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Posing in character are (standing, from left) Jessica Swanson, Zach Szmerekovsky, Zoe Hawryluk, Andrew Brockmeyer, Elizabeth Coo and Embrey Grimes; and (seated) Eni Oyeleye.

'And Then There Were None'

Westfield High presents Agatha Christie mystery.

By Bonnie Hobbs Centre View

omething is definitely amiss after 10 people are invited to a party on an isolated island in Maine and are killed off, one by one. That's the premise of the classic mystery by Agatha Christie, and it's Westfield High's upcoming play.

The curtain rises Friday-Saturday, Nov. 21-22, at 7:30 p.m., and Sunday, Nov. 23, at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$12 at the door or \$10 via www.westfieldtheatreboosters.com and for highschool students with IDs.

"The roles require strong acting skills, and the cast members have truly outdone themselves creating their characters," said Director Susie Pike. "It's been a wonderful collaborative effort. Our production staff has worked tirelessly on props, lights, costumes and publicity, and my stage-management team is outstanding. It's such a pleasure to work with students who are so willing to take risks and take ownership of the creative process."

"I double-cast two of the roles because the students did such a good job on auditions," continued Pike. "In fact, these were some of the strongest auditions I've had in several years. I added eight characters — eight 'shadows' who act as the actors' consciences. It's been a really interesting process since I had students direct this area of the show. We've had a great time creating a mysterious, island home, and the audience should also watch for some special, symbolic paintings."

The action takes place in the parlor of a large mansion designed by senior Andrew Brockmeyer. "Besides the furniture, there are windows looking out on a balcony, plus a fireplace and a mantel," he said. "The design took about two weeks to create and is based heavily on this show's Broadway production."

Senior Zoe Hawryluk plays Evelyn Blore, a detective who's requested by the unknown host to come as a party guest to make sure no one steals his wife's jewels. But Blore soon finds out that the host and hostess don't exist.

"My character's bumbling, loves food and drink and talks about food all the time," said Hawryluk. "She's easily offended and is a bad liar; she thinks she's savvy, but she really isn't. It's difficult portraying her because the role was originally written for a male, so she's a strong, Katharine Hepburn-type woman. But it's fun playing someone like that. And she has a lot of lines that are comic relief, so that's fun to play, too."

Hawryluk said it's been great bringing this book

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'Only Excellence Is Good Enough'

CPMSAC celebrates its 30th anniversary.

By Bonnie Hobbs Centre View

he Chantilly Pyramid Minority Student Achieve-Committee (CPMSAC) has come a long way in 30 years — and there's more work to be done. But Sunday night, it took time out to celebrate three decades of dedication to area youth.

"Our core mission is to help close the achievement gap of minority students," said CPMSAC board member Chuck Coffin, Nov. 2, at the Hyatt Fair Lakes. "And through all the challenges, we haven't lost our faith or wavered

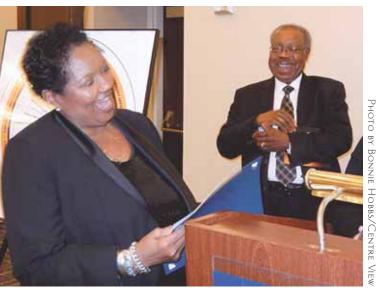
in our commitment toward moving forward."

The late Shirley Nelson founded the nonprofit organization in 1984 at Chantilly Baptist Church. "Shirley took the tops off our daughter's dance trophies and replaced them with lamps of learning," said her husband, CPMSAC President Johnny Nelson. "Then she gave them to the top-achieving students at the church."

The program grew from there, but not without various threats to its existence. "During our early years, the school system didn't know how to accept us," said Nelson. "But the School Board stepped forward and supported

Now, besides mentoring and tutoring all students needing help not just minorities — CPMSAC acknowledges their progress and

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Barbara Tyler (on left) is honored by Sye Smith and Christy McFerren for her many years of service to CPMSAC.

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Roundups

WFCCA Land-Use Committee

The West Fairfax County Citizens Association (WFCCA) Land-Use Committee will meet Tuesday, Nov. 18, at 7 p.m., in the Sully District Governmental Center, 4900 Stonecroft Blvd., in Chantilly. On the agenda are the Lakeside Apartments in Centreville's Centre Ridge community. There are currently two clubhouses for tenants' use; and to accommodate the increased use, the smaller clubhouse is to be demolished and replaced with a larger one.

Sully District Council Meeting

The Sully District Council of Citizens Associations and its Land-Use Committee will meet Wednesday, Nov. 19, at 7 p.m., in The Chantilly Highlands Community Center, 3225 Kinross Circle in Oak Hill. This meeting is on the third Thursday to avoid Thanksgiving, and it's also at a different location than usual.

VDOT and the Fairfax County Department of Transportation will talk about transportation projects, and the panel will receive information about Chantilly Plaza Sign Notices. Call Jeff Parnes, evenings, at 703-904-0131.

Free Carseat Inspections

Certified technicians from the Sully District Police Station will perform free, child safety carseat inspections Thursday, Nov. 20, 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.

Police, Fire Games Help Needed

The 2015 World Police and Fire Games will need upwards of 3,000 people to take on a wide variety of roles across the National Capital Region. These include welcoming visitors, transporting athletes, joining the medical team, assisting sports coordinators, helping out behind the scenes on the technology team. For more information or to volunteer, go to http:// fairfax2015.com/volunteer.

Volunteering Made Easy

Fairfax County introduces its new volunteer management system, paving the way for easier navigation of county volunteer opportunities. People may visit volunteer.fairfaxcounty.gov, fill out one application and search for opportunities meeting their interests by geographic location, dates, type of people or program type. They may view positions from a variety of agencies track their hours and review upcoming volunteer jobs. They may even volunteer to serve during emergencies.

Helping Immigrant Children

The Centreville Labor Resource Center (CLRC) is collecting donations for the 70 immigrant children and 15 young mothers being housed at a secure facility in Bristow while awaiting hearings. The children need health and hygiene supplies, clothing and bedding. Donations may be brought to CLRC, 5956 Centreville Crest Lane in Centreville.

Especially needed are clothing and underwear for both boys and girls, ages 7-17; white towels, twin-sized blankets, sheets and bedspreads; new pillows and personal-hygiene products including shampoo, conditioner, hand soap, lotion, deodorant, hair brushes and accessories, tooth paste and toothbrushes, and disposable diapers.

For more information call CLRC Director Roberto Fernández at 703-543-6272, Monday through Saturday, 6 a.m.-noon, or Foltz at 703-346-6030.

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Helping are Centreville homeschool Scout Troop 3327 members (from left) Elisabeth Keeley, 11; Stella Pettit, 9; Juliet DeLap, 9 and Ruth Moran, 8.



Sorting canned goods are (from left) Centreville homeschool Scout Troop 3327 members Whitney Hochberg, Olivia Davidson and Genevieve Kaminski, all 5, and (standing) McKenna Olsen, 11.

Scouting for Food

he annual Boy Scouts Scouting for Food drive collected, packed and delivered nearly 59,000. was Saturday, Nov. 8. More than 900 Boy pounds of food to Western Fairfax Christian Minis-Scouts plus more than 800 other volunteers tries for its food pantry for local families in need.



Ready to unload a carful of boxed and canned food are (back row, from left) Jacob Minks, Cub Scout Pack 1862; Maggie Minks, Girl Scout Troop 1143; Ella Santilli and Liam Santilli, Pack 1862; and (front row, from left) Patrick Santilli, Boy Scout Troop 1137; and Westfield High grads Ian and Henry Pike of Troop 1137 and Crew 10 Venturing.



Two helpers are (from left) eighth-graders Seth Mazzaro, Stone Middle; and Ben Perkins, Rocky Run Middle.



Packing boxes of food are (from left) Dave Krauss, Boy Scout Troop 1547; Jesse Mabanglo, Centreville Presbyterian Church; and Krauss's son Sebastian of **Troop 1547.**



From left are Westfield High seniors and Girl Scout Troop 1100 members Megan Anderson, India Mazzaro and Carolyn Perkins.

News



Mark Nelson speaks beside a photo of his late mother, Shirley Nelson.



Meka Sales said her mother, Shirley Nelson, promoted high achieve-



Chris Singleton directs the Chantilly Jazz Band during the celebration.

PMSAC Celebrates Its 30th Anniversary

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accomplishments at annual awards ceremonies and quarterly, honor-roll certificate programs. The organization, itself, has received many awards over the years and, on Oct. 28, the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors presented CPMSAC with a resolution recognizing how it's impacted students'

Addressing all of CPMSAC's board members, volunteers, school personnel, church members, businesses and others who supported it through the years, Nelson said, "It's been 30 years and CPMSAC is alive and well. And it's because of God's blessings, the life and legacy of Shirley Nelson, and every one of you."

His son, Mark Nelson, said he and his sister, Meka Sales, both work for nonprofits and understand the challenges they face. "My mother's mission to help children keeps

you for adopting her vision as your own."

Sales said her mother's motto, "Only excellence is good enough," gave Shirley Nelson the courage to walk into the Chantilly High principal's office in 1984, demanding to know in what areas black students weren't achieving and why not. And now, thousands of minority students are honored each year during CPMSAC's twoday awards celebration.

"Her work was exhausting, but she'd discovered her God-given purpose," said Sales. "And it infused her with joy and fueled everyone else to carry out her vision. She enacted volunteerism and encouraged others to stand with her."

"Her philanthropy was a love of mankind, and that's what this organization is all about," continued Sales. "She was a fierce advocate of service and high achievement

her alive for us," he told the crowd. "Thank and knew that minority kids needed mentorship, plus good role models and examples of success, encouragement and sup-

> Hunter Mill Supervisor Cathy Hudgins thanked the Nelson family for giving so much to this county. And she said children still need the motivation CPMSAC gives them.

> "Fairfax County really has to move forward and close the achievement gap," she said. "We're better than that. This anniversary is a milestone and demonstrates your leadership role [in the community].'

> School Board Vice-Chairman Ted Velkoff said parents are their children's first teachers and CPMSAC was created for the entire community's children.

> He said not all children are born into families that can help them learn and achieve not all parents can attend meetings with

teachers, have the time or ability to help with homework or can even speak English. And, said Velkoff, "It's in no one's best interests to have students graduate without the skills they need to succeed."

He said 33 percent of last year's kindergartners came into FCPS in poverty and receive free and reduced-price lunches; and 50 percent of those kindergartners speak a language other than English at home. "And by the end of the decade, we'll have 200,000 students," he added. "So costs are rising and doing what we've always done won't be enough."

Thirty years from now, said Velkoff, "Schools will have to orient students to achieving in the real world, and not passing SOL tests. They'll need community support for students at the greatest risk; there's no CPMSAC in other areas of the county.

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Westfield High Presents Agatha Christie Mystery

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to life, and the audience will enjoy such a well-written show. "They'll like the differences between the characters, plus all the suspense that comes with a murder mystery, because they'll constantly suspect different people," she said. "They'll also like the language and 1940s period costumes, which are really cool."

Portraying the hosts' secretary, Vera Claythorne, is senior Elizabeth Coo. "She's cool, resourceful and observant - she sees things others miss," said Coo. "She's also intelligent, youthful, welcoming and outgoing, and I like playing someone who's smart, and not the naïve ingénue."

"It's an ensemble cast and it's fun to work with the characters as individual people," continued Coo. "And as the 'hostess,' Vera has a relationship with the other people in the house. She tends to see the best in people, but she has flaws, so I get to show her as a whole person."

Regarding the play, she said, "Not only is it one of Agatha Christie's masterpieces, but 4 ♦ Centre View ♦ November 13-19, 2014

it's also a classic whodunit that'll keep the audience guessing. And who doesn't love a good mystery? The show's character-driven, and each character has their own back story."

Calling it "psychologically thrilling," Coo said the story also sets aside that time period's normal, social conventions. "There are power struggles between the characters and different social classes and philosophies. And underneath it all is the will to survive, because they're all placed in a unique and scary situation. The characters are realistic, flawed people, and that's what makes it so much fun.'

Junior Eni Oyeleye plays Judge Lawrence Wargrave, one of the most-respected judges in America. "He's a tough judge and he takes a lead trying to solve the murders. He's stiff and severe at first but, eventually becomes more vulnerable and affected by what's happened. The others look to him for guidance, but he doesn't form close relationships with any of them."

Oyeleye is enjoying his part because it's

his first dramatic role and straight play, other than a Shakespearean comedy. "Even in a roomful of big personalities, the judge fills the room and is a commanding presence," he said. "And as the show goes on, the audience will like the rising tension and underlying edge as people are dying and no one knows why."

Portraying Philip Lombard, a former, highranking military officer, is junior Embrey Grimes. "He's an adventurer who always needs thrills, so this trip to the island is his new adventure," said Grimes. "He's sarcastic and pushes people's buttons to get a rise out of them, but he's genuinely a good guy. He's also a bit of a ladies' man and is very flirtatious, especially with Vera." As for the play, Grimes said everyone will be able to see a little of themselves in the characters and "they'll really care about them."

> From left: Eni Oyeleye, **Elizabeth Coo and Embrey** Grimes rehearse a scene.

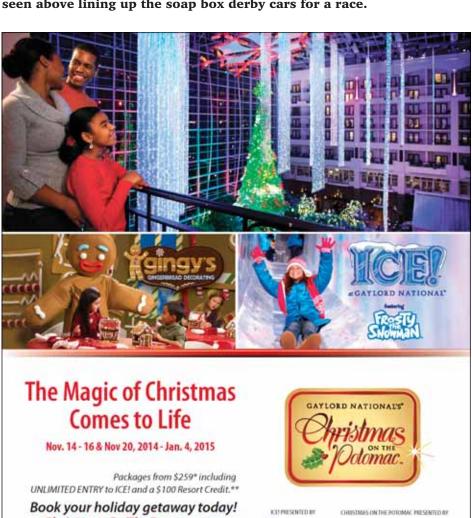


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Soap Box Derby

Boy Scout Troop 893 of Centreville held its second Soap Box Derby on Oct. 12 at Bull Run Park. Soap box derby is an annual scouting tradition where Scouting patrols build cars out of wood and race them against one another. About 30 Scouts participated. The Trailblazer Patrol came in 1st place with a combined time of 80.54 seconds. The Spartan Patrol came in second place with a combined time of 92.80 and the Ranger Patrol was third place with a time of 98.16 seconds. The Troop event was coordinated by Assistant Scoutmaster Adam Weisz, the race director, seen above lining up the soap box derby cars for a race.





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Thanksgiving Help for Those in Need

Roll up those sleeves and help.

his week is the week to jump in to help the many organizations that will help needy families through the holidays. Here are a few ideas of how to help, but the opportu-EDITORIAL nities are limitless.

More than 236,000 people living in the area do not have access to enough food to sustain an active, healthy life for all members of their households, according to Catholic Charities. That is to say, more than a quarter of a million people, including many children, go hungry on a regular basis.

Catholic Charities is launching a new food distribution project, the St. Lucy Project, designed to respond to food insecurity in the diocese. "The reality in Northern Virginia is that thousands of our neighbors suffer from gripping poverty and hunger," said Bishop Paul S. Loverde of the Catholic Diocese of Arlington. "Pope Francis has consistently called us to be a 'church of the poor in Alexandria and other parts of Northern Virginia. See www.ccda.net for more.

Our Daily Bread will help 2,000 people for Thanksgiving and through the holidays. They need help. Sign up to deliver a meal, adopt a family or just donate. https://www.odbfairfax.org/Thanksgiving

United Community Ministries is seeking donations to its food pantry, donations to help prevent homelessness for 300 families on the brink, plus children's books and toys. http://www.ucmagency.org/ how-to-help.html

Northern Virginia Family Services needs help with Operation Turkey, for 800 families. Food, money and volunteers needed. http:// www.nvfs.org/

The Arlington Food Assistance Center is facing record demand, helping more than 8,000 people, and poised to go far above its annual budget. Find out more and donate http://

Cornerstones' annual Thanksgiving Basket Food Drive will help nearly 1,000 families this season. 571-323-9555, www.cornerstonesva.org. SHARE of McLean seeks donations of gro-

and for the poor." The project will provide food cery gift cards and more. Checks and gift cards can be sent to: Holiday Celebration, Share, Inc. PO Box 210, McLean, VA 22101. 703-284-2179. www.SHAREofMcLean.org

LINK, serving Herndon, Chantilly, Loudoun and more, needs contributions of food, coats and holiday toys for children, plus volunteers. On Nov. 15, LINK will distribute food, gently used winter coats/clothing and grocery gift cards to more than 800 families, 703-437-1776 www.linkagainsthunger.org

FACETS helps parents, their children and individuals who suffer the effects of poverty in the Fairfax area. FACETS is always in need of volunteers, and offers a variety of one-time and ongoing opportunities. 703-865-4251 or volunteer@facetscares.org. Information about supply donations and FACETS holiday gifts drive is available on the website at www.facetscares.org.

You can find a list of local Fairfax nonprofits here: http://www.connectionnewspapers.com/ news/2014/aug/27/newcomers-guide-areanonprofits/

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Forum Recognizes Volunteers, Leaders

BY ALICE FOLTZ Centreville Immigration Forum President

very week, more than a dozen volunteers plan, teach, organize, and support programs at Centreville Labor Resource Center (CLRC). Over the year, more than 100 volunteers contribute to the life of Centreville Immigration Forum (CIF). At its annual meeting last Tuesday, Oct. 28, CIF recognized these leaders, including Stephen Vandivere, the top volunteer with 120 hours this year; and Joyce Lynn, the lead ESOL teacher for Saturday morning, with 70 hours.

Both Vandivere and Lynn have volunteered since the earliest days of the Center. Lynn leads a women's ESOL group on Saturday morning, and Vandivere is a greeter and volunteer recruiter.

CIF recognized three community leaders as "Community Heroes" for connecting others to the work of the Labor Resource Center. Angie Carrera, of the Fairfax County Office of Public and Private Partnership, was recognized for making connections far beyond her office. Her creative energy and ideas bring new supporters and raise the profile of CIF in the community.

Bonnie Hobbs, reporter for the Connection Newspapers' Centre View paper, was cited for her fair and honest news stories, keeping the community informed and con-



CIF President Alice Foltz congratulates top volunteer Stephen Vandivere.

nected. Hobbs's stories consistently present the facts, and help Centreville residents from all backgrounds to know and appreciate the strengths of all community residents.

The third Community Hero award went to George Mason University Professor Al Fuertes, one of the first supporters of CIF in 2007, when he used his skills in conflict resolution to create a fair space for all voices to be heard. Centreville residents with varied opinions trusted his skill in moderating the conversation. Dr. Fuertes continues to help CLRC connect with talented students and resources at GMU.

CIF recognized two youth vol-

unteers, Ellis Tsung, a senior at Thomas Jefferson HS for Science and Technology; and Cathleen Watkins, a freshman at University of Virginia and a graduate of Westfield HS. Ellis built and maintained websites for CIF and CLRC, and works with staff and volunteers regularly on Saturday mornings to update the sites. Cathleen was a regular Saturday volunteer for nearly two years at the Center, and taught English with skill and enthusiasm.

The top administrative volunteer for the year is Mike Gillotte, who regularly steps in to answer the phone and record data, and keep the staff smiling. Also honored was Elisabeth Aguilar, for her



Mike Gillotte is the CIF's top administrative volun-

contributions to the Spanish literacy program at CLRC; and Stephanie Carpio, for her dedication to the health education program. Betsy Pugin was recognized for her role as gracious hostess and supporter of staff and volunteers throughout the year.

The CIF Board also recognized the work of volunteers who made possible the move of CIF to independence in August this year. This was a "seamless transition" according to CLRC Director Roberto Fernández, and the transition is possible because of the work of many volunteers, including Hubert Graves, who organized and facilitated the transfer; Ed Duggan, Cari Lin, Barb Caputo, and Jerry Foltz, who continue to

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Crime

BURGLARY, 14500 block of Brainiff Circle, Nov, 6. A resident reported someone entered the residence and took

BURGLARY, 11200 block of Robert Carter Road, Nov. 5. A resident reported someone entered the residence and took

BURGLARY, 4000 block of Spring Run Court, Nov. 2. A resident reported someone entered the residence and took

BURGLARY, 6300 block of Field Flower Trail, Oct. 31. A resident reported someone entered the residence and took property.

BURGLARY, 14300 block of Haysickle Court, Oct. 29. A resident reported someone entered the residence and took property.

STOLEN VEHICLE, Sequoia Lea Drive/Union Mill Road, Oct. 29, 9:45 a.m. While checking the area for a suspect of multiple larcenies from vehicles, an officer located a stolen vehicle. The officer attempted to stop the vehicle and the suspect fled on foot. Officers apprehended and arrested an 18-year-old man from Centreville and charged him with unauthorized use of a motor ve-

ROBBERY, Belcher Farm Court/ Belcher Farm Drive, Oct. 28, 10:05 p.m. The victim was walking when she was approached by two men. One suspect displayed a handgun and the second suspect took property and cash from the victim. The suspects fled on foot. The victim did not require rescue. The suspects were described as black, 20s, and between 5 feet 5 inches and 5 feet 8 inches tall.

BURGLARY, 4100 block of Meadowland Court, Oct. 24. A resident reported someone entered the residence and took property.

ROBBERY, 14100 block of Lee Highway, Oct. 21, 3:27 p.m. The victim was standing outside of a business when he was approached by a man. The suspect displayed a handgun and demanded property and money. The victim did not require rescue. Property was taken. The suspect was described as black, 20s, and between 6 feet to 6 feet 2 inches tall.

BURGLARY, 6100 block of Ridgemont Drive, Oct. 17, 3:22 a.m. A resident awoke to find a man inside the residence. The victims did not require rescue and nothing was taken. The sus-

pect was described as white and between 170 to 180 pounds.

LARCENIES

6300 block of Musket Ball Drive, property from vehicle.

14500 block of Old Mill Road, property from residence.

13400 block of Point Pleasant Drive, jewelry from residence.

13900 block of Rockland Village Drive, electronic equipment and property from vehicle.

6300 block of Sharps Drive, wallet and cash from vehicle.

14500 block of Store House Drive, wallet from vehicle.

4400 block of Stringfellow Road, bicycle from school.

14200 block of Sullyfield Circle, equipment from vehicle.

14500 block of Picket Oaks Road, cash from vehicle.

14700 block of Flint Lee Road, license plates from vehicle.

4600 block of Stonecroft Boulevard, phone from business.

13000 block of Connor Drive, license

plate from vehicle. 14400 block of Chantilly Crossing

Lane, license plate from vehicle. 13400 block of Braddock Road, property from vehicle.

6800 block of Compton Valley Place, property from vehicle.

6700 block of White Post Road, prop-

erty from residence. 14000 block of Eagle Chase Circle,

property from vehicle. 4400 block of Shady Point Place, property from vehicle.

4500 block of Waverly Crossing Lane, cash from vehicle.

14200 block of Sullyfield Circle, property from business.

4300 block of Chantilly Shopping Center, bicycle from location.

4500 block of Waverly Crossing Lane, property from vehicle.

4700 block of Brentwall Court, cash from vehicle. 14000 block of Eagle Chase Circle,

property from vehicle 14500 block of Lee Road, beverages

from business 4300 block of Cub Run Road, phone from school.

5900 block of Fort Drive, property from business.

11400 block of Braddock Road, license plate from vehicle. 6300 block of Multiplex Drive, mer-

chandise from business. 14100 block of Red River Drive, li-

cense plate from vehicle

13800 block of Braddock Road, wallet from business.

14900 block of Braddock Road, wallet from vehicle

The following incidents were reported by the Sully District Police Station.

4300 block of Chantilly Shopping Center, merchandise from business.

12100 block of Fairfax Hunt Road, wallets from vehicle.

14500 block of Lee Jackson Memorial Highway, electronic equipment and phone from vehicle.

4800 block of Oakcrest Drive, bicycle from residence.

4600 block of Stonecroft Boulevard, wallet from vehicle.

6900 block of Kerrywood Circle, property from residence 14400 block of Turin Lane, cash and

phone from residence. 4300 block of Chantilly Shopping

Center, merchandise from business. 5500 block of Sully Park Drive, phone

from school. 6200 block of Union Mill Road, cash

and property from vehicle. 7700 block of Bull Run Drive, purse from vehicle.

4300 block of Chantilly Shopping Center, electronic equipment from busi-

4300 block of Chantilly Shopping Center, merchandise from business.

14400 block of Golden Oak Road, TV and electronic equipment from vehicle. 4300 block of Chantilly Shopping

Center, merchandise from business. 13900 block of Rock Still Court, property from vehicle.

4900 block of Stonecroft Boulevard, license plates from vehicle.

4400 block of Stonecroft Boulevard, phones from business.

5100 block of Westfield Boulevard. merchandise from business.

13900 block of Leeton Circle, cash from residence.

13600 block of Stepney Lane, bicycle from residence.

4300 block of Chantilly Shopping Center, merchandise from business.

15400 block of Meherrin Court, wallets from vehicle.

12600 block of Old Yates Ford Road,

license plates from vehicle. 6600 block of Smiths Trace Center,

property from vehicle.

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Forum Recognizes Volunteers, Leaders

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form the CIF financial team; Jim Daniels, who coordinated communications and handled transfer of technical licenses; and Terry Angelotti, who wrote a revised Personnel Policy. Volunteers also serve on the Personnel Committee. led by Marci Huntsman, Yasha media projects. Arant, Barb Shaiko and Mary Grace Varnum.

Anyone interested in volunteering can call Centreville Labor Resource Center, 703-543-6272; or email volunteer@centrevillelrc.org Austin Acocella, volunteer coordinator through the Ignatian Volunteer Corps, will be in touch quickly to match interests with opportunities. At present, we need English language and Spanish literacy instructors; and support for a variety of communications and social

Volunteering at CLRC is a way to get to know new immigrants and other temporary workers, and to support their paths to self-sufficiency in the community.

CPMSAC Celebrates Its 30th Anniversary

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We must have visionaries in government — people providing what we need now so we'll end up where we want to be in 30 years. And we should demand our elected officials make it happen."

Fabio Zuluaga, FCPS Region 2 assistant superintendent, congratulated CPMSAC on its anniversary. "For 30 years, this incredible organization has made a difference in children's lives. It reflects what determination, perseverance and hard work are all about, and we celebrate your accomplishments."

Region 5 Assistant Superintendent Frances Ivey said FCPS has "tremendous appreciation and respect" for everything CPMSAC's done over the past three decades. A former teacher at Chantilly and Westfield high schools, she said, "I've personally and professionally seen the benefits of this work. You are truly a model of advocacy and support."

Ivey said children should be communicators, collaborators, ethical and global citizens, creative and critical thinkers and goaldirected individuals, and CPMSAC teaches them these skills. She also noted that FCPS



Frances Ivey calls CPMSAC "a model of advocacy and support."

is working on an ideal "Portrait of a Graduate" so that, hopefully, all students will someday embody these attributes.

Rocky Run Middle Principal Anthony Terrell said CPMSAC began in the school system at Rocky Run. Through this organization, he said, "Students learned that being smart was cool. And for many of them, CPMSAC was the beginning of a lifetime of scholarship, leadership and service. The Chantilly Pyramid has a rich history of taking care of its own, and I look forward to helping CPMSAC continue achieving its



Patricia Gary thanked CPMSAC for mentoring her children.

goals over the next 30 years."

NVCC Math Department Chair Patricia Gary said two-thirds of the college's recent growth came from minority students and NVCC is proud to provide mentors for CPMSAC.

She said she and her husband joined CPMSAC years ago when their children needed additional help with school. "They got mentorship, love and growth, and we thank you," said Gary.

Also speaking was William Cox, president/CEO of Diverse Issues in Higher Edu-



Rocky Run Middle Principal Anthony Terrell.

Photos by Bonnie Hobb Centre View

cation. "Shirley Nelson saw the voids in FCPS and devised a plan to fill them," he said. "She started an organization to promote academic achievement, equal opportunity, diversity and success in college and the world of work."

The Rev. Jerry Bryant, pastor of Chantilly Baptist Church, said many students "can trace their success back to CPMSAC." He then thanked God for "those who've dedicated themselves to education" and asked His blessing to "empower CPMSAC with the support it needs to go forward."



Christy McFerren is happy to get a plaque from Johnny Nelson.



Johnny Nelson (on right) gives Larry Bussey a plaque.



Tim Thompson receives a plaque from Johnny Nelson.



Teresa Johnson receives a plaque from Johnny Nelson.



William Gary's children received academic help from CPMSAC.



Addy Mau's children went through CPMSAC's STEP tutoring program.

'Love, Hope and Commitment'

By Bonnie Hobbs Centre View

uring the reflections portion of The Chantilly Pyramid Minority Student Achievement Committee's (CPMSAC) 30th-anniversary celebration, people explained from various perspectives what the organization has meant to them.

The Rev. Eugene Johnson, pastor of Mount Olive Baptist Church — and a charter member of CPMSAC — recalled how things used to be in the early 1980s. And he said CPMSAC was a response to that situation

"African-Americans were being expelled from school at an unprecedented rate, and Shirley Nelson thought that was deplorable," he said. "We've come a mighty long way since then. She was the wind beneath the wings of CPMSAC and believed that faith is sharing ultimate concern. And we've seen what can be done by individuals who've had ultimate concern — God bless 8 CENTRE VIEW NOVEMBER 13-19, 2014

you all."

NVCC counselor and a CPMSAC volunteer, along with her husband and children, Andria Shoates said, "We try to impart a piece of what we've learned." And eventually, she said, "Students learned they were smart and capable and felt like they mattered — and they came back and tutored others. The students taught us more than we taught them."

Addy Mau, a parent representative from Rocky Run Middle School, is the liaison between CPMSAC and the school system. "We moved from California and my children struggled in school here," she said. "STEP [CPMSAC's Saturdays Toward Excellence Program] became our family and both children are now doing great in school."

"The other parents helped me, and my children were delighted to win awards from CPMSAC," continued Mau. "With CPMSAC, there's hope, love and commitment, and I thank all of you from the bottom of my heart."

William Gary, who's black, is executive vice-president of Workforce Development, and his three children went through CPMSAC. "Thirty years ago, when our children were entering Fairfax County Public Schools, we were concerned how they'd be treated and how their progress would be monitored and tracked in a predominantly white school system," he said.

"It needed to be sensitized to our children's needs," continued Gary. "And collectively, we worked together to achieve a level of sensitivity, achievement and progress that should be afforded to all children in Fairfax County."

CPMSAC Vice-President Sye Smith and President Johnny Nelson then presented plaques to Chantilly High Principal Teresa Johnson and Westfield High Principal Tim Thomas. Smith also noted that "no members of our executive board have children in the school system today. It takes a village, longevity and stick-to-it-ness to raise a child, and the individuals honored here

tonight helped us do this."

Also receiving plaques were Larry Bussey, on the FCPS Minority Student Achievement Oversight Committee, and Chantilly PTSA President Christy McFerren. "In 30 years, I hope there isn't an achievement gap, at all," she said.



The Rev. Eugene Johnson of Mount Olive Baptist Church.

Barbara Tyler, CPMSAC vice-president, educational programs, was honored, as well, for her many years of service to the organization. As chairman of the anniversary celebration, she told the attendees, "We loved hearing what you had to say about our organization. It gives us the motivation to keep doing it."

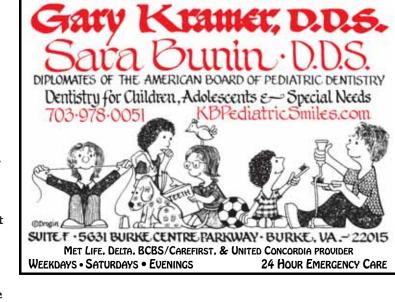
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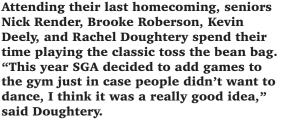


Westfield's Homecoming

Busting moves on the dance floor at **Westfield High** School's homecoming, Niusha Javid, Witney Mercado, and Erin Velasquez pose for a snapchat video. "Homecoming was so much fun. We decided to take a video to show all the people who didn't attend what they missed," said Mercado.









Samantha Strauss, Homecoming Queen, walks with her date Jorge Flores. "I was so flattered to be chosen as Homecoming Queen. It was a great honor," Strauss said.



Keeping her things safe, Erika Turflinger turns in her shoes and accessories to the designated section during Homecoming. "It was really fun. I really enjoy dressing up with friends," said Turflinger.



Headed from the dance, Kevin Deely, Johnny Pace, and McKinsey Smith pose for a picture. "We had to get there early for the announcing of the court, so as the dance was ending we were so excited to leave," said Smith.







Home LifeStyle

Book Features Local Tastemakers

Interior designers offer advice on creating an elegant home.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL Centre View

all not only brings vibrantly colored leaves and pumpkins, but it also ushers in a slew of new book re leases. Among those is an interior design book featuring local designers.

Melissa Mather's "Creating Elegant Interiors: Designers in their Own Words" is a collection of narratives from design experts who offer advice on creating a stylish home. It is filled with photographs of rooms that offer a variety of

definitions of elegance, including modern, traditional

and even preppy. "We presented questions to a variety of skillful tastemakers, each with a discerning eye for style," said Mather. "Their answers are intended to help the reader discover their own personal style and create a home that is both elegant and comfortable. The designers share some of the insights they use while guiding their clients to the discovery of their own unique design style."

Among the designers in the book are Victoria Sanchez of Victoria Sanchez Interiors and Victoria at Home in Old Town, Alexandria, who describes how she begins her design projects.

"I always ask lifestyle questions early on in the design process to understand how my clients want to best use their space," said Sanchez. "For example, do you have a big family that requires 10 seats at

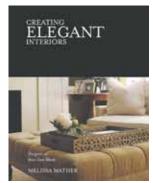


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New book on creating an elegant home features local designers.

the dining table? Do you host the weekly playgroup and therefore need open spaces and childproof fabrics? Write down your answers and you will quickly see what you need and what's important to you, and this will help you develop the right space."

Personal touches and do-ityourself projects are great ways to showcase your tastes and sense of style," said Allie Mann of Arlington.

"Don't be afraid to use your space as a creative outlet," she said. "Do-it-yourself projects don't need to be super time-

consuming or terribly sophisticated, either."

CREATE A MASTER PLAN before beginning a project is advice offered by Kai Tong, an architect at Hopkins & Porter in Potomac, Md. "It doesn't need to be implemented and finished immediately, but it will allow the clients to live in the space and observe how both the space and their vision and needs evolve," he said.

One of the first things to ask and consider is how the space is going to be used, said Ann O'Shields, an interior designer and owner of The Nest Egg in Fairfax.

"Will it be adults only in a formal setting or a space with children and pets?" she asks. "From there, I recommend identifying spaces or things in your current home that you enjoy. It's important to give your home personality and add elements that you enjoy."

"Creating Elegant Interiors: Designers in the Own Words,"

DC Design House Comes to Virginia

House will benefit Children's National Health System.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL Centre View

he new country estate at 956 Mackall Farm Lane in McLean will be the location for the 8th annual DC Design House, a project that raises money to benefit Children's National Health System. The 2015 DC Design House will be held from April 11 to May 10.

"We're excited to have found such a wonderful location and partner for the 2015 DC Design House," said Skip Singleton, co-founder of the DC Design House. "The new home by Artisan Builders is a charming old farmhouse-style home in McLean, our first venture into Virginia, with many rooms for our team of designers to decorate."

Built by Artisan Builders and designed by Harrison Design, the 8,869-square-foot home replicates an old American farmhouse. The home is reminiscent of a Virginia countryside home, but offers modern amenities. The interior floor plan is an L shape, which was popular among early farmers because of the ease and efficiency of adding future rooms.

"My partners and I are truly thrilled that Artisan Builders' new old farmhouse in McLean, has been

selected as the 2015 DC Design House," said Stephen Yeonas of Artisan Builders. "Our entire team is committed to making the event the best ever, while helping a great cause, Children's National Health System."

THIS MODERN FARMHOUSE offers light-filled interior rooms that blend old elements, such as reclaimed wood and antiques, with new features, including top-of-the-line kitchen appliances.

A gallery finished with stone from an old Virginia farmhouse and a library paneled in quarter-sawn oak are among the vintage touches. The exterior features covered porches, antique style lighting, and natural stone in a random, hand-cut pattern. Landscape design is by Fine Landscapes and sales by Yeonas & Shafran Real Estate.

"We'll be announcing designers by the end of November," said Susan Hayes Long, chair of the DC Design House, "and we're sure the 8th annual DC Design House will continue our tradition of exceptionally innovative designs and inspiration, all while raising money for our beneficiary: Children's National Health System."

The DC Design House began in 2008 as an event for the DC Metro area in which top area designers showcased their talents in a "flowing design home." What began as a single event goal to raise funds for Children's National Health System, formerly Children's National Medical Center, has developed into an annual design attraction and fundraiser.





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Chantilly's Ryan McGorty placed third at the 6A North region meet on Nov. 5 at Burke Lake Park.



Westfield's Sara Freix earned a trip to states by placing third at regionals on Nov. 5.



Centreville's Brent Bailey will compete at the state meet on Saturday, Nov. 15 at Great Meadow.

Chantilly Boys' XC Headed to States

Westfield, Centreville sending individuals.

By Jon Roetman Centre View

he Chantilly boys' cross country team will enter Saturday's state meet with plenty in the way of motivation.

From a team standpoint, the Chargers are the two-time defending state champions but aren't expected to three-peat. Lake Braddock enters as the favorite after winning the 6A North region meet in convincing fashion, with four harriers placing in the top seven.

Individually, Chantilly's top runner, senior Ryan McGorty, just missed on his goal of producing the school's second-best time at Burke Lake Park. At the Conference 5 meet on Oct. 30, McGorty finished one second behind his goal time of 14:48, but won the conference title. At the 6A North region meet on Nov. 5, McGorty placed third, missing the time by five seconds.

"Going into conference, I was ready to roll and my legs felt great," McGorty wrote in an email. "However, when it came time for regionals, less than a week later, my legs were still pretty tired. I went into it and tried to run my race and stay relaxed to get a fast time. My legs just weren't ready. ... I was disappointed but it's only fuel for me going into states."

McGorty is carrying lofty expectations into the boys' 6A state championship race, which is scheduled for 1:45 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 15 at Great Meadow.

"My goal for states is to win," said McGorty, who placed third at last year's state meet. "I've wanted to win a state championship individually ever since my freshman year, when I ran at the state meet. It's been a dream I've always wanted to achieve. There are a lot of great runners in this state and it's going to be a battle. I'm really looking forward to it."

The Chargers placed fourth at last week's region meet, earning one of six state berths. Along with McGorty's third-place finish, Brandon McGorty finished 17th (15:35), Evan Compton came in 27th (15:55), Christopher Wigle finished 40th (16:11) and Nicholas Marotta took 43rd (16:15).

Lake Braddock's Alex Corbett won the region title with a time of 14:41, followed by T.C. Williams' Anteneh Girma (14:50). Westfield's Johnny Pace placed fifth (15:00) and Centreville's Brent Bailey finished ninth (15:27), each earning a state

Lake Braddock won the team title with a score of 37. Oakton finished runner-up with a total of 86, followed by West Springfield (118), Chantilly (120), Robinson (170) and Washington-Lee (203).

"I think the recent success over the last couple years definitely puts high expectations on the team," McGorty said of the Chantilly boys. "This is a pretty young team, though. The best thing about the

team this year is that they like to rise to the occasion. Take districts for example we were not supposed to win at all. But every guy on the team ran a great race and we pulled it off. Everyone gave their all for each other and that's what cross country is all about, pushing beyond your limits, not for yourself, but for the team. I think Chantilly will be excited and ready to go at states."

In girls' action, Westfield's Sara Freix and Centreville's Jackie O'Shea will compete at the state meet. Freix placed third at regionals with a time of 17:42 and O'Shea finished 14th with a time of 18:17.

Oakton won the girls' 6A North region title with a score of 58. Madison finished runner-up (67), followed by Lake Braddock (79), Patriot (116), Robinson (190) and West Springfield (196).

Patriot's Rachel McArthur won the event with time of 17:21.

The 6A girls' state championship race is scheduled for 1 p.m. on Saturday at Great Meadow.

Football Postseason Pairings Set

football playoffs begin at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 14.

Defending state champion Centreville (8-2) is the No. 1 seed and will host No. 16 Stonewall Jackson (5-5). The Wildcats went 5-1 against playoff school in Washington, D.C.

Westfield (9-1) is the No. 2 seed

The VHSL 6A North region and will host No. 15 Langley (6-4). The Bulldogs are 6-1 against playoff teams, with their lone loss coming against Lake Braddock, the No. 3 seed. Westfield has reached the region final each of the last three seasons.

Chantilly (5-5) is the No. 10 teams, with their lone defeat seed and will travel to face No. coming in double overtime 7 Hayfield (7-3). The Chargers against Westfield. Centreville are 3-4 against playoff teams, also lost its season opener and also suffered a loss against against Gonzaga, a private Herndon, which missed the playoffs. Hayfield has won seven consecutive games.



Westfield Volleyball

Senior middle blocker **Emily Nuttall and the** Westfield volleyball team defeated Patriot 3-0 (25-13, 25-20, 25-21) during the 6A North region quarterfinals on Nov. 11 at Westfield **High School. The Bulldogs** will travel to face undefeated Madison in the semifinals at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 13 in Vienna.

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SPORTS



Division Champions

SYA DGK United won the Suburban Friendship League U19 Division 3 boys tournament with a 2-1 win in the championship game. The tournament was held Nov. 8-9 with finals at Ida Lee Park in Leesburg.

MILITARY NOTES

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Michael T. McCaffrey, of Clifton, is an Army ROTC cadet involved in Ca-

det Language and Cultural Immersion Training. selected cadets will spend three weeks involved in assisting with current Army missions that range from helping build community projects to teaching English to local children. Air Force Airman **Christian A. Walker** graduated from basic military training at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, San Antonio, Texas. Walker is a 2014 graduate of Centreville High School.







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Excuse Me



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

Early on during my indoctrination/assimilation into the cancer-patient world in which I now reside, I remember asking a fellow cancer patient/friend if I could use cancer as an excuse for whatever it was needed excusing (directly or indirectly related), and she said: absolutely, "blame the cancer." Years later, after a chemotherapy infusion, I saw my oncologist walking through the Infusion Center and asked him if my thinning hair might be a result of this most recent chemotherapy drug (not all chemotherapy results in hair loss). His response was similar to what my friend had advised me in 2009. He said: "You can blame me," (which of course, I understood to mean, cancer/the treatment of cancer) "for anything."

Now, I have to tell you, having such an acceptable, ready-made, beyond-reproach kind of excuse such as cancer as the reason for anything you want to do/don't want to do/can't do, etc., is incredibly tempting. It's almost like having a super power, a power which cannot be questioned or compromised in any way. And quite frankly, conjures a wide range of emotions/reactions; from one perspective, it places the cancer patient in a position of strength, and on the other, creates a kind dependence that is hard to resist. My fear has always been that relving on cancer too much as an excuse somehow weakens the immune system and so I have been hesitant to use its power. Can you say slippery slope?

As an example: if "the dog ate my homework" became an acceptable excuse, one would use it as such until it no longer passed muster; and as we all know, eventually it doesn't pass anything. However, cancer as an excuse – in my experience, will always pass muster and then some. Moreover, the seriousness of it will likely prevent the patient from ever having to answer any show-proof type questions: "Show me your port." "Name your most recent chemotherapy cocktail." "How long does a typical infusion last?" As a consequence, the potential for use and abuse is almost overwhelming.

Nevertheless, in spite of the temptation, I have rarely used my disease as an excuse for anything, other than when it was obvious by my appearance - during heavy duty chemotherapy – that I was unavailable, shall we say. It always felt as if I might be manipulating situations if I were to start using "cancer" as an excuse; as believable and understandable an excuse as it was/is. It's so easy. So unquestioned. No one is going to ask: "Really?" "Are you throwing up that much?" "Are you sure you can't get out of bed?" Besides, I haven't wanted to give in to my cancer whereby it begins to control my life more than the regular medical appointments, lab work, diagnostic scans, infusions and the 40+ pills I ingest and restricted diet already do. I've wanted to maintain some control and try not to become a victim of my own circumstances. Easier said than done, I assure you.

But I have persevered and survived five years and nearly nine months. Through a combination of good genes, a healthier lifestyle and diet, a variety of non-traditional alternatives/supplements and a bit of blind luck, not to mention a super-positive attitude which I inherited from my father, life pes on. However, if anything goes wrong, know who/what to blame: "cancer." It wasn't anything I said or did. In a way, there's comfort in having such a good excuse. Unfortunate, certainly, but very convenient.

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ONGOING

The Airbus IMAX Theater at National Air and Space Museum Udvar-Hazy Center,

Museum Udvar-Hazy Center, 14390 Air & Space Museum Parkway, is showing movies including "Interstellar", "D-Day: Normandy 1944", "Hubble," "Fighter Pilot," "Hidden Universe" and "The Dream is Alive." Visit airandspace.si.edu/ udvarhazy or call 703-572-4118 for the movie schedule or to schedule an IMAX On Demand show for groups of 50 or more.

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.

Exhibit of Colorful Nutcrackers at Historic Sully. Nov. 22 through Jan. 31. Sully Historic Site, 3650 Historic Sully Way, Chantilly. See an array of nutcrackers, both old and new, in a colorful case exhibit. This holiday exhibit is included in a guided tour of the 1794 house. Sully, the home of Richard Bland Lee, northern Virginia's first congressman, will be decorated for the holiday season from Dec. 3-22. 703-437-1794 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/sully

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Singing. 7:30 p.m. at Lord of Life
Lutheran Church, 13421 Twin Lakes
Drive, Clifton. The Fairfax Jubil-Aires
rehearse every Wednesday which

includes training by an awardwinning director. Visit www.fairfaxjubilaires.org for more.

PET ADOPTIONS

Adopt a Dog. Fridays, 6:30-8:30 p.m. and Saturdays, 1-4 p.m. at PetSmart, 12971 Fair Lakes Center, Fairfax. Adopt a puppy or dog. Visit www.lostdogrescue.org for more. Adopt a Dog. Saturdays, 12-3 p.m. at

Adopt a Dog. Saturdays, 12-3 p.m. at Petco, 13053 Lee Jackson Highway. Visit hart90.org for more.

Adopt a Dog. Sundays, 1-4 p.m. at Petco, 13053 Lee Jackson Memorial Hwy. Adopt a puppy or dog.Visit aforeverhome.org for more.

THURSDAY/NOV. 13

Joseph Ribkoff Trunk Show. 3-7 p.m. at Judy Ryan of Fairfax, 9565 Braddock Road, Fairfax. Play dressup while planning holiday parties. Meet a Joseph Ribkoff specialist, try on samples and sneak a peak at Spring 2015. Call 703-425-1855.

FRIDAY/NOV. 14

Comedy Show Fundraiser. 6 p.m. at The Winery at Bull Run,15950 Lee Highway, Centreville. Enjoy a comedic performance, live jazz music and free s'mores. Visit wineryatbullrun.com for more.

SATURDAY/NOV. 15

Charity Home Tour. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. 12722 Clifton Heights Lane, Clifton. Residents will hold an open house of newly remodeled homes. Proceeds will benefit a widow who operates one of the local day care centers. Call 703-425-5588 or visit www.RemodelersCharityHomeTour.com for more.

WEDNESDAY/NOV.19-SUNDAY/JAN.4

Lights Festival. 7700 Bull Run Drive, Centreville. Almost two and a half miles of light displays and a Holiday Village to celebrate the season. Visit www.bullrunfestivaloflights.com.

FRIDAY-SATURDAY/NOV. 21-22

Theater Performance. 7:30 p.m. at Westfield High School, 4700 Stonecroft Blvd, Chantilly. The school will present, "And Then There Were None." Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$12 at the door. Visit www.westfieldtheatreboosters.com.

FRIDAY/NOV. 21

Swing Dance with Natty Beaux.

8:30-9 p.m. drop-in beginner swing lesson; 9 p.m.-midnight dance. Hilton Washington Dulles Airport, 13869 Park Center Road, Herndon. Dance to a lively mix of American music from 1940 to 1960. \$15.703-359-9882 or www.gottaswing.com

SATURDAY/NOV. 22

Christmas Decorating Tips. 10 a.m. at Merrifield Garden Center, Fair Oaks Meeting Room, 12101 Lee Highway, Fairfax. Learn how to create holiday displays that will wow guests. Call 703-968-9600 or visit merrifieldgardencenter.com for more.

Book Signing. 1-3 p.m. at Jubilee Christian Center, 4650 Shirley Gate Road, Fairfax. First-time author Pat Nelson Klud will have a book signing of her first book, "Green Glass." Call 703-383-1170 for more.

WEDNESDAY/NOV. 26

Honey Baked Ham Sale. $12:30\ p.m.$

at Centreville High School, 6001 Union Mill Road, Clifton. The Class of 2018 is selling Honey Baked Ham right in time for Thanksgiving as their first fundraiser. Contact debarham@fcps.edu for more.

THURSDAY/NOV. 27

Turkey Trot. 8 a.m. at Virginia Run Community Center,15355 Wetherburn Court, Centreville. Spend Thanksgiving morning at this race. Visit www.varunturkey trot.wix.com/2014 for more.

SATURDAY/NOV. 29

Fairfax Ballet's "The Nutcracker."

2 and 7 p.m.at W.T. Woodson High School, 9525 Main St., Fairfax. Members of the Fairfax Ballet's Company, along with students from the Russell School of Ballet and guest artists from around the world will perform. Tickets are available at fairfaxnutcracker2014.brown papertickets.com. Tickets will also be available at the door beginning one hour before each show. Email events@fairfaxballet.com or call 703-439-9788 for more.

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SATURDAY/NOV. 15

Technology Conference. 8 a.m.-1 p.m. at Carson Middle School, 13618 McLearen Road, Herndon. Hosted by Fairfax County Public Schools, the RATE conference is an educational technology conference that will focus on strategies for using assistive technology hardware, software and peripherals to enhance learning for all students, especially those with special needs. Visit www.fcps.edu/dss/sei/ats/rate/index.shtml.

MONDAY/NOV. 17

Historical Reenactment. 7 p.m. at the Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. The GFWC Western Fairfax County Woman's Club will host historic re-enactor Lynne Garvey-Hodge, Fairfax County History Commissioner and founding member of the Turning Point Suffrage Memorial Committee, in a portrayal of suffragist Mrs. Robert (Mimi) Walker. Call 703-631-7093.

MONDAY-TUESDAY/NOV. 17-18

Mental Health First Aid. 8:30 a.m.1:30 p.m. at the Chantilly CSB Office,
14150 Parkeast Circle, Chantilly.
Public education program from the
Fairfax-Falls Church Community
Services Board Wellness and Health
Promotion. Over a two-day course,
learn to assist someone developing or
experiencing a mental health
problem or crisis. \$25. Visit
www.fairfaxcounty.gov/hscode/
ereg/Registration.aspx?groupID=47.

TUESDAY/NOV. 18

Substance Abuse Forum. 7 p.m. Fairfax High School, 3501 Rebel Run, Fairfax. The signs and symptoms of teenage drug abuse, the actions parents can take, and where to find supportive resources will be shared at this community program. Middle school and high school parents are encouraged to attend with their children. Visit www.unified preventioncoalition.org for more.

THURSDAY/NOV. 20

Liberty Republican Women's Club

Meeting. 7 p.m. at Sully Government Center, 4900 Stonecroft Blvd., Chantilly. Clare Lopez, strategy policy and intelligence expert with a focus on The Middle East will speak. Social hour at 6 p.m. Free. Call 703-378-4190 for more.

WHITE HOUSE ORNAMENT SALE

The Western Fairfax County Woman's Club is selling **2014 White House Christmas ornaments** in honor of the 29th President Warren G. Harding. Ornaments cost \$20 and proceeds benefit charity. Order by calling 703-378-6841 or 703-378-6216.

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