vehicles will be on display throughout the town, with chrome all polished, hoods up and engines open for easy viewing. Visitors may browse at their leisure, while chatting with their owners and listening to 1950s and '60s music played by a deejay from J & J Sound.

"We'll have lots of Corvettes, Mustangs, Camaros and hot rods," said Chesley. "There'll be all kinds of motorcycles, cars and trucks — stock, custom and antique.

Visit www.customcruisersnova.com, click on "events" and download an entry form. Participants may also register at the show. The first 250 vehicles registering will receive dash plaques. Registration is \$15, or \$25 if the vehicle is for sale. Individuals or companies interested in being sponsors should contact Chesley at 703-830-2129 or jchesley@aol.com for further details.

Donations in any amount are also welcome and are 100-percent tax deductible. Mail donations payable to the Clifton Lions Club to: Jim Chesley, 7207 Main St., Clifton, VA 20124-0225. There'll also be a donations jar at the show.

Each year, the proceeds go to charity, and this year's recipients are Life with Cancer and the Northern Virginia Therapeutic Riding Program. Life with Cancer offers a full slate of support programs for cancer patients and their families. And the Therapeutic Riding Program gives people with emotional or physical disabilities the chance to control a horse and feel confident and successful. For more information, see www.lifewithcancer.org and www.NVTRP.org.

"Four years ago, I introduced the directors of these two charities to each other at the car show," said Chesley. "They didn't know of each other then; but

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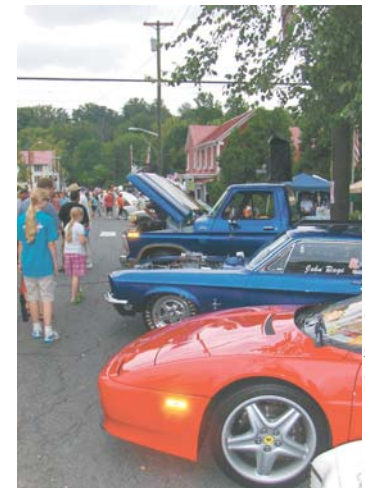


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Vehicles are parked all along Main Street during last year's Labor Day car show in Clifton.

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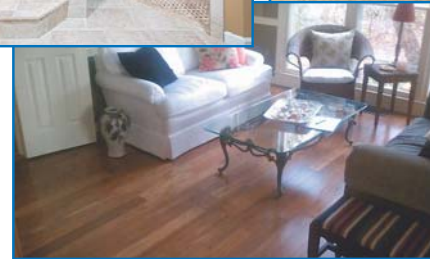
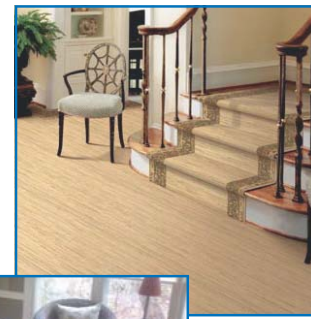
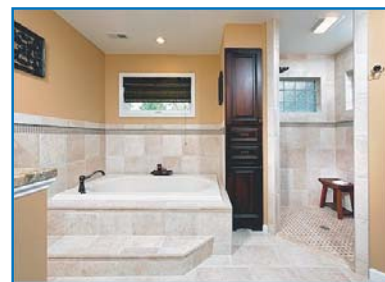
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Free Carseat Inspections

Certified technicians from the Sully District Police Station will perform free, child safety carseat inspections Thursday, Sept. 6, 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.

Women's Self Defense Program

The Fairfax County Law Enforcement Foundation is partnering with the Fairfax County Police Department to offer the Women's Self Defense Training program. It's based on the SAFE program formerly provided by the Police Department, but now being taught by C&J Security Corp.

The program is a two-day class that will meet on consecutive Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6:15-9:30 p.m. It's currently offered free and all class materials are included. Program funding is provided through the Fairfax County Law Enforcement Foundation.

The course is offered to females, age 13 and older. A female guardian must accompany girls 13-18. No men other than the instructors are permitted to be present during a class. For more information, call 703-246-7806, e-mail WSD@fairfaxfoundation.org or go to www.fairfaxfoundation.org.

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; peanut butter, spaghetti sauce, Ramen Noodles, canned fruit; canned peas, beets and mixed vegetables; canned soup and baked beans; dry pasta and beans; ketchup, mustard, pancake mix and syrup; hot and cold cereal and coffee. In addition, the Food Pantry would appreciate fresh produce from local gardens. 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 are needed Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m., to receive donations. Contact Volunteer Manager Annette Bosley at 703-988-9656.

Food pantry: Volunteers are needed Wednesdays and Thursdays, from 11 a.m.-2:30 p.m., to bag/stock groceries. A regular, weekly volunteer is also needed on Wednesdays to pick up donations from Food Lion, from now through August.

Furniture ministry: One person is needed to help move furniture that will be given to clients in need.

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.



A portrait of Gen. J.E.B. Stuart and his horse in the museum.



Civil War money and memorabilia inside a display case.

Centreville's Civil War Past

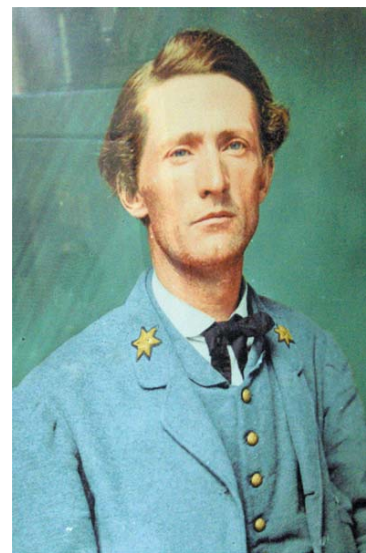
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of the Stuart-Mosby Historical Society — which created this museum — also shed light on the story. “The Grigsby House was the headquarters of Gen. Joseph E. Johnston, [Major Gen.] G.W. Smith and J.E.B. Stuart during the Civil War,” she said. “And it's where Mosby met Stuart and began a friendship that lasted the rest of their lives.”

At the museum, said Carter, “We tell people things they don't know and also talk about Mosby's life after the war. We'd also like people to come in, talk to us casually, ask questions and learn more about both Stuart and Mosby. We'd like this to become a research center for people — and sometimes, we can learn from them. People in the Historic Centreville Society are experts about Centreville history, so we also want to incorporate what both they and longtime residents know.”

In addition, high on Carter's and Anderson's wish list is a sign on Route 29, near Braddock Road, advising motorists about the Historic District. This is an important area,” said Carter. “There are more Civil War — and earlier — historic buildings here than in Manassas, but no sign to tell people where the Historic District is.”

Centreville is ensconced in Civil War history. In those days, a fort circled completely around Centreville. “In 1861, they cut down the trees to make room for the fort and for cabins that housed about 40,000 men between here and Manassas,” said Anderson. “The trees were also used for firewood.”

The intersection of Old Centreville Road and Route 29 was once one of the highest land elevations here. And it served a criti-



A portrait of Col. John Singleton Mosby in the new museum.

cal purpose during the Civil War. “Where Alto Plaza [restaurant] is now [on Route 29] used to be Artillery Hill,” said Carter. “The Confederate soldiers would keep a lookout there, facing Fairfax, expecting a Union army attack to come from that direction. It was there until March 1862, when they withdrew. Then the Union army moved in and stayed until the war ended.”

Carter further noted that Artillery Hill used to be much higher than it is now. But it was cut down 30-40 feet in the late 1940s so the Centreville Fire Station, Hunter Hardware and another building could be constructed there.

These are just a few of the interesting history tidbits that visitors may learn at the new museum. There are also paintings and displays to see. “We have weapons of the period — pistols, sabers and rifles, plus mementos from the reunions of Mosby's Rangers after the war,” said Anderson. “Each person got a ribbon with the date

To Go

The Stuart-Mosby Civil War Cavalry Museum in Centreville's Historic District opened officially in June. On display are photos, weapons and other artifacts relating to Confederate leaders General James Ewell Brown “J.E.B.” Stuart and Col. John Singleton Mosby.

It's at 13938 Braddock Road, behind the Havener House, and is free and open to the public. Hours of operation are Saturdays, from 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; Sundays, 1-4 p.m.; and Mondays, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Howard Crouch is the curator.

and location of the reunion on it; they got together from 1895-1906.”

There's also a medal awarded to John Mosby from UVA in 1915 because he'd once attended there. However, said Anderson, “He'd been expelled in 1853 because he shot someone. Later, UVA wanted to trade on his successes, but he refused to go get the medal — they had to bring it to him.”

Soldiers' belts and belt buckles are on display, as is the book, “Ranger Mosby,” written by historian Virgil Carrington Jones. There's also Jones's handwritten journal containing information about 800 of Mosby's Rangers.

Visitors may view the sword Stuart carried during the Battle of the Wilderness in 1863, plus a medal commemorating the dedication of the J.E.B. Stuart Monument in Richmond in 1907. There's an award given to him posthumously in 1962 by the United Daughters of the Confederacy, as well as a spoon Stuart was carrying when he was mortally wounded on May 12, 1864.

Portraits of both Stuart and Mosby are in the museum, as are busts of both men that are replicas of the ones in Richmond's Valentine Museum. Confederate

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money, Civil War bullets and locally found artifacts may also be seen. Anderson invites the public to "come tell us your story, too. That's what we want to hear and share."

"Lots of people are interested in the Civil War and the area's history and genealogy," added Carter. "And we can try to help them or, at least, tell them where to look."

As for Ward, she's delighted the museum exists. "It'll bring people into the Historic District and they'll learn some Civil War history," she said.

Supervisor Michael R. Frey (R-Sully) is also excited about it. "I'm just thrilled that it's here and open," he said. "It's an important part of the overall story of the Civil War. It tells these two individuals' perspectives, but it's also part of the history of Virginia and Fairfax County."

Although it's the first, actual museum in the Historic District, Frey noted that he considers all the buildings in this spot as museums. Meanwhile, he said, "The new museum adds so much and will develop incrementally. Every time people go there, there'll be something new to see. Just since they

opened, June 16, they've expanded their collection."

A history buff, himself, he said that in 1862-63 Centreville, Stuart was the Southern commander, and Mosby "spent a good bit of his career in Fairfax County and riding through Centreville to get to his headquarters to the west." Frey also pointed out that Centreville's Singleton's Grove community honored Mosby by using his middle name and naming all its streets for him and for members of his troops. The Confederate Ridge community also contains street names such as Artillery, Musket Ball, Field Encampment, Brass Button and Powder Flask.

"Obviously, the Civil War was a major part of Centreville's history," said Frey. "But Centreville was a gateway to the west long before the Civil War."

"Centreville began the suburbanization of the county and of America," he continued. "The first paved road in Fairfax County was Lee Highway [Route 29] in 1926. And Mr. Spindle — who built the Sears house in the Historic District — worked for the post office in Washington, D.C. He commuted from here to there — which was unheard of then. So I want to stress the whole history of Centreville in the Historic District, and having the museum there is a great start."



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Standing, from left, Evan Cater and Cam Meyer explain LEGO building techniques to the young campers.



Camp founder and instructor Cam Meyer, (in black T-shirt in center), stands with his team and the tall, LEGO tower they constructed.

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Hands-On Fun While Learning

Children attend LEGO camp in Clifton.

BY BONNIE HOBBS
CENTRE VIEW

Sure, LEGOs are child's play — but they're also much more. And Clifton's Cam Meyer, 15, recently shared his knowledge of what these colorful building pieces can do during a Lego camp held in the town's meeting hall.

"I started building with LEGOs around age 4," he said. "I started by using the instructions, but then realized it was much more fun to break away and just do what you want."

A rising sophomore at Trinity Christian School in Fairfax, Meyer says LEGOs provide him "a medium of creativity to express my art." He especially likes constructing spaceships and "cool, sci-fi creations."

"As I got older, I began using more advanced techniques and figuring out new connections and new ways of using parts," he said. He also joined other teen and adult LEGO enthusiasts in using Flickr, the photo-sharing Web site, to post his models online.

In addition, Meyer began the nonprofit Junior Brick Builders Association to teach his skills to children; and from July 23-27, from 1-4 p.m., he hosted a camp for 8-12 year olds. Fourteen boys from Centreville, Chantilly, Clifton and Fairfax participated, and Meyer ran the camp with friend and fellow LEGO aficionado, Evan Cater of Arlington.

They met a few years ago at Brickfair, a Washington, D.C., LEGO convention. Both belong to the Washington Metro Area Adult LEGO User Group. And, said Cater, who attends Yorktown High, "We wanted to teach children using LEGOs to think more outside the box."

"Online, there wasn't anything for kids to learn new techniques," said Meyer. "So I wanted to create a place where they could build and share ideas with each other — because when you're little, you're building at home alone and don't really have anyone to share [your creation] with who's as passionate about it as you are."

Tuition for Junior Brick Builders Summer Camp was \$160/person. "The money was used to purchase

the LEGO sets, plus other costs of putting on the camp," said Cater. "Each day, the kids did a new LEGO set."

So, said Meyer, "They each got four LEGO sets worth \$80 total, a plastic box to hold them, daily snacks and the overall building experience."

Every day, the campers did challenges for prizes, such as small LEGO sets. For example, one afternoon, half the children and Meyer competed against the other half and Cater to see which team could construct the strongest bridge. "We wanted our bridges to hold six cans of tomatoes, but we got way past that," said Cater.

"Our bridges were so strong that we had to drop things on them to finally break them," said Meyer. "They were about 2 feet wide and even held six-packs of water. The contest ended in a tie and everyone got lollipops."

Each day, the boys worked with a themed LEGO set, without using the instructions. "The first day, we built cars and raced them down a track," said Meyer. "The fastest one won a LEGO set." Cater said they showed the boys Flickr photos of "cool cars to get their creative juices flowing."

"I was incredibly impressed with how they used particular techniques to make their own cars go fast," said Meyer. Added Cater: "A lot of them were so fast that they beat both of our cars."

Another day, they all constructed spaceships and voted on which one they thought was the most creative and well-built. Other days, the boys built LEGO robots and dinosaurs. And on the last day of camp, they combined all the sets so the boys could let their imaginations soar and build whatever they wanted.

Meyer said the camp was so successful that they plan to hold it again next summer and might even hold it on weekends during the school year. They planned to have the boys tell them which activities they liked best and thought were the most fun. "I really loved the bridge-building," said Cater. "It was hands-on and they worked really well as teams."

"I enjoyed seeing the different models that everyone came up with using the same parts and a limited number of them," said Meyer. "They were so diverse, and that's fascinating to see. So even though I've been building longer and am more advanced than these kids, I learned from them because they created things I haven't even thought about."

Creative Thinking And Engineering

BY BONNIE HOBBS
CENTRE VIEW

Philip Everard is only 8, but says he's been building with LEGOs ever since he was born. "We had [the large] Duplo LEGOs then," he said. "My brother would put them in my hand and guide me."

Both he and his brother Stephen, 11, attended the recent Lego camp in Clifton and had a great time. A third-grader at Willow Springs Elementary, Philip said they have two big tubs of LEGOs at home, plus a shelf displaying some things they've built.

"Stephen and me like to buy LEGO sets and sometimes we build them like they say," said Philip. "But we also like not to so we can get better at building. We play good guy vs. bad guy and we especially like building big robots. But sometimes our little brother James, who's 5, smashes what we've made and then we have to recreate it."

Philip came to camp to improve his skill at building with LEGOs without instructions. "I've learned different techniques, and I've enjoyed combining parts from old creations," he said. "At the end of the camp, we'll put everything all together to make something. I'm thinking of making a robotic dinosaur."

Clifton's Nicholas Richmond, 9, says LEGOs are easy to build with; and at camp, he learned that "you have to build a thick structure so your creation doesn't fall down. I liked building whatever I felt like, and I liked the challenge where we had to build something fast."

Friend Ryker Lawter, also 9 and from Clifton, especially likes constructing vehicles. "I make any kind of transportation, including fantasy vehicles," he said. "The coolest thing I built was an RV with two trailers connected."

He came to camp because it sounded like fun to him and some of his friends also attended. "I like

Ryker Lawter, a Willow Springs fourth-grader, holds up the robot and speedboat he built with LEGOs.



Philip Everard, left, and Nicholas Richmond show their mech robot and spaceship, respectively.

how you get to keep the LEGOs you built with, at the end," said Ryker. "My favorite things I built here are a robot and a speedboat, and I got second place in the car-race challenge."

A rising third-grader at Greenbriar West Elementary, Chris Woodward, 8, also enjoys building cars and other moving objects. "It's fun because it takes a long time and keeps you company," he said. "My biggest LEGO set is a 'Toy Story' train that's about 500 pieces." At camp, he liked building robots the best and was glad he went so he could "learn how to build my own things, not following directions."

Clifton resident Cam Meyer started the camp and led it with friend Evan Cater. "This camp brings together kids with a common interest in taking LEGO-building to the next level," said Cam's mother, Kari Meyer. "They make new friends, which is awesome, and they love competing against each other. It unites creative thinking, problem solving and basic engineering principles."

Besides, added Philip's mom, Wendy Everard, "It's pretty impressive that they created a program that occupied kids for three hours a day, five days a week — and they're all working well together and not fighting."

Greenbriar West third-grader Chris Woodward displays his latest LEGO creation.



Here Comes First Day of School

And never too early for parents to get involved.

The first day of school in most of Northern Virginia is Tuesday, Sept. 4. We don't agree with having the General Assembly dictate the first day of school, requiring the start date to be after Labor Day, but starting school after Labor Day does seem more hospitable than the Aug. 27 start in many other areas.

Attending Back to School Night and making contact with teachers is one of the most important things parents can do to set up the

school year for success. Back to School Nights begin the first week of September. Find the date for yours:

Fairfax County <http://www.fcps.edu/news/backtoschool/>

In Arlington, Elementary Back-to-School Night is Sept. 19; Middle School Back-to-School Night is Sept. 24 and High School Back-to-School Night is Oct. 1, with H-B Woodlawn's being Oct. 2. More at <http://www.apsva.us/aps>

City of Alexandria Back-to-School dates are available at <http://www.acps.k12.va.us/news/good-news/gn2012071801.php>

This school year will be the last for Superintendent for Fairfax County Public Schools Jack

Dale, who has announced his retirement effective June 30, 2013. The School Board will spend much of the coming months in the search and selection of the new superintendent.

In Fairfax County, students will be encouraged to BYOD. That's "bring your own device." With written parental permission, students will be allowed to connect to school wireless with their smart phones, tablets and laptops. Students and parents should remember that school officials will be able to examine those devices and discipline students for content and activities that are in violation of conduct rules and act accordingly. More at <http://www.fcps.edu/it/byod>

EDITORIALS

Reminder: Check Voter Status

While Northern Virginia has remarkable rates of voter registration, many changes to polling places, political district boundaries and rules for voting in Virginia, make it worth double checking your status now. Virginia's front seat role at the Republican National Convention serves as a reminder that every Virginia vote cast will count in November.

To vote on Election Day, you must be registered at your current address no later than Oct. 15, 2012. You can check your registration status online by going to www.sbe.virginia.gov. There you can also download a voter registration form and mail it to your local elections office address.

Every Virginia voter should expect a new voter identification card in the mail at the beginning of October, very close to the Oct. 15 deadline, so better to check now.

Mail or FAX updates to your local Electoral Board.

Alexandria Board of Elections, 703-746-4050, <http://alexandriava.gov/Elections>

132 North Royal Street, Alexandria, 22314; FAX 703-838-6449; email tom.parkins@alexandriava.gov

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Suite 320, Arlington, 22201; FAX 703-228-3659; email voters@arlingtonva.us
City of Fairfax General Registrar, 703-385-7890, <http://www.fairfaxva.gov/Registrar/GeneralRegistrar.asp>
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Correction: Last week's Newcomers and Community Guide omitted the name of an independent candidate, Mark T. Gibson, running for U.S. House of Representatives in the 11th District. The same paragraph also mistakenly referred to that district by the wrong district number in a second reference. The correction have been made in our online and PDF editions.

— MARY KIMM,

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Significance of Wolfe's Case

To the Editor:

In a decision highlighting much of what is wrong with the death penalty, the federal court of appeals affirmed habeas corpus relief for Justin Wolfe on the ground of serious prosecutorial misconduct. ["Another Death Row Victory for Wolfe," Centre View, Aug. 23, 2012] The court affirmed the lower court's holding that, in their zeal to obtain a death penalty in a murder for hire case against Mr. Wolfe, prosecutors concealed sig-

nificant evidence of his innocence, including a report that the investigating police officers told Owen Barber he could avoid the death penalty if he would tell them that Justin Wolfe hired him to kill the victim, Danny Petrole. Mr. Barber has since recanted his testimony implicating Mr. Wolfe and stated that Mr. Wolfe had nothing to do with the killing.

Thus, a threat of the death penalty was used to induce a witness to testify falsely against an innocent man, thereby resulting in a wrongful conviction and death sentence. Were it not for the zeal and persistence of Mr. Wolfe's at-

torneys in his habeas corpus proceeding, the misconduct of the prosecutors would never have come to light and Mr. Wolfe — who has been on death row for more than 10 years — would long since have been executed.

While we at Virginians for Alternatives to the Death Penalty are grateful and relieved that justice has finally been served in Justin's case, we take no pleasure in this outcome. There are no winners in this case, only an assembly of losers. Because of the misconduct of the police and prosecutors, Mr. Wolfe's family have suffered the pain and ignominy of having their

son and brother convicted and sentenced to death for a crime he did not commit. And the family of the victim, Danny Petrole, have had their suffering and grief compounded by the conviction of an innocent man for the murder of their son and brother.

Justin's case illustrates why we are working so hard to end the death penalty in Virginia. We are grateful to all of you for supporting our efforts and encourage each of you to continue with us on this important journey.

Virginians for Alternatives to the Death Penalty

Fairfax County Police Traffic Safety Efforts Recognized

The Fairfax County Police Department was recently recognized by two law enforcement organizations which evaluate police traffic safety programs across the Commonwealth and the nation.

Virginia Association of the Chiefs of Police awarded its Underage Alcohol special category award for FCPD efforts to deter youth involvement with alcohol. These efforts include working jointly with the Fairfax County

Unified Prevention Coalition on their Driving to Reduce Underage and Binge Drinking campaign, holding undercover buying operations, and strict DUI enforcement initiatives such as "Safe December," sobriety checkpoints and weekly "six pack" patrols.

The VACP also recognized FCPD efforts in the Commercial Motor Vehicle category. A team of FCPD Motor Carrier Safety detectives inspect commercial vehicles

within Fairfax County borders and routinely remove unsafe vehicles from the roadways. Officers are certified by the U.S. Department of Transportation and have received specific training from the Office of Federal Motor Carriers. Each of these officers is equipped with tools, towing equipment and chainsaws to respond to calls involving these large, heavy vehicles.

International Association of the

Chiefs of Police presented its Chiefs Challenge Award second in the nation for FCPD underage alcohol efforts.

FCPD officers responded to more than 474,500 calls for service in 2011. Of those, almost half (224,578) were responses to traffic incidents.

Learn more about FCPD Traffic Safety initiatives at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/police/traffic/>.

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Clifton Car Show Returns on Labor Day, Sept. 3

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because of that meeting, Life with Cancer started sending children in their program to the Therapeutic Riding Center in Clifton.”

The car-show festivities will also include the Richard King Annual Fireman’s Chili Challenge, from noon-6 p.m. It’ll be held in a field by the railroad tracks, near the town barn. It’s in memory of King, a longtime Clifton resident.

Putting on the Chili Challenge is the Wednesday Night Crew Motorcycle Association. “We’ll have a cookoff between Fairfax County fire stations,” said the organization’s Rusty Hall, of Fairfax. “Ten firefighters will be competing from all over the county. The winning fire station will get a trophy and \$1,000 to contribute to MDA [the Muscular Dystrophy Association] – which the firefighters raise money for over Labor Day weekend.” To volunteer to help, e-mail rusty@wncrew.org.

“Richard King was a member of our group,” said Hall. “We’ve been involved in the car show for six or seven years and we love giving back to the community to enhance it. This is a diverse community, and it’s good seeing everybody come to this show with their families and relax and have a good time.”

There’ll also be music at the Chili Challenge. Performing on stage there will be Steal the Deal, playing Southern rock; the

Wes Thacker Bluegrass Band; Jammboxx, rock and roll; and the Lost Highway Band, playing Swamp Boogie music and featuring 2010 Grammy-award winner Michael Melchione.

Besides chili, lots of other food will be available, as well. The Lions Club will offer hot dogs, hamburgers, pork and beef barbecue, chips, water and soda. The Clifton Presbyterian Church will be selling meatball subs, and the Clifton Café (crepes), Peterson’s Ice Cream Depot and The Clifton Store will all be open for business.

There’ll be a 50-50 raffle at the show, with half the money going to the charities and half to the winner. In addition, the Rolling Thunder motorcycle — a Harley Davidson — will be displayed and raffled off. Tickets will be sold at the show, but the winner will be chosen at a later date because this motorcycle will also be displayed at some other shows.

At noon will be the raising of the flag by the Fairfax County Police Honor Guard, in Ayre Square, and the singing of the national anthem. And sometime during the show, if possible, will be a flyover by the police he-



PHOTO COURTESY OF JIM CHESLEY

A horse and member of the Northern Virginia Therapeutic Riding Program visit children at Life with Cancer. The children pictured are a mixture of those currently battling cancer, survivors and family members.

licopter.

Dignitaries at the noon ceremony will include U.S. Rep. Frank Wolf (R-10), Fairfax County Board of Supervisors Chairman Sharon Bulova, county Police Chief Dave Rohrer and Lt. John Trace, assistant commander of the Sully District Police Station. The awards ceremony is at 2:30 p.m., and helping Chesley hand out the trophies will be state Sen. George Barker (D-39), Del. Tim Hugo (R-40) and Supervisor Pat Herrity (R- Springfield).

Two trophies are awarded for Best in

Show and one each for Lady’s Choice, Lions’ Choice, Best Back Seat and Best Motorcycle. The top 20 vehicles, as chosen by the participants, will also receive trophies.

The show attracts people from all over the Washington Metropolitan area, and more than 3,000 people attended last year’s event. Admission is free to spectators. There’s a nominal parking fee, and vans from Virginia Tire and Auto of Centreville will transport people from the parking lots to the town.

“If the weather is good, I expect to have some of the best vehicles from North Carolina,

Virginia, West Virginia, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Delaware and New Jersey,” said Chesley. “People like the set up, the small-town atmosphere and everything we’ve got to offer. They also like that the show’s open to all kinds of quality vehicles.”

He said attendees will see the best of all classes of cars while having an enjoyable time. “We’ll have plenty of food, they can listen to good bands — and all the proceeds go to two, wonderful local charities,” said Chesley. “It’ll be a full day of fun in the country.”

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Men's Chorus. 7:30-10 p.m. Sing "Acappella" with the Fairfax Jubilaires men's barbershop chorus. Members of the Barbershop Harmony Society. At Lord of Life Lutheran Church (West), 13421 Twin Lakes Dr. Visit www.fairfaxjubilaires.org or contact Aaron Watts at 703-793-7166 or adwatts78@yahoo.com.

AUG. 31-SEPT. 3

Cole Bros. Circus will be in Centreville at Special Events Field in Bull Run Regional Park, 7700 Bull Run Dr. Tickets start at \$16. Visit www.GoToTheCircus.com.

SATURDAY/SEPT. 1

Battle of Ox Hill 150th Anniversary Commemoration. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Ox Hill Battlefield Park, 4134 West Ox Road, Fairfax. The event is free and open to the public. Activities include costumed Civil War reenactor soldiers, officers, and civilians, artillery and infantry demonstrations, and a souvenir craft for the kids. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/oxhill

WEDNESDAY/SEPT. 5

CVHS Fundraiser. 6-9 p.m. Support the Wildcat Band at Tropical Smoothie, 14220-B Centreville Square, Centreville. Students are raising funds towards their spring trip and for band programs.

SATURDAY/SEPT. 8

How to Create Fresh Flower Bouquets. 10 a.m. Learn how to take beautiful flowers and arrange them into a beautiful display to bring a focal point and an artistic touch to any room. At Merrifield Gardens at

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TUESDAY/SEPT. 4

Fairfax Choral Society will be holding auditions for its Adult Chorus at Fairfax Presbyterian Church, at 10723 Main St. Call the FCS office in advance at 703-642-3277 to schedule an audition appointment. FCS is also scheduling auditions and placement checks for their Youth Choruses for ages 5 - 18. Visit www.fairfaxchoralsociety.org.

SATURDAY/SEPT. 8

Metabolism Boost. 12:15 - 1:15 p.m. In this seminar you will learn how to fuel your body, fire up your metabolism, and get the most from your exercise program. At The Women's Club Fitness Center and Day Spa, 14175 Sullyfield Circle. Pre-registration required; call 703-817-0700 or email womensclub@aol.com.

SUNDAY/SEPT. 9

Volunteers for Change Orientation. 12-1 p.m. Volunteers



Cole Bros. Circus will be at Special Events Field in Bull Run Regional Park, 7700 Bull Run Dr. Aug. 31-Sept. 3. Tickets start at \$16, free with coupon for children. Visit www.GoToTheCircus.com.

Fair Oaks, 12101 Lee Hwy.
Home & Lifestyle Expo. 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Fair Oaks Mall, immediately off I-66 at Route 50 (Lee Jackson Memorial Hwy). The Expo will feature more than 20 exhibitors focusing on products and services for residential buyers for use in and around the home in the fall and winter months. Free and open to the public. Visit www.ShopFair.Oaks.Mall.com or call 703-359-8302.

SUNDAY/SEPT. 9

CVHS Fundraiser. 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Support the Wildcat Band at the car wash. Colonnade Shell Gas Station, 5784 Union Mill Rd, Centreville. Students are raising funds towards their spring trip and for band programs.
Home & Lifestyle Expo. 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Fair Oaks Mall, immediately off I-66 at Route 50 (Lee Jackson Memorial Hwy). The Expo will feature more than 20 exhibitors focusing on products and services for residential buyers for use in and around the home in the fall and winter months. Free and open to the public. Visit www.ShopFair.Oaks.Mall.com or call 703-359-8302.

SATURDAY/SEPT. 15

Build the Lawn of Your Dreams. David Yost, Merrifield Plant Specialist will provide the know-how to create a beautiful lawn. At Merrifield Gardens at Fair Oaks, 12101 Lee Hwy.

MONDAY/SEPT. 17

GFWC-Western Fairfax County Woman's Club First Meeting. 7 p.m. In meeting room of the Total Wine store in the Greenbriar Plaza Shopping Center, 13055-C Lee Jackson Highway, Chantilly. Learn about the Club and its programs, and a wine tasting. Contact Lucy Smith at 703-587-7543 by Sept. 14 to register.

SATURDAY/SEPT. 22

NAMI Walks Northern Virginia 2012! Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax. Check-in at 9:30 a.m. and start time at 10 a.m. The National Alliance on Mental Illness Northern Virginia is a non-profit organization that provides programs for individuals with mental illness and their families. The walk is 1.5 miles long. Registration is now open. Visit www.namiwalks.org/NorthernVirginia to register.

Fairfax Corner, 11950 Grand Commons Ave. Contact Senthil at senthil.kannan.61109@gmail.com. Visit www.bikesfortheworld.org.

MONDAY/SEPT. 17

Republican Women of Clifton. 7 p.m. Featuring Artur Davis, former Alabama Democratic Congressman and now Virginia Republican, as the speaker at the club's meeting at the Centreville High School Media Center. Members and guests are invited to the social hour, when refreshments will be served. President Marianne Gearhart will open the business meeting at 7:30.

WEDNESDAY/SEPT. 26

Local Grants. If you have an idea or project to improve the quality of life in your neighborhood, Fairfax County is now offering up to \$5,000 in matching grants to make your community a better place to live. The grants are available to neighborhood or civic groups, homeowner's associations or nonprofits through the Neighborhood Enhancement Partnership Program (NEPP). Applications are due by Wednesday, Sept. 26 at 10 a.m. Contact Rachel Robinson, at 703-324-5639, TTY 711.

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Fairfax County Says Verizon 'Failed Completely'

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from uprooted trees, the county's 911 operators braced themselves for another onslaught of calls.

But the next wave never came.

"The phones just stopped ringing. We were dead in the water ... Never, ever, ever has this happened to us," said Souder, who has been in emergency operations for 44 years.

It would be several more hours before Souder and other county officials learned that no calls were getting through due to a problem with Verizon. According to Souder, all calls to Fairfax County's 911 go through the Verizon network, regardless of the commercial carrier service. From 7:36 a.m. until 3 p.m. on June 30, 911 service was completely down and for the next three days service was sporadic.

Souder said signs of trouble with Verizon came around 7 a.m., when Verizon sent a cryptic email to Fairfax County staff saying that the Arlington central office was without power or backup battery/generator. The references to Arlington, according to Souder, suggested that 911 service was affected only in Arlington County, so Fairfax County's 911 staff continued with their normal operations.

"We are completely unaware that incoming 911 call service from Verizon is slowly dying ... We don't get officially notified until

about 10 hours after [the] whole mess begins, which is completely unacceptable," Souder said, adding:

"It's like the captain of the Titanic telling passengers the ship hit an iceberg when the bow is on the bottom of the ocean floor."

As a result of this critical outage, Fairfax County submitted official comments to the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) detailing what happened, suggestions for Verizon to improve its service and exhibits to show supporting documentation and actions.

"During and after a storm, and in any emergency or disaster, the loss of the public's ability to contact emergency responders is most profoundly felt," according to County officials. "Families in darkened homes crushed by fallen trees, motorists unable to get through roadways blocked by downed electric power lines, elderly residents in care facilities without power in temperatures over 90 degrees, and any other citizens in need of emergency services must be able to call 911 to seek assistance."

"Fairfax County is, and will stay, on top of this," said Fairfax County Board of Supervisors Chairman Sharon Bulova (D-at large). The county's response to the FCC,



Steve Souder

PHOTO CONTRIBUTED

released last Thursday, lays the blame for the outage squarely at the feet of Verizon, and Verizon acknowledged some responsibility in its Aug. 13 report to the MWCOG.

After first denying it had major problems with Arlington County's 911 service, Verizon officials admitted they did not know 911 emergency service was out in Fairfax County until alerted by county officials.

In the Verizon report, officials said two major generator failures — one in Fairfax and one in the central Arlington office, which routes 911 calls to multiple centers — caused "multiple failures cascading from these specific generator problems."

Verizon also reported that it lost visibility over its own network, so that technicians did not know that power was draining from battery-operated generators until it was too late.

"When the batteries in the Arlington central office were being depleted ... why was there a delay in deploying additional resources to remedy the situation before the Arlington facility went dark?" asked county officials, in concluding statements in the FCC report. "Verizon's 911 service in Fairfax County failed completely during the June

29, 2012, derecho. Both immediate and longer-term changes are needed to improve 911 service in the metropolitan Washington, D.C., area."

THE CURRENT FCC REPORT is one of several investigations launched into the 911 fiasco. According to officials, Fairfax County is pursuing the issue from many angles, including the report to the FCC and regional work through the Metropolitan Washington Council of Government.

"We are very fortunate that no one died as a result of the 911 outage," said Supervisor Pat Herrity, (R-Springfield). Herrity is a member of the statewide 911 panel tasked with looking into the outage.

"I have every confidence that Fairfax County is up to whatever emergency comes our way — in as much as we have control. I'm more worried about third parties such as Verizon based on our 911 experience. Frankly, that was wholly unacceptable and we are going to do everything necessary to hold their feet to the fire," said Supervisor Jeff McKay (D-Lee).

Souder said it's gratifying to know Verizon is taking some responsibility, and attempting to fix its communication problems.

"The public should know that, seven weeks after this storm, we're still a long way from being done from making sure this [911 failure] doesn't happen again," Souder said.

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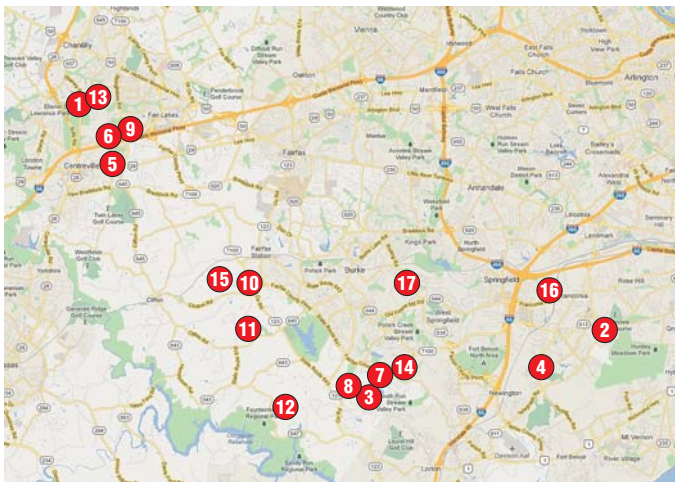
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16 6221 WILLOWFIELD WAY	6	.3	1	..	SPRINGFIELD	\$700,000	Detached	0.20	22150	HIGHGROVE ESTATES	06/22/12
17 8626 JAMES CREEK DR	5	.4	1	..	SPRINGFIELD	\$700,000	Detached	0.17	22152	JAMES CREEK	06/29/12

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HOME SALES

In July 2012, 102 Centreville homes sold between \$945,000-\$130,000.

Address	BR	FB	HB	Postal City	Sold Price	Type	Lot AC	Postal Code	Subdivision
6490 TRILLIUM HOUSE LN	5	5	1	CENTREVILLE	\$945,000	Detached	5.11	20120	HUNT CHASE
15419 SNOWHILL LN	5	3	1	CENTREVILLE	\$699,900	Detached	0.42	20120	PLEASANT HILL
13293 SCOTCH RUN CT	4	3	1	CENTREVILLE	\$690,000	Detached	0.13	20120	FAIRLAKES CROSSING
13676 SWEET WOODRUFF LN	5	4	1	CENTREVILLE	\$690,000	Detached	0.14	20120	FAIRCREST
13654 SWEET WOODRUFF LN	4	3	1	CENTREVILLE	\$680,000	Detached	0.14	20120	FAIRCREST
5462 JOSEPH JOHNSTON LN	4	3	1	CENTREVILLE	\$650,000	Detached	0.12	20120	FAIRCREST
15280 SURREY HOUSE WAY	4	3	1	CENTREVILLE	\$630,000	Detached	0.31	20120	VIRGINIA RUN
15250 EAGLE TAVERN WAY	5	3	1	CENTREVILLE	\$620,000	Detached	0.43	20120	VIRGINIA RUN
14215 ROCK CANYON DR	4	4	0	CENTREVILLE	\$620,000	Detached	0.28	20121	MANOR GATE
15251 SURREY HOUSE WAY	5	5	0	CENTREVILLE	\$611,588	Detached	0.30	20120	VIRGINIA RUN
14707 RABBIT RUN CT	6	3	1	CENTREVILLE	\$590,000	Detached	0.48	20120	SULLY STATION
15513 EAGLE TAVERN LN	4	2	1	CENTREVILLE	\$587,000	Detached	0.31	20120	VIRGINIA RUN
6710 JADE POST LN	4	2	1	CENTREVILLE	\$580,000	Detached	0.58	20121	GATE POST ESTATES
13947 MALCOLM JAMESON WAY	4	4	1	CENTREVILLE	\$575,000	Detached	0.07	20120	VILLAGE AT MOUNT GILEAD
15261 EAGLE TAVERN WAY	5	3	1	CENTREVILLE	\$568,000	Detached	0.30	20120	VIRGINIA RUN
6446 MUSTER CT	4	3	1	CENTREVILLE	\$567,250	Detached	0.27	20121	CENTRE RIDGE
15554 EAGLE TAVERN LN	4	2	1	CENTREVILLE	\$564,000	Detached	0.30	20120	VIRGINIA RUN
14388 ROUND LICK LN	4	3	1	CENTREVILLE	\$560,000	Detached	0.22	20120	BELLE POND FARM
15385 TWIN CREEKS CT	4	3	1	CENTREVILLE	\$547,600	Detached	0.31	20120	VIRGINIA RUN
6505 TRILLIUM HOUSE LN	4	3	0	CENTREVILLE	\$535,000	Detached	0.30	20120	WELTMAN ESTATES
13707 SHELburne ST	4	3	1	CENTREVILLE	\$532,000	Detached	0.23	20120	WALNEY GLEN
5429 GLADEWRIGHT DR	5	3	1	CENTREVILLE	\$530,000	Detached	0.30	20120	SEQUOIA FARMS
5209 KNOUGHTON WAY	4	3	1	CENTREVILLE	\$510,000	Detached	0.20	20120	BELLE POND FARM
6721 JADE POST LN	5	3	1	CENTREVILLE	\$509,900	Detached	0.59	20121	GATE POST ESTATES
6410 CREEK BED CT	4	2	1	CENTREVILLE	\$489,900	Detached	0.23	20121	GREEN TRAILS
14626 OUTPOST CT	5	3	1	CENTREVILLE	\$480,000	Detached	0.35	20121	CENTRE RIDGE
14564 RIVERWIND TER	4	3	1	CENTREVILLE	\$465,000	Townhouse	0.00	20120	THE COURTS AT RIVERWIND
6406 EMERALD GREEN CT	4	3	1	CENTREVILLE	\$457,000	Detached	0.14	20121	GREEN TRAILS
5611 ROWENA DR	3	3	1	CENTREVILLE	\$455,000	Detached	0.33	20120	COUNTRY CLUB MANOR
14719 BRADDOCK RD	4	2	1	CENTREVILLE	\$445,000	Detached	0.47	20120	COUNTRY CLUB MANOR
13706 FRANKFORD CIR	4	3	1	CENTREVILLE	\$440,000	Detached	0.22	20120	CABELLS MILL
6910 SHARPSBURG DR	4	2	1	CENTREVILLE	\$440,000	Detached	0.22	20121	HANNA ESTATES
5652 BARRYMORE RD	4	3	0	CENTREVILLE	\$425,000	Detached	0.27	20120	COUNTRY CLUB MANOR
5511 SHIPLEY CT	3	2	1	CENTREVILLE	\$424,900	Detached	0.21	20120	SEQUOIA FARMS
14552 SMITHWOOD DR	3	3	1	CENTREVILLE	\$415,000	Townhouse	0.06	20120	SULLY STATION
14561 LOCK DR	3	2	1	CENTREVILLE	\$412,000	Detached	0.21	20120	COUNTRY CLUB MANOR
13702 CABELLS MILL DR	3	3	0	CENTREVILLE	\$410,000	Detached	0.23	20120	CABELLS MILL
14520 SMITHWOOD DR	3	2	2	CENTREVILLE	\$403,000	Townhouse	0.08	20120	SULLY STATION
14720 BRADDOCK RD	3	3	0	CENTREVILLE	\$399,000	Detached	0.22	20120	COUNTRY CLUB MANOR
5304 ROSEMALLOW CIR	3	3	1	CENTREVILLE	\$397,000	Townhouse	0.04	20120	FAIRCREST
13633 LAVENDER MIST LN	3	3	1	CENTREVILLE	\$392,500	Townhouse	0.03	20120	FAIRCREST
14825 WOOD HOME RD	4	3	0	CENTREVILLE	\$379,900	Detached	0.25	20120	COUNTRY CLUB MANOR
14622 BAUGHER DR	4	2	0	CENTREVILLE	\$375,000	Detached	0.30	20120	COUNTRY CLUB MANOR
14316 WINDING WOODS CT	4	4	1	CENTREVILLE	\$375,000	Townhouse	0.04	20120	SULLY STATION
5153 WOODFIELD DR	3	2	2	CENTREVILLE	\$370,000	Townhouse	0.04	20120	SULLY STATION
5117 WINDING WOODS DR	3	2	2	CENTREVILLE	\$370,000	Townhouse	0.04	20120	SULLY STATION
14517 OAKMERE DR	3	2	2	CENTREVILLE	\$360,000	Townhouse	0.05	20120	SULLY STATION
5433 CRYSTALFORD LN	3	2	1	CENTREVILLE	\$356,000	Townhouse	0.06	20120	WALNEY MILLS
6818 CEDAR LOCH CT	4	3	1	CENTREVILLE	\$355,000	Townhouse	0.04	20121	COMPTON VILLAGE
14914 RITCHE RD	4	2	0	CENTREVILLE	\$350,000	Detached	0.26	20120	COUNTRY CLUB MANOR
13907 DEVIAR DR	2	2	0	CENTREVILLE	\$350,000	Detached	0.20	20120	COUNTRY CLUB MANOR
14513 LOCK DR	5	3	0	CENTREVILLE	\$350,000	Detached	0.53	20120	COUNTRY CLUB MANOR
6084 SARA MARIE TER	3	3	1	CENTREVILLE	\$349,000	Townhouse	0.03	20121	CENTRE VILLAGE
14281 GLADE SPRING DR	3	2	2	CENTREVILLE	\$345,000	Townhouse	0.04	20121	CENTRE RIDGE
6416 BRASS BUTTON CT	4	3	1	CENTREVILLE	\$345,000	Townhouse	0.05	20121	CENTRE RIDGE
6112 GROGANS CT	4	3	1	CENTREVILLE	\$340,000	Townhouse	0.05	20121	SINGLETONS GROVE
13906 MELTON PL	3	2	1	CENTREVILLE	\$338,000	Townhouse	0.04	20120	ENGLEWOOD MEWS
6513 INSIGNIA CT	3	2	2	CENTREVILLE	\$335,000	Townhouse	0.04	20121	CENTRE RIDGE
14629 STREAM POND DR	3	2	2	CENTREVILLE	\$333,000	Townhouse	0.04	20120	SULLY STATION
6104 GROGANS CT	4	3	1	CENTREVILLE	\$330,000	Townhouse	0.03	20121	SINGLETONS GROVE
6010 ROCKTON CT	3	2	1	CENTREVILLE	\$330,000	Townhouse	0.05	20121	LITTLE ROCKY RUN
6112 GEORGE BAYLOR DR	4	3	1	CENTREVILLE	\$329,900	Townhouse	0.03	20121	SINGLETONS GROVE
13993 ANTONIA FORD CT	4	3	1	CENTREVILLE	\$329,000	Townhouse	0.05	20121	SINGLETONS GROVE
6305 MARY TODD CT	3	3	1	CENTREVILLE	\$327,900	Townhouse	0.04	20121	HERITAGE ESTATES
6733 CUB RUN CT	3	2	2	CENTREVILLE	\$324,000	Townhouse	0.03	20121	CLIFTON TOWNES
13996 NEW BRADDOCK RD	3	3	1	CENTREVILLE	\$322,295	Townhouse	0.05	20121	SINGLETONS GROVE
14081 RED RIVER DR	3	3	1	CENTREVILLE	\$320,000	Townhouse	0.04	20121	HERITAGE ESTATES
5928 WILD BROOK CT	3	2	1	CENTREVILLE	\$320,000	Townhouse	0.03	20121	LITTLE ROCKY RUN
14528 CREEK BRANCH CT	3	3	1	CENTREVILLE	\$319,000	Townhouse	0.04	20120	SULLY STATION
14519 BATTERY RIDGE LN	4	3	1	CENTREVILLE	\$317,900	Townhouse	0.06	20120	BATTERY RIDGE
14818 EDMAN RD	3	2	1	CENTREVILLE	\$317,000	Townhouse	0.04	20121	LEE OVERLOOK
6328 SHIRE LN	3	2	2	CENTREVILLE	\$315,000	Townhouse	0.03	20121	PENDELTON PARK
6245 FROSTY WINTER CT	3	2	1	CENTREVILLE	\$312,900	Townhouse	0.04	20120	BRYARTON
6108 KENDRA WAY	4	3	1	CENTREVILLE	\$292,000	Townhouse	0.03	20121	CENTRE RIDGE LAND BAY 1
6021 CREEKSTONE LN	3	3	0	CENTREVILLE	\$290,000	Townhouse	0.04	20120	WOODGATE VILLAGE
14155 ASHER VW	2	3	1	CENTREVILLE	\$286,000	Townhouse	0.04	20121	CENTRE RIDGE LAND BAY 1
13923 WINDING RIDGE LN	3	3	1	CENTREVILLE	\$285,000	Townhouse	0.04	20121	WINDING RIDGE
6222 PRINCE WAY	3	2	1	CENTREVILLE	\$280,000	Townhouse	0.04	20120	LONDON TOWNE WEST
14159 COMPTON VALLEY WAY	3	2	2	CENTREVILLE	\$280,000	Townhouse	0.03	20121	COMPTON VALLEY ESTATES
14635 THERA WAY	2	3	1	CENTREVILLE	\$275,000	Townhouse	0.03	20120	WOODGATE CROSSING
14848 MAIDSTONE CT	3	2	1	CENTREVILLE	\$275,000	Townhouse	0.04	20120	LONDON TOWNE
6947 COMPTON LN	4	3	1	CENTREVILLE	\$275,000	Townhouse	0.04	20121	COMPTON VALLEY ESTATES
14502 RAVENSCAR CT	3	3	1	CENTREVILLE	\$274,900	Townhouse	0.03	20121	CROFTON COMMONS
14241 HERITAGE CROSSING LN	3	2	1	CENTREVILLE	\$260,000	Townhouse	0.03	20120	HERITAGE CROSSING
6842 CHASEWOOD CIR	2	3	1	CENTREVILLE	\$255,000	Townhouse	0.03	20121	NORTH HART RUN
6551 SKYLEMAR TRL	2	3	0	CENTREVILLE	\$250,000	Townhouse	0.03	20121	GREEN TRAILS
13654 FOREST POND CT	2	2	0	CENTREVILLE	\$237,600	Townhouse	0.03	20121	LITTLE ROCKY RUN
5109A TRAVIS EDWARD WAY	2	2	0	CENTREVILLE	\$237,000	Townhouse	0.00	20120	STONEGATE AT FAIRCREST
6294 PADDINGTON LN	3	2	2	CENTREVILLE	\$235,000	Townhouse	0.06	20120	LONDON TOWNE
14405 MANASSAS GAP CT	3	1	1	CENTREVILLE	\$235,000	Townhouse	0.03	20120	NEWGATE
6032 BASINGSTOKE CT	2	2	1	CENTREVILLE	\$225,000	Townhouse	0.04	20120	LONDON TOWNE WEST
6020 BASINGSTOKE CT	2	1	2	CENTREVILLE	\$220,000	Townhouse	0.03	20120	LONDON TOWNE WEST
14741 GREEN PARK WAY	3	1	1	CENTREVILLE	\$220,000	Townhouse	0.05	20120	LONDON TOWNE WEST
14305 CLIMBING ROSE WAY #104	2	2	0	CENTREVILLE	\$220,000	Garden 1-4 Floors	0.00	20121	SANDERLING
5629 WILLOUGHBY NEWTON DR#34	2	2	0	CENTREVILLE	\$212,500	Garden 1-4 Floors	0.00	20120	WILLOUGHBY RIDGE
14316 CLIMBING ROSE WAY #102	2	2	0	CENTREVILLE	\$210,000	Garden 1-4 Floors	0.00	20121	SANDERLING
6016 CHESTNUT HOLLOW CT	2	1	1	CENTREVILLE	\$203,000	Townhouse	0.03	20121	SUNSET RIDGE
14821 HOXTON SQ	3	2	1	CENTREVILLE	\$195,199	Townhouse	0.06	20120	LONDON TOWNE
14302 ROSLYN #12	2	1	1	CENTREVILLE	\$187,000	Garden 1-4 Floors	0.00	20121	SANDERLING
14801 RYDELL RD #102	2	2	0	CENTREVILLE	\$140,700	Attach/Row Hse	0.00	20121	MADISON RIDGE
14370 SAGUARO PL #0	2	1	0	CENTREVILLE	\$140,000	Garden 1-4 Floors	0.00	20121	THE MEADOWS
14490 GOLDEN OAK RD	2	1	0	CENTREVILLE	\$130,000	Attach/Row Hse	0.00	20121	THE MEADOWS

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PEOPLE

Clifton Businesses Support Local Musical Talent

Stop by the Main Street Pub on Sunday's or Peterson's Ice Cream Depot on Saturday nights in Clifton, and be treated to live music performed by some teens. Thanks to the generosity of the business owners, two musical duos earn their living — tips are welcome — entertaining patrons with acoustic music.

Andie Matten 15 and her sister Roxy 14, from Clifton, play the first Sunday of each month at the Main Street Pub, rotating playing piano, guitar and ukulele, while harmonizing to songs such as Patsy Cline's "Walking after Midnight," to Lady Gaga's "You and I." Their piano lessons, taken over the last six years from a Clifton local teacher Marie Koneczny, have paid off. Max Synder, 16, from Clifton teams with his friend, Jason Saitta, 15, of Chantilly, entertaining folks at Peterson's Dog Pound.



Andie Matten 15 and her sister Roxy 14, from Clifton.

Though mostly fun, the duos' performances took a lot of work to create — requiring preparation of close to two hours of music, coordinating vocals, and in the

case of the Matten girls, figuring out what instruments fit best with each song. With the help of their parents who serve as roadies, they haul amplifiers, microphones and



Max Synder (16) from Clifton teams with his best friend, Jason Saitta (15) of Chantilly.

other equipment to each performance, and they try to keep things fresh by adding new songs. The Matten girls' next performance is Sept. 9; the boys can be heard

most Saturday nights. The four teens will also be performing with their bands at Kid Fest on Sept. 15 in the Clifton Park, under the tutelage of Pat Sommer's Rock Shop.

SCHOOL NOTES

Centreville ES will host its Annual Welcome Back Picnic on Friday, Sept. 7, 5:30-8:30 p.m. The Flock (CES's own staff band) will perform as students and family enjoy food from Chick-fil-a, Baja Fresh, Cici's Pizza and Rita's or their own family picnic. Community organizations including Southwestern Youth Association, Boy/Girl Scouts, FC Library, Police and Fire, Park Authority, CES Green Team and PTA will be sharing their information and services. Contact school counselors, Lee R. Kaiser or Esther Kang at 703-502-3500 if your organization would like to attend.

The Clifton Presbyterian Church Preschool continues to accept applications for the 2012-2013 school year. Visit www.cliftonpc.org, call 703-830-3175 or e-mail preschool@cliftonpc.org

Kyle Scott Grayson of Centreville, who graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering from **Clemson University** at the summer ceremony Aug. 10.

Eight local high school students spent a week at NASA Langley Research Center taking part in the Virginia Aerospace Science and Technology Scholars academy that held this summer. Participating Centreville students were **Sabrina Ahmed-Igbal**, **Eunhee Cho**, **Aman Kapoor**, **Monica Nazir**, **Christopher Sokol**, **Rishabh Saraswat**, **Daniel Weisz** and **Melissa Ziegler**.

The following students from Centreville enrolled at Virginia Tech were named to the Dean's List for the spring 2012 semester:

Matthew M. Davis is a junior majoring in industrial and systems engineering in the College of Engineering.

Peter R. DeFluri is a junior majoring in international studies in the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences.

Alexandra T. DiMattina is a senior majoring in marketing management in the Pamplin College of

Business.

Kerian L. Dodds is a senior majoring in biological sciences in the College of Science.

Sean C. Dougherty is a junior majoring in biological sciences in the College of Science.

Blair C. Dunca is a sophomore majoring in accounting and information systems in the Pamplin College of Business.

Kimberly E. Eliasoph is a sophomore majoring in university studies at Virginia Tech.

Christine Esposito is a senior majoring in geography in the College of Natural Resources and Environment.

Jacob D. Ford is a sophomore majoring in mechanical engineering in the College of Engineering.

Kenneth H. Fung is a senior majoring in industrial and systems engineering in the College of Engineering.

Sabrina G. Garcia is a junior majoring in apparel, housing and resource management in the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences.

Daniel W. Garmon is a sophomore majoring in economics in the Pamplin College of Business.

Kathleen M. Gately is a senior majoring in physics in the College of Science.

Kayla M. German is a junior majoring in human development in the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences.

Hannah N. Guarini is a sophomore majoring in hospitality and tourism management in the Pamplin College of Business.

Gage A. Hagen is a second-year student majoring in agricultural technology in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences.

Morgan E. Hicks is a senior majoring in human development in the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences.

Seung Wook Jeong is a sophomore majoring in biochemistry in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences.

Amanda R. Karstetter is a junior majoring in humanities, science, and environment in the College of Liberal

Arts and Human Sciences.

Caitlin P. Keese is a freshman majoring in animal and poultry sciences in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences.

Brian J. Keith is a senior majoring in industrial and systems engineering in the College of Engineering.

Dongsoo Kim is a junior majoring in biological sciences in the College of Science.

Ie Rae Kim is a sophomore majoring in biological sciences in the College of Science.

Joona Kim is a senior majoring in management in the Pamplin College of Business.

Na Hyun Kim is a sophomore majoring in university studies at Virginia Tech.

Hae Jin Kye is a sophomore majoring in accounting and information systems in the Pamplin College of Business.

Daniel W. Ladwig is a senior majoring in mechanical engineering in the College of Engineering.

Jeffrey K. Lawall is a freshman majoring in business in the Pamplin College of Business.

Michael R. Lazear is a sophomore majoring in biochemistry in the College of Science.

Eun Hyun Lee is a junior majoring in biochemistry in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences.

Jamie Lee is a senior majoring in human nutrition, foods and exercise in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences.

Seehoon Lee is a junior majoring in civil engineering in the College of Engineering.

Caitlin M. Leith is a senior majoring in animal and poultry sciences in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences.

Shea D. Lewis is a junior majoring in English in the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences.

Fariha Mahmud is a junior majoring in biochemistry in the College of Science.

Andrea M. Martello is a freshman majoring in university studies at Virginia Tech.

Kacey E. McMahon is a sophomore

majoring in marketing management in the Pamplin College of Business.

Kaley A. McManamay is a sophomore majoring in finance in the Pamplin College of Business.

Jessica L. McNamara is a freshman majoring in university studies at Virginia Tech.

Nirali Y. Mehta is a senior majoring in human nutrition, foods and exercise in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences.

Tyler M. Miklovic is a sophomore majoring in biological sciences in the College of Science.

Christopher J. Miller is a junior majoring in biological sciences in the College of Science.

Amy L. Milstead is a sophomore majoring in human nutrition, foods and exercise in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences.

Kyung J. Oh is a junior majoring in accounting and information systems in the Pamplin College of Business.

Jordan N. Peugh is a senior majoring in communication in the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences.

Allen J. Preville is a senior majoring in mathematics in the College of Science.

Randall C. Rabung is a senior majoring in communication in the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences.

Jeremy A. Rommel is a senior majoring in humanities, science, and environment in the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences.

Natasha Sareen is a sophomore majoring in biological sciences in the College of Science.

Christopher L. Schweinhart is a junior majoring in computer science in the College of Engineering.

Maria Spiridonova is a junior majoring in business information technology in the Pamplin College of Business.

Lee T. Seidner is a senior majoring in music in the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences.

Leigh K. Serroka is a sophomore majoring in human development in the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences.

Kevin M. Shedlick is a senior ma-

joring in international studies in the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences.

Clare C. Smith is a sophomore majoring in accounting and information systems in the Pamplin College of Business.

June Song is a junior majoring in human nutrition, foods and exercise in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences.

Stephanie M. Sor is a sophomore majoring in biological sciences in the College of Science.

Carly S. Stephens is a senior majoring in biological sciences in the College of Science.

Rehan A. Syed is a senior majoring in aerospace engineering in the College of Engineering.

Patrick K. To is a junior majoring in computer science in the College of Engineering.

Anh-Tuan Tran is a freshman majoring in psychology in the College of Science.

Rebekah Watkins is a freshman majoring in physics in the College of Science.

Christina A. Wingfield is a junior majoring in hospitality and tourism management in the Pamplin College of Business.

Kyle J. Perry is a freshman majoring in building construction in the College of Architecture and Urban Studies.

Nicholas O. Alasomuka is a senior majoring in international studies in the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences.

Eunbeul An is a freshman majoring in biological sciences in the College of Science.

Mitchell C. August is a sophomore majoring in architecture in the College of Architecture and Urban Studies.

Shikha Bhatia is a senior majoring in biological sciences in the College of Science.

Anna K. Bruce is a sophomore majoring in accounting and information systems in the Pamplin College of Business.

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SPORTS



Centreville junior Devin Kelly scored a goal against South Lakes during the "Under the Lights" tournament on Aug. 25 at Lee High School in Springfield.

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CENTRE VIEW

Centreville Field Hockey Finding the Cage

After scoring just five goals in 13 regular season games last year, the Centreville field hockey team is off to a much better start in 2012.

The Wildcats competed in the "Under the Lights" tournament Aug. 24-25 at Lee High School in Springfield. In its first three contests, Centreville defeated Lee, 6-0, Falls Church, 6-0, and South Lakes, 2-1.

"I think we've played strong," second-year Centreville head coach Demby Banbury said. "I think we're coming together as a team. We still have a lot to work on. ... We're getting the ball in the cage, which last year was a huge issue for us."

Against South Lakes, junior midfielder Devin Kelly scored the Wildcats' first goal and senior forward Lindsay Egbers scored the game winner.

Banbury stressed the importance of working as a team, but said goalkeepers Megan Kruse (senior) and Ashley Winkler (junior), junior midfielder Katherine Zempolich, junior forward Kasey Martino and Egbers will be key players for the Wildcats.

Centreville will host Thomas Jefferson at 4 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 30. The Wildcats will begin

Concorde District play on Sept. 13 at home against Chantilly.

— JON ROETMAN

SPORTS BRIEF

Football Openers

The Westfield football team will open its 2012 season at home against South Lakes at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 30. The Bulldogs finished Division 6 Northern Region runner-up in 2011.

Chantilly will host Woodson at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday. The Chargers made the playoffs last season, but lost to West Potomac in the quarterfinals.

Centreville will open at home against Lake Braddock at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 31. The Wildcats won the Northern Region championship last year and finished Division 6 state runner-up.

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The following local Virginia Tech students were among those honored at the university's spring commencement ceremony held May 11 in Lane Stadium:

Michael Giancola, Centreville, received a master of arts in education degree in curriculum and instruction from the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences.

Paul Grinups, Centreville, received a master of arts in education degree in curriculum and instruction from the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences.

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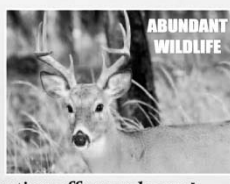
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Diagnosed But Not Sick



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

Or so I tell myself – and others, as often as the opportunity presents itself. It's a distinction with which I can live, a distinction with which I'm comfortable, and a distinction which enables me to live my life as normally as possible; which when one considers my diagnosis: NSCLC (non-small cell lung cancer) and the original, terminal prognosis – received back in Feb. 2009: "13 months to two years," and my age when all this stuff hit the figurative fan: 54, it's no wonder I assimilate such delusions and don't give them a second thought. (The first thought: premature death, is bad enough.)

But it does take a little convincing. And it's not to say that having cancer isn't an excuse/explanation for me acting a certain way and/or requiring certain things (not exactly accommodations). Because it is. As much as I don't want having cancer to seep into my thoughts and/or actions, it is impossible to prevent it from doing so (and you regular readers know how much I try). Its reality has a life of its own, whereby it almost creates new instincts in how I think and feel and react, instincts that I am aware of when they happen, but not quite predisposed to prevent their appearance/occurrence. Being diagnosed with a terminal disease at age 54 and a half tends to narrow your vision and unleash – occasionally – the beast which resides within, a beast with which you're likely well acquainted but not particularly proud.

As much as I'm able to minimize the damage, collateral or otherwise, from these cancer-driven behaviors (see how easy it is to place blame), I still maintain that these behaviors are not because I'm sick, but rather because I'm diagnosed. My feeling is, once I start using/invoking sickness as an explanation, it might become a slippery slope. And once I've begun using and in turn becoming increasingly comfortable with the cause of, and description for, my inappropriate and selfish words and deeds, then the cancer has indeed won; and as a direct result, sooner rather than later these columns will cease as I will have permanently desisted.

I imagine these words probably sound like mind games, and too little too late at that. However, it's been my experience that being diagnosed with a terminal disease leads to an awful lot of self doubt, recrimination, insecurity, fear, anxiety, stress and non-stop introspection and deals you don't ever want to make with the devil. Ergo, any little thing I can do – or think, or tell myself – repeatedly, is what I have to do. I suppose it's a bastardized version of the power of positive thinking, or the act of a desperate man. Either way, I'm still alive and rationalizing my behavior.

If my not calling a spade a spade enables me to deal the cards with which I've been dealt a little bit longer, and I'm not cheating anybody but death in the process, then I will continue to do so. Having/being diagnosed with cancer/a terminal disease is neither fun nor funny; however, unless I find some humor or wishful thinking in how I approach this situation, I don't suppose I'll be approaching it much longer. To me, it's always been mind over matter, and even though these matters are rather serious, I still don't mind.

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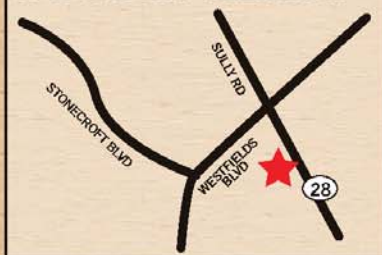
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