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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.

## Mount Olive Begins New Chapter

**Church holds the last service in its building.**

BY BONNIE HOBBS  
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**L**aughter, 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 worshiped," 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 de

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## Two Years in Prison For Heroin Distribution

**Remington receives reduced jail sentence.**

BY BONNIE HOBBS  
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**O**ne thing became clear during Jessica Remington's sentencing, Friday morning, in U.S. District Court. She was as much a victim of heroin as a distributor, with her addiction to it only making her existing problems worse.

At the outset, Assistant U.S. Attorney Daniel Grooms recommended she receive a sentence within the federal guidelines of 37-46 months. But in the end, Judge Leonie Brinkema deviated downward and instead sentenced the Fairfax 19-year-old to 24 months.

She told Remington she did so "because of your long history of mental-health issues that pre-date the heroin use. But the law cannot excuse the conduct entirely; you need to be held responsible for your actions."

Remington and her friend, Ashleigh Shade, 19, were each

charged with conspiracy to distribute 100 grams or more of heroin, in connection with the Centreville-based heroin-distribution ring. On April 8, Shade received the same sentence.

Initially, the pair bought heroin from Centreville's J.R. Quick. But when he was jailed in March 2008, they purchased it in Washington, D.C. Then from March through July 2008, they began regularly distributing heroin in Centreville to a number of people Quick had previously supplied. He's since been sentenced to 19 years in prison.

**"I used drugs to mask my problems."**

— Jessica Remington, sentenced for heroin distribution

**BUT THERE'S** more to Remington than her involvement with heroin, said her attorney, Bill Reichardt, on May 8, in federal court. Her family calls her sweet and gentle, and a Fairfax

County School Board member described her as "a distinguished, young artist." Yet she had serious

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## Clifton Opens Doors for Annual Home Tour

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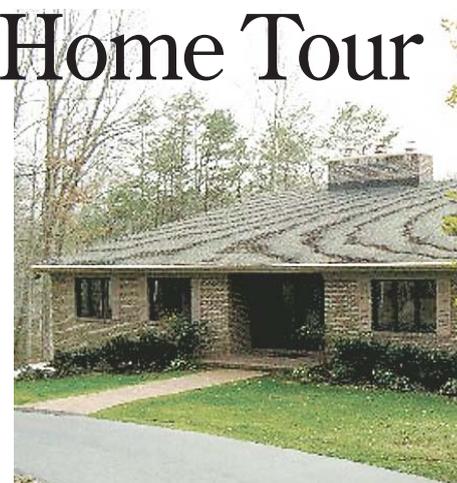
**G**racious homes, shopping, artwork and an auction are in store Thursday, May 21, for attendees of the 37<sup>th</sup> annual Clifton Community Woman's Club (CCWC) Charity Homes Tour and Marketplace.

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 featur-

ing 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

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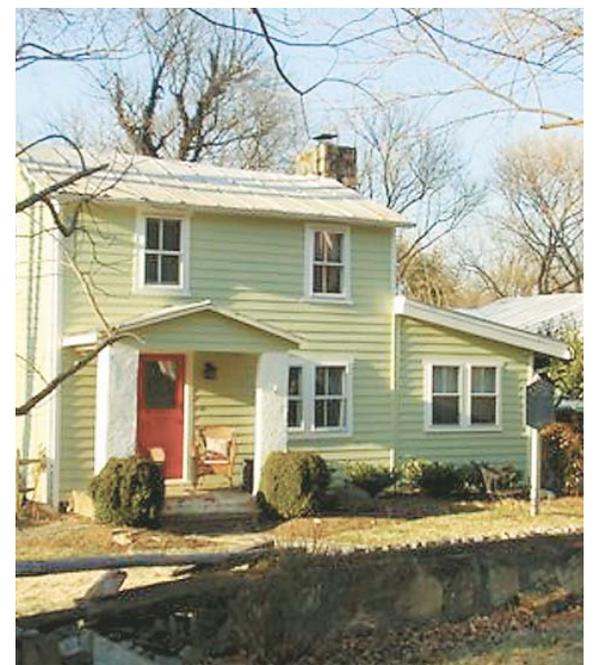
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## Clifton Hosts Home Tour

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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 Union Mill, and Banner's Hallmark in Centreville. For more information, see [www.CliftonCWC.org](http://www.CliftonCWC.org) or call Beckman at 703-266-0213.

“This is the CCWC's major fundraiser; 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.

“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



**Glover Home**



**Hermsmeyer Home**

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.

## 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](http://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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## NEWS



PHOTO BY BONNIE HOBBS/CENTRE VIEW

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

# Time for Jazz & Pizzazz

Chantilly High School presents its annual musical extravaganza.

BY BONNIE HOBBS  
CENTRE VIEW

Get ready for Jazz & Pizzazz. Chantilly High's 23<sup>rd</sup> 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](http://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.

"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 Glorienne Picini and Mike Barlow will duel on the electric bass.

"It's a great group of kids and they're excited about

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# Mount Olive Begins New Chapter

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stroyed 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 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



Architect's rendition of the new Mount Olive Baptist Church.

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

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

— **The Rev. Eugene Johnson, Mount Olive Baptist Church**

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



The Rev. Eugene Johnson at the pulpit.

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

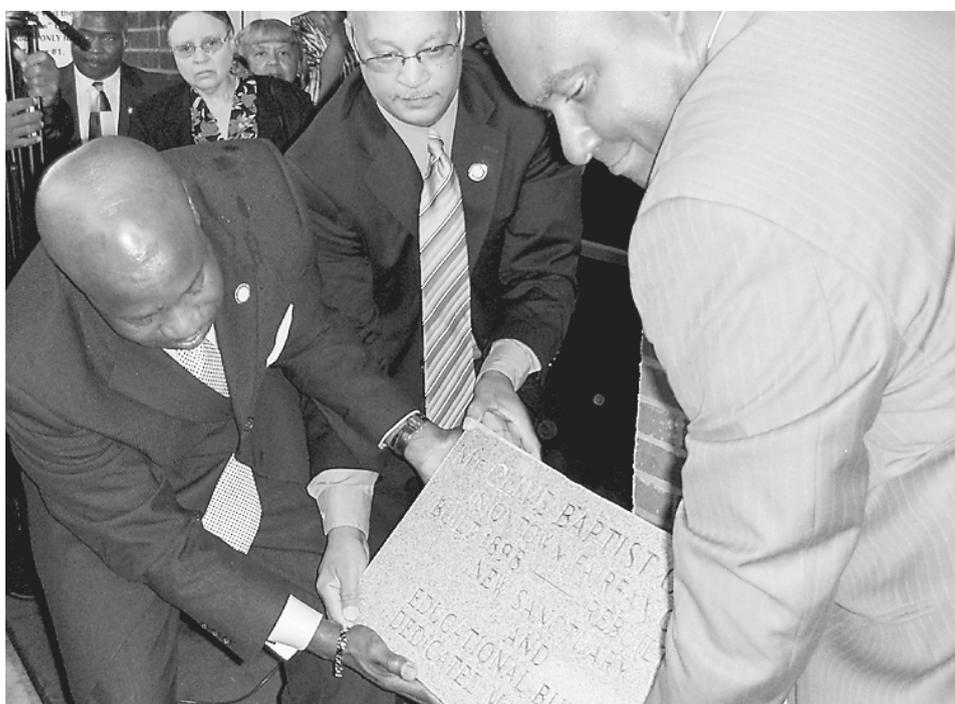
still continue to embrace us."

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."

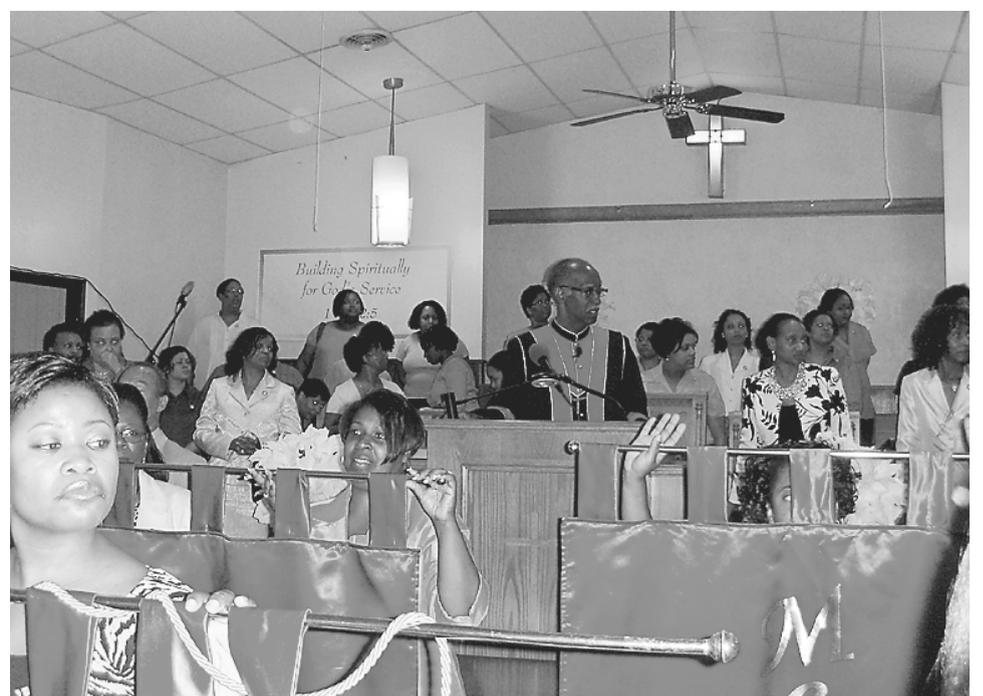
Dianne Wimbish, on the Trustee Board, said she felt "lots of emotions rolled into one — not like we're leaving, but a continuation, moving on to another phase." However, as one of the 16 liturgical dancers, she said they'd gather Friday nights and worship at the altar before and during practice. It'll 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."

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From left, Walter Pope, Robert Garnett and Roland Williams remove the second cornerstone.



Members carry the church banners during the processional from the building.

# Zuiker Given Suspended Sentence

**Faces prison time from federal court for drug-dealing.**

BY BONNIE HOBBS  
CENTRE VIEW

**K**evin Zuiker, 20, of Centreville, got a suspended sentence from the commonwealth for distribution of Xanax. But when he's sentenced later this month in federal court for conspiracy to distribute 100 grams or more of heroin, the outcome is expected to be quite different.

On May 5, 2008, the Fairfax County Sheriff's Office charged him with driving while under the influence of drugs and possession with intent to distribute a schedule IV drug (Xanax). And in an affidavit written two days later, an undercover narcotics detective with the county police wrote that Zuiker "is a current supplier of prescription drugs in Fairfax County."

He stated that, during a search incident to his arrest for the driving offense, police found some 1,300 pills in a plastic bag in his pants packet, along with \$515 cash. The detective also noted Zuiker told police that "the pills were Xanax and he received them through the mail. He inquired as

to the penalty for selling Xanax." On Dec. 30, 2008, Zuiker pleaded guilty in Circuit Court to possession with intent to distribute Xanax, returning April 20 for sentencing before Judge Dennis Smith. At that time, defense attorney James Love said his client started using heroin at age 19 and "this is his first felony conviction."

Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney Bob McClain said Xanax had no state sentencing guidelines, and Love said other schedule IV drugs come up as probation.

"This defendant is part of the federal, heroin charges in the Centreville area," said Love. "And when he's sentenced in federal court, he's facing a mandatory minimum of five years in prison and four years active probation upon his release."

Love said Zuiker's had "a serious, mental-health problem" for four or five years, and U.S. District Court Judge Leonie Brinkema allowed him to remain free on bond "so he could get the mental-health treatment he needs."

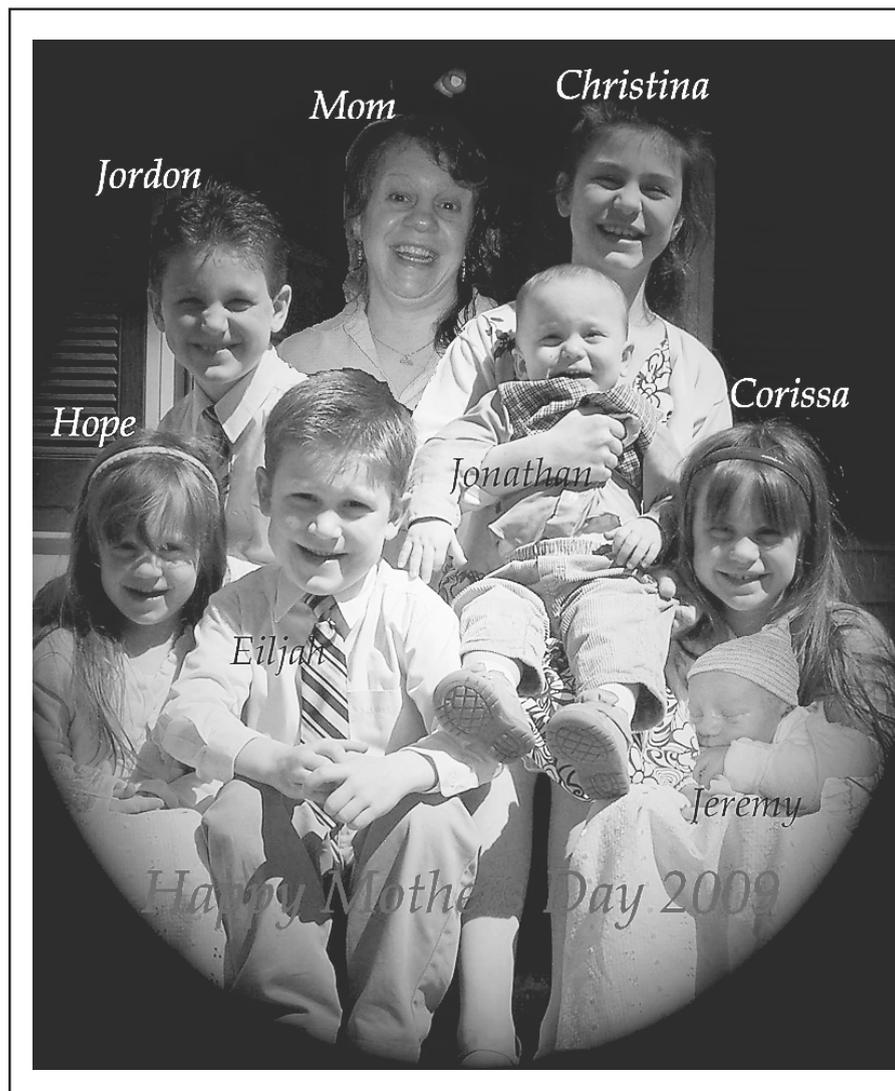
"It's anticipated that he'll testify against other people at trial," said Love. "And they hope to get him

into the Intensive Residential Drug-Treatment program that the Bureau of Prisons runs. If he's sentenced to incarceration on this charge, it'll serve as a detainer to him getting the mental-health treatment. So I'm going to suggest he receive a suspended sentence here and be placed on inactive probation."

Smith then sentenced Zuiker to one year, three months in prison, suspending all that time for 20 years. "But you need to understand that, if you have any further violations of law during that time, I'll impose all or part of that sentence," said the judge. "Today, I'm also placing you on three years active probation."

In addition, Smith suspended Zuiker's driver's license for six months and ordered him to receive mental-health and substance-abuse treatment.

"You have a difficult road ahead of you, but not an impossible one," Smith told him. "You're a young man and, if you can get control of your substance-abuse and mental-health problems, you can have a long and productive life. We can tell you what to do, but it's up to you."



## Mom & Me

This is the Scott Johnson Family, of London Towne II, Centreville, taken on front steps May 2 after newest arrival came home. Christina is 10, Jordan 8, Corissa 6, Elijah 5, Hope 4, Jonathan 19 months, and Jeremy 1 week old. Mom is Yvonne and she's not telling her age.

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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.

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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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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](http://www.reemasamaha.org) and [www.angelfundva.org](http://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.**



# Angel Fund Cabaret for Reema Samaha

BY BONNIE HOBBS  
CENTRE VIEW

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. 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 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-67<sup>th</sup>) 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

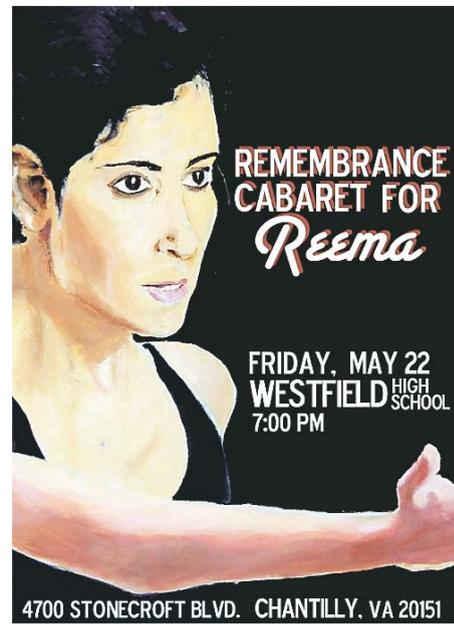
Colors."

- ❖ 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



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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 Arteché, Josh Gillmore, Edward Curtis, Chris Law, Gary Beauford and Justin Cortez, performing 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."

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](http://www.reemasamaha.org/funds/funds1.htm) and [www.angelfundva.org](http://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.

## SCHOOL NOTES

**Centreville Elementary** will hold its third annual Father Daughter Dance — for Centreville Elementary students — on Friday, May 15, from 6:30-9:30 p.m., at the school. Fathers, stepfathers, grandfathers, brothers, uncles or any other significant male figure are encouraged to take their special girl to this event. Cost is \$10 per family and includes a souvenir photograph. Corsages will also be sold, and there'll be lots of prizes, raffles and refreshments.

**The Westfield High School Theatre Arts Department** presents the musical "Into the Woods" on May 15 and 16 at 8 p.m. and May 16 and 17 at 2 p.m. at Westfield High School in Chantilly. Tickets are \$10 and all seating is reserved. Visit [www.westfieldtheatreboosters.com](http://www.westfieldtheatreboosters.com) to order tickets online. Call 703-488-6439.



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## 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](http://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.

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## 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 23<sup>rd</sup> 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](http://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. Germaine 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](http://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](http://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

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## 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.

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## FRIDAY/MAY 29

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**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.

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## 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.

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## 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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June	5	Burnt Sienna
	12	Monster Band
	19	Dr. FU
	26	Love Seed Mama Jump
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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# Church Members Say Goodbye to Home

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**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-37<sup>th</sup>) 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

**“We just have to take our spirit with us.”**

— **Dianne Wimbish, Trustee Board member**

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.”



**The church was filled to capacity for the last service in this building.**

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**Posing together in the church’s history museum are, from left, Tomeka Whitaker, B. Denise Hawkins, Takeshia Minter, Sheila Williams, Deaconess June Johnson and Linda Hardy.**

## ROUNDUPS

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erly inspect and adjust them, as needed. Call 703-814-7000, ext. 5140 to confirm dates and times.

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### Frey Will Speak to Immigration Forum

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.

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# Prison Time for Remington

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problems.

"Her parents watched her spiral downhill for years, due to drug and mental-health issues," said Reichhardt. "[Substance-abuse treatment facility] Crossroads called her 'struggling, but making it.'"

In the heroin ring, he said, there were people who viewed it as a business, people who were addicts and those who knew how to obtain the drug and sell it for a profit. But, he added, "Shade and Remington were on the periphery of children trying to die, in some respect. When I first met my client, she was 20 pounds less than today, had a wool cap pulled over her head and couldn't make eye contact — but she always told me the truth."

Reichhardt said Remington was identified as a special-education student in high school, but had "significant, mental-health issues, was expelled from school and enrolled in Mountain View Alternative School [from which she graduated in June 2007]."

In addition, he said, Remington was also diagnosed as bi-polar and having depression, plus "She's impulsive and suffers from anxiety disorder, for which she took medication. Then in August 2007, she was given heroin for free and became addicted within three weeks." She attended VCU for its art program but, said Reichhardt, "She didn't last a week there because she was withdrawing from heroin — which complicated her anxiety disorder — and was in crisis."

**MAKING MATTERS** worse, he said, "People from Centreville came and encouraged her to continue using heroin and to get it from Richmond. August 2007-August 2008 was horrific for her and her parents. Her involvement in distributing heroin was about five months — and for small amounts for her own use."

After Fairfax County police arrested Remington on that charge in March 2008, she was released from jail and her parents tried getting her into various drug-treatment programs. "She went to detox and, one day before she was to go into a residential-treatment program, her parents took her out so she could cooperate with the detectives," said Reichhardt. "There was a belief she wouldn't be charged, if she did so."

The Commonwealth dropped its charges — but then she was charged federally. She was in a residential-treatment facility when she was arrested. "Look at her history when considering her sentence," Reichhardt urged Judge Brinkema. "She is nine months clean."

Although she briefly used again while at Crossroads, he said, "What's remarkable is that she called me and self-reported and kept going with her treatment. The likelihood of recidivism is high; there are going to be slips and setbacks ... and a propensity to drug addiction which she'll struggle with until the day she dies. For a child of her background, her efforts are courageous."

Reichhardt asked if his client could remain in Crossroads until it's time for her to report to prison, and Remington, herself, told Brinkema, "Crossroads is saving my life. With the support of God, my parents, sponsor and network, I realize I'm not alone."

"All my life, I never felt comfortable in my skin and I used drugs to mask my problems," continued Remington. "I couldn't talk to anyone unless I was high. I made big mistakes and never intended to cause anyone pain. I've finally found peace of mind. Sobriety has taught me responsibility; I now have hope that I can live a better life."

In response, Brinkema said, "I recognize you had many demons in your life, but you're responsible for coping with them. You're only 19, but you're an adult." She then sentenced Remington to 24 months in prison and said she'd recommend the teen be enrolled in the Bureau of Prison's 500-hour, intensive, drug-treatment program.

Brinkema also placed her on four years supervised release, provided she stays drug-free, submit to regular drug testing and obtain whatever drug and mental-health treatment her probation officer requires. Remington may be in contact with Shade again, but not with the drug conspirators from Centreville. The judge also let Remington remain in Crossroads until she reports to prison.

"You are very young — use this time to get your life in order," said Brinkema. "You have four years in prison hanging over your head during supervised release."

As for Reichhardt, afterward, outside the courtroom, he said, "We think it was a reasonable and fair disposition."

# Time for Jazz & Pizzazz Show

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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."



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# Marvin, Ferrick Form Powerful Battery

After move from Texas, Centreville's Victoria Marvin fits in with Ferricks.

BY JASON MACKEY  
CENTRE VIEW

The first pitch Jess Ferrick threw this past Monday violently clipped her best friend and catcher, Victoria Marvin, on the left shoulder. A foul tip, Marvin absorbed the hit, stood up from her crouched position and wasn't exactly thinking of the right words to complement Ferrick's pitch location.

"When she got hit, I was like, 'Are you all right?' And she just sort of gave me a look," Ferrick said.

Marvin shook off the pain and Ferrick eventually went back to work, recording three outs on nine less painful pitches that inning. But the duo's reaction when Marvin was whacked aptly demonstrates what has become a unique connection between the Centreville softball team's two best players.

**BORN IN WALL**, Texas, Marvin, the quieter of the two, moved to Centreville during the summer of 2006. Her mom, divorced since Marvin was in fifth grade, was set to remarry, this time to her high school sweetheart who held a job in the area. But about a year later, the couple got divorced.

Meanwhile, Rich Ferrick, Centreville's softball coach and Jess Ferrick's dad, got a call one day from a guidance counselor at

the school and gave his daughter a message.

"I always tell Jess, with new people, you need to talk to them," the head coach said.

So Jess Ferrick did, practically stalking Marvin in the hallways at school — a memory the two still crack up about now — and the two finally established a common bond first through basketball and later, softball.

**"She traveled with us and basically became part of the family."**

— Rich Ferrick, coach, Centreville High

**DESPITE THE PUDDLES** that had formed over his infield and the water that had soaked his clothes and postponed his team's game against Fairfax on Monday night (an eventual 3-1 win), Rich Ferrick's face lit up when he was asked to talk about his daughter and Marvin.

"My two daughters," he said.

Because Marvin was without a male influence in her life and had very little knowledge of the area softball scene, Rich Ferrick invited her to play with his daughter on the Southwestern Youth Association Xplosion and join the clan on family outings to various tournaments along the East Coast.

"She traveled with us and basically became part of the family," Rich Ferrick said. "I would even drag her to church on Sundays when we were traveling."

Marvin and Jess Ferrick grew closer, too. They led Centreville's basketball team to a 19-5 record during the 2007-08 season and a 12-10 mark this past win-



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After successful softball and basketball careers at Centreville, Jess Ferrick (left) and Victoria Marvin will play softball together at Marshall University.

ter. Both played integral roles, with Ferrick the do-it-all hustle player and Marvin more of a scorer, earning All-Concorde District honors.

"I share everything with Jess," Marvin said. "She's the only one I really feel comfortable telling anything."

"Because we are such good friends, it's kind of easy to work together on the field," Jess Ferrick said.

**MARVIN WAS** supposed to play shortstop this spring, with Rich Ferrick set to entrust the catching duties to a group of youngsters. But pitchers, the coach said, are a lot like field goal kickers in football; they're finicky and want things a certain way.

Jess Ferrick was more comfort-

able with Marvin, so the change was eventually made during a 3-2 win over Robinson on April 22.

"If it helps the team out, I'll definitely play behind the plate," said Marvin, who guessed that the last time she caught around the age of 12.

Not surprisingly, both have had exceptional years. Marvin has hit .518 with a slugging percentage of .804 and an on-base percentage of .603. She's clubbed seven doubles, two home runs and has 14 RBIs. Ten prospective base-stealers have also fell victim to Marvin's cannon of a right arm.

Jess Ferrick, meanwhile, has gone 10-3 in the circle, striking out 136 batters with a you-can-read-the-label-it's-that-slow changeup and a fastball that hitters can't catch up to. At the plate, Ferrick

has hit .455 with six doubles, three home runs and 18 RBIs.

Though they began in separate states, the softball careers of Marvin and Jess Ferrick intersected with Marvin's fateful move to Centreville and the outreaching arms of the Ferrick family.

And they'll also continue those careers together too, as Marvin and Jess Ferrick have signed to play Division-I ball at Marshall next spring.

"I think the relationship between those two has been real key," said Rich Ferrick, whose team has gone 14-5 this spring and is again a Northern Region favorite. "When I finally put Victoria behind the plate, I could see a whole different person in Jess. There was a connection there."

## SPORTS BRIEFS

### 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, Jus-



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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.**

tin 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

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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.

## 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 the finals."

## Quite a Road Trip

Centreville native David Butzke, a defender on Paul VI's boys' soccer team, has been appointed to the USA Youth Men's Soccer Team to compete at the 18th Maccabiah Games in Israel from July 12-23. In addition to helping Paul VI finish third in the Washington Catholic Athletic Conference and reach the Virginia Independent Schools Final Four this past fall, Butzke plays for the Great Falls 91 Premier Club Team in the National Capital Soccer League. In the summer of 2008, Butzke won a bronze medal for his team in the Jewish Community Center Maccabi Games in San Diego.

## 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 moti-

vated, 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.

## SYA Registration

Registration is underway online at [www.syasports.org](http://www.syasports.org) for all Southwestern Youth Association summer sports, including basketball, travel basketball, rugby and track and field. Registration for travel basketball will take place after a set of tryouts, which will be held the week of May 18. The schedule will be posted on SYA's Web site next week. Registration is also underway for rugby. Rugby runs through June and July with flexible scheduling to accommodate vacation plans.

## A Royal Start

Playing in the Northern Virginia Football Club, the Royals PDL (Professional Development League) started their season this past weekend. The Royals feature a number of local players, including Westfield graduate A.J. Sheta. The Royals are coached by Westfield's Tom Torres, and he's assisted by Josh Gros. The Royals' next match is scheduled for Saturday, May 16 at Middle Creek Park in Cary, N.C. For more information on the Royals or NOVA FC, visit the organization's Web site at [www.novafc.org](http://www.novafc.org).

## Girls' Hoops Camps

The Westfield Athletic Booster Club will hold two sessions of girls' basketball camp during June and July, with the first session running from June 22-26 (Elite Camp, ages 10-15) and July 6-10 (ages 8-15). Both camps will run from 8:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. Cost is \$140. The staff will consist of head coach Pat Deegan and assistant coach Alice Andersen, as well as current college and high school players. For more information or for applications, contact coach

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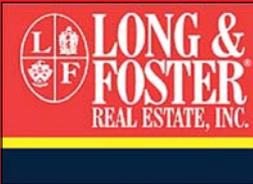
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