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Several members of the Fairfax County School Board and senior administrators participated in Mountain View Alternative High School's winter graduation. Seated, from left to right: School Board Member At Large Ted Velkoff, School Board Member At Large Ryan McElveen, Providence District School Board Member Patty Reed, Sully District School Board Member Kathy Smith, Vice Chairman of the School Board Ilryong Moon, Mountain View High School Principal Dave Jagels (standing), Fairfax County Public Schools Superintendent Dr. Jack Dale, COO Facilities and Transportation Services of FCPS Dean Tistadt, FCPS Assistant Superintendent Dr. Kim Dockery, and Fairfax County Division Counsel Anne Murphy. Also in attendance was Linda Burke, assistant superintendent of Cluster VII.

Overcoming Hardships to Graduate

Mountain View hands out winter diplomas.

BY BONNIE HOBBS
CENTRE VIEW

At the outset of Mountain View High's winter graduation last week, Assistant Principal and emcee Gary Morris told students about to receive their diplomas to be strong.

"You've endured what others said you couldn't," he said. "Tell them not to call you a dreamer, but to 'Call me a graduate.'"

The ceremony was held last Tuesday, Feb. 7, at Oakton High, and Principal Dave Jagels told the crowd, "I'm honored and privileged to be the principal of what I believe is one of the best schools in the county."

Mountain View is known as the school of second chances — a place where those who've had a hard life can start over and lay the groundwork for a solid future. At last week's event, two students shared their own stories of struggle and hope.

Noe Morente and his brother came to the U.S. from Guatemala, hoping to improve their economic situ-

ation. But things looked pretty bleak when they found themselves working long hours on a chicken farm in South Carolina.

"We were pulling skin off chickens — and there were just two of us and hundreds of chickens," said Morente. "It was monotonous and the same, terrible circumstances I was in in Guatemala. I heard wages were higher in Virginia so, in 2002 — when I was 14 — we moved to Centreville."

They soon discovered pay was only a bit higher here, and almost everything cost more. "But I wanted to move on and make a better life," said Morente. "I thought learning English was enough, but I soon realized I needed a high-school diploma."



Graduating senior Hodan Aden enthralled the audience with the description of the journey that brought her from war-torn Somalia to northern Virginia and ultimately to the halls of Mountain View High School. Aden received multiple honors.

He and his brother got jobs so they could pay their bills and rent, plus send money home to Guatemala. Morente also enrolled in Mountain View. "Leaving for school at 7:30 in the morning and getting home from work at 11:30 at night was a sacrifice," he said. "But Mountain View has meant everything to me."

"It's my dream and an opportunity to me," he continued. "I'm here today because I have courage, support and self-confidence. Thank you, Mountain View."

Next, Hodan Aden
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Statistics Show Less Crime

Sully, Fair Oaks districts lead county in safety.

BY BONNIE HOBBS
CENTRE VIEW

When it comes to places to live, the Sully and Fair Oaks districts are among the tops in Fairfax County. And four public-safety officers presented crime statistics to back it up at the Jan. 25 meeting of the Sully District Council of Citizens Associations.

"Sully is one of the slowest of the districts for crime," said police PFC Pete Katinsky of the Sully District Station. "We've had a few rashes of burglaries, such as when the homes of people from India were burglarized for gold. We mainly have property crimes, and a lot of them could be prevented if people would take their valu-

ables out of their vehicles or hide them and lock their doors."

He said local residents have left their wallets, laptop computers, cell phones and even cash in plain sight in their cars, with the doors unlocked. Said Katinsky: "This just presents a crime of opportunity to the bad guys."

The assaults are usually domestic violence, he said, and the property-destruction cases involve vehicles or other personal property. As for DUIs, the number dropped from more than 200 in 2010 to 83 in 2011. Besides that, said Katinsky, "Sex offenses — including exposures — almost dropped in half from 2010 to 2011 from 24 to 13."

However, PFC Wayne Twombly, crime prevention officer with the Fair Oaks District Station, said his district may even be a bit slower than Sully, crimewise, especially in the winter. He noted, though, that police are seeing a rise in fraud cases against senior citizens, and "That's always a concern."

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From left; PFC Wayne Twombly, Sgt. Robert Alessi and PCA Pete Katinsky listen while Lt. Col. James Whitley makes a point.

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Centreville High student volunteers who helped collect money during school lunches are (from left) Kara Perdue, Sarah Johnson, Rachel Orlowsky, Rebecca Spencer, Elizabeth Johnson, Lindsay Condon, Denise Bozek and Jamie Condon.

PJammin for a Cause

Schools raise almost \$5,000 for childhood-cancer research.

BY BONNIE HOBBS
CENTRE VIEW

When it comes to raising money for a good cause, even the youngest schoolchildren can help. And last week, students at Centreville High, Liberty Middle and Centreville Elementary raised nearly \$5,000 for childhood-cancer research.

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Seventh grader Kaihla Powell hands Rilee Warnick a marker to sign the banner hanging in the Liberty Middle School lunch room on Feb. 3. The Liberty Middle School students each have paid \$1 to wear pajamas in school as part of a fundraiser to support the American Childhood Cancer Organization.



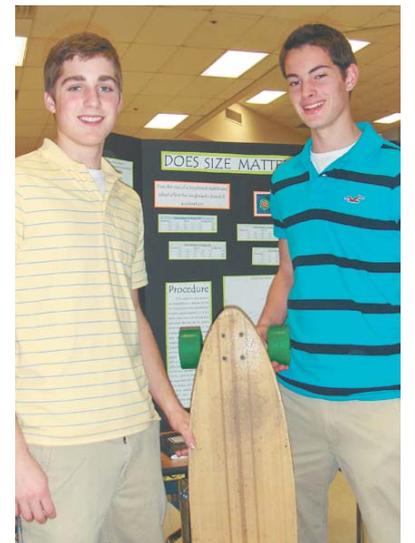
Centreville High students pose in their jammies in the cafeteria during the Feb. 3 PJammin Day.



From left are sophomores Arianna Begham and Moksha Sharma with “Drink Up,” their entry in Centreville High’s science fair. “We wanted to see the amount of electrolytes in Gatorade vs. orange juice,” said Sharma. “We learned that oranges have more electrolytes than Gatorade, but Gatorade is still good for staying hydrated.”



From left: Juniors Katrina Wright, Megan Kruse and Adrienne Lewis display their project exploring “The Effect of Wrapping on Ankle Flexion.” In the case of a sprained ankle, they investigated which of four different types of wrapping would best restrict the ankle’s range of motion. They discovered that cloth tape worked best.



From left are juniors Jake Hyde and Carl Ehinger with a skateboard and their science project, “Does Size Matter?” They tested whether larger or smaller, longboard skateboard wheels have a faster downhill acceleration. “We’re both big into longboards so it was really fun to do,” said Hyde. “We found that the smaller wheels accelerated faster, but the big wheels had a higher maximum speed.” So, said Ehinger, “You put on the type of wheel you want, depending on what you’re doing — traveling around town, being in a skatepark or downhill cruising.”

Students Shine in Science Fair

Centreville High held its Concorde District Science Fair on Feb. 2. Entries chosen first in their section or category go on to regional competition.



Sophomores (from left) Rebecca Lee, Jung Min In and Sue Jung considered “The Environmental Impact of Leached Pb on Dwarf Plants.” Jung said they investigated how dwarf plants are affected by acid rain and lead caused by human activities. Said In: “The results supported our hypothesis that the plants with a higher concentration of lead in their soil had higher mortality rates.”

2011-12 CVHS Science Fair

First place winners in the Centreville High School Science Fair are eligible to participate in the Fairfax County Public Schools Regional Science Fair in late March.

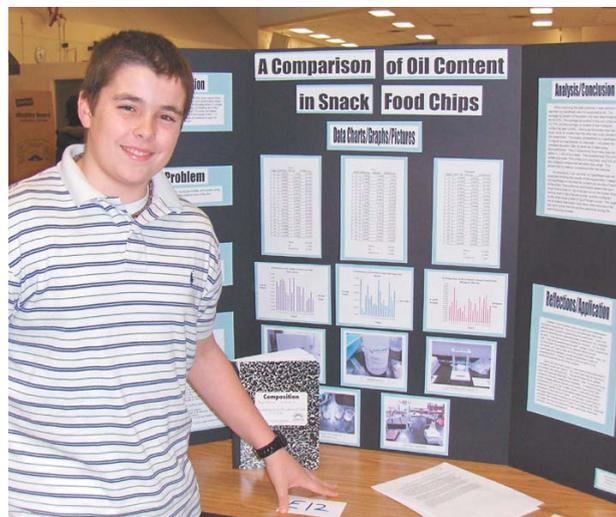
The award-winners are:

1st Place: Sarah Albertstein, Anna Stone, Kevin Nguyen & Christopher Sokol, Trisha Sinha, Michael Ahn, Matthew Kim, And Daniel Lee, Matt Severance, Kristen Hoffman, Maureen Thoensen, Sahana Rao, Samuel Ahmed & Arpit Rupakhetee, Michael Bollman, Adam Summers, Connor Crilly, Raghav Atluri, & Liban Hashi, Alex Dwornik, Adhiraaj Sethi & Noah Yona, Ben Sando and Rachel Hollenbach.

2nd Place: Joy Kim, Danny Song, Pj Wilkerson, Catherine Weidman, Praveena Logeswaran & Jolie Nguyen, Kamaldeep Kaur, Sabrine Ahmed-Iqbal & Sabetta Singh, Elias Seraj, Will Rimer, Bria Coleman, Paul Varghese, Linda Kim & Sunjoo Lee, Mike Wallace, Jordan Deang, Woo Jin Han, Jihun Yom, Thomas Scheider & Steven Yu, Ryan Kim, Jiyun Lee, Sarah Farooqi & Thomas Le, Imani Carpenter & Kylie Cuomo, Mahek Nigam, Juzer Nomani & Richard Yu.

Honorable Mention: Dela Antonio, Daniel Weisz, Ian Hargreaves, Hannah Woodruff, Fernando Muzo,

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Sophomore Ryan Barnes did “A Comparison of Oil Content in Snack Food Chips.” Since he likes chips, he wanted to see how much oil various types of chips absorbed during the manufacturing process. He tested Utz unsalted potato chips, Fritos corn chips and multigrain Tostitos. “Potato chips had a significantly higher percentage of oil content than the corn or multigrain,” said Barnes. “On the nutrition labels, corn chips had the highest fat content, so I thought they’d contain the most oil. But the experiment contradicted my hypothesis. And I was shocked that the corn and multigrain chips had about the same amount of oil.”



Sophomores (from left) Jiyun Lee and Ryan Kim looked at “Magnetism’s Effect on Polar and Non-polar Liquids.” (Polar molecules have electrical poles at each end — one with a positive electrical charge and the other with a negative charge). For their experiment, Kim said he and Lee ran the liquids through a long tube and did five trials. “We did them with and without magnets to see if the magnets had any affect on the flow rate of the liquids,” he said. “We learned that polar liquids tend to drip faster with magnets, and non-polar ones tend to stay the same with and without magnets.”

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PJammin

FROM PAGE 2

Liberty seventh-grader Shannon Lyons organized a PJammin Day in honor of her friend and classmate, Andrew McCaffrey, 13, currently being treated for bone cancer. Last Friday, Feb. 3, students at all three schools got to wear their pajamas to class that day, as long as they brought \$1 with them.

All the money was collected during lunchtime to be contributed to the American Childhood Cancer Organization (<http://acco.org/>) for research. Centreville Elementary raised \$2,015 (some of the teachers matched the classroom totals), and Liberty Middle and Centreville High raised \$1,466 each, for a total of \$4,947.

Centreville Elementary got involved because that's the school Shannon attended prior to Liberty.

And Centreville High participated because of Andrew's siblings and Wildcat cross country Coach Kelley Devlin. Andrew's brother Michael, a senior, runs both cross country and track; his sister Sara, a junior, manages the cross-country team.

"PJammin Day was a huge success at CVHS," said Devlin. "I would 'guesstimate' that probably 80 percent of the student body was in PJs, and probably the same number contributed donations of various amounts during CATS and school lunches. I was so in awe as I saw students stream into the



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The seventh grade lunch students at Liberty Middle School show their support of fellow student Andrew McCaffrey, who is currently battling cancer, and their support of the fight against cancer by paying \$1 to wear pajamas to school on Feb. 3. Administrators and faculty got into the spirit as well, demonstrated by Assistant Principal Andrew Coulter, holding the donation bucket on the right.

cafeteria with their money out and ready." "Everyone knew Feb. 3 was a special day in honor of Andrew McCaffrey and for an amazing cause — supporting children with cancer," continued Devlin. "Students were so quick to empty their wallets into our containers for the American Childhood Cancer Organization."

She also praised Shannon for creating a poster-board display with facts about childhood cancer to raise awareness of it, as well as the Centreville High SGA's Liz Johnson who helped out with posters and banners advertising PJammin Day. "So many kids participated and donated more than \$1," added Shannon's mom, Sue

Lyons. "I'm so excited that so much was donated to such a great cause." Calling both Centreville High and the local community amazing, Devlin said, "I'm so proud of all of you. Thank you so much for your help and support. This will be a tradition at CVHS and other local Centreville schools for years to come."

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Talent Sought for Alliance's Musical Showcase

The Alliance Theatre is looking for young talent for its first annual Musical Showcase to be held Friday-Saturday, May 4-5, at Mountain View High School. Directors are Cathy Arnold and Jen Farmer. Individuals, small groups and large-group acts will perform and also participate in full-cast musical numbers that will be taught and rehearsed for the showcase.

Besides providing an environment for young talent to shine, the event is also a fund-raiser to give Mountain View a much-needed, "technical" facelift. Proceeds from these shows will go toward addi-

tional lights and light board, sound equipment, microphones and window covers for the school theater.

Auditions will be held on Wednesday, Feb. 29, and Thursday-Friday, March 1-2, from 6-9 p.m. at the school, 5775 Spindle Court, behind Glory Days Grill in Centreville. Youth between age 8 and seniors in high school may audition individually or in groups.

Details are in the link below. Go to the auditions page for complete information and registration. Online registration is at <http://www.thealliancetheatre.org>.

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Saving the Bay: A Good Investment

Cleaning up the water that runs into the Chesapeake Bay will help create jobs and economic activity in Virginia.

A plan to raise \$300 million in bonds to upgrade wastewater treatment plants around the commonwealth stalled in a House of Delegates committee last week, a setback in meeting EPA requirements to clean up the water that leads to the Bay. Money is tight, lawmakers say, although an identical plan cleared the Senate.

Let's be clear that part of what we're talking about by delay is continuing to allow raw sewage to run into Virginia's waterways every time it rains.

This is like deciding to let the toilets in the house overflow rather than spend money on the plumber. Not only is it unhealthy and unpleasant, it also makes Virginia less attractive

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Support Funding Alzheimer's Project

To the Editor:

Today, 5.4 million Americans are living with Alzheimer's disease, including 130,000 Virginia residents. By 2050 as many as 16 million Americans will have this disease that slowly steals memories, independence, autonomy and so much more

Now the nation's sixth leading cause of death, Alzheimer's is unmatched in the scale of its devastating human and economic impact. There is no other chronic disease that affects so many without a way to cure, prevent or even slow its progression.

One in three Americans know someone with Alzheimer's. There are nearly 15 million family members and friends providing care for a loved one with Alzheimer's and dementia, including more than 422,000 Virginians. Families shouldering the tremendous emotional, physical and financial toll of caring for a loved one with Alzheimer's need action now.

Beyond the sheer numbers of lives touched by the disease, the financial impact on our nation is staggering. Alzheimer's cost the nation \$183 billion today. That amount will soar to \$1 trillion by midcentury. Medicare costs will increase nearly 600 percent and Medicaid nearly 400 percent — if we do nothing.

The National Alzheimer's Project Act (NAPA), signed into law in January 2011, requires the creation of a national strategic plan to address the rapidly escalating Alzheimer's disease crisis and will coordinate Alzheimer's disease efforts across the federal government. The Advisory Council on Alzheimer's Research, Care, and Services, created by NAPA to coordinate federal agencies conducting Alzheimer's-related care, services and research, met in mid-January to review the first draft framework of a National Alzheimer's Plan.

This is an historic moment. We need a meaningful allocation of resources in the President's

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for tourists and eco-tourists.

Upgrading the sewage treatment plants will generate jobs, but also upgrade the quality of the water Virginians depend on for drinking, household and business use and recreation.

More than 30 years of "saving" the Chesapeake Bay has accomplished about half of what needs to be done. The bay is primary attraction for tourists in Virginia, and is the basis for many jobs. The investment in the health of the bay is a jobs bill for Virginia.

Aside from upgrading the treatment plants, states in the Chesapeake Bay watershed will need to find ways slow the pace of stormwater

upcoming budget if we are committed to finding a cure. While a cure is the ultimate goal, even delaying disease onset or slowing progression by five years could result in dramatic savings and improved quality of life for millions of individuals.

We are at a critical juncture in time where the creation of a strategic plan to address the escalating Alzheimer's crisis is within our grasp. We need a marshalling of resources, expertise and innovation for the millions today living with this disease and the millions more tomorrow who may face it. Our nation's leaders must follow through and fulfill their commitment with a strong plan supported by the necessary resources to alter the course of Alzheimer's.

Alzheimer's won't wait. I invite you to take action today by signing our petition to President Obama at www.alz.org. Urge the President to take the next bold step forward in the fight against Alzheimer's and fulfill the promise of the National Alzheimer's Project Act passed unanimously by Congress more than a year ago. Tell him millions of families are counting on him to fulfill the potential of NAPA when he releases his upcoming Budget Request.

Now is the time to create a world without Alzheimer's. Families won't forget.

Susan Kudla Finn, PMP
President and CEO

Alzheimer's Association National Capital Area Chapter
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Shared Values

To the Editor:

The following is an open letter to the Ahmadiyya Islamic Community.

The Centreville Immigration Forum wishes to express our concern for your community, which suffered from vandalism at your new

runoff, do better with erosion control, change some agricultural practices to keep "fertilizer" from rushing into waterways every time it rains, and more. Efforts made upstream by other states will also benefit Virginia's waterways. There are new green and more cost effective ways to go about many of these tasks.

The mission will also need the continued involvement of individuals and organizations who are dedicated to the Chesapeake Bay.

It's an investment that will pay dividends for Virginia.

Pet Connection

Send us photos of your pets this week for inclusion in next week's Pet Connection. Our favorite pictures include both pets and humans. Please identify everyone in the photo, give a brief description of your pet, include address and phone number, and email to: centreview@connectionnewspapers.com

mosque in Chantilly.

Whatever the reason for the vandalism, this kind of destructive behavior directed toward a religious group is a call for renewed efforts toward understanding. We hope that you know that many in the Centreville area are distressed about the message sent by vandals, and want to rebuild and restore the community that most Centreville residents value. We want a community that affirms diversity, where citizens work together to create a peaceful place where our children, our businesses, our civic organizations, and all of our religious groups can thrive.

We hope that we will have additional opportunities to work with you in the years ahead. Please let us know if there are ways we can be of service.

Alice H. Foltz,
President
Centreville Immigration Forum

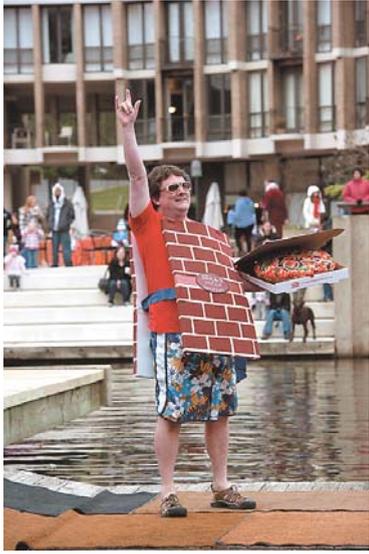
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Freezin' for A Reason

Matt Brick, proprietor of Brick's Pizza in Centreville, prepares to and jumps into Lake Anne on Feb. 4 as part of the Freezin' for a Reason Polar Dip in Support of Camp Sunshine in Casco, Maine, a camp that serves families that have a child with a life-threatening illness. Started by the Toth family of Vienna five years ago, the fundraiser has become a popular event at Lake Anne Plaza, with 185 jumpers this year. To date, this year's polar plunge has raised \$73,000 for the charity. Brick raised \$2,201.

ROUNDUPS

Parkway Detour Is Ending

Beginning this Thursday, Feb. 16, drivers will once again be able to make left turns from Fair Lakes Parkway onto Fairfax County Parkway. For the past six months, motorists have been detoured onto Fair lakes Circle while crews build an interchange.

The entire project is scheduled for completion in 2013. The \$69.5 million interchange at Fairfax County Parkway and Fair Lakes Parkway will improve pedestrian and cyclist access, widen more than three miles of the Fairfax County Parkway, and improve traffic flow by separating local and Parkway traffic through this busy area.

More details on this project are available at http://www.virginia.gov/projects/northernvirginia/fairfax_county_parkway-fair_lakes.asp.

Domestic Violence Issue

Domestic Violence is the topic of the next meeting of the Sully District Police Station's Citizens Ad-

visory Committee. It's set for Tuesday, Feb. 21, at 7 p.m., in the Sully District Governmental Center, 4900 Stonecroft Blvd., in Chantilly.

In light of recent, domestic-related murders in the Centreville area, the police station's Domestic Violence Coordinator, MPO Jacqi Smith, will discuss this issue. Arrests have been made in these cases, but the underlying problems still remain. Also that evening, both the CAC's Officer of the Quarter (for the last quarter of 2011) and the 2011 Officer of the Year will be announced and honored.

Sully District Council Meeting

The Sully District Council of Citizens Associations and its Land-Use Committee will meet Wednesday, Feb. 22, at 7 p.m., in the Sully District Governmental Center, 4900 Stonecroft Blvd. in Chantilly. Kristen Michael, director of Budget Services with Fairfax County Public Schools, will brief the school system's FY 2013 budget. Call Jeff Parnes, evenings, at 703-904-0131.

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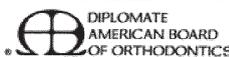
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Making the Grade

School officials offer strategies for improving study habits.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL
CENTRE VIEW

When Jackie Jackson's son brought home his report card recently, the Centreville mother of three was shocked.

"His grades had fallen to an unacceptable level," said Jackson. "Getting my son to do his homework has always been a battle, but during the winter break when there was no school, we got out of our routine and haven't been able to get back on track."

Children with low grades and poor study habits can be a source of stress for some parents. Educational experts say that there are effective techniques that can improve learning practices.

Starting a dialogue is a good first step. "In terms of academic success, it is key that there is open communication between parents, students and teachers," said Elizabeth Borra, School Counselor at Potomac Elementary School in Potomac, Md. "We want to work as a team to teach students the tools to be lifelong learners. In order to do so, we must set expectations and work together."

Experts say that one of the best ways to improve academic performance and decrease battles over completing homework assignments is to develop a daily schedule that includes time for studying and relaxation. "Set up a regular time to do homework; routines develop into habits," said Borra. "Establish a regular procedure; study for a length of time, have a short break, and return to studying."

Once the schedule is in place, work to maintain it and hold children accountable. "Consistency helps establish a pattern. When it is done on a regular basis it becomes second nature," said Valerie Garcia, principal, Blessed Sacrament School in Alexandria. "When a student is personally responsible they understand accountability and they understand the consequences if they don't follow through. Those consequences can end up being a less than desirable report card."

Create a study environment with minimal distractions. "The best way to help children is to have a quiet place in the home for homework," said Dr. Marjorie Myers, principal, Key Elementary School.

Support children, but avoid over involvement. "If parents help too much, children become dependent on them and don't develop their own sense of responsibility for getting their homework and studying done," said Myers. "Let them get a 'C' or a 'D' on a test and show them that if they ... study ... and pay attention in class, they can change those grades to 'A's' and 'B's.' It's their responsibility to learn and the intrinsic reward of earning that grade on their own is extremely valuable for future academic success."

There might be times when a child needs extra help. "If parents are concerned that their child may



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Francis Scott Key Elementary School teacher Briana Tavernier leads first grade students in a morning discussion. Experts say helping children succeed academically requires an open dialogue between parents, students and teachers.

have difficulty learning they should contact the teacher," said Borra. "Teachers are well trained in working with students that have many different learning styles."

Organization is critical, particularly for older students. "Plan ahead," said Leila Sidawy of Georgetown Learning Centers in Great Falls and McLean. "A great way to do that is to get a planner. This is important especially for students who have multiple activities that they are juggling like sports or clubs. Having a planner can help them stay on top of their assignments and avoid procrastination. The planner should include test dates, project due dates and after school activities. Getting organized will help a student feel more in control."

"Note taking is a crucial, but often overlooked aspect of academic success," said Sidawy. "Make sure students take good notes and keep them organized by date or subject, and include headings on the notes as well as relevant chapters or page numbers. After class, students should review the notes to help solidify the material."

Educators encourage parents to stay optimistic. "Maintain a positive attitude regardless of how challenging an assignment may appear," said Borra. "Prioritize studying and homework. Help your child understand the purpose of learning and that they will do it throughout their lives."



Students at Arlington's Francis Scott Key Elementary School practice counting with blocks. School officials encourage parents to develop a daily schedule that includes time for academics and recreation.

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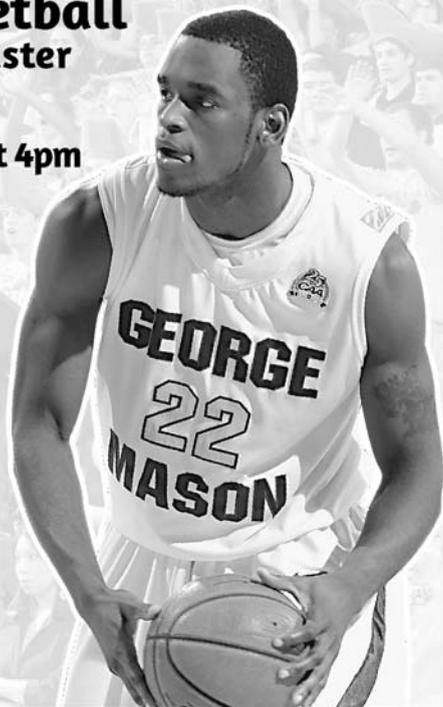
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Crime Statistics

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There have been 45 larcenies of tools from work vans since summer, said Twombly, and almost half have occurred in the parking lots of extended-stay hotels. He said 28 percent of these thefts happen between Wednesday night and Thursday morning.

Lt. Col. James Whitley, chief deputy/operations, with the county Sheriff's Office, presented some history along with his statistics. He's been with the Sheriff's Office for 31 years and has seen many changes since he began.

"There's been a sheriff in Fairfax County since 1742," he said. "He was also the tax collector. When I came on in 1980, we had 140 people; now there are over 600 employees. We have 1,260 beds in our jail — it's one of the largest in the state — and 85 deputies at the courthouse."

Only 1 percent of the applicants to the Sheriff's Office are actually hired, said Whitley. "It's a rigorous process," he said. "One-fourth of our sworn staff is female, and one-third of the force is non-white, so we have a whole lot of diversity."

He said a great deal of their work is focused on cutting down recidivism. "We present our staff as role models," said Whitley. "Many [people who are arrested] never had anyone to look up to."

Furthermore, he said, "An estimated 70 percent of our inmate population has substance-abuse problems, and 16 percent is severely mentally ill and should be in mental-health facilities. We're working with the state, trying to get more hospital beds for them. We also try to get them connected to job skills."

Sgt. Robert Alessi with the Virginia State Police, has worked out of the Fairfax office on Braddock Road since December 2006 and has served almost

25 years with the state police. "We're mainly an assist agency, helping at both the local and federal levels," he said. "We all do the same thing and we're there for each other."

There were only 300 Virginia state troopers 75 years ago, and now there are 1,800. "The interstates are our primary responsibility," said Alessi. "We do speed enforcement on I-66."

Locally, he said, "On I-66 at Route 28, we're having huge problems, mornings and afternoons, with traffic backing up on the ramps and people cutting in [to take the Route 28 exit] at the last minute. We're putting extra troopers there to try to stop that."

It happens on I-66 east leading to Route 28 north in the mornings and on I-66 west leading to Route 28 north in both the mornings and afternoons. And Alessi would like the cut-in drivers to remember that "a little courtesy out there on the road goes a long way." But help is on the horizon, he said. "They're going to possibly open up the shoulder of I-66 as far back as Stringfellow Road," said Alessi. "Opening up the shoulder prior to the merge area [for the Route 28 exit] will get us some temporary relief so traffic could get on [the shoulder] quicker. They're also going to extend the [exit] ramp and make it two lanes; construction should begin in 2014."

He said he and his fellow troopers attend many meetings "to make the traffic easier out here." Alessi also reminded motorists what to do when they see an officer stopped on the side of the road. "Drivers in the lane closest to him must move over one lane as soon as possible," he said. "It's a law; and if they don't do so, they can receive a summons and could possibly be fined \$1,000 in court."

So does he have any firsthand knowledge of this danger? Said Alessi: "I've been hit by three cars and run over by a tractor trailer."

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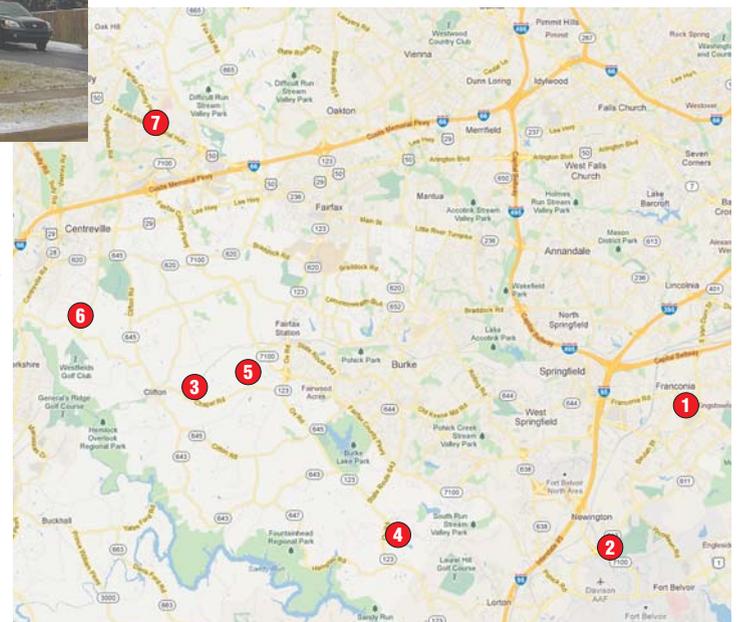
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Having just received his diploma from Mountain View High School, Carlos Ortiz of Chantilly celebrates with his family.

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Overcoming Hardships to Graduate

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shared her harrowing story of survival and escape from her native country of Somalia. “It’s one of the most dangerous countries in the world,” she said. “I lived in a war zone; starvation and death were part of everyday life. Five years ago, I couldn’t have imagined myself standing here, graduating from high school.”

Her parents were farmers, and she was one of seven children — all girls. When she was 8, she went to live with her aunt so she could attend school. In exchange, she was expected to do a multitude of chores.

“Everything changed,” said Aden. “I worked hard and became responsible, and I walked five miles to school every day. I missed my family and small farm. I thought of running away, but I was afraid of what would happen to me on the road.”

Eight years passed and, when Aden was 16, her family decided to move to Kenya, in hopes of going from there to America, so she joined them. “In 2006, I came to the U.S.,” she said. “I thought someone

would hand me a job and I’d be rich, just like that.”

Instead, she said, “I struggled to fit into this new society and I didn’t speak the language. I cleaned airplanes and restrooms from 6 in the morning until 11 at night. I hoped my life would improve, and a door opened for me when I enrolled in high school, even though people told me I was too old.”

At the same time, Aden worked nights as a caregiver, which she enjoyed. “I’m glad I didn’t give up or listen to what people said to me,” she said. “As the first person in my family to graduate from high school, I don’t take any of it for granted.”

“We’ve received a great education here at Mountain View, and a way to step out into the real world,” she continued. “Mountain View is more than a school — it’s a place where [the school’s motto of] family, love and respect are a way of life.”

Then came several awards. Dean Bedwell, Ryan Drake and Xingjian Tai received the Citizenship Award. Morente received the Faculty Personal Achievement Award, recognizing a student who suc

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Jagels and Jobs: Words of Wisdom

BY BONNIE HOBBS
CENTRE VIEW

Principal Dave Jagels began his address to Mountain View’s graduating seniors by relating a story about the Great Blondin, who invented the high-wire act. He said the story spoke to him about the journey that many of them had to take to reach where they are today.

In 1859, Blondin crossed Niagara Falls — a span of 1,100 feet — several times on a tightrope. Each time, he did it more daringly; once, he was blindfolded; another time, in chains; and another time, on a bicycle.

When he was about to cross the falls again, pushing a wheelbarrow, he asked a man in the crowd below if he really believed Blondin could do it. When the man said yes, Blondin then challenged him to get into the wheelbarrow.

“I love this story because it speaks so much to what we all have to do in life sometimes,” said Jagels. “We have to get into the wheelbarrow. We have to leave what is safe and secure and take a risk. By [doing so], we have little or no control over what will happen. We are at the mercy of what life is about to throw at us. But by getting into the ‘wheelbarrow,’ what a fantastic view — regardless of the outcome

— we are going to experience.”

He said Mountain View students already have what it takes to make their way in the world. “You have the resolve, the character and the grit to be successful,” he told them. “The stories you share about your lives and the obstacles you have overcome demonstrate that, in a way, you have already taken some of the first steps to being successful. You have gotten into the wheelbarrow.”

Jagels said they did so in various ways, such as by leaving the comforts of their base schools, leaving their friends and family, quitting drugs or gangs or even leaving their countries and for a new opportunity in an unfamiliar land.

“Isn’t this really what life is?” he asked. “Taking risks sometimes provides us with the richest experiences life has to offer us, [and] today is just the beginning.”

People often ask Jagels what makes Mountain View so special, and the answer comes easily to him. “I say it is the epitome of what a school should be,” he said. “You see it with our school’s values of family, love and respect. You feel this motto lived out on a daily basis. You see it with the staff and their ability to develop your confidence, [as well as] your belief that you can and will accomplish what you set out to

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Bulldogs' Back on Top in Region Wrestling

Westfield gets individual region titles from Beau Donahue and Derek Arnold.

BY RICH SANDERS
CENTRE VIEW

The Westfield High wrestling team reclaimed its position as Northern Region champions last Saturday night when the Bulldogs dethroned Robinson and earned its fourth crown in five years. The annual Northern Region Championships postseason meet took place Friday and Saturday, Feb. 10-11 at Hayfield Secondary School in Alexandria.

Westfield had captured the region championship three straight years (2008, '09, '10) before fellow Concorde District rival Robinson soared to the top of the region last year and ultimately captured the state title as well.

But following a year hiatus from the top, Westfield re-emerged this season as the dominant team of the region. At Saturday's regionals, the Bulldogs finished atop a field of 30 teams, scoring 193 points to runner-up Robinson's 174.50. Annandale (129.50), Mount Vernon (126.50), and Lake Braddock (105) finished third, fourth, and fifth, respectively.

Marshall High, which finished second place at the recent Liberty District Championships two weeks ago, finished sixth place at regionals with 81 points, ahead of seventh place South County (79.50), eighth place Oakton (73.50), ninth place Langley (69.50), and 10th place Madison (68).

Other Centre View-area teams Centreville High (66) and Chantilly High (41) finished 11th and 14th place, respectively.

Westfield saw two of its team members earn region titles, while three Bulldogs gained second place honors and three more third place accolades.

"I am extremely pleased with how our guys have stepped up under pressure and performed," said Westfield head coach Chuck Hoskins, whose team, nearly two weeks ago, opened the postseason by winning the Concorde District Championships. "I am so proud of our team. We had some adversity to begin the season, which I believe prepared us well for the end of the year. Our [challenging] schedule helped us a great deal."

Westfield's individual region champions were Beau Donahue (152 weight class) and Derek Arnold (138).

Donahue, who entered regionals as a No. 1 seed from the Concorde District, won his title match over Lake Braddock's Jake Sage by a 3-1 decision. Donahue had won all three of his previous matches to reach the finals, beginning with a second period pin win over Fairfax High's Daniel Vanderplas and then a first period pin win over Hayfield's Mark Allen in the quarterfinals. That put him into the semifinals where he outscored Stone Bridge wrestler Jonathan Faul, 12-8, to advance to the championship

round.

Arnold, a top seed from the Concorde, also won all four of his 138-division matches to gain the championship, capped by a 3-0 finals win over Robinson's Santiago Valdez. In reaching the finals, Arnold won matches over Stone Bridge's Connor Logan (first period pin), Annandale's Jack Johnson (second period technical fall) in the quarterfinals, and Langley's Jay Ives, 11-3 major decision, in a semifinals match.

The three Westfield wrestlers to earn region second-place finishes were Brett Campbell (120 weight class), David Aiello (113), and Gabe Ryan (106).

Campbell took his finals match versus Madison's Robert Dooley into overtime before losing 3-1. The top seed from the Concorde, Campbell won matches over Yorktown's Josh Grnadeno and Annandale's Rawand Shamdin, both by first period pins, to begin the tournament in strong fashion. Then in the semifinals, he handled Washington-Lee's Miga Khaadan in a technical fall win, 16-1, to set up the meeting with Liberty District champion Dooley.

At 113, Aiello made it to the championship match before losing to Marshall High's James Cusack by major decision to finish second. Aiello, a top seed from the Concorde, had made it to the finals with wins over Yorktown's Rene Fuentes (first period pin), Madison's Kolton Starr, 14-12 decision, and West Potomac's Ian Thompson, 6-2, in the semifinals.

And at the 106 division, Westfield's Gabe Ryan lost his title match to South County's Hunter Manley, 9-1 (major decision). Ryan had won his first two matches by first period pins over Hayfield's Jarret Ashby and Lee High's Kevin Le before edging Lake Braddock's Ryan Haskett, 8-6 in overtime, in a semifinals match.

Westfield's trio of third-place finishes came from Mitch Polizzi (220), Tyler Morson (170), and Stephen Aiello (145).

Each of the three won third-place consolation finals matches — Polizzi over local rival Joey Steinbach of Centreville, 3-1 in overtime; Morson over Lake Braddock's Gil Enav, 3-0; and Stephen Aiello over T.C. Williams' Shiruna Ntenda, 2-0.

Two Bulldog wrestlers earned fifth place medals — Austin Knies (182-division) and Frank Aiello (160).

CENTREVILLE HIGH had three place finishers at regionals in Ryan Sepulveda (2nd place at 170); David Chenevey (3rd place at 195); and Joey Steinbach (4th place at 220).

Sepulveda, a top seed from the Concorde District, won his first three matches to reach the 170 finals where he lost a 3-1 decision to Mount Vernon's Dusty Floyd. Sepulveda's earlier wins had come over Annandale's Justice Garrish (first period pin), Fairfax's

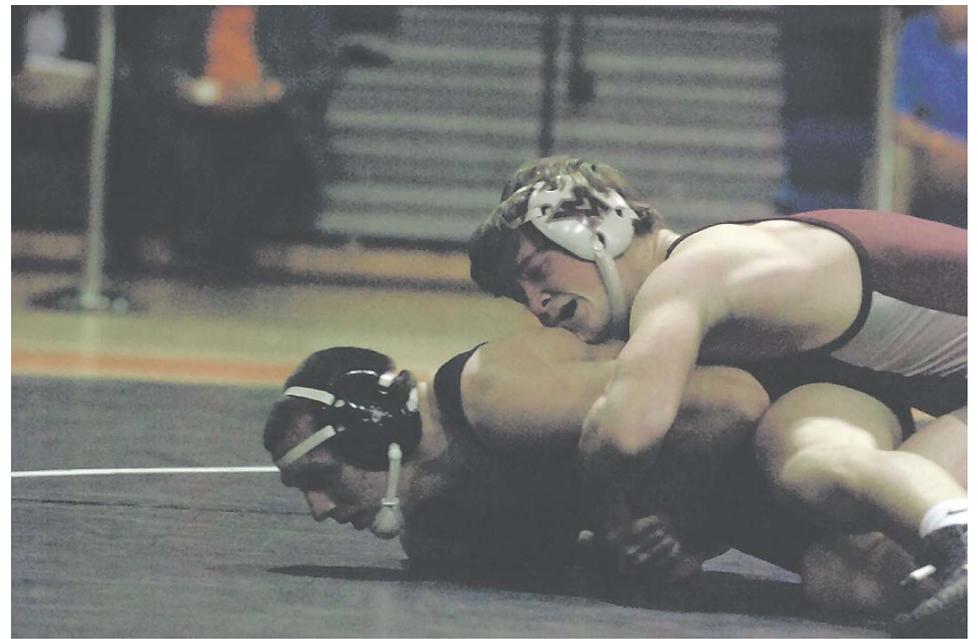


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Centreville High's Ryan Sepulveda (bottom) made it all the way to the 170 weight class championship match where he lost a close outing to Mount Vernon's Dusty Floyd (top).

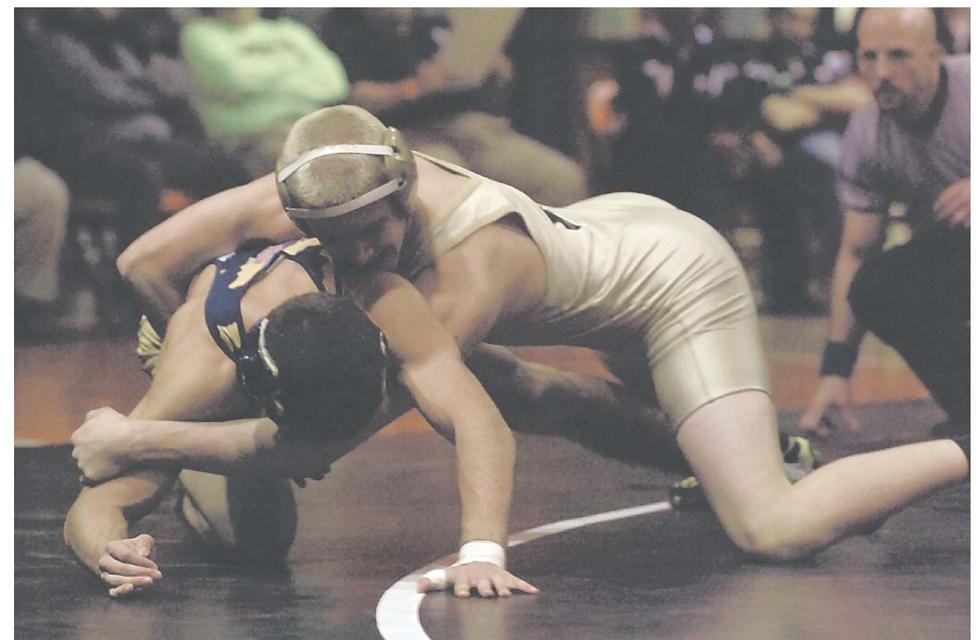


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Westfield's Derek Arnold (top) controlled Robinson's Santiago Valdez (bottom) in the 138 finals on way to a 3-0 win.

Zachary Hoeth (2nd period pin); and Lake Braddock's Gil Enav, 3-1, in the semifinals.

Chenevey, at 195-division, lost a second round match in overtime to fall into the loser's bracket. But from there he won four straight matches, including a 5-2 consolation finals win over Annandale's John McCollom, to earn third place.

Steinbach, at 220, won his first two matches before a semifinals loss to Mount Vernon's Nathan Haro knocked him into the loser's bracket. There, Steinbach won a match over Robinson's Andre Kendall, 8-4, to qualify for the consolation finals, where he lost a tough 3-1 overtime match to Westfield's Mitch Polizzi.

CHANTILLY HIGH'S Walter Carlson finished in fourth place overall at the 132 weight class to earn a trip to the upcoming

state AAA playoffs.

At regionals, the top four wrestlers at each respective weight class earned automatic seedings at states. Meanwhile, fifth and sixth place finishers at regionals did not qualify for states but did earn medals.

Carlson, the No. 1 seed from the Concorde District, won his first match over McLean's Nick Echevermia with a third period pin, then defeated Annandale's Jordan Dickerson by major decision, 15-4. Carlson then lost a 10-3 decision in the semifinals to Edison's Brook Jacobson. From the loser's bracket, Carlson defeated Langley's Austin Miller 7-4 to advance to the consolation finals where his tournament ended with an 8-4 loss to Lake Braddock's Sean Haskett.

Chantilly's Ali Nadri earned a fifth-place finish at the 113 weight class.

SPORTS

CENTREVILLE HIGH SPORTS REPORT

BY KAREN FULKERSON

Indoor Track: Congratulations and good luck again to the 17 runners who will be competing in the Northern Region Meet at George Mason University this Saturday, Feb. 18. Those runners set to compete at regionals are:

Texas Williams (triple jump, 55, 300 and 800 relay); Philip Christophe (long jump, triple jump); Sydney Pryor (hurdles, triple jump); Alex Myers (500); Michael Wright (300); Chan Young Lee (3200); Chase Heiner (1000); Maryn Wood (300); Jackie O'Shea (3200); Brett Martin, Chris Jones, Daniel Molina, and Marcel Smith (800, 1600, 3200 relays); Hayley Anderson, Valery Luna, Bella Muzo, Jackie O'Shea (800, 1600, 3200).

Wrestling: Three Wildcats have earned trips to the upcoming state AAA wrestling tournament. Centreville placed 11th in the team standings at this past weekend's Northern Regional Wrestling Tournament held at Hayfield Secondary School. The Wildcats put one wrestler in the finals and had two in the consolation finals. Senior Ryan Sepulveda made it to the finals of the 170-pound weight class before running into Mount Vernon's Dusty Floyd. A hard fought match between those two ended with Floyd taking the regional title.

Losing a tough match in the quarterfinals, David Chenevey dominated his way back through the consolations to earn himself

his first trip to the VHSL Championships.

Disappointed from his semifinal showing, Joey Steinbach bounced back with an impressive 8-4 demolition of Robinson's Andre Kendall to earn his state birth.

For two of the three Wildcats, the state meet will be their final high school competition. Co-captains Sepulveda and Chenevey hope to end their high school wrestling careers atop the VHSL podium. Junior Joey Steinbach also hopes to earn some hardware. The state tournament will be held this Friday and Saturday, Feb. 17-18, at Robinson Secondary School. Wrestling will begin at 10 a.m. on Friday and conclude Saturday evening.

Girls Basketball: The Lady Wildcats of CVHS were no match for powerhouse Oakton on Tuesday night, Feb. 7th. Playing on the Cougars' home court, the Lady Wildcats were led by Chaney Forbush, who had eight points and six rebounds. Katie Blumer had seven points while Ailyn Kelly had three rebounds. After that disappointment, Centreville scored a thrilling 51-47 overtime win over Chantilly on Friday night, Feb. 10. Trailing by two with eight seconds to play in regulation, Ailyn Kelly scored her only two points of the night to send the game into overtime. Chaney Forbush led CVHS with 16 points and 15 rebounds, Jenna Green added 13 points and Katie Blumer had 11 points, including three 3-pointers. Centreville's record stood at 3-7 in

the Concorde and 11-10 overall. Next up was the first round of the district tournament on Tuesday night, Feb. 14.

Boys Basketball: On Tuesday, Feb. 7, the boys' varsity basketball team lost a heartbreaker of a game to Oakton on their home court by a double overtime score of 38-33. Evan Fuller led the team with 10 points and four rebounds while Robert Coker had eight points. Later in the week, on Friday, Feb. 10th, Centreville won a decisive game over visiting Chantilly, beating the Chargers by a score of 56-42. Fuller had 17 points and five rebounds while Coker had 10 points and six rebounds.

The boys' varsity team improved to a 9-12 record with a 5-5 record in the Concorde District. District quarterfinals were scheduled to commence on Tuesday, Feb. 14 against Oakton, where the Wildcats hope to avenge this week's loss.

Football: The Virginia High School Coaches Association recently named their All-State football teams for the past fall season. Centreville, the Div. 6 Northern Region champion, was well represented. The following Wildcats were named to the squad: running back Manny Smith (First Team, Offense); defensive end Ken Ekanem (First Team, Defense); defensive back Connor Coward (First Team, Defense); and linebacker Matt Vlissides (Second Team, Defense).

The VHSL C0-Defensive Players of the Year were Ken Ekanem and Phoebus High's Justin Lyles.

SCHOOL NOTES

Claire Stanton, daughter of Little Rocky Run residents Mary Ellen and Andy Stanton, has been named a Fay B. Kaigler Children's Book Festival Ambassador by the University of Southern Mississippi. Claire was one of six ambassadors chosen from application from the entire United States. The ambassadorship gives graduate students in Library Science the opportunity to work with professionals and authors significant in the field of children's literature. The ambassadorship is awarded to graduate students in Library Science who have demonstrated experience and knowledge of children's literature and library service to children. Claire is a graduate of Centreville High School and

James Madison University.

Patrick O'Tormey, from Centreville, is among the 522 students who achieved the honor of Dean's List for the fall 2011 semester at Mount St. Mary's University. Patrick is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter F. O'Tormey.

The Centreville High School PTSA will be hosting one-hour college workshops on these dates immediately following the regular PTSA meetings which begin at 7 p.m. followed by the college workshop at 8 p.m. Kaplan Test Prep Educators will present the free workshops.

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Lauren Gross and **Kyle Johnson**, both of Centreville, have earned the distinction of dean's list at The Georgia Institute of Technology for fall semester 2011.

News from Centreville High School

The Centreville High All-Night Grad Party (ANGP) for seniors will be held at Dave and Busters on June 19. Ticket prices are \$60 and on April 1, the ticket prices will go up to \$70. Please make checks payable to CVHS PTSA After Grad. For more information on purchasing tickets, contact Dayna Young at sdtbyoung@verizon.net.

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Aamir Mohd poses with Mountain View High School Principal Dave Jagels after he receives his diploma.

Overcoming Hardships to Graduate

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ceeded personally and academically, despite outside obstacles and pressures.

Susan Culik of the Science Department presented one of the two Faculty Excellence Awards to Mishene De Arujo, who maintained a 3.34 GPA. "She simultaneously worked three jobs and attended Mountain View and NOVA at the same time," said Culik. "She plans to major in international business management at GMU and someday work for the State Department."

Saying De Arujo's teachers described her as "a jewel of a student" and "a role model for others," Culik added, "She's an intelligent, beautiful young woman with a brilliant future."

Catherine Collins of the Social Studies Department presented the second Faculty Excellence Award to Aden. "There's a saying, 'That which doesn't kill you makes you stronger,'" said Collins. "And for Hodan Aden, these words ring true, since her life was filled with personal challenges, constant fear and real tragedy." But, she said, addressing Aden directly, "You managed to recover and rebuild, and I learned a lot from you."

"Her struggles mirrored those of the individuals in our history books," said Collins. "[Yet despite everything she went through], she has compassion and understanding."



Mishene DeArujo receives a faculty award.

"Where do you find the perseverance and courage to continue on when a situation seems hopeless?" Collins asked her. "How do you work long hours and still come to school and pay attention in class? You are a role model for what a student can achieve."

According to Aden's teachers, said Collins, "In spite of her experiences, she harbors no bitterness or resentment, but remains positive."

"Your future possibilities are unlimited," Collins told her. "I'm sure that your core values of education, hard work and dedication will guide you through life. And if things ever get tough for you again, remember, that which doesn't kill you makes you stronger."

Jagels and Jobs: Words of Wisdom

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do."

In addition, he said, it's something inside the students, especially the seniors. "You had it in you all along," he told them. "It just took a little self discovery for you to understand this. You will always have what it takes, as long as you believe in yourselves. Go, live life and fulfill the dreams you set for yourself."

He then quoted the late Steven Jobs, the innovative Apple CEO who changed lives with technology. "Here's to the crazy ones, the misfits, the rebels, the troublemakers, the round pegs in the square holes ... the ones who see things differently," said Jobs.

"They're not fond of rules. You can quote them, disagree with them, glorify or vilify them, but the only thing you can't do is ignore them because they change things. They push the human race forward. And while some may see them as the crazy ones, we see genius, because the ones who are crazy enough to think they can change the world are the ones who do."

In closing, Jagels urged the members of the class of 2012 to go out and "keep getting into the wheelbarrow. Let family, love and respect be some of the resounding values that help guide your life. Continue to think differently and believe in yourselves. We are so very proud of you and your accomplishments."

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"Diseased"



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

But not sickness. Not health, either, as last week's column ended. At least that's the way I characterize my having stage IV lung cancer. And I don't know if I'm splitting hairs here, since I've never worked in a salon, although I do get my hair cut regularly; but I have been accused of speaking double-talk. Double entendres and unnecessary redundancies I will admit to, though. Nevertheless, the characterization seems to help me navigate the occasionally treacherous waters that a terminal patient undergoing chemotherapy – again, can expect, both mentally and of course, physically. It's a game – to me, anyway; how to spin something so terribly unexpected: diagnosed with cancer at age 54 and a half, despite being a lifelong non-smoker from an immediate family with NO cancer history, into something manageable. And for those who know me – or read my columns regularly enough, I think you would admit I manage it reasonably well, something which I am quite proud of, by the way.

And as I continue to psych myself up for the inevitable chemotherapy-related changes – and challenges – ahead (infusions three through six are still ahead), I am eager – sort of, and of course, grateful for surviving this long, post-diagnosis, to have yet another opportunity to slay the dragon (shrink my tumors) again. It sure beats the alternative – no opportunity because, well, you know: I wouldn't be here writing this column, or anything else for that matter.

But writing I am, and hopeful I remain. Next week's column will be my three-year anniversary column. When initially diagnosed, back in February, 2009, I was given a "13-month-to-two-year prognosis" (life expectancy), and not given too much hope, if truth be told. Oncologists are not in the business – from what I had been told previously, and have now experienced for myself, of "blowing any sunshine up your skirt," to invoke a quote from M*A*S*H's Lt. Col. Henry Blake (the recently deceased McLean Stevenson); honesty for which I asked and have thankfully always received. I'd rather know what I'm up against and work to overcome it than resign myself to its inevitability. And so far, given my post-diagnosis status, (still typing), I would say it – or something in combination with it, is working.

Although I don't expect the next 10-12 weeks of enduring chemotherapy to be very pleasant, it is nonetheless the best option available to me, given my rather limited knowledge of the subject. However, I am confident and comfortable in my oncologist's steady hand and ongoing concern as he continues to encourage me treating forward. We get along pretty well, although sometimes my Kenny-speak (unintended though it may be) is perplexing to him, so now what he does to interpret what he thinks I'm asking, is to speak back to me in words and phrases which he's comfortable using, and then await my reply. It's a tiny bit of a process – for which obviously we both have time, but it assures us that we're in complete understanding with what one another is trying to say. Given the fact that I've now outlived my original, worst-case prognosis: 13 months, by almost two years, I would say that whatever the doctor and I are doing, however we're communicating, it's working. I mean, I'm still alive. So onward and upward we go.

My next fact-to-face appointment with my oncologist is scheduled for February 24th, a week following my next CT Scan, the first scan since I will have re-started this "second line" of chemotherapy; another crossroads moment to be sure. "Progression" started this, perhaps regression (shrinkage) can end it? Two infusions in, four more to go. I still don't feel anything. But then again, I rarely have.

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Barbara Jean Parkinson, age 67
of Sterling, VA, died February 7, 2012 at her residence. Born on September 17, 1944 in New York she was the daughter of the late Charles and Elizabeth Lundy. Ms. Parkinson was a member of Cornerstone Chapel in Leesburg, VA. Barbara attended Michigan State University where she received her Bachelor's Degree in Music. During her high school years she was a member of the singing group known as The Jill's. She worked for Connection Newspapers for many years. Barbara enjoyed and loved spending time with her grandchildren and doing crafts with them.

She is survived by her son Mark(Rachel) Parkinson of Purcellville, VA; daughter Jennifer(Jay) Daughtry of Sterling, VA; brother Wayne Lundy of Loveland, OH; and five grandchildren.

A graveside service was held on Friday, February 10, 2012 at 11:00 a.m. Ebenezer Cemetery, Round Hill, VA with Pastor Mike Emerson officiating.

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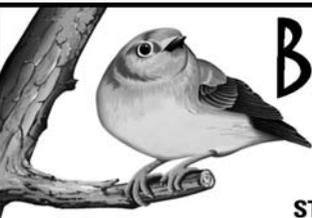
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FRIDAY/FEB. 17

Quran Exhibition. 3 to 6 p.m. The Ahmadiyya Muslim Community is having a Quran exhibition at the Centreville Regional Library in Centreville.

Swing Dancing. 9 p.m. to midnight. Admission is \$15. With Dave Kitchen and the Cutaways. Drop-in beginner swing lesson from 8:30 to 9 p.m. At the Hilton Washington Dulles Airport, 13869 Park Center Road, Herndon.

FEB. 17 TO 19

"The Crucible." Westfield High School presents "The Crucible." Show times are Feb. 17 and 18 at 7:30 p.m.; Feb. 19 at 2 p.m. At Westfield High School, 4700 Stonecroft Blvd., Chantilly. For tickets, go to www.westfieldtheatreboosters.com. Call 703-488-6439.

Int'l Gem & Jewelry Show. Tickets are \$8. Friday 11:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Saturday 9:45 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sunday 10:45 a.m. to 4 p.m. At the Dulles Expo Center in Chantilly. The show will be hosting a coat drive for ALIVE! to help local people stay warm. Visit www.intergem.com

SATURDAY/FEB. 18

Swing Dancing. 8 p.m. to 11 p.m. Admission is \$15. With the Daryl Davis Band. Drop-in beginner swing lesson from 7:30 to 8 p.m.; dancing from 8 to 11 p.m. At the Stacy C. Sherwood Center for the Arts, 3740 Old Lee Highway, Fairfax.

Family Reunion Workshop. 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Co-hosted by Reunions Magazine, the seminar will feature a presentation by the magazine's Editor-in-Chief, Edith Wagner, as well as helpful tips in planning the ultimate reunion. Registration for the workshop includes breakfast, lunch and a tour of The Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum Steven F. Udvar-Hazy Center. At the Fairfax Marriott at Fair Oaks, 11787 Lee Jackson Memorial Highway, Fairfax. To RSVP, email Dean Miller at dmiller@fxva.com

Spring Consignment Sale. 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Some 200-plus families will be selling gently used clothing, shoes, toys, books for the whole family. At Chantilly High School Cafeteria (Entrance #11), 4201 Stringfellow Rd., Chantilly. Visit www.fcmmom.org

SUNDAY/FEB. 19

N Gauge Train Display. 1 to 4 p.m. The Northern Virginia NTRACK members will have a display and N gauge trains running at the Fairfax Station Railroad Museum. At 11200 Fairfax Station Road in Fairfax Station. Cost is \$3 for adults; \$1 for children. Visit www.fairfax-station.org or call 703-425-9225.

MONDAY/FEB. 20

Centreville Garden Club Meets. 7 p.m. Create flower arrangements to donate to local assisted living centers. Bring flowers and small container. Feb. 20 at 7 p.m. at Sully Government Center, 4900 Stonecroft Blvd., Chantilly. Meetings generally third Monday each month. Email centrevillegardenclub@gmail.com. Visitors welcome. Call 703-830-2942.

Heart-Healthy Talk. 7 p.m. The GFWC-Western

Fairfax County Woman's Club will mark American Heart Month with a presentation by the American Heart Association entitled "Heart Disease: What Every Woman Should Know." At Greenbriar Community Center, 4615 Stringfellow Road, Chantilly. Call Cheryl at 703-818-0042 or e-mail us at westernfairfaxcountywc@gmail.com.

THURSDAY/FEB. 23

Registration Open House. 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Clifton Children's Academy will be holding a Registration Open House for Kindergarten and Morning, Afternoon and Fullday Preschool classes. This is for registration for Fall 2012. There will also be limited registration available for this Winter - 2012. At 14315 Compton Road in Centreville. Call 703-968-8455 or visit www.childrensacademy.com.

FEB. 24-26

Capital Home & Garden Show. Featuring 250 exhibits that specialize in home and garden related products and services. Hours are Friday, Feb. 24 from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Saturday, Feb. 25 from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Sunday, Feb. 26 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tickets are \$7/adults online; \$10/door. At the Dulles Expo Center, 4320 Chantilly Shopping Center, Chantilly. Visit www.capitalhomeandgardenshow.com.

FRIDAY/FEB. 24

Quran Exhibition. 3 to 6 p.m. The Ahmadiyya Muslim Community is having a Quran exhibition

at the Centreville Regional Library in Centreville.

Swing Dancing. 9 to 11 p.m. Admission is \$15. With the band, King Teddy. Drop-in beginner swing lesson from 8:30 to 9 p.m.; dancing from 9 p.m. to midnight. At the Hilton Washington Dulles Airport, 13869 Park Center Road, Herndon.

SATURDAY/FEB. 25

Stars Over Dulles Gala. 6 p.m. to midnight. Tickets are \$125. Sponsored by Systems Furniture Gallery and hosted by the Dulles Regional Chamber of Commerce. At the Hilton Washington Dulles Airport, 13869 Park Center Road, Herndon. Register at www.dullesregionalchamber.org.

Casino Night & Silent Auction. 7 to 11 p.m. Stop Hunger Now of Fairfax will host a Casino Night and Silent auction at the Chantilly National Golf and Country Club, 14901 Braddock Road, in Chantilly. The goal is to raise \$25,000 but silent auction items are still needed. They could be sports tickets, memorabilia, weeks in vacation homes, concert tickets, golf outings, gift certificates, etc. To donate an item for the silent auction, contact Lisa Hollen at hollens4@verizon.net. Tickets are \$45/person if ordered by Feb. 11; \$50/person after that date. Pay by credit card at www.StopHungerNow.org/Fairfax; or mail checks to SHN Casino Night, c/o Leo, 5402 Chandley Farm Circle, Centreville, VA 20120. Note on check how many tickets are needed.

TUESDAY/FEB. 28

Parent University. 7 to 9:30 p.m. At Sully Station Children's Center and Private Kindergarten, 5801-03 Stone Creek Drive, Centreville.

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