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Police Unity Tour

U.S. Treasury Agent Kevin Whalen of Centreville points to the cheering crowd lining Route 29 at the intersection with Route 28 on Saturday, May 12 as the Region IV Police Unity Tour riders make the last leg of their 3-day journey through Centreville from Richmond to the National Law Enforcement Officer's Memorial in Washington D.C. In its 16th year, the Tour has the goal of raising awareness of fallen police officers and raising money for the National Law Enforcement Officer's Memorial Fund. This is the first year that Chapter IV has had a team on the ride.

'A Reflection Of Her Love'

Remembrance Cabaret for Reema is May 26.

BY BONNIE HOBBS
CENTRE VIEW

When many of her friends and relatives recall Reema Samaha, they picture her on a stage performing. She acted in Westfield High theatrical productions, but was especially known for her beautiful and graceful dancing.

A 2006 graduate, she was in her freshman year at Virginia Tech when she lost her life in the April 2007 tragedy. But her memory and spirit live on and, in fitting fashion, her family and friends gather in Westfield's theater annually to enjoy performances on stage in her honor.

This year's Remembrance Cabaret is Saturday, May 26. The show starts at 7 p.m., but the doors open at 6 p.m. for a bake sale and silent auction, which will continue during intermission.

Ashley Dillard, a friend and classmate of Reema's at Westfield, is organizing the performers. Reema's longtime friend and neighbor, Lu Ann McNabb, is organizing the artists providing the donations for the silent auction. And for both of them, it's a labor of love.

"This is an important event for our community to remember and reflect on the incredible life of Reema Samaha," said Dillard. "It's not only to honor her through dance, music and comedy, but to come together to celebrate life and the gifts we are given. This caba-



Reema Samaha

ret reflects her creativity, love and overall positivity that shined on and off stage."

"Reema was one of the most beautiful, talented, funny young ladies I have ever known," said McNabb. "In any performance — whether in the 'Nutcracker Suite' as a young girl, or [later] in 'Fiddler on the Roof,' 'Arsenic and Old Lace' and the Westfield talent show — one would always see Reema's eyes and her smile. She stood out always. But for my family, it was her friendship and love for all of us that endeared us, and we miss her terribly."

The event is free, but donations are welcome. Attendees may contribute to The Reema J. Samaha Memorial Scholarship — awarded to students at both Westfield and Herndon high schools — and/or the Angel Fund, which advocates for common-sense gun legislation.

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Brick by Brick by Brick

Centreville High School raising funds for artificial-turf fields.

BY BONNIE HOBBS
CENTRE VIEW

Brick by brick, Centreville High is raising money to install two artificial-turf athletic fields to replace the school's existing grassy ones. It's nearing its goal, but still needs more funds to bring its plan to fruition.

"Since last August, we've been selling name bricks and will construct a brick wall honoring the donors at the entrance to the football stadium," said Wildcat Athletic Director Jimmy Sanabria. "The wall will be put up before the first football game in the fall, when the Wildcats will defend their regional title."

The bricks are personalized and engraved and come in two sizes for either \$100 or \$250. People

may buy them at www.brickrus.com/order/cvhsturf and also see a preview of their actual brick there. It's a project important not only to the school, but to children playing youth sports, as well. They, too, will benefit from the installation of artificial turf at Centreville.

"SYA has never been able to come here because there aren't enough fields," said Sanabria. "Real, grass fields have to rest, be reseeded and grow for the high-school seasons, and cleats, weather and usage hurt the fields. As a result, we're always fighting for space; so our practice and game fields have never been used by anyone but the school."

The fields are also needed on a daily basis by the P.E. classes. Currently, when the fields are soaked because it's rained all night, they

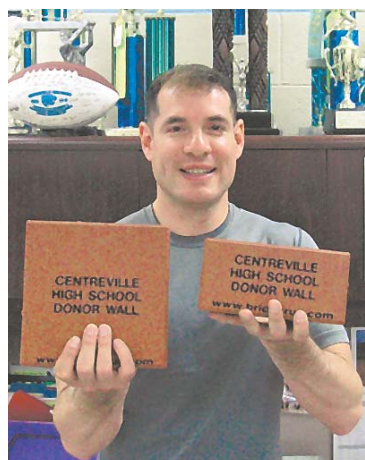
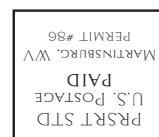


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Centreville High Athletic Director Jimmy Sanabria holds examples of the bricks helping to fund artificial-turf fields for the school.

can't be used. "So we'll group in the gym," said P.E. Department Chairman Katherin Strobl. "But it's hard to teach there if too many classes are in there at the same

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The Ahmadiyya Muslim community's mosque is being built off Walney Road in Chantilly.

Centreville Teen Charged With Damaging Mosque

More arrests "probable."

By BONNIE HOBBS
CENTRE VIEW

In January, members of the Ahmadiyya Muslim community — whose motto is "Love for all, hatred for none" — were looking forward to the completion of construction of their new mosque in Chantilly.

The 7,200-square-foot place of worship is called the Mubarak mosque which, in Islamic, means "blessed tidings." Work on the two-story structure had begun a year earlier, and the architect was especially proud of its custom-made windows in the shape of Persian arches.

But sometime between Jan. 29-30, the new mosque was vandalized. Some of the walls were damaged and all the windows on the ground floor were smashed. Builders arriving for work, the morning of Jan. 30, discovered shattered glass all over the floor, and the tremendous amount of damage left members of the congregation devastated, as well.

More than three months have passed since then, but Fairfax County police have been steadily working on the case, and now they've made their first arrest in connection with it. On May 3, they charged Trenton M. Carter, 18, of Round Lick Lane in Centreville's Xanadu Estates community, with felony destruction of property. If convicted, he could receive as much as five years in prison.

"Through the fingerprints and evidence collected on the scene — beer bottles and glass, etc. — we were able to develop a suspect," said Police Capt. Purvis Dawson, commander of the Sully District Station. "We interviewed and eventually arrested and charged [Carter]."

He said police are still processing evidence and waiting for more information to come back from the crime lab. "We believe [Carter's] a key component

in this offense, and he was arrested as a primary suspect, with additional arrests probable."

Dawson also expressed his gratitude to the community. "We could not have done this without it support," he said. "This was a terrible crime. It was one of stupidity and an exercise in criminal negligence, but we didn't believe it was a hate crime. And the community had enough trust in myself and my staff to let us continue investigating based on its being a property crime."

He said Carter's arrest came about as a result of the extensive evidence collected at the scene and processed, as well as "knock-and-talk" interviews with nearby residents. "We sent out fliers, newsletters and press releases and worked with local news reporters," said Dawson. "A partnership with our friends at the mosque was also instrumental."

The mosque has now reordered replacement windows which should arrive soon and can then be installed. Meanwhile, said Dawson, "It's still an active case; we're still following up leads."

Anyone with information is asked to contact Crime solvers at 1-866-411-TIPS/8477, e-mail at www.fairfaxcrimesolvers.org or text "TIP187" plus a message to CRIMES/274637 or call police at 703-691-2131.

Det. Timothy Cook is the lead detective on the case, and PFC Mike Roberts was the supplemental crime-scene officer. "But the patrol, bike-team and crime-prevention officers helped, too," said Dawson. "So it was really a team effort."

However, he added, "Although one subject has now been arrested, we still have a lot of work to do on the case. The gentleman we arrested is innocent until proven guilty, and the investigation continues."



Carter

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More MathCounts Success

Coached by Rocky Run Middle School's MathCounts coach, teacher Melanie Roller, Virginia's MathCounts team came in fifth last week in national competition. And one of the team members, Rocky Run eighth-grader Robin Park, was ranked 11th in the U.S. in the individual standings.

In March, Rocky Run's MathCounts team won the state championship, and Robin, the team captain, finished second in the state. So he got to compete on Virginia's team in Nationals, May 10-11, in Orlando, Fla., with the other three highest scorers in the state, and Roller coached them.

Older Cats Need Homes, Too

The Fairfax County Animal Shelter is hosting a special adoption event featuring senior cats. Shelter officials say they'll be "Rockin' n' Adopt'n with the oldies but goodies" during the event. Adoptions will take place Thursday-Friday, May 17-18, from noon-6:30 p.m., and Saturday, May 19, from 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m., at the shelter at 4500 West Ox Road in Fairfax.

Special adoption fees for cats, 5 years and older, will be \$15 – half the normal fee. These cats will receive a free spay or neuter and will be current on all vaccinations.

Adopters will receive a Friends of the Fairfax County Animal Shelter gift bag with a cat bed, food, scratching box and cat toys. Anyone adopting a cat, 7 years or older, will also receive a free full panel of blood work on that cat (provided by the shelter's contract veterinarian) to provide basic health information about the feline.

"Senior cats make great pets," says Karen Diviney, shelter director. "They're often overlooked in animal shelters, but [can be] wonderful additions to a family." For more information, call the shelter at 703-830-1100 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov and click on "animals."

Relay For Life Meeting

Local residents are invited to attend a Relay Rally planning meeting, Thursday, May 17, at 7 p.m., at the nZone, 14550 Lee Road in Chantilly. It's to present details about the upcoming Relay for Life walk, which raises money for the American Cancer Society. People may form a team of walkers, serve on the planning committee or volunteer at the June 9 Relay at the nZone. For more information, visit www.CentrevilleRelay.org or contact Brandi Steward of the American Cancer Society at brandi.steward@cancer.org.

Free Carseat Inspections

Certified technicians from the Sully District Police Station will perform free, child safety carseat inspections Thursday, May 17, and Thursday, May 31, from 5-8:30 p.m., at the station, 4900 Stonecroft Blvd. in Chantilly. No appointment is necessary. But residents should install the child safety seats themselves so technicians may properly inspect and adjust them, as needed.

However, because of time constraints, only the first 35 vehicles arriving on each date will be inspected. That way, inspectors may have enough time to properly instruct the caregiver on the correct use of the child seat. Call 703-814-7000, ext. 5140, to confirm dates and times.

EMS Events Saturday at Cub Run Rec Center

The Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department is hosting several activities this Saturday, May 19, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the Cub Run Rec Center, 4630 Stonecroft Blvd. in Chantilly; phone 703-817-9407. It's doing so in support of Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Week.

This year's theme is "EMS: More Than a Job, A Calling." It reflects the fact that EMS providers don't choose the field for pay, comfortable working conditions or 9-to-5 work hours; they have

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NEWS

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Clifton Caboose 5K Raises \$10,000

The Town of Clifton's 15th annual Clifton Caboose Twilight Run raised an estimated \$10,000. It was held Saturday, May 12, and 581 people participated — 474 in the 5K and 107 in the 1-mile fun run/walk. Said Race Chairman Gary Anderson: "We had a great race this year with a strong turnout."

Clifton's Frank Spicer won the 5K in a time of 17:56, and Fairfax resident Michael Gugino came in first in the 1-mile fun run/walk in 6:27. Christina Pantzer of Vienna was the first female finisher in the 1-mile, with a time of 7:52. And Juliana Cuomo of Clifton was the fastest female in the 5K, crossing the tape in 21:20.

Clifton's Tina Green took home the Caboose Award as the last-place finisher in the 5K. The complete results are online and may be viewed at www.runwashington.com/results.htm.

The race is sponsored by the Clifton Betterment Association (CBA), and this year's proceeds will go toward rewiring the town barn with electricity.

— BONNIE HOBBS



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Above, start of the 5K.



At right, start of the 1K.

Juliana Cuomo, 18, of Centreville was the first girl to finish the 5K. She is a 2011 grad from CVHS and attends UVA.

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Local residents enjoy themselves on May 5 at E.C. Lawrence Park. The fun included baby animals and a Civil War re-enactor.

Saving the Forest

Park Authority embarking on life-saving plan.

BY BONNIE HOBBS
CENTRE VIEW



Charles Smith

Looking at area residents having fun at E.C. Lawrence Park in Chantilly — and seeing its lush, green forest — it's not immediately apparent that anything needs fixing. But the experts know better, and they're doing something about it.

Sully District Park Authority representative Hal Strickland asked his fellow members of the Fairfax County Park Authority Board to support a pilot project, and staff to prepare its scope. Then, he said, "I proposed Ellanor C. Lawrence Park as the ideal site to develop a model of how to manage our forests. It will begin this summer and continue through at least 2014."

Charles Smith, manager of the Park Authority's Natural Resource Management and Protection Branch, will oversee the work. On Saturday, May 5, he explained the details to residents gathered there for the 30th anniversary of that park's Walney Visitor Center.

"It's a recognition that our natural resources have tremendous value for us, resulting in better air quality, stormwater management, quality of life and even property values," he said. So the Park Authority is now creating a blueprint detailing how best to manage its natural systems — such as forests, meadows, plants and streams — that comprise the habitat en-

joyed by both wildlife and people.

The catalyst for this action is threefold — people, "over-browsing" by deer and invasive plants, said Smith. The forest's ecological health has been declining, he said, because of "human disturbance and excessive deer eating too many of the natural plants. When that happens, we don't get any new plants of that type — only the non-native, invasive ones. These plants out-compete the natives and don't provide the same natural benefits for humans or wildlife."

In January, the Park Authority received \$340,000 from the 2008 Park Bond — \$300,000 coming from sewer-utility fees and \$40,000 from developer proffers — so it's now able to kick off this new, forest-protection project in E.C. Lawrence Park.

"Hal was instrumental in identifying and securing those funds for us," said Smith. "He also challenged us to come up with a plan to better manage the forest. So we came up with a great concept — we're developing a model for managing our forest systems. We'll define our goals, gather physical information from the landscape and formulate plans to achieve our goals."

He said the Park Authority will accomplish these tasks with help from partners. And at the same time, said Smith, "It will give these partners the opportunity to learn how to manage whole ecosystems. Meanwhile, it'll give us the knowhow and methods we need to do this at other parks. And as we go, we'll educate the public about it, too."

The partners will include the county wildlife biolo-

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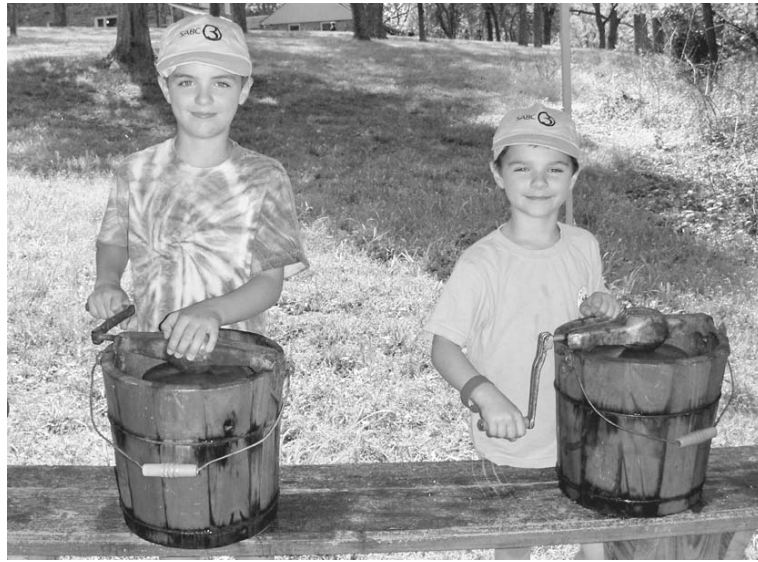
Happy 30th Birthday

Walney Visitor Center celebrates three decades.

BY BONNIE HOBBS
CENTRE VIEW

In a nod to yesteryear, children were churning butter and hand-cranking ice cream, May 5, in Ellanor C. Lawrence Park in Chantilly. But it wasn't because the electricity was out — these activities were part of the celebration of the 30th anniversary of the Walney Visitor Center.

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Chantilly brothers Keith (left), 8, and Chad Hayes, 6, make hand-cranked ice cream.

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Cheryl Repetti, assistant naturalist and historian at E.C. Lawrence Park, demonstrates butter churning for visitors. "In both 1850 and 1860, they made 500 pounds of butter here in the dairy," she said. "They used the nearby spring as a natural refrigeration system to separate the cream from the milk. Then they made butter and ice cream from the cream."



Austin Nuckols, 3 and a half, of Centreville's Cabell's Mills community, gently strokes one of the baby goats visiting from Frying Pan Farm Park.



Christina Perea of The Preserve at Wynmar community in Chantilly looks on as her daughter Alina, 2, pets a bunny.

Lawrence Park To Gain Pilot Project

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gist, the Virginia Department of Forestry, the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries, the county's Urban Forest Management department and the Virginia Natural Heritage program.

"We'll learn how much it costs because we only have limited staff and financial resources," said Smith. "So the partners will provide expertise and additional manpower, and we'll become an outdoor classroom for them."

With the current funding, he said, those involved envision this endeavor as being a three-year project. "We want to help the forest help itself and restore its healthy, natural, native ecosystems, including the plants, animals and soils," said Smith.

"As you lose the native plants and animals, you lose all the old seed beds, root systems and genetic

biodiversity within the soil and the ecosystem," he said. "So this work will protect the things people can see and not see."

For example, said Smith, "With the current deer problem of over-browsing the acorns and plants, we're losing our oak trees — which support over 500 species of butterflies and moths. Their larvae are eaten by 90 percent of migrating bird species as their food sources. So there are still enough butterflies and moths left, but not enough to destroy the plants."

But if the deer remove the oak trees, he said, the butterflies and moths will disappear from E.C. Lawrence Park and the birds there will have no food. "So we're trying to restore all the pieces of those systems," said Smith. "The way the forests are now, in 100 years they'll be gone if we don't remove these stresses on them so they'll be able to regenerate themselves and be healthy."

ROUNDUPS

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a true calling to help and serve others in their hour of need.

Once again, partnering with the Park Authority, EMS providers will have various displays and educational materials for adults covering cardiac and stroke issues. They'll also provide blood-pressure screenings and apparatus displays and will speak directly with community residents.

Recycle During Electric Sunday

Residents may recycle old TVs, computers, peripheral electronic devices — such as keyboards, speakers, printers and scanners, as well as household hazardous wastes — including fluorescent light bulbs and tubes, for free, during Fairfax County's "Electric Sunday" events. The next one is slated for Sunday, May 20, from 10 a.m.-3 p.m., at the I-66 transfer station at 4618 West Ox Road in Fairfax. For more information, call 703-324-5052.

Women's Self-Defense Course

A free, two-day, self-defense course for women of all ages will be held Tuesday, May 22, and Thursday, May 24, from 6-9 p.m., at the Fairfax County Criminal Justice Academy, 14601 Lee Road in Chantilly. A second session is also available Tuesday, June 12, and Thursday, June 14. It's sponsored by the Fairfax County Police Department, the Fairfax Police Law Enforcement Foundation and C & J Security Corp.

This comprehensive safety course is taught by trained experts with years of experience and will help prepare women to fend off attackers. They'll learn risk awareness and reduction, crime-prevention strategies and defensive concepts, while receiving hands-on training in defensive tactics.

Women will test their newly-learned skills in realistic, controlled environments and will experience what it's like to be suddenly grabbed in a stairwell, a parking lot or an elevator. The course is open to women 13 years and older; however mothers (or female guardians) must attend with their teens. Men are not allowed to attend. For more information or to register for one of the two-day sessions, e-mail wsd@fairfaxfoundation.org or call 703-246-7806. Seating is limited.

Immigration Forum Meeting

The Centreville Immigration Forum (CIF) will hold its first, general meeting for the public since the Centreville Labor Resource Center opened in December 2011. There'll be an update on its progress, plus talks by local leaders. Planned is a multimedia presentation on the center's operational data. The speakers will discuss issues related to CIF concerns, including demographic changes in the Centreville area and employment issues.

Sully District Council Meeting

The Sully District Council of Citizens Associations and its Land-Use Committee will meet Wednesday, May 23, at 7 p.m., in the Sully District Governmental Center, 4900 Stonecroft Blvd. in Chantilly. The topic is a proposed residential development on the EDS site fronting Centreville Road between Wall Road and the Cox Communications offices. Call Jeff Parnes, evenings, at 703-904-0131.

Park Authority To Meet

The Fairfax County Park Authority will meet Wednesday, May 23, at 7:30 p.m., in the Herrity Building, 12055 Government Center Parkway, Suite 900 in Fairfax. Call Judy Pedersen at 703-324-8662.

Meals on Wheels Volunteers

Fairfax County needs Meals on Wheels drivers in Chantilly and group Meals on Wheels coordinators in both Chantilly and Fairfax. Contact Volunteer Solutions at 703-324-5406, TTY 711, VolunteerSolutions@fairfaxcounty.gov or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dfs/olderadultservices/volunteer-solutions.htm.

Most Endangered?

Potomac River has made great strides, has miles to go to save the Bay.

Unless your home is served by well water, you are almost certainly among the five million people in the Washington Metropolitan area who get their drinking water from the Potomac River.

This week, the organization American Rivers named the Potomac River as the most endangered river in the nation. The Potomac River is far cleaner than it was 40 years ago when the Clean Water Act was enacted.

"Before the Clean Water Act was enacted in 1972, the Potomac was a cesspool of sewage and industrial pollution," says American Rivers. "Thanks to the Clean Water Act, the Potomac and rivers across the country are cleaner and safer for drinking, boating, and fishing. But ... a University of Maryland report card has given the river a 'D' grade for water quality for the past two years."

Now it's safe for high school crew teams to take to the river by the dozens. Kayakers and paddle-boarders join them in intimate contact with the water. Motorboats, marinas and fishermen all show the confidence we now have in the integrity of the Potomac River.

Still, after a rain, stormwater washes agricultural waste, suburban and urban runoff carrying loads of pollution into our area's small

streams, into the Potomac River and on into the Chesapeake Bay. Bacteria in the river after big rainstorms, from dog waste in suburban areas, agricultural runoff in more rural areas, has led to the recommendation by some that people avoid contact with the river for two-to-three days.

Slowing stormwater runoff, limiting the amount of "nutrients" that are swept down the river into the Chesapeake Bay, and improvements in methods of treating sewage are all critical to the ongoing health of our water supply.

Fish in the Potomac River also continue to show symptoms of exposure to endocrine disruptors, with male bass carrying eggs and other signs. Scientists suspect variety of pharmaceuticals and chemicals are causing these abnormalities, and it is not known whether current water purification systems are removing those pollutants fully from the drinking water.

American Rivers called on Congress to kill any legislation that weakens the Clean Water Act or prevents the Environmental Protection Agency and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers from restoring protections for small streams and wetlands under the Act. American Rivers also called on the Obama Administration to finalize guidance clarifying the scope of the

Clean Water Act and issue a rule-making to ensure that all waters get the protections Americans expect and deserve.

The Potomac River continues to serve as the scenic backdrop to much of what we do here. Let's continue to push for improvements.

— MARY KIMM,

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Father's Day Photos

Every year at this time, Centre View puts out the call for photographs of fathers and their children, grandfathers and their children and grand children.

Father's Day is Sunday, June 17, 2012 and once again Centre View will publish a gallery of Father's Day photos.

Send in photos as soon as possible, including names of everyone in the picture, the date the picture was taken, the ages of the children and sentence or two about what is happening and where the photograph was taken. Be sure to include your town name and neighborhood. Photos are due by June 8.

You can submit your photos online at <http://www.connectionnewspapers.com/fathersday> or email to centreview@connectionnewspapers.com.

EDITORIALS

LETTER

Come to the Cabaret

To the Editor:

We would like to invite your readership to the Remembrance Cabaret for Reema to be held this year on Saturday, May 26 at Westfield High School, 4700 Stonecroft Boulevard in Chantilly. Doors will open at 6 p.m. for the Silent Auction and Bake Sale; the program will begin at 7 p.m. Although the event is free, donations are welcome and will benefit the Reema J. Samaha Memorial Scholarships and Angel Fund.

On May 26, alumni and students from Virginia Tech, Westfield and Herndon high schools will gather to remember Reema through song, dance, comedy sketches and art. The performances are always professional and moving. Many individuals and local businesses have donated artwork, goods and services for the Silent Auction and bake sale. For more information, please visit our Facebook page: <http://www.facebook.com/RemembranceCabaretForReema>

All monies raised will be used to award scholarships to students from Westfield and Herndon High Schools: <http://www.reemasamaha.org/funds/funds1.htm> and for Angel Fund, a non-profit organization to keep our students and communities safe: www.angelfundva.org. Angel is in the process of being reorganized and we are excited about its new direction. But that is the subject of a future letter.

We are very excited this year about the Remembrance Cabaret and hope all come out and enjoy.

Lu Ann Maciulla McNabb

End of Session Report 2012

BY JIM LEMUNYON
STATE DELEGATE (R-67)

The Virginia House of Delegates adjourned the 2012 legislative session on March 10. We returned to Richmond briefly in late March and April to consider the state budget and more than 130 bills that the Governor sought to amend or veto. Nine bills that I authored on your behalf became law. Here are some highlights.

TRANSPORTATION

This year, four transportation-related bills I introduced became law with bipartisan support. H.B. 599 requires that significant, proposed transportation projects be rated based on the congestion reduction benefits of each project. Funding can then be prioritized and granted to those projects that give us the "biggest bang for the buck" in terms of congestion reduction. H.B. 601 provides Virginia with representation on the Metro Board that governs Metrorail and Metrobus. The Virginia representative will be a watchdog for our dollars and bring better oversight to an organization that needs it. H.B. 625 requires VDOT to point out when local zoning changes could result in increased traffic congestion, to better synchronize transportation planning and land use and development. H.B. 626 provides a way for local gov-

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ernments to evaluate noisy roads that reduce the quality of life in some neighborhoods.

The new two-year, \$85 billion state budget provides nearly \$10 billion in funding for transportation construction and maintenance, about a \$1 billion increase from the last budget. Funds are not earmarked for specific transportation projects in the state budget. Instead, the Commonwealth Transportation Board makes decisions regarding the allocation of construction funds. I continue to work with the CTB to obtain more funding for Northern Virginia, and I stay in close contact with VDOT related to the progress of several on-going projects in our area.

EDUCATION

The new state budget provides a 15 percent increase in education funding for Fairfax and Loudoun Counties — evidence that more of our tax dollars are returning to Northern Virginia in the new budget. With some exceptions, the budget gives broad discretion to school boards in terms of how the money is spent, as providing local control of spending decisions makes sense.

The budget also contains additional funds for higher education to offset tuition hikes and allocate funds specifically to create more seats for in-state students at Virginia's public universities.

Public Invited

Del. Jim LeMunyon is hosting a town hall meeting on Tuesday, May 22, at 7:30 p.m. at the Sully Government Center, 4900 Stonecroft Boulevard in Chantilly.

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OPINION

Richmond

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I worked with a bipartisan group of members to repeal the so-called Kings Dominion law, to give local school boards the option to open schools before Labor Day. Doing so would allow more instructional time before standardized tests are administered in May and June, and reduce the number of days students are kept in school after testing. This not only would help students, but would provide better value for our tax dollars, as public schools in Virginia cost about \$50 million per school day to operate. This bill passed the House but not the Senate. I plan to re-introduce this legislation next session.

JOBS AND ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY

The legislature passed a number of bills to further strengthen Virginia's position as a top state for business. These measures included extending tax credits for investment in start-up businesses and incentives for research and new product development as well as workforce training. The Virginia Chamber of Commerce gave me an "A" rating for my pro-jobs voting record.

BETTER GOVERNMENT

In addition to keeping the state budget balanced, the General Assembly took a number of steps that I supported to improve the operation of Virginia's government, including public safety. These include:

- ❖ Consolidating and eliminating seven agencies and 25 boards and commissions that outlived their usefulness;
- ❖ Reforming the state pension system for local government employees, including teachers, to ensure the long-term solvency of the Virginia Retirement System;
- ❖ Approving a proposed state constitutional amendment to strengthen property rights related to the taking of private property for public use. This will be on the November 2012 ballot for voter approval;
- ❖ Requiring local school divisions to determine and report how much of our tax dollars are spent on classroom learning rather than on overhead or other expenses;

The House, but not the Senate, passed legislation with my support to facilitate greater information sharing between the Virginia State Police and U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement when a person who has committed a felony is also found to be in the U.S. illegally. I expect this issue will be considered again in 2013.

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Volunteering on 'Red Day'

The agents of Keller Williams Realty of Chantilly/Centreville put on their work gloves Thursday, May 10 to help remove invasive garlic mustard plants from Eleanor C. Lawrence Park in Chantilly. Their efforts were part of the company's "Red Day" when agents take a day off and volunteer in their communities.

"At Keller Williams Realty, we believe that real estate is a local business drive by local agents in their communities," said Allene Murray, who coordinated the event.



Allene Murray of Keller Williams Realty of Chantilly/Centreville shows how she's "worked through her gloves" pulling invasive garlic mustard plants.



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"Give where you live" reads Lori Lovejoy's t-shirt on May 10 at Eleanor C. Lawrence Park. She and her colleagues at Keller Williams Realty of Chantilly/Centreville are participating in the company's "Red Day," volunteering at the park as part of the Fairfax County Park Authority's Invasive Management Area Volunteer Program, which trains volunteers to remove invasive plant species from Fairfax County Parks. Lovejoy and the other agents from the office are pulling and bagging garlic mustard plants which have been in the area for hundreds of years, brought by early settlers, but are not native to Virginia, and, having no natural predators can significantly alter forest ecology.



Kathy Norton and Lenny Mass, agents with Keller Williams Realty of Chantilly/Centreville, bag garlic mustard plants that they have pulled from the forest area.



Sarah Reynolds, an agent with Keller Williams Realty of Chantilly/Centreville holds up garlic mustard plants she has just removed from a wooded area at Eleanor C. Lawrence Park in Chantilly.



Dee Pangburn, an agent with Keller Williams Realty of Chantilly/Centreville moves a turtle to a temporary sunny spot on a log.

Chantilly Student Wins Heroes Essay Contest

BY BONNIE HOBBS
CENTRE VIEW

Teachers can have long impacts on their students and, in Briana Neuberger's case, memories of an elementary-school teacher helped her win first prize in an essay contest. She also won a \$1,000 scholarship.

The Fairfax County Commission for Women sponsored the contest for Women's History Month. Entrants had to write about their personal heroes, and Chantilly High senior Neuberger chose her fifth- and sixth-grade teacher at Oak Hill Elementary, Gretchen Thoms Harris.

"I had a tough time in elementary school," said Neuberger. "My family was going through a divorce and my dog died. So I was going through a rough time and she

supported me; we had a lot of talks. I wouldn't do my work and was failing things, and she believed it was more important, at that time of life, to learn from life experiences."

She said Harris talked about her own, personal experiences in class — such as her children at Chantilly High and her own dogs — and "it made school more interesting. I loved that."

Neuberger also learned something else from her teacher. "She taught me that, no matter others' negative actions, I could change my life and be what I wanted to be," said Neuberger. "She sat back and listened to me. She didn't tell me what to do, though — I had to figure that out on my own."

In the essay contest, Neuberger competed against 42 other students from her own school, plus Thomas Jefferson, Centreville and Westfield high schools. The essay had to be about 5,000 words, and

she decided to enter that competition because "I knew I'd be good at it because I'm a good writer and I had someone I wanted to write about."

She was thrilled when she found out she'd won. "It was great," said Neuberger. "I was jumping out of my chair." It was one of several scholarships she applied for, including Chantilly female athlete, for volleyball, and she's still waiting to hear the results.

However, she's already received a sizeable scholarship from the Rochester Institute of Technology in New York, where her sister Danielle is currently studying engineering. Briana Neuberger won the Presidential Scholarship for \$15,000/year. She was in The Chantilly Academy's GE2 (Girls Exploring Engineering) program, and plans to major in engineering at RIT.

"I loved GE2 — it was amazing," she said. "I'm taking Engineering



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Chantilly senior Briana Neuberger shows her first-place award and replica of her scholarship check.

Math here now; I like all the engineering classes at Chantilly. And I could hardly believe I got the RIT scholarship — it was the only school I'd applied to. I'd visited there with my sister and loved the campus. So the future looks bright; and hopefully, I'll play volleyball

there on the team with my sister."

Briana has a 4.2 GPA and is considering a possible career in some field of mechanical, chemical or civil engineering. Meanwhile, her present-day life is pretty special. Her Personal Heroes Essay Award was presented to her in the Fairfax County Government Center by Board of Supervisors Chairman Sharon Bulova.

"Going in front of the board was a little intimidating," said Neuberger.

"But Mrs. Harris came up from North Carolina, where she lives now, for the ceremony, so it was great. It was good to see her again. I sent her the essay when I won and asked her to come, and she said she was proud of me."



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Students vamp to a number from the play, "Nine," during last year's Jazz & Pizzazz.

Gotta Sing, Gotta Dance

Chantilly High presents
26th annual Jazz & Pizzazz.

BY BONNIE HOBBS
CENTRE VIEW

When it comes to rousing, high-octane, simply dazzling entertainment, it's hard to beat Chantilly High's annual Jazz & Pizzazz show. Starring the Touch of Class Show Choir, Chantilly Jazz Band and Chantilly Combo, it's a colorful kaleidoscope of music, costumes, lights and sound.

A true, community institution, it's the kind of production that people flock to, year after year, long after their children have graduated — and even if they never went to Chantilly. The show is just that good, says Choral Director Glenn Cockrell.

"It's two, full hours of singing, dancing and big-band music," he said. "People say it's the quality of the show that keeps bringing them back. They say it's like a Broadway production that costs way less money to see and is in their own backyards."

The extravaganza will burst upon the stage Wednesday through Saturday, May 23, 24, 25 and 26, at 7 p.m. each night. Tickets are \$10 at www.chantillychoral.org; click on "box office."

This year's show is the 26th annual and, said Cockrell, "There's always something new."

Added Band Director Drew Ross, "It's a mosaic of songs and musical styles."

Some highlights of the Show Choir's repertoire include some numbers from the current, Broadway musical, "Newsies," Elvis Presley tunes from "Viva Las Vegas" and a unique arrangement of Alicia Keys's song, "Empire State of Mind." There'll also be a surprise production number involving the audience, and Cockrell says fans of "the longest-running movie ever" will want to participate. Several students will sing solos, including Natalia Rodriguez, who'll perform Beyonce's "Love on Top,"

and Mark Fearson, who'll do a revival of "Zoot Suit Riot" while on stage with the other males in the choir.

"As always, the kids have done a stellar job accumulating repertoire all year," said Cockrell. "The students in the choir, jazz band and jazz combo have worked really hard preparing for it."

"I think of this event as a final exam for my students," said Ross. "It's a culminating experience of music they learned in the fall and continued to add through the spring."

A Duke Ellington song is always included, and this year's piece is called "Ko-Ko" and features the trombone section. The musicians will also do a special rendition of "Jackson Square." According to Ross, "It's a New Orleans tradition after a funeral that a band plays in street-band style. The sound is like a marching band meets a jazz band; the first line is really slow, and the second line is an upbeat, party-type song."

He's also excited about a new arrangement of "Rhapsody in Blue" for the jazz band. "People should love it," said Ross. "Jessica Hiemstra is doing a clarinet solo in it, and she's going to the Peabody Conservatory next year to major in music."

William Morgan-Palmer, who plays tenor sax, will also perform several solos, including an extended one in the number, "Boogie Stop Shuffle."

Every year, said Ross, "My students continue to inspire me to find the most challenging music I can to push them as musicians. Whatever I give them to play, they come back in a couple days, ready, and that's really exciting."

"The kids in all these groups are very passionate about what they do in the music department," added Cockrell. "Their heart and soul is in this. So while not all will go into music, all will take it with them as a part of their life."

Ross said they start talking about the next year's show, the minute the current one ends. But, he said, "It completely pays you back for all the hard work with great memories and great experiences."

Agreeing, Cockrell said, "The kids are inspiring,

"Their heart and soul is in this."

— Glenn Cockrell,
Choral Director

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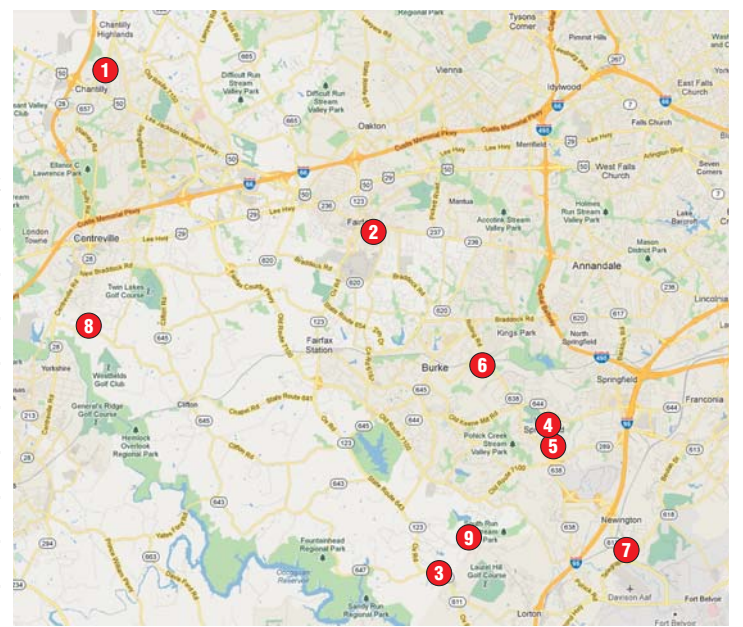
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Celebrating Three Decades

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Before the Fairfax County Park Authority acquired the land comprising the park in 1971, it was known as Walney Farm. For more than 230 years, just three families farmed it, and the opening of the visitor center in 1982 made sure that their stories and the history of the land would be preserved.

Now, more than 300,000 visitors a year flock to the visitor center for its many educational programs and exhibits. Inside a converted, 1780 farmhouse are a children's touch table, live-animal exhibits, historic exhibits, a classroom and a greenhouse — all inviting visitors to learn and explore.

On Saturday, May 5, Sully District Park Authority representative Hal Strickland welcomed some 50 people to the outdoor celebration. Noting some of the Park Authority's accomplishments in both land preservation and recreation opportunities for the public, he thanked Supervisor Michael R. Frey (R-Sully) for his longtime support.

"He's been a true friend of the parks," said Strickland. "We are indebted to him for his vision of



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Nathanael Adamson, 4, whose dad works seasonally at the park, pets one of the goats tended to by volunteer Hannah Duffy.

the future in this community and his recent and past support of park bonds. The Board of Supervisors was kind enough to increase our [upcoming] park bond from \$50 million to \$75 million last week, and we could not have secured passage of that initiative without Michael's support."

Taking the podium, Frey said, "This park offers the community

so much — there are fields and programs, trails and quiet places to sit and reflect. Some visitors love to explore the history all around us; others want to spend time learning about the wildlife and the natural surroundings. I'm so pleased to be a part of today's celebration, and I consider all of us to be richer for the experiences we enjoy here at Walney."

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Helping Anti-Hunger Groups

Valon Salon in Centreville took part in hosting a bake sale on Saturday, April 28 through the Great American Bake Sale and raised over \$400 to support the Share Our Strength's No Kid Hungry Campaign. No Kid Hungry is a national effort to end childhood hunger in America by 2015. The money raised by Valon Salon will help national anti-hunger organizations cover the costs to serve meals to children in need where even \$1 can help connect a child to 10 meals.

CHANTILLY DAY



Chantilly High's marching band wore warm-weather attire.



The saxophone section of Westfield High's marching band.

PHOTOS BY BONNIE HOBBS/CENTRE VIEW

Coming Together as a Community

Thousands enjoyed the first-ever Chantilly Day, Saturday, May 12, in the Sully Place Shopping Center.



Glennys Warsocki (left) and Chuck Kettenacker man the Rotary Club of Centreville's patriotic booth.



The Refai siblings of Chantilly with balloons, crowns and a hard hat. From left are Sanila, 9, Rizwan, 4, Afreen, 8, and Raahil, 15 months.



Chantilly High's Robotics Team.



Anne Peck of Chantilly, France's town council poses with Sully District Transportation Commissioner Jeff Parnes at her town's booth.



Emma Wyatt, 11, of Chantilly, sports a painted dragon mask.



Children enjoy inflatables and Legos in the play area.

Game On

George Mason University students develop video games aimed at curtailing gang recruitment in Virginia.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL
CENTRE VIEW

Law enforcement officials now have two unlikely weapons in the fight against gang activity in Virginia: video games and college students.

Students in the Computer Game Design program at George Mason University partnered with Virginia Attorney General Ken Cuccinelli's office to create video games designed to show children the consequences of joining a gang. The result of the collaboration is a series of interactive and educational computer games and mobile phone applications designed to reduce gang recruitment. The games were unveiled earlier this month on the George Mason campus in Fairfax.

"Gangs are constantly working to recruit new kids to replace those going to jail and getting killed. Their recruitment techniques are evolving, even to the point of using online gaming and other technologies. We have to work even harder to stop them," said Cuccinelli. "The goal of this partnership with GMU is a novel approach in the war against gangs to beat them at their own game."

Students enrolled in the university's GAME 232 Online Gaming and Filesharing course presented game proposals to Cuccinelli's office. The attorney general's staff selected three:

❖ "A Second Family," created by Michael Katz, Romel Ramos and Brandon Miller. The game tells the story of Justin, who is trying to fit in at a new school and becomes involved with some questionable people. He is forced to rely on his friends and mentors to overcome these negative influences.

❖ "Influenced," created by Austin Fain, Tiffany Nguyen, Con Son and Lamesha Coley. In this game, the player chooses various scenarios in which he or she can either help or betray members of the local community, and influence the impact gangs have on the community.

❖ "New Kid on the Block," created by Stephen Berrigan, Steven Fernandez, Devin Gibson, John Murphy and Daniel Paquette. In this game, the player has just moved to a new town and has to assimilate into a new school. He or she must make the right decisions and find a trustworthy group of friends.

THE GAMES ARE TARGETED at middle and high school students. "This is an attempt to reach kids



PHOTO BY ALEXIS GLENN/GEORGE MASON UNIVERSITY

Virginia Attorney General Ken Cuccinelli plays a game created by George Mason Game Design students in Dewberry Hall at Fairfax Campus. The students created interactive and educational games aimed at teaching youths about the risks of joining gangs.

using devices that they already have in their hands," said Arlington resident and George Mason adjunct professor Matt Randon. "The kids are already addicted to these devices so we have a better chance of reaching them with our message."

During the course, Randon, who also works as an English teacher in Manassas, taught students about the history, practice and design of online games and smartphone applications. Throughout the semester, the students developed written scripts and storyboards, art and sound design, programming, coding and musical compositions.

"I wanted the game to be fun for the player while teaching them about gang violence and how it can be harmful. Finding that balance wasn't easy, but ... we were able to create a game that's educational, but also fun to play," said Daniel Paquette, who helped design one of the games.

THE GAMES will be available for mobile download free of charge by summer 2012. The games will also be available on the attorney general's website, as well as the websites for George Mason University, the Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services, and Virginia Rules.

"Games have a pretty bad reputation in the media. What I hope this project shows people is that the greatest asset of games is that they make learning fun ... which is a talent school systems around the world should look into," said Stephen Berrigan, lead writer and narrative designer for "New Kid on the Block."

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Chantilly's Touch of Class Show Choir has fun with a country song in last year's show.

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Gotta Sing, Gotta Dance

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and people coming to the show will see teenagers doing something positive. But they're so talented, they'll make people forget they're teenagers."

Senior Lauren So, for example, has sung alto in Touch of Class three years and is in her third Jazz & Pizzazz. "I love being part of a really big show with all my friends and getting to show our talents with different styles of songs," she said. "We won't have the opportunity to be in a show like this again in our lifetimes."

She especially likes the California medley they'll perform; it was part of the show choir's FAME competition in March in Orlando, Fla. Toughest part of the show, she said, is "putting the vocals and choreography together — we have so much to remember. My favorite part is doing it with the people I've become close with, the past three years; they become our family."

A bass, senior Mark Fearson has spent two years in Touch of Class. As a sophomore, he was in Chamber Chorale — the highest-level concert choir at the school. "The feeling you get when you're singing or playing any musical instrument is an out-of-body experience," he said.

He enjoys his solo in "Zoot Suit Riot" because "it's fun to sing, is an upbeat, fast-paced jazz song and I choreographed it, too." He's also pleased with the influence Touch of Class has had on him. "Before, music was a hobby for me," said Fearson. "But now, I'm going to college to learn to compose music — first for commercials and then for film scores."

He said no show is like Jazz & Pizzazz. "It's like a professional show with high-school students," said Fearson. "I saw it my sophomore year and was blown away by how much talent there was in a high-school production."

Musician Hiemstra is in both the Jazz Band and Jazz Combo and plays clarinet, piano and saxophone. She's played piano 11 years and clarinet, seven years. Besides music education, she'll also study clarinet performance at the Peabody. She hopes to someday perform in an orchestra, play movie music and be a professor at a music conservatory.

She's played in Jazz & Pizzazz all four years at Chantilly. "All the songs are entertaining and, with so many styles of music, something will touch every single person," she said. "I think 'Boogie Stop Shuffle' is really cool because it's full-out, jazz swing and high-energy."

However, said Hiemstra, "It's nerve-racking playing the clarinet solo in 'Rhapsody in Blue' because everybody knows it, so you can't mess up."

But I love it because it's not a normal solo; you have to manipulate the clarinet in such a way that the glissando — a run all the way up the instrument, but smearing the notes as you do — will work."

Playing the trumpet since fifth grade, senior Karl Vitale chose it because of its sound and range and because it's fun to play. He said Jazz & Pizzazz "brings the whole community together for an impressive show. Many rehearsal hours — both at home and school — go into it. But it's fun to work with the choir kids"

Senior James Reed plays trumpet and guitar. "I especially like modern, fusion-jazz music, as well as blues," he said. "And I can really dig into swing." Hardest for him is balancing all the rehearsals with four AP classes and the rest of his life. But, he added, "I like putting on a professional show and feeling that this is what people do in the real world. We put lots of time and effort into it, and we want people to come see what we've been up to."

"It's a mosaic of songs and musical styles."

— Drew Ross,
Band Director

Remembrance Cabaret for Reema Is May 26

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Besides being an evening packed with entertainment in Reema's memory, said McNabb, "The Cabaret is a reflection of her love because the young people who return year after year turn in incredible performances to honor her."

"We are so moved, too, by other young people in the community who may not have known Reema, but who want to participate because the Cabaret is so much fun," she continued. "It is inclusive, representing all of the arts, encouraging all young people to participate whether by singing, dancing, acting or submitting works of art."

Virginia Tech's Contemporary Dance Ensemble (CDE) — the group Reema performed with there — will be doing a dance from the show "Newsies." Dancing will be Adrienne Clark, Kait Gibson, Nicole Famularo, Jessica Magarelli, Melissa McMullen, Laura Milan, Liz Spikes and Katie Tontodonato.

Tontodonato, who was the recipient of the CDE's Reema J. Samaha Memorial

How To Help

❖ To learn about the Reema J. Samaha Memorial Scholarships visit: <http://www.reemasamaha.org/funds/funds1.htm>.

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Scholarship for the 2011-2012 school year, will also dance to "Sing, Sing, Sing!"

One of the most-memorable moments of each year's cabaret is CDE's performance of "Andaloosia," the dance Reema choreographed for the group when she was at Virginia Tech. It's become a tradition that the audience looks forward to, and doing it this year will be Clark, Famularo, Magarelli, McMullen, Milan, Spikes and Tullia Johnston.

Entertaining, as well, will be past and present Westfield students, plus students from Herndon High. They include Westfield's Colby Dezelick, Joey Biagini and Madeleine Bloxam; Herndon's Paul Morgan and Molly Nuss, plus the Herndon High Improv Team.

An original comedy sketch will feature

Westfield alumni Megan Meadows, Jesse Leahy, and Omar and Randa Samaha — Reema's brother and sister. Two other WHS grads, pianist Philip Eberhart and Barret Armbruster will also participate. Armbruster will be one of the emcees.

"For me, 'Andaloosia' is the most-moving performance of the evening, because Reema choreographed that dance, and you can see her in the grace of the Virginia Tech dancers," said McNabb. "And it was even more so last year when Randa stepped into Reema's part. Over the years, there have been so many memorable performances at this cabaret; and in my opinion, their professional quality makes this event truly memorable and special."

At the silent auction, attendees will be able to bid on an array of items — including a bat and balls autographed and donated by members of the Texas Rangers baseball team. Available will be a baseball bat signed by Westfield grad Brandon Snyder, plus baseballs signed by Josh Hamilton, Michael Young, Ian Kinsler and Adrian Beltre.

Many other auction items are handmade and created by local artisans. Available will be three watercolors created by Mellissa Frangias, a charcoal portrait offered by Amy Mann and bracelets made by Alyssa Hutchison.

Mary Lee Cerillo is donating butterfly print notecards that she photographed and made. There'll also be a T-shirt designed and hand-painted by Michelle Alber and Debbie Love, plus Kazuri jewelry made in Kenya. Also up for bid will be photographs, paintings, drawings, pottery, hand-painted clothing and children's gifts.

Looking forward to a good turnout for the cabaret, Dillard said, "You do not have to have known Reema to come to this — everyone is welcome."

The talent and collaboration is truly incredible every year. Spanning from dance solos to comedy sketches, there really is something for everyone. I am honored to organize this event each year and carry on Reema's spirit through the arts."

Centreville High Raising Funds for Artificial-turf Fields

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time." So with artificial turf, she said, "The kids would get more play time and be more active."

Heavy rains won't be a problem with synthetic material, Sanabria explained, because "the new fields will just absorb and drain the water. We'll be able to jump right on them. And parents will be able to plan their days because games won't have to be cancelled and rescheduled [due to rain or field conditions]."

"It'll also decrease game delays after lightning, for example," added Strobl. "There won't be puddles and big chunks of grass taken out."

With SYA teams playing at Centreville, said Sanabria, the school will become a place "where the community can come and watch their kids play."

"And [both parents and children] can start making a connection to the school, if they're going to go here," said Strobl.

She said artificial-turf fields are also cost-effective because "you don't have to water, reseed, level and repair the fields." And, said Sanabria with a big smile, "No more fertilizing. Now, we probably spend close to \$72,000/year doing all these things." They both noted, as well, that it will no longer be necessary to repaint the lines or use manpower to maintain them.

So for all these reasons, Centreville decided to convert its football-stadium field and its practice field to artificial turf. The total cost is about \$1.25 million, and the school wants to start the installation this month. So about a year ago, Sanabria began soliciting donations.

"I gathered the important players of the

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❖ **Cats Casino Night:** This fund-raiser is slated for Saturday, June 2, from 7:30-10:30 p.m., at Paradise Springs Winery, 13219 Yates Ford Road in Clifton. Tickets are \$100/couple or \$75/individual and include three hours of gambling, refreshment tickets or tastings, heavy hors d'oeuvres, raffle prizes, music and dancing.

For more information, call Centreville's Student Activities Department at 703-802-5416 or visit www.weareville.com. Also buy tickets at that Web site.

❖ **Make a donation** at www.weareville.com by clicking on "Cats Casino Night."

Centreville community," he said. "I could not ask for better people to help, and it's amazing how many people have come forward in support of this project. The SYA executive board and its president, Gary Flather, have been so instrumental in helping us raise money. They've raised \$300,000, and it's been a fantastic partnership with them."

Besides that, said Sanabria, "There's also no way we could have accomplished this without the help of Supervisors Michael Frey [R-Sully] and Pat Herrity [R-Springfield] who found \$275,000 for us. They really took the time to help the community they serve."

In addition, the parents of Centreville High's Athletic Booster Club applied for a county, community-use grant on behalf of

the school. "This grant is specifically for artificial-turf fields and is highly competitive," said Sanabria. "So we received one of the two available grants — for \$175,000 — in February, which was fantastic."

The Booster Club will also contribute \$300,000, itself, to match SYA's donation. And so far, another \$16,000 was raised from the sale of bricks. "Parents and grandparents bought them as graduation presents, and some groups of alumni and friends bought bricks together," said Sanabria. "Elementary-school teachers also purchased them to wish luck to their former students, now at Centreville."

Furthermore, he said, "Between [Principal] Mike Campbell's office and my office, we've raised \$100,000 on our own. This includes a collection the kids took up, athletic gate receipts and private contributions."

Sanabria said the latter ranged in amount from \$10,000 to \$20,000 and came from small companies and private individuals "who thought this was a worthwhile cause helping kids of all ages. And we will recognize these people at our first football game so everyone will know who they are."

AT THE LIBRARIES

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However, he did reveal some of them, including the Carney Foundation, which donated at least \$75,000. And Centreville High parents Tom Healy and Brian Newell — who's also the girls' lacrosse coach and assistant football coach — worked to bring in some \$65,000 in personal contributions from the community.

Altogether, the school has now amassed \$1.185 million, but still needs \$65,000 more. So it's holding a casino night, June 2, in hopes of raising the rest of the money then. "It'll be held at the Paradise Springs Winery in Clifton, which has generously given the space to us for that night," said Sanabria. "And a Centreville alumnus who's a local deejay is donating his time for the event."

The school will also continue selling bricks until the end of this month. And anyone who just wants to make a donation toward the cause may do so at www.weareville.com and click on "Cats Casino Night."

"This is our one, last push to raise funds," said Sanabria. "And we hope the community will dip in their pockets one more time to help us reach our goal."

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By KENNETH B. LOURIE

Whatever I thought was only happening in my head – or not, or was really happening physically – or not, is the muddled description of the thoughts and emotions that this cancer survivor/cancer patient-still-receiving-treatment feels every time I make a 24/7 self assessment (which is often). An assessment that seems to have a mind of its own, and one which is mostly beyond my control to prevent/manage its ugly head from rearing whenever it pleases. As much as I pretend, as much as I deny, as much as I compartmentalize, any and every thing that happens to me happens in the context of having cancer. Any misstep, physically or emotionally, real or imagined always brings me back to the elephant in every room in every house; in fact, that metaphorical elephant is in every closet, every drawer, on every television channel and radio station; home or on the road; everywhere; especially and of course predominantly, in my head, and originally in my lungs and mediastinum, where it still remains, "stable," for the moment.

Whatever strategy I have employed in an attempt to manipulate my circumstances, to prevent cancer from getting the best of me emotionally, always suffers a setback after a visit to my oncologist. As much as I've tried to make light of these appointments over the last three years, having heart-to-heart, life-and-death conversations with YOUR cancer doctor, one who has already told you that he "can't cure you, that he can only treat you," is unsettling at best and downright depressing and mind-numbing at worst. Facing one's own mortality at age 57 conjures two quotes from Curly Howard of The Three Stooges, a famous one and a funny one: "I'm a victim of soycumstance," and "I'm too young to die, too handsome; well, too young, anyway."

Laughing in the face of adversity has been an ongoing and overriding pursuit of mine since being diagnosed with stage IV lung cancer in February, 2009. Not that my circumstances are anything to laugh about but, oddly enough, crying about them or "woeing" is me about them is a bit of a tired pursuit – for me. Sure I've cried and been curious why a lifelong non-smoker with no immediate family history of cancer could be diagnosed with a terminal disease at age 54, a mere eight weeks after burying my widowed mother. Nevertheless, life goes on, and it has, as I've now outlived my original prognosis by years, causing my oncologist to say to me at the end of my most recent appointment (and the one I may be overreacting to in this column): "It's been a privilege treating you." Words, as I say, "to live by."

Where I'm going in this column is a place I've never been: a new phase in my treatment, with new medications, new side effects, new consequences and new worries; all of which are unknown and unfamiliar to me. Presumably all of the above are simply more of the same – only different, if you know what I mean – (things I can handle, just calling them different things) meaning my concerns are more in my head than they are in my body. But I really won't know until I've lived it. For the moment, I can only anticipate it. Knowing what I knew is much preferred to not knowing what's new. And what lies ahead is definitely new. I can't say anymore: "been there and done that" – I can only say that I'm glad – and privileged, to still be doing anything.

Kenny Lourie is an Advertising Representative for The Potomac Almanac & The Connection Newspapers.

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Oakton Spoils Championship Lax Night for Locals

Westfield High boys, Centreville High girls both reach Concorde District finals.

BY RICH SANDERS
CENTRE VIEW

Two local high school lacrosse teams — the Centreville High girls and the Westfield boys — both reached the finals of their respective Concorde District tournaments last week.

Both squads played in district title games on Friday, May 11 at Chantilly High School, the host site of both the girls' and boys' tournaments. The night, however, belonged to Oakton High which saw both its teams (girls and boys) earn district championship banners.

Westfield, the No. 2-seed of the boys' tournament, earned a first round tournament bye before defeating No. 3 Robinson, 8-6, in a semifinals contest played on Tuesday, May 8. The win over the Rams advanced the Bulldogs into the finals where they were edged by underdog and No. 4-seed Oakton, 9-8.

Westfield (11-5) was hoping to erase the sting of that defeat by putting together a strong showing at this week's 16-team Northern Region tournament where the Bulldogs were scheduled to play Madison in a first round game.

On the girls' side, Centreville, enjoying its best season in 11 years, was the regular season district champion, thus earning the No. 1 seed at the district tournament. Following a first round bye, the Wildcats defeated No. 4 Robinson, 17-6, in a district semifinals game on May 8. That triumph advanced them to their first district finals appearance since 2001. Centreville, in Friday's championship game, fell short in its quest of the district crown, falling to No. 2 Oakton, 14-7.

The Wildcats, on the heels of their district finals appearance, were scheduled to meet Marshall in a first round region playoff game this week.

THE CENTREVILLE GIRLS had beaten Oakton, 14-13, during the two teams' regular season meeting on April 13 at Oakton. The defeat for the Cougars was one of just two they experienced during the regular season.

But in Friday's district title game, Oakton, the defending district champions, played an exceptionally strong game in all areas throughout the 50-minute contest and beat the talented, younger Centreville team.

"Oakton showed its senior leadership," said Centreville head coach Brian Newell, whose Wildcats (13-2) were playing one of the biggest games in the history of the program. "This is [our players'] first big game and we had some big game jitters. Oakton played great. We're pretty young. We fought to the end. But we didn't keep possession and Oakton got too many ground balls."

Oakton head coach Jean Counts, whose team went all the way to the state finals last year before losing to Madison, said her team played a terrific all-around game.

"The last time we played Centreville we

didn't do any of the basics," said Counts, recalling the April loss to the Wildcats. "I thought Centreville definitely had the best defense in the district when we played them before. We matched that [in the title game]. Our whole defense played together."

From the start of the game, Oakton's defense was clicking as Oakton players helped one another out in coverage and aggressively pursued the ball. When the Cougars stopped the Wildcats by forcing turnovers or missed shots, their transition game to the offensive end was crisp and often led to fast break opportunities. By the end of the first half, Oakton had built an 8-2 lead. Centreville continued to play hard throughout the remainder of the game but never seriously threatened to close the gap in the second half.

"We won the district last year," said Oakton senior attack Jackie Rupp, who scored a game-high five goals in Friday's title game win. "This year we have 11 seniors and brought the championship to a new level. The last time we played Centreville [in the regular season meeting], defensively we didn't do well. Today I think our fast break was real good. Centreville is very fast and aggressive compared to most teams and will capitalize on your mistakes."

But Oakton simply did not make many mistakes against the top-seeded Wildcats in the finals.

Centreville's top scorer in the loss was freshman attack Reagan Newell, who scored three goals. Also scoring goals for the Wildcats were sophomore defender Kathryn Zempolich, junior midfielder Carly Sane, freshman midfielder Caroline Wakefield (2 assists), and senior attack Maggie Dulkerian.

Centreville, which finished 5-7 and 6-7 the past two years, has put it all together this season, despite having a young roster which consists of just three seniors. Coach Newell believed the Wildcats were going to have a great season, and they have.

"One of our goals coming into the season was to make it to regionals," he said. "I'm real proud of my kids."

Centreville lost just one game during the regular season — a 7-5 defeat at the hands of fellow Northern Region member Marshall High over spring break in Florida. The Wildcats were a perfect 5-0 versus Concorde opponents in the regular season.

THE WESTFIELD BOYS, in Friday's nightcap of the girls-boys' championship double-header, made a strong, late game run at Oakton after falling behind 7-4 in the third quarter. The Bulldogs even took the lead with just over nine minutes remaining but could not hold off the underdog Oakton team.

Oakton's Jack Harris, a junior attack, scored what proved to be the game-winning goal when, upon receiving a short pass from senior teammate Sean Schweiker, he sent a close range shot into the net off the left corner with



PHOTOS BY CRAIG STERBUTZEL/CENTRE VIEW

Centreville High girls lacrosse head coach Brian Newell (center) has led the Wildcats to a 13-2 record this season. One of the team's key players has been freshman attack Reagan Newell (2), who scored three goals in Friday's finals loss to Oakton.



Wildcat Hayley Anderson (1) looks at her options with two Oakton players converging on her. The senior midfielder had an assist in the title game.

about 90 seconds remaining in the final quarter. The tally broke an 8-8 deadlock.

The contest was close throughout with both teams playing outstanding defense most of the way. At halftime, the Cougars held a 4-3 advantage. In the third quarter, Oakton scored three goals to Westfield's two and took a 7-5 lead into the final quarter.

But Westfield tallied three consecutive goals within the first three minutes of the final quarter — the scores coming from junior midfielder Jake Katchmark, senior attack Mike Garcia, and senior defender Mo Katz — to take an 8-7 lead with just over nine minutes remaining.

Several minutes later, Oakton, on a man-up advantage, tied the game on a goal by junior midfielder Jeremy Marshall with 5:26 remaining to make it 8-8.

Over the next several minutes, Oakton continued to apply pressure with Michael Gillooly, a senior midfielder, getting off two excellent attempts, both nicely blocked by Westfield net minder Tucker Winfrey.

Oakton finally went ahead for good on the score by Harris.

Oakton (11-6) had lost to Westfield in the two teams' regular season meeting on April 27 at Oakton.

The Cougars entered the six-team district tournament as the No. 4-seed. They defeated No. 5 Centreville in a first round game to advance to the semifinals and clinch a spot at this week's 16-team Northern Region playoffs. Then, in a district semifinals game, Oakton upset top seed Chantilly. And the Cougars pulled off another upset in the finals with the win over No. 2-seed Westfield.

CVHS SPORTS NOTEBOOK

TRACK AND FIELD: The Wildcats competed in two local invitational meets to close out their regular season. The team hosted the inaugural Centreville Freshman Track Classic on Saturday evening, May 12. The home team had success in several events. Freshman hurdler Lisa Dinschel led the way with a first place finish in the 100-meter hurdles, which she paired with a second place finish in the 100-meter dash. Also in the girl's events, Maggie Pelletier and Amber Assadi placed second place and third place, respectively, in the 400-meter dash. McKinsey Smith won the 800-meter run and jumper Seo Hee Im placed second in the triple jump and third in the long jump. In the boys' events, Bryson Hawkins placed third in the 100-meter dash, Mike Bishop placed second in the 400 dash, Bobby Dunn won the 800-meter run and Landon Egbers placed first in the 3200 meter run.

Earlier in the day, the Wildcat upperclassmen competed in the TJ Penultimate Experience at Thomas Jefferson High School in Alexandria. For the girls, junior Sydney Evans achieved a personal-best time to take home a second place finish in the high jump. Sara Emsley continued her successful senior year with a second place finish in the discus. Sophomore Maryn Wood won the 200-meter dash with a personal-best time of her own. For the boys, junior Mike Wright ran a personal-best in capturing the 400-meter dash; junior Alex Marmol finished third in the same race, also achieving a personal-best time.

GIRLS LACROSSE: The following Centreville High girls' lacrosse players were recently named to the All-Concorde District Teams: Hayley Anderson, Senior (First Team Midfield); Reagan Newell, Freshman (First Team Attack); Carly Sane, Junior (First Team Midfield); Katherine Zempolich, Sophomore (First Team Defense); Caroline Wakefield, Freshman (First Team Midfield); Brooke Peterson, Junior (Second Team Defense); Danielle Smith, Junior (Second Team Defense); Ayana Teran, Senior (Second Team Goalie); Caroline Bollman (Honorable Mention Attack); Brynn Doyle (Honorable Mention Defense).

BOYS LACROSSE: The following Centreville High boys' lacrosse players were named to the All-Concorde District Teams: Zack Sikora (Midfield); Andy Balberde (Midfield); Nathan Marks (Midfield); Antonio Choi (Defense); Pat Prosser (Goalie).

Wildcats head coach Jed Williams was named the Concorde District Coach of the Year. Zack Sikora was named the Concorde District Player of the Year.

CENTREVILLE HIGH PRINCIPAL Mike Campbell will be honored at a Principal's Retirement Open House on Tuesday evening, May 29 from 6-9 p.m. at the Centreville High Media Center. The special event is being hosted by the Centreville High PTSA. Please join the Centreville High community in thanking Principal Campbell for his vision and leadership and to wish him well in his retirement.

SCHOOL NOTES

Rocky Run Middle School is looking for World War II veterans and civilians to come to the school to share their eyewitness accounts at Rocky Run's 11th annual World War II Oral History Day (dubbed "The Latest Generation Meets the Greatest Generation") on Thursday, June 7. Contact teacher Jamie Sawatzky at 703-802-7700 or jbsawatzky@fcps.edu if you or someone you know is interested in joining us for this special event.

Kyle Angelotti, a Junior at Thomas Jefferson High School for Science & Technology and a resident of Centreville, has been awarded one of over 600 National Security Language Initiative for Youth (NSLI-Y) scholarships for 2012-2013. The NSLI-Y scholarship enables Kyle to study Russian in Kazan, Russia for the summer. He has studied Russian for three years at TJHSST and is a member of the Russian Honor Society there. He received a gold medal at the 2011 Virginia Olympiada for Spoken Russian and a gold medal in the 2012 Russian Essay Contest. Through his participation in the program, Kyle will be in the vanguard of international communication and will develop the skills necessary to be a leader in the global community.

Applications for 2013-2014 NSLI-Y programs will be available at www.nsliforyouth.org in the early fall.

The National Merit Scholarship Corporation has named **Chantelle Tait of Centreville High School** as one of 41 FCPS student winners of \$2,500 National Merit Scholarships.

The Georgia Institute of Technology presented **Michael Hill of Centreville**, with a BS in Aerospace Engineering and **Amina Serway of Centreville**, with a BS in Civil Engineering, during the Institute's 241st commencement exercises.

Ryan Christopher Branch of Centreville has been named to the fall 2011 President's List at The Citadel, The Military College of South Carolina. Branch is a Physical Education major

and a member of Delta Company.

Hayley Ann Davis of Centreville was named to the honor roll for the College of Arts and Sciences at the University of Kansas. She is a freshman in Pre-Journalism.

Sophomore Brett Johnson, the son of Andrew and Kim Bensimon of Herndon and David Johnson of Centreville, was named to the President's List at Randolph-Macon Academy.

Wicitra Mahotama of Centreville was named to the 2011 fall semester Dean's List at Iowa State University.

Kevin Flannery, a sophomore undeclared major from Centreville, has been named to the University of Dallas Honor Roll for the fall 2011 semester.

Jacqueline Elizabeth Rosas of Centreville was named to the Dean's Academic Honor List for the 2011 fall semester at Baylor University.

The University of Kansas has named **Hayley Ann Davis of Centreville**, a freshman in Pre-Journalism, to the honor roll for the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

Logan Dunford from Centreville has been named to the 2011 Fall Semester Dean's List at Georgia Southern University.

Taylin Frame of Centreville has been named to the dean's list for the fall of 2011 semester at Olivet Nazarene University.

Brett Johnson, the son of Andrew and Kim Bensimon of Herndon and David Johnson of Centreville, has been named to Randolph-Macon Academy's President's List for the second quarter of the 2011-12 school year. Brett is a junior at Randolph-Macon.

Reagan Cerisano, a freshman French major has been named to the

Dean's List with Distinction at Grove City College. Reagan is a 2011 graduate of Homeschooled and is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Cerisano from Centreville.

Olivia Cibelle Zendja of Centreville, has been named to the Dean's List for the 2011 Fall Semester at Georgetown College. Olivia is the daughter of Florence Zendja, of Centreville.

Terrica Mitchell of Centreville was named to the Fall 2011 Dean's List at Mary Baldwin College.

Gabriela I. Nunez of Centreville, a history major, received the Shirley Morris Memorial Award on April 12 at Bethany College. Nunez is the daughter of Maggie Rossi. The Shirley Morris Memorial Award, established by Theta Chapter of Zeta Tau Alpha in memory of Miss Morris, a member and past president of the chapter, is given to an outstanding student in the field of modern languages.

SYA Fall Sports Registration Is Underway

SYA fall sports registration is now open online at www.syasports.org. Fall sports include: cheerleading, football, baseball, Babe Ruth Baseball, field hockey, lacrosse clinic, softball, soccer and track and field. Register early to ensure team placement and avoid late fees and wait lists. For questions or more information regarding a specific sport, visit the SYA website and click on the link to that sport. Registration is also still open for summer sports including basketball, travel basketball and track and field.

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MAY 18 AND 20

Auditions for "Legally Blonde, The Musical." May 18 from 7 to 10 p.m., and May 20 from 1 to 7 p.m. At Centreville Presbyterian Church, 15450 Lee Highway, Centreville. Callbacks will be held May 21. To audition, actors must pre-register at www.thealliance theatre.org. Performances will be held July 27 to Aug. 5 at Chantilly High School. Contact Maggie Swan at swanflor@yahoo.com

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Ultimate NOVA Business Expo. 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. This expo is designed to bring together sponsors,

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Swing Dancing. 9 p.m. to midnight. Admission is \$15. With the band, Rockin' Bones. 8:30-9 p.m. drop-in beginner swing lesson; 9 p.m.-12 midnight dance. At the Hilton Washington Dulles Airport, 13869 Park Center Road, Herndon.

SATURDAY/MAY 19

Virginia Run Community Yard Sale. 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Treasure maps will be given out on the corner of Pleasant Valley Road and Wetherburn Drive the morning of the sale. Yard sales will be held at individual residences. Contact Paula Ferrara-Garcia at 703-216-6730 or Helaine Newman 703-402-3134.

EMS Week Activities. 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. This year's theme is EMS: More Than a Job, A Calling. EMS providers will be available with various displays, educational materials for adults covering cardiac and stroke subjects, will provide blood pressure screenings, apparatus displays. At Cub Run Rec Center, 4630 Stonecroft Blvd., Chantilly. Call 703-817-9407.

Spring Fair. 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. London Towne Elementary will hold its spring fair. Giant inflatables, moon bounce, cake walk, games, prizes, cotton candy, and a petting zoo with llamas, goats, sheep, ducks, pigs, chicks.

Elephant Smoke 'N Roast. 3 to 6 p.m. Tickets are \$35/advance; \$40/door. Featuring the first SDDC Chili Cook-Off, with guest Judges Congressman Gerry Connolly and Chairman Sharon Bulova with others. At Clifton Community Hall, 2641 Chapel Road, Clifton.

Free Giveaways. 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. The "Clothes to You" ministry is giving away free clothing and toys, baby items and other miscellaneous items. At Chantilly Bible Church, 4390 Pleasant Valley Road, Chantilly. Call 703-263-1188 or visit www.chantillybible.org.

Spring Carnival. 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. St. Andrew the Apostle School will host its Annual Spring Carnival. There will be pony rides, a surf machine, games, prizes, a pre-school play area, great food, live entertainment. At St. Andrew the Apostle, 6720 Union Mill Rd. Clifton.

May Week Program. 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Fairfax County Alumnae Chapter (FCAC) of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. will host its Annual May Week Program. At Fairfax Country Club, 5110 Ox Road, Fairfax. Brigadier General Gwen Bingham will be the guest speaker. Donation: \$40. R.S.V.P. to mayweek@fcadst.org or visit www.fcadst.org.

Puma Pounce 5K and Fun Run. Colin Powell Elementary School PTA is sponsoring a Puma Pounce 5K and Fun Run. Race starts at 8:30 a.m. in front of the school. Pre-registration is \$20 before April 6; \$25/after. Entry forms can be found at www.cpespta.org. Pre-registered runners receive a goodie bag and T-shirt. Email Michelle at pumapounce5k@yahoo.com.

SUNDAY/MAY 20

All About Bluebirds. 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Free. At Cub Run Recreation Center. Members of the Virginia Bluebird Society will present a nesting video and answer questions. Attendees will make pinecone bird feeders and take a hike to visit some of the seven bluebird boxes placed around the RECenter grounds. Contact Debbie Lodato, at 703-817-9423, or by email at Deborah.lodato@fairfaxcounty.gov. Cub Run

RECenter is located at 4630 Stonecroft Blvd. in Chantilly.

N Gauge 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; phone 703-425-9225.

MONDAY/MAY 21

"Protecting Against the Realities of Substance Abuse." 7 p.m. Forum sponsored by Centreville United Methodist Church and organized by Parents Reaching Out To Educate Communities Together. P.R.O.T.E.C.T. Contact Jennifer Lewis-Cooper, UPC's P.R.O.T.E.C.T. coordinator, at jalcooper@aol.com, 703-966-8304, or visit www.unifiedpreventioncoalition.org.

TUESDAY/MAY 22

Town Hall Meeting. 7:30 p.m. Featuring Del. Jim LeMunyon (67th). At the Sully Government Center, 4900 Stonecroft Blvd., Chantilly. Visit www.Lemunyon.com.

Tea and Fans. 2 to 3:30 p.m. Cost is \$25. Sip tea and examine hand-held fans similar to those used by men and women in the 18th and 19th centuries. At Sully Historic Site. 703-437-1794.

MAY 22 AND 24

Self-Defense for Women. 6 to 9 p.m. Free. Learn risk awareness and reduction, crime prevention strategies, defensive concepts and hands-on training in defensive tactics. At Fairfax County Criminal Justice Academy, 14601 Lee Road, Chantilly. Email wsd@fairfaxfoundation.org. To register, email wsd@fairfaxfoundation.org or call 703-246-7806.

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Youth Sunday Morning Worship: 10:30 AM
(Rev. Bobby J. Ford Jr., Youth Minister)
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