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BethAnn Telford being filmed in her Fair Lakes kitchen for the Discovery Channel.

Lives Are on the Line

Upcoming 5K raises funds for cancer patients and research.

BY BONNIE HOBBS
CENTRE VIEW

BethAnn Telford and Vanessa Spiller are at different points in their cancer journeys. Spiller is in remission from breast cancer, and Telford is still battling brain

cancer as hard as she can.

But both women will participate in the upcoming Rev3 Run Rogue 5K and 1K, Saturday, March 23, at the Fairfax Corner Shopping Center. The event was created in their honor last year and raises money for two cancer organizations.

Spiller, of Centreville's Confederate Ridge community, and Telford, of Fair Lakes, are friends and long-time, competitive athletes. And both ran in last spring's Run Rogue 5K. This year, though, Spiller will still run, but Telford will more than likely be in a wheelchair.

That's because she just came home from the hospital, Friday, March 8, after having major surgery, so she's currently recovering. But that won't stop the spirited and spunky 43-year-old from participating.

"I'll see if I can walk," she said on Saturday. "But if not, a lot of people want to push me in a wheelchair in the 1K."

Telford was diagnosed with a Stage III brain tumor in 2005. Adopting the words, "Never, never give up," as her personal motto, she lives them every day. She even had "hope" tattooed on the inner side of her left wrist and, whenever she feels down, she looks at it for strength.

Because of the tumor, she's undergone operations, plus countless hours of rehabilitation to regain her speech and physical function after each one. But she still works full time for the U.S. Government Printing Office and actively raises money — \$365,000, so far — for the National Brain Tumor Society, www.braintumor.org, via her non-profit fund-raising organization, Team BT.

And when Telford's at full strength, she trains for marathons and endurance races. She's participated in several half-Ironman event and three

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BethAnn Telford bicycles in the October 2012 Ironman World Championship in Kona, Hawaii.

'Record, Remember ... And Report'

CID officer advises citizens about homeland security.

BY BONNIE HOBBS
CENTRE VIEW

Fairfax County's Police Department has been around for more than 70 years, but its Criminal Intelligence Division (CID) wasn't created until after the 9/11 tragedy.

"Five detectives and one supervisor were in a lunchroom in the Massey Building when we first discussed it," said CID Det. Doug Comfort. "There was a phone on the wall and we had to leave the room between noon and 1 p.m. so others could eat lunch."

Comfort's in his 39th year in law enforcement; he retired as a detective sergeant after 24 years with the Vienna Police Department and has been with the county police for 15 years. And he was addressing a recent meeting of the Sully District Police Station's Citizens Advisory Committee.

"We hadn't worked in international terrorism before 9/11," he said. "But we worked on the 9/11 bombings with the Pentagon and New York because nine of the bombers lived here in Fairfax County — and that concerned us."

Then, some 18 months ago, Comfort and an Arlington police captain wrote a course on tactical community policing for homeland security. "In the community, if you lose control, fear rises," said Comfort. "So we have to teach you what we want you to see, how to collect information and who to



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CID Det. Doug Comfort talks about homeland security with the Sully District Station's Citizens Advisory Committee.

give it to."

Nowadays, he said, "Cell phones can be people's notepads; you can leave messages in them about things you see that may not be right." He also stressed that police target behavior, not a particular person.

"We need four things in every terrorist case — names, vehicles or license-tag information, locations and phone numbers," said Comfort. "Make a note of people acting suspicious or things that make you uncomfortable — something that doesn't seem to fit."

He encouraged residents to be wary, for example, of people asking how things are done or asking for too much specific information, above the normal level of curiosity. He said they should be concerned about people who challenge others or ask them to do something they wouldn't normally do.

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SCHOOLS



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Lees Corner second graders make necklaces.

Celebrating Native American Day

The entire second grade of Lees Corner Elementary School and a bevy of volunteers held Native American Day on March 1 as a capstone to months of learning about Native Americans.

The Native American unit is a critical part of the second grade curriculum and the second grade team

— Veronica Turner, Vicki McGorty, Melissa Carbonara and Leslie Barnes — thought that the event would be a good way to celebrate the students' hard work. Students decorated fringed t-shirts, ate foods like jerky and three-sisters stew, made jewelry, drums, and headdresses, wrote and told pictograph stories, and played games.

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Addison Gevo points to the pictograph key she used to make her deerskin story.



Second-grader Ananya crinkles her "deerskin" pictograph story to give the paper a softer texture.



Luke P., a second-grader at Lees Corner Elementary School, describes the pictographs that he has drawn on the drum he made.



Lees Corner second-grader Tara Sankner, with mom Tammy Sankner, shows off the deerskin pictograph story she made during the Lees Corner Elementary School Native American Day on March 1.



Second graders Jason C. looks at the pictographs Lizzy Schneider has drawn on her drum.

ROUNDUPS

Free Carseat Inspections

Certified technicians from the Sully District Police Station will perform free, child safety carseat inspections Thursday, March 14, 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.

The first 35 vehicles arriving on each date will be inspected. Caregivers will receive information on proper use of carseats. Call 703-814-7000, ext. 5140, to confirm dates and times.

Route 50, Stonecroft Delays

Drivers beware: Beginning this Friday, March 15, at 8 p.m. and continuing all day Saturday, March 16, signal work will be happening at the intersection of Route 50 and Stonecroft Boulevard in Chantilly. The permanent signal poles and signal heads will be removed, and new temporary signal poles will be installed with new, overhead, span wire and temporary signal heads. Delays are expected Saturday, so motorists are advised to use alternate routes.

Lane closures will occur on both the eastbound and westbound Route 50 until completion. In addition, police will stop traffic periodically so the signal subcontractor may remove the permanent poles and install the new temporary poles and span wire. Once the work's finished, the new intersection will be fully operational and its traffic configuration will remain the same.

Arts and Crafts Fair

An Arts and Crafts Fair will be held this Saturday, March 16, from 9 a.m.-2 p.m., at The nZone, 14550 Lee Road in Chantilly. An array of vendors will offer handmade items including jewelry, quilts, home decorations and gifts for children. There'll also be concessions, plus children's games and activities. Visit <http://artsncraftsfair.weebly.com>. Cost of admission is a can of food or other non-perishable item. New Life Christian Church's Women's Ministry is sponsoring the event to support Passion4Community, which helps families in need in the local area.

Pleasant Valley, Braddock Road Meeting

One of the most traffic-crammed intersections in the area is where Pleasant Valley and Braddock roads meet, outside Cox Farms in Centreville. So on Monday, March 18, at 7 p.m., Supervisor Michael R. Frey (R-Sully) is hosting a public meeting to discuss conceptual improvements to this intersection. The meeting will be held in the Sully District Governmental Center, 4900 Stonecroft Blvd. in Chantilly.

Last year, the Commonwealth Transportation Board allocated \$600,000 toward improvements to the intersection, and VDOT and its consultant have been working on conceptual design improvements. At the upcoming meeting, VDOT will present its findings and Frey will gather community input on the improvements proposed. After the presentation, there'll also be a question-and-answer period. For more information, call Frey's staff member, Mike Coyle, at 703-814-7100.

Ruby Tuesday's WFCM Fundraiser

To help raise money for its programs that help local families in need, Western Fairfax Christian Ministries (WFCM) is participating in Ruby Tuesday's GiveBack community program. From Friday-Sunday, March 29-31, customers presenting a flyer to their server will have 20 percent of their purchase cost donated to WFCM. (The flyers may be printed from www.wfcmva.org).

The effort is called "Take a Bite out of Hunger," and is being held at the Ruby Tuesday at 13915 Metrotech Drive in Chantilly. For directions to the restaurant or to view the menu, go to

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NEWS



The Eagles and their parents: From left are Kevin, Matt, Ryan, Sean and Patti Whalen.

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Three Times the Celebration

Whalen brothers receive Eagle badges together.

BY BONNIE HOBBS
CENTRE VIEW

When Boy Scouts make the rank of Eagle, families usually have just one child at a time being honored. But in the case of the Whalen family of Centreville's Walney Glen community, good things come in threes.

And Sunday afternoon, March 3, the three older Whalen boys received their Eagle Scout pins and badges in a joint ceremony at the Sully District Governmental Center. The youngest brother, Connor, is also a Boy Scout, but is just in his first year.

"I'm so proud of them for making it to the ultimate level of Eagle, and also for everything they've done for the community, the troop and themselves," said their dad, Kevin Whalen. "They'll carry this honor with them always."

In Scouting, the Eagle represents strength of character and a person respected by his peers and leaders. It's also the highest and most-coveted honor, signifying the completion of many years of dedicated effort by the Scout, as well as his parents and leaders.

The aim of Scouting is to mold responsible youth with leadership abilities, plus a strong sense of citizenship and community. Only 5 percent of all Scouts make it to the rank of Eagle, so it's quite an achievement.

The three Whalen boys who accomplished it are Sean, 20, a JMU junior studying justice and criminology; Matt, 18, a Centreville High senior on the varsity baseball team; and Ryan, 15, a Centreville sophomore on the JV baseball team. They're part of Troop 146, which meets at St. Timothy Catholic School in Chantilly.

Their Scoutmaster is Kevin Gaughan and their dad is an assistant Scoutmaster with their troop. And the boys' family, friends and fellow Scouts attended their Eagle Court of Honor.

The trio presented mother's pins and pendants to

their mom, Patti Whalen, and maternal grandmother, Mary Ginty. Then their aunt Stacey Ginty helped give the boys their Eagle badges. After that, their dad and uncles Jimmy and Kevin Ginty presented them with their Eagle neckerchiefs. Sean also gave a pin to his dad.

"This is incredible and outstanding," said Kevin Whalen. "Thanks for letting me experience Eagle Scouts through you," he told his sons. "Our troop has had some great times, and you were a big part of that. To have three brothers making Eagle at the same time is unbelievable. Congratulations for being the 5-percenters. Your mother and I are so proud of you, and we love you very much."

Then each boy took the podium. "It's an honor to get this award, even though I [made this rank] three years ago," said Sean. Gesturing toward his brothers, he explained, "I was waiting for these guys to finish. My Scout friends helped push me along; we all supported each other and so did the Scout leaders."

Agreeing, Matt said, "Our Scoutmasters worked hard and endless hours helping us. We couldn't have done it without all you guys."

Lastly, Ryan added, "I want to thank my mom and dad. They were a core reason we did so well in Scouting and were able to attain Eagle."

Each brother then presented a pin to the person who'd mentored them the most in Scouting. Sean gave one to Scoutmaster Bob Fick, Matt

gave one to Scoutmaster Jon Bitto and Ryan did likewise to Gaughan.

"Along the way, all three boys developed some key attributes — perseverance, which is important for all of us; balance, which is critical in life; and confidence in their abilities," said Gaughan. And, he told them, "You had these things in you all along. Your challenge now is to take these gifts and move them forward."

Addressing the audience, he said, "These boys are shining examples of what Scouts stand for, and part of it is due to the efforts of their parents. I'm proud of everything you've accomplished; congratulations."

For Sean's Eagle project, he and other Scouts built



The cake at the reception after the Eagle ceremony.

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From left: Running buddies Meredith Norris, Jen Chapman and Sarah Domnarski, all of Chantilly, visit BethAnn Telford in the hospital to lift her spirits.



BethAnn Telford walks in the hospital with her parents, Robert and Susanne.

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Upcoming 5K Raises Money for Cancer Patients, Research

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Ironman competitions, including the toughest one of all — the October 2012 Ironman World Championship in Kona, Hawaii. Participants must qualify in advance for it and then have to complete a 2.4-mile swim, 112-mile bike ride and 26.2-mile run.

“It was awesome — a dream come true,” said Telford. “At the end, I was crying with joy because I was carrying the Hope Flag with the names of kids with cancer on it, and I carried it across the finish line. Then in January, I did the Louisiana half-marathon in Baton Rouge and gave a big speech there about my journey from brain cancer to Ironman.”

Next came her surgery, Feb. 27, at George Washington University Hospital. “My brain had stopped telling my bladder what to do, so it was shutting down,” said Telford. “I was in kidney failure.”

She’d struggled with this problem for two years and, although doctors had tried other avenues, nothing worked. So they did an uncommon surgery called a bladder augmentation. The Discovery Channel even did a program about her and the procedure; it aired on Saturday, March 9 (<http://vimeo.com/61367579>).

“They took out part of my intestine and used it to rebuild my bladder,” said Telford. “Now we’re waiting for it all to start growing together and working again. I was in the hospital nine days, but they think it worked really well.”

Meanwhile, she kept on fundraising for the Run Rogue event. Last year, her portion of the proceeds — shared equally with Spiller’s charity, Life with Cancer — went toward cancer-patient resources. This year, it’s going toward cancer research.

“I hope to raise more than \$10,000 at the Run Rogue 5K,” said Telford. “I’ve been rais-

ing funds in the hospital, and I got a whole floor of nurses to run in it. I talked about the race to everyone who came into my room. And my mom asked for donations on Facebook. When she did updates on my condition, she told people how it would mean a lot to me if they’d join the race or donate.”

Her parents came from Pennsylvania to be with her for the operation and while she recuperates. “They stayed with me in the hospital, the whole time,” said Telford. “My dad’s 76 and he knew I was scared about this surgery. So he told me to open the Bible and recite the Lord’s Prayer with him. I’m 43, and he’s never asked me to do that before. Afterward, we talked to the chaplain together; and the day after my surgery, we celebrated my mom’s 72nd birthday in the hospital.”

In the Run Rogue event, Telford will be participating for brain-cancer survivor Madeline Baet, 8, of Leesburg, and brain-cancer patient Anya Zvorsky, 7, of Pennsylvania. And it’s children like them who motivate her to keep raising money and entering events that’ll bring in more funds.



BethAnn Telford rejoices as she crosses the finish line of the Kona Ironman competition, in October 2012, in Hawaii.

“My whole inspiration is because I don’t want others to have to go through this,” she said. “So me going out and showing people I can be in the Run Rogue — even a couple weeks after surgery — shows them there’s hope and helps me give back. I want to keep my voice going and be heard so there’s more awareness, and I want to fight for money so we can find a cure.”

Rev3 Run Rogue 5K and 1K Races

❖ The Rev3 Run Rogue 5K and 1K are slated for Saturday, March 23, at the Fairfax Corner Shopping Center. Participants may walk or run a USATF-certified 5K course at 8:30 a.m., or participate in a 1K kids’ fun run at 8 a.m.

❖ Both courses start and end in front of Coastal Flats restaurant. Strollers are allowed in the 1K, but no dogs in either race. Cash prizes are awarded to the top three male and female finishers, and the first-place winners will also receive coupons for a free pair of Brooks shoes.

❖ Age-group awards will also be given, plus over-40 cash prizes. Registration is \$30, 5K; and \$15, 1K, ages 8 and under. There’ll be music, too, as well as Starbucks pastries and coffee. All finishers will receive a Ben & Jerry’s ice-cream cone, and

every child in the 1K will get a medal. Participants and survivors receive commemorative T-shirts on which they may write the name of the person for whom they’re running.

❖ Rogue Racers and Rev3 Adventures are putting on this fund-raiser. Rogue Racers is a Fairfax-based, running/triathlon club. Rev3 Adventures puts on adventure races in events including mountain biking, running and canoeing.

❖ All proceeds will be split evenly between Life with Cancer [www.http://lifewithcancer.org/](http://lifewithcancer.org/) and Team BT for Accelerated Brain Cancer Cure <http://www.abc2.org/>. For more information or to sign up, go to <http://www.runrogue5k.com>.

— BONNIE HOBBS



Spelling Champs

Poplar Tree Elementary School students recently participated in the Scripts Spelling Bee. The overall winner was Caroline Aronhime, a fifth grade student. She will represent Poplar Tree at the next level of the competition which will be held at Rocky Run Middle School. Pictured are the winners from each classroom in grades 2-6 with Principal Sharon S. Williams.

Volunteer Award Presented to Beekeeper

Karen Waltman, a longtime volunteer beekeeper at Ellanor C. Lawrence Park in Chantilly and a former naturalist with the Fairfax County Park Authority, was recently presented with the 2012 Donald F. Early Award for Volunteer Achievement. The annual award honors the late Donald Early, a fellow beekeeper who served in that capacity in the park from 1988 until 1992.

Waltman has volunteered her time as beekeeper for almost four years. She tends to the bees' needs, conducts beekeeping-related educational programs, attends special events and recruits and trains additional volunteers who assist with the hives and the bees. Over time she has given more than 330 hours of volunteer service. She is a longtime Centreville resident, active in other community groups as well.

The presentation was held on Feb. 22.



Park Authority Director John Dargle Jr., Karen Waltman and John Shafer, manager, Ellanor C. Lawrence Park.

Two Compete in Governor's Cyber Challenge

Two Chantilly Academy students, Anirudh Badge and Weyland Chiang, placed 2nd and 10th in last weekend's Gov. Robert McDonnell's First Annual Governor's Cyber Challenge at George Mason University.

Anirudh, who placed 2nd in the state, was awarded a \$3,500 scholarship.

The challenge invited all high school students in the Commonwealth to participate in a series of online cyber quizzes, with the top 40 students being asked to participate in a live championship competition at George Mason University in order to compete for \$10,000 in scholarships. The program featured 110 schools, from throughout the Commonwealth, who registered 733 students for the challenge.



Anirudh Badge



Weyland Chiang

The challenge was a partnership with the Cyber Aces Foundation, and the U.S. Cyber Challenge and was sponsored by the SANS Institute.

The Cyber Aces foundation is a 501 (c) 3 organization founded to help people discover and pursue cyber security education and careers.

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OPINION

Hybrid Hijinks

Discouraging innovation in high-tech Virginia.

Consider this as a possible scenario (although perhaps we should have saved this for April 1): Fewer people are smoking, and many of those who do are smoking less. Virginia's cigarette tax, the lowest of any state at 30 cents a pack, is a declining revenue source. Higher cigarette taxes are proven to reduce smoking. Under current logic in the commonwealth, there would be two courses of action to raise revenue: a) cut the cigarette tax, and b) charge non-smokers a fee to make up the difference and to compensate for the fact that they don't pay cigarette taxes.

This is basically the convoluted approach that leads to the \$100 annual hybrid fee as part of Virginia's proposed transportation plan, to help make up for the reduced tax on gas.

The annual \$100 surcharge for owners of hybrids vehicles should be stripped out of the transportation bill. Something that could add \$1,000 to the price of owning a car over a normal period of time discourages innovation and punishes people who are trying to reduce pol-

lution and dependence on oil.

It also seems likely that the greatest concentration of ownership of hybrid vehicles would be in Northern Virginia, so it's one more way to extract more money from our region.

To replace these funds, plus a little, why not charge an additional \$100 annual registration fee for any vehicle with a purchase price of \$40,000 or more? Or charge the additional \$100 for any personal vehicle with a miles-per-gallon rating of less than 25 miles per gallon highway, especially since the more gas your car burns in Virginia, the more of a break you are receiving on the gas tax reduction. Or charge a sliding fee based on the number of miles driven and the weight of the vehicle (hint: the fee would go up with the miles and weight).

Or raise, rather than reduce, the gas tax and index it to inflation.

Sober on Saint Patrick's Day?

Saint Patrick's Day has always been a holi-

day associated with alcoholic beverages.

You, and/or the young adults in your household, will naturally have a plan to celebrate without drinking and driving. Plan to have a designated driver. Plan to take public transportation home. Plan to party at home or at a friend's house where you can spend the night.

If all of those plans fall through, however, and you end up without a ride home when you've been drinking on Saint Patrick's Day, the Washington Regional Alcohol Program has a safety net for you, SoberRide — Saint Patty's edition.

WRAP's 2013 Saint Patrick's Day SoberRide program will be offered on Sunday, March 17, from 4 p.m. to 4 a.m. on Monday, March 18. To receive a free cab ride home (up to a \$30.00 fare), call 800-200-8294. You must be 21 or older to use the SoberRide service. Last Saint Patrick's Day, more than 600 potentially impaired drivers made use of this service. SoberRide has provided more than 57,000 free rides home to people who otherwise might have driven drunk.

See www.soberride.com.

GUEST EDITORIAL

March Madness on Homelessness

While some say programs for the poor will be exempted from sequestration, that is not how things are playing out.

BY KERRIE WILSON
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This year, March is not reserved for sports madness alone. With Congress unable to come to agreement on the federal budget, the "unthinkable" has happened with sequestration and the start of \$85 billion across-the-board cuts on domestic and defense programs. Without a new game plan, the reductions in federal housing programs at the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development will fall entirely on highly vulnerable individuals and families, putting them at risk of becoming or remaining homeless and leaving nothing for other basic needs.

With average rent in Fairfax County for a 2BR apartment at \$1,550/month, one would have to earn \$62,000 a year to afford housing and other basic needs (www.nlihc.org). Nearly one-quarter of Fairfax County households earn less than that, and 8.4 percent or 33,000 households in Fairfax County earn less than \$25,000 per year, surviving on

near poverty level wages.

Housing assistance is arguably the most important home court advantage for Reston Interfaith and the Fairfax County Partnership organizations working to prevent and end homelessness. For homeless, disabled, elderly and low-income working families living in our high cost of living area, subsidies are the stabilizing force, and stable housing the number one predictor of future self-sufficiency, no matter what other challenges an individual or family is facing.

While some say programs for the poor — like housing assistance for the most vulnerable — will be exempted from sequestration, or that the effect will not be immediate, that is not how things are playing out. When the freeze play was called on Capitol Hill, it had the effect of benching our neighbors. Fairfax County, like other jurisdictions dealing with the uncertainty and fickle nature of the current situation, has put a hold on the release of new vouchers that we were counting on to help our neighbors.

Jeri is 70-years old, frail and lost her home after a long illness. Her



PHOTO BY VICTORIA ROSS

Kerrie Wilson (center), CEO of Reston Interfaith, talks with volunteers about their experiences finding and documenting the lives of homeless individuals during Registry Week in Fairfax County Feb. 25.

Social Security payments are insufficient to meet her living expenses without help. She is sleeping on a cot in our overflow program and is effectively unsheltered after March 31 because the landlord is waiting on the release of the project-based voucher that will help pay her rent.

A single mom, Kara has three children under the age of seven and has struggled with homelessness for years after leaving the abusive relationship with her children's father. She never finished high school but is smart and determined. She tries to think beyond her current situation and talks of going back to school and training to become a bookkeeper. She cries at night because a shel-

ter is no place to raise her children. She had been approved for a voucher and we found a landlord willing to overlook her poor credit and past evictions. He will have to move on to another renter.

Investments in affordable housing provide stability and opportunity for working families and a safety net for extremely low-income households and our neighbors with special needs. At a time when businesses, governments, communities and families are craving certainty and predictability to help adjust to a "new normal," why aren't we calling a timeout to adjust the call for homeless and vulnerable neighbors like Jeri, and Kara and her children, who are ready to go home? It's madness.

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The whole family: Kevin and Patti Whalen flank their sons (from left) Matt, Ryan, Connor and Sean.

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CENTRE VIEW

Three Times the Celebration

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Civil War-style fences around a property granted to the Manassas National Battlefield Park. After the ceremony, he said, "It was great to share this with my brothers."

Ryan was happy "that I finally accomplished what I've been working for, the past five years, and it helped me become a leader." He did his project at the Mount Gilead house in the Centreville Historic District. "We saved and preserved two holly trees by removing invasive plants," he said. "We also took out overgrown bushes and mulched."

As for Matt, he was "relieved" to get his Eagle award. "It was pretty awesome," he said. "It took a

long time, but I'm glad I was able to stick with it and get this accomplishment." For his project, he improved The Covered Way Civil War trail behind his house in Walney Glen.

"We distributed 11 tons of bluestone dust to finish the other half of the trail that another Eagle Scout, Sam Stout, had started," said Matt. "It was right after last June's storm, so we also had to remove debris and clean up the trail to make it walkable for the community."

Mom Patti Whalen said how thrilled she was to be at her sons' Eagle ceremony. "It was really nice to see Kevin share in their experience with them," she said. "They also had great leaders. They enjoyed it and had wonderful experiences as Scouts."

ROUNDUPS

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www.rubytuesday.com. To make reservations, call 703-818-3713.

"Financial support is vital to Western Fairfax Christian Ministries to help our neighbors in need achieve financial stability," said WFCM's Community Outreach Manager Jennie Bush. "We cannot administer our programs without community support, and we appreciate our community participating in this program."

Westfield Actors Win Awards

Westfield High's Virginia Theater Assn. team performed the play, "The Hothouse," on Friday, March 8, at the South East Theatre Conference in Louisville, Ky. Senior Madeleine Bloxam won the festival's Best Supporting Actress award, and brothers Julian and Brandon Sanchez won the All Star Acting award.

Fashion Show At Waterford

The 33rd annual fundraising fashion show/luncheon/silent auction for the Fairfax Salvation Army Women's Auxiliary is slated for Friday, April 12, at the Waterford in Fair Oaks (across from Fair Oaks Mall). The social hour and silent auction begin at 10:30 a.m., followed at 11:30 a.m. by a performance from guest entertainer Carlos Alberto Ibay.

Lunch catered by the Waterford will be served at noon, and the fashion show featuring clothing from Bloomingdale's of Tysons Corner will be presented at 12:50 p.m. Tickets are \$40 (\$10 is tax-deductible); reservations must be made by March 27.

The event helps support all the Salvation Army's charitable programs. Contact event coordinator Angela Ganey at angelaganey@verizon.net or 703-250-5809.

X-BOTS Are Award Finalists

Rocky Run Middle School's X-BOTS team didn't win the FIRST Tech Challenge (FTC) State Championships, March 2, in Richmond, but its members made a great showing. The team was a finalist in two categories — the Connect Award (for outstanding community outreach) and the Compass Award (for outstanding guidance from its coach, Nagesh Chintada).

"We missed out on a top-10 finish narrowly, due to some technical issues," said Chintada. "Nevertheless it's a great honor to be picked for these award nominations as a rookie team from among 48 teams."

The team built a robot which placed rings onto pegs on three levels of a 3D tic-tac-toe, while another team tried to prevent it from doing so. Rocky Run's team was comprised of eighth-graders Nikhil Chintada, Satish Venkatesan, Rishabh Venketesh, Ahan Shah and Sarah Maxseiner; seventh-graders Sidharth Rampally and Nandin Padheriya; Greenbriar West Elementary fifth-grader Anoushka Chintada and Thomas Jefferson High freshman Rishab Negi.

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Chantilly Boys' Soccer Falls to TC in Season Opener

Titans senior Terrell Williamson scores game's lone goal.

BY JON ROETMAN
CENTRE VIEW

Terrell Williamson lifted his jersey over his face and bent over in disappointment. The T.C. Williams forward had missed wide left with a shot during the 56th minute of a scoreless tie against Chantilly in both teams' season opener on Tuesday night.

"I felt like I let my team down on the first one," Williamson said.

It wouldn't take long for Williamson to get a shot at redemption.

The senior in the 61st minute scored what proved to be the only goal of the contest as the T.C. Williams boys' soccer team came away with a 1-0 victory at Chantilly High School.

"It felt great," Williamson said. "... I just had to keep my head up and [keep] going and just got the second one."

TC's scoring opportunities increased in the second half. After Chantilly failed to capitalize on some early chances, the Titans found the net with the game-winner.

"We just talked about trying to take better advantage in the attacking third," TC head coach Martin Nickley said. "We thought that we could have a little bit more intensity up in the attacking third than we had in the first half. ... As a senior, [Williamson is] going to be one of our leaders and one of the players that we all look for not just for scoring, but really for his



Chantilly senior Mitchell Lagos enters his third season as the Chargers' goalkeeper.

work ethic and the amount of effort he puts in."

TC enters the season with a mix of returning athletes from last year's Patriot District championship team and newcomers from a JV squad that finished the 2012 campaign with an 11-1-1 record. Nickley said goalkeeper Edgar Martinez played well against Chantilly. The sophomore made a key save with less than six minutes remaining in the second half to preserve the shut-out.

Senior defenders Neil DeWakar and Marcus Ninman, and sophomore midfielder Eryk Williamson also received praise from Nickley for their efforts against the Chargers.

TC defeated eventual region runner-up Lake Braddock in last year's Patriot District championship game. The Titans beat Stuart in a penalty-kick shootout during the opening round of the Northern Region tourna-

ment before losing to Langley in the quarterfinals.

Nickley said he expects TC to have a target on its back.

"The Patriot District is very competitive and we remember from year to year who won the last one," Nickley said. "We always know who won it the year before and pay special attention, so I think that definitely teams are going to be ready."

Chantilly had chances to score early in Tuesday's contest, including a shot that bounced off the crossbar, but the Chargers came up empty.

"I think we had the better of it toward the beginning and we didn't get one," Chantilly head coach Brian Goche said. "... And then the momentum swung."

While Chantilly failed to score, goalkeeper Mitchell Lagos helped keep the Chargers in the game. The senior is in his third season as Chantilly netminder.



Chantilly sophomore Ryan Kraus led the JV in goals last season as a freshman.

"He's been very strong for us in previous seasons," Goche said. "Records the past two seasons in the regular season have not been strong, so he doesn't always get the accolades that he should get. I think he had 12, 13 saves tonight. ... He's a big boy. We're going to need him throughout the season to continue playing like that."

Goche said he also expects senior attacking midfielder Chris Treme, junior defender Lucas Brennan and sophomore forward Ryan Kraus, who led the JV in goals last season as a freshman, to be key contributors this year.

Chantilly went 3-9-1 during last year's regular season, including an eight-game losing streak, before beating Centreville and Robinson in the Concorde District tournament. The Chargers finished district runner-up, losing to Herndon in the championship game, before falling to Langley in the opening round of regionals.

Centreville Ice Hockey Club Closes Out Season with Win

Wildcats looking for players for spring league.

The Centreville Wildcats Ice Hockey Club (CIHC) wrapped up their 2012-2013 hockey season on a high note, defeating the Herndon Hornets, 7-3, on Feb. 8 at SkateQuest of Reston.

An enthusiastic crowd of fans and supporters helped the team celebrate Senior Night; honored students including Centreville students Ian McCormack, Nathan Marks and Matt Miller. Both Marks (2) and Miller (1) scored goals in the game, and all three players were on the ice for the final minutes of the third period, during which the team scored twice.

This season, the Wildcats combined their roster with the Fairfax Rebels to compete in the Northern Virginia Scholastic Hockey League (NVSHL) as a provisional team. The team played at the varsity level in the Adams Division, which included teams from Langley, Madison, and McLean High

Schools, among others.

While the team struggled overall, ending the season with a 2-8 record, there were several contests that could have gone either way, including an 8-7 loss to Osbourn Park to start the season back in November. The team's other victory came against Bishop Ireton on Jan. 7, an impressive 8-4 tally. The team included several pairs of brothers playing together, including Miller's younger brother, Christopher; McCormack's younger brother, Corey; and Gus and Gary Canals. The team was led by first-year Head Coach Alex Heidt, whose son Kyle was a major contributor on offense as a freshman.

While the Wildcats did not qualify for the NVSHL playoffs, they were represented in the League's All-Star Game on Feb. 20, at the Ashburn Ice House, by Wildcat Senior Nathan Marks. Marks played forward for the combined Norris-Adams team, which



The CIHC seniors — a mix of students from Centreville and Fairfax high schools — were honored during a pregame ceremony in early February. From left: Nathan Marks (CVHS), Matt Miller (CVHS), faculty advisor Cathy Ruffing, Jake Angeline (FHS), Nicky Grose (FHS) and Ian McCormack (CVHS).

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lost in overtime, 7-6, to a combined team from the Smythe-Patrick Divisions. Marks scored with two minutes left in regulation to tie the game and force overtime. He also had an assist and was selected as his team's Most Valuable Player.

The Wildcats plan to play at the Junior Varsity level in a Spring High School league

at the Ashburn Ice House. This league will include several practices and a series of 10 games through early June. The team is actively recruiting players for the Spring League, as well as next season; rising freshmen who are interested are invited to contact the team at cihcteammanager@hotmail.com.

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FRIDAY/MARCH 15

Registration Open House. 9:30-11:30 a.m. at Clifton Children's Academy, 14315 Compton Road. Parents and children can tour the school and register for fall 2013 and summer camp. RSVP at www.childrensacademy.com or 703-968-8455.

SATURDAY/MARCH 16

Carnival. 11 a.m.-3 p.m. at Poplar Tree Elementary School, 13440 Melville Lane. Enjoy beach and boardwalk themed games, cake walks, raffle and more. Tickets available at the door. Proceeds benefit the school's programs and activities.

Volunteer Information Session. 11 a.m.-noon at John Marshall Library. Learn about becoming a volunteer to help a child who enters the Fairfax County Domestic & Juvenile Relations Court system. For reservations visit www.fairfaxcasa.org or 703-273-3526.

Event. Donate to The Josh Anderson Foundation, which helps prevent teenage suicide. The Rock 'n' Roll Half Marathon/Marathon run is the largest fundraising event. Visit www.active.com/donate/joshafoundation2013 for more.

Camp Carnival/Expo. 10 a.m. - 10 p.m. at Chesterbrook Academy Elementary School, 3753 Centerview Drive. Get a peek into the summer Camp Zone World Tour with games, cuisine, and culture of Brazil while learning about the countries that will be toured during the summer camp program. Get a \$25 discount per week for up to four weeks of camp by participating in the expo.

Consignment Sale. 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at Chantilly High School cafeteria, 4201 Stringfellow Road. Over 200 families will be selling gently used clothing, shoes, toys, books and more. Free. Visit www.fcmom.org for more.

SUNDAY/MARCH 17

SoberRide. 4 p.m.-4 a.m. Area residents can call the toll-free phone number 1-800-200-TAXI and be afforded a no-cost safe way home (up to a \$30 fare). AT&T customers can dial #WRAP for the same service. For more information, visit www.soberride.com.

MONDAY/MARCH 18

Scholarship Application Deadline. High school seniors can apply for \$1,500 scholarship from Northern Virginia Electric Cooperative. Visit www.novec.com/community/index.cfm and select "scholarships" or contact Donna Snellings at dsnellings@novec.com or 703-392-1511.

Spring Pruning. 7 p.m. at Centreville Presbyterian Church, 15450 Lee Highway. Presented by David Yost of Merrifield Garden Center. Free. Visit centrevillegardenclub.blogspot.com for more.

WFCWC Meeting. 7 p.m. at Greenbriar Community Center, 4615 Stringfellow Road. "Protect Yourself from Financial Scams" is the topic. Free. 703-631-7093.

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MONDAY/MARCH 25

Greenbriar Garden Club. 7:30 p.m. at Greenbriar Community Center, 4615 Stringfellow Road. Join for a presentation Master Gardener and Pilates instructor Carol Goldberg Her presentation covers the basics of Pilates exercise and its value to gardeners as one way to strengthen the torso—the body's "core" to create strength and stability and pain free gardening.

TUESDAY/MARCH 26

Community Passover Seder. 6 p.m. at Temple Beth Torah, 4212-C Technology Court. Menu includes ritual Seder items, gefilte fish, Matzoh ball soup, roast chicken, vegetables, kosher wine/juice and Passover desserts. Adults and children over age 13 - \$20; Children 12 & under - \$10; Children under 3 - free. Visit www.bethtorah.net.

SUNDAY/MARCH 31

Information Session. 2 p.m. at Fairfax County Animal Shelter. Learn how to become a volunteer or foster parents. RSVP to kristen.auerbach@fairfaxcounty.gov or 703-324-0208.

FRIDAY-SUNDAY/APRIL 5-7

Weekend Conference. General sessions aimed at people in grade 7 through adult; student sessions and more at Centreville Baptist Church. Nursery for ages 0-4 available on a first-come, first-serve basis. Visit www.cbvva.org/aig for more information.

SATURDAY/APRIL 6

Clean Up. 9 a.m.-noon at Colin Powell Elementary School, 13340 Leland Road. Help clean up the area around the school. Trash bags will be provided. Heavy work gloves suggested.

TUESDAY/APRIL 9

Civil War Discussion. 7 p.m. at Sully Historic Site. Angie Atkinson will discuss the second day of the battle at Gettysburg, including Little Round Top and Devil's Den. Donation of \$5 will be accepted for Sully Historic Site. Reservations required, 703-437-1794.

MONDAY/APRIL 22

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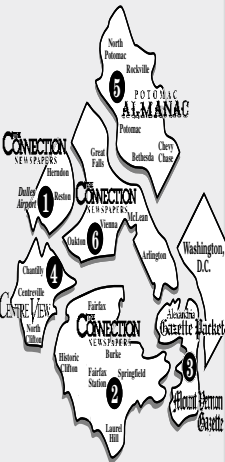
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Writing What Four

By KENNETH B. LOURIE



As far as anniversaries go – and I hope this one “goes” a lot further; acknowledging, dare I say, celebrating, my four-year survival anniversary from “terminal” stage IV (inoperable, metastasized) non-small cell lung cancer, a diagnosis I initially received on February 27, 2009, along with a “13-month to two-year prognosis” from my oncologist, is certainly column-worthy.

Not that I haven’t mined these emotional depths before; end of years one, two and three if truth be told, but I’m sure I can be given a pass, given the subject matter. And what matters more than a characterized-as-terminal cancer patient outliving his prognosis – by years? Not too much, from my perspective. Quite frankly, this is content of a column I can get used to writing – repeatedly, if need be, and I’m hoping the need be. Oh, I don’t suppose I’ll be recycling material from previous anniversary columns, even though the sentiment would be familiar: amazing good fortune, gratitude, anxiety concerning an unpredictable future, etc. Nevertheless, I’ll risk expressing some feelings here that might be somewhat reminiscent of columns and anniversaries gone by.

Being diagnosed with lung cancer two and a half months after my widowed mother succumbed to her old age – thereby making my brother Richard and I orphans, as it were (my father had died two years earlier, almost to the day of my mother’s passing) seemed a bit unfair, especially considering how much my brother and I had sacrificed as we cared and concerned ourselves with the last years of our parents’ less-than-ideal lives. But “fair” has never really entered into my equation. That’s not how I look at things. I look at things the way I’ve heard – on sports talk radio, anyway, how football players describe their attitude toward a starting player being injured: “Next man up.” There are no excuses. It’s not exactly poker, but you play the cards you’ve been dealt. And so, in my four years of living with cancer since February, 2009, I have not pursued justice, nor have I declared my independence, but I have tried to live my life with good humor, and liberty and happiness – when I could manage it.

Not always have I achieved these goals or maintained the balance necessary to counter the emotional weight and physical toll receiving a terminal diagnosis – and the treatment protocol, can impose. I’ve had my moments, to be sure, but overall, I’m proud of how I’ve changed – for the better, and persevered. Though cancer has proven over the years to be an equal-opportunity-disease, my diagnosis has never caused me to feel doomed (a little gloomy, maybe). Moreover, I’ve always felt hopeful and as such have tried to be proactive, open and compliant in order to give myself every possible advantage in this life yet to be lived.

Woe is not me. Why is of no concern. How it could have happened – is of no particular interest. Reviewing my past transgressions never mattered to my oncologist. His only concern was the future and treating me forward. For the most part, I have embraced that/his philosophy; except this time of the year: my still-living-with-cancer anniversary when I revisit the past – hopefully as a prelude for the future. That’s my intent, anyway.

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

NEWS

Homeland Security

FROM PAGE 1

“Be suspicious of people asking for your personal data,” said Comfort. “Or people wanting to photograph certain things, such as access points to buildings, a company’s personnel or people doing their jobs.”

In the CID, he said, “We watch people and do surveillance. Do they switch cars or meet with an-

other person? We notice people using binoculars, taking notes and measuring distances. And we’re suspicious of people meeting in a restaurant, but only having water, talking and then leaving by different entrances than they came in, originally.”

People buying unusual items or large amounts of them are also cause for concern. “For example, if I had 18,000 pounds of fertilizer delivered to a house, that would be suspicious,” said Comfort. “I’d have to have an awful big lawn – and mow it four times a day.” Since people can die by biological, nuclear, incendiary, chemical and explosive means, he said, “We want to know about people with weapons, ammunition and powders, as well as people misrepresenting themselves.” And, he added, authorities are always concerned about potential sabotage or vandalism to critical infrastructure, such as a water-treatment plant.

“So if you see a hole in a fence by something important, we want to know about it,” said Comfort. “We’d rather you’d call us – even if your tip doesn’t pan out – because it may be the piece of a larger puzzle we’re working on.”

However, he stressed, “If you do see something, don’t put yourself in danger. Take a deep breath and don’t get excited. That way, you’ll be able to remember more information.” Overall, Comfort urged residents to “record, remember and report.” They may contact police at the non-emergency number of 703-691-2131; or if they have a bona-fide emergency, they may call 911.

“If you think it’s suspicious, we think it’s suspicious,” he said. “And it’s something you have to train yourself to do – not just to see things, but to really study things. And when gathering information about a person, don’t look for someone’s height and weight as much as identifying characteristics. What would separate him from everybody else?”

“We do this for you, and we ask you to help us do it,” continued Comfort. “This is for your quality of life.”



CID Det. Doug Comfort talks about homeland security with the Sully District Station’s Citizens Advisory Committee.

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ONGOING

Easter Bunny Returns. Through March 30, children can take pictures with the Easter Bunny at Fair Oaks Mall during mall hours. Pet photos will be available Saturday, March 23 from 8-9:30 a.m. and on Sunday, March 24 from 6-7:30 p.m. \$10 will be donated to the Fairfax County Animal Shelter with every photo package A ordered.

The **Airbus IMAX Theater at National Air and Space Museum Udvar-Hazy Center**, 14390 Air & Space Museum Parkway, is showing movies including "Hubble," "Fighter Pilot," "Space Junk," and "Jack the Giant Slayer" from March 29 through May 23. "Jack the Giant Slayer" last show is April 10. Visit <http://airandspace.si.edu/udvarhazy/> or call 703-572-4118 for the schedule.

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THURSDAY/MARCH 14

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Civil War Lecture. 7 p.m. at Centreville Regional Library, 14200 St. Germain Drive. Adults and school age children can call for lecture title. Free. 703-830-2223.

English Conversation Group. 7 p.m. at Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Adults can practice with other students. Registration required. 703-502-3883.

FRIDAY/MARCH 15

Comedy Showcase. Doors open at 7:30 p.m., show starts at 8 p.m. at Sully's Restaurant and Lounge, 14513 Lee Jackson Memorial Highway, Chantilly. Jared Stern headlines with Haywood Turnipseed Jr. and Drey Tobin Dailey. Matt Mero hosts. \$5/cover includes DJ after. 703-818-9292.

ESL Conversation Group. 1 p.m. at Centreville Regional Library, 14200 St. Germain Drive. Adults can practice with others learning English. Free. 703-830-2223.

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SATURDAY/MARCH 16

Tax Assistance. 10 a.m. at Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Adults can get help from IRS-certified volunteers. Free.

Bravo for Spanish. 10:30 a.m. at Centreville Regional Library, 14200 St. Germain Drive. Children ages 3-6 can enjoy music, movement, stories and more. Free. Registration required. 703-830-2223.

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SUNDAY/MARCH 17

Look for First Signs of Spring. 7 p.m. at Cabell's Mill, 5235 Walney Road. Wear your favorite green gear and look for signs of Spring, warm up by a fire and roast marshmallows. \$5/person. Register at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks or 703-631-0013.

Sacred Music. 7 p.m. at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, 14150 Upperridge Dr. Music from a string trio, piano and more. Free.

MONDAY/MARCH 18

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Time for Tots. 11 a.m. at Centreville Regional Library, 14200 St. Germain Drive. Children age 2-3 can enjoy stories and fun. Free. Registration required. 703-830-2223.

Small Wonders. 11:30 a.m. at Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Children ages 12-23 months can enjoy rhymes, songs and more. Free. Registration required. 703-502-3883.

ESL Book Club. 7 p.m. at Centreville Regional Library, 14200 St. Germain Drive. Ask for title. 703-830-2223.

TUESDAY/MARCH 19

English Conversation Group. 10:30 a.m. at Chantilly Regional Library,

4000 Stringfellow Road. Adults can practice with other students. Registration required. 703-502-3883.

Wheeee! 11 a.m. at Centreville Regional Library, 14200 St. Germain Drive. Children ages 3-5 with adult can enjoy stories and activities. Free. Registration required. 703-830-2223.

AARP Tax Assistance. 4-8 p.m. at Centreville Regional Library, 14200 St. Germain Drive. Preference given to older adults. Free. 703-830-2223.

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WEDNESDAY/MARCH 20

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AARP Tax Assistance. 1-5 p.m. at Centreville Regional Library, 14200 St. Germain Drive. Preference given to older adults. Free. 703-830-2223.

Bravo for Spanish. 1:45 p.m. at Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Children age 3-5 can enjoy stories and activities in Spanish and English. Free. Registration required. 703-502-3883.

Bouncin' Babies. 3 p.m. at Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Babies up to 11 months can enjoy rhymes, songs, stories and more. Free. Registration required. 703-502-3883.

Small Wonders. 4 p.m. at Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Ages 12-23 months can enjoy rhymes, songs and more. Free. Registration required. 703-502-3883.

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THURSDAY/MARCH 21

Tax Assistance. 6 p.m. at Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Adults can get help from IRS-certified volunteers. Free. Also Saturday, March 23.

Guys Read. 7:30 p.m. at Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Boys in grades 5 and 6 can participate. Call for title. Free. Registration required. 703-502-3883.

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SATURDAY/MARCH 23

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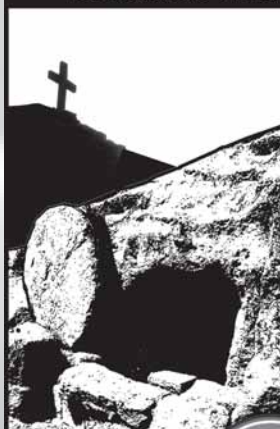
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The sale will feature upscale, new or like-new items, including designer clothing and shoes, furniture, and home goods at ridiculously low prices.

In addition to bargains, the

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Suggested donations: *Women's Purses, Shoes, Designer Apparel and Accessories, Jewelry, Outerwear, Men's Ties, Bicycles and Cycling, Ski Equipment, Golf Equipment, Exercise Equipment, Pool Tables, Table Tennis, Pinball, Darts, Foosball, Art, Pictures/Paintings, Small Appliances, Wines, Houseware, China/Serving Pieces, Decorative Accessories, Rugs, Furniture, Antiques*

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This McLean kitchen by BOWA took top honors in the “Residential Kitchen Over \$120,000” category. The homeowners wanted to create a free-flowing, light-filled space.

The Region’s Best Home Designs

Local contractors get top honors for remodeling projects.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL
CENTRE VIEW

From designing a kitchen with a concave glass tile backsplash to creating a backyard with a fire place and pool, some local home remodelers were honored recently with the National Association of the Remodeling Industry’s (NARI) 2013 Regional Contractor of the Year awards for design acumen. Winning projects ran the gamut from historic preservation projects to environmentally conscious conceptions.

A MCLEAN KITCHEN by BOWA took top honors in the “Residential Kitchen Over \$120,000” category. The homeowners were looking to create a free-flowing, light-filled space.

“Their kitchen was not as open as they would have liked,” said Josh Baker, founder and co-chairman of BOWA. “They wanted to make it more integrated and useful for the family.”

To accommodate a larger kitchen, the design team, which included BOWA’s George Hodges-Fulton, built an addition and added a sitting room, screened porch

and additional windows to allow an abundance of natural light to stream into the space. The new kitchen also included a butler’s pantry and a family dining area.

What is the key to turning one’s home into an award-winning, showcase house? Baker, who founded BOWA with his college friend Larry Weinberg, says an open dialogue is essential to a successful remodeling project. “The key is finding a person or company that you communicate very, very well with and whose process is in line with how you like to do business,” he said. “This is a customer service business. It is not just a construction business. The entire process is important, not just the end result.”

FAIRFAX-BASED FIRM RJK Construction, Inc. received top honors in the category of “Residential Addition \$100,000 to \$250,000” for a home in the Mantua area of Fairfax County. Company president Robert Kalmin says the homeowners’ goal was to blend their interior and exterior spaces. “They wanted to make their exterior landscaping a visual point because they entertain a lot,” he said. “The windows act as murals to the exterior landscaping bring the outdoors in and the indoors out.”

The owners requested an open floor plan that allowed guests to move freely between the kitchen and the backyard. “They were very specific about how they wanted people to meander from the outside to the inside,” Kalmin said. “We had to relocate the powder room so that people are able to use the

restroom without having to go anywhere else.”

An abundance of windows allows natural light to flow throughout the home. “The kitchen has red oak flooring and other colors and finishes that compliment the natural scenery outside,” said Kalmin.

HARRY BRASWELL of Harry Braswell, Inc. in Alexandria, was named Contractor of the Year in the “Entire House \$500,001 to \$1,000,000” category for the renovation of a home that had not been updated since the 1950s. “The house was outdated, too small for the family’s needs,” he said.

The renovation included a kitchen outfitted with cabinet-front appliances and porcelain sinks including an apron farm sink and an island sink in a pale aqua. “That color is carried throughout the house,” said project manager Gretchen Brown.

A concave glass tile backsplash surrounds the durable, brown-toned quartzite counter. “Quartzite doesn’t stain easily,” said Brown. “It is strong like granite, but is more expensive.”

The Braswell team also got a nod for energy efficiency for this project, which was named “NARI Green Project.” Brown noted that the team installed energy efficiency lighting and energy star appliances.

“The homeowners had specific criteria about wanting to meet [Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design] certifica-

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80th Historic Garden Week, April 20-27

Historic Garden Week 2013 will feature approximately 200 private homes and gardens open on 32 separate tours throughout the state of Virginia over eight consecutive days. It is the largest ongoing volunteer effort in Virginia and represents the coordinated efforts of 3,400 club members. One hundred percent of tour proceeds are used to enhance Virginia’s landscape. Visit www.vagardenweek.org.

SATURDAY APRIL 20, 2013

Old Town Alexandria
Sponsored by the Hunting Creek Garden Club and the Garden Club of Alexandria, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

All eight private properties on the historic Old Town Alexandria tour are within an easy walk of each other, allowing visitors to enjoy strolling the quaint streets lined with charming townhouses and intimate walled gardens.

Tickets are \$40 and available at the Ramsey House Visitors Center at the corner of King Street and North Fairfax Street on the day of the tour. For advance tickets contact Mrs. Donald Rocen Virginia.rocen@comcast.net 703-684-3876. For more information, please contact Tour Chairmen Mason Bavin at mbavin@mcenearney.com, Twig Murray attwig@twigweb.com or Catherine Bolton at 4boltons@comcast.net

TUESDAY APRIL 23, 2013

Fairfax: Oakton/Vienna
Sponsored by The Garden Club of Fairfax 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The Fairfax County communities of Oakton and Vienna have emerged from small rural towns into thriving family-oriented neighborhoods with homes and gardens reflecting a wide range of architectural and personal style. Ticket price includes admission to the Cosby Home, the Unger Home and Garden, the Buster Home and Garden, the Kampa Home and Garden, the Rosenthal Home and Garden and Meadowlark Botanical Gardens.

Advance tickets are \$20 through April 9. Contact Marty Whipple at mwhip155@aol.com. For more information about the tour, contact Bonnie Rekemeyer at chezdarbon@aol.com.

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This home in the Vienna/Oakton area is featured on Virginia’s Historic Garden Week.

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3 11391 Amber Hills Court, Fairfax — \$1,160,928



5 3871 Lewiston Place, Fairfax — \$1,025,000



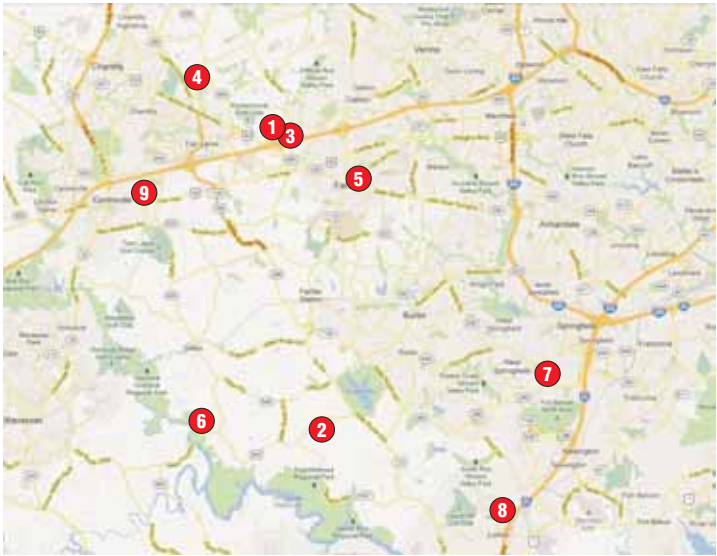
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Region's Best

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tion because they are dedicated to protecting the environment," said Braswell.

CABIN JOHN, MD., BASED firm Anthony Wilder Design/Build, Inc. received kudos in the "Residential Exterior, \$100,000 and Over" category for a backyard space that includes a pool and fireplace. "The homeowner wanted four separate living spaces in the backyard," said company spokeswoman Danielle Frye. "He wanted a dining room, a living room with a heat source, a place to sunbathe near his pool and a place to play cricket on his lawn."

Frye said the Wilder team, which included architect George R. Bott and lead designer Anthony Wilder, developed a backyard plan that replaced overgrown grass with flagstone and a badly worn fence with foliage to create a sense of privacy. "There is a sundeck and spaces for a sofa and dining table, but the fireplace is the focal point," said Frye. "We used really tall bamboo to shield the view from the

hotel across the street."

A BETHESDA HOME ADDITION garnered a top prize in the "Residential Addition Over \$250,000" category for A.R.T Design Build Inc. with team member Grossmueller's Design Consultants, Inc.

"The client wanted to expand their one story house to have a separate area for [bedrooms] and create a more functional first floor with more communal spaces, the kitchen, family room [and] dining room," said Cindy G. McClure of Grossmueller's Design Consultants, Inc.

The design team added a new second floor to the home, which accommodates a laundry room, a master suite, two additional bedrooms and a bathroom. A stair tower and cathedral foyer create an open floor plan and connect the first and second levels.

"Elements of the old house, like the wide chimney on the front and the contemporary 1960 style were played upon and accentuated," said McClure. "The result is a functional home that meets the needs of today's family, remained within budget and was completed on time."



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Recycle, Reuse, Remodel

BY JOSHUA BAKER
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Remodeling often affords an opportunity to re-purpose existing materials by donating to those less fortunate.

Ask your remodeler if there is a plan or policy for saving materials for re-use rather than sending it to a land fill. Every project is different. And some materials are more easily removed and saved than others. Here are a couple of organizations that accepted used materials.

A WIDER CIRCLE

This organization provides basic-need items to families transitioning out of shelters and those living without life's necessities. A Wider Circle furnishes the homes of more than 1,000 children and adults each month. If you wish to donate furniture and other home essentials that are in good condition (no rips or stains), you can drop off items at their Center for Community Service in Silver Spring, Md. You can also schedule a pickup in most areas throughout greater Washington, D.C. Refer to their website for a full list of accepted items and their "wish list" of the most needed items at www.awidercircle.org. Some impressive 2011 stats:

- ❖ 13,000: Number of homes furnished
- ❖ 1,500,000: Pounds of furniture and home goods recycled
- ❖ 10,000: Number of volunteers who assisted

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY - RESTORE

ReStore is a resale business that sells new and used building materials and home items to the general public. All donations are tax deductible and donated by individuals, local retailers, building contractors and suppliers. Donated items are then sold at 50-90 percent off the retail price, with all proceeds benefiting Habitat for Humanity, an organization that provides safe and affordable housing to low-income families. ReStore accepts appliances, furniture, cabinets, roofing and flooring materials, exercise equipment, countertops, electronics, lighting and plumbing fixtures, among many others. All materials and items must be in good and working condition. Items may be dropped off at ReStore locations during their business hours or for larger donations you may schedule a pickup. For store hours and locations and for the complete list of acceptable items you can check out the following websites:

❖ Northern Virginia: Stores in Alexandria and Chantilly - www.restorenova.org

❖ Montgomery County: Store location in Gaithersburg - www.habitat-mc.org

❖ Loudoun County: Store in Purcellville - www.loudounhabitat.org/restore

❖ Fauquier County: Store in Warrenton - www.fauquierhabitat.org

GOODWILL

Founded in 1902, Goodwill accepts gently used clothing, furniture, housewares, working electronics, and other household items. These items are then sold at their retail locations, with the proceeds used to fund employment, job training, and placement services for the disadvantaged and those with disabilities. To view their full list of goods accepted, and for the list of donation centers and stores, visit www.dcgoodwill.org. You may also schedule a pickup online for larger items or multiple items you don't have the resources to transport.

SALVATION ARMY

Although the Salvation Army is involved in many community programs, proceeds from items donated to their stores will benefit their Adult Rehabilitation Centers, which help those who have lost the ability to cope with their problems and are unable to provide for themselves. Each rehabilitation center offers residential housing and work, along with individual and group therapy. This enables many to be reunited with their families and resume a normal life. Items commonly donated include appliances, clothing, furniture, and household goods. For more information on their donation program, please visit www.satruck.org.


BOWA HOME CLEANUP DAYS

As a thank you to the neighbors in the communities in which we work, from time to time BOWA hosts Home Cleanup Days. Home Cleanup Day is a great opportunity to donate and recycle gently used household items, toys and clothing, and dispose of any debris or other unwanted clutter. A BOWA employee will help folks unload their items and a Goodwill representative will be on hand to accept donations and provide receipts.

To find a BOWA Home Cleanup Day in your area, please visit our <http://info.bowa.com/communityblog/>.

Josh Baker is founder of BOWA, learn more at www.bowa.com.

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