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ENTERTAINMENT

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

ONGOING

White House Ornament Sale.

GFWC Western Fairfax County Woman's Club is selling 2016 White House Christmas ornaments. This year's ornament honors our 31st President, Herbert Hoover. The ornament, inspired by a White House fire on Christmas Eve, 1929, is a fire truck carrying a Christmas tree. Ornaments are \$21. Call 703-378-6841 or 703-378-6216. It is possible to order previous years' ornaments.

Art Guild of Clifton Exhibit. 10 a.m.-8 p.m. at Clifton Wine Shop, 7145 Main St., Clifton. Includes oil paintings of European settings; doors, windows, and flower shops. Free. Call 703-409-0919 for more.

Carolina Shag Dance. Wednesdays, 6:30-10 p.m. at Arlington/Fairfax Elks Lodge, 8421 Arlington Blvd., Fairfax. Free lessons at 7:30 p.m.; no partners needed; dinner menu at 6:45 p.m. Tickets are \$8. Visit www.nvshag.org for more.

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.fairfaxjubilaires.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 with a group of students and adults. Free. Call 703-830-2223 for a list of dates.

English Conversation Group.

Tuesdays, 10:30 a.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.

Plant Clinic.

Saturdays, 10:30 a.m. at the Chantilly Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. A neighborhood plant clinic with horticultural tips, information, techniques, and advice. Free. Call 703-502-3883 to reserve a space.

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.

Lego Block Party.

Every other



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Meet Sully's Santa

Hear a reading of "A Visit from St. Nicholas," see a Christmas tree decorated according to an 1885 memory, and make a tree decoration based on a Victorian original. Take the 45-minute house tour with start times every 15 minutes from 4:45-7 p.m. Stay afterwards to enjoy outdoor festivities until 8 p.m. \$10. Saturday, Dec. 17, 4:45-8 p.m. at Sully Historic Site, 3650 Historic Sully Way. 703-437-1794 www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/sully-historic-site/

Tuesday, 3 p.m. at the Chantilly Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Legos will be provided for an afternoon of building. Grades 3-6. Free. Call 703-502-3883 to reserve a spot.

Duplo Storytime. Every other Wednesday, 10:30 and 11:30 a.m. at the Chantilly Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Develop and reinforce early literacy skills for reading success. Ages 1-3 with adult. Free. Call 703-502-3883 to reserve a spot.

Live After Five. Fridays at 5:30 p.m. at The Winery at Bull Run, 15950 Lee Highway. Every Friday night a band plays on the patio of the winery. Free to attend. Visit www.wineryatbullrun.com for a full schedule.

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 award-winning director. Visit www.fairfaxjubilaires.org for more.

Legos Kids Club. Every other Tuesday, 10:30 a.m. at the Centreville Regional Library, 14200 St. Germain Drive. Thousands of Legos for children to play with. Ages 6-12. Free. Call 703-830-2223 to reserve a space.

Starlight Storytime. Every other Wednesday, 7 p.m. at the Centreville Regional Library, 14200 St. Germain Drive. Stories under the stars for ages 4-8. Wear pajamas and bring stuffed friends. Free. Call 703-830-2223 to reserve a space.

PET ADOPTIONS

Adopt a Cat or Dog. Fridays, 6:30-

8:30 p.m. at PetSmart, 12971 Fair Lakes Center, Fairfax. Visit www.lostdogrescue.org for more.

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

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

Adopt a Dog. Saturdays, 1-4 p.m. at PetSmart, 12971 Fair Lakes Center, Fairfax. Adopt a puppy or dog. Visit www.lostdogrescue.org for more.

FRIDAY/DEC. 16-SUNDAY/JAN. 1

WRAP Sober Ride Program. 10 p.m.-6 a.m. each evening as a way to keep local roads safe from impaired drivers during this traditionally high-risk, holiday period. Washington-metropolitan area residents celebrating with alcohol may call the toll-free SoberRide phone number 1-800-200-TAXI and be afforded a no-cost (up to \$ 30 fare), safe way home. (AT&T wireless users can dial #WRAP for the same service.)

THURSDAY-FRIDAY/DEC. 15-16

INOVA Fair Oaks Hospital Auxiliary \$5 Jewelry and Accessory Sale. 8 a.m.-4 p.m. at the Hospital Atrium 3600 Joseph Siewick Drive.

SUNDAY/DEC. 18

35th Annual Manassas-Bull Run Christmas Bird Count. 7-11:30 a.m. at Various points in a 15-mile diameter circle around Centreville. Birders of all skill levels are invited to participate in the 35th Annual Manassas-Bull Run Christmas Bird Count, sponsored by the Audubon Society of Northern Virginia. audubonva.org/contact-bob

MONDAY/DEC. 19

PTA Spirit Event. noon-11 p.m. at Buffalo Wild Wings, 11204 Swart Circle. 10 percent of the total bill (food, all beverages, carry-out and dine-in) goes to Centreville Elementary School's PTA. Don't forget to mention, "Centreville Elementary School." LRKaiser@fcps.edu

WEDNESDAY/DEC. 28

Celtic Sounds at Sully Historic Site. 1 and 2 p.m., at Sully Historic Site, 3650 Historic Sully Way. Enjoy fiddling, percussion and vocals that blend musical traditions ranging from Ireland and Scotland to the Appalachians and Cajun country. 703-437-1794 or visit <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/sully-historic-site/>

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'Extraordinary Enterprise That's Changing Lives'

DRCE helps people with disabilities drive adapted vehicles.

BY BONNIE HOBBS
CENTRE VIEW

Owned by two military veterans, Driver Rehabilitation Center of Excellence helps people with disabilities drive adapted vehicles — and change their lives.

This Chantilly business was founded by Josh Himan, wounded while serving with the Marines in Afghanistan, and Tammy Phipps, a retired Army major, occupational therapist and certified driving rehabilitation specialist. And on Nov. 18, at 14101 Parke Long Court, Suite E, it held its official grand opening.

Himan became a quadriplegic as a result of an IED (improvised explosive device). After several years recovering/rehabilitating from his injuries, he wanted to drive again, but no therapist could help him do so until he met Phipps at Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, D.C.

In 2008, she'd created the first and only comprehensive driving-rehabilitation program in the Defense Department, so she devised a custom-plan that successfully got Himan back on the road. He was one of hundreds of severely injured wounded warriors she'd help regain their independence, but he knew that many more needed it, too. So together, they established DRCE to make driving accessible to everyone.

The grand opening was attended not just by dignitaries and business people, but also by a slew of wheelchair-bound people grateful for the company's help.

"When you work with a company, you feel a kinship with them," said Gerald Gordon, president and CEO of the Fairfax County Economic Development Authority. "But in 33 years, I've never felt more pride than standing before this group of people today and those who have made this [business] happen."



PHOTO COURTESY OF ALAN FOGG

Cutting the ribbon are (from left) Gerald Gordon, Kathy Smith, Josh Himan, Tammy Phipps and DRCE Operations Manager Steve Morrison.

After the EDA helped DRCE find this spot to lease, the company came to Chantilly in August. Delighted, Gordon said, "It's a wonderful opportunity for us to help people who are going to help a whole lot of others be more independent, productive and lead better lives."

Welcoming DRCE to the area, Supervisor Kathy Smith (D-Sully) said, "This is a great place to have a business; anything we can do to help you, we will. We want to ensure that you have what you need to be successful."

Antonio Doss, director, Washington Metropolitan Area District Office, U.S. Small Business Administration, said his organization helps small businesses start, sustain and grow. "But Josh and Tammy help people get connected to who they really are through mobility and getting back behind the wheel," he said. "So it's great to see this — and at the SBA, we support businesses like this."

Keynote speaker was John Harvey Jr., Virginia's Secretary of Veterans and Defense Affairs. He oversees all veteran-related issues in the state. "There's no place I'd rather



PHOTO BY BONNIE HOBBS/CENTRE VIEW

Josh Himan (in front) with Tammy Phipps and Help Our Military Heroes supporter Frank Panessa.



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Tammy Phipps with the plaque and check from BraunAbility representatives (from left) Matt Swope, Joseph Young and Joe Garnett.

be today than with Josh and Tammy," he said. "This is so important; [it's] changing lives that were already changed — and changing them back. This is an extraordinary enterprise."

As a Navy vice admiral, he visited patients and their families in Bethesda, and they'd asked him how they could drive again. "But

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Helping Those Who Need It **Restoring pride, independence, dignity.**

BY BONNIE HOBBS
CENTRE VIEW

Summer Simmons came from Chesapeake, Va., to attend DRCE's grand opening. It was important to her because that's the company responsible for her husband being able to drive again.

Her husband, retired Navy Lt. Steven Simmons, is a paraplegic. "When the Fukushima [Japan] nuclear reactor melted down in 2011, he and his ship — the USS Ronald Reagan — were the first to respond with humanitarian help," said Summer Simmons. "He was exposed to high levels of radiation and suffered a spinal-cord in-

jury caused by nerve damage from this exposure."

She and her husband were introduced to Tammy Phipps at Walter Reed hospital in 2013, and Phipps worked with him to get him back behind the wheel. "She taught him to drive again, using hand controls, and gave him back his independence and the ability to not depend on me for everything he needed," said his wife.

"This gave him one thing back and a little hint of himself the way he used to be," continued Summer Simmons. "It gave him freedom — and me, too. And with the help of Laurie [Hollander] and Marybeth [Vandergrift], we received a van from HMH

in 2013."

As for DRCE opening in Chantilly, she said, "I think it's amazing. I'm a proud supporter of Tammy and Josh. They're going to make such a difference in this community. And as an Army veteran, myself, I'm proud to see one more veteran-owned business here."

Josh Himan and Phipps started DRCE (Driver Rehabilitation Center of Excellence) so people with disabilities could be able to drive again. And Himan, a quadriplegic, knows firsthand how much it means to them because he's been through it, himself. After suffering a devastating injury in Afghanistan, he had to learn how to drive a new

way; and in 2013, he finally did it.

"It was the same feeling I had at 16 when I drove without my parents for the first time," he said. "I was able to be efficient and drive myself to work, school and haircuts and not depend on anyone else to take me anywhere. Before then, my mother drove me every day to GWU. Since 2009, she's been my full-time caretaker."

At DRCE, said Himan, "We do driver rehab — figuring out a solution to people's impairments to let them drive — and auto installations, all in one place. It's a great opportunity to help those in need. When I was looking for services, I couldn't find anything like this in Northern Virginia."

Providing Immigrants with Jobs, Safety and Dignity

Centreville Labor Resource Center celebrates fifth anniversary.

BY BONNIE HOBBS
CENTRE VIEW

When the Centreville Labor Resource Center (CLRC) holds a celebration, it does so with people, food, music and fun. And its fifth-anniversary party Sunday afternoon was no exception.

The speeches were short, but the Dec. 11 event was long on warmth and camaraderie. Local residents, volunteers and workers mingled, reminisced, enjoyed live entertainment and feasted on homemade tamales, pupusas, arroz con pollo and cake. And children happily took swings at a flower-shaped piñata and scooped up the candy that fell out when the piñata was broken.

"It's such an amazing and positive environment," said CLRC Director Jasmine Blaine. "And it's so great to see the volunteers, the community, the workers and their children all in the same room."

But things weren't always so friendly and welcoming for Centreville's mainly Guatemalan-born immigrant community. Until the CLRC opened in December 2011, day laborers looking for jobs stood outside the



Kennedy Raymundo, 4, prepares to hit the candy-filled piñata.

Centreville Square Shopping Center, on the outskirts of Centreville Plaza and near the Centreville Regional Library. And that led to tension in the local community.

Store owners said the men's presence discouraged customers from patronizing their businesses. And some mothers felt uneasy bringing their children to a library with men standing outside.

Meanwhile, under the guidance of Centreville resident Alice Foltz — and with support from local churches and others — the Centreville Immigration Forum (CIF) was established to help the immigrants. Members made contact with the workers, directed them to social services that could help them and their families, and connected them to churches offering English-language classes. But they were still

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Eating together are sisters (from left) Marlene and Milagro Sapaico.

hired from the streets.

Then in early 2010, Al Dwoskin, owner of the Centreville Square Shopping Center, proposed the idea for a worker center. He later donated one of his storefronts for it and agreed to pay for utilities if the CIF would run it. So the CIF began fundraising



CIF Executive Director Terry Angelotti and former Sully District Supervisor Michael Frey.



Worker Alberto Ramirez sings a ballad.

and soliciting grants and donations to hire a director and an assistant.

It also invited the laborers to its planning meetings, had them develop the center's rules and regulations and made sure they were an integral part of the new facility so they'd actually use it. And it acquired an ally in former Sully District Supervisor Michael Frey, who supported the idea of a

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Holding balloons are some of the workers' children, (from left) Luis Robalino, 6; Marcus Sarmiento, 8 and Maya Sikes, 2.



From left are workers Francisco Gonzalez, Hector Perez and Sebastian Raymundo.



Sully District Supervisor Kathy Smith and Jerry Foltz.

NEWS

Supervisors Establish County's First Police Civilian Review Panel

As complement to police auditor, panel will review abuse and misconduct complaints.

BY TIM PETERSON
CENTRE VIEW

The Fairfax County Board of Supervisors voted 9-1 on Tuesday, Dec. 6 to establish a Civilian Review Panel to provide oversight of Fairfax County Police and to hear complaints of police misconduct or abuse of authority.

The independent panel was one of the more controversial of the 142 recommendations from the Ad Hoc Police Practices Review Commission created by board chairman Sharon Bulova in 2015. The commission, with representatives from law enforcement, the media and the community at large, was set up in response to public outrage over lack of transparency and accountability surrounding the 2013 shooting death of unarmed Springfield man John Geer by Fairfax County Police officer Adam Torres.



Herrity

From the Ad Hoc Commission's Use of Force Subcommittee, chairman Phil Niedzielski-Eichner said the Dec. 6 vote was a "tremendous accomplishment" and another opportunity to reinforce the major process the police department and government are undertaking to improve.

"I see what we're doing today as taking another step in making a great police department even better," Chairman Bulova said, "[being a] model for the nation, continuing to improve community policing and enhance trust between the community and police department."

Fairfax County Police Chief Edwin Roessler said in an interview after the vote he's not concerned about the cost of the panel, the caseload or officer morale, issues raised by Supervisor Pat Herrity, the lone vote against the proposal.

"I'm very proud of Fairfax County today," Roessler said. "It showed how a community, political leaders and a highly engaged police department can work together to create more transparency and accountability."

FAIRFAX COUNTY will have a civilian review panel for police oversight, but will that body have the teeth to regain public trust in law enforcement and local government? Supervisor Cathy Hudgins (D-Hunter Mill) proposed an amendment that would have given the panel more investigative power.

"While we have had some challenges in the past, the absence of the receptivity to the concerns of the community, has been the biggest burden of what we had," Hudgins said Tuesday, Dec. 6 before she joined the board in voting in favor of estab-

lishing a nine-member police review panel comprised of citizens. The panel will have the authority to review completed FCPD investigations into citizen complaints of abuse or misconduct by Fairfax County police.

After reviewing the investigation, the panel would report to the Board of Supervisors with essentially a rating of how well they think it was executed. The panel could, as Supervisor and Public Safety Committee chairman John Cook (R-Braddock) said, "send it back to be done better, say it was done great, say it was done horribly, and pass that information to us and to the public."

What that body would not have the authority to do, and what Hudgins said concerns her, is conduct independent investigations, take sworn testimony or compel officers named in complaints to appear and take part in public hearings with the complainant.

"Are those the limitations we want to exist under?" Hudgins asked prior to the vote. "We will learn very quickly, if we move forward, that it is going to be something that is lacking. We need to be prepared to address it."

Hudgins alluded to the last several years, a period that included the 2013 fatal shooting of Springfield resident John Geer by Fairfax County Police officer Adam Torres and subsequent public outcry.

"We were unresponsive before," Hudgins said. "It was a very, very difficult environment to live in. Citizens felt we were not listeners, were not engaged."

State law limits the authority of a panel such as the one proposed to conduct investigations or take sworn testimony, and the Ad Hoc Police Practices Review Commission did not propose that panel would conduct investigations.

Supervisor Dan Storck (D-Mount Vernon) said he was similarly frustrated with the limitations like Hudgins, but said the less than ideal solution still enables citizens to be engaged.

"The most powerful thing we're doing today, ensuring people are heard," he said. "[That's the] core of my support for this."

The commission also recommended creating a police auditor office. This full-time county government position with a small staff would be able to monitor investigations and review complaints concerning the use of force or police-involved shootings. The supervisors adopted that recommendation in September this year and said they have since begin advertising for candidates.

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NIGHTLY MARTIAL ARTS DEMONSTRATIONS

History in Police Reform Part 2

Civilian Review Panel — and they said it couldn't be done

Last week, the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors voted to establish a Civilian Review Panel, part of a two-pronged concept of independent oversight of law enforcement recommended unanimously by the Ad Hoc Police Practices Review Commission.

On Sept. 20, 2016, the board voted to establish the Office of the Independent Auditor, the other piece of oversight. The two branches of oversight would not overlap.

The Independent Police Auditor will report directly to the Board of Supervisors and provide oversight in cases of police use of force that lead to serious injury or death, including officer-involved shootings. The Civilian Review Panel will respond to community concerns or complaints about alleged incidents of abuse of authority by FCPD by reviewing the investigations conducted by the department.

The vote by the Board of Supervisors for the Office of Auditor was unanimous, and for the Civilian Review Panel, 9-1, indicating the strong commitment to independent oversight and the recommendations of the Ad Hoc Commission. The experiences from other communities with civilian oversight have shown that strong, independent oversight builds legitimacy and public trust through increased police transparency and accountability to the public served. Oversight provides a meaningful voice or forum for the public and forms a crucial bridge between the public and the police. Increased transparency, trust, and communication between the police and the public can lead to greater community cooperation in achieving the ultimate goal of decreased crime

and increased public safety.

This very positive outcome seemed nearly impossible in the wake of the death of John Geer in August 2013, shot by then Fairfax Police Officer Adam Torres while standing unarmed in the doorway to his own home. Officials had long opposed consideration of a Civilian Review Panel.

Board of Supervisor Chairman Sharon Bulova deserves tremendous kudos, first for establishing the Ad Hoc Commission in the wake of public outrage over the shooting and the blackout of information that followed, and then for her unwavering support of the recommendations that emerged.

In voting for the Civilian Review Panel, Supervisor Linda Smyth said: "We all know it's time to put this in place. This is what the public has really asked us to do."

John Cook (R-Braddock), chairman of the Public Safety Committee, has been relentless in moving the recommendations forward for discussion and approval by the board. Having both the auditor and the panel approved in 2016 is no small accomplishment.

The recommendations for oversight also have the enthusiastic support of Police Chief Edwin Roessler, whose support overall for change in the FCPD has been admirable and essential.

Every member of the Board of Supervisors deserves credit for engaging on the details and supporting recommendations of the commission.

Other changes brought about by the Ad Hoc Commission's recommendations include the implementation of Diversion First, which provides treatment rather than jail for nonviolent people with mental illness, resulting in some 350 diversions from potential criminal arrest, and in police transporting more than 1,000 people in mental health crisis to the Merrifield

Center for treatment; an emphasis on de-escalation and on crisis intervention training; the revamping of the order of officer training to emphasize the role of policing in a democracy and the sanctity of life ahead of firearms training; and the significant amendment of General Order 540 on the use of force. The FCPD has been a leading force in these changes, and its leadership has played a pivotal role in seeking out and implementing best practices.

There are still miles to go, but evidence is that county and police leadership are prepared to traverse those miles.

— MARY KIMM

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Mary Kimm served on the Ad Hoc Police Practices Review Commission and continues to advocate for ongoing implementation.

SoberRide Safety Net for Holiday Celebrations

The annual Holiday SoberRide program, offering free rides home to locals over 21 who have been celebrating with alcohol, will operate between 10 p.m. and 6 a.m. each evening between Friday, Dec. 16, 2016 and Sunday, Jan. 1, 2017 as a way to keep local roads safe from impaired drivers during this traditionally high-risk, holiday period. SoberRide is organized by the nonprofit Washington Regional Alcohol Project. Area residents celebrating with alcohol may call the toll-free SoberRide phone number 1-800-200-TAXI for a no-cost (up to \$ 30 fare), safe way home. Last December, nearly 1,500 people took advantage of the program.

More information about WRAP's SoberRide initiative can be found at www.soberride.com.

have confirmed that they will be attending the next Sully District Council meeting at 7 p.m., Dec. 21, at the Sully District Governmental Center, 4900 Stonecroft Boulevard, Chantilly. The public is invited to attend.

Food Donations Needed for WFCM

Western Fairfax Christian Ministries' food pantry needs donations of 1-2 pound bags of rice; fruit juice; jelly; red, white or black beans (can or bagged); canned vegetables (no green beans of corn needed); macaroni and cheese; can pasta; pasta sauce; and pasta (spaghetti, rotini, elbow, etc.). Toiletries, which WFCM clients cannot purchase with food stamps, needed include diapers, toothpaste, shampoo and solid deodorant.

Bring all items to WFCM's food pantry's new location at 4511 Daly Dr. Suite J, Chantilly from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Mondays through Fridays.

Contact Terri Kelly at tkelly@wfcmvva.org if willing to coordinate a food drive.

ROUNDUPS

Free Carseat Inspections

Certified technicians from the Sully District Police Station will perform free, child safety carseat inspections Tuesday, Dec. 20, from 5-8:30 p.m., at the station, 4900 Stonecroft Blvd. in Chantilly. No appointment is necessary. But residents should install the child safety seats themselves so technicians may properly inspect and adjust them, as needed.

Because of time constraints, only the first 35 vehicles arriving on each date will be inspected. That way, inspectors may have enough time to properly instruct the caregiver on the correct use of the child seat. Call 703-814-7000, ext. 5140, to confirm dates and times.

Help with Toys for Tots

The Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department is participating in this year's Annual National Capital Region Fire and EMS Departments' 2016 Toys for Tots Campaign. The in-

tent of the campaign is to "bring holiday joy and deliver a message of hope to children."

Last year, thanks to the generosity of those who live and work in Fairfax County, the Fire and Rescue Department collected more than 13,000 toys.

Children who are served by this campaign include toddlers and youths through age 17. The campaign will only accept new unwrapped toys and they can be dropped off at any of fire and rescue station. Toys used as weapons or considered to be weapons (i.e., toy guns or knives of any kind) will not be accepted. Checks or money orders for donations must be made payable to Toys for Tots.

Fairfax County Fire and Rescue stations will accept donations through Friday, Dec. 16.

Talking about Public Schools

School Board members Tom Wilson, Sully District; Ryan McElveen, At Large; Jeanette Hough, At Large; and Ilryong Moon, At Large,



PHOTO COURTESY OF DERRICK WELS/NORTHERN VIRGINIA FIRE BUFFS

Fire struck a home of Compton Heights Circle in Clifton.

Firefighters Respond to House Fire

Fairfax County firefighters responded to a reported house fire in the 6800 block of Compton Heights Circle in the Clifton area of Fairfax County on Thursday, Nov. 24 at approximately 12:24 p.m.

A unit from Fire Station 17, Centreville, arrived on the scene of a two-story single family house and reported light smoke was visible from a second floor window. Firefighters were able to quickly extinguish the fire. Prior to fire department arrival, the occupants of the home had attempted to extinguish the fire unsuccessfully.

The fire was discovered by one of the occupants who called 911. There were working smoke alarms in the house that alerted occupants to the fire.

Fire Investigators determined that the fire originated on a mattress located in an upstairs bedroom. The cause of the fire was a juvenile using a lighter inappropriately.

Two civilians were transported to area hospitals with non-life threatening injuries. No firefighter injuries were reported. Red Cross assistance was not needed. Damages as a result of the fire were estimated to be \$18,750.

Police Civilian Review Panel Established

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"I am proud of how far we've come in implementing recommendations made by the Ad Hoc Commission, and establishing this panel represents a significant milestone," Bulova said in a statement following the vote.

Supervisor Pat Herrity (R-Springfield) was the lone dissenting vote and has previously voiced his support for the auditor but not the panel.

"I see it as duplicative in a time when we've got resource issues," he said. "It makes us the only jurisdiction in Virginia with two review boards."

The auditor, approved by the Board of Supervisors on Sept. 20, will review all use of force incidents that result in serious injury or death, as well as other citizen complaints about police use of force not resulting in serious injury or death. In addition, the auditor could engage in policy and practice analysis, as suggested by the Board of Supervisors, county executive or chief of police.

BY CONTRAST, the civilian review panel would "review completed police internal administrative investigations of civilian complaints concerning allegations of abuse of authority and serious misconduct."

At the Oct. 25 meeting, Cook specified the civilian

review panel would not conduct investigations. Rather, the panel would review investigation files and decide whether the police's own review was "well done, not well done or needs more work," Cook said. If the panel determines more work is required, the panel would be able to send the issue back to the police.

The fiscal impact of the panel is up in the air, according to the board's agenda item. Though the panel members will be volunteers, they will be supported by the auditor's staff and the county expects there to be other undetermined costs of time from FCPD, the County Attorney's Office, independent counsel and other required materials.

Herrity said he was also critical of "a number of issues with the implementation and the terrible impact on the morale of our great police department which keeps us the safest jurisdiction of our size in the country."

Unlike Hudgins, Herrity said he really hasn't heard from the community "that we have a significant issue here."

Panel members will be selected by the supervisors from across all Fairfax County magisterial districts. Cook said that could take place as early as the spring.

The final version of the board's action Item will be posted online at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/government/board/meetings/2016/dec-6.htm.

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we had a lot to learn then about what they were going through and how to get people who'd lost multiple limbs back to some semblance of a life. We realized how woefully inadequate what we had was and that the VA [Veterans Administration] was unprepared."

"We still haven't solved it, but we've learned an awful lot," continued Harvey. "If we can't give someone a limb back, giving them a feeling of independence is critical. But it takes people like Tammy to really care, see the need and have the extraordinary love in her heart and resources of spirit."

"And it takes people like Josh — who's come through his own journey, with the support of his family and his own strength of purpose and will — to bring this to reality. Think of what this will do for a military person facing the rest of their lives with extraordinary challenges. Tammy and Josh give them their lives back, and it's an extraordinary act of great generosity and richness of spirit."

Noting that Virginia has the largest percentage of veterans in the country, Harvey said, "This type of activity is so desperately needed by those men and women who've done right by us. And Gov. McAuliffe knows that investing in these veterans is investing in Virginia's future."

Also there was Marketing Director Joe Garnett of BraunAbility, which manufactures accessible vehicles. "These are heroes who've paid dearly for their country, and having a wheelchair-accessible vehicle is critical to them," he said. Our tagline is 'Life is a Moving Experience,' and who de-



Josh Himan and Tammy Phipps with an accessible van in the background.

serves it more than our wounded warriors?"

Stressing Phipps's work at Bethesda, BraunAbility Sales Director Matt Swope said she gave so many injured veterans the "keys to driving" again. "It's just everyday life to others," he said. "And there's no greater sense of freedom. Ralph Braun started BraunAbility 44 years ago and brought mobility to thousands of people across the world, and Tammy is of the most unsung heroes of our nation."

Swope then presented her with the Ralph W. Braun Spirit of Mobility award, plus \$5,000 to donate to the charity, Help Our Military Heroes. In response, Phipps said, "I've been honored to work with you, all these years. I'm ferociously protective of my brothers and sisters in arms."

Next, Himan shared his story, telling how running over an IED in a vehicle, about seven years ago, left him paralyzed from the chest down.

"Inside, I was shattered," he said. "All these plans, I could never do, and I had flashes of suicidal thoughts." Then a Marine colonel told him he could use his degree in business finance to have a career in



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Among the crowd, in the front row, are (from left) Gerald Gordon, John Harvey Jr., Kathy Smith and Antonio Doss.

business and help others.

"Tammy helped me drive again and gave me my mobility back," said Himan. "I'm one of over 400 veterans she helped during her time at Walter Reed. I told her I wanted to be her business partner, and here we are today at our grand opening. It's been a lot of hard work, but a labor of love."

Phipps, of Fair Oaks, thanked her family for their support, her company's donors and HMM — a nonprofit that supports post 9/11 veterans' out-of-pocket costs for accessible vans — for the 74 vehicles it's given away. She also thanked BraunAbility and the county for supporting DRCE.

"We see people from age 16 to retirement,

and non-veterans, too, with physical, mental, visual and cognitive disabilities," she said. "We see if a piece of equipment or an adapted approach could help them drive, and we custom-make their plan of care. We also install the adapted equipment — such as hand controls and a left-foot accelerator — in their own vehicles."

People interested in using DRCE's services may obtain a referral form at www.driverrehabcenter.com to give to their doctor to fill out. Returning it clears them to call 703-345-2990 for a driver-evaluation appointment. All in all, said Himan, "It's a great feeling helping others, and that's why we're in business."

Providing Immigrants with Jobs, Safety and Dignity

FROM PAGE 3

labor center when — fearing the unknown — most of the community was initially against it.

Now, five years later, the CLRC is a regular part of the community. Employers hire the workers from the center, and the CLRC makes sure they get paid for their labor — which didn't always happen when employers picked them up from the streets. And now that local residents realize what good jobs the workers do, they hire them on a regular basis, as well.

CLRC volunteers and workers have come to know and trust each other, and the workers feel vested in the center they helped to create, so they want it to be successful. In fact, worker and CIF board member Pedro Brito arranged Sunday's celebration.

"How impressed I was with the work Pedro did to organize this," said Blaine. "He spoke with the community, the work-

ers, the volunteers and me. He got everyone involved in planning this, and I'm very proud of his leadership role."

Before the meal, Supervisor Kathy Smith (D-Sully) addressed the crowd and thanked Foltz for all she did to bring the community together. "She helped create a place where people could come, find work, be safe and get the help they needed to learn English and life skills such as financial literacy," said Smith.

She also praised Frey, saying, "If it wasn't for his vision and hard work, we wouldn't be here. And I look forward to [this center] being here for many more years."

Speaking next was Frey. "Can you believe it's been five years since this center opened its doors?" he asked. "And it was on a cloudy day, like today, when we cut the ribbon. It's amazing that it worked, when there were so many naysayers who said it was doomed to fail. But Alice, Al and I knew it would succeed."

To the workers, Frey said, "I give credit to you who came here knowing you could

find work and that it would change your lives. As for the volunteers, so many are still here after five years, and it's so heartwarming. So when you think about what we've done in the past five years, think about the next five and everything you'll accomplish in the future. Thank you for all you've done and for all you will do."

Then Foltz, the CIF president, expressed her gratitude to the community "because you make this whole thing possible."

Later on, Smith called the CLRC "a great resource because it provides the workers with a safe place and ensures that they get paid fairly. It's also a resource in the community for people needing to find others to do jobs for them. It just creates a great community to live in."

Also pleased with the way things have turned out, Foltz said, "We have such a wonderful community of workers and volunteers in the center, from all over the world. And they all work together to make this place a success."

"When we began, we had a very small

group of workers, and none of us knew if we'd be able to create something that would be accepted by the community," she continued. "But the residents have become our employers, too, and many have volunteered with us. And for everybody who participates here, the center is a symbol of what happens when people work together to improve the community."

Referring to a large banner in the window advertising the anniversary, Foltz said the workers who created it came from Algeria, Afghanistan, the U.S. and Guatemala. "And that kind of cooperation is what happens here every day," she said. "We work hard to encourage leadership by everyone here, so it's not a center run by a few people to serve everybody else — it's a center in which everybody's leadership is respected and valued."

For more information about the center or to hire a worker, call 703-543-6272.



This budget-friendly kitchen by Elena Eskandari includes finishes such as quartz countertops and ceramic backsplash tile with cracked glazing.

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A Stylish, Budget-friendly Kitchen

Local homeowners transform their kitchen, without breaking the bank.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL
CENTRE VIEW

When Janet and Frank McDermott purchased their Alexandria home in 1997, it was already outdated. Built in 1970, the home had a layout that lacked the natural flow the couple wanted, particularly in the kitchen. They only recently got around to updating it, however.

“We hadn’t had a chance to undertake big projects since we both worked full time,” said Janet McDermott.

The budget-conscious couple decided to remodel the kitchen and wanted a design that was simple, clean and timeless. The kitchen project made use of the existing space with only minor changes to the original blueprint.

In the original layout, the refrigerator was located in the middle of the room, disrupting the room’s flow, so they relocated the appliance to the opposite side of the space. The new design incorporated a built-in microwave oven to free up counter space.

“The kitchen was very budget-oriented, so they didn’t want to move things around that much,” said Elena Eskandari of Case Design/Remodeling, Inc., who was tasked with creating the design. “Fortunately, the plumbing was already in a good location.”

Eskandari optimized the existing layout of the cabinetry and saved money by adding a floor-to-ceiling pantry cabinet, rollout shelving and open shelves for easy access to cookbooks.

“We love to cook and having all new appliances makes the task so much more enjoyable,” said Janet McDermott. “The new layout of the kitchen provides a great deal of cabinet space and our kitchen looks quite a bit bigger.”

The new pantry has rolling shelves, “so that we can pull out the drawers and see what we have,” said Janet McDermott. “Our old pantry did not have this feature.”

Flanking the microwave are glass-front cabinets, which give the McDermotts a space to showcase their collectables. The kitchen finishes include a quartz countertop, ceramic backsplash tile with cracked glazing, and a luxury vinyl tile floor with acrylic grout joints.

“We wanted to keep the materials neutral so that they last a longer time,” said Eskandari. “Quartz countertops are durable and don’t stain. We used wide Shaker-style cabinetry with beading, which is popular right now. And luxury vinyl tile had a bad rap at one point, but now it’s made to look like real tile and is more budget friendly. Many of the kitchen finishes were budget-oriented, but well-coordinated to create an aesthetically pleasing and cohesive look.”

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No Urge



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

It's not often; heck, it's extremely rare, that I don't write a cancer column, as I call them. And my reaction to not having the 'urge' to write yet another cancer column is, somewhere between simply taking a break/brake in the action and having no need to impose my cancer-centric self-indulgence on you faithful readers.

I'll be the first to acknowledge that I write these columns because I need to, and because I'm allowed to; thank you Mary Kimm. Not that the related purpose is to avoid therapy (however, I did go on a handful of appointments with a psychologist but it seemed pointless and especially so, when the therapist expressed that she felt I was fairly well-adjusted). Ergo, I really didn't see a purpose per se.

Oh sure, I will admit that the writing of these columns gets out of me some very personal and occasionally painful prose outlining the anxieties and fears of a cancer patient undergoing life-sustaining treatment that is better out than in, if professionals are to be believed. And maybe I'll further acknowledge that, based on feedback I've received in the six-plus years that I've been writing them, that the content is, generally speaking, much appreciated (I'm not ready to characterize them as having served a greater purpose/been for the greater good however, because it's only me I'm writing about and there's a much bigger world than what I perceive in my head) and helpful. Nevertheless, I can't imagine that it's just me I'm writing about, mostly; and a la Las Vegas, sort of: in that what happens to me only happens to me. Hardly.

Just because I've made public something very personal and presumably private doesn't make me the go-to-guy for cancer chat, it just makes me a person willing to open the doors wider than are typically opened. So what? A little honesty never hurt anyone; self-indulgence though, can be really boring and tiresome. (I mean, sometimes, too much of a good thing is simply too much. To quote my deceased mother: "It's enough already.") And as much as I'm cognizant of possibly droning on and wasting what attention-span you've allocated in my direction, I am trying not to drone on and trying not to lose you in the process.

Possibly there is a means to my hopefully-not premature end. Perhaps admitting the error of my ways and/or addressing the cancer concerns as I regularly do has contributed/caused my rather unexpected (based on my oncologist's original "13 month to two-year prognosis from FEBRUARY 2009) living "unexpectedly." Perhaps laughing in the face of danger extends one's life more than giving in to it. All I know is, whatever I've done/been able to do emotionally was not/has not been thought out. I've just continued to be me, myself and I — which has included my weekly cancer columns. Moreover, the three of us, collectively, have likely survived for so long because so much that could have bothered me, didn't.

Whether it was the outlet I had/have in my column, my personality, encouragement from family and friends, or my connection to The Connection, there's no way to know. What I do know is, the weeks when I don't write a cancer column are my favorites. Those are the weeks when I feel that cancer doesn't have a hold on me and in turn, I feel that I have a hold on cancer. And if there's one thing us cancer patients want to feel, it's control. Even if it's only for a week or two, here or there, the benefit is exponentially greater than the time we actually get to experience it.

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SPORTS

Westfield Falls to Yorktown, LB

BY WILL PALENSCAR

The Westfield Bulldogs opened the season with losses to Lake Braddock and Yorktown. In their game with Lake Braddock on Dec. 6, the Bulldogs opened the game with a 15-8 advantage in the 1st quarter.

In the 2nd quarter Westfield again outscored the Bruins 16-15, taking a 31-23 halftime advantage.

In the 3rd quarter Lake Braddock cut the deficit in half, outscoring Westfield 14-10. In the 4th quarter the Bruins outscored the Bulldogs 17-11. With the 54-52 loss, Westfield fell to 0-1 while Lake Braddock improved to 1-2. Westfield was led by DJ Gregory with 24 points and Tavon Greene's 13. Lake Braddock was led by Corey Pelham's 22 and Quentin James 17. Both teams were 12-17 from the charity stripe. Lake Braddock connected on four three-pointers while Westfield did not make a three.

IN WESTFIELD'S second game on Dec. 9, Westfield jumped out to an early 1st quarter advantage 14-9, but in the 2nd quarter Yorktown was able to cut into the lead outscoring Westfield 15-13, sending Westfield to the locker room with a 27-24 advantage.

In the 3rd quarter Yorktown again outscored Westfield 14-6 and went to the final quarter up 38-33.

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

ROTARY CLUB

Chantilly/Centreville Rotary Club, 11:45 a.m.-12:45 p.m. every Tuesday at Eggspectation Restaurant, 5009 Westone Plaza, Chantilly. Join the men and women of the Rotary Club for their weekly luncheon meeting and meal. Rotary is a service club actively involved in the community. Email Charles@keenerinsurance.com to join the group as their guest.

BEFORE DEC. 15

U.S. Postal Service Letters FROM Santa Program. The U.S. Postal Service can help with Santa replies to a child's letter — complete with a North Pole postmark. Visit about.usps.com/holidaynews/letters-from-santa.htm to learn how a child can get a letter back from Santa. "Letters from Santa" must be received no later than Dec. 15. Santa's helpers at the Postal Service will take care of the rest.

FRIDAY/DEC. 16-SUNDAY/JAN. 1

WRAP Sober Ride Program. 10 p.m.-6 a.m. each evening as a way to keep local roads safe from impaired drivers during this traditionally high-risk, holiday period. Washington-metropolitan area residents celebrating with

SCHOOL NOTES

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Centreville resident **Grace Coleman** is on the Stevenson University women's volleyball team earning the title of MAC Commonwealth Champions. This will be Stevenson's sixth year in a row,



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Jordan Hairston #12 goes underneath a Lake Braddock defender.

In the 4th quarter Westfield outscored the visiting Patriots 21-19 to come up just short 57-54.

Westfield was led by Nick Albert's 17, DJ Gregory's 14 and Jordan Hairston's 13. Westfield shot 44 percent from the free throw line. Yorktown was led by Connor Van Kirk's 16, Nate Kaniut's 12 and David Patterson's 10. Westfield falls to 0-2, and Yorktown improved 5-1.

alcohol may call the toll-free SoberRide phone number 1-800-200-TAXI and be afforded a no-cost (up to \$ 30 fare), safe way home. (AT&T wireless users can dial #WRAP for the same service.)

THURSDAY/DEC. 18

County's Draft Chesapeake Bay TMDL Action Plans Presentation. 6-8 p.m. at Conference Rooms 2-3, Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center Pkwy. Fairfax County has developed Draft Action Plans for the Chesapeake Bay, Sediment, Polychlorinated Biphenyl, and Bacteria Total Maximum Daily Loads that have assigned wasteload allocations to the county's Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System.

WEDNESDAY/DEC. 21

Sully District Joint Land Use and Transportation Committee. 7 p.m. at the Sully District Governmental Center, Front Meeting Room, 4900 Stonecroft Blvd. Topic is Fairfax County Public School System. 703-814-7100

DEC. 26-JAN. 9

Recycle Christmas greens. Northern Virginia Electric Cooperative will accept evergreen Christmas trees, wreaths, and garland at its technical center at 5399 Wellington Branch Road, Gainesville, VA 20155, near I-66. 703-392-1580; pknight@novec.com

heading to the NCAA Division III Women's Volleyball Championship.

At Wheaton College in Illinois, the 2016-2017 Thunder wrestling team, includes brothers **Frank Aiello, Stephen Aiello** and **David Aiello** of Centreville.

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Westfield: State Champions — Again

**Defense stalls
Oscar Smith in
double overtime.**

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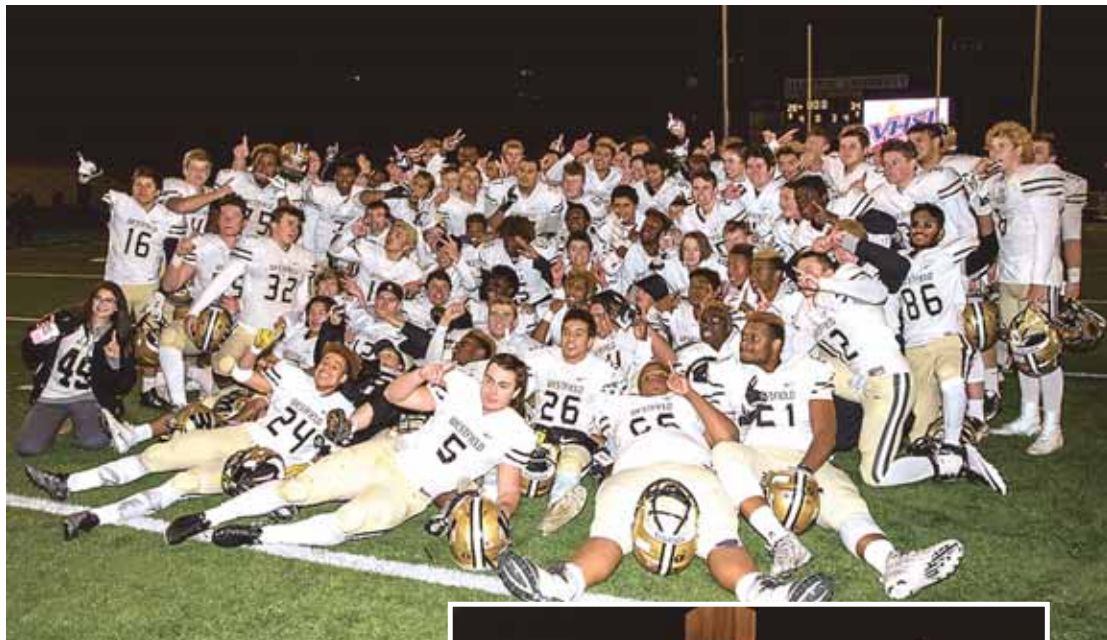
Before perennial powerhouses Westfield and Oscar Smith met for the Virginia 6A State Championship, many expected another close game. Just one year ago, the two schools battled for the 6A Championship in Charlottesville. A game in which Westfield prevailed in four overtimes, 49-42. In March of last year, the two schools met for the 6A State Basketball Championship in Richmond. Again Westfield defeated Oscar Smith, 74-56.

Westfield came into this match 12-2, while Oscar Smith came in at 13-1. Leading up to Saturday's game in Hampton, Westfield had a huge challenge — to take down another opponent with only one loss. Three weeks ago Westfield defeated Madison (11-1), followed by South Lakes (12-1), and now Oscar Smith (13-1).

In the 1st quarter it was Oscar Smith who put points up first when Thomas Woodhouse took a Shon Mitchell pass 68 yards to put Oscar Smith up 7-0. Later in the 1st quarter, Nolan Cockrill put Westfield on the board with a 7 yard pass from Rehman Johnson.

In the 2nd quarter Sean Eckert scored on a 6 yard pass from Johnson. Following a Brian Delaney PAT, Westfield had its first lead 14-7.

In the 3rd quarter Westfield's Nathaniel Chung rushed in from 4 yards out to put Westfield ahead 21-7 following another



The 2016 Westfield Bulldogs are 6A State Champions.

Delany PAT. Westfield appeared to be cruising with 21 unanswered points.

However, in the 4th quarter Khalik Perry took a Shon Mitchell pass 33 yards for Oscar Smith's second TD. The ensuing PAT was blocked by Westfield and the lead was down to 8, 21-13. Then with seven seconds to play in the 4th, Oscar Smith QB Mitchell would run in from 1 yard out. Oscar Smith was now within a 2 point conversion of tying the game. Deangelo White would do just that as he did his version of a Statue of Liberty.

The score was now 21-21. After the ensuing kickoff, Westfield elected to send the game to OT and kneeled down the final



Coach Kyle Simmons and his Westfield Bulldogs hold the 6A State Championship for the second consecutive year.

seconds of the 4th.

In overtime Oscar Smith won the coin toss and elected to be on offense first. On the first play, Oscar Smith QB Shon Mitchell hit Camron Kelly for a 10 yard pass and which gave Oscar Smith the advantage 28-21. Westfield would not be outdone, Nolan

Cockrill would score his second touchdown of the game on 10 yard touchdown reception. Brian Delaney's PAT knotted it up at 28 which forced a second overtime.

In the second overtime, Westfield would have the ball first and Johnson would throw his 4th TD of the game, when he connected with Ivory Frimpong from 10 yards out. However, a missed PAT gave hope to Oscar Smith when they took the field.

Westfield defense as it had done many times stopped the high-powered offense at the 3 yard line on 4th down and Westfield had repeated as state champions.

Prior to the Westfield's 34-28 victory, the last time a 6A State Champion was able to accomplish this was in 1998 and 1999 when CD Hylton did so.

This was Westfield's fourth 6A State Championship, the others coming in 2003, 2007 and 2015. For the third time in four years, Oscar Smith fell just short in the State Championship game, the other in 2013 to Centerville and last year to Westfield.

Westfield was led by QB Rehman Johnson who completed 14-26 for 221 yards and 4 TDs and 1 interception. Nolan Cockrill scored twice on three receptions, Sean Eckert caught 3 passes for 29 yards and a TD, and Ivory Frimpong caught 5 for 95 yards and 2 TDs including the game winner. Nathaniel Chung and Matt Cirillo each rushed for a TD. Chung would carry the ball 15 times for 60 yards.

Oscar Smith was led by Shon Mitchell who completed 17-30 for 320 yards and 3 TDs, and rushed for another. Khalik Perry, Camron Kelly and Thomas Woodhouse each had TD receptions.



Reception by Kevin Petrillo # 32 put Westfield inside the red zone.



Westfield's Ladarian Rivers and Brian Delaney surprise Coach Kyle Simmons.