

Starry Night

Local schools win five Cappies.

BY BONNIE HOBBS
 CENTRE VIEW

Westfield High won four Cappies, and Chantilly High, one, during Sunday night's 11th annual Cappies Awards gala at The Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C.

The big winners were South Lakes High School's production of "Les Miserables: School Edition," which received five Cappies, and Langley High's student-written "Time's Square 2090," which garnered four, including Best Musical. Walt Whitman High in Bethesda, Md., was named Best Play for "Amadeus."

WESTFIELD HIGH

Westfield's Cappie entry was Neil Simon's "Brighton Beach Memoirs," and junior Kevin Clay took home one of the evening's top honors with the evening's top honors with the Cappie for Lead Actor in a Play.



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Lead Actor in a Play: Kevin Clay, Westfield High School, "Brighton Beach Memoirs."

"It feels amazing," he said. "It was completely unexpected; after talking to the 'Amadeus' cast, I was so set that I wouldn't win. But I'm happy — this is so exciting. The character came to me naturally, and everybody loves comedy, so I think that really stood out against some of the other dramas."

The school also won three Cappies for its critics. Sophomore Joey Biagini captured the first award of the night, for Rising Critic. When he received the starry

statuette, he dedicated it "to Mr. [theater director Scott] Pafumi, our fabulous director. I love theater!" Backstage, Biagini called winning a Cappie "very exciting. It's just nice to know this whole year of hard work has finally paid off."

The next award went to junior Elisabeth Bloxam for Returning Critic. On stage, she thanked her family for continu-

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Critic Team, Westfield High School, (in no particular order): Joey Biagini, Kerowyn Brewer, Michelle Kearns, Zoe Tippl, Shivani Deopujari, Lani Fu, Brittany Simmons, Emily Howell and Elisabeth Bloxam.



Best Sets, Chantilly High School, "Street Scene." From left: Mustafa Qarghah and Meghan Sharon.

Running for Tim

Annual Tim Harmon Memorial 5K Run/Walk set for June 26.

BY BONNIE HOBBS
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When people think of the Fairfax County Government Center, they do not normally picture people competing in a foot race. But for the past decade, it has been the site of the Tim Harmon Memorial 5K Run/Walk.

Now, it is again time for the 11th annual race honoring a former county employee and raising money toward a cure for Hepatitis C. It is slated for Saturday, June 26 at 8:30 a.m., rain or shine, and signups are still open. Cost is \$25, and registration is at www.racepacket.com, or in person on race day, from 7-8:15 a.m.

"It's nice to do a race at the Government Center because parking is right there," said race director Tom Cook of Chantilly's Armfield Farm community. "You can walk to the starting line."

The course is mostly flat and

fast, beginning and ending in front of the Government Center and going out to West Ox Road and Monument Drive. Participants may either walk or run. For more information, call 703-934-8756, e-mail peggy.cook@fairfaxcounty.gov or see www.timharmon5k.org.

Harmon died of Hepatitis C in 1999 at age 51. But before then, he did all he could to help people struggling with addiction. He worked 20 years for Fairfax County and was Director of Residential Services for Alcohol and Drug Services [ADS].

He also founded a substance-abuse treatment program for teens. Because of his efforts, seven new residential treatment programs were opened. He also helped expand those at A New Beginning and Fairfax Detox in Chantilly, New Generations in Vienna, plus Crossroads and Sunrise House.

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"We get a lot of positive feedback on the Tim Harmon 5K."

— Tom Cook



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The runners take off at the start of last year's Tim Harmon Memorial 5K Run/Walk.

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Memorial Run Set for June 26

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"Tim hired me in 1984 as a substance-abuse counselor [for ADS]," said Cook, who still holds that position and works with teens. "He was a driving force behind many of this county's services."

The race is run to remember Harmon and to raise awareness of hepatitis C. Proceeds go to charities including the Hepatitis Foundation, the American Liver Foundation and local drug-treatment centers, including Sunrise in Fair Oaks. Harmon left behind a wife and two daughters, now grown, plus a 10-year-old grandson he never saw. Matthew was born the year after he died; but each year, he participates in the race.

Prizes in the 5K are awarded to the top three, male and female overall finishers, plus the top three finishers in 14 age groups in five-year increments. The race has four divisions: runners/walkers, Fairfax County employees, baby joggers and public safety. Fire and police personnel will compete against each other for team and individual trophies.

Registered participants receive custom T-shirts designed by Kay Rankin. They're white and adorned with a replica of a running shoe in the Hepatitis Foundation's colors of yellow and red. "Kay does a great job, every year," said Cook.

Sports Plus & Battlefield Screen, CASSADAY Inc., MicroPact Engineering, Olympus Auto Parts and Inova Comprehensive Addiction Treatment Services are the major sponsors. More than 100 trophies, plaques and medals will be presented, plus doorprizes from local restaurants and merchants.

They include, goody bags from Starbucks and gift certificates from Potomac River Running Store, Ledo Pizza, Panera, Applebee's, Bungalow Billiards & Brew, Buffalo Wing Factory, Alexander de Paris, Bristow Manor Golf Course, Wegmans, Guapo's, Ned Devine's and Pincrest Golf Course.

Silent auction items include signed footballs by Brian Griese of the Tampa Bay Buccaneers and his father Bob Griese, the Hall of Fame quarterback from the Miami Dolphins; a hockey puck signed by Washington Capital Matt Bradley; and lots of Washington Redskins memorabilia, including a signed, autographed picture of Redskins greats Art Monk and Darrell Green being inducted into the Hall of Fame. Bidders can also bid on a mini football helmet

signed by Redskins linemen, the Hogs; photos of Redskins Jeff Bostic and Joe Jacoby; a full-size football helmet signed by Randy White (ex-Dallas Cowboy and University of Maryland lineman); and running batons signed by great American distance runners, Bill Rodgers and Joan Benoit-Samuelson.

Adding to the day's fun is a live, classic-rock band, The Sock Monkeys, who will entertain before, during and after the race. Post-race refreshments such as bagels, granola bars, juice and soda will be available, and Piedmont School of Massage will give free massages after the race to the runners.

"Last year, we raised almost \$13,000 and had 650 participants," said Cook.

"We start working on it in January, and a lot of the race-committee members are county employees who worked with Tim. I run races, too, so I spend April, May and June handing out flyers at other races in which I'm running."

Cook has been running since high school. "This is one of my passions outside of work," he said. "We get a lot of positive feedback on the Tim Harmon 5K. I feel good when I hand a flyer to someone and get compliments from people who've done this race previously and really liked it. We get lots of repeat customers."

Literature in the race packets educates people about hepatitis C and how to avoid contracting it. Harmon's disease was discovered through a routine blood test, but no cure is available. It has no symptoms, so people don't realize they have it until they're diagnosed. But by then, their livers may be irreparably damaged and that's what happened to Harmon. For more information, call 1-800-891-0707 or see www.hepfi.org.

"Over 4 million people in the U.S. have been infected with the virus, but as many as half of them do not know they've been infected," said Cook. "At least 75 percent of those infected develop chronic hepatitis, and 30 percent of them go on to develop cirrhosis of the liver. Chronic liver disease due to Hepatitis C causes 20,000 deaths each year in the United States, alone."

That's why Cook's pleased that all the proceeds from the Tim Harmon 5K are donated to charity. "We've probably raised about \$125,000, over 10 years, and that's a pretty good chunk of change," said Cook.



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The Celebrate Fairfax! Festival had something for everyone, including a carnival that went until midnight.

ROUNDUPS

Free Carseat Inspections

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

Sully District Council Meeting

The Sully District Council of Citizens Associations and its Land-Use Committee will meet Wednesday, June 23, at 7 p.m., in the Sully District Governmental Center, 4900 Stonecroft Blvd. in Chantilly. Call Jeff Parnes, evenings, at 703-904-0131. Discussed will be an amendment to the Franklin Farm Shopping Center's final development plan.

Park Authority to Meet

The Fairfax County Park Authority will meet Wednesday, June 23, at 7:30 p.m., in the Herrity Building, 12055 Government Center Parkway, Suite 900 in Fairfax. Call Judy Pedersen at 703-324-8662.

Sully Police Open House

The Sully District Police Station will hold an open house for the community, Saturday, June 26, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. In the front lot of the station will be: Two members of the SWAT team and their weapons truck; the Explosive Ordnance Disposal Unit with two bomb dogs, a truck and robots; fire department ladder truck and ambulance; police helicopter and pilots, two motorcycle officers doing a demonstration; and the seat belt convincer.

Also there will be: a MADD trailer with a crashed vehicle; various police cars – modern and antique – plus seized cars and motorcycles; Animal Control vehicle and warden; Sheriff's Department with a live-scan, fingerprint machine; a police patrol wagon, the police bike team with its bikes, Fatal Vision goggles for a mock DWI field test; the brand-new, police boat and its operators; and possibly a racecar. Also slated are false alarm, child safety seat and crime-prevention displays.

The fun also includes Chick-Fil-A and its cow; PNC Bank with sand art for children, a clown, face painting, balloons, three types of moonbounces, plus refreshments including Sno-Cones, popcorn, cotton candy and ice cream. Offsite parking will be available at Westfield High; a bus will shuttle people back and forth.

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, June 27, from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m., at the I-66 Transfer Station, 4618 West Ox Road in Fairfax.

WFCM Needs Donations, Volunteers

Western Fairfax Christian Ministries (WFCM) needs donations of toiletries, shampoo, toothpaste, toilet paper, deodorant, Baby Wipes, diapers (sizes 4, 5, 6), plus cooking oil, bottled water, juice, bags of rice (3 pounds or smaller), flour and sugar in 2-pound bags and canned carrots, chick peas, greens, meats, fruit and olives for the food pantry. Also needed are furniture and household items, in good condition, for the thrift store. Bring them to the food pantry at 13981 Metrotech Drive (near the Backyard Grill and Bar) in Chantilly.

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These members of the Rocky Run Garden Club gathered for a photo during their luncheon celebrating the organization's 60th anniversary. Seated in front row are (from left) Mary Kincheloe, Mildred DeBell, Harriet Ritchie and Mary Rose Patrone. Standing directly behind Kincheloe is club president, Ellen Rosenberger (in yellow).

Garden Club Celebrates 60 Years

Rocky Run Garden Club celebrates six decades.

BY BONNIE HOBBS
CENTRE VIEW

Cabell's Mill, in E.C. Lawrence Park, is an important part of Centreville's history. It was fitting, therefore, that it was the site of the Rocky Run Garden Club's 60th anniversary celebration.

Ellanor C. Lawrence herself was a charter member of the club, as was Centre Ridge resident Mildred DeBell. The day of the celebration, May 25, DeBell brought her scrapbooks detailing the club's history back to 1950 and shared her thoughts on the anniversary.

"It's hard to believe we've been around for 60 long years," said the ever-spry DeBell, 92. "But they've been wonderful years and the garden club has been a big part of my life."

She said people's lives are like gardens, with four seasons. "In spring, we're growing up and learning our way," said DeBell. "Our parents have planted good seeds and are weeding out the undesirable things. In summer, you're enjoying the blooms of your life and all you've learned."

In fall, she said, "You're looking back and enjoying your memories. Then comes winter and things are closed down. You're not able to work in your garden as much, but you go through your life and recall the good things that happened. And you're blessed with the thought that, hopefully, the seeds you've planted in your life will bring blossoms for the next generation in the spring."

IN 1952, DeBell's husband Stuart began his first of 16 years on Fairfax County's Board of Supervisors, and Centreville was a rural place with few services.

Lawrence was trying to get trash disposal for the area, and both she and Mildred DeBell tried their best to beautify things. In 1935, Lawrence bought Walney Farm as a retreat for her and her husband David.

"She fell in love with the land, the pond and the mill," said DeBell. "But she said Dave was furious because it was 'out in the boonies,' so her brother helped her financially to buy this land. She always wanted it used only for park purposes, for people to enjoy."

So eventually, Lawrence gave her namesake park, plus Cabell's Mill, to the Park Authority to preserve. And at least once a year, the Garden Club meets there.

"This mill was neat, and Mrs. Lawrence just loved the Rocky Run Garden Club," said DeBell. "After the county became developed and we didn't have to fight for things, flower shows became a major part of our club. Each person's personality came out in their flower arrangements."

Today, the club has 41 members and associates, and more than two dozen attended the anniversary celebration at Cabell's Mill. They enjoyed a crepes and cupcakes luncheon catered by the Clifton Café and participated in a flower-arranging contest, while socializing and discussing what the club means to them.

Clifton's Linda Custis joined seven years ago. "I had lots of dear friends in the group and wanted to spend more time with them," she said. "I have a house with lots of gardens and thought I'd learn something. I also enjoy the camaraderie; we all get together and have a good time – and we do good things, too."

They include giving a yearly scholarship to NOVA. "It goes to a deserving student majoring in horticulture," said club President Ellen Rosenberger. "And we always decorate a home on the Clifton Homes Tour."

She's a 15-year member and recalled when the club went to the White House every year to see its Christ

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On Starting a Business

Curry launches Certa Pro Painters in Chantilly.

BY SENITRA MCCOMBS
CENTRE VIEW

After 20 years in the Information Systems industry, Steven Curry decided to start his own business using his IRA. CertaPro Painters opened on June 1. He discussed the challenges and joys of being a business owner.

Q. What made you decide or was there a specific event that made you start CertaPro Painters?

For the last 10 years, I wanted to start a business. I finally narrowed it down to franchising.

How did you start CertaPro Painters?

I contacted Fran Fund, an organization that helps people looking to start franchises. After they interviewed me, they sent me a list of over 3,000 franchises. I began weighing all the positive and negatives of it. Out of all the franchises that I looked at, CertaPro Painters had a positive vibe and it was something I liked to do. I like home decorating and working with color. I like a house to feel like a home.

What's the most challenging thing about starting a business?

Balance. When you first start a business, you're the single employee/ boss. You have to balance between being the advertising person, sales person and the production manager. You can spend a lot of time just on the marketing/advertising aspect alone. Trying to balance everything out to let it flow. That can be difficult because you're trying to figure everything out and what works best.

What do you enjoy the most about it?

All the decisions, I make them whether they are right or wrong, it's all on me. I get satisfaction knowing that if I'm wrong at something, it was my decision and I made it. And I don't have to get the boss' approval anymore.

Where are you located?

We are located at 14408 Chantilly Ln, #651, Chantilly, VA 20151 and we service Chantilly, Centreville, Clifton and Fairfax.

What type of services does CertaPro Painters provide?

We offer both residential and light commercial such as a small doctor's office in interior and exterior painting, including light carpentry and color coordination.

Who or what inspires you?

Various books refer to taking life and looking at it from a positive aspect such as Andie Andrews' "Mastering the Seven Decisions: That Determine Personal Success," "Letters From Leaders" by Henry O. Dormann, "The Audacity of Hope" by Barack Obama, and "The Millionaire Next Door" by Thomas J. Stanley and William D. Danko.

What is your educational/work background?

I graduated with an associate degree in Information Technology in 1986. Then I took various on the job opportunities. A few years ago, I was attending



Steven Curry

college at the University of Phoenix and I had to quit because of a family illness. That's one of my goals, to get back in school and finish my degree in Information Technology.

Has your past career in information systems given you any skills that have been beneficial in starting your own business?

I consider them soft skills. There are soft skills that people can take from job to job such as doing proposals, communicating with the customer and other groups, incorporating other ideas to other groups as well as having good organizational and writing skills.

Do you have any advice for future or aspiring people who want to go into business for themselves?

Take a chance. Even though it can look scary. Sometimes you just have to do it and go for it. Sometimes you just have to lead with a positive attitude and an expectation that this is going to be a wonderful experience.

What is your favorite movie or type of music?

I enjoy all types of music except for the stuff they play in elevators, and as far as movies, I enjoy sci-fi, action and drama.

If you could have dinner with anyone famous, who and why?

Steve Jobs, the president of Apple Inc. He started Apple and made it famous and was let go because Microsoft took over. And then he started another company and it became successful. He was actually hired back by his old company. I see him as a person that can start many businesses from scratch.

How will you overcome the current economic state, especially considering the current real estate market?

We're at a bottom across the U.S. but we're actually getting better. Although we aren't at a point where people are buying houses every 3- 5 years, we're at a point that people want to do home improvements so they may opt for a paint job.

SCHOOLS



From left: Nominees Kevin Clay, Lead Actor in a Play, and Phoebe Dillard, Comic Actress in a Play.



Critics team (back row, from left) Shivani Deopujari, Emily Howell, Michelle Kearns and Zoe Tippl; (front row, from left) Joey Biagini, Brittany Simmons, Elisabeth Bloxam and Kerowyn Brewer. (Not pictured: Lani Fu).

Westfield Honors Its Nominees

Westfield High's Cappies nominees for their work in their school's production of "Brighton Beach Memoirs" received their Cappies medals last Wednesday, June 9, in an after-school ceremony.



Representing the school's Best Play nomination are (from left) Adam Thomas, Sarah Bowden, John Walsh, Sara Calkins and Meredith Freeman.



Cappies Commendees selected by Westfield Theater Director Scott Pafumi are (from left) DeAnna Hughes, Liesl Stach, Trevor Knickerbocker and Nick Burroughs.



Tech nominees (from left) Sound, Kieran Claffey and Taylor Aucott; Sets, Alex Butterfield and Annie Dykstra; Costumes, Michelle Kearns; and Props & Effects, Kerowyn Brewer (not pictured: Laura Kapinos).



From left: Rising Critic Joey Biagini with Returning Critics Brittany Simmons and Elisabeth Bloxam.

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**Mildred
DeBell
displays
some of her
Centreville
and garden
club memo-
rabilia.**

Garden Club Recalls Its Past

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tell me.”

mas decorations. “It was a wonderful treat, and we’d have lunch in [Washington], D.C.,” said Rosenberger. “Now we meet once a month in each others’ homes for a luncheon and guest speaker.”

She said they come to Cabell’s Mill for workshops. “For example, a member will teach us to do holiday arrangements,” said Rosenberger. “We also take a field trip in the spring to a historic garden; this year, we’ve been to Oatlands, Hillwood and Tudor Place.” She’s also made nice friendships and learned from others’ expertise. “We all love flowers and good food, and that’s what we’re all about,” said Rosenberger.

Elaine Koehne of Clifton has been a member almost 20 years. “I’m a flower junkie,” she said. “The flowers were the draw, but the people are just wonderful — they’re real treasures. It’s wonderful to celebrate the 60th anniversary and it’s delightful that Mildred is here to share it with us — she’s a hoot!”

Little Rocky Run’s Vicki Cristiani has only belonged for two years, but has known many of the members for more than two decades. “I have so much admiration and respect for their knowledge, motivation and enthusiasm for gardening,” she said. “They’ve inspired me and I’ve somewhat become a gardener now, and I love it. Many of these women are master gardeners.”

Furthermore, said Cristiani, “I adore Mildred; she’s funny, witty and has the mind of a young person. I’m impressed with her knowledge of the club’s history and, every year, she wins awards — she does beautiful arrangements. She also speaks her mind.”

Cristiani said the field trips are fun and the women are wonderful hostesses. “The food is so good, you’d think we were a gourmet club,” she said. “We have such a good time together, and I can ask them what to do about certain plants and flowers, they’ll

THIRTY-YEAR MEMBER Shelva Rota of Clifton called them “the nicest, most down-to-earth people I’ve ever met. We learn a lot about flowers and horticulture, and it’s a close-knit club — everybody knows and cares about everybody else. I host the Christmas luncheon every year and will always have great memories of the club. I can’t believe it’s our 60th anniversary; Mildred is great to be here, all this time.”

Harriet Ritchie of Centreville Farms has been a member since 1977 and likes the field trips. “One year, we visited the Ginter Gardens in Richmond,” she said. “It’s a park and covers many areas of gardening and flowers.”

Ritchie’s taught several flower-arranging classes and enjoys making the arrangements for the Clifton Homes Tour. “We get to see the houses and people, and they appreciate what we do,” she said. “Flowers are my thing; I particularly like dried arrangements. And at our flower

show, each May at Cabell’s Mill, when you’ve just joined and win a blue ribbon, it’s a big deal.”

DeBell is delighted that the club has lasted and flourished so long. “We get new ladies in, every year,” she said. “You get to have a nice, social life and enjoy flower arranging — and when you get to be over 90, you appreciate it so much.”

She said it was mainly a Centreville club when it began, plus some members from Fairfax and Manassas. Now, though, most of the members are from Clifton. “Most of the original members’ Centreville homes — and some of the later members’ homes, too — are gone because of development,” said DeBell. “But I have so many memories of so many special people. I like the old friends I know here, as well as the new ones. It’s just been a joy to be a part of and look forward to, every month.”

“The flowers were the draw, but the people are just wonderful.”

— Elaine Koehne of Clifton

Local Schools Win Five Cappies

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ing to support her, “even though I’m never home,” and Pafumi for “giving me this opportunity.” She, too, was thrilled to win. Said Bloxam: “This year’s been great for our critics team, and this is a great way to end the year.”

The judges apparently thought so, too, because they also bestowed upon Westfield the Cappie for Critics Team. Shivani Deopujari was delighted with the team’s recognition for its diligent efforts and many long hours spent seeing other schools’ plays and writing reviews. And, she added, “We thank our parents for all their support.”

“I’m so proud of everyone on the team,” said Lani Fu. “I think we did a great job and we really deserve it.” Agreeing, Bloxam said, “Our team has been unbelievably dedicated. We’ve seen so many shows, and it’s been fantastic working with everyone.”

CHANTILLY HIGH

Chantilly’s production of “Street Scene” — which was also nominated for Best Play — received the Cappie for Sets. “This is the best feeling,” said senior Meghan Sharon. “I’ve been waiting for this since October. I’m completely honored; we’re fully recognized, and not just by our director.” Added senior Mustafa Qarghah: “It’s amazing; it feels so good. All our hard work paid off.”

Sharon said the audience was impressed with the set’s realism. “It struck everyone with awe,” said Qarghah. “The curtains opened and everyone was blown away to see a tenement building on stage.”



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Winner of Rising Critic, Joey Biagini, and Returning Critic, Elisabeth Bloxam, both from Westfield High School.

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To celebrate, we plan to publish the Pet Centre View, including your family's pets, in late July.

We invite photos of your pets with you, your children or with whole family. We'll prefer photos that picture the pets with their humans.

We also invite children's artwork of their pets.

We also welcome short stories (200 words or less) about your pet. Tell us a funny story, or explain how your pet helped you or a member of your family through a tough time. Tell us about how you came to adopt or rescue your pet. Tell us how your favorite places to go with your pet, or how you solved a particular chal-

lenge concerning your pet.

We haven't forgotten horses, fish, birds, reptiles and amphibians, guinea pigs, hamsters, and other more unusual pets — we hope for photos about them all.

Be sure to identify the full names of everyone pictured in any photos, include information such as breed and age of the pet and children pictured, and (very important) the community where you live.

We prefer digital submissions, delivered on CD or via email. Please send in submissions as soon as possible, but at least before July 10. E-mail to ventreview@connectionnewspapers.com, and write "Pets" in the subject line. You can mail submissions to Pet Centre View, 1606 King St., Alexandria, VA 22314.

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Expertise for Annual Community Guides

What tips do you have for someone new to the area? What interesting, almost secret, places would you like to have learned about earlier when you moved in?

We invite you to share the expertise you've gained in living in your hometown with your neighbors and with people new to the area in our Newcomers and Community Guides, com-

ing later this summer.

Centre View staff members and interns are already working on the annual Newcomers and Community Guide, which will publish at the end of August.

We invite residents, businesses and organizations to send us suggestions. We invite calendar listings for major events for the upcoming year, information on how to get involved in nonprofits and charities, details about your club or other organization.

When are the major festivals, celebrations and other events at your church or temple or mosque?

We also invite readers to contribute directly to the newcomers and community guides. Send us a short letter: what do you love about your community? Tell us about one special place you've discovered. Does your family have different favorites in different seasons? How did you get involved in your town? Share your favorite park. Tell us about your favorite annual event.

Helping pets adapt to new surroundings can be a big part of any family's move. Share tips you have for acclimating a pet to a new home. Do you have a favorite dog park?

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To the Editor:

On behalf of the Westfield High School's PTSA, we would like to say "Thank You" to all of the corporate sponsors of our After Prom Celebration (APC) and the All Night Grad Party (ANGP). The generosity of the parents, local businesses, and citizens in the community made it possible for us to plan a special evening for our 2010 graduates. We'd like to thank the following companies:

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Both events served as community statements to our youth to have a wonderful time without drugs and/or alcohol. That was the main objective of the Westfield High School PTSA. Both were huge successes and would not have been possible without the huge contributions

and support of our community.

Again, thank you for your generous donations and for helping Westfield High School's PTSA provide safe, fun, and memorable events for our 2010 seniors. We hope we can count on your continued generosity in years to come.

After Prom Celebration and All Night Graduation Party Committees

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This event is supported by the Fairfax County Public Schools Student Safety and Wellness Section and the Safe and Drug-Free School and Community Coalition.

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Centre View welcomes views on any public issue.

The deadline for all material is noon Friday. Letters must be signed. Include home address and home and business numbers. Letters are routinely edited for libel, grammar, good taste and factual errors. Send to:

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FAITH

Mount Olive Baptist Church is holding a Youth Revival on June 22-24 at 7:30 p.m. (Tuesday through Thursday) at Centreville High School. The nightly pastor is Dwight S. Riddick, pastor of First Baptist Church of Franklin, Va. Music by Youthful Spirit.

The Mass Comes Alive! A Catholic Vacation Bible School week for St. Timothy Catholic School is scheduled for July 19-23 each day after the 9 a.m. mass. The program will run from 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. each day. Children will grow in their Catholic faith with songs, crafts, games and snacks. The goal is to help children better understand the Catholic Mass and deepen their love for Jesus in the Eucharist. The last day, Friday, is a fun family picnic day meant to be enjoyed with children and their families. Registration is now open. Contact Jeannette Borneman at vbs.sttimothychurch@gmail.com. Located at 13807 Poplar Tree Rd, Chantilly.

St Timothy Youth Group meets on Sunday evenings from 6:30 to 8 p.m. in the school cafeteria. Come join the fun and fellowship. Bring a friend.

BUSINESS NOTES

Ameriprise Financial of Centreville recently awarded a \$7,000 grant to Miriam's Kitchen, a Washington, D.C.-based nonprofit organization. The grant will help provide nutritious meals and individualized services to local homeless men, women and children.

Miriam's Kitchen was recommended for the grant by Thomas Block, an Ameriprise financial advisor in Centreville. "Ameriprise Financial is dedicated to supporting organizations, like Miriam's Kitchen, that share our goal of improving lives and building strong communities," explained Block. "I'm proud to play a role in supporting this worthwhile cause, which provides vital services to some of our area's most vulnerable residents."

The Junior League of Northern Virginia, a women's volunteer organization that empowers women to be a driving force to improve the Northern Virginia community announces the Board of Directors for the 2010-2011 year, led by President J.J. Newby Ketzle. Ketzle, of Chantilly, succeeds Nene Spivy, of Great Falls. She will serve a one-year term through May 2011.

Ketzle has been a member of the Junior League of Northern Virginia since 2001, when she transferred as a Provisional from the Junior League of Palo Alto, Calif. She previously served as President-elect, Community Advisory Board Chair, Communications Council Director, Regional Facilitators Committee Chair, Leadership Development Chair, Done in a Day Chair, and two years as a Provisional

Congregation Yad Shalom, located in Centreville, provides a variety of programs in a traditional format with a modern flair. It openly invites inquiries about participation in these special activities by the local community. There are a number of exciting activities for the family:

❖ Have a great time at the annual picnic for Yad Shalom on Sunday, June 20, at Bull Run Park at 12 p.m. Details to come!

❖ Join the Congregation for a Barbeque and Havdalah service on Saturday, July 31 at 6 p.m. at the home of the Gordons.

❖ For more information and/or directions, contact the Congregation at 703-579-6079, or visit www.yadshalom.com.

Temple Beth Torah is a Reform Jewish congregation and member of the Union of Reform Judaism (URJ) that meets at St. John's Episcopal Church in Centreville. Religious school is held at the Goddard School in Chantilly. The congregation offers the Northern Virginia Jewish community services that provide numerous spiri-

(new member) Advisor. She also sits on the Community Advisory Board of the Katherine K. Hanley Family Shelter as the JLN representative.

She is active in the community through Leadership Fairfax as member of the Class of 2010, Moms Club of Centreville, her children's schools, and her family's church. Her previous business experience includes marketing communications for high tech companies in Northern Virginia and Silicon Valley, editing two editions of the book Find It Online, and working as a television reporter and anchor in Missouri, Georgia, and California. A rabid advocate of Web 2.0 technology, currently J.J.'s newest writing venture is writing a popular local blog, Caffeine and a Prayer, and contributing to the DC Metro Moms Blog and the Yahoo! MotherBoard Blog.

Scottrade, a branch-supported online investing firm, is opening a new branch office on June 28 in Centreville. The new office will be managed by Chad Bailey. The address is 6009 Centreville Crest Lane, in Centreville Square II. The hours are 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Call 703-830-2037. After-hours Support from 7 a.m. to 1 a.m. Monday through Friday and 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Saturday.

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.

Lord of Life Lutheran Church's second location, 13421 Twin Lakes Dr., Clifton, is now open. Everyone is invited to worship services at 10 a.m. on Sunday. Call the church office at 703-323-9500 or go to www.lordoflifelutheran.com.

Shalom Jewish Children is a fun, hands-on Jewish educational program for young children based on experiential learning. Each session is about Jewish holidays, values and celebrations. Meets in Centreville at the Rocky Run Recreation Center. Contact Gloria Pioso at yadshalom@yadshalom.com or call 703-579-6079.

The Centreville Rotary Club has moved its meeting location from the I-Hop in Centreville to the EggsSpectations Restaurant in Chantilly. The Rotary Club meets Tuesdays from 11:30—12:30 p.m. for lunch. Contact Gregg Caldwell at gregg@gandcauto.com.

The Clifton Business Connection chapter of BNI invites area business professionals to visit its weekly networking meeting held every Wednesday at 11 a.m. at Heart in Hand Restaurant in Clifton. Visit www.bninova.com.

BLOC (Business Leaders of the Community) is celebrating its second anniversary as a business—networking group. But this business networking group has a philanthropic role — beside for always doing business and networking with each other. Currently BLOC has grown to two—chapter meeting in Chantilly and Dulles. but the group is looking to expand to other areas, so more people can network with each other and more good works can be done for the community. Call Debra Weeks — Alexander at 703-264-7711 or e—mail dawonlinenow@yahoo.com



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Profiles in Real Estate- Laura Davis

Laura Davis, born in San Diego, has resided in Northern Virginia for over 40 years. She moved to the area from Falls Church, 20+ years ago and has spent the years growing with the community. She loves her home and her life and has no plans to leave.

She is a 1986 graduate of the Northern Virginia Institute of Real Estate and The Mortgage Bankers Association of America's Loan Origination and Processing. She has been in this profession for over 24 years and has achieved NVAR Lifetime Top Producer as well as many other designations and accomplishments to include Short Sale Negotiator for Samson Properties and having the top success rate for approvals.

As someone who loves working out: running, dancing and resistance training, she knows the benefits that knowledge, experience and implementation can bring. She has been seen in many area private schools and daycare centers teaching fitness, nutrition and safety classes to hundreds of children ages 2-6. Children are her true delight. Home schooling & raising one of her own, Derek Davis, now 21 and a successful entrepreneur running his own graphic design/web development business and attending GMU, she knows a small kindness can go along way in child's life. She treasures them all.

In her very limited free time she also enjoys listening to music: anything but country, gardening, sunrises, sunsets and walks on the ocean shore. Much to her surprise, though she never says no to a

challenge, she took a riding course a couple of years ago and now can't live without her Harley. Long or short trips they are all very peaceful & freeing for her as someone who rarely gets time alone and without the blackberry.

She is a passionate and caring person. As far back as her youth and even today she is driven to help others: friend, family or stranger, even if only to bring them a smile. She strives to live her life by the golden rule, doing unto others... She has even been known to personally cook Thanksgiving dinners for those in a nursing home with no family and help out at local charity events. What ever she chooses to do, she does it all with greatness.

This passion and devotion carries over into her profession. Her client's interests are handled the same as if they were Laura's very own needs. She diligently works with each individual to get to know them as a person. If it is important to them, it is important to her. Whether she is listing or selling a home, the client comes first and the work does not cease when the contract is signed. She is on top of every detail making sure that when the closing date arrives, there are no hidden surprises. Her clients call her "The Miracle Worker", always placing everyone at ease and creating a win/win situation.

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ME & MY DAD

Readers submitted photos for this Father's Day gallery.



Ryan Boehlert, 7, with dad Jeff Boehlert, and Hannah Boehlert, 11, celebrating Father's Day early with an Yankees vs. Orioles game at Camden Yards on Tuesday, June 8. They live in the Chantilly Highlands community of Oak Hill.



Danny Cinotti of the Fair Woods neighborhood with Isabella at 18 months on Easter Sunday, April 4, 2010. Daddy and Ella are reading a fun book that the Easter Bunny just delivered.



Ken Dwyer, with daughter Allison at 15 months old, looking at the animals at Frying Pan Park in May 2010. Mom Meagen Dwyer took the picture. They live in Chantilly's Pleasant Valley neighborhood along with Allison's older brothers Keagan and Nolan.



Mark O'Brien of Fair Lakes Glen at the Nationals game with his four children — Joey, Sean, Jake and Sydney — on June 4, 2010.



Hira 11, daddy Rifat Ikram, and Eshal is 11.



Dad Brian Galhouse with Carter (4), Campbell (18 months), and Kelden (two weeks). Photo taken in Kaileen Galhouse's studio, Galhouse Photography.



Dad Alex Greczner with son Peter at graduation from Cornell University College of Engineering.



Dad Alex Greczner with son David at graduation from Chantilly High in 2008; he will also graduate from Cornell in 2012.

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— TIZIANA VENTIMIGLIA

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1/2 teaspoon coarse ground black pepper

Combine all ingredients and mix thoroughly in food processor.

Cut 1 1/2 to 2 heads of hearts of romaine to a 10 thickness. Wash thoroughly and towel dry all romaine to allow dressing to adhere to leaves. Toss in a large bowl with the dressing. Add Croutons to taste and sprinkle with a little extra parmesan cheese. Serve immediately since dressing will wilt romaine leaves in 10 to 15 minutes most likely due to lemon juice content.

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Campfire and Hike. 7 to 8 p.m. Fee is
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meadows and return to the campfire
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SATURDAY/JUNE 19

Community Coffee House. 8 to 10
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Housing Fair and Expo. 9 a.m. to 4
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After-Grad Disaster Averted

Centreville, Westfield high schools scramble for new venues.

BY BONNIE HOBBS
CENTRE VIEW

For those who organized Centreville and Westfield high schools' after-grad parties — and all the students looking forward to attending them — it was their worst nightmare. The place they had given thousands of dollars to host the events abruptly went out of business — leaving both schools in the lurch.

"We've been working on our after-grad parties at the ESPN Zone for over a year," said Centreville High PTSA President Jill Mullins, last Wednesday, June 9. "We just found out today that it's closing and won't honor our parties."

Centreville's after-grad event is June 18, and Westfield's, June 20. "ESPN Zone said it's closing all its restaurants, June 16," said Westfield parent Paula Rothenburg. "I think this is outrageous. There should be some creative way a Disney-run company could host an all-night, grad party and fulfill its commitment."

LUCKILY, BOTH SCHOOLS have since been able to make other arrangements but, for a while, there was major panic. Apparently, Disney was losing money on its ESPN Zone franchise, so it decided to cut its losses and shut it down immediately — even though it had several outstanding contracts.

"They never even called us, and you'd think they would," said Mullins. "Centreville High's class of 2011 had just put down a \$5,000 deposit. We had an emergency meeting, and 30 people came, word-of-mouth. People showed up saying, 'What can we do?' We needed a new location and our money back, as soon as possible."

The scenario at Westfield was much the same.

SCHOOL NOTES

Sara Reilly of Chantilly, a junior majoring in biological sciences in the College of Science, was selected by Virginia Tech's New Students Programs to be one of this summer's Hokie Camp counselors.

Virginia Tech's New Students Programs selected 150 Hokie Camp counselors to welcome the class of 2014. Hokie Camp counselors guide students through three days of activities, group competitions, and sessions that teach new students about life at Virginia Tech.

One hundred local teens completed this year's grant cycle with the Partnership for Jewish Life and Learning's Jewish Youth Philanthropy (JYPI) Program. The JYPI program provides the opportunity for teens to engage in the grant-making process and to become active community leaders, empowered citizens and responsible Jewish adults.

Included in the group of teens was **Chantilly student Joshua Gordon** (Chantilly High School, Beth Emeth). The teens met with teens from across the Washington DC Metro area to learn about the principles of philanthropy, explore the needs of society and then

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"We're especially disappointed, as Disney represents itself as a family-oriented business," said Rothenburg, last Thursday, June 10. "To pull the plug on this party that prevents kids from driving after graduation, and gives them a safe place to celebrate, I think is terrible. Disney should do something to rectify the situation and help the kids. This party has been planned for an entire year — and we got 11 days notice."

Now, though, Centreville and Westfield have both booked new venues. Centreville is going to Dave & Buster's in Maryland, and Westfield is going to Fast Eddie's in Centreville. Both schools are also getting their money back from ESPN Zone in time to use it for the new locations, and Centreville's junior class should receive its refund in two weeks.

"It was a rough 24 hours, and the kids were down in the dumps about [the cancellation] when we first found out," said Mullins. "Hundreds and hundreds of volunteers raised money all year for this, and the kids sold and delivered mulch for our fundraiser. This affected so many people."

HOWEVER, things are once again looking bright. "We contracted with Dave & Buster's and they were very accommodating," said Mullins. "I think the kids will have a great time, and now they're all excited about it. Thank

goodness, it all worked out; I'm just so relieved."

There's also joy at Westfield. "God bless Meg Crossett," said Westfield PTSA President Jennifer Campbell. "She gave us the lead for Fast Eddie's. The manager there is wonderful and our vendors will go there, too."

Crossett's son James is among the school's graduating seniors, and Crossett worked with Fast Eddie's when it hosted St. Baldrick's Day fund-raisers for childhood cancer research. Westfield parents also held an emergency meeting, June 9, discussed many options and then checked out and OKed Fast Eddie's.

So far, said Campbell, 412 students are coming, and Fast Eddie's is giving them both floors for their party. "I'm feeling really upbeat," she said. "I'm excited to see how it all turns out."

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— Jill Mullins, Centreville High PTSA President

make a group funding decision in response to grant proposals submitted by a variety of local, national and international nonprofits — both in and out of the organized Jewish community.

Peter Mowery of Chantilly majored in management in the Pamplin College of Business at Virginia Tech. Mowery is a member of the Virginia Tech Corps of Cadets Class of 2010.

U.S. Rep. Frank Wolf (R-10th) announced the 10th District's Class of 2014 appointments to the nation's service academies. The appointees were nominated by Wolf's 10th District Service Academy Advisory Board, which interviews candidates and recommends nominees. The selection process is strictly a competitive one.

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Edward Barr of Fairfax was named to the dean's list at Bryant University for the spring of 2010. He is a sophomore majoring in international business.

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Westfield Baseball Racked Up the Wins

Pitching ace Thorpe proved dominant on the mound.

BY RICH SANDERS
CENTRE VIEW

What was a marvelous overall season probably ended too early for the Westfield High baseball team, which followed up a championship at the Concorde District tournament with a disheartening, season-ending first round Northern Region tournament loss to W.T. Woodson on May 28.

"It's always disappointing to end a season, especially when you have a great group of guys like we did," said Westfield head coach Chuck Welch. "But we have a motto: 'Don't be sad it's over; be glad it happened.' I felt we had a great year."

Underdog Woodson, the No. 4 seed out of the Patriot District, put things together at the 16-team region tournament with wins over Westfield, McLean and Lake Braddock to reach the championship game against West Springfield on June 4 at Lake Braddock High School. West Springfield won the title game and ultimately went on to win the state championship last weekend. Woodson, following its region finals loss to the Spartans, lost in a quarterfinals round state tournament game.

Westfield, in its region playoff loss to visiting Woodson, received a good outing from right-handed pitching ace Danny Thorpe, who allowed just six hits in the complete game loss. Thorpe, who will be playing college baseball next school year at St. Joseph's in Philadelphia, was hurt by two home runs allowed, including a fifth inning grand slam which erased a 3-1 Bulldog lead and made the score 5-3 Woodson.

While Thorpe (11-1) might not have been as effective in the playoff loss as he had been throughout the season, he still gave the Bulldogs a decent outing.

"Woodson just had a great tournament," said Welch, whose team finished the season with a 17-5 record. "Danny did a good job

The Bulldog Baseball Camp, run by Westfield coach Chuck Welch, will take place Monday, June 28 through Thursday, July 1 at Westfield High School. Daily camp times are 8 a.m. to noon. The camp is for youngsters ages 7 to rising freshmen. Cost is \$120. For more information or to register online, go to bulldogbaseball.net.

keeping them in check."

Thorpe completed what has been an outstanding high school career at Westfield. The four-year varsity starting pitcher set several school records — games started in a career (34), most wins in a season (11), most career wins (25), innings pitched in a career (179), innings pitched in a season (71) and strikeouts in a career (191).

This season, he went 11-1 with a 1.48 ERA. Over 71 innings pitched, he allowed just 44 hits and struck out 77. Thorpe has never been a power pitcher, but he's always been effective on the mound. "He doesn't have the big velocity," said Welch. "He's always been a deception type pitcher with ball movement. He's got great sink on his fastball and is a true groundball pitcher. He certainly had a tremendous year for us."

THORPE EARNED First Team All-Region recognition as a result of his stellar season. Also making First Team All-Region for the Bulldogs was senior third baseman Aaron Scoville, who led the team in batting average with a breath-taking .522 mark.

Scoville's batting average is the second best ever in Westfield baseball history. Justin Bour, currently in the Chicago Cubs' organization, batted .547 for the Bulldogs one year.

Westfield's annual team batting champions get their name placed on a plaque, which is showcased in the Westfield press box. On the plaque are such names as Bour and Brandon Snyder, a current member of the Orioles' system who won



Westfield captured its second straight Concorde District baseball title this season. No. 10 on the far right is First Team All-Region selection Aaron Scoville.



PHOTOS BY RICH SANDERS

Westfield pitcher Danny Thorpe, facing the camera, will be pitching collegiately for St. Joseph's in Philadelphia next school year. No. 27 is senior Matt Caeseric.

the Bulldogs' batting crown in each of his four years at Westfield.

"Playing every game, that batting average is pretty good," said Welch, of Scoville's prowess at the plate.

In 67 at-bats this season, Scoville had 35 hits, including five doubles, one triple and one home run, and he drove in 15 runs. He batted in the leadoff position most of the year and scored 23 runs. His on-base percentage was .616.

"He's just a tremendous all-

around athlete and has excellent hand-eye coordination," said Welch. "He's probably the strongest kid on the team."

As good as he was at the plate, Scoville, who will play college baseball at Shepherd University (West Va.), was perhaps more phenomenal at third place where he committed just one error in 147 innings and carried a fielding percentage of .979.

"He's the best defensive third baseman I've ever seen in high

school," said Welch, who has been coaching for 27 years. "He was just so consistent this season on routine ground balls. He's made some spectacular plays for us too, but it's the [consistency on] everyday groundballs [that stands out]. We've gotten spoiled by his play."

Scoville, a three-year varsity starter for Westfield, pitched during his sophomore and junior seasons but played exclusively at third as a senior.

"He was one of our better relief pitchers, but we opted not to pitch him this year because of his consistent play at third base. We thought [moving him from third] opened up too much of a hole."

Five Westfield players earned First Team All-District honors — Scoville, Thorpe, sophomore Kyle Corwin (shortstop), junior Aaron Hoover (utility) and junior left fielder Josh Luatua.

Corwin hit .425 over 73 at-bats as the team's every day shortstop. Hoover, who saw time at pitcher, first base and in the outfield, hit at a .338 clip. And Luatua, a former infielder who was moved to the outfield this season, hit .405.

SPORTS

A Step In the Right Direction for Chantilly High Softball

Wins were hard to come by, but Wise's young Chargers made good progress.

BY RICH SANDERS
CENTRE VIEW

There might not have been a younger high school varsity team anywhere across the Northern Region than the Chantilly High girls' softball squad this past spring.

The Chargers, which had no seniors, experienced some rough times throughout their 6-13 season. Nevertheless, the team, under first year head coach Carmen Wise, showed spunk and made progress that should bode well for them in the future.

Chantilly's season ended on May 19 with a 2-1, extra innings first round Concorde District Tournament loss at Oakton. The Chargers had desperately wanted to earn a seeding at the 16-team region tournament and needed a first round win over the Cougars to get it. While Chantilly pushed the talented Oakton squad to the brink, the home team Cougars ultimately came away with the win to end the Chargers' season.

"The goal was to get to regionals," said Wise, of her team. "They fought real, real hard against Oakton."

During warm-ups prior to that final game, Chantilly sophomore shortstop Bryanna Kerbuski broke her nose when she was hit in the face with a ball. Her reaction to the injury kind of epitomized the grit the Chargers displayed at season's end.

"She played anyway," said Wise. "She was like, 'I'm going in. I'm not going to sit the bench.'"

Chantilly, despite a relatively unseasoned team made up of six juniors, six sophomores and three freshmen, sat at .500 with a 5-5 record through its first 10 games. The wins had come over T.C. Williams, West Springfield, non-region opponent Lake Lehman High (spring break tournament in Richmond), Washington-Lee, and district foe Oakton, a 1-0 Chargers' road win on April 16.

That regular season win over Oakton was a huge confidence builder for the Chargers, which



PHOTO BY RICH SANDERS/CENTRE VIEW

Chantilly catcher Tori Doherty, shown behind the plate in a game against Centreville, led the Chargers in on-base percentage this season.

three days earlier had opened the district schedule with an 8-0 loss at Robinson.

But the team struggled over the second half of the spring. Following the win over Oakton, Chantilly lost seven straight district games. Several of the games were close — a 4-2 home loss to Centreville on April 20, a 3-2 road setback at Herndon on April 27, and a 3-1 home defeat in a second meeting against Oakton on May 4.

"We started off the season strong but [struggled] in the Concorde District," said Wise, whose team was hurt defensively by errors. "Our entire infield was freshmen and sophomores. There was lots of learning this season."

Chantilly broke the seven-game skid on May 14 in its final regular season game of the season - a 2-1 home win over Herndon.

Then, in the district playoff game at Oakton, the Chargers lost in nine innings. Chantilly scored the game's first run in the top of the second inning when sophomore outfielder Danielle Almodiel knocked an RBI single down the right field line to score freshman first baseman Alex Sallberg, who had doubled earlier in the inning. Oakton tied the score with a run in the bottom of the third. There was no scoring over the next five innings before Oakton scratched out a run in the bottom of the ninth to win.

Chantilly sophomore pitcher Emily Gembarowicz had an outstanding game with 11 strikeouts and just six hits allowed in the complete game outing. Chantilly's offense knocked around eight base hits.

For the season, Gembarowicz, in 97 innings of work, struck out 126 batters and sported a nifty 2.55 ERA. It was her second season as the team's starting pitcher.

"She's more of a fastball pitcher but throws a change-up," said Wise. "She pitched a whole lot for us last year. She worked hard in the offseason and came back real strong."

Gembarowicz suffered a stress fracture back injury midway through the spring, but fought through it and continued to pitch well.

ALONG WITH GEMBAROWICZ, several Chantilly players put together impressive seasons. Sophomore catcher Tori Doherty was outstanding both behind the plate and in the batter's box. She hit .306 with a hefty, team-leading .443 on base average. A team captain, Doherty hit out of the No. 3 position in the lineup.

"She provided a nice, strong bat for us and she brought some leadership to the team," said Wise. "She had started some on the varsity as a freshman. She's got a strong arm and hardly anyone steals on her."

Sallberg, the freshmen first baseman, batted an impressive .333 and carried a .350 on-base average. She was not available to the team until after spring break as a result of a shoulder injury last November.

"We weren't sure how much she'd be able to play this season," said Wise. "But she came back after spring break, tried out and did a nice job at first base."

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Charitable Misgivings



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

I have never been particularly charitable. Oh sure, I've given money here or there, especially when friends, neighbors, co-workers or family members have embraced – and solicited for – a cause. But on the whole, my actions (make that inaction) have left a lot to be desired. Unless of course, there were cookies or candy involved, or self-addressed, pre-stamped envelopes provided; otherwise, my inclination has been, generally speaking, not to “incline.” I have stayed pretty much within my perimeters, not navigating (heck, not even drawing) outside the lines. I have been happy traveling within the imaginary guidelines set for me, set by me, set because of me. Well, that's about to change.

A little perspective goes a long way, and so too does an unexpected stage IV lung cancer diagnosis affect a life-long non-smoker at age 54; and so my perspective has changed (as in, “There are no atheists in foxholes,” a quote most often attributed to World War II journalist, Ernie Pyle), evolved you might say, matured even, and now I'm redrawing some of those lines. I'm certainly not on the front lines, it's more of a rear guard-type action. I'm not addressing and/or stamping those envelopes or calling prospective donors over the phone, nor am I soliciting in public. I'm simply contributing, financially, more frequently than I have in the past. (That's not saying much, but it is saying something.) On the one hand, I figure it's not too late. On the other, I figure, given my prognosis, it's now or never. I don't think I'm making a Faustian-type deal, but neither do I know for sure that unselfish acts made in the face of death won't result in some kind of positive feedback down the line (under the line? up the line? across the line?). Still, I'm a long way from committing myself to a potential spiritual-type purity that might, in fact, alter the course (or is that curve?) of that future line. Nevertheless, I'd rather be safe than sorry, or at least think I'm being safe so maybe I won't be sorry. But who knows, really?

So yes, I suppose there is an ulterior motive. Now, whether a few dollars spread around (by me) to those less fortunate than I (cancer issues not-always-withstanding, although likely underlying every decision I now make; subconsciously probably, consciously definitely) and/or contributing to more charitable endeavors (other than myself) won't likely help me in this life, I can't see how it would hurt, either. Nor am I counting chickens or hatching a plan. I'm simply trying to consider the bigger picture.

It's not like I'm donating all my worldly possessions or going on a pilgrimage to the Promised Land to find the true meaning of life – and death. I'm still living my normal (relatively speaking for a cancer patient receiving chemotherapy every three weeks) life, but trying to work into that “normal” life more dos and less don'ts, and to be more sensitive to those who have not rather than to those who have a lot.

I wouldn't say this benevolence hit me recently. I would say it's been a gradual year-or-so ago awakening, having hit me on Feb. 27, 2009, when my internal medicine doctor first called me with the results of my biopsy. The “m” word has a way of sharpening your focus and maybe even redefining your values a bit.

So here I sit, 15 months later, approximately, doing better than my oncologist expected, and grateful for every result that he has characterized as “above average.” I'm not thinking about death (too much), I'm thinking about life. And not just mine, but others. In a peculiar way, it sort of helps.

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Chi Fu (Nick Ingargiola) arrives to recruit Mulan's father Fa Zhou (David Koenigsburg). Mulan's mother Fa Li (Megan Griggs) and her grandmother (Estella Massey) watch helplessly as Mulan takes it upon herself to serve in the Chinese Army. Shan-Yu (Christopher Lang) and the Huns have invaded, and it is up to Mulan, her mischievous sidekick Mushu (Amanda Holsinger) and her lucky cricket (Samantha Dempsey) to save the Emperor (Allan Wanzer).

Along the way, Mulan meets Captain Shang (Wesley Coleman), Yao (Colin Carmody), Ling (Embry Grimes) and Qian-Po (Jeremy Rathjen)

Performances are Saturday, July 31, at 2 p.m.; Sunday, Aug. 1, at 2 p.m.; Monday, Aug. 2, at 7 p.m.; Friday, Aug 6, at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.; Saturday, Aug. 7, at 4 and 7 p.m.; and Sunday, Aug. 8, at 2 p.m., at Mountain View School, 5775 Spindle Court (behind Glory Days Grill) in Centreville.

Tickets are \$10; group pricing is available, plus a free, behind-the-scenes program (July 31 at 12:30 p.m. and Aug. 7 at 2:30 p.m.). Special patches are available for Girl Scouts for \$2/patch. On Aug. 2 from 5:30- 6:30 p.m., dinner will be available for purchase in the cafeteria. Go to www.TheAllianceTheatre.org or call 703-220-8101 to order tickets.

The artistic staff includes Director Maggie Swan, Choreographer Dawne LeKang, Music Director Beth Atkins and Artistic Director Elaine Wilson. Rounding out the all-student cast are: Georgia Cerisano, Elise Cooper, Joey Cronin, Alex De La Rosa, Madalyn Farmer, Cameron Fischer, Maya Glenn, Kyra Glenn, Jack Griggs, Becca Gustafson, Zoe Hawryluk, Michael Hawthorne, Nora Leibold, Ashley Lightley, Caleb Mitchell, Carolyn Price, Julia Recto, Jillian Tate, Isabelle Verdino, Erika Wanzer and Julia Weagraff.

Carwash Fund-raiser for Rachel Is Success

Liberty Middle School eighth-grader, Michael Wallace, 14, recently organized his second fund-raiser for Chantilly's Rachel D'Andrea, and it was a big success. Rachel, 2 1/2, is being treated for neuroblastoma, and the community is trying to help her family with its resulting financial crisis.

The "Car Wash 4 Cancer" fund-raiser began June 5 with a donation collection outside the Giant Foods store in the Colonade at Union Mill Shopping Center, fol-

lowed by a car wash, June 6, at the Colonade Shell station. More than 65 youth volunteers and parents — primarily from Liberty and the surrounding area — participated. Rain or shine, people came by the dozens to have their cars cleaned in support of the D'Andrea family.

A representative of Chantilly Bible Church was on hand to collect the donations on the D'Andrea's behalf and tallied the total at \$6,275. The event's organizers thank the Shell station for donating its facility, plus

Liberty's faculty and administration, SYA, CYA and the church for their efforts in spreading word of the event. Proceeds will help offset the D'Andrea's monthly, health-insurance premiums. For more about Rachel's situation and to assist with donations, see www.Rally4Rachel.com.

From left are Jesse Pirocchi of Chantilly Bible Church, Michael Wallace and Rachel's father, Jon D'Andrea.





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