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Ready, Set ... At the 1K starting line for the Rev3 Run Rogue 5K and 1K, Saturday, March 23, are brain-cancer patients Tara Sankner (pink shirt) and Fair Lakes's BethAnn Telford; behind them is Tara's mom, Tammy. Tara's a second-grader at Lees Corner Elementary.

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Training Key In School Safety

FCPS security coordinator addresses citizens committee.

BY BONNIE HOBBS
CENTRE VIEW

Keeping students safe is Jim McLain's job. After retiring as a Fairfax County police commander in 2001, he joined Fairfax County Public Schools; and for 12 years now, he's been one of its two security coordinators.

"We deal with intentional- and unintentional-harm issues," he said during a recent Sully District Citizens Advisory Committee meeting. "I'm the intentional-harm guy."

McLain said FCPS safety and security in the schools only works because of each school community. And it's a mammoth task because it deals with more than 181,000 students and 24,000 full-time employees in nearly 200 buildings, plus 900 modular units and 1,600 buses.

"We have inspectors dealing with all aspects of safety, even on playgrounds," he said. "We have a proprietary uniformed force in our schools during the day because SROs are at every one of our high

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They're Not Bad Kids; They're Just Teenagers'

Westfield SRO talks about keeping students safe.

BY BONNIE HOBBS
CENTRE VIEW

Authorities say children are safe in Fairfax County schools, but it requires continual vigilance to keep them that way. So the Sully District Police Station's Citizens Advisory Committee recently hosted a community meeting on the topic.

"School safety is important to me as a father of fifth- and 10th-graders, and as a police officer,"

said Capt. Ed O'Carroll, the station commander. "We have a great team of SROs [school resource officers], but we need the community as a partner. So if you see anything suspicious or out of the ordinary, say something."

"Our youth also have a part in this," he continued. "Our schools are safe; we identify issues early, recognize potential threats and act quickly and appropriately."

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Rita's Fundraiser for Second-Grader

Contributions also accepted online.

BY BONNIE HOBBS
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Tara Sankner, an 8-year-old second-grader at Lees Corner Elementary was recently diagnosed with brain cancer, and the community is rallying 'round to show its support.

She and a fundraising and support team called "Pray for Tara" wore special, pink T-shirts and participated in last Saturday's, March 23, Rev3 Run Rogue 5K and 1K at the Fairfax Corner Shopping Center. Tara ran and walked in both events and also had a donation table there.

And on Monday, April 8, from 6-8 p.m., area residents can enjoy sweet treats while helping raise money to help with Tara's medical bills. During those hours, Rita's Italian Ice, at 10726 Fairfax Blvd., in Fairfax, will donate 20 percent off all sales to support Tara and her family.

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From left: Tara Sankner with fellow brain-cancer patient BethAnn Telford, Saturday morning, at the Rev3 Run Rogue 5K and 1K.

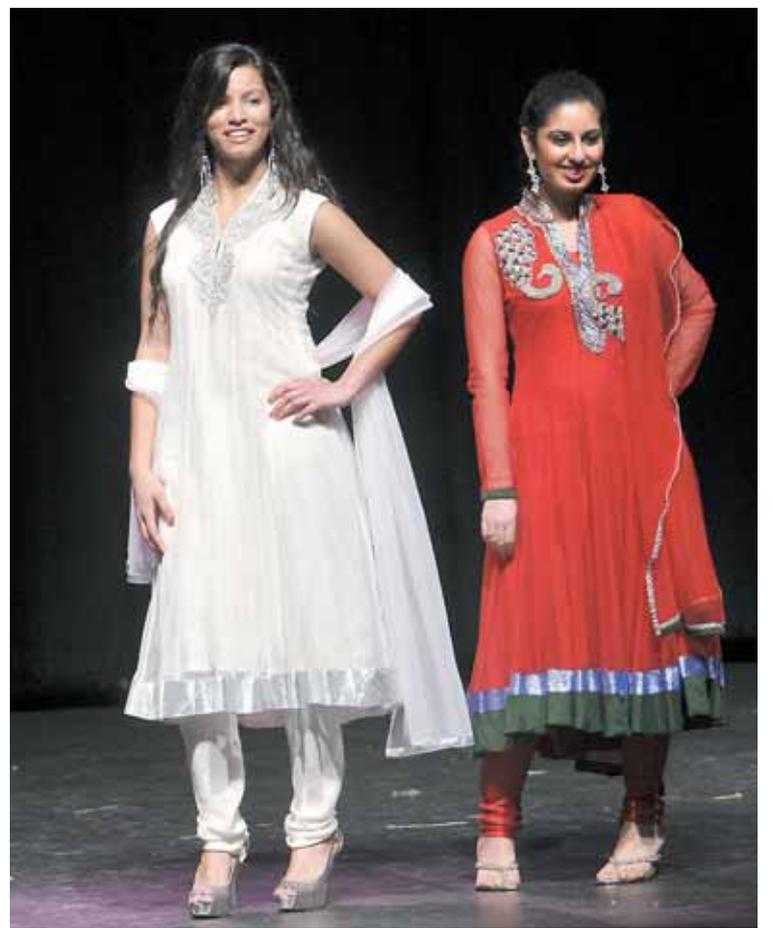


SCHOOLS



Representing the culture of Germany, Glenn and Melissa Rife perform a traditional German dance.

Tanya Kumar and Ashi Bhasin wear some traditional Indian clothing during the fashion show portion of the CVHS International Night festivities.



CVHS Presents International Night

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Jonea Ahouissoussi and Marion Bellier take photos with each other in their traditional clothing of their respective homelands. Ahouissoussi was representing her homeland of Benin and Bellier was representing Vietnam.



Colleen Song, Yoonah Kim and Jennifer Lee wait backstage along with other students for the start of the fashion show as part of the annual CVHS International Night. The girls were representing Korea with their clothing.



Manahil Malik was representing Pakistan with her clothing for the CVHS International Night Fashion Show.

Sabrina Ahmed Iqbal, along with several of her classmates perform an Indian fusion dance during the CVHS International Night last week at the school. Along with the fashion show, the night featured traditional foods and performances by students representing a number of countries.



Samuel Boamah and his sister, Stephanie, walk the stage during the fashion show portion of the Centreville High School International Night held last week. Along with the fashion show, the night featured traditional foods and performances representing a number of countries. The Boamah's were representing Ghana.



Representing Bolivia, Caroline Caceres and Phu Tran, wear traditional Bolivian costumes while participating in the fashion show.

ROUNDUPS

Free Carseat Inspections

Certified technicians from the Sully District Police Station will perform free, child safety carseat inspections Thursday, March 28, 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.

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 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."

Stringfellow Road Widening Meeting

VDOT will hold a meeting about the Stringfellow Road widening project on Wednesday, April 3, from 7-9 p.m., in the Chantilly High library, 4201 Stringfellow Road.

VDOT's increasing the road from two lanes to four lanes from Fair Lakes Boulevard to Route 50. The meeting will explain the project's scope and introduce the construction and contractor team members. After the presentation, Supervisor Michael R. Frey (R-Sully), Supervisor Pat Herrity (R-Springfield) and VDOT representatives will answer questions.

Westfield High To Present International Night

Westfield High will hold its annual, International Night program on Friday, April 5, at 7 p.m., in the school theater. Students representing a variety of countries and cultures will wear ethnic costumes and perform songs and dances.

Crime Victims 5K Walk

The first-ever 5K Walk dedicated to crime victims in Fairfax County will be held in honor of the 2013 National Crime Victims' Rights Week. This free event is slated for Sunday, April 21, at 4:30 p.m., at Fairfax Corner. It's hosted by the Victims Services Section of the county Police Department and the Fairfax County Law Enforcement Foundation.

Area residents may join the professionals who support local victims of homicide, trauma, sexual and domestic violence, child physical and sexual abuse, stalking human trafficking and suicide as they walk together.

The event will feature a resource fair, plus live jazz, rhythm and blues by the E & ME Band. Also planned are opening remarks by Commonwealth Attorney Ray Morrogh, a candlelight vigil in honor of victims after the walk, and remarks from Lorraine Reed Whoberry, a homicide survivor and founder of the S.T.A.C.I.E. Foundation.

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Sully District Station Honors Its Own

MPO Mary Hulse is Officer of the Month.

BY BONNIE HOBBS
CENTRE VIEW

MPO Mary Hulse is an example of a police officer doing her job and doing it well. And at the March 13 meeting of the Sully District Station's Citizens Advisory Committee, she was honored as that station's Officer of the Month.

In Hulse's performance review, her supervisor, 2nd Lt. Todd Kinkead, described a Feb. 25 arrest of hers that started with a traffic stop and ended up with a wanted man being charged with two felonies and a misdemeanor.

"This was another great example of doing routine enforcement and having a larger impact than first expected," wrote Kinkead. "I applaud her motivation and efforts. She is an inspiration to others [and] I commend her for the difference she is making every day."

In his letter nominating Hulse as the Officer of the Month, he detailed another of her arrests last month. Kinkead said she was operating stationary radar, the afternoon of Feb. 15, when she clocked a male driver doing 45 mph in a 30-mph zone. She made a traffic stop and began speaking with him.

She was immediately suspicious of the identity he was claiming, since he didn't produce a driver's license and told her he didn't have his wallet. So Hulse asked for his name and birth date. But when she checked DMV records, the information didn't return as valid — further deepening her suspicions that something was amiss.

At that point, PFC Virgil Swartz arrived to provide back-up and support to Hulse. She briefed him about the traffic stop and the driver's lack of verified identification. Meanwhile, wrote Kinkead, "The subject's behavior was becoming even more nervous as he was sitting on the curbside now. He was sweating profusely and fidgeting and [his] eyes were shifting about wildly."

Swartz asked for consent to search the vehicle and it was granted. But, wrote Kinkead, "As he entered



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From left: Sully District Station Asst. Cmdr. Rich Morvillo presents the Officer of the Month award to MPO Mary Hulse, along with Station Cmdr. Ed O'Carroll.

the passenger side of the car, the subject stood up and ran." Swartz pursued him while yelling for him to stop.

Hulse joined the chase in her cruiser and was able to overtake the suspect and use her cruiser to block his forward progress. Doing so allowed Swartz to close the distance between him and the fleeing man and deploy his taser in an attempt to apprehend him. The taser darts struck the man's jacket and baggy pants, slowing him down enough for Swartz to stop him and place him under arrest.

Once handcuffed, wrote Kinkead, the driver explained that he ran because "he was wanted on outstanding warrants. A resident alien card was located in [his] sock, and the information returned a wanted hit for a burglary warrant from Prince William County."

The officers then searched his car more thoroughly and discovered items believed to be stolen property. Wrote Kinkead: "A book bag containing 15 watches and a nearly complete lower receiver for an AR-15 rifle were a few items of concern."

Later, Det. Steve Kitzerow from the Sully District Station's Criminal Investigations Section helped with the investigation and asked Det. Steve Augustine from the Fair Oaks CIS to join in, since they were

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Social Change Celebrates Anniversary

Founded by Julie Sussman of Centreville's Rocky Run community, Social Change was born in March 2011. Sussman's idea was to get people together in a fun and informal way to discuss their favorite causes, share food and wine, visit with old friends and make new ones.

The group is comprised of residents from Centreville, Chantilly, Clifton, Oakton and Fairfax. And each month, they gather to learn about and raise funds for various charities and endeavors.

Explained member Chio Stokes: "We have to realize that the world doesn't get any better unless we do something to help."

Last Wednesday, March 20, though, was different. Members went to the banquet room of the new Coyote Grill restaurant in Centreville's Centrewood Plaza where they enjoyed a meal and deejay music in cel-



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Julie Sussman

bration of Social Change's second anniversary.

During the evening, new member Kevin Whalen told the group about the upcoming Police Unity Tour fundraising bike ride in which he participates. And member Celeste Peterson mentioned her April fundraiser for the Erin Peterson Scholarship Fund.

The group also presented gifts and a card to Sussman in appreciation for her creating Social Change, in the first place. "Thank you, Julie," said Mary Carson. "You've brought so much into

our lives; you're a God-given gift."

In response, Sussman said, "It's been an honor and a privilege for me to meet you all and learn about the causes near and dear to your hearts. Thank you for being so supportive of the mission of Social Change."

— BONNIE HOBBS

Clifton's Easter Egg Hunt

The Town of Clifton held its Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 23, in the town park thanks to the efforts of the Clifton, Fairfax and Fairfax Station au pairs with Cultural Care Au Pair.

Local coordinators Dariece Rau and CinziaPutzeys were glad that their groups of au pairs were willing to organize the event this year for the community.

More than 160 children showed up for the three separate hunt areas: toddlers – pre-school, kindergarten – second, and third – fourth grades. Following the hunt, each child had their picture taken with the Eas-

ter Bunny and then waited to see if they were going to win one of the raffle prizes donated by DGallery Photography, Au Pair coordinator Dariece Rau, state Sen. George L. Barker and Jane Barker, T & K Treasures, Anthony Reid and Associates, and La Bella Luce.

For more about the au pair program or future activities, contact Rau at 703-944-3907 or dariece.rau@lcc.culturalcare.com

Children place the brightly colored eggs in their bags.



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Caesar Palacios and daughter Mia, 3 and a half, holding a chocolate Easter egg.



The Easter Bunny waves hello to everyone.



Alice Hurley, 2, puts a pink egg in her bag.



Carolyn Rohr, left, and Kaitlyn Ellis, both 10, show the eggs they found.



From left: Luke Gingrich, 6, brother Noah, 3, and their mom, Erin, find the treats inside the plastic eggs.



Tammy Sarkhosh and son Savion, 2 and a half, snuggle after the Easter egg hunt.



And they're off: Runners begin the Rev3 Run Rogue 5K race.

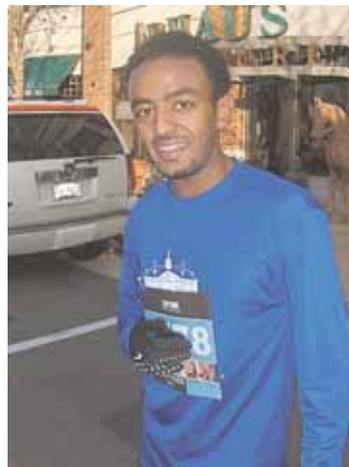
Racing to Help Others

Some 1,100 people participated in the Rev3 Run Rogue 5K and 1K, Saturday, March 23, at Fairfax Corner, raising an estimated \$10,000 each for Life with Cancer and Accelerated Brain Cancer Cure.

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From left are Roseann Dougherty and brain-cancer patients Anya Zvorsky and BethAnn Telford before the 1K event. Telford ran in Anya's honor.



Josef Tessema, 24, of Springfield won the 5K in 15:08. He coaches distance running at Lee High School and runs about 95 miles/week.



Manning the donation table for Tara Sankner and Accelerated Brain Cancer Cure are Billy Freesmeier and Sharon Ricciardi of Main Street Bank.



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More Obstacles to Transparency

General Assembly puts more information out of public reach, but other factors also limit access.

The first paragraph of Virginia Freedom of Information Act, passed by the General Assembly in 1968, states that all public records “shall be presumed open.”

It doesn’t add, “except when we don’t want to,” although that provision does seem to be available in many cases. Individual government entities have a variety of ways of making it hard for the public to access public information.

One such way is simply to require that the information seeker file a “FOIA request,” a written request for information under the Freedom of Information Act. Most public information should be readily available, handed over on request. The written query allows the entity, a school system for example, to parse the request to provide as little information as possible. It is a method of foot-dragging, of just hoping that the requestor will give up.

A growing obstacle involves fees. Many government agencies respond to any request for public information with a bill, sometimes for thousands of dollars. The bills can cover staff time to calculate the answers, to locate the data. The staff time involved is already on the public payroll, and charging fees to provide

public information to the public when the public is already paying for the existence of the information is double dipping. Again, it’s a method designed to discourage access. And it is often effective. And while many citizen groups in our area can cough up \$3,000 or \$6,000 or more for access to the email correspondence of public officials on a decision that affects the public, for example, many cannot. It is inequitable to charge this sort of fee.

The existence of email correspondence between public officials is another concern, allowing for discussion that, while usually FOIA-able, takes place outside the public eye. Local governments could develop a public archive for email correspondence that would do much to enhance transparency and sunshine in the Commonwealth, and reduce embarrassment on the part of emailing officials because they would recognize in advance that their email is public.

The Virginia Freedom of Information Act includes an exception that allows police to withhold, without justification, “complaints, memoranda, correspondence, case files or reports, witness statements and evidence.” Police officials in Fairfax, Arlington and Alexan-

dria have adopted what they call a “blanket” approach to using their exemption. That means they have decided to withhold any document they can without any analysis of whether they should. But no public entity should be allowed blanket exemptions. Withholding public information, if it is allowed, should be on a case-by-case basis. Police departments all over the country routinely allow access to police reports, incident reports and many other source documents without harm, documents that police here refuse to allow the public to see.

So with many systemic roadblocks to public access to public information, it is discouraging to say the least to see the General Assembly add significant new obstacles.

The Virginia Coalitions for Open Government reports that the General Assembly passed exemptions that “will limit access to some correspondence of legislative aides, to evacuation plans for hospitals operating under certificates of public need, to certain flight plans filed at regional government airports, to records and meetings of the Jamestown-Yorktown Foundation and to bank self-assessments. All concealed handgun permit applications will now be off-limits, too, thanks to a bill that was radically amended from its original purpose and reported from committee to House floor in less than 24 hours,” limiting public comment.

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EDITORIAL

COMMENTARY

Residents Can Craft Their Own County Budget

BY MICHAEL R. FREY
DISTRICT SUPERVISOR (R-SULLY)

The Fairfax County Board of Supervisors is in the process of developing the

FY 2014 budget and my colleague, Supervisor John Cook, came up with a great tool, a budget simulation that will assist you in creating your own proposed budget.

Here you have the budget pro-

posed by the County Executive, this is your chance to be a county supervisor and tell us what you would do in our shoes. Which service do you consider vital? What specific programs would you cut? Are you satisfied with the proposed tax rate?

Keep in mind the following which Supervisor Cook shared with us when distributing the budget simulation:

“You may find the rules constraining. That’s because in real life they are as well. For example, larger changes in the budget would require more lead time (major restructuring, elimination or addition of large programs, etc.) so those items are not included. The details of the school budget cannot be changed, because the Board of Supervisors only appropriates school funds and the School Board determines spending. We hope this exercise will help you understand the budget process better, and provide the Board with some ideas on how we should approach this effort in real life.

“Please keep in mind that to

make this exercise a little more understandable, we made a few assumptions and estimations that wouldn’t work in real life. However, the changes are small and do not seriously alter the budget math.”

Thank you for participating! Please share your results with me, I want your feedback on your budget priorities! There are several ways you can send your completed budget simulation:

Email: Sully@fairfaxcounty.gov
Mail:

Sully District Supervisor’s Office
Sully Governmental Center
4900 Stonecroft Blvd.
Chantilly, VA 20151

And begin:

FY 2014 Budget Simulation

Supporting Documents:

Reductions taken: www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dmb/fy2014/advertised/fy2014-reductions.pdf

Reductions not taken: www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dmb/fy2014/advertised/cex-memo-bos-reductions-not-taken.pdf



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Stations of the Cross

Each year 8th graders in the St. Timothy Catholic School National Junior Honor Society perform a play reenacting the Stations of the Cross, the final steps that Jesus took on his journey to the crucifixion. This year’s play was directed by 8th graders Kelly Nguyen and Lucas Tauscher, costumes were made by Kelsey Hamer, and Jesus was played by Ethan Zavacky.

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FCPS Security Coordinator Discusses School Safety

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schools and middle schools, plus two police officers at the secondary schools.”

McLain said a county police commander works in the office next to him and there’s also a security director, assistant and staff there. “It’s a wonderful, boots-on-the-ground operation,” he said.

Regarding building safety, he said every elementary and middle school has electronic door access and “we’re now piloting it in the high schools.” Furthermore, many schools are using the automated visitor-management system and can check people against a list of registered sex offenders.

“We also have good, outside lighting around the schools,” said McLain. “If you think a school needs more lighting, call me. And we have an elaborate alarm system. We do as much as we can, with the resources we have, to keep the schools safe.”

He said every school has an emergency plan and it’s reviewed and updated by his officers each year. “We ask questions such as, ‘Is there a better place to be during an emergency? Should people shelter in place or go elsewhere?’” said McLain.

They also discuss securing the building, which McLain said was a new concept for him. “As young officers, when we were chasing a bad guy on the street, the last thing that came into our minds was the schools,” he said. “But now we automatically think about them because we don’t want [a criminal] trying to seek shelter in one of our schools and making the situation even more



Jim McLain talks about school safety while police Capt. Ed O’Carroll (on right) listens.

dangerous.”

McLain noted that every school has mandatory drills for fires, tornadoes and lockdowns. “In an emergency, you always resort to your training,” he said. “We’ve actually had children evacuate a school on fire successfully — and not know it was on fire — because they were just doing what they always did.”

Adults learn these things, too, he said. “We put the school crisis-management team through exercises and scenarios,” said McLain. “And we critique what they’ve done and they learn how to improve it.”

In every classroom, there’s a guide telling teachers what to do in case of emergencies. “There’s also an orange vest which each teacher will wear,” said McLain. “People with yellow vests and two-way radios are who the teachers are reporting to; so when fire and police personnel arrive, they know who’s who.”

Bus drivers and custodial staff also help, and McLain said all this advance planning is critically important. “You have to have the training, plus the best information to and from us, to better control and mitigate chaos,” he said.

His office hears police calls and, said McLain, “If we hear a police call go out near a school, we’re there. And every school has a public-safety radio so they can call us, even if they lose their other communications.

They also have two-way radios so they can talk with their staffs.”

He said cameras and security equipment help provide safety, but people are better. “Intervention and prevention are key,” said McLain. “Call us if you hear or see anything suspicious,” he said. “We can’t help you if we don’t know what’s happening.”

With “targeted violence,” said McLain,

“People exhibit specific behaviors. If you report it, we can prevent it. We’ve established a tip line, 703-658-3636; it’s anonymous and I have an entire staff that answers it any time of day. We’re all in this together; the value of the empowerment of you all being involved is priceless.”

A resident asked him if there are any plans to put a chain lock or bar on classroom doors to keep classrooms safe. “No, it’s a fire-code issue,” answered McLain. “And if you lock out the bad guy, you also lock out the good guy [trying to help].”

Another man asked about emergency training for substitute teachers. “My wife is an FCPS substitute teacher and has no idea what to do in an emergency,” he said.

McLain advised him to have her ask the school about it so either school personnel or his staff could train her. “There’s still that gap,” he acknowledged. “But if the other teachers know what to do, the substitutes can follow their lead. And if you see a school not following adequate security procedures, call us.”

Police Capt. Ed O’Carroll, commander of the Sully District Station, said another way to help keep children safe is by participating in Neighborhood Watch and having parents look out for their neighbors’ latchkey children. “So get to know your neighbors and be mindful of suspicious people, cars and packages,” he told the audience. “And have the confidence to call us if you think something is wrong.”

SRO Talks about Keeping Students Safe

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Westfield High SRO Lou Muñoz, a 21-year police officer, is in his eighth year at the school, and he told the audience how he does his job. Since it’s such a large school with 2,800 students, he does his best to get to know as many students as possible.

“I coach JV baseball there and an informal basketball team of football players,” he said. “It breaks down barriers and makes them more likely to come to me [for advice or information].”

Muñoz said the main problem at Westfield is thefts of iPhones, iPods and other valuables — “\$400 and \$500 items left unattended.” He also said the use of social media — mostly Twitter — can lead to bullying, rumor-spreading, harassment and threats that often end up as a fight at school. So he often makes students get off of Twitter so they won’t have to deal with the problems coming from it.

“Most things I can handle informally in my office,” he said. “I don’t want to get the students in trouble; but if they come back a second time, I will.” He also handles as-



Westfield High SRO Lou Muñoz gives advice to parents.

saults, plus incidents involving alcohol use and marijuana possession. And if he finds out about big parties involving 100 or so teens, he tries to stop them to prevent potential thefts from the homes hosting them.

“I talk to classes about gangs, driving, drugs and alcohol,” said Muñoz. “I also talk to freshmen about sexting, bullying, cyberbullying and thefts and give them the tools to deal with these things.”

Basically, he makes a connection with the students. “I work at school events, too, allowing me to become part of the school and make friends with parents, teachers, administrators, counselors and students,” he said. “Because of it, they tell me things on a daily basis.”

A big part of his job, said Muñoz, is “getting to know the kids and showing them respect so they’ll want to comply [with the rules] and not disappoint me. And I’m a great counselor now from doing it all the time.”

In addition, he sometimes gets information about teen crimes in the community from other teens. “I refer them to the po-

lice department and, often, I can identify the kids involved,” he said.

Muñoz also advised parents how to keep their children safe. “Get involved,” he said. “Know who they hang out with and where they live; find out about their parents. They’re not bad kids; they’re just teenagers. Ask your kids what’s going on and keep plugging away. Don’t rely on the school to do it for you.”

To parents worried that their children might be using drugs, he said, “Teens have no privacy rights — search their room, cell phone and car. Get them drug-tested and stay on top of it.”

Muñoz warned parents that teens are more social-media savvy than they are, but it can lead to trouble. So, he said, “They’re up late at night communicating with their friends — maybe even sexting — so take away their technology from them at night.”

Most of all, he said, “Don’t ever give up; utilize all resources to keep your kids safe.” As one of 54 SROs countywide, he added, “SROs are on the front lines and see this stuff every day. So if you’ve got a question, ask them.”

A father then asked Muñoz what he’d do to make the schools safer, if he had a blank check. “I’d have police officers in all the schools,” he replied. “But with the money situation, it’s not realistic.”

Rita’s Fundraiser

FROM PAGE 1

Tara is being treated at Children’s National Medical Center in Washington, D.C., for an astrocytoma. She had her first chemotherapy treatment on March 13 and her second, March 20.

“Day one of chemo is good, but day two is always bad,” said her mother, Tammy Sankner. “And Tara’s tired and sick, two days after treatment.”

So Sankner was both pleased and surprised that her daughter was able to complete the 5K event Saturday morning. “Yesterday [Friday], she was so worn out from the chemo, she could hardly walk,” said Sankner.

When she’s feeling good, Tara enjoys doing arts and crafts and reading. Her mother says Tara’s normally a bubbly person who loves helping people do anything they need.

As for the upcoming event at Rita’s, Sankner said, “I think it’s great. I’m just beyond words about all the people who are helping us out. And I’m just so thrilled that Rita’s has given us the opportunity to do a fundraiser there.”

Those unable to attend the April 8 event may also contribute to Tara online. Go to www.airbanking.com/tools/; where it says to pick a charity, click and scroll down to Pray for Tara.

SPRING FUN

Email announcements to centreview@connectionnewspapers.com. Photos welcome.

ONGOING

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" 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 movie schedule.

REGISTER NOW

Young Actors' Workshop. June 24-28 from 9 a.m.-noon at Westfield High School. Students in grades 3-6 can discover the artist inside themselves through games, acting exercises and more. \$125. Visit www.westfieldtheatreboosters.com for an enrollment form or call 703-488-6439. Register early as space is limited and camp sells out.

THURSDAY/MARCH 28

Storytime. 1:30 p.m. at Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Children age 3-5 can enjoy stories and more. Free. Registration required. 703-502-3883.

Ready for School Storytime. 4 p.m. at Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Children ages 4-5 can enjoy stories and more. Free. Registration required. 703-502-3883.

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

FRIDAY/MARCH 29

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

SATURDAY/MARCH 30

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

Easter Egg Hunt. 1 p.m. at Lord of Life, 13421 Twin Lakes Drive, Clifton. Children 10 and under can enjoy a hunt. Bring a basket. Free. Visit www.lordoflifeva.org or 703-323-9500.

SUNDAY/MARCH 31

Easter Eggstravaganza Egg Roll. 1-3 p.m. at Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway. Children up to age 11 can enjoy the egg roll. There will be a moon bounce, games, face painting, door prizes and more. Free. Visit www.jccag.org or 703-383-1170.

MONDAY/APRIL 1

Bouncin' Babies. 10:30 a.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. 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.

Frying Pan Farm. 2 p.m. at Chantilly

Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Meet and learn about small farm animals, hear a story and take home a craft. For children in grades K-6. Free. Registration required, 703-502-3883.

Kids Knit. 4 p.m. at Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Children in grades 3 and up can meet new friends, learn to knit or get help on a project. Beginners welcome. 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/APRIL 2

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.

Small Wonders. 10:30 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.

Time for Tots. 11 a.m. at Centreville Regional Library, 14200 St. Germain Drive. Children ages 2-3 with adult. Free. Registration required. 703-830-2223.

Bouncin' Babies. 11:30 a.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.

Mr. Skip. 7 p.m. at Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. All ages can enjoy music, movement and fun. Free. Registration required. 703-502-3883.



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WEDNESDAY/APRIL 3

Toddlin' Twos. 10:30 and 11:30 a.m. at Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Children age 2 can enjoy stories and activities. Free. Registration required. 703-502-3883.

Mystery Book Discussion Group. 7 p.m. at Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Adults can call and ask for title. Free. 703-502-3883.

THURSDAY/APRIL 4

Concert. 7 p.m. at CVHS theater. Hear Russian choir Vita in Canto perform with conductor Yuly Kopkin. Free.

Small Wonders. 11 a.m. at Centreville Regional Library, 14200 St. Germain Drive. Children age 13-23 months can enjoy stories and activities. Free. Registration required. 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.

Book Group. 7 p.m. at Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Teens in grades 7-8 can participate. Call for title. Free. Registration required. 703-502-3883.

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SATURDAY/APRIL 6

Trivia Night. 8:30 p.m. at Jewish Community Center of Northern Virginia. Register a table or individually. Prizes include gift card, tickets to Theater J and more. \$22/individual; \$144/table of 8. Register at jccnvtivia.brownpapertickets.com or 703-323-0880.

Kaleidoscope Storytime. 10:15 a.m. at Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. All ages can enjoy a sensory storytime focusing on the strengths and adapting to children on the autism spectrum and with other developmental disabilities. Free. Registration required. 703-502-3883.

Grounds Cleanup. 1 p.m. at Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Wear clothes that can get dirty. Service hours available for teens. All ages welcome.

Paws for Reading. 3 p.m. at Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Children ages 5-12 can meet and read to a trained therapy. They can read from a library book or already owned one. Free. Registration required. 703-502-3883.

English Conversation Group. 3:30 p.m. at Centreville Regional Library, 14200 St. Germain Drive. Adults can practice with other students. Registration required. 703-830-2223.

MONDAY/APRIL 8

Storytime. 10:30 a.m. at Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow

Road. Children ages 3-5 can enjoy stories and activities. Free. Registration required. 703-502-3883.

Book Group. 2:15 p.m. at Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Children in grades 3 and 4 can participate. Call for title. Free. Registration required. 703-502-3883.

Afternoon Adventures. 3 p.m. at Centreville Library, 14200 St. Germain Drive. Children ages 6-12 can make rod puppets and act out "Goldilocks and the Three Bears." Bring a shoebox if you have one. Free. Registration required. 703-830-2223.

Writers of Chantilly. 6:45 p.m. at Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Adults can share their work and receive feedback. Free.. 703-502-3883.

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

Children's Science Center. 7:30 p.m. at Chantilly Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. All ages can learn about the vision and plans for a children's science center. Free. 703-502-3883.

TUESDAY/APRIL 9

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.

Small Wonders. 10:30 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.

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

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SATURDAY/APRIL 27

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May

SATURDAY/MAY 4

Chantilly Day. At Sully Center on Metro Tech Drive. The chamber has created a community day to highlight the wonderful faces of Chantilly with fun for families. The Business Expo will take place in the KMart parking lot bordering Metrotech Drive in Chantilly and runs from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Visit www.chantillyday.com.

Pet Fiesta. 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. at Reston Town Center. The Pet Fiesta draws local businesses, rescue groups and thousands of pet owners for a day of interactive activities, demonstrations, exhibitions and animals galore. Visit www.petfiesta.org.

THURSDAY/MAY 16

Clifton Charity Homes Tour. 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. The Clifton Community Woman's Club presents its 41st Annual Clifton Charity Homes Tour, Marketplace and Silent Auction. Culminating the event will be the "Wine Down" from 3-6 p.m. featuring live music and the Silent Auction Fundraiser at the Paradise Spring Winery, which also hosts the Marketplace and Silent Auction until 5 p.m. Advance tickets \$25, day of tour tickets

\$30, single home admission \$10. Admission is free to the Marketplace activities. Lunch available at Clifton eateries, and the Paradise Springs Winery will offer lunches with a prior RSVP at 703-830-9463. Visit www.cliftoncwc.org.

FRIDAY-SUNDAY/MAY 17-19

Northern Virginia Fine Arts Festival. At Reston Town Center, the three-day event attracts more than 50,000 patrons and provides an interactive experience to view, purchase, and experience art directly from the artists who have created it. Visit <http://northernvirginiafineartsfestival.org>.

SATURDAY-MONDAY/MAY 25-27

ViVa! Vienna! Vienna's largest festival, ViVa! Vienna!, sponsored by the Rotary Club of Greater Vienna, returns to the historic Church Street corridor for three days of family fun, including carnival rides, diverse food, live entertainment for children and adults and more than 300 vendors selling crafts, services, jewelry, children's toys and books, novelties. Admission to the festival is free, rides are not. Visit www.vivavienna.org.

THURSDAY-SUNDAY/MAY 30-JUNE 2

Herndon Festival. The Town of Herndon's Parks and Recreation Department hosts the annual Herndon Festival. There is no admission fee to enter the Herndon Festival. Visit www.herndonfestival.net.

June

SATURDAY/JUNE 8

Relay for Life. 3 p.m. Centreville and Chantilly Relay for Life will take place at the nZone, 14550 Lee Road in Chantilly. Call 703-937-1903 or email Brandi.Steward@cancer.org.

SATURDAY/JUNE 22

Clifton Wine Festival. 11 a.m. - 6 p.m. in Children's Park in historic Clifton, with wine, food, music and arts and crafts. Rain or shine. Visit www.cliftonwine.com.

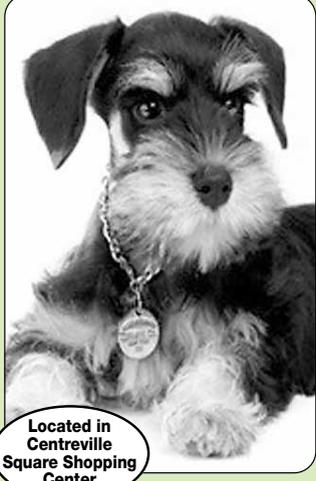
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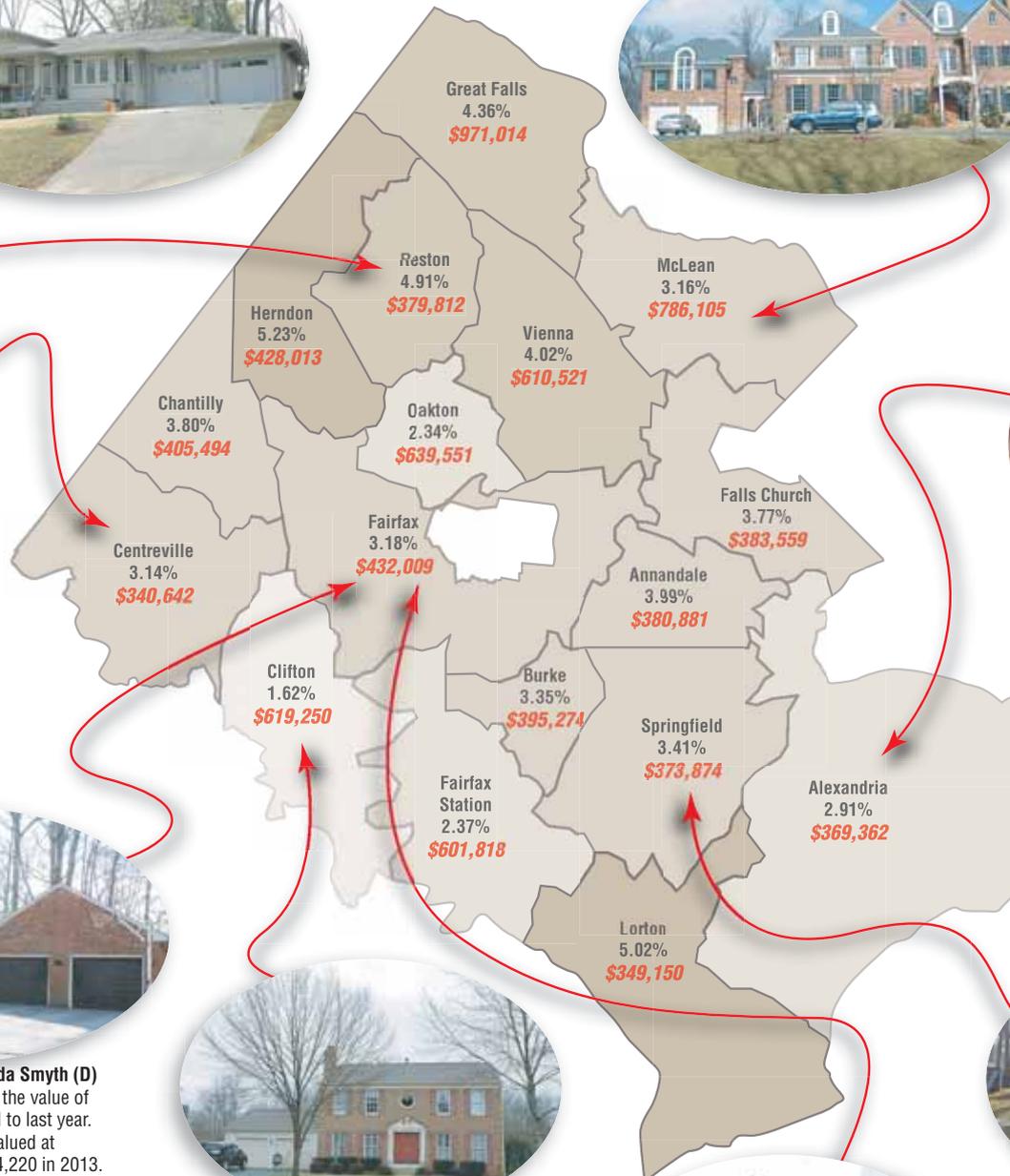
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2013 Assessments by Zip Code Areas

Hunter Mill Supervisor **Cathy Hudgins (D)** saw her assessment went up 0.94% from \$570,520 in 2012 to \$575,910 in 2013.



Dranesville District Supervisor **John Foust (D)** saw a 2.00% gain in his property value when compared to 2011. The county valued Foust's house at \$3,048,110 last year and \$3,109,050 this year.



Sully Supervisor **Michael Frey (R)** saw a 5.28% increase in the value of his home over the last year. Frey's home was assessed at \$214,490 in 2012 and \$225,820 in 2013.



Lee Supervisor **Jeff McKay (D)** saw an increase of 0.96% in his home assessment in 2013. Last year, his home was worth \$703,450 and this year it is valued at \$710,220.



Providence Supervisor **Linda Smyth (D)** saw a 11.99% increase in the value of her house when compared to last year. Smyth's home was valued at \$494,880 in 2012 and \$554,220 in 2013.



Springfield Supervisor **Patrick Herrity (R)** saw a 6.47% gain in his property value when compared to 2012. Last year, his home was worth \$520,120 and this year it is valued at \$553,770.



Braddock Supervisor **John Cook (R)** saw a 5.26% increase in the value of his home over the last year. Cook's home was assessed at \$556,920 in 2012 and \$586,220 in 2013.



Fairfax County Chairman **Sharon Bulova (D)** saw her home value went up 4.35% from \$591,990 in 2012 to \$617,750 in 2013.



2013 County Average (Percent Change)
 Single Family Detached **\$550,609 (3.13%)**
 Townhouse **\$337,817 (4.50%)**
 Condos **\$222,722 (5.42%)**

| ZIP CODE AREA | 2012 MEAN | 2013 MEAN | PERCENT CHANGE |
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| Alexandria | 367,955 | 380,715 | 2.91 |
| Annandale | 366,264 | 380,881 | 3.99 |
| Burke | 382,480 | 395,274 | 3.35 |
| Centreville | 330,259 | 340,642 | 3.14 |
| Chantilly | 390,658 | 405,494 | 3.80 |
| Clifton | 609,373 | 619,250 | 1.62 |
| Fairfax | 418,712 | 432,009 | 3.18 |
| Fairfax Station | 587,881 | 601,818 | 2.37 |
| Falls Church | 369,629 | 383,559 | 3.77 |
| Great Falls | 930,477 | 971,014 | 4.36 |
| Herndon | 406,751 | 428,013 | 5.23 |
| Lorton | 332,476 | 349,150 | 5.02 |
| McLean | 762,002 | 786,105 | 3.16 |
| Oakton | 624,911 | 639,551 | 2.34 |
| Reston | 362,028 | 379,812 | 4.91 |
| Springfield | 361,529 | 373,874 | 3.41 |
| Vienna | 586,948 | 610,521 | 4.02 |

SOURCE: FAIRFAX COUNTY

SCHOOLS



Vita in Canto, a women's choir from the Ural University of Economics in Ekaterinburg, Russia, will be performing at Centreville High School on April 4.

Centreville High School Students Host Russian Women's Choir

Centreville High's Choral Department is hosting a Russian women's choir while it visits the U.S. called Vita in Canto, the choir will perform a free, one-hour concert next Thursday, April 4, at 7 p.m., in the school theater.

The choir is from the Ural University of Economics in Ekaterinburg, Russia. The 27 members are ages 20-23 and have won a number of international festivals and competitions. Their conductor is Yuly Kopkin, who founded the choir and who's also won several awards.

Vita in Canto's repertoire includes sacred works by U.S. and European composers, world music, works by contemporary composers, African-American spirituals and Gospel songs, as well as

popular songs. While in this area, the women in the choir will stay in the homes of the girls in Centreville High's Bella Voce choir.

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SPORTS

Centreville Girls' Soccer Starts Season 3-0

The Centreville girls' soccer team heads into the spring break with a 3-0 record, scoring 10 goals and giving up only two in the first weeks of the season.

On March 18, the Wildcats traveled to T.C. Williams and defeated the Titans 6-1. Weathering frigid temperatures, wind, and constant rain, the girls came out fast. Team captain Clara Logsdon wasted no time scoring her first of six goals only 28 seconds into the match, as she took a well-placed pass from Jenna Green and beat several T.C. Williams defenders to calmly slot the ball past the diving goalie. Green and Logsdon worked well together as Green logged four assists on the day, hitting Logsdon on runs throughout the first half. Baillee Gilmore

also logged a skilled assist, hitting Logsdon in stride as she finished the first half with five goals.

Entering the second half leading 5-1, with deteriorating weather conditions, the scoreless second half battle was broken when Logsdon scored her sixth goal of the match. Midfielder Grace Mondloch launched a long ball over the T.C. Williams back line and got her first assist of the young season.

Centreville's first home match of the season on March 20 was against a very talented Woodson team. Excellent back-and-forth play from both teams saw the game locked in a scoreless tie until Logsdon broke the stalemate in the first half. Madi Simons' well-placed corner kick found her racing in toward the goal.

Down by a goal, Woodson came out in the second half relentlessly attacking. The defensive line of Richmond recruit Lindsay Egbers, Kasey Martino, Lexi Littlefield, and Logsdon shut down numerous Woodson runs, and goalkeeper and Liberty University recruit Tori Collar made several saves to keep Woodson scoreless. Across three games this season, Collar has collected 17 saves in goal. Looking for insurance, Centreville midfielder Nastassia Tiangco found Logsdon and delivered a perfect pass for an assist as Logsdon notched her eighth goal in two games.

When the team returns from spring break, they are scheduled to play at home against West Springfield on Tuesday, April 2, then will travel to McLean on Thursday, April 4.



PHOTO COURTESY OF CVHS

Centreville senior team captain and William & Mary recruit Clara Logsdon amassed eight goals in two games during the week of March 18-22.

Centreville JV Boys' Lacrosse Team Wins Two

The Centreville JV boys' lacrosse team took on T.C. Williams on March 19 and beat the Titans, 16-2.

Playing into a heavy wind at the opening of the game, the Wildcats got rolling on a goal by Tommy Bowden, with an assist by Matthew Laurence. David Shim followed up with an unassisted goal, followed by another goal by Bowden, assisted by Corey Spriggs. The offensive show gained speed when Tommy Healy drove for a scoring shot and Shim scored again with an assist from defenseman Aidan Barnes. Healy scored another pair of unassisted goals for a hat trick, and then Shim scored off a stolen clear to finish the first quarter at 8-0. Spriggs scored early in the second quarter and Centreville took advantage of a man-up situ-

ation with a goal by Laurence, who got an assist from Brian Yoo. Goalie Josh Tarver had an easy half, with almost no shots on goal. The line of Barnes, Kyle Evans, and Britton Lee shut down the Titan offense, preventing ball movement and creating turnovers.

Centreville rotated players for most of the second half. Steven Rivera and Hunar Berzangi shared goalkeeping duties, maintaining the outstanding defense. Attack John Tarver kept the offensive momentum going with an unassisted goal early in the third quarter. Tarver scored again following a scramble in front of the Titan crease to push the lead to 12-0. T.C. Williams ended the shutout with a shot that bounced off the pipe into the goal, but Centreville responded immediately

when Jake Kandel scored, with an assist from Spriggs. The fourth quarter opened with a score by Spriggs following a field-long run. Pat Fuller made a tough spinning shot in front of the Titans goal to reach 15-2, and Christian Park made the Wildcats' 16th goal with an assist from Zach Forbes.

Centreville hosted West Springfield on March 21 and earned a 9-2 win. The temperature was freezing, but it only took a few minutes for the Wildcats to heat up, starting with a goal by Spriggs on a long, low shot. John Tarver scored next after scooping a loose ball near the Spartan goal. West Springfield scored quickly in the second quarter, but Healy answered with a goal on which Pat Fuller provided an assist. Shim squeezed in another goal for Centreville

before the first half ended with a 4-1 Wildcat lead.

Goalie Josh Tarver added to his saves total with several point blank stops early in the second half. Laurence made a well-placed shot for a goal, and Healy scored again with an assist by Yoo. The defense of Barnes, Lee, and Ignacio Fernandez continued to hold tough, forcing long Spartan possessions and creating turnovers. Fourth quarter scoring started with a goal from Tommy Bowden, who got an assist by Fuller, followed by goals from Healy, and then Yoo, pushing the score to 9-1. The Spartans continued to play tough, making their second goal with about six minutes left in the game. Berzangati finished up the game in goal for Centreville, making several saves to seal the 9-2 Centreville victory.

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'Pope Francis Puppets'

Students from Jennifer Tauscher's first grade at Saint Timothy Catholic School in Chantilly take a break to celebrate the announcement of the Pope Francis in Rome earlier this month. They pose with their "Pope Francis Puppets," in front of the school.

Hulse is Officer of the Month

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both investigating some recent burglaries. According to Kinkead, "Some of the [confiscated] property was positively identified as stolen from two burglaries that occurred on Feb. 14."

The driver was taken to Fairfax County's Adult Detention Center where he was served with the Prince William County burglary warrant. He was also charged with driving while his license was suspended, speeding, unlawful name change, and escape.

"This case grew from a simple traffic violation," wrote Kinkead. "It was the keen observations and experience of MPO Hulse that resulted in capturing a wanted subject from Prince William County and solving several other burglaries in our county. [It] spawned a team effort and one of mutual support to maximize the returns."

Saying Hulse's "great work" merited a light shone on "a very worthy officer," Kinkead wrote that efforts like hers "make the job of police work even more rewarding."

ROUNDUPS

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14.8 Percent



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

That is the percentage of diagnosed lung cancer patients who survive beyond five years, according to The National Cancer Institute's SEER Cancer Statistics Review, 1975-2009, in a graph published in the February 26, 2013 Washington Post's weekly Health & Science section. As a non-small cell lung cancer (NSCLC) survivor beginning his fifth year post-diagnosis, charting my prospects in such a cold and impersonal manner is both chilling and arguable. "Chilling" in that facts speak for themselves and are hardly made up of whole cloth, to invoke one of the late Jack Kent Cooke's more famous quotes. And "arguable" in that charts, statistics, etc. may very well measure the mean, but it sure doesn't measure the man (this man, anyway). Meaning, from my perspective: sure, the chart is scary as hell, but I'm not sure I'm on it, if you know what I mean? (I know you know what I hope.)

Now whether you believe it or not matters not to me, rather what I believe matters most. And I believe in the individuality of individuals and of the immeasurable characteristics that don't show up on two-dimensional graphs. Since I live in a three-dimensional world, I'm loathe – and quite hesitant, to think that I'm just another terminal patient/number. Now, I don't dismiss such statistics out of hand, obviously, but nor do I take them to heart to determine how I intend on living my life. Certainly I'm not going to ignore them; I'm not a blockhead. But neither do I expect them to affect my thinking, my judgment, my preparation and my attitude. I still believe anything is possible and I'd like to think – and continue to think: "I've lived this long. Certainly I can live a little bit longer" (updated daily).

I have to admit though, that reading articles and seeing charts which offer improving but still extremely discouraging life expectancies, particularly for lung cancer patients (12.3 percent was the previous five-year survival rate, the lowest for all cancers charted in this particular graph) doesn't exactly make my day – or night, for that matter. Somehow, I have to find a way to disassociate myself from that population despite being immersed in its culture every minute of every day. Which when you consider that I have my oncologist's phone number programmed on my speed dial and that the chemotherapy-induced neuropathy in my feet offers constant reminders that I'm not in Kansas anymore (if I were in Kansas, I'm sure the neuropathy would be just as bad), the likelihood of my not feeling the effects of my diagnosis, physical, mental or emotional is somewhere between slim and none. Coping is what it's all about and not taking anything too personally, even though this is all very personal. And though I am keenly aware of my circumstances – as most of you regular readers are, finding a way to not let it define me and/or control me totally, is the challenge with which I am most familiar.

As Popeye the Sailor Man so famously said: "I yam what I yam." And so am I. I'm Kenny-with-cancer. So what else is new?

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The following local residents graduated from Rochester Institute of Technology in the fall 2012 quarter: **Christopher Decker** of Centreville earned a bachelor of science degree in computer engineering and a master of science degree in computer engineering from RIT's Kate Gleason College of Engineering. **Samuel Sandoval** of Fairfax, earned an associate in science degree in applied computer technology from RIT's National Technical Institute for the Deaf.

Grace McKnight of Centreville has been accepted to attend the EAA Advanced Air Academy 2013 in Oshkosh, Wisconsin. The EAA Air Academy offers young people the opportunity to meet and work with aviation professionals, while living and learning the arts, sciences, and lore of aviation in both classroom and workshop settings.

Villanova University named the following students to the dean's list for the fall 2012 semester: **Alison Hager**, from Centreville, is studying communication in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. **Allison Williams**, from Centreville, is studying management information systems in the Villanova School of Business.

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Email announcements to centreview@connectionnewspapers.com. Deadline is Thursday at noon. Photos welcome.

Register at www.fairfaxyouth.org.

provided. Heavy work gloves suggested.

will be accepted for Sully Historic Site. Reservations required, 703-437-1794.

30 should call Brookfield Elementary School at 703-814-8700 to make a registration appointment.

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.cbcva.org/aig.

Prom Dress Giveaway and Fashion Show.

3 p.m. at Mott Community Center, 12111 Braddock Road, Fairfax. Watch "Night Under the Stars" fashion show, get a hair and make-up consultation and more. For high school juniors and seniors. Must bring school ID.

WEDNESDAY/APRIL 10

Kindergarten Registration. 8:45 a.m. at Deer Park Elementary. Parents can learn about the program and then complete the paperwork. To receive a packet in advance, 703-802-5000.

Program. 7 p.m. at Greenbriar Community Center, 4615 Stringfellow Road. WFCWC hosts "Aging with Flair." Free. Learn strategies for being an active participant in a healthy future. 703-631-7093.

Centreville Toastmasters. 7 p.m. at Centreville Regional Library, 14200 St. Germain Drive. Overcome your fear of public speaking in a proven program that has helped thousands over the past 89 years.

TUESDAY/APRIL 2

Bullying Prevention 101 Facilitator Training. 1-4:30 p.m. at Pennino Building, 12011 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax.

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

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

MONDAY/APRIL 15

Kindergarten Registration. Prospective parents of children who will be 5 years old on or before Sept.

SUNDAY/APRIL 21

5k Walk. 4:30 p.m. at Fairfax Corner. Enjoy a resource fair, live music and more. Hosted by the Victims Services Section of the Fairfax County Police Department and the Fairfax County Law Enforcement Foundation. Register at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/survey/crimevictimsrights.htm.

MONDAY/APRIL 22

Kindergarten Registration. 2-4 p.m. at Colin Powell Elementary School. Visit www.fcps.edu/start/kindergarten.htm for forms and information.

MONDAY/APRIL 29

Kindergarten Orientation/Registration. 2 p.m. at Greenbriar East Elementary. 703-633-6400.
Kindergarten Orientation. 1:30-3:30 p.m. at Cub Run Elementary. Parents will meet teachers and kindergarten students will visit the classroom. Call 703-633-7500 for forms.

FRIDAY/MAY 3

Kindergarten Orientation. 9:15-10:15 a.m. at Poplar Tree Elementary. Children who will be 5 before Sept. 30 can register. 703-633-7400 for information.

MONDAY/MAY 6

Kindergarten Orientation. 1:30-3:30 p.m. at Cub Run Elementary. Parents will meet teachers and kindergarten students will visit the classroom. Call 703-633-7500 for forms.
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MONDAY/MAY 13

Kindergarten Orientation. 1:30-3:30 p.m. at Cub Run Elementary. Parents will meet teachers and kindergarten students will visit the classroom. Call 703-633-7500 for forms.

TUESDAY/MAY 14

Civil War Discussion. 7 p.m. at Sully Historic Site. Matt Atkinson will discuss the final day of the battle at Gettysburg. Donation of \$5 will be accepted for Sully Historic Site. Reservations required, 703-437-1794.

MONDAY/MAY 20

Kindergarten Orientation. 2:30-3:45 p.m. at Greenbriar West Elementary School. 703-633-6700.
Kindergarten Orientation. 2-3 p.m. at Union Mill Elementary. Visit www.fcps.edu/parents/index.shtml or the school office to pick up registration forms; call the school for an appointment to drop off the filled out forms. 703-322-8500 for appointments or questions.

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