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Home Life Style

Sharing Design Ideas

“Nature inspired and quirky” describe the hideaway designed by Lauren Liess of Herndon. Grasscloth wall and ceiling coverings, diamond patterned sisal rug, an oversized window seat and a pair of distressed silver sconces are just a few of the cozy elements of Liess’s hideaway at the Spring Design House. See special section, starting on page 17.

Help Support Relay for Life

Fast Eddie’s hosts May 14 event.

BY BONNIE HOBBS
CENTRE VIEW

It’s always nice when people can have fun while doing something to help others. And that’s what’ll happen this Saturday, May 14, from noon-7 p.m., at Fast Eddie’s in Centreville.

That’s when The Shooting Stars team will hold a fund-raiser for the American Cancer Society Relay for Life. And event organizer Jim Ohlstrom of Centreville’s Singleton’s Grove community promises a good time for the entire family.

“It’s going to be an awesome event and so much fun for both adults and children,” he said. “It’s

by far the largest fund-raiser our team’s done in the seven years we’ve walked in the relay.”

Fast Eddie’s is at 14114 Lee Highway in the Newgate Shopping Center off Route 29. The event will feature four live bands, games, children’s activities, raffles, door prizes, a silent auction, and free bull-riding and billiards. Donations of \$5 at the door would be appreciated.

Team member Mike Bailey, owner of Potomac Records of Centreville www.potomacrecords.com, is also helping with the event. He got all the bands to help The Shooting Stars raise money for the relay by playing for

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Chantilly Student Wins National Art Award

BY BONNIE HOBBS
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Chantilly High senior Ben Hewer, 17, will be honored this month at New York’s Carnegie Hall. He won a silver medal in the National Scholastics Art and Writing Awards competition for his senior art portfolio.

“This is a huge honor for any art student — very few students are recognized on a national level,” said Chantilly’s Visual Art Department Chair John Adams. “He joins the ranks of many famous artists who won National Scholastics Art

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Chantilly High art student Ben Hewer holds his Coke can and mountain. Visible in the background are his eagle and part of the Chevy.

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NEWS



In front of Middle Gate at Cabel's Mill (from left): Nancy Templer, Barbara Small, Cheryl Repetti, Ginger Minshew, Carol Robinson, Peg Dale, Denise Brown and Barbara Wiley.



Members of Beta Zeta, local Chapter of Alpha Delta Kappa, and families walk the historic loop at the Visitor's Center, Ellanor C. Lawrence Park, with historical interpreter Cheryl Repetti (center).

Chapter Members Explore Local History

Members of Beta Zeta, local Chapter of Alpha Delta Kappa, and families stepped back into Centreville's history as they visited Ellanor C. Lawrence Park and Cabell's Mill on Saturday, April 30. Historical interpreter Cheryl Repetti from Fairfax County Park Authority developed a slide show and talk that showed the people and places of Centreville from colonial days through its involvement in the Civil War to the vast development it is today.

Since the early 1990s, the women educators in Beta

Zeta have provided scholarships for high school seniors in the Centreville area who aspire to be educators themselves.

Their next fundraising activity is a yard sale on Saturday, May 21, on Surrey House Way in Virginia Run. For more information about the yard sale or to make donations to the scholarship fund, contact Chapter President Denise Brown at denisebrown9@cox.net. For more information regarding Ellanor C. Lawrence Park, contact 703-631-0013.

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Sully District CAC Meeting

The next meeting of the Sully District Citizens Advisory Committee will be Tuesday, May 17, at 7 p.m., at the Sully District Governmental Center, 4900 Stonecroft Road, in Chantilly. The topic is "Teens, Alcohol and Drugs, Part II," and parents of teens are encouraged to attend.

Westfield High grad Kyle Guthrie — who spent five days in jail for involuntary manslaughter after a fellow grad was killed — will be the guest speaker. Also speaking will be Sgt. James Cox of the Sully District Police Station; he will discuss the current trends in drug use among Fairfax County's teen-agers.

Poplar Tree Road Widening

Residents may learn more about the Poplar Tree Road widening project at a meeting set for Monday, May 23, from 7-9 p.m., in the Sully District Governmental Center, 4900 Stonecroft Blvd. in Chantilly. In 2007, Fairfax County voters approved a \$110 million Transportation Bond which included funding for the widening of Poplar Tree Road from Sequoia Farms Drive/Sully Station Drive to Braddock Ridge Drive.

Hosted by Supervisor Michael R. Frey (R-Sully) and the county's Department of Public Works, the meeting will explain the project's scope and introduce members of the construction and contractor teams. Afterward, residents may give their comments and feedback.

Help Plan Centreville Day

The public is invited to the next meeting of the Centreville Day planning committee. It's set for Thursday, May 19, at 7:30 p.m., at the Sully District Governmental Center, 4900 Stonecroft Road, in Chantilly. The Friends of Historic Centreville are looking for people with imagination, energy and organizational skills who'd like to learn more about and support their community to help bring back Centreville Day. Committees include entertainment, publicity, history, vendors and more. Contact Cheryl Repetti at cbrepetti@verizon.net or 703-830-5407.

Free Carseat Inspections

Certified technicians from the Sully District Police Station will perform free, child safety carseat inspections Thursday, May 19, 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 correct use of the child seat. Call 703-814-7000, ext. 5140, to confirm dates and times.

Recycle During Electric Sunday

Residents may recycle old TVs, computers, peripheral electronic devices — such as keyboards, speakers, printers and scanners, as well as household hazardous wastes — including fluorescent light bulbs and tubes, for free, during Fairfax County's "Electric Sunday" events. The next one is slated for Sunday, May 22, from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. at the I-66 Transfer Station, 4618 West Ox Road in Fairfax. For more information, call 703-324-5052.

State Legislators To Speak

Five of Sully District's state legislators will address The Sully District Council of Citizens Associations and its Land-Use Committee. They'll be speaking Wednesday, May 25, at 7 p.m., in the Sully District Governmental Center, 4900 Stonecroft Blvd. in Chantilly. For more information, call Jeff Parnes, evenings, at 703-904-0131.

Giving their reports from Richmond will be state Senators Mark Herring (D-33), Chap Petersen (D-34) and David Marsden (D-

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NEWS



The Bittner home



The Stein home

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'Welcome to Our Houses'

Clifton Spring Homes Tour invites visitors in for a peek.

BY BONNIE HOBBS
CENTRE VIEW

Antiques, original artwork and decorations reflecting the owners' interests are just a few of the treats in store for those attending the 39th annual Clifton Spring Homes Tour. It's slated for Thursday, May 19, from 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m., and includes a boutique and silent auction, from 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m., at a marketplace at Paradise Springs Winery's newly completed barn.

Advance tickets are \$20; tour-day tickets, \$25; and single-home admission, \$10. The marketplace activities are free. Lunch will be available at Clifton eateries, and the winery will sell box lunches with advance reservations made at 703-830-9463.

The Clifton Community Woman's Club organizes the tour. All net proceeds support its Charitable Trust which, over the past five years, has contributed more than \$100,000 to local charities and student scholarships. The homes tour is the trust's primary fundraiser and attracts some 600 visitors from throughout the Washington Metropolitan area.

This year's event features five homes, plus the winery's log cabin dating back to the early 1800s on land that was part of the original land grants of Northern Virginia.

"There are 92 members of the Clifton Community Woman's Club and virtually every member volunteers on homes-tour day in one capacity or another," said event Chairman Lynne Garvey Hodge. "This year, we needed over 80 docents to hostess our homes and the cabin."

"It's a beautiful event, and we're grateful to our homeowners who so graciously open their homes for visitors to enjoy," she said. "We also thank Jane Kincheloe Wiles and sons Drew and Kirk, from Paradise Springs Winery, who've generously shared their space and breathtakingly beautiful venue, historic

cabin and new tasting barn with us for the day."

Some parking is available in town, but carpooling is recommended. Free shuttle buses to the homes will leave from Clifton's Ayre Square on Main Street and Paradise Springs Winery, at 13219 Yates Ford Road, approximately every half hour. Shuttles must be used to access the fourth and fifth homes on the tour. Comfortable shoes are advised, and children under 12, including infants, are not allowed inside the homes.

For ticket locations and more information, see <http://cliftoncwc.org/homes-tour-marketplace/> or contact Garvey-Hodge at 703-322-1811 or lynnegarveyhodge@verizon.net. Until her mother, Marion Garvey, died a year ago, they enjoyed going to homes tours together. "I've dedicated my time and energy in chairing this year's tour to special and happy memories of time spent with her," said Garvey Hodge.

Angela Ganey, overseeing the silent auction, anticipates about 100 items, such as foursomes of golf, including cart, \$300 total value, at the Westfield Golf Club and also at the Country Club of Fairfax. There'll be gift certificates to: Ruth Chris Steak House; The Wine House, Fairfax; The Clifton Wine Shop; Tranquility Day Massage, Manassas; Salon Bleu, Tysons Galleria; Persnickey Palm, Leesburg; Saks and Saks salon.

Also up for bid will be four tickets to "Wicked" at The Kennedy Center, four tickets to a George Mason University event, a \$1,300 portrait from Jeff Lubin, a head-and-shoulders pastel portrait from Patty Rice of the Lorton Arts Center, lunch with Del. Tim Hugo (R-40) and lunch with state Sen. George Barker (D-39), as well as a variety of themed gift baskets.

The boutique will feature 11 vendors: Mystic Threads, clothing and accessories for spirited women; Entertaining Designs by Melanie Barry, unique beaded glassware, tableware and accessories; Facetz Designer Jewelry, handcrafted with pearls, crystals and semi-precious gemstones; The Culinary Herb Garden, organic herb mixes, vinegars and oils; Two Laughing Ladies, women's shirts, jewelry and bags; and Fran Spaeder Designs, handmade bags, throws

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The Burdette home



The Mayer home

Fund-Raiser Saturday for Relay for Life

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free. Modern Thieves, 300 Proof, Brygger, and Tilt will perform both covers and originals of Southern, classic and modern rock music.

“Each band plays for one hour, with a half-hour break in between,” said Ohlstrom. “During the breaks, there’ll be kids’ games — limbo, musical chairs and balloon pop. There’ll also be a moonbounce and face painting.”

Tournaments will begin at 2 p.m. Dart tournaments are \$10/person and the winner gets half the money. Corn-hole (beanbag-toss) tournaments are \$25/team, with the winning team also receiving half the money. Running the corn-hole competition is Friends of the Wounded Veterans (www.fotwv.org).

There’s also a Skee-ball tournament, with players vying for a 7-inch Notebook computer with Windows CE. Donating the prize is A.J. Video Amusements, the vendor who has a Skee-ball game in Fast Eddie’s.

For \$5 donations, attendees will receive five raffle tickets; \$10 donors will get 15 tickets. There’ll be 15-20 door prizes, plus raffles for large prizes including mountain bikes, two flat-screen TVs and a \$200 U-Haul gift certificate.

A 50/50 raffle is also planned, with tickets \$1 each. Winners will be called every two hours and will receive half the pot. Regarding the silent auction, bids will be for the construction of an 8x10-foot deck outside the winner’s home. Bids will start at \$500; the deck is valued at \$2,700.

“Fast Eddie’s has helped us out by donating prizes from their vendors, giving us free billiards and bull rides all day and promoting us throughout all their restaurants,” said Ohlstrom. “Rob Jirak, general manager of the Centreville



Some members of The Shooting Stars Relay for Life team are (top row, from left) Ryan Johnson, Chase Leslie, Jeff Greer and Canon Leslie; (middle row, from left) Dave Greer, Cathy Greer, Sharon Corbin, Tim Johnson, Jim Ohlstrom, Betsy Johnson, Kim Kovacic, team captain DeAnna Kessler and Mike Bailey; and (bottom row, from left) Cindy Julius and Doug Kessler.

Fast Eddie’s, is bringing the moonbounce and got some of his vendors to donate raffle and door prizes.”

Jirak is also donating the person in charge of sound, plus the deejay for the music played between the bands’ performances. During the event, both the indoor and outdoor bars will be open, but the indoor bar will be nonsmoking.

Ohlstrom says his 31-member relay team hopes to raise \$10,000 at this event. “It’s been a lot of fun to organize,” he said. “And we’ve

all been touched by cancer in one way or another, through friends and family.”

The Relay for Life is June 4 and, to both Bailey and Shooting Stars team captain DeAnna Kessler, it’s personal. Kessler, of Country Club Manor, lost her grandmother to cancer in March 2003, and Bailey’s father succumbed to it in October 2010.

“My father was battling it for a few years, and I was always taking him to Georgetown University Hospital’s Lombardi Cancer Center for treatments, check-ups,

etc.,” said Bailey. “It was tough seeing your dad — the strong one — completely deteriorate due to this disease. So I enjoy helping and participating in the relay in any way I can.”

When her grandmother died, said Kessler, “That was a difficult time for me because we were very close and she was an important part of my life. Not a day goes by that I don’t think of her. I wanted to do something in her memory and started giving the Relay for Life some thought.”

So in 2005, she started a team.

The first year, it had just 10 members, but they raised about \$2,000. The team quickly grew to more than 30 members and last year raised \$10,000. Proceeds help fund research toward a cure for cancer.

The Centreville Relay has also grown over the past few years from 100 to 600 participants. Some 300 people are already signed up for this year’s relay, with nearly two months left to register. Go to http://main.acsevents.org/site/TR?fr_id=33317&pg=entry.

In 2010 the Centreville Relay received two American Cancer Society South Atlantic Division awards. (The South Atlantic Division consists of all the relays in Virginia, Maryland, Delaware, Georgia and North and South Carolina). One award was for the highest percentage of increase in fund-raising from 2009-2010. The other was for “The Spirit of Relay.”

Kessler called the luminaria ceremony the most moving part of the relay.

“They turn down the lights, show a slide show and read the names on all the luminaria bags,” she said. “The glow from the luminaria bags and the candles we hold are the only light during the ceremony.”

“I hope and pray that some day soon there will be a cure so that we do not continue to lose the people we love to cancer,” said Kessler. “Until then, we will continue to support those fighting cancer, admire the survivors, honor those lost and never, ever give up hope that one day our world will be cancer-free.”

That’s why she and the other Shooting Stars members are hoping for a large turnout at Saturday’s fund-raiser.

Said Ohlstrom: “It’s going to be a great time for such a wonderful cause.”

CRIME REPORT

Activities reported by the Sully police department through May 6.

BURGLARY

A home in the 6200 block of Prince Way was burglarized on Thursday, April 28 between 5 a.m. and 6 p.m. An investigation determined there was no indication of forced entry and a video game system, video games, books and other items were missing.

RABIES VECTOR

Animal Control officers responded to a home in the 4000 block of Braxton Road in Chantilly on Monday, May 2 for a

report of three dogs that attacked and killed a skunk on Saturday, April 30. The skunk was sent to the health department and returned positive for rabies. The three dogs, a chow/terrier mix, a Sheltie mix and a Bernese Mountain Dog, were given booster shots and quarantined for 45 days.

ROBBERY

A 24-year-old pharmacist was robbed at gunpoint while he was working at a Walgreens pharmacy on Tuesday, April 26. A man entered the store at 13926 Lee Highway around 12:52 a.m., produced a gun and demanded drugs from the clerk. The victim complied; the suspect took the bag and walked away. The suspect

was described as white, around 6 feet 1 inch tall and weighed around 150 pounds. He wore a gray hooded sweatshirt, black shorts with a white stripe on the sides and black and white Nike tennis shoes with black socks.

ARREST

Police arrested a man after a brief traffic pursuit on Thursday, April 28. Around 2:42 p.m., an officer attempted to stop a vehicle on traffic charges; the driver allegedly failed to yield and drove to a home in the 4100 block of Galesbury Lane. Officers located the suspect inside and when they tried to detain him, he allegedly resisted. A 20-year-old male of the 4100 block of Galesbury

Lane in Chantilly was taken into custody and charged with resisting arrest, disarming a law enforcement officer, driving while intoxicated, refusal to take a blood-alcohol test, driving without a driver’s license and two counts of assault on a law enforcement officer. No one required medical attention.

LARCENIES

4200 block of Entre Court. Catalytic converter stolen from vehicle.
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14200 block of Sullyfield Circle. Catalytic converter stolen from vehicle.
5000 block of Veronica Road. Bicycle stolen from residence.
14300 block of Brookmere Drive. Gun stolen from vehicle.

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37), plus Delegates Kenneth Plum (D-36th) and Tom Rust (R-86). Invited but declining to attend were Delegates Mark Keam (D-35), Tim Hugo (R-40) and Jim LeMunyon (R-67).

WFCM Seeks Food And Needs Volunteers

Western Fairfax Christian Ministries' (WFCM) food pantry urgently needs donations of jelly, jam, canned pasta, cooking oil (24-48 oz.); mayonnaise (16-32 oz.); ketchup; mustard; juice (64 oz. or smaller); sugar (2-5-lbs.); white rice (1-3 lbs.); instant cocoa; pancake mix; pancake syrup; canned potatoes, collard greens, beets, spinach, mustard greens, carrots, meat and fruit.

Also needed are toiletries, laundry detergent (for 32 loads or less), deodorant, shampoo and toothpaste. Bring all items to WFCM's food pantry at 13981 Metrotech Drive (near the Backyard Grill and Bar) in Chantilly. Several volunteers are also needed:

Food Pantry:

- ❖ The food pantry needs a two-person, volunteer team to pick up from the Fair Lakes Bloom on Mondays at 9:30 a.m.

- ❖ A volunteer to pick up from the Union Mill Giant on Thursdays at 9:30 a.m.

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Chantilly Student Wins National Art Award

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and Writing Awards when they were in high school, including Andy Warhol, Robert Redford, Richard Avedon, John Lithgow, Philip Pearlstein and Truman Capote.”

More than 1,600 students participated in the contest, with Hewer entering in the abstract, mixed-media portion. He used wood, paint and epoxy to create six representations of classic Americana.

“I sketched them out first,” he said. “I made lines and shapes with colored pencils to see what I liked best.”

Hewer then created images of a blue, 1950s Chevrolet; a baseball; hotdog; bald eagle; a red-and-silver Coke can honoring industry and American inventions; and three based on the song, “America the Beautiful” — a field of corn, a purple mountain and an ocean.

“I didn’t do a flag, on purpose, because it’s already linear and blocky, and I wanted to do more complicated shapes and simplify them,” he said. “The idea was to make them more minimalist so people would have to think about them.”

After drawing them, Hewer taped together wooden dowels like a long raft and drew the shapes on them with a pencil. Then he un-taped the dowels, sawed off the ends, spray-painted them, took the dowel scraps and glued them onto the backs of

each design. “It took awhile to figure out the shapes and then almost two hours to cut them all,” he said. “It took the same amount of time to paint them because I had to wait for each coat to dry.”

FOR ADAMS’S Studio Art and Design 4/Portfolio Prep class, students were each doing a series and also had to make a portfolio for the contest. Then Adams chose which students’ works to submit to the competition. For his portfolio, Hewer expanded on the series’ theme.

“I thought it would be interesting to see what I could convey through wooden sticks,” he said. “The toughest part was deciding how I’d represent each item. For example, I thought about wing span for the eagle, but it got too complicated. I also worried about getting them all done on time.” Hewer likes primary colors and simple shapes, so he was pleased with his finished products. “I liked their vibrancy and the fact that each one lets your eye take it in and focus on what it means,” he said. “You think more about the symbolism and less about complicated details. They were common symbols people would normally recognize; but when you bring them down and simplify them, people really have to think to figure out what they are.”

He found out about his award in March

and was thrilled. “I didn’t think people would really get it and I wasn’t confident they were that good, so it was a happy surprise to get it,” said Hewer. “It’s very exciting.” As an extra bonus, in February, his hotdog creation was on display in NOVA’s community art gallery.

A CHANTILLY HIGHLANDS resident, he’s the son of Joel and Michelle Hewer and the brother of twin siblings John and Claire, eighth-graders at Franklin Middle School. He hopes to attend VCU in the fall, possibly majoring in photography and graphic arts. “I’m hoping to end up in the art field, just doing what I love to do,” said Hewer. “I like creating things — taking ideas in my head and making them reality. It’s fun seeing how people react to them and being able to affect people’s emotions. It’s mostly an adventure, experimenting and seeing how things turn out — and my girlfriend, Brenna Darroch, is an inspiration and helps motivate me.”

Since Hewer didn’t decide until the last minute exactly what to include in his portfolio, he had to finish everything on short notice. So, said Adams, “I’m really proud of Ben for sticking it out and completing his portfolio in a timely and meaningful way. He’s a nice guy and is filled with exceptional ideas.”

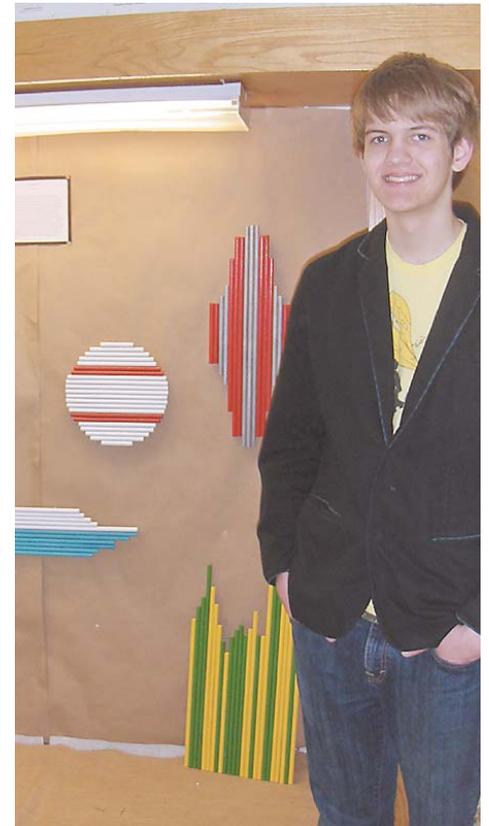


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The baseball, Coke can, Chevrolet and field of corn created by Chantilly artist Ben Hewer.



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Purple Tie Bash Raises Funds for New Field

More than 300 parents, retired and current teachers, administrators, and local elected officials gathered on Saturday, April 30 for the first annual Purple Tie Bash presented by the Chantilly High School Athletic Boosters to benefit Charger Turf 2011 — the school's plan for the installation of a new synthetic turf field in the Charger's stadium.

There to support this community benefit were representatives from local government including Kathy Smith, Sully Representative and Chair, Fairfax County School Board, and Mike Frey, Supervisor, Sully District, Fairfax County Board of Supervisors

The evening's festivities, co-chaired by Terri Donovan, president of the Chantilly Athletic Boosters and Terry Brown, director of Student Activities at the school was held at the Westin Washington Dulles Hotel. The event included a Silent Auction of donated items including beach and mountain resort weekends, sports memorabilia, golf outings and resulted in more than \$25,000 raised for Charger Turf 2011.

A highlight of the program included a 5-minute video "Turf Wars" written and produced by Chantilly High School retired assistant principal Debbie Santmyer. This program opener featured a humorous "day in the life" at Chantilly High School's Office of Student Activities when rain and adverse field conditions wreak havoc on field access for games, and marching band practice.

It underscored the importance of the evening's cause — and the additional 2,400 hours of new community access time that a new synthetic field will bring to the school and community.

Chantilly's principal Jim Kacur recognized major Charger Turf 2011 contributions made by FieldTurf — A Tarkett Sports Company; Strittmatter Construction; Chantilly Athletic Boosters; Chantilly Music Boosters and the Chantilly Youth Association. The Chantilly Youth Association, a major beneficiary of new community access hours on the field, has pledged \$350,000 toward the new field.

The second annual Purple Tie Bash will be held on Saturday, Feb. 11, 2012.



From left: Chantilly High Assistant Principal Mike Burch, Director of Student Activities Terry Brown and Athletic Boosters parent Rick Arnold put the finishing touches on table centerpieces for the Purple Tie Bash that raised more than \$25,000 for Charger Turf 2011.

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OPINION

In Recognition of Small Business Week

Show support for local businesses May 15-21, small business week.

Small businesses, especially locally owned retail stores and restaurants, are part of what defines any community. Their livelihood depends on the livability and quality of the neighborhoods around them.

Frequently, it is the small retail person who is active as a volunteer in fundraising and advocating for local charities, for fire and rescue service, for local schools and in organizing community events.

Local retail stores, mom-and-pop stores and restaurants, have weathered some very tough times in the last few years. Many of the costs of doing business have increased, (price of gas, for example) while many businesses defined a successful year in 2010 if revenues did not decline — again — from the previous year.

And small businesses are critical to economic recovery. In Virginia, small businesses make up more than 97 percent of employers and nearly

50 percent of non-government employment.

And while Northern Virginia's economy has fared far better than almost any other region in the country, small, locally owned, community-oriented businesses have not universally shared in bounty.

The small business owner must be master of the budget and doing more with less. He or she must stay up to date on changing regulations while they market their business, manage benefits and employee schedules and maintain the company's edge in serving its customers.

EDITORIALS From May 15-20, show support to your locally owned small businesses.

Shop locally. Eat locally. Greet the business owner and tell her that you're there this week to support small, local business.

Then be sure to come back on a regular basis. Your hometown quality of life depends on it.

Local Winners

Washington Metropolitan Area District Office of the Small Business Administration will honor several local business people and organizations this week.

This year's Washington Metro Minority Business Champion is Danny Vargas of Herndon, president of VARCom Solutions, a marketing and public relations firm. A U.S. Air Force veteran and former Fortune 500 executive, he served as chairman of the Dulles Regional Chamber of Commerce, the first Hispanic to chair a mainstream chamber in Virginia, according to the chamber. Vargas grew the Dulles Hispanic Business Council and developed a professional support program for local small business owners. Vargas also serves on the advisory board of the Virginia Chamber of Commerce, the Commission of the National Museum of the American Latino, the Virginia Workforce Council, and the Board of the Northern Virginia Family Service.

Small Business Development Center of Excellence and Innovation award this year honors the Mason Small Business Development Center at George Mason University for providing value to small businesses through innovation. The Mason Small Business Development has a team of certified small business counselors who have helped more than 765 entrepreneurs in the past two years, nurturing more than 60 startup companies and retaining more than 1,200 area jobs.

Reporting on Day 1 of Police Unity Tour

The following is Kevin Whalen's first-person account of the first day (May 10) of the Police Unity Tour.

6:59 a.m.

Dear friends, family and supporters.

We are preparing our bikes and bodies to leave Richmond on our first leg to Charlottesville, 90 miles of hills. Keep us safe with your thoughts and prayers, and thank a police officer today for his or her service.

ON THE ROAD

Last night I gave out motivational cards to all the riders, made by my son Connor and his 4th grade class Ms Harmon, at Colin Powell Elementary School, and Ms Coulter 2nd grade. All of the cops and feds love them. Favorite line is "You can do it!"

8:57 p.m.

Hi everyone,

What a ride today, from Richmond to Charlottesville. The weather was awesome. Got hot after lunch though, with some sunburn on the legs. The rolling country roads were beautiful to see on a bike, but easier on your body in a car. I burned 5250 calories today, pedaling 92 miles. Everyone used their Colin Powell cards to get them through it, and we said "We can do it", in the Adam Sandler voice from "Water Boy." My son Connor and his schoolmates set us up good.;

Before we began our ride we had speeches from some of the Fairfax County PD survivors, especially Mrs. Garbarino and her two daughters. Every one of the 65 riders takes a turn at breaks in the day to talk to our group about the officer they are riding for. We all got pumped up to ride strong. I will have my turn tomorrow to get us all pumped up again. Two

of the 12 motorcycles that are escorting us and protecting us in this ride are Virginia State Troopers. They said thanks to me for riding for their fallen officer, Trooper Mark Barrett. It feels good to ride for the officer they lost. I also received an email from Mrs. Barrett, and she will be meeting me in D.C. with her two children to receive the bracelet I am wearing in his honor.

We did have some rough times today. Everyone was talking with each other during the ride in the morning and helping each other make it to lunch. I brought up the rear a couple times and helped some of the tired riders make it over the hills. In the afternoon, the sun kicked in and everyone started to feel their bodies get tired and hurting. We all rode 2x2 and drafted each other in unison and were quiet in our thoughts for who each of us rode for, and why. We rode as one for those who died in the line of duty.

With 75 miles in, we had two biker accidents. One with a female Fairfax officer clipping my rear wheel by accident, and falling off her bike and rolling off the road and down a hill. Our medics took care of her quickly and she checked out OK at the hospital with a bruised shoulder. She's tough and was lucky, and she's getting on the bike again in the morning. Another happened soon after with two riders hitting each other and falling in front of me. Miraculously, neither were hurt bad, and no one else crashed into them. We all finished safe, toasted a few cold ones, had dinner together and laughed about the stories from today.

Tomorrow, we know it's going to be tougher. We leave at 8 a.m. for Warrenton. 80 miles of bigger hills. We need your prayers to keep us safe and help us make it. On Thursday, Warrenton to Centreville to D.C. will be a



Kevin Whalen

breeze. On funny stories, I became the "Flagman." I have a bag on the back of my bike, full of small U.S. flags, handing out to people who cheer and wave us on. For law enforcement, I hand out the blue ribbons to put on the police motorcycles and cars and trucks we have. I'm saving a batch for Centreville. We need you and the community to cheer us on Route 29 Thursday, May 12, around 9:30-9:45, from Route 66 to Route 28, to Pickwick, to Stringfellow, to West Ox. Hope to see some of you.

Thanks,
Kevin

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Supporting Rescuers

The sisters of the Greater Northern Virginia Council of Beta Sigma Phi donated \$1,000 to the Virginia Task Force 1 Fairfax County Urban Search & Rescue (USAR). As a service sorority, members from our council of Beta Sigma Phi met with the team after their return from helping tsunami victims in Japan and chose to designate the donation to the K-9 unit. The rescue dogs are not funded and are most often individually owned and trained. With members of the VATF-1 team are GNVC executive board members, from left, Larissa Miller, vice-president; Bonnie Fairbank, president; and Patty Byrd, treasurer. See www.betasigmaphi.org

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Sharing Belief In Common Good

To the Editor:

In life we are given one voice. I choose to use mine to stand with Saira Bhatti, a teenager from Centreville. Our community supports her statement. She showed commendable leadership in her commentary ["Common Evil," CentreView, May 5] as she shared her relief and pride as an American Muslim upon learning of the death of Osama bin Laden.

As an American born in Fairfax County with German ancestry, I feel empathy and am thankful for Saira's courage in standing against evil.

Our community stands together lifting our voices against the common evils of terrorism and tyranny. To paraphrase a quote attributed to Edmund Burke, "All that is necessary for the triumph of evil is for good people to do nothing."

Will Radle

The writer is an independent candidate for chairman of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors. Reach him at FairfaxAdvocates@gmail.com.

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

Smart Markets Centreville kicked off its summer season May 6 at 5875 Trinity Parkway in Centreville. The guaranteed producer-only farmers' market offers shoppers an array of delicious fruits, vegetables, baked goods, wines and prepared foods. Smart Markets will operate every Friday through the end of October from 3:30-6:30 p.m.

Westfield Summer Stage celebrates 11 years of summer musicals with the classic Kander and Ebb musical "Chicago," which dances its way onto the Westfield High School in late July. Prospective cast members should attend an audition workshop on May 16 at 6:30 p.m. where material for the vocal and dance auditions will be taught. Auditions are May 21, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Callbacks are May 22 from 2 to 5 p.m. Rehearsals begin June 27, and are on weekday evenings until the performances July 21-24. All activities are at Westfield High School in Chantilly.

Auditions are open to Northern Virginia students

in rising grades 7-12, plus 2011 high school graduates. All roles are open including Roxie Hart, Velma Kelly, Mama Morton, Amos Hart, Billy Flynn, Mary Sunshine, and the Emcee, plus the Dance Company and Ensemble. Approximately 45 actors will be cast in the production, which will be directed by the long-time Summer Stage team of Lori Knickerbocker (director), Yvonne Henry (choreographer), Charlie Manship (musical director), and Carol Jones (vocal director). The workshop fee is \$300. Visit www.westfieldtheatreboosters.com or call 703-488-6439.

Craft Vendors are needed for the Holiday Bazaar and Craft Fair on Saturday, Nov. 12 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Centreville United Methodist Church, 6400 Old Centreville Road. Leased spaces for vendors are going quickly. Contact novemberbazaar@hotmail.com or 703-830-2684.

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- ❖ Thursday, May 26 — 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.
- ❖ Tuesday, June 14 — 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.
- ❖ Thursday, June 23 — 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.

THURSDAY/MAY 12

Auditions for "Hairspray." Thursday, May 12 from 6 to 9 p.m. Presented by The Alliance Theatre, a western Fairfax County community theatre group. At Mountain View School in Centreville. Call backs will be held Saturday, May 14 from 1 to 4 p.m. at Mountain View School. Contact Sarah Meiburg at 571-213-3170 or sarah.meiburg@hazelnutmarketing.com.

MAY 13-14-15

Capital Cabaret: Presented by The Alliance Theatre at Mountain View High School, this event features music from several Broadway shows, plus favorites from the 1950s, '60s, '70s and '80s. May 13-14 at 7:30 p.m.; May 8 and 15 at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$10; group orders are available via www.thealliancetheatre.org or e-mail boxoffice@thealliancetheatre.org. Mountain View is at 5775 Spindle Court, behind Glory Days Grill in Centreville.

FRIDAY/MAY 13

All Members Meeting. 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. The MOMS Club of Clifton/Centreville South will be holding their monthly All Members Meeting at Little Rocky Run Rec Center #1, at 13775 Little Rock Run Circle, Centreville. This meeting will be open to all new and prospective moms who are interested in learning more about the club. The MOMS Club of Clifton/Centreville-South chapter is for moms living in the 20121 and 20124 ZIP codes. A light lunch and refreshments will be served. Kids will be able to enjoy crafts and games. To RSVP, email Julia Campbell at memberinfo.ccs@gmail.com.

MOMS Club Meeting. 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. The MOMS Club of Clifton/Centreville South will be holding their monthly All Members Meeting at Little Rocky Run Rec Center #1, at 13775 Little Rock Run Circle, Centreville. This meeting will be open to all new and prospective moms who are interested in learning more about the club. The MOMS Club of Clifton/Centreville-South chapter is for moms living in the 20121 and 20124 ZIP codes. To RSVP, email Julia Campbell at memberinfo.ccs@gmail.com.

SATURDAY/MAY 14

Flea Market. 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Oakton Baptist Church of Chantilly is sponsoring a Flea Market. Coffee, donuts, chips, hot dogs, and soda will also be available. The church is located at Route 50 and Sullyfield Circle, Chantilly.

Spring Carnival. 10 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. (closed 4:30-6:30 p.m.) Pony rides, bungee jumping, slides, magic shows (11:30 and 1:30 p.m.), Vencro wall, preschool pirate cove play area and more. Two live bands perform from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. At St. Andrew the Apostle Catholic School in Clifton.

Spring Jam Fest. 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. A Christian rock, alternative, metal and hip hop music outreach festival. Featuring P.O.D., Brian "Head" Welch, Emery, DA T.R.U.T.H., Run Kid Run, War of Ages, and DJ Promote. Conceived by Jonathan Slye, age 17. At Bull Run Park's Special Events Center, 7700 Bull Run Drive, Centreville. For tickets, go to <http://springjamfest.com/>.

"Rocknoceros Rocks for Preemies." 11 a.m. A fundraiser for the Preemies Today Organization, a nonprofit that helps families affected by prematurity. At Green Acres Center, 4401 Sideburn Road in Fairfax. Afterward, food will be available from Pat Troy's Irish Pub, and there'll be raffles and a huge silent auction. Purchase Tickets at www.preemiestoday.org. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children. Children under 1 are free. Centreville's Georgie Heard, whose twin sons were born prematurely, is helping organize the event.

Super Science Saturdays. 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Free. The theme

is "Astronomy." Super Science Saturdays take place from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on the second Saturday of each month, offering activities focused a different science concept. Through demonstrations and hands-on activities, visitors will become immersed in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) topics related to aviation and space exploration. At the National Air and Space Museum, Steven F. Udvar-Hazy Center, 14390 Air and Space Museum Parkway, Chantilly. Visit: <http://www.nasm.si.edu/events/superscience/>.

Annual Plant Sale. 9 a.m. Perennials, annuals and herbs for sale by Centreville Garden Club. In front of Giant Food, 5615 Stone Road, Sully Station, Centreville. Learn more at centrevilllegardenclub.blogspot.com or email: centrevilllegardenclub@gmail.com. Call 703-815-1722.

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Puma Pounce 5K Race and 1.5 Mile Fun Run. All runners who register before April 9th are guaranteed a race T-shirt and goodie bag. Entry fee is \$20 before April 9 and \$25 after. Same day registration begins at 7:30 a.m. on May 14. Race begins at 8:30 a.m. Entry form is available at Colin Powell Elementary School or on PTA website at www.cpespta.org. Email Michele at mmezher@juno.com. At Colin Powell Elementary School, 13340 Leland Road, Centreville.

MONDAY/MAY 16

Open House. 6:15 to 7:45 p.m. Pender American Heritage Girl Scout Troop 1907 will host an open house. At Pender United Methodist Church, 12401 Alder Woods Drive, Fairfax. Visit the website at www.ahgonline.org or contact Cherie Kronimus at 703-815-6197 or ahg1907@gmail.com.

MAY 19, 20, 21

Blackbox Art Intensive. Theater students at Chantilly High will present an experimental-theater performance at an event called Blackbox Art Intensive. The school's blackbox theater (Room 106) will be transformed into an apartment in Paris. Show times are Thursday, Friday and Saturday, May 19, 20 and 21, at 8 p.m. Andrew Reid plays Henry, Amanda Miesner is Sonia, Shaan Sharma portrays Hubert and Kelsey Monk plays Inez. Directed by Shannon Khatchersian. Seating is limited. Tickets are \$5 at the door or via www.chantillyhsdrama.com.

THURSDAY/MAY 19

Clifton Spring Homes Tour. 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Advance tickets/\$20; day of tour/\$25; single home/\$10. Tour five decorated homes; boutique shop; silent auction; tour the Paradise Springs Winery; box lunches (\$12.95; \$19.95 with wine). Call Lynne Garvey-Hodge at 703-322-1811; lghassoc@erols.com; lynnegarveyhodge@verizon.net; Cliftoncwc.org

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MAY 20-22

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SATURDAY/MAY 21

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CHS Presents 'Stage Door'

BY CHRISTINE COTE
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The life of a theatre actress in the Big Apple is never an easy existence. With stray jobs here and there, cost of food and living, an actress is faced with numerous obstacles, but if you love it, you should be willing to die for it. This struggle was shown in Chantilly High School's production of "Stage Door" over the weekend.

CAPPIES REVIEW

"Stage Door," written by Edna Ferber and George S. Kaufman, follows the stories of young aspiring actresses who all live together in New York City. Each must keep up their rent with jobs in the theatre, but roles are difficult to attain in a city bursting with competition. The conflict between theatre performance and movie "acting" gives rise to much of the plot throughout the show. The main character, Terry Randall struggles between her passion for the theatre or the sustenance movies can provide. Additionally, as in all shows, love prevails and Terry follows her heart.

As Terry Randall, Amanda Miesner, encompassed the character's inner struggle dealing with the struggles of her lifestyle. Randall showed true characterization in her performance by heightening her emotions and showing motivation behind her thought. Though the energy level stagnated

through the middle of the performance, she provided more energy towards the end, making the final scene with David Kingsley, played by Adrian Tafesh, very enjoyable. Tafesh had fantastic physicality as the major movie producer, making his encounters with each character believable and distinguished among the rest. The final scene was well-executed by the two and brought the performance to a wonderful end.

The supporting roles enhanced the world created by the leads, adding much comic relief to the performance. Judith Canfield, played by Connor Haggerty, was an incredibly humorous character, adding her own opinions to each situation in the story. Haggerty's performance was especially enjoyable in the second act because of her great energy and comedic timing in relation to the other characters. Other standout roles included Alex Johnson as Jean, Matt Tillman as Keith, Angela Virostek as Bernice, Robbie Novak as Sam Hastings, Natalie Spitzel as Olga, Grace Gardner as Linda, and Monica Holtz as Susan. The ensemble in general maintained the believability of the performance with the girls walking in and out, making sure the audience knew it was comparable to "Grand Central Station."

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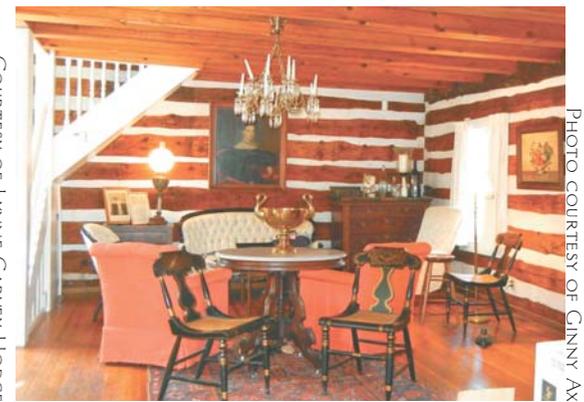
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THE STEIN HOME

Built in 1902, the Dell Avenue home of Michelle and Jeff Stein doubled in size after two additions. Paintings and mosaics done by Michelle's mother adorn the entry and family room. Various works by other artists are also on display.

This bright and cheerful house has a green family room to bring the feeling of nature indoors. One bathroom is painted purple and another is electric blue, and the sunny kitchen boasts yellow countertops.

THE BURDETTE HOME

A farmhouse-style home with a wrap-around porch and rockers welcomes visitors to the Clifton Heights Lane home of Wendy and Tom Burdette. Built in 2000, it features a contemporary, open floor plan and a two-story foyer. Highlighting the family room is a stone fireplace and window views of rolling hills outside.

There's a French Provincial kitchen, a red dining room and bedrooms furnished with family antiques. For entertaining, the house also has a bar that came from a Washington, D.C., restaurant, a billiard room

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THE MAYER HOUSE

Owned by Kathleen and Jack Mayer, this Georgian-style brick Colonial on Wyckland Drive has a wealth of architectural details, including four arches leading from one room to another, heavy moldings and clamshell niches. But the focal point is the double staircase. Designer paints adorn each room, and the oval dining-room table was created by Keith Fritz who also made a table for former President Bill Clinton. It's made of French walnut and can seat 20. The home also contains a wine cellar, plus artwork by David Cochran.

THE JONES HOUSE

The large, hilltop home of Pam and Rob Jones on Yates Ford Road has a cream-colored-brick exterior with black trim. The living and dining rooms are painted in a deep blue to match the Jones's collection of Delft china. Pam grew up on a farm, and the chicken and rooster decorations in the central kitchen are reminiscent of her roots.

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Unbeaten Chargers Reach Girls' Lacrosse Finals

Norwood, Graviano pave the way for Chantilly in district semis win over Robinson.

BY RICH SANDERS
CENTRE VIEW

It's as if winning has become second nature for the Chantilly High girls' lacrosse team this season. That was certainly the case during the regular season where the Chargers went a perfect 16-0 and finished first in the Concorde District standings.

And this past Monday, May 9, Chantilly added a postseason victory to its spring resume when it held off a determined and persevering Robinson Secondary team, 15-11, in a district tournament semifinals play-off contest played on a brilliant spring evening at Chantilly.

Chantilly, which earned a first round tournament bye as a result of its top seeding, was scheduled to meet No. 3 seed Oakton in the district title game on Thursday, May 12 at 5:30. The finals contest will take place at Chantilly. Oakton reached the championship game by defeating No. 2 Westfield in another semifinals game on Monday.

The top four district tournament finishers - Chantilly, Oakton, Robinson, and Westfield - each will compete at next week's 16-team Northern Region tournament.

Chantilly, now 17-0, has good talent, a solid work ethic in practices and games, and a winner's mindset. All of those qualities have made the Chargers one tough team to beat.

"We never lose," said senior midfielder Sonia Wang, not intending to sound boastful of her club's accomplishment, just matter-of-fact. "So teams come out fired up and really trying to beat us."

Robinson (7-6), which lost its regular season meeting at Chantilly, 11-8, on April 6,



Robinson got some good scoring looks at times, but Chantilly goalie Liz Graviano (21) came up with numerous impressive saves. Looking for the shot here is Robinson's Campbell Collier.

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has shown good improvement this season after last year's 4-9 record. While not overpowering - the Rams were 2-3 in regular season district games - they play all out and don't seem to get discouraged when they fall behind. Throughout a good portion of Monday's semifinals against the Chargers, Robinson, while never having a lead, stayed with the elite Chantilly team much of the game.

ROBINSON trailed just 5-3 at halftime and

got within 5-4 early in the second half on a catch-and-shoot, close range goal by Campbell Collier, who, for the game, scored six goals to lead the Rams. But Chantilly scored the game's next five goals, two of those scores coming from Wang, to build up a nice 10-4 advantage with less than 17 minutes remaining.

The Rams hung tough, scoring four of the game's next six goals, two apiece from Collier and Katie McHugh, to stay within striking distance at 12-8 with just over five

minutes left. The Chargers curbed the Rams' late game momentum with goals from Wang and Maddie Wallace to take a fairly commanding 14-8 lead. Collier answered with consecutive scores to get the guests within 14-10 with 90 seconds still to play. It was a gallant effort by Robinson that got no closer and fell by the 15-11 outcome.

"There are so many good things they do," said Robinson coach Sally Collier, of her Rams. "They fought hard to the last second of the game. I feel like we're right on the verge of winning a game like that."

Perhaps the Rams will get such a win at regionals. Coach Collier said her squad has progressively improved throughout the season and gotten better at executing the game's fundamentals, such as throwing and catching, curtailing loose balls, and moving well on defense. Robinson, during the regular season, did not lose a district game by more than three goals.

Along with Campbell Collier's six goals on Monday, the Rams also got three scores from McHugh and one each from Alexis Mooney and Austin Courtney.

Chantilly's top scorer in the win was Kacey Norwood, who scored six times. Wang also came up big with four goals. Also scoring for the Chargers were Christina Gonzalez, Shannon Strittmater, Wallace, Kylie Chaplin, and Brooke Fitzgerald. Liz Graviano played a terrific game in the net for the Chargers.

Coach Collier said the Rams, while getting some good scoring chances against Chantilly, had a difficult time in beating goalie Graviano, a First Team All-District selection at the position. Time and time throughout the game, Graviano, although

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Westfield Baseball Bats Sizzling on Senior Night

Bulldogs set to wrap up regular season schedule with game at Oakton on Friday night.

BY RICH SANDERS
CENTRE VIEW

Two of the top high school baseball teams in the Concorde District - Westfield, an established, year-in and year-out Northern Region force, and Herndon, one of the better up-and-coming programs in the region - met in a key, late regular season game last Friday night.

While neither squad entered the contest atop the district standings - that accolade going to Oakton High - both teams are highly regarded and will likely enter next week's district tournament with good seedings.

On Friday, it was Westfield, playing at home and celebrating its Senior Night, which stepped up with a huge, momentum-building win, overcoming an early deficit and defeating the Hornets, 12-2, in a con-

test that ended in the fifth inning due to the 10-run mercy rule.

Westfield, ahead by a comfortable 10-2 lead, scored two more runs in the bottom of the fifth inning. The latter run, with one out, crossed the plate on senior catcher Hayden Ferington's RBI groundout to create a 10-run differential and automatically end the game.

Ferington, one of the seven Westfield seniors honored during special pre-game Senior Night festivities, had a big game that included an RBI double, an RBI single, three runs scored, and the game-ending RBI groundout.

"The emotions were definitely running high," said Ferington, of the Senior Night celebrations that took place.

Westfield, with the win, improved its record to 14-3 overall and 6-2 in the district. The Bulldogs, less than two weeks

earlier, had lost at Herndon, 9-4, on April 25 and were looking to square things up in Friday's meeting.

"We wanted to show that the last time we had lost to them - that we're better than that," said Ferington.

Westfield, last year's district tournament champions, will enter the district playoffs next Wednesday, May 18 as either the No. 1 or 2 seed. The Bulldogs, vying with current first place team Oakton (14-4 overall, 7-1 district) for regular season championship honors, are scheduled to wrap up the regular season this week with district road games at Chantilly on Tuesday, May 10, and at Oakton this Friday night, May 13 at 6:30. The regular season-finale game with Oakton, which defeated Westfield, 5-4, in a home game on April 26, will likely finalize top seedings for districts.

"We're trying to give ourselves some mo-

mentum for the district tournament," said Westfield junior pitcher Kyle Corwin, who went four innings to earn the win over Herndon on Friday.

Corwin said winning Friday's game for the 12th grade members of the team was especially important for him and his fellow underclassmen teammates.

"On Senior Night, we wanted to get a win for our seniors and send them off on a good note," said Corwin.

Herndon (9-4 overall, 4-4 district), while out of the running for the No. 1 or 2 seeds for districts, has plenty to play for over the remainder of this season. The Hornets, who did not qualify for the 16-team Northern Region playoffs last year, are determined to do so this season. To make regionals, Herndon must win a first round district tournament game next week. Coach Greg

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Bats Sizzle on Senior Night

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Miller's squad will likely go into the districts as a No. 4 seed. Herndon was set to wrap up its regular season schedule this week with district games against host Robinson on Tuesday and against visiting Chantilly this Friday night at 6:30.

"What we have to do is put [the loss to Westfield] behind us," said Miller. "The loss is disappointing. We didn't really match their intensity tonight. It's not that we didn't play hard. We've still got a good team. Maybe this is what we need - sometimes a loss can give you a spark."

HERNDON SCORED two runs in the top of the second inning to jump ahead of Westfield, 2-0. Parker Hill, a junior left fielder, smacked a one out, line drive single into center field to start the rally. Junior third baseman Chris Dugan, from the No. 7 spot in the batting order, then sent a sizzling, opposite field line drive down the first base line for an RBI triple. The next batter, sophomore first baseman Austin Schnarrs, plated Dugan with an RBI ground out to make it 2-0 Hornets.

But those would be the only two runs Herndon would get. For the game, Corwin, Westfield's right-handed starting pitcher, limited Herndon to the two runs and four hits over his four innings of work. He struck out five and walked none. Westfield's Johnny Gullette pitched one inning of scoreless relief.

Following the second inning, Herndon's only base hits came from leadoff hitting second baseman Dylan Garten (third inning single) and sophomore Ky Parrott (fourth inning infield single). There were other instances in which Herndon players hit the ball well only to see Westfield outfielders make good plays - such as a deep fly ball to center fielder Danny Bulas off the bat of Tyler Reif in the first inning, and another ball hit by Reif in the third inning which resulted in a nifty, sliding catch by Westfield right fielder Matt Pisarcik.

Westfield did not score off Herndon starting pitcher

Addison Wright (3 innings) in the first inning. But the Bulldogs scored four in the bottom of the second to take a 4-2 lead before getting another run in the third and five more in the fourth.

Westfield knocked around three doubles in the second - two baggers by Wade Arduini, Ferington (RBI), and No. 9 hitter Pisarcik (2 RBI). In the third, Arduini, a junior first baseman, hit another double before scoring on an RBI single into center field by



Westfield pitcher Kyle Corwin tossed four solid innings to earn the decision in the Bulldogs' home win over Herndon last Friday night.

Ferington to make the score 5-2. Key Westfield base hits in the five-run fourth inning came from senior left fielder Aaron Hoover (RBI triple) and Corwin (RBI single). Multi-hit games for the Bulldogs came from Hoover (3 hits), Corwin (2 hits), Arduini (2 hits), Ferington (2 hits), and Pisarcik (2 hits).

It was a rare tough showing for Wright, the Herndon pitcher who has been a key part of the Hornets' success this spring.

"Addison has had a great year," said Miller, the Herndon coach.

Corwin, the Westfield starter, just wanted to keep his team in the game early on. "My job as a pitcher is not to strike everybody out, but to hold them to a limited amount of runs and keep us in the game," said Corwin. "I didn't want the game to slip away [in Herndon's, 2-run second inning]."

Ferington, the Bulldogs' catcher, was pleased with Corwin's showing. "He spotted his fastball pretty well and his curve was over the plate," said Ferington.

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not perfect in the net, made sparkling saves to keep the game's momentum in Chantilly's favor.

"She is a great goalie," said Collier, of the Chantilly junior. "She was the goalie of the year for the Concorde District. She has a lot of respect from our team and the other coaches in the Concorde District."

Graviano, Chantilly's first year varsity starter in the net, has played virtually every minute of every game at the position this spring. The Rams gave her a good workout on Monday.

"It was nerve-wracking," she said, of going up against a good team in such a big game. "A lot of times their girls got through [for good opportunities]. But I love playing goalie. I'm not very fast but have good reflexes."

Said Chantilly coach Tina Plaugher, "She's very focused and has very good reactions and good placement and instincts."

Graviano, the Chargers' JV goalie last year, said Chantilly has good team chemistry and that the players play for each other and as a unit. Several of the Chargers play together on a club team called Future Elite.

"We all get along well," said Graviano. Then, with a smile, she added, "Seniors will talk to the freshmen. A lot of us play club team in the summer, so we have that chemistry."

PLAUGHER, a former head coach at Marshall High who is in her first season at Chantilly, liked her team's aggressive approach offensively against Robinson. There were times when the Chargers would set up their offense and work the ball around patiently for a good opportunity. When there was a scoring chance, Chantilly went hard to the goal area for shots.

"I felt we knew when to drive to the goal and took the opportunities when we had it," said Plaugher.

The coach said her team's offense has benefited greatly from a defense that consistently makes stops and creates transition scoring opportunities.

"I think our defense has been huge in allowing our attack to gain momentum and gain a tempo," she said.

While Chantilly did get its share of scoring chances and goals in the playoff win over Robinson, nothing came easily against the Rams and their goaltender, Cassie Raithel, who, like her counterpart on the other end of the field, made some spectacular saves on some straight-on, sizzling shots on the net.

Both Chantilly and Robinson have more postseason play ahead of them with the Chargers having reached the district finals and both teams looking forward to regionals. Plaugher said her Chargers have not overly focused on being unbeaten.

"We are focused on the next game, not on what our record is," she said. "We look at how we can play the best we can every game."

'Your Home Should Make You Happy'

Design trends include more personal touches, smaller spaces, lower maintenance materials.

BY CLAIRE MCKENNA
CENTREVIEW

Many local interior designers participated in this Spring's design house to benefit Children's National Medical Center. Several reflected on recent trends and offered insight on why good design matters.

"Most of us are looking at our home now as more than an investment," said Barbara Franceski of Alexandria, who designed the family room in the design house. "We plan to stay in place for a longer period of time, and with that comes a desire to enjoy life right where we are."

For that reason, "personal expression is more center stage than ever," Franceski said. Homeowners want to use original, unique art to animate spaces, and can even turn to digitally printed wallpaper to create something unique for themselves. People are mixing materials like contemporary Lucite pieces with wood and alabaster and metals.

"We're embracing originality rather than a stale, decorated look."

DESIGNER MICHAEL ROBERSON of Arlington also referred to "a new eclecticism." This style consists of an "interesting mix of things we've never mixed before."

It used to be that eclectic design combined different historic and modern styles that in one way or another related to each other, she said. But now this is not always a requirement.

"Literally everything in the room is unique from everything else," Roberson said. "People seem to be simply putting what they like in a room."

This design technique can "sometimes be wonderful," but Roberson also implies that it also has the potential for disaster.

That's one reason Nancy Colbert of McLean, who designed the library in DC Design House, recommends consulting a designer, as well as checking other resources.

"Whether you're planning on going it alone, or choose to seek help [from a designer], spend time investigating current design magazines or websites to get a sense of what feels good for you."

In gathering ideas from these different sources, Colbert says new decorators may find "a place to build

their vision."

One trend Colbert observes: "We're seeing less and less brown wood." Until recently, most furniture finishes consisted of some variation of brown wood. Now, however, decorators are noticing more painted and combination finishes on furniture pieces.

LAUREN LIESS OF HERNDON was the designer of a "hideaway" bedroom in the design house that was designed

as a relaxing place to enjoy the window seat, take a nap, write at the Parson's desk or share a cup of tea.

Her wing chair in the hideaway bedroom included its back upholstered in a Michael Smith floral while the seat and front of the chair are dark velvet.

For home decorators looking for a casual design, Liess suggests "using a casual mix of patterns and textures is a more relaxed way to design a room."

Grass-cloth wallpaper, in bedrooms or living areas, is one way to add texture.

MANY DESIGNERS have welcomed more business lately as clients look to redecorating as an alternative to relocating. "People seem to be re-doing what they already have rather than moving" says Juliana Cunningham, head of Juliana's Home Interiors in Clifton.

Cunningham commented on the recent trend for clients to simplify the redecorat-

ing process themselves. She said that renovating window treatments like panes, blinds and shutters "used to be a more labor-intensive process," but people now seem to be turning to simple shades to compliment their windows.

The designer also echoed many of her fellow designers in commenting on the lack of bold colors seen in homes recently.

"We're seeing much more middle-of-the-color-wheel combinations in all rooms," Cunningham said.

Allie Mann of Case Design agreed, saying "Grey is the new beige."

The designer assures anyone looking for a color change in their home that grey is a safe and smart option. "It can work in many rooms," using the successful blend of "Charleston Grey" in the master bedroom in the design house with the "Corn Forth White" she used in the master bathroom which she designed to support her argument.

Like Cunningham, Mann has noticed many of her clients seeking a less laborious approach to redecorating their homes. Rather than the big additions Mann saw in the early 90s, the designer has noticed "a resurgence of people making better use of smaller spaces."

Mann added that many clients were "asking for more low-maintenance projects." Rather than purchasing materials for their new countertops or floors that require constant upkeep, homeowners are looking for lower maintenance options.

For example, Mann, who specializes in kitchen and bathroom remodeling, said that while before her clients



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'Nature inspired and quirky' describe well the hideaway designed by Lauren Liess. Grasscloth wall and ceiling coverings, diamond patterned sisal rug, an oversized window seat and a pair of distressed silver sconces are just a few of the cozy elements of Lauren Liess' hideaway at the Design House.



Alexandria designer Barbara Franceski, ASID.

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Master bath project designer Allie Mann.

have sought out natural stone tiles for their kitchen and bathroom floors, many have now caught on that porcelain tiles look about the same without requiring nearly as much work to maintain.

Mann offered several tips for getting the most from a modest change: "I'm a big fan of stripes- they can often play up the size of a room." Adding crown-molding can quickly make a room look more formal.

"SIMPLY PUT, I believe your home should make you happy," said Franceski.

"Allow yourself the freedom to create an environment that makes you smile. Doing so brings immeasurable joy."



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Beyond two conversation chairs at the library entrance from the foyer two milled bookcases were added to the entrance to the garden room to contribute to the library's symmetry. Designed by Nancy Colbert of McLean.

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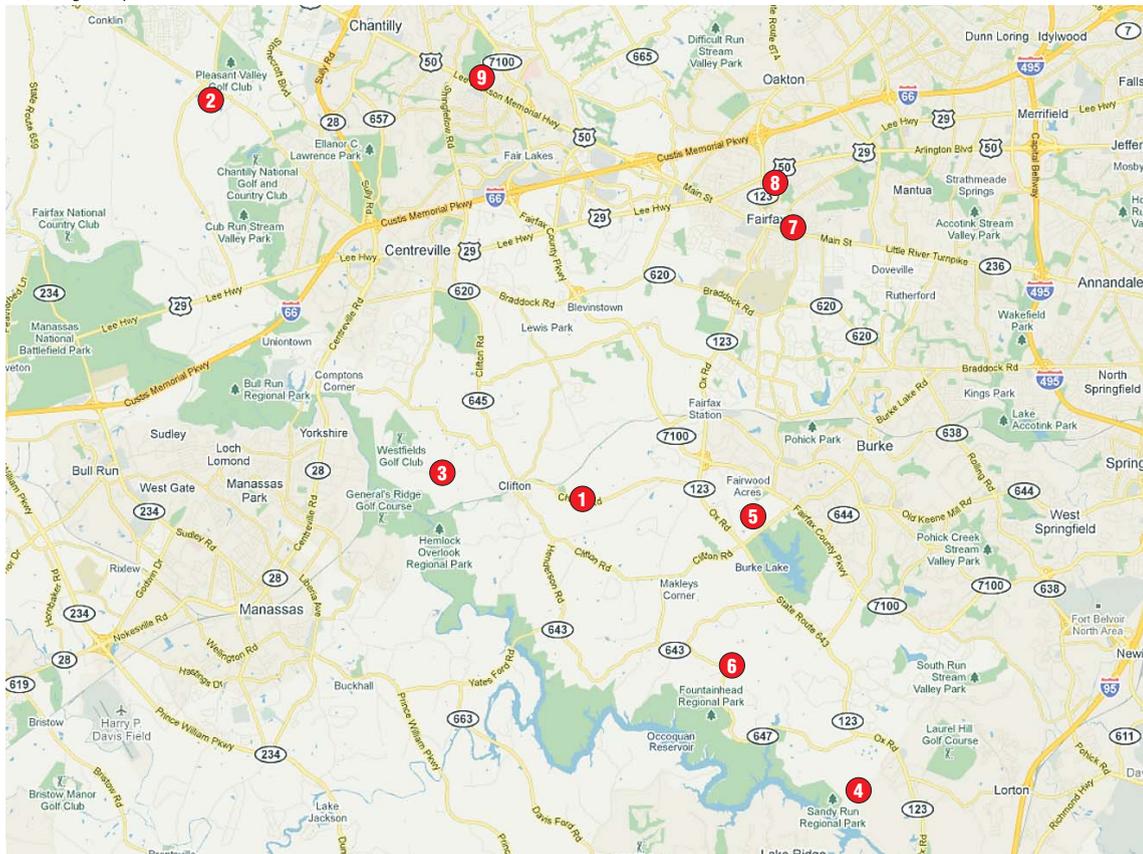
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Universal Appeal?

By BILL MILLHOLLAND
CASE DESIGN/REMODELING

Whether you realize it or not, a look at today's newest appliances or a visit to a home design showroom is likely filled with elements of universal design. Some can be subtle, such as a drawer in the middle of your refrigerator door. Others are a bit more obvious, such as grab bars in showers and bathtubs.

Today, universal design concepts are taking root in modern home design, making homes more accessible to users of all backgrounds, ages and physical abilities. But don't worry – this doesn't have to take away from the beauty of a home remodeling project. Even the smallest home modification can add to a home while enabling owners to enjoy their investment even longer.

As a family grows and evolves, so too does the way in which it uses a home. Once children have grown up, many couples face the prospect of relocating to a home or community that is more accommodating. Universal design can offer a reprieve to homeowners wishing to remain in their homes and maintain an independent lifestyle, as they "age in place." This is especially important given the current economy, as more people choose to remain in the same home rather than sell it.

It's never too early to incorporate small changes – such as replacing door knobs with handles – that can help with ease of use. Even families with young children reap the benefits from appliance drawers in the kitchen and seating in showers. Other helpful modifications include increased lighting, hand rails on stairs or refrigerator with side-by-side doors.

Some of the most popular, yet larger, universal design upgrades include altering home's structure and layout. For example, widening halls and doorways has the benefit of better accommodating wheelchairs and walking aids for older or physically challenged inhabitants. These changes can also aid in circulation patterns and make a home feel more spacious, regardless of square footage.

Many homeowners request a first-floor master bedroom and bathroom, eliminating the need for walking up and down a flight of stairs. Installing elevators in homes is also becoming a trend.

The bathroom is the location of many universal design projects, both large and small. Some homeowners are now opting for

low or no-threshold showers and sinks and vanities of custom heights. Increasing in popularity is the "comfort-height" toilet that is easier to sit down on than older, shorter models.

As is true with any design element, universal design additions should coordinate with the overall flow and aesthetics of the

home.

Questions homeowners should ask themselves:

- ❖ How long do I plan to live in my home?
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SCHOOLS

Matt Filipek and Liz George of Chantilly High School earned third-place awards for the Travel and Tourism Team at the DECA International Career Development Conference held recently in Orlando. Twenty students made the top 10 in the nation; a total of 44 FCPS students qualified to compete in the finals.

Chantilly High's 25th annual Jazz & Pizzazz show, featuring the Chantilly Jazz and Touch of Class Show Choir, takes the stage Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, May 25, 26, 27 and 28, at 7 p.m. each night, and Sunday, May 29, at 3 p.m. Tickets are \$10 each at www.chantillychoral.org. They're going fast, so buy them soon, while they're still available.

Members of the Randolph-Macon Academy (R-MA) Band and Chorus performed for a crowd of

9,000 people at the CONSOL Energy Center in Pittsburgh, on April 30. The hour-long concert, "A Salute to Patriots," was part of the National Rifle Association's "Celebration of American Values Freedom Experience."

* **Andrew Criminski**, the son of Scott Criminski and Charmain Wardley of Oak Hill, and Therese Criminski of San Diego, is a member of the R-MA Band and a sophomore at the Academy.

Students who attend **Chantilly High School Academy's Geographic Information Systems program** attended the Virginia state Technology Student Association (TSA) 2011 Technosphere Conference held April 29-May 1 at the Westfield Marriot in Chantilly. Five Chantilly teams were finalists or semi-finalists demonstrating their leadership in technology, innovation, design and engineering. By participating in TSA's

competitive events, students gain a broader understanding of these content areas, and at the same time experience the satisfaction that comes from applying them to real-life problem solving situations. The following lists student achievements at Technosphere:

FINALIST 1st prize Geospatial Technology: Students were required to demonstrate an understanding of GIS as it relates to the storage, analysis and management of data with reference to geographic location data.

Team #1: **Aaron Kim, Briana Neuberger, Danielle Neuberger and Matthew Ziegler.**

SEMI-FINALIST Geospatial Technology:
Team #2: **Tyler Hatch, Revanth Kolli, CJ Lang, and Sahal Thahir.**

Team #3: **Siddarth Balakrishnan, Austin Bonney, Paul Iwatake - Centreville High School,**

and Eric Ong - Westfield High School
SEMI-FINALIST Biotechnology Design: Students had to demonstrate their understanding of genetic engineering through documented research, the development of a solution, a display, and an effective multimedia presentation.

Siddarth Balakrishnan, Arrush Choudhary, Revanth Kolli, David Lee, and Divya Sengar.

Scientific and Technical Visualization: Students were required to develop a visualization focusing on a subject or topic from one or more of the following areas: science, technology, engineering and mathematics.

Siddarth Balakrishnan, Arrush Choudhary, Chris Eldering, Ariel Kao, Revanth Kolli, David Lee, Briana Neuberger, Danielle Neuberger, Divya Sengar, and Maneet Singh.

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