

In rehearsal for Chantilly High's upcoming children's play, "Goldilocks on Stage," (from left) are Jack David (Wombat), Adrianna Castillo (Goldilocks) and Jason Hadley (Detective Clorox).

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## News

# Remembering Jeffrey

## Angel Kisses 5K/2K is set for Mother's Day.

BY BONNIE HOBBS  
THE CONNECTION

Superheroes do some pretty amazing things, such as thwarting villains and saving people. In life, Chantilly's Jeffrey Virostek only got to pretend to be a superhero; but in death, he's become a real one.

He was only 4 in September 2003 when he succumbed to acute myelogenous leukemia (AML). But a fund his parents started in his name has enabled many non-profit organizations to help other children in their battles against cancer.

Every year on Mother's day, residents of Jeffrey's community, Poplar Tree Estates, hold the Angel Kisses 5K run and 2K walk in his honor. Proceeds go to the Jeffrey Virostek Memorial Fund and, since its inception, his parents, Tasha and Stephen, have contributed more than \$230,000 to it.

"Angel Kisses keeps Jeffrey close to our hearts and helps others," said Tasha Virostek. "And it's a great way for people to come out and support a great cause and have fun."

This year's event, the 11<sup>th</sup> annual, will be held this Sunday, May 11, at 8 a.m. It starts and ends at the Poplar Tree Estates Swim and Tennis Club, 13516 Point Pleasant Drive. However, due to construction on Stringfellow Road, the USATF-certified course had to be altered. For a route map, to register or to volunteer, go to [www.angelkisses-5K.org](http://www.angelkisses-5K.org).

The course goes through paved, residential streets. For the safety of the participants, no strollers, baby joggers, pets or headphones are permitted in the 5K. However, strollers, baby joggers and pets are welcome in the 2K. Parking will be available on side streets off Point Pleasant Drive, but not on Point Pleasant, itself, during the race.

Online registration is 5K, \$30; 2K, \$20, through May 8. Afterward, it's \$35 and \$25. Walk-in registration and packet pickup are Friday, May 9, from 6-8 p.m.; Saturday, May 10, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m.; and race day, Sunday, May 11, from 6:30-7:30 a.m., at the Swim and Tennis Club.

The online registration will never close before the race, so people may register from home or their iPhones on the race weekend. The system updates immediately so their registration packets will be waiting for them when they arrive at Packet Pickup.

Transponder timing will be used to score the 5K race via a disposable, computer tag attached to the backs of the runners' bibs. Participants receive commemorative T-shirts, and prizes will be awarded to the top two male and female finishers, plus the top two finishers in various age categories.

The event happens rain or shine, and last year's Angel Kisses drew 830 participants and raised more than \$43,000. Over the years, it's come to be a cherished, Mother's Day tradition in Poplar Tree Estates. Jeffrey's remembered not only by those who loved him, but by an entire community that turns out for this race in his honor.

The money raised helps organizations such as D.C. Candlelighters, which provides emotional, educational and financial support to local families with



Jeffrey Virostek dressed as a superhero.

children fighting cancer. And the Virosteks are glad to lend a hand.

"Every day, another child is diagnosed with cancer," said Jeffrey's mom. "And the families go through such turmoil that we want to be able to help them through it with whatever we can do for them. So we're looking forward to another successful race."

Jeffrey Virostek was just 2 when he was diagnosed with AML. He went into remission after aggressive treatment and a bone-marrow transplant; and for nine months, he was able to be a fun-loving, playful little boy again. But the disease returned around his 4<sup>th</sup> birthday.

"He fought like a superhero," said Virostek. "But he lost his battle on Sept. 25, 2003."

Angel Kisses began on Mother's Day 2004. The idea for it came from Virostek family friend and neighbor, Tracy Rickard. Remembering how Jeffrey loved running back and forth when she played Tickle Monster with him, Rickard said, "I thought we could hold a race in his name. There are lots of runners in our neighborhood, and I figured it would be something kids could be involved in, too."

Jeffrey's mother named the event. "I was looking for a name for his memorial fund," she said. "And when he passed away, I looked down at him and thought, 'He's a little angel sending us kisses.'"

## Animal Shelter Grand Opening

The Fairfax County Animal Shelter will host a ribbon-cutting ceremony and open house Saturday, May 17, to celebrate the official completion of the shelter's renovation and expansion project. Festivities will begin with a ribbon cutting and remarks at 1 p.m.

Behind-the-scenes shelter tours, face-painting and hands-on interaction with rabbits, guinea pigs and small reptiles will be part of the fun. Features of the new shelter include separate lobbies for adoption and receiving, new animal-holding spaces, a small-animal room, play yards, training rooms, a veterinary suite and visitation areas for adopters to meet pets.

In addition, Fairfax County recently became the largest jurisdiction in the United States with an animal placement rate above 90 percent.

The upcoming ribbon-cutting and open house will let visitors see the new shelter and learn about available animals, as well as programs and classes for dog, cat and small animal enthusiasts.

The shelter is at 4500 West Ox Road and is open Tuesday through Friday, noon to 7 p.m., and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

For more information, go to <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/animalshelter>.

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## Free Carseat Inspections

Certified technicians from the Sully District Police Station will perform free, child safety carseat inspections Thursday, May 8, from 5 p.m. to dusk, 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.

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. (The inspection may be cancelled in the event of inclement weather). Call 703-814-7000, ext. 5140, to confirm dates and times.

## Book Fair Helps Students

This Friday, May 9, from 5-9 p.m., the Mountain View High School Foundation will host its annual book fair at Barnes & Noble, 12193 Fair Lakes Promenade in Fairfax. The Foundation raises and donates thousands of dollars in scholarships so graduating seniors may be able to attend college.

## 'Shrek, the Musical' Auditions

Auditions for The Alliance Theatre's production of "Shrek, the Musical" are set for May 13, 14 and 15, from 6-10 p.m. at Mountain View High School, 5775 Spindle Court in Centreville (behind Glory Days Grill). Call backs will be May 16. (Show dates are Aug. 1-10).

This play will culminate Alliance's annual, Summer Stars program for rising third-graders through rising eighth-graders. The cast will be comprised of Summer Stars members, plus high-school students and adults. For more information, go to [www.thealliancetheatre.org](http://www.thealliancetheatre.org).

## Auditions Open for 'How to Succeed...'

Westfield Summer Stage celebrates 14 years of summer musicals with the musical-comedy satire, "How to Succeed in Business without Really Trying." Auditions are open to Northern Virginia teen actors, singers and dancers in rising grades 7-12, plus 2014 high-school graduates. Some 55 actors will be cast.

Hopefuls should attend an audition workshop Tuesday, May 13, at 6:30 p.m., when material for the vocal and dance auditions will be taught, and where students may sign up for auditions. Auditions are May 17, from 9 a.m.-4 p.m.; callbacks are May 18 at 2 p.m.

All activities are at Westfield High, 4700 Stonecroft Blvd. in Chantilly. Rehearsals begin June 19; most are on weekday evenings until the performances, July 18-26. The theatre workshop fee is \$300 for students who are cast and accept their role.

## Learn about Gang Unit

The Sully District Police Station and its Citizens Advisory Committee present the Fairfax County Police Department's Gang Unit. They'll be at the Sully District Governmental Center, 4900 Stonecroft Blvd. in Chantilly on Wednesday, May 14, at 7:30 p.m.

Residents will learn about efforts to identify and prevent gang activities in the community. They'll also hear from experienced members of the unit and the techniques they use to carry out their mission.

## 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, May 18, from 10 a.m.-3 p.m., at the I-66 Transfer Station, 4618 West Ox Road in Fairfax.

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**Accusing Adrianna Castillo as Goldilocks are (from left) Josh Hatfield (Papa Bear), Melissa Kapfer (baby bear), Jack David (Wombat), Hannah Bridenbaugh (Mama Bear) and Jason Hadley (Det. Clorox).**

## 'Entertaining for Whole Family'

### Chantilly presents children's play, 'Goldilocks on Trial.'

BY BONNIE HOBBS  
CENTRE VIEW

**S**omebody's been inside the three bears' home and eating their porridge. But did she commit a crime? That's for the jury to decide in Chantilly High's upcoming children's play, "Goldilocks on Stage."

The curtain rises Friday, May 16, at 7 p.m.; Saturday, May 17, at 2 and 7 p.m.; and Sunday, May 18, at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$5 at the door or via [www.chantillyhsdrama.com](http://www.chantillyhsdrama.com).

Written by Chantilly Theater Director Ed Monk, the show's being helmed by Director Shannon Khatcheressian, who says her cast and crew of 40 are doing a great job with it. And it's been such a popular play over the years that Chantilly's bringing it back to the stage now.

"It's one of the first shows I directed here when I started at Chantilly in 2001," said Khatcheressian. "And it's one of my favorite plays because the writing's so witty and the comedic timing is so much fun. And it truly appeals to the entire family."

A variety of fairytale characters will comprise the jury and will be easily recognizable to young children. "It's a fun challenge to make the show appealing to both children and adults," said Khatcheressian. "We're painting the courtroom in bright, vibrant colors and will hang cheerful pictures on the walls."

Only Drama I and II students are in this play so, she said, "It's a great opportunity for them to be in the spotlight. They've really embraced the physicality of their characters and how goofy and over-the-top each of them are."

Playing Goldilocks is freshman Adriana Castillo. "Goldilocks is kind of bossy, is addicted to eating porridge and doesn't have much common sense," said Castillo. "She thinks she can do whatever she wants,

whenever she wants, and tries to get her way all the time."

She likes playing Goldilocks because "there's a lot of movement in the way she talks. She's big and proud, but doesn't use good grammar. This is my first lead, but she's a strong, forward character who speaks her mind and has some funny lines."

To capture children's attention, said Castillo, "You have to make big movements and be really silly. They'll like our fun and different characters. And some characters they won't expect to see in this show, like pigs and wolves and jury members from 'Cinderella' and 'Little Red Riding Hood.' And there are jokes for both adults and children, so there'll be something everybody will like; it'll be entertaining for the whole family."

Junior Mostafa Ahmed portrays Judge Wallaby. "He's a lazy, distracted, loud and obnoxious person," said Ahmed. "He doesn't seem to realize or understand what he's doing – which is obvious to everyone else around him. He's also immature and changes emotions in a minute. He doesn't want to be there and just wants to go home."

Ahmed's enjoying his first children's show and big role. "Wallaby's a fun character because he changes moods quickly and, as a teenager, I can relate. You don't know what he's going to do next because he's complicated. I always try to make people laugh, so I wanted to take on a comedic role."

He said the audience will like "the hilarious characters – everybody has their own quirks. The kids will be happy, and adults will have fun comparing this show to what happens in the real world."

Playing Wombat, Goldilocks's defense attorney, is freshman Jack David. "Wombat's confident and sure of himself," said David. "He thinks everything he says is true, even if it's not. And he doesn't get along well with others. Defending Goldilocks is just a job to him; he's only in it for himself."

David's likes his part because Wombat's "so over-the-top. It's lots of work getting every aspect of his character right and translating the words on paper into his actions. But it's a ton of fun to be able to

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# Woman Convicted of Tax and Wire Fraud

**Fair Oaks tax preparer filed false returns with the IRS.**

BY BONNIE HOBBS  
THE CONNECTION

**T**huy Tien Le, 40, pleaded guilty last week in federal court to preparing false income tax returns and committing wire fraud. She admitted that she did so while running her Fair Oaks-based, tax-return preparation business called T2 Advantage Services LLC.

She was convicted last Wednesday, April 30, in U.S. District Court in Alexandria. As a result, when she returns for sentencing on July 18, she could receive a possible maximum of three years in prison on the tax charge and 20 years behind bars for the wire-fraud offense.

In a statement of facts filed with her plea agreement, Le, now of Sterling, admitted that, from 2005 through 2013, she owned and operated her business out of her home



Le

on 12808 Madeley Court in Fairfax. She prepared federal income-tax returns for her clients and led them to believe she'd electronically filed legitimate returns with the IRS.

But before filing these returns, she altered them by adding false itemized deductions so she could generate large income-tax refunds. But instead of this money going to her clients, it instead went into her own pockets.

Le admitted to federal authorities that she prepared and filed false income tax returns in this manner for at least 50 clients, without their knowledge or consent, and that she had these refunds deposited electronically into her own bank accounts. She further admitted that the IRS sustained \$454,455 in losses because of what she'd done.

The investigation into her suspected

criminal activities began in early July 2013 when Fairfax County police received a report from a resident that Le had prepared their income taxes. That person received the prepared documents, including a statement indicating exactly what federal and state refunds to expect. Shortly thereafter, say police, the resident "was in the process of refinancing [his or her] mortgage and discovered that the tax documents the mortgage company obtained from the Internal Revenue Service were different than the ones Le provided to [him or her]."

Detectives, working with IRS special agents, were eventually able to piece together the details and extent of Le's illegal actions. Police arrested her Aug. 6, 2013, and charged her with one count each of money laundering and obtaining money by false pretenses, plus two counts of identity theft with intent to defraud.

Her case was later turned over to federal authorities. Assistant U.S. Attorney Paul J. Nathanson is prosecuting the case in court and, last Wednesday, April 30, in U.S. District Court in Alexandria, Le entered her guilty pleas before Judge Claude Hilton.

## ROUNDUPS

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For more information, call 703-324-5052.

## Food Donations for WFCM

Western Fairfax Christian Ministries' food pantry needs donations of Ramen Noodles, spaghetti sauce, fruit juice, canned vegetables (no green beans), cooking oil; canned pasta, sugar, flour and canned fruit and meat. Also needed are diapers in sizes 5 and 6, toothpaste, deodorant and baby wipes. (WFCM clients cannot purchase toiletries with food stamps).

Bring all items to WFCM's food pantry, 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 spring and summer clothing, quality shoes and like-new houseware. The store is at 13939 Metrotech Drive. In addition, Thrift Store volunteers are needed for two-hour shifts Saturdays, anytime between 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

# 22 Years in Prison for Child's Death

BY BONNIE HOBBS  
THE CONNECTION

**A** Fair Lakes woman has been sentenced to more than 22 years in prison for murdering an 11-month-old boy in Vienna, nearly three years ago. She is Carol Nadine Lutsky, 22, of Summit Manor Court.

The tragedy occurred Oct. 5, 2011. Town of Vienna police officers were called to the 1100 block of Lakewood Drive S.W. regarding a baby who was reported to be unresponsive. But before they arrived, the caretaker, Lutsky, then 20, transported the infant to his biological mother who was in Reston at the time.



Lutsky

The baby was then rushed to Reston Hospital, from where — because of his critical and deteriorating condition — he was Medevaced to Children's National Medical Center in Washington, D.C. The boy, Nehemiah Williams, died the next day, on Oct. 6.

Since Nehemiah died in Washington, D.C., the District of Columbia Medical Examiner's office assumed the case and

performed the autopsy on him. The autopsy results revealed that he died as a result of "blunt force trauma" to the upper body, and his death was ruled a homicide.

On July 16, 2012 Vienna police detectives presented the results of their investigation to a Fairfax County grand jury. As a result, Lutsky was indicted and charged with child abuse/neglect and murder. She was arrested on those charges on July 23, 2012 and held without bond in the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center. On April 25 in Circuit Court, she was sentenced to 40 years behind bars. However, according to the terms of her plea agreement, she'll serve just 22.6 years of that sentence, followed by 20 years of active probation.

# Advisory Issued on Possible Measles Exposure

**T**he Fairfax and Loudoun County Health Departments are informing people who were at various locations in both counties between April 23 and May 1, 2014 that they may have been exposed to a person with measles.

Northern Virginia area health officials are seeking to identify people who may have been exposed. Listed below are the dates, times and locations of the potential exposure sites associated with the case of measles:

❖ Lotte Plaza, 13955 Metrotech Drive, Chantilly, 20151, Wednesday, April 23 between 7 p.m. and 11 p.m.

❖ Chantilly Department of Motor Vehicles, 14950 Northridge Drive, Chantilly 20151, Friday, April 25 between 11:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.

❖ CVS Pharmacy, 24795 Pinebrook Road, Chantilly, 20152, Sunday, April 27 between 11 a.m. and

3:30p.m.

- Tuesday, April 29 between 3:30 p.m. and 8 p.m.

❖ Inova Dulles South Urgent Care Center and other businesses at 24801 Pinebrook Road, Chantilly, 20152, Sunday, April 27 between 11:30 a.m. and 4 p.m.

❖ Harris Teeter, 25401 Eastern Marketplace Plaza, Chantilly, VA 20152, Sunday, April 27 between 1 p.m. and 4:30 p.m.

❖ South Riding Pediatrics and other businesses at 25055 Riding Plaza, South Riding, 20152

- Monday, April 28 between 10 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.

- Tuesday, April 29 between 3 p.m. and 7 p.m.

- Wednesday, April 30 between 3:30 p.m. and 8 p.m.

❖ Target, 14391 Chantilly Crossing Lane, Chantilly, 20151, Monday, April 28 between 11:30 a.m. and 3:00p.m.

❖ Home Depot, 25000 Riding Plaza, Chantilly, 20152, Wednesday, April 30 between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.

❖ Inova Dulles South Radiology Imaging Center and other businesses at 24801 Pinebrook Road, Chantilly 20152, Wednesday, April 30 from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

❖ Inova Fairfax Hospital, 3300 Gallows Road, Falls Church, 22042, between Wednesday, April 30 at 5 p.m. and 11:59 p.m. on Thursday, May 1 in the following units/rooms only:

- Pediatric Medical and Surgery  
- Rooms 319 to 322 of Labor and Delivery  
- Psychiatry  
- O3 Family Centered Care  
- Apheresis  
- Diagnostic Radiology

Residents with questions about this measles investigation can call 1-877-275-8343 (within Virginia).

## 'Goldilocks'

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stretch everything and make it funnier." He said the audience will enjoy "the contrast between the serious characters and the dopey ones. And the costumes will be flashy and colorful and will really capture people's attention."

Freshman Anna Kiel portrays the district attorney. "She's British, very proper and thinks she's better than everyone," said Kiel. "She's a nice person, but she gets mean in court. She's representing the three bears and trying to put Goldilocks in jail, and she's calmer than the other characters, except for her movements."

Her role's fun, said Kiel, because "I get to question lots of people, and I might want to be a lawyer someday, so it's good practice. And my character gets crazy during the trial and makes bizarre motions with her hands to act things out."

Playing Baby Bear is sophomore Melissa Kapfer. "She has different personalities, depending upon who's talking about her," said Kapfer. "She's actually snobby and a big jerk. She's 17, but acts like she's 10. She thinks everyone's there to serve her and thinks her family's a huge drag — and she testifies against her parents during the trial."

"Since she's so different than me, playing such a horrible person shows I can really act," continued Kapfer. "And she's so exaggerated that she becomes really comical." Overall, she said, people will like this show's funny characters and the "relatable humor for all ages."



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Email announcements to [chantilly@connectionnewspapers.com](mailto:chantilly@connectionnewspapers.com). Include date, time, location, description and contact for event: phone, email and/or website. Photos and artwork welcome. Deadline is Thursday at noon, at least two weeks before event.

## FAIR OAKS PROM DRESS SHOP

The annual Fair Oaks Prom Dress Shop, run by students from Centreville High School and the Fair Oaks Classroom on the Mall program. Donations of stylish, high-quality, dry-cleaned prom dresses and select accessories can either be dropped off in the main office of Centreville High School 7 a.m.-3:30 p.m. or at the shop in Fair Oaks Mall, on the upper level in the former Champps Restaurant between Corner Bakery and Texas de Brazil. The store is open for both accepting donations and shopping on weekends May 16-18 and May 30-June 1; hours are 4-7 p.m. Fridays, 2-5 p.m. Saturdays and 1-4 p.m. Sundays. Students from any area high school who are in need of a prom dress and do not have the funds to purchase one can come to the Prom Dress Shop. They must show a valid student ID or other form of school identification to select a free dress. Email [mlschick@fcps.edu](mailto:mlschick@fcps.edu).

## WRITING CONTEST

**The Writers of Chantilly** is sponsoring a free writing contest open to middle and high school students in Fairfax County. Students are invited to write an original essay, short story or poem on the theme "Unfinished Business"—about a goal, a regret, or something left incomplete or unresolved in the past. First through third place winners will read their work at an author event Sunday, Sept. 7, 2-4 p.m. at the Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Winners also will receive a writing prize package, and have their work published. Only one entry per author, written by students reflecting their own original ideas. Only unpublished works, and previous winners of a Writers of Chantilly writing contest are not eligible. Entries must be 1,000 words maximum, typed in English and postmarked/received by May 31. Include name, grade, school, mailing address, email address and phone number. Pieces will be judged on creativity, content and structure (stories and essays should have a beginning, middle and end; poems may be free verse). Fiction or nonfiction stories welcome. Email entries to [WOCwritingcontest@gmail.com](mailto:WOCwritingcontest@gmail.com). Visit <http://writersofchantilly.blogspot.com>.

## THURSDAY/MAY 8

**eBook Help.** 5 p.m. at the Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Get eBook questions answered. Bring a tablet or digital reader and library card. Call 703-502-3883.

**Civil War Lecture.** 7 p.m. at the Centreville Regional Library, 14200 St. Germain Drive. "Battles of the Wilderness and Spotsylvania Courthouse, May 1864," by author and historian Ed Bearss. Call 703-830-2223.

**English Conversation Group.** 7 p.m. at the Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Practice English with other students. Call 703-502-3883.

## FRIDAY/MAY 9

**Spring Plant Sale.** 2-7 p.m. on the outdoor basketball courts at Westfield High School, 4700 Stonecroft Blvd., Chantilly. Westfield High School Art Department will have annuals, perennials, hanging

baskets, herbs and tomatoes available for sale. Email [khbasinger@fcps.edu](mailto:khbasinger@fcps.edu).  
**Film Screening.** 7 p.m. at Rocky Run Middle School, 4400 Stringfellow Road, Chantilly. "Honor Flight: The Movie," about honor flights that bring veterans to Washington to visit memorials. Approximately 90 minutes. Free, registration encouraged, visit [www.fcps.edu/RockyRunMS/](http://www.fcps.edu/RockyRunMS/).

## SATURDAY/MAY 10

**Clothes to You.** 8-11 a.m. at Chantilly Bible Church, 4390 Pleasant Valley Road. Clothes to You (Ropa Gratis) is a yearly event to share with those in need. Free clothing and other household items are available. Call 703-263-1188.

**Church Flea Market.** 8 a.m.-1 p.m. at

Oakton Baptist Church of Chantilly, 14001 Sullyfield Circle at Route 50, Chantilly. Rain date May 17. Call 703-631-1799.

## MONDAY/MAY 12

**Kindergarten Registration.** 1:30-3:30 p.m. at Cub Run Elementary, 5301 Sully Station Dr, Centreville. Bring an original birth certificate, proof of residency (lease or deed), driver's license and or passport along with the physical/immunization records. Call the school office at 703-633-7500 for registration forms.

**Autobiography Presentation.** 7-9 p.m. at Gunnell House at Truro Church, 10520 Main St., Fairfax. Capital Christian Writers presents

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**ESL Book Club.** 7 p.m. at the Centreville Regional Library, 14200 St. Germain Drive. Adults learning English meet to discuss a book chosen by the group. Call 703-830-2223.

## TUESDAY/MAY 13

**English Conversation Group.** 10:30 a.m. at the Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Practice English with other students. Call 703-502-3883.

**Planning Workshop.** 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Alzheimer's Association National Capital Area Chapter, 3701 Pender Drive, suite 400, Fairfax. Hosted by the Alzheimer's Association. Free. Register at 800-272-3900.

**Support Group.** 7-8 p.m. Fairfax County's free Family Caregiver Telephone Support Group meets by phone. Register in advance at [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dfs/olderadultservices/caregiver.htm](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dfs/olderadultservices/caregiver.htm) or

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# OPINION

## Yes to the Meals Tax Referendum

**Voters could decide on the tax in November.**

**E**conomic diversification is worthy goal. All of your eggs shouldn't be in one basket. All of your revenue shouldn't come from one source.

In Fairfax County, adding a meals tax at the same level as Arlington, Alexandria, Falls Church and the City of Fairfax, 4 percent, could generate \$88 million a year. The county estimates that 25-30 percent of the meals taxes collected would be paid by non-county residents.

The inability to implement alternative revenue sources will mean continued dependence on one basket. The combined increase in the real estate property tax rate and home values

means that most homeowners will be paying hundreds of dollars more in property taxes regardless of their ability to pay.

In Virginia, localities have only the powers explicitly granted to them by the General Assembly. In Northern Virginia, the economic engine of the state, this has translated into heavy dependence on the real estate property tax to fund everything, because localities are allowed few revenue options.

**EDITORIAL**

Fairfax County has a task force studying the possibility of holding a required referendum to let voters decide on adding a meals tax. It would applied to "ready-to-eat foods and beverages wherever they are sold," but not vending machines.

Former Board Chairman Kate Hanley and former Board Chairman and U.S. Rep. Tom Davis will chair the task force and report back to the Board of Supervisors in mid June. If su-

pervisors approved the referendum, it could appear on the November ballot.

It's interesting that historically, Fairfax County voters overwhelmingly give the thumbs up to authorizing capital improvements to schools, parks and roads via bond sales, but in 1992, voters said no to the meals tax. It will be up to elected officials and advocates for schools, parks, libraries, public safety and human services to help make the case for the increase.

(Taxing income is a power the Commonwealth of Virginia retains for itself, and it is a mechanism that sends money from Northern Virginia to other parts of the state while forcing Northern Virginia localities to depend on property taxes.)

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## County Budget Falls Short for FCPS

BY ILRYONG MOON  
FAIRFAX COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD CHAIRMAN

**T**he Fairfax County Board of Supervisors (BOS) continues to state that education is its top priority but its actions clearly do not match its words — not when county spending next year will increase by 3.6 percent while Fairfax County Public Schools' (FCPS) budget is projected to increase by just 1.6 percent over last year's adopted budget. Overall, FCPS will receive 52.4 percent of the county's budget, down from 52.7 percent this year. While this percentage change seems

small, that equates to more than \$12 million that FCPS would have received.

In his April 22 newsletter to residents, Supervisor Pat Herrity makes several misleading assertions about the FCPS budget. He suggests that the School Board already has available funding to meet the school system's needs, beyond the amount that will be transferred from the county and state. We would like to correct these misperceptions.

Supervisor Herrity suggests increasing the salary "lapse rate" (a salary lapse occurs during a job vacancy). FCPS' budgeted lapse savings are based on historical trends. FCPS has taken several steps to adjust compensation accounts in the FY 2015 budget including using lower salaries to budget for vacant positions and for new positions due to enrollment growth. Whatever is remaining in the compensation accounts, combined with other savings



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**Ilryong Moon**

generated throughout the year, go into the ending balance which we use to fund the following year's budget. Supervisor Herrity suggests eliminating pay raises for administrators to save \$13 million. The cost of providing a step increase for all employees is \$41 million. Of that amount, the cost for the administrative positions in schools is \$1.7 million and central administrators account for \$300,000. To achieve his goal of \$13 million in savings, pay raises would need to be denied to employees who directly serve students including advanced academic resource teachers, work experience teachers, instructional support teachers, school counselors, librarians, audiologists, physical and occupational therapists, English for speakers of languages teachers, professional technical project teachers, public health attendants, public health training assistants, school-based technologists, psychologists, social workers, school clerical, school custodial, and school administration.

Supervisor Herrity also claims that many of our teachers are doing administration instead of teaching. He states that if we "take the total number of students in the school system and

divide it by the number of full time equivalent teachers, we should get a class size of 12." As our class size is not as such, he alleges that our teachers must be doing administration. This canard has been raised before by Supervisor Herrity and it is irresponsible for him to continue to deliberately mislead the public by using deceitful teacher-student ratios in his comments.

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This doesn't result in purposeful conversation, but rather distracts the community from the real issue of fully funding schools. To clarify once again, "full time equivalent teachers" are much more than classroom teachers. They also include special education teachers, English for Speakers of Other Languages teachers, instructional coaches, speech therapists, guidance counselors, librarians, music, physical education teachers, and more. Although these professionals do not have assigned classrooms, they are all teaching and working directly with students.

It takes more than a single classroom teacher to provide a well-rounded and full education for FCPS students. Moving forward, it's critical in budget discussions that disingenuous arguments are not used to refute or support one's position. This should not be seen as a School Board versus Board of Supervisors debate. We are partners. The School Board will continue to work closely with the Supervisors in an effort to develop long-term sustainable funding for FCPS and to meet the expectations of the community to maintain our world-class school system.

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# CHANTILLY DAY

## Food, Fun, Music and Astronauts

Third annual Chantilly Day celebration is May 17.

BY BONNIE HOBBS  
THE CONNECTION

**F**un for the whole family is planned for the third annual Chantilly Day celebration, Saturday, May 17, at the Sully Place Shopping Center, off Route 50 West in Chantilly. There'll be two U.S. astronauts, live music and dancing, food and children's activities.

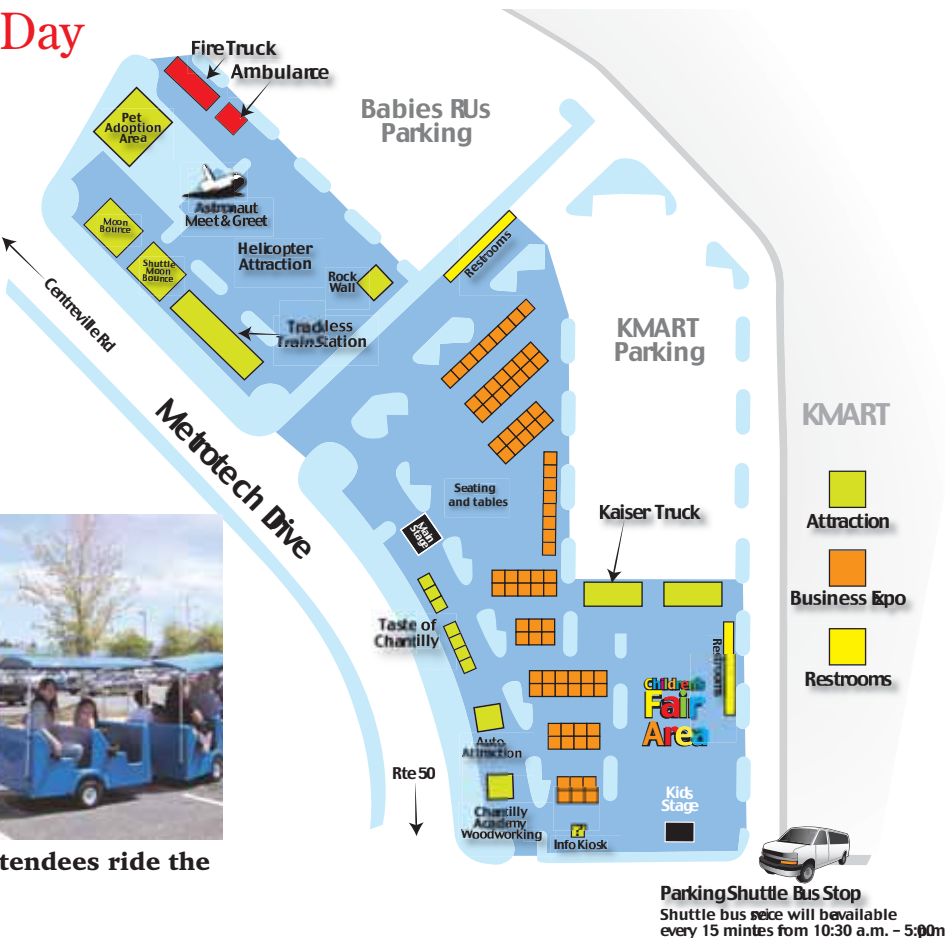
The festival runs from 11 a.m.-5 p.m., rain or shine, in the Kmart and Babies R Us parking lots. The day's events will include onstage performances by the Chantilly High Jazz Ensemble and Latin Dance Club, School of Rock Centreville, a pet adoption, trackless train, robotics demonstration, business expo and awards ceremony.



Chantilly Day attendees ride the trackless train.

"We have even more and varied activities than last year, so we want people to come out and support everything Chantilly," said event Co-Chairman Carl Brown, assistant general manager of Staybridge Suites Chantilly. "Help celebrate our community as the Air and Space Capital of Virginia."

The other co-chair, Mark Beeson, owner of 110RPM, a graphic-design and marketing company, is also looking forward to Chantilly Day. "It's a great event, mixing businesses, music and fun with a Taste of Chantilly," he said. "People can learn about the businesses in their area, enjoy the en-



tertainment and eat some great food."

The Chantilly-Centreville Chamber of Commerce (an offshoot of the Dulles Regional Chamber of Commerce), in partnership with the Westfields Business Owners Association, is putting on the event. Host sponsor is the shopping-center owner, Beatty Management Co.

Dulles Chamber President Eileen Fulton has been involved in the festival since it first began. "We realized there was a void in celebrating the businesses in Chantilly and, wearing our community hat, we decided to

address that — and that's how Chantilly Day was born," she said.

"I think we have a wonderful, cross-representation of our community, including our restaurants, performing arts, children and schools," she continued. "Chantilly Day is meant to create a sense of community and to promote living with purpose, and we're very excited about it."

Furthermore, added Brown, "It's also Armed Forces Day so, in celebration, NJVC has agreed to be the military-appreciation sponsor. It'll sponsor the armed forces re-



Kham Ghal (left) and Busanee Kitharak of The Similans Thai Eatery in Greenbriar hold, respectively, Pad Thai and Crabmeat Fried Rice.

cruiting booths, as well as Our Military Kids, a charity that assists the children of wounded warriors."

### Astronauts to Appear

Guests of honor at this year's event will be Paul Lockhart and Daniel Tani, two former NASA astronauts from the local community. They'll participate in the opening ceremonies and will be on hand to meet festival attendees and sign autographs. They'll discuss life in space and will meet the public and answer questions at a special tent next to the space-shuttle moonbounce in the Babies R Us lot.

### Opening and Awards

Opening ceremonies and the presentation of awards will kick off the day at 11 a.m. at the stage in the Kmart parking lot. Children's activities, rides and the Taste of Chantilly will begin at 11:15 a.m., and the stage entertainment will start at 11:20 a.m.

The Chantilly Academy's Air Force JROTC Color  
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## Astronaut Paul Lockhart

A graduate of both the Air Force ROTC and Air Force Squadron Officer School, Paul Lockhart has received numerous military medals, ribbons, recognitions and commendations. He was commissioned a 2nd lieutenant in the USAF in 1981. Upon graduation from pilot training in 1983, he was assigned to the 49th Fighter Interceptor Squadron flying T-33s.

In 1986, he transitioned to the F-4 and flew operationally with U.S. Air Forces, Europe, in Germany from 1987-1990 as an instructor pilot for F-4 and F-16 aircrew in the tactics of surface-to-air missile suppression.

In 1991, Lockhart reported to Edwards Air Force Base for year-long training as a test pilot in high-performance military aircraft. Upon graduation, he was assigned to the Test Wing at the Air Force Developmental Test Center at Eglin Air Force Base, Fla., performing weapons testing for the F-16 aircraft.

During his tour at Eglin, he was selected as the Operations Officer for the 39th Flight Test Squadron. Much of America's state-of-the-art weaponry was first tested under his guidance there.

Lockhart has logged more than 5,000 hours in more than 30 different aircraft and the Space Shuttle. A veteran of two space flights, STS-111 (June 2002) and STS-113 (November 2002), he's spent 26 days, 39 minutes and 82 seconds in space.

STS-111 was the second Space Shuttle mission dedicated to delivering research equipment to the space platform. STS-113 was the 16th Shuttle mission to visit the International Space Station.

After retiring from the Air Force in March 2007, Lockhart worked at NASA headquarters in Washington, D.C., and now works in the private sector as the senior vice president for QinetiQ North America. It supports defense, security and intelligence organizations, as well as federal civilian agencies, such as the State Department, General Services Administration and NASA.



Lockhart

## Astronaut Daniel Tani

Dan Tani obtained a master of science degree in mechanical engineering from MIT. After working on the STS-51 mission in September 1993, he became launch operations manager for the Pegasus program at Orbital Sciences Corporation in Dulles.

In that capacity, he headed the development of procedures and constraints for the launching of the Pegasus unmanned rocket. He also trained and led the team of engineers who worked in the launch and control room.

Selected as an astronaut candidate by NASA in April 1996, Tani completed two years of training and evaluation and qualified for flight assignment as a mission specialist in 1998. In 2002, he was a crew member on the Aquarius undersea research habitat as part of NASA's Extreme Environment Mission Operations. Tani then trained for and qualified as the backup Flight Engineer for Expedition 11.

After his flight on Expedition 16, he became branch chief of the International Space Station branch. He also served as a capsule communicator for the International Space Station and for Expedition 26.

Tani flew on STS-108 Endeavour (Dec. 5-17,

2001), the 12th shuttle flight to visit the International Space Station. Endeavour's crew delivered the Expedition 4 crew and returned the Expedition 3 crew to Earth. The crew unloaded more than three tons of supplies and science experiments, and Tani performed a spacewalk. STS-108 did 185 Earth orbits, traveling 4.8 million miles in 283 hours, 36 minutes, including a spacewalk lasting 4 hours, 12 minutes.

On his second spaceflight, Tani served as Expedition-16 flight engineer and spent 120 days aboard the International Space Station, performing robotic operations and logging 34 hours, 59 minutes in five spacewalks. He left NASA in August 2012 to become vice president of Mission and Cargo Operations in Orbital Sciences Corp.'s Advanced Programs Group.



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# Food, Fun and Music

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Guard will present the colors at 11 a.m., followed by the singing of the National Anthem. Fulton will recognize and introduce the local dignitaries and guests. Then the Chantilly-Centreville Chamber will give out business, non-profit, partnership and citizen of the year awards.

It will also present several \$500 STEM scholarships (science, technology, engineering and math) to graduating seniors at Chantilly, Centreville, Mountain View and Westfield high schools and The Chantilly Academy – a Governor's STEM Academy. The money for these scholarships was raised at the Chamber's annual Casino Royale event in January and was made possible by sponsors Systems Furniture Gallery and Telos.

### Children's Activities

The children's activities are free; they're provided by the Chantilly-Centreville Chamber and its sponsors and are being coordinated by the Chantilly Youth Association (CYA). They'll be in the Kmart lot, closer to the store than last year.

Besides returning rides/attractions such as the rock wall, moonbounces and trackless train, CYA is planning an assortment of sports-themed activities. These will include an obstacle course with opportunities to engage in aspects of sports such as football, basketball and baseball.

Also in that area, members of Chantilly High's Hispanic Leadership Club will be doing face painting, and there'll be children's entertainment at a stage there.

### Food

The Taste of Chantilly food area will be in the Kmart lot. Some of the vendors and their offerings will include: Café Rio, crispy tortilla chips topped with handmade pico de gallo, salsa fresca and chile con queso; Chick-fil-A, chicken sandwiches, chocolate chunk cookies, potato chips and beverages;

Similans Thai Eatery, chicken fried rice, chicken Pad Thai, chicken satay, mango with sticky rice and Thai tea; Hooters, chicken wings and barbecue; and Bungalow Billiards, pulled pork and chicken sliders.

### Entertainment

There'll be a variety of entertainment for all ages, including the Wholesome Campus Thunderbirds Competitive Jump Rope Team and performances by Creative Dance Center, Chantilly High Jazz Ensemble, Chantilly High Latin Dance Club, School of Rock Centreville and the Chantilly High Hip Hop Dance Club.

"Traditionally, we've had bands play during the day," said Beeson. "But this year, we're mixing it up with more representation from high-school and middle-school kids and more dance groups than in the past. It's more family-oriented that



**Hannah Philip, 6, a Lees Corner Elementary first-grader, gets her face painted.**

way."

Also performing will be the Hummingbyrds, an acoustic duo playing alt-country music; the Retro Quartet, singing 1930s and '40s music standards in barbershop style; and the Chantilly Academy's Air Force Junior ROTC.

### Other Attractions

A pet adoption is being sponsored by Virginia Heritage Bank, with pets provided by A Forever Home Rescue Foundation; this activity will be in the Babies R Us lot, next to the moonbounce. People will be able to adopt pets on the spot and take them home.

Various Chantilly High clubs and classes will also be participating in the day's events. Always a big hit is the Chantilly Academy's Robotics Club which will do robotics demonstrations for the crowd. Academy students will do a carpentry demonstration, as well. And Fairfax One, the Fairfax County police helicopter, will be on display in the Ba-

bies R Us lot.

### Business Expo

More than 90 local businesses are participating in the Chantilly Day Business Expo. It gives area residents a chance to see what's available to them in their community. Businesses range from finance to health, home and auto repair. Many will be offering giveaways and prizes to people who visit their tables.

### Donate Food to WFCM

This year's Chantilly Day includes a food drive for Western Fairfax Christian Ministries (WFCM). This Chantilly-based, nonprofit provides food, clothing and emergency financial aid to local families people in need.

But it needs help restocking its food pantry to gear up for summer when the need is greatest. That's when many children who depend on free and reduced-priced breakfasts and lunches in school no longer have food to eat.

So people attending Chantilly Day are asked to bring with them nonperishable food to donate to WFCM. For each food item they contribute, they'll receive a raffle ticket for prizes, so those bringing the most items to the table outside the Kmart entrance will have the best chance to win.

### Parking

Free, offsite parking with shuttle service to and from the event will be offered. Staybridge Suites, at 3860 Centerview Drive, is providing the free shuttle buses; service will be available every 15 minutes from 10:30 a.m.-5 p.m. So visitors are encouraged to use the nearby parking area at 3900 Skyhawk Drive (off Centreville Road). Signs will mark the parking lot. People are also welcome to walk the quarter mile or so from the lot to the event.

## Business Expo

This year's business expo features 90 local businesses, including the day's food vendors. The following is just a small sampling of the businesses that'll be on hand:

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- ❖ Former NASA Astronaut Daniel Tani
- ❖ Sen. Dave Marsden (D-37)
- ❖ Del. Tom Rust (R-86)
- ❖ Del. Jim LeMunyon (R-67)
- ❖ Fairfax County Board of Supervisors Chairman Sharon Bulova
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- 11 a.m. -Opening Ceremonies with Chantilly Academy  
Air Force Junior ROTC
- 11:45 a.m. -Wholesome Campus Thunderbirds Competitive  
Jump Rope Team
- 12 noon -Creative Dance Center
- 12:45 p.m. -Chantilly High School Jazz Ensemble
- 1:30 p.m. -Chantilly High School Latin Dance Club
- 2 p.m. -School of Rock Centreville
- 2:45 p.m. -Chantilly High School Hip Hop Dance Club
- 3:15 p.m. -The Hummingbyrds
- 4:20 p.m. -Retro (Barbershop) Quartet
- 4:50 p.m. -Chantilly Academy Air Force Junior ROTC

\* Schedule subject to change.



The Retro Quartet is a barbershop group.

Some members of  
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The Hummingbyrds perform country and rock songs.



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## ONGOING

**High School Musical.** "Little Shop of Horrors" at Westfield High School, 4700 Stonecroft Blvd., Chantilly. Runs May 2-10, 7:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, 2 p.m. Sunday. \$10 with valid student ID; others \$10 in advance and \$12 at the door. Visit [www.westfieldtheatreboosters.com](http://www.westfieldtheatreboosters.com).

**Super Science Saturdays.** 10 a.m.-3 p.m. the second Saturday of each month at the Steven F. Udvar-Hazy Center, 14390 Air & Space Museum Parkway. Visit <http://airandspace.si.edu/udvarhazy>.

**Sully Historic Site.** 3650 Historic Sully Way, Chantilly. Enjoy guided tours of the 1794 home of Northern Virginia's first congressman, Richard Bland Lee. \$7/adult; \$6/student; \$5/senior and child. Hours are 11 a.m.-4 p.m. 703-437-1794.

Basketball Program will be hosting its summer basketball camp for girls ages 7-15 this summer. Session II runs June 30-July 3, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. for ages 7-13 only. Tuition is \$120. Session III runs July 7-July 11, 9 a.m.-2 p.m., for ages 7-15. Tuition is \$150. Session I has been canceled this year. Information and registration forms at [www.chantillysports.org](http://www.chantillysports.org) under Varsity Girls Basketball, Camps and Clinics. Walk-ups for each session are welcome.

**Young Actors' Workshop.** For elementary students in rising grades 2-6 to learn about theatre arts. Runs July 21-25, 9 a.m.-noon at Westfield High School, 4700 Stonecroft Blvd., Chantilly. Tuition is \$125. The musical theatre camp includes theatre games, improvisation, acting exercises, songs and dances and culminates with a show from musical comedy classics. Sponsored by Westfield Theatre Boosters and led by Westfield Theatre alumni and current students. Visit [www.westfieldtheatreboosters.com](http://www.westfieldtheatreboosters.com) for or call 703-488-6439. Space is limited.

literacy storytime with stories, songs and activities. Age 2 with adult. Call 703-502-3883.

**Small Wonders.** 11 a.m. at the Centreville Regional Library, 14200 St. Germain Drive. Rhymes, songs, stories and activities for children 13-23 months with adult. Call 703-830-2223.

## FRIDAY/MAY 9

**Ready for School Storytime.** 2 p.m. at the Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Early literacy storytime program for children age 4-5 ready to be on their own without caregivers or siblings. Call 703-502-3883.

## SATURDAY/MAY 10

**National Train Day Display.** All day at the Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. The National Capital Trackers set up a model train display in the meeting room and model train specialists can answer questions. Call 703-502-3883.

**Angel Kisses 5K.** 8 a.m. at 13516 Point Pleasant Drive, Chantilly. 11th Angel Kisses 5K in the Poplar Tree Community. New route this year. \$30 and up for 5K; 2K option also available. All proceeds of the race will benefit the Jeffrey Virotek Fund,

helping families fighting childhood cancer. Visit [www.angelkisses-5K.org](http://www.angelkisses-5K.org).

**Plant Clinic.** 10:30 a.m. at the Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Master gardeners with provide horticultural tips, information, techniques and advice to home gardeners. Call 703-502-3883.

**War Bicentennial Event.** 11 a.m.-4 p.m. at Sully Historic Site, 3650 Historic Sully Way, Chantilly. Event celebrates American victory over Great Britain in the War of 1812. Historical interpreters, live music from Ships Company Chanteymen, soldier battle drills and more. At noon, author Steven Vogel discusses his book "Through the Perilous Fight" and signs copies. \$8 adults, \$6 seniors and children. Call 703-437-1794.

## MONDAY/MAY 12

**Bouncin' Babies.** 10:30 a.m. at the Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Rhymes, songs, stories and activities for babies up to 11 months with adult. Call 703-502-3883.

**Small Wonders.** 11:30 a.m. at the Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Rhymes, songs, stories and activities for children 12-23 months with adult. Call 703-502-

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**Hidden Pond Nature.** 2 p.m. at the Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Discover and explore local nature. Live animals may be present. Presented by the staff of Hidden Pond Nature Center. For grades 1-6. Call 703-502-3883.

**Bookalicious Book Group.** 2:15 p.m. at the Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Book discussion group for grades 3-4. Call 703-502-3883.

## TUESDAY/MAY 13

**Toddlin' Twos.** 10:30 and 11:30 a.m. at the Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Early literacy storytime with stories, songs and activities. Age 2 with adult. Call 703-502-3883.

**Whee! Storytime.** 11 a.m. at the Centreville Regional Library, 14200 St. Germain Drive. High-octane storytime for ages 3-5 with adult. Call 703-830-2223.

**Storytime.** 1:30 p.m. at the Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Early literacy program with stories and activities for children age 3-5 with adult. Call 703-502-3883.

**Magic and Mayhem.** 4 p.m. at the Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. A sci-fi and fantasy book discussion group for grades 6-8. Call 703-502-3883.

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## THURSDAY/MAY 8

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## WEDNESDAY/MAY 14

**eBook Help.** 7 p.m. at the Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Get eBook questions answered. Bring a tablet or digital reader and library card. Call 703-502-3883.

**Fairfax County Park Authority Board Meeting.** 7:30 p.m. in the Herry Building, 12055 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax. Free. Visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/boardagn2.htm](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/boardagn2.htm) for meeting materials, archives and more. Call 703-324-8662.

## THURSDAY/MAY 15

**Liberty Republican Women's Club Meeting.** 6:30 p.m. at Sully Government Center, 4900 Stonecroft Blvd., Chantilly. Jo Thorburn, Republican State Committee member and Anna Lee, former Republican State Committee member are guest speakers on the subject of voting by primary or convention. Everyone welcome. Call 703-378-2519.

**English Conversation Group.** 7 p.m. at the Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Practice English with other students. Call 703-502-3883.

## THURSDAYS/MAY 15 AND 22

**Youth Mental Health First Aid.** 8:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. at the Pennino Building, 12011 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax. Public education program from the Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board Wellness and Health Promotion. Over a two-day course, certified instructors help youth learn to assist someone developing or experiencing a mental health problem or crisis. \$25. Visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/hscode/ereg/Registration.aspx?groupID=47](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/hscode/ereg/Registration.aspx?groupID=47).

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## WEDNESDAY/MAY 14

**Duplo Storytime.** 10:30 and 11:30 a.m. at the Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Duplo play storytime helps develop and reinforce early literacy skills for children ages 3-5 with adult. Call 703-502-3883.

**Bouncin' Babies.** 3 p.m. at the Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Rhymes, songs, stories and activities for babies up to 11 months with adult. Call 703-502-3883.

**Small Wonders.** 4 p.m. at the Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Rhymes, songs, stories and activities for children 12-23 months with adult. Call 703-502-3883.

**Starlight Storytime.** 7 p.m. at the Centreville Regional Library, 14200 St. Germain Drive. Pajamas and stuffed animals welcome at storytime, for ages 4-8 with adult. Call 703-830-2223.

**Book Discussion Group.** 7:30 p.m. at the Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Book group for adults. Call 703-502-3883.

## THURSDAY/MAY 15

**Golf Tournament Fundraiser.** 7:30 a.m. at the Stonewall Golf Club, 15601 Turtle Point Drive, Gainesville. Play begins at 8:30 a.m. Awards, door prizes and lunch to follow. \$125 per player, with proceeds to local charities. Hosted by NOVEC HELPS, Northern Virginia Electric Cooperative Hands Engaged in Local Public Service. Contact Tracy Goodin tgoodin@novec.com or Ginger Hamlin ghamlin@novec.com, or call

703-335-0500 or 1-888-335-0500 to participate.

**Homes Tour and Marketplace.** 9:30 a.m.-5:30 a.m. in Clifton. Sponsored by The Clifton Community Woman's Club. Tickets are \$25 in advance or \$30 the day of the tour, to benefit local scholarships and charities. Visit CliftonHomesTour.com for more.

**The End or Is It? Book Club.** 7:30 p.m. at the Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. A book discussion group for 5th and 6th graders. Call 703-502-3883.

## FRIDAY/MAY 16

**Bouncin' Babies.** 3 p.m. at the Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Rhymes, songs, stories and activities for babies up to 11 months with adult. Call 703-502-3883.

**Small Wonders.** 4 p.m. at the Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Rhymes, songs, stories and activities for children 12-23 months with adult. Call 703-502-3883.

**Bingo Night.** 7 p.m. at the Westfield High School cafeteria, 4700 Stonecroft Blvd., Chantilly. Doors open at 6 p.m. \$15 tickets include 10 games of bingo and three raffle tickets, with food and drink available for sale. Food pre-orders encouraged but walk-ins welcome. Order at www.westfieldband.org or contact cathyjerry@cox.net.

## FRIDAY-SATURDAY/MAY 16-17

**Student Dance Performance.** 7:30 p.m. in the auditorium of Fairfax High School, 3501 Rebel Run. "On the Corner of ... A Tribute to New

York City" features 51 students from 14 Fairfax County schools, including Centreville, Chantilly, Fairfax, Falls Church, Herndon, Langley, Madison, Marshall, Oakton, West Springfield, Westfield, and Woodson high schools and Lake Braddock and Robinson secondary schools. Show also includes two alumnae pieces from Melrose Pyne (Fairfax High, 2011) and Lize Mayman (Langley High, 2010). Tickets \$10 in advance, \$15 at the door. Visit fxdance.ticketleap.com/may2014/dates.

## SATURDAY/MAY 17

**Plant Clinic.** 10:30 a.m. at the Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Master gardeners with provide horticultural tips, information, techniques and advice to home gardeners. Call 703-502-3883.

**Spring Carnival.** 11 a.m.-5 p.m. at St. Andrew the Apostle School, 6720B Union Mill Road, Clifton. Games, rides, food and entertainment including children's performer Mr. Knick Knack at 11 and Reptiles Alive at 1. Tickets sold at door. Visit www.standrew-clifton.org or call 703-817-1774.

## SUNDAY/MAY 18

**Model Train Display.** 1-4 p.m. at the Fairfax Station Railroad Museum, 11200 Fairfax Station Road, Fairfax Station. The Northern Virginia NTRAK members will have a display of N gauge trains running. Museum members and children under 5, free; adults 16 and over, \$4; children 5-15, \$2. Visit www.fairfax-station.org or call 703-425-9225.

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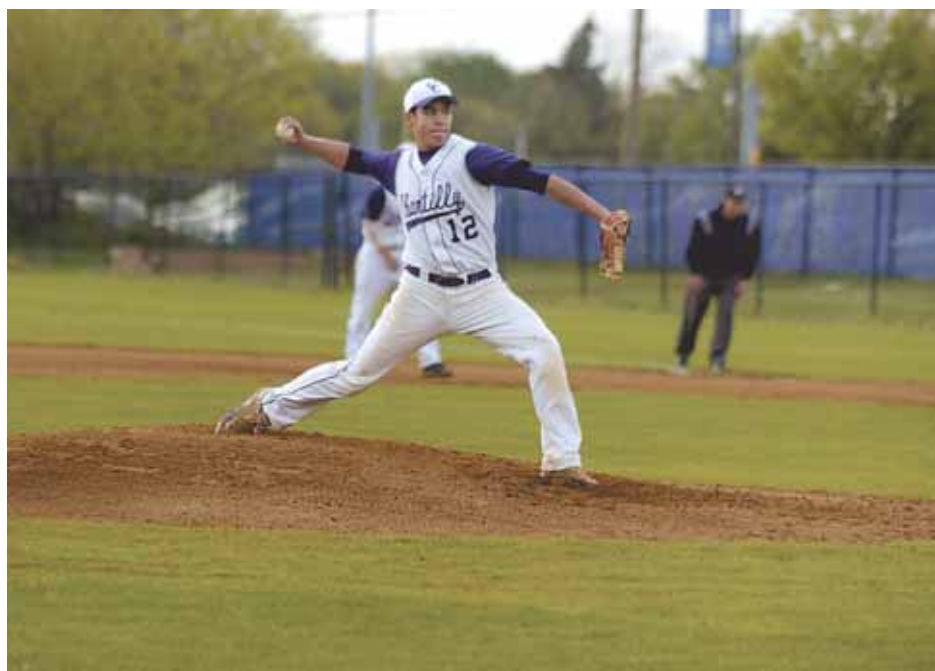
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**Chantilly senior Eason Recto pitches against Centreville on May 2.**

## Chantilly Baseball Beats Centreville

The Chantilly baseball team edged Conference 5 foe Centreville 1-0 on May 2.

Three days later, Chantilly lost to Westfield 6-0, but bounced back with a 5-1 victory against Herndon on May 6. The Chargers are now 10-5 with four games remaining in the regular season.

### SPORTS BRIEFS

Chantilly is scheduled to host games against Robinson (May 9) and Edison (May 15), and will travel to face Oakton (May 13) and Westfield (May 16).

Centreville responded to the Chantilly defeat by beating Westfield 6-4 on May 6. The Wildcats faced Robinson on Wednesday, after Centre View's deadline.

Centreville will close the regular season with home games against Oakton (May 9) and Herndon (May 13), and a road game against Robinson (May 16).

## Chantilly Boys' Lax Wins Fourth Straight

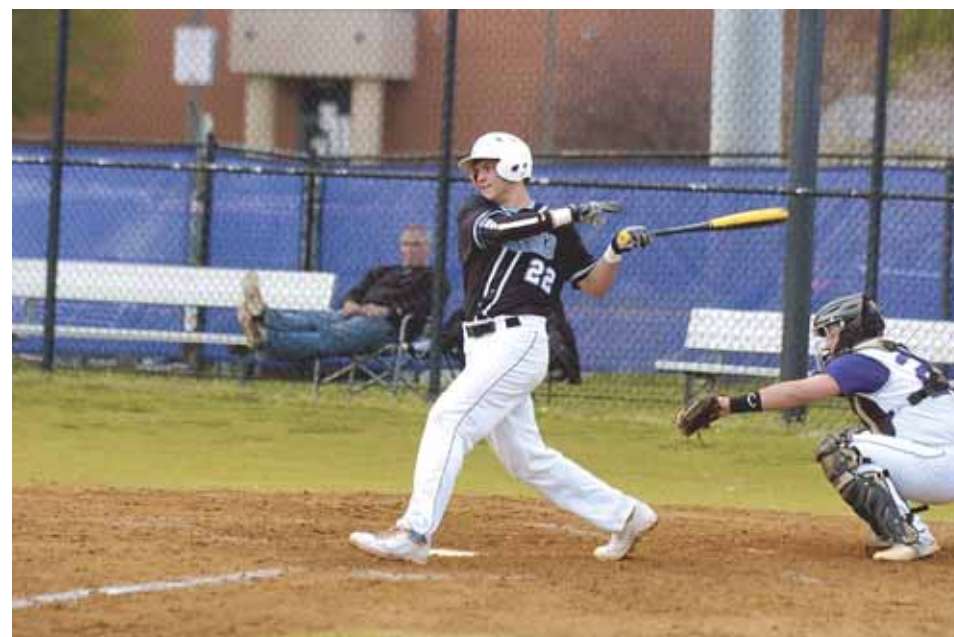
After suffering its first loss of the season, the Chantilly boys' lacrosse team close the regular season by winning its final four games.

The Chargers lost to South County 8-6 on April 22. Since then, Chantilly defeated Yorktown (8-6), Oakton (9-5), Woodson (9-7) and Westfield (9-7).

Chantilly will enter the Conference 5 tournament as the No. 1 seed, which comes with a first-round bye and an automatic berth in the 6A North regional tournament. The Chargers will host a conference semifinals game on May 21.

## Westfield Girls' Lax Improves to 12-1

The Westfield girls' lacrosse team defeated Chantilly 21-6 on May 6, improving



**Scott Walter and the Centreville baseball team fell short against Chantilly, 1-0, on May 2.**

its record to 12-1. The Bulldogs' lone defeat came against defending state champion Madison on April 16, 16-15.

Westfield will close the regular season with a home game against Yorktown at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, May 12. The Bulldogs will enter the Conference 5 tournament as the No. 1 seed, and will receive a first-round bye and an automatic regional berth.

## Westfield Girls' Soccer to Face Oakton

The Westfield girls' soccer team will close the regular season with a road match against Oakton at 7 p.m. on Thursday, May 8. The Bulldogs have a chance to finish undefeated in Conference 5 play.

Westfield defeated Chantilly 5-3 on April 28 and beat Robinson 2-1 on May 1 before losing a non-conference game to Langley on May 5, 3-1.

Westfield is 6-4-1.

## Centreville Track Competes at Draper Invite

The Centreville track and field team competed at the Draper Invitational in Alexandria on May 2 and 3 with a host of season bests.

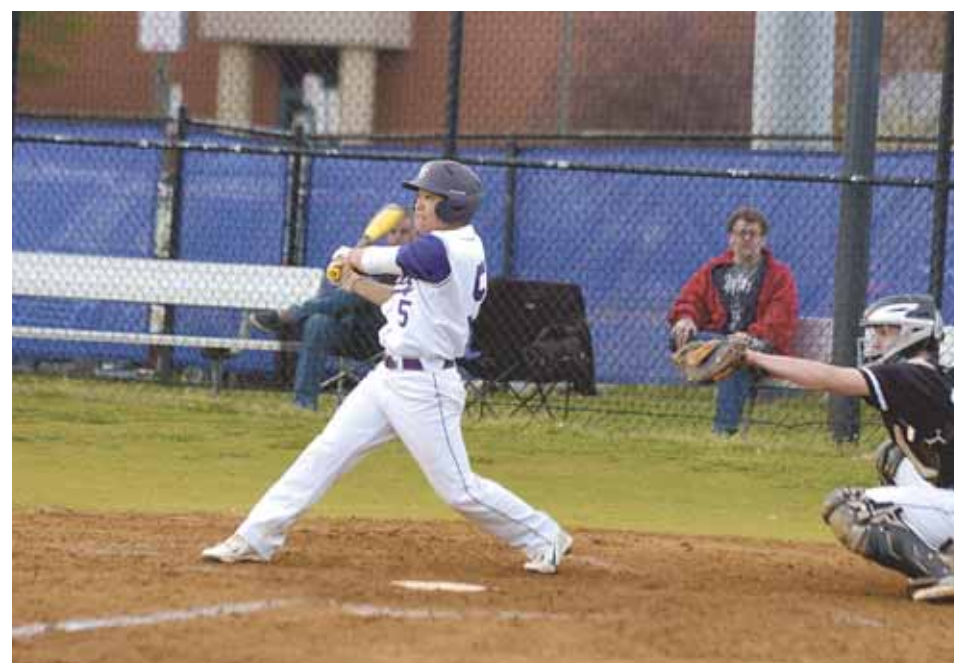
Garratt Friendly produced personal records in shot put and discus for the Wildcats. Friendly placed fourth in the shot put and fifth in the discus, attaining Conference 5 qualifying distances in each event.

Senior Andrew Ridenour had another big day for the team, placing second in the 100-meter dash, third in the triple jump with a season best distance of 41 feet, 9.5 inches, sixth in the 200 meters with a PR and sectional-qualifying time of 22.95, seventh in the long jump and anchoring the third place

SEE SPORTS BRIEFS, PAGE 15



**Centreville junior Daniel Woodruff pitches against Chantilly on May 2.**



**Chantilly junior Andrew Kim swings in a game against Centreville on May 2.**



# Addressing Hearing Loss

**“What?” May is Better Hearing and Speech Month.**

By MARILYN CAMPBELL  
THE CONNECTION

**O**n any given workday, you might find Arlington resident Erin Weiner sitting in a family-friendly restaurant causally coloring or playing games with a young child. At first glance, she might be mistaken for any young mother entertaining her offspring while they wait for a meal. In actuality, Weiner, who is a speech-language pathologist, is employing what she describes as an innovative approach to therapy that involves working with a child in his or her natural environment.

“Real-time therapeutic sessions help children develop skills that they can effectively apply to day-to-day life,” said Weiner, of Erin’s Place for Therapy in North Potomac, Md.

Hearing loss affects more than 36 million Americans. During the month of May, Better Hearing & Speech Month, Weiner and other speech and hearing professionals are working to raise awareness about communication disorders and the treatments that are available.

“Most people don’t realize how the loss of hearing is interfering with their lives,” said Michael V. Massa, AuD., of Massa and Associates, Doctors of Audiology, with offices in Springfield and Mount Vernon. “Hearing loss is usually gradual and a spouse or family member will notice it first.”

Massa says that while hearing loss is most common in people aged 50 and older, it can affect patients from newborns to the elderly. Recognizing the warning signs and finding the proper treatment can be life-altering. “People come back and say ‘if I had known how much this would have helped, I would have come to see you much earlier,’” said Massa.

**EARLY DETECTION IS CRITICAL.** “Hearing loss can affect one’s ability to communicate with and engage others in the community,” said Jeffrey Edge, rehabilitation services manager for the Fairfax County Health Department. “The earlier you detect a hearing loss, the sooner you can take steps to hopefully decrease the impact of the loss on communication. Early detection of hearing loss is most important with infants and children as hearing is critical to developing speech and language skills and learning.”

Edge points to research from the National Insti-

## Details

✦ Erin’s Place for Therapy — <http://erinsplacefortherapy.com>

✦ Massa and Associates, Doctors of Audiology offers free hearing screenings during May. Visit [www.massaandassociates.com](http://www.massaandassociates.com).

✦ The Fairfax County Health Department’s Speech and Hearing Clinic provides hearing and speech screenings and evaluations for children and adults living in Fairfax County. Visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/hd/speech/speechservices.htm](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/hd/speech/speechservices.htm).

✦ National Institute of Health, National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders — [www.nidcd.nih.gov/Pages/default.aspx](http://www.nidcd.nih.gov/Pages/default.aspx)

✦ American Speech-Language-Hearing Association — [www.asha.org](http://www.asha.org)



Dr. Michael Massa examines Vivian Graeves in his Mount Vernon office.

tute of Health, National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders, which shows that speech and language development begins in the first six months of life and children who get treatment early develop better language skills than those who don’t. There are certain signs that tell parents their children might be experiencing hearing loss. “Is the child responding to their name when the child isn’t looking at you?” asks Weiner. “Are they speaking as much as their peers? Are they saying ‘What?’ a lot? Do they seem to be reading your lips? If a fire truck with its sirens on goes by does the child look up? Are they having problems speaking at the right volume?”

Weiner, who provides oral, motor articulation, language therapy and auditory processing treatments, said problems with audio processing can often be difficult to diagnose. “You have to determine if the issue is auditory processing or hearing loss. This can be difficult to distinguish. With auditory processing, someone might keep saying ‘What?’ and they probably heard you, but the message is not getting to their brain.”

Hearing loss in newborns can be hereditary or congenital, said Massa, but it is often caught early because of state laws that require newborn hearing screenings. “At birth we can tell if a child’s hearing is normal or not and this is critical because they have to develop speech,” said Massa.

**MASSA SAID THAT** the number of Americans with hearing loss has doubled within the past 30 years. “Some of that is due to the fact that we have so many baby boomers,” he said. “Inner ear hearing loss is the most common type of loss.”

Sudden hearing loss is another common hearing disorder that usually occurs in one ear. “With sudden hearing loss, time is of the essence,” said Massa. “The person needs to be seen right away. Studies show that they have a better chance of recovering if treatment begins right away.” When it comes to treatment, advancements in hearing devices now include the latest digital and Bluetooth technology, which can connect patients to their electronic devices, such as a television, a computer, a smart phone or cellular telephone phone, as well as induction loop systems found in theaters. “Hearing devices have gotten really good with digital technology. How well a person is going to do with a hearing device is dependent on the type of hearing loss,” said Massa, who has been practicing for more than 30 years. “Fortunately most people can be helped by hearing devices. It is extremely important for those people to be seen by a doctor of audiology.”

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# A Tale of Two Seasons

By KENNETH B. LOURIE



It is not the best of times, nor is it the worst of times; it is, simply put: the time between the end of winter and the beginning of summer. It is the season known as spring, but more to the point of this column, it is the time when, if the weather cooperates/accommodates, I won't need to turn the heat or the air conditioning on in my house. I will instead be able to ride the wave, so to speak, and not incur any post-winter/pre-summer utility bills. Possibly, I might even be able to pay off my oil-heating budget bill balance for the 2013/2014 season – before the 2014/2015 budget cycle begins, and hopefully not have to cool down the house at the same time – due to an early summer – so that on the day my oil-heating bill is due, it won't be competing for cash with my upstart electric/air conditioning bill for money not well spent and for money hardly in abundance.

As difficult and challenging as our most recent winter has been, and as hot and humid as our summers typically are, I (like many others I'm sure), would certainly appreciate a break/brake in my cash flowing out and instead enjoy its staying power – in my bank. Not that it earns any interest idling as it does there; nevertheless, its presence in my checking account without immediately being in demand would create a sense of solvency, false though it may be (and a temporary sensation at that), and likely make a positive contribution to my seasonal situation. I don't mind being thrown a bone once in a while.

Moreover, given the circumstances and reality of living in the never-enough-resources world, any discount, reduction or delay, real or imagined, in the ongoing and recurring utility bills, would be a most welcome improvement. If the heat and air conditioning indeed stayed off, and I didn't need to be warm any more than I needed to be cool, I'm sure I could make the adjustment. Paying less probably wouldn't be a hardship. I'm not too proud to admit it, though I'm not begging.

I'm not asking for a multi-month sojourn from my utility bill reality. I'm just asking for a month. One month where I could stop the bleeding and possibly pay forward to get ahead rather than pay backward to not be in arrears. I don't believe I'm asking for a lot. And neither do I think I'm being greedy. However, I agree it may be wishful thinking. Nevertheless, it's a request worth making. And as unpredictable – respectfully speaking, not criticizing – as the weather can be, a little help would go a long way; in dollars and in sense. Otherwise, I might have a dickens of a time paying for heat AND air conditioning in the same month. Then it would be the worst of times.

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A hard copy may be examined at the Clifton Post Office, 12644 Chapel Road, Clifton, Virginia. All interested parties are encouraged to attend the Public Hearing to express their views with respect to the proposed amendment and revision of the Signs section of the Zoning Ordinance.

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## SPORTS BRIEFS

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4x100 meter relay team.

Junior Young Bin Jin placed third in the 300-meter hurdles with a PR and state-qualifying time of 40.08. Sophomore Brent Bailey met the sectional-qualifying standard with his seventh-place 3200-meter run time of 9:52.91. He also placed eighth and attained the conference qualifying time in the 1600 meter run, as well as running a leg for the fourth-place 4x800 relay. In doing so Bailey ran PRs in both events.

Freshman Dan Horoho also met the sectional-qualifying time the 3200, running a 9:54.6 PR for eighth place. The Bishop twins continued their successful outdoor season with Kevin placing fifth in the 110 meter high hurdles with a conference qualifying time of 16.17 and Michael placed fifth in the 400-meter dash with a PR and sectional qualifying time of 51.75. Mikael Mantis placed fifth in the triple jump with a distance of 39-11.

The boys' 4x100 relay team of Mikael Mantis, James Warajunto, Kevin Bishop and Andrew Ridenour placed third.

Finally for the boys, the 4x800 meter relay, with sophomores Alex Jung, Ryan French, Brent Bailey and freshman Dan Horoho finished in fourth place.

French ran a PR in the 1600-meter run,

and Jung also ran a PR in the open 800. While finishing out of the money, junior Bobby Dunn continued his return from injury with a fast 2:01.17 in the 800 meter run which, in addition to being a PR, qualified him for the sectional championships in that event. Overall, the boys' team finished in fourth place.

For the girls' team, junior Jackie O'Shea produced a time of 11:23.68 in the 3200 meter run, placing fourth, achieving a PR and, most importantly, qualifying for the state championships.

O'Shea followed that up with a seventh-place conference qualifying PR in the 1600 meter run. Junior Tyra Baptiste had a PR and conference qualifying 61.87 on her way to seventh-place in the 400 meter dash. She also ran a fast opening leg for the girls' eighth-place 4x400 meter relay team. Baptiste's teammates were Sammy Belso, Natalie King and Hannah Huggins. The relay team dropped almost 7 seconds from their season-best time.

Natalie King scored the remaining points for the girls' team with an eighth-place finish in the 800-meter run with a season best 2:30.51. Additionally, Sammy Belso jumped a PR of 14-7.5 in the long jump and Hannah Huggins dropped 7 seconds from her 800-meter time for a PR of 2:36.4.

## SCHOOL NOTES

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Sophomore **Alexander Jung**, son of Kyung and Kristina Jung of Centreville, has been named to Randolph-Macon Academy's dean's list for the third quarter of the 2013-14 school year.

Sophomore **Maria Alexandra Larrazabal**, of Fairfax, ranks in the top 2 percent of students in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences at Iowa

State University.

**Brian Cordell Miller**, of Chantilly, has accepted membership in the National Society of Collegiate Scholars.

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