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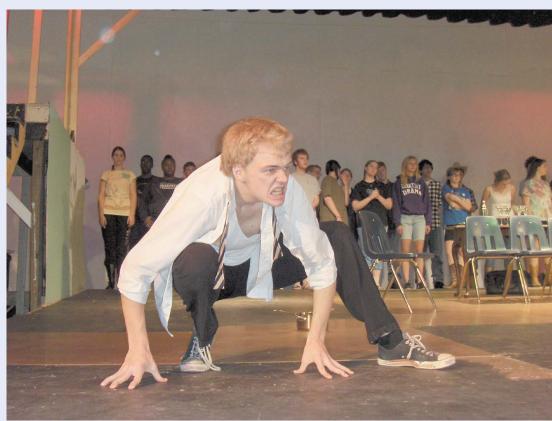


Photo by Bonnie Hobbs/Centre View

Taylor Jarrell as the bat boy.

Presenting 'Bat Boy: The Musical'

Chantilly High School brings dark comedy and horror to stage.

By Bonnie Hobbs Centre View

hantilly High's spring play, "Bat Boy: The Musical," has nothing to do with baseball. Instead, says Director Shannon Khatcheressian, "It's a dark comedy/horror musical about a half bat, half boy crea-

It's based on the character written about in a 1992 tabloid story. The Weekly World News published it after the creature was discovered in a cave by some teen-agers in Hope Falls, W.Va.

"He's in his teens and, after biting one of the people who found him, he's captured and brought back to the town," said Khatcheressian. "So this is the story of this bizarre half-human and his efforts to fit into a society that continually rejects him."

Show times are Wednesday-Saturday, April 28, 29, 30, and May 1, at 7 p.m., and it's recommended for ages 13 and up. Tickets are \$10 at the door and online at www.chantilly hsdrama.com. There's a cast and crew of 65, plus

professional musicians.

"Things are coming along great; the cast and I are really excited about the show," said Khatcheressian, who also did the choreography. "There's a lot of great character work, from the leads down to the ensemble, so we're all having fun with it. The set's enormous and the stage is angled to use as much of the space as possible. The background is the mouth of a cave, with a scrim — a special fabric — in front of it that allows for shadow play."

Describing the show as a rock musical, she said there's contemporary music, "amazing Gospel numbers and brilliantly written ballads. It's all new music that's so good, people will want to run out and buy the soundtrack. It's a hidden gem of a musical they'll enjoy, while [realizing] we can all broaden our horizons, on so many levels, regarding acceptance and tolerance."

Portraying the bat boy — who's pale, has pointy ears and fangs, but otherwise looks human — is junior Taylor Jarrell. "His life was on hold for the first 16 years because he was left at the mouth of a cave by his father and raised by bats," said Jarrell. "So at first, he's feral and animalistic; he crouches, bat-like, grunts and screams. Then after he's found, he rapidly develops as a person."

Jarrell loves the role because his actions on stage range from screaming and acting like an animal to turning into a nice person who sings beautiful SEE CHANTILLY HIGH, PAGE 15

Bus Rapid Transit System for I-66?

Local officials discuss traffic solution for I-66 corridor.

By Bonnie Hobbs Centre View

he solution to Interstate 66's gridlock could be something as simple as a bus. But not just any bus — high-speed rail cars on bus tires traveling in a dedicated lane as part of a Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) system.

That was the take-away from Monday night, April 19's town-hall meeting about Interstate 66 at the Fairfax County Government Center. U.S. Rep. Frank Wolf (R-10) and Supervisors Michael R. Frey (R-Sully) and Pat Herrity (R-Springfield) hosted.

"I believe this project can provide tremendous relief for the I-66 Corridor and westbound," said Wolf. "It can be done very fast, for about \$250 million, and would build up ridership [for future Metrorail], as well."

At the outset, Kathy Ichter, director of the county's Department of Transportation (FCDOT), gave a snapshot of the current status of Interstate 66 in Fairfax County, outside the Beltway. It carries 120,000-150,000 vehicles per day

between Route 28 and the Fairfax County Parkway, plus 170,000-180,000 vehicles per day between Route 50 and the Beltway.

People using the HOV lanes only travel six miles faster than those



Photo by **Bonnie Hobbs** Centre view

U.S. Rep. Frank Wolf (R-10)

in the regular lanes, during the morning rush, she said, and just seven miles faster in the evening.

Ichter said the county's Comprehensive Plan shows the construc-

tion of yet more lanes on Interstate 66, plus the extension of rail and Metrorail and the addition of BRT. She said rail stations are earmarked for Fair Oaks Mall, Stringfellow Road, Centreville Farms (now called Fair Crest) and Route 29 in

Centreville.

(R-Springfield)

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"I-66 clearly is not working, and there's not much encouragement to take HOV," said Herrity. He said SEE BUS RAPID. PAGE 9

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The Laurel Ridge Elementary School Lightning Lions Jump Rope Team demonstrates intricate double-dutch moves. Team members practice every day before school and perform at senior centers and basketball half time shows throughout Fairfax County. There are 40 members on the team.

A Matter Of Health

Colin L. Powell Elementary School opened its doors and invited the community to a free health and fitness fair on Monday, April 12. Area restaurants, groceries and fitness-related businesses provided samples, health screening and information about their services. The INOVA Loudoun Mobile Health Unit was on-site to provide free health screening and several organizations from within Fairfax County set up informational booths and demonstrations.



Allison Lee, a 1st grade student at Colin L. Powell ES takes a ride on "The Convincer," brought by the Fairfax County Police. The seat belt convincer simulates a head-

on collision at 5 mph.



Kylie Kramer, Nicole Mezher, Janey Doyle, Alexis Thomasson and Franky Doyle all plan to run in the 3rd Annual CPES Puma Pounce 5K and 1.5 mile Fun Run on May 8 this year. The event is a fund-raiser for the CPES PTA Playground Fund. All are invited to participate.



Rachel Bloedorn gets the "before" view of germs on her hands. She is using the **Fairfax County Health** Department's "Hand Washing Machine." Her hands were sprayed with special "faux-germ" lotion,then she looks at the "germs" on her hands under the machine.

Roundups

Grand Jury Indicts Guthrie

The case against a Centreville teen charged with involuntary manslaughter is moving forward in the legal system. He is Kyle A. Guthrie, 19, of Gate Post Estates, and he's accused of causing the death of an Oak Hill teen last summer. Both graduated from Westfield High.

Guthrie tossed a firework in the air while he, another person and the victim - Dennis Ray Ross, 19 - were riding in the back of a pickup truck, July 19, in South Riding. Ross jumped out of the truck, struck his head on the roadway and died, six days later. A Loudoun County grand jury indicted Guthrie, last Tuesday, April 13, and he's now scheduled for a jury trial in that county's Circuit Court, Aug. 16-17.

Cobo-Baca Also Indicted

In January, following up on a DNA hit, Fairfax County police detectives from the Cold Case Sexual Crimes Unit arrested a Centreville man. Charged with a December 2007 assault against a 23-year-old woman in his neighborhood was Marco A. Cobo-Baca, 23, of Cool Oak Lane in The Meadows community. Then on Monday, April 19, the grand jury indicted him on a charge of abduction with intent to defile. He's now slated for a May 19 jury

Free Carseat Inspections

Certified technicians from the Sully District Police Station will perform free, child safety carseat inspections Thursday, April 22, 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.

Recycle During Electric Sunday

Residents may recycle old TVs, computers, peripheral electronic devices - such as keyboards, speakers, printers and scanners, as well as household hazardous wastes — including fluorescent light bulbs and tubes, for free, during Fairfax County's "Electric Sunday" events. For more information, call 703-324-5052. The next one is slated for Sunday, April 25, from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m., at the I-66 Transfer Station, 4618 West Ox Road, Fairfax.

Immigration Meeting, April 27

The next meeting of the Centreville Immigration Forum will be held Tuesday, April 27, at 7 p.m., in the chapel of Centreville United Methodist Church, 6400 Old Centreville Road, in Centreville.

Sully District Council Meeting

The Sully District Council of Citizens Associations and its Land-Use Committee will meet Wednesday, April 28, at 7 p.m., in the Sully District Governmental Center, 4900 Stonecroft Blvd. in Chantilly. Call Jeff Parnes, evenings, at 703-904-0131. A representative from Fairfax County Human Services will address the panel, and there'll be presentations on two proposed, cell-phone

Park Authority To Meet

The Fairfax County Park Authority will meet Wednesday, April 28, at 7:30 p.m., in the Herrity Building, 12055 Government Center Parkway, Suite 900 in Fairfax. Call Judy Pedersen at 703-324 8662.

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News



The Youthful Spirits entertained at last Sunday's Gospel celebration for Erin Peterson and will perform at Saturday's concert at Westfield High.

Рното ву Bonnie Hobbs/

Fund-Raiser for Memorial Scholarships

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Remembering Reema and Erin in song.

BY BONNIE HOBBS Centre View

t's been three years since Westfield High grads Reema Samaha and Erin Peterson lost their lives, along with 30 others, at Virginia Tech. But they're far from forgotten and, this Saturday, there'll be a memorial concert to raise money for the scholarships given in their names. It'll be held in the Westfield theater, April 24, at 7 p.m., and performing will be Youthful Spirits and City Singers.

Youthful Spirits includes J. Robbie Wigington, youth minister at Erin's church, Mount Olive Baptist, plus seven other members, ages 18-43, who've

traveled nationally and internationally, spreading God's word in song since 1993. Their music is joyful and energetic and they wowed the crowd at last Sunday's Gospel celebration for Erin.

City Singers is the outreach arm of the City Choir of Washington and performs choral music in a variety of genres, giving concerts at benefits, homeless shelters, retirement and nursing homes and other venues. Un-

der Director Danielle Spriggs, its 25-30 members will entertain Saturday with mostly American music, such as early 1930s jazz and ragtime, Broadway tunes, patriotic and movie music, folk songs and spirituals, plus a classical set.

Singing a solo with them will be Lani Kanakry, a friend of the Samahas. She's a member of their McLean church, Holy Transfiguration, and a voice and piano teacher.

'I think it's going to be a beautiful concert and I really want people to come to it," said Reema's mother, Mona Samaha. "All the performers are very talented, and I think that listening to those choirs will be very inspirational and meaningful to the community."

Reema's scholarships go to Westfield and Herndon

high seniors exemplifying Reema's attributes including good character, an open mind, respect for diversity, and academic excellence.

The Erin Peterson Fund gives the Erin Peterson Leadership Award and the Erin Peterson Commit to Excel Award to two Westfield and two Falls Church high grads emulating Erin's quest for knowledge, commitment to excellence and desire to help the less fortunate. This fund also awards two FastWeb scholarships, plus grants to Westfield's Leadership for Tomorrow program for at-risk students.

"Reema and Erin were friends since they were in third grade and were on the same soccer team," said Erin's mother, Celeste Peterson. "Their dorm rooms at Virginia Tech were side-by-side, and they died together in French class. So I think it's appropriate that they're celebrated together at the [upcoming] concert. I just hope we can raise a lot of money to give away a lot of scholarships."

> Reema's parents and siblings attended last Friday's remembrance ceremony at Virginia Tech on the third anniversary of the tragedy. Her father, Joe Samaha, said they've discovered that coming to grips with the loss of a child "doesn't get easier with time. It's a life-altering experience and you learn to live with it. There's not a day that goes by when I don't think of it - not just for Reema, but

be with the other families, other students who went — Joe Samaha also for the others."

So the Samaha family made the trip to Virginia Tech last week, he said, because "it's always warming to be with the other families, the survivors, the administration and the other students who went through this with us. They don't leave my mind. They suffered, as well, on April 16, and to be together is always comforting. We've become family; I feel we can share anything with each other."

For Erin's parents, though, the very thought of returning to the place where their only child was killed is just unbearable. "I can't go back down there; it's too painful," said her mother. "Erin was happy

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Gospel Celebration for Erin Peterson Fund

By Bonnie Hobbs Centre View

oyous, spiritual and heartfelt music filled Centreville High's theater last Sunday during the third annual Gospel Celebration for the Erin Peterson Fund. It was hosted by Mount Olive Baptist Church, where Erin, one of the Virginia Tech victims, worshiped with her family.

Performing were the Mount Olive Men's Choir, with special guest artists, The Spiritual Harmonizers, Youthful Spirits and twins Kelly Butler-Noel and Kim Butler-Dennis. The event raised money for the Erin Peterson Fund, which honors Erin's life and her dream of an education by providing financial assistance to deserving students.

Her family has established several scholarships and grants in her name, including the Legacy Initiative, given each year in memory of someone who died in the Virginia Tech tragedy. This year's \$2,000 scholarship, in honor of student Caitlin Hammaren, was awarded to Megan Alyse Bauer, a political science major at Kalamazoo College in Michigan.

Scholarships will also go to graduating seniors at Westfield and Falls Church high schools, in addition to two national scholarships and a \$6,500 grant to Westfield's Leadership for Tomorrow program for atrisk males. The group was established after Erin's death and now contains 35 students from all grade levels.

"AT FIRST, they were angry. So initially, we just wanted them to go to school and behave," said Erin's mother, Celeste Peterson. "But now, they want to improve their lives and do good. We have Thanksgiving dinner, go on trips, have guest speakers and talk about them going to college."

To her delight, the effort has proven successful. "As a result of letting them know



Erin's parents, Celeste and Grafton Peterson, appreciate the community's support.

From left: Twins
Kelly Butler-Noel
and Kim ButlerDennis sing
"Wind Beneath
My Wings," with
the words
changed to
describe Erin.



someone's looking out for them and somebody cares, their lives have completely changed," she said proudly. "They come to school, their grades have gone up and, this year, three have just applied to college and, so far, one has gotten in."

Peterson was with them last Friday, and they hugged her in thanks — and to comfort her on the anniversary of her daughter's death. "Erin taught me how to take time with people, like she did," said Peterson. "One boy told me Erin had told him to stay

out of trouble, and he listened. That sent shivers up my spine."

She said Erin was clear about her goals—an education and to work for a nonprofit corporation, helping others. Now, in her name, her parents help other children on the road toward fulfilling their own aspirations

"We've given away \$38,000 in scholarships and grants, to date, and we've raised \$95,000 to earn interest to keep giving money away," said Peterson. "We'd eventually like to award a four-year scholarship. So we're giving away values and goals — a legacy you can give to someone else. That's what Erin would have wanted; she always wanted to make a difference in people's lives."

Pleased, as well, with Sunday's Gospel Celebration, Peterson said, "I think it's great. The spiritual part of Erin's life was important to her."

J. Robbie Wigington, Mount Olive's youth minister, told the crowd, "We're here to celebrate the legacy of a life cut short. But this person is in heaven, witnessing the impact she's had on others."

MOUNT OLIVE'S pastor, the Rev. Eugene Johnson, also praised her, saying, "We thank God for Erin Peterson, her spirit and her love, and the way she always reached out to help others."

"It's been three years since we lost Erin — three years of grieving and three years of this church wrapping its arms around and supporting our family," said Erin's cousin, Tracy Littlejohn. "And as great as her loss was, God's love is even greater."

Then, at the end of the concert, Erin's mother came to the stage and expressed her appreciation to everyone. "For the last three years, God has been beside me," she said. "I thank my church family and pastor, family, neighbors and friends who haven't left my side. I'm so blessed."

Regarding the scholarships, Peterson said, "Erin told me, 'Every time I ask Him, God always answers.' And whenever I feel like not getting up, I hear her telling me, 'We've got people to help.' When I say, 'But we can't help everybody,' she says, 'Why not?'"

Then Peterson's husband Grafton joined her onstage. "This is my man and I'm proud of him," she said. "We've been married 25 years and, when I wake up at 2 or 3 in the morning, crying, he wakes up, too — and we cry together."



The Mount Olive Baptist Church Men's Chorus, featuring soloist Edward Ewell, perform.



The Spiritual Harmonizers rock Centreville High's theater with rousing, Gospel music.

Penderbrook Man Charged with Embezzling Funds

More than \$700,000 missing from nonprofit.

By Bonnie Hobbs Centre View

Penderbrook man has been charged with embezzling more than \$700,000 from an organization dedicated to helping the world's poor. He is Eun Tae Lee, 50, of Wedgeway Court in

Deputy Charles Perinis, an investigator with the Loudoun County Sheriff's Office, explained the case against him in a March 30 affidavit for a warrant to search Lee's home for possible evidence.



faith-based, nonprofit in Sterling - reported that their former financial officer, Lee, had allegedly embezzled "in excess of \$700,000" from their organization. They informed [Perinis] that Lee accomplished this by [reportedly] gaining control of the church's bank accounts and

According to the affidavit, on March 26, writing checks from these accounts to indimembers of the SEED International — a vidual accounts he'd established in his own

The deputy wrote that Lee then allegedly used this money "to support a lavish lifestyle that included his residence on Wedgeway Court, the rent for an apartment at 4602 Commons Drive, No. 103, in Annandale, the purchase of a 2006 Porsche Cayenne [SUV] and his personal living expenses."

Furthermore, wrote Perinis, when

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Schools



It's Academic

Having won its first game earlier this season, a team of students from Chantilly High School competed in an "It's Academic" playoff match with two other first round winners — Holton-Arms School in Bethesda and Sherwood High School in Sandy Spring. The game was eventually won by Holton-Arms School. The match will be aired Saturday, May 15, at 10:30 a.m., on NBC-4. The Chantilly team consists of Captain J.J. Hoo, Gary Suljoti, and Nakkul Sreenivas. Their faculty coach is Mary Catherine Keating.



Talent Show

Lees Corner Elementary held its annual Talent Show recently. Performing a musical number are, from left, Isabelle Turner, Hannah Reeves and Sydney Kendrick.



Math Contest Winners

Poplar Tree Elementary school recently held the 6th grade Math League contest. The school's grade level winners are, from left, Aidan Aronhime – 4th grade; Rachel Scherbenske – 5th grade and David Tammaro – 6th grade, with Math lead teacher Crista Ziegler. Each student received a certificate of merit, as well as math games for themselves and their homeroom teachers. The top five scores are submitted for a statewide competition.

Odyssey of the Mind

The Odyssey of the Mind Division 1 team from Greenbriar West Elementary School won the the Region 13 Competition for the problem of "Return to The Gift of Flight." They



then competed at the state level on March 27, in Newport News, where they placed third in their division. Odyssey of the Mind is a creative problem-solving competition. Team members work together to solve a predefined long-term problem and also generate answers to problems they have not seen before in the spontaneous event. Front row, from left, are Ian Anspaugh and Ana Morris; back row, from left, are Cecilia de Perio (assistant coach), Roshni Yaradi, Mandy Baatar, Rachana Krishnan, Ashish Tondwalker, Vihn Nguyen, and Priya Krishnan (coach).

Top Spellers

Was that synonym or cinnamon? Mispelled or misspelled?

Ashley Do knows; the Greenbriar East Elementary School 6th grader triumphed over her 2-6th grade competitors for the right to call herself GBE Speller Extraordinaire in the school's second annual spelling bee as part of the Scripts National Spelling Bee.

Following inner grade level spell offs later this year in Washington, D.C.

to select finalists, Greenbriar East 6th graders garnered the top slots with Wade Kovalik and Emily Lu tying for second place. The search for the best speller is part of the nation's largest and longest-running educational promotion, administered on a not-for-profit basis by the E.W. Scripps Company. District champions qualify for participation in the final competition to be held later this year in Washington, D.C.

Finalists in spelling bee competition at Greenbriar East Elementary School.





Addressing Scouts

Attorney General Ken Cuccinelli recently attended the Boy Scout Troop 717 Court of Honor. Troop 717 is associated with Saint Andrew the Apostle Catholic Church on Union Mill Road. The attorney general told the Scouts a story about his campaign managers, two were not old enough to vote. The two young campaign managers demonstrated their good citizenship by choosing to be involved personally in the democratic process. One was a member of a local high school track team. Cuccinelli said that at one point in his campaign the entire high school track team was delivering literature door to door at lighten speed.

Fund-Raiser for Memorial Scholarships

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there; but for me, it was the start of sadness. If you could make this kind of grief into a weapon, it would annihilate the world."

"Not a day passes when we don't mention her name — she left such clear footprints," said Peterson. "We felt blessed to have her. Lose a child — there's no name for it." There's nothing that alleviates the pain, either, she said. So although she grieves mightily on the inside, said Peterson, "I get by, one day at a time, smiling on the outside."

Roundups

From Page 3

Electronics Recycling Available to Residents

Local residents may recycle their old, electronics equipment Thursday, April 29, from 7 a.m.-1 p.m., at the Sully District Governmental Center, 4900 Stonecroft Blvd. in Chantilly. This includes items such as computers, monitors, printers, cell phones and fax machines. The event is sponsored by the Westfields Business Owners Association, in cooperation with the National Reconnaissance Office.

Children's Science Center Meeting

The public is invited to attend a discussion exploring the possibilities of the first Children's Science Center in Northern Virginia. It would be a place where children could learn, create and be inspired. Those planning it want to know the community's

Still, she said, Erin's with her in spirit, every day, guiding her. So she knows how much the upcoming concert would mean to her daughter, since it'll raise funds for scholarships to help other students achieve their dreams.

Joe Samaha is also looking forward to the event. "So many people do such a wonderful job, and it's great to pull the community together for this," he said. "What a warming and lovely tribute to Reema and Erin. Surely, it will lift the spirits of the community to hear the singers, and the scholarships are something we can give back to them in the names of our children."

ideas, needs and desires for this entity.

The discussion is slated for this Thursday, April 29, at 7 p.m., at the Fairfax County Government Center. Topics will include the facility's operation, exhibits and programs, target age range, admission cost and location. For more information, see www.thechildrenssciencecenter.org.

Health Volunteers Are Needed

April 18-24 is National Volunteer Week, honoring volunteers dedicated to taking action and solving problems in their communities and inspiring others to make service and volunteering a part of their lives. The Fairfax County Health Department invites residents to learn more about volunteering with the Fairfax Medical Reserve Corps (MRC).

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OPINION

Call for Mother's Day Photos And Father's Day too ...

very year at this time, Centre View puts out the call for photographs of moms and their children, grand-grandchildren. Most years, we're lucky enough to receive a photo or two that includes four generations great-grandma and all Editorial

Mother's Day is Sunday, May 9, and once again the Connection will publish a gallery of Mother's Day photos, celebrating the mothers who make so many things possible in families, communities, schools and other institutions in local neighborhoods.

Send in photos as soon as possible, including information about who is in the picture, the date the picture was taken, the ages of the children and sentence or two about what is

> happening and the location (who, what, where, when, why).

We prefer digital photos in JPeg format; email them Centreview@ConnectionNewspapers.com, and write Mother's Day Photos in the subject line. Or you can mail a CD with your photos on it in Jpeg format.

We will also accept prints, and we will do our best to return photos that include a selfaddressed-stamped envelope for that purpose, but please do not send us any photos that cannot be replaced. Send photos to Centreview@ConnectionNewspapers.com, or mail to Centre View, Mother's Day Photo Gallery, 1606 King Street, Alexandria, VA 22314.

And remember, a few weeks from now it will be time to send photos of Dads and children, grandfathers and children and grandchildren. Or feel free to send your Mother's and Father's Day photos at the same time.

COMMENTARY

County Mixes Up Stone Soup

Fairfax County adopts Fiscal Year 2011 budget.

By Sharon Bulova CHAIRMAN, FAIRFAX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

s we worked through our budget process for adoption of the Fiscal Year 2011 Budget, I was reminded of an old story called "Stone Soup." According to one variation of the story:

Tired, hungry soldiers came upon a little village. When they inquired about food, the villagers were reluctant to share their food stores, worried that their limited supply would become depleted.

And so, the soldiers set down their gear in the village square and produced a large pot. They filled the pot with water and a large stone, then set it over a fire. A few curious villagers walked over and asked what the soldiers were making. The captain explained that they were making something called stone soup, which tasted wonderful, but probably needed just a few more ingredients. He offered to share the soup with the villagers once it was finished.

One of the villagers returned and offered to supplement the soup with a few potatoes, which he diced and put into the simmering water. Another villager produced a bunch of carrots and another offered to share a few onions from her garden. These small but tasty contributions continued throughout the day.

Eventually the soup pot was full of a hearty, delicious soup. That evening, the entire village joined the soldiers in a satisfying feast of Stone Soup.

Last year at this time, during the most severe economic breakdown in most of our lifetimes, our Board adopted a budget which closed a projected shortfall of \$650 million.

The \$3.3 billion General Fund budget we adopted included \$90.8 million of reductions and represented a decrease of \$91.9 million from the previous year.

We started our budget process for Fiscal Year 2011 well before any dust could settle on the adoption of Fiscal Year 2010. While the number is coming down, we are still challenged with foreclosures, more than 700 in March 2010. Residential property values have continued to decline, this year by approximately 6 percent. Commercial property values dropped more than 18 percent.

In addition, as we began the process, we anticipated reductions from the state as they attempted to close their \$4.2 billion budget shortfall. We continue to be challenged with increasing demands on county services from families and individuals turning to us for help with food stamps, utility assistance, rent, housing assistance and finding employment. These dynamics all combine to challenge us once again to close a projected shortfall — this time of \$257.2

AS IN THE STORY of Stone Soup, the process of closing that shortfall has been one of impressive community engagement, creativity and collaboration among County staff and our non-profit partners. What began as a seemingly empty pot is a balanced budget that, despite \$91.3 million in reductions over last year, maintains critical services, is sensitive to the taxpayer and protects the quality of life we value in Fairfax County.

Coupled with a positive formula change (of \$61 million) in the Local Composite Index (LCI) — State

Funding to localities, our \$1.6 billion transfer to the schools fully funds the Schools Board's requested budget and establishes a \$45 million balance for future Virginia Retirement System (VRS) requirements.

The newly adopted \$3.3 billion budget contains many reorganizational changes and efficiencies that help reduce the cost for providing services, and in many, perhaps most cases, improves the delivery of those services and programs.

Highlights of Amendments to the Advertised FY 2011 Budget

- ❖ A Real Estate Tax Rate of \$1.09, an increase of 5 cents. At this rate, the average homeowner's tax bill is a reduction of \$48.55;
- ❖ A 0.5 cent increase on the Real Estate Tax Rate for the Stormwater Service District Levy. These two rates combined result in a net reduction for the average homeowner's bill of \$26.93;
- ❖ A Vehicle Registration Fee of \$33 per vehicle. Most other localities in Virginia utilize this fee to provide local services;
- The Sewer Service Charge increases, from \$4.50 to \$5.27. This fee increase addresses aging sewer infrastructure and compliance with state and Federal Clean Water and environmental mandates. Our rates continue to be among the lowest in the region;
- ❖ A \$1.6 billion Transfer to the Schools. The Fairfax County Public Schools continue to be more than 53 percent of the county's General Fund Budget;
- ❖ The Fiscal Year 2011 General Fund (Schools & General County Combined) Budget is a 2.7 percent reduction from the previous year.

Using a \$21.6 million Reserve established through agency/department savings throughout Fiscal Years 2009 and 2010 the following adjustments/restorations

were made to the County Executive's Advertised Budget:

- * Reduced by known state reductions of approximately \$3 mil-
- ❖ Holds \$7 million aside for additional State Reductions and Critical Funding issues for both the county and schools ...

... THE BUDGET fully funds the Priority 1 requirements of the Board Adopted Affordable Housing Blueprint through the use of \$4 million in operation revenues from the Wedgewood affordable housing complex. This funds the Bridging Affordability portion of the Blueprint. This program, a partnership with non-profits and Faith community organizations addresses homelessness, provides affordable housing options to those with special needs and reduces the waiting lists for housing programs.

Budget adoption was the culmination of an unprecedented level of community engagement. Community Dialogues were held throughout the County during the fall and early winter. Throughout late February, March and early April more than 20 Town Meetings and Forums were hosted to receive feedback on the Advertised Budget. Employee Budget Briefings and Dialogues were organized by County Executive Tony Griffin and by our Unions and Employee organizations. And lastly, hundreds of speakers attended three days over 20 hours - of public hear-

Like the villagers' contributions in the story of Stone Soup, this generous level of public engagement enriched our process and has resulted in a better product. When we adopt a budget, we are investing in the priorities of our community. I am glad to have had the community at the table with us during these months.

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Bus Rapid Transit for I-66?

From Page 1

drivers should be able to use Interstate 66's shoulders whenever there's congestion, and he noted how bad rush hour is on the weekends, too. Herrity also said the HOV ramps to and from Interstate 66 at Monument Drive and Stringfellow Road should be open to traffic at non-HOV times.

FREY EXPRESSED his frustration with the progress of efforts to ease Interstate 66's traffic woes. He said several suggestions were made after a Major Investment Study in the mid-1990s and then stalled.

"Until an EIS [Environmental Impact Statement] is done, almost nothing can be [accomplished on Interstate 66], so it's critical to get that done, for long-term improvements," said Frey. "Pat and I have brought this up, but we need you [the residents] to support and help us. The Board [of Supervisors] supports rail to Centreville but, lately, it's been focused on transportation improvements in the southeast part of the county because of BRAC and the expansion of Fort Belvoir." But, added Frey, those things will happen over many years, and Interstate 66 needs relief now.

VDOT regional traffic engineer Hari Sripathi said that, although the shoulders are now used an extra hour at night and during congestion and construction, shoulders are needed for emergency pull-offs and for emergency vehicles to use.

He, too, favors using the Monument and Stringfellow ramps westbound and said VDOT doesn't believe it would hurt Interstate 66 traffic. And from residents, said Sripathi, "We've received strong support to open them for general

Selby Thannikary, chief of FCDOT's Traffic Operations Section, relayed an idea from Del. Jim LeMunyon (R-67), whereby websites, other electronic devices and Interstate 66 messaging signs could inform drivers of available Metro parking. "If a lot is full, it would give drivers directions where else to go," said Thannikary. "But it's still a conceptual idea, due to lack of funding."

Steven Shapiro, with Dewberry of the I-66 Multi-modal Transportation and Environmental Study, examining all the major roads in Northern Virginia. He said HOV capacity on Interstate 66 is almost 1,500 vehicles per hour during rush hour, "partly due to hybrids



Photo by Bonnie Hobbs

VDOT engineer Hari Sripathi

using those lanes." Calling rail "pretty far out there in the future," he said BRT should seriously be considered.

State Sen. Chap Petersen (D-34) discussed a March 9 letter he wrote to Gov. Robert McDonnell (R) and which was signed by nine other Fairfax and Prince William County legislators. "I asked him to fast-track BRT progress on I-66," said Petersen. "This makes the most sense for this corridor. We need dedicated lanes and exit ramps on I-66 so buses could have unfettered access to staging points and depots. There should be a competitive, bidding process to [achieve this] and all this could be done at a fraction of the cost required for fixed rail."

ALSO NEEDED, said Petersen, are staging areas where commuters could enter a bus at grade, for quick entry; easily accessible information on iPhones, cell phones and the Internet so riders will know when the next bus is coming; and a new brand to bring in customers.

Mike Harris, project manager of the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation's I-66 Transit/Transportation Demand Management Study, presented results of this 12-month project. He said Arlington, Fairfax, Prince William and surrounding communities participated, plus actual transit operators.

Unique to Northern Virginia, he said, "People want time savings & Davis, is deputy project manager more than cost savings. Next comes convenience and reliability. And point-to-point express service offers the largest time-savings."

Harris said two-thirds of singleoccupant drivers said they might consider rapid transit if they had easy access to stations and if these

stations had comfort, like heat and air conditioning, and amenities like WiFi. People surveyed also requested new bus service on Routes 29 and 50, plus increased service on current routes.

They also proposed adding 3,000 parking spaces at existing or new park-and-ride lots in the western part of the Interstate 66 Corridor, and building bus facilities along Interstate 66 that could later be used for rail. "They [wanted us to] make the HOV lanes healthy and put buses on the shoulder," said Harris. "And they said pedestrian and bike access to stations is important."

Next, Bill Vincent, deputy director of Breakthrough Technologies Institute, showed a film he produced in 2004 about BRT's benefits in three cities already using it. He said it could be implemented quickly and relatively inexpen-

The film showed electronic fare collection at stations and said BRT can equal or exceed the capacity of most rail systems and could become operational in three years. It also noted that BRT became so popular that demand for buses increased, gasoline consumption decreased and quality of life im-

It's already used in Boston, New York, Cleveland, Los Angeles and Toronto. "In Los Angeles, a 14-mile BRT was projected to have 22,000 weekday passengers by 2020," said Vincent. "But it achieved it in its first, eight months."

Following a question-and-answer period — see next week's paper for specifics — Supervisor Frey called Monday's meeting "a good discussion with positive suggestions." Assuming Northern Virginia someday receives the necessary money to make BRT here a reality, Frey said, "We do have to plan. Sometimes, you have to start something with a leap of faith that [eventually] the funding will be there."

Meanwhile, said Herrity, "I'll continue pursuing traffic solutions on I-66 and the Beltway. We can start to pull together an integrated network with a time savings that'll induce people to use rapid tran-

Wolf said he's committed to pushing for BRT, but a consensus must be developed, along with the will to follow through with it. "We need to bring together a bipartisan group and let them hold public hearings like this, around the state," he said. "Then when we come out of the recession, we can go forward with this."



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THURSDAY/APRIL 22

Celebrate Earth Day. 7 to 8 p.m. Bring Earth Day to a close with an Amphibian Campfire. Learn about native amphibians by seeing the animals first hand. This is a nature packed fun night for the entire family. Reservations are required to gather around the campfire with a park naturalist. The fee is \$5 per person. Call 703-631-0013 to register. Ellanor C. Lawrence Park is located at 5040 Walney Road in Chantilly.

Eating Healthy. 7 p.m. A registered dietician discusses how to prepare food that is healthy and economical for singles, those on their own, or anyone who wants to eat better. At Lord of Life Lutheran Church, 13421 Twin Lakes Dr., Centreville. Free. Sponsored by Lord of Life Singles. 703-323-9500 or www.lordoflifelutheran.com.

FRIDAY/APRIL 23

Bingo Night. 6 p.m. Hosted by the Chantilly High School All-Night Graduation Party Committee. To be held in the Chantilly High cafeteria. Tickets are \$12/advance or \$15/door. Tickets include three cards for 20 games, VISA gift card prizes, door prizes and a 50/50 raffle. To purchase tickets in advance, send an email to jadixon@cox.net

Swing Dancing. 8:30-9 p.m. beginner swing lesson; 9 p.m. to midnight dancing. Cost is \$15. With the band, King Teddy. At the Hilton Washington Dulles Airport Hotel, 13869 Park Center Road, Herndon.

Assistance League Luncheon. 11 a.m. Tickets are \$60. Assistance League of Northern Virginia announces the "Think Bigger, Live Bolder" fundraising luncheon benefitting the Assistance League programs "Weekend Food for Kids" and "Operation School Bell New Clothing for Kids." At the Chantilly National Golf & Country Club at 14901 Braddock Road, Centreville. Contact Helen Russell, at assistanceleague.helen@gmail.com or 703-597-6849

Bingo Night. 6 p.m. The Chantilly High School All-Night-Graduation Party Committee is hosting Bingo Night in the CHS cafeteria. Tickets are \$12 in advance or \$15 at the door. Tickets include three cards for 20 games, VISA gift card prizes, door prizes and a 50/50 raffle. To purchase tickets in advance, send an email to jadixon@cox.net.

APRIL 23-MAY 2

Capital Cabaret. Sponsored by Alliance Theatre. Show times are Show times are Friday-Saturday, April 23-24, and April 30-May 1, at 7:30 p.m., and Sunday, April 25 and May 2, at 2 p.m. Bringing Broadway to Virginia, this year's production spotlights music from "Fiddler on the Roof," "Singing in the Rain" and "Rent" and features a tribute to Andrew Lloyd Webber. Tickets are \$10 at the door or via www.thealliancetheatre.org. At Mountain View School in Centreville.

SATURDAY/APRIL 24

Community Clothing Giveaway. 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Free to all and open to anyone who has a need. At Centreville Baptist Church, 15100 Lee Highway, Centreville. Call 703-830-3333.

Tribute. 7 p.m. City Singers and Youthful Spirits, an outreach ensemble of the City Choir of Washington will perform on behalf of the Reema J. Samaha and Erin Peterson Memorial Scholarship Funds. At Westfield High School's auditorium.

Book Discussion. 1 p.m. Laura Johnston will



SATURDAY/APRIL 24

Meet the Author. 2-4 p.m. Centreville author William H. Johnson returns to his native state of Virginia to talk about his debut novel, The Dark Province. At Mei's Asian Bistro, 3434 Washington Blvd., Arlington.

William H. Johnson

present her book Common Cents: Easy Essentials to Budget for Life. At Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road, Chantilly. Free; Register online at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library or call 703-502-3883.

NOVACO Charity Rummage Sale. 8 a.m. to noon. Proceeds will benefit the NOVACO program to help victims of domestic abuse. Tax deductible donations of books, videos, DVDs, CDs, furniture, house wares, garden equipment, bikes, children's clothes, and toys are appreciated and can be dropped off at the church on Thursday and Friday, April 22 and 23 from 4-7pm. St. Andrew Lutheran Church is at the corner of Braddock Road and Cranoke Street in Centreville.

SUNDAY/APRIL 25

Pastor's Anniversary. 10 a.m. For Dr. Eugene Johnson, pastor of Mount Olive Baptist Church. The guest speaker is Rev. Carroll Baltimore. To be held at Centreville High School, Union Mill Road, Clifton. Call 703-830-8769.

Old-Fashioned Fun and Games. 1-4 p.m. Play with 19th century toys and games and make a toy to take home. Cost is \$10 to make the Game of Graces, \$5 for Marbles with a bag, \$5 for Cornhusk Doll or make all three for \$18. At Sully Historic Site, 3650 Historic Sully Way in Chantilly. Call 703-437-1794.

West Point Glee Club. 4:30 p.m. at Hayfield Secondary School, 7630 Telegraph Road, Alexandria. This concert is intended to honor veterans, members of the "greatest generation," wounded warriors and their families. The cadets will sing with the West Point Alumni Glee Club of Chantilly at this joint event. Reserve at https://secure.west-point.org/wpagc/ or 703-263-2364.

APRIL 29-MAY 1

"This Old House," a Family Friendly Musical.
Free. Thursday, April 29 and Friday, April 30 at 7
p.m.; Saturday, May 1 at 3 p.m. A Perennial
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family-friendly musicals and plays. The actors
range from 8-14 years old . At Chantilly Bible
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FRIDAY/APRIL 30

Swing Dancing. 9 p.m. to midnight. Admission is \$15. With the band, Deja Blue Blues Band. Beginner swing lesson 8:30-9 p.m. With Sue and Gary Caley. At the Hilton Washington Dulles Airport Hotel, 13869 Park Center Road (Route 28 near the airport), Herndon.

SUNDAY/MAY 2

Town Hall Meeting. 3 p.m. Jim LeMunyon, member 67th Virginia House of Delegates. At Sully Government Center, 4900 Stonecroft Blvd., Chantilly.

Troop 893 Holds Annual TAG Sale

Boy Scouts and parents from Troop 893 are preparing for their 37th Annual TAG (Totally Awesome Garage) Sale. To make this huge rummage sale a success, they are looking for donations of a wide array of items, including clothing, toys, bikes, sporting goods, books & media, electronics, non-upholstered furniture, household goods, tools, lawn & garden items and even cars and boats. They cannot accept appliances, propane items, heavy exercise equipment, tires, mattresses, particleboard furniture or car seats. Please donate only items that are clean and in good condition. Donations can be dropped off at the Dulles Expo Center-North Hall on April 24-25 and May 1-2. Drop-off hours are 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday and noon-4 p.m. Sunday. Go to www.Troop893.org or call the pickup hotline at 703-222-2333 to make arrangements for large items to be picked up at your home. Then mark your calendars and plan to come to the Boy Scout Tag sale on Saturday, May 8, from 8 a.m.-1 p.m. to find the best bargains around while supporting summer camp and high adventure activities for nearly 100 boys in our community. This year Admission is a Canned Good or Non-Perishable Food item (or \$1) per person, to be donated to Western Fairfax Christian Ministries Food Pantry.

SCHOOLS

Westfield Summer Stage offers another family-friendly musical theatre production this year with the Broadway hit "42nd Street." Students in current grades 6-12 are invited to audition for more than 50 roles as singers, dancers, and actors. No parts have been pre-cast and no previous experience is necessary.

Potential cast members are encouraged to attend an audition workshop on Monday, April 26 at 6:30 p.m. in the Westfield High School Black Box Theatre. Auditions will be held on May 1, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Callbacks are May 2 at 2 p.m. The workshop fee for all actors is \$300 and includes five weeks of instruction, rehearsals, performances, plus a show t-shirt. Rehearsals begin June 28 and are held on weekday evenings through July 21. "42nd Street" runs July 22, 23, 24, and 25 at Westfield High School, 4700 Stonecroft Blvd., in Chantilly. Go to www.westfieldtheatre boosters.com or call 703-488-6439.

Young actors in the Northern Virginia area can learn about the theatre arts at Young Actors' Workshop June 28 - July 2, from 9 a.m. to noon. This workshop is open to elementary school students in rising grades 3-6. Tuition is \$125 and classes will be held at Westfield High School in Chantilly.

Through word, movement and music, students will engage in individual and group activities that culminate in a shared experience between the actors and their audience.

Sponsored by Westfield Theatre Boosters and led by Herndon High School Theatre Director Zoë Dillard, Young Actors' Workshop teaches students basic acting, music and movement skills. Westfield Theatre students will serve as counselors in the camp.

Westfield Theatre Boosters is now accepting registrations for Young Actors' Workshop. For enrollment information about camp, visit the Westfield Theatre Boosters website at

www.westfieldtheatreboosters.com, email Patti Dezelick at patti@dezelick.com, or leave a message in the Westfield Theatre Boosters' voice mailbox at 703-488-6439.

Chantilly High student Avi Jaggi competed in the VHSL Speech Forensics State Competition last Saturday in

Harrisonburg, writing and delivering his own speech (ironically on dealing with rejection). Avi took first place, and is now the VHSL Original Oratory State Champ. On the weekend of March 27, Kenny

Lau and Avi Jaggi both competed in Original Oratory in the National Forensic League Mid-Atlantic Tournament. Both qualified for the National Tournament in June, with Avi taking first place and Kenny taking second! Also, Medina Shahnan Kayoumy (Extemporaneous Speaking) and Aashna Jain (Dramatic Interpretation) broke into the final rounds.

Also, Arjun Nair will be competing in the VHSL State Debate Competition in Lynchburg next weekend, in Student Congress Debate.

The Rocky Run Model UN won the highest award for a middle school, the Secretary General's Award, at the Thomas Jefferson High School Model UN Conference last weekend. This is the second time the club has won this award at a conference this year. Congratulations to these students who won personal awards:

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The Chantilly High Economics team continued its winning ways by taking the state title in the non-AP Economics Challenge and runner-up in the AP division this week. The Economics Challenge is similar to It's Academic, but with only economics questions. There are two divisions — AP and non-AP. This week the non-AP team of Ray Augst, Jac Brueneman, Brittany Fuller and Peter Roberts won the state championship. This is Chantilly's fifth consecutive state championship. It's officially a dynasty. Additionally, in the AP division, the team of Adam Binford, Gary Suljoti, Suraj Malladi and Chris Foley placed second in the state. Chantilly is proud of these students and their mentor/coach and teacher Joe Clement.

Congratulations to the following Chantilly Academy Early Childhood Careers Academy students: Christina Chung and Melissa Owen, Chantilly; and Jillian Domenech, Oakton.

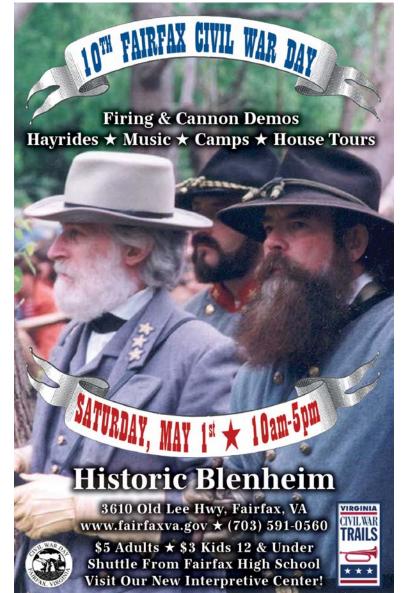
These students placed second in the state competition at the FCCLA (Family, Careers & Community Leaders of America) Conference in Virginia Beach on Friday. They competed in Focus on Children category, which included schools from all over the state.

Greenbriar West Elementary School is now accepting information for next year's Kindergarten classes. If you have a child who will turn 5 years of age by Sept. 30, 2010, call the school office at 703-633-6700 as soon as possible. We will be sending out special invitations for Kindergarten Orientation to be held Monday, Greenbriar West Elementary School.

Lees Corner Elementary School is gathering information on children who will be 5 years old by Sept. 30, 2010 and live within the school's boundaries. Boundary information can be accessed at www.fcps.edu/boundary/. If you have a child who meets these requirements, call Mrs. Nolan at 703-227-3500. Enrollment information and forms will be mailed out prior to the Monday, May 3 Kindergarten Registration/Orientation. Visit http:// www.fcps.edu/start.htm

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It is time for the 10th Annual Westfield High School 5K Run/ Walk for Scholarships! On Saturday, May 8 at 8 a.m., runners and walkers have the opportunity to participate in a 5K (3.1 mile) run or walk through the Westfield Business Park. Both the run and walk will begin and end at WHS, 4700 Stonecroft Boulevard, Chantilly. The 5K uses a certified course that is relatively flat and loops runners through the Westfield Business Park. Over \$60,000 in scholarship money has been raised from this event for WHS graduating classes. Runners and walkers can sign up for the event by going to the 5K Web site http:// ptsa.westfieldhs.org/race/index.htm and either completing an online registration or downloading the form and mailing it in to WHS. Registration costs are \$15 for all FCPS students and \$20 for all others until April 15. The fee goes up to \$25 after April 15th. All entrants registered by April 16 will receive a T-shirt and are eligible for raffle prizes. Overall and age group win-





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Sports

A Little Bit of Everything in Local Softball Gem

Centreville and Chantilly play to midseason form in Concorde meeting.

BY RICH SANDERS

CENTRE VIEW

ross-town and Concorde District girls' softball rivals Centreville and Chantilly High Schools squared off Tuesday evening in a mid-season game that had just about everything a softball enthusiast could want — good pitching and hitting, some outstanding defense and late innings drama. In the end, the visiting Centreville squad earned a hard-fought 4-2 win.

"I was definitely real proud of everybody," said first baseman Katie Sokol, Centreville's lone senior and team captain, of the win over the local opponents. "It gives us some adrenaline knowing we can walk into school tomorrow following a victory."

It looked for a while as if that victory for the Wildcats (4-2 season record) was a foregone conclusion after Centreville broke a scoreless tie with a pair of runs in

both the top of the fourth and fifth innings to build a 4-0 lead. A squeeze bunt RBI off the bat of Hayley Holmes, which plated teammate Cara Donovan, and a fielder's choice RBI from Karen Johnson accounted for the first two runs in the fourth. In the fifth, Mackenzie Carson's run-scoring groundout followed by a booming RBI double from Alexis Murdock into the right center field gap made it a 4-0 game in the fifth.

That was still the score an inning later when Chantilly came up to bat in its bottom of the sixth. Up to that point, the Chargers (4-4), a team made up totally of underclassmen with no seniors, had managed just two singles off of Centreville sophomore pitcher Courtney Burke, the hard-throwing right hander who had struck out nine and walked one over five shutout innings. Chantilly, which had seen its first five batters of the game strikeout, had looked overmatched up to that point.

But the Chargers were not about to go down without making some offensive noise. In their sixth, lead-off batter Wendy Sloan grounded a single to left field to start the inning. Jennifer Loh, the next hitter, then reached on an error as Sloan moved to second. A wild pitch advanced both runners up a base before left-handed hitting Tori Doherty, a sophomore catcher, came up with her team's best hit



PHOTO BY RICH SANDERS/CENTRE VIEW

Chantilly softball head coach Carmen Wise (left) and assistant Stephanie Jeter have seen their young Chargers' team improve as the season has moved on.

of the game when she launched a fly ball double into the right center field gap to score both runners. But the aggressive Doherty, in attempting to stretch the extra base hit into a triple, was thrown out at third on a well-executed relay play for the first out of the inning.

But Chantilly was still not through as its next two hitters — Laura Conaghan and Bryanna Kerbuski — both singled against the suddenly tiring Burke. That set up what proved to be the play of the game. With runners on first and second, Chantilly's Rachel Major drilled a line drive which appeared to be headed into right field. But Holmes, the Centreville second baseman, immediately moved towards her left before making a brilliant, outstretched catch. The runners had been moving on the batted ball, so Holmes, following the catch, tossed the ball to first baseman Sokol for the rally-stopping double play.

Centreville had survived what could have been an even bigger inning for the Chargers, who entered the seventh trailing 4-2.

"It was definitely a clutch play,"

said first year Centreville head coach Tracy Bennett, of second baseman Holmes' nifty line drive snag which was turned into a twin killing. "That inning could have gotten out of hand quickly and they could have had a big inning."

Neither team scored in the final inning. There were, however, a couple more outstanding fielding gems in that final, seventh inning as outfielders from both teams — Chantilly left fielder Major and Centreville right fielder Carson both made spectacular, reaching catches on well struck balls.

Both teams' sophomore pitchers — Centreville's Burke and Chantilly's Emily Gembarowicz — had impressive outings. Burke finished with 10 strikeouts and held Chantilly scoreless in six of the seven innings. Gembarowicz, meanwhile, allowed just two hits while fanning 12. Three defensive errors by the Chargers during Centreville's scoring innings (the fourth and fifth) hurt Chantilly's cause. Gembarowicz, a hard thrower like her counterpart Burke, walked five.

BENNETT, the Wildcats' coach, has enjoyed her first season at the helm of Centreville. She said the coaching staff and players have been on the same page from the start of the season.

"I think communication has See Centreville, Page 13

Westfield Girls' Soccer Enjoying Turnaround Season

Bulldogs, under coach Kristi Williams, are 6-2-1 this spring.

By Rich Sanders

Centre View

he Westfield High gymnasium is decorated with sports banners in celebration of the numerous Bulldog athletic teams that have captured Concorde District, Northern Region or state AAA titles over the school's brief 10 year history.

One banner not yet raised is one commemorating a girls' soccer title. But Bulldog faithful are hoping it won't be too long until the girls' soccer program has a championship to its name. It has not happened yet, but the team, under first year head coach Kristi Williams, is headed in the right direction to one day — perhaps later this season — attaining such a lofty goal.

Williams, who has served as the program's

JV coach and/or varsity assistant over the past five years, said her team's five seniors — the leaders of the squad — are determined to make this a breakthrough season for Westfield.

"They want to leave that lasting impression of raising that immortal [championship] banner in the gym," said the coach.

Those seniors are midfielder Brittany Bonzano, defender Jenny Greenlief, midfielder Lauren Hicks, defender Katie Jenkins and midfielder Abby Sams.

"I've got five seniors and they're all team captains," said Williams. "They have those intangibles of leadership qualities and capabilities. They've set the tone this year and want to do something spectacular."

The team's underclassmen have definitely taken the lead of their older teammates as Westfield, which was 4-9 a year ago, has enjoyed a nice turnaround this season. Following Tuesday night's well played 1-0 loss at district opponent and defending state AAA champion Chantilly, the Bulldogs held an impressive 6-2-1 record.

Westfield, in a team-oriented possession style of play, won its first six games this spring — victories over McLean, Woodson, Robinson, South Lakes, Herndon and Yorktown — before falling for the first time in a game at South County, 1-0, on April 14. Two days later, in a home game, the Bulldogs played a scoreless tie game against Jefferson. That was followed by the setback to Chantilly (6-0-1) earlier this week.

Chantilly coach Melissa Bibbee was impressed with Westfield's play.

"They're a good team," said Bibbee, of Westfield. "They're playing a lot harder this year and they're more organized defensively in the midfield. The speed in the game tonight from both teams was amazing."

The 0-0 deadlock affair with Jefferson was frustrating because Westfield had several good scoring chances in the overtime contest.

"My hats off to Jefferson," said Williams.
"They came out and played us real, real tough. We had our chances, we just didn't put the ball in."

BONZANO leads Westfield in scoring with eight goals. Defensively, Greenlief, junior Mollie Leon and Jenkins have anchored a unit that has allowed just three goals all

season. Sophomore goalie Shannon Casey has been outstanding. She made numerous saves in the loss to the Chargers.

Williams has enjoyed her first season at the helm of the program, but said it has been hard work.

"Parts of it are definitely challenging," said Williams. "I want the players to take the same approach I do — to take the season one game at a time."

The Bulldogs' team motto this season puts the emphasis on "team." It goes, "Not one of us is stronger than all of us."

"It's really all about the team and everyone doing everything we can do in both practices and games," said Williams.

Westfield was scheduled to host West Springfield this Thursday night, April 22 at 7. The Bulldogs will be looking to snap a three-game stretch in which they have not won a game. There are still four games remaining before the start of the district tournament on May 17.

"We just need to play hard, stay committed to our style of play and take advantage of opportunities," said Williams. "You have to play as mistake-free as possible."

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Sports

Chantilly Girls' Soccer Unbeaten

Sieder's first half goal holds for Chargers in win over Westfield.

> By RICH SANDERS CENTRE VIEW

acki Sieder scored the lone goal in Chantilly's 1-0 girls' soccer win over visiting Concorde District opponent Westfield on Tuesday night.

Sieder, a sophomore transfer student from California, found the net nearly midway through the first half off an assist from teammate Jenna Goffe, a senior midfielder. The score, which came with 22 minutes, 24 seconds showing on the scoreboard clock, stood for the remainder of the game.

"Jenna just crossed it," recalled Sieder, a forward/midfield player. "I think the goalie just missed it and I kicked it in. I was pretty close — three or four yards away."



PHOTO BY RICH SANDERS Centre View

Chantilly coach Melissa Bibbee

Sieder, who was part of a state title winning team in California, has been an outstanding addition to Chantilly, the defending Concorde District, Northern Region and state AAA champion.

"It was a great finish," said

Chantilly coach Melissa Bibbee, of Sieder's goal. "She's a phenomenal kid and a phenomenal athlete. She can run all day long. She's just a kid who plays at full speed and gives you a great effort."

The Chargers, with the win over Westfield, remained unbeaten at 6-0-1. Chantilly has beaten such prolific teams as Oakton, last year's region runner-up, Broad Run, the defending state AA champion, and now Westfield, which entered Tuesday night's game with a 6-1-1 record. The Bulldogs are under first year head coach Kristi Williams.

"They're a good team," said Bibbee, of Westfield. "They're playing a lot harder this year and they're more organized defensively in the midfield. The speed in the game tonight from both teams was amazing.'

Chantilly will be at home on Thursday night of this week (April 22) against Lake Braddock. Game time is 7. Westfield, meanwhile, will host West Springfield at 7 on Thursday night.

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Centreville, Chantilly Play to Midseason Form

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been the key," said Bennett, a former softball player at Div. 3 University (Murfreesboro, N.C.). "It's hard coming into a brand new program and [bringing] a whole new philosophy to the players. But they have responded."

Centreville's previous wins this spring have come over Lake Braddock, Westfield and Herndon.

Centreville will be at home this Friday night at 6:30 versus

Chantilly also has a new coach

this season in Carmen Wise, who was an assistant coach within the program the past two years. She was pleased to see her team breakout offensively with four hits in the two-run sixth inning — an inning which almost turned the tide of the game around against Centreville.

"The bats woke up," said Wise, of the sixth. "It's a young team."

The coach, who is assisted by Stephanie Jeter, said her most experienced player is junior center fielder Wendy Sloan. The Chargers are made up of six juniors, six sophomores and three freshmen.

"The challenge for our team is the mental game — having confidence in our playing ability and trying to put it all together," said Wise, whose team has wins this season over T.C. Williams, West Springfield, Washington-Lee and Oakton. "We've been very up and down. A lot of it has been due to our age. What's great is we're steadily climbing the mountain."

This Friday night, Chantilly will play another local rival when it hosts district opponent Westfield for a 6:30 game.

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bat, and field maneuvers and tactics. So is a 2005 graduate of Mountain View High School, Centreville.

Air Force Airman Joon Pil Hwang graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas. Hwang is the son of Eunrim Jung of Chasewood Circle, Centreville. The airman is a 2002 graduate of the Mountain View School, Centreville.



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From left: Greg Varley, Candice Shedd-Thompson, **Taylor Jarrell and Kelsey Martin** rehearse a scene.



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songs. He especially likes "Apology to a Cow," which he sings when the bat boy falls into temptation, but wants to become more human. Said Jarrell: "It's a big, emotional transition for the bat boy and I like portraying his internal struggle." He also praised the ensemble comprising the townspeople. "They do a fantastic job," he said. "They're enthusiastic, everyone's filled with energy and it's a great group of people to perform with.'

Senior Kelsey Martin plays teen-ager Shelley. "She's the spoiled, popular girl who gets everything she wants," said Martin. "But throughout the play, she changes; as the bat boy gets educated, she turns into a sweeter, loving person who really cares about him. I usually play a mellow type, but she's quirky, and it's fun showing a character who develops a nicer personality. All the actors are close, so it's nice being with all my friends."

Martin's favorite number is "Inside Your Heart," because she tells the bat boy she loves him. She likes its drama and "lyrics with underlying meaning." She said people will enjoy seeing a show new to them containing tragedy, drama and romance.

Portraying Shelley's boyfriend Rick is John Downey. "He's a total jerk — mean to everybody," said Downey. "He's angry at the bat boy because he thinks the bat boy killed his [Rick's] sister. It's a challenge because I go beyond my comfort zone and act like I could never imagine myself doing.'

Downey especially likes the song, "Comfort and Joy," because "everyone's involved, we play a lot with lighting and it's eerie and fun to sing." He said the audience will like how the scrim is used and that "people play the voices inside Dr. Parker's head."

Playing Dr. Thomas Parker, Shelley's father, is senior Greg Varley. "He's caught in a loveless marriage and wishes he and his wife could re-live their youth," said Varley. "Then when the bat boy stays at their house, she's caring and loving toward him, and her husband becomes jealous. He's a blast to play because he's the classic, evil character — a bad guy with no limits."

He likes the song, "Show You a Thing or Two," because it's so funny. "The whole family sings it," said Varley. "It's the bat boy's montage of learning to walk and talk like a human and become a proper young man."

Senior Candice Shedd-Thompson plays his wife, Meredith Parker. "Although this takes place in modern day, she's a typical 1950s housewife," said Shedd-Thompson. "She puts up a façade, like everything's fine in her marriage. She and her daughter are close, but it's tense between her and her husband." In real life, said Shedd-Thompson, "I like baking and wearing cute dresses, but I also like my character's underlying tension and struggle inside."

Her favorite number is "Three-Bedroom House," sung with her daughter. "We're trying to have a perfect, idyllic world by moving somewhere else," said Shedd-Thompson. "But I start to lose it in the song and go a little crazy." Overall, she said the audience will like both the show's tragedy and comedic moments. And, she added, "The music is really cool because it's modern with strong, clashing harmonies that make it even cooler."

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Pat was a Branch Manager and Loan Officer with one of the largest lenders in the Washington Metro area over the last 10 years. The office was in the middle of the largest Real Estate office in Northern Virginia, and Pat's team closed over \$100 million of residential transactions per year over the last seven years. "I've spent years involved in all aspects of the residential Real Estate transaction," said Pat. "I joined the 'Dare to Compare Team' at Century 21 New Millennium in February 2010 as a Realtor. I look forward to blending my talents and experience with their years of Real Estate transactions." Pat brings a lifetime of local community involvement along with his professional expertise.

Pat was married his wife Connie in 1987. Connie just finished her 25th year at SAIC where she is a Project Manager/Engineer. She graduated from University of Pittsburg in 1984 and received her Master's Degree from Virginia Tech in 1986.

Pat and Connie have two kids that both went to Westfield High School. Billy was on the 2007 State Champion Football Team and currently is in his sophomore year at Clemson University where he is a member of the Honor Society. He hopes to play on the football team there this Fall. Daughter Michelle played on the basketball and softball team at Westfield and jumps horses competitively. She'll be entering East Carolina University this Fall.

The Samsons have been members at Chantilly National Golf Course since 1989, and enjoy golf and socializing. Pat has coached football, baseball, basketball, and softball throughout his kids youth years in the SYA and VYI youth leagues. The family has belonged to St Andrews Lutheran Church since 1990.

"We've enjoyed our years in Centreville and look forward to our empty nesting years here with all of our friends," Pat said.



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Man Charged with Embezzling Funds

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members of SEED International asked Lee about the missing money, he reportedly "produced counterfeit financial documents and bank statements to show a falsified investment of the church's funds." The deputy also stated that, upon questioning, a bank representative allegedly confirmed that the bank letters and statements "were, in fact, counterfeit."

SEED International assists missionaries from a Sterling-based church with funding. The group's website states its goal as "to provide humanitarian aid and services to the poorest of the poor in the developing world, especially in the areas of Survival, Education, and Economic Development" (SEED).

Loudoun authorities say the entire scope and financial loss sustained by SEED International, reportedly as a result of Lee's actions, are not yet known. That's because not all of the suspect accounts have been identified.

When he wrote the affidavit, Perinis noted that Lee was still in possession of one or more SEED International computers used for processing all the group's accounting and bank reconciliations. He therefore requested a search warrant for Lee's homes so he could

obtain these computers, as well as drives, flash drives, several disks, any relevant paper or electronic a notebook and miscellaneous records, documents, checking accounts and records of financial transactions pertaining to the alleged crime of which Lee is ac-

On April 2 at 10:30 a.m., members of the Loudoun County Sheriff's Office Financial Crimes Unit executed a search warrant at his two-story, Penderbrook townhouse. They seized a BlackBerry, Thumb drives, cell phone, bank envelope, briefcase, phone records, several cases of papers and documents, CDs, hard

computer equipment. That same date, authorities also seized three computers from Lee's Annandale home.

Lee turned himself in to the Loudoun Sheriff's Office last Thursday night, April 15. After formally being charged with embezzlement, he was released on personal recognizance and has a June 16 court date. The case remains under investigation.

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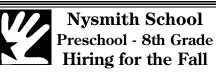
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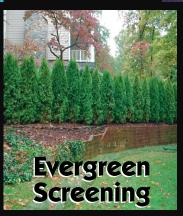
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