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Performers during last year's Jazz & Pizzazz really wowed the audience.

Time for Jazz & Pizzazz

Chantilly High School presents its annual musical extravaganza.

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Get ready for Jazz & Pizzazz. Chantilly High's 23rd annual musical extravaganza is set for Wednesday, May 20, through Saturday, May 23, at 7 p.m.

each night, in the school auditorium.

Tickets are \$10 at www.chantillychoral.org and click on the box-office icon; at the door, if available; and during school lunches in the cafeteria. For more information, call Laura Thomas at 703-930-4282.

Performing will be the Touch of Class Show Choir, directed by Glenn Cockrell; the Chantilly Jazz Band, directed by Keith Taylor; and the Chantilly Combo, directed by Michael Fuchs. Choreographer is Sarah Pramstaller, a Chantilly alumni who's sung and danced on Broadway.

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15 Years in Prison For Fair Lakes Rape

Judge, victim, reluctantly accept agreement.

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Neither the judge imposing the sentence, nor the victim on whose behalf he did so, were particularly pleased that Charles Lamonte Pollard received just 15 years in prison for rape, robbery and abduction with intent to defile.

"I received a letter from the victim which indicates that she reluctantly accepts the plea agreement," said Fairfax County Circuit Court Judge David Schell. Doing so closed a horrific chapter in her life and kept her from having to relive her ordeal during a trial.

Actually, Pollard's punishment was a long time in coming because the crimes happened in Fair Lakes in 1992. Because of substance-abuse issues at that time, he "has no recollection of these events," said his attorney, Robert Frank. But the victim will never forget.

On Nov. 3, 1992, a 36-year-old Fair Lakes woman attended an

adult-education, Spanish class in Falls Church and drove home. She parked her car inside a garage on Hunt Club Circle and began walking toward her apartment complex.

Then, said Deputy Commonwealth's Attorney Ian Rodway, "An individual came up behind her, put his hand over her mouth and something in her neck and directed her back to the garage."

The assailant demanded money and she gave him \$30 from her purse, but that wasn't enough for him. "He walked her behind a car and raped her," said Rodway. "Another car came in and passed by, so he pulled her down, out of sight."

But when he began to rape her again, said the prosecutor, she screamed and he ran away. Later,

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Pollard

Angel Fund Cabaret for Reema Samaha

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Shortly after the Virginia Tech tragedy — still reeling from the shock, but wanting to do something positive — Westfield High theater students held a memorial cabaret in honor of one of their own, Reema Samaha. Now, past and current students are doing it again, next Friday, May 22, at 7 p.m. in Westfield's auditorium.

Hosting this Remembrance Cabaret are her parents, Joe and Mona Samaha, with support from the school's Theater Boosters. Reema inspired them and, because of her love of dance and theater,

her parents wanted to pay tribute to her memory in song and dance. The show will feature current Westfield students and alumni who'll sing, dance, recite poetry and show visual art projects created in her honor.

"What has struck me most about organizing this cabaret is the number of Westfield students and graduates who called and/or e-mailed me, asking to perform," said LuAnn McNabb. "All of them either knew or loved Reema or knew of her and admired her, and they used their artistic talents to reflect their grief and pain."

Admission is free, but donations are requested to the Reema J.

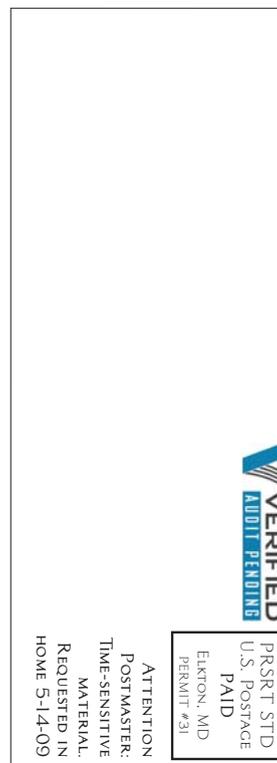


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Samaha Memorial Scholarship Fund, which provides scholarships to Westfield and Herndon High seniors, and/or to the Angel Fund. The latter was created to address issues that contributed to the Virginia Tech tragedy: privacy laws and information sharing, campus safety and security, mental health and gun laws.

Scholarships go to graduating seniors best exemplifying Reema's attributes, including academic excellence, exceptional character, openness of mind and respect for diversity. Past recipients were Herndon High's Jaime Hughes, in 2008; Westfield's Chelsea Stenger

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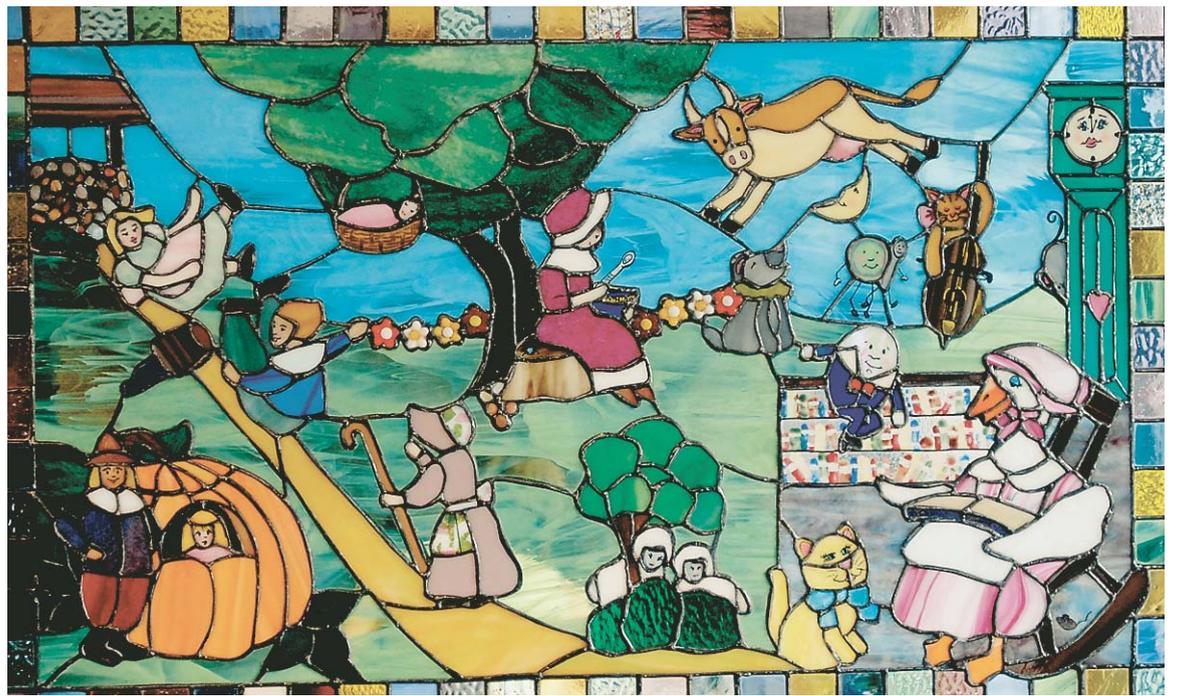
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The Susan Woodcock Memorial consists of two stained-glass panels with a variety of her favorite children's book characters. The memorial was designed by local artist Jeanie Dunivin.

Chantilly Library Dedicates Memorial

The Chantilly Regional Library dedicated a stained-glass memorial, Saturday, May 9, to Susan Woodcock, who died in 2005 but was a beloved children's librarian in Fairfax County for 18 years. The dedication was followed by the third annual Susan Woodcock Memorial Storytime and featured folklorist and storyteller Donna Washington.

"Susan was a lover of books and took much joy in bringing children together with quality literature, particularly through storytelling and storytimes," said Daria Parnes, the library's manager.

After customers, friends and colleagues began making donations in Woodcock's memory, the idea began to create a memorial storytime. Then, after a donation by the Chantilly Regional Library Friends group, came the commissioning of the stained glass to enhance the children's area of the library. It consists of two, 2-foot-by-3-foot, stained-glass panels — one with nursery rhymes and the other with children's book and fairytale characters by stained-glass artist Jeanie Dunivin.

"Susan was the light for our family. We are very grateful that the Friends and the Chantilly Library have made it possible for her memory to bring light to others at these storytimes," said family members Ted Woodcock, Rebecca McLain and Elizabeth Woodcock. "We are also most grateful for the special dedication of a stained glass window at the library in Susan's honor. Thank you for keeping Susan's memory alive in the world of books and stories."



Ted Woodcock, the husband of Susan Woodcock, and their two daughters, Elizabeth Woodcock and Rebecca McLain, cut the ribbon for the dedication of a new stained-glass memorial for their memory of Susan Woodcock.



Frances Reiher and Debbie King, from the right, admire a newly installed stained-glass memorial at the Chantilly Regional Library on May 9. The memorial was designed for former librarian, Susan Woodcock who died in 2005 and worked as a children's librarian in the county system for 18 years. "She was such a wonderful person," said Reiher who had worked with Woodcock as a librarian. The glass panels were designed by local artist, Jeanie Dunivin and were paid for by the Chantilly Regional Library Friends Group.

ROUNDUPS

Robbery, Mob Assault Charged

Fairfax County police have charged a Chantilly man with robbery and assault by mob. He is Ross Aristotle Newsome, 19, of 14064 Eagle Chase Circle. In an April 29 affidavit for a warrant to search his cell phone, robbery Det. Eric Deane of the Criminal Investigations Bureau, explained the case against him.

He wrote that, on March 28 around 10:20 p.m., a male was walking to his home, through an apartment-complex parking lot at Route 50 and Majestic Lane in Greenbriar, when the incident occurred. According to the affidavit, "A group of several young males approached him, beat him and stole his personal belongings."

Deane stated that the subsequent police investigation led to Newsome's development as a suspect. He was arrested April 23 and released May 5, on \$20,000 bond, into the supervised-release program. Police wanted to examine the cell phone found in his possession when he was arrested. Deane noted that criminals "routinely use cell phones to communicate their plans and coordinate their acts with accomplices." Newsome has a June 8 court date.

One Man Sentenced; Second Pleads Guilty

Justice is moving swiftly for the two Chantilly men who burglarized a doughnut store in January. One has already been sentenced and the other has just pleaded guilty. They are Ramiro Garcia-Gomez, 22, of 14502 Trans World Ave. in the Meadows of Chantilly community, and Anibal Lopez, 34, of 4054 Chantilly Road.

The incident occurred some time between Friday, Jan. 30, at 11:30 p.m. and Saturday, Jan. 31, at 12:55 p.m. at the Chantilly Donuts store at 4394-E Henninger Court. Taken were computers, cash and checks; but afterward, the burglars didn't go far — Fairfax County police arrested them after they tried to cash a stolen check at a nearby check-cashing store.

Police also discovered the stolen property inside a car parked outside. They seized the vehicle and charged each man with charged with burglary and grand larceny. On March 10 in General District Court, their burglary charges were dropped, but the grand jury indicted them each on grand larceny.

After pleading guilty March 23 in Circuit Court, Lopez returned for sentencing May 1 before Judge Bruce White. He was given a year in jail, all suspended, and placed on two years active probation. Garcia-Gomez pleaded guilty Monday, May 11, before Circuit Court Judge Robert Smith and is scheduled for sentencing June 26.

Man Breaks In, Touches Teen

Fairfax County police are looking for the man who broke into a Centreville home, last weekend, touched a teen-age girl and fled. Police say the girl, 16, woke up Sunday, May 10, around 3:36 a.m., to find him standing in her room. He then touched her inappropriately and fled when she screamed.

She lives near the intersection of Old Centreville and Flamborough roads in the Crofton Commons community. An investigation determined that the suspect entered through an unlocked door. He's described as about 6 feet 5 inches and 200 pounds. He wore sweatpants, a T-shirt and a ball cap.

Anyone with information is asked to contact Crime solvers at 1-866-411-TIPS/8477, e-mail at www.fairfaxcrimesolvers.org or text "TIP187" plus a message to CRIMES/274637 or call police at 703-691-2131.

Free Carseat Inspections

Certified technicians from the Sully District Police Station will perform free, child safety carseat inspections, Thursday, May 14 and 21, 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 prop

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Shumaker Home



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Clifton Hosts Home Tour

Boutique, silent auction and art show, too

BY BONNIE HOBBS
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Cracious homes, shopping, artwork and an auction are in store Thursday, May 21, for attendees of the 37th annual Clifton Community Woman's Club (CCWC) Charity Homes Tour and Marketplace.

From 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m., five Clifton-area homes will open their doors to the public, and a marketplace in the Clifton Town Meeting Hall and in Clifton Presbyterian Church will run from 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m. The town hall will host a boutique and silent auction, and the church will house an art show featuring paintings and framed photographs by local, women artists.

"We have five, very diverse homes — a nice cross-section — and every one of them has a story to tell," said event Chairman Linda Beckman. "There's a farmhouse, one of the oldest buildings in Clifton, a Civil War-era home, one owned by a POW and one filled with beautiful antiques. Some of them started as one room and were added onto, several times, and it's fun to see the evolution over 150-200 years. The tour gives people an intimate look at these homes in Clifton and Fairfax Station, and docents give guided tours of each."

Advance tickets are \$20; on tour day, \$25; single-home admission, \$10. Admission to non-tour activities is free. To order tickets by mail, send checks to: CCWC, P.O. Box 229, Clifton, VA 20124. Pick up ordered tickets at Will Call in the Town Hall on tour day.

Advance tickets are also available at The Clifton Store, Adler's Art and Frame in the Colonnade at



Graine-Evans Home

Union Mill, and Banner's Hallmark in Centrewood Plaza in Centreville. For more information, see www.CliftonCWC.org or call Beckman at 703-266-0213.

"This is the CCWC's major fund-raiser; all the net proceeds go to our Charitable Trust Fund for scholarships for GMU and NOVA," said Beckman. "This year, we'll also be giving a scholarship to a senior at Fairfax High. So not only will people have a fun and entertaining day, but they'll also give back to charity."

Nine vendors at the boutique will offer items including home décor, food, clothing and jewelry. And the CCWC's cookbook, "May I Have that Recipe?" will be available at the town hall and at one of the homes. The silent auction will feature an array of some 70 items, ranging from restaurant gift certificates to four Washington Redskins club-seat tickets, plus parking — a \$1,000 value. Winners need not be present to win.

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Glover Home



Hermesmeier Home

Angel Fund Cabaret for Reema Samaha

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and Sarah Pike, in 2007; and Westfield's Sarah Cowdery and Lindsay Thomas in 2008.

"We love reading the applications of seniors who apply for Reema's scholarships," said Joe Samaha. "These young people are so talented and can offer so much. It makes us feel good knowing Reema's memory lives on in them."

The Cabaret will begin with Del. Chuck Caputo (D-67th) presenting a Memorial Resolution to the Samaha family. The audience will then be treated to dance, song and poetry, with lighting by Westfield junior Taylor Aucott. The acts will include:

- ❖ Mayzsoul, 2005 Westfield graduate Michelle Murgia's dance troupe, performing "God Only Knows."

- ❖ The trio of Michelle, Monica (2006 Westfield graduate) and Meredith (Westfield graduating senior) Murgia, dancing to a string quartet version of "I Miss You."

- ❖ Meredith Murgia's dance troupe, Dancensations Dance Center, dancing to "True Colors."

- ❖ 2004 Westfield graduate Jon Lawlor and his group, "The B-Film Extras," including Clint Herring, John Holt and CC Greenlee, performing a song they wrote, "Signs of Waking Up."

- ❖ Jade and Dan Trio (2008 Westfield graduates Jade Jones and Dan Hrebenak), singing "Reema's Song," written by Jade.

- ❖ Westfield theater teacher Scott Pafumi and his band, Charlie Makes Rockets, including Pafumi, lead vocals and guitar; Theater Boosters President Charlie Manship, piano and vocals; Mark Murgia, drums and vocals; and Pat Mitchell, bass guitar. Charlie Makes Rockets's playlist includes "Twist and Shout," "Brown-Eyed Girl," "Mustang Sally," and "La Bamba."

- ❖ 2004 Westfield graduate Kevin Knickerbocker and his brother Trevor (Westfield sophomore), 2001 Westfield graduate Pat Mitchell, Jon Lawlor and Westfield senior Jeremy Rommel performing a song, possibly about the gathering of the community after the tragedy, accompanied by a slideshow.

- ❖ 2005 Westfield graduate Megan Meadows and a group including Reema's siblings, 2004 Westfield graduate Randa and 2002 Westfield graduate Omar, and Monica Murgia in a comedy sketch.

- ❖ 2007 Westfield graduate Adrienne Ginter and members of the Contemporary Dance Ensemble of Virginia Tech, Vanessa Bush, Melissa Dozier, Lee Gibaldi, Rachel Wunderlich and Leah Zacherl, performing to the song, "Slow Me Down."

- ❖ 2004 Westfield graduate Chelsea Cooper and members of her dance group, "Kickrocks Crew," Nathalie Blanco, Christina Nontanovan, Jasmine Artis, Christine Malabanan, Emily Winters, Kim Arteche, Josh Gillmore, Edward Curtis, Chris Law, Gary Beauford and Justin Cortez, perform-

ing a medley called "Principal's Office."

- ❖ 2008 Westfield graduate Sarah Cowdery singing a Leslie Feist song, "La Meme Histoire," in French and English.

- ❖ Westfield senior Claire Manship performing "The Call" by Regina Spektor.

- ❖ 2006 Westfield graduate Brian Moon performing songs he's written, including "The Lighthouse."

- ❖ Jones Catcher, comprised of Westfield seniors Jeremy Rommel, Jordan Wilson and Chris McNabb, plus 2008 Westfield graduate, Cody Jones, performing songs they've written, including one dedicated to Reema with a closing slide show of the art dedicated to her.

Michelle Murgia gathered all the performers. "I'm lucky to have lots of talented friends," she said. "When I called them, every single one wanted to do it. They're not getting paid; they're donating their time and are happy to do it. They want it to be a great show, and it's nice that we get to celebrate together something Reema enjoyed so much."

She said it's also a non-political forum "for people to learn about the Angel Fund and what it does — hopefully establish tighter gun laws so this doesn't happen again to anyone else's friend or sister. It's not right what they or the community went through because of the lax laws. But it's not a somber show — it's about what we can do in the future to help someone else, with Reema's influence."

"These young people are so talented and can offer so much. It makes us feel good knowing Reema's memory lives on in them."

— Joe Samaha

Meanwhile, Reema's parents express their gratitude to everyone. "As we remember the second anniversary of the tragedy, we are reminded how fortunate we are to have had the tremendous support of this community, and people from this country and all over the world," said Joe Samaha. "The notes, letters and phone calls we continue to receive have helped us enormously to get through each and every day."

"We lost Reema, but we didn't lose her love," added Mona Samaha. "It is that love that brought the community strongly together, giving us comfort and care, and we thank them for becoming part of our family. This cabaret is an expression of love through music, dance, art and creativity. Words cannot express enough our sincere appreciation to all those involved."

For more information, see www.reemasamaha.org/funds/funds1.htm and www.angelfundva.org. Those unable to attend the cabaret, but wanting to contribute, may do so online or send checks payable to either The Reema J. Samaha Memorial Scholarship Fund or Angel Fund to 5205 Glen Meadow Road, Centreville, VA 20120.

Man Sentenced after 17 Years

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police collected her clothing and the forensic evidence obtained from her person.

However, the state forensic lab wasn't as technologically advanced then, as it is today, so no arrest was made for almost 16 years.

But in August 2004, Det. Mark Pfeiffer resubmitted this evidence to Virginia's Division of Forensic Sciences.

When it was entered into the Virginia DNA Databank, it matched that of Pollard, of no fixed address. His DNA had previously been entered into the databank after he was convicted of an unrelated felony. And, said Rodway, "The forensics lab came up with Mr. Pollard as the contributor of the DNA found on the victim's clothing, etc., to the exclusion of better than the population of the world."

On April 18, 2008, police arrested Pollard and charged him with rape, abduction and robbery with intent to defile. And last Friday, May 8, in Circuit Court, he was sentenced according to an

agreement reached earlier by Rodway and Frank.

Pollard received 20 years in prison, with 15 years suspended, for each charge. Each of these sentences will run consecutively to each other, for 15 years total, and concurrently to the prison sentence Pollard is presently serving in Maryland. And if he's released from prison there within the next 15 years, he'll return to Virginia to serve the balance of his sentence here.

CONVICTED OF FIRST-DEGREE rape in Frederick County, Md., Pollard was sentenced to life imprisonment on May 11, 1994. Rodway said he'll have to serve 30 years there before the governor will even consider releasing him, and that's not likely to happen. Pollard's been incarcerated since his arrest in February 1993, so 30 years will have passed in 2023.

Before sentencing Pollard, Judge Schell said it was clear to him that the victim wanted this case resolved and him to accept the plea agreement. "In her letter to me, the victim said, 'This settlement does not establish justice on my

behalf, nor on behalf of other victims, and I want you to accept it with profound regrets,'" read Schell. "I want nothing more to do with this and I want to get on with my life."

He then imposed the sentence, plus five years active probation upon Pollard's release from prison. "There are serious concerns by the victim as to the terms of the plea agreement," said the judge. "But the court will accept it, in light of the totality of her letter."

Pollard then stood and said he used to be an alcoholic and drug user. "But I'm 50, I've turned my life around now, I'm a Christian and I'm a different person than I was then," he said. "There are a lot of things I don't remember and I express my remorse and sympathy for the victim."

Schell, though, had the last word. "I'm happy you've turned your life around," he said. "But I want you to recognize that this victim has had her life turned around and it can't be undone. The injury to her can't go away because you've turned your life around. She'll feel the impact of this, the rest of her life."

OBITUARY

Mary Ann Novak



Mary Ann Novak, age 74, of Chantilly, died on March 14, 2009 at INOVA Fair Oaks Hospital. She was born on April 15, 1934 in Dawson, Neb. to the late Frank and Cora Ellen Bernhardt. Mary Ann graduated as Salutatorian from Dawson High School in 1952. Mary Ann married Charles Novak on June 6, 1952 in Dawson, Neb. After living in several places around the country they finally settled in Chantilly in 1970, where Mary Ann lived until her death. She worked for Fairfax County's Facilities Management Division for 26 years before she retired in 1998 as Office Service Manager III. Mary Ann kept busy during her retirement years gardening, reading and raising dogs. She also loved old movies, mainly westerns and musicals. Mary Ann and her husband often traveled back "home" to Nebraska, Missouri and Colorado to visit family, friends and attend alumni reunions. They also enjoyed the beaches at Ocean City, Md. and Nags Head, N.C., often with their daughters and grandchildren.

Mary Ann was the beloved wife of Charles E. Novak, loving and devoted mother of Susan Camille Rieder, Judith Marie Soltow and Leigh Anne Stephens, grandmother of Thomas Alexander Clark, Elizabeth Anne Novak and Lauren Marie Soltow, sister of Hazel Hanny, Aunt of Frank Hanny, her beloved Bichon dog Louie, who checks under her bedroom door daily, hoping that she will appear. She is deeply missed.

A memorial service will be held on Friday, May 15, at 10:30 a.m. at Adams-Green Funeral Home, 721 Elden Street, Herndon (www.adamsgreen.com). Private graveside services will immediately follow at Emmanuel Church Cemetery, Middleburg, Va.

NEWS

Mount Olive Begins New Chapter

By BONNIE HOBBS
CENTRE VIEW

Laughter, tears, music, prayers, times of joy and occasions of sorrow — all the events great and small that comprise the fabric of a congregation are woven into the history of Centreville's Mount Olive Baptist Church. A large portion of it happened in the sanctuary on Old Centreville Road; but Sunday, May 3, the congregation bid farewell to its longtime home and prepared to worship at a local school while constructing a new building.

"It's an emotional time because we feel the history of this building and, for a lot of folks, it's the only place they've ever wor-

"The God that blessed you here will bless you there."

— The Rev. Eugene Johnson,
Mount Olive Baptist Church

shipped," said Rubin Cuffee, chairman of Mount Olive's Trustee Board. "But there's also tremendous joy, knowing we're building something bigger and better."

THE CHURCH BEGAN in 1898 on Mount Olive Road. A new structure was built in 1925, but mostly destroyed by fire. The current building was dedicated in 1980 and added onto in 1992. When the Rev. Eugene Johnson took over the pulpit that November, Mount Olive had about 250 members. But now, with some of its programs for its nearly 2,000 congregants spilling over into trailers, it needs a larger home.

Plans have been in the works since 1999, and the church ceremonially broke ground for a new house of worship in October 2005. Now, almost four years later, construction will soon begin. Phase one includes a 51,916-square foot sanctuary with 1,100 seats initially and another 400 later. There'll also be a child-care area, Sunday School classrooms, chapel, fellowship hall and administrative wing.

For the next 18 months or so, services will be held at Liberty Middle School. The old structure will be demolished and a new one

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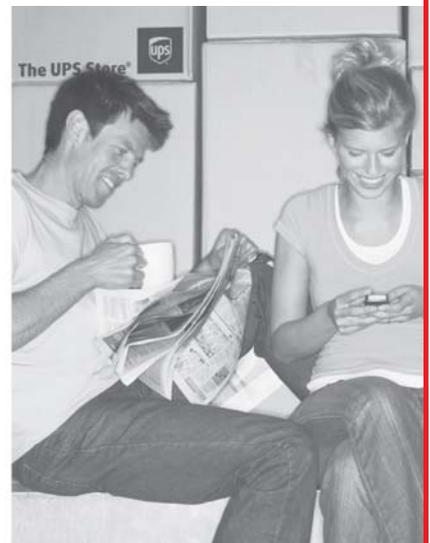
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Not so in Virginia. You can give as much as you want to any candidate for office in Virginia. So can businesses, political action committees and advocacy groups.

Just five states, Illinois, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah and Virginia, place no limits on contributions at all, according to the National Conference of State Legislators. The only requirement in Virginia is that all contributions of \$100 or more must be disclosed.

Individuals and businesses have contributed in remarkable fashion to the four candidates

vying to be Virginia's next governor, the presumed Republican nominee, former Attorney General Robert McDonnell (R), and three Democrats who will face off in a June 9 primary, former Alexandria Del. Brian Moran (D), Central Virginia state Sen. Creigh Deeds (D) and former head of the Democratic National Committee Terry McAuliffe of McLean.

According to the Virginia Public Access Project, McAuliffe had raised a total of \$5.16 million for his campaign as of March 31. Moran had collected \$2.95 million and Deeds had garnered \$2.15 million for their respective campaigns by the same deadline.

EDITORIAL

McDonnell had raised \$5.14 million by the end of March, though he has spent less than the other campaigns because the Republican does not face a primary opponent.

Three of the four candidates for governor in Virginia could have, in their time in the General Assembly, worked for sensible campaign finance reform. Is it meaningful now for these candidates to complain about the fourth candidate's ability to raise huge amounts of money from many sources?

Virginia ranks among the best states in disclosure, but disclosure itself is not enough. The next governor should propose sensible limits on political contributions.

More Than \$15 Million

By the end of March, candidates for governor in Virginia had raised more than \$15 million between them. The three Democrats face off in a June 9 primary; the winner of the Democratic primary will face Republican Robert McDonnell on Nov. 3.

- ❖ Terry McAuliffe (D) \$5.16 million
- ❖ Robert McDonnell (R) \$5.14 million
- ❖ Brian Moran (D) \$2.95 million
- ❖ Creigh Deeds (D) \$2.15 million

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Virginia ranks among the best states for disclosure, but is one of only five states with no limits on the amount of political donations one donor can make. See for yourself:

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Good reading on requirements for Federal contributions at the Federal Election Commission Web site: <http://www.fec.gov/pages/brochures/citizens.shtml>.

Meanwhile, voters should recognize the importance of the June 9 primary, and the November general election.

— MARY KIMM.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Much Still To Be Done

To the Editor:

We would like to thank everyone who has been so generous the last couple of years with their time, good wishes and contributions. On Friday, May 22, we are having a Remembrance Cabaret in the auditorium at Westfield High School at 7 p.m. Friends of Reema will be performing music, dance and reading poetry. We are not selling tickets. We are asking those who

attend and wish to do so to donate what they would like to either The Reema J. Samaha Memorial Scholarships or the Angel Fund. More importantly, we want to celebrate the essence of Reema.

As we remember the second anniversary of the Virginia Tech tragedy, we are reminded of how fortunate we are to have had the tremendous support of this community, and people from this country and all over the world. The notes, letters and phone calls we continue to receive have helped us enormously to get through each

and every day.

We love reading the applications of seniors who apply for Reema's scholarships that we award at Westfield and Herndon High Schools every year. These young people are so talented and can offer so much. It makes us feel good knowing that Reema's memory lives on in them.

Our mission with the Angel Fund has also brought us much satisfaction. Since April 16, 2007, we have had the following successes: (1) we have organized and moderated a number of panel discussions; (2)

we have met with George Mason University staff, our School Board and Board of Supervisors to discuss the installation of hotlines; and (3) we have testified in Richmond and met with many legislators. Our efforts, along with those of the other Virginia Tech families and members of the Virginia Tech panel, helped to bring about many changes, including Executive Orders issued by Governor Kaine, administrative responses and the passage of new laws.

Last, we are very proud that Joe, who spoke at a number of conferences throughout the United States, received the "Angel Award" from the non-profit, "Fight Crime: Invest in Kids" in September of 2008 for his extraordinary resilience, passion and determination to raise awareness and prevent future tragedies by using hope, commonsense and practical solutions.

There is still more work to be done and we look to you, our friends, neighbors and community, to help support us in our efforts to effect change.

We invite you to visit our Web sites, www.reemasamaha.org and www.angelfundva.org. As always, we would love to hear from you and thank you for all that you have done for us and for our family.

Joe and Mona Samaha
Centreville

Author's Tea

The Assistance League of Northern Virginia hosted an Author's Tea featuring Valerie Tripp, author of more than 30 American Girl books, on April 19 in Reston. Funds raised by the Tea will support the Assistance League's local Operation School Bell programs. Operation School Bell aims to improve literacy skills for local, underachieving elementary students through volunteer services in Northern Virginia. Pictured with author Valerie Tripp are Author's Tea guests with their American Girl dolls (from the left): Lauren Ciccone, Holly Wikiera, Grace Cutsinger, Valerie Tripp, Rebecca Cutsinger, Caroline Ciccone and Amy Wikiera.



Church Members Say Goodbye to Home

FROM PAGE 5

will arise on the same site. But first, members packed the old church, May 3, for a final service there and to deconsecrate the building. And although change is never easy, Johnson assured his members they needn't worry.

"No matter where you go, the God that blessed you here will bless you there," he said. "If he fed you in your hunger and saw you through your hard times, the same God that brought you there will bring you further."

"We planted the seeds 10 years ago, but we're reaping the harvest now, thanks to the goodness and greatness of God," said Johnson. "And today, as we come to the pinnacle of this celebration, we are receiving God's blessing. We're not building a monument to you or me — we're building a tabernacle unto God."

A 20-YEAR member of Mount Olive, Cuffee said the church has "always maintained a small-church feel, even though we've grown. We've always been a pillar in Centreville, and this is about building God's house and a legacy for our children and their children."

Currently, he said, "We've been cramming everything — youth and children's church, adult Sunday School, Bible studies — and we have limitations on the services and parking. Our two Sunday services were almost two, different cultures; but at Liberty, we'll bring them together in one service at 10 a.m."

Cuffee said they see themselves as a community-focused church, welcoming daycare and county activities. "We also think about it becoming a multicultural center, and we're excited about the possibilities," he said. "And we anticipate we'll grow phenomenally because we'll have more space and because of folks' dedication to this church."

Al Schenck, a member since 1972, heads a team of more than 40 people leading the transition to the middle school, and he called last Sunday a wonderful day. "I've had the chance to see the church evolve over the past, almost 40 years, and I see this as an opportunity to grow," he said. "The people of this community and the surrounding communities are the lifeblood of this church, so they'll still continue to embrace us."

Despite the change, member Buddy Foutz says the church's camaraderie will still remain. "It's as if the whole membership are relatives of yours," he said. "It's family, and you get to know everyone. You have ups and downs but, through it all, it's a good arrangement of people. And we'll show new people the route we took to get here, and then they'll pick up the pieces and continue on."

Dianne Wimbish, on the Trustee Board, said she felt "lots of emotions rolled into one — not like we're leaving, but a continuation, moving on to another phase." However, as one of the 16 liturgical dancers,



PHOTO BY BONNIE HOBBS/CENTRE VIEW

Gathered for the cornerstone removals are, from left, state Sen. Ken Cuccinelli, Sam Snow of Gregory Construction, Supervisor Mike Frey, Rev. Eugene Johnson and his wife June, Deaconess Mary Watkins, and ministers Jackie and Vickie Watkins.

she said they'd gather Friday nights and worship at the altar before and during practice. It'll be a long time until they can do that again but, said Wimbish, "It's not about the building. We can praise and worship anywhere we go — we just have to take our spirit with us."

Church spokesman B. Denise Hawkins called Sunday's event "a celebration of our ancestors, from a historical and religious perspective. I'm happy the church has come this far by faith, and I'm looking forward to being a part of the new Mount Olive."

A MEMBER since 1981, Walter H. Pope is vice chairman of the Trustee Board. He can hardly believe construction is about to begin because "we've been waiting so long. The beauty of it is that it's on the same ground. So when all is said and done, it'll be like we never left — and that's a great feeling."

State Sen. Ken Cuccinelli (R-37th) and Supervisor Michael R. Frey (R-Sully) also attended the service and addressed the congregation. Both spoke of Mount Olive's importance to the community and the challenges it faced going through Fairfax County's building-approval process.

Then, after a special, deconsecration litany, declassifying the old facility as a sacred place, Johnson directed the members to remove the church banners from the walls and carry them out, along with the Bible from the pulpit. And as everyone left the sanctuary together as one, the chorus sang, "Ain't no stoppin' us now ... the best is yet to come."

They then gathered outside and watched while the church's original and current trustees removed the building's two cornerstones to be saved and placed into the new structure.

"It's a bittersweet day," said Johnson. "When we consider this building as we go out of it, we remember the people whose lives were affected through experiences here. We recall the family celebrations, the celebrations of the lives of loved ones who've passed on and the deliverance of everyone and their challenges. But the celebration is about leaving because God is doing a greater work through us — bringing a new anointing — and it's like a new season for Mount Olive Baptist Church."

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Craft Vendors are needed for Centreville United Methodist Women's Bazaar scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 14 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the church, 6400 Old Centreville Road; contact psbyers@verizon.net.

THURSDAY/MAY 14

Civil War Lecture. 7:30 p.m. at Centreville Library, 14200 St. Germain Drive. Learn about "Second Manassas." Free. 703-830-2223.

Dinner. 6 p.m. at Vespucci's Italian Seafood Grill, 10579 Lee Highway. New Providence Republican Women's Club. \$35/person. 703-591-7368 for reservations.

FRIDAY/MAY 15

Dancing. 8:30-midnight at Dulles Hilton Swing Dance. \$15/person. Dance to live music. Visit www.gottaswing.com for more.

SATURDAY/MAY 16

Yard Sale. 8 a.m.-2 p.m. at Weaver House. Browse a variety of items, proceeds benefit the Clifton Town Park. Free. 703-815-0992.

Active Girlz Expo. Girls 8-18 can enjoy music, fashion shows, speakers, and more. \$10/for both days. Visit www.activegirlzexpo.com or 703-328-4531.

Music Performance. 7:30 p.m. at St. John Neumann Church, 11900 Lawyers Road, Reston. Hear the Voce Chamber Singers. \$20/adult; \$15/senior; \$10/student. Visit www.voce.org or 703-277-7772.

Community Yard Sale. 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Virginia Run is holding its Spring sale. Pick up map of locations of sales at corner of Wetherburn Drive and Pleasant Valley on the day. Call 703-216-6730 or 703-402-3134.

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SUNDAY/MAY 17

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Ward will speak about "How to be a Strong Girl in a Tough World" at 4:45 p.m. \$10/for both days. Visit www.activegirlzexpo.com or 703-328-4531.

Music Performance. 7:30 p.m. at St. Timothy's Episcopal Church, 432 Van Buren St., Herndon. Hear the Voce Chamber Singers. \$20/adult; \$15/senior; \$10/student. Visit www.voce.org or 703-277-7772.

MONDAY/MAY 18

Sully Book Club. 10 a.m. at Centreville Library, 14200 St. Germain Drive. Discuss "The Worst Hard Time" by Timothy Egan. Free. 703-830-2223.

Discussion. 7:30-8:30 p.m. The Republican Women of Clifton are hosting Dr. Larry Lindsey, who will speak on "Staying Ahead in a Recession" at Clifton Elementary.

TUESDAY/MAY 19

Meeting. 11:30 a.m. at Expectations, 5009 Westone Plaza, Chantilly. Rotary Club of Centreville meets. \$12/lunch. 703-966-8168.

MAY 20-23

The 23rd Annual Jazz and Pizzazz. 7 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday, May 20-23 at Chantilly High School's auditorium. Tickets are \$10/person.

THURSDAY/MAY 21

Homes Tour and Marketplace. 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. for homes tour; 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m. for marketplace at Clifton Presbyterian Church. Tour five Clifton area homes. \$20/advance; \$25/day of. Visit www.cliftoncwc.org or 703-266-0213.

Historical Book Club. 7:30 p.m. at Centreville Library, 14200 St. Germain Drive. Discuss "Big History: From the Big Bang to the Present" by Cynthia Stokes Brown. Free. 703-830-2223.

Meeting. 10 a.m. at Centreville Library, 14200 St. Germain Drive. La Leche League of Centreville/Chantilly will discuss "The Advantages of Breastfeeding." Free. 703-471-7762.

Meeting. 6:30 p.m. at Sully District Station, 4900 Stonecroft Blvd. Meeting of the Western Fairfax Republican Women's Club. Free. Visit www.wfrwc.org for more.

FRIDAY/MAY 22

Swing Dancing. 8:30-midnight at Dulles Hilton Swing Dance. \$15/person. Dance to live music. Visit www.gottaswing.com for more.

Remembrance Cabaret for Reema Samaha. 7 p.m. at Westfield High School auditorium. Friends will remember Reema Samaha who was killed at Virginia Tech on April 16, 2007, with song, dance and poetry. Donations are welcome to either the Reema J. Samaha Memorial Scholarship

(www.reemasamaha.org/funds/funds.htm) or Angel Fund (www.angelfundva.org) 703-543-7268.

TUESDAY/MAY 26

A Novel Society. 7 p.m. at Centreville Library, 14200 St. Germain Drive. Adults discuss "The Master and Margarita" by Mikhail Bulgakov. Free. 703-830-2223.

Meeting. 11:30 a.m. at Expectations, 5009 Westone Plaza, Chantilly. Rotary Club of Centreville meets. \$12/lunch. 703-966-8168.

WEDNESDAY/MAY 27

Toddlin' Twos. 10:30 a.m. or 11:30 a.m. at Chantilly Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Children age 2 can enjoy stories and activities. Free.

Registration required, 703-502-3883. **Stories to Go to Bed By.** 7:30 p.m. at Centreville Library, 14200 St. Germain Drive. Children 2-5 come dressed in pajamas for stories and more. Free. Registration required, 703-830-2223.

FRIDAY/MAY 29

Swing Dancing. 8:30-midnight at Dulles Hilton Swing Dance. \$15/person. Dance to live music. Visit www.gottaswing.com for more.

Small Wonders. 11 a.m. at Centreville Library, 14200 St. Germain Drive. Children 13-23 months enjoy stories and more. Free. Registration required, 703-830-2223.

How's the Weather. 1:30 p.m. at Centreville Library, 14200 St. Germain Drive. Children 2-5 enjoy stories, activities and a craft. Free. Registration required, 703-830-2223.

SUNDAY/MAY 31

History. Noon-4 p.m. at Sully Historic Site. See costumed interpreters, learn about military life and more. \$6/adult; \$4/child. 703-437-1794.

Classical Youth Benefit Concert. 2 p.m. At the Gainesville United Methodist Church, 13710 Milestone Ct., in Gainesville. Young classical players from the Washington, D.C., area will join their talents in presenting the Classical Youth Benefit Concert to raise funds for Possibilities Unlimited, a Christian humanitarian organization building a residential training center for special-needs youth in Central Eurasia. Anne Rupert, musical director of the Youth Orchestras of Prince William, resides in Clifton.

SATURDAY/JUNE 6

Sully Station Community Yard Sale. 8 a.m. to noon. Sponsored by the Sully Station Community Association. Maps and a list of the addresses are available at the community center, located at 5101 Sequoia Farms Drive, Centreville. Call Mary Patch Johnson at 703-222-2329.

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July	3	Crowded Streets + 8 Track Jones
	10	Flip Like Wilson
	17	Kristin & the Noise
	24	B2B (Jimmy Buffett Beach Band)
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School Board Approves New Grading Scale

By JULIA O'DONOGHUE
CENTRE VIEW

The Fairfax County School Board voted May 7 to shift from a six-point to a 10-point grading scale after months of pressure from parents. Advocates for changing the scale

said Fairfax County Public Schools' steeper and less common grading curve was putting its graduates at a disadvantage in earning college admission and academic scholarships.

"This grading scale is more easily understood by colleges," said Dranesville School Board member Jane Strauss about the 10-point

system.

The new Fairfax grading scale will go into effect during the 2009-2010 school year. Earlier this year, the school system increased the weights on the grade point average (GPA) scale for International Baccalaureate and Advance Placement classes from 0.5 to 1.0 because of similar concerns.

When the new scale is implemented, a student receiving a 90 percent to 92 percent score on a test would receive an A- letter grade. Under the current system, a student receiving a 90 percent to 93 percent score on a test receives a B+ letter grade.

The bottom end of the scale has not been adjusted. According to the FAIRGRADE — a local advocacy group that formed to change Fairfax grading policies — students have to drop below 60 percent to fail under many 10-point scale variations. In Fairfax County, the test score a student needs to pass, 64 percent, remains the same as it was under the six-point scale.

One School Board member, Jim Raney (At-large), was troubled that the range of points for all let-

ter grades was the not the same.

In other words, students have four opportunity points to earn a B letter grade (83-86) or a C letter grade (73-76) but only three opportunity points to earn a D letter grade (64-66) and eight opportunity points to earn an A letter grade (93-100.) He also wanted to add an A+ letter grade to the scale.

But Raney's motion to change the grading system to a nine-point scale, which potentially no other school system would use, failed to gain support from any other School Board member. He was also the only School Board member not to vote to adopt the new 10-point grading scale.

"The point is not to create another grading scale that no one else uses," said Strauss.

By the end of July, the School Board intends to vote on a new GPA weighting system for honors courses. Honors courses currently receive no extra weight. Under the new system, students would get an extra 0.5 point on the 4.0 GPA scale for taking an honors course.

The school system has said they

need extra time to figure out whether there are any courses — such as special courses taken by students at the Thomas Jefferson School for Science and Technology — that deserve the extra weight but are not technically labeled "honors."

But parents and students are also concerned the School Board will not make the additional weight for honors courses retroactive for all high school students.

"We are collateral damage. The futures of the classes of 2010, 2011 and 2012 are at stake," said Robert Downs, a Langley High School sophomore pleading to for the School Board to make the weights for honors classes retroactive.

Superintendent Jack Dale said the school system intends to have the new weighting for honors courses in place by next fall and that the weighting is likely to be retroactive. But the school system might be limited as to how far back they could go to change the weighting by the current software which stores student grades, he said.

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Time for Jazz & Pizzazz Show

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"It's a huge tradition in the Chantilly community," said Cockrell. "And the fact that it's lasted for 23 years is a testament to both the quality of the program and the tremendous interest and support our community has for the performing arts. This is a great opportunity to see teen-agers in action doing something positive at a very high skill level, and it's a unique, professional-level, performance experience for these kids."

The students add to their repertoire, from September through May, and practice both during and after school. The show offers a variety of musical styles and selections, and the performance is a collaboration between the choirs and bands, with theater students handling the lighting and sound.

"We live in a culture that's grabbed onto the 'So You Think You Can Dance,' 'American Idol,' 'Glee,' 'High School Musical' genre of entertainment," said Cockrell. "So if people like watching those shows, then they have to come see this one because they'll see it live and in real life. It's the real deal."

THE PROGRAM includes Broadway show tunes and production numbers, jazz, country, rock and ballads. From the musical, "Hair," will be "Age of Aquarius" and "Let the Sunshine In," and from "Wicked" will be "One Short Day." There's also a medley from "The Jersey Boys," plus a USO swing medley featuring "G.I. Jive" and "Hep, Hep, the Jumping Jive."

Songs from Bruce Springsteen, James Brown and John Cougar Mellencamp comprise a rock medley, and the show will also include an Elvis Presley number, a Brooks and Dunn country tune, a Herbie Hancock rock song, "Chameleon," and more.

The Chantilly Jazz Band will perform funk, swing,

rock and ballads, as well as music by Duke Ellington, Harry Connick Jr., Maynard Ferguson and Centreville composer Alan Baylock, who wrote a New Orleans zydeco tune called "Hullabaloo."

"We'll be featuring one of our own, band instructor Drew Ross, on trumpet in 'Rockin' in Rhythm' by Duke Ellington," said Taylor. "He's Chantilly's version of Maynard Ferguson."

The band will perform "I Stayed Too Long at the Fair," made famous by Barbra Streisand, plus a Connick tune, "It Had to be You," from the movie, "When Harry Met Sally," and a progressive-jazz song, "There's the Rub," by Gordon Goodwin.

SOLOISTS are students Sam Brady on alto sax, Josh Lisko, piano and Don Staggs, bass trombone. And Glorianne Picini and Mike Barlow will duel on the electric bass.

"It's a great group of kids and they're excited about the show — it should be wonderful," said Taylor. "There's going to be a lot of energy and a lot of great, music talent on display, and Jazz and Pizzazz will showcase all this talent."

"People are always surprised with the quality of entertainment in this show," added Cockrell. "It's easy to forget they're high-school kids."

He also praised all the families involved in bringing this large undertaking to fruition. "Parents take responsibility for uniforms, building the set, selling concessions or helping with the video program," he said. "It really takes the whole, Chantilly community."

Cockrell wants the shows to be standing-room-only. "It's exciting for the kids, and there's nothing like that electricity when every seat is filled," he said. "Several of our kids have later performed on Broadway, become music teachers or performed in military bands. In so many ways, these are the future leaders and stars."

NEWS

Clifton Hosts Home Tour

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"There'll be a bake sale on the front porch of the town hall, so we hope people will have lunch at a restaurant in town and stop by here for dessert," said Beckman. "We're also serving lemonade and cookies

in the garden of the Jennings-Prillaman home."

In addition, two shuttles will take attendees to homes where the roads are too narrow or there's no parking. Comfortable shoes are encouraged, and no children under 12, including infants, are allowed in the houses.

ROUNDUP

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Frey Speaks to Immigration Forum, May 21

Supervisor Michael R. Frey (R-Sully) will meet with the Centreville Immigration Forum on Thursday, May 21, at 7 p.m., at Centreville Baptist Church, 15100 Lee Highway in Centreville. Frey will answer questions about the effects of Fairfax County's budget cuts on low-income residents, including services available to recent immigrants.

The Forum is a group of Centreville-area churches, social service agencies and citizens who participate in a variety of outreach programs for low-income, immigrant communities. The public is welcome to attend.

WFCM Needs Donations, Volunteers

With the downturn in the economy, Western Fairfax Christian Ministries (WFCM) could use some help meeting its increased demand from local residents for food, clothing and financial aid. To

make donations for the food pantry or thrift shop, to volunteer or to receive information on the next free budgeting class, in May, call 703-988-9656.

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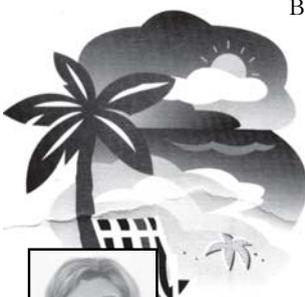
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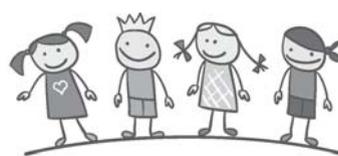
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With three seconds left in the second overtime period, Brendan Waters scored, lifting Chantilly's boys' lacrosse team to a 5-4 win over Westfield and its second straight Concorde District title.



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During last Friday's 5-4 double-overtime win against Westfield, Chantilly senior Robbie Bowers had two goals in the first period — both off of assists from Devon Westerman.



PHOTO BY ROBBIE HAMMER/CENTRE VIEW

After losing 16 seniors from last year's team, goalkeeper Derek Kegerreis took it upon himself to continue Chantilly's winning ways. 'Being a senior, it's awesome to keep the tradition going,' he said.

Chantilly Chargers take second straight boys' lacrosse title on Brendan Waters' double-overtime goal.

BY JASON MACKEY
CENTRE VIEW

Sixteen seniors graduated from last year's version of the Chantilly boys' lacrosse team, which went 20-0 and claimed its first-ever Virginia AAA state championship. Starting this spring, little was expected from the Chargers — or at least so it was perceived.

"At the beginning of the season everyone counted us out," said junior attackman Brendan Waters. "Everyone said we lost 16 seniors and that we had no chance to come out here and win it."

What Chantilly (12-1) won was its second straight Concorde District title last Friday by edging Westfield, 5-4, in double overtime, and Waters' out-of-nowhere play was emblematic of the work that he and his fellow underclassmen have put in this season, filling the void left by those departed seniors.

With less than 10 seconds to play against the Bulldogs, Chantilly's Joe Marson fired a shot on Westfield goalkeeper Alex Kawchak. The rebound, meanwhile, came bouncing out toward Waters, who scooped it up and beat Kawchak high from six yards out for the winner with only three seconds left.

Despite all the losses, players such as Robbie Bowers (team-high 22 goals as of Tuesday afternoon) and Devon Westerman (team-best

15 assists) have also assumed starring roles. Meanwhile, Steve Gombos leads the Chargers with 34 ground balls and has caused a team-best 21 turnovers.

"Our guys are stepping up and starting to come around," Chantilly coach Kevin Broderick said.

As a team, the Chargers came around again during first-round regional action on Tuesday night, thwarting Jefferson with a 10-6 win. In the quarterfinal round, the Chargers will now play host to Annandale on Thursday night.

IT'S REALLY a slap-your-forehead sort of assessment, but senior goalkeeper Derek Kegerreis — the lone holdover from last year's squad — is the last line of defense for Chantilly. If a ball gets past him, no less than 100 percent of the time does it end up as a goal.

So facing overtime, Kegerreis, who has made 145 saves this season and has a goals against average of 3.67, becomes even more of an asset to his team.

"He rises to the occasion," Broderick said.

"If a goal goes in, you feel like you let the team down," said Kegerreis, who finished with 18 saves against the Bulldogs and has been tabbed as a first team All-Northern Region pick for the season consecutive season. "I was

just trying to do everything I could to make that last save."

As the lone team captain, Kegerreis was primarily responsible for making

sure the Chargers didn't falter at the beginning of the year, which wasn't exactly an easy task as Chantilly faced early-season dates with Patriot District champion West Springfield and Robinson. And with a win over rival Westfield and yet another dominant season underway, Kegerreis, a Lynchburg recruit, has managed to bridge the gap.

"I'm the one who's supposed to get my team up when they're down and keep motivating them, especially with all the talent we lost last year," Kegerreis said. "It's awesome to keep that tradition going."

FOLLOWING HER team's 13-6 win over T.C. Williams on Wednesday, April 29, Chantilly girls' lacrosse coach Michele Gates had a simple message.

"As soon as the regular season ended, I said, 'Enjoy your 14-0 season, ladies, because tomorrow at practice, we start again at 0-0,'" Gates remembered of that talk. "I told them that it didn't matter what happened during the regular season. We had to be prepared



PHOTO BY ROBBIE HAMMER/CENTRE VIEW

Liz Dunwoody and her Chantilly teammates had little room to work last Friday. With a 9-8 loss, Chantilly fell to Robinson in the Concorde District title game for the second straight year.

because the postseason is another season."

That other season was not all that kind to the Chargers early on. With the chance to avenge a last-second loss to Robinson in the 2008 district final, Chantilly allowed the Rams to score three answered goals in the final 5:30 and eventually lost, 9-8, last Friday in this year's title game.

"We gave Robinson a chance to win the game and Robinson took advantage of it," Gates said.

The fifth-year coach drew a parallel to the Oakton team from last year. Though bounced early from last year's Concorde District tournament, the Cougars rebounded to capture both the Northern Region and Virginia AAA state titles.

"Oakton was a perfect example of going out early in the district tournament and then coming back and winning the state and region titles," said Gates, whose team responded with a 18-8 win over Langley Tuesday and will face Annandale in the region quarterfinals Thursday. "Hopefully that motivates us."

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WEEK IN SPORTS

On the Water

At this past Saturday's Virginia Scholastic Rowing Association's championship regatta, all three of the Westfield crew team's men's boats made the finals, with the top varsity boat placing sixth and the second and third boats each winning bronze medals. As a team, Westfield was fourth. The top women's varsity boat had the fourth-fastest time of the day while also winning the petite finals with the women's third boat, finishing fifth in its final. Craig Trumbull, Paul Lorenzi, Justin Aid, Stephen Patten, Grant Bowden, Perry Cox, Peter Malm, Peter Schlatter and coxswain Ellie Goodman maneuvered the men's eight; Amy Gregory, Darby Nelson, Lindsey Toma, Carrie Capps, Rachel Johnson, Virginia Ratcliff, Stasia Schlatter, Lauren Baker and coxswain Erin Friedlander commanded the women's eight. Bronze-medal winners in the second varsity boat were Dan Gayer, Jack Kelly, Kirk Dennis, Chip Mathieson, Chris Thomas, Alex Fagan, Ryan Hilker, Andrew Gilbride and coxswain Ariel Raguso. The team now awaits news of what boats will be heading to Princeton, N.J. to compete in the Scholastic Rowing Association of America's national regatta on May 22-23.



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The Westfield men's crew team's third eight boat leaves the medal platform after receiving its bronze medals. Pictured are (from left): Kyle Smith, Andrew Johnson, Timothy Ostlund, Alex Harris, Jake Edmonds, Dalton Dillon, Robbi Cecil, Austin Cheung and coxswain Meghan Leach.

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Final 4 Appearance

The Chantilly Youth Association Firecats, U-14 girls' soccer team, won their third-round match of the state championship tournament with a 1-0 victory over the Richmond Strikers this past weekend at Poplar Tree Park. The win puts them among the final four teams remaining. The goal, scored by Haley Roberson, came at the 39-second mark and was made possible by a run down the left side by Kyndall Finch, who cut back to the inside and made a crossing pass past the onrushing goalie. Next up for the Wildcats (12-2-2) is the semifinal round, which will be held in Williamsburg at the end of May.

Storm Seeks Players

The Southwestern Youth Association Storm's U-10 girls' soccer teams are seeking additional players for the fall 2009 U-11 season. The Storm teams are looking for motivated, impact players who want a competitive environment with premium training and a positive team approach, as teams are professionally coached and trained within the SYA Academy Training program. In addition to a newly-forming fourth team, the existing three teams will each be adding two to four players with birthdates no earlier than Aug. 1, 1998. Tryouts are scheduled for May 26-27 and June 1, with a rainout day scheduled for June 2 at SYA Field of Dreams. Contact Kurt Gordon to register at 703-606-9896 or kurt@syastorm.com.

Football Finals Changed

This fall's Virginia AAA state football finals for Divisions 5 and 6 will be played at the University of Virginia's Scott Stadium, according to a press release issued by the Virginia High School League on Thursday, May 7.

The VHSL Executive Committee voted 24-0 in favor of the measure, which carries a two-year commitment. Last year's top-level title games were held at Virginia Tech's Lane Stadium, while the 2007 finals, which featured wins by Stone Bridge and Westfield, were held at Scott Stadium.

"We want our student-athletes to play in a big-time atmosphere and have an outstanding championship experience," said VHSL executive director Ken Tilley. "We know that playing at Scott Stadium will provide that experience, not only for the players and coaches but for all fans attending

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Fair Lakes Rotary Club Announces Scholarship Winners

The Fair Lakes Rotary club, continuing its long established program of offering need-based scholarships for local students attending Chantilly High School or participating in programs at the Chantilly Academy, announced the recipients of three scholarships this past week.

❖ **Quyah Nguyen**, a senior at Chantilly High School, was the recipient of the \$2,500 Interact Club scholarship. This scholarship is presented each year to a Chantilly High student that participates in the school's Interact Club. Interact is Rotary International's service club for young people ages 14 to 18.

❖ **Coleen Chase and Rozhan Saadula** have each won a \$1,000 Chantilly Academy schol-



(From left): **Rozhan Saadula, Adam Smith, Scholarship Chairman FLRC, and Coleen Chase.** Not Pictured: **Quyah Nguyen.**

arship. Both of these students attend the Chantilly Academy. The unique educational opportunities provided at Chantilly Academy launch students on successful careers with transferable life skills. Dynamic learning environment provides specialized career-oriented electives in Engineering & Scientific

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The Fair Lakes Rotary club was established in 1986 and has to date provided over \$400,000 in scholarships to local high school students. The Club meets every Monday at 7:30 a.m. at the Hyatt Fair Lakes. All guests are welcome.

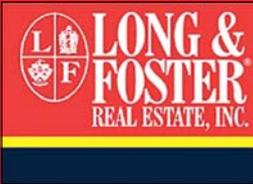


Volunteering for Good Causes

Members of the Xi Zeta Lambda chapter of Beta Sigma Phi recently volunteered at the Multiple Sclerosis Walk in Reston on April 26. They are, from left to right, Laurie McDougall, Round Hill; Debbie Sammler, Chantilly; Rita Bozek, Annandale; Debbie Miller, The Plains; Marcy Stennes, Burke; Ginny Mullinax, Sterling; Emily Costa, Bristow; MaryBeth Carroll, Springfield; Ginny Winczowski, South Riding and Jackie MacCannell, Bristow. Beta Sigma Phi is a non-profit International Women's Organization whose goal is to reach out into the community through service. The chapter will be having a fundraiser at the Baja Fresh in Chantilly on Tuesday, May 26, in support of the Ronald McDonald House. Go to www.betasigmaphi.org

Cub Scouts Sweep Pinewood Races

Three Cub Scouts from Pack 146 in Chantilly have swept the Sully District Pinewood Races for the second time in three years. Austin Wilson, Brendan Henry and Nicholas Saied nabbed the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place honors, respectively, and were awarded trophies in a special ceremony on March 25th. These three Scouts took home the same prizes at the Sully District races in 2007. Austin and Brendan are in the fifth-grade at St. Veronica and St. Timothy schools and Nicholas is in the fourth grade at St. Timothy's. A computer glitch prevented the boys from receiving the trophies on race day but the boys were honored at a special ceremony that included a huge cake. Brendan and Austin crossed over into Boy Scout Troop 146 together.



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