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Westfield High students pour out of the building after their first day of school.

## Bright Faces, New Hopes

After Labor Day, it's back to school for local students.

BY BONNIE HOBBS  
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Some 173,000 students returned to school Tuesday, Sept. 8, in Fairfax County; and at Rocky Run Middle School, Principal Dan Parris was outside greeting his flock. Starting his seventh year there, he said the school's in

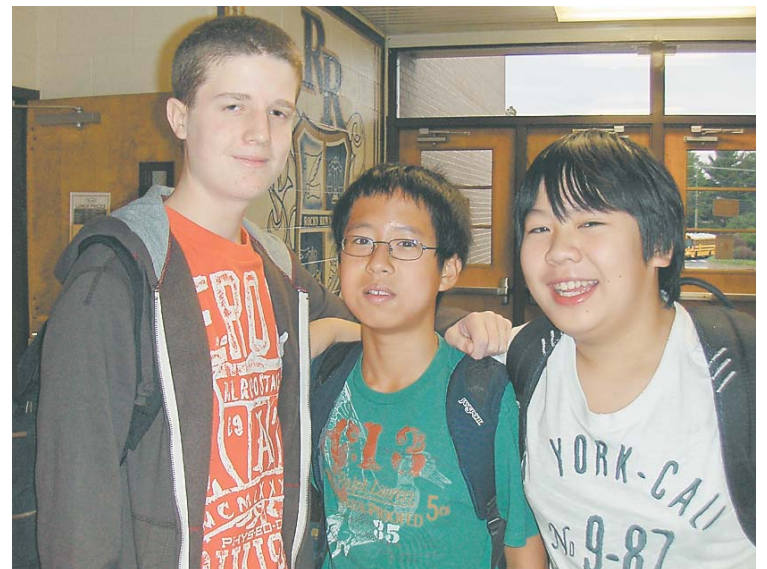
great shape.

"Our biggest challenge is that our enrollment's up 100 students in a tough budget year when class size was raised," said Parris. "But all the teachers are back, plus a few more, and the heart of any good school is its people, and we have an experience staff."

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From left: Eighth-grader Lilly Nowlakha and seventh-graders Hahna Cho and Andrea Calderon are excited to be at Rocky Run Middle School.



On their way to classes at Rocky Run Middle are (from left) eighth-graders Dylan Joyner, Kevin Jiang and Chris Shen.

## Bike Riders Raise Money for Multiple Sclerosis Research

BY BONNIE HOBBS  
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For the 11<sup>th</sup> year in a row, several area residents went on a 150-mile bike ride to raise money for the MS Society for multiple sclerosis research. Called the S&K Long Riders after sponsors Stitely and Karstetter, CPAs of Chantilly, the eight-person team raised almost \$6,000.

Beginning and ending at MeadowKirk in Middleburg, the summertime event was a big suc-

cess and, said Paul Karstetter, "Our adventures were definitely something to write home about."

Comprising the team were Karstetter and son Philip, 20, of Centreville's Sequoia Farms community; Frank Stitely of Ashburn; former Greenbriar West Elementary Assistant Principal Bill Rice, Reston; Mike La Plante, Springfield; former Centreville resident Quentin Miller, now of Allentown, Pa.; Mark Simon, Warrenton; and Steve Kennedy, Haymarket.

Paul Karstetter said the group's

dedication to this cause stems from two things. "First of all, a number of our friends and neighbors have been afflicted with this terrible disease, and that gives us the main reason for our efforts," he said. "Secondly, the new areas of research that medical scientists are delving into lead us to believe that they are closer than ever to reaching a cure in our lifetimes. We'd like to be a part of that solution."

The first day of the two-day ride dawned cool and clear, he said.

"We had a beautiful view of the surrounding hillsides and enjoyed having this new base location of MeadowKirk for our camping sleepover that night."

The local cyclists quickly joined the pack of 800 riders, some of whom were experienced riders, al

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## NEWS

# Working Toward Eagle Scout

BY BONNIE HOBBS  
CENTRE VIEW

**B**y the end of this month, Nate Schrader will become a brand new Eagle Scout.

He's now 14 and a freshman at Westfield High; but while in the eighth grade at Stone Middle School, he built six picnic tables

and 12 benches for the Pleasant Valley Recreation Association in Chantilly.

The son of Dede and Steve Schrader and big brother to Jason, 12, all of the Pleasant Valley community, Nate is a LIFE scout from Boy Scout Troop 30, sponsored by Centreville Presbyterian Church. His Scoutmaster is Ron Campbell.

Nate's been a Scout since first

grade and, he said, "I like hanging out with my friends in the troop and doing outdoor things – except for when it rains and there's bugs."

The newly constructed, wooden picnic tables and benches were done for his Eagle Scout project. The idea took shape after he spoke with Pleasant Valley Recreation Association President Ron Smith. "I asked him if there was anything I could do, and he said they needed benches and picnic tables," said Nate. "Most were for a grassy area and one was for a blacktop where the kids play during breaks from swimming. We demolished the old ones because they were dangerous – with splinters and rusty nails sticking out." He started planning the project in March and gathered about 25 friends, relatives and Scouts to work on it. They constructed most of the tables and benches on a Saturday in May and even drilled holes for umbrellas.

"It would have cost lots of money to buy them, but I got about \$1,000 in donations for materials," said Nate. "We didn't attach the benches, in case more were needed for swim meets."

**SINCE IT WAS** his Eagle Scout project, he supervised the work. Hardest, he said, was combining the pressed-and-treated wood with a composite material called Trex. Best, said Nate, was "Bossing people around. I supervised to make sure they were doing it right. According to the project rules, I was supposed to manage it, not do it."

He also felt "happy and proud to be done, because now I get to have bragging rights. But I couldn't have done it without my helpers."

Besides Scouting, Nate also enjoys fencing, being with his friends and making movies. He also likes listening to ACDC and Ozzie Osborne on his iPod, and walking his dog. After completing his project, he had to finish work on three more merit badges before submitting his Eagle application. But, said Nate, "I hope to get my Eagle Scout badge by Sept. 30."



Nate Schrader

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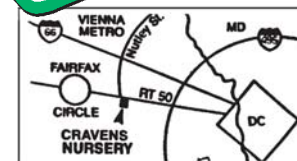
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## ROUNDUPS

### Police Investigate Abduction Try

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The woman did not understand and kept walking, but the man grabbed her from behind and a struggle ensued. The assailant pushed her to the ground and fled toward West Ox Road. The woman didn't require medical assistance.

The suspect was described as Hispanic, in his 20s, about 5 feet 3 inches and some 130 pounds. He had medium-length, curly black hair and wore a red T-shirt with white lettering, and dark pants.

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.

### Caputo Schedules Opening Of Campaign Headquarters

Del. Chuck Caputo (D-67<sup>th</sup>) is holding a reception at his new reelection-campaign headquarters, this Thursday, Sept. 10, at 7 p.m. at 44154 John Mosby Highway in Chantilly. His office is the yellow house at the intersection of Route 50 and Pleasant Valley Road. Attendees may see the office, enjoy some refreshments and meet Caputo and his campaign staff.

### 9/11 Ceremony Planned At Centreville Fire Station

Residents are invited to attend a special ceremony of remembrance, Friday, Sept. 11, at 7:45 p.m., in front of the West Centreville Fire Station 38 on Stone Road and ODay Drive in Centreville. "We encourage people to come show their patriotism and support to our servicemen and women and first-responders," said Sully Station II's Leslie Jenuleson, organizing the event with her husband Dan.

There'll be a brief ceremony, and residents are urged to bring flashlights, lanterns or candles, plus American flags. The event will include bagpipes and patriotic songs. In addition, new teddy bears will be collected for the Teddies for Tots campaign for local fire trucks and police cruisers. Bears must be new and in one-gallon, Ziplock plastic bags. For more information, contact Sully Station II Neighborhood Watch at 703-815-2006 or [dljenuleson@verizon.net](mailto:dljenuleson@verizon.net)

### WFCCA Meeting Is Sept. 15

The next meeting of the West Fairfax County Citizens Association (WFCCA) Land-Use Committee is Tuesday, Sept. 15, at 7 p.m., in the Sully District Governmental Center, 4900 Stonecroft Blvd., in Chantilly. The Exxon gas station at Route 29 and Old Centreville Road wants to amend its special-exception permit so alcohol may be legally sold at its convenience store there.

### Free Carseat Inspections

Certified technicians from the Sully District Police Station will perform free, child safety carseat inspections Thursday, Sept. 17, from 5-8:30 p.m., at the station, 4900 Stonecroft Blvd. in Chantilly. No appointment is necessary. But residents should install the child safety seats themselves so technicians may properly inspect and adjust them, as needed.

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

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## NEWS



PHOTOS BY BONNIE HOBBS/CENTRE VIEW

Westfield High faculty and administrators wave goodbye to the students as their buses leave after the first day of school.

## Bright Faces, New Hopes

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He was also thrilled that Rocky Run was "coming off the best year in its history. Rocky Run is the top-performing middle school in the state, in terms of SOLs. So this year, we'll continue building on the strengths we have and grow our enrichment activities, including our drama and science programs."

Last year, the school participated in an e-Cyber Mission project with the Army, competed against other teams and won. "The kids problem-solved the hazard of the rising deer population on the highways," said Parris. "They designed a car bumper to save both deer and human lives."

Although rain and heavy first-day traffic resulted in several late buses, when the students arrived, staff members helped them find their classes.

Seventh-grader Scarlet Vasquez was "nervous, because it's middle school," but looked forward to her electives, drama and tech exploration, and having a locker. Classmate Alexa Zwicker felt "weird" about meeting new people in a whole, new environment, but was pleased about lockers and art class.

Syd Patin, a seventh-grader from Greenbriar West Elementary, looked forward to playing basketball, and eighth-grader Carlos Quintana could hardly wait to reunite with friends and play soccer.

Brookfield grad John Fraumeni was excited to be in seventh grade and eager to begin his computer solutions class. Eighth-grader Mariana Lopez was also new, hav-

ing moved here from Los Angeles. "It's better here, and cleaner," she said. "It feels good. I'm looking forward to having new friends and teachers and taking French for the first time."

Seventh-grader Danielle Wood came from St. Timothy and called it fun to be in middle school and was pleased about her theater and home economics electives. Kaitlyn Horinko, also in seventh grade, plans to join the volleyball club and do well in her classes. "It feels like I have a lot of responsibility," she said. "Middle school has older kids and you get lockers."

Classmate Leon Kim was eager to meet new friends, but felt "awkward, because it's a big school with a lot of eighth-graders. And my

classes are on opposite sides of the school." But she looked forward to tech exploration, playing flute in the band, joining the model U.N. and playing basketball.

Among those helping newcomers like her find their way was Director of Student Services Jackie McKeown. "I wish it wasn't raining, but I'm excited about the new school year," she said. "I worked on the class schedules all summer and met a lot of parents, so now it's all falling into place."

She was also eager to "see what happens" with all the new students, now that Rocky Run has an enrollment of about 964. But, she added, "We did a lot of orienta-

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Westfield High students (from left) Gabriel Jebessa and Andre Martin are both starters on the freshman football team.

# Students Return to School

FROM PAGE 3

tion over the summer, so today is almost anti-climactic. By tomorrow, it'll look like we've been doing this for months."

## WESTFIELD HIGH

Students also had a busy first day at Westfield. Its 2,900-student enrollment is about 100 less than last year and, as the students left on the buses to go home, the entire faculty and administration lined up outside and waved goodbye to them.

"We had a great first day," said Principal Tim Thomas. "We're excited because we're celebrating our 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year. The building's look great, thanks to our custodians, and we had tremendous parent support helping with the Bulldog Barbecue and getting the back-to-school packets to-

gether. We also had a successful orientation last Friday for new students. And the kids did an outstanding job today – in class, in the halls and in the cafeteria; we couldn't have asked for better."

Senior Bethany Outen left with a smile on her face. "I love school," she said. "I'm a senior this year and Westfield's a great school. Even though it's big, we're like our own community; Mr. Thomas teases that we need our own ZIP code. And we're supposed to have a great football team this year – especially with Danny Fenyak at quarterback."

Another senior, John Diaz, is "going for a 3.6 [GPA]," likes his human anatomy class and plans to wrestle. Added classmate Tim Saylor: "It's exciting to be a senior; it's my last first day. And I'm excited about my auto technology

class at The Chantilly Academy." Junior Jackie Barrera missed being in Guatemala where she spent summer vacation, but is looking forward to homecoming.

"I like this a lot better than middle school," said Andre Martin. "It's bigger and has more people. I'm looking forward to playing freshman football and scoring lots of touchdowns; I'm a starting running back. Gabriel Jebessa will also be a starting full-back on that team. He likes his Spanish class, said his teachers are nice and plans to get good grades.

French teacher Cathy Pluchinsky has been at Westfield since it opened and teaches all grade levels. "I'm excited to see a lot of my students back and to teach the new freshmen," she said. "I feel refreshed after the summer and am ready to have a good year ahead."



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**From left: Together after school are Westfield High language teachers Carmen Brown, Spanish; Jan Hagedorn, Spanish and French; Donna Winstanley, Latin; Elizabeth Bush, American Sign Language; Martita Murray, Spanish; and Cathy Pluchinsky, French.**

# Bicyclists Raise Money for Multiple Sclerosis Research

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though most were not. "We left the park and continued through Airmont, Upperville, Marshall and into The Plains for lunch," said Karstetter. "The MS folks have plenty of food and drink at the breaks, with the Corner Bakery providing a wonderful lunch at the halfway mark. After all the hills, we were ready for a nice nap in the shade following lunch to get our legs back — and our energy level."

Much to their delight, the temperature stayed no higher than 80 degrees, both days. "It was almost perfect weather, a few clouds, a little breezy and great scenery," said Karstetter. "We finally dragged ourselves across the finish line, the first day, about eight hours and 63 miles after we started. We were then ready for an evening of music, beverages, fine food and very welcome showers."

"The second day provided more great weather, a 53-mile circuit, a few sore bottoms and aching muscles and more than a few challenging hills," he continued. "After leaving Meadowkirk, we headed north this time, towards Hillsboro, Lovettsville, Waterford, Purcellville and back toward

camp."

But on their way from Purcellville, past Lincoln, they were heading down a steep hill between 25-30 miles per hour when trouble struck. As it happened, a car in front of them accidentally acted as a pace car; however, at the bottom of the hill was a one-lane bridge. Suddenly, a car came around the blind corner from the other direction, causing the driver of the "pace" car to slam on his brakes and stop.

The bike team's two front riders — who weren't too far behind the car — had to hit their brakes. One was successful, one was not. "The second rider went sideways in the road, missed the car by a foot and then crashed onto the pavement in great agony," said Karstetter. "The result was three broken ribs and a broken collarbone. The end of the ride had come for him, as well as for some teammates who assisted him, called an ambulance and then made sure all their bikes got safely back to camp. The good news is that he recovered successfully and was back on his bike in a few weeks."

The finish line was a festive scene, complete with balloons flying, music blaring, crowds cheering and Subway subs for the riders. Then, after a few celebratory con-



**Some of the members of the S&K Long Riders bike team are (from left) Mike La Plante, Quentin Miller, Bill Rice, Frank Stitely, and Philip and Paul Karstetter.**

gratulations to each other, the S&K Long Riders packed their bikes and headed for home.

"It was a thrill being able to raise such a large sum of money this year for such a

worthy cause," said Karstetter. "We were concerned that, due to the economy, it might be harder than usual. But we worked extra hard on our fund-raising efforts, and it turned out better than ever."

## ROUNDUPS

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### Centreville Day Planning Meeting

Centreville Day is Sept. 26, and the organizers are hard at work planning this annual, fun-filled celebration. Their next meeting is Tuesday, Sept. 8, at 7 p.m., at the Long & Foster Building, 6101 Old Centreville Road in Centreville. It will focus on organizing

and orienting volunteers for the event. For more information, contact Cheryl and Felicia at [ccf@CentrevilleVa.org](mailto:ccf@CentrevilleVa.org).

### Alto Plaza Helps Centreville Day

Now through Sept. 23, people eating at Alto Plaza restaurant on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays can also help raise funds for Centreville Day. Print out the Alto Plaza flyer at [www.CentrevilleVa.org](http://www.CentrevilleVa.org),

and the restaurant will make a 15 percent donation to Centreville Day for flyers presented before ordering. Alto Plaza is at 5800 Old Centreville Road in Centreville.

### Police Charge One With DWI

To deter and apprehend intoxicated drivers, Fairfax County police conducted DWI directed patrols throughout the Fair

Oaks District, from Friday, Sept. 4 at 11 p.m. until Saturday, Sept. 5 at 3 a.m. Motorists stopped for suspicion of driving while intoxicated were checked to assure that their abilities to drive had not been impaired by alcohol or drugs.

Approximately 43 motorists were stopped, and one person was charged with DWI. Eighteen summonses were issued for miscellaneous traffic offenses. Eight officers and one auxiliary police officer participated.

# Running in Their Sister's Memory

## Siblings host Courtney's Race for ARDS cure.

BY BONNIE HOBBS  
CENTRE VIEW

An artist and creative writer, Courtney Charneco was in the first graduating class of Centreville High (then a secondary school) in 1991 and planned to attend Tulane University that fall.

But before the next chapter of her life could even begin, she took ill and was diagnosed with Acute Respiratory Distress Syndrome (ARDS). A week later, she was dead at age 19.

Now, to bring awareness to the disease that took her life and help raise money for a cure, plus a memorial scholarship at Centreville, her siblings are holding a 5K race in her honor. The first annual Courtney's Race for ARDS will be held Saturday, Sept. 19, at 6:30 p.m., at Centreville High.

The race will circle around Twin Lakes Golf Course, and walkers, runners, strollers and dogs are welcome. Prizes will be awarded to the best overall runner, male, female and child. Online registration is at [www.courtneysrace.com](http://www.courtneysrace.com); cost is \$25 until Sept. 17 and \$30 at the school on race day.

"ARDS is something not many people know about, but it affects hundreds of thousands of people every year in the U.S.," said Courtney's sister Scotty Charneco, 33, of Arlington. "It has an extremely high fatality rate, there's no cure and the exact cause is unknown."



Courtney Charneco

Sometimes, it's brought on by a severe trauma, such as a car accident, said Courtney's brother Dane Charneco, 39, of Little Rocky Run. "It's a reaction of the body preventing oxygen from binding with the red blood cells so — even with artificially given oxygen — you can't survive," he said. "Your organs would shut down. Also, it could be triggered by an allergic reaction to sulfides."

But it's not a disease — it's a syndrome, said Scotty. "It's related to a number of problems, such as pneumonia. It's actually been linked to 60 things, and people dying from Swine Flu are actually dying from ARDS."

Dane said it's often mistaken for pneumonia because it affects the lungs and breathing. And, added Scotty, "It needs to be brought to light. There needs to be more research done to find a cure."

So they're hoping lots of people will sign up for the fundraising race. Said Dane: "At a time when we're making so many advances in the health field, this is a syndrome that's been overlooked. There's been very little progress."

Since Centreville High played such an important role in Courtney's life, her siblings are pleased that it's so supportive of the upcoming race. "School counselor Kelly Devlin gave us the facility to use and got volunteers to help that day," said Scotty. "And Pacers running store in Fairfax is a sponsor."

Courtney drew Centreville's first Wildcat emblem and was involved in many school activities. She wrote poems, took photographs, painted and acted in school theater productions under Director Skip Maiden. She was also a member and an officer of the National

Honor Society.

Courtney's Race for ARDS is a nonprofit organization, and tax-deductible donations payable to that name may be sent to Courtney's Race for ARDS, 820 North Pollard St., No. 403, Arlington, VA 22203.

"People can also donate on the Web site via PayPal," said Scotty. "Even a dollar would be helpful."

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## Labor Day

Thankful for the jobs we have; states need some bailing out.

After a long Labor Day weekend, most of us with jobs no doubt spent at least a minute in silent thanks for having a job; all the more so for those lucky enough to have jobs with paid holidays and health insurance.

Almost everyone knows someone struggling after having lost a job, someone who personifies and personalizes the so-called "jobless recovery."

In the Washington metropolitan area, the economy does have life, and there is growth in jobs, another reason to be thankful.

But while Northern Virginia has the lowest unemployment rate in the state, 5 percent in July, down from 5.5 percent a month earlier, it also has the highest number of unemployed people in the state.

In Northern Virginia, in July there were more than 75,000 unemployed people, down from more than 80,000 in June, but up from just

over 43,000 a year ago in July 2008.

Northern Virginia also tops the state in the number of people without health insurance, according to a recent Census Bureau report. In Fairfax County, there were 149,642 people without health insurance from all income levels. That's more than 16 percent. These numbers are from 2006, when the economy was quite a bit better than it is now.

In Arlington, more than 21 percent, 38,018 people, lacked health insurance. In Loudoun County, the number was 11 percent, or 29,205 people without health insurance. In the City of Alexandria, more than 18 percent is without health insurance, 22,399. In the City of Fairfax, 18 percent or 3,685 people were without health insurance.

These are people who will be unlikely to get seasonal flu shots or swine flu vaccinations. These are people who will have to turn to

emergency rooms if they do get sick.

The Virginia budget shortfall is one looming problem that won't help the economic rebound, and it is a problem replicated at least another 47 times around the country. As the federal stimulus spending is kicking in, Virginia is facing a massive shortfall, and must trim well over \$1 billion in spending. In fact the infusion of federal stimulus dollars prevents the cuts from being far more difficult. But this is a terrible time for states to be forced to cut their budgets. Every dollar the state cuts diminishes the stimulus spending by a dollar.

With transportation spending down to an amount that would be laughable if we weren't all stuck in traffic, what's likely to be cut next include programs for the most vulnerable people. For the recovery to continue on track, the feds should consider spending some money to bail out the states.

EDITORIAL

## Ramadhan in Action: Helping at Shelter

BY SEHER CHOWDHRY  
FOR CENTRE VIEW

Muslim women from the AMC (Ahmadiyya Muslim Community) spent Monday morning, Sept. 7, feeding the homeless when they brought and served food to clients of the Embry Rucker Shelter in Reston. This is but one of many ways the group has participated in community service and still continues to do so. The community has been delivering freshly cooked food on a regular basis. They are one of the countless other volunteers who donate to the center out of pure good will.



Women from the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community serve food while they fast.

and drink during the period of the fast but does not restrain himself from uttering falsehood starves himself to no purpose.' In other words, there is no point in being hungry if you're not going to be on your best behavior. History states that while the Holy Prophet (peace be upon him) was already a caring and generous soul who helped the poor and needy out of true concern, during Ramadhan his behavior intensified tenfold.

Following in that conduct some go to great lengths and are encouraged by these actions to look after the ones who can't do it themselves. Asmara Akbar had been up at 6 o'clock in the morning cooking lunch for the shelter while she fasted. "It felt good to help people," she says. "When you're at home you don't know about anything that's happening out there. What hurt me most was seeing the children in that shelter. My kids have the freedom to eat whatever they want, when they want, but those children I saw, they have timings. They don't have that liberty because of their situation, that's what hurt me most. But as a whole, the experience felt really nice."

Farhana Fouzia, who is representing the group of women for her chapter in Virginia, expressed her comments to the shelter's Resource Manager in the following statement: "We are so grateful for this opportunity to serve others in the community during the blessed month of Ramadhan. So many of our members were able to participate by either donating gift items, preparing lunch, or serving lunch. We appreciate the relationship we have with the Embry Rucker Shelter as an ongoing effort to support our community."

The clients of the shelter were truly grateful, coming back for more and filling up on freshly home-cooked cuisines — food that the Muslim ladies were only glad to serve.

The shelter itself is a non-profit establishment which is categorized under Emergency Shelter, meeting the basic requirements for its clients in terms of food, refuge, childcare and other services. In this group everyone is equal and is thinking of others. For them Ramadhan is more than just fasting, in this case it is being predisposed to human sympathy bringing out a side that strongly encourages action. We could all learn from this holy month.

Visit: [www.alislam.org](http://www.alislam.org).

### Chuck Caputo Serves Summa Cum Laude

To the Editor  
Del. Chuck Caputo (D-67th District) has served in the General Assembly for four years, summa cum laude. He has learned to maneuver effectively within a Republican-controlled House. He has succeeded in gaining passage of bills that have effectively and visibly improved transportation in Fairfax and Loudoun counties. Successes include expansion in use of shoulder lanes, I-66; funding provisions to widen VA 590; and establishment of a funded program to repair the Fair Lakes-Fairfax County Parkway interchange. Drawing upon an engineering and management background Chuck has also encouraged and supported efforts to improve traffic flow and safety by installation of traffic

light synchronization systems. He also advocated creation of the HOT lanes now under construction on the Washington Beltway. Additionally, the fact that his service with the Northern Virginia Community Colleges has underscored a recognition and understanding for well-educated citizens reinforces the need to retain Chuck in the position of Delegate, 67th District. He will support full funding of Virginia's education programs. Chuck has gained the support and respect of Virginians from all parts of the state. He is needed in the House of Delegates.

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**Seated on floor from left to right: Miss Brittany Alison Yantis and Miss Genevieve Celeste McManus. Seated left to right: Miss Brooke Marie Zeltner, Miss Robyn Ann Diseati, Miss Cheniece Nicole Richardson and Miss Kari-Amanda Ruth Ottosen. Standing left to right: Miss Alexa Victoria Nieves, Miss Melissa Kristine Saale and Miss Kara Jane Watrud.**

### Old Dominion Cotillion Hosts its 18th Debutante Ball

**T**he Old Dominion Cotillion (“ODC”) held its 18th Annual Debutante Ball at Westfields Marriott in Chantilly on July 18. Family and friends who gathered for dinner and dancing celebrated the debut of nine local young women. The Debutantes dressed in white Cinderella-like ball gowns were formally presented by their fathers and then escorted by cadets from the Virginia Military Institute.

**THE ODC** announces the debut of its 2009 debutantes: Miss Robyn Ann Diseati, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Blair Diseati of Clifton, who is a rising senior at Robinson Secondary School; Miss Genevieve Celeste McManus, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Mulligan of Fairfax, who will be a senior at Chantilly High School; Miss Alexa Victoria Nieves, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. Dean Tarbet of Annandale, a senior at Bishop O’Connell High School; Miss Kari-Amanda Ruth Ottosen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Karl Ottosen of Fairfax Station, who will be a senior at Wellington High School, Wellington, Fla.; Miss Cheniece Nicole Richardson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Darryl Green of Burke, and Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Richardson of Lorton, a graduate of Robinson Secondary School; Miss Melissa Kristine Saale, daughter of Mr. Stephen Salle and Ms. Toi Hatcher-Salle of Waterloo, IL, a rising senior at The Madeira School; Miss Kara Jane Watrud, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Watrud of Fairfax, a senior at Chantilly High School; Miss Brittany Alison Yantis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Yantis of Clifton, who will be a senior at Flint Hill School; and Miss Brooke Marie Zeltner, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Zeltner of Middleburg, a senior at Loudoun Valley High School.

The program also included the announcement of five Pages (seventh- and eighth-graders), 11 Future Debutantes (ninth- and tenth-graders), and nine Post Debutantes (seniors and college freshmen). Returning alumnae of the Cotillion were also recognized.

The Old Dominion Cotillion is a women’s organization that was established in 1991. It is an organization in which young women are educated in the

social graces through enrichment, social and philanthropic activities to grow in confidence and poise. The ODC’s social season begins with the annual fall invitational tea. The ODC’s social development activities have varied over the years — from a poise and social graces seminar to a wardrobe seminar at a popular area clothing store. Each year, the young women also participate in dance lessons and seminars in tea pouring, stationery and dinner etiquette. In addition to enrichment activities, the young women and their families enjoy numerous social events throughout the social season, such as a Halloween Party, a fashion show, the annual Holiday Gala, an ice skating party, a father-daughter Valentine’s brunch and a Kentucky Derby party. Each year, “Ball Week” is filled with activities for the young women and their families as they anticipate the annual Debutante Ball — including family day, a Debutante luncheon, the “Ring Dance” (where the Debutantes are presented with the ODC’s signature ring) and the Rehearsal Party. Though the annual Debutante Ball signifies the end of the social season, it also marks the beginning of a new journey for the young women who are making their debuts.

**ONE OF THE** objectives of the ODC is to teach its young women social responsibility and encourage them to engage in the community. In the spring of 2008, the ODC began a philanthropic partnership with the Katherine K. Hanley Family Shelter in Fairfax. The shelter is run by Shelter House Inc., which is a community-based, non-profit organization serving homeless families in Fairfax County. Over the past year, ODC members contributed over 200 hours of service to the shelter. For its efforts, the ODC was recently awarded a 2009 Volunteer Service Award in the category of “Youth Volunteer Group” by Volunteer Fairfax.

The ODC’s new social season will commence with the annual Invitational Tea on Sept. 27. For more information about the ODC, contact Mrs. C. Peter Gallagher, Director, at 703-476-9576 or visit the Web site at [www.olddominioncotillion.org](http://www.olddominioncotillion.org).

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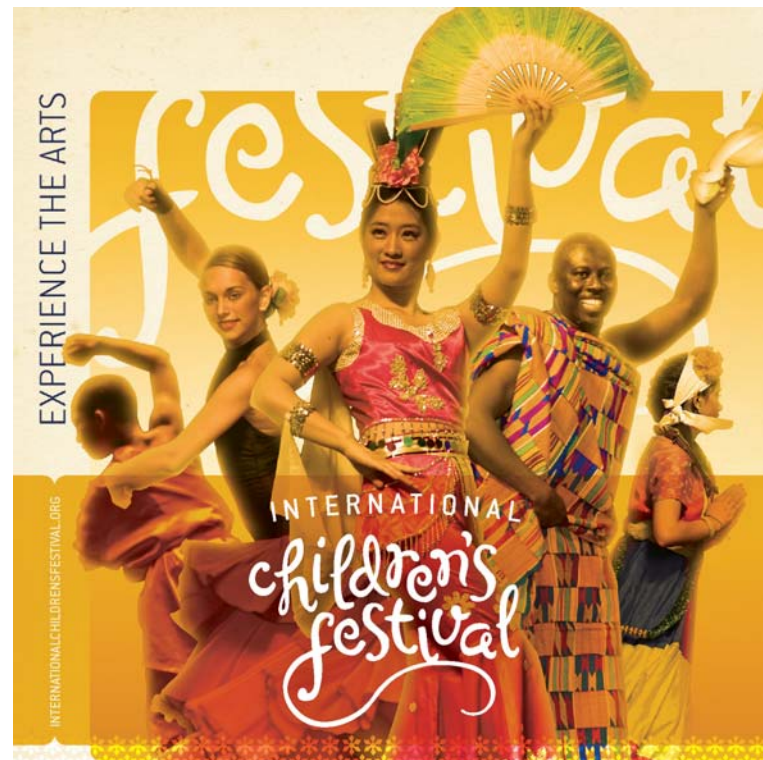
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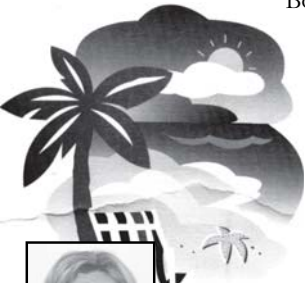
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The **Centreville Farmers Market** will be operating every Friday until Oct. 30 from 3:30-6 p.m. at 5885 Trinity Parkway, Centreville. Vendors will change throughout the season.

### THURSDAYS

**Hope for Today Al-Anon Family Group.** 7:15 p.m. Help for friends and family of problem drinkers. At Centreville Presbyterian Church, 15450 Lee Hwy., Centreville. Go to [www.ALAnonVA.com](http://www.ALAnonVA.com).

### THURSDAY/SEPT. 10

**Breakfast with Kelly Lavin.** 10 a.m. to noon. GFWC-WFCWC will have a breakfast with guest speaker Kelly Lavin, executive director of Our Neighbor's Child. At Chantilly Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road, Chantilly. Seating is limited and reservations are required. Contact 703-631-7830 or [WesternFairfaxCountyWC@gmail.com](mailto:WesternFairfaxCountyWC@gmail.com) to reserve your seat.

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**Rocky Run Community Yard Sale.** 8 a.m. to noon. Multiple homes participating, located on Rocky Run Drive, near the intersection of Braddock and Stone Roads. Rain date Sunday Sept 13.

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planning and the "four rules of fiscal responsibility." At the Town Hall in Clifton. RSVP to [robingraine@verizon.net](mailto:robingraine@verizon.net).

### SUNDAY/SEPT. 13

**Sully Quilt Show.** 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. \$9/adults, \$8/seniors, \$6/children admission. More than 40 vendors will be offering antique and new quilts, fabrics, antique linens, baskets, stained glass and jewelry and a variety of traditional fiber arts. At Sully Historic Site. Call 703-437-1794.

### MONDAY/SEPT. 14

**Showing Roses.** 7 p.m. Learn how to show roses with master consulting rosarian Nita Bowen. At the Merrifield Garden Center, 12101 Lee Highway, Fairfax. Call Pam Powers at 703-371-9351.

**Top 10 Frauds and Scams.** 12:30 p.m. lunch followed by a discussion sponsored by OWLS (Older, Wiser, Livelier Seniors) affiliated with the Clifton Presbyterian Church of Clifton. Juanita Balenger, community outreach coordinator from the office of the Attorney General, will give the presentation. Cost is \$7 at the door. At Fellowship Hall at Clifton Presbyterian Church, Main Street, 12748 Richards Lane, Clifton. RSVP By Thursday, Sept. 10 to 703-830-8198.

### TUESDAY/SEPT. 15

**Rotary Meeting.** 11.15 a.m. at Eggspectations, 5009 Westone Plaza, Chantilly, off Westfields Blvd. Prospective members and visitors welcome; \$12 lunch. Call Mary Ann Ingram at 703-966-8168.

### THURSDAY/SEPT. 17

**Former Gov. Jim Gilmore.** 6:30 p.m. social, 7 p.m. presentation. At the Western Fairfax Republican Women's Club (WFRWC) meeting. At Fairfax County Government Center (Sully District Station), 4900 Stonecroft Boulevard, Chantilly. Go to [www.wfrwc.org/](http://www.wfrwc.org/)

### SEPT. 19-20

**Virginia Wine Festival.** Featuring 50 Virginia wineries, craft exhibitors, seminars and music by Lisa Simone, Beleza Brasil, Cherry Blossom String Quartet, Robert Jospe and Inner Rhythm Sextet, and DJ Williams Projekt. At Bull Run Regional Park Special Events Center, Centreville. Call 540-745-FEST.

**Truro Church Used Book Sale.** 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Huge outdoor book sale on the front lawn. Reading by Poet Scott Cairns, book signing and reception: Sunday 7 p.m. in the Chapel. Book donations may be dropped off at Truro Church Sept. 8-17, from 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

### SATURDAY/SEPT. 19

**Cox Farms Fall Festival Opens.** Over 90 acres of farmland attractions, five giant slides; unlimited hayrides; rope swings; farm animals and their babies; the Cornudrum Cornfield Adventure; straw tunnels; goat village; live

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**Consignment Sale.** 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. 150+ families will be selling good quality clothing, infant/kids' clothing, shoes, costumes, holiday wear, outdoor (winter coats, snow pants, boots, gloves), toys, books, games, CD/DVD/VHS, baby, and more! At Chantilly High School cafeteria, 4201 Stringfellow Road, Chantilly. Visit [www.fcmm.org](http://www.fcmm.org).

**Document Shredding Event.** 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Also fluorescent light recycling. Long fluorescent tubes and broken bulbs will not be accepted. A limit of five medium-sized boxes of paper per household will be accepted for shredding at the Sully District Government Center, 4900 Stonecroft Blvd., Chantilly.

**CFS, FMS, and OI Support Group.** 10 a.m. to noon. For the monthly meeting for the NOVA Chronic Fatigue Syndrome (CFS), Fibromyalgia (FM), and Orthostatic Intolerance (OI) Support Group, which also includes those with MVPS/ Dysautonomia, multiple chemical sensitivity (MCS), IBS, IC, POTS and similar syndromes. McDonnell Room, Sully Governmental Center, 4900 Stonecroft Blvd, Chantilly. Contact Elly at 703-968-9818 or [CFSsupport-owner@yahoo.com](mailto:CFSsupport-owner@yahoo.com). On the web, see [www.cfsnova.com](http://www.cfsnova.com).

### SUNDAY/SEPT. 20

**ESL Storytime.** 3 p.m. Stories and activities in Korean and English. All ages. No registration required. At Centreville Regional Library, 14200 St. Germain Drive, Centreville. Call 703-830-2223.

**"Spies of Crinoline" Premier.** 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. Tickets are \$5. Bert Morgan, producer and director, is from Chantilly. Much of the action of the movie takes place in Fairfax, Va., at historic sites in Fairfax City and in the town of Vienna. Learn more about Spies in Crinoline at [www.imdb.com](http://www.imdb.com) by entering the movie title in the search field. Movie premier at the Cinema Arts Theatre in fair City Mall, Fairfax.

### TUESDAY/SEPT. 22

**Rotary Meeting.** 11.15 a.m. at Eggspectations, 5009 Westone Plaza, Chantilly, off Westfields Blvd. Prospective members and visitors welcome; \$12 lunch. Call Mary Ann Ingram at 703-966-8168.

**RCIA Classes.** 7:30 p.m. Classes for adults: Spiritual formation classes for the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). All adults interested in learning more about the Catholic faith are welcome. At St. Timothy Catholic Church, 13807 Poplar Tree Road, Chantilly. Call 703-378-7646 or go to the web site at [www.sttimothyparish.org](http://www.sttimothyparish.org).

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A 2009 graduate of Centreville High School, Sean is currently a freshman at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, where he is enrolled in the university studies program.

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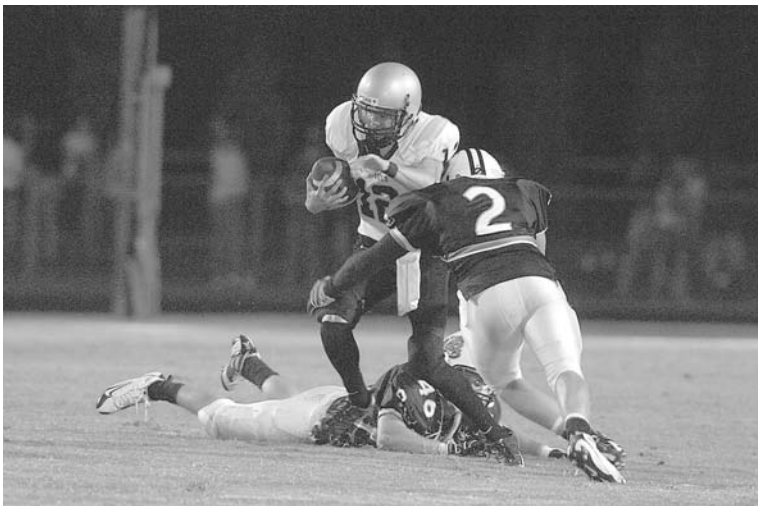


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**Quarterback Danny Fenyak breaks a tackle during the Bulldogs final drive. Fenyak threw for 110 yards and a touchdown in the loss.**

## Westfield loses to Stone Bridge 21-18 on blocked field goal attempt.

BY REED S. ALBERS  
CENTRE VIEW

Westfield Head Coach Tom Verbanic answered reporters' questions with a disappointed tone after a blocked field goal foiled his team's comeback and ended in a 21-18 loss to Stone Bridge High School on Sept. 4. Verbanic, however, cracked a smile when asked if he chose the game-opener, double-pass gadget play because of its success in Westfield's final game last season.

"No comment," he said coyly.

On the game's first play, junior wide receiver Mack Spees caught a pass from senior quarterback Danny Fenyak and then heaved the ball 70 yards to senior wide receiver Gary Turner for a touchdown.

The aggressive play call surprised the other Westfield coaches and the Stone Bridge defense.

"It was what we needed to get the jump on [Stone Bridge]," Turner said. "It helped because we were on the road and it gave us life."

The play also sent a message to the standing-room-only crowd that Westfield was not a pushover despite being in a rebuilding year after a 9-3 season in 2008 and losing key seniors to graduation.

"We knew we could hang with these guys," Fenyak said. "We knew we had a chance. It got our confidence up."

Westfield also had a 42-yard rushing touchdown from sophomore Kendall Anderson, but the Bulldogs struggled to establish an offensive rhythm and were unable to hold a lead in the second half.

**THIS WAS THE FIRST** meeting of the two schools that opened in 2000. The two programs have been dominant programs in recent years and have three state football

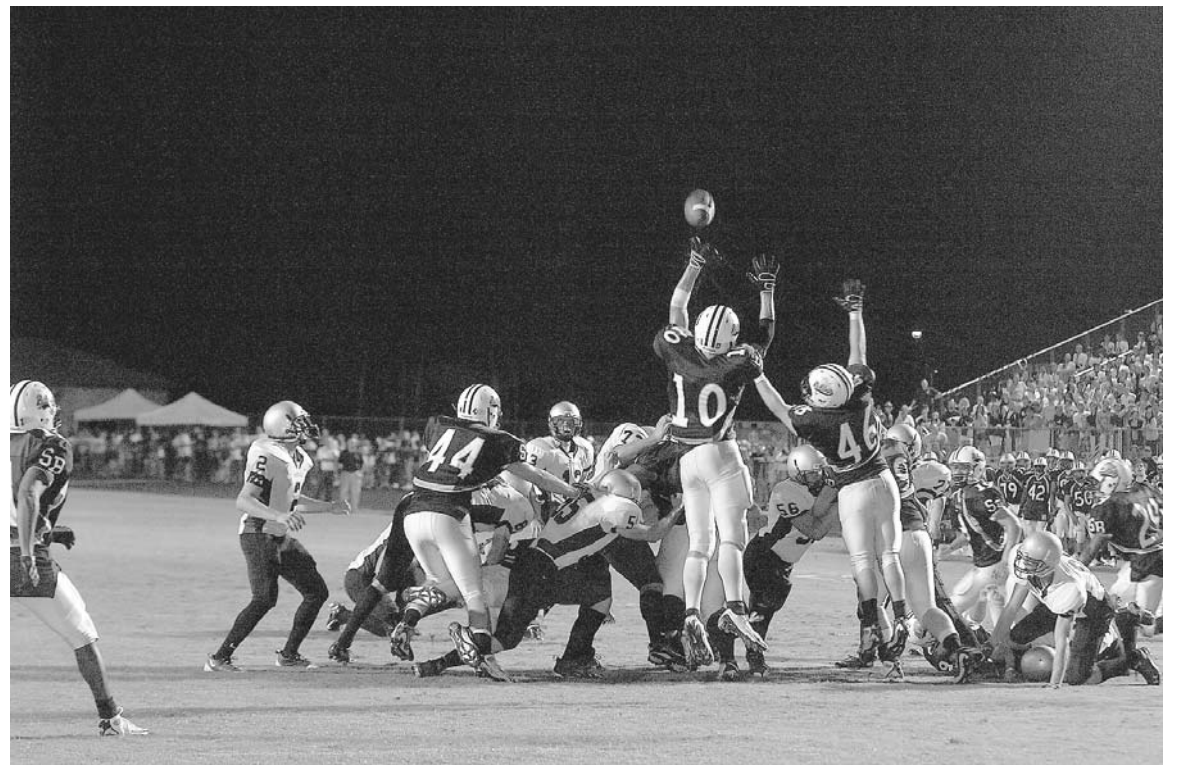


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**Stone Bridge defender Spencer Rositano (No. 10) blocks Westfield kicker James Crossett's game-tying field goal in the fourth quarter.**

championships between them.

It was only fitting that Stone Bridge Head Coach Mickey Thompson matched Verbanic with the exact same gadget play to open the second half, resulting in the game-winning touchdown.

"We talked about the double pass and they came out and hit it. We thought we could run it on them," Thompson said. "Thankfully, we were able to trump them and hit our own double pass. That's a play you open with, and it's a deflator when you hit it."

The trick play caught Westfield off-guard, but Turner said that he never felt like his team was out of the game.

"[The trick play] choked us up a little, but we didn't put our heads down," Turner said. "We kept pushing forward and kept at it."

The game finished in dramatic fashion as Stone Bridge turned over the ball on the Westfield 40-yard line with 1:50 left in the fourth quarter, setting up a final drive for Westfield.

"We just had to get into field goal position," Fenyak said.

Fenyak marched the Bulldogs down the field and survived a third and long situation created by a Stone Bridge sack.

**BUT STONE BRIDGE** defender Spencer Rositano foiled the fourth-quarter comeback attempt by blocking senior James Crossett's the game-tying field goal.

"We told each other we've got to be a family here and hold them," Rositano said. "Then when we came out and blocked the field goal, it was just a great feeling."

Rositano's field goal block was the second block of the day for Stone Bridge. The Stone Bridge defense blocked an extra point attempt earlier in the game.

Despite the loss, Westfield is taking the season game-by-game and not overlooking future opponents.

"We have to work on getting better every week," Verbanic said. "This was our biggest game this week, and next week our biggest game is West Potomac."

Though the Westfield players were disappointed by the loss, many said the team would learn from this experience, a feeling Verbanic echoed in his post-game talk.

"It's either a good loss or a bad loss," Verbanic said "If we get better from this loss, then it's not a bad loss at all."

COURTESY PHOTO

**The Chantilly Panthers are front row: Tyler Zampello, Allie Klimkiewicz, Kelly North, Julia Golden. Middle row: Coach Dori Zampello, Kayla Christian, Sami Bassett, Kayla Gomez, Isabelle Murakami, Colleen Davidson, Coach Jim Nieves. Back row: Callie Carlstrom, Sydney Applegate, Annie Williams, Caroline Howard, Mackenzie Burnette, Emily Smith and Cori Black.**



## SPORTS BRIEFS

### Panthers Take Top Honors at Sun Cup

The Chantilly Panthers U13 girls soccer team claimed the championship trophy at the Sun Cup Tournament in Virginia beach on August 23 and 24.

The girls posted a 3-0-1 record while scoring 12 goals and only allowing three goals against. The squad consisted of girls from Chantilly, Centreville and Oakton.

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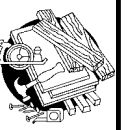
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Each meeting will include a continuous open house with study representatives available to provide information. Presentations will be given at 7:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. with an opportunity for questions and answers afterwards.

**Meeting Dates and Locations**

<b>Wednesday, September 23, 2009</b> Arlington County Board Room-3rd Floor 2100 Clarendon Boulevard Arlington, VA 22201	<b>Wednesday, September 30, 2009</b> Oakton High School Cafeteria 2900 Sutton Road Vienna, VA 22181
<b>Thursday, September 24, 2009</b> Battlefield High School Auditorium 15000 Graduation Drive Haymarket, VA 20169	<b>Schedule for all Meetings:</b> 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. - Open House 7:00 p.m. - Presentation and Q&A 8:00 p.m. - Presentation and Q&A

For more information on the study, visit  
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If you are unable to attend a meeting, comments on the study may be sent to Public Information Office, DRPT, 600 E. Main St., Suite 2102, Richmond, VA 23219, or DRPTPR@DRPT.Virginia.gov. Comments will be accepted until October 9, 2009.

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## GOP Women Turn Out for McDonnell

On Saturday, Aug. 29, the Republican Women of Clifton participated in a Taco Fiesta hosted by Tito Muñoz and his wife Debbie who teamed up with Republican Women from Prince William County for an evening of family fun and politics.

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Bob McDonnell.

On Sunday, Aug. 30, it was off to Burke Lake Park where women from 11 Republican Women's Clubs joined efforts to honor Bob McDonnell and his wife Maureen for an afternoon of children performances including dancing and singing as well as food and company. Both events had 350-plus people in attendance to each. For details, visit [clifontop.com](http://clifontop.com).



## Hugo and Volunteers Gather for 'Flag Day'

Del. Timothy Hugo and more than 35 volunteers embarked on their 7th annual "Flag Day" on July 2. This event celebrates the 4th of July weekend and has grown from 1,000 homes at its inception to more than 13,000 this year. "Flag Day" happens every year on the week before the 4th of

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