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Collecting new toys for Our Neighbor's Child, last Saturday, outside the Fair Lakes Wal-Mart are (from left) Taylor Kim, Brooke Caskey, Brianna Crump, Katie Barta and Cristina Sturniolo. Caskey assists ONC Executive Director Kelly Lavin, and the others are on the competition team of Creative Dance Center of Chantilly.

New Beginning

Labor Resource Center opens for business.

BY BONNIE HOBBS
CENTRE VIEW

Ribbon-cuttings are generally done with shiny, oversized scissors that are only symbolic. But the ribbon on the new, Centreville Labor Resource Center was snipped Saturday with something more appropriate — a workman's pruning shears.

After all, that's why the center exists — to serve as the meeting place for employers and Centreville's day laborers. And the atmosphere during its open house and grand opening, Dec. 3, was jubilant.

"This is the day we've been waiting for," said Edgar Aranda, an immigrant advocate with the Le-

gal Aid Justice Center in Falls Church. "It's amazing. This is an excellent space, and an appropriate place where employers can drive up and workers can wait inside."

That's an important attribute because, in recent years, day laborers looking for jobs stood outside the Centreville Square Shopping Center, on the outskirts of Centreville Plaza and near the Centreville Regional Library. And that led to tension in the local community.

Store owners said the men's presence discouraged customers from patronizing their businesses. And some mothers felt uneasy bringing their children to a library with men standing outside.

Meanwhile, the Centreville Immigration Forum (CIF) was established to help the local, immigrant community. Members made contact with the workers, directed them to social services that could help them. SEE LABOR, PAGE 2

Much To Do for ONC Volunteers

Providing Christmas gifts to local families in need.

BY BONNIE HOBBS
CENTRE VIEW

It's crunch time for the local branch of Santa's Workshop known as Our Neighbor's Child (ONC). In little more than a week, this nonprofit, all-volunteer organization will be delivering Christmas gifts to 633 families in need in Centreville, Chantilly, Clifton, Fair Oaks and Fair Lakes.

Yet, a great deal still remains to be done. Presents need to be found for each child whose name and gift wish is on an ornament hanging on the multitudes of giving trees throughout the local area. Then all the gifts for each family need to be gathered together, packaged and delivered — along with homemade cookies — on Dec. 18.

"We've organized and planned as much possible, and now we it's up to the commu-



Stone Middle eighth-graders Erin Steen and Patrick Kearney unload donated toys, clothes and sports equipment during the Panther Pickup.

nity," said ONC Executive Director Kelly Lavin. "We've been extremely blessed with great people in the past and we hope that we'll have enough people to make this happen again this year."

There are still several ways members of the community may help. Toy, gift card and clothing donations are still greatly needed. Cookies will be needed by Dec. 15, and many hands are needed to package the gifts at ONC's warehouse, that same day, and then deliver them all to the recipient families, a few days later.

Virginia Run's Geri Morrisette Lightburn will be leading a team of toy-table managers who will assist ONC's volunteer shoppers with finding the right gift in

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Sully District Supervisor Michael Frey and worker Miki Carrillo (in hat) cut the ribbon on the center's door together.

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Preparing to cut the ribbon are (from left) Alice Foltz, Alejandro Santiago, Miki Carrillo, Michael Frey and A.J. Dwoskin.

Labor Resource Center Opens

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and their families, and connected them to churches offering English-language classes.

Then Al Dwoskin, who owns the Centreville Square Shopping Center, proposed the idea for a worker center and followed through. He donated one of his storefronts and agreed to pay for utilities if the CIF would run it.

So the CIF began fund-raising, soliciting grants and donations to pay for a director and an assistant. It eventually reached its goal and hired them. First, though, CIF members invited the laborers to their meetings, had them develop the center's rules and regulations and made sure they were an integral part of the new facility so they'd actually use it.

Saturday afternoon, there were smiles all around, as about 100 well-wishers — including CIF members, workers and their families, dignitaries, politicians, clergymen and other community residents — celebrated the center's opening.

"It was a long time coming," said CIF Finance Chairman Ed Duggan. "It's an exciting day."

Following the ribbon-cutting, the group moved inside the center, which contains the main room where workers and employers will meet, plus a separate

room for tax-information and ESOL classes. Then the Rev. Marci Huntsman of Centreville United Methodist Church gave the blessing.

She asked God for His "continued presence, grace and flow of blessings upon this community and the labor resource center." Huntsman also beseeched Him to bless those "who've given of themselves so generously" to make the facility a reality.

She thanked God for helping people in the local community "to set aside any differences, biases and personal agendas so that we're able to come together and do the work You'd have us do. Lord, through these doors let all who enter be blessed with Your presence and strength."

Then CIF President Alice Foltz told the crowd, "We wouldn't be here, at all, if [Sully District Supervisor] Michael Frey and Al Dwoskin hadn't gotten together, two years ago, to make this all possible."

Dwoskin said he was so impressed by the CIF's beliefs that he wanted to lend a hand. "This is one of the most remarkable examples of a community coming together to do the right thing," he said. "I support you and wish you the greatest of success."

Furthermore, said Dwoskin, "If there's an award for

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Labor resource center Director Shani Moser speaks during the open house.



Olga Garcia (foreground) and Shani Moser (behind her, in center) mingle during Saturday's open house.

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ROUNDUPS

Police Target Shopping Swindlers

Phony credit cards, stolen IDs and out-of-state shoplifting scammers are being targeted by Fairfax County Police Retail Anti-Theft Teams (RATT) once again this holiday season. In an annual effort that began “Black Friday,” RATT officers are patrolling the malls and shopping centers across the county, hoping to keep the areas safe and crime-free.

Teams of officers are working in shopping malls and retail businesses in both uniformed and plain-clothed capacities. They’re targeting all shoplifters, but particularly the “professionals” that distract store employees while associates across the store attempt to conceal and steal merchandise. In 2010, officers assigned to the retail theft operations made significant arrests, charging suspects with fraud, forgery, embezzlement, possession of stolen property, distribution of narcotics and more. In the Fair Oaks Police District, 41 adults and 23 juveniles were charged with 182 felony and misdemeanor offenses.

Residents Can Help Santa

As the holidays approach, some special children in Fairfax County won’t have to wait until Christmas Eve to see Santa. He and his elves will be rumbling down the streets here next week. Once again, Santa will temporarily trade in his sleigh and reindeer for a Harley Davidson motorcycle.

The Fairfax County Police Motorcycle Squad, in cooperation with the Fairfax County Sheriff’s Office, Virginia State Police, Fairfax City Police, Falls Church Sheriff’s Office and the Town of Vienna Police will escort Santa on his 25th annual Ride for Children. On Monday, Dec. 12, Santa’s elves will pick up toys and other donations from police stations and other government facilities throughout the county. Then on Tuesday, Dec. 13, Santa will visit seven local schools. Anyone wishing to make a donation should bring a new, unwrapped toy, game, book or other gift to any county police station, their designated school or to the Fairfax County print shop at the Government Center. All donations should be made before Dec. 12 at 9 a.m.

Hart, Litzenberger Reappointed

At the Tuesday, Dec. 6, meeting of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, two Centreville residents were reappointed to their posts on the county Planning Commission. Serving additional four-year terms will be At-Large Planning Commissioner Jim Hart and Sully District Planning Commissioner John Litzenberger.

Free Carseat Inspections

Certified technicians from the Sully District Police Station will perform free, child safety carseat inspections Thursday, Dec. 15, 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.

Sully District Council Meeting

To avoid the winter holidays, the Sully District Council of Citizens Associations and its Land-Use Committee will meet next month on the third Thursday, Dec. 15, at 7 p.m., in the Sully District Governmental Center, 4900 Stonecroft Blvd. in Chantilly. Call Jeff Parnes, evenings, at 703-904-0131.

Three presentations are scheduled:

- ♦ I-66 Automated Traffic Management plans;
- ♦ Outside the Beltway Tier 1 Environmental Impact Statement from I-495 to U.S. Route 15;
- ♦ Proposal to construct and operate a wireless telecommunications facility at Centreville United Methodist Church.

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Westfield High choir members practice for their upcoming “Candlelight Carols” holiday concert on Friday, Dec. 16.

Making a Joyful Noise

Westfield High presents “Candlelight Carols” concert.

BY BONNIE HOBBS
CENTRE VIEW

It’s time to celebrate the season, and Westfield High is doing it in style with “Candlelight Carols,” its choral concert for the holidays. The joyful sounds will ring out Friday, Dec. 16, at 7:30 p.m. The event is free and the public’s invited.

Performing will be 125 students in the Boys and Girls Concert Choirs, Bel Canto, Chamber Singers and Show Choir. In addition, 40 students from Stone Middle School, under the direction of Steve Kogut, will sing three songs.

“It’s going to be a fun and entertaining evening filled with lively, seasonal music performed at a high level of quality,” said Westfield Choral Director David Reimschuessel. “There’s a great variety of music to appeal to everybody — traditional, upbeat, pop-type songs and songs from other cultures. And the Show Choir will be singing and dancing to choreographed routines, so it’s a nice addition to the program.”

“The kids have really done a fabulous job preparing for this concert,” he continued. “The opening processional will be done completely in the dark. The students will surround the audience with candlelight, and all the choirs will sing together.”

The audience will be treated to familiar songs from America, as well as carols from around the world, including France, Italy, Germany, the Ukraine, Scandinavia and Nigeria. For example, the students will sing “Kling, Glockchen, Kling” (Ring, Bells, Ring) in German, and a festive African tune of celebration, “E Oru O,” in Nigerian.

They’ll also perform “S’vivon,” a Chanukah tune sung in Hebrew. It tells the story of the Dreidel and how playing with it taught children the Hebrew lan-

guage.

Senior Mary Burke, a soprano in the Chamber Singers and Show Choir, has been in choir four years. Her favorite song in the concert is “Masters in this Hall,” a traditional, English Christmas carol. “I like its harmonies and how all our voices blend into one as we sing it,” she said.

Excited about the processional, Burke said, “The boys will be on the stage, singing on risers, holding candles in the dark. The girls will wear red, sparkly dresses and will process from the sides of the audience up onto the stage.” She said the audience will also like the songs sung in different languages, plus the choir’s dancing.

Alto Lindsey Wheeler, a senior, performs with the Show Choir and especially likes the song, “Sleigh Ride,” because it’s cheerful and upbeat. “This is our first woman’s Show Choir, so the audience will like seeing us all dance and sing,” she said. “I like performing in front of people and making them happy.”

Classmate Autumn Robinson sings soprano with Bel Canto and the Show Choir. “Singing is my thing,” she said. “A lot of people in my family are athletic — I like singing.”

Her favorite number is Bel Canto’s rendition of “Little Tree,” an adapted poem by e.e. cummings. “The words are fun and it expresses a lot of the excitement I feel at Christmastime,” she said. “Everybody loves Christmas songs, so the audience will enjoy seeing a chorus perform a lot of the ones they know.”

Singing alto and soprano with the Chamber Singers is Lalita Kota, a four-year choral student. Calling singing a “stress-reliever,” she said, “It lets me get away from the demands of school, and it makes me happy when we’re all singing together. This Christmas concert is a nice start to the holidays.”

Senior Emily Hunt, a soprano, performs with the Chamber singers and Show Choir. Her favorite song is the Scandinavian “Corpus Christi Carol,” which is sung in English. “I love all the dissonants, when notes clash and different voice parts sing in opposition to each other,” she said. “In the context of the song, it’s

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Much Work Remains for ONC Volunteers

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the warehouse if it hasn't arrived from the giving trees. She has 10 shopping positions available, and those interested would ideally be adults available Wednesday evening, Dec. 14, from 3-6 p.m., and all day Thursday, Dec. 15, beginning at 9 a.m. Contact Lightburn at Volunteer@ourneighborschild.org.

"We still have a need for brand-new, children's coats in all sizes," added Lavin. "These can be dropped off at any Paisano's pizza or Jobin Realty office. Any coats that are not matched with a child's wish will be made available locally to school guidance counselors for any child still without a coat after the holidays."

Video games are also popular items on many children's and teen's wish lists. "We aren't able to provide the systems, themselves; but if it's a game they want, the smaller handheld versions can be reasonable — as low as \$10," said Lavin. "XBox and Playstation games can cost more than we're able to put out on our giving trees."

But for the last two seasons, Bob Froelich with Jobin Realty has come to ONC's rescue in this area. In fact, Lavin refers to him as the organization's "video-game Santa."

"Bob's taken our list, and he and his staff have converted their expert home-selling skills to convince retailers to discount some of these games to fit our budget," said Lavin. "We thought they'd be able to help make a dent in our list, but they amazed us by bringing in nearly all of it."

However, this year's task is more daunting than ever, with so many requests for video games. So anyone interested in helping ONC provide them should stop in Jobin Realty's Centreville office at 5714 Pickwick Road, ask for Froelich and drop off a game or two.



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From left: Kellen Behnke, Jeremy Bradshaw and Rachael Lowrey, all Stone eighth-graders, start unloading a truck outside their school.

"Speaking of Bobs, Ourisman Toyota's Bob Hager and Bob Biagi are still providing ONC with transportation for more than 100 bikes that will arrive at the warehouse next week," said Lavin. "It's a big haul and we appreciate their time and efforts."

She's also grateful for all the volunteers who worked at last Saturday's toy drive outside Wal-Mart and who also collected, sorted and delivered toys, games, books and clothing during Stone Middle School's Panther Pickup, that same day.

On Dec. 3, parents drove Stone Middle students around their school's enrollment area to pick up items donated by the community for the event. They were then brought to Stone and sorted by students and

parents to give to Our Neighbor's Child.

"We had a hugely successful day," said Panther Pickup Coordinator Pam DeBell. "We collected over 1,200 new toys, plus 65 bins of clothing and other items, including jewelry, CDS, accessories, perfume and lotion."

Stone's National Junior Honor Society sponsored the event as its service project. Members previously delivered flyers in Sully Station, explaining what was needed, and returned Saturday morning to collect the donations from people's front doors.

"This was the first year we did a toy drive to supplement the Panther Pickup," said

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From left: Parent volunteers Cindy Hicks and Guizelda Aversa, plus ONC Project Leader Pam DeBell, stand with some bags of toys and games donated during Saturday's Panther Pickup.



Sorting gently used, like new and new clothing are (from left) Westfield seniors Casey Di Pietro, Grace DeBell, Kendell Anderson, Matt Pisarcik and Justin Little.

ONC GIVING TREE LOCATIONS

Our Neighbor's Child giving trees are at Bull Run, Cub Run, Poplar Tree and Virginia Run elementary schools and Centreville and Westfield high schools. They're also at:

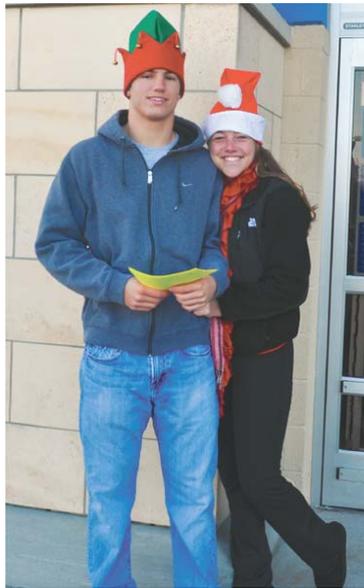
- ❖ Chesterbrook Academy, 43800 Clemens Terrace;
- ❖ St. Andrew Lutheran Church, 14640 Soucy Place;
- ❖ Centreville Baptist Church, 15100 Lee Highway;
- ❖ Centreville Presbyterian Church, 15450 Lee Highway;
- ❖ Minnieland at Centreville Square II, 60001 Centreville Crest Lane;
- ❖ Compton Village Community Center, 14401 Compton Village Drive;
- ❖ Woodway Apartments, 5751 Wood Meadow Way;
- ❖ Gate Post Estates, 15063 Brown Post Lane;
- ❖ Sully Station's Children's Center, 5801 Stone Creek Drive;
- ❖ Minnieland at Compton Village, 14415 Compton Village Drive;
- ❖ St. John's Episcopal Church, 5679 Mount Gilead Road;
- ❖ Sully II Community Center, 5501 Sully Park Drive;
- ❖ Jobin Realty, 5714 Pickwick Road, Centreville;
- ❖ Centreville United Methodist Church, 6400 Old Centreville Road;
- ❖ Rita's Italian Ice, 5097 Westfields Blvd., Centreville;
- ❖ Ferguson Enterprises, 13890 Lowe St., Chantilly;
- ❖ Patton, Harris, Rust & Associates, 14532 Lee Road, Chantilly;
- ❖ Bowl America, 4525 Stonecroft Blvd., Chantilly;
- ❖ ImagiNation Learning Center, 14428 Albemarle Point Place, Chantilly;
- ❖ ImagiNation Learning Center 2, 14225 Newbrook Drive, Chantilly;
- ❖ Integrity Applications, Inc., 5160 Parkstone Drive, Suite 230, Chantilly;
- ❖ Hensel Phelps Construction Co., 4437 Brookfield Corporate Drive, Suite 207, Chantilly;
- ❖ Scott Long Construction, 14170 Newbrook Drive, Chantilly;
- ❖ Keller Williams, 14155 Newbrook Drive, No. 100;
- ❖ Pleasant Valley United Methodist Church, 43987 John Mosby Hwy.;
- ❖ Quest Diagnostics, 14225 Newbrook Drive;
- ❖ OBC William E. Crutchfield, DDS, 14012 E. Sullyfield Circle;
- ❖ St. Andrew the Apostle Catholic Church, 6720 Union Mill Road;
- ❖ Clifton Presbyterian Church Preschool, 12744 Richards Lane, Clifton;
- ❖ Winwood Children's Center, 12301 Lee Jackson Memorial Hwy. (Route 50);
- ❖ King of Kings Lutheran Church, 4025 Kings Way, Chantilly;
- ❖ Centreville Business Alliance, 3028 Javier Road;
- ❖ Church of the Epiphany, 3301 Hidden Meadow Drive;
- ❖ ManTech International Corp., 2250 Corporate Park Drive, Suite 500;
- ❖ BT Americas Inc., 11440 Commerce Park Drive, and
- ❖ Paisanos, 5900 Fort Drive, Suite 201, Centreville.

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Back row, from left, are Creative Dance Center's Sarah Rosenfeld, Bridget Heppes, Heather Cameron, Miriana Marasco, Megan Anderson and Abby Lambert; front row, from left, are Brooke Weismiller, Ellie Mundie, Claire Shur, Paris Whelan, Caroline Nelson and Carolyn Cameron at the toy drive outside Wal-Mart.



Westfield seniors Ben Kendrick and Amanda Cameron worked all day Saturday loading and transferring all the donated toys from outside Wal-Mart to ONC's warehouse.

How to Help ONC

❖ Warm, winter clothes are especially needed. To "adopt" a child and purchase his or her specific clothing needs, e-mail Denise McInerney at volunteer@ourneighborschild.org.

❖ Groups or businesses can collect gift cards to donate. Especially popular with teens are Target, Wal-Mart and iTunes gift cards. If companies would consider collecting gift cards or making donations, ONC members would have the flexibility to either buy the gifts, themselves, or purchase gift cards — especially for the clothing items so desperately needed, but difficult to choose, for teen-agers.

❖ Volunteers are needed this Sunday, Dec. 11, from noon-2 p.m., to help set up the warehouse. Contact Jean Novak at volunteer@ourneighborschild.org.

❖ A box of homemade cookies will be given to each family receiving gifts from ONC. This means some 20,000 cookies are needed. Anyone wishing to bake cookies for the families should drop them off Thursday, Dec. 15, from 10 a.m.-4 p.m., at the Virginia Run Community Center, 15355 Wetherburn Court, off Route 29 and Pleasant Valley Road, in Centreville.

The type of container doesn't matter; they'll all be repackaged. SEE HOW TO HELP, PAGE 18



Creative Dance Center Competition Team Lemon Lime group went shopping at Target for coat for Our Neighbors Child. From left are Rowan Thomas, Casey Beetle, Brooke Weismiller, Carolyn Cameron, Emily Luper, Caroline Nelson and Maddie Kim.



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Details

The labor resource center is at 5956 Centreville Crest Lane, beside Brick Pizza, on the lower level of the Centreville Square Shopping Center. It faces Route 29 and the Route 28 on-ramp. It's open Monday-Saturday, 6 a.m.-noon. For more information, call 571-278-1961 or e-mail info@centrevilleimmigrationforum.org.

CIF volunteer Ann Gillen at the labor resource center's reception desk.



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Clifton Holiday Horse Parade

Kathryn Ellig, dressed as an angel, rides her horse, Dexter, during the annual Clifton Holiday Horse Parade on Saturday. This was the first time riding in the parade for Ellig.



Milly waits patiently for the start of the annual Holiday Horse Parade held in Clifton on Saturday afternoon, Dec. 3.



Leah Eiden and her daughter, Lillie, of Chantilly, watches the horse parade by in Clifton on Saturday while attending the annual holiday horse parade.

‘One of the Jewels of Centreville’

Labor center is praised.

BY BONNIE HOBBS
CENTRE VIEW

Members of the Centreville Immigration Forum (CIF) say there are many reasons the new, labor resource center will be a success.

Most important is that the workers, themselves, are vested in it. Two of them, Miki Carrillo and Alejandro Santiago, are on the CIF board, and laborer Carlos Gonzales designed the logo adorning the center's front door.

Recognizing all the workers at Saturday's open house, CIF President Alice Foltz said they not only developed the center's rules and regulations and code of conduct, but they also used their skills and expertise to turn a vacant storefront into a place of business.

"We worked here at night for almost two weeks," said Gonzales. "It was very dirty before. We still need to install the baseboard, but we already scraped glue off the floors and cleaned them, painted the walls, cleaned the windows and installed a handicap ramp."

Celebrating with the community at the center's Dec. 3 open house, he said how happy he was that the labor center exists. "It's a good opportunity for everybody who was waiting on the corner," said Gonzales. "Now everybody has a place to be — especially now that winter is coming."

Besides that, he said, "The employers will pay good money for our work. And we, the workers, will have more control here for better pay, work and opportunities than we did standing outside."

Gonzales called Foltz and her husband Jerry "wonderful people because they're always helping some-

body. They're very special, and I'm grateful for them and for all the work they do."

Center organizer Molly Maddra said she and others have passed the word about the center to the employers through the workers. They've distributed fliers with the center's phone number and address, telling employers that, as of Dec. 5, they'd have to go there to hire the laborers.

"We're also hoping nearby homeowners who were uncomfortable approaching the workers outside will come here to hire them for yard work, snow removal, home repairs and other jobs," said Maddra. "We'll monitor the work they do. Employers will fill out evaluation forms and we'll tell the workers that, whether they do a bad or a good job, it reflects on the center as a whole."

She said employers may also request specific laborers; the center will just help with wage negotiations. She expects workers to earn \$10-\$12/hour for general labor, and more for specific occupations. "But we're flexible," said Maddra. "For example, the employer might pay less per hour for long-term work. But it's up to the workers to agree — we've come up with this plan by talking with them."

At Saturday's event, Alice Foltz encouraged everyone there to "come by and volunteer and also hire a worker to help make this center a success."

Giving the closing blessing, Father Stefan Starzynski of St. Mary of Sorrows Catholic Church in Fairfax, said, "May this be a place of healing, peace and restoration, and may it bring harmony to the community." Afterward, people continued mingling and touring the new facility. Among those attending were former 67th District Del. Chuck Caputo and his wife Barbara. "To have this come about, with staff and everything, is amazing," he said. "When you look at a community and its assets, you have to look at this labor center as being one of the jewels of Centreville."

Labor Resource Center Opens for Business

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a courageous politician who'd support this kind of effort [in an election year], Mike Frey gets it. And the community's support for him was pretty dramatic."

"The fact that I won reelection despite — or because of — this means the community here is finally ready to address immigration and ready to push Congress to stop leaving communities hanging," said Frey. "I was glad to be a part of this, but this [center] is thanks to Alice and the members of the CIF. This is a tremendous community effort."

He also said the community is "better off" because of the center. "It gets workers away from the library and shopping centers, off the streets, to be treated fairly," said Frey. "This has been done the right way; and in a tough, economic environment, it wasn't easy [for the CIF] to become a startup, nonprofit organization. But they knew they had a good message and

they made the grant-givers and donors aware of the church, business and community support this project had."

Thanking everyone who "worked so hard to get to this point," Frey said it's only the beginning. "Now we have to work to make this successful," he added. "This is a professional resource center to align needs with skills. I think any fears or perceptions the community had about this center will disappear. It's a great day, and this will be to everybody's benefit."

Foltz then recognized the CIF board members. "It's been difficult raising money in this [economy]," she said. "But they were determined and persistent and stuck with it."

She also expressed appreciation for support from the religious community, especially Centreville United Methodist Church, Bull Run Unitarian Universalist Church, Wellspring United Church of Christ, various

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Stone students and parents show some of the toys donated to ONC. From left are Callie Rennyson, Danielle Little, Skye Koutstaal, mom Sue Comer, Caroline Cecil and mom Robin Lott.

Christmas Gifts to Families in Need

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Stone's Assistant Principal Christine Sciabica. "Students had a classroom competition last week and collected 370 new toys. We did it through the teacher-advisory [homeroom] classes, and two classes each collected more than 100 items."

This was the fourth annual Panther Pickup and, said Sciabica, "Each year, it gets better and better. The first year, Kelly Lavin came and asked us if there was something we could do to help, and it's grown since then. It's a great opportunity for the kids to give back to their community and, over the years, they've really embraced it. I'm proud that it's become an embedded piece of what we do here at Stone."

Virginia Run mom Holly Cameron organized dance-team members of the Creative Dance Center of Chantilly to man the toy-donation box, Saturday, outside the Fair Lakes Wal-Mart. They told arriving customers about the giving tree inside the store and later placed their toy donations in the box outside.

Westfield seniors Ben Kendrick and Amanda Cameron brought hot chocolate and doughnuts for these young volunteers. They also helped set up, coordinate and make posters; then they worked the entire day to load and transfer all the donated toys to ONC's warehouse.

Creative Dance Center, along with local youth

sports teams SYA Mets 11U, SYA Mets 12U, SYA 13U travel baseball, CYA 95 football, CYA125 football, CYA 12U travel baseball, and Cheer Legacy, with the help of Christine Clancy and Kelly Beckner, also did a coat drive for ONC, collecting more than 150 coats. In addition, Barb Castro and the Centreville Dance Team are providing stocking stuffers for teen-age gift recipients.

"Besides having more than 30 volunteers at the Wal-Mart toy drive, Creative Dance Center collected over 50 of the new winter coats for Our Neighbors Child," said Cameron. "This is our fifth year working with ONC, and we plan on continuing as long as there is a need."

She said it's fun for the girls to be able to buy something for someone their age and "know it's going to someone who really needs it. The dancers always end up buying extra stocking stuffers and toys when they realize this is for a girl just like them." Cameron said the "outpouring of generosity" from the families at Creative Dance Center always amazes her.

"It brings tears to my eyes when I see the office loaded with coats and the children standing outside Wal-Mart asking patrons to purchase a gift for a child in need," she said. "Our Neighbor's Child has taught these dancers the meaning of the holiday season. It's really about loving your neighbor and giving joy to those less fortunate."

Grateful Mom Sends Thanks to ONC

Below is a letter Our Neighbor's Child recently received through its Web site. The names were removed to protect the family's privacy:

ONC,
I just signed my 16-year-old daughter up for volunteering; and earlier this evening, my sons and I went out shopping for some gifts to donate this year.

In 2009, I moved to Centreville with my four children, freshly separated from my ex-husband who could no longer work due to a longstanding illness and has been unable to pay child support. I had a job making just enough to keep me from qualifying for assistance, but not enough to make ends meet most months.

We signed up for Our Neighbor's Child through my son's school and, for two years, the amazing

gifts that were brought to our home supplied the bulk of what my kids received in both 2009 and 2010.

Since that time, I have gotten a much better job and, while life is still a bit on the lean side, we made it through 2011 with a modest Christmas on our own. But this year, we are finally doing well enough to "pay it forward!" We are so thrilled to be able to contribute to ONC. Yay!

I just wanted to say that your labors of love do not go unappreciated, and the spirit of Santa was never more real to me than when your volunteers gave my children Christmas, not once, but twice.

Thank you, thank you, thank you.

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More on Giving Locally Local organizations need your help right now to help needy families.

Organizations that help needy families and individuals in Northern Virginia have seen a dramatic increase in requests for assistance since the recession hit in 2008, and right now those organizations need your help to meet the need.

Centre View reporter Victoria Ross cites the examples of Ecumenical Community Helping Others (ECHO) and Food for Others. In 2010, ECHO assisted more than 1,472 households, an increase of nearly 30 percent from before the recession. And Food for Others delivered a record 2.7 million pounds of food to an average of 125 families a day last year.

More than 45,000 students in Fairfax County Public Schools are from families poor enough to qualify for free or reduced priced meals. That's more than 25 percent of students in the schools. In Arlington, 34 percent of students are poor enough to qualify for free or reduced meals. In the City of Alexandria, more than 54 percent of students are poor.

In Fairfax County, 46,000 live below the poverty line; more than 80,000 have no health insurance. In Northern Virginia, thousands are unemployed and many more are underemployed. Among the homeless in Northern Virginia, many are working poor, families with at least on wage-earner who doesn't make enough to pay for housing for the family. About half of the homeless in Northern Virginia are children.

Here are some suggestions about how to help, but there are dozens of other opportunities.

Where To Give

In no particular order:

- ❖ Our Daily Bread — ODB has been serving needy families in Fairfax County for 25 years. For more information on their holiday programs, including how to sponsor a family, go to www.odbfairfax.com.
- ❖ Food for Others — Food for Others is the largest distributor of free food directly to people in need in Northern Virginia, provides the assistance needed by unemployed and low-income neighbors. The non-profit provides a safety net for people who suddenly face unforeseen emergencies such as a family illness or the loss of a job or a spouse. Located at 2938 Prosperity Ave., Fairfax, VA 22031, 703-207-9173. www.foodforothers.com
- ❖ Ecumenical Community Helping Others (ECHO), 703-569-9160. Open to receive donations at 7205 Old Keene Mill Road, Springfield. www.echo-inc.org.
- ❖ Lorton Community Action Center operates the Act II Thrift Shop at 9506 Richmond Highway, Lorton. Sales from the shop generate funds for LCAC and clients also shop there.
- While donations are welcome during store hours, visitors are asked to call first at 703-339-8611 before dropping off. www.lortonaction.org.
- ❖ Comfort for America's Uniformed Services (CAUSE) — CAUSE ensures that recuperating service members have opportunities for recreation and social interaction and receive concrete signs of appreciation for all that they have done. 4114 Legato Road Suite B, Fairfax, VA 22033, 703-591-4968, cause-usa.org
- ❖ National Capital Food Bank, 6833 Hill Park Drive, Lorton, serving all of Northern Virginia, 703-541-3063. www.capitalareafoodbank.org
- ❖ Western Fairfax Christian Ministries — food pantry at 13981 Metrotech Drive in Chantilly (near Backyard Grill and Bar). For more information or to sponsor a family, call 703-988-9656, ext. 105. To mail gift cards or send donations by check, add a note saying "food basket program" and send them to: WFCM, P.O. Box 220802, Chantilly, VA 20153. 703-988-9656.
- ❖ The Jeanie Schmidt Free Clinic, 13525 Dulles Technology Drive, Herndon, VA 20171, 571-235-3577. Last year, 139 community volunteers — nurses, nurse practitioners, and physicians — gave more than 1,300 hours of their time to see patients. jsfreeclinic.org.
- ❖ Alternative House — Abused and Homeless Children's Refuge, 2100 Gallows Road, Vienna, VA 22182, 703-506-9191.

Help Provide Holiday Meals

In this relatively affluent area, times are still tough for people struggling financially. While those who can afford it are eagerly planning their holiday meals, many parents here are wondering how they'll feed their children, at all. Without help from people in the local community, many of them will go hungry over the holidays.

So Western Fairfax Christian Ministries (WFCM) — serving families in need in Centreville, Chantilly, Clifton, Fair Oaks and Fairfax Station — is providing food baskets for them at Christmastime. But the need is too great for it to do it alone, so it's seeking help from local residents, businesses and organizations.

"While we provided 547 families with Thanksgiving assistance, I have over 700 requests for December holiday food assistance, and I am currently behind in support," said WFCM's Community Outreach Manager, Terri Kelly. "A lot of people think of giving gifts at Christmas, but people still need

to eat."

If someone can sponsor a family with a food basket, she'll match them up with a recipient. If donors want to shop for the holiday-meal items and put together the food boxes or baskets, themselves, she'll give them a list of suggested things to include.

❖ Those unable to provide a whole basket of food — or who don't have time to go shopping — can help by contributing gift cards to local grocery stores, in any denominations.

❖ Food baskets, boxes or bags may be dropped off Saturday, Dec. 17, from 9:30 a.m.-2 p.m., at the WFCM food pantry at 13981 Metrotech Drive in Chantilly (near Backyard Grill and Bar).

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- www.thealternativehouse.org.
- ❖ Reston Interfaith, 11150 Sunset Hills Road, Suite 210, Reston, serving Reston and Herndon. 571-323-9555, www.restoninterfaith.org. Programs and services include the Embry Rucker Community Shelter, Emergency Food Pantry, Hypothermia Prevention Program and the Thanksgiving Food Drive.
- ❖ SHARE of McLean seeks donations of grocery gift cards. Gift cards can be dropped off at SHARE, c/o McLean Baptist Church, 1367 Chain Bridge Road on Wednesdays and Saturdays (except Thanksgiving week) 9:30 a.m. - noon. Checks and gift cards can be sent to: Holiday Celebration, Share, Inc. PO Box 210, McLean, VA 22101. 703-284-2179. www.SHAREofMcLean.org
- ❖ LINK, serving Herndon, Chantilly, Loudoun and more, needs contributions of food, coats and holiday toys for children, plus volunteers. Email Lisa Lombardo at LisaLombo@signaturecos.com. 703-437-1776 www.linkagainsthunger.org
- ❖ FACETS — Information about supply donations and FACETS holiday gifts drive is available on the website at www.facetscares.org. Additionally, FACETS is always in need of volunteers, and offers a variety of one-time and ongoing opportunities. People who are interested in volunteering can contact 703-865-4251 or volunteer@facetscares.org.
- ❖ Committee for Helping Others (CHO), Vienna 703-281-7614
- ❖ Fairfax City Area FISH (For Immediate Sympathetic Help), 703-222-0880
- ❖ Lamb Center, www.thelambcenter.org, Fairfax 703-691-3178
- ❖ Herndon-Reston FISH (For Immediate Sympathetic Help), 703-391-0105
- ❖ Northern Virginia Family Service, Oakton, 703-385-3267
- ❖ United Community Ministries, Mount Vernon, 703-768-7106, 7511 Fordson Road, Alexandria, 22306
- ❖ National Capital Food Bank, 6833 Hill Park Drive, Lorton, serving all of Northern Virginia, 703-541-3063, www.capitalareafoodbank.org
- ❖ Arlingtonians Meeting Emergency Needs (AMEN), 703-558-0035
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- ❖ Arlington Food Assistance Center 703-845-8486
- ❖ Habitat for Humanity of Northern Virginia, Arlington, 703-521-9890
- ❖ Arlington Free Clinic, 703-979-1400



400 Pounds of Food For the second year, Salon Antoine and Spa of Fairfax, sponsored a Thanksgiving food drive in conjunction with the Knights of Columbus, Fr. Julius J. Cilinski Council #10947. Salon Antoine's Tony Chahine, left, holds son Andrew and is joined by staffers Morodie Long, center, and Mark Bartyczak, right. They are surrounded by a sampling of the 10 boxes of Thanksgiving food donations gathered for the Knights and St. Andrew's the Apostle Catholic Church in Clifton to distribute to needy families.

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Home Life Style

Creating the Holiday Table

Local designers offer suggestions for dressing a festive table and caring for guests.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL
CENTRE VIEW

A festive holiday table requires more than prime rib and plum pudding. From incorporating natural elements to maintaining a consistent theme, local entertaining and design gurus dole out advice for creating a table as enticing as the food it holds.

Candlelight creates a warm ambience, but Ann O'Shields, owner of The Nest Egg in Fairfax suggests skipping tall tapers.

"Low candles set a really nice glow on the table and give it a really nice feeling as well," said O'Shields. "I always recommend doing unscented candles so they don't interfere with all the fragrances from your holiday meals."

Vienna-based design consultant Denise Willard of Décor by Denise suggests choosing a color scheme, but limiting the palette.

"A simple way to give your holiday decorations a designer look is to stick to two or three colors at most," said Willard. "This year the silver and green color combination is hot."

O'Shields agrees that simpler is better. "Whether you want to decorate with blues and browns and silver or go more traditional and use red and gold, keep your palette at a minimum for really high impact."

Let the colors of your room inspire you, especially when choosing flowers.

"Pick a color scheme that goes in your environment," said Evelyn Kinville, lead floral designer for Behnke's Florist Shop in Potomac. "If it is neutral, then you want to

add in other colors. Choose colors that go in the room, maybe the colors of the linens. Sometimes people will bring in the china [and try] to pick [the colors in the pattern]."

Bring the outdoors in by using elements from nature, even from your own property, on your table.

"The outdoor, woodsy, organic feel is really popular right now," said O'Shields. "You can incorporate [things] from your own back yard, whether it is pinecones or holly. [You don't have to purchase] brand new decorations every year. You can freshen up what you have by using new elements from outside."

Rustic floral centerpieces are also popular.

"Woodsy [arrangements] are well-received in Potomac," said Kinville. "There is a [plant] called angel vine. It looks almost like grapevine except that it is very, very fine. Add it to a fresh centerpiece to give it a woodsy look."

But remember that when you're creating concepts for the table, height matters.

"When setting your table for a dinner, keep in mind the height of things that you're putting together and how many people will be at the table," said O'Shields. "You don't want it to be so high that you can't see the person across from you."

For the most polished look, choose a theme and keep it consistent.

"I always think that if you pick a theme and do it well throughout and don't falter, you'll be satisfied whether you spend a lot



Ann O'Shields, owner of the Nest Egg in Fairfax

of money or not," said Michael Corrado, owner and head designer at Devers Design Group in Arlington. "If your theme is candy cane, for example, and everything you do [is] red, white and candy cane oriented, it is going to be very successful looking. If you start faltering, that is when your event looks mish-mashed and not well organized."

Don't be afraid to break tradition. Holly and mistletoe are holiday mainstays, but O'Shields says sometimes it is wise to mix old and new.

"If you have plates that you like that were passed down to you, you can use them and add in some new, modern elements, like mercury glass pieces," she said. "A good way to keep your decorations current is by adding in modern elements."

Kinville suggests looking for ways to personalize your centerpieces and other embellishments.

"A good way to give [your centerpieces] a custom look is to [have them made in] your own containers," she said. "[Choosing accessories] from one's own environment, will make [a centerpiece] look like it was done especially for [you]."

FOR YOUR GUESTS

Use care in choosing a menu, keeping in mind possible dietary restrictions of your guests.

"Make sure you understand all of your guests' needs and are doing your best to make sure that you have food for everyone so that no one feels overlooked or left out," said Scott Hoffner, corporate chef for Main Event Caterers in Arlington. "Keep in mind that the dietary restrictions of the average person are much different than [they were] even just a few years ago. There is a huge turn to vegetarianism and veganism, and you have gluten issues and religious factors in terms of pork or shellfish."

Hoffner believes a menu with farm-to-table fare will make a memorable meal.

Top 10 things to know before you remodel

BY JOSHUA E. BAKER



There are very few decisions that can impact your family life, and the value of one of your biggest assets than selecting the right remodeler. Why not approach this as you would when hiring a lawyer, investment advisor, or even a physician?

1 Seek an Advocate: Unless you're an expert, and have an enormous amount of time, you will need someone who is able to assemble and manage team of professionals to work together on your behalf. Complex projects require input from numerous players, and may include an architect or designer, various engineers, landscape designer, lighting expert and others. Having one party who takes accountability and manages the entire process while looking after your interests is key to a successful remodeling experience.

2 Plan Early Government regulations and the permitting process for home remodeling are becoming increasingly restrictive and challenging. An experienced professional who understands the ever-changing requirements can help you to navigate through this process will be invaluable during the early stages of your project.

3 Find a Good Match Ensure that your contractor has a track record of success with projects similar to your own. Ask specifically about projects of comparable complexity, magnitude and level of finish, or requiring special areas of expertise, such as green remodeling, or historical restoration.

4 Get First-Hand Info Check the remodeling company's current references and visit recently completed projects to see firsthand if you are satisfied with the caliber of work. The best remodeling firms will be able to provide you with a list of raving fans who will welcome you into their homes. Also, check the company website for examples of recent client testimonials from some of your neighbors.

5 Explore Options "Paper is cheap." Take as much time as you need to make sure that the design addresses all of your priorities. It is better to invest in design which is relatively inexpensive, vs. having missed opportunities or costly changes during the construction process. Look to the remodeler for advice on cost-effective ways to increase your home's value, such as using durable materials, incorporating specialty items you may not know were available, and investing in green technologies that will pay off over time.

6 Be Wise Beware of offers and deals that appear too good to be true. Remodeling remains one of the most reported industries at the Better Business Bureau. Understanding exactly what you are getting for your investment and taking steps to ensure the remodeler will be able to provide service in the long-term is essential. Asking for bank references, researching employee tenure, and confirming that subcontractors have been paid on time can help you evaluate a company's financial stability.

7 Prevent Stress Especially for larger or more complex projects, insist on a full-time onsite project

supervisor to orchestrate the entire process and all the players involved. This will help to keep your project on schedule and surprises to a minimum.

8 Be Firm Insist that a detailed production schedule be tied to your contract, and hold the builder accountable for these deadlines. While it's not commonly provided, ask for a written schedule guarantee with a penalty clause to ensure your satisfaction.

9 Double Check Warranties can vary greatly from one remodeler to another, so make sure you understand exactly what your builder will cover and for what duration after the completion of the project. Also ask about what resources are available to provide service if problems arise in the future.

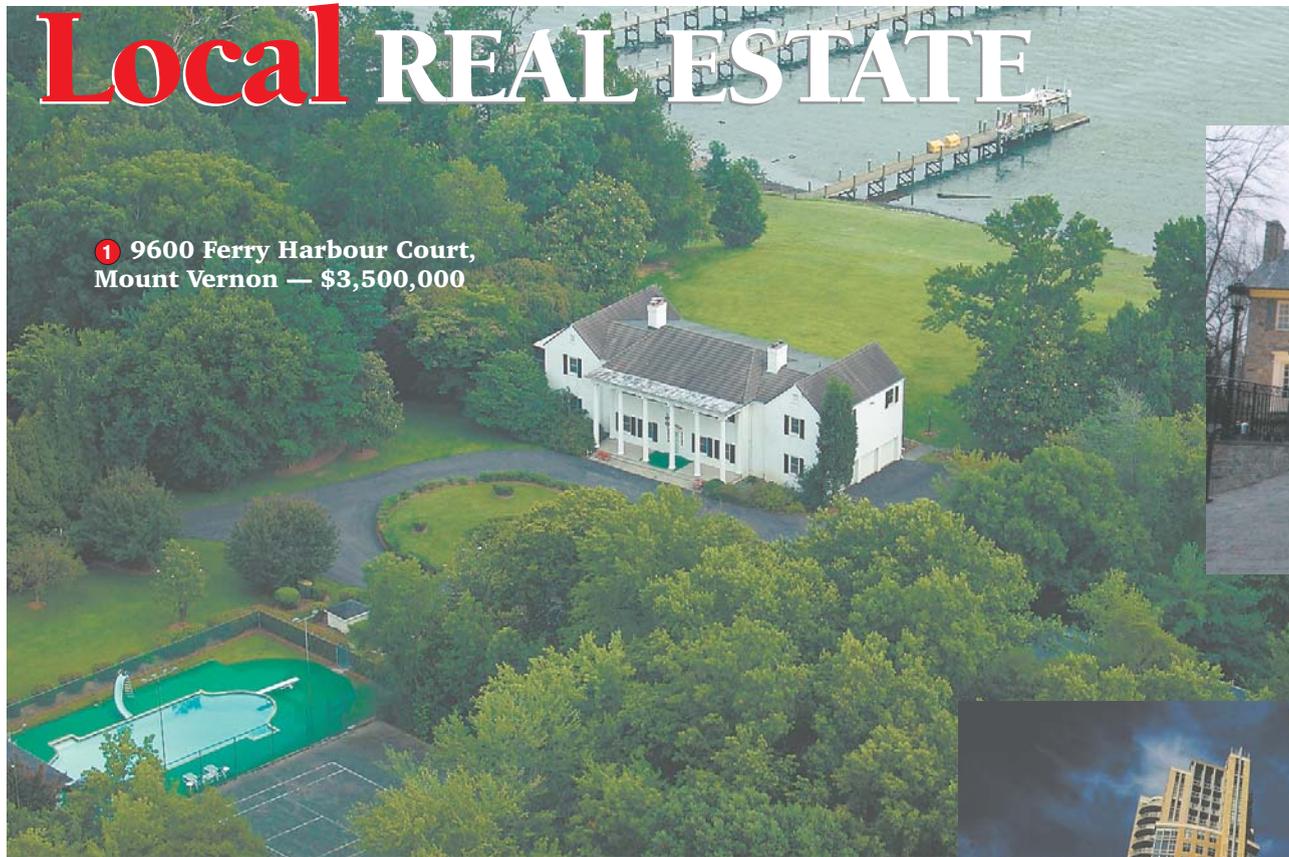
10 Take Advantage Now is a great time to remodel. Compared to a few years ago, subcontractors are more readily available and their costs are significantly lower, enabling contractors to produce projects more efficiently and deliver greater value.

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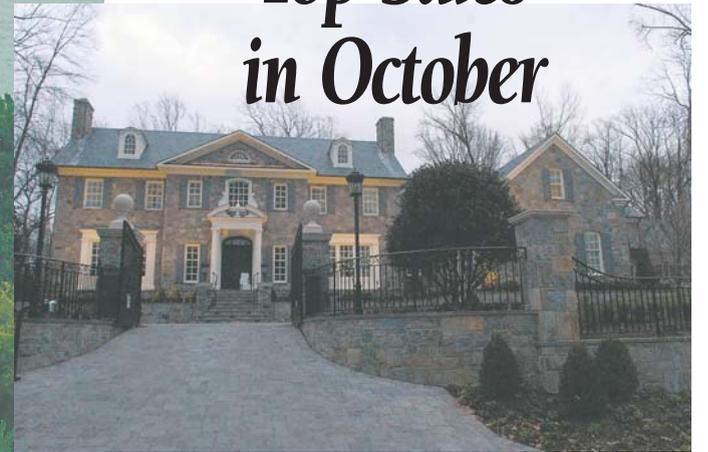
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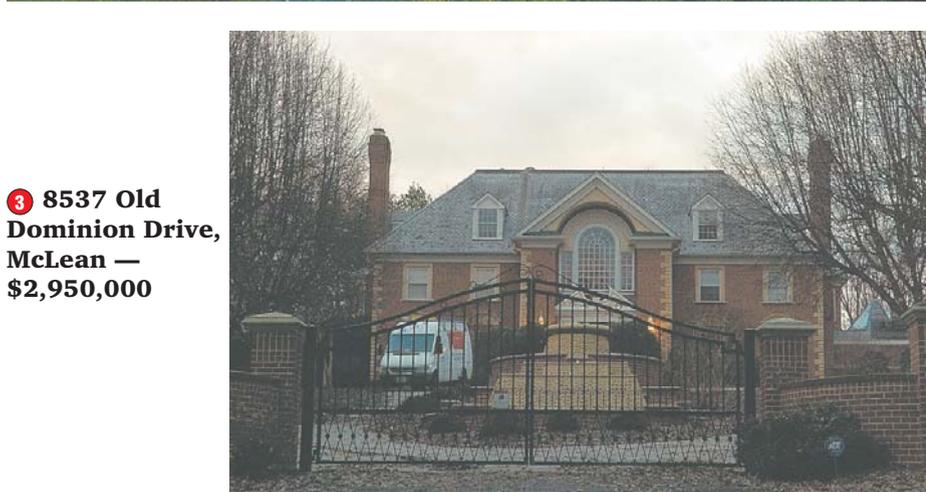
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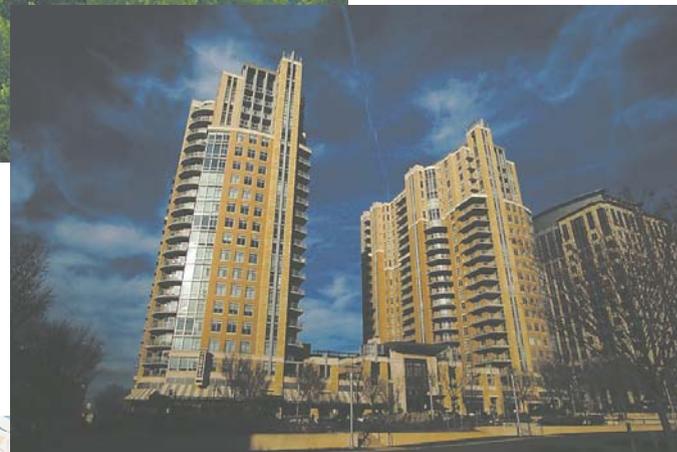
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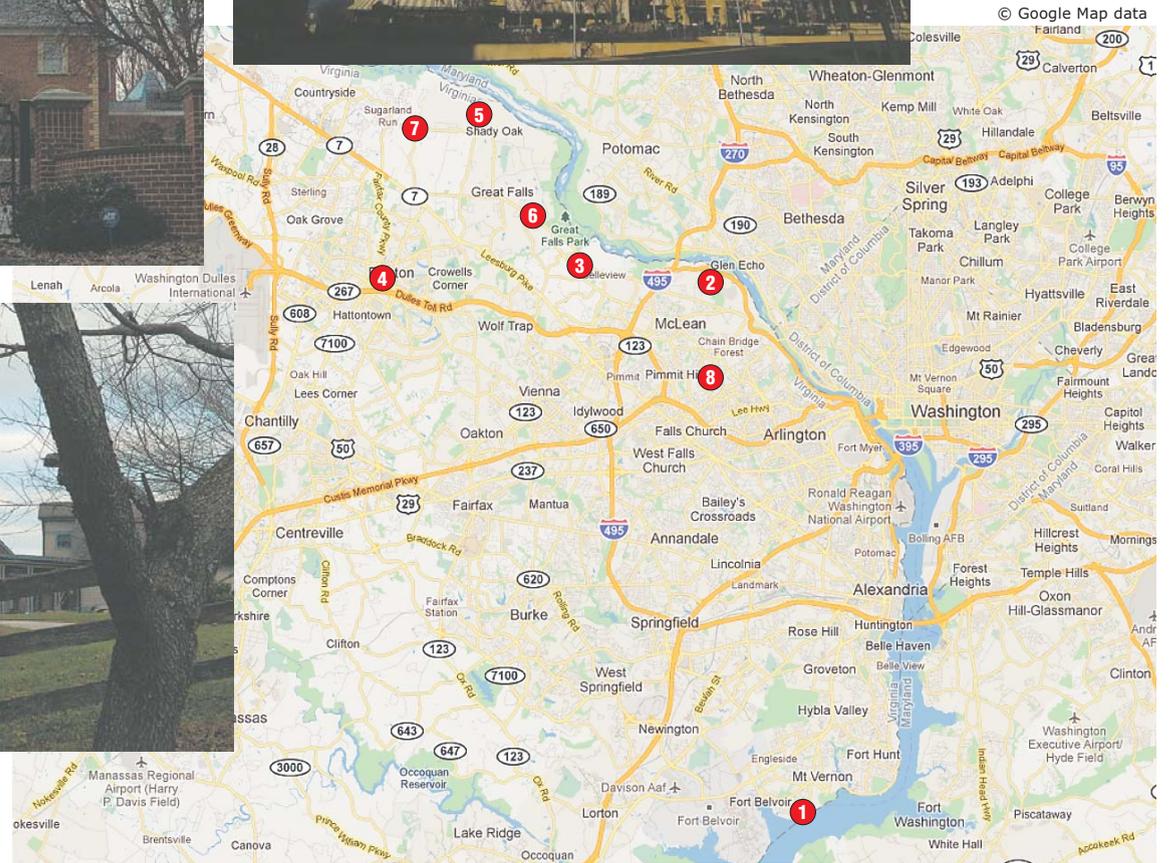
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Holiday Tested

Kitchen-centric, open floor plan well-suited for extended family entertaining.



PHOTO BY GREG HADLEY

Removing a load-bearing wall by means of a high-tech beam, the Brills' center-hall colonial in Burke now has open spaces suitable for entertaining.

BY JOHN BYRD
SPECIAL TO CENTRE VIEW

What a relief to be living in a “holiday-tested” house as the season approaches.

Such are the reflections of Marie Brill, on the kitchen-centric floor plan she and her husband introduced into their busy lifestyle just last year as the holidays commenced.

And what can this baby do?

A sit-down dinner for 40 or more. Family gatherings at Thanksgiving, Christmas. Open house parties. Birthdays. Anniversaries.

“We’re the hub for our extended family,” Brill explains. “So I appreciate a plan that makes it easier to prepare meals and spend time with guests. I can stand at the range oven facing the living room. The visual connection really adds to the festivities.”

A food preparation island, well-organized workspaces and several strategically located built-ins facilitate multi-tasking. Yet the kitchen is integrated so the entire first floor functions as an upscale entertainment suite.

The effect, Brill says, is a far cry from the compartmentalized warren of small rooms that dominated

the home the couple purchased in late 2009.

Certainly, the existing house — a circa 1980s center hall Colonial on a tree-shaded lot in Burke — had potential for a young family that includes two preschoolers. There’s a large backyard; a comfortable, well-located neighborhood.

“But when I took a critical look at the first level floor plan,” Brill recalls, “I knew entertaining was going to be difficult.” Brill pictured holiday parties as one endless trudge from the stove to the front parlor and back.

“We interviewed several remodeling firms,” Brill says. “Sonny Nazemian, at Michael Nash Design Build, however, offered plausible solutions the first time we walked through the house together.”

Since the Brills were especially interested in a more open first floor socializing scheme, Nazemian — who is certified as both a remodeler and an interior designer — proposed a reconfiguration of rooms that places a gourmet kitchen squarely into the home’s mainstream.

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NEWS

'Candlelight Carols' at Westfield High

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beautiful."

Hunt said singing gives her the confidence and experience of being in front of a crowd and "putting myself out there."

She said the audience will enjoy hearing some of the songs they heard last year, "but with different people, this time."

Chamber Singers member Melanie Robison, an alto, particularly likes "Carol of the Bells" because "the altos' and tenors' harmony sounds like bells ring-

ing." She enjoys singing with her friends and plans to become an elementary-school music teacher.

Robison also student directs the Show Choir. "I sometimes write music to fill in or add other voice parts," she said. "I also help Mr. R. choose the music and sometimes lead warm-ups. In this show, the audience will especially like when, at the end, all the choirs stand up and sing together."

All in all, added Reimschuessel, "My kids are awesome. They're not only good singers and students, but they're also good people — and that's the most important part."

ROUNDUPS

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Adopt a Shelter Animal

The Fairfax County Animal Shelter has launched "Operation Empty Cage" as part of its two-month-long "Home 4 the Holidays" adoption push. One of the goals is to empty the shelter's cages by finding a home for each animal available for adoption.

As part of this event, the shelter — at 4500 West Ox Road in Fairfax — will offer free spay/neuter for the first 100 dogs and cats adopted from it until Dec. 31.

Animals available for adoption

at the shelter may be seen Tuesdays through Fridays, noon-7 p.m., and Saturdays, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. For more information, call 703-830-1100.

WFCM Seeks Food, Volunteers

Western Fairfax Christian Ministries' (WFCM) food pantry urgently needs donations of peanut butter, jelly; jam; canned meats and pasta, juice; dry milk and oil. Also needed are deodorant, toilet paper and sizes 5 and 6 diapers. (Toiletry items cannot be purchased with food stamps).

Bring all items to WFCM's food pantry at 13981 Metrotech Drive (near Backyard Grill and Bar) in Chantilly. Volunteers are also needed:

Food Pantry:

❖ A regular, weekly volunteer is needed Mondays, from 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

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SCHOOLS

Life's an Open Book

Virginia Run students celebrate reading.

BY BONNIE HOBBS
CENTRE VIEW

It's not always easy to get children to read books over the summer, but Virginia Run Elementary has discovered the key – rewards.

This past summer, 165 students read a total of 4,165 books. In return, the school recently feted them with T-shirts and Italian ice.

It's the fourth year of the Virginia Run READS (Reinforcing Educational Achievement during the Summer) program. Putting together this year's event was school librarian Catherine Conley and parent volunteer Christy Boyle.

"The program's grown in popularity, every year," said Boyle. "The kids really like it."

The school held one party for students in grades kindergarten through three, and another party for fourth- through sixth-graders. Rita's Italian Ice in the Sully Station Shopping Center provided several flavors of Italian ice for the children.

Virginia Run's mascot is the Viking, so the students also received T-shirts saying, "Vikings read to succeed," with the number 11 (for the year 2011) on the back.

Second-grader Samantha Robinson read nearly 50 books. She especially liked "Polar Animals" because "It had some of my favorite animals, like polar bears and penguins. I learned that, since where they live is covered in snow, the bears are white so they'll blend in and won't get eaten."

Reading 72 books was third-grader Jack Liskey. "I like reading books because there



From left are fifth-grade readers Karim Lahrim and Helmand Azizi.

are so many interesting stories," he said. "I like prehistoric fiction about dinosaurs and also nonfiction books about big cats." His favorite book was "Snarf Goes to School," about "some weird creature that goes to school," said Jack. "It was pretty funny."

Proud of all the students who participated in the program, Principal Laraine Edwards said, "They did something great this summer by reading, and now they're doing something fun in school to celebrate that. It's good to see — but without our librarian and the support of the PTA, this wouldn't have happened."

Fifth-grader Jacquelyn Hart read 10 books of about 160 pages each; she chose mysteries because "there's a twist in the story." She liked "Murder on the Set" most of all. "It's about a movie, and Nancy Drew solved the mystery," said Jacquelyn. She said the reading program is a good idea because "Sometimes I didn't want to read, but I knew it was going to be fun to come to this party."

Classmate Katie Liskey read 26 books. "Most were realistic fiction — a book that could have happened," she said. "My favorite was 'Ida B.,' about a girl who lives on a farm. It was really interesting."



PHOTOS BY BONNIE HOBBS/CENTRE VIEW

From left: Fifth-graders Katherine Hemsworth, Makiyah Rifenberg, Connor Tull, Jamie Paredes and Anthony Arcomona wear their Virginia READS T-shirts.

"The purpose of this program is to keep kids reading over the summer and give them an incentive to do that," said Conley. "Besides the Italian ices and T-shirts, the students received Rita's gift certificates, plus gift certificates to the school book fair." The more books they read, the more their book-fair certificates were worth.

"I thank the parents who volunteered to help with the parties, plus Rita's Italian Ice," added Conley. "The kids really enjoyed their treats from them."

Reading 20 books was fifth-grader Sarah Boyle. "I like fiction because anything can happen," she said. Sarah especially liked "The Diary of Melanie Martin," about a girl who "has the opportunity to go to Italy. It was fun because I got to read about another country."

Meanwhile, classmate Abby Burke read some 20 books. She, too, likes fiction, and her favorite book was "Pie," about a woman who's world-famous because of her pies. "When she dies, she leaves her recipe to her cat," said Abby. "I enjoy reading because it

gives me something to do. I have so many books in my house, I'm trying to read them all."

Fifth-grader Helmand Azizi read 45 books; his favorite genre is fiction-fantasy "because it's something that can never happen in real life. I love reading because it's interesting. The book I liked most was 'Deep Zone' by Tim Green. It's about a boy who played football and was kidnapped, but got away safely."

Another standout reader was classmate Karim Lahrim, who read 40 books, including some in the Garanimal Stilton adventure series. "Garanimal Stilton is a mouse who writes books that get published," said Karim. "In 'Mount Kilimanjaro,' that mouse and his friend climb that mountain and get famous. Reading entertains me, especially in the winter when you can't go outside. Reading's fun because it takes you on an adventure."

Reading some 20 mysteries and works of historical and realistic fiction was fifth-grader Jamie Paredes. "My favorites were the 'Magic Treehouse' books because they're mystery adventures and you don't know what's going to happen," he said.

Anthony Arcomona read more than 40 books, especially enjoying "Murder, My Tweet," about a gecko trying to solve a crime. Said Anthony: "Reading gives you experience learning about different things."

Reading 55 mythical books was Connor Tull, who liked the "Percy Jackson and the Olympians" series because "they mix modern-day and fantasy."

Katherine Hemsworth and Makiyah Rifenberg both recommend "Hatchet" by Gary Paulsen. "It's realistic fiction about a boy, 13, who's in a plane crash and has to survive in the wilderness," said Katherine. "It's a good book for young readers," added Makiyah. "It gives you lots of detail and is easy to understand."



Clockwise from bottom left: Virginia Run first-graders Sophia Jankowski, Peyton Smith, Emma Liskey, Jack Woodward and Sean Gunn enjoy Swedish Fish and cotton candy flavored ices.



Wearing their new T-shirts are (from left) third-graders Ryan Bobek, Jaiden Andolsun and Julia Tucker.

SCHOOL NOTES

Centreville High School is having its Annual Christmas Tree Sale.

All proceeds will benefit the Centreville High School Turf Field Fund. Hours are Thursday and Friday, 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Fraser Furs sell for \$55 (5-6 ft.), \$60 (6-7 ft.), \$65 (7-9 ft.) At Centreville High School.

Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) student journalists were honored for their work on student publications at the Journalism Education Association (JEA)-National Scholastic Press Association (NSPA) fall convention held last weekend in Minneapolis. Publications recognized with NSPA Best of Show awards included:

◆ Newspaper 17 or more pages: the Purple Tide,

Chantilly High School, Jane Muir, editor; Bretton Zinger, adviser; and the A-Blast, Annandale High School, Annie Curran and C.J. Aftergute, editors; Alan Weintraut, adviser.

◆ Yearbook 325 or more pages: the Guardian, Westfield High School, Megan McNulty, editor; Anthony Whitten, adviser; and Odyssey, Chantilly High School, Jennifer Urban, editor; Mary Kay

Downes, adviser.

Meredith Rigby of Clifton is among more than 180 students recently honored as University Scholars at Susquehanna University.

Rigby, a 2010 graduate of Centreville High School, is a sophomore majoring in communications at Susquehanna and the daughter of Susan and Peter Rigby.

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- ❖ Tuesday, Dec. 13 - 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.
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- ❖ Tuesday, Jan. 24 - 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

NOW THROUGH DEC. 25

Enchanted Ice Palace. 10 a.m. At Fair Oaks Mall's Grand Court, the Ice Palace features falling snow, interactive elements, footage of arctic animals and landscapes along with stories and fun facts. The stroll concludes with a visit with Santa and Mrs. Claus. Guests will have four opportunities to have their pets' pictures taken with Santa. The annual “Santa Paws” will be offered on Sunday, Nov. 20 from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m.; Sunday, Dec. 4 from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. and again from 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.; and on Sunday, Dec. 11 from 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Visit www.ShopFairOaksMall.com.

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Bull Run Festival of Lights & Holiday Village. Admission: Monday - Thursday \$15 Cars or vans (1-14 people), \$25 Van (15-34 people), \$50 Bus (35 or more people); Friday, Saturday, Sunday & Holidays \$20 Cars or vans (1-14 people), \$30 Van (15-34 people), \$55 Bus (35 or more people). Monday - Thursday: 5:30 to 9:30 p.m.; Fridays - Sunday and holidays: 5:30 to 10 p.m. At Bull Run Regional Park, 7700 Bull Run Drive, Centreville.

THURSDAY/DEC. 8

Lecture “Battle of Dranesville, VA” 150th Anniversary Event. 7 p.m. Free. Speaker Mr. Special Trbovich discusses the “Battle of Dranesville, VA” at this special 150th anniversary lecture. Event sponsored by the Bull Run Civil War Round Table. At Centreville Regional Library, 14200 St. Germain Dr., Centreville. Call 703-830-2223.

FRIDAY/DEC. 9

Messiah Sing-Along. 7:30 p.m. The Truro Parish Choir and director Michael Mentzel will lead in a joyful sing-along event of Part I of the Messiah and the Hallelujah Chorus accompanied by a chamber orchestra, organ, and soloists. Bring your own score or purchase one at the door. Non-singers are invited to come and enjoy listening to this popular Christmas musical tradition. A freewill offerings will be taken with net proceeds to benefit Crosslink International. www.crosslinkinternational.net. Open Singer Rehearsal: Dec. 6 at 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

Used Book Sale. 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Centreville Regional Library, 14220 St. Germain Drive, Centreville. 703-830-2223 or Friendsofcentrevillelibrary.blogspot.com.

DEC. 9-11

The Sugarloaf Crafts Festival. Some 300 artisans will showcase their contemporary crafts and fine art. Friday-Sunday, Dec. 9-11, at the Dulles Expo Center, 4320 Chantilly Shopping Center, Chantilly. Hours are Friday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; Sunday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tickets are \$7/adults online; \$9/door. Visit www.sugarloafcrafter.com or call 800-210-9900.

SATURDAY/DEC. 10

Holiday Used Book Sale. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Centreville Regional Library, 14220 St. Germain Drive, Centreville. 703-830-2223 or Friendsofcentrevillelibrary.blogspot.com.

Buddhist Scholars Seminar. 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Three scholars will lead discussions: Dr. Phyllis Granoff, Professor of Religious Studies and Director of Undergraduate Studies, Yale University, “The Life of the Buddha;” Dr. Koichi Shinohara, Senior Lecturer, Religious Studies, Yale University, “Chinese Buddhism;” Dr. Paul Groner, Professor of Religious Studies, University of Virginia, “Japanese Buddhism during the Kamakura Period (1192-1333).” At Ekoji Buddhist Temple, 6500 Lakehaven Lane, Fairfax Station.

Chantilly Model Train Displays. 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Chantilly Bible Church is hosting a free holiday model train display. This event is for families with children, and will feature multiple displays: Lionel, HO, Lego and a wooden train area for hands-on fun. At Chantilly Bible Church, 4390 Pleasant Valley Road in Chantilly. Call 703-263-1188 or visit www.ChantillyBible.org.

Holiday Spectacular Craft Show. 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Hosted by the Chantilly High School Athletic Boosters. At Chantilly High School's cafeteria. For vendors that are interested, contact Kathy Richter at 703-961-8671 or krichter@aol.com.

Super Science Saturdays. 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Free. The theme is “The Wright Brothers.” Super Science Saturdays take place from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on the second Saturday of each month,



DEC. 10 AND 11

“The Nutcracker Ballet.” Tickets are \$12/adults; \$10/students, children, seniors. Saturday, Dec. 10 at 3 p.m.; Sunday, Dec. 11 at 4 p.m. Sponsored by the Centreville High School Drama Boosters. All proceeds benefit CVHS Drama Scholarships and Gold Star Wives of America Inc. At Centreville High School, 6001 Union Mill Road, Clifton. For tickets, contact: JoEllen Staub joellenathome@cox.net or call: 703-988-0567.

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/>.

DEC. 10-17

Holiday Candlelight Tours at Sully Historic Site. 5 p.m. Historic holiday candlelight tours of the home of Northern Virginia's first congressman. At Sully Historic Site, 3650 Historic Sully Way, Chantilly. Call 703-437-1794.

SUNDAY/DEC. 11

Pajama Jam and Jingle. 6:15 p.m. Come sing, move, jingle and play. Bring a new set of children's pajamas or a new children's book to donate to the Pajama Program, which provides PJs and books for children in homeless shelters or waiting for adoption. At Compton Village Rec Center, 14401 Compton Village Drive, Centreville. RSVP to info@littleshands.com, or call Beth at 703-631-2046 with any questions.

Holiday Used Book Sale. 1-3 p.m. Centreville Regional Library, 14220 St. Germain Drive, Centreville. 703-830-2223 or Friendsofcentrevillelibrary.blogspot.com.

Children's Christmas Musical Drama. 11 a.m. The Children's Ministry of Jubilee Christian Center will present a free Christmas musical drama, “The Bethlehem Project.” Jubilee is located at 4650 Shirley Gate Rd., Fairfax. Call 703-383-1170, or see www.jccag.org.

FRIDAY/DEC. 16

Holiday Choral Concert. 7:30 p.m. Free. The choral program at Westfield High School will be performing a concert of traditional and modern Holiday songs on Friday, Dec. 16 at 7:30 p.m.

Swing Dancing. 9 p.m. to midnight. Cost is \$15. With the band, King Teddy. Drop-in beginner swing lesson 8:30 to 9 p.m. At the Hilton Washington Dulles Airport Hotel, 13869 Park Center Road, Herndon.

DEC. 17 AND 18

Ho-Ho-Holiday Show. 2 p.m. Westfield High hosts its annual Ho-Ho Holiday Show. Tickets are \$5; groups of 15 or more are \$4/ticket. More than 100 theater students will perform “The Grinch,” “A Charlie Brown Christmas,” “Frosty the Snowman,” “The Hanukkah Story,” “’Twas the Night Before Christmas” and “Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer.” Email: westfieldtheatreboosters@gmail.com.

SUNDAY/DEC. 18

Christmas Bird Count. The Audubon Society of Northern Virginia will mark the 112th anniversary of the Christmas Bird Count. Volunteers will count birds in a circle around Centreville. The area includes Manassas National Battlefield, Bull Run Regional Park, undeveloped areas around Bull Run Post Office Road and Dulles Airport. ASNV is seeking volunteers to help. Contact ASNV at info@AUDUBONVA.ORG or call 703-438-6008.

Christmas Cantata. 8:45 a.m. and 11 a.m. Jubilee Christian Center Music Department will perform the Christmas Cantata, “Joy to the World.” Jubilee is located at 4650 Shirley Gate Rd., Fairfax. Call 703-383-1170 or see www.jccag.org

WWII Christmas at Sully Historic Site. 5 p.m. Sully Historic Site is all decked out for a WWII era Christmas at home of Northern Virginia's first congressman. At Sully Historic Site, 3650 Historic Sully Way, Chantilly. Call 703-437-1794.

HOLIDAY GIFT GUIDE



Artful Gifts

Sarah Petty of Fairfax, works on a fruit bowl at Clay Café Studios on Dec. 6. She plans to give the bowl as a gift after it is fired. Petty picked Clay Café Studios because of its wide selection of pottery items to paint.



Lily Fry of Centreville adds a touch of pink glaze to a pottery cupcake plate at Clay Café Studios as her mother Kim Fry watches on Dec. 6.



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Defense Carries the Day for Centreville Football

Wildcats hold off Hermitage late in 10-9 state semifinals victory.

BY RICH SANDERS
CENTRE VIEW

Going into its Virginia State AAA semifinals football playoff game at Hermitage High last Saturday afternoon, Centreville High head coach Chris Haddock and his Wildcats realized they would be going up against one of the better defensive units around. The Panthers' staunch 'D' had allowed just one touchdown all season long and had earned shutouts in its previous two playoff games, including a Central Region finals win over L.C. Bird of Chesterfield.

But it was the Centreville defense which proved to be the greatest difference maker on Saturday as the Wildcats tallied an astonishing 10 quarterback sacks and edged Hermitage (Richmond), 10-9. The Div. 6 playoff victory advanced Centreville to this Saturday's state



PHOTO BY CRAIG STERBUTZEL/CENTRE VIEW

Centreville head coach Chris Haddock is completing his second year at the helm of the Wildcats.

title game where it will meet Oscar Smith High (Chesapeake) of the Eastern Region. The contest will take place at Scott Stadium, on the campus of the University of Virginia in Charlottesville. Game time is scheduled for 4:30 p.m.

Centreville, which improved its record to 12-1, will be competing in a state football championship game for the second time in school history. Back in 2000, Centreville defeated Deep Creek (Chesapeake), 28-26, in the Div. 6 state title game at the University of Richmond.

Prior to Saturday's Div. 6 finals

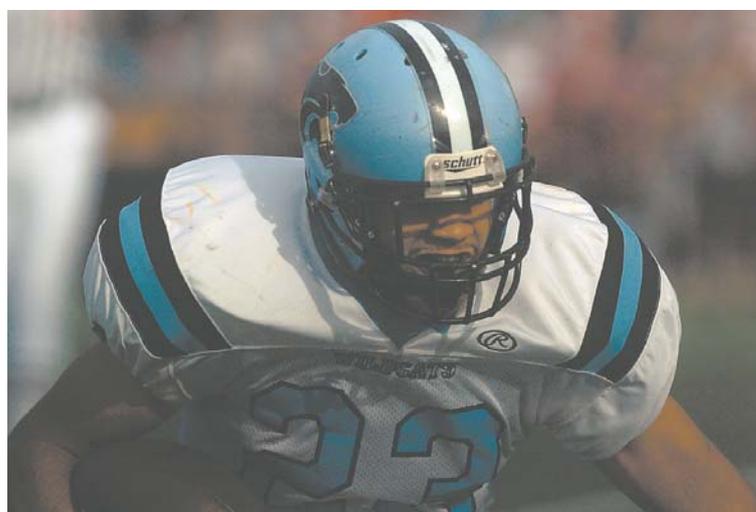


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Manny Smith and the Centreville Wildcats are headed for Charlottesville this Saturday to take on Oscar Smith High in the state AAA championship game.

another championship tilt — the state AAA Div. 5 (smaller schools) finals between South County (Patriot District) and Phoebus (Hampton) — will be played at noon time on the same field. South County, like Centreville, is part of the Northern Region.

HADDOCK AND CENTREVILLE FANS could not have asked for a better defensive showing than they received from the Wildcats, who put constant pressure on Hermitage quarterback D'Vonta Derricott (6-of-18, 99 yards, 1 interception). Her-

mitage star running back Derrick Green did have a big game with 113 yards on 16 carries, but the Panthers only found the end zone one time.

"I think our defense has been our backbone all year," said Haddock, the second year Centreville coach. "Our defense, in my opinion, has been underrated. They have played phenomenally well all year. They stood up strong [in the region playoffs] against Westfield [in the finals] and Lake Braddock before that. We were in the backfield all night [against Hermitage] and probably could have had 15 sacks."

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Centreville blitzed often, particularly in the second half when Hermitage was attempting to throw the ball with frequency. Linebacker Ken Ekanem, recently named the Northern Region Player of the Year, finished the game with 4.5 sacks. Late in the game — with Hermitage trailing 10-9 — he and teammate Ryan Sepulveda, a defensive end, clinched the victory for Centreville by recording third and fourth down sacks, respectively, on Hermitage's final possession at its own 30 yard line.

Prior to that final Hermitage possession, Ekanem and his defensive teammates encouraged one another to come up with a final stop.

"We said to one another we have to stop them here and keep them from getting into field goal range," recalled Ekanem. "We had to put on pressure. I got to the quarterback and Ryan got to him."

On the previous Hermitage possession before that, with the Panthers threatening, a strong Centreville pass rush, led by Ekanem, forced a poor throw from

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Fade Route Does the Trick for Wildcats' Offense

Ferrick and Walter team up for state semifinal game's pivotal play.

BY RICH SANDERS
CENTRE VIEW

While the Centreville High football offense might not have been at its best during the Wildcats' 10-9 victory over Hermitage in a Div. 6 state semifinals playoff game last Saturday afternoon in Richmond, it did enough to help the champions from the Northern Region win and advance to this Saturday's state title game against Oscar Smith High.

Centreville, going up against one of the top defensive teams in the state in Hermitage, turned the ball over twice in the first half and scored



PHOTO BY CRAIG STERBUTZEL/CENTRE VIEW

Centreville QB Mitch Ferrick tossed an eight-yard third quarter scoring pass in his team's win over Hermitage.

just three first half points — those coming on a 20-yard field goal by Jared Rondeau in the second quarter which tied the game at 3-3.

But in the second half, Centreville held onto the football and scored one of the season's biggest touchdowns in the third quarter when quarterback Mitch Ferrick and wide

receiver Chase Walter teamed up for an eight-yard scoring pass play which, following Rondeau's extra point kick, gave the Wildcats a 10-3 lead which would stand.

Ferrick, on the touchdown play, lofted a fade pass towards the left corner of the end zone which Walter, who was in one-on-one coverage, caught for the six points.

"Chase is our go-to guy," said Ferrick, of the touchdown.

The senior signal caller, who completed six-of-10 passes for 83 yards in the win, said he had not thrown the ball the way he wanted to up until that scoring pass to Walter.

"For most of the game I didn't throw the exact ball I wanted to," said Ferrick. "But that [touchdown pass] was one play where I did. They manned Chase up [at the line] with pressure coverage and he just beat them."

Ferrick said he took a quick three-

step drop and let the ball go.

"It was a good, lofting spiral to his outside," he said. "It felt good out of my hands. Chase was behind his man. The kid got beat right off the line. It wasn't one of his harder catches but he made a play."

The fade pass play is one in which the two practice on a daily basis. Walter said the football, prior to the scoring play, had been placed on a right hash mark of the field. That gave him more room to maneuver and utilize the open space on the left side.

"I had a one-on-one outside," said Walter, who caught six passes for 50 yards in the game. "Mitch told me he would throw it up and I said fine. We work on that every day. I beat my guy. He was behind me and Mitch threw it up. I caught it in the back left end zone. It was a well thrown ball."

Chris Haddock, the Centreville head coach, said he was confident the play could result in a Wildcats' score.

"We just felt like we had a good

matchup with Chase and the guy who was covering him," said Haddock. "I said to Mitch, 'Give him a chance to get it,' and he did. Mitch laid it up right there."

Centreville did not gain a lot of yards overall — 83 in the air and 65 on the ground. Star running back Manny Smith worked hard for 55 yards on 20 carries.

"We ran the ball pretty well, they just had a real good defense," said Walter.

All in all, putting up 10 points was not bad against a Panthers' defensive unit which had not given up any points over its previous two playoff wins.

"Their defense is pretty physical, I would say," said Centreville tightend/linebacker Ken Ekanem, of Hermitage. "They just flew to the ball so we tried to pound it up the middle."

Summing up the teams feelings on the win, Ekanem, who caught two passes in the game, said, "It feels awesome. I'm proud of my team and how we executed."

SPORTS

Defense Carries the Day

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Derricott, resulting in an interception by defensive back Connor Coward at the Hawks' 30-yard line.

"I was so tired and gave it everything I got to get to him," said Ekanem, of his attempt for a sack on that key play. "When Connor made the interception, I was like, 'Thank God.' I was too tired to celebrate."

"We had a lot of pressure and Connor made a big play," said Haddock.

Chase Walter, Centreville's standout wide receiver who also plays in the defensive secondary, said the Wildcats were expecting Hermitage to pass the ball nearly every play late in the game.

"The last couple of drives when they were pushing [to score] in the fourth quarter, we knew they would throw it up," said Walter, who said the game's final minutes reminded him of Centreville's late defensive stand to hold off Westfield in the region title game a few weeks ago. "Hermitage stopped running the ball in the fourth quarter and went with the passing game. He would drop back to pass and our defensive line was getting through, and the linebackers. I think our defensive line outplayed their offensive line."

Ekanem said he and his team-

mates grew tired during the week of hearing about how good the Hermitage defense was.

"We wanted to prove we were a better defense than Hermitage," said Ekanem. "We threw some blitzes at them and their linemen couldn't pick them up. It messed up their blocking assignments. I think we did real good."

Derricott, the Hermitage QB, had problems avoiding the Centreville pass rush even when he moved outside of the pocket.

"Their answer to all our blitzes was to roll [Derricott] out a bit," said Haddock. "I think we still got pressure on him."

NEITHER TEAM found the end zone in the first half. Centreville kicker Jared Rondeau tied the game at 3-3 with a 20-yard field goal in the second quarter. That was still the score at halftime. Centreville took the lead for good in the third quarter when quarterback Mitch Ferrick, on the final play of a 50-yard scoring march, connected with Walter on an eight-yard fade route pattern in the left back of the end zone. Rondeau converted the extra point kick to give the Wildcats a 10-3 lead. The successful extra point kick by Rondeau would prove to be the game-winner.

Hermitage scored a touchdown in the fourth quarter to get within 10-

9 but the extra point kick failed. The kick was not tipped or blocked, but the Wildcats' special teams contributed to the miss with a heavy rush.

"We knew [from watching game films] that we'd have a great chance to block field goals or extra points," said Ferrick. "It was a high snap and our guys went in hard at it. I would think it likely their kicker was nervous [with the game on the line]."

"He just missed it, shanked it to the left," said Haddock.

Hermitage could not score on its remaining possessions of the fourth quarter and Centreville was victorious and headed to Charlottesville.

Ferrick, the Centreville quarterback, said the Centreville defense paved the way to the semifinals win.

"They're unbelievable," said Ferrick, of the Wildcat 'D.' "The old cliché that 'defense wins games' is true. We knew our strong suit was defense this year because we were returning nine or 10 guys. They really picked us up this year."

The Wildcats, this week, will be looking for their first state crown since winning it all in 2000.

"It's very exciting," said Walter, Centreville's standout receiver who finished the game with six catches for 50 yards and his team's touchdown. "We've been playing football [together] since we were in the seventh grade, so to get to the state championship game is awesome."

Ekanem, Chase Walter, Manny Smith; (First Team Defense) - Ken Ekanem, Matt Vliissides, Connor Coward; (Second Team Offense) - Matt Vliissides.

Ken Ekanem was named the Northern Region Player of the Year.

A FANTASTIC FINISH closed out Centreville High School freshman Tyler Love's first high school wrestling tournament. Tyler came away with a hard fought, well-earned 6th place finish in the prestigious Ray Oliver Wrestling Tournament at The McDonigh School in Owings Mills, Md. Love battled a bloody nose in his final 3 matches, using all but a few seconds of his allotted blood time in all three of those matches. Coaches and trainers worked feverishly to stop the bleeding and were successful in getting Love back on the mat and through his bracket. The young freshman butted heads with several upper classmen and had his hand raised in 4 of his 7 matches, proving he could compete with all high school wrestlers and setting himself up to have a fantastic 2011-2012 season.

Overall the young CVHS wrestling team is improving weekly. Generating some wins for Centreville at the Ray Oliver meet were freshman Chung Do Kim, who went 1-2 at 106 pounds, junior Josh Cowman (2-2 at 126 pounds), junior Dillon Dull (2-2 at 145 pounds), and junior Joe Steinbach (1-2 at 220 pounds). Kim was exciting in capturing his first career win, as was Cowman, who recorded a pin on the day for his first win but came up one round short in his bid to place in the top 6. The team will next compete at the NOVA Classic on Dec. 9 and 10 at Fairfax High School.

CENTREVILLE HIGH SPORTS NOTES

BOYS BASKETBALL: The CVHS varsity men's basketball team opened its 2011-12 season with a loss to host Lake Braddock on Tuesday, Nov. 29. Senior Evan Fuller led the way with 16 points and eight rebounds, followed by senior Mitch Mahoney with 13 points and three rebounds. The Cats played strong on defense but struggled with costly turnovers that allowed the Bruins better shooting opportunities. Junior Rahji Johnson led the team with four assists.

The boys' team also fell in their second game of the young season, 68-50, to South Lakes on Thursday, Dec. 1. Evan Fuller led the Wildcats with 15 points and eight rebounds. Rahji Johnson had nine points while Robert Coker, Mitch Mahoney, and David Liddle all contributed eight points.

GIRLS BASKETBALL: The Centreville Lady Wildcats basketball team opened their 2011-2012 season with a hard fought 51-37 victory over Lake Braddock on Tuesday night, Nov. 29. CVHS was led in scoring by sophomores Jenna Green and Katie Blumer with 10 points apiece. Green also had 10 steals. Senior Chaney Forbush had 10 boards to lead the Cats in rebounds.

The CVHS Lady Wildcats continued their winning ways, rallying from a four-point third quarter deficit and overcoming a talented and tall McLean Highlanders team, 51-43, on Thursday night, Dec. 1. The Wildcats scored the last seven points of the third quarter and then outscored McLean 11-5 in the final quarter to secure the victory. Jenna Green led the Cats in scoring with 13 points. Katie Blumer added 10. CVHS is 2-0 on the young season.

SWIM/DIVE: The CVHS swim/dive team had its first meet against Chantilly on Friday, Dec. 2 at Cub Run Recreation Center. The evening featured fantastic times and great improvements.

Girls' first place finishers - Rachel Anderson (200-IM); Abby McCranie (50-free); Rachel Anderson (100-fly); and the 200-free relay team of Kylie Cuomo, Brooke Worley, Abby McCranie, and Rachel Anderson.

Girls' second place finishers - 200-medley relay team of Rachel Anderson, Abby McCranie, Logan Ross, and Sarah Clark; Abby McCranie (100-free); and Logan Ross (100-breaststroke).

Girls' third-place finishers - Kylie Cuomo (200-free); McKenzie Islin (dive); the 200-freestyle relay team of Alden Methfessel, Mackenzie Cripe, Logan Ross, and Shannon O'Donnell; Sarah Hessler (100-breaststroke); and the 400-freestyle relay of Kylie Cuomo, Brooke Worley, Shannon O'Donnell, and Kelsey Daily.

Boys' second place finisher - Kyle Marshall (100-backstroke)

Boys' third place finishers - the 200-medley relay team of Kyle Marshall, Alex Hamrick, Michael Helme, and Jonathan Clark; Jonathan Clark (50-free); Brandon Casey (dive); Michael Helme (100-fly); and the 200-free relay team of Jonathan Clark, Matt Rice, Calvin Jones, and Jihun Yom.

ALL-REGION: The following Wildcats were selected to the fall season's 2011 All-Northern Region Teams, as chosen by region coaches.

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Catholic churches and Korean Central Presbyterian Church — which will provide coffee and doughnuts daily at the center.

Also speaking was the Rev. Nancy McDonald-Ladd of the Bull Run UUC in Prince William County, where government officials took a hard line against Hispanic immigrants. “People in other jurisdictions take inspiration from what you’re doing,” she told the gathering. “In Prince William County, it sometimes feels like an uphill battle.” Recalling how Jesus was born in a manger when there was no room at the inn, she said, “What you’re doing here is making a place for the people.”

Catherine Read, president of the Centreville Rotary Club, addressed the crowd, as well. “By going forward, we can be the change the rest of the world is seeking,” she said. “We can build a community that is truly inclusive. The Centreville Rotary Club recognized Alice and Jerry [Foltz] as our Citizens of the Year, and it was truly deserved.”

Next, Alice Foltz acknowledged the support and advice given by Edgar Aranda, who helped guide Centreville’s immigrants; Bill Threlkeld, who formerly headed Herndon’s labor center; Dvoskin’s employee Roni Robbins, who helped move the project ahead; and teacher Connie Rojas, who initially met with the workers on the streets, spoke with them in Spanish and explained the CIF’s ideas to help them.

“The turnout here is heartwarming and thrilling,” said center Director Shani Moser. “This project is about love of our fellow man. I worked with immigrants in Oregon and, after what I saw, I wanted to do something to help. So, to me, this is a dream come true and gave me a chance to put back something in my soul that was missing for so long. We are an open-arms organization, and I look forward to working with each and every one of you.”

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By KENNETH B. LOURIE

Regularly, my wife or I receive an invite/query for something or other from friends, family and/or miscellaneous past, present and future business acquaintances, so that they can “see Kenny.” Concerned and courteous — and caring though it may be, it makes me feel peculiar, sort of, like I’m something of a “bearded lady.” “Come see the lung cancer patient as he continues to live against all medical odds.” And apparently, though I don’t really feel it — and certainly don’t acknowledge it, I am a bit of an oddity, as I have been all my life. But now, near death — in terms of statistical presumption, I need to be seen; not to be believed, but to be congratulated, encouraged, embraced: “The Amazing Kenny,” as the barker might shout it to grab your attention.

Now I’m not about to charge admission or set up a 900 number to answer questions about my life-with-cancer experiences, but people do want to “see me” like I’m the adult version of the baby on the Seinfeld episode when the new mother whined over the phone to Jerry: “Jerry, you gotta see the baby!” (Do you remember the mother described the baby as “breathtaking?”) Well, I don’t think I’m breathtaking — or worth whining about, but I am still taking breaths, which apparently, is worth noting. Moreover, my living and still breathing is interesting to some, as if my continuing to do so provides some sort of wisdom.

I don’t see my continuing to live as any kind of wisdom, however, although I do have a bit of a story to tell. I think it’s more plain dumb luck — without characterizing myself too disparagingly. Sure, I’ve been “compliant,” the term most often used to describe one’s adherence to doctor’s orders. I’ve showed up for all my appointments and scans. I’ve taken all my medications as instructed and prescribed. In addition, I’ve tolerated my treatment with minimal complications. Whatever blips (abnormal labs) which have appeared in my weekly, every-three-week/now every-four-week lab work have always returned to acceptable levels within a reasonable time, which has enabled my treatment to proceed. In summary, I’ve been an excellent patient. As curly Howard of The Three Stooges said: “I seen my duty and I done it.”

Does this behavior make me some sort of freak? How does one not adhere to medically-instructed protocols (if you believe in that sort of thing) when you’re given a death sentence? “I can treat you,” my oncologist said after a biopsy confirmed a malignancy in my lungs, “but I can’t cure you. Radiation is not an option. You have too many tumors. They’re like weeds.” (My wife, Dina, still hasn’t gotten over that last description.) To me however, it was all sort of amusing, considering that I was basically symptom-free and a lifelong non-smoker. As serious as all of it was — and is, and likely will continue to be, somehow, I’m able to not take it too seriously. Is that wisdom? I think it’s probably more like self-preservation.

As a result, I guess I am fairly well-preserved, given my circumstances. I wouldn’t say I’ve aged like fine wine or a bottle of single malt scotch, but I’m still able to walk (slowly though, the neuropathy and edema in my legs and feet — side effects, are a problem) and talk. And in so doing, I seem to be a sort of curiosity, maybe even a source of bemusement to people. Which bothers me not at all. I’m happy to still be in the game. Seeing is believing and showing can be telling. I don’t think I have too many answers, but maybe the fact that I’m available for questions matters more.

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- ❖ Sunday, Dec. 11 — 11 a.m. The Bethlehem Project. A Children's Christmas Musical.
- ❖ Sunday, Dec. 18 — 8:45 a.m. and 11 a.m. Christmas Cantata, "Joy to the World." The Music Ministry of Jubilee Christian Center will present a Christmas Cantata, "Joy to the World."
- ❖ Saturday, Dec. 24 — 8 p.m. Christmas Eve Service.
- ❖ Sunday, Dec. 25 — 11 a.m. Christmas Day Service.

Jubilee Christian Center is located at 4650 Shirley Gate Rd., Fairfax. Call 703-383-1170 or www.jccag.org

The Mount Olive Baptist Church is kicking off this season of giving with a Holiday Feast for individuals and families in need. This free dinner will be held in the church's new banquet hall on Saturday, Dec. 10, from 12-4 p.m. Reaching out to area shelters, low-income housing units, social service organizations, local government agencies, and other churches, Mount Olive Baptist expects to draw, feed, and minister to as many as 1,000 people during the event. The day will include a holiday dinner with all of the trimmings, along with Christmas music and entertainment in both English and Spanish.

On Saturday, Dec. 24, at noon, Mount Olive Baptist Church will host a Christmas Program entitled "One

Solitary Life, The Night that Christ was Born." The free event is a celebration in word, song and dance. Mt. Olive Baptist Church is at 6600 Old Centreville Road, Centreville.

Congregation Yad Shalom, located in Centreville, provides a variety of programs in a traditional format with a modern flair. There are a number of activities for the family:

- ❖ Join the congregation for a Saturday morning Shabbat service with Cantor Zucker on Dec. 17 at 10 a.m. at Little Rocky Run Community Center # 3.
- ❖ Come to a special Chanukah party at our member's home on Sunday, Dec. 25 at 6 p.m.
- ❖ Contact the Congregation at 703-579-6079, or visit www.yadshalom.com.

Fairfax Dentists Dr. Tara L. Zier and Dr. Riaz Rayek are offering a significant discount on dental services in order to assist people who need dental care in tandem with helping their community food pantry.

Drs. Zier and Rayek are looking to assist the people in their community who have lost their dental coverage due to job loss by offering dental services at a fraction of their normal rate. For \$39, patients will receive oral examinations, x-rays and dental cleanings, with all proceeds going to Food for Others.

Both dentists were inspired to organize this community effort after reading a report in the New York Times about how an increasing number of Americans are going hungry: <http://dentistryfairfaxva.com/index.php/category/fairfax-dentist-community>.

The community discount spearheaded by Drs. Zier and Rayek to benefit people in need of dental care as well as the local food bank will remain in effect until Dec. 20, 2011. Visit <http://dentistryfairfaxva.com/index.php/category/fairfax-dentist-community/> or call 703-222-3245.

Kristina Dlugozima of Centreville was elected to the office of Lieutenant Governor for Division 20 of Capital District Kiwanis. She is an accountant at Online Resources Corporation in Chantilly. Division 20 consists of clubs in Arlington, Alexandria, Fairfax, and Loudoun Counties. Dlugozima has been a member of the Kiwanis Family since 1997.

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