Dancing with wreaths in Encore’s Christmas show are (from left) Jessy Dawson, Jenna Frisby and Claire Griese.
First Place

The Westfield High School Marching Bulldogs won first place at the US Bands Mid-Atlantic Regional Championship held at the University of Maryland on Nov. 5. Westfield was one of 27 bands from Virginia, Maryland, Pennsylvania, and New Jersey competing for this honor. Westfield earned first place in Class VI Open and advanced to the finals where they achieved first place overall. In addition, Westfield won caption awards for Best Visual and Best Overall Effect. The Westfield Band is under the direction of Mr. Alan P. Johnson and Drum Majors Ken Masaki, Alice Kim, and Scarlett Sullivan.

BUSINESS NOTES

Eye Street Optical is celebrating its 30th anniversary of serving Chantilly and Centreville. Located at 3910 Centreville Road, Chantilly, it is a full service optical center and a member of The Opticians Association of America, The Guild or Prescription Opticians, Opticians Association of Virginia, American Board of Opticians, and National Association of Opticians. Visit EyeStreetOptical.com.

Susan Caudle, director of public relations for Equinox Investments, LLC, a Northern Virginia-based real estate investment, development, and management company, has been elected 2016 president of Commercial Real Estate Women Northern Virginia, an advocate for the advancement of women in commercial real estate. CREW NoVA will seat six newly elected board members to the following positions: President-Elect, Megan Pawlowski, JLL; Treasurer, Ruth Fields with Christopher Consultants, LLC; Director of Membership, Erica Bazow with ADI Construction; Director of Sponsorship, Lauren Kulis with Wells Fargo; Director of Community Action, Stacey Juran with Apex Companies, LLC; and Director of Professional Development, Jay Pruett with JLL. Members and officers continuing their service on the CREW Northern Virginia Board of Directors are: Immediate Past President, Erin McLaughlin with Dewberry; Secretary, Anna-Lisa Brown of Balfour Beatty Construction; Director of Communications, Miriam Brodie of Kimley-Horn; and Director of Programs, Lisa Bryda with WSP Parsons Brinckerhoff.

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Help with Toys for Tots

The Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department is participating in this year’s Annual National Capital Region Fire and EMS Departments’ 2016 Toys for Tots Campaign. The intent of the campaign is to “bring holiday joy and deliver a message of hope to children.”

Last year, thanks to the generosity of those who live and work in Fairfax County, the Fire and Rescue Department collected more than 13,000 toys.

Children who are served by this campaign include toddlers and youths through age 17. The campaign will only accept new unwrapped toys and they can be dropped off at any of fire and rescue station. Toys used as weapons or considered to be weapons (i.e., toy guns or knives of any kind) will not be accepted.

Checks or money orders for donations must be made payable to Toys for Tots. Fairfax County Fire and Rescue stations will accept donations through Friday, Dec. 16.

Learn about Substance Abuse

Unified Prevention Coalition (UPC) of Fairfax County will present its “Protect Against Substance Abuse” forum at 7 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 5 at the Fairfax County Public Schools Gatehouse Administration Center, First Floor Cafe, 8115 Gatehouse Road, Falls Church. A resource fair with community organizations will be held from 6:30 to 7 p.m. Free parking is in the bottom of the garage. Parents/guardians and their middle school and high school students are invited and encouraged to attend together.

The event is free, but register at https://www.eventbrite.com/e/protect-against-substance-abuse-tickets-29418546665.

This is an opportunity to hear the personal stories of parents, young adults and professionals about the dangers of substance abuse, the signs and symptoms of teenage drug abuse, preventive actions parents can take, and supportive resources.

Joint Meeting on Land Use

The next Sully District Joint Sully District Council of Citizens Associations and West Fairfax County Citizens Association Land Use and Transportation Committee is Tuesday, Dec. 6.

One of the topics will be riding and boarding stable on Bull Run Post Office Road. All meetings start at 7 p.m. at the Sully District Governmental Center, 4900 Stonecroft Boulevard, Chantilly.

Free Carseat Inspections

Certified technicians from the Sully District Police Station will perform free, child safety carseat inspections Thursday, Dec. 8, from 5:30 to 9 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.

Because of time constraints, only the first 35 vehicles arriving on each day 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.

Food Donations for WFCM

Western Fairfax Christian Ministries’ food pantry needs donations of 1-2 pound bags of rice; fruit juice; jelly; red, white or black beans (canned or bagged); canned vegetables (no green beans of corn needed); macaroni and cheese; can pasta; pasta sauce; and pasta (spaghetti, rotini, elbow, etc.).

Toiletries needed, which WFCM clients cannot purchase with food stamps, include diapers, toothpaste, shampoo and solid deodorant.

Bring all items to WFCM’s food pantry’s new location at 4511 Daly Dr. Suite J, Chantilly from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Mondays through Fridays.

Contact Terri Kelly at skelly@wfcmva.org if willing to coordinate a food drive.

Getting into the Holiday Spirit

Encore’s song-and-dance extravaganza, “Christmas Undercover,” takes the stage.

By Bonnie Hobbs

Just the thing to put people into the holiday spirit is “Christmas Undercover.” Encore Theatrical Arts Project’s song-and-dance extravaganza bursts upon the stage Dec. 9-18 at NOVA’s Annandale campus.

“It’s a really cute plot with a detective feel to it, plus Santa Claus,” said Director Raynor van der Merwe. "There’s a strong storyline that sets up beautiful vocal and dance numbers that further tell the story. It’s a very entertaining show for the whole family. For two hours, the youngest to the oldest will be transported to a different world.”

In New York City, Northern Postal Service workers are actually undercover elves. While delivering packages throughout the city, they check on all the children and scan them to measure their level of Christ.

See Getting into Holiday.
Getting into Holiday Spirit with Encore

Tisschler. “And people will especially like all the dance numbers.”

Chantilly High senior Claire Griese portrays Cookie, an undercover elf who “couldn’t keep a job if her life depended on it,” said Tisschler. “But she also keeps quitting jobs because she thinks her co-workers might be on to her. She’s very anxious, but also super peppy and what you’d imagine an elf to be like — happy, kid-like and friendly.”

Griese’s having a good time playing her character because she’s so witty, so I really enjoy playing her,” continued Frisby. “And I like my personality, so she’s easy to play,” said Griese. “She’s different than the typical elf character because she’s so witty, so I really enjoy playing her;” continued Frisby. “And I like being the leader; it’s fun bossing the other elves around.”

“Her favorite number is “The Most Wonderful Time of the Year” because it’s like a waltz and she gets to show her ballet technique — “which is one of my strengths,” said

To Go

Show times are:

Friday, Dec. 9, at 7:30 p.m.;
Saturday, Dec. 10, at noon, 3:30 and 7:30 p.m.;
Sunday, Dec. 11, at noon and 3:30 p.m.;
Friday, Dec. 16, at 7:30 p.m.;
Saturday, Dec. 17, at noon, 3:30 and 7:30 p.m.;
Sunday, Dec. 18, at noon and 3:30 p.m.

Performances are in NOVA’s Richard Ernst Theater, 8333 Little River Turnpike, Annandale. Tickets are $19-26 at the box office or via www.Encore-tap.org. For more information, call 703-222-5511.

Frisby. “And the costumes are pretty and flowy. I wear a red-mesh, halter dress that flares out when I turn, and the other elves are in long gowns.”

She said the audience will enjoy seeing “the journey these elves go on. There are a lot of funny moments, and the audience will recognize the traditional Christmas songs.”

Playing Holly, an undercover elf in New York, is Centreville High senior Jenna Frisby. “She’s the leader of the group; she’s more mature and sarcastic and tries to keep order,” said Frisby. “She’s very take-charge and tries to solve problems and help the other elves get out of tricky situations. They’re optimistic, but she’s more realistic.”

“He’s different than the typical elf character because she’s so witty, so I really enjoy playing her.”

Overall, she said audience members “will like seeing how everything works out in the end, and the happiness and the switch in characters, this show has constant action and will surprise the audience. There’s always something interesting happening onstage, and we have a great set and script. I’m excited, and I hope people will laugh — it’s definitely a funny show.”

Portraying Noel is 11-year-old Ella Abramovich. Describing Noel as “energetic, talkative, happy and joyful,” Ella said her character is upbeat and smiley all the time. “She’s like my personality, so she’s easy to play,” she said. And Ella especially likes the song. “He’s Got a List,” because “It’s all about children giving their letters to Santa, and everybody’s singing and happy.”

How To Help Our Neighbor’s Child

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Now in its 25th year, the nonprofit Our Neighbor’s Child (ONC) provides financially struggling, local families with new toys and clothes for the holidays. Children under 12 also receive brand-new books, and every family gets two dozen, home-baked cookies made by the local high schools. This year, ONC is helping some 800 families and really needs the community to lend a hand toward the effort. Here’s how:

❖ On Saturday, Dec. 3, from 9-11 a.m., Stone Middle School’s National Junior Honor Society will hold a Panther Drop-Off gift collection. People may drop off donations of brand-new toys, books, games and clothing at the school, 5500 Sully Park Drive in Centreville. Also needed are board games for ages 12 and up; blankets; gifts for teens, such as cologne, makeup, jewelry and gift cards. Donations should be unwrapped.

❖ On last year’s packaging day, Mary Swick (left) and Alexandra Younger check that each family’s gift package contains the correct items.

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News

Cheering Girls on the Run

Girls from three Chantilly schools completed the Girls on the Run 5K presented by Cigna on Saturday, Nov. 19. The 5K is the culminating event for girls who have spent the fall season participating in a curriculum which integrates running to help increase confidence, create positive connections with peers and coaches, and help students connect with their communities. Girls on the Run teams from Brookfield, Poplar Tree, and St. Veronica Elementary Schools completed the 5K at Pfitzner Stadium in Woodbridge along with more than 2,100 other Girls on the Run participants, coaches, and family members.

Business Notes

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CACI International, Inc. has extended the company’s lease for 220,551 square-foot at Commonwealth Centre in Chantilly. CACI provides information solutions and services in support of national security missions and government transformation for Intelligence, Defense, and Federal Civilian customers, and occupies 100 percent of the 14370 Newbrook Drive building and 37 percent of the 14360 Newbrook Drive building within Commonwealth Centre, a 100-acre mixed-use campus within Westfield, a cybersecurity hub anchored by several large government agencies including the National Reconnaissance Organization.

Roy Bricker, most recently a senior vice president of product and operations at Vantiv, joins Direct Connect of Chantilly as COO and CIO.

Brock Robertson, most recently CMO and board member at Element Payment Services, will now serve as Direct Connect’s Chief Marketing Officer for Integrated Payments.

VTA Valet, in partnership with Virginia Tire & Auto, has launched an on-demand auto repair platform. VTA Valet eliminates the need for customers to visit an auto repair shop by offering on-demand car pick up and drop off anywhere in the Northern Virginia area, a complimentary loaner vehicle, as well as an online booking process with real time tracking and status updates. See www.vtavalet.com.

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Sharon Bulova
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One of Fairfax County’s greatest assets is our diversity. We are aware and will continue to be a county that exemplifies values of respect and acceptance, where we welcome and celebrate one another’s differences and cultural backgrounds. Our diversity makes our community strong and vibrant, and I am proud of what every resident has to offer.

Immigration is a federal matter. Fairfax County partners with federal authorities on immigration issues when required. The Fairfax County Sheriff’s Office piloted the Secure Communities program under a partnership with U.S. Immigration Customs Enforcement (ICE) in 2009, and has continued this partnership through the Priority Enforcement Program, where individuals who commit serious crimes and are in this country illegally are turned over to the Department of Homeland Security for deportation. Just being here without documentation is not considered a serious crime by DHS.

Fairfax County fully complies with federal and state laws requiring the county to ensure that people benefitting from public services are here legally. These federal and state laws are very clear about benefits that can only be provided to residents who are in this country legally. Such benefits include voting in elections, welfare, food stamps, and affordable housing. Many nonprofit and faith-based charitable organizations do serve Fairfax County residents who are in need regardless of their immigration status.

Lastly, Fairfax County complies with the federally mandated requirement that we educate all children, despite immigration status. The United States Supreme Court ruled in Plyler v. Doe (1982) that the Equal Protection clause of the 14th Amendment prohibits denying a free public education to immigrant children based on their or their parents’ legal status. Our local police officers work hard every day to keep our residents safe and build trust with the community. We believe in community policing where residents are not afraid to call law enforcement if their safety is at risk or to report information critical to resolving an investigation. We do not ask, nor do we have the resources for, our police officers to become immigration officials. Any immigration efforts on the local level above and beyond our current partnership with ICE could compete with police officers’ responsibility for community policing and law enforcement.

Additional immigration efforts would also compete with fiscal resources against other county programs. While we always support maintaining safe communities, we will also not risk our core values of respect for all people and community policing.

Fairfax County has spent the past two years developing and implementing very thoughtful recommendations of the Ad Hoc Police Practices Review Commission to increase police transparency, modify use of force policies, and improve communication between our police department and the residents they serve. The Fairfax County Communities of Trust Committee has also been hard at work for two years through the Priority Enforcement Program, engaging community dialogue and building relationships between public safety and residents. Be assured, I will be vigilant to any future policy changes that could negatively affect our community and all the progress we have made. Our diversity makes our community great. We will continue to be a community that is inclusive and respectful to all people, because that is the lifeblood of Fairfax County.

Facing Addiction, Tools in Fairfax County

The following information was provided by the Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board.

The Surgeon General released the first-ever report on Facing Addiction in America on Thursday, Nov. 17. Among key findings in the comprehensive report are treatments and management of early interventions of substance use disorders, the many paths to wellness and recovery, and a vision for the future, which encompasses a broad, inclusive public health approach.

The Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board reported a 9 percent increase in the number of individuals served with a history of heroin use from FY 2014 to FY 2015.

Through the first half of 2016, the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department assisted 40 patients with suspected heroin or opiate overdoses.

There were 18 deaths from heroin overdoses in Fairfax County in 2015. Approximately 23.5 million Americans are in recovery from addiction. While addictions are common, many who become addicted are unaware of the treatment and supports that can help them recover.

In our community, the Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board (CSB) can help. A new, anonymous online screening tool is now available on the CSB’s website. For help on where to find resources, talk to someone at the CSB at 703-383-8500 or visit the Merrifield center for a screening. Walk-in hours are Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Merrifield Center is located at 8221 Willow Oaks Corporate Drive, Fairfax, just off Arlington Boulevard at the corner of Willow Oaks and Williams Drive.

The national opioid and heroin overdose crisis has captured the attention of residents and leaders across the country. Addiction is a medical condition and overcoming the powerful drive to use substances is difficult; support from family, friends and colleagues can help loved ones get started on the path to recovery. In conjunction with the release of the new report, behavioral health advocates urge all to observe a national night of conversation to engage in discussions about addiction and substance use disorders with those you love.

CSB clinicians and therapists urge parents, family members and caregivers to talk children about alcohol and drug use.

Oftentimes, parents have more influence over their children’s behavior, including substance use, than they think.

Talking to your children about alcohol and drug use is not always easy, but it is important. Become informed, from reliable sources, about substances to which your children could be exposed, and about substance use disorders, and talk openly with your children about the risks.

Some tips to keep in mind, from the National Council for Behavioral Health and the CSB: Be a good listener; set clear expectations about alcohol and drug use, including real consequences for not following family rules; help your child deal with peer pressure; get to know your child’s friends and their parents; talk to your child early and often; and show support toward people in recovery. Extend kindness to people with substance use disorders and encourage treatment. Be supportive, not judgmental, of those that have problems.

Additionally, all are encouraged and welcome to attend upcoming, free community forums with a focus on drugs, addiction and personal stories of recovery and healing. CSB personnel and resources will be on hand.

“We will continue to be a community that is inclusive and respectful to all people,” said Chairwoman Sharon Bulova. "Our diversity makes our community great.”
Murphy Is Officer of the Month

PFC Brendan Murphy has been selected as an Officer of the Month for the Sully District Police Station. He was honored at a recent meeting of the station’s Citizens Advisory Committee.

“PFC Murphy takes the role of community policing seriously,” wrote Lt. Brian Calfee, who nominated Murphy for the award. “He willingly assists the crime prevention officer when called upon to do so, and he was active in the National Night Out activities throughout the Sully District.

Calfee noted that Murphy was recognized for his participation as a member of the Supplemental Public Affairs Bureau when he conducted a live “tweet along” on Aug. 12. “The event was greeted with much support and brought a much more personal view to the world of policing,” he said.

In addition, Murphy has taken on the initiative of being squad training coordinator for the Mid “B” squad. Almost weekly, he re-searches a topic and then presents it to the squad, using videos and handouts. “The training ranges from officer-involved shootings to physical fitness for law enforcement officers,” wrote Calfee. “Murphy also tracks the training the squad receives from other entities. He actively seeks training throughout Virginia and then brings what he learns back to the squad.”

Murphy furthermore has volunteered to be a field training instructor, participate in an upcoming Breath School and become a new adjunct trainer for the new report-writing system. All in all, wrote Calfee, “PFC Brendan Murphy is a dedicated and reliable employee and most deserving of this recognition.”

— Bonnie Hobbs

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**ROTARY CLUB**

Chantilly/Centreville Rotary Club, 11-45 a.m., 12-4 p.m., every Tuesday at Eggplant Restaurant, 5009 Westone Plaza, Chantilly. Join the men and women of the Rotary Club for their weekly luncheon meeting and meal. Rotary is a service club actively involved in the community. Email ChantillyRotaryInsurance.com to join the group as their guest.

**FRIDAY/DEC. 2**

Registration Open House, 9:30-11:30 a.m. at Clifton Children’s Academy, 14315 Compton Road, Centreville. Bring your child and come take a tour of the campus. Clifton Children’s Academy will be holding registration for spring and fall 2017 Call 703-968-8455 for more.

**SATURDAY/DEC. 3**

St. Andrew Lutheran Church Craft Fair & Bazaar Crafters needed. Bazaar will be at St. Andrew, 14640 Soozy Place. For more information on how to participate, call 703-830-2768 or go to www.saintandrewlwc.org.

**THURSDAY/DEC. 8**

Registration Open House, 9:30-11:30 a.m. at Clifton Children’s Academy, 14315 Compton Road, Centreville. Bring your child and come take a tour of the campus. Clifton Children’s Academy will be holding registration for spring and fall 2017 Call 703-968-8455 for more.

**THROUGH DEC. 9**

Sheehy Cares Toy Collection. At Sheehy Infiniti of Chantilly, 4145 Auto Park Circle, Chantilly. Collection of new, unwrapped toys as part of the company’s annual Sheehy Cares Toy Collection to benefit the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Program.

**THURSDAY/DEC. 18**

County’s Draft Chesapeake Bay TMDL Action Plan Presentation. 6-8 p.m. at Conference Rooms 2-3, Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center Pkwy. Fairfax County has developed Draft Action Plans for the Chesapeake Bay, Sediment, Polychlorinated Biphenyl, and Bacteria Total Maximum Daily Loads that have assigned wasteload allocations to the county’s Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System.

**ELECTRONICS RECYCLING**

Residents Can “E-cycle” at the I-66 transfer station. It is free but residents may be asked to show proof of residency. Personal waste only. The I-66 station is located at 4618 West Ox Road, Fairfax and open from 8 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday-Saturday and from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. on Sundays. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/opwes/recycling/electric-sunday.htm for more.

**DONATIONS**

The Student Auto Sales Program operating from Centreville High School works in conjunction with the CVHS automotive technology classes to bring in donated automobiles, boats and motorcycles for students to work on. Some refurbished vehicles are sold with 75 percent of the proceeds going back to the auto tech program. The program is in need of cars, trucks or motorcycles, which are fully tax deductible, for student training. Contact Lyman Rose at 703-492-5586 or by e-mail lyman.rose@fcps.edu for more.

**Cell Phones for Soldiers** is accepting donations of old cellphones so that troops can call home. Patrons may drop off donations at 14215E Centreville Square, Centreville.

**SUPPORT GROUP**

Support Groups. Jubilee Christian Center of Fairfax is having its “Living Free” support groups for the spring on Wednesdays, 7:15 p.m. The support groups are free, and will cover “Stepping into Freedom,” “Concerned Persons Group” (for family and friends of addicts), “The Image of God in You,” and “Handling Loss and Grief.” There are also support groups on Sundays, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at Jubilee Christian Center, Fairfax. For information or to register, call 703-383-1170, email livinfre@jccag.org or see www.jccag.org.

**Telephone Support Group for Family Caregivers of Older Adults.** 7 p.m. every second Tuesday of the month. This telephone support group is designed to help caregivers of older adults share experiences, gain support and get important information without having to travel. These are one-hour free sessions. Find more and register at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/fs/senioradultservices/
On Saturday, Nov. 26 the Westfield Bulldogs (10-2) traveled to Norman F. Bradford Stadium to face the Madison Warhawks (11-1) in the quarterfinals of the 6A North playoffs. Westfield advanced to the game after wins over W.T. Woodson and South County, while Madison defeated Washington-Lee and West Potomac.

After an 83-yard run by Landan Thomas put Madison in the red zone, Warhawk QB Jacob Choutka opened scoring with a 1-yard run with 7:46 left in the 1st quarter. After a David Louden point after, Madison was up 7-0.

On the ensuing kickoff, Westfield's Sean Eckert took the kick from the Westfield 18 and blasted by the special teams of Madison for an 82-yard score. Following a Brian Delaney extra point, the score was knotted up at 7, with 7:34 to play in the opening quarter. Later in the 1st quarter Westfield QB Rehman Johnson connected with Matt Cirillo for a 9-yard TD. Delaney again was successful on the point after and Westfield took the lead 14-7.

In the 2nd quarter Madison continued to battle as they had all season. Landan Thomas ran in from 9 yards out to pull Madison within one, 14-13. Madison would have the extra point blocked by Westfield's Eric Schweiger.

In the 3rd quarter after both teams were unsuccessful with their first possession of the second half, Madison QB Choutka would

Westfield Advances to Regional Final

By Will Palenscar

Saadiq Hinton #24 intercepts Madison QB Jacob Choutka and returns it for a 55-yard TD.

Nathaniel Chung #26 carried the ball 10 times for 44 yards.

Westfield's Israel McClain #28 tries to bring down Madison's Landan Thomas #9.

The Westfield Bulldogs advanced to the 6A North Region finals after a victory over Madison 31-13.
Crafters Needed

SATURDAY/DEC. 3

Centreville Library Holiday Used Book Sale. At the Centreville Regional Library, 14220 St. Germain Drive, Centreville. Thursday, Dec. 1, 9-9 p.m.; Friday, Dec. 2, 10 a.m.- 6 p.m.; and Saturday, Dec. 3, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. 703-830-2223, www.friendsofcentrevillelibrary.blogspot.com.

SATURDAY/DEC. 3
Crafters Needed. St. Andrew Lutheran Church, 14640 Soucy Place. www.ConnectionNewspapers.com

Holiday Calendar

UNTIL DEC. 31

Holiday Giving Projects. The Democratic Women of Clifton and Northern Virginia (DWCNV) kicked off its annual Holiday Giving Projects Meeting and chose two organizations to be the recipients of donations: Britepaths (britepaths.org) and Fairfax Firefighters and Friends to the Rescue (www.firefriendsof2horsescuse.org). The public is invited to donate to these two causes and all donations are tax deductible. Donations to Britepaths, a local nonprofit organization that provides assistance to Northern Virginia families experiencing financial hardship, will be distributed in the families in January. Grocery store gift cards of any denomination as well as checks for the organization to purchase cards, should be made out to Britepaths and sent to: DWCNV, P. O. Box 143, Clifton, VA 20124. Donations will be accepted until Dec. 31, 2016 for January delivery. thelyn99@gmail.com

THURSDAY-SATURDAY/DEC. 1-3
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$40 entrée fee. Registration at www.saintandrewlwc.org, standrewcrafts@gmail.com or 703-830-2769.

Our Neighbor’s Child Gift Drive. 9-11 a.m. at Stone Middle School, 5500 Sully Park Drive, Centreville. The National Junior Honor Society is working with Our Neighbor’s Child on a gift drive for the holiday season. Community members are welcome to drop off gifts at the school. 703-631-5500 www2.fpses.edu/StoneMS

Historic Clifton Holiday Homes Tour. 4-7 p.m. at the Town of Clifton. Tickets available from Town of Clifton merchants. Presale ticket pricing for cash or check sales: $25 adult, $5 children under 13. Presale ticket pricing for credit card sales – Belle Jar only: $30 adult; $5 children under 13. Day of event pricing for cash, check or credit (credit at Belle Jar only): $35 adult, $5 children under 13 and/or email thelyn99@gmail.com no later than Dec. 1.

Clifton Horse Society Parade and Caroling. 12:30-4 p.m. at the Town of Clifton. Arrive and Decorate. 1:30. Kick off the holiday season at Lustre’s Field for the costume judging and to share refreshments. At 2 p.m. the Clifton Horse Society will begin annual Christmas Caroling on Horseback Parade. Community members are welcome to drop off gifts at the school. 703-631-5500 www2.fpses.edu/StoneMS

Holiday Entertainment

On Saturday, Dec. 3, the Clifton Horse Society Parade and Caroling will take over Main Street in the Town of Clifton from 12:30-4 p.m. Participants will meet at the Flood Plain at 1:30 and then head over to Lustre’s Field for the costume judging and to share refreshments. At 2 p.m. the Clifton Horse Society will begin annual Christmas Caroling on Horseback Parade. Members of the Black Horse Cavalry will be in the parade this year, and there may also be a sighting of Santa Claus. 571-224-4925 and/or email thelyn99@gmail.com

SUNDAY/SATURDAY/DEC. 3-4

Interfaith Christmas Choir Concert. 6-7 p.m. at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 14150 Upperridge Drive. Refreshments served after concert. 703-932-7197

SUNDAY/DEC. 4

Sugarloaf Railroad Museum, 11200 Fairfax Station Road. Adults 16 and over – $5; children 5 to 15; $2; and under – free; museum members – free. Visit www.sugarloaf-museum.org or call 703-425-9225.

SUNDAY/SATURDAY/DEC. 10-11

“Nutcracker.” 3 p.m. at Centreville High School Theater, 6001 Union Mill Road, Centreville. Proceeds will benefit CVHS Drama Scholarships and St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital. $12. msh.nutcracker.tickets@gmail.com.

SATURDAY/DEC. 10
Christmas Open House. 11 a.m.-3 p.m. at Oakton Baptist Church of Chantilly, 14001 Sullyfield Circle. This will include a tour of the church, free hot chocolate, and three food trucks selling Taco/Latin, Grilled Cheese, and Iced Tea.

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Not Hardly, I Knew You

By KENNETH B. LOURIE

Not about me, at first. My oncology nurse of almost seven years, a person with whom I had much in common and who, quite frankly, probably knew more about my life than Aug." August of 13," when I showed up at my regularly scheduled chemotherapy infusion with an oxygen level of 85%. This ultimately led to a week-long stay in Holy Cross Hospital to solve the problem which was that 4.7 liters of fluid had accumulated in my lungs, a not uncommon occurrence for lung cancer patients. It became quite clear after our first few infusions together that we were well suited. To say that I would be looking forward to my infusions because of Ron's hands-on care and concern — and in depth or our relationship might be a bit naive (let's face it, I didn't want to be there at all), certainly not in a patient, although I'd be happy to visit/support a friend, family member or fellow cancer patient. But I would admit to this: never did I think it because invariably Ron lifted my spirits through his schtick and excel- lent intentions.

When I walked into the Infusion Center two Fridays ago and walked over to my bar- calsinger), I didn't see Ron so I joked aloud "where's Ron? Maybe I'll get some decent service today?" Another nurse (all of whom I know) quickly responded and said "Ron's not here." "Oh," I said, thinking nothing of it. "You mean because it's Veteran's Day?" "No," she said. "He's gone. He took early retire- ment." "Wow," I said. "Is he O.K.? Is his fam- ily O.K.?" I crammed. What few additional inquiries I made to the other nurses about when he left, his last day, what he's doing now, if he's moving, etc., were all met with a sincere "I don't know."

As I waited for my chemotherapy to be mixed/prepared (as you may or may not know, chemotherapy is not exactly off the shelf. Oh, sure, it's on a shelf but not ready for prime time until the patient actually arrives and his vitals are taken and then, presumably along with one's pre-chemotherapy lab work results, communicated to the patient's oncology patient for assessment and if satisfactory on to the on-site pharmacy for the actual preparation), I thought about the effect Ron's departure would have on his patients. I imagine, they were similar to many of the oncology nurses. When I mentioned this likely effect to another of the oncology nurses, (and you get to know and are treated by all of the nurses staffing the Center, but generally there is one nurse to whom you are assigned), she explained/understood how caring for oncology patients in an Infusion Center is much dif- ferent than caring for a patient in a hospital where you might see the patient for a few days and then never again. In an Infusion Center, you might see the same patient for years (or me, it will be eight years, come March 2017), she said. As such, she added, you develop relationships, friendships, much more so than a typical patient/accumpliance you have in a hospital experience. I tried to calculate how many times I've seen Ron at The Infusion Center over the past seven plus years, I would guess upwards of 90. And we talked plenty during those 90 vis- its, and not always about cancer. In fact, it was almost always about life. It was never morbid, it was always merrier. He was a humorous bread of fresh air in an environment of circumstances where the breath — so to speak, can occasionally be stale and hard to take. I don't want to say/say I think: what about me if I were to allow it for one minute, one column, I would say what my mother, Rona, often says when she hears a good report from my oncologist about me: "If he's happy, then I'm happy." Well, if Ron's happy then I suppose I'm happy, believe it or not.

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**Sports**

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hit Landan Thomas for a 6-yard gain. On second down Chouka dropped back to pass and was intercepted by Westfield’s Saadig Hinton who returned it 55 yards for a pick 6 with 7:03 to play in the 3rd. Following a Delaney point after, Westfield increased the lead to 22-13.

In the 4th quarter, Sean Eckert scored his second TD of the game on a 70-yard TD pass from QB Rehman Johnson. Again Delaney was successful on the point after and Westfield led 28-13, with 9:59 to play in the game. Almost four minutes later, Westfield’s Brian Delaney added a 27-yard field goal and Westfield would finish the Warhawks off 31-13.

Westfield was led by Eckert’s two catches for 88 yards and Matt Cirillo’s two receptions for 16 yards and a TD. Landan Thomas rushed for 140 yards and a TD on 21 carries. Westfield QB Rehman Johnson went 10-19 for 155 yards two TDs and one interception, while Madison’s Choutka went 17-35 for 156 yards and two interceptions.

Westfield coach Kyle Simmons said, “We need to establish a run game. Not something we have had much success with, but we have some ideas to help us out.”

**BULLETIN BOARD**

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and click on Caregiver Telephone Support Group.

Fair Oaks Parkinson’s Support Group for people living with Parkinson’s disease, caregivers and family, meets on the fourth Saturday monthly, 10 a.m. noon at Sunrise at Fair Oaks, 3750 Joseph Siewick Drive, Fairfax. Call 703-378-7221 for info. www.fairoaksparkinsons.com for more.

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Volunteers Needed as Bird Counter.

The American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) needs volunteers to assist K-12 STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics) teachers in Northern Virginia during the 2016-17 school year. Details of the collaboration are worked out between the teacher and the volunteer, and may involve giving demonstrations, assisting in lab experiments, lecturing on special topics, assisting with homework, etc. Hours are flexible, and volunteers attend one a day training in September before being assigned to schools. To see how volunteers are assisting their teachers, see how volunteers are assisting their teachers, view the video clips at www.seniorscientist.org.

To volunteer, contact donations@aaas.org.
Holiday Train Show

Snowfall in years’ past creates a picturesque look at the the Fairfax Station Railroad Holiday Train Show.

Cheese, and a Carnival/Kid-Friendly trucks selling Taco/Latin, Grilled Cheese, and a Carnival/Kid-Friendly food. Children 12 and under can participate in Christmas shopping in the Fellowship Hall with new and gently used wrapped items while supplies last. A small donation will be accepted for each item.

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Adopt a Cat or Dog. Friday, 6-8 p.m. at Clifton Wine Shop, 7145 Main St., Clifton. Includes oil paintings of European settings; doors, windows, and flower shops. Free. Call 703-409-0919 for more.

SUNDAY/DEC. 18
35th Annual Manassas-Bull Run Christmas Bird Count. 7-11:30 a.m. at Various points in a 15-mile diameter circle around Centreville. Birders of all skill levels are invited to participate in the 35th Annual Manassas-Bull Run Christmas Bird Count, sponsored by the Audubon Society of Northern Virginia.

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Christmas Open House. 11 a.m.-3 p.m. at Oakton Baptist Church, 14001 Sullyfield Circle. This will include a tour of the church, free hot chocolate, and three food trucks selling Taco/Latin, Grilled Cheese, and a Carnival/Kid-Friendly truck. Children 12 and under can participate in Christmas shopping in the Fellowship Hall with new and gently used wrapped items while supplies last. A small donation will be accepted for each item.

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