



The Virginia Tech Contemporary Dance Ensemble performs at last year's Remembrance Cabaret.

Remembering Reema Samaha

Cabaret to be held at Westfield High.

BY BONNIE HOBBS
 CENTRE VIEW

Featuring songs, dances, bands and comedy skits, the second annual Remembrance Cabaret for Reema Samaha will be held Saturday, June 5, from 7-9 p.m., at Westfield High. Performing will be students and alumni from both Westfield and Virginia Tech. Admission is free, but donations are welcome. Reema and fellow Westfield grad Erin Peterson

were killed in the Virginia Tech tragedy. Erin was a basketball star at Westfield, but Reema was a theater student and accomplished dancer and, each year, those who knew and loved Reema honor her with this concert.

Proceeds benefit the Reema J. Samaha Scholarship Fund, plus the Angel Fund — which addresses issues that contributed to the VT tragedy, such as privacy laws, information sharing, campus safety and security, mental health and guns.



Reema Samaha

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School Budget Adds Fees, Program Cuts

High school families will have to pay for AP/IB tests and sports.

BY JULIA O'DONOGHUE
 CENTRE VIEW

Alyssa Whitney and Christopher Burkhalter are each taking three Advanced Placement (AP) courses at West Springfield High School this year.

The two juniors said the courses tend to be the most challenging classes at the high school. Students who sit for the AP exam at the end of the year also get an automatic bump in their grade point average.

"I know a lot of people take them just to get that GPA bump," said Alyssa.

But starting next year, families will have to think about more than academic rigor and grade point averages when deciding how many AP or International Baccalaureate (IB) classes a student should take.

As part of the 2010-2011 school year budget, the Fairfax County School Board has imposed a \$75 fee for each AP or IB test a student takes.

Both Alyssa and Christopher plan to take three more AP classes next year as seniors. And they will have to pay \$425 if they want to sit for the exams.

"If you have to pay \$75 for that GPA bump, families might take a

second look at taking that class," said Christopher, who still said it was unlikely to affect how many AP exams he takes next year.

Students do have the option of enrolling in an AP or IB class without taking the exam. But school officials admit the class does not necessarily carry as much weight with college and university admissions officers without the exam score.

When they don't take the AP or IB test, students also automatically forfeit the right to earn college credit for the coursework.

Students who play sports next year will have to pay a \$100 fee for each team they join.

School board members who voted in favor of the fee said it helped the school system avoid cutting some sports programs — like indoor track and freshman teams — altogether.

But critics of the fee said it will have a disproportionate effect on schools with smaller student bodies. Those schools cannot afford the drop in participation that a new sports fee might bring.

"We already have a small football team. We already don't have as many kids as other schools. Are we going to be risking more inju

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Chantilly High To Present 'Dinosaur From Planet X'

Chantilly High presents a children's show.

BY BONNIE HOBBS
 CENTRE VIEW

It's a bird, it's a plane — no, it's the "Dinosaur from Planet X." The latest children's play from the mind of Chantilly High Theater Director Ed Monk takes the stage next weekend in the

school auditorium.

Show times are Friday, June 4, at 7 p.m.; Saturday, June 5, at 2 and 7 p.m.; and Sunday, June 6, at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$5 at the door.

"There's lots of silliness and fun for the whole family," said Monk. "We have jokes the kids will get, plus jokes for the parents, as well. We also have a great deal of new talent — and it's always exciting to see who'll be the future stars at Chantilly."

The story's about a dinosaur in a zoo on Planet X. He's tired of

always being in the spotlight because he's the only living dinosaur in the universe. So he steals a space ship and comes to earth, where he meets the three pigs — who are about to go bankrupt because their TV network is failing. So they trick him into being the lead actor on all their shows.

Playing Aloysius the Dinosaur is freshman Matt Calvert. "I'm 175 million years old, but youthful," he said. "I wear a full dinosaur costume with a tail; it's green with sparkles. Aloysius is a really nice

guy but, for all these years, he's been in a cage with people staring at him and taking his picture. All he wants to do is have a normal, dinosaur life back on earth where

he's from, with his old, dinosaur friends."

Calvert's enjoying his role because it's so comical. "On earth,

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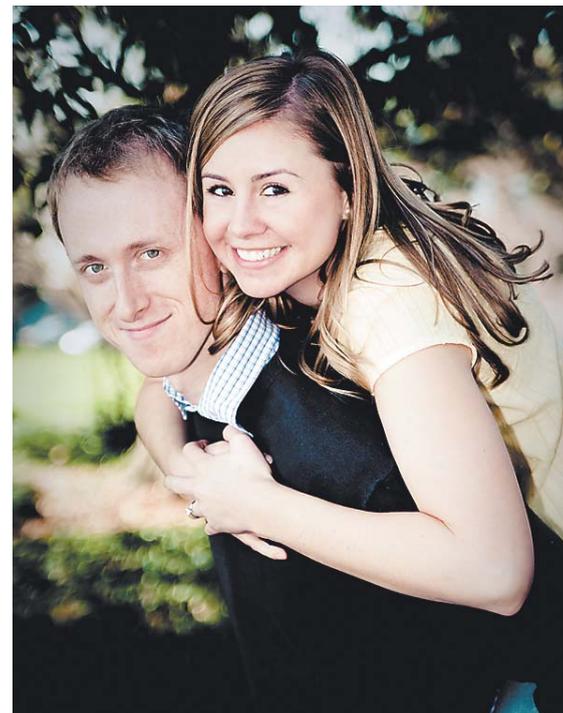
Girl Scout Service Unit 56-2 held its annual Father-Daughter Dance at Chantilly High School on May 8. The dance included a DJ and dancing, food, face painting, crafts, games, photos, raffle prizes, and a service project for U.S. soldiers. More than 300 people attended the dance, which was organized by advisors and girls from teen troops in the service unit.

Hyland and Casterline Engaged

Christine and Carl Hyland of Oakton, and Maryann and William Casterline, Jr. of Chantilly, are pleased to announce the engagement of their children, Megan Elizabeth Hyland and John William Casterline.

A graduate of Linton Hall and Paul VI High School, Megan earned a BS degree in psychology at James Madison University. She received her master's in education in school counseling (M.Ed) from the College of William and Mary. She is a middle school guidance counselor in Loudoun County.

John graduated from Chantilly High School and graduated Phi Beta Kappa from Virginia Tech. He majored in philosophy and sociology. He also holds a law degree from the University of Virginia. John is employed by an international monetary firm in Washington, D.C. An October 2010 wedding is planned at St. John Neumann, Reston. Megan and John send Happy Father's Day greetings to their dads and to their grandfathers, Edmund Sumpter of Reston and William Casterline, Sr. of Williamsburg.



BUSINESS NOTES

Westfields Marriott Washington Dulles has been presented with the AAA Four Diamond Award for the 13th consecutive year. The Four Diamond Award indicates an exceptional level of personal service and hospitality, while providing first-class amenities.

Dr. Marla Gebaide and Dr. Jason Brown of Centreville Chiropractic Clinic are holding a food drive for the month of June. They will be collecting non-perishable items such as peanut butter, canned tuna, soups, cereals, etc. All foods will be sent to Food for Others. Donors will be offered \$1 off a massage for every one pound of donated food (up to 10 pounds). Centreville Chiropractic Center is at 13880 Braddock Road, #108, Centreville. Call 703-266-0505. Visit www.centrevillechiro.com.



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Physician's Assistant Sentenced

A 49-year-old Maryland man was sentenced to a year in jail, last week, for touching patients inappropriately while working as a physician's assistant in Chantilly. He is Jorge Adolfo Sanchez of 18303 Rockland Drive in Hagerstown.

Fairfax County police said the incidents happened between July 20 and Aug. 6, 2009. The two female victims, 27 and 29 years old, were receiving care at the Chantilly Specialists office at 14121 Parke Long Court, when they were sexually assaulted. A police investigation led to the Aug. 19, 2009 arrest of Sanchez, who was charged with two counts of sexual battery.

He appeared last Thursday, May 20, in General District Court where Judge Donald McDonough found him guilty of both charges. For each offense, he sentenced Sanchez to 12 months in jail, suspending six months of each sentence. He then ran the punishments consecutively, for 12 months total to serve.



Suspected Bank Robber Indicted

Believing Shona Jones, 21, of Rapidan, Va., robbed four local banks in less than three weeks, on March 16, Fairfax County police arrested her. The heists occurred, Feb. 26 and March 9, in Centreville, and March 2 and 16 in Chantilly. The Town of Vienna also levied charges for bank robberies there. Then, last Monday, May 17, the grand jury indicted Jones on five counts of armed robbery. She's slated to enter a plea, June 1, in Circuit Court.

Rachel Fund-Raisers Slated

Chantilly toddler Rachel D'Andrea, 2 1/2, is currently undergoing treatment for neuroblastoma at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center in New York. Meanwhile, two fund-raisers are planned to help her family with their mounting medical bills.

Both will be held in the Colonnade at Union Mill shopping center, off Route 29 and Union Mill Road. On Saturday, June 5, from 4-8 p.m., local students will collect donations outside the Giant Foods store. On Sunday, June 6, from noon-4 p.m., students and parents will hold a carwash at the Shell station.

Free Carseat Inspections

Certified technicians from the Sully District Police Station will perform free, child safety carseat inspections Thursday, June 3 and June 17, from 5-8:30 p.m., at the station, 4900 Stonecroft Blvd. in Chantilly. No appointment is necessary. But residents should install the child safety seats themselves so technicians may properly inspect and adjust them, as needed.

However, because of time constraints, only the first 35 vehicles arriving on each date will be inspected. That way, inspectors may 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.

Chantilly Community Coalition

The next meeting of the Chantilly Community Coalition is Monday, June 7, at 4 p.m., in the Chantilly High media center. Contact Carol Hoffman at 703-378-6155 or cehoffman@fcps.edu.

WFCM Needs Donations, Help

Western Fairfax Christian Ministries (WFCM) needs some help meeting its increased demand from local residents for food, clothing and financial aid. To make donations for the food pantry or thrift shop, to volunteer or to receive information on the next free budgeting class, call 703-988-9656. Items may also be brought to the food pantry at 13981 Metrotech Drive (near the Backyard Grill and Bar) in Chantilly.

Thrift store volunteers are needed Mondays through Fridays, 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; and Saturdays, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Food pantry volunteers are needed Mondays through Thursdays, 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m.; and first Saturdays of the month, 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. (Some heavy lifting may be required).

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Cousins Catherine McClure, Jamie Treiber, Caden Treiber and James McClure listen during the opening ceremonies as their families, Jack Fox, Ronetta McClure (grandmother), Donna Treiber (mother of the Treibers) and Adam McClure (father of the McClures) watch on. They are members of Team "Joining Together for Jim," walking for Jim McClure, the children's grandfather. The McClures are from Fairfax and the Treibers are from Winchester.

Relay Raises \$100,000

In the battle against cancer, "Happy Birthday is a Victory Song." On Saturday, May 22, Centreville High School hosted the 2010 Relay for Life, a fundraiser for the American Cancer Society. More than 500 participants in 35 teams committed to walk through the night, "because cancer doesn't sleep." The effort raised \$100,000.



Tina and Declan Zuccolo with Tina's parents (and Declan's grandparents) Rose and Jerry Ostronsky. Rose Ostronsky has been battling cancer for 15 years. She came to the Relay, walked the first lap, went home and took her chemo pill, then returned for the Luminaria ceremony. When her mother was first diagnosed with cancer, Tina Zuccolo changed her nursing specialty from pediatrics to oncology, "so that I could help her." She staffed the cancer information tent for the Relay.

Local Student Honored at Relay

Several Rachel fund-raisers set.

Marion Rantis, coordinator of Centreville's Relay for Life, recognized Little Rocky Run's Michael Wallace, 14, (center) at the Fight Back ceremony during Saturday's relay at Centreville High.

Michael was honored for his efforts in organizing a carwash last year to support Rachel D'Andrea's family. Rachel is a Chantilly toddler battling neuroblastoma, and Michael was a Liberty Middle seventh-grader at the time.

During the carwash, Michael and a team of children from the community raised \$5,000 to help with the D'Andreas' medical bills. Meanwhile, Michael — who's now in eighth grade — continues to help the D'Andrea family. It was his idea to start Team Rachel for this year's relay to show support for the D'Andrea family and raise community awareness of the event. He was able to get 35 students to participate and raised more than \$1,300 for the Ameri-



PHOTO COURTESY OF RUSS WALLACE

Fourteen-year-old Michael Wallace with Team Rachel at Saturday's Relay for Life at Centreville High School. At far left are Rachel's dad, Jon D'Andrea, and on the right is his son, R.J. (Rachel's half-brother). Rachel and her mom, Rebecca, are currently at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center in New York, where Rachel is receiving treatment.

can Cancer Society.

He's also organized two more fund-raisers for Rachel, and both are slated for next weekend in the Colonnade at Union Mill shopping center, off Route 29 and Union Mill Road. On Saturday, June 5, from

4-8 p.m., he and other students will collect donations outside the Giant Foods store; on Sunday, June 6, from noon-4 p.m., students and parents will hold a carwash at the Shell station.

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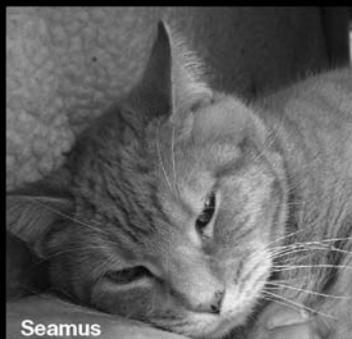


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WHS To Host Remembrance Cabaret

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and www.angelfundva.org.

"Whenever I go to a Westfield theater performance or a dance recital, I'm always looking for Reema up there," said her father, Joe Samaha. "But it's important to the Petersons and to our family that their friends remember them. They were tremendous kids; now we can only share our love and hope and prayers."

Westfield grads Meredith Murgia and Ashley and Phoebe Dillard are organizing the upcoming cabaret, and the Dillard sisters are co-stage-managing. "There'll be a lot of unique and interesting performances," said Murgia. "And they're all in some way related to Reema, so it'll be a good way to remember her."

Emceeding will be Chelsea Stenger and Allison Wruck. Brian Moon will sing, "Heart and Soul;" and Reema's sister and brother, Randa and Omar, will do a comedy skit with Wruck and Dallas Sweezy. The band Jones Catcher — comprised of Chris McNabb, Jeremy Rommel, Jordan Wilson and Cody Jones — will rock the house. Members of Ugly Thrash Demon — Phillip Eberhart, Jed Lingat, Chris Smith, Alec Sieber and Ryan Coleman — may even join them.

Nate Peterson will perform a stand-up comedy routine, and Sarah Cowdery and the Dillard sisters will sing, "The Chain," by Ingrid Michaelson, possibly accompanied by dancers. Jon Lawlor will sing, either solo or with members of his band, and Dan Hrebenak will play guitar. Murgia and her sisters, Michelle and Monica — who was Reema's best friend — will perform a modern-dance number they choreographed together.

"It means a lot to participate in this cabaret because Reema was such a diverse, well-rounded person," said Meredith Murgia. "So I like how we have a show with singing, dancing and acting because she embodied a lot of those things. I feel it celebrates her very well."

WESTFIELD THEATER veteran Adrienne Ginter, a 2007 grad, is bringing the Contemporary Dance Ensemble (CDE) from Virginia Tech, where she's a rising senior. She knew Reema from dancing with her in Westfield's 2006 production of "Oklahoma."

She's been a member of the Contemporary Dance Ensemble for two years and is the Reema J Samaha Memorial director for CDE's Remembrance Through Dance (RTD) program. This program was established after the April 16, 2007 tragedy and supports two events annually.

Each fall, there's a dance workshop in which professional dancers spend a weekend in Blacksburg teaching master classes to anyone interested. There's also the Remembrance Through Dance Performance on the anniversary of April 16, in which dance companies on campus and nearby perform together in one show dedicated to the VT victims and their families.

"Reema's legacy has allowed dancers from Tech and the Blacksburg community to come together to celebrate the lives of the victims, as well as dance as an art form," said Ginter. "Because there is no dance

program at Virginia Tech, the Contemporary Dance Ensemble is very proud of our RTD program and its ability to unite so many individuals."

"The Samahas have been at every one of our RTD performances and are so gracious and supportive of the continuation of this program," added Ginter. "I look forward to collaborating with them more for the 2011 performance next April. CDE performed in last year's cabaret and we are honored to represent Virginia Tech once again."

CDE will be performing "Andaloosia," a belly-dancing piece choreographed by Reema. It was first performed at Tech in April 2007. The dancers are Jamie Garubba, Lee Gibaldi, Kait Gibson, Ginter, Rachel Jude, Jessica Magarelli, Heather Swanson, and Leah Zacherl. They'll also dance a Fosse piece, "I Gotcha," that Gibaldi choreographed for their spring show, this semester. Ginter describes it as "upbeat, sassy and fun to watch."

"I'm thrilled that the Contemporary Dance Ensemble can once again perform in the cabaret to convey Reema's passion for dance," said Ginter. "The Westfield community and theatre department will always hold a special place in my heart, and I'm happy to perform on this stage again for such a worthy cause."

"It means a lot to participate in this cabaret because Reema was such a diverse, well-rounded person."

— Meredith Murgia

ALSO TAKING PART is Brandon Carroll, who'll discuss the anti-bullying organization, Actively Caring for People, that he started with his friend Shane. Brandon was VT's student government president and knew Reema

and her siblings.

In addition, Amy Bowman will entertain the crowd with her belly dancing.

"I was Reema's bellydance instructor and also had the pleasure at performing at the Samahas' church festivals," she said. "Reema's mother, Mona, asked me to do a performance in Reema's honor and memory. I plan to start with something soulful and end with something upbeat and positive."

Bowman recalled Reema as a "tiny, slight, 15-year-old" who took her classes in Reston with her mother and sister. "Over the next few years of workshops and classes, it was obvious Reema had a real talent and love for dance," said Bowman. "Though the strongest memory I have is of the bond that existed between the mother and daughters. They laughed and had so much fun together in all the classes. I was blessed to have Reema in my class, dancing, laughing and infusing everyone around with her joy to dance."

"It means so much to me to be able to honor her memory and her family," continued Bowman. "Reema's loss has left a terrible hole in their hearts, but they have a strong, loving family bond. I remember so clearly, shortly after the tragic event, her father speaking of forgiveness. How I admired him and the entire family that — in such a time of pain — they spoke of forgiveness. I am a lucky teacher to have had my life touched by Reema's light."

Overall, Meredith Murgia said the Remembrance Cabaret should really be something special and she's pleased with the talented acts that will entertain. Still, she added, "It's a strange feeling being back on the Westfield stage because you feel like something's missing and absent — like Reema should be there. But I know she'll be looking down on us because she always loved watching our performances."

NEWS

Westfields Marriott Celebrates Associates

More than a dozen Westfields Marriott and Washington Dulles Airport Marriott staff members pitched in at the Patrick Street Group Home in Fairfax County by painting and spring cleaning for the residential treatment program, which provides services to adults with mental illness. The outing was one of many activities organized for the conference center's Associate Appreciation Week, May 17-21. Westfields Marriott associates not only volunteered their time, but also enjoyed a BBQ on the property's terrace, a "Cultural Day" featuring food from across the globe, a car wash and a walk for wellness.



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New Fees

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ries if we have fewer players?" said Robin Crider, president of the athletic boosters at Marshall High School, one of the county's smallest high schools.

Several high school booster clubs are also concerned the new fee will detract from the fundraising they already do among parents and in the community. The boosters are expected to raise all the money for uniforms, equipment and playing field upkeep at most schools.

"Every single uniform you see out there is paid for by us," said Crider.

LOW-INCOME FAMILIES are expected to be exempt from both sets of fees.

Students who qualify for free or reduced-price lunch, which make up approximately 25 percent of Fairfax's student body, will not be required to pay for AP/IB exams or sports participation.

But critics of the fees said there is a large swath of families who don't fall under the low-income exemption who will have a hard time paying for extra testing and sports participation.

To qualify for a free or reduced-price lunch, a family of four must have a median income of \$41,000 per year or lower. The average median family income in Fairfax County is over \$100,000 per year.

"For many families trying to make it in this Fairfax County world, this is going to be hard. A public education in Fairfax is anything but free," said Dean Norton, president of Mount Vernon High School's Parent Teach Student Association.

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS said the state and local governments are to blame for the new fees and programmatic cuts included in the school system's \$2.2 billion budget next year.

The Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, for example, decreased the amount of money it transferred to the schools' by \$16 million when compared to the current year's allocation. Approximately \$2 million would have covered the AP/IB testing fees and an extra \$1.8 million would have helped avoid the new athletic fees, according to budget documents.

"There are consequences for the level of funding we haven't received," said School Board president Kathy Smith (Sully).

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'Dinosaur from Planet X'

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I'm on pig TV, hosting a game show, and I'm awkward and nervous, so there are a lot of funny bits. I'm an animal who's been isolated from society, so everything's new to me."

He said children will love the show because "there are lots of big, goofy characters and motions, plus choreographed bits like a swordfight with plungers and a wolf chasing a bunch of aliens."

Sophomore Kelsey Monk portrays a pig named Kielbasa. "She's very manly, angry and bitter," said Monk. "She wanted to run a frozen-yogurt stand, instead of a TV station. I love this part because it's so different from all the crazy, old women I've played. And I love the costume - it's adorable, shiny and pink, with snazzy ears."

With all the plot's craziness, she said, the show should be a big hit with audiences. "There are aliens, a dinosaur, talking pigs and game shows," said Monk. "And the audience members will get to interact with different members of the cast. Children's plays are great because, when the audience reacts, you can see their faces. Children laugh and yell and get into the show as much as the actors, which is really fun."

Also playing a pig - named Hamhock - is sophomore Amanda Miesner. "I'm a girl and the aggressive, boss pig," she said. "I'm really frustrated when things don't go well, and I try to make everyone do what they're supposed to." Most challenging, said Miesner, is integrating pig noises into her performance, plus "trying to get the right physicality to portray a different species."

With children's shows, she said, "You can play over-

"We have jokes the kids will get, plus jokes for the parents, as well. We also have a great deal of new talent - and it's always exciting to see who'll be the future stars at Chantilly."

— Theater Director Ed Monk

the-top characters; there's no limit. The audience will like these huge characters and the play, itself, is funny, so it should go well."

Freshman Michael Hawthorne plays Merwin, the big bad wolf. "He thinks he's scary, but he's kind of pathetic," said Hawthorne. "All he really wants is to have a family. He's out of shape and can't blow down the house or capture the pigs or dinosaur. He's really a sweetheart and likes all the boys and girls in the audience."

Merwin has "lots of fun, physical stuff to do," said Hawthorne. "He's supposed to be scary to the other characters, but no one's afraid of him, except the aliens. As the wolf, I have a big voice and get to roar, but I ask the audience [for suggestions on] how to knock down the pigs' house. And I chase the space zoo rangers through the audience, which is also fun."

Overall, said Hawthorne, "Both kids and adults will be laughing a lot. And it has a relaxed, happy ending to a very energetic show."



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In costume for the children's show are (kneeling) Michael Hawthorne (the big, bad wolf) and (standing, from left) Amanda Miesner (pig), Matt Calvert (dinosaur) and Kelsey Monk (pig).

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OPINION

Remembering on Memorial Day

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On Memorial Day, we remember all of those who have died in military service, nearly 300,000 in World War II, more than 30,000 in Korea, more than 50,000 in Vietnam.

More than 160 U.S. Military service personnel from Virginia have been killed in Iraq and Afghanistan, including several in the last year. Earlier this month, on May 12, 2010, Donald J. Lamar II, 23 of Fredericksburg, was killed in Afghanistan. Christopher D. Worrell, 35 of Virginia Beach, was killed in Iraq on April 22, 2010. Steven J. Bishop, 29 of Christianburg, was killed March 13, 2010 in Iraq. Kielin T. Dunn, 19 of Chesapeake, was killed Feb. 18, 2010 in Afghanistan. Brandon T. Islip, 23 of Richmond, was killed Nov. 29, 2009, in Afghanistan. Stephan L. Mace, 21 of Lovettsville, died Oct. 3, 2009 in Afghanistan.

Bill Cahir, 40 of Alexandria, died Aug. 13, 2009 of a gunshot wound while conducting combat operations in the Helmand Province of Afghanistan.

After 9/11, Cahir decided to leave his career as a journalist and join the Marine Corps. After his application to become a Marine had originally been denied because of his age, he lobbied members of Congress to get a special exemption.

"We all thought he was crazy," said Brett Lieberman, a former colleague at Newhouse News Service.

Fairfax Station resident Pfc. Dillon Jutras, 20, was killed in combat operations in Al Anbar Province of Iraq Oct. 29, 2005. Dillon Jutras's younger brother, Hunter Drake Jutras, has helped us remember by submitting drawings every year; this year his portrait of his brother Dillon appeared on the cover of the Burke Children's Connection. Hunter, a sixth grader at White Oaks Elementary, wrote: "My drawing of my brother Dillon who was a Ranger in the U.S. Army. He deployed to Iraq for Operation Iraqi Freedom. He was killed in action on Oct. 29, 2005. I miss him very much."

MORE THAN 4,300 U.S. military members have been killed in Iraq and more than 1,000 have been killed in Afghanistan since Sept. 11, 2001. More than 40,000 have been wounded in Iraq and Afghanistan.

On Memorial Day, we honor and thank all those who have served in the military, in times of war and peace. It is also a time to reinvigorate efforts to provide the best services and opportunities to our veterans. The Post-9/11 GI Bill dramatically increases the educational benefits extended to members of the military who have served at least three months of active duty since Sept. 11, 2001. George Mason University has been on the forefront of implementing the GI Bill for veterans locally. Steps to provide better, faster and more responsive health care, including mental health care are underway.

Lance Cpl. Daniel Ryan Bennett, 23 of Clifton died Jan. 11, 2009, in Helmand province, Afghanistan. "He loved his country, and we're so proud of him," said his mother.

2nd Lt. Sean P. O'Connor of Burke died Oct. 19, 2008 while stationed at Hunter Army Air Field, Savannah, Ga. O'Connor was an athlete in soccer, baseball and football who attended Fairfax County Public Schools and was a 1999 graduate of Bishop Denis J. O'Connell High School in Arlington.

Pfc. David Sharrett, 27 of Oakton, died Jan. 16, 2008 in Iraq. On Oct. 24, 2008, his father, David H. Sharrett, was on hand along with former U.S. Rep. Tom Davis (R) as the Oakton Post Office on White Granite Drive was renamed to honor his son.

Army 1st Lt. Thomas J. Brown, a George Mason University graduate and Burke resident, died on Sept. 23, 2008, while serving in Iraq. His unit came under small arms fire, and Brown, 26, died from his wounds.

Here are the names of some of the local men and women who have died in Iraq and Afghanistan. We repeat these names several times a year to honor their service and to keep their memories in our consciousness.

If you know of someone who should be included in this list, or if you would like to share how you are honoring the memory of a family member or friend lost, or about the progress of someone injured, please let us know.

Sgt. Scott Kirkpatrick, 26, died on Aug. 11, 2007, in Arab Jabour, Iraq. Kirkpatrick, who graduated from Park View High School in Sterling, and also considered Herndon and Reston as his hometowns, was a champion slam poet. His father, Ed Kirkpatrick, calls him the "warrior poet," and he and his wife help injured vets at Walter Reed through the Yellow Ribbon fund (www.yellowribbonfund.org).

Paying Respects

- ❖ "Flags In" at Arlington National Cemetery is scheduled to begin after funerals are complete for the day on Thursday, May 27. Soldiers from the 3rd U.S. Infantry Regiment (The Old Guard) will be joined by other service members in placing small American flags, on the gravesites. Visitors are welcome during this event and are encouraged to arrive at the cemetery after 4 p.m. on Thursday, May 27. It will take approximately three hours to place the more than 250,000 flags.
- ❖ Fallen Heroes Project, May 29 - The Fallen Heroes Portraits Display will be placed in Section 60, where the majority of the casualties killed in Iraq and Afghanistan are buried at Arlington, and will be on display until the cemetery closes on Monday, May 31. Visitors are welcome to come visit the display in Section 60.
- ❖ Price of Freedom Sculpture, May 29 - The Price of Freedom sculpture will be unveiled on Saturday, May 29 at 2 p.m. in the Visitors Center.
- ❖ Memorial Day Ceremony, Arlington Cemetery, The annual National Memorial Day Observance to honor America's fallen military service members is scheduled for Monday, May 31 in Memorial Amphitheater. Call the Visitors Center at 703-607-8000.

Ami Neiberger-Miller of Sterling lost her brother, U.S. Army Spc. Christopher Neiberger, in August 2007 when he was killed by a roadside bomb while serving in Baghdad, Iraq. He was 22 when he died. Since her brother's death, Neiberger-Miller has devoted herself to the Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors (www.taps.org), which provides peer-based emotional support and other services for families of the fallen, and provides intensive services and activities.

Staff Sgt. Jesse G. Clowers Jr., 27, of Herndon, died when an improvised bomb exploded near his vehicle in Afghanistan on Aug. 12, 2007. Jonathan D. Winterbottom, 21, of Falls Church, died in Iraq on May 23, 2007, of wounds inflicted when an "improvised explosive device" exploded near his vehicle.

Nicholas Rapavi, 22, of Springfield, died Nov. 24, 2006, of wounds received during combat in Anbar province in Iraq. Army Cpl. Andy D. Anderson, 24, was killed by enemy fire in Ar Ramadi, Iraq on Tuesday, June 6, 2006.

Airman 1st Class Lee Bernard E. Chavis, 21, was killed Oct. 14, 2006, by sniper fire in Iraq, trying to protect civilians from a roadside bomb.

Spc. Robert Drawl Jr., 21, a 2003 graduate of T.C. Williams High School, was killed by a bomb in Kunar, Afghanistan, on Aug. 19, 2006.

United States Army Specialist Felipe J. Garcia Villareal, 26 of Burke, was injured in Iraq and flown to Washington Hospital Center, where he died Feb. 12, 2006. He was a graduate of Herndon High School.

U.S. Marine Lance Cpl. Nicholas Kirven, 21, was killed in Afghanistan in 2005 during a firefight in a cave with insurgents. He enlisted while still in high school after 9/11. Maj. William F. Hecker III, a 1987 graduate of McLean High School, was killed in action in An Najaf, Iraq, Jan. 5, 2005. Staff Sgt. Ayman Taha, 31, of Vienna, was killed Dec. 30, 2005, when an enemy munitions cache he was prepping for demolition exploded. Army Capt. Chris Petty of Vienna was killed Jan. 5, 2006.

Staff Sgt. George T. Alexander Jr., the 2,000th soldier to be killed in Iraq, was literally born into the Army here in Northern Virginia, at DeWitt Army Hospital at Fort Belvoir. Alexander died at Brooke Army Medical Center in San Antonio, Texas, Oct. 22, 2005, of injuries sustained in Samarra, Iraq, Oct. 17.

Lt. Col. Thomas A. Wren, 44, of Lorton, died in Tallil, Iraq on Nov. 5, 2005. Marine Capt. Michael Martino, 32 of the City of Fairfax, died Nov. 2, 2005, when his helicopter was brought down in Iraq.

1st Lt. Laura M. Walker of Oakton was killed on Aug. 18, 2005, in Kandahar, Afghanistan. CW4 Matthew S. Lourey of Lorton died from injuries sustained on May 26, 2005 in Buhriz, Iraq.

Operations Officer Helge Boes of Fairfax was killed on Feb. 5, 2003, while participating in counterterrorism efforts in eastern Afghanistan.

Among other local lives lost: Lance Cpl. Tavon Lee Hubbard, 24, of Reston; 1st Lt. Alexander Wetherbee, 27, of McLean; 1st Lt. Jeff Kaylor, 25, of Clifton; Coast Guard Petty Officer Nathan B. Bruckenthal, 24, of Herndon; Army Chief Warrant Officer Sharon T. Swartworth, 43, of Mount Vernon; Command Sgt. Maj. James D. Blankenbecker, 40, of Mount Vernon; Capt. James F. Adamowski, 29, of Springfield; Sgt. DeForest L. Talbert, 22, of Alexandria; Marine Cpl. Binh N. Le, 20, of Alexandria; Staff Sgt. Russell Verdugo, 34, of Alexandria. Army Capt. Mark N. Stubenhofer, 30, from Springfield; Marine Gunnery Sgt. Javier Obleas-Prado Pena, 36, from Falls Church; Marine Sgt. Krisna Nachampassak, 27, from Burke; Army Staff Sgt. Nathaniel J. Nyren, 31, from Reston; Marine Lance Cpl. Tenzin Dengkhim, 19, from Falls Church; Navy Chief Joel Egan Baldwin, 37, from Arlington; Maj. Joseph McCloud, of Alexandria; Major Gloria D. Davis, 47 of Lorton.

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Ribbon Cutting at Westfield High: Principal Tim Thomas, Vice president of Dietze Construction (General Contractor) Jim Dougherty, President of the WHS Athletic Booster Club John Cleveland and WHS Director of Student Activities Terri Towle.

Westfield Unveils New Bulldog Comfort Station

The Westfield High School Athletic Booster Club presented the keys to a new “Bulldog Comfort Station” to the Principal Tim Thomas on May 19. An honorary golden plunger was presented to the Director of Student Activities Terri Towle.

Two years of planning, designing, permitting and construction culminated in an official ceremony last week in front of the new addition. Ten units of bathroom facilities (five for the Lady Bulldogs and five for the Bulldogs) as well as a multi-functional storage room were unveiled at a 4 p.m. reception. Twenty-six building contractors, and several other

professional service providers contributed their respective skills pro bono in order to make this a reality. For over three years, the Athletic Booster Club has focused on fundraising for this addition — as well as for several other capital improvement projects. Even with \$270,000 worth of materials and labor donated, the Booster Club had to contribute \$90,000 in cash to cover other non-donated costs.

Westfield High will be hosting the Spring State Championship Jubilee from June 8 –12 as Virginia boys/girls soccer, baseball, softball and boys/girls lacrosse teams compete for the 2010 Virginia State Championships.

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Eddie Seymour- Northern Virginia resident for over 50 years

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Mr. Seymour started his real estate career with Weichert and then in 2001 moved to Re/Max Premier.

In 2007, he realized that the market was changing and was quite impressed with Samson Realty and their business model of the 4.5 % listings. He joined Samson Properties in September of 2007 and has been there ever since.

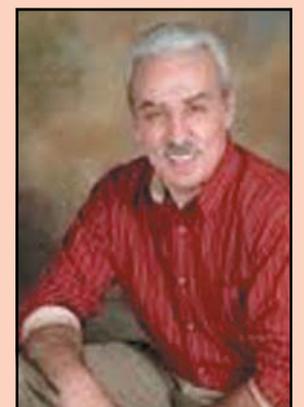
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Mr. Seymour grew up in Arlington County where he attended Wilson Elementary School and Stafford Jr. High. His family moved to Falls Church where he graduated

from JEB Stuart High School in 1970.

After attending college for a couple of years, Eddie decided to pursue a career in golf. He turned pro in 1975 and tried to qualify for the Pro Tour for several years. He then became a Golf Instructor and worked at his family's driving range at Northern Virginia Golf Center which was located at the corner of Braddock and Clifton roads in Clifton, working there for more than 25 years. At the urging of some his golf clients he obtained his real estate license in 1997. Realizing that being an agent required a tremendous amount of time and dedication Mr. Seymour retired from teaching golf a couple of years later.

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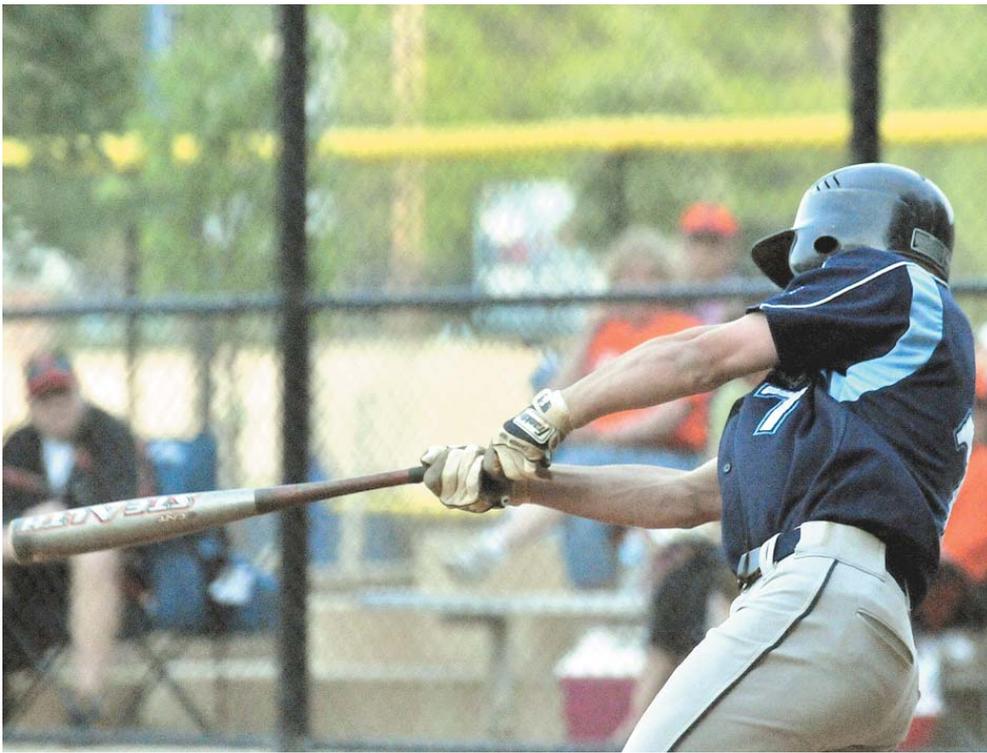


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Paying for AP/IB Tests and Sports

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70 percent of the school system's overall funding. It also devotes over half of all revenue collected to paying for the public school system.

But school board members said the public school system is being asked to serve more students with less funding. Along with the decline in the transfer from the county, Fairfax County Public Schools expect an enrollment increase of about 1,700 students next year.

School officials said that amounts to a \$300 reduction in per pupil spending from this year to next year overall.

"People have to recognize we already spend far less than neighboring districts," said School Board member Dan Storck (Mount Vernon).

IN SPITE OF concerns about funding, the school board did restore some of funding it had cut out of an initial budget proposal passed last winter.

Most elementary schools with extended school hours on Monday, a program formerly known as Project Excel, will receive extra money next year to help with the transition of moving to traditional schedule.

Schools with the extended day on Monday tend to be among the neediest in the county, with at least 40 percent of their students coming from low-income families. Nearly a decade ago, officials implemented an extended day on Monday at these schools to help boost academic achievement.

In February, the school board voted to cut all extra funding the schools received for the extended day out of next year's budget. They restored some of that funding this past week after county supervisors threatened to vote against the county budget unless the school board addressed the needs of extended-day schools.

"I was supporting these programs because they have been shown to make a difference," said Supervisor Gerry Hyland (Mount Vernon).

Hyland and some other supervisors previously said that the county would be willing to provide extra money to the school system to cover the cost of providing transitional funding to the extended-day schools.

The school board reduced the school systems staff reserve by 4.5 positions to pay for transition fund-

ing for the extended day schools. The staff reserve — which is used to deal with unexpectedly large class sizes at the beginning of the school year — contains over 200 positions.

"I believe the funding will be replenished by the Board of Supervisors," said Storck, who led the fight for extended-day schools to receive more money on the School Board.

THE SCHOOL BOARD also pulled \$200,000 that would have gone to the public schools' staff reserve to fully cover the cost of transporting elementary school students to Advanced Academic centers, formerly known as Gifted and Talented centers.

In February, the school board had voted to cut transportation for those students who attend centers but have "local" Advanced Academic classes offered at their base school.

The proposed budget always called for the school system to continue transportation for those students who do not have local gifted classes at their base schools.

A few years ago, the school system started allowing general education elementary schools to apply for the opportunity to offer "local level IV" services, otherwise known as Advanced Academic or Gifted and Talented classes. This allows schools with a large number of students who qualify to attend Advanced Academic centers to retain a larger portion of their student population at home.

The school system maintains there is no difference in the quality of education offered at an Advanced Academic center and in "local" Advanced Academic classes.

But several advocates for gifted and talented education believe students who attend a center tackle more complicated material. They have pushed to maintain bus service to centers for all students, including those who have Advanced Academic classes offered in their base school, because they contend the programs are different.

Some school board members said it would raise equity issues to provide transportation for Advanced Academic centers to one group of children and not another.

"As long as we are going to have Level IV centers, all families have to have access to it," said School Board member Jane Strauss (Dranesville.)

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The Trinity Centre Farmer's Market is located at 5875 Trinity Parkway Centreville. It will run May 7 - Oct. 29 from 3:30-6:30 p.m. Come enjoy local produce from the finest farmers and specialty vendors in Virginia. Check out the website at www.smartmarkets.org.

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Northern Virginia is looking for women who are new to the area, looking to reconnect, or just interested in meeting new people for fun and friendship. Attend one of its monthly coffees or luncheons, then join one of a number of clubs such as bridge, couples bridge, mah jong, gardening, quilting and stitching, bible study, bowling, bunco, Southern living dining, movie outings, cards or board games, couples mixers, book club, nursing home sing-a-longs, and many other activities. For more information visit www.newneighborsvirginia.com

MAY 19 TO JUNE 23

Credit Smart Course. 6:30 to 9 p.m. Free. A six-week course offered by the non-profit Our Daily Bread. Dinner and child care will be provided at each meeting. Spaces are limited. Call Our Daily Bread at 703-273-8829 or visit the web site, www.our-daily-bread.org. At Chantilly High School, Room 253, 4201 Stringfellow Road, Chantilly.

FRIDAY/MAY 28

Swing Dancing. 9 p.m. to midnight.

Admission is \$15. With the band, JP McDermot and Western Bop. Beginner swing lesson from 8:30-9 p.m. Dancing from 9 p.m. to midnight. At the Hilton Washington Dulles Airport Hotel, 13869 Park Center Road (Route 28 near the airport), Herndon.

MAY 28-30

"The Merchant of Venice." At Westfield High School. Show times are May 28 and 29 at 8 p.m.; May 30 at 2 p.m. Admission is \$10 and seating is reserved. Buy tickets online at www.westfieldtheatreboosters.com or at the door. The cast also features Adam Thomas, Meredith Freeman, Connor Scudder, Zoe Tiplip, Max Ehrlich, Joey Biagini, Amanda D'Urso, John Walsh, Daniel Braunstein, Trevor Knickerbocker, Colby Dezelick, Andrew Oquendo, Nick Burroughs, Serene Peterson, Zach Nordwall, and Eric Mitchell, plus an ensemble of more than 20 students. Student musicians are Matthew Fries, Perry Cowdry, Taylor Aucott, Carey Jarosik, and Jenna Randall. The student production leaders are Phoebe Dillard (Stage Manager), and Kevin Clay and Elisabeth Bloxam (Assistant Stage Managers). Costume designer Maria Vetsch has created costumes that reflect Venetian fashion during the early 1800's. Also, English teacher Mike Greiner is the assistant director of the show as part of a co-curricular SOL initiative with Westfield's English Department. Visit www.westfieldtheatreboosters.com or call 703-488-6430.

SATURDAY/MAY 29

Clifton Wine Festival. 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Some 20 different Virginia wineries will be on hand to showcase

their wines. The festival will include activities for the family including live music, arts and crafts, and gourmet cuisine from Virginia-made products. Paradise Springs, Clifton's newest winery, will unveil its wine bottled only a stone's throw from the Town. Other wineries include Gadino Cellars, Rebec Vineyards, Horton Vineyards, Fincastle Vineyard, Old House Vineyards, Loudoun Valley Vineyard, North Gate Vineyard, Cooper Vineyard, North Mountain Vineyard, Davis Valley Winery, Lake Anna Winery, Fabboli Cellars, The Winery at LaGrange, Pearmund Cellars, Three Fox Vineyards, Kluge Estate Winery, Philip Carter Winery, Delfosse Vineyards, and Vino Curioso. To be held in the Historic Town of Clifton. Taster Tickets (21+ only) are \$22 before the event and \$25 at gate. Designated Driver Tickets (ages 16 and up) are \$12 before the event and \$15 at gate. Children (ages 5-15) are \$2 before the event and \$5 at the gate. Visit www.cliftonwine.com.

JUNE 4, 5, 6

Quilters Unlimited 37th Annual Quilt Show: Quilts Tell A Story. 550-plus quilts and wearables; 85 vendors; shop the Members' Boutique; product demos; door prizes; raffle quilt; classes. \$10 daily; \$20 for three-day pass. Friday and Saturday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Sunday 10 a.m.-3 p.m. At Dulles Expo Center, Chantilly. Visit www.quiltersunlimited.org.

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Washington Dulles Airport Hotel, 13869 Park Center Road (Route 28 near the airport), Herndon.

SATURDAY/JUNE 5

Remembrance Cabaret for Reema. 7 p.m. Free. Donations will benefit either the Reema J. Scholarship Memorial Fund and/or the Angel Fund. Westfield and Virginia tech students and alumni will be performing songs, dance and comedy skits. There will be a bake sale, a silent auction of artistic works, including visual arts, photography and musical CDs. At Westfield High School, 4700 Stonecroft Blvd., Chantilly. Call 703-402-5576, write contactus@angelfundva.org

DAR Meeting. Lane's Mill Chapter of DAR. Ladies interested in learning more about DAR are welcome to attend. At Sully Government Center, Chantilly. Contact Jennifer Smith at jsmithtot@aol.com.

Explore Life In Walney Pond. 10 a.m. to noon. Cost is \$10/family. Meet with a naturalist and explore the life in Walney Pond. . Identify tadpoles, dragonfly nymphs, water scorpions and other creatures we may catch. At E.C. Lawrence Park, 4050 Walney Road, Chantilly. . Call 703-631-0013 to register.

Study the Stars. 8 to 9:30 p.m. Come to the Constellation Campfire at Sully Woodlands. Learn about the constellations, the visible planets and meteors. Sample the world of science through the beauty of the night sky around a campfire. Come early and bring a picnic or roast hotdogs. Bring toasting sticks, blankets and a flashlight. S'mores will be provided. Reservations are required. The fee is \$5 per person. Call 703-817-9607 to register. Sully Woodlands is located in

the Cub Run Stream Valley behind Cub Run RECenter at 4630 Stonecroft Boulevard in Chantilly.

JUNE 5-6

Rose Show. Saturday, June 5 from 1-6 p.m.; Sunday, June 6 from noon to 4 p.m. Sponsored by the Arlington Rose Foundation. Locally and nationally recognized rose exhibitors, growers, hybridizers and judges compete in over 50 categories of rose excellence, Novice, junior and photography categories are offered. Free admission. At Merrifield Garden Center, 12101 Lee Highway, Fairfax. Call 703-371-9351.

JUNE 11-13

Celebrate Fairfax! Festival. 90 concerts and performances on six stages, family programs, science and technology, history, carnival rides and fireworks. **Festival Hours:** Friday 6 p.m.-12 a.m., Saturday 10 a.m.-12 a.m., and Sunday 11 a.m.-7 p.m. On the grounds of the Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax. Visit www.celebratefairfax.com; 703-324-FAIR (3247).

SATURDAY/JUNE 12

Clifton Caboose 5K. 6 p.m. Sponsored by the Clifton Betterment Association. Features two races: the 5K and one-mile fun run. Registration is \$24 for the 5K and \$18 for the one-mile. Participants can pick up their race packets and register prior to race day: Friday, June 11, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.; and on Race Day, Saturday, June 12, from 4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. at the Barn at 7139 Main St. Visit www.cliftonva.org or email Michelle Stein at michellestein@cox.net.



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SCHOOLS

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

From now through Friday, June 4, the Goddard School in Chantilly is hosting a toiletry drive to benefit the Katherine K. Hanley Family Shelter in Fairfax. Donations can be made during school hours at the lobby of the school at 5001 Westone Plaza in Chantilly.

Matt Cohen, the son of Dawn and Don Cohen of Centreville, performed before 11,000 people at the Time Warner Cable Arena in Charlotte, NC, on May 15. Cohen is a member of the Randolph-Macon Academy (R-MA) Band, which, in conjunction with the R-MA Chorus, performed an hour-long concert, "Tribute to the United States Armed Forces," as part of the National Rifle Association's "Celebration of American Values Freedom Experience." Cohen is a sophomore at the Academy.

Westfield High School is hosting its annual Pyramid Art Show June 9 and 10 in the school gymnasium at Westfield High. This will feature Westfield High School's Port-



SkillsUSA Competition

Chantilly Academy sent 17 students to the Virginia SkillsUSA Competition held in Hampton, Va., on April 23-24. Hundreds of students enrolled in Career and Technical Education classes around the state competed, so it was an opportunity for Chantilly Academy students to match their talents and skills with the best from other parts of the state. Depending on the competition, most of the first place winners will be going to the National Competition on June 20 in Kansas City.

folio level students' One Person Shows as well as the work of general art, computer graphics and photography students. The work of rising students will be displayed from Stone Middle School, Coates, Cub Run, Deer Park, Floris, London Towne, McNair, and Virginia Run Elementary Schools. The show is open to the public on the evening of June 9 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Admission is free.

On Saturday, June 5, Fairfax County Middle School principals will gather over 800 middle school boys and girls for their annual "Recognizing Your Potential" Leadership Conferences at George Mason University. Students have been nominated by their schools, and both girls and boys will hear guest speakers, attend career seminars, and take a tour of the campus. The guest speaker for the morning girls conference is Sarah Swanson, event coordinator for Civic Entertainment Group, LLC in New York, and the guest speaker for the afternoon boys conference will be Mr. Eric Konkel, men's assistant basketball coach at George Mason University. Adult volunteers from the Fairfax County business community, higher education, and Fairfax County Middle Schools will give of their time and effort for these special young adults.

Montia V. Mercer, Jr. graduated with a B.S. in biology from Hampden-Sydney College on May 9. He is the son of Ms. Sheri Jackson-Mercer of Chantilly and is a graduate of Stonewall Jackson High School.

Westfield High School will host the Virginia High School League (VHSL) Group AAA Spring Jubilee June 8-12. The Spring Jubilee will determine state AAA champions in baseball, softball, and boys' and girls' tennis, soccer, and lacrosse. Westfield High is located at 4700 Stonecroft Boulevard in Chantilly.

Baseball and softball competitions will be held at Westfield High beginning with semifinals set for Friday, June 11, and finals scheduled for Saturday, June 12.

Tennis matches for boys and girls will be played at Jefferson District Park, 7900 Lee Highway, Falls Church, on Thursday, June 10; Friday, June 11; and Saturday, June 12.

Girls' and boys' soccer semifinals are scheduled for Friday, June 11, and finals will be held on Saturday, June 12. Boys' and girls' lacrosse semifinals are scheduled for Tuesday, June 8 (girls' semifinals), and Wednesday, June 9 (boys' semifinals). Finals are set for Saturday, June 12.





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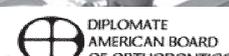
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Chantilly Boys Move on in Region Soccer Playoffs

The Chantilly girls, meanwhile, see their season end with tough 1-0 loss to Lee.

BY RICH SANDERS
CENTRE VIEW

Tuesday night was a bittersweet one for Chantilly High soccer teams as both the Chargers girls' and boys' teams competed in first round Northern Region playoff action. The double-header evening of postseason soccer took place at Chantilly.

In the first game, defending state AAA girls' champion Chantilly lost a 1-0 contest to Lee High (Springfield). With the defeat to the Lancers, the Chargers, who a week ago reached the finals of the Concorde District tournament before losing to Robinson, 1-0, saw their season end at 10-3-2.

In the nightcap game, the Chantilly boys, who a year ago did not qualify for regionals, jumped out to a fast start in their meeting versus T.C. Williams of Alexandria and went on to defeat the Titans, 3-1. The Chargers (6-8-3), who have struggled at times this season — enduring a five-game losing streak at one point during the regular season from May 4 through May 13 — have come on strong in the postseason. They won their Concorde District playoff opener last week on May 18 with a 3-2 overtime triumph at Herndon. That victory advanced Chantilly to the district semifinals and also earned them an automatic seeding into regionals.

THE CHARGERS, coached by Brian Goche, went on to defeat Centreville, 3-0, in the district semifinals on May 19 before losing to Robinson two days later, 4-1, in the title game.

They rebounded strong from the loss to the Rams with Tuesday's first round region win over a talented T.C. Williams team. It marked the second time Chantilly has defeated the Titans this spring. Early in the season, Goche's squad defeated coach Martin Nickley's Titans, 2-1, at Chantilly on April 9.

In the region playoff affair, Chantilly scored consecutive goals, within a minute of one another, before the contest was even 11 minutes old. The first score came from senior forward Jamal Umar, who received a short, up field pass from a teammate before, from the right side, eluding a few defenders while moving closer towards the goal area. Then, from the right corner, he sent a crossing shot into the left side of the net for a goal and a 1-0 Chantilly lead with just over 30 minutes remaining in the half.

Chantilly faithful were still buzzing over that goal before the Chargers, a minute later, struck again when senior midfielder Steven Mashinski, during a Chargers' offensive rush, sent a crossing pass from the right corner to the far post area. There, teammate Kevin McBride, a senior de-

fender, pounded the ball in from close range to make it 2-0 home team.

"We started out good and it helped a lot," said Chantilly's Umar. "In our last game against Robinson [in the district finals] we got off to a bad start and that affected us the whole game."

Later in the first half, T.C. found the Chargers' net when senior forward Conor Boyle, off the right side, headed the ball into the net from close range. The assist came from Manuel Benites, whose free kick from 25 yards out set Boyle up on the score which got the Titans within 2-1 with 14:19 remaining in the half.

In the second half, the Titans had several near goals but could never find the net. Just past the midway mark of the second half, an apparent T.C. score was nullified by an offside's call, quieting the Titan fans in the far side bleachers and bringing a relieved roar from the Chantilly fandom.

Chantilly defenders, on a couple of occasions in the latter half, made goal-saving clears right in front of the net off of scorching T.C. line drive shots. Chargers' senior goaltender Alec Petruzzi played a wonderful game, making a spectacular, charging block in the first half on a shot by Boyle from 10 yards out and coming up with several other clutch stops over the course of the game.

Chantilly pretty much clinched the win with just inside three minutes to play when a long, downfield kick by a Chantilly player took a high bounce over the head of charging T.C. goalie Jose Flores. Charger forward Reynaldo Chavez zoomed after the ball and scooted it into the empty net to make it 3-1. In celebration, Chavez did an in-air front flip.

For a Chantilly team that won just five games during the regular season, the Chargers' playoff success has been extremely sweet. They will host McLean in a round of eight region playoff game this week on Thursday, May 27 at McLean.

"It's really exciting," said McBride, a Chantilly team captain, of the team's late season success. "I don't think a lot of people expected it. But the guys on the team did and that's what counts."

"There were not a lot of expectations for us," added Umar. "But with heart and determination we can go far."

IN THE EARLIER girls' game, Chantilly, throughout the contest, put constant offensive pressure on the Lee High defense. The Chargers simply could not finish on this night. When they had good, open looks, their shots were just a bit off the mark.

Late in the game, Lee, which had not gotten many scoring chances against the suffocating Chantilly defense, finally broke a scoreless tie when, following a Chantilly penalty, Lancer freshman Meghan Cox, off a free kick from 30 yards out, sent a soaring ball high into the net, just over the out-



PHOTO BY CRAIG STERBUTZEL/CENTRE VIEW

Chantilly was a foot up on T.C. Williams as a result of scoring two first half goals within a minute apart to gain the upper edge.



PHOTO BY CRAIG STERBUTZEL/CENTRE VIEW

Chantilly sophomore Morgan Morris (15) has the inside edge on this ball during the Chargers' region playoff game with Lee.

reached hands of Chantilly goalie Lauren Jancuska. The score came with 8 minutes, 35 seconds remaining in the second half and put Lee up, 1-0.

"It was unlucky for Jancuska," said Lee coach Kevin Quaglia. "It was just a good shot. Meghan was aiming for the near post. But the ball went into the middle of the goal just over Jancuska. She's a heck of a goalkeeper."

Chantilly, coached by Melissa Bibbee, made a few late game rushes but, on this frustrating evening, could not score.

"I thought they played hard and we played real hard too," said Chantilly for-

ward Jackie Sieder. "We were unlucky not having any of them go in. It's really a hard loss because we had a lot of shots on goal. We just couldn't get them in."

For a Lee team that was 2-9-1 last year, defeating the defending state champs is quite a thrill for the Lancers.

"For our program it's huge," said Quaglia. "It has been a team effort."

"Chantilly played an outstanding game," said the coach. "I was impressed with a number of their players. Our keys this season have been our free kicks. We've scored on 40 percent of our free kicks."

SPORTS

Westfield High Garner's Concorde Baseball Title

Right-hander tosses shutout in 6-0 win over Wildcats.

BY RICH SANDERS
CENTRE VIEW

In the season's biggest game thus far, Westfield High baseball pitching ace Danny Thorpe simply did what he has done effectively all season long on the mound — consistently hit his catcher's glove and put opposing batters behind in the count.



Westfield pitcher Danny Thorpe

The end result was a brilliant complete game shutout by the

right-hander and a 6-0 Westfield victory over Centreville High in the championship contest of the Concorde District tournament. The postseason affair took place at Chantilly High School this past Monday night, May 24.

"Same thing as always — throw strikes," said Thorpe, of executing his game plan against the No. 1-seeded and regular season champion Centreville team. "When you throw to spots, strikeouts will come. And my defense helped me out."

The Westfield senior, who improved his record to a perfect 11-0 on the season, allowed just three hits, struck out five — all the strikeouts coming after the fourth inning — and walked one. He also hit a batter with a pitch. Centreville got runners as far as third base on four occasions but could never come up with that timely base hit to knock anyone home.

"Danny was very, very impressive," said Westfield head coach Chuck Welch, whose team entered the six-team district tournament as the No. 2 seed. "He's 11-0 and kind of did what he's been doing all year. His ERA [of 1.20] is dominant."

"What Danny does best is compete," said Welch. "And one thing we've been doing very well is we've played great defense behind Danny all year long."

Monday was no exception as Westfield committed no defensive errors in the field. The Bulldogs' best defensive play of the night came in the bottom of the third inning when first baseman Aaron Hoover made a diving snag of a groundball off the bat of David Delorimier before making an underhand toss to Thorpe covering the bag at first for the nifty put-out.

Centreville head coach Morgan Spencer, whose team, following a first round tournament bye, had beaten No. 5 Robinson, 8-2, in a semifinals round game on Friday, May 21 to make it to the championship game, credited

Thorpe with pitching a gem against his team.

"Their kid pitched well," said Spencer. "He doesn't throw anything straight and he's tough to hit. He's a good player. "We just didn't get it done at the plate on offense tonight."

Thorpe allowed three hits — an infield single to Mark McCormick to lead off the bottom of the first, a pop fly

single into left field off the best of Centreville's Kevin LaChance to lead off the third and a seventh inning, one-out opposite field double down the right field line by Chris Mandell. His best inning came in the sixth when he struck out the side in order, getting the Wildcats' No. 2, 3 and four batters. Thorpe, in the seventh, got the game's final out on a strikeout.

WHILE WESTFIELD was truly outstanding both on the mound and in the field, the Bulldogs (17-4) also put together enough offensive firepower to give Thorpe plenty of run support. Westfield had seven base hits in the game, all of them coming in the third and fourth innings combined when the Bulldogs scored all of their runs — two in the third and four in the fourth.

In the top of the third, Westfield knocked around three doubles — the two-baggers coming from leadoff hitter Kevin Corwin (2 hits), clean-up hitting catcher Hayden Ferington and senior second baseman Nathan Colonna. Ferington's extra base hit, a line drive pulled down the left field line, plated a pair of runs to give Westfield a 2-0 lead.

The following inning saw Austin Redman start things off with a flair single down the right field line. Following a sacrifice bunt by No. 9 batter Danny Bulas, Centreville starting pitcher JT Hampel (3-1/3 innings, 4 hits, 2 strikeouts) was taken out of the game for southpaw reliever Connor Bach (3-2/3, 3 hits, 1 K), who would pitch the remainder of the game for the Wildcats.

Both Westfield and Centreville (15-6) will host first round Northern Region playoff games this Friday night. Westfield will take on W.T. Woodson and Centreville will be playing South County. Both games are set to begin at 7.

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Even In Affluent Suburbs, Concerns

Studies in Maryland and Virginia point to large number of children with weight problems.

BY JULIA O'DONOGHUE
THE CONNECTION

West Springfield High School's varsity distance running women's team is what they refer to as "soda sober."

They have an informal pact not to drink soda when they are in season, which is pretty much all year round, since most run cross county in the fall, indoor track in the winter and outdoor track in the spring.

Abstaining since she was a freshman, high school senior Alex Watt doesn't even enjoy drinking soda any more.

"Drinking a can of Sprite is gross now. It's way too sweet and you can feel it between your teeth," she said one after at track practice.

"I feel bad for waiters at restaurants. We all just order water with our food. They get less tip," said Watt.

The girls also exercise more than the average teenagers, running five to six miles most days. To do that, they have to pay close attention to when and when they eat, said the student athletes.

"You have to know the right time to eat and you can't eat too much junk," said junior Marlana Allen.

But the runners said most other teenagers at West Springfield do not necessarily pay attention to what they put in their bodies. Even other athletes are not necessarily as careful.

"People just walk into the lunch line and pick up whatever they see," said freshman Maddie Whittick.

THE TRACK team appears to be the exception to the rule as Washington D.C.'s suburbs continue to struggle with a growing population of people who are obese or overweight.

Experts say there are no comprehensive local studies about children who are overweight or obese but the small amount of information available about children is troubling.

The Virginia Foundation for Health Youth, formerly the Virginia Tobacco Settlement Foundation, released a survey last month that indicated 20 percent of children ages 10 to 17 years old in the commonwealth's

"northern region" are considered overweight or obese.

A 2007 survey, sponsored by Inova Health Systems through the Northern Virginia Health Kids Coalition, also looked at children ages two-to-18 years old and found even more dramatic results.

According to the Inova survey, 40 percent of children in the City of Alexandria and 25 percent of children in Arlington and Fairfax counties were either overweight or at-risk for being overweight.

The study also concluded almost 70 percent of children in Alexandria, Arlington and Fairfax did not eat enough fruits and vegetables.

Thirty percent of children in Alexandria, 35 percent of children in Arlington and 50 percent of children in Fairfax do not get enough exercise. Fifty percent of Alexandria children and 40 percent of Fairfax children spent four or more hours per day in front of a television or computer screen.

In most cases, parents of overweight children in Northern Virginia do not recognize the problem.

According to the study, only a quarter of those with children who are overweight thought that their child had a weight problem. And only 21 percent of children surveyed who were overweight were actively

trying to drop pounds.

Though the Inova survey and the more recent one conducted statewide are informative, George Mason University professor Lisa Pawloski said there is a need for more comprehensive data. Most of the information included in these previous surveys was either self-reported or given by a family member.

"I would like to see a follow up where health professionals go out and actual take information. In self reports, people tend to underestimate their weight," said Pawloski,

Northern Virginia Health Facts

The following are the results of a study commissioned by the Northern Virginia Healthy Kids Coalition, an initiative supported in large part by the Inova Health System Foundation. The survey was conducted in 2007 and information was self-reported by the families of children two-to-18 years old.

- over 100,000 children in Northern Virginia are overweight or at risk of becoming overweight.
- 286,000 Northern Virginia children do not eat enough fruits and vegetables
- 227,000 do not engage in vigorous or moderate exercise on a daily basis
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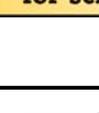
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about Childhood Obesity

who works on issues of global obesity as a nutrition and anthropology expert.

THOUGH THE WASHINGTON suburbs have higher than acceptable obesity rates; suburban communities in general have lower percentages of overweight children.

According to Pawloski, minority populations, particularly African Americans, and low-income residents are at higher risk for being obese or overweight.

“We see the most extreme levels of obesity in Alexandria, which is consistent with greater rates of obesity in urban areas. There are definitely lower rates of obesity in wealthier counties,” she said.

But parents in affluent suburban communities should still be on alert and looking for warning signs for obesity, said Pawloski.

In fact, studies show that wealthy, educated residents in the suburbs often struggle more with weight than their counterparts living in urban environments, said the professor.

“Suburbia can contribute to obesity because you walk less. It is difficult to use walking as a mode of transportation in some areas and people actually look at your strange if they see you out walking home from the grocery store. They ask you if you need a ride or something,” said Pawloski.

The large percentage of immigrants living in Northern Virginia and Montgomery County could also have an effect on rates of childhood obesity. Studies show that the children of immigrants in other parts of the country — including those who are Latino, Korean and Vietnamese — are at greater risk for developing a weight problem, said Pawloski.

“The first generation that comes to this country tends to be much healthier than your average American. But the children start to eat like Americans because they want to assimilate,” she said.

“The large number of immigrants and wide range of places they come from is going to make it much more complex to determine the factors that influence obesity and how to address it,” said Pawloski.

IF A PARENT is concerned about their own child’s weight, their first move should be to take that child to the pediatrician to see if there is a problem, according to experts.

Once a doctor determines a child should lose weight, it is often best to consult an expert, like a registered dietician, about how to address the weight problem.

Kathy Glaser, a registered dietician located in Falls Church, usually starts with trying to get the child to become more ac-

tive, rather than adjust their diet.

“I stress physical activity and exercise. I try to get kids to ride their bike or join a sports team. Kids are not as active as they used to be because of video games and the computer and texting,” said Glaser, who works with younger clients.

Glaser might also recommend a small change in the family and child’s eating habits, such as cutting out soda and other sugary drinks from the diet.

“Many children can see a big difference without having to radically change their diet. It is also probably better for the family to make the changes together and not just for the child,” said Glaser.

Ann Gerber, a Bethesda dietician that also works with children, warns that parents want to be careful not to micromanage what their child is eating.

“It is the parent’s responsibility to provide a healthy meal but not to decide how much of that healthy meal the child should eat. Normally, it should be the child’s responsibility to determine how much of that healthy food they want,” said Gerber.

Gerber also said parents should not force a child to eat everything on their plate. Most children need to learn to pay attention to their internal hunger regulator, which tells them when they are full and should not eat



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Experts say children and teens should maintain an active lifestyle to prevent gaining weight.

any more food.

The dietician also recommends that parents not try to force their children to eat vegetables. Instead, the parents should keep offering or recommending the child eat healthy food.

“Be patient and keep exposing your children to them. Some kids have to be offered a vegetable 60 times before they will try it,” said Gerber.

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What Could Be In A Name



By **KENNETH B. LOURIE**

Not that I want to put the cart before the horse, but I have taken notice recently of public things identified with names of previously deceased private-type people: highways, bridges, overpasses, schools, etc. Unlike the commercialization and common revenue-generating naming rights of professional and collegiate sports Arenas, Stadiums, Centers and Fields, these properly-named, public-type Works projects don't generate revenue like FedEx Field, The Verizon Center or Chevy Chase Bank Field at Byrd Stadium do. However, since I don't know many of the names I've seen signed and "plaqued," I'm guessing they are being so honored based on merit and/or their meritorious service. Now whether Gloria Spellman or Bishop Melvin R. Peebles, as but two examples, had any real connection to the roads that bear their names, I do not know. Perhaps these naming rights/dedications were compensation, so to speak, for past wrongs. Or perhaps, the business of municipal politics does not get done/agreed to without the benefit/inclusion of honoring the individuals so named – for the good of the community. Not being involved in the political process, other than as a regular voter, I am clueless as to the process and/or steps necessary to propose, budget, agree, secure financing, award and sign contracts, and ultimately break ground and actually see the project through to its final construction/ceremonial grand-type opening. I would imagine though, that the "greater good" is often not quite "good" enough.

Nevertheless, seeing names on more things than I can remember seeing previously got me thinking (I know, always dangerous). Given my rather precarious health predicament/prognosis, would it be presumptuous on my part to be thinking about my name potentially appearing on something (other than my headstone/marker) after the sun goes down for that final time? Do average people like me, ones that are not politically/socially/spiritually/commercially connected, ever get their names considered for such posterity-defining placement? Not that I'm maneuvering for such recognition, but if the momentum is in the finished projects needing a name/being named, then isn't my name as good as any other?

Most of the ordinary-sounding names (not political, not military; not famous) I see associated with these Public Works projects seem unfamiliar to me, totally unknown, so their presumptive pursuits, accomplishments, sacrifices, etc., while they were alive which earned them the posthumous honor bestowed on their family name could just as easily/similarly be bestowed on my family's name, couldn't it? I don't know what the two Troopers "plaqued" (on two overpasses on Interstate 95 in Virginia) did to have their names so honored any more than their families would know why my name was affixed to some municipal project. Nevertheless, names are appearing and attached to all sorts of completed Public Works.

Granted, I wouldn't want to be associated/named with a Sewage Treatment Plant or a Waste Disposal Facility, but perhaps my family wouldn't have a choice. Perhaps the powers that be, for whatever reason, would see honor in connecting Lourie with The Shady Grove Transfer Station (see waste disposal in Montgomery County). But if the "greater good" would be served then let me state for the record, unequivocally, I'm all for it. As much as my columns have been about me, I haven't mattered nearly as much as the subjects written about have mattered. I've merely been the voice of semi reason. It's helped me to write them. I hope it's helped others to read them. Thanks for your time.

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OBITUARY



Frederick Andrew Brown

92, a decorated Naval Officer, died of cardiac arrest March 15, 2010 at INOVA Fairfax Hospital, Falls Church, Virginia. He was an Alexandria resident.

Mr. Brown was a career officer working in the Navy Intelligence Department specializing in Russian.

After retiring from the military in 1968 he worked at the Library of Congress and then with the Defense Department until 1987. He was honored with the Department of Defense Civilian Service Award, along with many other achievement awards.

Mr. Brown was born May 28, 1917 in Marinette, Wisconsin. Received a Bachelor of Science degree in Chemical Engineering from the University of Missouri. From 1939-1943 and 1945-1951 Mr. Brown worked at the Midwest Rubber Reclaiming Company in East St. Louis as a chemist.

At the outbreak of World War II he attended Cornell University receiving his officer's commission.

From 1943-1945 he served aboard the destroyer USS Nicholson in the Pacific. The Nicholson earned four battle stars; seeing action during the Philippines Sea, Leyte Gulf, Iwo Jima and Okinawa campaigns.

Mr. Brown received a handwritten letter from Fleet Admiral Chester W. Nimitz, U.S. Navy commending him on his article "U.S. Navy Weather Stations in Siberia", in the Naval Institute Proceedings (July 1962).

While serving in the Navy, Mr. Brown was stationed in Naples, Italy; Tokyo, Japan; London, England and Washington, D.C. He also taught Naval Science, machinery and navigation at Ole Miss University. After his retirement from the Defense Department he taught English at the Adult Education Program in Fairfax County.

Mr. Brown enjoyed traveling, coin collecting and spoke five languages, Russian being his specialty. He had been researching and writing a book on the life of Alexandra Feodorovna Romanova, the last Tsarina of Russia. He was a Third Free Mason and a life long member of the Arcadia Fraternity.

Mr. Brown is survived by his wife of 70 years, Frances V. Brown of Alexandria, Virginia; three sons, Frederick Vincent Brown (Jean) of Water Valley, Mississippi, Thomas Richard Brown (Sue) of Honolulu, Hawaii, Walter Christian Brown (Marsha) of Wausau, Wisconsin; two daughters, JoAnn Brown Alfriend of Falls Church, Virginia and Nancy Jane Williams (Ed) of Oak Hill, Virginia; three brothers, George E. Brown of Brownsboro, Alabama; Richard Brown of Sebastato, California, and William Brown of Fallsbrook, California; a sister, Louise Wolfe preceded him. He was Grandfather of 11, Great Grandfather of 17 and Great-Great Grandfather of one.

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Come Worship with us at Centreville Presbyterian Church

Sunday Services
 8:15 & 9:45am Praise & worship
 11:15 Traditional

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Mount Olive Baptist Church
 New Worship Location Starting March 14, 2010!!
 Centreville High School
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A NEW CHURCH IS BEING BUILT!



SUNDAY SERVICE SCHEDULE AT CENTREVILLE HIGH SCHOOL

Sunday School	9:00-9:45 AM
Worship Service	9:45 AM
Children's & Youth Church	10:00 AM
Youth Minister: Rev. Bobby Joe Ford, Jr.	
Wednesday Bible Study (Includes Youth Classes)	7:00 9:00 PM

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