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'The Reluctant Dragon'

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Performing in Chantilly High's production of "The Reluctant Dragon" are (back row, from left) dragon Daniel Richter, knight Melissa Kapfer and dragon Hannah Warnick; and (front row, from left) are Kristen Popham and Graces Mattes, who share the role of Charity. (Not pictured is Ava Sharifi, who also plays the knight).

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Debate Over School Budget Continues

Later start times, class size among topics at School Board public hearing.

BY JANELLE GERMANOS
THE CONNECTION

Later start times, class size, and cuts to needs-based staffing were major themes of the testimony given at the Jan. 27 public hearing on Superintendent Karen Garza's proposed budget.

Members and representatives of SLEEP in Fairfax, Fairfax County Federation of Teachers, Coalition of the Silence, and many other groups spoke at the public hearing.

Several SLEEP advocates at the hearing said that Fairfax County should follow the example of other school systems in the area and adjust middle and high school start times, beginning in Fall 2014.

Catherine Pournelle, an eighth-grader at Lake Braddock Secondary School, said most teenagers only get around seven hours a sleep per night, which leads to several problems while in school.

"I know from experience that this then causes us all to feel drowsy and not pay attention as well during morning classes. It especially becomes hard when homework piles up, causing us all to get to bed later and creating a spiral of sleepiness until the weekend," Pournelle said. "Overall it does not create a healthy environment for learning."

Stuart Orloff, a 10th-grader in Fairfax County Public Schools, agreed. "School is a great idea. Sure there are flaws, but it is an important part of growing up. The problem is, I'm only half awake to experience it. In class, I can hardly focus because I'm trying too hard to stay awake," Orloff said.

Another concern several speakers have with the budget is the cuts to need-based staffing. Dr. Lolita Mancheno-Smoak of Coalition of the Silence stressed the importance of closing the achievement gap in Fairfax County, which she said cannot be done with the proposed budget.

"We all accept the premise that education is the great equalizer. However, over the years, we keep seeing budget cuts that weaken the progress towards leveling the playing field for all children," Mancheno-Smoak said.

Avis Catchings, also of Coalition of the Silence, said that while COTS supports some aspects of the budget, including the decision to pay teachers fairly, she is disappointed with some of its other aspects.

"This is about life choices for COTS kids. When COTS kids fail in school, too often they also fail in life," Catchings said. "Proposing any cuts to needs-based staffing when the FCPS student population has increased by the thousands, and when most of this growth is in our



Dr. Lolita Mancheno-Smoak of Coalition of the Silence speaks at the Jan. 27 public hearing on the proposed budget.

neediest communities, is just not a good choice. It means larger class sizes in needier schools and fewer teachers to give these children the extra help they need to transition successfully in school."

Several students also advocated for children who are underrepresented and disadvantaged. Alanna Brown, a ninth-grader at Lake Braddock Secondary School, spoke about the digital divide in Fairfax County.

Brown said she thinks that while digital textbooks are helpful, it is unfair for poorer students who don't have access to the internet at home.

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'A Children's Story Come to Life'

Chantilly High presents 'The Reluctant Dragon.'

BY BONNIE HOBBS
THE CONNECTION

Of course, dragons are scary creatures. After all, they're big and scaly and have long, pointy tails. Just the way they look makes them something to be feared, right?

Well, maybe not. And that's the premise behind Chantilly High's upcoming children's show, "The Reluctant Dragon."

The curtain rises Friday, Feb. 7, at 7 p.m.; Saturday, Feb. 8, at 2 and 7 p.m.; and Sunday, Feb. 9, at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$5 at the door or via www.chantillyhsdrama.com.

Director Ed Monk adapted this play from one written by Kenneth Graham, author of "The Wind in the Willows." The story takes place in "olden times" in a village town square, the dragon's cave and a farmhouse.

"It's about a dragon who wants to write poetry and not fight, and the little girls who becomes his friend," said Monk. "But the townspeople think all dragons are bad and want to slay him."

There's a cast and crew of 60. "It's double-cast because we had so many good kids," said Monk. "All the actors are freshmen and sophomores, so we have lots of fresh, new talent, and they're doing a really nice job."

Calling this play enjoyable for the whole family, he said it's got "lots of silly humor for the kids, jokes for the adults and a nice message about accepting people who are different. And it's just an hour and 10 minutes, so families can come in out of the cold and do something fun together."

Daniel Richter plays the dragon as a male named Fred; however, sophomore Hannah Warnick's dragon is a female, Francesca. "She's a little quirky, talks with a lisp and likes to write poems and have fun," said Warnick. "She's also a little nerdy and her favorite snack is herbal tea and Fig Newtons. She lives in the woods in a cave. And



The cast and crew of Chantilly High's upcoming children's play, "The Reluctant Dragon."

when a dad finds the dragon, he thinks she's mean and ferocious and tells his daughter Charity to stay away from her. But she comes and makes friends with the dragon."

It's Warnick's first major part and she's enjoying making new friends while working with her best friends. She also loves making the role her own. "The costume's fun and there are no boundaries," she said. "I get to paint the picture of what this dragon is like, and I try to make my movements upbeat, happy and bouncy."

She said the audience will like that the characters are "different from what they expect them to be like. And the story's about friendship, having fun and doing the things you like to do."

Sharing the role of Charity with Grace Mattes is sophomore Kristen Popham. "Charity's a farm girl, about 11, trying to find herself," said Popham. "She absorbs everything and is open to what her parents

and society think until she realizes what's wrong with society."

Then she goes on a journey to prove the townspeople – who judge everybody before they know them – wrong."

Popham says Charity "represents the innocence in children. She's caring, doesn't give up and sees people for who they truly are. I love playing kids because you can embody them and the children in the audience won't judge you because they'll know your character. And I can go back and remember what it was like to be a child, play games and be content."

She said the audience will enjoy the cast's interaction with them. And, she added, "It's better than a storybook because it's a children's story come to life."

Freshman Adam Lekang and sophomore Lana Blinova both portray Mayor Leech. "He's determined to be the best mayor and tries to fix the townspeople's language –

they pronounce 'W's as 'V's," said Lekang. "He's kind of goofy and doesn't remember stuff. He's just trying to do what's best for the village."

Lekang likes playing the mayor because "he's so forgetful and has really weird speech. So it's a challenge to learn the lines, but definitely fun." He said the show even has some political jokes for the parents and "we make big, oversized motions so kids are drawn into the play."

Blinova plays the mayor as a young woman. "She's really ditzzy and doesn't know what she's doing, but tries to be official," said Blinova. "She depends on Jenkins, her assistant and advisor, to tell her what to do."

It's her first, big role and, she said, "It's a funny character that kids will like and I get to be really expressive." Overall, she said, the show's "silly and fun, but has an important message."

ROUNDUPS

One Charged with DWI

On Saturday, Jan. 25, police officers from the Fair Oaks District Station patrolled Fairfax County searching for drunk drivers. As a result, they charged one driver with DWI. In addition, seven summonses and 14 warnings were issued. Police also made four criminal charges.

Free Carseat Inspections

Certified technicians from the Sully District Police Station will perform free, child safety carseat inspections Thursday, Jan. 30, 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.

What's Next for I-66

VDOT will hold a public information meeting on the next steps to identify potential traffic improvements in the I-66 Corridor. It's set for Thursday, Jan. 30, from 6:30-8:30 p.m., at Oakton High School, 2900 Sutton Road in Vienna. (If cancelled due to weather: Tuesday, Feb. 4).

VDOT and the Department of Rail and Public Transportation have identified 10 concepts to increase capacity within the I-66 corridor, plus options to increase travel-mode choices, improve individual interchanges, address spot safety needs and enhance travel efficiency.

Countywide Transit Network Study

The Fairfax County Department of Transportation is conducting the Countywide Transit Network Study to determine the type of transit systems needed throughout the county over the next several decades. It includes a preliminary recommendation for enhanced transit in the Dulles Suburban Center linking the future Silver Line's Innovation Center Metrorail Station to points throughout the Dulles Suburban Center and into Centreville.

A meeting on this topic will be held Thursday, Feb. 6, from 7-9 p.m., in the Sully District Governmental Center, 4900 Stonecroft Blvd. in Chantilly. There's an open house, followed by staff presentations at 7:30 p.m. For more in-

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Centreville High School Graduate Wins Grammy

**R&B Performance:
Michael League and
band Snarky Puppy.**

BY BONNIE HOBBS
THE CONNECTION

Sometimes, good guys do finish first — and Centreville High grad Michael League and his band Snarky Puppy are proof. Besides making music, they pass on their knowledge to young musicians worldwide. And Sunday, Jan. 26, they won a Grammy award for Best R&B Performance.

The 56th Annual Grammy Awards ceremony was held that night at the Staples Center in Los Angeles. But earlier that day, Snarky Puppy was honored for its cover of Lalah Hathaway's song, "Somethin'."

"We've made seven albums and played over 1,000 shows," said League on Tuesday. "It really felt incredible to be on that stage with my musical family and to share in the joy of being recognized for our consistent, long-term effort."

Playing a mix of jazz, funk and world music, Snarky Puppy is a Brooklyn, N.Y.-based, instrumental-fusion band led by League, 29, an award-winning bassist, guitarist, composer, arranger and producer. He started the band 10 years ago while attending the University of North Texas.

It's comprised of about 40 musicians who play a variety of instruments ranging from guitars to pianos, keyboards, strings, woodwinds, percussion and brass. It's also become a trailblazer for fellow, independent-label artists.

Snarky Puppy performs its own music all over the world and, last year, it gave nearly 200 performances and workshops on four continents. The group's live DVD/CD, "GroundUP," hit number 14 on the Billboard jazz charts and shot to number three on the iTunes jazz charts. And its new release, "We



PHOTO COURTESY OF JOE KAMAR/AFP/GETTY

Michael League (in purple shirt, far left) and his band, Snarky Puppy, pose with their Grammy for Best R&B Performance.

Like it Here" — in homage to the 18 different countries the band's toured in Europe — drops Feb. 18.

In addition, Snarky Puppy functions as a production team and session band for other performers, including Justin Timberlake, Snoop Dogg and Erykah Badu. But what sets it apart from other bands is its community outreach and commitment to music education. Believing in nurturing young talent, while on tour Snarky Puppy has held more than 100 workshops, music clinics and master classes for aspiring music students. They've done so in the U.S. and Canada, as well as in the Netherlands, Scotland, England, France, Belgium and Germany.

League's paying forward the lessons learned and experience received while he was a student at Centreville High. (See Q&A sidebar with League). He graduated in 2002, but he left his mark there and his teachers still remember him fondly. And

they, too, are overjoyed at his success.

"We're all so thrilled for him," said Choral Director Lynne Babcock. "He was and still is an absolutely stellar human being. He's a hard worker, a wonderful young man and a consummate musician."

League played bass with Centreville's orchestra, jazz band and choir back-up band. He was also a four-year member of the Theater Department. "He was a great kid; we all adored him and loved working with him," said Babcock. "He was involved in pretty much every aspect of the Performing Arts program."

Besides that, she said, "He was kind, friendly with everyone, accepting and open-minded. He was really a special kid — even in high school, he behaved like a professional." She also recalled something that happened one year while he was playing back-up bass for one of her choirs during a choral competition.

Although it was a singing event, said Babcock, "The judges were so impressed with Michael that they took him aside and spoke with him and encouraged him to do something with his music in the future."

Now, League and his band have won national acclaim with their Grammy award and, said Babcock, "Everyone in the whole Performing Arts Department is really excited. 'We're all so proud of him — he's very deserving of this honor.'"

His brother Patrick, another Centreville grad, plays 40 instruments and is currently working on his Ph.D in ethnomusicology (the study of ethnic music) at Harvard. Drummer and former Centreville High English teacher Ron Goad taught them both.

"Michael and his brother were two of my brightest and most well-mannered students at Centreville," he said. "They were both teenage musical prodigies and Michael's bass playing was extraordinary, even back then."

Goad said Michael also "played bass with some of us when he worked at Ben's Whole Hog BBQ in Manassas. He might be chopping meat behind the counter one minute and then accompanying various music acts, the next. Sometime I'd back up a singer on hand drums and Michael would jump in on bass. He didn't need to rehearse; his intuition was uncanny."

"Many musicians are happy to 'get through a song,' and they breathe a sigh of relief when they make it to the ending successfully," continued Goad. "But Michael toyed with the instrument with a whimsical exuberance that is rare."

Mom Sylvia League of Little Rocky Run says both her sons got their musical genes from her father. "My dad was an Army Air Corps band director in WWII for the 29th Infantry," she said. "He later became a high-school and elementary-school band director and a high-school choral director in Florida for 30 years."

Originally, though, said League, Michael was a guitar player until fate intervened. "Before his senior year at Centreville, they needed a bass player for jazz band," she said. "They had three guitarists, but no bass player." So then Centreville Orchestra Director Cheryl Cooley gave him lessons that summer on the upright bass — and that turned out to be his forte. Later, instead of majoring in guitar jazz performance in college, he switched to bass — and the rest is history.

Sunday afternoon, rooting for her son and Snarky Puppy, Sylvia League watched the pre-Grammy Awards ceremony online. "They had a gig in Denver, Saturday night, flew to California and took a limo to the red carpet," she said. "Michael called right before the ceremony and asked me to thank all the family members for their encouraging e-mails and text messages."

When Snarky Puppy was announced the winner for Best R&B Performance, League was beside herself. "I screamed for a solid five minutes," she said. "I kept saying, 'Oh, my God, they won, they won, they won.' We're all so proud and just ecstatic."

An Interview with Michael League

Following Snarky Puppy's Jan. 26 Grammy victory for Best R&B Performance, the band's founder, Centreville High grad Michael League, responded to the following questions.

Q: How did it feel to win the Grammy? Did you think you had a chance?

A: "It felt unbelievably fulfilling. I use that word because this band has spent almost 10 years working harder than any other band I've ever seen in some of the least glamorous conditions you can imagine for a touring group.

To be honest, I thought our odds were very, very slim. Besides Macklemore [and Ryan Lewis], we were the only group in the top 60 categories on an independent record label. That makes a difference.

And as the award ceremony went on, we

saw that every single act that performed live ended up winning in their category. Hiatus Kaiyote, a great band from Australia, was in our category and performed right before the announcement. I was sure they'd win."

Q: What do you think set your song apart from the others in your category?

A: "Well, the category is called Best R&B Performance, and our song was the only one recorded live, with no overdubs. I think that made a huge difference. Also, Lalah is one of the greatest singers in the world. The fact that she sang three notes simultaneously didn't hurt, either."

Q: Where's your next tour, and when?

A: "We head out for about 6 months [Jan. 29], starting in Virginia. It will take us through the U.S, Canada, Eastern and West-

ern Europe, Russia, China, Indonesia, South Africa, Australia, New Zealand — lots of places."

Q: How did your experience at Centreville High help lay a foundation for your later success?

A: "I can't overemphasize the effect that studying music at Centreville had on me. When I joined the CVHS Jazz Band, director Dave Detwiler went above and beyond to give myself and Andrew Pangilinan (who is now in a military band in Sicily) extra-curricular learning experiences.

He would invite us to rehearse and perform weekly with the Georgetown University Jazz Band, and even got us on a gig performing with the legendary Dave Brubeck Quartet at Constitution Hall. This

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PHOTOS COURTESY OF MRS. GREEN'S NATURAL MARKET

VIP guests and the store's "Vine Lady" joined the crowd, on Thursday, Jan. 23, for the grand opening of Mrs. Green's Natural Market in the Fair Lakes Shopping Center. From left are James Zambora, director, Life with Cancer of Fairfax; Rick Hoffman, regional manager, Mrs. Green's Natural Markets; Rodney Lusk, director of national marketing, Fairfax Economic Development Authority; Supervisor Pat Herrity (R-Springfield) and Jesse Hilliard, Mrs. Green's store manager.

Natural, Organic Store Opens in Fair Lakes

The exterior of Mrs. Green's Natural Market, between DSW Shoe Warehouse and World Market, in the Fair Lakes Shopping Center.



SCHOOL NOTES

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

Molly Mason, of Chantilly, was named to the president's list at Pratt Institute.

The following students graduated from James Madison University on Dec.

14: **Kim Weinberg**, of Chantilly, with a degree in accounting - MS; **Prakash Puthenveetil**, of Herndon, with a degree in business admin - MBA; **Megan Graves**, of Chantilly, with a degree in psychology - BS; **Adam Henne**, of Oak Hill, with a degree in management - BBA; **Kevin Fangio**, of Herndon, with a degree in management - BBA; **Michael Ryan**, of Chantilly, with a degree in computer info systems - BBA; **Brian Hope**, of Fairfax, with a

degree in management - BBA; **Alice Woodward**, of Fairfax, with a degree in psychology - BS; **Matthew Branner**, of Fairfax, with a degree in economics - BA; **Darioush Etemad**, of Herndon, with a degree in international business - BBA; **Jeanne Guillen**, of Chantilly, with a degree in geographic science - BS; and **Danielle Kuykendall**, of Oak Hill, with a degree in nursing - BSN.

CHS Art Students Win 31 Awards

Chantilly High students won a total of 31 awards in the recent FCPS Regional Scholastic Art competition. Winners were announced Monday, Jan. 27. The students received awards in all disciplines: Drawing, Painting, Printmaking, Photography and Computer Graphics.

Three received Gold Keys for their portfolios in Photography, Drawing and Fashion Design. Twelve won Gold Keys, eight won Silver Keys and 11 students received Certificates of Merit.

The works done by the Gold and

Silver Key winners will be displayed, Feb. 7-20, at the Ernst Cultural Center of NOVA's Annandale campus. And on Tuesday, Feb. 18, from 7:30-9 p.m., 20 of the students will be recognized during an awards ceremony.

Gold Key Portfolio winners will have their work shown on a screen on stage, and images of all the Gold Key artwork will go to New York for national judging. Below is a list of Chantilly's winning art students; the awards are Gold Key (GK), Silver Key (SK) and Certificates of Merit (CM):

Name, grade, award, category, title, teacher's name:

Ana Ansari 12 GK Drawing Missing Machinery Winfrey
Melissa Armistead 12 GK Art Portfolio Tea Time Sinclair
Nikita Balani 12 GK Art Portfolio Light Reading Simmons
Alina Besalel 11 GK Printmaking Stay Winfrey
Emily Bishop 12 GK Photography De Terre Simmons
Emily Harrington 12 GK Photography Coupé Simmons
Angelica Kim 11 GK Drawing Reaching Out Sinclair
Jiangnan Lu 12 GK Art Portfolio Fenghuang Sinclair
Jason Ly 12 GK Printmaking I Wish I Had Legs Winfrey
Sultan-Mahmood Seraj 12 GK Photography Fragmented Simmons
Diana Tsoy 12 GK Photo Portfolio The Deal Simmons
Shijia Zhao 11 GK Painting A Colorful Self Portrait Sinclair
Kylie Funkhouser 9 SK Mixed Media Cut Paper Portrait Sinclair
Crystal Pan 10 SK Drawing Dark Sinclair
Mia Rickenbach 11 SK Fashion Sequoia Sinclair
Sultan-Mahmood Seraj 12 SK Photography Reborn Simmons
Sultan-Mahmood Seraj 12 SK Photo Portfolio Seraj_s_photography_Simmons
Marra Sherrier 12 SK Printmaking Where Are You? Winfrey
Paige Worthy 12 SK Mixed Media Mask Sinclair
Paige Worthy 12 SK Art Portfolio Reaching Sinclair
Zariah Davis 10 CM Photography Invisible Simmons
Kaley Evans 12 CM Art Portfolio Ribcage Sinclair
Randy Fawcett 11 CM Digital Art Untitled Winfrey
Miranda Hudson 12 CM Art Portfolio Sneakers Worn Thin Sinclair
Ethan Huey 12 CM Digital Art Expansion Winfrey
Noah Lee 11 CM Photography Kiss Simmons
JeongHyun Park 12 CM Art Portfolio Dependency Winfrey
Marra Sherrier 12 CM Art Portfolio Can Sinclair
Kimberly Shifflett 12 CM Art Portfolio Handle With Caution Winfrey
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OPINION

For Nonpartisan Redistricting

Virginia is a purple state, gerrymandered to bleed red.

Consider that in statewide elections, Virginia voters have chosen Democrats in the last two presidential elections, for U.S. Senate, for Governor, Lieutenant Governor and Attorney General.

Almost none of these elections was by a wide margin, but it's clear that Virginia is a purple state leaning blue.

Here are the actual numbers:

2013
McAuliffe (D) 1,069,789; Cuccinelli (R) 1,013,389

Northam (D) 1,213,155; Jackson (R) 980,257

Herring (D) 1,103,777; Obenshain (R) 1,103,612

2012
Obama (D) 1,971,820; Romney (R) 1,822,522

Kaine (D) 2,010,067; Allen (R) 1,785,542
It's reasonable to assume that a state so evenly divided would be about evenly divided in political representation.

How is possible then that Virginia House of Delegates consists of 67 Republicans and 33 Democrats?

Why is it that Virginia's delegation to the U.S. House of Representatives consists of 11 Republicans and three Democrats?

The split in the Virginia Senate makes sense, a 20-20 split with a Republican Lieutenant Governor breaking tie votes the last four years and a Democratic Lieutenant Governor poised to break ties in the coming four years (pending this week's recount in the special election in District 6 to replace Lt.

Gov. Ralph Northam).

Virginia's 11 Congressional districts should be split about evenly. You could understand a split five Dems and six Republicans; or five Republicans and six Democrats. A four and seven split would smack of some unusual circumstance. But three and eight?

The answer is gerrymandering.

Both political parties have been guilty of this when in power, although new technology and better data have made the process more egregious, the effects more damaging.

Political parties should not control the drawing of political districts. Gerrymandering thwarts the will of the electorate. It is especially damaging in a Dillon rule state, like Virginia, where localities have only the power explicitly granted to them by the General Assembly,

— MARY KIMM.

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EDITORIAL

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Scam Alert

To the Editor:

I wanted to alert residents of the Sully District Station about a telephone scam. We have recently seen an influx of phone calls from subjects who claim to be from the IRS. The subjects will demand money and claim you will be arrested if you do not pay. I have included a warning from the IRS below. Please take a few moments to read the message. Should you receive a phone call from anyone claiming to be the IRS, follow the instructions in the message below.

Please help me spread the word by passing this information along to your family and friends.

If you have any questions, or if I can be of assistance, please feel free to contact me.

PFC T.M. Gerhard,

Crime Prevention Officer
Sully District Station, 703-814-7018

IRS WARNS OF PERVASIVE TELEPHONE SCAM

The Internal Revenue Service is warning consumers about a sophisticated phone scam targeting taxpayers, including recent immigrants, throughout the country.

Victims are told they owe money to the IRS and it must be paid promptly through a pre-loaded debit card or wire transfer. If the victim refuses to cooperate, they are then threatened with arrest, deportation or suspension of a business or driver's license. In many cases, the caller becomes hostile and insulting.

Other characteristics of this scam include:

- ❖ Scammers use fake names and IRS badge numbers. They generally use common names and surnames to identify themselves.

- ❖ Scammers may be able to recite the last four digits of a victim's Social Security Number.

- ❖ Scammers spoof the IRS toll-free number on caller ID to make it appear that it's the IRS calling.

- ❖ Scammers sometimes send bogus IRS emails to some victims to support their bogus calls.

- ❖ Victims hear background noise of other calls being conducted to mimic a call site.

- ❖ After threatening victims with jail time or driver's license revocation, scammers hang up and others soon call back pretending to be from the local police or DMV, and the caller ID supports their claim.

If you get a phone call from someone claiming to be from the IRS, here's what you should do:

- ❖ If you know you owe taxes or you think you might owe taxes, call the IRS at 1-800-829-1040. The IRS employees at that line can help you with a payment issue — if there really is such an issue.

- ❖ If you know you don't owe taxes or have no reason to think that you owe any taxes (for example, you've never received a bill or the caller made some bogus threats as described above), then call and report the incident to the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration at 1-800.366.4484.

- ❖ If you've been targeted by this scam, you should also contact the Federal Trade Commission and use their "FTC Complaint Assistant" at FTC.gov. Please add "IRS Telephone Scam" to the comments of your complaint.

Taxpayers should be aware that there are other unrelated scams (such as a lottery sweepstakes) and solicitations (such as debt relief) that fraudulently claim to be from the IRS.

The IRS encourages taxpayers to be vigilant against phone and email scams that use the IRS as a lure. More information on how to report phishing scams involving the IRS is available on the genuine IRS website, IRS.gov.

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

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.

Digital Photography for Teens. 7 p.m. at Centreville Library, 14200 St. Germain Drive. Teens age 12-18 can learn how to make memorable pics with a digital camera. Free. Registration required. 703-830-2223.

FRIDAY/JAN. 31

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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.

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

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Lecture. 7 p.m. at Sully Historic Site, 3650 Historic Sully Way, Chantilly. Enjoy an illustrated lecture "Hand on and Took with Her: African American Dress, 1790-1840" by Dr. Ann Wass. Using autobiographies, published travelers' accounts, and newspaper advertisements seeking the return of slaves who ran away, the lecture highlights the variety of clothing worn by African-American men and women 200 years ago. Reproduction slave clothing will be available for viewing. For reservations, 703-437-1794. Space is limited.

WEDNESDAY/FEB. 5

Read, Build, Play. 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.

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Chantilly senior Allison Kemp scored seven points against Centreville on Tuesday.



Chantilly senior Shawnice Gresham led the Chargers with nine points against Centreville on Tuesday.

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Centreville Girls' Basketball Avenges Loss to Chantilly

**Green scores 20,
Wakefield's
defense praised.**

BY JON ROETMAN
THE CONNECTION

Centreville girls' basketball coach Tom Watson said a loss to Chantilly three weeks prior provided no additional motivation for Tuesday's rematch. His players, on the other hand, felt differently.

Chantilly defeated Centreville 46-45 on Jan. 10. It was one of only two losses for the Wildcats this season and one of only five since the start of the 2012-13 campaign. The two teams met again Tuesday and an injury-riddled Chantilly team kept the game close for a half. But in the second half, Centreville pulled away like a team with legitimate hopes of making a deep postseason run.

The Wildcats defeated the Chargers 58-39 on Jan. 28 at Chantilly High School. Centreville led 29-25 at halftime, but built a comfortable lead by outscoring Chantilly 18-6 in the third quarter.

"We definitely owed them from last time," Centreville junior Caroline Wakefield said, "and we worked 10 times harder to beat them."

Centreville has many of its key players back from last season's team that finished 24-3 and reached the region semifinals. The Wildcats were 10-1 this year when they lost on their home floor to Chantilly. Since that loss, Centreville has won six straight games, including a 55-38 victory against perennial power Oakton.

"There really wasn't any added motivation [to beat Chantilly]," said Watson, who is in his second season as Centreville head coach. "We have a goal and our goal is to get deep into the regionals, so I'm not really trying to get somebody back because they beat me. Actually, I was happy that Chantilly won. I've coached a lot of girls on that team for Chantilly in AAU and they hadn't beat us in about four years and, you know what, a loss doesn't hurt once in a while. That loss motivated us and I think the reason that we beat Oakton handily is because of that loss to Chantilly."

Chantilly entered Tuesday's rematch without the services of starters Kelsey Young (knee) and Mary Clougherty (elbow), who are out for the season with injuries. A third starter missed the game for team reasons. Still, the Chargers hung around for a half and were within three points late in the second quarter.

"I came out and challenged the girls in the third quarter," Watson said. "I said this is your season. If you go out there and throw an egg out there, win by two points, nobody's going to respect you."

The Wildcats responded with a strong second half and improved to 16-2.

Centreville point guard Jenna Green, who said the Wildcats had "a lot of motivation" to win Tuesday, led all scorers with 20 points. Senior guard Ashley Brusick, who recently made her 100th career 3-pointer, scored 10 points and made a trio from behind the arc. Senior guard Katie Blumer, who is approaching 100 career 3-pointers, finished with 10 points and made two from long range.

While there were some strong offensive performances, Watson and Green made an effort to praise the defensive performance of Wakefield, a 5-foot-8 forward.

"I think we played a lot better on defense," said Green, comparing Tuesday's performance to the early-season loss against Chantilly. "Defense was huge this game. Caroline played an awesome defensive game."

Wakefield scored six points and grabbed five rebounds to go with her strong defensive effort.

"I think Caroline is the best defensive player in the region," Watson said. "Caroline is the reason we're winning these games — I truly believe that. I know Jenna is the stud of the team, but without Caroline, we don't get the rebounding. I put her on the hardest player on every single team and she shuts them down. ... Without her, we're sunk."

Injuries have taken a toll on Chantilly, which has dropped five straight games after winning 10 of its first 12.

"We took a huge hit last week with all the injuries that we have, so our goal today was to get out and contain and maintain the best that we could against a team that is one of the top in the region," Chantilly head coach Kurt Sporkmann said. "... We're rebuilding. We're trying to figure it out. I'm proud of my girls. They did what they had to do."

Senior post Shawnice Gresham led Chantilly with nine points.

"Shawnice is my go-to player right now, she really is," Sporkmann said. "We hope that we can continue to go to her for the remainder of the season."

Chantilly guard Allison Kemp has been playing through a hip injury, but Sporkmann said the senior will soon undergo a corrective procedure that will end her season. Kemp finished with seven points on Tuesday.

Sporkmann, who is in his second season



Centreville girls' basketball coach Tom Watson on Tuesday called Caroline Wakefield "the best defensive player in the region."

as Chantilly head coach, said the team's 10-2 start makes things even more disappointing for the Chargers.

"My heart breaks for them," he said. "... What hurts is all the work that these girls did, the trust that they put into me, the belief they put into this system."

Centreville will travel to face Westfield at 5:45 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 31. Chantilly will travel to face Herndon.



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Charger Dancers Win First Place

The Chantilly High School Charger Dance Team competed on Jan. 12, in the East Coast Regional Dance Team Championship, hosted by the West Springfield High School Dance Team. This competition included more than 10 area high school dance teams. The Charger Dancers came in first place in the Varsity Jazz category. The Charger Dancers also placed fifth in the Varsity Pom category. Senior Leila McDermott placed second in the lyrical/contemporary solo division, and junior Alison Fisher was eleventh in the same category, out of thirty soloists. The Charger Dancers are led by Captains Leila McDermott, Jessica Stevens, Katie Kendall and Officer Alison Fisher. The coach of the Chantilly Dance Team is Casey Cassara.

An Interview with Michael League

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night changed my life.

In my senior year, I decided to switch from guitar to bass and played in one of the orchestras under Cheryl Cooley. I had never played acoustic bass in my life and couldn't read music. She had me come over to her house before the school year began and gave me private lessons. She also gave me a bunch of books that help you learn to sight-read. It was incredible.

I could share similar experiences I had with [Choral Director] Lynne Babcock, [guitar teacher] Bill Burke, [former Band Director] Beth Boivin and Theatre Directors Mike Hudson and Marc Rogers. All of these teachers went beyond the curriculum to help expand my love of and passion for art.

I also need to show my gratitude for non-art-department teachers John O'Rourke and Judy Condon, who supported my career throughout my CHVS ca-

reer. They had a huge impact on me as a person and musician.

I loved music before, but high school is when I actually became obsessed with it. This is why it breaks my heart when I see music programs being cut across the country. Art inspires people — not just artists, but all people — to become better human beings. It lifts us up. It's not a thing to be discarded, but rather cherished and protected like the invaluable asset to our society that it is."

Q: Any advice to other young, aspiring musicians?

A: "Yes, loads! In fact, Snarky Puppy is writing a book called 'Van Days' that looks back on this first decade of the band's existence. A lot of the book focuses on the things we've learned from falling on our faces, time after time.

The first thing I would say — and this isn't just for musicians — is that hard work pays off. Consistency and perseverance will set you apart from the majority of people in the world. Don't quit! Terrible bands have become famous simply because they kept at it. Imagine what happens if your band is great and it doesn't quit.

Another important thing is to learn the mechanics of music. Your ability to express yourself deepens when you have fundamental musical knowledge. It's just a tool, not the end result, but it's vital.

And lastly, surround yourself with musicians who inspire and challenge you. Growth is the thing that keeps music fresh. And making sure that they're good people is huge. After all, in a normal day on tour, you spend only about 90 minutes performing, vs. 14 hours just being around each other."

— BONNIE HOBBS

MILITARY NOTES

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

Army Cadet **Matthew L. Rambin** has enrolled in the Army ROTC Early Commissioning Program. Rambin is a student at Marion Military Institute, Marion, Ala. He is the son of Mitchell L. and Patricia A. Rambin of Fairfax. Rambin graduated in 2013 from Chantilly High School.

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Confused and then Infused

By KENNETH B. LOURIE



Since March 6, 2009, nearly five years now, save for nine months when I was taking an oral chemotherapy medication at home, every three weeks I have been infused with some sort of chemotherapy drug. In that time, I have certainly become familiar and fairly well-known to the various staff at The Infusion Center. What follows is the most recent exchange with the receptionist in Oncology, as best as I can recall it.

Receptionist: "Hello, Mr. Lourie. How are you?"

Me: "Lovely. Happy to be here."

Receptionist: "That's nice."

Me: "Actually, I'm not happy to be here. I mean I'd rather not be here. But since I'm here, it's better that I'm here than not here, as in unable to get here because I'm not here anymore."

Receptionist: "I understand."

Me: "Really? Because I'm not sure I understand. I know what I'm thinking, but...What I mean to say is that I don't want to be coming here to the Infusion Center, because that means I'm being treated for cancer. But if I do have cancer, I guess I'm happy to be still alive, in order to be able to get here for treatment."

Receptionist: "I understand."

Me: "I think I'm confused. I don't want to be coming here because I have cancer. I'd rather not be coming here at all. But since I have cancer, I suppose I'm glad I'm able to still get here. I think I'm going around in circles."

Receptionist: "No, you're fine. I understand completely."

Me: "Really. 'Cause I'm not sure I do. It seems like I'm talking to myself, repeating myself. I'm a writer and often I use double-entendres in my column, which seems sort of what I'm doing here. Although I'm not intending it. I was more realizing/thinking aloud as to why I was here, whether I wanted to be here and the reasons why I was fortunate – so to speak, to even still be here and/or how unfortunate I was to be here being treated for terminal lung cancer – as opposed to being healthy and not needing to be here. I feel as if I'm rambling here. Am I making any sense?"

Receptionist: "Not to worry. (Smiling, laughing.) I do understand exactly what you're saying."

Me: "I'm not sure I do. Maybe I should just stop talking and sit down and wait for Ron (my oncology nurse) to come and get me."

Receptionist: "Ron's running late. He's stuck in traffic. He'll be here soon."

Me (to myself): Great (chagrined.) I suppose I should probably stop pacing then and just sit down and try to relax. I'm here. I'm checked in. Besides, I have to be ready for my blood pressure check. If my vitals (and/or lab results, appearance, etc.) are not normal, protocols will prevent any infusion today (which has happened to me twice; very disappointing, especially considering that you think your life depends on receiving the treatment that day). If the patient doesn't pass muster, however, the oncology nurse has no choice: there will be, to invoke the "Soup Nazi" from "Seinfeld": "No chemo for you."

Fortunately, for this infusion, I have once again managed to "Pass the audition," as John Lennon so famously joked at the end of the live roof-top version of The Beatles' song "Get Back" at the end of the "Let It Be" album.

Life goes on though – for me, thank God!, despite my confusion. Thanks to the staff for continuing to take me in stride.

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"Although there are low-income students at Lake Braddock, I don't believe there are that many, but there are other places like Alexandria and other areas in Virginia that have many more poor students," Brown said. "Many of these students may not have access to the internet at home, and I don't believe it is fair that they may get bad grades because they can't do their homework because they don't have access to the internet at home."

Ryley Bendewald, a freshman at Langley High School, believes it is wrong to cut class sizes in one area of Fairfax County, but not in another.

"Every student in Fairfax County, no matter what their facial features, height, family, house size, or academic advancements,

deserves the opportunity to learn and to better themselves in the public schools in this county," Bendewald said.

At the hearing, Steven Greenberg, president of the Fairfax County Federation of Teachers, praised Garza for her budget proposal.

"Dr. Garza's budget is the best lemonade anyone could possible make, considering the rotten lemons we've been given," Greenberg said.

However, former school board member Tina Hone, a founder of Coalition of the Silence, said that the organization is struggling with the proposed cuts to need-based staffing.

"Even Jack didn't cut needs-based staffing," said Hone of the former Fairfax County Public Schools Superintendent Jack Dale.

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formation or to comment, contact Clara Johnson or Tarek Bolden at 703-324-1380. Or go to www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpz/dullessuburbancenter/comments.htm.

Food Donations For WFCM

Western Fairfax Christian Ministries' food pantry urgently needs donations of cooking oil; sugar; flour; canned fruit, meat, tuna and greens (spinach, collards); fruit juice and cold cereal. (Also needed are toothpaste, deodorant, baby wipes and shampoo).

Bring all items to WFCM'S new food-pantry location, weekdays, 9 a.m.-1:30 p.m., at 13888 Metrotech Drive, near Papa John's Pizza and Kumon Learning Center, in Chantilly's Sully Place Shopping Center.

Thrift-store needs include coats, fall and winter clothing, socks and underwear for adults and children, plus Bibles in English and Spanish.

The store is at 13939 Metrotech Drive. In addition, Thrift Store volunteers are needed for two- to four-hour shifts Fridays, between 9 a.m. and 6 p.m., and Saturdays, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.

How to Hire CLRC Workers

The Centreville Labor Resource Center (CLRC) serves businesses and homeowners needing help with just about any home remodeling or maintenance project. And local residents who'd like to hire a worker from the CLRC may do so easily. Either call 703-543-6272 or go to www.centrevilleLRC.org and click on the "How to Hire" link. Tell what kind of work is required, how many workers are needed and when.

The CLRC will match the needs to its registered workers' skills and set up the job. The price for work will be negotiated. After the job is completed, employers are encouraged to provide the CLRC with feed-

back to ensure that the work was done well and to their satisfaction and to make sure the workers are fairly paid.

Meals on Wheels Volunteers

Fairfax County needs Meals on Wheels drivers in Chantilly and group Meals on Wheels coordinators in both Chantilly and Fairfax. Contact Volunteer Solutions at 703-324-5406, TTY 711, VolunteerSolutions@fairfaxcounty.gov or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dfs/olderadultservices/volunteersolutions.htm.

How to Help the CLRC

The Centreville Labor Resource Center (CLRC) needs volunteers to lead vocational training workshops to increase the workers' job skills.

A Wednesday morning ESOL instructor is also needed; contact Molly Maddra at coordinator@centrevilleLRC.org for more information.

In addition, end-of-year contributions to CLRC may be made at www.centrevilleimmigrationforum.org. The organization is supported totally by grants and donations; it receives no government funding.

Give Caregivers A Break

Fairfax County needs Respite Care volunteers throughout the county to give family caregivers of a frail older adult a well-deserved break. Volunteers visit and oversee the safety of the older adult for a few hours each month.

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Contact Kristin Martin at 703-324-7577, TTY 711, or Kristin.Martin@fairfaxcounty.gov.

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In addition we will be auctioning unit 2031 whereby the proceeds will go to local charities. For more information regarding "Charity Storage" feel free to contact us at: 703-352-8840 ext 2

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MONDAYS/JAN. 13-MARCH 31

Conversational English. 7:30-9 p.m. at Chantilly Bible Church, 4390 Pleasant Valley Road, Chantilly. There are four levels: beginning, basic, intermediate, and advanced. There is also a citizenship class. This is the eighth year church members have offered this free program. Childcare provided. Call 703-263-1188, ext. 15.

FRIDAY/JAN. 31

Application Deadline. Juniors at Herndon, Chantilly and Westfield high schools who are in good standing and have an interest in history are encouraged to apply for this paid nine-month internship that runs April through December 2014. Up to three interns will be hired. Participants will gain experience in museum operations, public speaking, historic object collections, event programming and museum store and visitor center operations. Sully Historic Site, which is owned and operated by the Fairfax County Park

Authority, will begin accepting applications for this internship program in December 2013. Candidates will be asked to provide a completed application, written essay, and teacher recommendations by January 31, 2014 for panel review. For further information e-mail either Carol McDonnell, site manager at Sully Historic Site (carol.mcdonnell@fairfaxcounty.gov) or Noreen McCann, visitor services manager (noreen.mccann@fairfaxcounty.gov). 703-437-1794.

Preschool Open House and

Registration. 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. in the Cale Community Center, 4615 Stringfellow Road, Chantilly. Learn more about Pleasant Valley Preschool and the programs for 3- and 4- year-old children.

SATURDAY/FEB. 1

Safe Sitter Course. Children 11-13 years old can learn how to handle crises, how to keep their charges secure and how to nurture and guide a young child. Located at Temple Beth Torah, 4212-C Technology Court, Chantilly. Pre-registration required. E-mail safesitter@gmail.com or visit tysonscornerkiwanis.org to register.

WEDNESDAY/FEB. 5

Meeting. 7 p.m. at Rocky Run Middle School, 4400 Stringfellow Road, Chantilly. Kathy Smith will hold an informational meeting on the 2015 proposed budget.

Free Seminar. 7-8:30 p.m. at 12700 Fair Lakes Circle, suite 120, Fairfax. There will be a 90-minute review of 1031 Tax-Free Property Exchanges and investment information. Register by calling 703-818-9624.

THURSDAY/FEB. 6

Support Group. 7-8:30 p.m. at Centreville Regional Library, 14200 St. Germaine Drive. For people who have lost a loved one within the past two years. Free. E-mail ktyner@capitalcaring.org or 703-396-6198.

SUNDAY/FEB. 9

5K Mall Walk. 9-10 a.m. at Dulles Town Center Mall. Walk in memory of Siobhan Russell. \$15. Visit www.datingabusestopshere.com for more.

WEDNESDAY/FEB. 12

Fairfax County Park Authority

Board Meeting. 7:30 p.m. in the Herrity Building, 12055 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax. Free. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/boardagn2.htm for meeting materials, archives and more. For more information contact the Public Information Office at 703-324-8662.

TUESDAY/FEB. 18

Presentation. 7 p.m. at Cale Community Center, 4615 Stringfellow Road. GFWC Western Fairfax County Woman's Club (WFCWC) will host a presentation on "Library Update: Not the Library of Your Youth." Daria Parnes, branch manager of the Chantilly Regional Library, will discuss how libraries are changing to meet societal demands, and, specifically, the exciting things that the Chantilly Regional Library is doing for the community. Free. Visit www.wfcwc.org, call Marion at 703-631-7093, or e-mail us at westernfairfaxcountywc@gmail.com.

THURSDAY/FEB. 20

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ktyner@capitalcaring.org or 703-396-6198.

SATURDAY/FEB. 22

Free Parent Education Seminar. 9-1:30 a.m. at Montessori of Chantilly - Casa Dei Bambini, 4212F Technology Court, Chantilly. Learn about the impact of screen-time and technology on children. Visit www.mcdcb.com or 703-961-0211.

WEDNESDAY/FEB. 26

Fairfax County Park Authority Board Meeting. 7:30 p.m. in the Herrity Building, 12055 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax. Free. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/boardagn2.htm for meeting materials, archives and more. For more information contact the Public Information Office at 703-324-8662.

MONDAY/MARCH 3

Application Deadline. The online application for the Military Officers Association of America Educational Assistance Programs for the 2014-2015 school year is now available online at <https://scholarship.moaa.org/login.aspx>. Students can apply for the interest-free loans and grants, which are awarded annually for up to five years of undergraduate study (or until a student graduates.) Applicants must be graduating high school seniors or full-time college students working toward their first undergraduate degree. Students may apply online at www.moaa.org/education. The application deadline is Monday, March 3 at noon. Visit www.moaa.org/scholarshipfund or e-mail edassist@MOAA.org.

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Silent Auction. Navy Elementary School, 500 W. Ox Road, is sponsoring a silent auction with proceeds benefiting the school. Visit navypt.org or 703-927-9606 to find out if you can donate items.

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