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The Community Remembers

Each year, firefighters from Station 38 in Centreville place 343 flags on their station's front lawn in honor and memory of the 343 New York City firefighters who lost their lives, Sept. 11, 2001, following the attacks on the World Trade Center. To each flag is attached the name and unit of one of those heroes.

For Justin Wolfe, It's Good and Bad News

State won't appeal overturned convictions, but Prince William plans to retry him.

BY BONNIE HOBBS
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Wolfe

For Justin Wolfe and his family, the past week has been a rollercoaster of emotions. On Friday, Sept. 7, the state attorney general's office said it won't appeal his overturned convictions in a murder-for-hire, death-penalty and drug-dealing case.

Thrilled with the news, his family looked forward to his release from prison. Three days later, Monday, Sept. 10, a Prince William prosecutor said Wolfe will be tried again in that county's Circuit Court.

"I'm shocked," said his mother, Terri Steinberg, outside the courtroom, Monday morning. "We were hoping he'd get bail today. I don't understand how they can do this.

He's already spent 11 years in solitary confinement for something he didn't do."

Just the night before, she'd been so happy, recalling how Deirdre Enright of the UVA Innocence Center said Wolfe would be released. SEE WOLFE, PAGE 5

'A Place for People With a Purpose'

Centreville Baptist Church celebrates new worship center.

BY BONNIE HOBBS
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Centreville Baptist Church has a new worship center, bookstore, classrooms and area for gatherings and fellowship. But the Rev. Billy Ross knows it means much more than just a new addition to the facility.

"This is a magnificent building, but it's just a place of brick and mortar," he said during Sunday's dedication services. "What makes it special is that it's a place for people with a purpose – to love God, learn His word and live out what is being taught."

Ross said the church members will be able to use the new facility. SEE CHURCH, PAGE 2



Centreville Baptist Celebrates New Worship Center

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may do these things by worshipping together, learning God's will for them and serving the Lord by helping and caring for their fellow man.

The Sept. 9 services were part of a three-part celebration; that night, members participated in a Sing Out featuring their choir, praise team and orchestra combined with banners, flags and worship dancing. And the day before, Saturday, Sept. 9, they enjoyed an open house and tours of the new space, plus food and children's games.

The building project cost \$14.8 million, and Cindy Hall, director of ministry teamwork, said it's been five years "from the start of discussions until now. We broke ground Aug. 4, 2010. We had pledges for \$7 million and, so far, have brought in \$6.2 million; the rest is financed."

The architect was Helbing Hipp; contractor, Jack Bays Inc.; and project manager, Bob Clontz. The building addition is 50,000 square feet and includes nine classrooms in the basement for adult Bible study, plus a new space for choir rehearsal and worship ministry.

The old sanctuary, now used as a chapel, only seated 400 people; the new one seats 1,200. "We were using the old space three times on Sunday for worship services – and had an overflow room for one service – because it was too packed," said Lane Sebring, student ministry pastor. "So to accommodate future growth, we needed to expand."

The church was originally built in 1989 for its then 250 members, with space for adult Sunday School classrooms added in 1997. It now has about 1,500 active members and, said Sebring, "It's been a steady growth throughout the years. One-third of our members live in Centreville; the other two-thirds come from Haymarket, Gainesville, Manassas, South Riding,



The entrance to Centreville Baptist Church's new addition.

Chantilly and Fairfax."

Excited about the new addition, he said, "It's been an awesome journey. I can't wait to see what God's going to do and how He's going to use this space to bless the people of Centreville and the surrounding communities."

Sebring's especially pleased about the "connections" area by the bookstore. It's adorned with large photos of church members on mission trips and, he said, "There's space to have a cup of coffee, hang out and chat with friends and catch up on life. We have a courtyard, but we didn't have a permanent, café/coffee shop-type space."

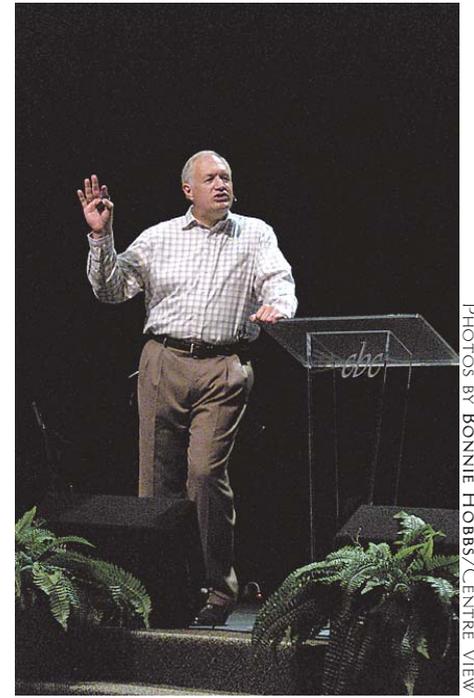
The whole, right-hand side of the building is new, including the huge, front entry hall/welcome area. And just outside the sanctuary is a small room for nursing moth-

ers who may still view and hear Sunday services there on a TV.

The sanctuary, itself, has a huge stage, plus tiered seating in back for better viewing and to house more people. The 9:15 a.m. celebration service is a mix of traditional and contemporary music with a choir, orchestra and band. The 11 a.m. contemporary service has just the band and praise team, but the service is the same.

"It's been a long and difficult journey, but God has been faithful and has seen us through many obstacles," Ross told his flock on Sunday. "We dedicate ourselves and this place for His glory."

Praying with the past and present church elders, he said, "Our hearts are filled with gratitude to all the men and women who built Centreville Baptist Church. Father, we



CBC Pastor Billy Ross at the pulpit.

want it to be a beacon for Your honor and to the people in the communities around us. In a world that seems to be coming apart, may they find here the glue to help keep it together and may they find peace."

Noting that the church's members come from five different counties and 10 ZIP codes, Ross said, "This building's stones, bricks and blocks were all individual pieces knitted together with mortar. And we are individual people who've come together to become a spiritual house."

"We're of all colors, cultures and ethnicities; and even though we're individuals, we are one," he continued. "We're not just dedicating a building, we're dedicating a diverse people to love God and be instructed by Him to leave here and live for Him."

Why CBC's Members Love Their Church

BY BONNIE HOBBS
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During the Saturday, Sept. 8, open house at Centreville Baptist Church, members toured the new addition and talked about why their church is special to them.

"It's home for us, and I love the warmth and the people," said Wendy Nostheide. "They're true to the Bible and stand on God's word." She now lives in Gainesville, but grew up in Centreville's Gate Post Estates community and has been a member for almost 30 years.

Regarding the new addition, she said, "I think it's fabulous – there's so much more space. We've been so squished for so long, and now we'll have space to spread out and to welcome more people to come here. It's such a great opportunity to share God's love; that's what I'm really excited about."

Cindy Verrill of Centreville's Clifton Townes community, has attended for 11 years and said her church embraces people of all backgrounds. "There's a sense of community," she said. "People from all walks of life come here for fellowship together. And it's a Bible-teaching church, so the message is grounded in Biblical fact."

Calling herself "in awe" of the new facility, Verrill said, "I'm part of the worship ministry – I'm in the choir and on the praise team – so the new stage lets us put on large productions with messages that may encourage people to come back and see what this church is about."

A three-year member, Centre Ridge's Dustin Wakefield said he loves both the church fellowship and preaching. "Pastor Billy [Ross] is a phenomenal communicator, very grounded in Scripture," said Wakefield. "He's got a great vision for evangelism and outreach and the church's role in them."

Wakefield also likes CBC's strong focus on missions, noting that it's sent members all over the world. And he called the new addition "a blessing" and was happy to see it filled with people. Added Wakefield: "I'm a structural engineer, and my company, Ehlert/Bryan, designed the building's structure – so I can personally vouch for everyone's safety."

"I'm also excited that there's space for all the classrooms and meetings now," he said. "My group, Fusion, for people in their 20s and 30s, has been meeting in a kitchen for a couple years. And the fellowship foyer is where people can talk and share what God's doing in their lives."

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People enjoy the connections fellowship area in the church.

ROUNDUPS

Best-Buddies Fundraiser

Piero's Corner Italian Restaurant will host a Best Buddies fundraiser Sunday, Sept. 16, at 5 p.m. for its busboy, Eric Latcheran of Chantilly, and his friend Ryan Gutkowski of Clifton. The restaurant is at 9959 Main St. in Fairfax. Eric, 25, and Ryan, 24, have intellectual disabilities and are raising money so they may participate in the fun run at the annual Best Buddies Challenge, Oct. 20, in Washington, D.C. Piero's will donate a percentage of its Sept. 16 food proceeds toward the cause.

Republican Women to Meet

The Republican Women of Clifton (RWC) will feature Artur Davis, frequent writer and commentator on national issues, at its Monday, Sept. 17 meeting. It'll be in the Centreville High media center, with a social hour beginning at 7 p.m. Club President Marianne Gearhart will open the business meeting at 7:30 p.m., followed by Davis's speech. A former conservative Democrat, he served four terms in the U.S. House of Representatives. In May, he announced he was joining the Republican Party and he's now campaigning for presidential hopeful Mitt Romney.

Meet New Sully Commander

Local residents may meet the new commander of the Sully District Police Station, Capt. Edward O'Carroll, at the next meeting of the Sully District Citizens Advisory Committee. It's set for Tuesday, Sept. 18, at 7 p.m., in the Sully District Governmental Center, 4900 Stonecroft Blvd. in Chantilly. Carroll helped start Sully Station II's Neighborhood Watch, so he's familiar with the area.

Residents may also bid farewell to Lt. John Trace, who's moving to another station, and PFC Brett Katinsky, who's returning to patrol duty. In addition, two police officers will be honored together as Officers of the Quarter.

Also that night, Fairfax County Animal Control personnel will talk about their jobs, what animals they handle, the types of calls they receive, their case load, staffing and the services they offer to the community.

Free Carseat Inspections

Certified technicians from the Sully District Police Station will perform free, child safety carseat inspections Thursday, Sept. 20, 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.

Democratic Women to Meet

The Democratic Women of Clifton (DWC) will meet Sunday, Sept. 23, from 3-5 p.m., in the Clifton Town Meeting Hall, 12641 Chapel Road in Clifton. All Democratic women in Northern Virginia are invited. Democratic Fairfax County School Board members have been invited to discuss later school start times, parental notification and discipline policy reform, school lunch reforms, renovation queues for schools, the superintendent search and the budget.

For more information, e-mail cliftonwomens@aol.com or visit www.democraticwomenofclifton.org.

Sully District Council Meeting

The Sully District Council of Citizens Associations and its Land-Use Committee will meet Wednesday, Sept. 26, at 7 p.m., in the Sully District Governmental Center, 4900 Stonecroft Blvd. in Chantilly.

There'll be presentations on the I-495 Express Lanes, plus a proposed residential development on the EDS site fronting Centreville Road, between Wall Road and the Cox Communication offices. For more information, call Jeff Parnes, evenings, at 703-904-0131.

NEWS



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From left: Elizabeth Schultz speaks while VDOT's Lauren Mollerup and Del. Tim Hugo listen.

Hoping for a Traffic Signal

Willow Springs parents describe transportation troubles.

BY BONNIE HOBBS
CENTRE VIEW

It's not a done deal, yet. But if the traffic volume at the intersection of Braddock Road and Willow Springs School Road warrants it, a traffic signal will someday be installed there. And it can't come soon enough for Willow Springs Elementary parents and schoolbus drivers.

In the meanwhile, the Wink-o-matic flashing lights on Braddock – telling drivers nearing that intersection to slow from 45 to 25 mph – have been reinstated after having been removed during the summer.

The lights' removal both stunned and upset community residents, who contacted their local delegate, Tim Hugo (R-40). He then organized a meeting at the school, inviting VDOT, FCPS, FCDOT, Fairfax County police, other elected officials and Willow

Spring parents.

Attendees included state Sen. Dave Marsden (D-37th), Supervisor Pat Herrity (R-Springfield) and Springfield District School Board representative Elizabeth Schultz, as well as Capt. Susan Culin, commander of the Police Department's Traffic Division.

At the outset of the meeting, last Thursday, Sept. 6, in the school cafeteria, Willow Springs PTA President Jean Naka explained the problem: "In the last two years, we've added 250 more students from communities east of the school. But turning left any time of day on Braddock is not pretty, so traffic backs up."

In fact, she said, since it's too dangerous for buses to attempt to turn left on Braddock, they haven't been allowed to do so for years. So the school counts on the Wink-o-matic lights in both directions to slow traffic a bit so parents and buses full of children can actually enter and exit the school.

"We started getting calls a couple weeks ago," Hugo told the 50 or so parents in the audience. "I know

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Police Capt. Susan Culin

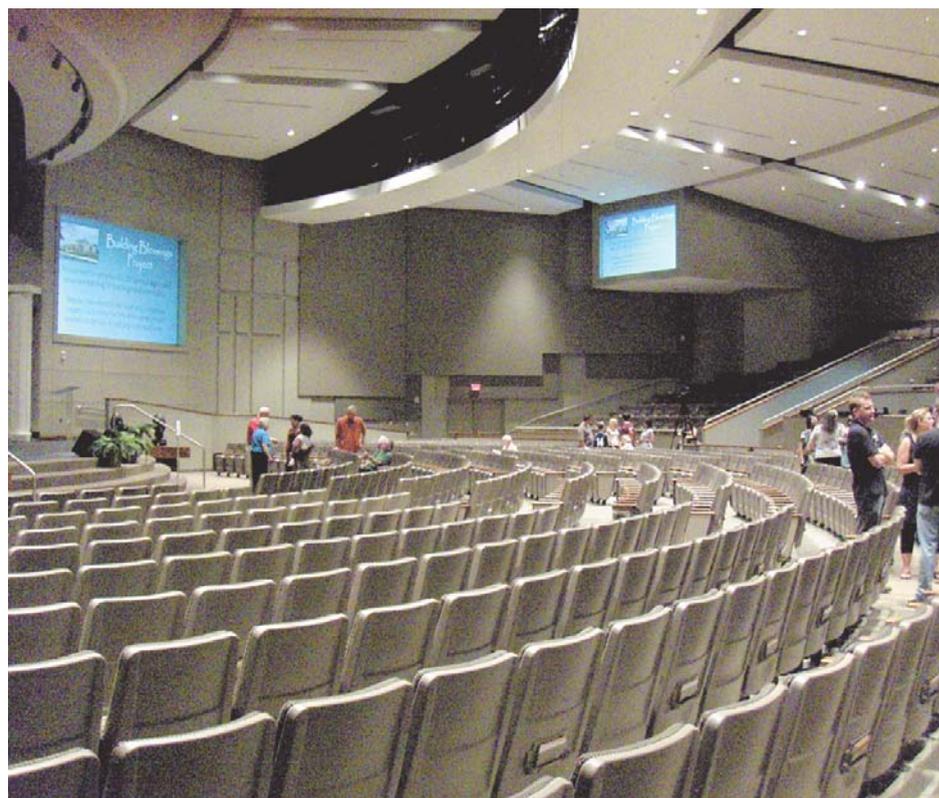


Willow Springs parent Jenny Rudo decries the traffic problems.

COMMUNITY



Friends chat in the entry hall during Saturday's open house.



A view of part of the new sanctuary.

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Why CBC's Members Love Their Church

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Tony Bracewell of Haymarket has attended CBC for 21 years and said it's "like building a family of Christians who support each other and are like-minded about sharing their faith with others. And it's fun to watch people grow; I'm one of the elders and I teach Sunday school, and now there's more room to grow those classes."

That's important, said Wakefield, because "one of the primary focuses is to take the truth found in Scripture and apply it to our lives; we make it practical. We're to live like Jesus would have us live and impact the community around us." Added Bracewell: "We make it simple – learn, love, live."

A five-year member, Pam Fruit of Centreville's Country Club Manor community said CBC's outreach to local residents

"to help neighbors and meet their needs" is what attracted her. For example, she said, "We're linking arms and reaching out to London Towne Elementary to help in any way we can."

CBC helped with the school's fun fair last year and donated 140 backpacks this year. It's also participating in London Towne's Good News after-school club, a nondenominational Bible study for children.

Calling the church additions "fresh and new," Fruit's excited about the sanctuary because "now we'll have room to host seminars and concerts here, and the acoustics are perfect." She also loves CBC because "the people are friendly and open. We have a lot of nationalities blended together, and that's healthy. We're international and multi-racial – like a rainbow and like heaven."



Church members gather in the entry hall/welcome area after Sunday's service.

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For Wolfe, It's Good and Bad News

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Project had called Friday morning to tell her Virginia wasn't going to appeal. "It's been a long time coming," said Steinberg, of Fairfax. "I was trembling, trying to figure out what to do next. Then Justin called and we were both trying to grasp the reality of it all – that we had finally proved his innocence after 11-and-a-half years of the fight for his life."

"We're grateful for Judge Raymond Jackson and the judges of the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals for giving this case the careful attention it deserved," she said. "Almost a decade after Justin's trial, Judge Jackson allowed his attorneys discovery into the prosecutor's files. [Otherwise], the truth never would have come out."

Still, said Steinberg, even after her son's convictions and sentences were vacated in July 2011, he continued to spend another 14 months in isolation waiting for a final resolution. But she never forgets that Dan and Jane Petrole will never again see their son.

"Though we can never get back the past 11 years stolen from my children's lives, we can finally move forward and start to heal," said Steinberg. "This was an injustice for so many, especially the Petrole family, and my heart goes out to them."

Monday morning, she was among 20 or

so friends and relatives filling a Prince William courtroom. Wolfe's case had been returned to that jurisdiction from federal court, and defense attorney Ashley Parrish wanted a bail hearing set for his client – who, on Friday, was moved from prison to the Adult Detention Center in Manassas.

Instead, Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney Rick Conway – one of Wolfe's original prosecutors – said he intended to retry him. (The case is in Prince William since the murder occurred in that county). Judge Mary Grace O'Brien then continued the proceedings to Friday, Sept. 14, to decide on bail and set a trial date.

Afterward, Conway said, "We're in the process of going forward with this case." But he declined to reveal whether the murder-for-hire charge is still in play.

Attorneys from both sides planned to meet Wednesday to further define the issues before Friday's status hearing. Nonetheless, said Enright, "We've reviewed all the evidence and don't believe there's a case."

Wolfe's father, Michael Wolfe, who lives in West Virginia but works in Manassas, was also disappointed on Monday. "I was hop-



Wolfe

ing they'd announce they were going to drop everything, but I guess they're going to pursue it. It's crazy – it doesn't make sense."

He saw his son, a few weeks ago, and last spoke with him by phone, Sept. 6. (On Monday, the jail hadn't yet cleared Wolfe to have visitors). He said Justin was "confident he'd be released soon."

Despite spending more than a decade in an 8x8 room, "He's been fantastic through all of this," said Steinberg. "He read and watched football on TV and had a job cleaning the showers. He also looked after the other [prisoners] as best he could; they yelled to each other through the walls."

Wolfe's cousin, Jason Darne, a 1998 Chantilly High grad, visited him in prison every couple months and talked with him on the phone almost every day. "A cordless phone was brought to his cell," said Darne. Optimistic about a good outcome for Wolfe, he said, "Since he's always known he was innocent, he knew his family's hard work [to exonerate him] would eventually pay off."

Steinberg praised her son's "incredible legal team" – the lawyers at King and

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— Terri Steinberg,

Spalding, the Innocence Project at UVA and the Virginia Capital Representation Resource Center – "without which my son would have been executed years ago. We need to do everything in our power to make sure this never happens to another family again."

She said Justin was fortunate because that team "uncovered large amounts of exculpatory evidence" that prosecutors never shared with his original attorneys. "No one should lose a son, a father or a husband to a wrongful conviction and sentence of death, and that's exactly what almost happened here," said Steinberg. "It's time for this to be over and for my son to come home."

The Background: Drugs, Murder and Money

BY BONNIE HOBBS
CENTRE VIEW

When 21-year-old, Centreville High grad Danny Petrole was slain in his car in front of his Bristow townhouse, March 15, 2001, it stunned the community and devastated his family. It also led police to discover a drug ring of major proportions operating in the Centreville/Chantilly area.

Hundreds of thousands of dollars changed hands regularly, and a dozen young drug dealers in Fairfax and Prince William counties became rich. Among them, said authorities, were Centreville's Justin Wolfe, almost 20, Petrole and the man later convicted of killing him, Owen Barber IV, 21, of Centreville.

After Petrole arrived home that night, Barber fired 10 shots from a 9 mm Smith & Wesson through Petrole's passenger-side window, with all but one bullet striking him. Driving away, Barber tossed the gun into a nearby intersection. Both he and Wolfe then fled the state – Barber to California and Wolfe to Florida – but were arrested that April.

Petrole was the son of a former Secret Service agent who lived in Virginia Run. He attended NOVA and delivered flowers part-time. But when police searched Petrole's belongings, they discovered \$965 in his wallet and \$17,460 in the trunk of his car.

In his townhouse were guns, \$120,366 in cash and nearly half a million dollars worth of ecstasy and marijuana. It was later revealed that Petrole spent \$360,000/month buying marijuana from Seattle, pocketing \$100,000 to \$140,000/month from selling it.

Barber and Wolfe were 1998 Chantilly High grads; Petrole graduated in '98 from Centreville. During Barber's and Wolfe's trials in Prince William County Circuit Court, much of the testimony came from young, self-admitted drug dealers and users in the local area.

Both Barber and Petrole sold marijuana. According to court testimony, Wolfe also had a high-level operation, buying marijuana from both of them and dealing it to others. Initially facing the death penalty for killing Petrole, Barber testified against Wolfe. He said he hadn't known Petrole, but killed him because Wolfe had hired him to do so; in return for his testimony, Barber's charge was reduced from capital to first-degree murder.

In January 2002, Wolfe, then 21, was convicted of capital murder, since murder-for-hire is a capital offense. Five months later, Wolfe was sentenced to death, as his jury had recommended, plus 33 years in prison – 30 for drug distribution and three for use of a firearm in the commission of a felony. On Aug. 6, 2002, Barber received 38 years in prison.

Wolfe always maintained his innocence, and Barber provided the only evidence directly linking Wolfe to the murder. But during a November 2010 evidentiary hearing in Federal Court in Norfolk, U.S. District Court Judge Raymond Jackson heard evidence not presented in 2002.

In his July 2011 decision to overturn Wolfe's convictions and sentences, Jackson wrote that the commonwealth "failed to disclose evidence indicating Barber had a relationship with Petrole" prior to his death. This disclosure, he wrote – plus statements from a confidential informant that "Barber owed Petrole money [and] Petrole had a hit out on Barber" – could have impeached Barber's testimony.

Then last month, the U.S. Court of Appeals, Fourth Circuit, in Richmond upheld that court's ruling that Wolfe's due-process rights had been violated and his convictions and sentences should be vacated.

In a document dated Aug. 16, Judge Robert B. King wrote that he'd based his opinion on "a written police report reflecting that – before Barber ever asserted that Wolfe hired him to murder Petrole – Prince William County Det. [Samson] Newsome advised Barber that he could avoid the death penalty by implicating Wolfe."

King therefore concluded that "Barber had a motive to misrepresent the facts regarding Petrole's death" and added that any evidence of Wolfe's alleged drug-dealing is

"inevitably tainted by the prosecutorial misconduct in this case."

On Monday, Wolfe's cousin, 1998 Chantilly High grad Jason Darne, spoke with Centre View about Petrole, Barber and Wolfe. "I grew up with Danny in Little Rocky Run and we went to Union Mill Elementary together," he said. Darne later moved to Chantilly's Pleasant Valley community, and Petrole, to Virginia Run.

"I was also very close to Owen and saw his decline in attitude after his mom died," said Darne. "When all this – Danny's death and the arrests – transpired, some friends and I asked him, 'Why are you saying Justin asked you to do this?' We knew otherwise."

"We sent him letters saying, 'Do the right thing,' and last November, he testified in Norfolk and said he wanted to 'do the right thing,'" continued Darne. "So all our letters finally hit home."

He said Wolfe was "shocked" by Petrole's death, but he didn't "flee" to Florida afterward. "It was a planned trip," said Darne. "Justin and I went to a Super Street car show in Daytona. He and his girlfriend and my friends and I were just hanging out at the beach. We were eating crabs and shrimp when the U.S. marshals showed up."

Hopeful that his cousin will eventually be a free man, Darne said, "According to what I heard at the November hearing, based on public records, all the evidence that did not point toward Justin's guilt was overwhelming."

OPINION

Remembering Those Lost on Sept. 11

Eleven years after terrorist attacks.

On Sept. 11, 2001, 9:37:46 a.m., American Airlines Flight 77 crashed into the Pentagon. The Pentagon's on-site firehouse responded immediately to the crash. Firefighters from nearby Reagan National Airport and Arlington County Fire Department arrived within minutes.

One-hundred-and-eighty-four lives were lost at the Pentagon that day. Nearly 3,000 people died that day in the nearly simultaneous attacks in Arlington, New York and Pennsylvania. Since Sept. 11, 2001, more than 6,400 U.S. military service men and women have died in support of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

The following list of people who lived in Connection Newspapers coverage area and died in the Sept. 11 2001 terrorist attacks, is compiled from multiple sources, including news reports, and is likely not complete. The Pentagon Memorial website offers photos and biographies of most people who died at the Pentagon. <http://pentagonmemorial.org/explore/biographies>

- ❖ Spc. Craig Amundson, 28, Fort Belvoir, employed by U.S. Army, died in Pentagon
- ❖ Lt. Col. Canfield D. Boone, 54, Clifton, employed by U.S. Army, died in Pentagon
- ❖ Charles Burlingame, 51, Herndon, employed by American Airlines, died on AA Flight 77
- ❖ Rosa Maria Chapa, 64, Springfield, employed by Defense Intelligence Agency, died in Pentagon
- ❖ Eddie A. Dillard, Alexandria, employed by Philip Morris, died on AA Flight 77
- ❖ Capt. Robert Edward Dolan, 43, Alexandria, employed by U.S. Navy, died in Pentagon
- ❖ Charles A. Droz III, 52, Springfield, employed by EM Solutions Inc., died on AA Flight 77
- ❖ Gerald P. Fisher, 57, Potomac, Md., employed by Booz Allen Hamilton, died in Pentagon
- ❖ 1st Lt. (Ret.) Richard P. Gabriel Sr., 54, Great Falls, employed by Stratin Consulting, died on AA Flight 77
- ❖ Diane M. Hale-McKinzy, 38, Alexandria, employed by U.S. Army, died in Pentagon

- ❖ Stanley R. Hall, 68, Centreville, employed by Raytheon, died on AA Flight 77
- ❖ Brady K. Howell, 26, Arlington, employed by U.S. Navy, died in Pentagon
- ❖ Lt. Col. Stephen Neil Hyland Jr., 45, Burke, employed by U.S. Army, died in Pentagon
- ❖ Bryan C. Jack, 48, Alexandria, employed by Department of Defense, died on AA Flight 77
- ❖ Steven D. Jacoby, 43, Alexandria, employed by Metrocall, died on AA Flight 77
- ❖ Ann Judge, 49, Great Falls, employed by National Geographic Society, died on AA Flight 77

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- ❖ Norma Cruz Khan, 45, Reston, Plumbing-Heating-Cooling Contractors Assn., died on AA Flight 77
- ❖ Terence M. Lynch, 49, Alexandria, employed by Booz Allen Hamilton, died in Pentagon
- ❖ Ada L. Mason-Acker, 50, Springfield, employed by U.S. Army, died in Pentagon
- ❖ Lt. Gen. Timothy J. Maude, 53, Fort Myer, employed by U.S. Army, died in Pentagon
- ❖ Mark McGinly, 26, Vienna, employed by Carr Futures, died in World Trade Center
- ❖ Patricia E. Mickley, 41, Springfield, employed by Department of Defense, died in Pentagon
- ❖ Khang Ngoc Nguyen, 41, Fairfax, employed by Navy contractor, died in Pentagon
- ❖ Barbara K. Olson, 45, Great Falls, attorney, died on AA Flight 77
- ❖ Maj. Clifford L. Patterson Jr., 33, Alexandria, employed by U.S. Army, died in Pentagon
- ❖ Capt. Jack D. Panches, 51, Clifton, retired from U.S. Navy, died in Pentagon
- ❖ Lisa J. Raines, 42, Great Falls, employed by Genzyme Corp., died on AA Flight 77
- ❖ Todd H. Reuben, 40, Potomac, Md., attorney, died on AA Flight 77
- ❖ Charles E. Sabin, 54, Burke, employed by Department of Defense, died in Pentagon
- ❖ Marjorie C. Salamone, 53, Springfield, employed by U.S. Army, died in Pentagon
- ❖ Cmdr. Robert Allan Schlegel, 38, Alexandria, employed by U.S. Navy, died in Pentagon
- ❖ Mark E. Schurmeier, 44, McLean, employed by Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp., died in World Trade Center
- ❖ Janice M. Scott, 46, Springfield, employed by U.S. Army, died in Pentagon
- ❖ Michael L. Selves, 53, Fairfax, employed

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Multi-State Effort Saves Kitten

To the Editor:

On Sept. 10 we did surgery on Misty, a 10-week-old kitten whom was dumped on the side of the road in Pennsylvania. She was luckily found by a family who lives close to where she was left. Upon finding her the family took her to a veterinarian where they were informed that she has a ruptured infected eye that needed to be removed.

The clinic was quoting \$2,000 for the surgery which unfortunately the family could not afford. As much as they tried they couldn't find

anyone to help in their area including the shelter. They created a website for her on <http://www.giveforward.com/mistyseyes> to raise money for her life-saving surgery. One of our veterinarians Vandre Clear saw the post on Facebook from the website for Misty. Dr. Clear offered to donate the surgery and the staff, clientele and many other supporters of the clinic also went on the site and shared the link to help raise awareness and funds to cover the equipment, medications and surgical supplies needed for this surgery. Between her supporters in several other states and donations from the staff, clients and reps from Chantilly Animal Hospital, Misty's fund was able to raise \$1,315 which was more than enough for her



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- ❖ Norma Lang Steuerle, 54, Alexandria, died on AA Flight 77
- ❖ Lt. Col. Kip P. Taylor, 38, McLean, employed by U.S. Army, died in Pentagon
- ❖ Leonard E. Taylor, 44, Reston, employed by XonTech Inc., died on AA Flight 77
- ❖ Sandra C. Taylor, 50, Alexandria, employed by U.S. Army, died in Pentagon
- ❖ Sandra D. Teague, 31, Fairfax, employed by Georgetown University Hospital, died on AA Flight 77
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To the Editor:

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Tammie Ashley
Chantilly

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Kid Fest in Clifton Food, fun, music and games in the park.

BY BONNIE HOBBS
CENTRE VIEW

Music, games, food and an all-around good time – that’s what’s in store for those attending Kid Fest in Clifton. It’s slated for this Saturday, Sept. 15, from noon-5 p.m., in the town park.

“This is designed to be a day of fun and

play for children in the Clifton Elementary School boundary area,” said event organizer Tom VanBlaricom. “It’s to bring back the children who were scattered into three different schools by the closing of Clifton Elementary.”

The cost is \$5/person; children under 2, free, and all children are welcome to attend. A slew of activities are planned, and they’re all free. There’ll be a moonbounce and

things such as volleyball, badminton and egg toss. Children will also be able to play games similar to those at Clifton Elementary’s fun fairs, such as milk-jug toss and fishing.

From noon-3 p.m., a video-game truck will be on hand. Inside, up to 16 children at a time can play video games. In addition, local Clifton businesses – All that Glitters, the Clifton Café, Clifton Wine Shop and

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Several teen bands will perform throughout the day on a covered stage. Among them will be Pat Sommers’ Rock Shop, comprised of several Clifton teenagers. There’ll also be karaoke and strolling musicians.

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From left: State Sen. Dave Marsden and Supervisor Pat Herrity listen while VDOT's Randy Dittberner talks. To his right is VDOT's Lauren Mollerup.

Hoping for a Traffic Signal

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you believe the blinking lights are important – and they're now back in – but it's an interim solution.”

Schultz said that, besides being a School Board member, she was a Willow Springs parent, a year ago. “So I have a unique understanding, as a mom, of what it's like to get in and out of this school,” she said. “I think this problem won't go away until we get the right solution.”

Herrity said his office first got the school's request for a traffic light in 2010 and worked with VDOT to get a traffic study done. But at that time, the traffic level didn't warrant a signal there.

“Since then, the new students have come here and there's a potential for the removal of the Wink-o-matic lights,” he said. “So my office will work hard to get to the long-term answer.”

Marsden said he appreciated VDOT'S willingness to find a solution. “It's good to have the professionals here to guide us through this,” he said. “The bottom line is safety for our kids.”

Then Culin explained that, from a police perspective, “We consider this a mobility and movement problem.” Noting that the school has just one entrance, she said that, when the blinking light slows approaching traffic on Braddock, “It causes the traffic to bunch up. So traffic coming from the school doesn't have a window of opportunity to pull out

onto [Braddock].”

She also told the parents why that light was removed this summer. According to a county policy and an agreement between the county, FCPS and VDOT, such lights are actually intended for students crossing the roadway near a school. But, said Culin, “You don't have walkers crossing there.”

Furthermore, she said, “There's a [traffic] code saying Wink-o-matics have to be within 600 feet of a school property line, and yours is 1,400 feet away. So having a Wink-o-matic there is not enforceable. I had Commonwealth's Attorney Ray Morrogh and the county attorney both look at the code, and they concurred.”

Besides that, said Culin, “Some individuals will ignore [that light] and not slow down. So that's why we're looking at a better way of getting people in and out of here quicker – the school system's Department of Transportation has agreed to pay for a stoplight.”

Schultz noted that, all along, FCPS has said it would fund a traffic signal there. Meanwhile, added Hugo, “We do think the Wink-o-matic is a safety improvement, so that's why it's back in for now. We're in the midst of a new traffic study now to check the traffic warrants, and we'll do whatever's possible to expedite a traffic light.”

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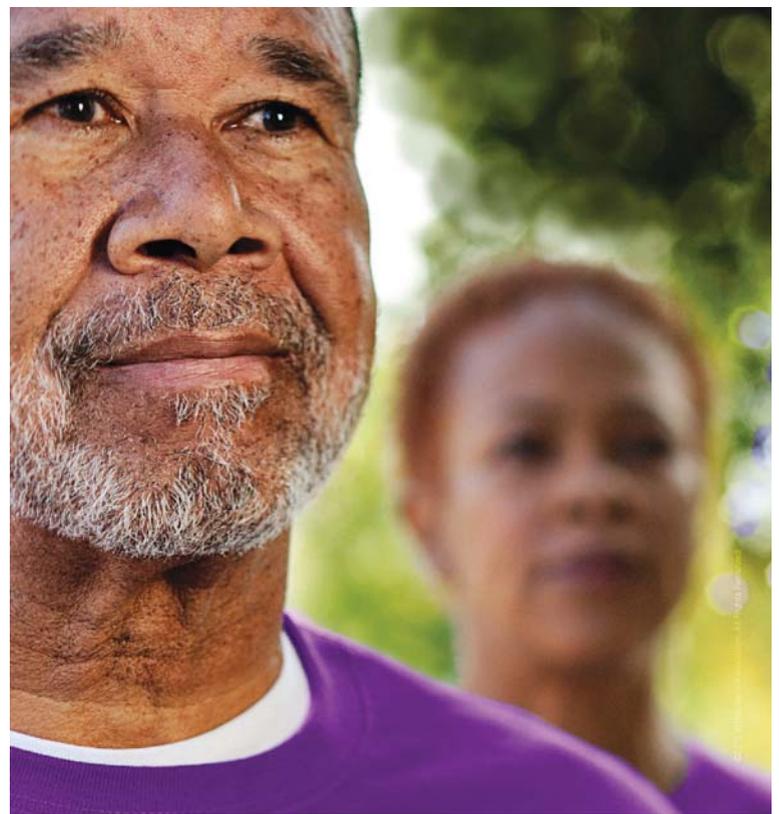
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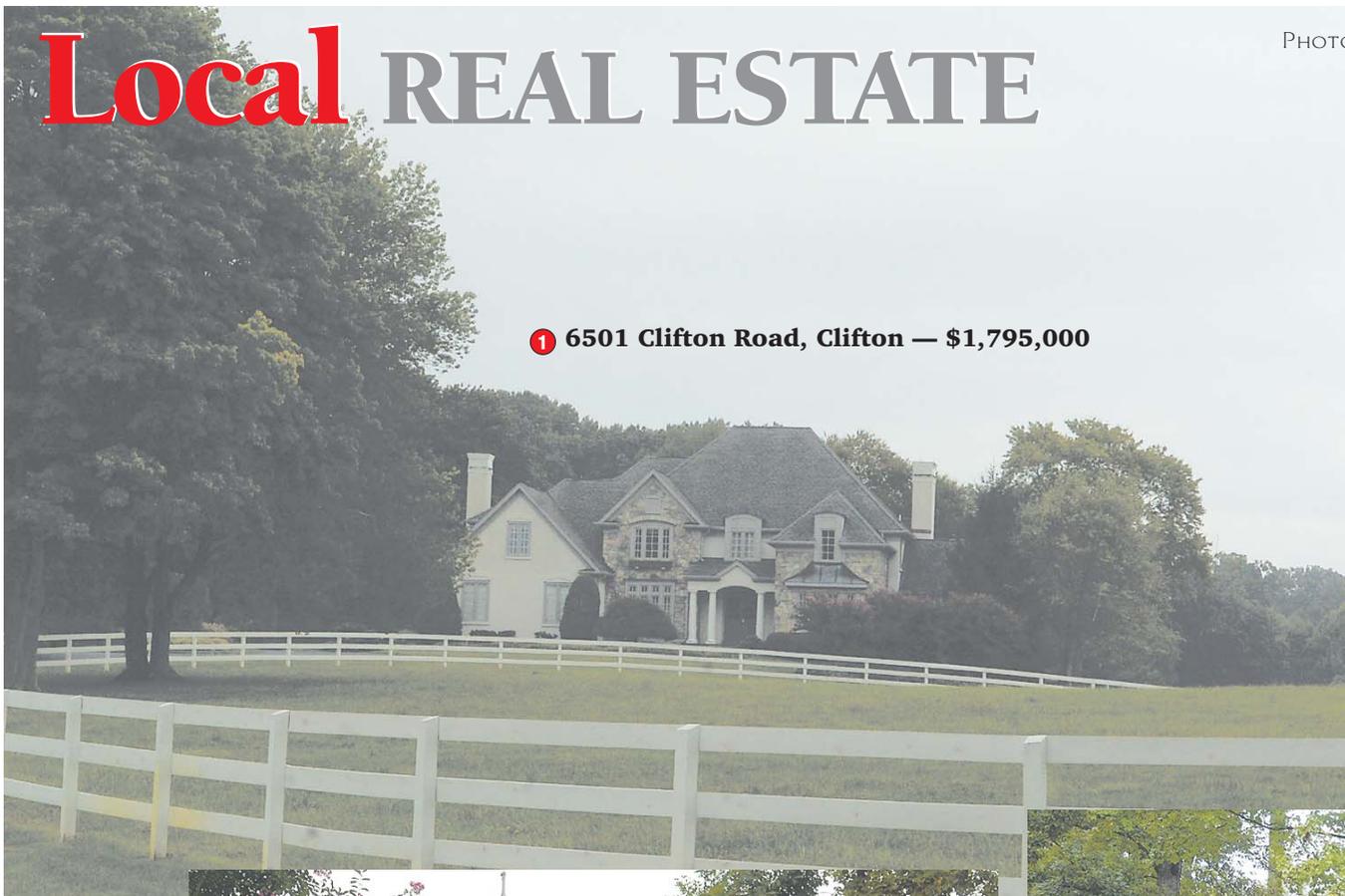
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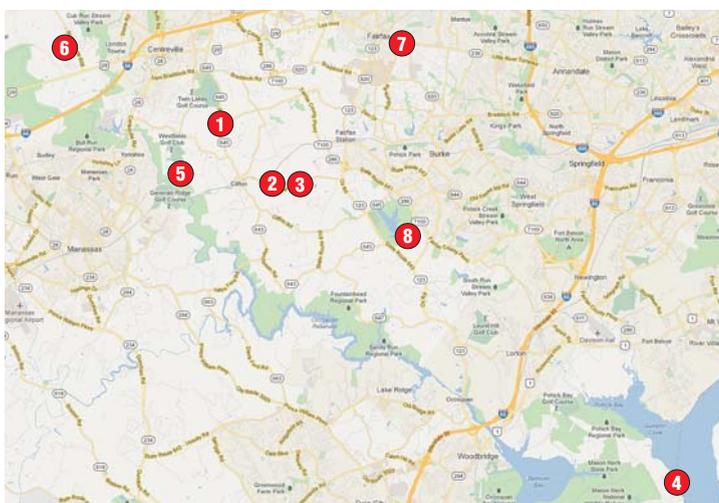
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Uncorking the Possibilities

Local builders say wine storage options are almost limitless.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL
CENTRE VIEW

From those who sip an occasional glass of Chianti with friends to enthusiastic oenophiles, the notion of owning a wine cellar is fascinating to many people. In fact, a recent U.S. Luxury-Home Market survey by Wine Trends, a wine-consulting firm, showed that 67 percent of respondents were interested in incorporating wine storage into their homes.

Local designers say they are now catering to a new breed of wine collector and are creating cellars equipped with perks ranging from full kitchen and dining spaces to rare art and LED lighting. Jason Kirkpatrick, of Kirkpatrick's Construction in Centreville, says creative options are virtually boundless.

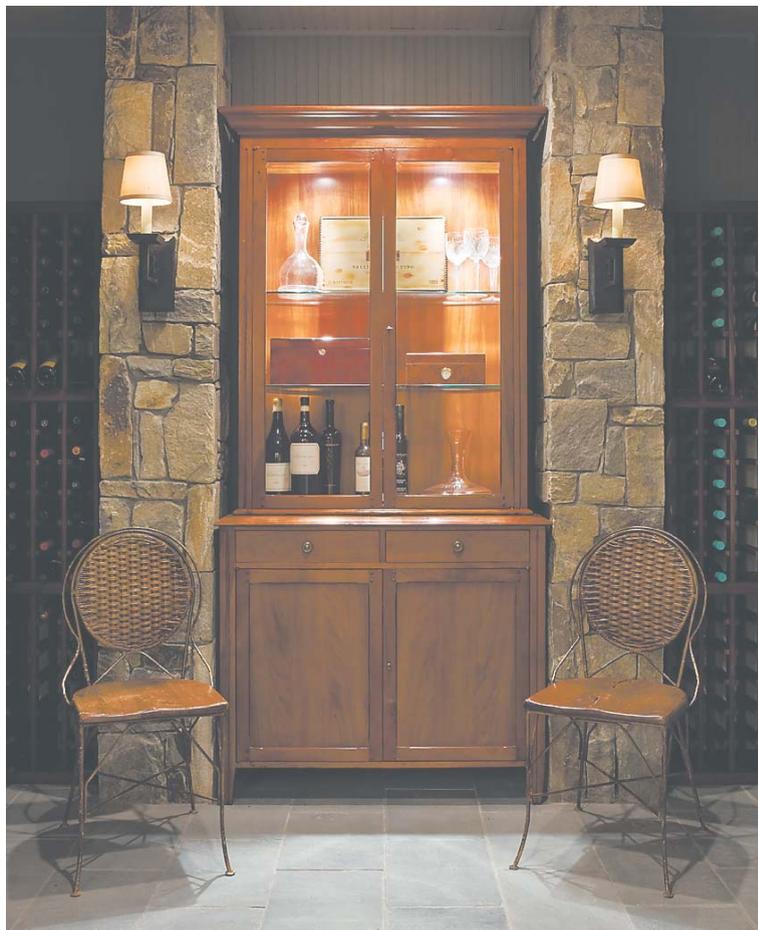
"With wine cellar design, the sky is the limit. In fact, the sky is actually the starting point," he said. "There are so many neat things that you can do with architecture, racking and lighting. You can turn a relatively small space into a gorgeous wine cellar."

DESIGNERS SAY that when planning a wine cellar, there are a few basic factors to consider.

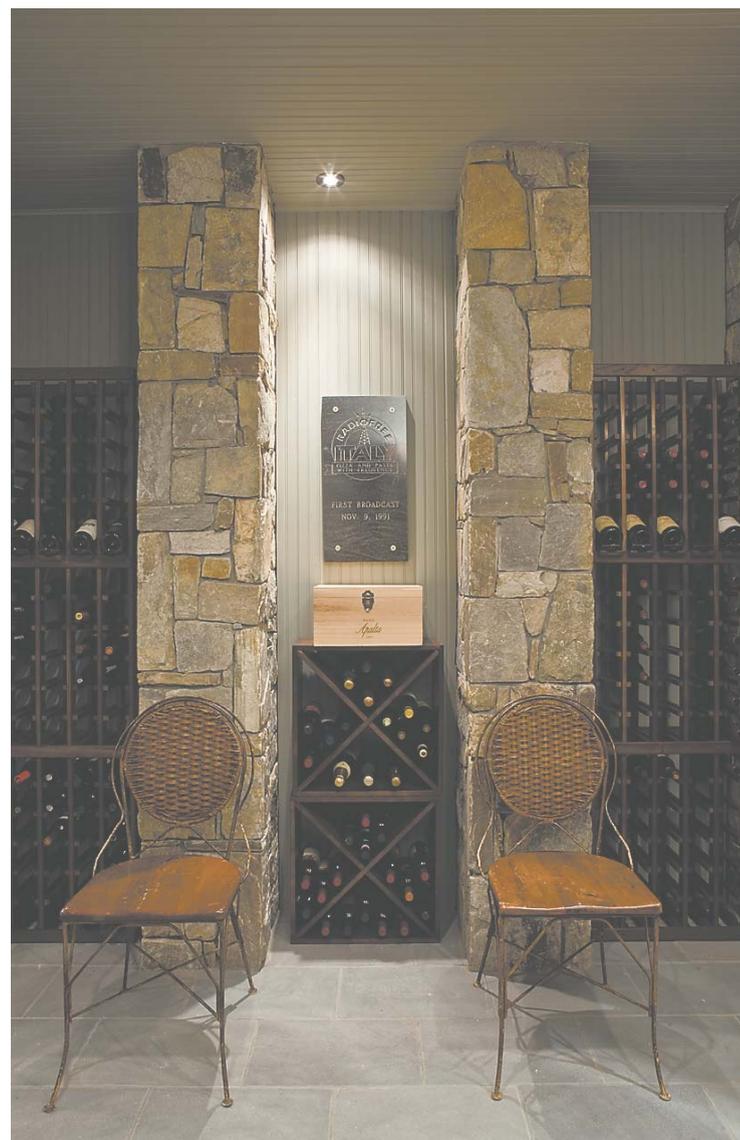
The first item that those who want to build a wine cellar should think about is a system of organization. "You have to not only think about how many bottles you have in your collection, but also how much you think your collection will grow over the next

five to 10 years," said Kirkpatrick, who lives in Clifton. "You don't want to make this kind of investment

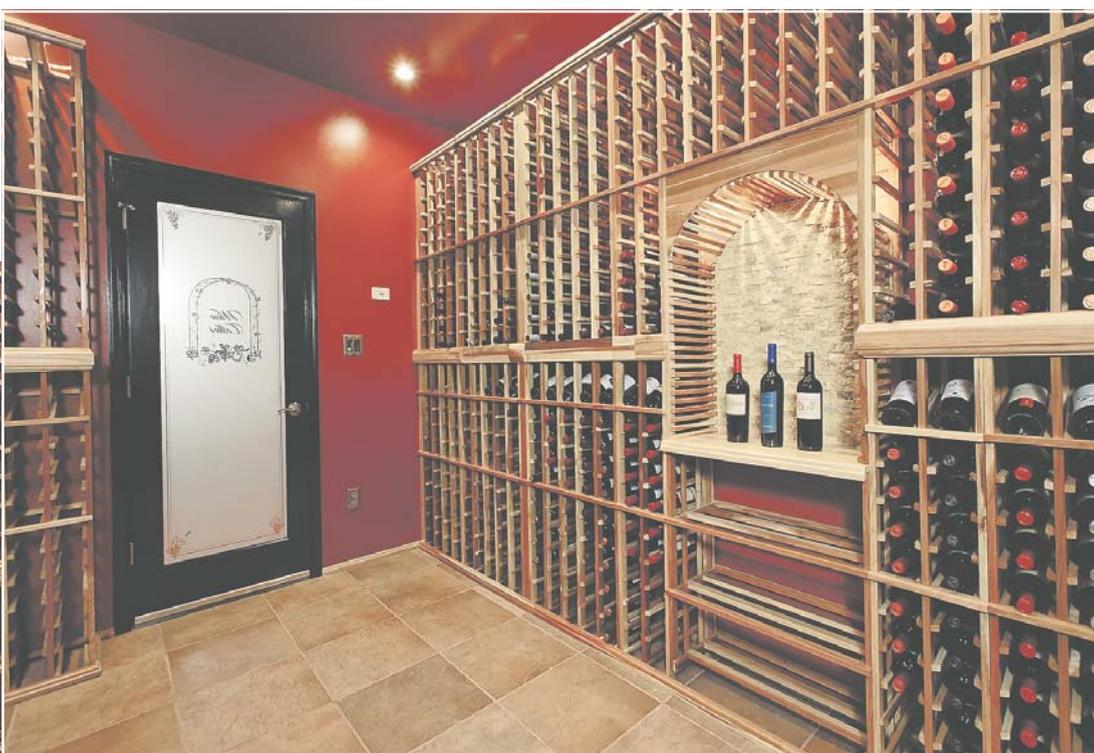
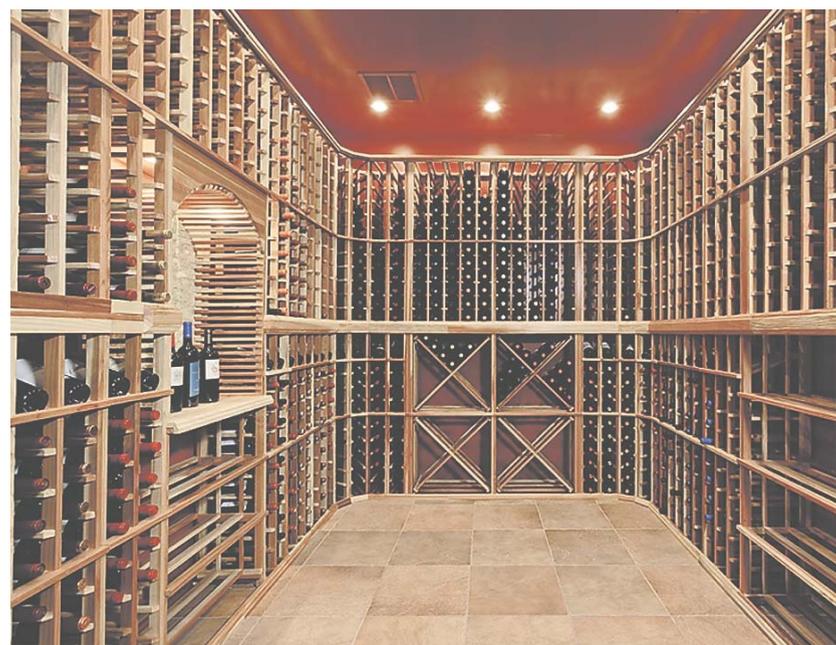
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The wine cellar in this McLean home opens to the adjacent billiard room. Designers say homeowners should create a style for the cellar that is consistent with the rest of the home.



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Jason Kirkpatrick of Centreville-based Kirkpatrick's Construction won a Contractor of the Year Award from the National Association of the Remodeling Industry for a McLean project that included a wine cellar with a tasting area.



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Variety of Options for Wine Storage

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in your home and then a year or two later say, ‘Gosh, we need to make an addition onto our wine cellar.’”

Local interior designer Marika Meyer of Marika Meyer Interiors says homeowners should create a style for the cellar that will be consistent with the rest of the home, something she and the design team did when creating the cellar in a McLean home.

“We ... developed a sophisticated space that was reflective of the home and the collection,” she said. “For example, the flooring is the same slate that is used in the exterior patio. We wanted to use the cherry cabinet that is featured in the center of the two front columns, so we designed the room around this piece. Each stone column was designed to work around the room based on the proportion established by this piece of furniture. We also wanted the space to feel open to the billiard room, which is attached. To that end, we widened the door enclosure and added side-lights to make the space open.”

HOW THE SPACE WILL BE used is another important consideration. “Are you planning to use it for strictly for utilitarian storage or would you like for there to be a space for entertaining in it as well?” said Kirkpatrick, who won a Contractor of the Year Award from the National Association of the Remodeling Industry for a McLean project that included a wine cellar with a tasting area. “Which do you drink more of: White or red? Do you prefer large format bottles or standard-sized bottles?”

Designers say the style and features of the rest of the home should be factored into the cellar’s design: “What are the spaces that are adjacent to the wine cellar? You can incorporate them into the design for a better flow,” said Kirkpatrick.

Kirkpatrick says he integrated a wine bar into the design of a south Arlington kitchen during a recent renovation. “We used interesting frosted glass cabinets and really designed the space for wine tasting, there was even a space for tasting cheese or chocolate. The plan was integrated into the design of the kitchen and the whole space flowed.”

When remodeling a kitchen in Alexandria, Kirkpatrick created two spaces for wine. “We used open storage where wine can be stored for easy accessibility and built-in wine storage under the cabinets. But one of the most cost-effective things you can do is to buy a glass-front refrigerator that is specifically designed for holding wine with so you can display the wine nicely,” said Kirkpatrick.

In fact, Potomac, Md.-based designer Susan Matus of Case Design/ Remodeling says that there are budget-friendly options for wine storage. “[Kitchen] cabinet-makers are now making cabinets that incorporate wine storage in base cabinets or wall cabinets. There are also wine refrigerators that have two cooling zones that are appropriate for red and white wine, but are not outrageous in terms of price.”

According to National Association of the Remodeling Industry spokesperson Nikki Golden, “Wine cellars are still very popular for people to put into their home during a remodel.”

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ENTERTAINMENT

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SATURDAY/SEPT. 22

Southern Gospel Concert. 6 p.m. By Pastor Charles Wood and Mount Calvary Choir at Oakton Baptist Church, 14001 Sullyfield Circle. Call 703-631-1799. No Admission. A free will offering will be received.

SATURDAY-SUNDAY/SEPT. 22-23

"Rally for Roses." 11 a.m.-4 p.m. The Potomac Rose Society and Arlington Rose Foundation will host the Colonial District Rose Show and Competition at Merrifield Gardens at Fair Oaks, 12101 Lee Hwy. Free. Call 703-371-9351 or www.arlingtonrose.org or www.potomacrose.org.

THURSDAY/SEPT. 27

Homeschool Days at Sully. 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Children will visit stations focusing on different aspects of daily life - the open hearth kitchen, schoolroom, games in the yard, slave life, and textiles. Hands-on fun and learning centers are designed to enrich the understanding of late 18th century life in Fairfax County. Children should bring a lunch and picnic on the grounds. This program is open to both groups and individuals. Reservations are required by Sept. 17. Call 703-437-1794. \$8 per child, \$4 per adult. Call 703-437-1794, or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/sully.

SATURDAY/SEPT. 29

FX Live. 6 p.m. Families will experience Biblical truths communicated

through special effects and illustrative interaction. At Centreville Baptist Church, 15100 Lee Hwy. Contact Marlene Hale at 703-830-3333 x 105 or marlene.hale@cbcv.org.

Bulbs, Annuals and Perennials. 10 a.m. Peg Bier, Merrifield Plant and Design Specialist, will combine bulbs, which need to be planted this fall, with annuals and perennials for long-lasting displays of coordinated color and interest. At Merrifield Gardens at Fair Oaks, 12101 Lee Hwy.

SATURDAY/OCT. 6

Historic Civil War Tour. Tour of Blackburn Battlefield, sections of Confederate Military Railroad, the historic residence of Mount Gilead, the Stuart-Mosby Museum, St. John Episcopal Church and Cemetery and Confederate earthworks in and around Centreville. 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Transportation will be by caravan from the Fairfax Station Railroad Museum at 11200 Fairfax Station Road in Fairfax Station. Wear good walking shoes. \$25 for Museum members; \$30 non-members; \$10 children up to 14. Contact John at 703-978-3371.

Curb Appeal. 10 a.m. Join Seth Warner, Merrifield Landscape Designer, and learn about trees and shrubs to provide structure and year-round interest and colorful annuals and perennials to add splashes of color. At Merrifield Gardens at Fair Oaks, 12101 Lee Hwy.

SUNDAY/OCT. 7

Clifton Day. 9 a.m.-5 p.m. The family-friendly fun includes crafts, food, antiques, jugglers, bagpipe players, unicyclists, music, pony rides, civil war reenactments and children's

activities. Visit www.cliftonday.com.

FRIDAY/OCT. 12

Fellowship Dinner. 6:30 p.m. Western Fairfax Christian Ministries will be holding its 5th Annual Fellowship Dinner at the Fairview Park Marriott, 3111 Fairview Park Dr. Reservations are required as seating is limited. Adults only. There will be an opportunity to give financially to WFCM. Visit www.wfcmva.org.

SATURDAY/OCT. 13

Chrysanthemum Show. 2-5 p.m. Hosted by the Old Dominion Chrysanthemum Society. At Merrifield Gardens at Fair Oaks, 12101 Lee Hwy.

SUNDAY/OCT. 14

Chrysanthemum Show. 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Hosted by the Old Dominion Chrysanthemum Society. At Merrifield Gardens at Fair Oaks, 12101 Lee Hwy.

SATURDAY/OCT. 20

Gardening Just for Kids. 10 a.m. This seminar is ideal for kids (ages 6-12) who love to garden and get dirty. Each student will bring home a pumpkin that they've planted with flowers. Parents must be present. Pre-registration required. At Merrifield Gardens at Fair Oaks, 12101 Lee Hwy.

SATURDAY/OCT. 27

Layered Gardening. 10 a.m. David Culp will share his design techniques. At Merrifield Gardens at Fair Oaks, 12101 Lee Hwy.

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MONDAY/SEPT. 17

Republican Women of Clifton. 7 p.m. Featuring Artur Davis, former Alabama Democratic Congressman and now Virginia Republican, as the speaker at the club's meeting at the Centreville High School Media Center. Members and guests are invited to the social hour, when refreshments will be served. President Marianne Gearhart will open the business meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults Classes. St. Veronica Catholic Church, 3460 Centreville Rd. Contact rcia@stveronica.net.

TUESDAY/SEPT. 18

Free Parents Seminar. 6-7:30 p.m. Learn about Brain Education and help children build confidence, creativity and focus. 3903 Fair Ridge Dr. Call 703-359-7282 to reserve.

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WEDNESDAY/SEPT. 26

Local Grants. If you have an idea or project to improve the quality of life in your neighborhood, Fairfax County is now offering up to \$5,000 in matching grants to make your community a better place to live. The

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Volunteers for Change

Orientation. 6-7 p.m. Volunteers for Change invites community members of all ages to attend an orientation where volunteers can choose from more than 50+ monthly community service projects throughout Northern Virginia. At the Volunteer Fairfax Office, 10530 Page Ave. Register for the next orientation at 703-246-3895 or email jkivlin@volunteerfairfax.org.

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ONGOING

Pleasant Valley Preschool, a non-profit cooperative preschool located in the Greenbriar Community Center, currently has limited openings in its program for 4 and 5 year olds that meets on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. 4615 Stringfellow Rd. Visit www.pleasantvalleypreschool.com or call 703-378-6911.

Senior Fall Prevention Classes are held in a heated indoor pool and are designed to work on balance and core muscles in order to prevent injuries and falls. Classes are held

Tuesdays and/or Thursdays from 1:30-2:30 p.m.; Mondays and/or Fridays from 2-3 p.m. at The Woodlands Retirement Community, 4320 Forest Hill Dr. Registration required. Call 703-667-9800 to register, limited space. \$10 per class.

Fair Oaks Parkinson Support

Group for people living with Parkinson's disease, caregivers and family, meets on the fourth Saturday, from 10 a.m.-noon at Sunrise at Fair Oaks, 3750 Joseph Siewick Dr. Free. 703-378-7221. www.ParkinsonFoundation.org.

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SPORTS

McGorty Wins Invitational

Chargers capture boys' team title, girls finish fifth.

BY JON ROETMAN
CENTRE VIEW

Sean McGorty is focused on himself as he enters the 2012 cross country season. But don't confuse the Chantilly senior's mentality for selfish; he's simply searching for motivation.

McGorty has been one of the top high school harriers in Virginia since his sophomore season, when he finished fourth at the 2010 VHSL state meet. In 2011, he finished state runner-up. Each year, however, McGorty was surpassed by fellow Northern Region runner Ahmed Bile, who won back-to-back state championships as a junior and senior. While McGorty couldn't catch Bile at states, the Annandale harrier pushed McGorty to succeed.

This year, Bile, who is now a freshman at Georgetown, won't be there to motivate McGorty. Instead, McGorty, who was ranked in the milesplit.com preseason national top 10, is looking for drive from within.

On Sept. 8, McGorty cruised to victory at



PHOTO BY ED LULL

Sean McGorty's individual title led the Chantilly boys' cross country team to a first-place finish at the Monroe Parker Invitational on Sept. 8 at Burke Lake Park.

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SPORTS

Chargers Capture Boys' Team Title, Girls Finish Fifth

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the Monroe Parker Invitational at Burke Lake Park, posting a time of 14 minutes, 50 seconds. He finished 26 seconds ahead of his nearest competitor and helped Chantilly capture the boys' team title.

"You have to be very mentally strong," McGorty said of running with no competitors around him. "I've been working on that coming into this year because I really want to be able to motivate myself during races and not rely on other people or other events. ... It will be a little different not having someone right there with you. Mentally, last year I had to focus on staying with [Bile] or pushing the pace, trying to beat him. This year, it's more pushing myself, keeping myself motivated ..."

McGorty praised Northern Region harriers after the race, but none posed a threat on this day. Lake Braddock's Nick Tuck finished second with a time of 15:16, followed

by Edison's Louis Colson (15:18), Battlefield's Haben Zemichael (15:54) and Chantilly's Peter Malander (15:55). Madison's Matthew Calem (15:56) finished

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— Chantilly senior Sean McGorty

sixth, followed by Stone Bridge's Brady Guertin (15:56), Chantilly's Faris Sakallah (15:57), South Lakes' Ashkan Mohammadi (15:58), Marshall's MacKenzie Haight (16:05), Battlefield's Aaron Hill (16:05), Bishop O'Connell's J.J. LaPointe (16:05),

Yorktown's Ryan Hart (16:07), Lake Braddock's Alex Corbett (16:07) and T.C. Williams' Anteneh Girma (16:08).

Chantilly finished first as a team with a score of 57. Along with McGorty, Malander and Sakallah, Ryan McGorty finished 16th (16:09) and Logan Miller was 29th (16:28).

Battlefield finished second (122) and Robinson placed third (134). Westfield finished fifth (232) and Centreville was 13th (408). Westfield's Max Chambers (16:13) finished 17th and Centreville's Bobby Dunn was 34th (16:40).

In girls' action, Chantilly's Alex Cowne placed fourth with a time of 18:04, helping the Chargers to a fifth-place team finish. Chantilly's Patricia Cason finished 16th (19:29), Nora Raheer was 26th (20:07), Hannah Lull finished 47th (20:39) and Samantha Lull was 67th (21:07).

Lake Braddock won the team title with a score of 83, followed by Battlefield (108)

and Madison (120). Centreville finished 12th (291) and Westfield was 14th (363). Centreville's Rebecca Vinter finished 18th (19:46) and Westfield's Jenny Chau was 55th (20:49).

Lake Braddock senior Sophie Chase, ranked in the milesplit.com national top 10, pulled out of the race around the halfway point with lower-body discomfort. Lake Braddock coach Michael Mangan said it was his choice for Chase to withdraw from the race and said "it's not a big deal."

"I'm a bad coach if I let her keep going," Mangan said. "Had she not listened to me, I'm not very fast anymore, but I probably could have summoned 25 [or] 30 meters of a sprint and I would have hooked her."

An emotional Chase was disappointed she wasn't able to finish.

"I'm not really injured, I just was not feeling good at all," Chase said. "The top part of my [right] hip was really, really hurting

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Westfield receiver Devon Burns hauls in one of three touchdown receptions on the day against T.C. Williams on Sept. 8.



Westfield defensive back James Gibson wraps up T.C. Williams quarterback Alec Grosser on Sept. 8.

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Burns' 3 TDs Propel Westfield to Lopsided Victory

Six Bulldogs score at least one touchdown against TC.

BY JON ROETMAN
GAZETTE PACKET

The T.C. Williams football team had weathered the storm — both literally and figuratively — against Westfield on Sept. 8 and forced the Bulldogs into a fourth-and-10 on the TC 26-yard line with less than five minutes remaining in the first half.

After TC fell behind, 14-0, and both teams endured a nearly hour-long weather delay, the Titans responded by forcing a turnover and scoring a touchdown, and now TC had a chance to get the ball back once again. But while the Titans showed resiliency to get to this point, the result was one of many missed opportunities for a TC team trying to prove it could play with the big boys.

Westfield quarterback Chris Mullins pitched the ball left to running back Dalaun Richardson, who raced 26 yards into the end zone for the first of three consecutive Bulldog touchdowns as Westfield throttled the Titans, 55-28, at T.C. Williams High School.

Westfield led, 14-0, early in the second quarter when both teams were forced to leave the field and head to their locker rooms due to a severe storm warning in the Alexandria area. When the teams returned to the field after nearly an hour, the scoreboard at Parker-Gray Stadium had lost power, but that didn't stop Westfield from piling up the points. Six different Bulldogs reached the end zone at least once, led by Devon Burns' three-touchdown performance.

"I don't know how many games you give up 55 points and expect to win," TC head coach Dennis Randolph said. "... I thought we needed 21 points to win this game. It turned out we needed more."

Burns, a transfer from Freedom High



Westfield quarterback Chris Mullins throws while being pressured by T.C. Williams' Malik Carney on Sept. 8.

School, caught five passes for 117 yards and three touchdowns. His second score might have had the biggest impact, helping bury a Titans team that moments earlier was hanging with a Westfield team ranked No. 11 in the Washington Post's top 20.

With 20 seconds remaining in the first half and Westfield out of timeouts, Burns ran a "go" route down the field and beat single coverage before hauling in a 20-yard touchdown pass from Mullins, giving the Bulldogs a 28-7 advantage before halftime.

"They didn't have a safety over top so it was just one on one," Burns said. "I beat him down the field [and] the ball was thrown perfectly by Chris ..."

Westfield head coach Kyle Simmons has been pleased with Burns' impact.

"Devon's a transfer to us and we were looking for somebody that could give us a deep threat, so it's like somebody wrapped a present and sent it to us," he said. "He's a great kid, he works real hard, he keeps his mouth shut, he's all about being coachable

Moss. Westfield would regain momentum on its following drive, however, and start to pull away.

Grosser completed 11 of 27 passes for 178 yards and three touchdowns. He was intercepted once. Moss caught three passes for 37 yards and two touchdowns, and Julius Cooper had two receptions for 77 yards, including a 73-yard touchdown.

Running back Dealo Robertson carried 22 times for 112 yards and a score.

"They didn't defeat us," Robertson said, "we defeated ourselves today."

Kevin Perry and Ed Kargbo each had 13 tackles for the Titans.

Westfield continued rolling after defeating South Lakes, 51-13, in its season opener on Aug. 30. TC defeated Wakefield, 73-0, in its Aug. 30 opener but received a reality check against Westfield. Moss said the Titans weren't shocked by facing one of the top teams in the region one week after beating a Wakefield team that hasn't had a winning season since 1983.

"We knew that it was going to be a completely different game and different environment," Moss said. "We just didn't show up ..."

Westfield will travel to face Lake Braddock at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 14. TC will travel to face Robinson.

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— Westfield head football coach Kyle Simmons

SPORTS

McGorty Wins Invitational

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... so coming up that hill I really had an option whether to try to gut it through and possibly ... irritate my legs more [or] stop. It was definitely a really difficult thing to decide because I'm a fighter and I want to do well, but at the end, I have a really long season and I just have to stay focused for the long run."

Despite Chase's early exit from the race, Lake Braddock captured the girls' team championship, thanks in part to Hannah Christen winning the individual title. Christen, ranked in the milesplit.com national top 15, finished with a time of 17:40. She battled West Springfield's Caroline Alcorta, who placed second at 17:46.

"It felt really good," Christen said of winning the individual title, "especially because I had to fight for it at the end, which made it seem more worthwhile."

After Christen and Alcorta,

Robinson's Macey Schweikert (18:04) was third, Chantilly's Cowne (18:04) was fourth and Edison's Jennifer Flack (18:08) was fifth. Robinson's Lauren Berman (18:17) finished sixth, followed by Lee's Bailey Kolonich (18:18), Battlefield's Nicole Carter (18:40), West Springfield's Maddie Wittich (18:40), West Potomac's Katie Genuario (18:41),

Bishop O'Connell's Devin Nihill (18:48), Lake Braddock's Katie Roche (18:49), Madison's Amanda Swaak (19:07) and Anna Stone (19:14) and Battlefield's Becca Howe (19:24).

Multiple harriers needed medical attention due to the warm temperature.

"It was really, really hot," Wittich said. "It was brutal."



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Alex Cowne led the Chantilly girls' cross country team to a fifth-place finish at the Monroe Parker Invitational on Sept. 8 at Burke Lake Park.

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Kid Fest

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Baja Fresh and the town's restaurants. "Wrist tags will allow people to exit and re-entry to the park so they may patronize the town businesses and restaurants, such as the Clifton Café, Peterson's Ice Cream Depot and the Main Street Pub," said VanBlaricom.

Clifton's Fire Station 16 will bring a fire engine and do a demonstration, as will a local police officer with a cruiser. A face painter will be there, too; and, possibly, a person making balloon animals. Sponsoring the whole event is the Clifton Betterment Association.

"We'll also have a special guest, Cindy Borer, a much-loved Clifton Elementary third- and fourth-grade teacher who taught for over 25 years and retired several years ago," said VanBlaricom. "She'll visit with the kids and will be autographing Clifton Elementary T-shirts." The shirts will be adorned with artwork by local artist Palmer Smith and will be given away free while supplies last.

"It's a special, old-town, community gathering put on by 12-15 volunteers, with help from Girl Scout Troop 819," said VanBlaricom. "The focus is just on plain, old-fashioned fun. Kids can run around, see their friends and have a good time."

Attendees will also be able to give a bear a good home. Throughout the day, donations of new or gently used teddy bears and other stuffed animals will be accepted for the charity, The Teddy Bear Brigade, for children who are victims of war, poverty and natural disasters.

It's a component of the nonprofit organization, Gleaning for the World, which distributes food and medical supplies to people in need throughout the world. VanBlaricom is a member of it and, he said, "It donated approximately \$500 million worth of supplies last year, both internationally and domestically."

In the U.S., the donations go to areas hit by natural disasters. And since 2001, it's distributed an estimated 300,000 stuffed animals. Last year, Forbes Magazine named GFTW the most-efficient charity in America. For more information, see www.GFTW.org.

SCHOOL NOTES

The following is a list of events for **Chantilly High School Homecoming Week**:

- ❖ Tuesday, Sept. 18, Powder Puff Football Game, 7 p.m.
- ❖ Friday, Sept. 21, Pep Rally, 1 p.m.; Homecoming Parade, 4 p.m.; Taste of Chantilly, 5 p.m.; Homecoming Football Game vs. West Springfield, 7:30 p.m.
- ❖ Saturday, Sept. 22, Homecoming Dance, 8 - 11:30 p.m. \$20

The following students are semifinalists in the 58th annual National Merit Scholarship Program: Chantilly High School's **Revanth Kolli** and **Angela Shen**, and Westfield High School's **Jacqueline Bae**, **Hezhi Lu**, **Jessica G Preston** and **Srujana Yadlapalli**.

MILITARY NOTES

Marine Corps Pvt. **Kevyn M. Beacom**, son of Linda C. Beacom of Chantilly, and Thomas J. Beacom, of Chantilly, recently completed 12 weeks of basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, S.C.

Trip Without a Fall



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

Recently, for the first time in nearly two years, I took a trip without having my car. Significant to me in that not "having my car" meant not being able to transport/have all my cancer things. And by "things" I mean all the not-prescribed-by-my-oncologist supplements I have assimilated into my treatment regimen. "Things" that are not particularly well-suited or even allowed on an airplane; impractical, but allowed on most other public conveyances, however. Specifically, I refer to gallon containers of my alkaline water (100 oz. per day), pureed asparagus which I refrigerate and "tablespoon" eight portions of a day, organic apple cider (32 oz. bottle) from which I mix a tablespoon in with my alkaline water twice a day, Green Tea extract - another liquid from which I "drop" 4 mL per day, and baking soda (I don't want to bring white powder onto a plane) which I mix with my alkaline water once a day, typically washing down my 10 raw almonds and pancreatic enzyme pill. All part of a routine I have maintained rather assiduously ever since I was diagnosed with stage IV non-small cell lung cancer back in late February, 2009.

Given the fact that I am alive and still writing three and a half years after receiving a "13-month to two-year prognosis," it is a routine which presumably has contributed something (along with the standard "lines" of chemotherapy with which I have been infused and now on to an oral medication) to my amazing survivability (median life expectancy for my type of cancer is eight months; 10 percent survive beyond 5 years). And so, any time the opportunity or even suggestion has been made for me to travel away from home, where the logistics of getting to and from would have prevented me from being able to have my cancer "things," it has been met with very little enthusiasm - by yours truly. I don't know which I've feared the most: starting chemotherapy in early March 2009 or stopping any of the routine I described in the previous paragraph, a routine I truly believe has contributed positively to my overall health. (And there will be no backsliding, either. Perhaps a few modifications. I do remain open to suggestions.)

Nevertheless, a unique set of circumstances presented themselves in July (an invite, actually) and so I decided to fly with my wife, Dina, to Bozeman, Mt. to spend a weekend with a family - the Knights (former teachers from her high school, along with their three sons,) and a close friend, Jeff (from Pensacola, Fl. who was traveling with his wife, Sherril), all of whom (save for Sherril) have been major influences in Dina's life, but due to time and distance had rarely been seen over the years. I certainly didn't anticipate dying on the trip simply because I wouldn't be able to drink my normal 100 oz. of alkaline water, with or without all my magic ingredients. However, breaking my routine does give me pause.

And this was the first 'pause' in a long time. And I was anxious, and afraid. But no, I wasn't second-guessing myself. However, I was looking forward to returning home afterward and resuming my drinking (you know what I mean). But given what the reunion (of sorts) meant to Dina, and knowing - from previous first-hand experience, the quality of the individuals involved, we bought the tickets and away we went.

To say that the trip exceeded my expectations would be disparaging to any and all "expectations." I had a great time. My wife, Dina, had a great time. And most importantly, Kenny-with-cancer (one of my handles, unfortunately) had a great time, one I will remember for years to come. The Knights were beyond gracious and hospitable. Jeff, Dina's friend from high school and his wife were super cool. Montana was magnificent and my routine wasn't so routine. I survived just fine. I suppose now I'll have to live with the consequences of my actions. In fact, I'm counting on it.

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Willow Springs Parents Describe Transportation Troubles

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Lauren Mollerup, VDOT's transportation and land-use director for Fairfax County, was also at the meeting with VDOT traffic engineer Randy Dittberner. School parent Jenny Rudo told them that VDOT should also study the traffic volumes in the nearby neighborhoods.

"Traffic is so bad that parents like me park in the neighborhoods and walk to the school to get their children," said Rudo. Agreeing, a father said he uses a different path than she does and wanted VDOT to know about it.

Schultz suggested the parents keep records of how often and at what times they do these things, and also take photos of their routes. Still another dad said that, recently, "Some 55 to 65 cars" went down another neighborhood street to both drop off and pick up their children "because they can't get to the kiss-and-ride. So this street has turned into a de-facto kiss-and-ride." And a mom suggested VDOT talk to bus drivers about how long it takes to get the children home after school and following after-school activities.

Herrity said some relief will also come in another way because FCPS "has agreed to pay for a right-turn lane" so there can be a continuous traffic flow out of the school. And Dittberner said VDOT would support



Del. Tim Hugo (R-40)

it. Rudo asked the VDOT representatives for a timeline. "How long does the study take?" she asked. "And when can we expect to see a traffic light?"

"We want to finish the study by mid-October," said Dittberner. "Then we'd turn over the reins to the school system to design the light, decide where to put the pole and integrate the right-turn lane into the project. But generally, from warrants to finish, we can put in a typical traffic signal in nine to 12 months."

"That's why we wanted the Wink-o-matic back in, and that's why I put together this

meeting," said Hugo. "You've got Senate and House leadership, a county supervisor, a School Board member, Democrats, Republicans, VDOT and about 50 parents here. You've got all the sled dogs pulling in the right direction."

However, advised Mollerup, "The turn lane has to be designed, too, so you're probably looking at a year - potentially, next summer. It could involve right-of-way acquisition and utility relocation."

Meanwhile, Dittberner said VDOT would set up a video camera from 6 a.m.-6 p.m. at the school entrance for the traffic study. But mom Wendy Everard said it should run until 8 p.m. because of "soccer practice, Wednesday night chess club and other after-school activities." Basically, added another mom, "We have three soccer fields, two baseball fields and one exit."

Hugo said all the parents' comments were helpful because they detailed "the magnitude of the problem." Mollerup then told them that VDOT already put "school" markings on Braddock and will erect yellow "school" signs in both directions.

Rudo asked if a police officer could help the buses leave after school, but Culin replied that, "With budget cuts, there's not the staff to do it."

A parent who lives east of the school, off Pheasant Ridge Road, said her children are on the bus about 40 minutes each way. So



VDOT traffic engineer Randy Dittberner

she asked the bus routes be examined so drivers could reach her neighborhood and others more directly. "The kids would be on the bus less and home sooner," she said.

Agreeing, PTA treasurer Christine McDonald added, "We have kindergartners sitting on that bus for 45 minutes - and we live two miles away." Herrity said that's one reason FCPS wanted to fund the traffic light, "because of the cost of the buses."

School Principal Liz Rhein then thanked everyone for attending the meeting, saying, "I can sleep better tonight, knowing we're moving forward with this."

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