Checking into ‘Plaza Suite’
Neil Simon’s comedy comes to Centreville High.

By Bonnie Hobbs
Centre View

Neil Simon’s classic comedy, “Plaza Suite,” is coming to Centreville High. The theater students will perform it Thursday-Saturday, Nov. 18, 19, 20, at 7:30 p.m. each night, plus a Nov. 20 matinee at 2 p.m. Tickets are $9, during school lunchtimes, the week of Nov. 15, and $10 at the door.

“It’s about the antics that take place in suite 719 in New York’s Plaza Hotel,” said Director Mike Hudson. “Each of the three acts involves a different group of people staying there.”

In act one, a husband and wife staying over-night while their house is being painted discovers some surprising things about their marriage. Act two reunites high-school sweethearts after 17 years; he’s a successful Hollywood producer and she’s a New Jersey housewife. Act three’s about a madcap wedding — and a bride who’s locked herself in the bathroom and won’t come out.

“The plot transcends decades, but the actions and reactions of people in similar situations will be understood by everyone,” said Hudson. “The kids are doing a great job; they have so much energy and drive that the show moves along at a rapid and exciting pace.”

The set will depict the 1968 interior of the hotel suite, and the actors will wear vintage clothing from that time. “The show’s appropriate for all ages,” said Hudson. “And although there are some adult themes, it’s good clean fun and nothing offensive. The dialogue’s quick and sharp, and Simon’s humor never gets old; no matter how many times I read or hear this play, I laugh.”

In act one, sophomore Daniel Lindgren portrays Sam Nash. “He’s really vain and insecure and concerned with his appearance — even before other people’s feelings,” said Lindgren. “He’s also cheating on his wife. He’s kind of sleazy, so it’s fun to try on a different personality, although I dislike him, at times. But it’s been really cool having a lead and getting more into the theater department.”

Lindgren said the audience will enjoy seeing three stories. “In each one, the people are wealthy, living in New York’s Plaza Hotel, and the people never grow old,” he added.

“The golf course is not profitable and it’s unlikely that without a huge investment it would be profitable,” said Scott Fuller, senior vice president of development for IBG. “Even with a huge investment, it still probably wouldn’t be profitable,” he added.

According to Fuller, the course has been losing money since parent company Golf GIBG LLC obtained it five years ago, when it bought a 15 golf course portfolio. All except for two of the courses in that portfolio have been sold. Fairfax National is one of those courses, and a course in New Jersey is the other.

Construction for new development could begin in April or May, but the new development is still in the approval process and must receive final approval for site plans by the county.

THE 27-HOLE golf course was built in 1959 as Cedar Crest Country Club and sits on more than 300 acres on the outskirts of Centreville, where Fairfax and Loudoun counties meet.

On Monday, Nov. 9, more than 20 members of the once Cedar Crest Country Club met to say farewell and play a final round of golf. “It will always be Cedar Crest,” said Fred Lear as he pointed to his green Cedar Crest Country Club.

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It was a hit Broadway play and an Oscar-winning movie starring Katharine Hepburn, Jimmy Stewart and Cary Grant. And now “The Philadelphia Story” takes the stage at Westfield High. The curtain rises Friday-Saturday, Nov. 19-20, at 7:30 p.m., and Sunday Nov. 21, at 2 p.m. Tickets are $10 in advance, $12 at the door. Seating is reserved and tickets are available at www.westfieldtheatreboosters.com. This romantic comedy is a story of love, marriage and growth and class distinctions on the Philadelphia Main Line as the 1930s end. Socialite Tracy Lord is about to marry a dull chap, but when her ex-husband reappears, along with a reporter covering the high-society wedding...

“I added a radio show in the beginning to transport everyone back to 1939-40 to set the environment,” said Director Susie Pike. “There’ll be singers with period music and an announcer, Colby Dezelick, telling the audience that this is the big social event of the season. The bride’s from a wealthy, well-known family and the groom has become known and respected by his hard work, so people are interested in them.”

Pike said the play’s a study of the haves and the have-nots, and people’s attitudes toward them. In many ways, she said, “Playwright Philip Barry poked fun at his own class, the upper class. It’s been a great education for the students to learn about this style of acting, and that’s why I chose it. It’s a sophisticated play and a comedy of manners.”

Portraying Lord is senior Sarah Bowden. “Tracy’s smart and beautiful, has a strong, independent nature and stands up for herself,” said Bowden. “She inherited money from her relatives and is engaged to George. The trouble begins when her ex-husband Dexter comes back into her life, the day before the wedding — and her family is trying to act like the perfect family.”

Bowden loves her role because “it has that style and elegance I’ve...
Food-Drive Helpers Needed

Western Fairfax Christian Ministries (WFCM) is looking for volunteers to help Saturday, Nov. 13, anytime between 8 a.m.-7 p.m., during the annual, Boy Scout food drive. About 100 volunteers are needed for the set-up, sorting and/or cleaning shifts at the Boy Scout sorting site in Chantilly. Volunteers are also needed to help with both of the receiving/stocking shifts at the WFCM food pantry. Call 703-988-9656.

Recovering from Substance Abuse

The Citizens Advisory Committee of the Sully District Police Station will meet Tuesday, Nov. 16, at 7 p.m. in the Sully Governmental Center, 4900 Stonecroft Blvd. in Chantilly. The evening’s topic will be “The Recovery Side of Alcohol and Drugs.”

The speaker, Dave Naylor, heads the Fairfax County rehabilitation center, A New Beginning, on Walney Road in Chantilly. Besides being a detox center, it’s an in-patient facility providing inclusive treatment for substance-abuse addiction.

WFCCA Land-Use Meeting

The next meeting of the West Fairfax County Citizens Association (WFCCA) Land-Use Committee is Tuesday, Nov. 16, at 7 p.m. It’s in the Sully District Governmental Center, 4900 Stonecroft Blvd., in Chantilly. On the agenda is Harvest Chinese Christian Church, which wants to build a place of worship on four acres at the corner of Route 29 and Cedar Spring Road in Centreville.

First, though, it needs to obtain a special permit from Fairfax County, plus VDOT’s blessing for its turn lanes on Route 29.

Sully District Council Meeting

The Sully District Council of Citizens Associations and its Land-Use Committee will meet Wednesday, Nov. 17, at 7 p.m., in the Sully District Governmental Center, 4900 Stonecroft Blvd. in Chantilly. Call Jeff Barnes, evenings, at 703-904-0131. Presentations will be given on:

❖ The Udvar-Hazy Center’s phase-two project, by spokesman Frank McNally, and
❖ The Centreville day-labor center, by Stephen Vandivere of the Centreville Immigration Forum.

Free CarSeat Inspections

Certified technicians from the Sully District Police Station will perform free, child safety carseat inspections Thursday, Nov. 18, 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.

Speak Out on Parks

There’s still time for residents to provide input on the future of the community’s park system. The draft, “Great Parks, Great Communities” Park Comprehensive Plan was released in August and four public meetings were held in October. Meeting summaries and presentations are available at http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/plandev/greaparks.

Since the plan is lengthy, residents may want to focus on recommendations for their areas of the county. By using the interactive map and clicking on one of 14 districts, people may learn more about the park system and provide input. Comments may be made through Nov. 15 via the project Web site or by e-mailing parkmail@fairfaxcounty.gov. The revised Park Comprehensive Plan will go to the Park Authority board for adoption in the first quarter of 2011.

Help Needed for Holiday Baskets

Members of Centreville United Methodist Church are busy assembling baskets last year for WFCM’s holiday food basket program.

List of economically-hurting families surpasses last year.

By Bonnie Hobbs

Thanksgiving is a few weeks away, but Western Fairfax Christian Ministries (WFCM) is already hard at work, scrambling to find enough people to help provide holiday food baskets to local families in need.

“I have 737 family names on my list, right now, and still need at least 200 more sponsors,” WFCM’s Cindy Nichols, coordinating the food-basket program, said Monday. “Requests for Christmas baskets are still coming in so, for both holidays, we expect to give out close to 1,500 baskets.”

WFCM serves families in Centreville, Chantilly, Clifton, Fair Oaks and Fairfax Station, and Nichols attributed the need to the economy, in general. “We have so many blue- and white-collar workers on our list,” she said. “People who never thought they’d need help are coming to us, for both food and financial aid, and there have been a lot of evictions.”

All families requesting holiday aid, food or gifts are referred to Our Daily Bread by either a Fairfax County social worker or the schools. The families’ names and contact information are then given to Nichols—who has to try to find sponsors for all of them.

First, she approaches WFCM’s 42 member churches and, depending on the size of the congregation, they’ll each take some families. Some charitable organizations also lend a hand.

“The Clifton Lions are doing a huge thing for us,” said Nichols. “Between the two holidays, they’re donating over $3,000 worth of gift cards to local grocery stores. And the Knights of Columbus will bring us 60-70 frozen turkeys.”

WFCM provided more than 1,300 baskets last year, but because of this year’s increased need, she said, “Everybody’s trying to help out. Plus, we also get help from individual families and organizations, such as schools, Girl Scout troops and women’s clubs. There’s no way we would be able to accomplish this without the help of the community and the churches.”

If someone can sponsor a family with a food basket, Nichols will match them up. If the donor wants to shop for the items for a holiday meal and put together the basket(s) or food boxes themselves, she’ll give them a list of suggested items to include.

Donors can even call the family to find out their favorite foods.

“We give them the contact information for the family so they can ask about their likes and dislikes, and any dietary restrictions,” said Nichols. “They can also determine when it’s best to deliver the basket.”

Even those unable to provide a whole basket full of food — or who just don’t have the time to go shopping — can still help out by contributing supermarket gift cards, in any denominations. “Even a $10 gift card would help a lot,” said Nichols. “Or they could give us a cash donation and we’ll turn it into gift cards.”

This is especially important to recipients who don’t necessarily have a way to cook a meal, she said. “Unfortunately, we have lots of homeless people in this area,” said Nichols. The same applies to those just renting rooms and having no kitchen privileges.

Gift cards may be dropped off at the WFCM food pantry at 13991 Metrotech Drive in Chantilly (near Backyard Grill and Bar). For more information or to sponsor a family, contact Nichols at 703-988-9656, ext. 105, or via cnichols@wfcmva.org.

To mail gift cards or send donations by check, add a note saying “food basket program” and send them to: WFCM, PO. Box 220802, Chantilly, VA 20153. Checks should be made payable to WFCM.

The toughest part of her job, said Nichols, is find...
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but still have problems like anyone else, so money can't fix everything,” he said. “The third act is happier than the first two, which are more serious.”

Playing Nash’s wife, Karen, is senior Anna McKittrick. “She’s witty, but more in a coy, snide way than really funny,” said McKittrick. “She has a c’est la vie outlook on life and is a happy person. She loves her husband and they had a great marriage, at the start.”

McKittrick says it’s a fun part to play because “it’s got a lot of emotional range. In the beginning, Karen’s not expecting anything to go wrong, that night. But when Sam comes home, they start to spar. She keeps her sense of humor, though, until she really knows he’s cheating.”

In act two, senior Brian Nguonly plays Jesse Kiplinger. “He’s a big-time, Hollywood producer and is very realistic,” said Nguonly. “He knows what he is and what he isn’t, but he doesn’t like showing his inner feelings to people. He’s also a dreamer and hopes the goal he knew 17 years ago will still be the same.”

Nguonly likes playing a lead — especially a character who’s not simple. “He’s out there,” said Nguonly. “This is probably the most romantic guy in the whole play.” He said the audience will be glad that the show progresses from a more somber mood to a humorous one. Besides that, he added, “Tiv very character in every scene is so different from the last one that people will connect to at least one of them.”

Senior Tori Sancho-Bonet describes her character, Muriel Tate, as a “typical housewife who stays home and reads Hollywood magazines. She has a happy life, but wonders now what her life would have been like with her high-school sweetheart who’s now a Hollywood producer. She’s also naive and has a weakness for Vodka Stingers.”

Sancho-Bonet says it’s fun to play someone who’s “sweet and not 100-percent there. She doesn’t know exactly what she wants and she gets a little tipsy throughout the act. The audience will think it’s extremely funny how the producer makes advances at her, but she has no clue.” Overall, Sancho-Bonet said all three scenarios go together nicely and people will enjoy it with their families.

In the third act, portraying Norma Hubley, mother of the bride, is senior Kristina Rathjen. “She’s really scatterbrained, kind of self-centered and really frantic, all the time,” said Rathjen. “She goes into panic mode, 24/7.”

“I love this role,” said Rathjen. “It’s fun to branch out and play someone different from me, and I have a good time working with Anthony [Ingargiola] because there’s lots of banter, physical comedy and chaos between us. The audience will like seeing all that, plus the comedic timing, yelling and hysteria in our act.”

As her husband, Roy Hubley, junior Ingargiola plays the bride’s father. “His motives are driven by expenses,” explained Ingargiola. “He wants the wedding to start as soon as possible because he’s wasting money having musicians waiting around and food getting cold. He loses his temper quickly. He wants everything to run smoothly, so he wants to take control of the situation.”

When Ingargiola’s acting this part, he says his New York roots come out. “When I raise my voice, I speak with an accent,” he said. “The arguments Roy and his wife get into are intense, but also comedic.” He said audience members who don’t get all the jokes right away will surely get them later. “The chaos keeps building and building,” said Ingargiola. “The characters are really quirky and have different personality types, so it’ll be fun to watch them develop.”

Final Round for Fairfax National Golf Club

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member shirt from 1976. Lear joined the club in 1976 and remained a member until he retired and moved to Pennsylvania in 2004. “I feel like I’m at a funeral. I can’t believe they’re going to do this,” said Lear.

Mary Luoma, another member on hand for the reunion, joined Cedar Crest in 1981. “It was a fun place to come and play, with nice, fun people,” Luoma said. When asked about the development of the golf course she said, “It was bound to happen.”

AS MEMBERS reminisced about the good times and history of the course, one member pointed out the Civil War-era gravestone and family cemetery located on the golf course. The golf course is home to the Taliaferro/Carter Family Cemetery and the Preston gravesite.

The Taliaferro/Carter Family Cemetery is located in the woods approximately 100 yards southeast from the clubhouse, and is in poor condition. According to a 1997 survey by Brian A. Conley, conducted for Fairfax County, there are seven headstones and evidence of more than 15 unmarked burials.

The Preston gravesite is located approximately 100 feet south of the clubhouse. It is the resting place of William C. Preston, a Confederate soldier who died on the first day of the Second Battle of Manassas/Bull Run.

According to Fuller, the Civil War-era cemetery and gravestones will not be disturbed during the development of the site.

“We’ve identified those. They will be protected,” Fuller said. “There will be easements allowing access to them and, at some point, we’ll also look into what needs to be done to maintain them.”

Although the course will close on Nov. 30, it will be open to the public for a live auction on Dec. 4. N.T. Arrington will auction landscaping equipment, office equipment, shop tools, party tents and tables and fixtures. Visit www.arringtonauction.com for more details.

Posing in character are the leads (from left) Kristina Rathjen, MaryKate Goff, Anthony Ingargiola, Arjun Rao, Brian Nguonly, Tori Sancho-Bonet, Sarah Hollenbeck, Daniel Lindgren and Anna McKittrick.
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Rocky Run Students Dig Into ‘Holes’
Play tackles conflict between independence and destiny.

By Bonnie Hobbs
Centre View

First it was a popular book for teens, then a movie; and now, Rocky Run Middle is bringing “Holes” to life on the stage. Show times are Thursday-Saturday, Nov. 18, 19, 20, at 7:30 p.m. each night, plus a 2:30 p.m. matinee on Nov. 20. Tickets are $7 at the door, if available, but will also be sold during lunches, the week of the show, and they go quickly.

There’s a cast and crew of 41, and Director Julie Wharton says her students are “doing really well. They connect with the characters and understand the story on many, different levels.”

Eighth-grader Gavin Moore plays the main character, Stanley Yelnats, who’s 13 and is falsely accused of stealing the $5,000 sneakers of a famous baseball player. “He’s convicted and sent to Camp Green Lake in a dried-up lake bed in Texas,” said Gavin. “It’s like a prison camp and he has to dig one hole, 5 feet deep and 5 feet wide, each day.”

Stanley’s in a tent with others his age, and they all have to do the same thing. Their nicknames are X-Ray, Armpit, Zigzag, Magnet and Zero, and Stanley’s is Caveman. “The guards say digging the holes will build character, but Stanley believes there might be some other reason,” said Gavin. “He also thinks he was accused because of an old, family curse after his great-great-grandfather stole a gypsy’s pig. But as the story progresses, he realizes he can make his own fate.”

Stanley isn’t popular at school, is sometimes picked on and is always in the wrong place at the wrong time — and he blames the family curse anytime something goes wrong. “He’s fun to play because, even though he’s a normal guy, I can do a lot with his character,” said Gavin. “It’s my first, major lead so I’m excited about this performance. And the story is great because some of its holes the
Dancers Helping Dancers

The Dance Shoppe of Centreville has donated 417 pairs of new dance tights along with dance wear, dance shoes, and food to the Bravo Theatre Project. This donation will go to help outfit underprivileged children ages 6-18 years old who would not otherwise be able to participate in the performing arts.

Above, Kathy Taylor and Angie Weaver of the Dance Shoppe presents the donations to Evelyn Westenhaver, director of the Bravo Theatre Project. To help, contact the Bravo Theatre Project by calling 703-451-4331 or emailing ewestenhaver@stmarks-elca.org.

**Obituary**

J. William Nutter

J. William Nutter (“Bill”), age 84, formerly of Vienna, Va., died peacefully at his home at Lake of the Woods in Locust Grove, Va., on Wednesday, Nov. 3, 2010, surrounded by his family.

Bill was born on Oct. 10, 1926, in Providence, R.I. An Eagle Scout, Bill graduated from Yale University, George Washington Law School, and the Naval Justice School. He served as a lieutenant in the United States Navy and was called back into service during the Korean War.

He was employed by the Federal government for 25 years, where he served as Chief Majority Counsel for the Indians Claims Commission. In his retirement, he sold real estate in Vienna.

Bill was a great husband and loving father, devoted to his family and the Vienna community. A man of many talents, Bill was an avid woodworker, patient fisherman, skilled athlete, and thoughtful coach. He was a man of strong faith, courage, and character who loved his family, the Boston Red Sox, and all water sports, including sailing, canoeing, swimming, and even water skiing, which he learned after the age of 50. His daughters and grandchildren will remember him most for his quick wit, ability to fix anything, unconditional love and devotion, and Sunday morning blueberry pancakes.

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Portraying George Kittredge is senior Max Ehrlich. “He’s a working man who’s fought to get himself into [high society],” so he knows what it’s like to be in the lower or middle class and work his way up,” said Ehrlich. “And this marriage would secure his place in the upper class. George loves Tracy, but worships her, rather than seeing her as a life partner. She’s independent, but he doesn’t want her to have to lift a finger.”

Ehrlich said it’s fun exploring a different side of a love situation and playing someone with manners and morals that people respect. “The audience will like the plot and how everything gets mixed up and then resolved in the end,” he said. “And the show will have an elegant look, illustrating that time period with the set, costumes and sophistication within the acting.”

Senior Kevin Clay plays Mike Connor, a reporter for Destiny, a magazine about famous people’s lives. He and photographer Liz (Brittany Simmons) plan to cover the wedding. However, said Clay, “Mike has a chip on his shoulder; he’s bitter toward the upper class that he covers, but understands he’ll never have what they have. But eventually, his ideology changes as he understands more about what the upper class is — and that he should judge people as individuals, not by class.”

Clay’s enjoying the “old-school” acting, quite stylized in the way the characters talk and act, and he’s pleased that his character goes through a change. “That’s what makes him stand out,” said Clay. “And once the audience gets used to this type of comedy, they’ll really like it, plus the change in each of the primary characters.”

“There are 30 actors and understudies, including Tracy’s eccentric family — brother Sandy (Trevor Knickerbocker), playboy father Zack Nordwall, crazy Uncle Willy (Connor Scudder), well-meaning mother (Sunny Vinsavich) and precocious sister Dinah (Elisabeth Bloxam).”

Director Pike said this show’s an acting challenge for her young thespians, but “these kids can do it. It takes a strong, acting presence on stage and they have it. So I’m proud of them and I’m really looking forward to seeing our gorgeous set, too. French doors will lead to a patio, and there’ll be a palladian window on top and large windows on the sides. And I added wedding guests behind the French doors to get the feeling of the wedding day. Lots of parents are working behind the scenes, and the support of the boosters has been tremendous.”

Rosemary Palack is student director; Nick Burroughs, stage manager; Joey Biagini and Ben Nels, assistant stage managers; Andy Roca, lights; Kieran Claffey and Dan Hepler, sound; and Mandy Sachs, props.

“This is Westfield Theater Department’s season of ‘A Change of Heart,’” so all its plays will show growth in the characters. “It’s important to me that we do good work and challenge kids to learn about the American classics and approach plays that are difficult and beautiful,” said Pike. “As the audience leaves, I’m hoping they’ll say, ‘Wow, what a great show, what wonderful characters these fine students have portrayed and what an enjoyable evening out. They’ll leave happy and optimistic.”
OPINION

Honoring on Veterans Day

Saluting military personnel who gave their lives in Iraq, Afghanistan.

On Veterans Day, we remember all of those who have served in the military; there are 24 million veterans in the United States. More than 1 million members of the U.S. military have now served in the ongoing wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. While Memorial Day is set aside to remember those who died in military service, and Veterans Day is honoring all of those who have served in the military, we use both occasions each year to remember some of the names of those who have died in Iraq and Afghanistan since 2001. 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.

MORE THAN 4,400 U.S. military members have been killed in Iraq and more than 1,300 have been killed in Afghanistan since Sept. 11, 2001. More than 40,000 have been wounded in Iraq and Afghanistan. More than 170 U.S. military service personnel from Virginia have been killed in Iraq and Afghanistan, including more than a dozen in 2009 and 2010.

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.

A local loss, Pfc. Benjamin J. Park, 25 of Fairfax Station, died June 18, 2010 in Kundahar, Afghanistan, of injuries caused by an attack on his unit with an improvised explosive device. Park had joined the army less than a year earlier in August 2009. He is survived by his mother, In Sook Park, father, Do Hyun Park, and sister Irene Park, all of Fairfax Station.

In Afghanistan, Pfc. Tramaine J. Billingsley, 20, of Portsmouth died Oct. 14, 2010; Staff Sgt. Donald J. Clifton, 23, of Richmond, was killed Nov. 29, 2009, in Afghanistan. Stephan L. Mace, 21 of Lovettsville, died Oct. 30, 2009 in Iraq. Staff Sgt. Zachary P. Chavis, 21, was killed Oct. 14, 2006, by sniper fire in Iraq, trying to protect civilians from a roadside bomb. Staff Sgt. Robert Drawl Jr., a 2003 graduate of T.C. Williams High School, was killed by a bomb in Kunar, Afghanistan, on Aug. 19, 2006. United States Marine 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. Capt. Shane R. M. Mahaffee, 36, a 1987 graduate of Mount Vernon High School, died May 15, 2006. He was a lawyer, married, with two children. His parents live in Alexandria. 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 H. Bell Jr., 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.


— MARY KIMM

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Performing ‘Holes’

The story of Annie, an orphan who befriended President Roosevelt and finds a new home with billionaire Oliver Warbucks, has been entertaining audiences for years. Now, Alliance Theatre is holding auditions for ‘Annie Jr.’

An interest meeting will be held Wednesday, Nov. 10, at 7 p.m. in the Mountain View High School cafeteria. Audition materials (sheet music and scripts) will be distributed and the audition choreography will be taught.

Then, auditions for students, ages 8-18, will be held Wednesday-Thursday, Nov. 17-18, from 6-9 p.m., at Mountain View. Call backs, if necessary – and by invitation only – will be held Friday, Nov. 19. Actors interested in auditioning must pre-register at www.thealliancetheatre.org.

For more information on audition requirements, rehearsal schedule and actor expectations, see the Web site. Performances will be held, between March 5 and March 13, 2011, at Mountain View. For more information, contact Dawne Lekang at dawne.ekang@verizon.net.
On the Market

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Home Sales

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5237 JULIE STAR DR ........................................ 3 ... 1 ... CENTREVILLE ... $484,900 ... Townhouse ... 0.05 .................................
5351 SEQUOIA FARMS ........................................ 3 ... 1 ... CENTREVILLE ... $475,000 ... Townhouse ... 0.07 .... SEQUOIA FARMS
13944 MACEDON JAMISON WAY .......................... 4 ... 3 ... CENTREVILLE ... $465,000 ... Detached ... 0.20 ............... TANNERS RIDGE
6910 CONFEDERATE RIDGE LN .......................... 4 ... 3 ... CENTREVILLE ... $460,000 ... Detached ... 0.20 .... CONFEDERATE RIDGE
5480 OAKWOOD WOOD CT .................................. 3 ... 2 ... CENTREVILLE ... $453,000 ... Townhouse ... 0.05 ........ PLEASANT HILL
5681 GENERAL JOHNSTON PL ................................ 3 ... 1 ... CENTREVILLE ... $445,000 ... Detached ... 0.07 .... VILLAGE AT MOUNT GILEAD
14408 ROUND LICK LN ........................................ 2 ... 1 ... CENTREVILLE ... $429,900 ... Detached ... 0.20 ...... XANADU ESTATES
15304 HARMONY HILL CT .................................... 4 ... 2 ... CENTREVILLE ... $420,000 ... Detached ... 0.24 ............. TANNERS RIDGE
6488 PALISADES DR ............................................. 2 ... 2 ... CENTREVILLE ... $415,000 ... Detached ... 0.26 ........ GREEN TRAILS
6660 CREEK RUN DR ............................................. 3 ... 1 ... CENTREVILLE ... $402,000 ... Detached ... 0.12 ........ GREEN TRAILS
13710 NORTHBOURNE DR .................................... 3 ... 0 ... CENTREVILLE ... $392,500 ... Detached ... 0.05 .......... TANNERS RIDGE
13614 LAVENDER MIST LN ...................................... 3 ... 2 ... CENTREVILLE ... $388,000 ... Townhouse ... 0.03 ........ FAIRCREST
13708 EASTCLIFF CIR ............................................ 4 ... 3 ... CENTREVILLE ... $375,000 ... Detached ... 0.25 ........... CABELLS MILL
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SUNDAY/NOV. 14
Democratic Women of Clifton: 3 to 5 p.m. This meeting is focused on the annual service project. The group will package food, toiletries, and gifts for overseas troops and collect food cards for distribution to area families in need through Our Daily Bread. To donate items for these projects, email CliftonWomenDems@aol.com or www.DemocraticWomenClifton.org. Meets at the Clifton Community Hall, 12641 Chapel Road, Clifton.

MONDAY/NOV. 15
Republican Women of Clifton: 7 to 9 p.m. The Republican Women of Clifton (RWC) will meet at the Clifton Elementary School. The RWC is comprised of many conservative Republican women from Clifton, Centreville, Fairfax Station, Fairfax and surrounding areas. Learn about Foster Care, 7 p.m. Free. GFWC Western Fairfax County Women’s Club will host Aaron and Katherine Huerta-Hunter, “Ambassadors” for Fairfax County’s Foster Care and Adoption program. At the Greenbriar Community Center, 4615 Georgetown Road. Guests welcome. Call Jackie at 703-378-8551 or e-mail westernfairfaxcountywvc@gmail.com.

WEDNESDAY/NOV. 17
Fairfax Area Commission on Aging Meeting: 1 p.m. At the Sully District Government Center, 1900 Stonecroft Boulevard, Chantilly. Shamrock Estates will present its concerns and concerns during the public comment period. Contact 703-324-7776, TY 711 or go to Fairfax Area Commission on Aging.

THURSDAY/NOV. 18
Open House: 9 to 11 a.m. Celebrate Discover Catholic Schools Week, Nov. 8-12. Learn about the Apostle Catholic School in Clifton. Come experience the many benefits of caring teachers and staff, strong academic programs, fun and challenging clubs, service opportunities, and a loving Catholic environment.

SUNDAY/DEC. 5
Volunteers for Change Orientation. Noon to 1 p.m. Volunteers for Change, a volunteer program for working adults, is holding orientations for community members.

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Help Needed for Holiday Baskets

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Helping sponsors for the baskets. “Even with all the churches — when you have over 700 families to spon- sor — you need a lot of help,” she said. “And every person who contributes to the effort helps us whistle that list down so we can serve everyone.”

But all the hard work is worth it, she said, “to see the families who really need our help spend a holi- day eating a meal like we would have in our own homes — instead of just eating whatever they have in their cupboards. And the people receiving the bas- kets tell us how much it meant to them — that it made their day — and we’re so grateful that we were able to help them.”

Nichols said many of the same people who spon- sor families come back, year after year, because once they do, they want to do it again. “It’s also a way for them to involve their children in this (shopping, fill- ing the baskets and delivering them). It lets parents show them that not everyone lives in a house with a white, picket fence. There are people in need here.”
**ENTERTAINMENT**

To have community events listed in Centre View, e-mail to centreview@connectionnewspapers.com. Call Steve Hibbard at 703-778-9412.

**MONDAYS AND WEDNESDAYS**

**ZUMBA Classes**, 7 to 8 p.m. Latin based dance fitness class. The first class is free; afterward it's $7-$9 per class. At Cornerstone Montessori School, 4455 Brookfield Corporate Drive, Suite 201, Chantilly.

**NOV. 11-13**

**"It's a Wonderful Life (The Musical)."** Evening performances: Nov. 11 at 7:30 p.m., late-afternoon shows: Nov. 13 at 3 p.m.; At Lord of life Lutheran Church, 13421 Twin Lakes Road in Clifton. Tickets are $15, reserve them by calling 703-646-5006 or 703-323-5389.

**FRIDAY/NOV. 12**

Swing Dancing. 9 p.m. to midnight. Cost is $15. With the hand, Nutty Beavers. Drop-in beginner swing lessons from 8:30 to 9 p.m.; dancing to live music from 9 p.m. to midnight. At the Hilton Washington Dulles Airport Hotel, 13869 Park Center Road (Route 28 near the airport), Herndon.

**NOV. 12-14**

Northern Virginia Christmas Market. Friday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Sunday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. At Dulles Expo Center in Chantilly.

**SATURDAY/NOV. 13**

Celli Dances. 7 to 11 p.m. Admission is $12/members; $6/younger, $25/family. Featuring the Bog Wanderers Celil Band and Friends. Celil and Set Dances are called by Marilyn Moore. Teaching sessions from 7 to 7:30 p.m. At Flying Fun Park Visitors Center, 2739 West Ox Road, Herndon. Call 703-437-9101 or visit http://www.fairfaxcountynparks.com/fpp/

**NOV. 13-14**

Nutcracker in a Shell — All Jazzed Up. Nov. 13 at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m.; Nov. 14 at 3 p.m. A condensed version of The Nutcracker and more entertaining for young children. It includes jazz, tap, hip hop and ballet. Produced through the non-profit The Institute of Performing Arts for Youth in residence at Creative Dance Center in Chantilly (14155 East Sullyfield Circle, Chantilly; phone 703-378-1800). Performance will be at Heritage High School, 520 Evergreen Mills Road, SSI, Leesburg. Visit www.IPAYouth.org.

**SUNDAY/NOV. 14**

VoRUNeer SK & Fun Run. 8 a.m. At George Mason University, Fairfax. Funds raised through the VoRUNeer SK & Fun Run will be used to support the more than 42 programs and services that Volunteer Fairfax offers. Visit www.volunteerfairfax.org/individuals/SK.php. From now until Oct. 24, runners can register for $25. Groups of 4-9 earn $5 off per registrant and groups of 10 and more earn $7.50 off per registrant.

**MONDAY/NOV. 15**

Swing Dance Lessons. Mondays at 7 p.m. At the Washington Dulles Hilton. No partners needed and fun practically guaranteed. With Sue and Gary Calary. Cost is $99 for a seven-

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  - Thanksgiving Day 11am-8pm

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SCHOOLS

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Order holiday greenery from the Westfield High School’s crew team. Select from two sizes and colors of bote-quality poinsettias and mixed wreaths with noble fir and fragrant juniper with berries and cones. Orders are due Nov. 17 with pickup on Dec. 2. Go to http://www.westfieldcrew.org. Contact Candis Anhalt at 703-815-8883.

NEWS FROM CVHS

VETERANS DAY OBSERVANCES
Calling all families with service members! Send pictures and biographical information of veterans you would like to commemorate. In a productive way. Presented by Michele Tureaud, an educator from Behavior Intervention Services.

SALE: The Centreville Wildcat Band will be holding its Annual Citrus Sale from now through Nov. 22. Full and half cases of oranges or grapefruits will be sold. There’s also an option of mixed cases of both grapefruit and oranges. To place an order, email Robin Sexibrock at john_rob@msn.com and put “Citrus Sale” in subject line.

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Mark Galbreith of Ashburn has returned to the Westfields Marriott Washington Dulles as Director of Hotel Sales. Galbreith previously held several positions at Westfields Marriott in the late 1990s and early 2000s and most recently served as the Director of Sales at Lasdewer Resort in Leesburg. Galbreith has also worked for several other Marriott properties.

2010-2011 Season

Saturday, November 20th – 8:00 p.m.
Eckart Preu, conductor • Tim Fain, violin
George Mason University Center for the Arts

• ROSSINI: Overture to La Cenerentola
• ADAMS: Violin Concerto
• MENDELSSOHN: Symphony No. 3

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Wildcats Ready To Take on Fairfax in Playoffs

Coach Haddock will be going up against his former team in Div. 6 first round affair.

By Rich Sanders
Centre View

The Fairfax High football team will be going up against an old friend this Friday night when the Rebels meet host team Centreville in a Div. 6 first round Northern Region playoff game. Game time for the quarterfinals round contest is 7:30 p.m.

Fairfax (6-4) will be playing a Wildcats’ team coached by Chris Haddock, who just one year ago was leading the Rebels into the postseason as the Fairfax head coach. But Haddock, who helped re-build the Fairfax program during his three seasons at the helm, accepted the head coaching position at Central a year ago. His new team has benefited greatly under his direction as the Wildcats, members of the powerful Concorde District, were 8-0 at one point before losing the past two weeks to finish the regular season at 8-2.

Kevin Simonds, a former Fairfax assistant coach under Haddock and the Rebels’ current head coach, understands the coaching storyline leading up to Friday’s postseason game. But he said the playoff affair is not about the coaches.

“One of the biggest things I’ve been telling the kids this week is that this is not coach Simonds versus coach Haddock, but Fairfax versus Centreville,” said Simonds. “We are very excited about being in the playoffs.”

Fairfax, in the eight-team Div. 6 playoff format, is the No. 7 seed while Centreville is the No. 2 seed. The winner of Friday’s game will advance to the semifinals next week.

A year ago, under Haddock, Fairfax lost its first round Div. 6 playoff game, 19-14, to eventual region champion and state runner-up Lake Braddock. This year’s Fairfax squad, under Simonds, will be looking to take that next step with a playoff victory — which would come at the expense of the Rebels’ former coach.

Simonds and Haddock both understand the other’s coaching style.

“I have all the respect for Chris Haddock,” said Simonds. “This will be a matchup I’m looking forward to because we’re familiar with [his style]. I coached three years under Chris.”

Simonds said he believes his underdog Rebels can match up well on offense, defense and special teams. The coach said his players are anxious to play the Wildcats.

“We had a great practice yesterday,” said Simonds, on Tuesday. “There was lots of enthusiasm. You realize how nice it is to practice now [for the playoffs]. You get to turn on the lights [for a night workout], breathe in the crisp air and experience the emotions of the playoffs.”

Fairfax, the coach realizes, will have to play a great game in order to defeat Centreville and advance.

“Definitely, they are stout and a good team,” said Simonds. “But we have confidence. It’s going to come down to turnovers, special teams play and who can run the clock and move the football and keep the other teams’ offense off the field.”

FAIRFAX, which went 3-3 in the Liberty District this season, has proven it can play well against some of the region’s top teams. The Rebels defeated Concorde District champion Robinson, 20-12, way back in week two of the season. They nearly defeated district opponent McLean in a week eight game, but lost 24-20. The Highlanders, celebrating homecoming that night, improved to 8-0 with that victory over the Rebels.

Since that setback, Fairfax has come back strong with district wins over Marshall, 34-16, and Jefferson, 21-0, to clinch a playoff berth.

Centreville, meanwhile, heads into the playoffs on a two-game losing streak following its 8-0 start. The Wildcats lost a week nine affair at Westfield, 35-14, than fell at Robinson, 27-0, last week.

Centreville has true game-breakers in star running back Manny Smith, who is averaging 138 yards per game, and quarterback Chance Roman, who has tossed 16 touchdowns. Fairfax has an outstanding playmaker in running back Marcus Bailey.

“Stopping Marcus Bailey will be tough,” said Haddock. “Marcus is a great kid with an elusive and powerful style of running. He will certainly be on our radar.”

Haddock has tons of respect for his former team and coach Simonds.

“Kevin Simonds is a good man and an opponent that does things the right way,” said Haddock. “It is always great to play people and programs like that.

“We are very excited to be back in the playoffs,” said Haddock. “Playing Fairfax will be a challenge but one our team is up for. We have played two of the toughest teams in the Northern Region the last two weeks as well as many other tough teams and hopefully that will have us battle tested for the playoffs.”

Chargers, Bulldogs Set To Clash in Playoffs

Concorde rivals set to meet in Div. 6 first round game this Friday night at Chantilly.

By Rich Sanders
Centre View

Of all the eight Northern Region football playoff games taking place this Friday night, the one which might be the most difficult to foresee a final outcome on is the Div. 6 matchup between Westfield and Chantilly, set to take place at 7:30 p.m. at Chantilly High School.

Both squads are part of the powerful Concorde District and, during the regular season, went up against some of the top teams in the region in such district foes as Centreville, Oakton and district champion Robinson. Both teams are certainly battle tested and capable of making a strong run at the region title within the eight-team Div. 6 playoff field.

But only one will move on. That is part of the bitter-sweet nature of the postseason. You can put together an exceptional regular season, like Chantilly did going 8-2, and then have to face a sleeping giant such as Westfield which was uncertain if it would even qualify for the playoffs during the final few weeks of the regular season.

“It’s a very difficult first round [game] for us,” said Chantilly coach Mike Lalli, whose team trailed Westfield, 14-0, during a regular season meeting on Oct. 22 before scoring 17 fourth quarter points to stun the Bulldogs, 17-14. “To have to play any team twice is difficult because of the quality of the coaches and their ability to adjust and prepare for you. The Westfield coaching staff is excellent and their team is very talented so we have a big challenge ahead of us.”

No doubt. Westfield was not on the radar of many region football observers following a 1-2 start. The Bulldogs, who have been formidable defensively all season but have struggled on offense, were just 4-4 going into their final two weeks. Following the tough loss to the Chargers, Westfield bounced back with district wins over both Centreville, 35-14, and Herndon, 44-7, to clinch a playoff berth as the No. 6 seed.

“They have really been playing aggressive, physical football at a high level of intensity and execution over the past few weeks,” said Lalli, of Westfield. “It is going to be a very difficult game for us.”

Chantilly, the No. 3-seed, won its first six games before losing in double overtime to host Centreville in the annual Sully Bowl game. The Chargers rebounded from that setback with the come-from-behind victory over Westfield then defeated Herndon. Chantilly experienced its second loss of the season last week in its regular season finale game against host Oakton, which got a fourth quarter field goal from kicker Eric Goins to edge Lalli’s squad, 17-14.

WESTFIELD COACH Tom Verbanic credited Chantilly with its comeback win over his team in week eight. The Bulldogs were seemingly in control before the Chargers rallied behind a pair of touchdown runs from quarterback Carson Romine and a 28-yard field goal by Billy Germain. Some on
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lookers felt that Westfield had blown a sure win. Verbanic knew better.

"Would’ve, could’ve, should’ve doesn’t get you anywhere," he said, of speculating on how the Bulldogs let the game slip away. "We played well in the first half. They played well in the second half. They’re 8-2 and have played well all year. They’re a very solid football team."

Chantilly loves to run the football and take minutes off the clock. But Westfield’s defense is excellent against the run and held the Chargers’ running game in check for the most part. The exception was the running of Romine, the Chargers’ QB who rushed for 109 yards and the two scores that game.

"They’re a good ball control offense so trying to get them off the field is a big deal," said Verbanic. "And on defense they’ve been very good all year. You’ve got to find a way to get some yards on them."

Looking back at its season, wins over such talented teams as West Potomac, Oakton and Centreville were critical in getting Westfield the power points it needed to ultimately qualify for the postseason.

"We’re very excited," said Verbanic, of making the playoffs. "It’s been a tough year and we’ve played a very tough schedule. We didn’t know if we’d make the playoffs or not, but we just kept plugging away."

The challenge for the Bulldogs if they are to make a playoff run will be having better success moving the ball. The Bulldogs were led on the ground this season by running backs Kendell Anderson (600-plus rushing yards), a junior, and senior Brian Monticue (400-plus).

"We haven’t had good consistency on offense this year that we need," said Verbanic. "We’ve been playing very good defense the entire year."

The coach said he enjoys the district matchups with such teams as Chantilly.

"It’s a good, spirited rivalry," he said, of playing the Chargers. "Every time you play in the Concorde it feels like a playoff game. One thing I tell the kids is, for better or worse, we’re playoff tested."

Centreville High Sports Notebook

By Karen Fulkerson

Cross Country: The girls’ cross country team finished in eighth place at the Northern Region Meet — its final meet of the season — on Thursday, Nov. 4. Isabella Medina led the Wildcats with a 29th-place finish around the Burke Lake course. Also scoring for Centreville were: Juli Cuomo (45th), Rachel Brown (46th), Joana Ahn (57th), and Kylie Cuomo (60th). On the boys’ side, Bobby Kelly and Chris Jones represented Centreville with 39th and 49th-place finishes, respectively.

Football: Congratulations to the CVHS ninth-grade football team on its perfect season, going 8-0.

Come support the CVHS varsity football team, seeded No. 2 in the Northern Region playoffs, as they play 8th-seeded Fairfax High School. This first round game will be played this Friday, Nov. 12 at Centreville High School at 7:30 p.m.

Come cheer on your Wildcats as they enjoy home field advantage on the gridiron.

Cheerleading: Another hearty congratulations, this time to the CVHS varsity cheerleading team, for placing 5th in the Northern Region competition on Saturday, Nov. 6 at Robinson Secondary School. Excellent job, team! Winter Sports Tryouts: The first day of Winter Sports Tryouts is Monday, Nov. 15.

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I Could Care More
By KENNETH B. LOURIE
In addition to what I “Could Care Less” about see last week’s columns about things I care too much about. Things that, in the scheme of things/picture of Cancer, shouldn’t really matter, but unfortunately do, and disproportionately so at that.
It’s almost as if my brain is expending so much energy managing things concerning the cancer, allowing me to live and behave in a semi-normal-type routine, that the less significant issues in my life are left to fend for themselves. And it’s these less significant issues sending for themselves that seem to occupy and affect my consciousness more than any other.
I don’t worry about the cancer; I mean, I’m not consumed by it, anxious because of it, incapacitated having it. Hardly I am affected by it, of course. I am different. I am living with a terminal disease – at age 56. Still, it doesn’t keep me awake – any more. Nor does it keep me from getting out of bed, getting dressed, performing all the “activities of daily living.” There are deficits to be sure but, overall, physically – and mentally, I’m functioning. All systems are not exactly go, but nor am I stuck in neutral either.
However, I do worry about things now that I never used to worry about. The kinds of things which long ago I stopped worrying about and/or had allocated/commercialized in a part of my brain/head which made living – for me, relatively manageable. Without being too specific – or boring, the things to which I refer are small things, unimportant things, things which doing or not doing or doing them now – or doing them later, or not even doing them at all or taking them in due course, seem to weigh on me more heavily than ever: shopping, laundry, banking, bill-paying, errands, preparing meals, travel/travel planning, etc., mundane, everyday-type stuff. Stuff which had become second nature; heck, stuff which for me had become “third nature.” But not anymore.
I don’t mean to imply that I’m a bundle of nerves if I have to leave the house at a certain time to drive to an unknown destination, as one of many examples of everyday activities that now stress me out. But I am definitely no longer the “smooth operator” (inside joke) that I used to be. Moreover, it’s not as if I can’t get out of my own way or I’m a total klutz and/or incompetent (I didn’t say incontinent; so far, that’s not my problem), it’s more about feeling unprepared, disorganized, forgetful, neglectful about things in life that require a certain attentiveness. And it’s that lack of attentiveness to basic details, sort of, that worries me. None of it used to matter, now all of it seems to. It was never important, now it dominates what I think most about.
Doctor’s appointments, lab work, chemotherapy, quarterly scans, refill prescriptions; none of it bothers me. Deciding what to wear bothers me. More. Small stuff does. In fact, the bigger the better I am; the smaller the stuff, the worse I am. I wish I could control it but, per last week’s column, there are things that I simply can’t control any more. And not being able to control things is scary because “control” is important to a cancer patient’s survival – or so we’ve been told by the health care professionals treating/taking care of me. I’m not lost cause or anything, yet, but I am wondering about cause and effect.
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‘Soap for Hope’

The students in the Mission Commission, a service club at St. Timothy School in Chantilly, recently toured some of the local facilities of the Medical Missionaries. Having hosted collections for the Medical Missionaries over the last three years, the students were able to see how the supplies are shipped. Because of the recent outbreak of cholera in Haiti, the students are collecting bars of soap and washcloths for the Medical Missionaries’ “Soap for Hope.” Donations can be dropped off at the school.

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