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Students perform during last year's Winter Choral Concert.

Ushering in Holiday Season

CVHS to present choral concert.

By Bonnie Hobbs Centre View

entreville High's Choral Department will present its annual Winter Concert on Thursday, Dec. 18, at 7:30 p.m. in the school theater. The concert is free to all, and refreshments will be served afterward.

"Every year my students amaze and delight me and their audiences with their talent and the passion they bring to the music," said Choir Director Lynne Babcock. "This year is no different. I'm so looking forward to this concert, and I hope the whole community will turn out to support these wonderful singers. This concert is a joyful, entertaining way to usher in the holiday season."

All five of Centreville's choirs will perform. The program will begin with "Bright Mornin' Star," an Appalachian folk tune. All the choirs will sing it together, followed by "Amavolovolo," an African folk song

Next, Women's Ensemble will sing "El Cant de Ocels," a song in the Catalonian dialect, as well as "Lazy John," an Appalachian folk song, and "This is the Day," a gospel tune. Men's Ensemble will perform "Keep Your Hand on that Plow," a spiritual, and "Bar'bry Ann," an Irish folk tune.

Concert Choir will sing the bluegrass tune,

"Down to the River to Pray," plus the Spanish folk song, "Oy Es Dia del Placer," and the Australian aboriginal "Tunggare."

Rounding out the first half of the program will be the Madrigal Ensemble, singing two Renaissance Madrigals: "Pase el Agoa" and "Ecco Mormorar Londe," followed by a contemporary arrangement of "Greensleeves."

"Madrigal Ensemble is a highly select chamber choir," said Babcock. "The students sing music from the Renaissance for most of the school year. They also carol in and

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Holiday Mischief At the North Pole

Encore presents musical show, "3 Days 'til Christmas!"

By Bonnie Hobbs Centre View

eindeer, elves and dancing snowflakes are all part of the holiday joy in Encore Theatrical Arts Project's upcoming musical extravaganza. Called "3 Days 'til Christmas!" it'll be presented at NOVA's Ernst Community Cultural Center, 8333 Little River Turnpike in Annandale.

Show times are Friday, Dec. 12 and 19, at 8 p.m.; Saturday, Dec. 13 and 20, at noon, 4 p.m. and 8 p.m.; and Sunday, Dec. 14 and 21, at noon and 4 p.m. Tickets are \$19- \$23, with special prices for Girl Scout troops, at www.encoretap.org/tickets/.

It's almost time for Christmas, but where are the gifts and why are all the children's names on the naughty list? What kind of mischief is happening at the North Pole? To find out, the audience will travel back to three days before Christmas. A girl who tests toys wants to become an elf; meanwhile, the head elf doesn't want any of the toys to leave the North Pole.

The cast of 37 Encore performers, plus three professional actors—including narrator Edward Baker-Duly—has been rehearsing since July. "They're doing amazingly well," said Director and Choreographer Raynor van der Merwe. "The girls have matured so much this year, and seeing their growth makes my heart sing."

The scenes take place inside Santa's workshop, outdoors at the North Pole, at the reindeer barn



Renee Griese is a graceful ballerina in Encore's Christmas show.

and at a sweet shop. Van der Merwe said the audience will enjoy the performers' enthusiasm, the colorful costumes and professional sets. "And besides the joyful story that's told, there'll be songs they're familiar with and already love, as well as new holiday tunes woven in," she said.

Portraying the toy tester, Ginger, is Faith Chun, 10, of the City of Fairfax. Dancing since age 3, she's been with Encore two years. "Ginger's lovable, and her playfulness is contagious to the elves, so they want her to stay at the North Pole," said Faith. "She's really loud and is around my age, so she's fun to act."

Playing a lead role, she said, makes her feel "nervous and confident at the same time." But she's SEE ENCORE. PAGE 2



Centreville High choral students usher in the holidays.

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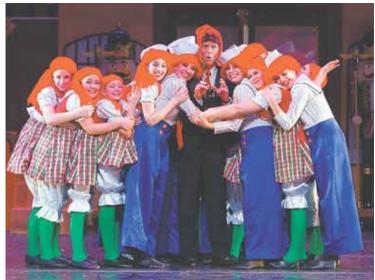
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excited that her character "helps save Christmas."

Chantilly High senior Renee Griese plays Dancer the reindeer. "She keeps the other reindeer in line and is the leader of the pack," said Griese. "She's easily irritated and wants everything to run smoothly, and I like keeping things in order, too."

A dancer since age 3, Griese says she can have a bad day, but then "come to dance practice, forget about it and just enjoy myself." Her favorite song in this production is a new one called "Nuttycracker Suite." In it, she said, "There's black light and we dance behind a curtain reflecting our shadows, so it's a special-effect number." Griese said people of all ages will "have fun and find the show entertaining. The storyline's really engaging, and our two new actors are hilarious."

Chantilly senior Monica Brown also attends the Fairfax Academy's dance program and is in her seventh year with Encore. "I fell in love with dance when I was 3," she said. "You can escape from all the



From left: Sara Avery, Caitlyn Watkinson, Emily Steindl, Monica Brown, Renee Griese, Emma Konnick, Jessie Dawson, Logan Floyd and Dan Delafield give "Rag Doll Hugs."

what you're feeling into move-

As Prancer the reindeer, Brown's character is competitive against Comet the reindeer. "Ginger's just come to the North Pole, and we're both trying to impress her with how cool we are," she said. "I love

outside drama in your life and put playing a reindeer; she's prim and proper, like my own personality, so I can draw from personal experi-

> Brown especially likes the number, "Let it Ring, Let it Swing, Let it Snow." Hoping to eventually become a Radio City Rockette, she said that song is a Rockette-style

number with kick lines and precision steps." Brown said the audience will enjoy all the different songs and dances and will like seeing Santa, elves, reindeer and snowmen. And, she added, "It'll really get them into the Christmas

Alia Artieda, of Centreville's Sully Station community, is a homeschooled senior who's been with Encore since age 6. "Dancing is so much fun, I couldn't think of doing anything else," she said. In this show, she's in several of the

"My favorite dance is 'Toyland,' when all the toys come to life," she said. "There are rag dolls, jesters, toy soldiers and ballerinas, and I'm a ballerina. It's fun because it has so many different styles of dance. The dancing in this show is something everyone will enjoy; there's always something new."

Chantilly senior Mikaela Vasconez finds dancing "freeing" and also performs in many of the numbers. She likes "Sing a Little Song" the best. "It's jazz, we're holding presents as we dance and it's very graceful," she said. "We wear candy-cane-striped leotards on top with gold, ruffled skirts."

As for the show, she said, "It's family-friendly. There's lots of great dancing, funny acting and a heartwarming story with a satisfying resolution."

Choral Concert

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around the community during the Christmas season. Each year at the Winter Concert, Madrigal Ensemble can be seen and heard caroling outside the theater before the concert starts, to entertain the audience members as they come in to the theater."

Opening the second half of the concert will be Bella Voce, the advanced women's choir, singing the Appalachian folk tune, "Bring Me Little Water, Silvey," the Sephardic song "Take a Step," and "J'ai vu le loup," a French folk song. The finale of its set is "In My Dreams," which was written and recorded by the British military women's choir, to honor their loved ones serving Iraq and Afganistan. The male soloist, singing a duet with the choir, will be Joshua Ewalt.

Then Symphonic Choir will perform its traditional version of "Carol of the Bells," followed by "In the Bleak Midwinter," arranged and conducted by Centreville Choral alumnus Emily Dohse. Its next three songs will be "Northern Lights," a beautiful tone poem, "Old Horatius Had a Farm," a satirical paroady, and "Hold On," an African-American spiritual.

Rounding out its set will be an arrangement of "If I Had a Hammer" which the group sang in October with the National Symphony Orchestra at The Kennedy Center for "A Concert against Hate." The soloist and guitarist on this piece will be Seth Kim.

The concert's finale will consist of three numbers. The first, the African folk song "Tshosholoza," will be performed by all the men in the Choir Department; Ewalt will again solo. The bluegrass tune "Will the Circle Be Unbroken" will

"Then the evening will culminate with 'An Irish Blessing,' the traditional finale for every CVHS Winter Choral Concert," said Babcock. "Each year, choral alumni in the audience are invited to come on stage and join in the singing of this lovely piece.

Instrumentalists for the concert will include Mike Maher on piano, fiddle and banjo; Karsten Kim and Francisca Idio on percussion; and Seth Kim and Bree Verrill on gui-

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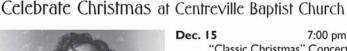
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Redemption through the Power of Love

Chantilly High presents "A Christmas Carol."

By Bonnie Hobbs The Connection

timeless, holiday classic comes to life when Chantilly High presents Charles Dickens's "A Christmas Carol."

Featuring a cast and crew of 37, the show takes the stage Thursday-Friday, Dec. 18-19, at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$5 at the door or via www.chantillyhsdrama.com.

"The actors are really doing a very nice job creating believable characters in a script which is fairly short, as is the original Dickens story," said Director Ed Monk. "We're trying to get away from the 'cutesie' versions of 'A Christmas Carol' and remain true to the heart of the story, which is about a man seeing redemption by discovering the power of love."

He said this show is always fun to do because "the audience comes into the theater in such a good mood. They're ready for the season and for this story, as are the cast and crew. So as long as we do our job, there's an amazing feeling of warmth at the end of the show. I'm hoping everyone can take a moment out of their busy schedules to come see the performance — it's a fun way to start the holidays."

Portraying the main character, Ebenezer Scrooge, is senior Ryan Rickard. "He's one of the richest men in London, but also the coldest, greediest person," said Rickard. "It's Christmas Eve in the 1840s, and he despises



Photo Courtesy of Hannah Warnick

As the Ghost of Christmas Present, Hannah Grudi shows Scrooge (Ryan Rickard) two women (Maddy Farmer and Kate Meyer) being happy.

Christmas because he's all about money, while everyone else cares about love and kindness."

Then Scrooge is visited by the ghost of his old business partner, who tells him he'll get a second chance at life if he listens to the messages of the three spirits of Christmas Past, Present and Future. "I love playing him because it's one of the most well-known characters in literature," said Rickard. "And because he's so dynamic, I get to show a total shift in his character as the play progresses."

"Playing the lead is nerve-wracking, at first," he continued. "But it's also rewarding getting a lot of time onstage and having the whole story centered around my character. Audiences will like how we pull everything off with a limited set and props — that makes it a more intimate show."

Senior Druw Austin plays Scrooge's employee, Bob Cratchit. "He's a nice guy, keeps his head down and does what he's told," said Austin. "But he refuses to face the truth that his son, Tiny Tim, might die because he's so poor that his family can't afford food or the medicine to treat him."

Austin said it's a difficult role for him because he's used to playing "big, fun characters, and this one's really serious. But I like it because it's a challenge." He, too, said people will enjoy this show.

"It's a classic — everybody knows and loves it," said Austin. "The audience will like our set with levels symbolizing the different social classes in England. And the actors are able to portray their relationships to each other in just four or five lines."

Portraying Mrs. Cratchit is senior Vi Trinh. "She's very loving, and that motivates everything she does," said Trinh. "But she's also a realist, so she's not blind to the fact that Scrooge is basically 'killing' her child, and she gets on her husband about it. She's nurturing and wants to hold her family together."

Trinh said her character's "fabulous" to play because she's so strong and maternal. "She's her family's glue and support," said Trinh. "She also has a wide range of emotions and will have a deep, emotional connection to anyone in the audience with a family or going through hard times with their family. And she's sassy, too — a very powerful character."

Calling it a "wholesome and warm show," Trinh said the "undertones of emotion will shine through. Audiences will learn about the true meaning of Christmas, family, happiness and love — all the good stuff that should be in a Christmas play."

Junior Hannah Warnick shares show-publicity duties with Nora Malatinszky. They've hung up posters about "A Christmas Carol" throughout the community and brought flyers to the local middle schools.

"All the actors are working really hard and are looking forward to performing in the show," said Warnick. "The audience will enjoy it because it'll really get people in the Christmas spirit and put them in the holiday mood."

Stone's Panther Drop-Off, Community Help ONC

The nonprofit, all-volunteer Our Neighbor's Child (ONC) is collecting presents for local families in need to give to their children on Christmas. To donate new clothes or toys, or to help with the deliveries, this Sunday, Dec. 14, email Volunteer@ourneighborschild.org.



Students from Westfield, Centreville and Chantilly high schools prepare to unload a truckload of gifts donated by Easterns Automotive Group.

Chantilly High SGA students on Tuesday, Dec. 9, helped unload and sort gifts at the ONC warehouse.



Last Saturday, Dec. 6, members of Stone Middle School's National Junior Honor Society held their annual Panther Drop-Off, collecting gifts from the community donated to Our Neighbor's Child. They then packaged the donations and loaded them onto trucks headed to ONC's warehouse.





On Tuesday, SGA students from Westfield and Centreville high schools unload the gift deliveries from Centreville Baptist Church.

OPINION

Make a Plan, Talk About It

Here is help in keeping impaired drivers off the roads.

he holiday party season is upon us, and with it an increase in drinking and driving. It's up to you to make a plan to get home safely.

Plan to bring a designated driver. Plan to take public transportation. Plan to celebrate at home or someplace where you can spend the night. Plan to abstain.

And if all of that fails, the Washington Regional Alcohol Project has a safety net for you.

WRAP, a local nonprofit organization, will offer free cab rides to would-be drunk drivers throughout Northern Virginia during the winter holidays.

More than 10,000 people died in drunk driving related accidents in 2012, including more than 200 in Virginia and 160 in Maryland. Tens of thousands more were injured. Holidays lead SoberRide number. to an increase in impaired driving, the Christmas and New Year season in particular.

The annual Holiday SoberRide program will operate nightly from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. starting Friday, Dec. 12, 2014, and continuing until Thursday, Jan. 1, 2015 as a way to keep local roads safe from impaired drivers during this traditionally high-risk, holiday period.

During these times, area residents celebrating with alcohol can call the toll-free SoberRide phone number 1-800-200-TAXI for a no-cost

> (up to \$30 fare), safe way home. Callers will be responsible for fare amounts over \$30.

EDITORIAL Since 1993, WRAP's SoberRide program has provided more than 61,000 free cab rides home to would-be drunk drivers in the Greater Washington area.

> We know that many young people over 21 are living at home with parents, or will be visiting for the holidays. Parents, be brave. Have a conversation with your children whether they are under or over 21. Be sure those over 21 have a plan, and are equipped with the

SoberRide is not available for underage drinkers, but parents still should talk to their children about their plans, and tell them out loud that you expect them not to drive impaired and not to get into a car with an impaired driver.

Tell them to call you, and you'll come get them if necessary. The news has been full of teachable moments about the consequences and vulnerabilities of drinking to excess, drinking and driving and beyond. Don't let the opportunity to talk about it pass you by.

- Mary Kimm

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Safe Ride Home

WRAP's 2014 Holiday SoberRide program will be offered from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. nightly from Dec. 12, 2014 to Jan. 1, 2015. To receive a free cab ride home (up to a \$30 fare), call 800-200-8294 (TAXI). See SoberRide.com information listed below for important details concerning this program.

Roundups

Westbound I-66 Closures Scheduled

All westbound lanes of Interstate 66 will close intermittently between midnight Thursday, Dec. 11 and 5 a.m. Friday, Dec. 12, for the installation of two gantries between the Fairfax County Parkway and Route 28. Each closure will last up to 30 minutes. Message signs will be posted in advance of the work so that motorists can use alternate routes. The closures will occur between Fairfax County Parkway and Route 28, with each lasting no more than 30 minutes.

The closures are part of the Virginia Department of Transportation's



days since a still-unnamed Fairfax County police officer shot unarmed John Geer standing in the doorway of Geer's home in Springfield, then let him bleed to death on Aug. 29, 2013. No information has been released about the incident, officers involved not named, no explanation, no grand jury, no charges. (as of Dec. 10, 2014)

ongoing effort to install 36 new gantries as part of the I-66 Active Traffic Management System. The first gantry went up in mid-November on I-66 East just before Route 28.

The traffic system is scheduled to begin operating between Route 29 in Centreville and the Capital Beltway in early 2015. Visit www.virginiadot.org/projects/northernvirginia/i-66 atms.asp.

Signal Timing Change

Beginning Monday, Dec. 8, motorists will notice a change in signal timing on northbound Route 28 at New Braddock Road during the morning rush hours, according to the Virginia Department of Transportation.

The change will allow Route 28 traffic to be served twice within one signal cycle. The purpose is to reduce backups and the space between vehicles caused by heavy right turn traffic from northbound Route 28 to New Braddock Road. The signal timing change should allow more vehicles to go through the intersection on northbound Route 28.

Free Carseat Inspections

Certified technicians from the Sully District Police Station will perform free, child safety carseat inspections Thursday, Dec. 18, 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.

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Western Fairfax Christian Ministries' food pantry urgently needs donations of canned vegetables (except for green beans), canned pasta and pasta sauces, canned tomatoes, canned fruit, peanut butter, canned and dry beans, and granola bars. Also needed are toiletries, which WFCM clients cannot purchase with food stamps. Especially needed are shampoo, diapers sizes 4 and 5, deodorant, toothpaste and toilet paper. 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. A volunteer stocker/bagger is needed Wednesdays, 4-6 p.m. Contact Annette Bosley at 703-988-9656, ext. 110, or abosley@wfcmva.org.

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News

'Hairspray Jr.' Puts Spotlight on Discrimination

he Stone Players of Ormond Stone Middle School will present the comedy musical "Hairspray Jr." Thursday, Dec. 11 at 3 p.m.; Friday, Dec. 12, at 7:30 p.m.; and Saturday, Dec. 13 at 3 p.m.

This production directed by Lois Stanziani with the help of assistant directors Kathleen Schroeder and John-Nicholas S. Walsh is the largest production to date with more than 60 children participating and the first performance of "Hairspray Jr." in the Fairfax County Public Schools system. A new addition this year is an extensive digital lighting system providing the ability to create a variety of lighting effects.

The story, based on John Waters' 1988 film and set in Baltimore in 1962, centers on an overweight teen girl named Tracy (Denise Kesselring-Dacey). Tracy is a devout fan of the Corny Collins Show, where teens dance for the TV cameras to the latest rock 'n' roll

She knows that the show discriminates against people like her, because only thin people appear on it.

But with pluck and drive, Tracy lands a spot on the show, and realizes that some of her friends are even more discriminated against. The Corny Collins Show is racially



Photo Contribut

Ormond Stone Middle School is presenting "Hairspray Jr." this week.

segregated, and no black youths are ever shown dancing with whites (although once a month there is an "Ethnic Day").

In that era such segregation was common and taken for granted; the key part of the plot is how Tracy and her pals overcome it.

Pianist Gena Photiadis evokes the music of the period; the ensemble is instructed by Choral Director Steven Kogut.

John-Nicholas Walsh's choreography, assisted by Dance Captains Cammy Fischer

and Keely Rogers, give the dancers moves that seem to be offhand, made up on the spot by feet responding to exuberant, simple music.

Costumer Penny Fischer gets a lot of color into the costumes including the bouffant skirts assisted by seamstress Becky Anderson.

The role of Edna, Tracy's Mom, is played by Aislinn Carpenter. Edna, a strong, assured and plain-speaking woman, seems

The Details

What: "Hairspray Jr," comedy musical production by The Stone Players

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When: Thursday, Dec. 11 at 3 p.m.; Friday, Dec. 12, at 7:30 p.m.; Saturday, Dec. 13 at 3 p.m. Thursdays performance is presale tickets only during lunch shifts Monday-Wednesday at Stone: \$7 per ticket

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to have grown up in the same neighborhood as Ethel Merman. Braedon Anderson's Wilbur knows how to be there when people need him. Seaweed (Breon Atkins) is the black student who — with a sinuous and agile demonstration — shows Tracy some of the dance moves that probably won't be seen on an all-white Corny Collins Show.

And then there are the two villainesses: Corny's producer Velma (Emma Wolfe); and Velma's daughter Amber (Madison Rose). Velma and Amber both think that bullying, racism and segregation are fine, and scheme against Tracy. Seaweed's mother, Motormouth (Ariel Vaughn), owns a rhythm and blues record shop, and she is also something of a mother figure to all the youths. Corny Collins (Harry Schlatter) is the glib, saccharine host of the rock show. In the role of Tracy's sidekick Penny is Cammy Fischer.



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Seasonal cupcakes like

remains the hottest seller.

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Lights Festival. Through Sunday, Jan. 4 at 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

Exhibit of Colorful Nutcrackers at Historic Sully. 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 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 awardinning director. Visit www.fairfaxjubilaires.org for more

PET ADOPTIONS

Ugly Sweater Party. Friday and Saturday, Dec. 12 and 13. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Fairfax County Animal Shelter. 00 West Ox Road, Fairfax, There will be 40 available cats and kittens and 25 dogs and puppies, many wearing their best holiday sweaters Dog adoption fees \$100, cat adoption fees \$50. Most pets go home the same day they are adopted. Call 703-830-1100 or email FCPDPetResources@ fairfaxcounty.gov.

FRIDAY/DEC. 12

Holiday Book Sale. 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Centreville Regional Library, 14200 St. Germain Drive, Centreville. Giftquality used book sale. All ages holiday book sale. www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/ branches/ce/ or 703-830-2223.

Kinder-Budds: Book Buddies for Kindergarteners. 4:30 p.m. Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road, Chantilly. A book discussion group for boys and girls. Ask for title. Kindergarteners. www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/ branches/ch/ or 703-502-3883

FRIDAY-SATURDAY/DEC. 12-13

Used Book Sale. 10 a.m.-6 p.m. at Centreville Regional Library, 14220 St. Germain Drive, Centreville, Books for all ages will be offered at bargain prices. The book sale is open to the public. Call 703-830-2223 for more.

FRIDAY-SUNDAY/ DEC. 12-14

Sugarloaf Crafts Festival. 10 a.m.-6 p.m. at Dulles Expo Center, 4320 Chantilly Shopping Center Drive, Chantilly. More than 250 of the nation's finest artisans will display and sell their handcrafted work. Visit www.sugarloafcrafts.com for more.

SATURDAY/DEC. 13

Holiday Book Sale. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Centreville Regional Library, 14200 St. Germain Drive, Centreville, Giftquality used book sale. All ages holiday book sale. www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/ branches/ce/ or 703-830-2223.

Thriving Three to Fives. 10:30 a.m. Centreville Regional Library, 14200 St. Germain Drive, Centreville. Stories and activities. Age 3-5 with adul www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/ branches/ce/ or 703-830-2223.

Kaleidoscope Storytime: An Adaptive Storytime. 10:30 a.m. Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road, Chantilly. Family sensory storytime focusing on the strengths and adapting to children on the autism spectrum and with other developmental challenges. Stories, songs and movement in a welcoming atmosphere. www.fairfaxcounty.gov/ library/branches/ch/ or 703-502-

ESL Book Club. 11 a.m. Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road, Chantilly. Adults learning English meet to discuss a book chosen by the group. Ask for title. www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library, branches/ch/ or 703-502-3883.

Paws for Reading. 3 p.m. Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road, Chantilly. Read aloud for a 15minute session with atherapy dogs. Bring own book or choose a book from the library. Age 5-12. www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library, branches/ch/ or 703-502-3883.

Candlelight Tour. 4:45 p.m. Sully Historic Site, 3650 Historic Sully Way Chantilly. As Sully recreates Christmas celebrations of the past, see the 1794 house and outbuildings lit by natural candlelight. Civil War soldiers will savor their Christmas meal around the campfire and open a Christmas box from home. Prepaid reservations are required and space is limited. Tickets are \$10. www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/sully or 703-437-1794.

SUNDAY/DEC. 14

Candlelight Tour. 4:45 p.m. Sully Historic Site, 3650 Historic Sully Way, Chantilly. As Sully recreates Christmas celebrations of the past, see the 1794 house and outbuildings lit by natural candlelight. World War II soldiers and friends enjoy a Christmas party and dance to period tunes. Prepaid reservations are required and space is limited. Tickets are \$10. www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/sully or

MONDAY/DEC. 15

ESL Book Club. 7 p.m. Centreville Regional Library, 14200 St. Germain Drive, Centreville. Adults learning English meet to discuss a book chosen by the group, www.fairfaxcounty.gov/ library/branches/ce/ or 703-830-

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5th and 6th Grade Book Club. 7:30 answered. No prior experience needed. Bring tablet or e-reader and p.m. Centreville Regional Library, 14200 St. Germain Drive, Centreville

Read either "Hold Fast" by Blue Balliett or "Wonder" by R. J. Palacio School age. www.fairfaxcounty.gov/ library/branches/ce/ or 703-830-**Book Buddies: Book Group for**

First and Second Graders. 4:30 p.m. Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road, Chantilly. A book discussion for boys and girls. Ask for title. www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/ branches/ch/ or 703-502-3883. Writers of Chantilly. 6:45 p.m

Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road, Chantilly. Share works, give and receive feedback in a supportive setting. Adults. www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library, anches/ch/ or 703-502-3883.

TUESDAY/DEC. 16

Read! Build! Play!: Duplo Storytime. 11:30 a.m. Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road, Chantilly. Duplo play story time

to help develop and reinforce early www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/ branches/ch/ or 703-502-3883. Ravenous Readers. 7 p.m. Book discussion. This months title is "A Mango-Shaped Space" by Wendy

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branches/ce/ or 703-830-2223. Pajama Party. 7 p.m. Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road, Chantilly. Bring a favorite cuddly friend and a blanket. Wear paiamas and get ready for a rocking good time. Ages 3-5 with caregiver. /ww.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/ branches/ch/ or 703-502-3883.

WEDNESDAY/DEC. 17

Starlight Storvtime. 7 p.m Centreville Regional Library, 14200 St. Germain Drive, Centreville, Stories and fun for the whole family. Pajamas and stuffed friends welcome. Ages 4-8. www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/ branches/ce/ or 703-830-2223. eBook Help. 1 p.m. Chantilly Regional

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Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road, Chantilly. Get any eBook questions

library card. www.fairfaxcounty.gov/ branches/ch/ or 703-502-3883. library/branches/ch/ or 703-502-Storytime for Three to Fives. 1:30 p.m. Chantilly Regional Library, 4000

Stringfellow Road, Chantilly. Early literacy program with stories and activities. Age 3-5 with caregiver. months with caregiver. www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/ branches/ch/ or 703-502-3883. Adventures in Art. 7 p.m. Chantilly

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THURSDAY/DEC. 18

Time for Tots. 11 a.m. Centreville Regional Library, 14200 St. Germain Drive, Centreville. Stories and activities. Age 2-3 with adult. www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/branches/ce/ or 703-830-2223. Civil War Lecture. 7 p.m. Centreville

Regional Library, 14200 St. Germain Drive, Centreville. Presentation by author and historian David Goetz www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/ branches/ce/ or 703-830-2223. Bouncin' Babies. 3 and 4 p.m.

Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road, Chantilly. Rhymes, songs, stories and activities. Build an early literacy foundation for the child while enjoying time together. Birth-11 months with caregiver. www.fairfaxcountv.gov/library/ branches/ch/ or 703-502-3883. **English Conversation Group.** 7 p.m.

Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road, Chantilly, Practice your English with other students. Adults. www.fairfaxcounty.gov/ library/branches/ch/ or 703-502-

FRIDAY/DEC. 19

Ready for School Storytime. 2 p.m. Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road, Chantilly, Early literacy storytime program for children ready to be on their own

Bouncin' Babies. 3 p.m. Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road, Chantilly. Rhymes, songs, stories and activities. Build an early literacy foundation for the child while enjoying time together. Birth-11 www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/

branches/ch/ or 703-502-3883. Small Wonders. 4 p.m. Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road, Chantilly. Rhymes, songs, stories and activities. Build an early literacy foundation for the child while www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library.

without caregivers or siblings. Age 4-

5. www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/

SATURDAY/DEC. 20

English Conversation Group. 3:30 p.m. Centreville Regional Library, 14200 St. Germain Drive, Centreville English conversation practice opportunity for adults learning English. www.fairfaxcounty.gov library/branches/ce/ or 703-830-

Lego Mania K-2. 12:30 p.m. Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road, Chantilly. Come show off your Lego building skills. Grades K-2. www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/ branches/ch/ or 703-502-3883.

eBook Help. 2 p.m. Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road, Chantilly. Get any eBook questions answered. No prior experience required. Bring tablet or eReader and library card. Adults. www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/ branches/ch/ or 703-502-3883.

Candlelight Tour. 4:45 p.m. Sully Historic Site, 3650 Historic Sully Way Chantilly. As Sully recreates Christmas celebrations of the past, see the 1794 house and outbuildings lit Christmas in the 19th century from Austen to Dickens. Hear some of Jane Austen's observations of the holiday in the Federal period. Prepaid reservations are required and space is limited. Tickets are \$10. www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/sully or

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Home LifeStyle

Gifts for the Home

Local shop owners offer suggestions to make holiday shopping easier.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL Centre View

hile holiday shopping is part of the spirit of the season, for some choosing a present for everyone on their list can be overwhelming. Local small business owners come to the rescue with gift ideas for the home.

Give the gift that keeps on burning long after the holidays. Autumn Clayton, owner of Covet, a boutique in Arlington that specializes in local and handmade gifts, recommends hand-poured, soy candles by Sydney Hale in Purceville, Va. Among the exotic fragrances are tobacco sandalwood and fir and blue sage.

"They are 100-percent soy and we carry a wide variety of scents," said Clayton. "10percent of the sales from these candles benefit Lost Dog Rescue."

"The nice thing about these fragrances is that they smell great, but they're not overpowering," added Covet's Ximena Bryce.

At \$30 each, the candles have 50-hours of burn time and come in a glass that can be re-used for drinking when the candle is

For the cook, Clayton also recommends

hand-stitched kitchen towels by Nesta Home. "They make great hostess gifts and last longer than a bottle of wine," she said. "No one wants to come to a party emptyhanded. You can even wrap a bottle of wine in the towel." The towels are \$14 each.

Wreaths with a nod to nature are among the top picks of Lauren Gregory of JT Interiors in Potomac, Md. "They will dry and

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Dominion Cove Point LNG, LP Proposes St. Charles Transportation Project

On December 3, 2014, Dominion Cove Point LNG, LP (DCP) filed with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC), in Docket No. CP15-22-000, an Abbreviated Application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity, pursuant to section 7 of the Natural Gas Act, for authorization to construct, install, own, operate, and maintain certain facilities located in Fairfax County, Virginia and Charles County, Maryland that comprise the St. Charles Transportation Project. DCP seeks authorization for this project by July 1, 2015. The details of this proposal are more fully set forth in the application that is on file with the FERC and open to public inspection.

Specifically, DCP is seeking authorization of its "St. Charles Transportation Project" pursuant to which DCP will provide 132,000 dekatherms per day (Dt/d) of transportation service to one customer. The facilities required for these services and proposed in the application consist of additional compression at an existing station, a new gas cooler, and rearrange interconnecting pipe in Fairfax, County and install two new delivery taps in Charles County, Maryland.

The filing may also be viewed on the web at http://www.ferc.gov using the "eLibrary" link. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or toll free at (866) 208-3676, or TTY,

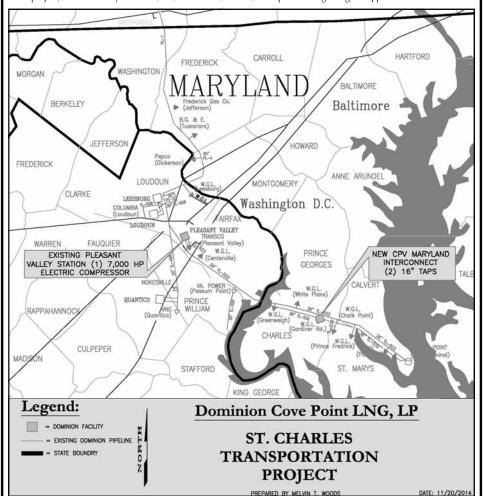
The project name and docket number are important to know if you want to contact either DCP or FERC with questions concerning this project. The name of this project is the **St. Charles Transportation Project** and the docket number is **CP15-22-000**. Please use both the project name and docket number in any communication

DCP is a limited partnership organized and existing under the laws of the State of Delaware with its principal place of business at 2100 Cove Point Road, Lusby, Maryland, 20657, and offices at 701 East Cary Street, Richmond, Virginia, 23219. DCP is a wholly-owned limited partnership of Cove Point GP Holding Company, LLC and Dominion Gas Projects Company, LLC.

A separate notice concerning the project is being mailed to each affected landowner and to the government agencies involved in the Project. A copy of the Application can be viewed at the following libraries:

- Richard Byrd Library, 7250 Commerce Street, Springfield, VA 22150 Phone: (703) 451-8055
- Rust Library, 380 Old Waterford Road, Leesburg, VA 20176 Phone: (703) 777-0323
- Charles County Public Library, 2 Garrett Avenue, La Plata, MD 20646 Phone: (301) 934-9001

Additional information, including a copy of the application and a publication called "An Interstate Natural Gas Facility on My Land? What Do I Need To Know?" is available through the FERC's website at www.ferc.gov. In addition, you may contact FERC's Office of External Affairs toll free at (866) 208-3372 or see www.ferc.gov. To contact DCP about the project, contact Tiffany Werts at (866) 319-3382 (toll free) with questions regarding the application



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"Quality of Life"

By KENNETH B. LOURIE



This concern about my life, this awareness of my life-expectancy-challenged reality has been an ongoing and recurring theme during the regular discussions Team Lourie has had with my oncologist. Whether I was feeling bad during heavy-duty chemotherapy ("we can stop or take a break anytime if it's too much?" he would ask) or feeling good ("since you're feeling so good, maybe we should stop for a while; enjoy your good quality of life"), the quality of my life away from the Infusion Center has always been a consideration. And given what he knew and I didn't, perhaps I should have listened, but I didn't.

Not that I ever felt that he had, or was, giving up on me; or that he was imposing his perspective on me/us; it was more like he was fulfilling his legal/fiduciary-type responsibility/moral obligation to educate me about choices, realities even. These conversations about life/living and death were/are always the most difficult for me. The figurative weight of it all almost becomes literal. There's nothing really that prepares you for the process. I keep thinking that someone with more experience, who's lived longer and seen more of life than I have, should be advising me. Ultimately though, decisions concerning life and death, the most personal of all decisions, really fall to the patient.

Now whether taking control and being responsible for one's own cancer fight does keep the cancer at bay, no one really knows. But after being "diseased" at such at an unexpected and early age, 54 and a half, it feels good sometimes to exert some control. At this point in my survival, living is likely more about quality than it is quantity – or so I've been told, repeatedly, in a good and honest way. Nevertheless, I'm not ready to give up on the latter while embracing

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Home Life Style



Wreaths made of magnolia leaves and pinecones, like these from JT Interiors in Potomac, Md., can be stored and re-used after the leaves have dried.

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turn brown and are made in such away that they can be stored and pulled out again next year," said Gregory. They range in price from \$60 to \$185 and come in natural materials like pine cones, cinnamon sticks and magnolia leaves.

Gregory also recommends electric hurricane lamps, which come on a strand and are priced at \$103 for a 90-inch strand, and prayer bowls.

"They are made by a woman who survived cancer and had a family who was praying for her kept their prayer intentions in a bowl," she said. "When the woman found out about it she was touched. The prayer bowls make a great gift because they tell the story behind them."

Limited edition ornaments by Mark Roberts are the choice of John Brown of J Brown and Company in Old Town Alexandria. "They're beautiful and they're all jeweled and come in colors like red, green white and robin's egg blue" said Brown. Handcrafted with an old-fashioned flair and embellished with crystals, the figurine-ornaments are a collector's item.



Hand-poured, soy candles by Sydney Hale in Purceville, Va., in fragrances like tobacco-sandalwood and fir and blue sage are available at Covet in Arlington.

Sports

Centreville Football To Face Ocean Lakes in 6A State Final

Wildcats beat Westfield, repeat as 6A North region champs.

> By Jon Roetman Centre View

hris Haddock stood on the wet turf at Centreville High School following the Wildcats' 21-17 victory over Westfield in the 6A North region final and talked about their opponent in the upcoming state championship game.

"I know Ocean Lakes is a really, really good football team," Haddock said. "I know that they are nationally ranked and they are undefeated ...

"It's going to be a formidable challenge." Sound familiar?

Last season, the Centreville football team faced Oscar Smith in the 6A state final at Scott Stadium in Charlottesville. The Tigers were undefeated, nationally ranked and oozing with size and athletic ability. None of it mattered, though, as the Wildcats thumped Oscar Smith 35-6 to capture Centreville's second state championship and first since 2000. The Wildcats finished the season 15-0 and nationally ranked.

On Saturday, Centreville (12-2) will return to Scott Stadium to face Ocean Lakes in the 6A state championship game at 4:07 p.m. The Dolphins are 14-0 and ranked No. 9 in the nation by USA TODAY. They have scored at least 39 points in every game and at least 49 points on nine occasions. Ocean Lakes has outscored its four playoff opponents 179-42, including a 49-28 victory over Oscar Smith on Dec. 5 in the 6A South region final.

Ocean Lakes has several highly-recruited athletes, including 5-foot-10, 166-pound



Centreville football team celebrate after winning the 6A North region championship on Dec. 6. The Wildcats beat Westfield, 21-17.

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junior cornerback Levonta Taylor, who ESPN.com ranks as the No. 20 recruit in the nation for the class of 2016.

Senior linebacker Jahvoni Simmons is committed to the University of Virginia, according to ESPN.com, which ranks Simmons No. 166 on its list of the top 300 recruits in the class of 2015. Senior running back/receiver Jaason Lewis (6-4, 241) is committed to Arizona State. He has rushed for 1,762 yards and 28 touchdowns and is averaging 9 yards per carry, according to stats from maxpreps.com. He also has 18 receptions for 266 yards and four scores.

Senior safety Jahque Alleyne (6-1, 180) is committed to Virginia Tech, senior cornerback/running back TJ Griffin (5-9, 167) is committed to Wisconsin.

Eric Crosby, a 6-foot-2, 260-pound sophomore, rushed for 132 yards and four touchdowns against Oscar Smith in the 6A South final.

While the Dolphins have plenty of size and athleticism, the Wildcats know they found a way to beat talented Oscar Smith last season.

"At the beginning of the game when we were warming up against Oscar Smith last year, we were shaking in our boots a little bit," Centreville senior linebacker Tyler Love said. "They were a pretty intimidating group of kids that were real big, and we're not a very big team. We just know we can play with those kids. We can play with anybody."

Love played a major role in the Wildcats returning to the state final. After missing a month with a knee injury, Love returned for Saturday's game and made a major impact, smashing Bulldog ball-carriers and coming up with a quarterback sack on the game's final play.

"When I was hitting him, I tried to look to see if the ball was still in his hand, see if he threw it or not," Love said of his sack that stopped Westfield's final drive. "When I saw the ball, it was a great feeling."

Love was an all-state linebacker as a junior and a state-champion wrestler. He will wrestle for the University of Virginia.

"Nobody really thought that he had a shot at coming back," Haddock said about Love overcoming a knee injury. "Somebody asked me about him and I said don't ever count Tyler Love out. I've never seen a kid who is so resilient in my life.

"... He was cleared [to practice] on Monday (Dec. 1) and every day was a little bit better. Thursday, he's like, 'coach, I'm good

to go.' I told our coaches, 'I know he's a tough kid and all that, let's just be careful.' Friday he was running around like he'd been doing it all year and you saw what he did today.

"... He's a champion, he's a winner and he's a great leader. He's a great kid. At the end of the day, great leaders and great kids make great plays, and he did that today."

Love isn't the only Centreville standout to miss time due to injury this season. Running back A.J. Turner, who is committed to the University of South Carolina, missed much of the season with a wrist injury. In Saturday's region final, he returned the opening kickoff 98 yards for a touchdown and scored on a 52-yard run. He finished with 19 carries for 140 yards.

"It helps out a lot," senior receiver Charles Tutt said of having Turner on the field. "He's our [motor]. When he gets going, the rest of the team gets going."

Senior quarterback Joe Ferrick completed 7 of 11 passes for 107 yards. He threw the game-winning 22-yard touchdown pass to Xavier Nickens-Yzer with 7:28 remaining in the fourth quarter.

Westfield running back Evan Gray scored on a 61-yard run and a 56-yard reception from quarterback Mason Scoville.

Westfield lost in the region final for the fourth consecutive season.

Centreville senior running back Taylor Boose, who is committed to the University of Cincinnati, sat out of Saturday's game with a knee injury. Haddock said he didn't know if Boose would play in the state final.

Centreville has an opportunity to become the first Northern Region team to win backto-back big school state titles since Annandale won in 1993 and 1994.

"I don't ever put anything past our kids," Haddock said. "They just find a way. They've stepped up and they've filled in and I'm extremely proud of them. We're excited to play one more week and hopefully bring one back to Northern Virginia."



Centreville linebacker Tyler Love (51) returned from a knee injury and had a major impact in the 6A North region final against Westfield on Dec. 6.



Centreville senior A.J. Turner returned a kickoff for a touchdown and scored a rushing touchdown against Westfield on Dec. 6.