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New Projects On the Horizon

BY BONNIE HOBBS
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One thing about western Fairfax County is that it's never static. There always seem to be new road and construction projects either planned or underway. A few on the local horizon are as follows:

INOVA FAIR OAKS HOSPITAL

Inova Fair Oaks Hospital is planning to build its fourth, medical office building and expand the hospital, itself. Toward that end, it's filed zoning and special-exception amendment applications with Fairfax County. The future development would conform with amendments added last year to the county's Comprehensive Plan.

The medical office building would house a new oncology center to provide radiation therapy services for residents in the local area. Currently, they must go to Inova Fairfax Hospital for this treatment. The building is planned for the first phase of construction, with an eye toward completion in 2013.

The hospital development is

slated for a succeeding phase and includes a hospital-bed tower expansion to the north of the existing hospital, an expansion of the existing kitchen and dining areas, plus a place for additional hospital services. More surface and garage parking are also proposed.

MOUNT OLIVE BAPTIST CHURCH

This congregation is currently building a new church. Phase one is a 51,916-square-foot sanctuary on the south side of Mount Olive Road. There'll be 1,100 seats initially and another 400 later.

Also planned are a child-care area for 100 children, Sunday School classrooms, chapel, banquet/kitchen facility with a fellowship hall accommodating at least 300 people, and an administrative wing. In the meanwhile, beginning March 14, the congregation will meet Sunday mornings at Centreville High.

NEW LIFE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

New Life Christian Church currently meets at Westfield High School, but it's recently purchased

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THE YEAR AHEAD



ARTIST'S RENDERING CONTRIBUTED

Construction at the interchange at Fair Lakes and Fairfax County parkways should take about 2 1/2 years to complete.

Traffic Jam This Weekend

VDOT plans to close portions of Route 50, Fairfax County Parkway beginning Friday night.

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Attention, motorists — anyone not wishing to spend this weekend in a huge, traffic jam is advised to stay away from the area of the Route 50/Fairfax County

Parkway interchange. The Virginia Department of Transportation is warning drivers that this Saturday-Sunday, Jan. 8-9, lane closures for construction-related pile driving will cause major delays. Weather permitting, these closures will be in

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Harvest Chinese Church Vies for BZA Approval

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Since Harvest Chinese Christian Church first proposed building a place of worship in Centreville, it's made several changes to its plans. Now the congregation hopes the changes will be enough to secure an approval from Fairfax County.

The site is four acres at the southwest corner of Route 29 at Cedar Spring Road. Initially, the church planned to construct a

16,000-square-foot facility with 400 seats. Now, to reduce the impact to the environment, it proposes a 10,650-square-foot building with seats for 250 people.

The building would face Route 29, with entry from Cedar Spring Road, about 300 feet from its in

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David Lu explains Harvest Chinese Christian Church's site plan to the WFCCA Land-Use Committee.

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Church Vies for BZA Approval

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tersection with Route 29. There'd be 101 parking spaces with parking-lot lights on short poles to avoid being intrusive to the surroundings.

Also planned is a 3,000-square-foot, child-care center for 50 children and seven staff members. It would operate Monday through Friday, from 6 a.m.-6 p.m., with a playground on the south side of the property.

The major hurdles to the church's approval were its turn lanes on Route 29, but the issues have now been resolved with VDOT. Harvest Chinese will construct a right-turn lane from the intersection of Pleasant Valley Road and Route 29. It will also provide a raised median between eastbound and westbound Route 29 traffic, construct an additional left-turn lane and close the existing median break east of the new, left-turn lane.

On Dec. 21, church representatives updated the West Fairfax County Citizens Association (WFCCA) Land-Use Committee on the project's status.

David Lu said the right-turn lane "will be closer to the church [than originally planned] and will include a 10-foot-wide sidewalk, trail and bike lane. [Centreville] Baptist Church will close its entrance from Route 29 there, so that allows Harvest Chinese to have enough room for its left-turn lane."

"The Baptist Church's entrance will then be opposite the entrance to Gate Post Estates," added Sully District Planning Commissioner John Litzenger. However, the WFCCA's Mark McConn was concerned about members of Harvest Chinese using Cedar Spring Road on Sundays.

"With the 4,000 people at the Korean church, plus the other churches there, Route 29 gets blocked," he said. "If one car goes to the left, everything would stop until it could get across four lanes of traffic. I worry about people getting to the 15-20 homes in Cedar Spring from Route 29, and people in [Harvest Chinese] won't be able to get in or out, either. I'd like to see that be a right turn only."

Lu said he sent notices advising nearby communities, such as Virginia Run, about what the church is planning to do and asked people to contact him if they had any problems with it. But he hadn't met with any of the residents in person. So WFCCA's Carol

Hawn told him a meeting with Virginia Run and Cedar Spring neighborhoods should have been set up, "especially when you back up to the residential area of Cedar Spring."

"Like Mark, I'm concerned that not everyone will go north on Route 29," she continued. "If you're blocking the only lane in or out of Cedar Spring, the people on Cedar Spring might not be able to get out of their residential neighborhood."

Litzenger said Korean Central Presbyterian Church and Centreville Baptist Church have police officers directing traffic onto Route 29, and he suggested Harvest Chinese do likewise and have the officers communicate with each other.

Meanwhile, Susan Needham, who's lived on Cedar Spring Road for 15 years — right beside where the church will go — worried about its stormwater-management ponds in front. "When they overflow, will they drain onto my driveway?" she asked.

Replied Lu: "We haven't worked out the details, but the retaining pond won't flood your driveway." He also noted that a chain-link fence was planned between her property and Harvest Chinese's, but Needham said a "wooden fence or brick wall would be better to keep out the noise."

John Pierce, trustee for another lot also near the church site, said his biggest traffic concern is for "the daycare parents and children trying to get out

of there in the evening. You take your life in your hands, in the best of times, trying to make a left turn out of there. It's a nightmare in the evenings, and there's nothing to break the traffic flow."

In response, Lu said, "If I were the parents, I'd make a right turn and then a U-turn."

The WFCCA then voted unanimously to recommend approval of the church to the county Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA), provided that Harvest Chinese addresses the left-turn issue with VDOT and installs a wooden fence instead of a chain-link one. The panel also said there should be some conditions regarding lighting and loud music outside the church, as well as who'll maintain the stormwater-management ponds.

In its report dated Dec. 29, Fairfax County staff also recommended approval. The matter was then slated to go to the BZA — which has the final say on the project — this Wednesday, Jan. 5.

"If you're blocking the only lane in or out of Cedar Spring, the people on Cedar Spring might not be able to get out of their residential neighborhood."

— Carol Hawn, WFCCA

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How To Help Family Whose House Exploded

A gas explosion on Dec. 19 completely destroyed a home in Chantilly's Brookfield community and displaced a family of four. No one was injured, but homeowner Thuan Nguyen and his family lost everything.

Now, the Brookfield Civic Association has set up a special bank account to accept contributions for this family to help them thru this difficult time. Anyone wishing to donate may send contributions to the Brookfield Civic Association, P.O. Box 22582, Chantilly, VA 20153-2582.

Man Sought in Child's Assault

Fairfax County police are looking for a Sterling man who they believe sexually assaulted an 8-year-old girl, Dec. 26, in a Centreville home. They've obtained felony rape and sodomy warrants for Salvador Portillo-Saravia, 29.

Police say the crimes allegedly occurred in the London Towne community and the suspect is an acquaintance of the child's family. Police reported that he was inside the residence around 10:30 a.m. when the assault reportedly happened. Since Portillo-Saravia has not yet been arrested, police are asking the public's assistance in finding him; they say he's known to frequent the Sterling area. Anyone with information is asked to contact Crime solvers at 1-866-411-TIPS/8477, e-mail at www.fairfaxcrimesolvers.org or text "TIP187" plus a message to CRIMES/274637 or call police at 703-691-2131.

Park Authority to Meet

The Fairfax County Park Authority will meet Wednesday, Jan. 12, at 7:30 p.m., in the Herry Building, 12055 Government Center Parkway, Suite 900 in Fairfax. Call Judy Pedersen at 703-324-8662.

Free Carseat Inspections

Certified technicians from the Sully District Police Station will perform free, child safety carseat inspections Thursday, Jan. 13 and Jan. 27, 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.

WFCCA Quarterly Meeting

The quarterly meeting of the West Fairfax County Citizens Association (WFCCA) will be held Monday, Jan. 17, at 7 p.m., in the Sully District Governmental Center, 4900 Stonecroft Blvd., in Chantilly. Supervisor Michael R. Frey (R-Sully) will speak about the state of the Sully District.

WFCCA Land-Use Committee

The next meeting of the West Fairfax County Citizens Association (WFCCA) Land-Use Committee is slated for Tuesday, Jan. 18, at 7 p.m. It will be held in the Sully District Governmental Center, 4900 Stonecroft Blvd., in Chantilly.

WFCM Seeks Food, Volunteers

Western Fairfax Christian Ministries (WFCM) urgently needs donations of sugar (2-5-pounds), coffee, tea, cocoa, mayonnaise, ketchup, syrup, toothpaste and deodorant. Bring them to WFCM'S food pantry at 13981 Metrotech Drive (near the Backyard Grill and Bar) in Chantilly. The thrift store also needs coats and sweaters.



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Colin Powell Elementary's All-School Chorale performs "The Quest for Peace" at last year's Martin Luther King Festival.

Remember Martin Luther King, Jr.

CPMSAC presents 17th annual MLK Festival.

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Featuring the theme, "Remembering His Dream: Love, Vision, Democracy and Hope," the Chantilly Pyramid Minority Student Achievement Committee (CPMSAC) will present its 17th annual Martin Luther King Festival. It's slated for Sunday, Jan. 16, from 4-6 p.m. (snow makeup day, Jan. 23) in the Westfield High auditorium.

The program honors King's memory while showcasing the talents of students from Chantilly Pyramid schools. They and other members of the community will illustrate the concepts King stood for and believed in, via both spoken and musical performances.

"Each time this event is held, families in our area benefit from seeing the diversities within our own communities," said festival co-organizer Wanda Tanks-Gregory. "What a great honor to Dr. King's legacy of unity and diversity."

Kim Graham, the celebration's other coordinator, said children can relate to King because they can connect to his own children. "Our country is becoming more and more diverse, which is a wonderful thing," she said. "Children of all ages are experiencing the challenges of fitting in because of their uniqueness, but they are also learning to be more accepting of others. What better role model can they look up to, than Martin Luther King?"

Masters of Ceremonies for this year's King festival are Chantilly High seniors Tara Sydbor and William Morgan-Palmer. Together, they'll introduce to the audience a wide variety of entertainment.

Among those performing will be Brookfield Elementary's fifth- and sixth-grade chorus, singing "Tuimbe," under the direction of Evan Ayars and Dori

Eggan. Lees Corner Elementary's fifth-grade chorus, directed by Jenna Burkette, will sing, "The Road to Freedom."

Centreville Elementary's fifth-grade chorus will sing, "Heal the World," written by Michael Jackson, and the McNair Elementary Singers will perform, "Shine Your Light."

Colin Powell Elementary's All-School Chorale will sing, "Reach," and Chantilly High's a capella group will sing, "American Anthem." Kendra Song of Rachel Carson Middle School will perform Debussy's "Fireworks" on the piano.

From Chantilly High, both Jonesha Fullerton and Trent Pace will entertain; Fullerton will sing, and Pace will do a dramatic reading titled, "Message about Fairness."

Performing "This Little Light of Mine" will be the Coates Elementary chorus, under directors Meredith Kennedy and Roz Crews. Tara Byrd Ouden, an adult, will sing, "The World's Greatest," and guest performer Anthony Ogburn will perform an original, musical number.

The Centreville High Wildcats drumline will entertain the crowd; and two students from McNair Elementary, Adaeze and Ikechukwu Ogbonna, plus Westfield High student Chaz Coffin, will perform a skit called, "Remembering Dr. King."

"This festival is a wonderful opportunity for families to come out and enjoy the many talented students in the Chantilly Pyramid," said Tanks-Gregory. "In the past, we've had special guests from the Fairfax County School Board, plus other community leaders, who've attended the festival to see our students perform."

"Our committee would hope that, if Dr. King were sitting in the audience during this celebration, he would have reason to smile and know what a huge impact he has made on the lives of so many," added Graham. "Through song, music, poetry and words, we can be proud of the many talents that have joined us to be a part of this day."

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2011: Construction Projects on the Horizon

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the former Budweiser Distribution Center on Lee Road in Chantilly and is turning it into the nZone. It's 83,000 square feet and will be both a worship space and sports complex open to the community.

Renovations began in October, and the completed facility will include three, indoor turf fields for soccer, lacrosse, and flag football; a fitness center; student-ministry area; multipurpose room and café with seating. Church officials hope to have everything up and running by mid-July.



Architect's rendering of the new Mount Olive Baptist Church.

street corners near a library and shopping center — plans are progressing for a worker center in Centreville. Al Dwoskin, who owns the Centreville Square Shopping Center, proposed the idea and will donate one of his storefronts for the worker center. He will also equip the space with furniture and computers and pay for the utilities.

Members of the Centreville Immigration Forum (CIF) will be in charge of its day-to-day operations. Two, paid, staff people will be there at all times, and trained volunteers will run it. Funding will come from grants and private donations.

The plan is for prospective employers to come directly to the center to hire workers, instead of picking them up from the streets. That way, an organized system would be in place, work would be fairly distributed among all the immigrants participating and workers would be paid for their labor.

STRINGFELLOW ROAD WIDENING

The section of Stringfellow Road from Fair Lakes Boulevard to Route 50 is being widened from two lanes to four between Route 50 in Chantilly and Route 29 in Clifton/Centreville.

Stringfellow's long been designated a four-lane, divided road on the county's Comprehensive Plan. Two bond referendums provided the \$37 million needed for design, right-of-way acquisition and construction.

VDOT will build two inner travel lanes, 12-foot-wide each; two outer travel lanes, 14-foot wide each; a 10-foot multipurpose trail; a 6-foot sidewalk; and a raised, 16-foot, grass median. Right-of-way acquisition is already underway.

Some 12 utility companies are involved in the project, and the utility work is expected to take about a year. It will begin soon and will involve some lane closures. It's hoped that some of this work in the immediate vicinity of the schools along Stringfellow Road — Rocky Run Middle and Chantilly High — can take place in the summer, when school's not in session.

Road-construction work is anticipated to begin in spring 2012 and be completed by

spring/summer 2014.

FAIRFAX CORNER EXPANSION

Seven new buildings and much more parking will be coming to the Fairfax Corner shopping center. Developer, The Peterson Cos., plans to add 350 residential units and 636,000 square feet of nonresidential development. On the horizon are:

- ❖ Two residential-only buildings containing multifamily units, flanking the Coastal Flats restaurant, and another residential-only building west of P.F. Chang's and the pond by Monument Drive;

- ❖ Three buildings combining both office and retail, on either side of the theater, adjacent to Random Hills Road;

- ❖ One hotel containing retail uses, and parking decks.

The whole project will be connected to the trail system running throughout the Government Center complex. Parking decks will arise on the east and west sides of the movie theater. And a new building in front of the east-side parking deck will feature retail on the ground floor and office above it. A Hyatt Place hotel is slated to be built in front of that building.

New, small shops and restaurants, will

extend the Main Street/town-center feel, east and west, all the way to Government Center Parkway. They'll go along Palace Way — the street in front of the theater — on both sides of the theater.

FAIR LAKES SHOPPING CENTER

The Fair Lakes Shopping Center is getting some new stores, restaurants, offices and a plaza. The addition will go on a nearly 14-acre section bounded on one side by Olive Garden and on the other by Loehmann's, Toys 'R' Us and Pet Smart. Planned is a building with ground-floor retail, plus office space and structured parking, with storefronts opposite both the existing stores and Olive Garden.

A plaza of some 20,000 square feet will go in front of Pet Smart, in the parking lot, and provide a gathering place. The pedestrian arcade will allow people to walk from the plaza to the shops and Olive Garden. Trees, lights and benches will be added to the existing shopping area to encourage people to sit and relax.

IMMIGRANT WORKER CENTER

As a way to help local immigrants find work — and also to remove them from

FAIR LAKES INTERCHANGE

Work began on this \$69.5 million project in October and is expected to be finished in 2013. Partially funded with federal stimulus money, this project will widen the Fairfax County Parkway from four to six lanes from south of I-66 to north of Rugby Road — an area more than three miles long.

Entrance and exit ramps will be constructed to and from the Fairfax County Parkway, Fair Lakes Parkway and Monument Drive. When the project's all done, there'll be no traffic signals on the Fairfax County Parkway from Popes Head Road to Route 50.

Drivers will also see improved traffic flow on the Fair Lakes Parkway and Monument Drive because local and Parkway traffic will be separated. Furthermore, the additional lanes of the Fairfax County Parkway should also alleviate driver gridlock at its intersections with I-66, Route 50 and Rugby Road.

Route 50/Parkway Jams Expected This Weekend

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effect from Friday, Jan. 7, at 11 p.m. until Sunday, Jan. 9, at 11 p.m. So people planning to travel in the vicinity of the construction should instead use alternate routes.

The work is part of the \$69.7 million Fair Lakes Parkway/Fairfax County Parkway Interchange that's being built to ease traffic congestion at the intersection of these two, heavily traveled thoroughfares.

Planned is a split-diamond, grade-separated interchange, with a free-flowing Fairfax County Parkway bridging over Fair Lakes Parkway and Monument Drive. Through traffic will be separated from local ramp traffic, with traffic signals on the ramps, not on the parkway.

The Fairfax County Parkway will be widened from four to six lanes for 3 miles, from south of Interstate 66 to Rugby Road. Signals at Fair Lakes Parkway and Monument Drive will be eliminated. Long ramps will provide separate access to and from both parkways and Monument Drive.

Once the project is finished, daily com-

To Avoid Eastbound Route 50:

Drivers heading to Fair Oaks Mall should use Interstate 66 rather than Route 50, and Stringfellow Road instead of the Fairfax County Parkway.

- ❖ Take Route 50 East to Route 28 South to Interstate 66 East or to Route 29 North.
- ❖ Take Route 50 East, turn right on Stringfellow Road and left on Route 29 North.

muters should save time on their trips to work, school and shopping, as a result of the improved traffic flow on all three roads. Although work is expected to take three years altogether, VDOT officials say local residents will be able to enjoy incremental traffic improvements as various stages of the work are completed.

In the meantime, though, they'll have to be patient and sometimes take other routes to reach their destinations. This weekend, VDOT's contractor will be driving piles to add a pier to widen the Parkway bridge to three lanes over Route 50. The actual pile

To Avoid Westbound Route 50:

Leaving Fair Oaks Mall, take the Fair Lakes Parkway, turn right on Stringfellow Road and left on Route 50.

- ❖ From Interstate 66, continue west past Route 50 and exit at Route 28 North.
- ❖ Coming from the City of Fairfax, use Route 29 as an alternate route.

driving will be done both Saturday and Sunday, between 7 a.m. and 9 p.m. And Fairfax County police will be staged in the work zones for safety and traffic management.

VDOT typically allows its contractors to close lanes only at night or on weekdays between rush hours. However, this particular work requires at least 10 hours of uninterrupted construction, which wouldn't be possible on a weekday, without seriously affecting rush-hour traffic.

The work also can't be done at night because the county's noise ordinance prohibits pile driving at nighttime. VDOT post-

poned the work until after the Christmas holidays to minimize impacts on shoppers.

So now, here are the lane and ramp closures planned for this weekend:

- ❖ On westbound Route 50, three lanes will narrow to one lane from West Ox Road to just west of the parkway. Lanes will shift to the right through the work zone under the Fairfax County Parkway bridge.

- ❖ On eastbound Route 50, three lanes will narrow to two lanes and traffic will shift to the right approximately 300 feet prior to the Fairfax County Parkway. All three lanes will be open east of the bridge.

- ❖ Two ramps will be closed — northbound Parkway to westbound Route 50, and southbound Parkway to eastbound Route 50. Traffic headed north on the Parkway will turn left on Rugby Road to Route 50. Traffic headed south on the Parkway will be detoured left on the Fair Lakes Parkway and left on West Ox Road to Route 50.

- ❖ On the Fairfax County Parkway over Route 50, one of two lanes in each direction will be closed.

Resolved: Pick One Way To Get Involved

How about helping others in the New Year?

New Year's resolutions? Go ahead, let's pledge to lose weight, exercise regularly, spend less, recycle, save and read more. The turn of the calendar really does provide an impetus to make small and large changes in the way we live.

One item to add to the list of resolutions is to get involved locally. Volunteer one time for one day, or give a few hours a week to something that interests you. Pick one place where you can make a difference. The experience will enrich you (and your family) as well, connecting you to the community in new ways. Making time for even a single volunteer effort communicates an invaluable message about your values to your children in a powerful way that words cannot match.

Most local nonprofits and church groups that provide emergency food and services for families in need are overwhelmed right now by the dramatic increase in demand for food, emergency help with rent to prevent homelessness and much more. See sidebar for some suggestions.

Volunteer Fairfax connects volunteers of all kinds to organizations in need of help, providing flexible weekend and evening opportunities including packing emergency food kits for families in crisis, tutoring adults in alternative

learning programs, reading to elementary school children after school, socializing with seniors or planting trees to prevent erosion. Volunteer Fairfax will hold its annual Give Together: A Family Volunteer Day on Monday, Jan. 17, 2011 at George Mason University, an opportunity to work on service projects with your family. See www.volunteerfairfax.org.

The Arlington County Volunteer Office promotes civic engagement and active volunteer participation, coordinating volunteer opportunities from hundreds of non-profit and government agencies. Visit www.co.arlington.va.us and type "volunteer" into the search box.

The Alexandria Volunteer Bureau recruits and coordinates volunteers and matches their interests, skills and availability with the needs of service-providing nonprofit organizations and public agencies. Visit www.volunteeralexandria.org.

The Literacy Council Northern Virginia is in need of volunteers who will devote several hours a week to helping adults master reading and writing skills; visit www.lcnv.org.

A Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) volunteer is a trained citizen who is appointed by a judge to represent the best interests of a child in court. CASA volunteers help children who will have their home placement determined in juvenile court. See www.casafairfax.org.

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court system. See <http://www.scanva.org/casa.htm>

Some other suggestions:

Get involved in state and local political campaigns. Every seat in the Virginia General Assembly, Fairfax County Board of Supervisors and School Board and many other state and local offices are about to enter campaign mode, with some races hotly contested. Volunteer with a candidate, with the League of Women Voters or with your local electoral board.

The public school or library closest to your house is also in need of volunteers. Homeowners associations need activists to learn about a variety of local issues and coordinate neighborhood response. Your church or house of worship could use a hand. Animal shelters and animal rescue groups are also over extended with families giving up pets due to the economy, in addition to their usual work. Environmental groups like Audubon Naturalist Society and the Nature Conservancy offer many kinds of volunteer opportunities, as do local parks.

— MARY KIMM,
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EDITORIAL

RESOLUTIONS



continue swing dancing lessons with my wife, Robin.

— Del. Jim LeMunyon
(R-67)

To make time to read no fewer than one book a month and to

My New Year's resolution is to continue to promote volunteerism (or volunteering) among the students and staff at Centreville ES. So much of what the Centreville community offers is due to volunteers. SYA and your PTA are terrific examples of volunteers who provide our children with great experiences. It's my hope that we can instill the need, benefit and satisfaction of volunteering in all of our students/children.

TIP: The best goals should be SMART Goals.

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— Lee R. Kaiser, School Counselor,
Centreville ES, Centreville resident

My resolution this year for the legislative session is to do all I can to restructure the re-



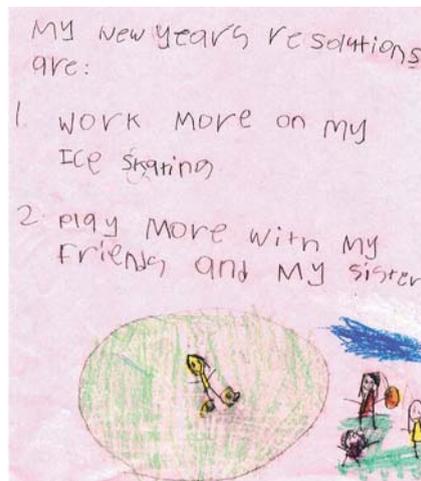
entry process for offenders committed to the state juvenile correctional system. This re-entry process will utilize evidence based best practice proven to be effective. By using vacancies in local juvenile detention centers for the final weeks of their incarceration we can reduce the size of government by downsizing existing infrastructure, save money, move services closer to people, provide state of the art programming that will reduce recidivism, and bring jobs to 12 localities around the Commonwealth. I will be meeting with the Governor on this soon and hope that it will become one of his New Years Resolutions!

As for me personally, I resolve to lose 5 or 50 pounds!

— State Sen. Dave Marsden



A New Year's Resolution picture from Shivang, age 5 from Montessori of Chantilly.



A New Year's Resolution picture from Nikita Shah, age 6 from Montessori of Chantilly.

OBITUARY

Faye Louise Burton Wood

Faye Louise Burton Wood, 82 of Centreville, died Tuesday, Dec. 28, 2010 at Fairfax Nursing Center, Fairfax. Born in the Plato community of Pulaski County, Ky., she attended Berea Foundation School and graduated from Shopville High School. She had retired as a senior accountant with Raytheon in Falls Church, Va. She was a member of the board of directors of Historic Centreville, the Manassas Chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy and Centreville United

Methodist Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, James Franklin Wood, her parents, George Boone Burton and Maranda Purcell Burton and three brothers, Joseph Mason Burton Sr., Gene B. Burton and Paul Wesley Burton.

Survivors include her daughter, Bonnie Ann Wood Garber and her husband Thomas Templeman Garber of Spotsylvania County, Va.; her grandson, James Thomas Garber of Falls Church, Va.; two sisters, Sally

E. Burton of Centreville and Louanna Burton Stewart and her husband, Bill of Johnson City, Tenn.; one brother, Boonie Burton and his wife, Lucy of Stanford, Ky.; three sisters in law, Maxine Burton and Alma Burton both of Somerset, Ky. and Florence Jane Wood Mettauer of Annandale, Va. and numerous cousins, nieces and nephews. A funeral service was held Sunday, Jan. 2 at Burnett Chapel United Methodist Church, Somerset, Ky., with burial in the church cemetery. Her eight nephews, David,

Dale, Brooks, Zane, Samuel and George Burton and Edward and Charles Stewart will serve as pallbearers. The family received friends at the Somerset Undertaking Company, Somerset, Ky., Saturday, Jan. 1 and Sunday, Jan. 2.

A memorial service will be held Sunday, Jan. 16 at 3 p.m. in Centreville United Methodist Church. Memorial contributions may be made to Centreville United Methodist Church 6400 Old Centreville Road Centreville VA 20121.

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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. Visit www.gozumbafun.com.

FRIDAY/JAN. 7

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

SATURDAY/JAN. 8

Lane's Mill DAR Meeting. 1 p.m. The Lane's Mill Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) will meet. At Centreville Regional Library. Contact lanesmillchapter@hotmail.com

MONDAY/JAN. 10

Relay for Life Open House. 7 to 9 p.m. Willing to volunteer? Interested in supporting the American Cancer Society? Then come to this information meeting to find out how to volunteer for the 2011 Relay For Life of Centreville/Clifton. You may also submit an online "Volunteer Interest Form" via www.CentrevilleRelay.org. At Centreville Regional Library. For more information email CentrevilleRelay@gmail.com.

FRIDAY/JAN. 14

Swing Dancing. 9 p.m. to midnight. Admission is \$15. With the band, Rockin' Bones. At the Hilton Washington Dulles Airport Hotel, 13869 Park Center Road (Route 28 near the airport), Herndon.

SATURDAY/JAN. 15

Interfaith Discussion. 1 to 4 p.m. Muslims for Peace, in conjunction with Clifton Presbyterian Church, is sponsoring an interfaith discussion. The event is titled, "God & Science," and its academic purpose is to examine the compatibility of the belief in God, in light of modern scientific discoveries and advances. Another goal is to promote interfaith discussions and establish and maintain relationships among a variety of religious communities. Speakers will represent Hinduism, Judaism, Christianity and Islam. A potluck lunch will be served at 1 p.m.; those wanting to bring a dish are asked to contact the organizers in advance, to coordinate, (but a dish is not required to come). To RSVP or for more information, contact Jalal Malik, outreach director, Ahmadiyya Muslim Community, Northern Virginia, at 202-670-1588 or amc.nva@gmail.com or Jen Dunfee, associate pastor, Clifton Presbyterian Church, at 703-830-3175 or Jennifer-cliftonpc@vacoxmail.com. At Clifton Presbyterian Church, behind Trummer's in the Town of Clifton.

SUNDAY/JAN. 16

Great Dane Rescue. Noon to 2 p.m. Come out and meet

some Danes and ask our volunteers any questions you may have. Sponsored by Mid-Atlantic Great Dane Rescue League (MAGDRL). At Wylie Waggs, Pender Village Shopping Center, 3903-F Fair Ridge Drive, Fairfax. Visit www.novamagdrl.org.

JAN. 28 THROUGH JAN. 30

Sugarloaf Crafts Festival. More than 250 craftspeople will display their handmade works. Hours are Friday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Saturday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Sunday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is \$7/online; \$9/door. At the Dulles Expo Center, 4368 Chantilly Shopping Center, Chantilly. Call 800-210-9900.

SATURDAY/JAN. 29

Winter Dance Clinic. 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. For grades 1-8. Participants will learn two dances, and are invited to perform at halftime at the Chantilly Girls' Varsity Basketball game vs. Oakton on Tuesday, Feb. 1 at 7:30 p.m. The cost for the clinic is \$50 includes pizza lunch and a t-shirt. Registration forms can be found at www.chantillysports.org on the Dance Team page under "Camps and Clinics". Questions? Contact coach Casey Cassara at chargerdancers@gmail.com.

SATURDAY/FEB. 5

Beekeepers Beginners Class. 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. An eight-week class. The Beekeepers Association of Northern Virginia is offering beginner classes for those interested in learning about beekeeping. At Centreville Regional Library, 14220 St. Germain Drive, Centreville. Visit BANV's website at beekeepersnova.org.

FEB. 12-13

Wine and Food Showcase. More than 300 different wines produced by Virginia's leading wineries as well as food and wine demos and pairings. The goal is to offer wine lovers the opportunity to sample Virginia's locally grown wines all in one place. Tickets per person run \$45 at the door, \$36 online, and \$20 for non-drinkers. At the Westfields Marriott Hotel in Chantilly. (www.vawineshowcase.org).

MONDAY/FEB. 21

Travelogue on Greece and Turkey. 7 p.m. Free. Lois Price, retired Fairfax County teacher and long-time member and former President of the GFWC-Western Fairfax County Woman's Club (GFWC-WFCWC), will present a travelogue on her tours of Greece and Turkey at the WFCWC meeting. At the meeting room of the Total Wine store in the Greenbriar Plaza Shopping Center, 13055-C Lee Jackson Highway, Chantilly. A tasting of selected South African wines will follow the presentation. Call Jackie at 703-378-8551 or e-mail westernfairfaxcountywc@gmail.com.

FEB. 25-27

Capital Home & Garden Show. More than 750 exhibits. Get ideas, investigate new products, gather information and meet the professionals to make remodeling, renovation or decorating projects a breeze. Hours are Friday and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Sunday 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tickets are \$10/adults online; \$13/door. At the Dulles Expo Center, 4368 Chantilly Shopping Center, Chantilly. Visit www.capitalhomeshow.com.

REAL ESTATE

The Ed Lang Team/Remax Premier held a private viewing of the new film "The Chronicles of Narnia: the Dawn Treader" in 3D on Saturday, Dec. 11 at the Centreville Multiplex Theatre, to benefit Toys for Tots.

"Our annual movie event is our way of generating toy donations for the Marine Corp's Toys For Tots drive for the DC Metro area families in need. We ask each guest to bring at least one new unwrapped toy to donate, and in turn they get to see the movie free of charge," said Ed Lang, president and CEO of the Ed Lang Real Estate Team.

The hour before the movie began was filled with activities, and this year the Rocky Run Middle School Band and Chorus groups joining in the celebration with a special concert prior to the movie. Other activities guests enjoyed were taking photos with Santa, decorating a stocking, joining in a holiday trivia contest, entering the door prize drawing and writing a card to our troops. The Toys for Tots event entertained up to 500 guests. The donations from guests filled a truck, and Ed Lang was told it was one of the Marines' largest donations this season.



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Westfield Thespians Perform at Shakespeare Theatre

By BONNIE HOBBS
CENTRE VIEW

Most young thespians don't get to perform at Washington, D.C.'s Shakespeare Theatre. But on Dec. 11, Westfield High's Theater II students got to do just that, as part of the Shakespeare Theatre Co.'s "Text Alive" program.

"The program's goal is to make Shakespeare's words alive and accessible to students so they're not afraid to try acting them," said Westfield theater teacher and director Susie Pike. "It helps the students understand Shakespeare — which helps them in their English and theater classes."

Westfield's thespians were among 360 students from 13 schools in the Washington Metropolitan area who performed two scenes from "All's Well that Ends Well." But instead of doing them in a classic, Shakespearean setting, they had to act them out in different styles, altogether.

"We'd studied the play and characters and read it in class — both as literature and to start thinking about how we'd act out the roles," said Pike. "Then we saw the Shakespeare Co.'s production of it and, afterward, we came up with the concepts for our two scenes."

Westfield set its scenes in the 1950s and in the 1800s Wild West. Sophomore Mitchell Buckley co-directed and played Bertram in the Wild West scenario. "He's a hotheaded count who wants to go to war to get battle experience," said Buckley. "Even though he's married to Helen, he doesn't consider his marriage official because it wasn't consummated before he left for war. It was fun dressing like a cowboy and playing someone young and stubborn, like me, so it was very natural."

Because the stage was so big, Buckley learned to project his character to the audience. And as a director, he realized the many elements — such as costumes, sets and lighting — that must come together for a successful play.

"It was exciting performing for so many people," he said. "Because Shakespeare's language is hard, I learned to examine what a character says and build his personality off of that."

Directing with Buckley were sophomores Maggie Mitchell and Sarah Schweit. "We didn't want to use accents, but to portray the Wild West through the atmosphere," said Mitchell. So, said Schweit, "We used elements like a gun on the hip, cowboy hats, pale-orange lighting and a saloon setting."

Mitchell loved directing and seeing their vision for the show come to life on stage. "I also liked tweaking it along the way and hammering out the small details," she said. "It was very rewarding. I felt privileged that we got to be there. It's a big deal to per-



Among those putting on the 1950s-themed scene were (from left) Nate Schrader, Paolah Urista, Alice Polonsky and Jorge Vallejos.



Showing a Shakespeare scene in the Wild West were (from left) Sarah Schweit, Maggie Mitchell, Ashton Brackens, Mitchell Buckley and Bayleigh Aschenbrenner.

form in a professional theater, and having our names in the program as directors was pretty sweet. And now I understand what directors go through to get a production on the stage."

As an actor, Schweit is used to others telling her what to do, but she said directing her peers was easy because she could relate to them so well. "I liked the authority," she said. "And it was fun determining how to tell them something in the most effective way. I discovered new talent in the actors and enjoyed learning about the sound equipment."

Sophomore Katelyn Reimer portrayed Bertram's mother in the Wild West scene.

"When he comes home from the war, she learns he may have killed his wife, Helen, and she doesn't know whether to believe him when he says he didn't do it," said Reimer. "I usually play the ingénue, so I liked this style of acting."

Calling the Shakespeare Theatre's stage "beautiful," she said it was slightly slanted "so you felt even higher above the audience than usual. There were even footlights, and it was great to have that illumination. It was also cool to perform in front of such a huge audience."

Sophomore Madeleine Bloxam played Diana, a girl Bertram meets and falls in love with during the war, while still married to

Helen. "Diana's independent and courageous and eventually agrees to help Helen devise a plan to win back Bertram," said Bloxam. "I was nervous at first, seeing a large stage and audience, but it was cool to have that experience at our age and in that theater." Since Westfield performed both its scenes last, she said it was "great seeing all the other scenes leading up to ours and seeing how other schools portrayed the characters — and then being the show's finale. We also worked with the actors and Shakespeare specialists from the Shakespeare Theatre Co. This will help me with my acting in the future, and it's something I'll remember for the rest of my high-school years."

Nate Schrader, a sophomore, played Parolles, a friend of Bertram's, in the 1950s version of the scene. "When his own troops tested him by pretending to be the enemy and capturing him, he betrayed them and gave up their secrets," said Schrader. "It was fun because he was really sarcastic. I like playing the bad guy because it's more dynamic and you can interpret the part in different ways."

He also enjoyed watching the other schools act out their segments. "Everyone played different scenes, and it was neat seeing all the styles," he said. "One had a 'Star Wars' theme and another did it like the Mario Brothers."

Co-directing Westfield's 1950s scene were Annie Dykstra, Sunny Vinsavich and Ariana Willis. "I wanted that theme since it's a familiar era because of the movie, 'Grease,'" said Dykstra, a senior. "The issues we were doing could be interestingly portrayed in a 1950s high school. We showed it through costumes like black-leather jackets and a poodle skirt, but mainly through music like 'Hound Dog' and 'Jailhouse Rock.'"

She said it felt good knowing she'd helped create what was performed on stage. "I've always wanted to direct and, after this experience, I see the ups and downs of that responsibility," said Dykstra. "You learn that patience is everything. The actors mean well but, sometimes, it's hard to deal with a big group of people. The experience gave me more respect for directors."

Pike said educators from the Shakespeare Theatre even came into the Westfield classroom of her second-year theater students, all last semester, to work with them. "We had 10 different workshops on everything from understanding Shakespeare's language to the history of his plays," she said. "So they achieved a tremendous understanding and love of Shakespeare."

Then, as a culminating activity, said Pike, "What a fantastic experience for our kids to do their own versions of scenes — each with its own, technical staff and student directors — and actually perform them on the Shakespeare Theatre stage."

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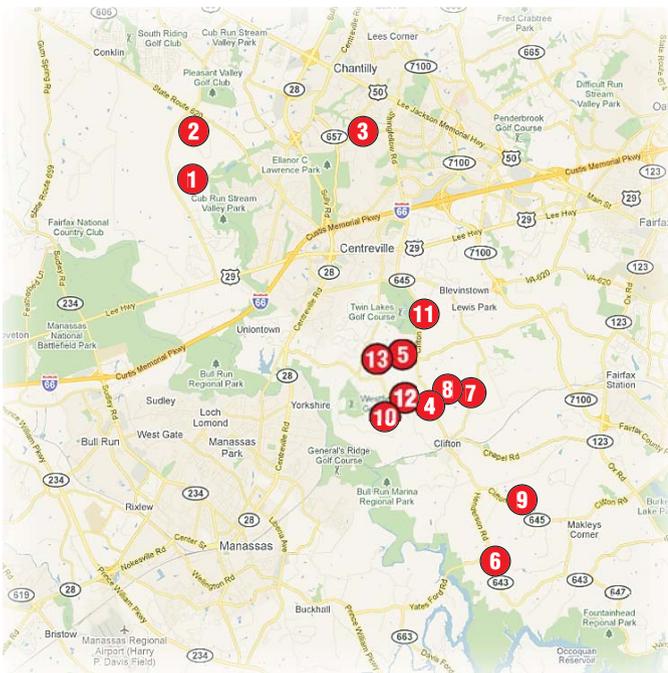
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Uncertainty, Of That I'm Certain



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

I'm having some difficulty starting this column. The reason being, primarily, that it's presently Dec. 18 and it won't be until Jan. 5, 2011 when it will appear in print. And why that latter date is problematic is, that it occurs a week after my next round of quarterly scans will have been completed and two days before my every-three-month, follow-up appointment with my oncologist — Jan. 7, is scheduled. And it is during that appointment when I will learn the fate of my universe. Because that is when the results from my weeks-previous Bone and CT scans and Brain MRI will be revealed/discussed with my doctor. And whatever it is I think I feel — or don't feel, the scans will confirm it, presumably.

Not that much has changed concerning my health/symptoms. It's more that there are results forthcoming which will change my life — for the worse potentially, or reaffirm how fortunate my present lack-of-circumstances are. Either way, it's one of those moments in time when the world stops — and you can't get off. I can only hope that when my oncologist enters the examining room where my wife, Dina, and I will be waiting anxiously, he'll be smiling when he sees us; and not uncomfortably, but reassuringly, as he has frequently in the past 15 months.

Therefore, to write definitively about anything health-related now, when the tale of the tape will tell it all in three weeks, seems risky somehow. I don't want to presume facts not in evidence nor do I want to anger the gods. And I most assuredly do not want to write about substance/circumstance on which I have fairly limited knowledge and minimal control: my cancer. So this column is about what I don't know, and how long it might be until I do know and why I'm being circumspect — and hesitant, and what it is I hope I will know. And to write anything significant about my cancer, given the Jan. 5/7 time line, other than I'm feeling pretty good though increasingly nervous about this next appointment, seems prudent and certainly precautionary — given my general mental state.

Every day, I begin a sentence with "What if...?" And every day, I try not to complete that question. Every night I go to sleep wondering if the next day I'll learn the answer to that question. And the next day when I will learn the answer to that question will be Jan. 7, 2011. And since Jan. 5, 2011 arrives before that, and I'm writing this column three weeks before both of those dates, anything I'm thinking or feeling now (in mid December), seems incredibly presumptuous and naive almost. I will know soon enough if the road ahead is filled with good intentions or whether it's a road under repair.

As I wrote about in a recent column, the end of my quarterly scan cycle always presents these subconscious/unconscious emotions and anxieties — which are totally beyond my control. What is in my control is writing about them as if I knew anything definite about the "underlying problem" (as I refer to my lung cancer) and I don't. All I do know is, I'm in pretty good shape for the shape I'm in. However, it's exactly the way I felt — basically, when I was first told back in late February 2009 that I had stage IV lung cancer.

Certainly I realize that it is better to feel good than it is to feel lousy. Still, given the minimal symptoms I experienced back in the beginning, it's not as much consolation now as you might think, especially considering that the projected back end of my "13-months-to-two-year life expectancy" anniversary is fast approaching.

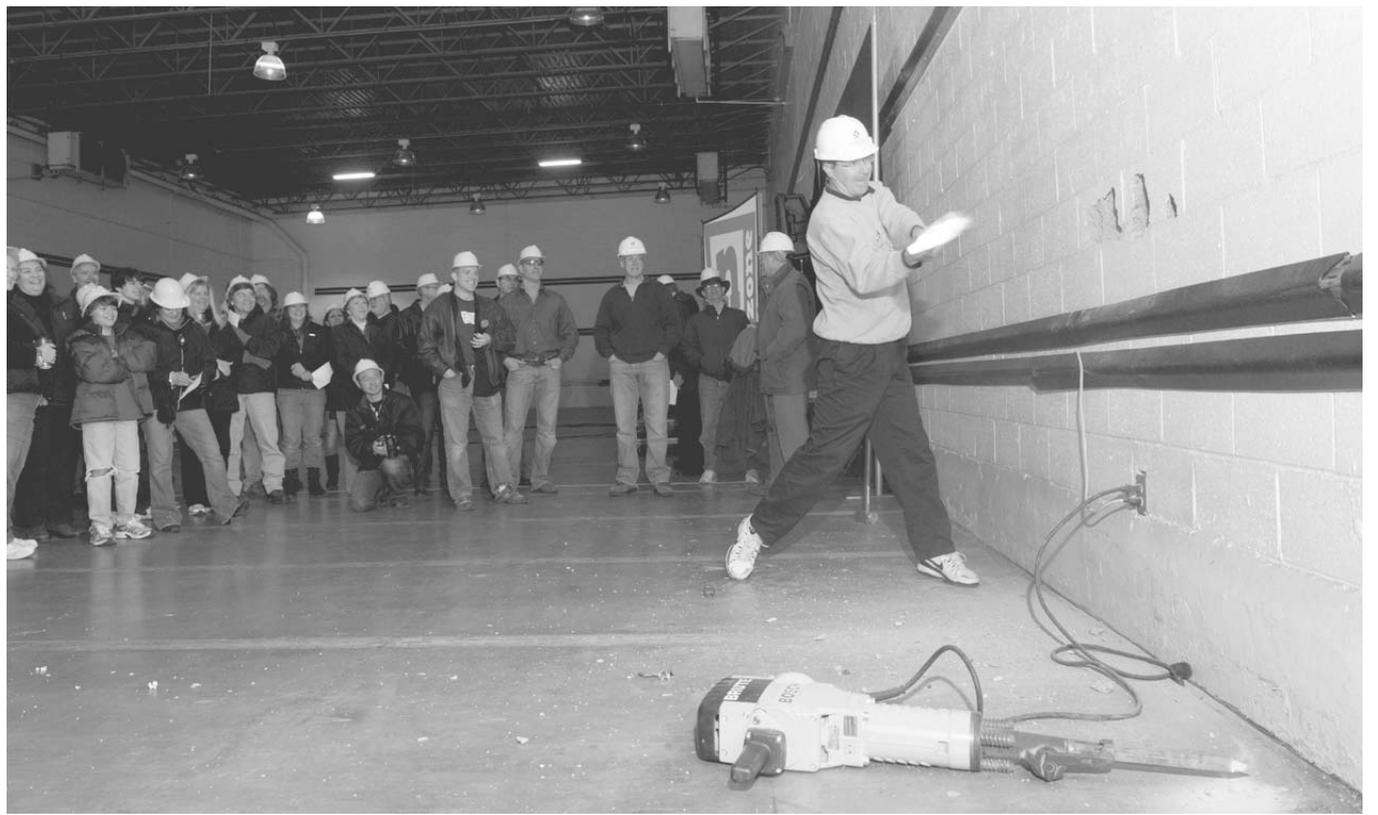
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Launching The nZone

The New Life Christian Church held a groundbreaking ceremony Sunday, Dec. 19, for its new community center in Chantilly. The 83,000-square-foot building will be converted into a sports-focused complex with three indoor turf soccer fields, two wood basketball courts, a café, an exercise center with childcare, and a medium sized gathering room. Senior Pastor Brett Andrews anticipates the nZone will become a hub for families in Centreville, Chantilly and beyond. The nZone is the first endeavor of its kind for the 1,300-member church. Construction will be completed in July 2011.

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CENTRE VIEW

Danny Dyess of the leadership team takes a swing with the sledgehammer.



Emily Spinar and her dad Mark Spinar of Herndon, members of the church, are excited about the new construction.



Executive Pastor Creed Branson talks the audience through the map of the new complex.



During the ceremony, members of the church spoke about why they were excited about the new facility. Karen Ferguson shares her experiences "being in it from the beginning."



Senior Pastor Brett Andrews shares some details about the great plans for this community center. "The best is yet to come," he said.

Relay Receives Regional Awards

The Relay For Life of Centreville-Clifton-Chantilly was presented with two American Cancer Society South Atlantic Division Award in October.

This local Relay was in competition with all the ACS Relay fundraising events across six states. The first award was for the highest percentage increase in fundraising from 2009 to 2010. The Centreville Relay increased its fundraising by 304 percent.

2010 Chair, Marion Rantis of Clifton, credits that increase to an increase in the number of teams participating, and more importantly to the efforts of those teams to actively raise funds on behalf

or the American Cancer Society. For example, Debbie Benton also of Clifton and Team Captain of the new team The Caped Crusaders, led her team in raising over \$12,000 and being the top fundraising team at the event.

Rantis expressed more pride in the second ACS division award which was for "The Spirit of Relay." Rantis feels this is a well-deserved award for this community, not only for their fundraising efforts, but for its enthusiasm on the day of Relay, enduring thunderstorm delays in 2009 and nonstop rain in 2010.

A Relay For Life display including the awards will be at the Centreville Regional Library during the month of March, 2011.



John Lazar (background), ACS National Capitol State Vice President along with ACS Leadership Council volunteers, present two South Atlantic Division Awards to the Relay For Life of Centreville-Clifton-Chantilly, represented by 2010 Centreville Relay Planning Committee Chair Marion Rantis.

Sports — An Annual Fabric of Life

BY RICH SANDERS
CENTRE VIEW

Sports are a big part of my life as I realize they are for much of the newspaper's readership which support and cheer on their favorite youth, high school, college and professional sports teams. For me, the yearly calendar is often marked by signature sporting events, such as the NFL playoffs in January, Major League Baseball's Opening Day in early April, and the men's NCAA college basketball tournament in March.

COMMENTARY My birthday (March 13) always arrives as the college basketball conference and national tournaments are beginning to unfold. Many of my birthdays have been extra special or dampened somewhat, depending on how my favorite college men's basketball team, the Terrapins of the University of Maryland, fared at the ACC Tournament or whether or not they went on to qualify for the national tournament field.

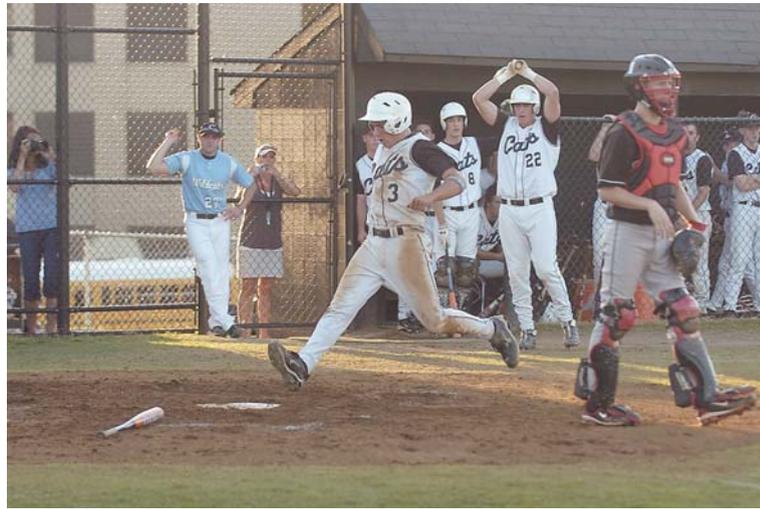
Sports fans often associate major events in their lives with landmark sports moments involving their favorite teams. A former co-worker of mine, a huge Boston Red Sox fan like myself, got married and enjoyed his honeymoon during the Sox's history-making World Series run in the fall of 2004.

After being with my mom in the hospital for the birth of one of my younger brothers, my father, then the high school boys' basketball coach at Bishop O'Connell in Arlington, rushed from the hospital to the O'Connell gymnasium where his Knights were in the closing minutes of a nip-and-tuck game. Upon my dad's arrival to the home team bench, his head assistant coach, in one of those memorable moments that has been remembered and laughed about for years, simply told him, "It's yours to lose."

In fact, O'Connell won that night, making it one of my dad's landmark coaching days — with the birth of a son and a basketball victory.

THERE WERE WONDERFUL local sports memories made in 2010 for fans around the Northern Virginia area. Quickly coming to mind for me were the prep school heroics of the Chantilly and Centreville High football teams, both of which were two of the top teams in the Northern Region.

The two local rivals met twice in 2010 — the first at the annual Sully Bowl game in which Centreville won a dramatic 27-26 double overtime affair in week seven of the regular season. The second meeting came

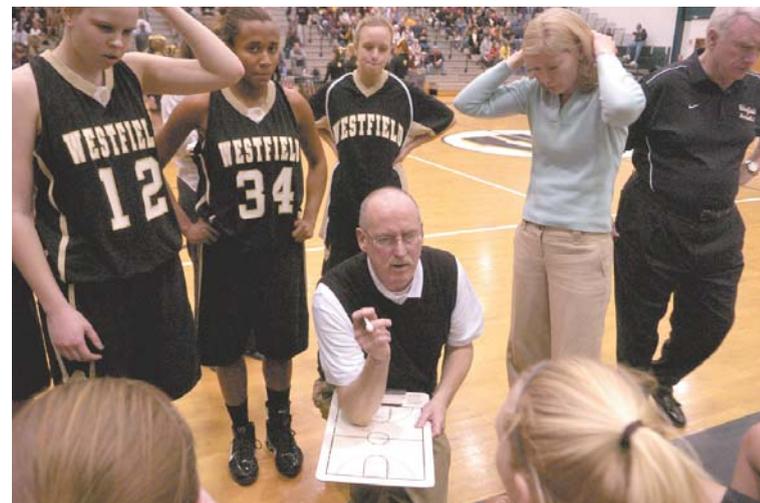


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The Centreville High baseball team captured the Concorde District regular season title last spring.



The Chantilly High boys' soccer team struggled during the regular season before putting together a fine postseason last spring.



Head coach Pat Deegan and his Westfield Bulldogs' girls' basketball team finished 17-4 last winter.



Centreville and Chantilly played one of the Northern Region's best high school football games of the fall season at the annual Sully Bowl matchup.

at the Div. 6 region playoff semifinals where Chantilly avenged that earlier season loss with a 30-13 postseason win. The victory advanced the Chargers to the region finals where they lost to defending champion Lake Braddock.

Chantilly, under head coach Mike Lalli, finished with an outstanding 10-2 record for the season. Centreville, which began the season 7-0, qualified for the playoffs under first year coach Chris Haddock. There, the Wildcats defeated Haddock's former team, Fairfax High, in a first round playoff game to advance to the semifinals meeting with Chantilly. The encounter with the Chargers was highly anticipated partly due to the fact that the two area rivals had played such an exciting Sully Bowl affair. But the playoff meeting did not quite live up to the same excitement as the Chargers rolled, 30-13.

Other Centre View area teams experiencing marvelous seasons in 2010 included: the Chantilly golf team which captured the Northern Region title behind the stellar play of individual defending region champion Ji Soo Park; the Westfield High baseball team, which won the Concorde District tournament title this past spring and saw five players earn All-District recognition — third baseman Aaron Scoville, pitcher Danny

Thorpe, shortstop Kyle Corwin, utility player Aaron Hoover and left fielder Josh Luatua; the Chantilly boys' soccer team who following a disappointing regular season caught fire in the postseason, reaching the finals of the Concorde District tournament against Robinson and going as far as the region tournament quarterfinals following a first round triumph over T.C. Williams; the Chantilly girls' soccer team (10-3-2), the 2009 Virginia State champions, who had a successful 2010 campaign as they reached the Concorde District tournament title game and ultimately saw their season end with an upset loss to Lee in a first round region playoff game; the Westfield High girls' softball team, which was 16-8 last spring and came within an eyelash of reaching the Northern Region tournament semifinals in a season-ending, 5-4 quarterfinals loss to eventual state champion McLean, which trailed the Memorial Day playoff game against the Bulldogs by a 3-0 score before rallying to win; the Westfield girls' lacrosse team who, in a memorable Concorde District tournament finals contest in which play was stopped for a brief period due to an intense hail/rain storm, topped No. 1-seed Oakton in a high-scoring 16-13 title game; the Chantilly boys' basketball team, under

coach Jim Smith, who captured the Northern Region title last winter with a finals win over Langley and, following a state tournament first round victory over Gar-Field High, advanced to the state semifinals for the first time in the program's history; the Centreville Wildcats' boys track team, who earned a share of the Concorde District indoor team title in the winter before capturing the undisputed district crown in the spring; the Westfield wrestling team who, under coach Chuck Hoskins, went 30-2 in dual meets, captured five in-season tournaments and ultimately won its third-ever Northern Region championship last February, besting runner-up Robinson and third place Centreville; Westfield's girls' field hockey team, under legendary head coach Starr Karl, which experienced a marvelous season, going a perfect 16-0 during the regular season before winning three straight games, including a finals win over Oakton, at the Concorde District tournament; the Centreville baseball team which captured the regular season Concorde District title, went on to advance to the district tournament finals and ultimately reached the Northern Region tournament quarterfinals

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CVHS SPORTS REPORT

Even though they were on Winter Break from their studies, Centreville High School's athletes were busy with sporting events over the past few weeks.

Wrestling: On Dec. 29 and 30, the CVHS Wildcat wrestling team participated in the "Battle at the Bridge" tournament at Woodbridge High School. Centreville, as a team, took 16th place out of 24 teams. Additionally, the Wildcats had four place finishers — Ryan Sepulveda (2nd at 152 weight class); John Horoho (8th at 171); David Chenevey (5th at 189); and Joey Steinbach (7th at 215).

Centreville, the prior week, participated at the Appalachian Duals meet at Skyline High in Front Royal on Dec. 22-23. In the Wildcats' dual match versus Osbourn Park at that tournament, Josh Cowman won by decision over Austin Conrow, 7-5; John Horoho won by pin over Juan Guerrero; and Joey Steinbach won by decision over Nick Conley, 6-2.

In Centreville's dual match versus North Stafford at the Appalachian Duals, Horoho won by pin over Americo Mayen.

And, in the dual against Loudoun County, Andy Suh won by forfeit; Steinbach won by pin over Mark Oswalt; Kyle Roarty won by decision, 8-1; Horoho won by pin over John Corbin; and David Chenevey won by forfeit.

Boys Basketball: Centreville battled foul trouble, a season high in turnovers, and Cameron Owens' most difficult scoring night of the season, but still managed to pull within five points of Potomac School in the fourth quarter before ultimately falling, 65-55, and finishing sixth place in the Bulldog Bash Tournament last week.

Owens still finished with 7 points and 10 rebounds, while Rahji Johnson scored a career high 13 points. Robert Coker had 9 points and a career high 6 rebounds. Coker has scored 28 points in his last three games. Will Doyle had a career high 6 assists as well.

Prior to the Potomac School game, Travis Whitney achieved career highs in points (13) and rebounds (8) in helping lead the Wildcats to a 66-64 victory over the Langley Saxons in its second day game at the Bulldog Bash at Westfield.

Back on Dec. 21, Centreville fell to Langley, 74-47. Cameron Owens led all scorers with 23 points and 9 rebounds. Jake Brodie added a season high 9 points to go with 5 assists.

In the first game of the Bulldog Bash, despite career highs from Ken Ekanem (19 points) and Robert Coker (13), the Wildcats could not sustain an 11-4 first quar-

ter lead, falling to Flint Hill, 58-50. Centreville connected on just 9 of 21 free throws and made 41 percent of its field goals. Ekanem had 11 rebounds in addition to his 19 points while Cameron Owens had 9 points and 6 rebounds.

Lady Wildcats Basketball: On Dec. 30, Centreville won an overtime thriller in the final game of the Bulldog Bash Tournament. The Wildcats rebounded from a disappointing overtime loss the day before with a thrilling 55-48 OT win against Freedom-South Riding, the defending state AA Champions. Trailing by two points with 17 seconds left to play in regulation, the 'Cats sent the game into overtime on a put-back rebound by Chaney Forbush, who had her second double-double in three days with 23 points and 11 rebounds. Erin Meador added 13 points and Taylor O'Hara had 10 rebounds. Centreville improved to 7-3 on the season with the win.

On Wednesday, Dec. 29, the Centreville Lady Wildcats lost a 47-44 heartbreaker in overtime to Liberty High School in the second round of the Bulldog Bash Tournament. Trailing by seven entering the fourth quarter the Wildcats battled back to force the extra period before falling to an impressive Liberty team. Senior Erin Meador led the 'Cats with 13 points and 8 rebounds.

The Lady Wildcats could not sustain their first half energy on Tuesday, Dec. 28th against Potomac HS, as they dropped a 71-49 contest in the first round of the Bulldog Bash. After playing their finest half of basketball this season and taking a 28-24 lead into the locker room, the Wildcats were blitzed by the talented Panthers in the third quarter, being outscored 31-16. Centreville was led by junior Chaney Forbush, who had a double/double with 19 points and 11 rebounds. Senior Erin Meador added 15 points and seven rebounds in the Wildcats' loss.

Special Recognition: For her efforts, junior Chaney Forbush was selected to the All-Tournament Team of the Westfield Bulldog Bash.

In earlier season Centreville Lady Wildcats basketball news, the team improved their season record to 6-1 with a 62-32 victory over the Langley Saxons on Tuesday, Dec. 21. CVHS led 27-10 at the half. Senior Erin Meador had 20 points to lead the scoring. Senior Taylor O'Hara added 10 points and 7 rebounds, and Haley Diamond and Jenna Green both chipped in with nine each.

— KAREN FULKERSON

Sports — An Annual Fabric of Life

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in a highly-successful spring season; the Centreville girls' soccer team which went an impressive 8-4-2 overall but just missed out in qualifying for the region playoffs; and the Westfield High girls' basketball team which went 17-4, reached the Concorde District tournament finals and advanced to the region quarterfinals.

Local professional sports highlights for 2010 included the Washington Capitals putting together the best win-loss record in the NHL; Washington Nationals rookie pitcher sensation Stephen Strasburg electrifying the Washington, D.C. home crowd and the entire baseball universe with his debut game, 14 strikeout outing versus the Pirates; and the Wizards landing the top pick in the NBA Draft and selecting point guard extraordinaire John Wall from Kentucky.

I HAVE COVERED high school sports for The Connection/Centre View Newspapers for the past 23 years, and I am still amazed that every contest — regardless of the year, sport, schools involved, or even the players and coaches — is a special, one-of-a-kind event which will never be duplicated. One could attend hundreds of high school football, field hockey

or soccer games and all of those sporting contests would hold their own, distinct characteristics, such as weather elements, the mentality of the individual athletes on that particular day, the recent success or failures of the teams leading up to the game, or even the bigger picture world events taking place at that particular time. No two games are ever exactly alike.

Almost always, the teams and players I have watched compete over the years have played with passion, determination and a healthy will to win within the rules. There is still a sense that high school sports is, overall, pure in a way the professional and college games are not. I get tired of watching enormously high paid pro athletes playing half-heartedly in front of packed stadiums and millions of TV viewers. There is another option — supporting and attending the local high school and youth sports events.

The New Year, God willing, will be filled with more numerous, exciting high school and youth events for local sports aficionados to take in and enjoy. May area high school and youth sports fans throughout Northern Virginia continue to rally around and remain a big part of the local sports scene in 2011.

My best wishes go out to all for a happy, safe and successful New Year.

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FRIDAY/JAN. 7

Stroke and Osteoporosis Screening. 9 a.m. Packages start at \$139. The Centreville Volunteer Fire Department will host a Life Line Screening at 5856 Old Centreville Road, Centreville. To schedule an appointment, call 1-800-697-9721 or visit our website at www.lifelinescreening.com. Pre-registration is required.

TUESDAY/JAN. 11

Preschool Fair. 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Free. Come meet representatives from local preschools who will be prepared to answer your questions. Hosted by the MOMS Club of Centreville North. At Sully District Governmental Center, 4900 Stonecroft Blvd., Chantilly. Visit <http://centrevillenorthmoms.webs.com/preschoolfair.htm>.

Weight Loss Seminar. Free. "The Secrets of Weight Loss for Women." 7 to 8 p.m. With guest speaker Dr. Lucky Bennett. Talk will focus on the importance of achieving and maintaining a healthy weight and the role women's unique biology throughout the lifespan plays in weight management. At the Women's Club Fitness Center and Day Spa, 14175 Sullyfield Circle, Chantilly. Call 703-817-0700 or send and email to womensclub@aol.com to reserve your space.

THURSDAY/JAN. 13

Networking Lunch. 11 a.m. Free. MidatlanticNetworking.com in conjunction with Greg Nerantzis of Merrill Lynch will be hosting a Networking Lunch. At Vintage 51 Restaurant and Brew Lounge, 25031 Riding Plaza, Chantilly. Register in advance by calling 703-722-2844 for directions. Email Jay@MidAtlanticNetworking.com.

SATURDAY/JAN. 15

Fibromyalgia Talk. 2 to 4 p.m. Free. Brian Walitt, MD, rheumatologist and medical director of the new Medstar Fibromyalgia Evaluation and Research Center, will present to the Northern VA Chronic Fatigue Syndrome (CFS, CFIDS, ME), Fibromyalgia (FM), and Orthostatic Intolerance Support group. At the James

McDonnell Room, Sully Governmental Center, 4900 Stonecroft Blvd, Chantilly. cfsupport-owner@yahoo.com, 703-968-9818. cfsnova.com

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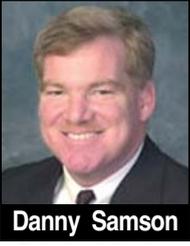
Training Tomorrow's Leaders. 7 p.m. Free. GFWC-Western Fairfax County Woman's Club will host a spokesperson for Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership (HOBY) and an alumni of HOBY's unique leadership training, service-learning, and motivation building experiences. Learn more about this outstanding leadership program and WFCWC's annual sponsorship of a local high school student to attend state seminars. At the Greenbriar Community Center, 4615 Stringfellow Road. Call Jackie at 703-378-8551 or e-mail us at westernfairfaxcountywc@gmail.com.



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