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While the other veterans listen, Army Maj. Robert McGuire thanks Bull Run Elementary for the special program.

‘Stand Up and Do the Right Thing’

Bull Run Elementary salutes local veterans.

BY BONNIE HOBBS
CENTRE VIEW

Veterans Day is more than just a federal holiday filled with mattress sales — it’s a time to honor America’s military veterans. And on Monday, Nov. 11, that’s exactly what Bull Run Elementary did.

“It was incredible,” said Army Sgt. Josh Hamp-

ton afterward. “And it helped the kids get an understanding of the sacrifices military families make, too.”

Military moms, dads and other relatives of the students came to the school for a special presentation filled with music, poetry, artwork, flags and inspirational messages from the veterans, themselves. SCA officers escorted the veterans into the gym, Girl Scouts from Troop 1440 passed out the programs and Cub Scouts from Pack 321 posted the Colors.

Students’ patriotic computer drawings played on a screen and kindergartners led the Pledge of

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“It’s all about choices, so make the right ones,” said Army veteran Rosie Lopez-Cortijo.



Army Maj. Timothy Redman has served for 20 years.

Schools Take Action Against Bullying

Chantilly, Centreville, Fairfax pyramids join forces in initiative.

BY BONNIE HOBBS
CENTRE VIEW

Children of all ages get bullied and bully others, themselves. It’s not true of all children, but it’s true of enough of them that Fairfax County Public Schools wants to do something about it.

Last year, a committee of counselors and administrators from all schools in the Chantilly Pyramid — plus one parent with children bullied at all three levels — created a vision for its response to address and eventually eradicate this problem. The theme was “Stand by Me,” emphasizing support for the person being bullied, and it’ll be this year’s theme, too.

Now, though, this initiative has been expanded to all Cluster VII schools, including 24 elementary, middle and high schools — encompassing some 25,000 students, plus a larger committee — in the Chantilly, Centreville and Fairfax High pyramids. Heading the effort is Lees Corner Elementary Principal Bob D’Amato.

“We thought it would be more powerful if all of Cluster VII had the same message and we could consolidate our thinking and pool our resources,” he said. “It also provides us with more ideas and heightened awareness.”

So, for example, said Lees Corner counselor Rachel DiBartolo, “As one of us comes across a powerful book or video [on this subject], we share it with the others.” And in all schools nationwide, Bullying Awareness Week is Nov. 18-22.



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The Chantilly Pyramid’s 2012 “Stand by Me” logo.

That first day, each school will begin the conversation around the definition of bullying. All staff members, including custodians, cafeteria workers and bus drivers, will wear special T-shirts reflecting their pyramid’s high-school colors and bearing the words, “No bullying.”

They’ll also wear wristbands with the words, “Stand by Me,” as will the students. In addition, said DiBartolo, “We’ll pick one Friday each quarter when we’ll wear the T-shirts again, and we’ll wear the wristbands at all times.”

“We can’t fund T-shirts for all the kids, but we ask them to wear shirts in their high school’s colors,” said D’Amato. “But Cluster VII funded and ordered 31,000 wristbands in purple for the Chantilly Pyramid, navy for the Fairfax Pyramid and black for the Centreville Pyramid.”

Counselors are planning their own schools’ activities for that week, with information about them written on their marquees. Parents will be apprised of what’s planned via the schools’ keep-in-touch messages.

“At Lees Corner, we’ll have an all-

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‘Sassy, Modern Twist’ on a Classic Play

Westfield High presents Shakespeare’s comedy, ‘Twelfth Night.’

BY BONNIE HOBBS
CENTRE VIEW

A love triangle, comedy, colorful costumes, plot twists and swordfighting — it’s all there in Westfield’s production of

Shakespeare’s “Twelfth Night.” The curtain rises Friday-Saturday, Nov. 22-23, at 7:30 p.m., and Sunday, Nov. 24, at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$12 at the door or \$10 via www.westfieldtheatreboosters.com. There’s a cast and crew of 35, and Director Shannon Lynch says

her actors are “ready to go and eager to take risks and prove themselves. They have a lot of stage presence and innate, star quality already, so they’re comfortable and know how to play to the audience.” “They’re confident in their skills

and talents and know they possess a strength and charisma rare for high-school students,” she continued. “And they have a great reverence for theater — they respect and take it seriously. They know it’s special and are proud of their program and what they’ve accomplished.”

In “Twelfth Night,” set in the late 19th century, Viola and her twin brother Sebastian are shipwrecked and separated, and each assumes the other’s dead. So Viola calls herself Cesario and dresses like a young man so she can get a job and figure out how to reclaim her former life. She was of noble birth, but lost her hold on that life in the shipwreck and has no way to return home.

Viola lands on the island of Illyria, where people take a liking to her as a male. She misses her brother, but becomes a messenger for Count Orsino and falls in love with him. But he’s in love with Countess Olivia — who’s in love with the young man she believes Viola to be.

Junior Zoe Hawryluk, playing Viola, calls her a “strong, confident woman with charisma. She’s true to herself and has lots of empathy. I can identify with her because I’m

also a strong individual and can use my wits to interpret and figure out different situations.”

Delighted with her role, Hawryluk said, “I love Shakespeare because of the beauty of his language and descriptions. It’s also my first lead, so I’m excited that it’s Shakespeare.” She said the audience will like the show’s energy. “Everyone in the cast is so talented; they all bring their own, personal quirks to their characters,” she said. “And there’s never a dull moment — it’s enrapturing.”

Hawryluk said it’s also “cool to see how high-schoolers interpret Shakespeare; the audience is definitely in for a treat. The costumes are based on late 19th-century, European and American fashion. But there’s also an element of steampunk, modernizing them with leather and metal — we’re making Shakespeare sexy.”

Portraying Malvolio, Olivia’s right-hand man and master of the household, is senior Julian Sanchez. “He’s a stone-cold curmudgeon who dresses in all black and scoffs at the fun some of the characters are having. But some other characters trick him into

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Brandon Sanchez as Count Orsino and Zoe Hawryluk as Viola.

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From left: Westfield High freshmen Sarah Pak, Nicole Ruckert, Lauren Peters and Summar Morgan sort donated canned goods.



Westfield 2012 grad Emily Monday (left) and Westfield junior Garrett Ryan enjoyed sorting canned goods.

Scouts, Volunteers Make Food Drive Successful



From left: Siblings Evan and Cady Belsky, a Chantilly High freshman and junior, respectively, plus senior Preston Rizzor, move food boxes in the warehouse. They're all in Crew 10, a coed adventure Boy Scout group based in Centreville; Cady's the Crew 10 president.

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Marcel Gough, a Westfield junior, volunteered with Cornerstone Seventh Day Adventist Church.

The Boy Scouts' annual Scouting for Food drive was Saturday, Nov. 9. After the Scouts collected food donated by the community for local, needy families, volunteers sorted, boxed and transported it to the West-

ern Fairfax Christian Ministries' (WFCM) food pantry in Chantilly. Nearly 60,000 pounds of food were donated, and more than 900 Boy Scouts and almost 800 other volunteers – including adults, Girl Scouts and other groups – participated.



Helping out are Westfield juniors and Ambassador Girl Scout Troop 1100 members (from left) Megan Anderson, India Mazzaro, Callie Bailey, Carolyn Perkins, Sierra Knott, Taylor Moore and Sabrina Kauer.



Chantilly resident Chrysel D'Souza and daughter Katelyn, a Lees Corner Elementary sixth-grader, pack canned goods together.



Westfield 2012 graduate Henry Pike hauls a box of food.

Schools Take Action Against Bullying

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school assembly, and some fifth- and sixth-graders will read their essays on how to stand up for each other or what 'stand by me' means," said DiBartolo. "And the chorus will sing a related song, probably 'Stand by Me.'"

"We'll also speak about the definition of bullying, including physical, verbal or cyberbullying," said D'Amato. Cluster VII defines a bully as "someone who repeatedly uses words or actions to intentionally cause physical or emotional harm to another person. It typically involves an imbalance of power, too."

During the week, students will learn how to handle themselves if faced with a bullying situation and how bystanders can help someone being bullied. They'll be encouraged to be a friend by sitting with someone different in their class at lunch. They'll wear their shirts backwards to symbolize the fact that they've got each other's backs. And they'll learn peaceful ways to solve problems.

Students will also take a pledge

Lees Corner Elementary students show their "Stand by Me" wristbands.



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stating: "I will not bully others; I will stand up to help others being bullied; I will report bullying to an adult; if I see something, I will say something; I know sticking up for someone is the right thing to do. I will stand by you; in return, I hope you will stand by me."

Afterwards, they'll receive the wristbands. And the written pledge will be displayed on banners in each school surrounded by paper footprints bearing each student's name. Said D'Amato: "The feet will also go down the hallways and touch in some way to remind everyone of the pledge."

"We do lessons in September and October on bullying awareness, so this is a culmination of what they've learned," said DiBartolo.

D'Amato also noted that, after last year's anti-bullying efforts, bullying reports in the Chantilly Pyramid declined because the children and community realized what bullying was and chose not to do it. "We brought it to the surface so that it was OK for students who'd been bullied to talk to counselors, administrators and teachers about it," he said.

Eventually, said Toni Jeffries,

The Scene at Centre Ridge Elementary

In the Centreville pyramid, Centre Ridge Elementary will also have anti-bullying theme days and activities, next week.

Monday: "United We Stand," Students wear red, white and blue and make a pledge not to be bullies; teachers wear Cluster VII anti-bullying T-shirts.

Tuesday: "Team Up Together," Students and teachers wear team jerseys and PE classes do team-building activities.

Wednesday: "Promote Peace,"

who heads Lees Corner's Positive Behavior Intervention and Support Team, "Students can tell us three ways they can deal with bullying. We also do lessons with them about cyberbullying, which can be a bigger issue than face-to-face bullying."

Lees Corner also has a student TAP (Technology and Positive Behavior) team. "Fifth- and sixth-graders use technology to create video and posters about both bullying and cyberbullying and ways to handle them as a bystander or

Each grade level will wear specific colors of clothing or tie-dyed items, and students will make peace-themed art projects.

Thursday: "Be a Hero," Teachers and students dress up like superheroes and each class will perform a random act of kindness.

Friday: "Stand By Me," Students and teachers wear Centre Ridge shirts or the school colors of blue and yellow, and music classes will learn the song, "Stand By Me."

a recipient," said Jeffries. "Students also present [anti-bullying] lessons to their peers in the classroom. And data received from surveys done at the older grade levels becomes part of the school-improvement plan."

At grades two and below, teachers just check to see how much the students understand about the topic. But, said DiBartolo, "The upper grades write what a bystander is, what bullying is and [give] ways to handle it."

If a student's being bullied, said counselor Jennie Anderson, he or she is advised to "stop, walk and talk — tell the bully to stop; if that doesn't work, walk away and talk to a trusted adult."

Regarding cyberbullying, Jeffries said, "We tell students to save the information on the screen, do not respond and tell an adult."

"We'll also do role-playing and thinking about different ways to respond," said DiBartolo. "And we're pushing the bystander concept — telling kids seeing the bullying that it's their responsibility to either step in and try to stop it, or go get an adult."

"And they get recognition for doing a positive thing," said Jeffries. "We emphasize respect, responsibility and kindness in our Positive Behavior program."

"It's just a huge issue right now," added D'Amato. "And we've had a remarkable amount of kids at all grade levels stepping up and stopping bullying. It's so important to prevent bullying from occurring. This will be ongoing; our ultimate goal is to reduce the amount of bullying and increase awareness."

He said Cluster VII Superintendent Linda Burke and her director, Eric McCann, fully support these efforts. And, added DiBartolo, besides empowering students to handle potential bullying situations, "As adults they'll be good role models for their kids, too."

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Hersey Honored as Officer of the Month

Praised for dedication and professionalism.

BY BONNIE HOBBS
CENTRE VIEW

MPO Julie L. Hersey was honored recently as the Sully District Police Station's Citizens Advisory Committee's Officer of the Month for October. Nominating her for this award was her direct supervisor, 2nd Lt. Michael Reser.

Hersey joined the Fairfax County Police Department in 1986. During her 27-year career, she's served in several capacities, including patrol, police information officer and Honor Guard. °

"With every endeavor, MPO Hersey has shown her dedication and professionalism," wrote Reser. "She has maintained a positive attitude, which was mentioned in every annual evaluation that she received."

He noted that Hersey has always shown her dedication to the job and to the citizens she's served. ° "Her personnel file is filled with letters of recommendation which were received not only from citizens, but from her peers — which is a rare compliment," wrote Reser. "Hersey has been nomi-



Surrounded by the Sully District Police Station's Evening Patrol Shift, MPO Julie Hersey receives her Officer of the Month award.

nated for several performance awards during her tenure as a Fairfax County Police Officer, as well. The most prestigious is the Chief's Eagle Award, which she received in 2010."

In addition, Hersey was nominated for the Kenny Fuller MPO Achievement Award. In his nomination of her, 2nd Lt. Todd Kinhead wrote, "MPO Hersey is someone of unwavering commitment to the police department and those with whom she works. She can always be counted on to do her part and then go above and beyond." °°

"We concur with his assessment and add that Hersey is an example of what a Master Police Officer should be," wrote Reser. "[She's] honest, forthright and acts as a sounding board for younger officers on the squad."

He described Hersey as an "excellent example" to the officers she serves with and a "dedicated, informal leader within her patrol squad." Reser also stressed that she has the respect of both her peers and supervisors and has maintained her "high level of dedication" for a sustained period of time.

"Newer officers count on her to set the tone and look at all facets of a situation before reacting," he wrote. "For her supervisors, [she] makes the job of supervision much easier. Due to these facts and more, MPO Hersey was selected for the CAC October 2013 Officer of the Month award."

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7 Things You Must Know Before Putting Your Home Up for Sale

Chantilly - A new report has just been released which reveals 7 costly mistakes that most homeowners make when selling their home, and a 9 Step System that can help you sell your home fast and for the most amount of money. This industry report shows clearly how the traditional ways of selling homes have become increasingly less and less effective in today's market. The fact of the matter is that fully three quarters of homesellers don't get what they want for their homes and become disillusioned and - worse - financially disadvantaged when they put their homes on the market.

As this report uncovers, most homesellers make 7 deadly mistakes that cost them lit-

erally thousands of dollars. The good news is that each and every one of these mistakes is entirely preventable. In answer to this issue, industry insiders have prepared a free special report entitled "The 9 Step System to Get Your Home Sold Fast and For Top Dollar".

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Proof Every Vote Matters

Elections have consequences, including very close races.

EDITORIAL

Tuesday morning, a full week after an Election Day that included races that were more suspenseful than anticipated (and also many races that were foregone conclusions), we are probably more than a month away from certifying the winner of the Virginia Attorney General race.

At press time, the State Board of Elections reported, unofficially, that Mark Herring (D) had 1,103,610 votes with 49.89 percent of the vote; Mark Obenshain (R) had 1,103,493 votes with 49.88 percent of the vote. The 5,152 write-in votes are huge in a race that at one point had Obenshain ahead by 15 votes.

The process of canvassing or verifying the

vote has been revealing, including a malfunctioning voting machine that had more than 2,000 votes uncounted in Fairfax County, a voting machine in Richmond that hadn't been counted at all and many smaller errors. Human error and computer error are to be expected.

It will make a difference which man is elected as Attorney General. The current Attorney General, Ken Cuccinelli, demonstrated the influence that office can exert on many fronts, from academic freedom and scrutiny to the challenge of health care reform to implementation of environmental regulations to investigations of the household staff of the Governor's mansion.

Del. Tom Rust (R) won reelection by just 57 votes, with 50.1 percent of the vote over Jennifer Boysko with 49.74 percent. Del. Barbara Comstock (R) won reelection with 50.64 percent of the vote over Kathleen Murphy (D) who received 49.19 percent, a margin of less than 500 votes. All results are still unofficial.

Consider another close race, in November 2007: then state Sen. Ken Cuccinelli (R-37) won re-election by less than one-half of a percentage point, with an edge of just 92 votes out of 37,185 ballots cast, beating Democrat Janet Oleszek. Approximately 32 percent of registered voters in the 37th District cast ballots at the polls in that election.

Retiring Del. Jim Scott was elected in 1991 with a margin of a single vote.

Just a few of many examples that prove that every vote really does matter.

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Library Reorganization Deserves More Work

BY SHARON BULOVA
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In September, the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors called for the suspension of a major reorganization proposed to our Fairfax County Public Library system. The suspension was requested in order to provide more opportunity for outreach to concerned library employees and patrons so that proposed changes could be explained, evaluated and vetted among stakeholders. The Connection Newspaper has covered this issue.

As our nation and Fairfax County have struggled with the effects of the Great Recession and its lengthy aftermath, we have needed to make reductions to the many services and programs the county provides. Throughout this time, our Board has sought to maintain taxes at a level that is affordable for our community. I applaud our County staff for proposing efficiencies and reorganizations during this time that have helped us maintain high quality ser-

vices that also save taxpayers money.

Over the past few months, I have received a number of letters, emails and phone calls regarding the proposed library reorganization as well as the "floating collection" and issues around the discarding of books. I believe, based on the feedback I have received, that the reorganization as proposed was too much for the organization to absorb. Many of the ideas contained within the plan, however, have value and should continue to be explored. Our shared goal is to make sure our libraries continue to be the vital and vibrant places that our community can enjoy and rely upon well into the future. The quality of our collection and the services we offer should reflect the standards Fairfax County residents expect.

I would like to thank members of the Library Board of Trustees and library staff for their efforts during the past few months as they have conducted a series of discussion forums on the proposed changes. I understand the meetings have been constructive and have included

some spirited debate. I especially want to thank Deputy County Executive Dave Molchany for his personal investment of time and energy to assist library staff with ensuring a thoughtful and insightful process. Our Board has asked for a progress report from the Library Board of Trustees to be presented at our Board meeting on Nov. 19 and I am looking forward to hearing directly from them.

During these recession years, library systems around the country have had to reduce hours, cut services or even close library branches; Fairfax County is not alone in this struggle. Libraries across the country have also been exploring innovative ways to contain costs while at the same time maintaining or even improving services to meet the needs of their residents. I am confident that Fairfax County will prove to be a leader in achieving this goal.

This issue has served to energize those in our Fairfax County community who appreciate the value our outstanding library system affords us. Thank you for rallying to support our libraries!

ROUNDUPS

Rail to Centreville?

At its Wednesday, Nov. 20, meeting, the Sully District Council of Citizens Associations will sponsor an exploratory meeting to lay the framework for a Rail to Centreville movement. The meeting is at 7 p.m. at the Sully District Governmental Center, 4900 Stonecroft Blvd. in Chantilly and the public is welcome.

Fairfax County's Transportation and Comprehensive plans both call for four additional transit stops on I-66 at Fairfax City, Fair Oaks, Stringfellow Road and Centreville. I-66 is one of the most heavily traveled routes in the county, and the extension of Metrorail further west could alleviate some of the congestion and tie into further multimodal routes, such as north/south routes serving Prince William

County and Dulles Airport/Loudoun county. So those interested in seeing eventual Rail to Centreville want to start laying the groundwork now.

Recycle During Electric Sunday

Residents may recycle old TVs, computers, peripheral electronic devices – such as keyboards, speakers, printers and scanners, as well as household hazardous wastes – including fluorescent light bulbs and tubes, for free, during Fairfax County's "Electric Sunday" events. The next one is slated for Sunday, Nov. 17, from 10 a.m.-3 p.m., at the I-66 Transfer Station, 4618 West Ox Road in

Fairfax. For more information, call 703-324-5052.

WFCCA Land-Use Committee

The West Fairfax County Citizens Association (WFCCA) Land-Use Committee will meet Tuesday, Nov. 19, at 7 p.m., in the Sully District Governmental Center, 4900 Stonecroft Blvd., in Chantilly.

The panel will consider Artisan Land Group's plan to develop a site in Chantilly with a low, residential-looking building for an assisted-living facility. A large component will be dedicated for senior citizens with Alzheimer's and dementia.

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Foxcroft School's **Andeulazia Hughes-Murdock** has been named an "Outstanding Participant" in the National Achievement Scholarship competition. A senior from Chantilly, Hughes-Murdock attended the Summer Language Institute for Arabic last summer at the Foreign Service Language Academy at the University of North Georgia. She plays varsity softball and volleyball and serves as a "Dean's Prefect" in the Currier Library on campus. Andeulazia is the daughter of Michelle Hughes of Chantilly, and Jason Murdock

of Baltimore.

Deborah Wolin, school counselor at Chantilly High School, has been named a semifinalist for the 2014 American School Counselor Association (ASCA) School Counselor of the Year. Wolin was named 2013 Virginia School Counselor Association (VSCA) Secondary School Counselor of the Year earlier this year and was recognized for her service, leadership, and dedication to the Chantilly community and surrounding pyramid schools. She serves as the collaborative team leader for the school counseling team at Chantilly, and has led team members in an effort to use data and smart (specific, measurable,

attainable, results oriented, timebound) goals to drive programmatic decisions and sustain their Recognized ASCA Model Program (RAMP) designation.

Wolin is also the co-leader of the Charger personal leadership development program, team member of the ASSIST Suicide Prevention Grant Response team, and a founding member of the school's resource intervention support committee. She is a leader in her pyramid, encouraging K-12 counselors to collaborate around college and career readiness, which has led to a pyramid-wide College Day. She will be recognized at the School Counselor of the Year gala at Union Station in Washington, D.C., on Jan. 31, 2014.

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From left: Eni Oyeleye, Zoe Hawryluk, Stephen Cox, Zack Walsh and T.J. Vinsavich rehearse a scene from "Twelfth Night."

WHS To Present 'Twelfth Night.'

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making a fool of himself."

Sanchez auditioned for this part, he said, because "my roles last year showcased my broad, comic skills and deep vulnerability. So this time, I wanted to explore different types of characters I haven't played before. And Malvolio has subtle comedy and an antagonistic nature."

He says the audience "will not only enjoy the hilarity of the story, but will leave with the knowledge that love can be a glorious thing, but also may come at a price. And they'll definitely see the heart in this show — it's very touching."

Senior Zack Walsh plays Olivia's uncle, Sir Toby Belch. "He used to be a knight, but let himself go a bit and is now old, fat and drunk," said Walsh. "He's rich and a nobleman who's always looking out for himself and just wants to have a good time, and not much else. That drives Malvolio crazy and makes Olivia disappointed in him."

Walsh loves his part because of its physical comedy. "I'll wear a big costume and will do lots of tumbling, falling and bouncing around," he said. "I even get into a couple swordfights. It's super-high energy, and I've never done anything like this before. It's so awesome, and I'm fortunate to be playing one of Shakespeare's best-written characters."

He said people will really enjoy the classic characters in a play with some iconic, Shakespearean lines and moments. "We also have such great physical bits, awesome actors and extravagant costumes," said Walsh. "The audience will have so much to look at and lots to be entertained by in every way, shape and form."

There's even transition and background music composed by students Abigail Martin, Danielle LaBar, Isaac Mantelli and Emily Tobin, plus music set to Shakespeare's lyrics and sung by T.J. Vinsavich as Festes the fool.

Portraying Olivia is junior Elizabeth Coe. "Her brother and father have just died and lots of people have let her down," said Coe. "So she's kind of pessimistic until Cesario — Viola disguised as a young man — enters the picture and she falls for him."

Olivia's titled, very rich and beautiful and gets many compliments on her beauty. But she gets tired of hearing it and is looking for something more."

"I'm having so much fun in this role," said Coe. "Who doesn't love having everyone love you? Olivia changes and develops during the play and finds happiness, so it's nice to show her growth. It's also great getting to interact with all the other characters." She also noted that "Twelfth Night" is easier to follow than other Shakespeare plays.

"There's so much physical comedy that the audience will be laughing — they won't be able to help it, it's so absurd," said Coe. "It's a funny play with a happy ending, but not for everybody. And the actors put a sassy, modern twist on their characters that the audience will enjoy."

The scenes take place in Olivia's and Orsino's courtyards and a street, and a fight choreographer taught the actors to swordfight. "The costumes, set and colors make this play visually spectacular," said Director Lynch. "But since these students embrace the text with such an innate understanding of what they're saying, they can translate that physically and really bring the story alive."



From left: Olivia Witt (as Maria) and Elizabeth Coe (as Olivia) are repulsed by the advances of Malvolio, played by Julian Sanchez.

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THURSDAY/NOV. 14

Lego Block Party. 7 p.m. at Chantilly Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Children in grades 3-6 can build. Free. Call for this month's theme. Registration required, 703-502-3883.

Civil War Lecture. 7 p.m. at Centreville Regional Library, 14200 St. Germain Drive. Adults and school age children can hear "Battle of Mine Run, Virginia, November 1863." Free. 703-830-2223.

FRIDAY/NOV. 15

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. Children ages 12-23 months can enjoy rhymes, songs and more. Free. Registration required. 703-502-3883.

Speaker. 8 p.m. at the Steven F. Udvar-Hazy Center, 14390 Air & Space

Museum Parkway. Former SR-71 pilot Col. Richard Graham, USAF (ret.) will speak. For members and their guests. To become a member visit <http://airandspace.si.edu/udvarhazy/> or 703-572-4118.

SATURDAY/NOV. 16

Kaleidoscope Storytime. 10:30 a.m. at Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. All ages can enjoy a sensory story time focusing on the strengths and adapting to children on the autism spectrum and with other developmental disabilities. Free. Registration required. 703-502-3883.

Thriving Three to Fives. 10:30 a.m. at Centreville Regional Library, 14200 St. Germain Drive. Children age 3-5 can enjoy stories and activities. Free. Registration required. 703-830-2223.

SUNDAY/NOV. 17

Train Display. 1-4 p.m. at Fairfax Station Railroad Museum, 11200 Fairfax Station Road. Watch N gauge trains run and more. Members free; adults 16 and over \$4; children 5-15 \$2; under 4 are free. Visit www.fairfax-station.org or 703-425-9225.

Lecture. 2 p.m. at Total Wine Store in Chantilly. Dr. Peter Kaelgren will discuss "Empress Catherine The Great and Her Wedgwood and Other China." Free. Followed by a free wine tasting. Visit www.wedgwoodcapital.org for more.

Benefit. 2 p.m. at Paradise Springs Winery, 13219 Yates Ford Road, Clifton. Enjoy wine and food. Benefits Assistance League of Northern Virginia's Weekend Food for Kids and New Clothing for Kids Programs. \$25/person includes two

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MONDAY/NOV. 18

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.

Time for Tots. 11 a.m. at Centreville Library, 14200 St. Germain Drive. Children ages 2-3 can enjoy stories and activities. Free. 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.

Bookalicious! Book Group. 2:15 p.m. at Chantilly Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Children in grades 3-4 can discuss a book. Free. 703-502-3883 for title.

TUESDAY/NOV. 19

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.

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Home LifeStyle



Sallie Kjos of GreyHunt Interiors in Chantilly suggests homeowners pay attention to the type of art that catches their attention and base their décor around it.

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Choosing Art

Designers offer tips on
how to banish blank walls.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL
CENTRE VIEW

When Anne McCloud and her fiancé, Mark Graham, moved into their Herndon home two years ago, with the exception of a large, deep red Chesterfield sofa, a present from Anne's parents, the furniture they had was left over from graduate school: a tattered antique chair in need of reupholstering and two side tables. The walls were bare except for a mirror that hung over the fireplace. Other than reupholstering the chair in a tapestry fabric with colors of gold and wine, their home remains unchanged today.

McCloud is finally ready to create a polished interior, however. She wants to purchase wall art that complements their existing sofa and chair. She wants their art collection to grow in harmony with their furniture purchases.

"We want to buy some original art," said McCloud. "We're even considering having a piece commissioned, but we're not sure how to coordinate the colors and we cannot afford to hire a professional interior designer. So we're doing this on our own."

WITH SO MANY CHOICES in art, fabrics and furnishings, it's easy to feel overwhelmed when it comes to do-it-yourself interior design. Building a collection of art that you love and combining it with furniture that fits your style can be overwhelming for interior design novices.

Mia Belotti, an interior designer and owner of Maison et Jardin, Ltd. in Great Falls, said there are two ways to approach the design issue. "If you have an expensive piece of art, then you choose furniture around it. If you already have furniture, choose art that goes with it."

Scale and size are important. "You have to create a balance," said Belotti. "If you have a large piece of furniture against the bottom half of a wall, a small painting will look awkward hanging over it."

Designers agree that choosing art is personal. "I never tell clients what to like," said Sharon Kleinman,

of Transitions by Sharon Kleinman in Potomac, Md. "People's homes should be about what they like and what speaks to them."

Kleinman says it is possible to create a harmonious room with two opposing styles such as antique and modern. The key, she says, is in details such as framing. "If you have a traditional interior with antique furniture," she said, "I would have no problem taking a Picasso and putting it in a very ornate frame."

Some homeowners are also perplexed when it comes to color coordination.

"I don't think art has to match furniture," said Kleinman. "You don't want it to clash, but it doesn't have to match. If I had a room with soft blues and yellows, I wouldn't throw a painting in that had harsh colors like red and black. You want colors to be complimentary. If the interior of the room is warm color, the colors in the painting should be warm. The same is true with cool colors. The more neutral the room, the bolder the art can be."

Kelley Proxmire of Kelley Interior Design in Bethesda, Md., suggests that in the case of McCloud, furniture in bold colors does not have to dictate bold art. "In fact, neutral art on bold walls or in a room with bold-colored furniture can have a great impact," she said.

However, she said, "It's wise to match a color in at least one of the more prominent paintings, as it adds to the peacefulness of the room. Not all the paintings have to match, but keeping one of the tones consistent makes the components of the room harmonious."

Chantilly-based designer Sallie Kjos of GreyHunt Interiors suggests that homeowners pay attention to the type of art that catches their attention. "If you have a passion for an artist, for example, Victoria Salvano, then base your decor around the colors that you are drawn to," she said. "For example, with her vibrant work, keep your main pieces such as the sofa, chairs and drapes simple and clean and add in pops of color such as teals, blues, fuchsias in your pillows, accessories, trimmings and throws to give punch and life to the room while tying in the art work."

Kjos also suggests grouping smaller pieces of art. "Go for a collage of different items or artwork," she said. "One of my favorites is taking old empty frames and hanging items inside, such as family pictures that are all framed the same that are smaller, a set of plates, candle sconces or whatever is special to you."



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From left are Noelle Buice, Jack Wood and Jenny Lee, showing Amy Lawrence and Becky Thatcher fighting over Tom Sawyer.



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While taking knots out of a fishing net, Muff Potter (Samantha Matthesen) shares fishing tips with Tom Sawyer (Jack Wood, center) and Huck Finn (Rachel Weaver, far left).

Local Students Offer Mark Twain Classic

Rocky Run Middle presents 'Tom Sawyer.'

BY BONNIE HOBBS
CENTRE VIEW

Featuring a cast and crew of 60, Rocky Run Middle will perform Mark Twain's classic story of "Tom Sawyer."

Show times are Thursday-Friday, Nov. 21-22, at 7 p.m.; and Saturday, Nov. 23, at 2:30 and 7 p.m. Tickets are \$7 at the door and during school lunches starting Nov. 18.

"The students are extremely talented," said Director Trena Weiss. "I always contend that age has nothing to do with how well you can perform. I believe that, if they approach a play in a professional manner, that's the level of product they'll achieve."

The show follows the novel about an orphan in rural Missouri on the Mississippi River in 1860. It depicts the adventures of Tom and his friend Huck Finn and how they handle adolescence and the aftermath of witnessing a serious crime.

Scenes take place on the river, in a one-room schoolhouse, in a cave and at Tom's iconic fence. And the period costumes will include long skirts and long-sleeved tops for the girls, plus button-down shirts and work pants for the boys. "It's great introducing kids this age to the show's historical and cultural context," said Weiss. "For example, zippers weren't invented, yet, and they wore clothing at their waists."

The play's a drama, but is also infused with Twain's famous humor. Weiss said the

audience will also enjoy its energy, the way the show looks and "the sheer magnitude of the number of actors onstage. And no matter how few lines they may have, these kids are fully developing their characters exceptionally well."

Portraying Tom is eighth-grader Jack Wood. "Tom's mischievous and gets into trouble, but he's really charismatic and everybody likes him," said Jack. "He lives with his aunt and cousins and is imaginative. He and Huck are leaders of the other boys at school and they all look up to Tom."

Since Tom changes throughout the play, Jack said it's challenging showing how he grows into a better person. But he likes his role because "Tom gets to interact with all the characters and I'm excited to have such a big part." He said the audience will love the story, the comedy, the characters' personalities and everyone's performances.

Classmate Jenny Lee plays Becky Thatcher. "She's a sweet and honest girl, but a little coy and flirtatious with Tom Sawyer," said Jenny. "She's new to the town and she and Tom become friends. It's fun to play her because I get a chance to step out of my own skin and be someone else. And I like that Becky's so innocent and really open about her feelings."

Jenny says people will laugh at the jokes and love the costumes and set, "plus the level of our acting skill. It's a cute show that'll make the audience happy."

Playing Muff Potter, a man in his late 20s, is eighth-grader Samantha Matthesen. "His wife and child died in childbirth, and he was so sad that he moved to Missouri to start over," explained Samantha. "He meets Tom and thinks of him as a son; they be-

come friends and go fishing together. He's a good guy, but is often a little tipsy."

Samantha said he's interesting to play because "he's a genuinely good person, but his actions are hindered by his drinking. Even though he doesn't have many lines, he has some important scenes that really contribute to the plot." And because she's portraying a man, she has to use a different gait and posture.

She said the audience will like how well-written this play is. "A lot of scenes go from emotional and distraught to excited and peppy," said Samantha. "And the plot has lots of twists, plus some extra scenes from

Twain's book about Huck Finn."

Seventh-grader Nikki Spina plays Naomi, a young girl who's just arrived in town off a steamboat. "She's Jewish, but the preacher and deacon are trying to change her into a Methodist," said Nikki. "She's also overly outgoing and excited. I like playing happy roles and, because I'm having fun playing Naomi, the audience will have fun watching."

Nikki's also enjoying helping with the costumes and says the audience will like "the contrasts among the different types of characters and between their time period and ours."

Chantilly High Spruces Up Its Grounds

On Monday, Nov. 4, some 71 students and 15 faculty members participated in Chantilly High's first quarter, schoolwide service project: Fall Beautification 2013. They picked up trash, raked leaves, mulched and planted flowers. The Home Depot at the Price Club Plaza in Fairfax donated the mulch and flowers. In photo, senior Anne Hanson lends a hand to the efforts.



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Bull Run Elementary Salutes Local Veterans

FROM PAGE 1

Allegiance. Everyone sang “The Star-Spangled Banner” and music teacher Kelly Butler-Noel sang “America the Beautiful.”

Principal Patti Brown explained how Veterans Day began. “On Nov. 11, 1918, the world celebrated the end of WWI with the signing of the Armistice,” she said. “The next year, it was declared a holiday called Armistice Day. Then in 1934, President Eisenhower changed it to Veterans Day to honor America’s veterans and thank them for their service to our country.”

Noting that her father, Gary Painter, was a Navy veteran, Brown recalled sharing ice cream with him on Sundays, as she grew up. He gave her lessons in honor and commitment, demonstrating them in the way he lived. “He taught me to have integrity, take responsibility for my actions, keep my word and take care of my own business,” she said. “He told me stories about courage and said I should always ‘get back up and keep going.’”

Painter told his daughter to “have the moral and mental strength to do what’s right, even in the face of adversity,” said Brown. “He said to treat everyone with dignity, commit to excellence and positive improvement, do things with gusto and, no matter what, always show up. And these are the core beliefs and lessons I live with today.”

Saying other veterans also have stories of “great wisdom and courage,” she recognized Bull Run’s special guests and thanked them for “serving our country and protecting our freedoms.” Third-graders read poems they’d written about veterans, and fourth-graders displayed a large, paper flag on which they’d written their own, thank-you messages to the veterans.

Afterward, several of the veterans shared some advice with the students. Lt. Col. Mitchell Simmons, 19 years in the Air Force, said, “I tell my boys to make their mark on the world and work hard.”

A 27-year Army veteran, Tom LaCrosse — whose daughter Amy teaches special-ed at Bull Run — praised military family members, saying, “They didn’t volunteer for this



Coast Guard Cmdr. Paul Gregg acknowledged the children whose parents are deployed.



Principal Patti Brown

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Third-grader Elfa reads her poem while Thuan awaits his turn.



Jessica Rushing told the students they’re capable of “so much more than you think you are.”

life, like I did.”

Army Sgt. 1st Class Michael Wear retired after 21 years. “I’m extremely proud of what I did,” he said. “And I thank my family for making it all possible.” George Parker, whose granddaughter Kaia attends Bull Run, spent three decades in the Army and told the students to always work hard and be dedicated.

Lt. Col Avram Isaacson, now in the Army Reserves, said, “It doesn’t take someone in a uniform to do a good deed; you can do it, too. And your teachers do these things every day.” Likewise, Navy Yeoman 1st Class

Thomas Johnson, who’s served 17 years so far, told the children to always strive to be the best they can be.

Former Air Force Staff Sgt. Danny Rivera noted that his grandson, Elias Alvarez, is in Cub Scout Pack 321. He also said students may start a life of service by first helping their parents and teachers and then their community. Marine Staff Sgt. Zal Azmi has three children at Bull Run, Adam, Saba and Leah. “Never give up,” he said. “Stand up and do the right thing.”

Air Force Lt. Col. (ret.) Keith Lance passed on some advice he’d received: “Any job, big

or small, do it well or not at all.” Similarly, Army Maj. Robert McGuire, a field-artillery officer who works in the Pentagon, told the students, “Can’t never did anything.” Saying he was representing deployed personnel who couldn’t come to Bull Run on Monday, he thanked the school for the program and the community for attending it.

Twenty-year Army veteran, Maj. Timothy Redman, said, “You’re going to get knocked down, but get back up again.” And Coast Guard Cmdr. Paul Gregg, who’s served nearly two decades, as well, has been on six ships and logged nine years of sea duty. His message to children whose parents are deployed was, “We’re thinking of you today.”

One of the most moving speakers was Army Sgt. Josh Hampton, a parent of three Bull Run students. Recalling his own deployment, tears welled up in his eyes and he choked up as he started to talk — evoking heartfelt applause from the crowd.

His son was born in January 2003 and, a month later, he left for Iraq. Noting how tough things can be for the families at home, he thanked all the military spouses and children “who didn’t sign up for this. They’re along for the ride, for good or for bad. As children get older, it gets harder to say goodbye, and I thank the teachers here for always supporting them.”

Paul Matier, an Air Force F-15 pilot who’s served 22 years, said Veterans Day is celebrated all over the world and told the students to keep their eyes open because “there’s a big world out there with new things to learn all the time.”

Jessica Rushing and her husband both served in the Army, and daughter Bridget, a Bull Run fourth-grader, was just 2 weeks old when her daddy deployed. The experience taught her how strong she could be, and she told the children they’re capable of “so much more than you think you are.”

Former Army Cpl. Rosie Lopez-Cortijo said, “It’s all about choices, so make the right ones.” She saluted all her colleagues and friends serving overseas and told the audience, “Thank you all for this moment; we appreciate it.” And Marine Staff Sgt. Michael Rossi encouraged the students to never stop learning so they’ll know the difference between right and wrong.

Bull Run parents Rick and Lorina Taylor met in the Air Force and have now been married 20 years. Rick told the students to “make a difference,” and Lorina said they should always show their teachers and parents respect. Former Air Force Capt. Carol Trujillo, now a Bull Run teacher, said serving one’s country “challenges and stretches you.”

Marine Cpl. Fernando Ifill, a former machine gunner, served four active and two Reserve tours of duty. He advised the students to “stay in school, stay focused and do it right the first time.” Afterward, he praised Monday’s event. “This program was awesome,” said Ifill. “As a veteran, I felt that the kids are acknowledging what we’re doing and how we’re actively protecting their freedom.”

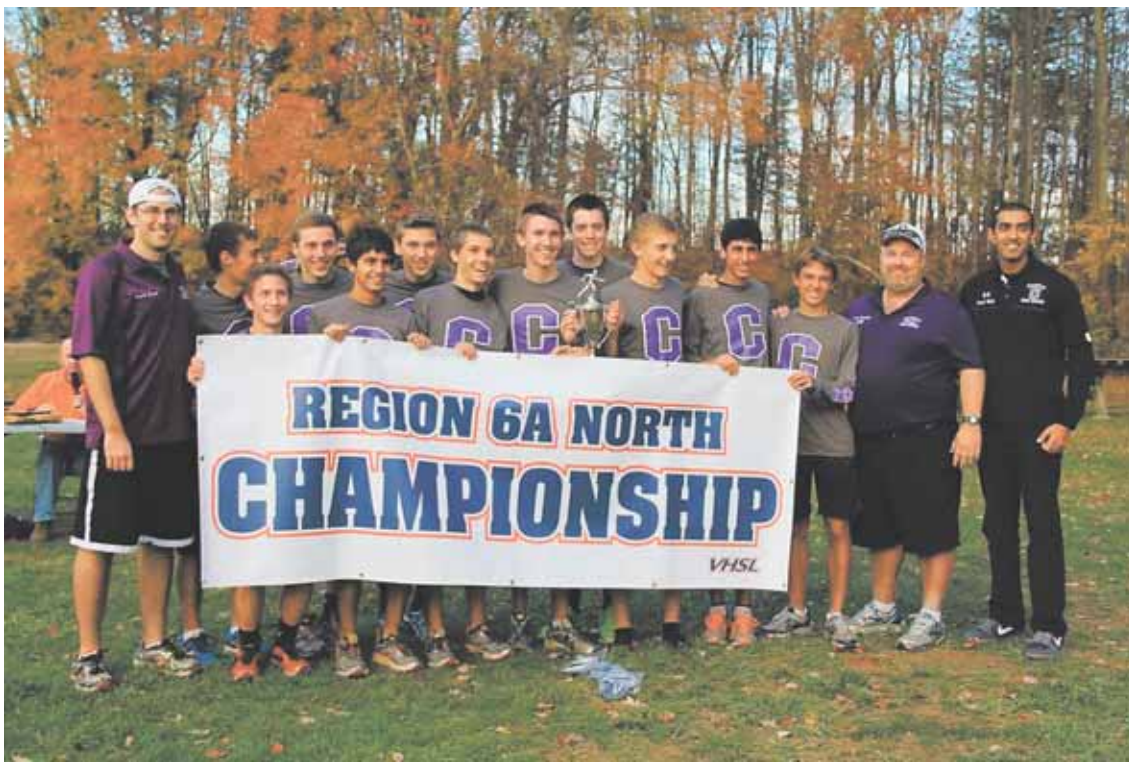


Colin Powell Elementary School Principal Linda Clifford shakes hands with one of the veterans from World War II. The school honored the veterans on Monday.



Students met and learned from the veterans.

SPORTS



PHOTOS BY ED LULL

The Chantilly boys' cross country team won the 6A North region championship on Nov. 6 at Burke Lake Park.

Chantilly: Regional Boys' XC Champions

The defending state champion Chantilly boys' cross country team won its second consecutive region title on Nov. 6, taking home the 6A North banner at Burke Lake Park.

The Chargers posted a score of 100, followed by Battlefield (107), Osbourn Park (111), Robinson (136), Lake Braddock (138) and Oakton (142). The top six team advance to the state meet.

Ryan McGorty was Chantilly's top finisher, placing fourth with a time of 15:13. Teammate Dakota Lange finished eight seconds later, placing fifth with a time of 15:21.

Chantilly's Adam Huff finished 24th (15:44), Peter Malander was 26th (15:46) and Miraj Khan finished 53rd (16:21).

Oakton's John Stoney won the individual title with a time of 14:54. Westfield's Johnny Pace qualified for the state meet with 12th-place finish (15:28).

The state meet will be held Friday, Nov. 8 at Great Meadow. The girls' Nov. 6A girls' race begins at 10:30 and the boys' race is scheduled for 11:15 a.m.



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SPORTS BRIEFS

Playoff Football Matchups

The Group 6A and Group 5A VHSL football regional playoffs begin Friday, Nov. 15.

In 6A North action (all games are at 7:30), Centreville (10-0) earned the top seed and will host No. 16 South Lakes (5-5). Lake Braddock (10-0) is the No. 2 seed and will host No. 15 Chantilly (5-5).

No. 3 Westfield (8-2) will take on No. 14 Hayfield (5-5). No. 4 Washington-Lee (8-2) will host No. 13 Stonewall Jackson (6-4). No. 5 Langley (8-2) will host No. 12 Battlefield (6-4).

No. 6 Patriot (8-2) will face No. 11 Robinson (7-3). No. 7

Yorktown (8-2) will host No. 10 Fairfax (7-3) and No. 8 South County (8-2) will host No. 9 T.C. Williams (7-3).

In 5A North action (all games are a 7 p.m., unless specified), No. 1 Massaponax (10-0) will host No. 16 Edison (3-7) and No. 2 Stone Bridge (8-2) will take on No. 15 Lee (2-8).

No. 3 Briar Woods (9-1) will host Potomac Falls (4-6), No. 4 Tuscarora (8-2) will host No. 13 Mount Vernon (3-7) and No. 5 North Stafford will take on No. 12 Thomas Jefferson (4-6).

No. 6 Mountain View (7-3) will host No. 11 Potomac (4-6), No. 7 Broad Run (7-3) will face No. 10 Freedom (PW) and No. 8 Falls Church (7-3) will host No. 9 Albemarle (6-4) at 7:30 p.m.



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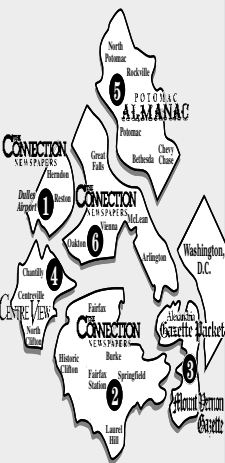


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NOTICE OF WATER RATE PUBLIC HEARING

At 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, December 12, 2013, Fairfax Water will conduct a public hearing on its proposed Schedule of Rates, Fees and Charges. The hearing will be held in Fairfax Water's offices at 8570 Executive Park Avenue, Fairfax, VA.

The proposed changes, to be effective April 1, 2014, include the following:

1. An increase in the Availability Charge from \$3,850 to \$3,950†.
2. An increase in the Local Facilities Charge from \$9,500 to \$9,750.
3. An increase in the Service Connection Charge from \$1,050 to \$1,090†.
4. An increase in the Account Charge from \$35 to \$36.
5. An increase in the Quarterly Billing Service Charge from \$9.20 to \$9.80†.
6. An increase in the base Commodity Charge from \$2.29 to \$2.42 per 1,000 gallons of water.
7. An increase in the Peak Use Charge from \$3.45 to \$3.55 per 1,000 gallons of water.
8. An increase in the Fees for Use of Fairfax Water Fire Hydrants to include the increase in the Commodity Charge and Peak Use Charge.
9. An increase in the Installation of Sewer Use Meter Charge from \$44 to \$45.
10. An increase in the Returned Payment Charge from \$17 to \$20.

A copy of the proposed changes can be viewed on our Web site at <http://www.fairfaxwater.org/rates/index.htm>. Those wishing to speak at this hearing or desiring a copy of the proposed changes should call Ms. Eva Catlin at 703-289-6017. Interested parties also may submit written comments to PublicHearingComments@fairfaxwater.org or mail written comments to:

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All written comments must be received by close of business on Wednesday, December 11, 2013 to be included in the record of the public hearing.

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It Wasn't Fun While It Lasted



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

But it was only a week, and I was able to leave under my own power, assisted by a wheelchair, which is of course standard procedure when leaving a hospital after an admission, so it wasn't a total loss. It was three months ago today, Friday, August 2nd that I was "ambulanced" to Holy Cross Hospital where I spent the beginning of my seven, first-ever nights in a hospital; pretty fortunate track record for someone my age. Now, however, with a terminal cancer diagnosis, the tables may have slightly turned (you think?) and hospital admissions may not be so few and far between. Hopefully not, but appointments with oncologists in chemotherapy infusion centers while being I.V.-injected with cancer-fighting drugs have a way of cutting all other extraneous interruptions to the quick. When that needle goes in, the light definitely goes on: pay attention, your life is officially at stake.

Oddly though, this three-month anniversary seemed to grab my attention/focus more than my usual 27th-of-the-month anniversary – of my original diagnosis, always does. The 27th is the anniversary (some anniversary) of when I first met my oncologist and received confirmation that I had a malignant growth in my lungs that had metastasized and when I was given my 13-month to two-year prognosis. That was four years and eight months ago, I'm proud to say. And as such, I note it every month. Not exactly another "notch on my lipstick case" but an acknowledgment nonetheless of how well I've done and how lucky I am. With the help of friends, family and health care professionals, I have survived, mostly even thrived, under these most unfortunate of circumstances. But I digress.

The point of this column was/is that this most recent hospital anniversary completely overshadowed/took mental precedence over my still-being-alive-nearly-five-years-later anniversary on the 27th, which rarely happens. In fact, I completely forgot about it; didn't even note it on the calendar or mention it to my wife, Dina or my brother, Richard – which I always do. It wasn't until a few days later that I realized I had not made my usual reinforcing mention of my status still being quo. Unusual, in that a terminal diagnosis tends to stick with you and occupy lots of mental space, so forgetting about the circumstances that are likely shortening your presumptive, normal life expectancy is perplexing. These circumstances would seem to be a front and center, dominant part of your day that you NEVER forget.

But I did. And I don't know if that's healthy, a sense of accomplishment, a sense of enlightenment, naiveté, delusions of a grander future, mental gymnastics, compartmentalization at work or just plain forgetfulness; as in, even for a cancer patients: life can still be normal. Or maybe, after four and a half years, this whole cancer thing has become sort of ho-hum. Not exactly passé, but certainly familiar and part of my daily routine. But a hospital stay, that was different, that was traumatic, that was scary. The cancer used to be scary. But I've been there and have done that for a while now. I had not been previously hospitalized, however. That may have been when my circumstances again reared their ugly, realistic head. Just another reminder that I didn't really need.

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

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

SATURDAY/NOV. 16

College and Career Forum. 8:30 am.-2:30 p.m. in the Johnson Center at George Mason University. Fairfax County Public Schools students with disabilities and their parents can get information on educational and career opportunities after high school. Visit futurequest.gmu.edu.

Grant Writing Workshop. 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at Reston Community Center, The Gallery at Lake Anne, 1609 Washington Plaza N, Reston. Free. Hosted by the Arts Council of Fairfax County. Visit www.artsfairfax.org for more.

Musical Instrument Drive. Drop off your instrument between 9:30 a.m.-2 p.m. at Chantilly High School band room. A local Boy Scout is conducting the drive for his Eagle Scout project. All donations will go to Music 4 More. Instruments can also be picked up. E-mail eaglemusicdrive@yahoo.com with your Name (optional), address, and donation for pick-up. Music cases, accessories, stands, and sheet music are also needed. For more information on Music 4 More, visit www.music4more.org.

Affordable Care Act Workshop. 10 a.m. at the Manassas Campus of Northern Virginia Community College, 6901 Sudley Road. Discuss how the new initiative affects individuals and families. A Spanish translator will be there, and take-home materials will be available in Arabic and Spanish. Free. To register or for more, e-mail glc@nvcc.edu or 703-530-8598.

SUNDAY/NOV. 17

Charity Festival. Noon at the Winery at Bull Run, 13950 Lee Highway. Textbooks Africa is holding the event with retired Washington Redskins football player Clinton Portis. This family-friendly event will raise money to support Textbooks Africa. Visit textbooksafrica.org/ events for tickets.

Meeting. The Democratic Women of Clifton and Northern Virginia will meet from 3-5 p.m. in the Clifton Community Hall. Talk about the holiday season and projects that will benefit area residents and children. Questions may be emailed to cliftonwomendems@aol.com.

MONDAY/NOV. 18

Meeting. 7 p.m. at the Cale Center, 4615 Stringfellow Road. The GFWC Western Fairfax County Woman's Club, will host a program on the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at George Mason University. Visit www.olli.gmu.edu. Free. Visit www.wfwc.org, call 703-631-7093, or e-mail westernfairfaxcountywc@gmail.com.

Volunteer Opportunities. 7 p.m. at Sully Government Center, 4900 Stonecroft Blvd., Chantilly. The Assistance League of Northern Virginia will talk about volunteer opportunities that are available through one of their programs. Free. Email ALNorthernVA@yahoo.com or call Beth at 703-648-1822.

TUESDAY/NOV. 19

Grant Writing Workshop. Noon at Reston Community Center, The Gallery at Lake Anne, 1609 Washington Plaza N, Reston. Free. Hosted by the Arts Council of Fairfax County. Visit www.artsfairfax.org for more.

Meeting. 7 p.m. at Liberty Middle School, 6801 Union Mill Road. "Raising Money-Smart Kids" is the topic. Free.

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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.

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.

Middle and High School Book Club. 7 p.m. at Centreville Library, 14200 St. Germain Drive. Students in grades 7-12 can share ideas with what books and discussions should

be in the group. Free. 703-830-2223.
Pajama Storytime. 7 p.m. at Chantilly Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Children ages 1-6 can wear pjs and enjoy bedtime stories. Free. Registration required, 703-502-3883.

WEDNESDAY/NOV. 20

Duplo Story Time. 10:30 a.m. at Chantilly Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Children ages 18-36 months can enjoy stories and more. 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.

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Small Wonders. 4 p.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.

A Novel Society. 7 p.m. at Centreville Regional Library, 14200 St. Germain Drive. Adults can discuss "Caleb's Crossing" by Geraldine Brooks. Free. 703-830-2223.

Starlight Storytime. 7 p.m. at Centreville Regional Library, 14200 St. Germain Drive. Children of all ages can wear pajamas and bring a favorite stuffed friend and enjoy stories and fun. Free. Registration required. 703-830-2223.

THURSDAY/NOV. 21

Toddlin' Twos. 10:30 a.m. 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.

Magic and Mayhem. 7 p.m. at Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Girls and boys in grades 6-8 can participate in this sci-fi/fantasy book group. Call for title. Free. Registration required. 703-502-3883.

Book Club. 7:30 p.m. at Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. For children in grades 5-6. Call

for title. Free. 703-502-3883.

Line Dancing. 7:30 p.m. at Fast Eddies, 14114 Lee Highway, Centreville. Enjoy line dance lessons, raffles and prizes. Proceeds will benefit the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. \$5 suggested donation. RSVP to www.ontaponline.com/dance.

FRIDAY/NOV. 22

Ready for School Storytime. 1:30 p.m. at Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Children ages 4-5 can enjoy stories and more. 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. Children ages 12-23 months can enjoy rhymes, songs and more. Free. Registration required. 703-502-3883.

Theater Performance. 7:30 p.m. at Westfield Theatre. Watch "Twelfth Night." \$10/online; \$12/door; \$10/student. Visit www.westfieldtheatreboosters.com for tickets.

SATURDAY/NOV. 23

Peaceful Paws. 10:30 a.m. at Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Children on the autism spectrum or with other developmental challenges meet and read to a trained therapy dog Dakota, a gentle giant Bernese Mountain dog. Free. Registration required, 703-502-3883.

Hidden Pond. 2:30 p.m. at Chantilly Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Children in grades K-6 can discover what happens during sleep and meet some creatures of the night. Free. Registration required, 703-502-3883.

Theater Performance. 7:30 p.m. at Westfield Theatre. Watch "Twelfth Night." \$10/online; \$12/door; \$10/student. Visit www.westfieldtheatreboosters.com for tickets.

SUNDAY/NOV. 24

Bluegrass Concert. 7 p.m. at Frying Pan Farm Park, 2739 West Ox Road, Reston. Joe Mullins and the Radio Ramblers will perform. \$15/advance; \$18/door. Doors open at 6 p.m. Food and beverages available for purchase. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/fryingpanpark or 703-222-4664.

Theater Performance. 2 p.m. at Westfield Theatre. Watch "Twelfth Night." \$10/online; \$12/door; \$10/student. Visit www.westfieldtheatreboosters.com for tickets.

MONDAY/NOV. 25

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.

Sully Book Club. 1 p.m. at Centreville Regional Library, 14200 St. Germain Drive. Discuss "Jerusalem: The Biography" by Simon Sebag Montefiore. Free. 703-830-2223.

Book Buddies. 2:15 p.m. at Chantilly Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Children in grades 1-2 can discuss a book. Free. 703-502-3883 for title.

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