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Farewell to Class of 2016

Centreville High School graduates celebrate their milestone.

BY PRESTON JONES
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Surrounded by both friends and family, more than 500 Centreville High School graduates walked across Eagle Bank Arena stage at George Mason University on Wednesday, June 15 as they received their diploma from Principal Dave Jagels.

"I can't believe that graduation is finally here. Pretty surreal," senior Thomas Anderson said.

Student speakers and performers highlighted the evening, sending fellow classmates off with empowering words of wisdom. Jessica Mabangalo, who addressed her peers during the Centreville Scholar Address, focused on the importance of taking advantage of the opportunities that are given, executing each to the best of one's ability.

Commencement address speaker Gary Baird emphasized the need to stay focused on the journey ahead, to "look up" once in awhile and enjoy life in the moment.

"When We Were Young" was performed by Gabriella Nicchitta and Eransa Nnamugero following the commencement address.

Friends and family gathered, following the conclusion of the ceremony and presentation of diplomas. "I felt like I was in the spotlight during graduation. It was pretty cool. Definitely something to remember," said Alexi Henrickson following the ceremony.

Now that graduation is complete, many students have begun to prepare for the next step in their lives. Jennifer Harris had somewhat sentimental feelings regarding her future college endeavors: "I think leaving for college is going to be hard. I'm close with my family and I can tell I'll be sad when they're leaving me in my dorm. But it's all part of the process."

Many concluded the night with photos outside of Eagle Bank Arena, capturing their first moments as Centreville High School graduates.



Members of the Centreville High School Class of 2016 fill the Eagle Bank Arena at George Mason University.

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Jessica Mabangalo addresses her peers during the Centreville Scholar Address.



Graduates and faculty rise during the presentation of colors and national anthem.



Graduates toss their caps in the air following the graduation ceremony.



Chorus graduates join the underclassmen as they sing "America the Beautiful" during the musical interlude.



Principal Dave Jagels congratulates students as they receive their diplomas.

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For Some, a Hobby, for Others, a Lifestyle

Car enthusiasts flock to Sully Antique Car Show.

BY NIKKI CHESHIRE
CENTRE VIEW

Families and car enthusiasts gathered at the Sully Historic Site for the 43rd annual car show, which coincides with Father's Day. The event featured more than 400 antique vehicles, ranging from Ford Model T's, Chevilles, Triumphs and more. Cars were divided into 33 categories for judging, and winners were awarded trophies for the best cars.

For some participants, restoring and maintaining an antique car is a hobby. But for others, it's a lifestyle.

"I started restoring cars after I got out of the service in '71," said Rick Heyer of Laurel, Md., a former Navy pilot. He went on to add that jobs were difficult to come by, and he started work in a specialty car shop.

Heyer has rebuilt countless cars since then, one of his most recent being a 1930 Ford Model A Good Humor Ice Cream truck that had been sitting in a barn for more than 30 years. "I found it in 2010, and rebuilt it in seven months. I've had a lot of fun driving it around since," Heyer said. According to a friend of his, this process usually takes years.

But while restoring a vehicle is a long process, sometimes putting one together in the first place can go much faster.

As part of the show, the Nation's Capital Model T Ford Club assembled a 1926 Model T Roadster as a demonstration of Henry Ford's effective assembly line process. In 15 minutes, the car was pieced together by the team and could be driven off.

According to Tacoma Park, Md. resident Erwin Mack, the president of the club, the very same chassis has been used in these



PHOTO COURTESY OF RICK HEYER

The condition of Rick Heyer's 1930 Ford Model A Good Humor Ice Cream truck when he found it in 2010. After spending seven months restoring the vehicle, it's now fully operational.



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Rick Heyer poses with the 1930 Ford ice cream truck he restored after finding it sitting in a barn for more than 30 years. Fully operational, Heyer keeps the ice cream in the back cool with dry ice.



An antique 1930 Ford Model A, owned by Lynn and Bill Condon of Leesburg.



A 1971 Triumph TR6, owned by Ben Cheshire of Great Falls.

demonstrations for the past 45 years. "We offer either a speed trial or a historic tour, where we take half an hour and explain the history behind every decision the crew is performing," Mack said. The fastest they've reassembled the car was in about eight minutes.

But Mack's fondness of Model T's developed even faster than that. "In 1983, I was looking for a commercial vehicle to advertise my company with," Mack said. "I found a 192 Model T truck, which I knew nothing about. Now I own five of them."

Now, Mack goes on tours around the

country with his wife and Model T's. "That's the most fun thing. We just take seven or eight days and can go to any state."

For those interested in joining the Nation's Capital Model T Ford Club, see clubs.hemmings.com/ncmtfc. Members are not required to own an antique car.



This 1926 Ford Model T sat in pieces before the assembly demonstration began by the Nation's Capital Model T Ford Club. This particular chassis has been used in the demonstration for 45 years.



Members of the Nation's Capital Model T Ford Club assemble a 1926 roadster. They completed the entire assembly in 15 minutes.



The assembly of the car generally takes at least six people to complete.



After the assembly, the car was fully operational and able to drive away.

Helping Students onto a Better Path in Life

Mountain View celebrates its 20th anniversary.

BY BONNIE HOBBS
CENTRE VIEW

Mountain View is a small high school, but the impact it's had upon its students' lives has been huge. And last Friday, June 17, it marked two decades of existence and achievement.

Faculty, staff and administrators gathered outside the school for some speeches and a drone photo of them standing in the shape of a 20. They also did a ceremonial tree-planting. Some 20 trees — 10 crepe myrtles and 10 dogwoods — were planted around the school by RulyScapes, which donated half of them.

"Today we celebrate 20 years of reshaping student success at Mountain View," said Principal Gary Morris. "From the school's inception, we have been accepting students from all over the county and providing them with a second-chance opportunity at achieving their academic goals."

"We've come a long way and we could not have done it without each and every one of you," he told his 64 staff members. He then introduced three people who've been "instrumental in the history of Mountain View" so they, too, could share their thoughts on the school's anniversary.

Sue Ann Hilten came to Mountain View in August 1997 as its Math Department chair and retired in July 2013. Among the things she recalled were: "Mothers and their children coming to school together; students driving and taking cabs to school; a Math Department of just two teachers; graduations held on the front lawn, in the auditorium and at Fairfax and Oakton high



PHOTO COURTESY OF ARTURO MATAS

Mountain View staff members form a 20 to symbolize the school's 20th anniversary.

schools; four different principals; just a few desktop computers in each classroom; and educational events such as Reality Store, Career Day, Learning for Transition Day and Timber Wolf Time."

Now, as a substitute teacher there, she said, "I'm pleased to see Mountain View continues to be a safe place of second chances for all students. Mountain View teachers continue to creatively think outside the box to academically, socially and emotionally educate their students. Happy anniversary, Mountain View. I wish you many, many more."

Also speaking was Tom Troy who, each year, presents two scholarships — one on behalf of his family and the other on behalf of the VFW. "My son Ritchie was in Mountain View's Class of 2001," said Troy. "He's

now a successful businessman in Philadelphia. This is a great place and the teachers have the patience of Job."

He also praised Career Development Coordinator Sharon DeBragga for "her hard work toward obtaining student scholarships and helping the students reach graduation. Over the past 17 years, she's given hope to some 440 students and found scholarships for them totaling over \$600,000."

Next to the podium was current Math Department Chair Anne Hoffman, who's been at the school since 2005. She said she's "watched our amazing staff — teachers, counselors and administrators — work with our very challenging, at-risk, student population, helping them to become better students and better citizens."

As a school, said Hoffman, they've



Sharon DeBragga at the podium.

mentored, counseled and taught lifelong skills to these students, over the years. At the same time, she said, "We also gave them 'Family, love and respect' — [the school motto] — something that, for many, is new to them when they come to Mountain View. But it's something that many of them eventually embrace and treasure, years after they graduate from our school."

"It's a privilege to teach at a school that doesn't quit on kids that have experienced a lot of adversity in their young lives — where education has become the least of their priorities," she continued. "I'm so proud to say that Mountain View has served our county well by helping these kids onto a better path in life for themselves and for those they love. Our entire community will continue to benefit because of the great things we will continue to accomplish at the View."

DeBragga, who's now retiring, spoke about some particular words that describe this school and its students. "We recognize how hard it is for the students — many from other countries — to come to a new place," she said. "The schoolwork is hard for them, and the teachers work so hard, too, so the students can have hope for their futures."

Eventually, said DeBragga, the students realize they have options and opportunities for success after graduating from high school. "So they have to change their mindset to achieve their mission," she said. "They tell themselves, 'I can listen and learn and accomplish things.' And when they put forth that effort, they can succeed and achieve excellence."

She then explained that the first letters of the words, "Hard, hope, options, opportunities, mindset, mission, effort and excellence" spell "Home." That's what the students have found at this school, she said, and so did she. "Mountain View's been my second home for 17 years," said DeBragga. "It's a place where I found family, love and respect, and it will always be my home."

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Planting a tree in front of the school are (from left) Anne Hoffman, Tom Troy, Gary Morris, Sharon DeBragga and Sue Ann Hilten.



From left: Sharon DeBragga, Anne Hoffman, Tom Troy and Gary Morris listen while Sue Ann Hilten speaks.

Cruisers and Backhoes and Trucks, Oh, My

Touch-A-Truck was June 18 outside the Chantilly Regional Library.

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Amber Lewis, 5, and brother Elijah, 7, inside a Centreville Volunteer Fire Department ambulance.



Saini Gaurav poses with his sons (from left) Jasraj, 4, and Jaiveer, 6, on a police motorcycle.



Sitting inside a UPS delivery truck is Braxton Roberts, 6.



Little boy, big truck: Cyrus Dudik, 3-1/2, stands in front of a Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority fire-and-rescue vehicle.



Manning the Superior Concrete Materials cement truck is Noah Costello, 3.



Alina, 8, and bunny Judy Hops (from the movie, "Zootopia") sit inside a Superior Paving Corp 18-wheeler with flatbed.



Subat Hidayat, 5, inside a Fairfax Water truck.



Gurnoor Rathore, 5-1/2, mans this John Deere backhoe.



Operating the sidearm loader of this Fairfax County trash truck is Arnold Reyes, 10.

PEOPLE

Parents' Love Story Inspires Novel

Centreville resident Naila Q. Parveen pens first novel.

By SENITRA T. MCCOMBS
CENTRE VIEW

Longtime Centreville resident Naila Q. Parveen released her first novel "Under the Magnolia Tree" this month. Although Parveen has been writing and illustrating stories since she was a child, she still describes becoming an author as something that "miraculously happened" to her.

Initially, she began chronicling the story of how her parents fell in love as a memento for her two young daughters. However, as she shared excerpts with colleagues and friends, they all agreed she should share this story with a wider audience.

When she first began writing the novel, she was a single mother of two daughters, ages six and seven and working full time. In addition, she was also traveling to various jewelry and craft shows selling her jewelry and artwork.

Eventually she fell in love and married Bill Burke, the chair of Centreville High's Performing Arts Department. As her parents grew older, she travelled to Pakistan to take care of her mother and took in her father during the last six years of his life. She credits her father with giving her the inspiration to complete the novel.

"My father blessed me to write this book. He was very proud of me," she said.

Despite facing various life changes and challenges, Parveen was finally able to finish the novel she began nearly 10 years ago. Amid the quietness of her home, she completed "Under the Magnolia Tree" as she was recuperating from surgery resulting from breast cancer.

Completing the novel helped her to heal both emotionally and physically.

"My illness turned into a blessing. I am a breast cancer survivor. 'Under the Magnolia Tree' is a powerful story, it gave me the strength to get up again, it gave me hope and courage, my fears seemed to drown and fade away as I wrote my book; that even cancer could not break me, nothing did in my past and nothing could now," she said.

Throughout the writing process, she could feel her parents' presence encouraging her.

In "Under the Magnolia Tree," Parveen describes



Parveen

how her mother who was 39 years old and married with three children met and fell in love with her father a highly decorated 21-year-old officer.

"It is a very unique and an unusual true love story in a very different part of the world; a country where strict rules apply to those who go against the tide. It is an amazing story of love

and courage. A story where age doesn't matter. Truth does," she said.

Unlike many romance novels, this story also explores the relationships between mothers and sons, fathers and daughters, and "...of lost relationships and forgiveness."

It is through these relationships that the author weaves her own life story into that of her parents. As a result, she discovered many similarities between her mother and herself.

"I too left my mansion and walked out of a marriage with nothing but a suitcase, a few books, my paintings and my two little girls, leaving all the riches behind and coming to a country where I had no idea how to even pump gas," she said.

Parveen describes juggling all of the twists and turns in her life with finding time to write as the greatest challenge she faced. She advises other

beginning writers to find time to write every day, "even if it is one little paragraph," and to read books of substance.

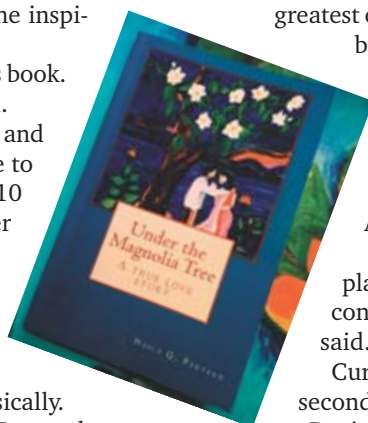
"Under the Magnolia Tree" is available to readers through Amazon.com.

"It is a spiritual book where faith plays an important part, where true love conquers all. It is a book of miracles," she said.

Currently, she is working on creating a second book, which will be fictional.

During her spare time, she enjoys creating jewelry, painting, reading, and writing. She also enjoys playing the guitar with her husband. He has released two CDs of his own original music and is currently working on creating an audio version of "Under the Magnolia Tree" in his home studio.

Parveen has a Bachelor's Degree in psychology and English literature and works as a substitute teacher. A native of Pakistan, she has lived in Centreville for over 15 years with her husband and two daughters.



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OPINION

Stem Gun Violence Epidemic

BY GERRY CONNOLLY
U.S. REPRESENTATIVE (D-IL)

Last week, America woke to what has become an all-too-common nightmare. A man driven by hate and armed with assault weapons carried out our nation's worst mass shooting. In its aftermath 49 were dead, 53 injured, and communities across our country were left violated, vulnerable and wondering how this could happen again?

It's a scene repeated too often in our country. 49 murdered in Orlando. In December, 14 were killed in San Bernardino. A year ago, nine were murdered during Bible study in South Carolina. Twenty innocent children and six teachers were gunned down inside a school at Sandy Hook. Thirty-three were lost at Virginia Tech — including five bright, young, talented students from our community. Twelve were killed in an Aurora movie theater. The list goes on.

We must have an honest conversation about the hate that is brewing. This time a man stole the lives of 49 people, many of whom identified as LGBT, and all of whom were celebrat-

ing and supporting inclusion, progress, and freedom. The attacker's homophobic intent has been lost in the media coverage. Some have painted this as an issue of terror, but we must be reminded that so much of the blood shed to gun violence has been at the hands of those who claim no allegiance to Islam or ISIS. America's dark history of mass killings has come from problems of mental illness to proclamations of white supremacy, and it's a fallacy to attribute the continuous violence to "Radical Islam."

In the wake of these almost weekly tragedies, the response from Congress is as predictable as it is disappointing. We offer our thoughts and prayers. We hold a moment of silence; anything to distract from the central cause, and common instrument, of these crimes. How many more must die before Congress acts?

This is a problem for which there are solutions. Expand universal background checks to keep guns out of the hands of dangerous people. Reinstate the assault weapons ban. Close the gun show loophole.

But the gun lobby and the Republican Majority it controls stand in the way of each of these reforms. For example, the NRA opposes expanded background checks for gun pur-

chases even though majorities of gun owners and NRA members support them.

The NRA even opposes the CDC funding for research on gun violence and its effect on public health despite the fact that more than 30,000 people die in gun related deaths annually.

In 1994, Congress passed the Assault Weapons Ban, restricting certain types of weapons and capping the size of ammunition magazines. However, in the time since the ban has been allowed to lapse, these weapons of war have become a common tool for the mayhem unleashed in these mass shootings. Do I think an assault weapons ban would prevent all crimes? Of course not; but certainly our Founding Fathers did not envision AR-15 semi-automatic rifles when they drafted the Second Amendment.

When we marked the three-year anniversary of Sandy Hook, I said if more politicians viewed the safety of the American people as more important than pleasing the NRA, reason would prevail and the club of gun violence victims and their families would not continue its unrelenting growth. Instead, our ever-more-frequent moments of silence and inaction speak volumes.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Love for All, Hatred for None

To the Editor:

Hate has no religion. No gender. No race. These are chants we have all heard during the aftermath of a hate crime. The tragic mass shooting that occurred in Orlando was fueled by hatred and mental instability. After watching Omar Mateen's ex-wife speak about his mental state and ideologies, it is clear that he was a disturbed individual for years.

An individual who is mentally stable and has a sense for humanity would not commit such a heinous crime. This shooting is heart-breaking and my condolences go out to everyone and anyone who

lost someone in this event. That is what is most important.

The media hold immense influence over masses of people. It is their duty to enlighten us after incidents like this. Not stir more hatred. Yes, Omar Mateen was a Muslim. Yes, he pledged to ISIS hours prior to the shooting. However, his sick actions should not encourage our nation to put down all other Muslims or individuals who share that olive complexion. Pledging to the radical group ISIS is a cry for attention, especially when one is not mentally stable. There is nothing to lose at this point.

The media hold this weight on their shoulders.

Fighting fire with fire itself will not put down the flame but in turn

excite it more.

In times like these, we should not let such people fuel our hatred more. We should help the families of the lost ones, pray for our humanity and country, and understand why an individual would commit such a crime.

Individuals with mental illnesses or instabilities are looked down upon in all societies to the point where one does not want to admit if they have one. It leads to them feeling alone and confused. Their confusion leads to illogical ideologies and morals. The media should stress mental illnesses in all areas. If these individuals can get help during the early stages of distress and confusion, maybe we can counteract events like this in the long run. Mental instability is not the cause of all tragic events, but it is a sore subject that needs to be brought to light.

Love for All, Hatred for None.
Saba Amjad
Chantilly

Everyday Is Father's Day

To the Editor:

There is a day called Father's Day where all of the children give cards or ties to show their dads that they love them. As a Muslim girl, my love for my father is more than a present and is not limited to one day. I believe that every day is Father's Day because our dads love us everyday so why should we

show our dad we love him on a certain day?

So thank you dad. I appreciate all your hard work. You give me what I want even when I don't ask for it. It does not matter how tired or how busy you are. You wake up at 5 a.m. to go to work, you call home to see if I need anything. You check your emails so you can print my homework. You come home early so you can pick me up from school. You do Google searches so you can help me with my homework. You go to the store to get me supplies for a project after you have laid down to rest. You stay up all night when I fall sick. You wear purple so your shirt matches my dress. You get misty eyed when I get A's on my report card and say you have allergies, and when I don't do so well you find a way to help me. You pray for me day and night. You provide shelter and food, and you'll even get a second job so you can earn money and buy me things when you really do not have to. I appreciate your love and kindness towards me. I can go on and on but I am getting a little misty eyed myself. So thank you dad for everything you have done.

Every day is Father's Day. Just take a minute of your time and just say, "thanks dad, I love you just because you are my father and you do everything for me." Pick up the phone and call him, Skype or Face Time, go see him if you can, then just do it over and over again.

Ujala Yousaf/Centreville



Me and My Dad

Andrew Miller of Chantilly and captain for Team Gracie at this year's JDRF (Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation) One Walk at the National Mall on June 5, with his wife, Eudora, 7-year-old daughter Gracie and 5-year-old Son Eli. Team Gracie raised over \$5,000 and walked in hopes to make Type One into Type None.

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Drinkwater, Pelegrin Honored

The Sully District Police Station and its Citizens Advisory Committee have recognized two Officers of the Month for April. They are Sgt. Justin Drinkwater and Auxiliary Officer Antonio Pelegrin.

In nominating Drinkwater, Lt. Brian Calfee wrote that, "Since his arrival in August 2014, Sgt. Justin Drinkwater has done an exemplary job as a supervisor at the Sully District Station. In 2015, he supervised the Neighborhood Patrol Unit twice, for a total of four months, in a capacity normally reserved for a second lieutenant."

Calfee noted that, as the Midnight B-shift squad sergeant, Drinkwater leads by example, often making subject stops and proactively patrolling. Most recently, on the night of April 14, he was on patrol "when he recognized a stolen vehicle from a Virginia State Police lookout that had been broadcast earlier," wrote Calfee. "After spotting the vehicle, Drinkwater voiced that he was following the vehicle and updated his location as other units responded to assist."

"The vehicle stopped and four subjects bailed out, running from the scene," continued Calfee. "Drinkwater apprehended the driver within a few seconds, as other officers rounded up the remaining passengers. The vehicle was confirmed stolen from Loudoun County, and the juvenile driver and front passenger were runaways from the Boys Probation



Drinkwater



Pelegrin

House." According to Calfee, "Both had active arrest warrants on file, and the driver also has ties with a local gang. This was an excellent catch due to Sgt. Drinkwater's vigilant, proactive patrol, and he is most deserving of this recognition." In his nomination of Pelegrin, Lt. Tim Burgess wrote that "Auxiliary Officer Antonio Pelegrin has been an APO for 10 years. He is an engaged individual who truly cares about his community [and is] determined to make the Sully District a safer place to work and live." In 2015, Pelegrin volunteered 334 hours of service — 46 hours more than is required. "His participation in providing security and traffic control during community events has been extremely helpful," wrote Burgess. "Pelegrin spends a large amount of time assisting patrol officers with patrol duties and supporting the crime-prevention program by conducting numerous station tours and providing representation at many other assignments."

"His willingness to interact with citizens has increased our ability to be transparent and welcoming to the citizens of Fairfax County," added Burgess. "Based on APO Pelegrin's dedication to the community and the Fairfax County Police Department, he is most deserving of this recognition."

— BONNIE HOBBS

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Members of the Chantilly baseball team celebrate winning the state championship.

Top Sports Moments

The following is a look back at some of the top moments in Chantilly/Centreville-area high school sports during the 2016 winter and spring seasons.

Chantilly Baseball Wins Title with 7th-Inning Comeback

The Chantilly baseball team trailed Battlefield 2-0 and was two outs away from losing in the state championship game for the third consecutive season when Forrest Wagner delivered a single.

Three batters later, the Chargers trailed by a run and were one out from defeat when Garrett Snedeker hit a fly ball to right field that turned into a game-tying RBI triple.

Moments later, Jared Enders ripped a walk-off RBI single and the Chantilly baseball program had a state title.

The Chargers scored three runs in the bottom of the seventh and beat Battlefield 3-2 in the 6A state final on June 11 at Robinson Secondary School. Chantilly lost

in the 2014 (Western Branch) and 2015 (Madison) state championship games. This year, the Chargers experienced the joy of winning the program's first state title.

Chantilly finished the season with a 25-2 record and captured Conference 5 and 6A North region titles for the second straight season.

Chantilly Boys' Tennis Wins Region, State Championships

After upsetting Patriot, Langley and Westfield to win the 6A North region championship as a No. 3 seed, the Chantilly boys' tennis team added another trophy to the case when the Chargers defeated Cosby 5-3 on June 11 to win the 6A state title.

Chantilly got by First Colonial, 5-1, in the state semifinals.

Against Cosby, Chantilly freshmen Manu Balasubramanian and Shaun Ganju won their No. 2 doubles match and each won his singles match.



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The Chantilly tennis team won the 6A state championship.



PHOTO BY WILL PALENSCAR

Tyler Scanlon and the Westfield boys' basketball team win the 6A state championship.

The Chargers finished the regular season with a 7-3 record.

Centerville's Carters Lead Upset of Madison

The Centerville baseball team upset defending state champion Madison 6-0 in quarterfinals of the 6A North region tournament on May 27.

Junior left-hander Carter Egbers threw a two-hit shutout, allowing just one runner to reach third base. He walked two and struck out 10. Madison had played 33 games since the last time it was shut out.

At the plate, senior first baseman Carter Bach went 3-for-4 with a home run and four RBIs, including a run-scoring single in the first inning that put the Wildcats ahead to



PHOTO BY CRAIG STERBUTZEL

Centerville pitcher Carter Egbers threw a two-hit shutout against Madison in the 6A North region quarterfinals.

stay.

Centerville would lose to eventual state runner-up Battlefield in the region semifinals, falling one win shy of qualifying for the state tournament.

Westfield Boys' Basketball Blows Out Oscar Smith in State Final

In March, the Westfield boys' basketball program made its second straight trip the 6A state championship game. This time, the Bulldogs left the fourth-quarter stress — and pain of defeat — out of the equation.

One year after suffering a one-point loss to Colonial Forge in the 2015 state final, Westfield captured the program's first state championship with a 74-56 victory over Oscar Smith on March 9 at VCU's Siegel Center.

The Bulldogs failed to hold a four-point lead late in the 2015 title game and lost 47-46. This year, Westfield left no doubt by taking a 20-point lead into the fourth quarter.

Westfield's Blake Francis scored 23 points against Oscar Smith, Tyler Scanlon finished with 22 and Hank Johnson added 18.

Westfield became the first Fairfax County boys' basketball team to win a big school state title since 1981, when the Lee Lancers won the AAA championship.

Westfield had a 22-game win streak snapped with a 77-72 loss to Battlefield in the 6A North region championship game, but the Bulldogs bounced back in the state tournament.

Christ Presbyterian Expands Its Preschool

Flexible schedule to meet needs of families.

BY STEVE HIBBARD
CENTRE VIEW

Christ Presbyterian Church is expanding its preschool ministry to include extended day and full day programs for children ages 2 to 5 years old to better meet the needs of the surrounding community. The church is located on Route 50 in Fairfax, just west of the Fair Oaks District Fire Department.

"It's really geared to meet the needs of families," said Pastor Geoff McLean. "Because the half day educational option has diminished while the need for full day care, including education, has grown because of the shift from single income to dual income family life."

"We've had a half day traditional preschool program for over 20 years, of which we are adding additional options," said Diane Volcansek, director of the preschool program.

The flexible schedules and programming allows families to choose between a traditional preschool program, an extended day, or full-day program. With capacity for 86 children, the preschool will offer the following new menu:

The Before Care Program, from 8 to 9:30 a.m., will have centers and table activities as children arrive to school. At 9:30 a.m., the children will join their preschool classes.

"The Before Care program is an all new option, an early option, for those families that need care before our traditional preschool program begins, however, the focus of all of the programs will be educational," said Volcansek.

From 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., the Preschool Program is where children will be engaged in creative, comprehensive and developmentally appropriate activities. "The Preschool program is about establishing a life-long love of learning and citizenship," said McLean.

The Lunch Bunch will run from 12:30 to 1:45 p.m., where children will bring their own lunches and participate in outdoor/indoor activities.

The Extended Day program will run from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. After joining the Lunch

Bunch, children will observe a quiet time followed by center time and circle time activities.

"We'll have our Extended Day, which will enable children to expand their learning from morning," said Volcansek. "They will be able to expand their development from the morning program to enhance their learning experiences, provided by our experienced staff."

The After Care Program will run from 3:30 to 5 p.m. After outdoor or indoor play, children will participate in an activity such as art, cooking or table top games. The new preschool schedule will begin next Fall 2016; registration has already begun.

"We wanted to offer that as a way to bring the best of what we have to more people in our neighborhood," said McLean. "Our preschool is well regarded in our community and we want to make it so that more people could be part of it."

The student-teacher ratio of the preschool is as follows: For the 2-year-olds, there are five children to two teachers; for the 2 1/2-year-olds, there are 10 children to two teachers; for the 3-year-olds, there are 15 children to two teachers; and for the 4-year-olds, there are 16 children to two teachers. Volcansek said a lot of the teachers have masters' degrees. "They're really engaged and knowledgeable, and invested in the children," she said.

"Christ Presbyterian Preschool is a natural extension of Christ Presbyterian Church," added McLean. "We have a strong dynamic of family and love of children and the preschool is about us sharing that with the community around us. We have an exceptional staff with many individuals who have been here for quite some time."

The church draws its 200 members from as far as Aldie, with the majority of people coming from the Route 50 Corridor, including Herndon, Chantilly, Centreville, Reston and Vienna.

Christ Presbyterian Church and Preschool is located at 12410 Lee Jackson Memorial Hwy., Fairfax, VA 22033. Visit www.cpp.cpcfairfax.org. Or contact Pastor McLean at pastor@cpcfairfax.org or call 703-278-8365.



Preschool teacher Carolyn Garrett reads a story to students at Christ Presbyterian Church off Route 50 in Fairfax.

Preschool teacher Anne Hanover with her students at Christ Presbyterian Church off Route 50 in Fairfax.



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Rooting Around



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

As rare as this beginning may sound, a funny thing happened to me at my dentist's office this past week: the apparent need for two root canals followed up by two crowns (neither of which will make me king or master of my domain) for a not-so-grand total of between 8 and 10 thousand uninsured/out-of-pocket dollars (the specific pocket yet to be determined and the timetable likewise yet to be decided).

And it's not as if the consequence of my inaction was a shock. Hardly. My dentist and my dental hygienist, Sandy, have been advising/cajoling me and attempting various preventive procedures for years hoping to avoid this eventuality, for my sake, really. Nevertheless, despite their consistently best efforts to get me to floss and/or use whatever flossing alternative exists on the market, I have unfortunately through no fault of theirs, reached my infected point, at least on the X-Rays I was shown, of no return. Not that needing root canals or any other variety of dental repair is at all unusual – or unexpected after reaching a certain middle age, it was more the manner in which the need/recommendation was suggested to me by my dentist and his hygienist – and my reaction to it, that I thought was column-worthy. I thought especially so in the light of having been diagnosed with stage IV, non-small cell lung cancer in early 2009.

Separating out the cost-anxiety for a moment and trying just to deal with the bad, inconvenient, negative, time-consuming news, the message I received, softly and clearly, was one offered up as sympathetically and presumably as empathetically as possible, given my underlying cancer diagnosis, with which the practice is well acquainted. And I appreciated the sensitivity with which the dental assessment – and cost, was discussed. However, if I had to bet a dollar, I would say their initial concern was more about yours truly finding the necessary unreimbursed dollars to solve this long-standing tooth decay than was its impact on me as a cancer patient, as evidenced by their assurances of financial assistance.

And since I was not yet in the excruciating pain that my dentist described was likely forthcoming, nor flush with cash ready to commit to this huge/not totally unexpected expense, I took their advice in stride (in the dental chair, actually) and hesitatingly authorized their first step: e-mailing the referred endodontist for price/plan/schedule, etc.

Now this is where the subject finally gets funny, and I don't mean hysterical (because I'm not crazy or laughing heartily) and I don't mean ironic (because it's not exactly a twist on reality), but it was as Jerry Seinfeld once said: "something." And the something it was I think was context. I have the ultimate weight on my shoulders: cancer – and by association I'm told, on my teeth, too. I'm already living with terrible news, the worst kind of news, a "terminal" prognosis given at age 54 and a half due to an "incurable" form of lung cancer. And what was funny to me was the serious, somber and sorrowful tones and expressions with which this root canal need was given. If I hadn't already received a cancer diagnosis seven-plus years ago, I would have thought I was receiving one right there in the dentist's office.

Root canal? Is that all you got? Hey, I may not be thrilled about the cost and I'm certainly not looking forward to the pain and inconvenience. I'll get it done when I get it done. In the interim however, to be honest, I can't worry about it too much. I have cancer: "The Emperor of all Maladies."

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ROUNDUPS

Free Carseat Inspections

Certified technicians from the Sully District Police Station will perform free, child safety carseat inspections Thursday, June 23, from 5-8:30 p.m., at the station, 4900 Stonecroft Blvd. in Chantilly. No appointment is necessary. But residents should install the child safety seats themselves so technicians may properly inspect and adjust it, as needed.

Only the first 35 vehicles arriving on each date will be inspected. That way, inspectors may have enough time to properly instruct the caregiver on the correct use of the child seat. Call 703-814-7000 to confirm dates and times.

Help Update Master Plan for Park

The public is invited to attend an open house and information meeting at 7 p.m., Tuesday, June 28, to kick off the Park Master Plan process for the Fairfax County Park Authority's Ellanor C. Lawrence Park in Chantilly.

At the meeting, residents will have a chance to learn more about the park, its features and the master planning process, and to share their ideas for the park. There will also be information about the park changes that will result from the planned I-66 and Rt. 28 transportation improvements. A project web page has been established to keep the public apprised of the master planning process. See www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/plandev/ECLawrence.htm.

ECLP's Master Plan meeting will be held at the Sully Government Center at 4900 Stonecroft Boulevard, in Chantilly. Members

of the public may contact the Park Authority at any time with comments or questions regarding the Ellanor C. Lawrence Master Plan via e-mail at parkmail@fairfaxcounty.gov.

Job Fair for School Bus Drivers

Fairfax County Public Schools will host a job fair for prospective bus drivers on Tuesday, June 28, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Interested individuals are welcome to attend the job fair, which will be held at the Stonecroft Transportation Office, 4641 Stonecroft Blvd. in Chantilly, across from Westfield High School.

Current bus drivers and training staff members will be on hand to answer questions at the June 28 job fair. Applicants will also be able to explore the inside of a school bus up close.

For more information, call 571-423-3023.

Stringfellow Speed Limit Rising

In July, the speed limit on a two-mile stretch of Stringfellow Road from Route 50 to Fair Lakes Parkway will increase from 35 to 40 miles per hour.

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Open Rehearsal. Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m. at Lord of Life church, 13421 Twin Lakes Drive, Centreville. The Fairfax Jubil-Aires barbershop chorus invites men of all ages who enjoy singing. Free. Visit www.fairfaxjubilaire.org for more.

Toddlin' Twos. Tuesdays, 10:30 and 11:30 a.m. at the Chantilly Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Early literacy storytime with songs and activities included. Age 2 with caregiver, free. Call 703-502-3883 to reserve a spot.

Storytime for Three to Fives. Tuesdays, 1:30 p.m. at the Chantilly Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Stories and activities for children age 3-5 with caregiver. Free. Call 703-502-3883 to reserve a spot.

English Conversation Group. Thursdays, 7 p.m. at the Chantilly Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Practice English with a group of students and adults. Free. Call 703-502-3883 to reserve a space.

English Conversation Group. Selected Saturdays, 3 p.m. at the Centreville Regional Library, 14200 St. Germain Drive. Practice English

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ESL Book Club. Mondays, 7 p.m. at the Centreville Regional Library, 14200 St. Germain Drive. Meet and discuss a book chosen by group. Free. Call 703-830-2223 with questions and to reserve a spot.

ESL Book Club. Every other Saturday, 11 a.m. at the Chantilly Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Adults learning English are welcome to meet and discuss a book chosen by the group. To find out book title, call 703-502-3883.

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THURSDAY/JUNE 23

Program: 19th Century School Days. 1 p.m. at Sully Historic Site, 3650 Historic Sully Way, Chantilly. Scribble on slate boards, write with quill pens and read stories in an 1820s school house, complete with fireplace. Admission is \$5 for county residents, \$7 for non-residents. Visit

www.fairfaxcounty.gov for more.

SATURDAY/JUNE 25

Author Event: Sherryn Craig. 11 a.m. at Barnes & Noble, 12193 Fair Lakes Promenade Drive, Fairfax. Saturday story time with a visit from Sherryn Craig, author of "Midnight Madness at The Zoo." Free. Call 703-278-0300 for more.

Strawberry Picnic. 1-2:30 p.m. at Ellanor C. Lawrence Park, 5040 Walney Road, Chantilly. Play a game of croquet, savor strawberry ice cream and learn school lessons in historic fashion. Bring a picnic lunch to enjoy beforehand. Tickets are \$8. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/eclawrence.

National Day of Play. 3:30-7:30 p.m. at Gymboree, 14155 Sully Field Circle, Ste. 1, Chantilly. Families with children from birth to 5 are welcome to drop-in for play activities, flying parachutes, bubbles, art, music, touch a truck, child ID program, balloons, refreshments and more. Free. Call 703-836-2277 for more.

SUNDAY/JUNE 26

Preserving Sully. 11 a.m. at Sully Historic Site, 3650 Historic Sully Way, Chantilly. On this specialized walking tour, see select archival photos and hear stories about past and continued efforts to preserve Sully Historic Site. Admission is \$8 for county residents, \$10 for non-residents. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov for more.

Author Event: Rick Campbell. 2 p.m. at Barnes & Noble, 12193 Fair Lakes Promenade Drive, Fairfax. Rick Campbell, author of "The Trident Deception" will release "Ice Station Nautilus." Campbell will lead a

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Patriotic Concert. 6 p.m. at Jubilee Christian Center, 4650 Shirley Gate Road, Fairfax. The National Christian Choir will be presenting selections from their newest album, "Glory - A Celebration of God and Country." Free. Call 703-383-1170 for more.

WEDNESDAY/JUNE 29

White Glove Tour. 11 a.m. at Sully Historic Site, 3650 Historic Sully Way, Chantilly. Take a behind-the-scenes tour with a curator and learn the ins and outs of specialized furniture. Look in cabinets and the old clock and see the special door that leads to hidden storage areas. Admission is \$8 for county residents, \$10 for non-residents. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov for more.

Sully Architecture Tour. 1 p.m. at Sully Historic Site, 3650 Historic Sully Way, Chantilly. Tour Sully from the ground up, from cellar to rafters, and see 18th century construction techniques used when Sully was built. Admission is \$8 for county residents, \$10 for non-residents. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov for more.

THURSDAY/JUNE 30

Program: 19th Century School Days. 1 p.m. at Sully Historic Site, 3650 Historic Sully Way, Chantilly. Scribble on slate boards, write with quill pens and read stories in an 1820s school house — complete with fireplace. Admission is \$5 for county residents, \$7 for non-residents. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov for more.

MONDAY/JULY 11

"How to Throw a Rockin' Facebook Party." 7-9 p.m. at Gunnell House at Truro Church, 10520 Main St., Fairfax. Facebook can be a marketing tool for authors. Capital Christian Writers presents tips on throwing a successful Facebook party with Heather Gray, vice president of Virginia's American Christian Fiction Writer and the founder of The Inspired Inkpot, a co-op street team for authors writing Christian fiction. Free. Visit www.capitalchristianwriters.org.

FRIDAY/JULY 15

Summer Wine Pairing Dinner. 7 p.m. at The Winery at Bull Run, 15950 Lee Highway, Centreville. Eat a five-course dinner paired with Bull Run wines. Tickets start at \$115. Visit www.wineryatbullrun.com.

SUNDAY/JULY 24

Book Sale. 1-4 p.m. at The Fairfax Station Railroad Museum, 11200 Fairfax Station Road, Fairfax Station. Books of all genres will be offered for sale with an emphasis on books concerning history and the Civil War. Regular admission rates apply but discounts may be given for purchases. Museum members and children 4 and under, free; children 5-15, \$2; adults 16 and older, \$4. Visit www.fairfax-station.org.

MONDAY-FRIDAY/JULY 25-29

Westfield Theatre Young Actors' Workshop. 9 a.m.-12 p.m. at Westfield High School, 4700 Stonecroft Blvd., Chantilly. This high-energy, educational summer musical theatre camp is open to elementary students in rising grades 2-7. Tuition is \$125. Westfield Theatre Boosters is now accepting registrations for Young Actors' Workshop. For an enrollment form and more information, visit www.westfieldtheatreboosters.com.

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