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Students perform the song, "Freak Flag," from "Shrek, the Musical" at rehearsal.

Spotlight Shines on Local Talent

Alliance Theatre offers Musical Showcase.

BY BONNIE HOBBS
CENTRE VIEW

Shining a spotlight on the local community's youth, The Alliance Theatre presents its inaugural Musical Showcase, Friday-Saturday, May 4-5, at Mountain View High. The event is a fund-raiser for Mountain View to purchase additional lighting, sound and window covers for its auditorium. Participants include students from Centreville,

Chantilly and Westfield high schools; Greenbriar West and Union Mill elementary schools and St. Timothy Catholic School. Directors are Jen Farmer and Cathy Arnold; the producer is John Ingargiola.

"It's a coffeehouse-type variety show," said Arnold, of Chantilly's Franklin Glen community. "We wanted to showcase the kids and bring in new talent. We even have some really talented 7-year-olds that'll knock your socks off. One's doing Tae Kwon Do, and another, a routine from 'Annie' — and they're possibly going to steal the show. But everybody has talent and will get to shine their own way."

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Fund-Raiser Planned for Animal Shelter

"Wine, Whiskers, Wags & Beer" event is May 5.

BY BONNIE HOBBS
CENTRE VIEW

Like a Statue of Liberty for animals, the Fairfax County Animal Shelter is a place of refuge for animals needing care. They often arrive ill or injured, and many have been abused, neglected or abandoned.

With limited funds, the shelter can't pay for the care each animal needs. But it has a guardian angel in the nonprofit Friends of the Fairfax County Animal Shelter (FFCAS). Since 2006, this organization

has raised money to fund things the shelter can't.

But to be able to keep making donations, FFCAS must continue raising money. So on Saturday, May 5, from 6:30-9 p.m., it's holding a wine- and beer-tasting event at Total Wine & More in the Greenbriar Shopping Center on Route 50 in Chantilly.

Called "Wine, Whiskers, Wags & Beer," it's \$35/person, and each attendee will taste five different wines and five different beers, enjoy heavy hors d'oeuvres and receive souvenir wine and beer glasses adorned with the FFCAS logo. Anyone wanting to attend should sign up at www.ffcas.org.

"Last year we raised almost \$10,000 at this event," said FFCAS President Evelyn Grieve. "So this time, we hope to exceed that amount." People who can't

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Whalen: 'We Ride for Those Who Died'

Local man bikes in Police Unity Tour.

BY BONNIE HOBBS
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The motto of the Police Unity Tour (PUT) is "We Ride for Those Who Died." And May 10-12, Centreville's Kevin Whalen is bicycling 232 miles in memory of Virginia Tech Police Officer Deriek Crouse who was killed Dec. 8, 2011.

Whalen, of the Walney Glen community, is a federal agent with the Treasury Department, and he knows firsthand the mortal dangers law-enforcement officers face every day. That's because, on Sept. 1, 1994, he nearly lost his life.

"I was on a surveillance detail with ATF [the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms] in an unmarked van in northwest Washington, D.C.," he said. "When we were finished, one of the other officers went to move the van, and a drug-gang member we were investigating shot five rounds at us."

"I was kneeling in the van and the bullets went through it, missing my body by half an inch," continued Whalen. "That's when it really hit home that I could have died."

His wife was pregnant with their second of four children at the time. And by then, he'd already gone to



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Centreville's Kevin Whalen takes riding in the Police Unity Tour seriously.

the funerals of four law-enforcement officers. "But you don't give up," he said. "You keep going to work every day, catch the bad guys and make it a safer place for everybody."

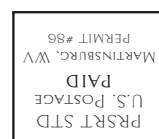
And that's what Crouse — a 39-year-old father of five — was doing when he was fatally shot while sitting in his unmarked car. After

he made a traffic stop on the VT campus, a person unrelated to it approached his vehicle and shot him in the head.

Both Whalen and Fairfax County Police Officer Rodney Barnes are riding in the PUT in Crouse's honor, and they met with

his wife Tina, April 13, in her Blacksburg home. "We wanted to get to know a little more about him as a person," said Whalen. "She thanked us, and we told her that her husband would never be forgotten and that we're riding in honor of him, his family, the community and the Virginia Tech Police Department."

SEE LOCAL MAN, PAGE 5



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PEOPLE



Kristin Birk and Matthew Hill



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Clifton Sisters Engaged

Kristin Birk and Matthew Hill

Steven and Elizabeth Birk of Clifton are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughters, Michelle Elizabeth and Kristin Margaret.

Kristin Margaret Birk is engaged to Matthew James Hill, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hill of Stafford, Va. Kristin was born in Queens, N.Y. and grew up in Clifton. She graduated from Centreville High School in 2004 and attended James Madison University where she earned a bachelor of science in nursing in 2008. Kristin is a registered nurse in the Georgetown University Hospital Post Anesthesia Care Unit in Washington D.C. She is currently pursuing a master of science in nursing at Georgetown University. She will graduate this September as a family nurse practitioner.

Matthew James Hill was born in Fairfax and raised in Stafford, Va. He graduated with a degree in political science from Christopher Newport University in 2005. Matt attended the David A. Clarke School of Law at The University of the District of Columbia and graduated as a juris doctor in 2010. He currently works for Corinthian Contractors in Arlington as in-house counsel and plays a key role in managing the utilities division.

The couple met at the Georgetown waterfront in August 2008, became engaged in April 2011, and an October 2012 wedding is planned. Kristin and Matt plan to reside in the Northern Virginia area.

Michelle Birk and Peter DeHaas

Michelle Elizabeth Birk is engaged to Peter Michael DeHaas, son of Dr. and Mrs. Daniel DeHaas of Silver Spring, Md. Michelle was born in Queens, N.Y. and moved to Clifton at the age of 4. She graduated Centreville High School in 2001, earned a bachelor's degree in interdisciplinary liberal studies and master of arts in teaching, elementary education from James Madison University, and advanced studies in teaching and learning/literacy (reading specialist pre-K through 12) from George Mason University. Michelle is completing her sixth year of teaching Kindergarten and first grade for Fairfax County Public Schools.

Peter Michael DeHaas, son of Daniel and Carolyn DeHaas, was born and raised in Silver Spring, Md. Pete attended Sherwood High School in Montgomery County. In 2004, he graduated from Clemson University with a degree in business marketing. Pete is a sports enthusiast and, has worked for Team Express, sporting goods company, as a regional account executive.

Pete and Michelle met in Arlington, December 2009. Over the past two and a half years, they have enjoyed spending time together, including traveling and participating in sports (softball and touch football). Pete proposed to Michelle surrounded by cherry blossoms at the tidal basin. They are planning a June 2013 wedding and will reside in Maryland.

Centreville and Clifton Residents Nominated for Fairfax County Volunteer Service Awards

Volunteer Fairfax, along with the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, will honor 117 local volunteers during the 20th Anniversary Fairfax County Volunteer Service Awards sponsored by UnitedHealthcare. The awards will be held Friday, April 27, at the Waterford at Springfield in Springfield. In Centreville and Clifton, the following residents have been nominated for a Fairfax County Volunteer Service Award:

- ❖ Toora Arsala volunteered at Northern Virginia Community College Democrats, and is nominated for the Adult Volunteer 250 Hours & Over Award and the Benchmark 500 Award.
- ❖ Robert Dutrow volunteered at Cub Run RECenter, and is nominated for the Benchmark 250 Award.
- ❖ Christina Galletta volunteered at Northern Virginia Therapeutic Riding Program, and is nominated for the Rising Star Award.
- ❖ Kenneth Hall volunteered at Cub Run RECenter, and is nominated for the County Volunteer Award.

- ❖ Janet Helfand volunteered at Cub Run RECenter, and is nominated for the Rising Star Award.
- ❖ Lee Hylton volunteered at Cub Run RECenter, and is nominated for the Senior Volunteer Award.
- ❖ The Levy Family, Andrew, Gabrielle, and Aiden, are nominated for the Family Volunteer Award.
- ❖ Andrew Levy volunteered at Caring Kids Cards, and is nominated for the Benchmark 500 Award.
- ❖ Gabrielle Levy volunteered at Caring Kids Cards, and is nominated for the Youth Benchmark 100 Award.
- ❖ Aiden Levy volunteered at Caring Kids Cards, and is nominated for the Youth Benchmark 100 Award.
- ❖ Olivia Ryder volunteered at Northern Virginia Therapeutic Riding Program, and is nominated for the Youth Volunteer Award.
- ❖ Kelsey McCleskey volunteered at Northern Virginia Therapeutic Riding Program, and is nominated for the Youth Benchmark 100 Award.



Emily Jackson, Centreville High, senior, worked nearly eight months to create this large zebra from wood, carpet foam and fleece. "She's one of the creative heroes of the Art Department because she has a wonderful, personal voice and impeccable craftsmanship," said her teacher, Rory Marcaccio Schaffer. "Her creativity is a joy to behold."

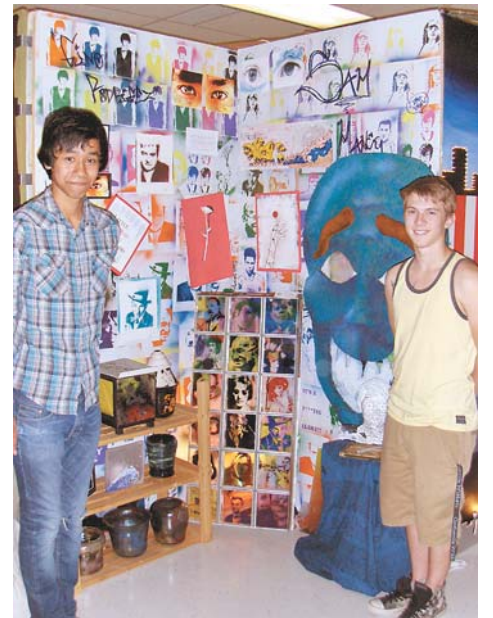


Centreville senior Kelly Hicks won a Gold Key award at the Scholastic Art regionals for her carpet-foam vulture.

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Jamie Rondot, a Centreville senior, displays her artwork.



Centreville's Gino Rodriguez (left) and Sam Maney won "Best in Show" for senior art exhibits.

Pyramid Art Show at Centreville High School

CVHS hosted its annual event Thursday, April 19.



Jessica Lerke, Union Mill Elementary, kindergarten; Art Excellence Award for grades K-2.



Centreville seniors Emily Berkley and Tobin Horst won Silver Key awards at the Scholastic Art regionals.



Leonardo Choi, Bull Run, fifth grade.



Grace Chon, Bull Run Elementary, fifth grade, says, "Heal our world; end world hunger."



Centreville senior Sara Emsley won a Gold Key award at regionals for her arm-clothing sculpture, "Tempus Fugit."



Ahmed Ali, Centre Ridge Elementary, kindergarten.



Julie Mai, Centre Ridge, fifth grade, drew Vietnamese "boat people" coming to the U.S.



Artwork by Kaitlyn Lee, Colin Powell, second grade.



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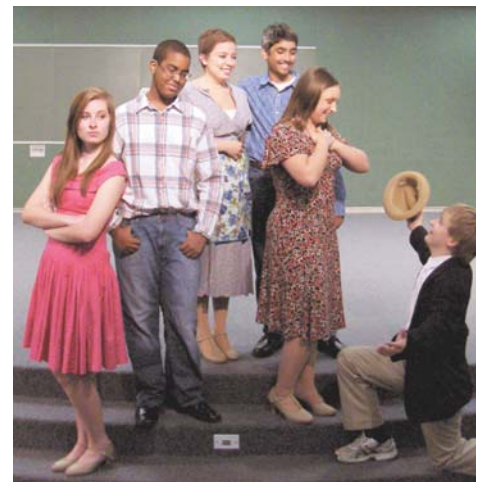
Liberty Middle presents musical.

BY BONNIE HOBBS
CENTRE VIEW

Featuring a cast and crew of 90, Liberty Middle School presents the classic, Rodgers and Hammerstein musical, "State Fair." Show times are Thursday-Friday-Saturday, May 3, 4 and 5, at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$5 at the door. "It's about an Iowa farm family in the 1940s, and the biggest thing that happens to them every year is going to the state fair," said Director Jody Scott. "And this time, their children find romance there."

They've been rehearsing since January, and Scott says things are coming along great. "It's a well-written script, more for high-school kids, because the characters are so well-developed, but the kids love it," she said. "They're having the time of their life with the 1940s colloquialisms and culture."

Liberty is the first middle school in Fairfax County to do this show, and Scott picked it because she loves the music. The cast will wear that era's style of clothing, including vintage hats and handbags. The sets illustrate the Frake farm, plus the fair's dance area, vendor booths and campgrounds.



From left: Emily Hoffman, Khalied Bashri, Gabie Nicchitta, Hridhay (Reed) Rangaraju, Kaitlinn Thornley and Jeremy Rathjen (proposing) rehearse a scene.

Music underscores the dialogue in some scenes to enhance the emotion, and Scott said she couldn't have done this play without the "invaluable help" of music directors Nancy Hayes and Gary Verhagen. She also has high praise for her actors.

"It's heartwarming for me to see the students enjoying the humor and the storyline, considering it takes place nearly 70 years

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Local Man To Ride in Virginia Tech Officer's Memory

FROM PAGE 1

Last Thursday, April 26, Crouse's name was engraved into the Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Washington, D.C., and Barnes and Whalen were there. Crouse was one of 162 officers nationwide who died last year in the line of duty. However, said Whalen, "We're honoring him not for the way he died, but how he lived."

This year's PUT, the 16th annual, is in tribute to them all, with each participant riding in memory of a particular fallen officer. The event also raises awareness of and money for the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund (NLEOMF) and Museum in the District.

ON MAY 10, at 7:30 a.m., Whalen will be among about 100 officers from the PUT's Chapter IV contingent, led by Fairfax County police, to leave from Richmond on the first leg of their journey, 93 miles to Charlottesville. The chapter president, Maggie DeBoard, was FCPD's deputy police chief and is now the first female chief of the Town of Herndon's police department.

They'll pedal 80 miles to Warrenton the next day and 59 miles more to Washington, D.C., on May 12. That day, they'll bicycle up Route 29 in Centreville, around 9:10 a.m., en route to a lunch provided by Glory Days Grill before heading to the District for the ride's end.

"I never thought, at nearly 50, I'd be riding a bike 232 miles," said Whalen. "But I'm inspired to do it. We all wish we didn't have to [ride because of tragedy]. Every time we get a notice that another officer's died, it's really upsetting."

To stay in shape for the event, he bikes all year along the W & OD Trail and in Clifton and is currently up to 75 miles/week. He also takes spin classes, a few times at week, at Life Time Fitness in Centreville. During the actual PUT ride, a motorcycle escort and ambulances will accompany the

"You're thinking of the officer you're riding for and you're overwhelmed with emotion."

— Kevin Whalen

you're riding for and you're overwhelmed with emotion. You get tears in your eyes at the same time you're reaching out for the hands welcoming you."

A crowd will be waiting there to cheer for the bicyclists, including NLEOMF Chairman and CEO Craig Floyd. "Then there's a big ceremony and all the police chapter presidents will present him with one check," said Whalen. "Last year it was an incred-



Sporting his Police Unity Tour jersey, Kevin Whalen stands with his 12-speed, lightweight road bike adorned with VT emblems.

PHOTO BY BONNIE HOBBS/CENTRE VIEW

cyclists, while a support team handles their food, water and lodging.

Bicyclists from other police departments — federal, state and local — across the country will ride from New Jersey. Then on May 12, they'll join with the Virginia riders at RFK Stadium and, together, all 1,400 of them will cycle two by two to the Memorial.

At that point, said Whalen, "You're just numb and full of goosebumps. You're thinking of the officer

ible \$1.5 million."

EACH RIDER must raise a minimum of \$1,700 to participate in the PUT. So far, Whalen's raised \$6,000 and will use his excess to help other riders meet their goals. "It's not a contest; we're all a team raising money for a good cause and the right reasons," he said. "And it's not just about the money — it's about raising awareness of the memorial and the officers who made the ultimate sacrifice to protect our government, communities and families."

"Law-enforcement officers do dangerous things every day that people don't hear and know about," continued Whalen. "You never know if something will happen to you. On an average, one officer dies every 48 hours."

Each PUT rider wears a special, blue bracelet engraved with the name of the officer in whose honor they're riding. And at the end of their journey, they'll present those bracelets to that person's loved ones.

"You also walk over to the memorial, see your officer's name, kneel down and touch it and tell him, 'Thanks for protecting us; you'll never be forgotten,'" said Whalen.

Local PUT Fund-raisers

❖ On Thursday, April 26, Glory Days Grill — at 13850 Braddock Road in the Old Centreville Crossing Shopping Center — will host a Bartenders Night from 6-9 p.m. Kevin Whalen and other PUT riders will tend bar and receive donations in tip buckets.

A football signed by the entire Washington Redskins team will be raffled off, along with Redskins and Washington Nationals sports jerseys and a Kentucky Derby-themed gift basket. In addition, Glory Days will donate 10 percent from the proceeds of all meals it serves that whole day.

❖ On Saturday, April 28, from noon-3 p.m., a document shredding will be held in the Glory Days parking lot. Cost is \$10 per any size box/bag of documents, staples, folders, credit cards or mail. Items will be shredded on the spot in minutes by TrueShred. Participants will receive tax receipts, coupons for Glory Days Grill appetizers and blue ribbons to tie on their car to show support for law enforcement.

❖ Until May 19, all Glory Days Grill locations in Virginia will donate 10 percent of food receipts to Whalen's PUT fund-raising efforts. To make that happen, customers must give him their original, detailed food receipts. Contact Whalen at 703-201-4586 or via kevwhalens@gmail.com.

"Then on Sunday, May 13, at 8 p.m., is the Candlelight Vigil. The families of all 163 officers will be there for the memorial dedication and the reading of everyone's names."

The theme for this year's Candlelight Vigil and National Police Week, May 13-19, is "In Memory of Many, In Honor of All." After this year's additions, the memorial will contain 19,660 names and, said Whalen, "You're praying they'll never have to add another wall to it."

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OPINION

Connection Wins Public Service Award for Homeless Coverage

VPA Award for Journalistic Integrity and Community Service; plus 44 other awards.

The Connection Newspapers was awarded the Virginia Press Association Award for Journalistic Integrity and Community Service last Saturday, April 21, “for exhaustive coverage of homelessness in the newspaper’s circulation area.” The award was announced in Roanoke at the press association’s annual convention.

The public service entries were judged by Robert Giles, former editor and publisher of The Detroit News and the immediate past curator of the Nieman Foundation.

Giles wrote of the Connection coverage:

“Its stories gave voice to the homeless. Its stories effectively portrayed the plight of the poor living in tents and other makeshift shelters. It reported on how poverty and homelessness affects children. It examined the

causes of homelessness and explained why people don’t have a place to live even when some have a job. It reported on the role of government and groups that advocate for the poor. It provided extensive lists of community organizations with missions to help the poor and homeless, and told how individuals could volunteer.

“It invited knowledgeable citizens to contribute guest editorials that offered perspectives and fresh ideas for addressing the problems of homelessness.”

The online component of the homeless project also won first place in the multimedia category. Edited by Michael O’Connell, the project included stories, video and photos by Victoria Ross, Deb Cobb, Robbie Hammer, Bonnie Hobbs and Amber Healy.

The Connection Newspapers group, including the Alexandria Gazette Packet, Mount Vernon Gazette and Centre View and Potomac Almanac, won 45 awards in all.

The Alexandria Gazette Packet won 17 awards.

The top award winner was Michael Lee Pope, who won 12 awards including first place for government writing; health, science and environmental writing; in-depth or investigative reporting; breaking news and public safety

writing.

In addition to her work on the homeless project, photographer Deb Cobb won individual first place awards for photo illustration for a cover depicting a vampire; for an online slide show of “wounded warriors at bat,” and for general news photo.

Bonnie Hobbs won two first place awards, one for education writing and one for feature portfolio. Alex McVeigh won first place for in depth or investigative reporting for his coverage of a land use issue in Great Falls. Montie Martin won two first place awards, one for business writing, the other for personal service writing.

The Children’s Connection won an award and judges said it was a “simple and elegant idea showcasing children’s artwork, a great way to attract young readers.”

While it is gratifying and fun to win awards, it reflects our mission to tell the stories of the local community. We welcome your ideas and suggestions about what we should be covering now.

— MARY KIMM,

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Winning Entries, Connection, Centre View

See a complete list of winners on page 14.

❖ Virginia Press Association 2011 Award for Journalistic Integrity and Community Service

❖ Michael O’Connell, Victoria Ross, Deb Cobb, Robbie Hammer, Bonnie Hobbs, Amber Healy, 1st Place, Fairfax Connection, Multimedia Feature Report, An End to Homelessness, Judges comments: Wow. This is an amazing endeavor. The print and digital components complement each other nicely, although I would have liked to see some aggressive promotion of digital from print. The video and photo gallery provide nice layers to the overall storytelling. The webpage featuring your original coverage will be an excellent home to keep following this important topic. Well-done.

❖ Alex McVeigh, 1st Place, Great Falls Connection, In-Depth Or Investigative Reporting

❖ Bonnie Hobbs, 1st place, Centre View, Education Writing, Judges Comments: What the judges really appreciate about Bonnie’s stories is that each one is a unique, interesting and very readable story that makes the sometimes dry subject of education coverage appealing to readers. Much more than the “school board did this and the school board did that” type stories that so many newspapers publish, not to say that this coverage is not important. Bonnie’s work really made us want to read it. Good job, and congratulations.

❖ Bonnie Hobbs, 1st place, Centre View, Feature Writing Portfolio, Judges comments: These entries were fantastic. Great writing style really makes these unique stories shine. Nicely packaged

final product. Well done!

❖ Deb Cobb, 1st place, Fairfax Connection, Online Slideshow, Wounded Warriors at Bat

❖ Deb Cobb, 1st place, Fairfax Connection, General News Photo, Warm Welcome, Judges comments: I love how every subject in this photo is engaged into a moment. Wonderful.

❖ Deb Cobb, 1st Place, Burke Connection, Photo-Illustration, Vampire Feast, Judges comments: The intensity in the model’s face combined with the high contrast photo make this a dynamic illustration for a story about vampires.

❖ Victoria Ross, 2nd place, Fairfax Station/Clifton/Lorton, In-Depth Or Investigative Reporting

❖ Jon Roetman, 2nd place, Fairfax Station/Clifton/Lorton, Sports Writing Portfolio, Judges comments: This entry exhibits solid sports reporting, plain and simple. The completeness of these stories is the name of the game here. The reporter demonstrates versatility, switching from feature to news writing within the articles themselves, giving the reader the whole story.

❖ Lashawn Avery-Simon, 2nd Place, Arlington Connection, General News Photo, ribbon cutting at park, Judges comments: great expression and tight composition

❖ Michael Lee Pope, 2nd Place, Arlington Connection, Health, Science and Environmental Writing, Judges comments: Excellent writing. Diverse topics. Took what could be dry material and led me through it and kept me interested. Good work.

❖ Marilyn Campbell, 2nd Place, Great Falls Connection, Personal Service Writing, Beating the Holiday Blues, Great

American Smokeout, Getting into ‘Right Fit’ Private School; Judges comments: Trio of strong entries.

❖ Mike O’Connell, Victoria Ross, Deb Cobb, Robbie Hammer, Bonnie Hobbs, Amber Healy 2nd place, Fairfax Connection, Special Sections or Special Editions, End to Homelessness, Judges comments: “End to Homelessness” tab. It is nice to see a newspaper commit to a project such as this in the form of a special tab.

❖ Julia O’Donoghue, 2nd place, Fairfax Connection, Education Writing W2W06 31912 Judges comments: Very nice variety in these stories, again, like the first place winner, going much deeper into the multitude of possibilities available in coverage of education and schools.

❖ Kenny Lourie, longtime columnist and Connection advertising representative, won two 1st place awards from the Maryland Delaware DC Press Association, one for local column and one for sports column. Lourie has been writing about his odyssey with Stage IV lung

cancer, and the judges noted: “Writer chooses tough subject, his own mortality, and handles it quite well. He gives us an honest look at a very personal issue.”

❖ Kemal Kurspahic, Laurence Foong, Amna Rehmatulla, 3rd place, Reston Connection, Special Sections or Special Editions W2M08 30698, Children’s Connection, Judges comments: Simple and elegant idea showcasing children’s artwork, a great way to attract young readers.

❖ Victoria Ross, 3rd place, Fairfax Connection, In-Depth Or Investigative Reporting

❖ Mary Kimm, 3rd Place, Burke Connection, Editorial Writing, Judges comments: Mary Kimm’s columns are strong, particularly the one taking to task a school board on its disciplinary procedures in light of a student’s suicide. The community is better for her work.

❖ Michael Pope, 3rd place, Mount Vernon Gazette, In-Depth Or Investigative Reporting

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Alliance Theatre To Present Musical Showcase

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The 40 performers range in age from 6-21, and the event includes guitar solos and songs of The Beatles and The Who. It also features solo, group and ensemble numbers from Broadway shows, including "Shrek," "Aida," "Annie," "Beauty and the Beast," "13 the Musical," "Les Miserables," "Suessical" and "Phantom of the Opera."

There'll be songs, dances and monologues, with the entertainment flowing from one act to the next. "The kids came to the auditions prepared with the acts they wanted to perform, and we turned them into a show," said Arnold. "It'll be great, family entertainment."

Centreville High senior Anthony Ingargiola will sing "What You'd Call a Dream," from an off-Broadway musical revue called "Diamonds." Said Ingargiola: "It's a beautiful ballad about baseball, envisioning your future and achieving your dreams."

He's also part of the group number, "Freak Flag," from "Shrek, the Musical." Describing it as a fun song, Ingargiola said, "All the fairytale creatures have been kicked out of the kingdom. But they sing about how proud they are of what they are they decide to rebel against the kingdom."

"The music is upbeat and will make the audience want to get up and start dancing," he continued. "We'll be in costume and each character will have a particular, funny voice." He says the whole show is "a big appreciation of young talent" and the audi-

To Go

The Alliance Theatre will present a Musical Showcase on Friday, May 4, at 7:30 p.m., and Saturday, May 5, at 2 and 7:30 p.m., at Mountain View High. It's at 5775 Spindle Court, behind Glory Days Grill in Centreville. Tickets are \$15 at www.thealliancetheatre.org or at the door. For details about a special, pre-show event for Scouts, May 5, e-mail boxoffice@thealliancetheatre.org or call 703-220-8101.

ence will enjoy seeing the participants "express themselves and grow through this opportunity to perform for the community."

Courtney Jennelle, a 2011 Centreville High grad now attending NOVA, will sing "My Strongest Suit" from "Annie." She chose it because "it's a powerful song and shows a lot of girl power."

She's also helping choreograph the show, working on "Freak Flag" with Anthony Ingargiola. "As I listened to the music, I started making dance moves in my head," she said. "And it's a great experience for me to teach the choreography to the younger kids."

Jennelle is part of the "Beauty and the Beast" medley, as well. "My favorite song in it is 'Be Our Guest' because of the choreography and because it's such a fun tune," she said. She's also one of the tap dancers in the "Puttin' on the Ritz" number from "Young Frankenstein." Overall, said

Jennelle, "The audience will love all the different genres of music from ballads to classics, rock, opera, contemporary and jazz."

St. Timothy sixth-grader Diana Witt also performs in "Puttin' on the Ritz," the "Beauty and the Beast" medley and "Freak Flag" — which she especially loves because it's so funny. "I was in [Alliance's production of] 'Hairspray' last year, and this [musical showcase] looked like a fun thing to try out for," she said. "There's a lot of singing, dancing and acting and I love doing all three."

"It's different from the usual Alliance show," said Diana. "And it's not like a school talent show because everybody has amazing talent and we've been practicing for a long time."

Other performers include Westfield junior Paige Arnold, who'll play guitar while her friend Alli Saenz, also of Westfield, sings The Who's "Pinball Wizard." Katie Williams will do an Irish dance, Megan James will sing the Beatles' song, "Til There Was You," and Johnny Cerisano will play an electric-guitar solo called "Cannon Rock."

Union Mill first-grader Ali Adams, 7, is also expected to be a standout. She's taken Tae Kwon Do lessons since age 3 and takes classes at ATA Marshal Arts in the Colonade at Union Mill shopping center.

"I like getting to do all these crazy tricks and flips and stuff," she said. She just earned her advanced red belt, meaning her train-



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Tae Kwon Do red belt Ali Adams, 7, strikes a fierce pose.

ing level is just one below a black belt — for which she must be 8 before she can receive it.

In the show, she'll do a Tae Kwon Do routine to the song, "Make a Man out of You," from "Mulan," and she's looking forward to it. Said Ali: "I'm excited because I have a really good talent in Tae Kwon Do and I'm happy to show it to the world."

Wine-tasting To Raise Funds for County Animal Shelter

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come, but would like to help out, may contribute on the Web site.

The fun includes a silent auction for a wide variety of items, including golf outings for four at the Twin Lakes and Westfield golf courses; tickets to GMU men's basketball games; a jersey signed by the whole Washington Capitals team; four tickets to a Washington Nationals game, plus a baseball signed by a player, and baskets full of wine.

Also auctioned off will be a three-night stay and spa bath treatment for an animal at Old Town Pet Resort; a gift basket from Great Harvest Bread Co.; free pet wash at the Vienna Pet Spa; a plant or gift certificate from Merrifield Garden Center; and merchandise and gift cards from other, local merchants, as well.

All funds raised by the all-volunteer FFCAS go to the shelter, so the more money it receives from this event, the better it will be able to help the shelter care for its animals. And it receives all kinds. Although the majority of them are dogs and cats, the facility takes in practically any potential pet imag-



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A collage of some of the animals who were or still are at the Fairfax County Animal Shelter.

inable, such as birds, turtles, chinchillas and hamsters.

"People drop off potbellied pigs, porcupines, horses, chickens, mice, rats, snakes, iguanas — anything," said Grieve. "It's really amazing. Sometimes, people just leave them outside the door, so they do their best to place them somewhere else. One man

dropped off 30-40 rabbits all at once."

Shelter Director Karen Diviney notifies FFCAS when an animal with special needs comes in and, if the group can help, it does. People don't want to adopt animals needing surgery; but, often, it's needed to save an animal's life.

"Outside of the normal care, a

lot of these animals won't have a second chance," said Grieve. "If they need immediate or extensive surgeries, the shelter can't afford to pay for them. They're only budgeted for so many surgeries, but they get so many animals."

The shelter handles more than 4,000 animals a year. In 2011, it gave veterinary treatment to more than 150 animals with special needs. These included Baby, a boxer-pit bull mix needing complicated spay surgery, and Jake, a Shiba Inu who was operated on after being hit by a car. And, said Grieve, "We just chipped in for hip-replacement surgery for a dog named Chevy."

Last year, FFCAS raised \$45,000 total for the shelter. Part went toward caring for the 160 cats and kittens the shelter received from a November 2010 hoarding case in Annandale. Some also went toward a program FFCAS started with Clocktower — a veterinarian office focusing on neonatal care — to provide specialized care for neonatal kittens.

The group also buys cages and supplies for the shelter's feral cats spay and neuter program. And

now, it wants to hire a dog trainer.

"One of the big things we're trying to do is fund a behavior-modification program for the dogs coming into the shelter to help them become more socialized," said Grieve. "The trainer would teach the staff and volunteers basic commands and skills for the dogs. That way, it's consistent and everyone would be saying the same thing to them."

FFCAS also supports the shelter's foster program. Through it, underage and sick dogs, cats and other companion animals are sent to volunteer, foster-care providers to be cared for until they're mature and healthy enough to be returned to the shelter for adoption.

So with all these responsibilities, Grieve's hoping for a good turnout for the wine- and beer-tasting event. "It's a fabulous cause," she said. "Plus it's Cinco de Mayo that day, so we want people to come celebrate and help the animals."

Anyone wishing to donate to FFCAS may do so at the Web site, or by sending checks payable to the organization to: FFCAS, P.O. Box 2321, Centreville, VA 20122.

NEWS

Audition Workshop For Westfield Summer Stage

BY BONNIE HOBBS
CENTRE VIEW

Westfield Summer Stage celebrates 12 years of summer musicals with the classic musical comedy, "Anything Goes," to be performed in late July at Westfield High. Auditions will begin in a few weeks, so an audition workshop for prospective cast members will be held Monday, April 30, at 6:30 p.m., where material for the vocal and dance auditions will be taught.

Auditions are May 5, from 9 a.m.-4 p.m.; callbacks are May 6, from noon-2 p.m. Rehearsals begin June 20; most are on weekday evenings until the performances. All activities are at Westfield, 4700 Stonecroft Blvd. in Chantilly.

"Anything Goes" is a saucy and splendid production of Cole Porter's musical romp across the Atlantic," said Director Lori Knickerbocker. "When the 'S.S. American' heads out to sea, etiquette and convention head out the portholes, as two unlikely pairs set off on the course to true love."

She said the audience ultimately learns that, "Sometimes, destiny needs a little help from a crew of singing sailors, an exotic disguise and some good old-fashioned blackmail."

Stowaway Billy Crocker is out to win back his true love, Hope Harcourt, from Lord Evelyn Oakleigh, with the help of a singer-turned-evangelist, plus a gangster and his girlfriend. Along for the ride are a minister and his shady converts, a hapless captain and a harried purser.

Meanwhile, performed throughout the show will be some of musical theater's most memorable standards, including "You're the Top," "Blow, Gabriel, Blow," "It's De-Lovely," "I Get A Kick Out of You" and "Anything Goes."

Auditions for this show are open to Northern Virginia teen actors, singers and dancers in rising grades 7-12, plus 2012 high-school graduates. All roles are open. Approximately 45 actors will be cast. Yvonne Henry is the choreographer; Charlie Manship, musical director; and Carol Jones, vocal director. The workshop fee is \$300; some scholarships are available.

All proceeds from Westfield Summer Stage benefit Westfield High's Theatre Arts educational program. For more information, visit www.westfieldtheatreboosters.com, see Westfield Summer Stage Anything Goes on Facebook, or call 703-488-6439.

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NEWS

'State Fair'

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ago," said Scott. "They've embraced these characters and made them their own. They put so much feeling into their portrayals. There are life disappointments and humor in this show, and the subtleties the actors bring to those scenes have moved me to tears."

She said the audience will immensely enjoy the humorous scenes and will care about all the characters on stage and root for them. And, she added, "They'll leave happy and singing the 'State Fair' song."

Seventh-grader Hridhay (Reed) Rangaraju plays Abel Frake, a farmer with two children, Wayne, 20, and Margy, 18. "Abel has a prize pig, Blue Boy, that he loves, and he bets shopkeeper Dave Miller that his pig will win the pig race at the Iowa State Fair," said Reed. "Miller bets something bad will happen."

Reed says Abel's "proud, gruff on the outside, but caring inside and a person who loves his family. He's straightforward and knows what his priorities are, but he sometimes misses obvious things about other people's feelings. A lead role is



The cast of Liberty Middle School's production of "State Fair." PHOTO BY BONNIE HOBBS/CENTRE VIEW

work, but a great honor, and I enjoy working with the rest of the cast and making new friends."

His favorite number is "More than Just a Friend," that Abel sings about his pig. "It's a slow, beautiful song that goes into barbershop harmony with the other farmers," said Reed. "And I get to pour so much emotion into it." He said the audience will like the show's period look and gain insight into how people lived back then. Said Reed: "It's a classic story of love, loss, betrayal and triumph."

Playing Abel's wife Melissa is eighth-grader Gabie Nicchitta. "She's a smart woman, happily married, friendly and nurturing, and especially looks out for her daughter," said Gabie. "I like the

acting experience of playing a mom and being part of the family."

She likes the song, "A Grand Night for Singing," in which she and Reed solo, because "it's a happy song describing everyone enjoying themselves at the state fair." Gabie said the audience will like the play's humor and the feeling of "parents watching their children grow up and fall in love."

Seventh-grader Kaitlinn Thornley plays Margy. "She has a boring boyfriend, Harry, who she doesn't love as much as he loves her," said Kaitlinn. "She's in her own world, dreaming about life without him. And she's never been out in the world. She's opposite from my real-life personality and I get to sing a lot."

Her favorite number is "Isn't it Kind of Fun?" which she sings with Jeremy Rathjen, playing a WWII reporter who likes Margy. "The dance in this song is romantic, fun and free," she said. "It's catchy and upbeat and I love the lyrics." Kaitlinn said the audience will enjoy the romantic scenes and all the "amazing musical numbers."

Portraying Wayne is eighth-grader Khalied Bashri. "He's a farm boy who's never been to the city, and he's upset that his girlfriend is leaving him for college," said Khalied. "I'm nice and down-to-earth like he is, so I can relate to him, and I like showing his different emotions."

He especially likes the "I Owe Ioway" song because of its happy tune and dances. And he said the audience will like the three stories told onstage, plus the "authentic-looking" costumes.

Stage manager is eighth-grader Brendan Doyle, in charge of the tech crew - lights, sound, props and running crew (scene changers). "It's fun being in the background, helping make the show happen," he said. "Hardest is keeping track of the more than 100 props and what everyone else is supposed to be doing. I like running crew best; there's an adrenaline rush moving the props onstage while being watched, knowing you have to get everything right."

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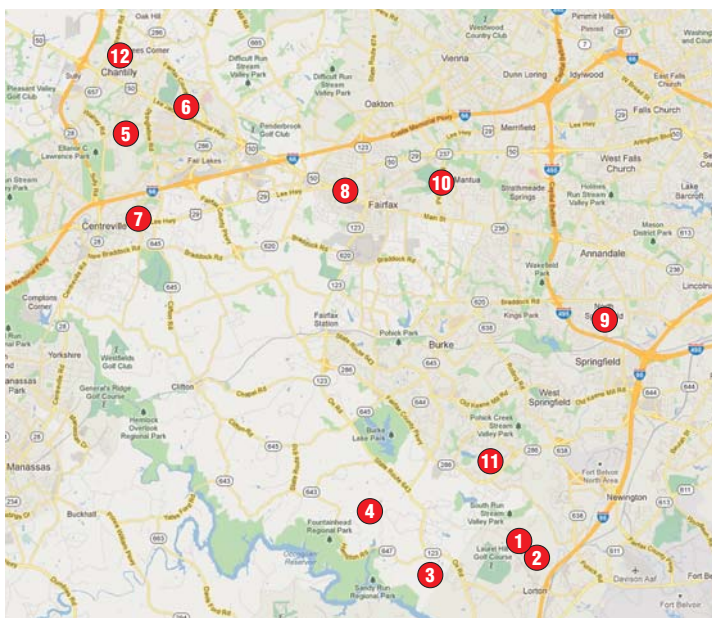
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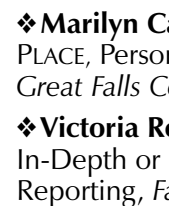
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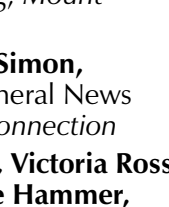
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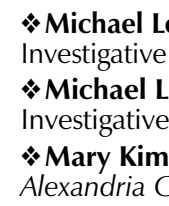


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FRIDAY/APRIL 27

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

Centreville International Fiesta. 7 to 10 p.m. Free. Centreville performers will share song and dance from Korea, India, Guatemala, and Mexico. DJ Myra Flemister (HB Productions) will open the evening by inviting the children to dance, and there will be chili-dogs, egg rolls and snacks for sale all evening. A special treat will be arroz con leche, a sweet-drink tradition in Guatemala. The Fiesta is sponsored by Centreville Immigration Forum as an event to highlight the diversity of Centreville, and to raise money for support of the new Centreville Labor Resource Center. At Centreville Fire Station 17, 5856 Old Centreville Road, Centreville.

APRIL 27 AND 28

Spring Arts Festival. In conjunction with the City

of Fairfax's Spotlight on the Arts, Truro Church of Fairfax will be hosting its Third Annual Spring Arts Festival. The community is invited to submit work for the Juried Arts Show. Winners will be awarded prize money in separate age categories: elementary school, middle school, high school, and adult. Free, family friendly and professional classes in the arts will be offered on Saturday, April 27. Classes include a variety of visual and performing arts including sculpture, painting, musical theatre, theatre improv, singing, poetry, and art lectures. Visit www.trurochurch.org/springartsfestival.

APRIL 27-29

Chantilly Library Used Book Sale. 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, and 1 to 4 p.m. Sunday. Huge selection of adult and children's fiction and non-fiction books, including Russian, Chinese and Korean novels, plus audio/video recordings. Sponsored by the Friends of the Chantilly Regional Library to fund special programs, renovation projects, activities and equipment for the library. Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road, Chantilly. For more information, call the library at 703-502-3883 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/events.

SATURDAY/APRIL 28

Shredding Event. 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Free technology recycling and paper shredding event. Will be accepting drop-offs of computer and technology equipment and paper to be securely shredded. At 4506 Daly Drive, Chantilly. Visit www.solutionworx.com/recycle

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SUNDAY/APRIL 29

Brookfield Bike and Hike. 1 to 4 p.m. Open to all Brookfield residents. Enjoy a leisurely bike or hike on the trails in Brookfield. Meet members of the Fairfax County Police Bike Patrol. Volunteers will lead short hikes and short bike rides. Free hotdogs and snacks. Free facepainting. All ages. Meet at the pool parking lot. For more information or to volunteer, contact Bonni@BrookfieldCivic.org. Sponsored by the Brookfield Civic Association.

APRIL 30 TO MAY 19

Art Exhibition. 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Exhibition

and sale of work by Jackie Elwell, Elaine Florimonte, Debbie Glakas, Lisa Neher, Sarah Swart and Barbara Wagner. Will feature paintings, drawings, sculpture and fine art jewelry. Opening reception is Friday, May 4 from 4 to 9 p.m. Also a Studio Day on Saturday, May 12 from 1 to 5 p.m. Come see the artists at work on May 19 from 1 to 5 p.m. At The Frame Factory, 212 Dominion Road, N.E., Vienna.

MONDAY/APRIL 30

Audition Workshop. 6:30 p.m. Westfield Summer Stage celebrates 12 years of summer musicals with the classic Cole Porter musical comedy, "Anything Goes," which makes its way onto the Westfield High School stage for five performances, July 20-28. Prospective cast members should attend an audition workshop on April 30 at 6:30 p.m., when material for the vocal and dance auditions will be taught. Auditions are May 5, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Callbacks are May 6 from 12-2 p.m. Rehearsals begin June 20; most are on weekday evenings until the performances in late July. All activities are at Westfield High School, 4700 Stonecroft Blvd. in Chantilly.

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Used Book Sale. Featuring 20,000 used books, fiction and nonfiction plus CDs and DVDs. Preview and presale on Thursday, May 3 from 6 to 8 p.m. for Friends of Centreville Library. Sale hours are Friday, May 4 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Saturday, May 5 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sunday, May 6 from 1 to 3 p.m. At the Centreville Regional Library, 14220 St. Germain Dr., Centreville. Call 703-830-2223 or visit FriendsOfCentrevilleLibrary.blogspot.com.

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By KENNETH B. LOURIE

Having recently upgraded my cell phone, I have finally, due to its larger keys and simplified data-entry process, learned how to enter "contacts" and their phone numbers as well as select some of these key contacts for speed-dialing. This relatively basic function, which had eluded me for years, has opened up a slew of possibilities, that even I can see will lessen the burden on my brain to remain engaged. Now I won't have to think nearly so much about what I've spent 40-plus years doing: dialing a phone number from memory and/or referring to a phone/address book for that number. Thanks to my new phone, I have finally turned the corner of technology. I have passed "Go." Next we'll see where I land: "Boardwalk" or "Baltic" and see if there is a monopoly of my time as a result.

One week into my new communication life, I have entered 16 contacts, some with only one phone number, others with mobile, home and work. In addition, I have entered/selected two speed-dial numbers. Obviously, I have ample space remaining for future contacts and certainly more space for speed-dials. Going through the list of prospective "speed-dialers" and "contacts-to-be," I have now reached a point where I'm sort of looking for people/numbers to add; I suppose you could say I've reached the second tier. I've already entered/allocated from the top tier (most called, most familiar, most logical: friends, family and business). Yet spots remain, so I've begun a mental search of who/what numbers might be cell phone-worthy (meaning whose phone numbers might I want to include in my cell phone) either as a "contact" or a "speed dial" since the process of doing so is now clearly within my rather limited abilities.

Two numbers that I've thought about adding – and which relate directly to this column's title, are my car's auto repair shop and my oncologist. I have most definitely entered them as contacts. However, given the semi-precarious nature of driving a car with 137,000 miles on the odometer, perhaps it would be prudent to assign a speed dial number to my mechanic. Not that I want to be calling him that often or have the circumstances be so time-sensitive that speed – in our ability to connect with one another over the phone – is of the essence but, hoping and praying don't necessarily make it so. And let's be honest, my car is not getting any newer.

I have similar feelings toward my oncologist. I don't want to have to/need to call him that quickly, but again, let's be realistic; I'm probably not getting any healthier. As such, if I did call him, presumably it wouldn't be to inquire about the weather; more likely it would be to inquire whether a new symptom or a deterioration of some kind relating to my being a stage IV lung cancer survivor (who has now outlived his original "13-month-to-two-year prognosis" by years) is significant. But if I'm being honest about my life/health circumstances, who better to call – and be able to call quickly and efficiently, than the doctor who is primarily responsible for my well-being/treatment? I don't want to feel this way, but if there's anything that seems increasingly more relevant (as I continue to live beyond my original prognosis), it would be to plan for circumstances that are beyond my control (although I'm not saying/admitting to their inevitability), especially if there are other people (close to me) who might need some assistance attempting to control those circumstances, should they occur.

Admitting to their significance – and need however, and in turn acting/planning on their behalf, so to speak, are tough pills to swallow. Never do I want to give credence to my original diagnosis and accept my fate, sort of. Nevertheless, organizing my phone to prepare for the worst, while still hoping for the best, might be the best way – for me, to take care of myself and those closest to me as well. But thinking that technology, specifically my phone, would play a major role in that task, is a really big surprise, all things considered.

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Centreville in Search Of Win in Concorde

Wildcats, at 8-4 in boys' lacrosse, host district opponent Herndon this Friday.

BY RICH SANDERS
CENTRE VIEW

The Centreville High boys' lacrosse team was looking to get back on the winning track late this week as it prepared for a Concorde District home game versus Herndon on Friday night.

Overall, it has been a good season for the Wildcats, who won their first eight games to start the spring. But since a 9-6 win over Edison (National District) on April 2 at the Woodgrove Tournament in Purcellville over spring break week, Centreville has had its first losing stretch of the season.

Centreville's first loss, 13-10, came on April 11 at Madison High (Liberty District). Two days later, the Wildcats lost their Concorde District opener to visiting Oakton, 15-8. And in its next game on April 17, a district home match versus cross-town rival Chantilly, the Wildcats fell 9-6. Earlier this week, Centreville lost at district opponent Robinson, 10-6, on Tuesday, April 24.

Centreville has just two games remaining in the regular season — this week's district meeting versus the Hornets, and the regular season closer next Wednesday, May 2 at district rival Westfield. The Concorde District tournament is scheduled to begin next Friday, May 4 with first round games.

The Wildcats (8-4) want to close the regular season out with a district win or two in order to gain momentum for the district tournament where they will need to win their opening game in order to clinch a seeding at the upcoming Northern Region tournament.

But winning games in the Concorde is easier said than done. Centreville has not won a game versus a district opponent in quite some time.

"We haven't won a Concorde District game in three years, so getting two wins this week [against Robinson or Herndon] would be huge for the team and the boys," said Centreville coach Jed Williams, prior to his team's game at Robinson.

ALTHOUGH IT HAS struggled in district play, Centreville proved its winning capabilities in its 8-0

start. So, despite the four-game winless streak, the Wildcats could be on the verge of breaking out in district games and getting a few big wins.

Centreville's top player this spring has been Zack Sikora, who despite constant attention by opponents finds a way to get the ball into the net.

"Zach is our best player and is always getting double and triple teamed," said coach Williams. "He is still managing to score three goals per game and making his teammates better players."

The Wildcats are also receiving good scoring seasons from Andy Balberde and Nathan Marks.

"They step up nicely when most of the defenses we see focus on stopping Zack," said Williams.

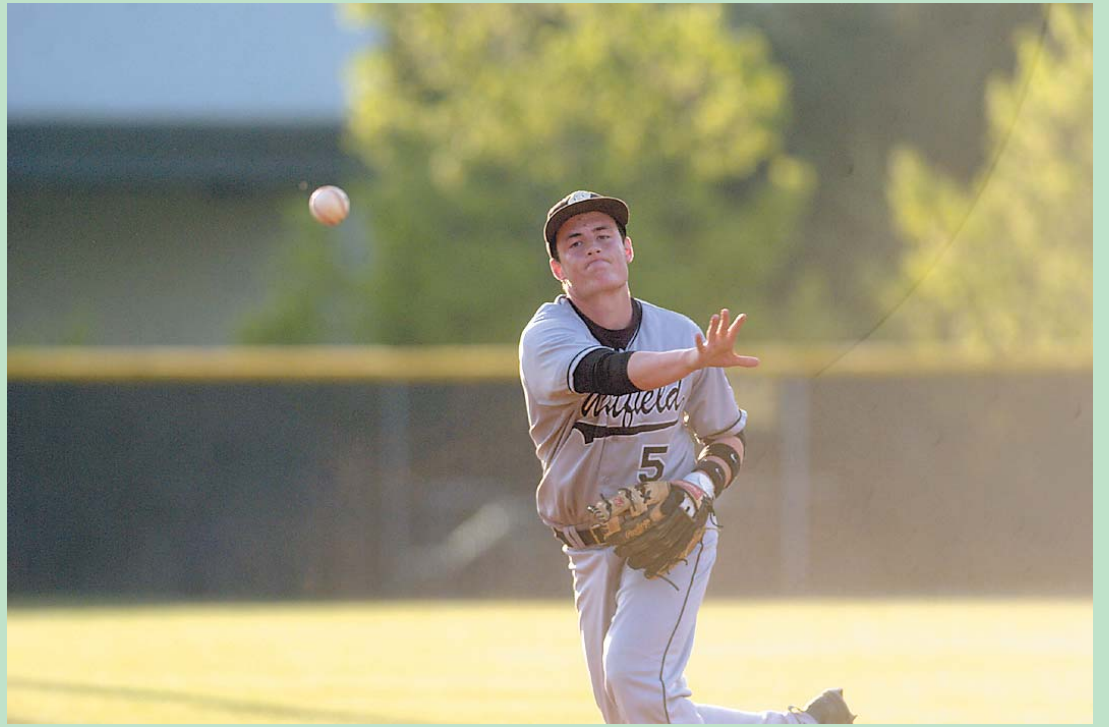
Centreville's defense is anchored by Antonio Choi. And at goalkeeper position, Kent Roy and Pat Prosser have helped keep the Wildcats in games.

Centreville, in its first five games of the season leading into spring break week, won outings versus teams from each of the other three districts in the Northern Region. Their season opener, at home on March 14, matched them up against the National District's Yorktown Patriots. Centreville, behind four goals from Sikora, defeated the Arlington team, 18-8.

The following week, Centreville traveled to Alexandria to take on T.C. Williams from the Patriot District. The Wildcats, led by four goals from Marks, defeated the Titans, 12-4.

Over three consecutive days from March 22-24, Centreville won games over host West Springfield (Patriot District), 14-10; Marshall (Liberty District), 16-7; and Lake Braddock (Patriot District), 12-5. The latter two contests took place at Mount Vernon High School.

At 5-0, Centreville was a hot team going into the spring break tournament at Woodgrove High in Purcellville. The Wildcats, sure enough, remained on a roll, winning games over three straight days (April 2-4) over the Williamsburg LC Warriors — a Virginia private school team — by a 10-8 score; and Northern Region foes Mclean (Liberty District), 15-1, and Edison (National District), 9-6.



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Bulldog Victory

Ryan Wittman, a junior infielder, makes a play for the Westfield High baseball team during its game at Herndon High last Friday night. The Bulldogs won, 5-4, to improve to 9-4 overall and even their record in the Concorde District to 2-2.



Aaron Tucker, a sophomore outfielder on the Westfield High baseball team, makes a hard slide towards second base in hopes of hindering this Herndon infielder's throw to first base. Westfield has a Concorde District game at Chantilly High this Friday night at 6:30.

CENTREVILLE HIGH SPORTS NOTEBOOK

Lady Wildcats Lacrosse

BY AILEEN ANDERSON

On Tuesday, April 17, the Centreville girls varsity lacrosse team beat the Chantilly Chargers, 14-6, bringing their season record to a superb 8-1. Senior Ayana Teran has successfully made the transition from soccer goalie to notable lacrosse goalie, making 10 goal saves against a capable, experienced Chantilly offense. However, the Wildcats' offense showed its true depth across the board, with eight girls scoring successfully. Freshmen attacker Reagan Newell and midfielder Caroline Wakefield each contributed two goals and two assists. Senior midfielder Maggie Dulkerian and junior midfielder Carly Sane each brought in two goals and one assist. Despite a fractured wrist, sophomore Catherine Zempolich had two goals and an interception. Rounding out the scoring with one goal each were senior Hayley Anderson, sophomore Caroline Bollman, junior Danielle Smith, and sophomore Avery Rocke.

The Lady Wildcats were scheduled to be at home against Robinson on Wednesday, April 25, and away against Herndon on Friday, April 27.

Wildcats Girls Tennis

BY COACH LESLIE O'CONNOR

The Lady Wildcats' varsity tennis team won their match against Herndon on Tuesday, April 17, by a 6-3 score. Among the victors were the following:

Sarah Alberstein won her No. 2 singles match 10-5, marking the second time she has defeated her Herndon opponent this spring.

Sapna Rao, at No. 3 singles, took care of business with a 10-1 win.

At No. 4 singles, Jessica Jassal won 10-8, adjusting her game to play and win against her opponent.

And at No. 5 singles, Rebekah Lee handily beat her opponent, 10-2.

In doubles play, Sapna and Rebekah won their No. 2-seed match, 10-5.

At No. 3 doubles, Jessica Jassal and Sierra Dimmer won 10-2 with exceptional net play by both players.

Two days following the Herndon match, the Lady Wildcats tennis team played a solid match against Westfield on Thursday, April 19. Senior Sapna Rao

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won her singles match — all too appropriate for Senior Day — and all other team members displayed excellent effort despite losing their individual contests. The team was scheduled to play at Oakton earlier this week on Tuesday, April 24.

Track and Field

BY MONIQUE KING

It was a big week for sophomore sprinter Maryn Wood, who set personal bests in the 400-meter dash, placing first; and the long jump, placing third, at the Wolverine Classic in Purcellville last Friday, April 20. She followed those results with a third place finish in the 100-meter sprint at the prestigious Lake Braddock Hall of Fame Invitational on Saturday at Robinson. Wood recorded another personal best of 12.66 in that event as well.

Mike Wright was another standout at the two invitationals with a sixth place finish in the 400 at the Wolverine Classic, as well as a third place finish, and personal best, in the 200-meter dash at the LB Hall of Fame meet. In addition to the two sprinters, senior long jump competitor Philip Christophe placed fifth and junior distance standout Lee Young Chan placed sixth in the 3200-meter run at the Hall of Fame Invitational.

Along with the two invitationals last week, Centreville also competed in a Concorde District tri-meet against Herndon and Oakton. Congratulations to the following athletes for their point-scoring performances:

In the hurdles Maria Cowen placed fourth for the girls, and Shawn Terry placed second for the boys. Kevin Bishop placed fourth in the 100-meter dash. Fatma Mansaray placed third for the girls in the 200-meter dash, and Manny Mitter placed first and Brian Pluchinsky third for the boys.

In the 400-meter sprint Maria Cowen placed first and Fatma Mansaray second for the girls, and Mike Mantis placed second for the boys. Woo Jin Han placed fourth in the 800-meter run, and Mike Cateriano had a fourth place result in the 3200-meter run.

In the field events, Maria Cowen placed second and Rachel Lee third in the girls' triple jump while Mike Mantis placed third for the boys. Rachel Lee had a second place finish for the girls in the long jump. Elizabeth Johnson placed first and Maggie Pelletier second in the girl's high jump. Dean Dickinson placed third in the boys' high jump. In the girls' and boys' shot put, Taylor DaCosta placed second, Nathan Milton placed second, and Jamarkis Mitchell placed third. Taylor scored again with a third place finish in the girls' discus and Nathan first for the boys.

Centreville Softball

BY ALANA LOVE

Varsity: As usual, the rival matchup between Centreville and Westfield yielded an exciting game. On Tuesday, April 17, Centreville led throughout most of the game and kept Westfield off the scoreboard through five innings. But the Bulldogs came on strong thereafter and won a hard-fought 7-4 contest.

In the first inning the Wildcats took a 1-0 lead with Kara Love scoring from second base on a solid single by Lexi Murdock. Centreville came out swinging in the second inning. Morgan Yi hit a single to start things off, then Gisela DeConti, with her keen eye, reaching first on a walk. After Gretchen Kernbach's aggressive bat put both base runners in position to score, Lexi Hunter put bat on ball for an RBI groundout that scored Yi for a 2-0 score.

The third inning had the Wildcat's Macy

Luck hitting and legging out a double. Murdock singled and moved Luck to third and Yi beat out a throw to first on an error by the pitcher, allowing Luck to score to make it 3-0 Wildcats. Deconti walked to load the bases, but no more runs resulted. Westfield had a runner on in the top of the fourth, but Yi caught a pop up in right field and rifled the ball to third base where Murdock tagged the runner to complete a double play that ended the inning.

Murdock started the fifth inning off with a bang — a clean double. Next, Yi legged out an RBI triple for the Wildcats to make it 4-0.

In the sixth inning, Westfield scored three runs to get within 4-3. The Wildcats still held the lead heading into the seventh. But the Bulldogs, in their top of the seventh inning at-bats, were able to load the bases with No. 4 batter, Carrie Otroba, coming to the plate. She delivered a double which flipped the score Westfield's way for the first time in the game.

In the bottom of the seventh, the Wildcats managed to load the bases, but were unable to close the deal, leaving the final score a heartbreaking 7-4 loss for Centreville.

On Friday, the varsity cats lost to Oakton on the road. This week, the Lady Wildcats were slated to take on the Chargers for the first time this season at Chantilly on Tuesday, April 24, and they will face the Robinson Rams at home this Friday, April 27, at 6:30 p.m.

JV Softball: The Centreville Wildcats' JV softball team lost to Westfield on Tuesday, 4-3, in a nail-biting game. The Wildcats led 3-2 going into the bottom of the seventh inning but couldn't hold the lead as Westfield scored two runs to win the game. Erin Seabrook, Sarah Hudson, Rachel Lee, and Brianna Carazana all had the base hits for the Wildcats. Lauren Jones pitched a tremendous game.

The team then won their Friday night game against opponent Oakton High, 6-5. The offense came alive in the first inning and continued to dominate through the game. When an injury removed starting pitcher Lauren Jones, the Wildcats still fought as Sarah Hudson took over on the mound in the sixth and seventh innings, pitching a great game and clinching the win. Hudson went 2 for 3 in the game with a pair of RBI's and Leah DeVera went 3 for 3.

Boys Lacrosse

BY LANCE BOWDEN
AND EILEEN BALBERDE

JV Boys (April 17): The Centreville JV boys' lacrosse team ran into a tough district rival in a 12-2 loss to Chantilly on Tuesday, April 17. Play was balanced until Chantilly scored with just over two minutes left in the first quarter. Alex Rizzi answered with a Centreville goal as the quarter closed. Penalties hurt the Wildcats in the second quarter as they gave up four

goals, including two man-down goals. The halftime score was 5-1. Despite some nice stops by goalie Kyle Evans, Centreville had trouble slowing Chantilly's shooting in the second half. Rizzi scored once more for the Wildcats in the third quarter, with an assist from Mark Mahoney, but it wasn't enough to change the momentum. The Chargers controlled the ball for most of the second half, wearing down the defense and limiting Centreville's scoring opportunities.

JV Boys (April 20): The JV boys lacrosse players of Centreville got a taste of Friday night lights in an exciting 5-4 win over Lake Braddock on April 20, playing in the usual varsity time slot. The team bolted to a quick lead on a goal by Alex Rizzi, assisted by a long pass from Ryan Yoo. Moments later Rizzi notched an assist to Mark Mahoney, whose goal brought the lead to 2-0. The Wildcat defense, led by Michael Bollman, Ben Kandel, and Josh Kim, was aggressive throughout the game, pressuring the ball and forcing bad passes. However, Lake Braddock managed to score with four seconds left in the first quarter with Centreville in a man-down situation.

A second Bruins' goal came on a low scorching shot midway through the second quarter for a halftime tie of 2-2.

The only goal in the third quarter was by Centreville's Mahoney off a feed from Matt Perry, giving the Wildcats a 3-2 lead. As in the first half, Wildcat goalie Kyle Evans continued to stop and deflect numerous Lake Braddock shots. Fourth quarter scoring was started by David Shim, with Brian Yoo getting the assist. Lake Braddock rebounded by scoring a pair of goals during penalties, which tied the score 4-4. Centreville midfielder Kyle Roarty broke the tie, with an assist from Corey Spriggs. A one-point lead hardly felt comfortable with almost five minutes remaining, but Centreville hung tough for the primetime victory.

Varsity Wildcats: The Centreville varsity boys' lacrosse team lost to Concorde District rival Chantilly High School, 9-6, on Tuesday night, April 17. The Wildcats kept the score close throughout the game, with the score tied at 5-5 at the half.

The score remained tied through most of the third quarter as well. Attack Nathan Marks, and midfielders Zack Sikora and Andy Balberde each had two goals for the night. Assists were given by Tyler Vennergrund (2) and Kevin Hagan (1). Centreville's in-close defensemen Jake Hyde, Antonio Choi, and Kevin Brawner each had solid defensive performances, shutting down Chantilly's fast break threat in the transition game. Centreville's man-down unit had a strong night, allowing only one goal out of six man-up opportunities for Chantilly. Between the pipes, Pat Prosser came up huge in the goal for the Wildcats with a string of impressive saves, keeping the Wildcats in the game. This week, the Wildcats were set to play Concorde District games against Robinson and Herndon.

PEOPLE

Carly Stephens of Centreville has been selected 2012 Undergraduate Woman of the Year at Virginia Tech. Carly is a senior majoring in biological sciences in the College of Science, with a minor in Spanish in the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences. As a Boswellness Fellow, Stephens conducted research at the Virginia-Maryland Regional College of Veterinary Medicine focused on novel equine cancer treatments using herbal oils. A university honors student, Stephens studied abroad in Quito, Ecuador, during her sophomore year,

where she participated in the Pan De Vida program for homeless children. She helped lead Ut Prosim El Porvenir, partnering with a village in Honduras to develop their clinic, health camp, and women's empowerment classes. At a Blacksburg elementary school, she founded an after-school Spanish club emphasizing appreciation of Spanish language and culture. As a freshman, she helped start the women's ultimate Frisbee team, and has served as its captain for four years.

Stephens is the daughter of Bonnie and Scott Stephens of Centreville.

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This Just In:

Fifteen Fairfax County Public School students received national medals for their entries in the 2012 Scholastic Art Awards sponsored by the Alliance for Young Artists and Writers.

Whatever the talent or interest, Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) provides students with a comprehensive arts education.

Students in grades K through 6 receive music and art instruction taught by certified art teachers. Middle school and high school students may choose to enroll in a variety of elective course offerings in all fine arts disciplines to include dance, music, theatre, and visual art. Advanced Placement (AP) or International Baccalaureate (IB) art classes are offered for students in grades 11 - 12.

Art engages students in a process that helps them develop the self-esteem, self-discipline, cooperation, and self-motivation necessary for success in life.

"Art making involves critical thinking and problem solving to create a product," said Aaron Stratten, art education specialist at FCPS. "In this sense, art is an authentic approach to providing students with essential skills they will need in the 21st century to

develop creative solutions to challenges. Creativity and problem solving are essential components of innovation which will feed the economy and industries of the future."

Art All Around Us

Students can explore many forms of art including art, music, photography, computer graphics, dance, orchestra, theatre, band, and more. Beginning in elementary school, students are introduced to concepts and processes that nurture creative thinking and problem solving through art and music classes.

"As they advance to the next grade level, students are exposed to recognized works of art and become actively involved in finding connections between images and ideas," said Stratten. "Emphasis is placed on exploring themes and concepts related to family and a sense of place. By participating in real and meaningful art experiences, students increase their understanding of the value of the visual arts to themselves, their family, and to the world in which they live."

Music to Your Ears

More than 40,000 FCPS students are enrolled in the music elective programs of band, chorus, general music, orchestra, and guitar. The vocal and instrumental ensembles are seen and heard worldwide. Locally, the ensembles perform at the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, George Mason Center for the Performing Arts, and the White House among others.

"Music, through its inherent ability to develop intellectual and emotional communication skills, encourages cultural awareness and enriches society," said Tamra Ferreira, fine arts coordinator at FCPS. "The FCPS music curriculum provides opportunities for students to attain the knowledge and skills necessary to become musically literate, well-rounded individuals."

Let the Shows Begin!

Springtime theatre productions bring performance spaces alive throughout Fairfax County Public Schools. The study of theatre provides students opportunities for personal and academic growth, ways to create bridges to other subject disciplines and other cultures, and the development of skills which provide lifelong enjoyment. In middle school, FCPS students discover and explore the basic elements of theatre, and augment that study with a variety of theatre presentations and special events. At the high school level students develop and expand their knowledge, skills, and resources to create a high level of accomplishment in the classroom and in performance.

Go see a show at a Fairfax County Public School. Many events are free or inexpensive. Find out more at www.fcps.edu and click on the blue Events tab.



Getting To Know Us:

Herndon High School Theatre Teacher
Zoë Dillard

Zoë Dillard grew up around theatrical personalities, so it was an obvious choice when it came time to decide on a career. Theatre, of course.

Though she initially pursued acting roles, it was a request in 1982 from Falls Church High School to help them choreograph a musical that confirmed her love of working with young people in the theatre.

Today, she serves as the theatre director and teacher at Herndon High School.

Dillard believes theatre offers students a chance to discover themselves.

"High school is all about finding your niche. Some students come into the theatre to see what's

here and what's going on. Once they are here, they realize there are many opportunities," said Dillard. "They can direct children's theatre or participate in improv. They can be part of the ensemble or put their technical skills to work building sets. They can work with 5th and 6th graders in the children's theatre. They can also use their computer graphic design skills for publicity."

"I try to offer students many different kinds of opportunities in the theatre so they will grow," she said. "It's not just about acting."

"I love their energy," she continued. "By the time they are seniors, they've changed and grown. I find that inspiring to watch."

Did You Know?

More than 33,000 secondary students enrolled in fine and performing arts courses during the 2011-12 school year:

- Visual art – 12,400
- Music – 12,600
- Theatre – 2,600
- Dance – 200



Cappies: Award-Winning Performances



For those who would rather critique than perform, the Cappies, or Critics and Awards Program, is designed for high school theatre and journalism students who are trained as theatre critics, attend shows at other schools, write reviews, and publish the reviews in local newspapers and online. The international program was launched by FCPS in 1999.

Each spring, Cappies critics nominate actors and technicians for Cappies awards, which are presented, along with awards for critics, at the annual Cappies Gala at the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts.

"The Cappies Gala showcases the amazing artistic talents of our high school students," said Judy Bowns, co-founder of Cappies and theatre arts and dance specialist at FCPS. "Student actors, backstage technicians, singers, dancers, and musicians are honored with a Cappie by their peers who acknowledge this excellence by their votes. It's the only student theatre awards program that is student-driven with no awards decided by adults."

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