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From left are CAC member Bill Worthington; Anthony and Natali Muñoz with mom and dad, Kelli and Lou Muñoz; Capt. John Piper and CAC's Leslie Jenuleson.

MPO Lou Muñoz Is Honored

Named Sully District Station's Officer of the Year.

BY BONNIE HOBBS
CENTRE VIEW

Honored for his work in the police department and as the SRO (School Resource Officer) at Westfield High, MPO Lou Muñoz is the Sully District Station's Officer of the Year.

He was named last Tuesday, March 16, during a meeting of the station's CAC (Citizens Advisory Committee), which chose the winner. Also nominated were Pfc. Matthew Allen, MPO Julie Hersey and Pfc. Virgil Swartz.

"I commend all the nominees," said Capt. John Piper, the station commander. "I'm very proud of MPO Munoz. He gives 110 percent every day and is the embodiment of what we envision as Sully's Of-

ficer of the Year. He's a fantastic mentor and example to the students at Westfield and sets the bar high for the younger officers here at the station."

Nominating Muñoz was Sgt. Bill Fulton, who oversees Fairfax County's SROs. In his letter doing so, he said SROs are crucial to a school's safety and that, at Westfield, Muñoz has become "an outstanding addition to the school and an essential member of the staff."

"Recently, Lou was the catalyst in breaking down what would ultimately become a federal investigation involving the distribution of heroin which resulted in several overdoses and deaths," wrote Fulton. "Due to Lou's well-established rapport with the kids in his school, he received information regarding narcotics activity that led to successful convictions in federal court."

He said Muñoz often develops information from teens that stops crimes from

"I'm basically the personal police officer for everyone at that school."

— MPO Lou Muñoz,
Westfield High SRO

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Straight Talk on Substance Abuse

Former heroin addict, Tayler Gibson, advises parents.

BY BONNIE HOBBS
CENTRE VIEW

When Centreville High hosted a meeting on substance-abuse prevention, last week, the speakers' words came from the heart. They knew all too well the tragedy drugs can wreak on people's lives.

Greg Lannes lost a daughter to heroin, Tayler Gibson both used and dealt it, and Centreville Principal Mike Campbell has seen how harmful drugs are to teens. All three shared their stories with parents and some students, last Monday, March 15, in hopes of preventing them from experiencing the heartbreak they knew firsthand.

"We're here to help," said

Campbell. "In 29 years of education, I've seen some really bad things — especially related to Skip Day and Beach Week — and I'm tired of going to funerals and hospitals."

He warned parents to be alert for changes in their children's school attendance, grades, discipline, friends and activities. "With marijuana use, they don't care; they lose all desire and ambition," he said. "And I can't educate a kid on drugs — he can't do two things



Tayler Gibson

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Advice to Parents

BY BONNIE HOBBS
CENTRE VIEW

Fairfax County police Sgt. Bill Fulton is in charge of school resource officers countywide. He said SROs work to keep students safe at school, but he's troubled by what he observes outside school walls.

"I live here, too, and I see drug deals go down all the time, in my everyday life," said Fulton. He said popular stores and casual restaurants "where kids hang out and don't leave" are often where narcotics change hands.

"Shopping centers are places where dealers find kids who want to buy drugs," he told parents at Centreville High's recent substance-abuse meeting. "If you hear or see something suspicious, please call the police."

Fulton also warned them to throw away old prescription drugs still in their medicine cabinet. Otherwise, he said, "Kids will take them and have parties where they throw them all in a bowl and get what they get."

Leslie Churn, substance abuse

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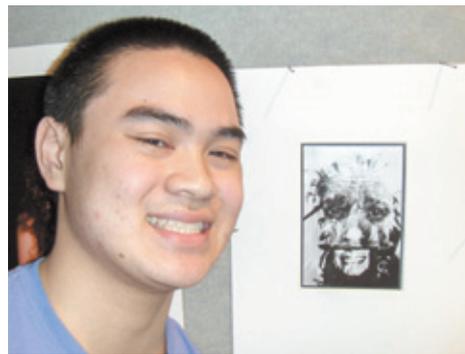
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Annie Durkin, sculpture, Franklin, 7th grade



Lauren Hiemstra, painting, GBW, 3rd grade



Kevin Nguyen, Chantilly junior



Kalvin Yuan, Poplar Tree, 5th grade

Chantilly Pyramid Artists Shine

Chantilly High hosted the annual Chantilly Pyramid Art Show, last Thursday, March 18, featuring work from its own students, plus those attending Brookfield, Poplar Tree, Lees Corner, Oak Hill and Greenbriar East and West elementaries, plus Franklin and Rocky Run middle schools.

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Amani Vohra, Lees Corner, 5th grade



Vivian Truong, Chantilly junior



Collage by Maiaka Howard, Rocky Run, 7th grade



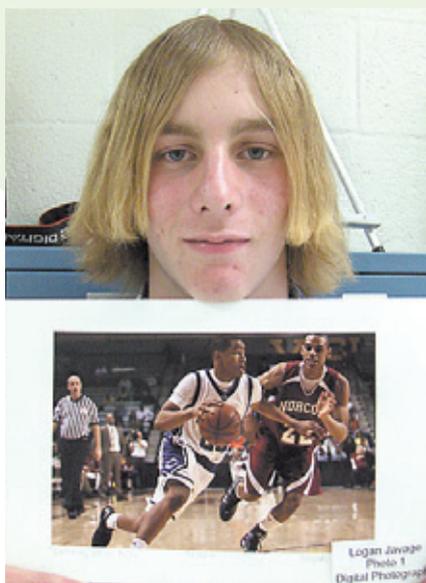
Joel Hierholzer, Franklin, 8th grade



Michele LeBlanc, Franklin, 8th grade



Picture by Zoe Donohue, GBE, 6th grade



Logan Javage, Chantilly freshman



Sam Maurer, Poplar Tree, 5th grade

Former Addict Talks to Parents

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at once.”

Lannes spoke “for my daughter and for other families who’ve lost a child to addiction or whose children are still struggling with the darkness of addiction.” His daughter, Alicia, was a Westfield High grad and, he said, “a young woman with tremendous promise.” But on March 5, 2008, she died of a heroin overdose — touching off a federal investigation into heroin use in Centreville.

Alicia was one of four local people who died from heroin but, said her father, “She’s done more to help others, in death, than she could have imagined. The investigation resulted in 16 people being arrested and 135 years total in federal sentences. It also revealed the heroin problem here, and those arrested later said their arrests saved their lives.”

Lannes said those involved told authorities their substance abuse began with marijuana and alcohol, escalating to prescription drugs, cocaine and heroin. And the problem’s still out there.

“The drug supply in our community has increased for many years

now, as has the demand for drugs by teen-agers,” he said. “Two years ago, an FCPS survey showed lots of kids in a high-risk category for doing drugs or alcohol. We as a community need to help; the schools and law-enforcement can’t be everywhere.”

“We can identify our neighbors’ kids and our kids [as being at risk] and do something about their problems to prevent substance abuse,” said Lannes. “If you suspect your child is abusing drugs or alcohol, have him evaluated. You may save his life and his future. You young people can be heroes — tell someone if your friends are using drugs or alcohol.”

SPEAKING NEXT was Tayler Gibson, 20, whose former boyfriend, J.R. Quick, is serving 19 years in federal prison for dealing heroin here. When he was jailed in April 2008, Gibson took over his customer base and bought heroin in Baltimore for resale in Centreville. She continued until that August, when Fairfax County police let her know they were on to her. She then gave police information about the drug ring.

On Jan. 16, 2009, Gibson pleaded guilty to conspiracy to distribute 100 grams or more of heroin — although she’d admitted to authorities that, from approximately June 2007 through November 2008, she was personally involved in distributing 400-700 grams.

At her sentencing, last May, U.S. attorneys said she provided “substantial assistance” in the investigation and prosecution of the co-defendants. Trying to turn her life around, she’d also begun receiving treatment for her addiction, so she was sentenced to just 30 days incarceration, served on weekends. Last week, she told her story and what she’s learned.

“When I was 13, my mother had a stroke and an aneurism; we almost lost her,” said Gibson. “It was a tough time and I withdrew. She was in therapy and had brain damage.”

In her junior year at Westfield, Gibson started smoking marijuana. “I was arrested for marijuana possession and underage alcohol possession,” she said. “But I convinced my parents it wasn’t
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Advice to Parents

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counselor at Westfield High, said, “Drugs are alive and well in our community, and PROTECT [a coalition of three high schools, PTSAs, community coalitions and other substance-abuse-prevention entities] has come together to combat them.”

Noting that, if students don’t have the money, they can’t purchase drugs, she advised parents to “buy your kids a lunch card; try to avoid giving them cash.” She also clued them in about one of the latest narcotics and a piece of drug paraphernalia masquerading as something else.

One new “drug,” said Churn, is K2, often called “fake weed” or “spice.” It’s a mix of herbs and chemical compounds sold as incense. “It causes severe hallucinations and is often treated with Raid or Lysol,” she said. And new on the scene is the CP3-500, which looks like an iPhone, but is actually a drug scale.

“When I ask teens why they first used drugs, they tell me it’s because of the pressure of ev-

eryday life in Northern Virginia,” said Churn. “They’re overtaxed.”

STILL, SHE SAID, parents should encourage their children’s participation in positive activities. “Know your children’s friends; talk to other parents,” she said. “Establish clear boundaries and have an ongoing dialogue with your child.”

But if children do get hooked on drugs, said Churn, they have a rough road ahead of them. “Addiction is the only disease you have to convince someone they have,” she said. “It’s resistant to treatment and subject to relapse. And if your child’s using, go to Al-Anon.”

“I work for Fairfax County, not the schools,” she continued. “I address drug- and alcohol-abuse concerns, do free assessments and provide referrals to help. Don’t let drugs steal your child; they do get better with professional help. And, students, if you see someone ill, throwing up or lying on the floor, call a responsible adult or 911.”

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Straight Talk about Drugs

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my weed and the charges were dropped.”

Then, she said, “I dated a boy who got me into cocaine, ecstasy and prescription pills, every day. I started hanging out with other kids from my elementary school [who were doing drugs]. I lied to my parents about where I was and what I was doing, and they believed me. Everyone wants to trust that their kids are being good and honest. But you can never doubt too much.”

Soon, Gibson was arrested for stealing from Wal-Mart, but got off, again. “My parents got a lawyer and I didn’t get into trouble,” she said. But she was around people who used heroin, cocaine and crystal meth. Said Gibson: “The longer I was exposed to them, the more open I was to trying them, and I did.”

The end of her senior year, she tried heroin for the first time. She was again arrested and charged with possession with intent to distribute heroin. Still, though, she said, “I convinced my parents it wasn’t me, it was my boyfriend, and they believed me. When a drug test came back positive, I told

them I used Percoset, a prescription medicine, so they didn’t question.”

Gibson attended VCU, but left after two weeks. “I couldn’t do drugs regularly there, so I couldn’t escape from my feelings,” she said. “I started using heroin, all day, every day.” She said she and other members of Centreville’s heroin ring drove to Washington, D.C., or Baltimore each day for more heroin and sold it among themselves.

HER PARENTS forbid her to see Quick but, she said, “I slept at his house every night. It was amazing how easy it was to manipulate my parents into believing I was honest and trustworthy.” Then, she said, “My boyfriend got arrested, so I took over his dealing — still unbeknownst to my parents. They’d convinced themselves they had nothing to worry about.”

It wasn’t until Gibson crashed her mom’s car while returning from a drug buy that she told her parents she was a heroin addict. They enrolled her in a drug-treatment program, but she was kicked out and then learned she was going to be charged federally.

“It’s horrible to think of all those people I’d grown up with, and what happened to them,” she said. “Three of my friends have died; the rest are incarcerated for two to 20 years. And to think, this was going on in the community and no one knew anything about it — or, if they did, they turned away and did nothing.” She said parents and teens should take advantage of all the drug programs available in the community to “hopefully, deter this from happening to other people.”

A father asked Gibson what her parents could have done differently that might have prevented her drug use. She replied, “Pay more attention to what your children are doing, than to what they say they’re doing.”

“Addiction is a powerful thing,” said Campbell. “It becomes their number-one love.”

Another parent asked Gibson what she does on a daily basis to stay clean. “I have five years probation and 300 hours of community service to perform,” she said. “I’m also required to go to outpatient treatment and attend five meetings a week. I’ve only been

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The Connection Newspapers won more than 30 Virginia Press Association news awards — announced at the annual news conference held in Roanoke on Saturday, March 20.

Honors included multiple awards for business and financial writing, education writing, investigative reporting, election coverage, breaking news, public safety writing, editorial writing, photography, design, sports, special sections.

Political and education reporter Julia O'Donoghue won first place for her education writing, in particular three stories which appeared in the Connection's new special section,

A-plus. O'Donoghue also won multiple awards for business and financial writing and investigative reporting.

Reporter Michael Lee Pope won 11 awards in all, including first place for his breaking news coverage of the arrest of Alexandria's police chief for DUI. Pope also won awards for investigative reporting, election coverage, business and financial writing, education writing, government writing, feature writing and in-depth obituaries.

Photographer Louise Krafft won nine awards, including pictorial photo, picture story/essay, news photo and for her contributions to two special sections, HomeLifeStyle and A-Plus

Education, Learning, Fun.

Reporter Mike DiCicco won four awards, including first place for his coverage of a burglary spree that targeted local South Asians' gold jewelry. DiCicco also won for feature writing and education writing.

Mary Kimm won second place for editorial writing for a group of five editorials about education in Northern Virginia.

The Connection's design team including also won awards, two for special sections HomeLifeStyle and A-Plus Education, Learning, Fun.

The Alexandria Gazette Packet also won second place in general makeup, a measure of overall excellence.

Winners

Here is a partial listing of stories, photos, special sections and more that won awards in the Virginia Press Association news contests.

Julia Sheehan O'Donoghue, first place, Education writing. Springfield Connection
Michael Lee Pope, first place, Breaking news writing Police Chief Busted for DUI. Alexandria Gazette Packet
Michael Lee Pope, first place, Feature series or continuing story, Alexandria Gazette Packet
Michael Lee Pope, first place, Personal service writing. Three obituaries, an officer, a gentleman and a savior. Alexandria Gazette Packet
Michael Lee Pope, first place, Business and financial writing. Arlington Connection
Louise Krafft, first place, Pictorial photo, Alexandria Gazette Packet
Louise Krafft first place Pictorial photo, Arlington Connection
Robbie Hammer, first place, General news photo, Oak Hill/Herndon Connection
Mike DiCicco, first place, General news writing, Burglary Spree Targets South Asians' Gold Jewelry Oak Hill/Herndon Connection
Steven Mauren, Geovani Flores, Laurence Foong, Louise Krafft, Jean Card, Michael Lee Pope, second place, General makeup. Alexandria Gazette Packet

Michael Lee Pope, second place, Education writing, Alexandria Gazette Packet
Michael Lee Pope second place General news writing, Election 2009. Alexandria Gazette Packet
Michael Lee Pope second place Feature series or continuing story, Quackgate, Mount Vernon Gazette
Julia Sheehan O'Donoghue second place In-depth or investigative reporting, Mount Vernon Gazette
Mary Kimm second place Editorial writing, Five editorials about education.
Laurence Foong, Louise Krafft, Mary Kimm, Julia O'Donoghue, second place, Specialty pages or sections, A-Plus, Education, Learning, Fun. McLean Connection
Julia Sheehan O'Donoghue, second place, Business and financial writing. McLean Connection
Mike DiCicco, second place, Feature writing portfolio, Great Falls Connection.
Ken Moore, Bonnie Hobbs second place Public safety writing. Stories of embezzlement, murder, rampage, and more. Fairfax Connection.
Jason Mackey, second place, Sports writing portfolio, Centre View.
Louise Krafft, second place, Pictorial photo, Arlington Connection

Michael Lee Pope, second place, Government writing, Arlington Connection
Michael Lee Pope, third place, Government writing, Perks Pitfalls and Plastic, Alexandria Gazette Packet
Michael Lee Pope, third place, In-depth or investigative reporting, City Misses Potential Threat, Alexandria Gazette Packet
Louise Krafft, third place, Picture story or essay, Halloween, Alexandria Gazette Packet
Louise Krafft, third place, General news photo, Mount Vernon Estate celebrates 4th of July
Gerald Fill, third place, Public safety writing. Mount Vernon Gazette
Julia Sheehan O'Donoghue third place, Business and financial writing. Laurel Hill/Fairfax Station Connection
Louise Krafft, third place, Picture story or essay, HomeLifeStyle, Garden tour of Domaine St Charles, Great Falls Connection.
Louise Krafft, Laurence Foong, Mary Kimm, Julia O'Donoghue, Donna Manz, Mike DiCicco, third place, Specialty pages or sections, HomeLifeStyle. Great Falls Connection
Mike DiCicco, third place, Education writing. Great Falls Connection

EDITORIAL

COMMENTARY

Health Care Legislation Flawed

BY FRANK WOLF
U.S. REPRESENTATIVE

Wolf made the following statement on the House floor before the vote on H.R. 3590, the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act:

I ask unanimous consent to revise and extend my remarks against this flawed health care bill. I do not question the need for Congress to find a way for the millions of Americans without health insurance to be assured of quality, affordable health care. The majority of my constituents in the 10th District of Virginia have made clear that they want an open and transparent process in which Republicans and Democrats work together to pass responsible health care reform that lowers costs and offers greater access to affordable health care.

They told me that they don't want more government spending.

They don't want government-run health care.

They don't want a plan that hurts America's seniors, families or small businesses.

What they do want is a plan that fixes what's broken and keeps what's working without adding billions of dollars to an already ballooning deficit.

I cannot support today's bill because it will raise over \$500 billion in new taxes during a recession

and times of high unemployment. This will especially hit small business employers at a time when the federal government should be assisting in job creation, not raising taxes.

This legislation cuts billions of dollars from Medicare, a program that our seniors rely on.

It requires individuals to purchase health insurance. If you don't purchase health insurance, the government will fine you a minimum fine of \$750, up to the maximum penalty of 2 percent of your income. This provision has drawn the attention of the citizens of Virginia, with the Virginia General Assembly, in a bipartisan vote, becoming the first legislature in the nation to pass legislation opposing this mandate.

This bill mandates billions of dollars in unfunded mandates for cash-strapped states.

It breaks a promise to members of our nation's armed services, their families, veterans, and employees, with its failure to protect the military's TRICARE system — health care programs provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs. This means that, under this legislation, unless an individual has TRICARE for Life, additional health insurance would have to be purchased.

Madam Speaker, I am committed to working with my colleagues to pass real health care reform in a cost-effective manner. This legislation fails that test.



Reading Across America

County Supervisor Herrity reads to teacher Tabitha Walker's 3rd graders at Friday's, March 12, Read Across America event at Greenbriar East Elementary School.

MPO Lou Muñoz Is Honored

FROM PAGE 1

occurring at Westfield and in the community. Many times, he assists the Criminal Investigations Bureau and Gang Unit with investigations involving current or former students.

“Lou recently provided the Narcotics Division with information on a known drug dealer in his school,” wrote Fulton. “[That person] was charged with four, narcotic-related felonies and one misdemeanor. Had Lou not been diligent in pursuing information related to this individual, the suspect would have continued to contaminate the kids at school and in the community.”

LIKEWISE, MUÑOZ helped solve graffiti cases at Westfield and three other schools involving more than \$10,000 damage total. Wrote Fulton: “Had it not been for Lou and his exceptional policing, these crimes may have gone unsolved, at the expense of the taxpayers.”

Muñoz also mentors several, at-risk students and is a coordinator for the police department’s Juvenile Diversion Program — which



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MPO Lou Muñoz

teaches first-time, nonviolent offenders to make better decisions. And when asked, he advises people on law-related issues.

“I can always rely on Lou to take care of any issue that arises and resolve it effectively and efficiently,” wrote Fulton. “Your acknowledgement of Lou’s hard work would be well-received.”

Muñoz’s wife Kelli, son Anthony, 10, and daughter Natali, 8, were at the ceremony to see him honored and, afterward, his wife told how proud she is of him. “I think my husband is the best officer — he’s passionate about what he does,” she said. “He loves his job and is very good at it.”

“The kids he works with gravitate to him, and both he and they respect each other,” she continued. “He cares that they have a good start to their life or, at least, understand what bad decisions can mean to them. He still gets calls from kids who’ve graduated and looked up to him. They see how law-enforcement could be a career avenue for them.”

AN 18-YEAR VETERAN of the police department, Muñoz has spent four years at the Sully District Station and is in his fourth year as Westfield’s SRO. He was excited to be selected Officer of the Year and said he was “honored just to be thought of that way.” He was also surprised to be the initial recipient of this new

award. Said Muñoz: “I take a lot of pride in what I do and it’s a nice feeling to be recognized and to know people think you’re doing a good job.”

He said being an SRO is challenging, and the hardest parts are “the volume of different situations you get into every day and the amount of interactions with students, staff and community. You’re being pulled in so many different directions. I’m basically the personal police officer for everyone at that school. People ask for legal advice and advice about their kids; now I’m a multi-tasker.”

What gives Muñoz the most satisfaction is “having positive interaction with the students and watching them grow in maturity and learn to make good decisions. I love seeing them change from freshmen to seniors, turn the corner and become productive citizens.”

He doesn’t tell teens they’re bad, but tells them their behavior was bad. “I want them to have hope,” he said. “And when kids I’ve arrested come back later to see me and thank me, that means I had a positive influence on them.”

Muñoz said so many things teens do today without their parents’ knowledge — drugs, alcohol, sexting — can have a huge effect on their future. But, he said, “The administration and security staff at Westfield do a great job and are an easy-to-work-with team. And I have great working relationships with [Principal] Tim Thomas and [Assistant Principal] Dave Jagels. I appreciate how they care about the kids; their hearts are in the right place, and I look forward to going there, every day.”

He also praised his colleagues at the Sully District Station. Said Muñoz: “When you have people like that around you, it’s an incentive to go out there and do the best job you can.”

About Drugs

FROM PAGE 5

clean for nine months — I have to put everything into it.”

Campbell said schools have taught substance-abuse prevention for years. But, he said, “If we’re teaching it in high school, we’re too late. Most substance abuse starts in elementary and middle school.”

Lastly, he told parents, “Your kids need you more to talk to when they’re in high school, than when they’re in elementary school. That’s when they have their issues and problems. Don’t be your kids’ friend — be their parent; that’s what they want and need.”

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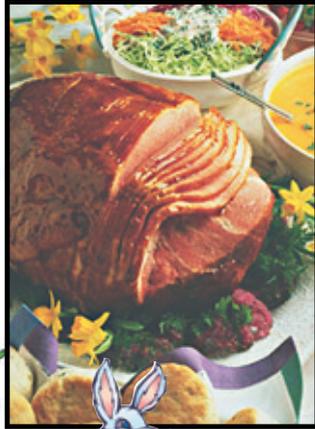


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 2 Tbls extra virgin olive oil
 4 sprigs each of rosemary and sage
 1 ladle of chicken broth
 Salt and pepper to taste
 Sprinkle some salt and pepper on the individual steaks, 15-30 minutes prior to preparing this dish. In a pan, reheat the oil with the sprigs of rosemary and sage. Place the steaks on top and let it cook to desired temperature turning them once. I like my steaks medium rare, so I cook them no more than 3-4 minutes on each side. Remove the steaks and the herbs from pan. Add the chicken broth and the peppercorns all at once. The chicken broth will deglaze the pan and reduce concentrating the good flavors in the pan. Let the sauce reduce for 2 or 3 minutes. Assemble the individual steaks on the plates and spoon over the sauce with the peppercorns.

— TIZIANA VENTIMIGLIA

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 1 leek (part of the tender green included)
 1 bunch of Spring Onions (use a much of the green part as you can)
 3 Tbl extra virgin olive oil
 3 Tbl all purpose flour
 8 cups Low sodium chicken broth
 Salt and Pepper to taste
 6 slices of hard crust bread (Italian)
 6-8 oz of smoked caciotta, in slices (or any other Italian melting cheese, in a pinch Fontina will do)
 Oven safe serving bowls
 Slice the onions very finely. Sautee them in oil until translucent. Add the flour and mix it in. Cook for another couple of minutes. Add the chicken broth and simmer with a lid for approx. 45 minutes. It will thicken quite a bit so add more chicken broth if necessary.
 Adjust of salt and pepper. Toast the individual bread slices. Pour the soup in the bowls, place the bread on top (it is OK if it slides a little into the soup ... but try to keep it on top of the bowl!). Top with cheese and melt under the broiler for a couple of minutes, just enough to melt the cheese and give it a slightly golden color.

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Centreville Community Bible Church invites the community to a special Easter service on Sunday, April 4, at 10:30 a.m. Join us for a joyous celebration of our Risen Savior with special music and an uplifting message about the hope that comes because Jesus is alive! Meeting at Deer Park Elementary School, 15109 Carlbern Drive, Centreville. Visit us at www.ccbc-va.com.

Pender United Methodist Church will hold an Easter Egg Hunt and various activities on Saturday, April 3, at 10 a.m. There will a puppet show, crafts, and a special appearance by the Easter Bunny. Free. There will also be Easter Services on Sunday, April 4 at 8:15 a.m. and 11 a.m. for traditional services; and 9:30 a.m. for contemporary services. Located at 12401 Alder Woods Dr., Fairfax. Call 703-278-8023.

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Southwestern Regional Planning Study Meeting. 7 p.m. Parents and community members are encouraged to attend one of the April community engagement focus groups to learn about the challenges that affect area elementary schools and to evaluate the options. These schools include: Bonnie Brae, Brookfield, Bull Run, Centre Ridge, Centreville, Clifton, Cub Run, Deer Park, Eagle View, Fairfax Vila, Fairview, Greenbriar East, Greenbriar West, Laurel Ridge, Lees Corner, London Towne, Navy, Oak View, Poplar Tree, Powell, Providence, Sangster, Silverbrook, Terra Centre, Union Mill, Virginia Run, Waples Mill, and Willow Springs. Community feedback will be included in the report the committee will present to the School Board on May 10. At Liberty Middle School, 6801 Union Mill Road, Clifton. Visit <http://www.fcps.edu/news/swcountyschls.htm>.

FRIDAY/MARCH 26

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SATURDAY/MARCH 27

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FRIDAY/APRIL 2

Swing Dancing. 8:30-9 p.m. beginner swing lesson; 9 p.m. to midnight dancing. Admission is \$15. With the band Hula Monsters. At the Hilton Washington Dulles Airport Hotel, 13869 Park Center Road (Route 28 near the airport), Herndon.

SATURDAY/APRIL 3

Easter Bunny Visits Cox Farms. 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Bunny games, egg coloring, Spring farm animals (goats, chickens, bunnies). The Egg hunt is open to members only and requires pre-registration. Also, the Centreville Market opens Thursday, April 1, with bedding plants, vegetable plants, container gardens, perennials, hanging baskets and pottery. At the corner of Pleasant Valley and Braddock roads.

FRIDAY/APRIL 9

Swing Dancing. 9 p.m. to midnight. Admission is \$15. Drop-in beginner swing lesson 8:30-9 p.m.; dancing 9

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SATURDAY/APRIL 10

The Score Big Sports Sale. 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Collecting gently used sports equipment, sports gear, sports clothing and footwear which can be dropped off at five area business locations. Hosted by the Rotary Club of Centreville. At Hoop Magic Sports Academy in Chantilly. Visit www.ScoreBigSportsSale.com or email info@scorebigssportssale.com.

MONDAY/APRIL 12

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OBITUARY
Richard "Dick" Herl Ballinger
Richard "Dick" Herl Ballinger, 67 of Manassas passed away at his home on Monday, March 22, 2010.
Mr. Ballinger was born January 8th, 1943 in Washington DC the son of the late Donald J. and Marie Herl Ballinger. He was a consultant and photographer for Fairfax County.
Surviving is his wife of 26 years, Joanne Harrison Ballinger; three sons, Richard Anthony Ballinger of Manassas, Robert Avery Ballinger of Amelia, Joshua Harrison Kirby of Bristow; two daughters, Angela Marie Ballinger – Kelloff of Clifton, Rachel Lindsay Kennedy of Boise, Idaho; five grandchildren, Tara Ballinger, Shawn Ballinger, Adam and Emma Kelloff, Addison Kirby.
The family will receive friends Friday, March 26th, 2010 from 11 to 12 Noon at Baker – Post Funeral Home & Cremation Center, 10001 Nokesville Road, Manassas. A celebration of life will begin at 12 Noon in the funeral home chapel. Interment will be private.
In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to Capital Hospice, 10530 Linden Lake Plaza, Suite 200, Manassas, VA.
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Fairfax County police officers conducted DWI directed patrols throughout the Fair Oaks District, from Friday, March 19, at 10 p.m. until Saturday, March 20, at 3 a.m., to deter and apprehend intoxicated drivers. 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 40 motorists were stopped and three were charged with DWI. Seventeen summonses were issued for miscellaneous traffic offenses. Eight officers and two auxiliary officers participated.

Free Carseat Inspections

Certified technicians from the Sully District Police Station will perform free, child safety carseat inspections Thursday, March 25, 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 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.

Fair Oaks CAC to Meet

The Citizens Advisory Council of the Fair Oaks District Police Station will meet Tuesday, March 30, at 7 p.m., in the roll-call room of the police station. It's at 12300 Lee Jackson Memorial Highway in Chantilly.

Westfield Community Coalition

The next meeting of the Westfield Community Coalition will be Thursday, April 8, at 6 p.m., at Moe's Southwest Grill, 505 Westone Plaza in Chantilly. Contact Jennifer Cooper at jalcooper@aol.com.

WFCM Hosts Budgeting Class

The Financial Peace University, a budgeting class taught nationally, will be offered Tuesdays, from 7-9 p.m., at Western Fairfax Christian Ministries (WFCM), 13981 Metrotech Drive in Chantilly. The free classes are open to the public. New classes begin April 13. However, class size is limited and child care is not available. Attendees must register by calling Leah Ann Furr at 703-988-9656, ext. 102. The class will be taught by an experienced volunteer interested in helping clients get out of debt, set up a weekly household budget and start savings. All materials will be provided free, and the class will consist of DVD/video sessions, homework and counseling as needed. Class duration is five weeks for basic budgeting, plus another five weeks for a more-advanced concentration, which is optional.

Indoor Farmers Market Is Open

An indoor farmers market is open in a storefront within the Fairfax Corner shopping center, off Monument Drive in Fairfax. The address is 11895 Grand Commons Ave., between the Lucy and Il Vino stores, and the market's open for business every Tuesday from 11:30 a.m.- 2:30 p.m. A wide selection of products is offered, including winter fruits and vegetables, meats, dairy products, baked goods, gluten-free products and a large variety of prepared foods. It's run by Smart Markets which operated last summer's farmers market in both Centreville and Fairfax Corner. The market will be there through April, when it will return to its site in the shopping center's parking lot.

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NEWS

Group Plans for Its Future

Immigration Forum reviews accomplishments and goals.

BY BONNIE HOBBS
CENTRE VIEW

At the most recent meeting of the Centreville Immigration Forum (CIF), the group reflected on how far it's come since its beginning and discussed what the future may hold for it.

"We've been meeting two-and-a-half years now," said the CIF's leader, Alice Foltz. "We're a group of people concerned about immigration and immigrants and providing services to them, in one way or another."

Al Fuertes brought some of his GMU students to the meeting as part of their Spirituality and Conflict Resolution course he teaches there. They also worked with the local immigrant community on weekends in the ESL program at Centreville Regional Library.

After helping the mainly Hispanic immigrants learn English, they listened while the immigrants spoke about themselves and their experiences. "It was really powerful," said Foltz.

"It was very moving," agreed GMU student Blaine Durnall. "It was fascinating to hear these people's stories."

Added Fuertes: "We learned about their resilience and coping skills."

Barb Shaiko, with Centreville United Methodist Church, said CUMC has 100 students in each of its morning and evening ESL classes. Wellspring United Church of Christ offers its ESL classes at the library. Centreville Baptist Church has these classes, too, and Centreville Presbyterian Church — which has 15 people in its ESL class — has openings for more.

Foltz also noted the new, ESL for Employment course now being taught at NOVA. Students must have a green card or documentation of their legal status in the U.S., plus some English skills. "Job counselors help people fill out job

MILITARY NOTES

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Army Spec. Mohab F. Said has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C. He is the cousin of Adel Danial of McIntyre Square, Chantilly.

Army Reserve Spec. Joshua D. Marder has been mobilized and acti-



PHOTO BY BONNIE HOBBS/CENTRE VIEW

Al Fuertes makes a point.

applications," said Foltz. "I visited the people there and was very impressed with their enthusiasm about this program."

NEXT, led by Fuertes, the CIF members brainstormed to further define the group's identity and, as a result, create a mission statement. The points developed were:

"We try to fill in gaps — such as finding transportation for people — and make things work better."

— Jerry Foltz

- ❖ Find ways for the various churches and community organizations to support each other's work in reaching out to the poor — many of whom are low-income immigrants.

- ❖ Strengthen and increase the community's volunteer base. Said Foltz: "This is especially important as the economic crisis deepens and more people are living on the edge of hunger and homelessness."

- ❖ Increase the number of churches and groups involved in the communitywide discussion on

immigration.

- ❖ Integrate immigrant groups into the fabric of the community;

- ❖ Learn about immigrants' problems and challenges and improve their situation.

- ❖ Establish relationships with immigrants to build understanding and to educate the community about them.

- ❖ Support immigration reform, learn the legal issues that could aid immigrants and help them learn their rights.

- ❖ Decide if the CIF is serving the poor or all immigrants?

- ❖ Focus on the local level.

- ❖ Should the CIF advocate for immigrants? Provide services?

- ❖ Build a community as various entities come together to help others and focus on a shared task/goal.

- ❖ Do work that others aren't doing.

- ❖ Be a resource center for information that immigrants need.

- ❖ Take stock of the CIF's strengths.

"You're all selfless, giving up your time to do this," said GMU student Vinny Ali. "Alice and [husband] Jerry Foltz are even learning Spanish, so you have a tremendous strength."

Thanking Ali for his comments, Jerry Foltz replied, "We try to fill in gaps — such as finding transportation for people — and make things work better."

Shaiko stressed the importance of "the relationships we've formed with an immigrant population that's not trusting of other people. The day laborers also come to us for resource information, such as where the hypothermia centers are located. So we have a bank of knowledge and have developed their trust."

Alice Foltz noted, as well, the trust the CIF has received from Supervisor Michael R. Frey (R-Sully) and the local police. "That's because you bring a lot of people to the table," said FACETS Executive Director Amanda Andere. "So you need to determine what your role is going to be, as you go forward."

one year of military service. He is the son of Adam S. and Vicky L. Marder of Maureen Lane, Fairfax. The specialist is a 2008 graduate of Chantilly High School.

Marine Corps Pvt. Dawson K. Drake, a 2007 graduate of Mountain View High School, Centreville, recently completed 12 weeks of basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, S. C. designed to challenge new Marine recruits both physically and mentally.

Ford Likes Potential of His Chantilly Baseball Team

Chargers set to compete in local spring break tournament this weekend.

BY RICH SANDERS
CENTRE VIEW

Kevin Ford's Chantilly High baseball team might not be as experienced as last year's Chargers' squad that finished 18-6 and advanced all the way to the Northern Region semi-finals. But the fifth year Chantilly head coach believes that, in time, the 2010 edition of Chargers' baseball will become more adjusted against the quality varsity competition it faces and ultimately become a pretty good team in its own right.

"We certainly have some guys who don't have a ton of varsity experience," said Ford, whose '09 team saw its season and hopes of advancing to the state AAA playoffs abruptly end with a 2-1, extra innings loss to West Springfield in the region semifinals. "But we have some talented players and we will be OK as the year goes along. It might be a while to get things going."

Chantilly, following a 10-1 loss at non-region opponent Loudoun Valley (Purcellville) earlier this week on Monday, stood at 2-1 in the early season. The Chargers, in non-district games last week, defeated both Yorktown, 6-1, on Wednesday, March 17 and Edison, 8-2, the following day. The

Yorktown game took place at Barcroft Field in Arlington while the Edison game was Chantilly's home opener.

Matt DeWitt, Chantilly's senior catcher and the team's lone returning starter, accumulated four hits, including a pair of doubles, over those first two games. On the mound against Yorktown, starting pitcher Bill Boyle, a senior who was 3-0 with a save and a 4.20 ERA last year, gave his team an outstanding outing, allowing one hit and striking out five over five shutout innings. Boyle, who walked two, ended up with a no-decision.

Chantilly also received a solid starting pitching outing against Edison from senior CJ Irwin, who allowed two runs (1 earned) and four hits over four innings of work to notch the win.

"We've played well," said Ford, of his team's first two games. "The only thing I'm a little concerned about is our aggressiveness offensively. We faced two [starting pitchers] who were able to mix it up with their pitches and kept us off balance. I think it was more us not having seen a lot of breaking pitches [thus far]. I think it will come around."

DeWitt, a team tri-captain along with Boyle and senior first baseman Adam Fridy, is coming off



CRAIG STERBUTZEL/CENTRE VIEW
Kevin Ford led Chantilly baseball to the region semifinals last year.

a solid 2009 season when, as a junior, he batted .257 with seven home runs and 28 RBI. He also had a solid season behind the plate, working well with the pitching staff and using his strong throwing arm to keep opposing base runners in check.

"Not too many people run on him," said Ford, of his clean-up hitting catcher. "He does a pretty good job catching and throwing. He is quick and able to get rid of the ball. He's not afraid to throw the ball around and keep [base runners] honest. He's always thinking [ahead] and of what's

going to happen and he has good skills at blocking the ball. I know what I'm going to get with him in there, and it's good."

Boyle, Chantilly's top starting pitcher this season, was the Chargers' No. 3 starter last year, when he accumulated 23 innings of work both as a starter and out of the bullpen when needed.

"He relieved at times in pressure situations," said Ford, of the 6-foot-3 inch workhorse, pitcher who has the endurance to pile up the innings. "He's really smooth [in his delivery] and can get the [fastball] up there. He moves the ball around and has a decent breaking ball. He'll keep going [inning after inning]."

CHANTILLY'S BASKETBALL success this past winter, in which the Chargers went all the way to the state semifinals, resulted in Chantilly baseball being a little shorthanded over the opening weeks of practices. Five of Ford's players were a part of the Northern Region champion Chargers' basketball squad.

Ford said all five players came to baseball practice the day following Chantilly basketball's season-ending loss to IC Norcum High in Richmond on March 10.

"They came out the next day," said Ford. "They were itching to

go which was nice to see."

One of those players who went directly from the hardwood to the ball diamond is junior shortstop Jamie Danehower, who served as a utility player and late innings defensive replacement on last year's roster. This year, he is the Chargers' starter at shortstop. Danehower, according to Ford, has good range and a good throwing arm. He will bat in the No. 2 position in the Chantilly batting order. "He's extremely athletic," said the coach. "He definitely gets to a lot of balls. He's a hard-nosed player and keeps working and working."

Another player to keep an eye on is junior Sam Zimmerman, who could help the Chargers both as a middle infielder (second baseman and shortstop) and in the outfield this season.

This Friday and Saturday, Chantilly will begin play at the Marshall/Woodson High spring break tournament. The Chargers will play a Friday game against George Mason High School. The game was originally set to be played at 3 at Marshall High School, but after school transportation logistics might mean a 4 p.m. start instead. On Saturday night, the Chargers will travel to Woodson High for a 7 p.m. game against the home team Cavaliers.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Chantilly's Brendan Waters, a senior attack, scored three goals to pace the Chargers to a 10-7 boys' lacrosse win over visiting W.T. Woodson on March 16. The contest was the season opener for Chantilly. This week, the Chargers, coached by Kevin Broderick, will travel to Yorktown for a non-district game on Wednesday, March 24. Next week over spring break week, Chantilly will compete in the West Springfield tournament (March 29-31). The Chargers are coming off a 2009 season which saw them go all the way to the state finals.

Chris Foley, a member of the Chantilly High track and field team, earned All-American honors with a fourth place finish in the two-mile running event - breaking Eric Post's 1997 school record in the process - at the Nike Indoor National Championships in Boston March 12-13. Foley's All-American time was 9 minutes, 6.56 seconds. Chantilly freshman Sean McGorty also medaled and earned All-American honors with a fifth place showing in the Freshman Mile event, with a personal best time of 4:35.61. The Chargers were also well-represented in Boston by Mohamed Labor-Koroma, who took 30th place out of 67 runners in the 400-meters dash, in a personal-

best time of 50.93.

The pre-season Northern Region baseball rankings, as voted on by the coaches, are as follows: 1. McLean; 2. Lake Braddock; 3. West Springfield; 4. Westfield; 5. Centreville; 6. Robinson; 7. Madison; 8. Stone Bridge; 9. Woodson; 10. T.C. Williams and South County (tied). Others teams receiving votes: Oakton, Marshall, Chantilly, Yorktown and Washington-Lee.

The McLean High girls' lacrosse team opened its spring season with a pair of non-district games last week. The Highlanders lost at Yorktown, 10-2, on Thursday, March 18. But they came back strong the following day with a decisive 14-9 triumph over Falls Church.

Leading the Highlanders' offensive drive against the Jaguars was sophomore Rummer Bershtein, who racked up four goals. Two-goal games for the Highlanders came from Sam Lockhart, Hannah Kirby, Jacqueline Rose and Nina Zegler. And notching one goal each were Mackenzie May and Marielena Planas.

"[The girls] learned the value of possession and draw control first hand in their victory over Falls Church," said Anne Inzerello, the McLean head coach.



PHOTO BY JAMIE BEIDLEMAN

St. Timothy's Div. 1, sixth-grade girls' basketball team captured the Northern Virginia Junior Catholic Youth Organization (NVJCYO) championship with a 30-24 win over St. Louis church (Alexandria) on March 13. The contest took place at St. Luke's in McLean. Here, St. Timothy's team members display their championship trophies. On the front row, left to right, are: Laura Mieczkowski, Kayla Vogel, Alex Wendling and Maggie Barron. Row two, left to right: Alyssa Titzer, Beth Ghyzel, Sara Margarida, Katie McGrath, Kate Doherty, Mollie Beidleman and Isabella Whitfield. And standing in the back are coaches Pat Wendling and Jamie Beidleman. St. Timothy's is located on Poplar Tree Road in Chantilly.

● School Notes

The Westfield High School Band Program will present the United States Navy Band on Friday, April 9 at 7:30 p.m. in the Westfield High School Auditorium, 4700 Stonecroft Blvd., Chantilly. Under the leadership of LCDR Richard H. Bailey and the conductors for this performance, MUC Russell Graves and MUI Andrew Skaggs, the U.S. Navy Band will feature a wide variety of musical selections, including wind ensemble classics, marches and patriotic favorites. Additionally, musicians from Westfield will join the band in performing a march by John Philip Sousa. Admission is free and everyone is invited to this event.

Chantilly High School was awarded a Silver Crown Award from the Columbia Scholastic Press Association (CSPA) at its 86th annual Scholastic Convention. Congratulations to:
* The Purple Tide, Chantilly High School, High School Newspaper; Brett Zinger, adviser.

Local students captured first place awards in the state DECA competition held this past weekend. Seventeen FCPS schools and two classroom-on-the-mall programs had individuals placing first or earning finalist status, and 41 percent of all state finalists were FCPS students.

Winners and finalists will advance to the DECA International Career Development Conference competition, scheduled for April 24-27 in Louisville, KY.

Winning first place awards at the state level were:

Chantilly High School: Kenny Lau, Sports and Entertainment Series; Ngoc Duong, Restaurant and Food Service Management; Kristin Perkins and Hannah Strub, Business Law and Ethics Team Decision Making; Justine Ferrari, Retail Merchandising.

Westfield High School: Sarah Sayah, Entrepreneurship Participating—Independent Business.

Chantilly High School's SGA is hosting a hypnotist show on Thursday, April 15 at 7 p.m. in the Chantilly High School auditorium. Tickets will be \$6 pre-sale and \$8 at the door. All proceeds will go to the Rachel D'Andrea Fund. Rachel is a young girl in our community who has been diagnosed with Neuroblastoma.

Students at Chantilly High School Diana Saffarini, Astrid Da Silva, and Madeline Welch have planned a fundraiser for the children at Inova Fairfax Hospital. The scheduled event, "Noodles for Kids," will take place at Noodles & Company in Fairfax, 10296 Main Street, Fairfax, on Monday, April 12 from 4-8 p.m.

Michelle Kew, 20, of Chantilly, is among 35 University of Virginia undergraduates who have received Harrison Undergraduate Research Awards, which will assist them in conducting independent research during the summer. In addition, two other U.Va. undergraduates have received a Stull Family Research Award and a Finger Family Research Award, respectively.

Kew, a third-year biology major, will investigate whether the use of two drugs, Lapatinib and S31-201, in combination can produce a greater therapeutic effect against melanoma as compared to the use of one drug alone.

Kew, the daughter of Ralph and Maria Kew, is a graduate of Paul VI Catholic High School.

Kevin Wright of Oak Hill has been named to the dean's list at Frostburg State University, Frostburg, Md., for outstanding academic achievement for the fall 2009 semester.



Photo by FIRST Robotics

Chairman and Spirit Awards

Chantilly Robotics Team 612 received the FIRST Robotics Chairman's Award at the Washington, D.C., Regional Competition on March 8, Qualifying the team for FIRST's International Championship in Atlanta on April 15-17. At the FIRST Virginia Regional Tournament at Virginia Commonwealth University's Siegel Center in Richmond, from March 18-20, Chantilly Robotics Team 612 was presented with the Spirit Award sponsored by Chrysler, which recognizes extraordinary enthusiasm and spirit through partnership and teamwork. Team 612 is currently working on raising funds in preparation to compete at the international championship in Georgia in mid-April. To learn more about the team or making a contribution to support its trip to Internationals, visit www.chantillyrobotics.org.



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Profile in Real Estate – Darren Marquardt

Darren Marquardt has been a Realtor at Long and Foster in Centreville for six-and-a-half years. For Darren, real estate is truly about community and the great satisfaction he feels every time he helps someone else.

"There's nothing more gratifying than seeing the excitement rush over the faces of first-time home buyers as they put the key in the door of their new home," Darren said. "I find great satisfaction when I've been able to successfully negotiate a short sale for a homeowner and get them out from under the burden of an 'upside down' mortgage. I smile when I can help an investor get that 'great deal' on an investment property that provides them positive cash flow."

Darren's work brings him a sense of pride, gratitude, and success knowing he's made a difference in the lives of others. But his commitment to the Centreville community goes beyond the boundaries of his profession.

Darren relates that a close friend posed this question the other day: "Why do you do what you do?"

Darren had to pause and reflect inwardly on the answer:

"Why do I do what I do? Why do I spend time mentoring 5th graders at Centre Ridge Elementary School? Why do I spend time helping students at Mountain View High School as they prepare to graduate and guide them in their next steps into adulthood? Why do I work so hard to raise money for scholarships and volunteer all the hours I do each week with the Centreville Community Center, the Alliance for the Physically Disabled, GMU Alumni Board, my church, and all the other groups where I volunteer?"

"Why take time out of my day and give back to the community where I live? The answer is because it enriches my life and makes me feel good. It's because I care and I have a debt of gratitude to the countless people who have helped me over the years. I enrich my own life as I help others. Giving back my simple way of saying 'thank you' to those people I never got a chance to thank in person. It's a legacy that I hope others will continue."

Darren Marquardt encourages everyone to find something in their lives that they can give back to and make a difference. Community service is an honor, a privilege and a gift worth giving.

"I'm proud to be a part of my Long and Foster office in Centreville, which also has a long history of community service," he said. "Our office will be participating in the Relay for Life of Centreville-Clifton-Chantilly on May 22-23. I invite you to join us."



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3830 LIGHTFOOT ST #331	2	2	0		CHANTILLY	\$180,000	Garden 1-4 Floors			CHANTILLY PARK
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Morris has partnered with a 10-year Realtor veteran named Morgan Knull, who is licensed in Virginia, Maryland and the District. Combined, they have staged and sold more than \$175 million

in real estate.

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Long & Foster Corporate Real Estate Services Division announced that Pandora Richie, SCRP, GMS, vice presi-

dent of the Long & Foster Corporate Real Estate Services Division has been inducted into the Worldwide ERC Hall of Leaders. Worldwide ERC is the workforce mobility association.

The Hall of Leaders is an elite membership recognition program comprised of individual members whose lifetime contributions to the mobility business community have been distinguished and noteworthy. Richie is one of only six inductees for 2010 with only 38 members in history having been selected from more than 12,000 members nationwide and abroad.



'Share the Love' Food Drive

The Poplar Tree SCA held its Annual "Share the Love" Food Drive Feb. 22-26 collecting over a dozen boxes and bags of food to benefit the Food Pantry of the Western Fairfax Christian Ministries. Pictured helping are the SCA Officers: Steven Risi, Tara Hackett, Zach Cummins, Emily Loxtercamp and David Tammaro.

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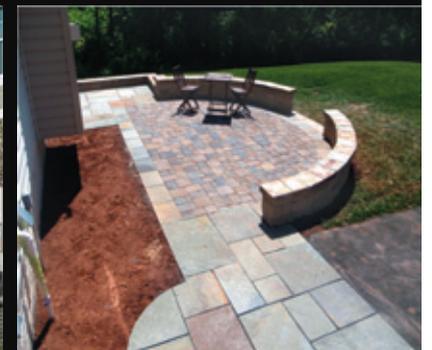
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