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Monday, June 12, 2017

Oakton High School Cafeteria
2900 Sutton Road, Vienna, VA 22181

Wednesday, June 14, 2017

Stone Middle School Cafeteria
5500 Sully Park Drive, Centreville, VA 20120

Thursday, June 15, 2017

Piney Branch Elementary School Cafeteria/Gym
8301 Linton Hall Road, Bristow, VA 20136

Find out about plans to transform 22.5 miles of I-66 from I-495/ Capital Beltway to University Boulevard in Gainesville to provide congestion relief and enhanced safety, as well as new travel choices and reliability.

Stop by between 6 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. to view the preliminary concept plans submitted by I-66 Express Mobility Partners, VDOT's selected partner for the project, and learn more about the proposed improvements. Attend the formal presentation at 7 p.m. VDOT and I-66 Express Mobility Partners staff will be available to answer your questions.

Review project information at www.Transform66.org, at the meetings, or at VDOT's Northern Virginia District Office at 4975 Alliance Drive, Fairfax, VA 22030. Please call 800-FOR-ROAD (800-367-7623) or TTY/TDD 711 to ensure the availability of appropriate personnel to answer your questions. Preliminary concept plans and project schedule will be available at the meetings for review and public comment. Staff will also be available to answer questions regarding environmental, right of way and civil rights information.

Give your oral or written comments at the meetings. You may also email comments to Transform66@VDOT.Virginia.gov. or mail them to Susan Shaw, P.E., Megaprojects Director, at the VDOT Northern Virginia District Office address above. Please reference "Transform 66 Outside the Beltway" in the subject line. A summary of comments submitted by **June 30, 2017** will be posted on the project website.

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NEWS

Fatal Police Shooting on I-395

Centreville native and small-business owner killed after injuring police officer.

BY VERNON MILES

He didn't have a broad group of friends, but some of those who knew Daniel George Boak, 28, best went as far back as elementary school together. According to his friend Antonio Starr, Boak clung closely to his small group of friends. Starr said Boak tended to be quiet and reserved. He owned a landscaping company in his hometown of Centreville called Live Lawn and Prosper, a reference to the traditional Vulcan blessing. When he looks back on his time with Boak, Starr says he'll remember going bowling and playing mini-golf.

In short, Starr said there was nothing in Boak's life that indicated he would injure a police officer on May 17, leading to his death by the Arlington Police Department.

"It's surprising to read a story and hear that he meant any malicious intent," said Starr. "It's impossible to read that and believe it."

According to Arlington police, at 4:30 p.m. a license plate reader indicated that a truck traveling south on Interstate 395 belonged to a wanted suspect. When police tried to stop Boak, they say he tried to maneuver around the officers. When Boak was stuck in traffic, the officers approached on foot. Police say Boak drove into one of the officers, pinning him against another vehicle. Officers opened



Daniel George Boak.

PHOTO CONTRIBUTED

fire on the vehicle, killing Boak, and then moved the truck to rescue the trapped officer.

Arlington Police spokeswoman Ashley Savage said the injured officer was taken to hospital with serious but non-life threatening injuries where he was released the next day. Police say life-saving measures were performed on Boak. He was taken to the Virginia Hospital Center, where he died.

According to Savage, the shooting will be reviewed by the Commonwealth Attorney's Office and internally within the Arlington Police Department for whether it was justified or

not. Savage said the last death by police shooting in Arlington was in 2015, which the Commonwealth Attorney had ultimately ruled as justified.

Looking back to the days before the crash and shooting that killed his friend, Starr said a thick piece of legal-looking mail came in from Fairfax County. Starr is living in the home of Boak's mother and said the letter was addressed to Boak.

Looking back, Starr said it was likely the only indication that there was anything wrong before the fatal shooting. Boak was accused of attempting to falsify a drug test, a misdemeanor offense.

A funeral will be held for Boak on May 24.



VMI PHOTO BY KELLY NYE

Maj. Dan Harrison '05 and Jake Hyde '17 set up a specially designed, air-free, electrochemical cell containing one of Hyde's iron compounds.

Immersed in Science at VMI

For over three years at Virginia Military Institute, Centreville High School graduate Jake Hyde worked alongside his faculty mentor, Maj. Dan Harrison '05, assistant professor of chemistry, to develop a catalyst that could work to reduce carbon dioxide into a more reactive carbon species and then a useable fuel that could someday replace fossil fuels.

During his cadetship, Hyde was listed twice as

a co-author of a published journal article – one in the "American Chemical Society Journal of Applied Materials & Interfaces" and the other in the "Journal of Visualized Experiments." Both were published in 2015.

Harrison hopes to submit Hyde's carbon dioxide reduction work for publication later this year, and this time, he plans to list Hyde as the primary author.

Celebrating 'The Magic of Theater'

Westfield, Chantilly receive 27 total Cappie nominations.

BY BONNIE HOBBS

The 2016-17 National Capital Area Cappie nominations are out, and Westfield and Chantilly high schools received a total of 27 nominations. Centreville High doesn't participate in the Cappies program.

Westfield's 14 nominations – including Best Musical – were for its production of "Legally Blonde: The Musical," about a young woman who follows her ex-boyfriend to Harvard Law School. Chantilly's 13 nods – including Best Play – were for "Peter and the Starcatcher," the prequel to the iconic "Peter Pan."

Westfield, Chantilly and all the other nominees will find out who'll win what, Sunday night, June 11, at the 18th annual Cappies Awards Gala at The Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C. Meanwhile, the directors at both schools are delighted with the recognition their students and theater programs are receiving.

"My heart is overflowing," said Westfield Director Rachel Harrington. "I am ecstatic that my kids earned 14 Cappies nominations for their performance of 'Legally Blonde.'"

But award winners or not, they have done something amazing. I walk down the halls at school hearing kids who aren't theater students singing, 'Oh my God, oh my God, you guys' from our show."

Furthermore, she said, "I've had more kids asking to switch into theater classes, the last couple weeks, than all year long. And



In Westfield's "Legally Blonde: The Musical," John Henry Stamper (Emmett) and Molly Van Trees (Elle) share a tender moment while studying.

people I never thought would see the show came back a second and third time. That, right there, is the magic of theater – the ability to reach the unreachable and to change life as we know it.

Who knew it would take a perky, pink musical to do all of that? To my kids, you are winners to me in all the greatest ways already. Bravo!"

At Chantilly, Director Shannon Khatcheressian said, "We are thrilled to receive 13 nominations, including Best Play, for 'Peter and the Starcatcher.' Both the cast and the production crew worked tirelessly to ensure a top-notch show; and re-



PHOTO COURTESY OF SHANNON KHATCHERESSIAN
Evan Belsky and Caroline Barnes play Peter and Molly in Chantilly's "Peter and the Starcatcher."

gardless of the results, I am very proud of them."

Westfield

Westfield's nominations are as follows:

- Critic Team – Westfield Team
- Rising Critic – Grace Jenkins
- Returning Critic – Diana Witt
- Marketing & Publicity – John Coughlin, Anna Krelovich, Diana Witt
- Props – Marty Bernier, Kristine Lowkis, Isaac Tarlton
- Choreography – Emily Bidinger, Sarah Bresnahan, Bridgette Carey

- Ensemble in a Musical – Sorority Girls
- Female Dancer – Aubrey Cervarich
- Male Dancer – Gene Kim
- Comic Actor in a Musical – Ian Balderston
- Supporting Actress in a Musical – Aja Rene
- Lead Actress in a Musical – Molly Van Trees
- Lead Actor in a Musical – John Henry Stamper
- Best Musical

Chantilly

Chantilly's nominations are as follows:

- Marketing & Publicity – Alayna Lee, Nora Malatinszky;
- Special Effects & Technology – Colton Anderson, Carolan Corcoran, A.J. Kapfer, Ben Klosky
- Sound – Josh Nguyen, Alex Yee
- Props – Colton Anderson, Connor Cragg, Cullen Kendrick, Steven Schwarz
- Lighting – Zoe Hutcheson, Ben Klosky, Molly Marsh, Tim Rudolph
- Sets – A.J. Kapfer, Ben Klosky, Michael Rosegrant
- Best Ensemble in a Play - "The Ships' Crew"
- Best Comic Actress in a Play - Maria Benincasa
- Best Comic Actor in a Play - Gabe Ribeiro
- Best Supporting Actor in a Play - Adam LeKang
- Best Lead Actress in a Play - Caroline Barnes
- Best Lead Actor in a Play - Evan Belsky
- Best Play

From Virginia Run to Surrey, England

Gabbi Nieves named to U.S. 2017 World Cup lacrosse team.

BY BONNIE HOBBS

All-American lacrosse player Gabbi Nieves is a local girl making her mark in the world of sports. From Centreville's Virginia Run community, she played lacrosse for SYA and then for the Nova West and Capital Lacrosse teams.

A midfielder, she continued her lacrosse pursuits at Paul VI High School, playing all four years there and graduating in 2013. Now 22, she's a senior at Salisbury University in Maryland and has been invited to play this July in the 2017 World Cup Lacrosse Festival in Surrey, England.

"I started playing lacrosse in seventh grade; I've always loved the sport," said

Nieves. "And I think it's incredible to be asked to play in the World Cup."

She hopes to attend; but with her sister's upcoming wedding, plus unplanned family medical expenses, money is tight. And players must raise their own funds to support the trip for the entire team and coaching staff. So she's started a Go Fund Me page and hopes the community will help provide the \$5,300 she needs to make this dream come true for her. Go to www.gofundme.com/gabbis-European-Lacrosse-World-Cup.

As a child, Nieves played soccer and basketball, but focused on basketball and lacrosse in high school. "I was better at lacrosse than the other sports, and it combines all the sports I'd played," she said. "It has the speed of soccer and the offensive and defensive sets of basketball – meaning you can play either a zone or a man defense."

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Gabbi Nieves in front of the banner her college teammates made for her in April.

PHOTO COURTESY OF GABBI NIEVES

Head over Heels for Music

Chantilly High's 31st annual Jazz & Pizzazz was May 18-20.

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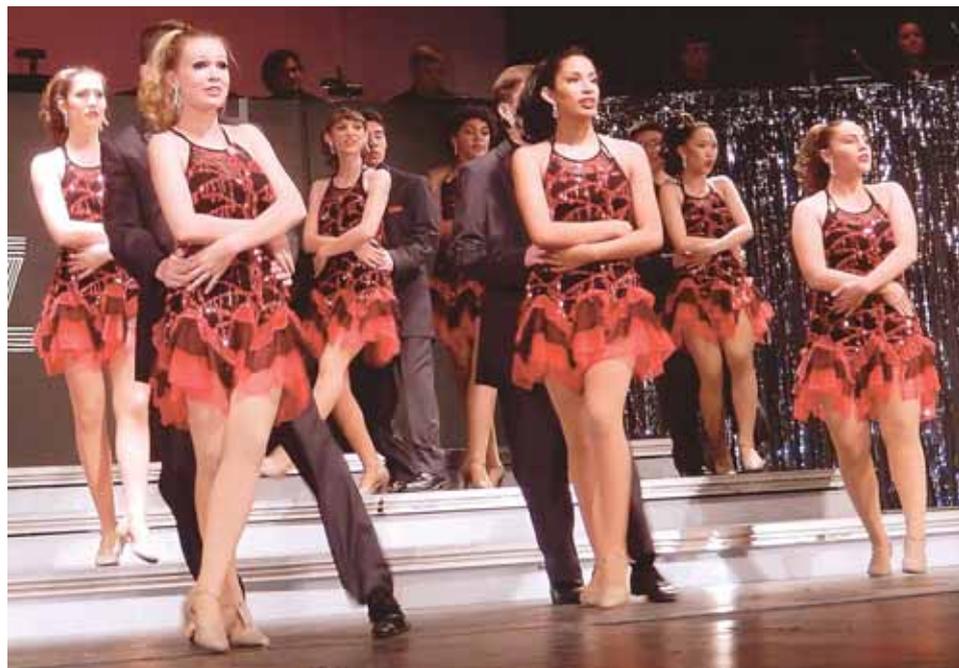
Playing tenor saxophone on the Chantilly Jazz's "Street Music" is Munis Thahir.



The Chantilly ShowStoppers finishing "Sing, Sing, Sing."



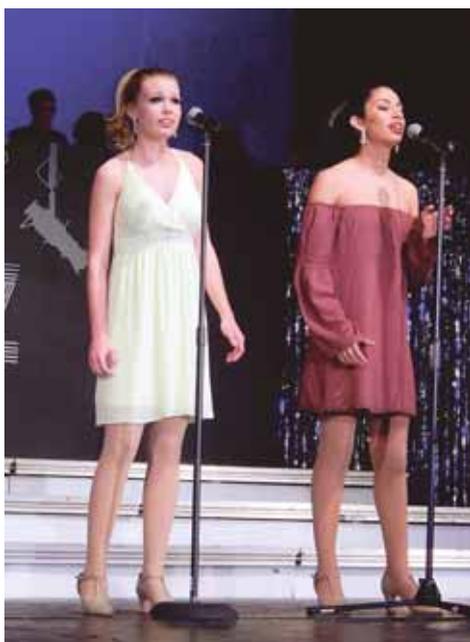
Cory Carter performs Duke Ellington's "Cottontail."



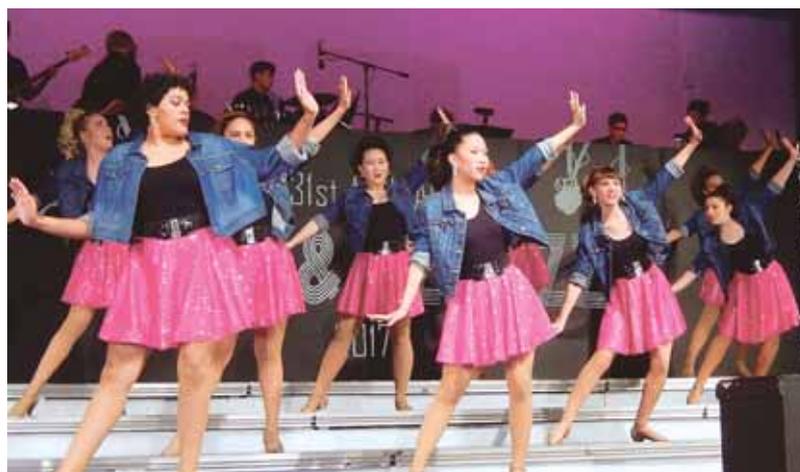
Performing the Latin number, "Besame Mucho."



Graduating seniors hold hands and sing "Everyday" together.



Claire Craig (left) and Rocio Hernandez sing "Read All about It."



Singing and dancing to "Holding Out for a Hero."



Wade Burnett plays guitar while Jason Webb sings "Fire and Rain."

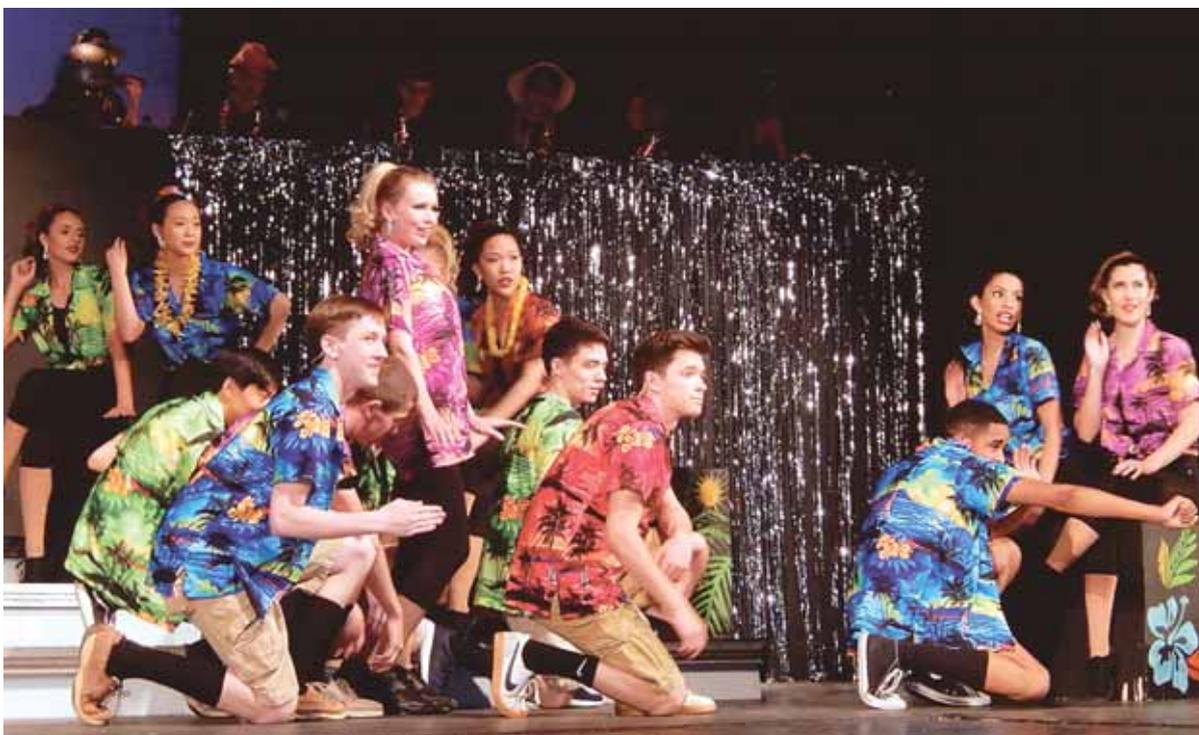


Sending hopeful messages with Michael Jackson's song, "Black or White."



Brandon Morris wows the crowd with Phil Collins's iconic "In the Air Tonight."

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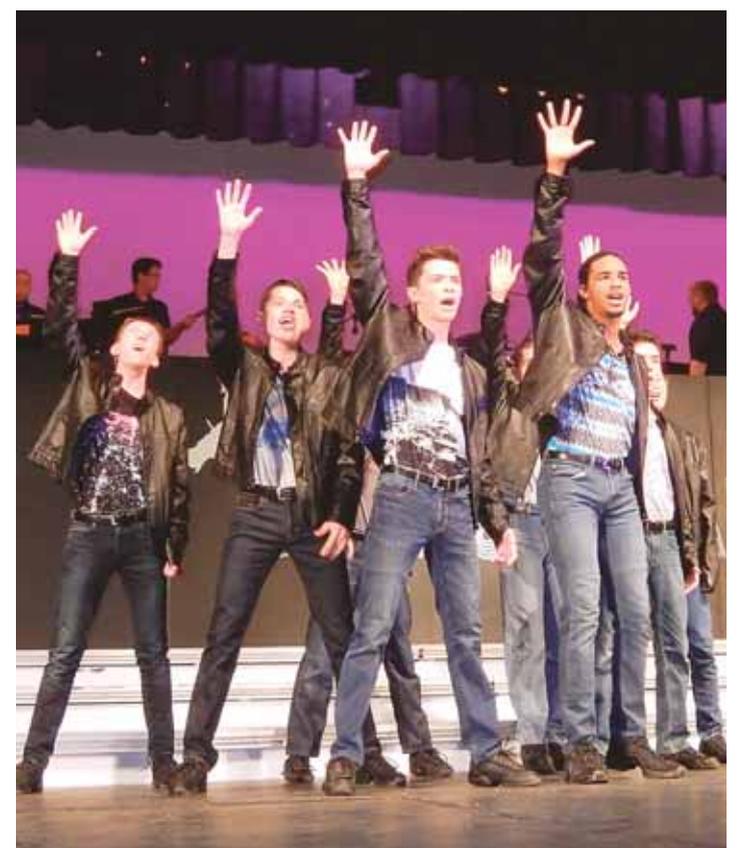
The Beach Boys medley was a big hit with the audience.



Max Read plays a guitar solo on "Blackbird."



Ready to take a bow after the final number, "Everybody Rejoice."



The boys sing, "Born to be Wild."

OPINION

General Assembly: What Got Done

By JIM LEMUNYON
STATE DELEGATE (R-67)



The General Assembly concluded the 2017 regular session in February, and met on April 5 to consider Governor McAuliffe's amendments and vetoes. The Governor completed final consideration of bills earlier this month. This email provides a brief review of the session related to issues about which citizens have expressed significant interest. A more complete review may be found at <http://dls.virginia.gov/pubs/summary/2017/summary2017.pdf>. Of course, I welcome your comments and questions on any issue.

The General Assembly passed and the Governor signed into law 836 bills during 2017 session. Our state budget remains balanced, and unlike the federal government, Virginia is not accumulating debt for future generations of Virginians to pay. More than 93 percent of the bills passed were signed into law by the Governor McAuliffe, some with amendments he suggested. While you may have heard that the Governor has vetoed more bills than any other Virginia Governor, which is true, his vetoes constitute a small fraction of the number of bills passed. During the 2017 session, I focused on my commitment to serve in a bipartisan way to achieve results on issues that unite, rather than divide us, in Northern Virginia.

Further to this point, the House Clerk's records indicate that during the last two General Assembly sessions since the last election, I've had more bills signed into law by Governor McAuliffe — 32 bills — than any other member of the Virginia legislature. All these bills passed the House and Senate with bipartisan majorities. The ideas and suggestions I have received from residents of the 67th district formed the basis of many of these bills. Thank you to everyone who participated.

Transportation

I introduced HB 2136 to establish the Metrorail Safety Commission in tandem with

D.C. and Maryland. The bill passed unanimously. It includes provisions I developed with Governor McAuliffe's transportation team to address broader Metro operational concerns that gave rise to Metro's safety and other problems. One metric that points to Metrorail's challenge: It costs Metro on average 63 cents to take one passenger one mile. The closest comparable systems in Boston, Chicago, San Francisco and Philadelphia average 42 cents per passenger mile. I serve on the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission, which shares responsibility with Virginia, D.C. and Maryland for implementing Metro reforms, and doing so is a primary focus of mine for 2017.

Another transportation bill I introduced, HB 2138 will help local governments better coordinate land use changes with transportation planning, so zoning and other land use changes don't become "congestion creators." My goal is "congestion-neutral" development in Northern Virginia. Or better yet, development designed in coordination with transportation planning that reduces congestion.

Construction is expected to begin in a few months to widen I-66 both inside and outside the Beltway, in addition to several other projects in our region. Our biggest challenge now? There is a shortage of more than 2,000 transportation construction workers in Northern Virginia. If you or someone you know may be interested in this line of work, please let me know and I would be happy to make a referral.

Education Funding

Included in amendments to the state budget are increases for K-12 education, with record levels of funding returned from Richmond for Fairfax and Loudoun County schools, \$653 million and \$347 million, respectively, for the 2017-18 school year. These amounts include funding for teacher pay raises, should local school boards elect for raises. I voted in favor of these amendments.

Open Government and Transparency

Four bills I introduced to revise the Virginia Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) became

law. HB 1539 and HB 1540 expand the scope of public access to state and local government records and meetings, respectively. HB 2143 provides online training for government officials charged with ensuring the government complies with FOIA, and HB 2146 provides for online comments from the public to describe the level of service received from a government entity in responding to a FOIA request.

As you may know, I chair the House subcommittee with responsibility for FOIA and laws pertaining to state and local government contracting. In addition to FOIA issues, the subcommittee focused again this year on legislation aimed at ensuring the frugal and efficient use of your tax dollars when state and local governments outsource work to the private sector.

Addressing the Opioid Crisis

Opioid addiction is a national crisis. Several bills passed with my support addressing this issue in Virginia, including heroin use and the over-prescribing of opioid drugs. HB 1453/SB 848 make the use of naloxone more easily available in crisis situations. Naloxone is an opioid antidote that is proven to save the lives of heroin addicts. HB 1885/SB 1232 require better monitoring of the prescribing of drugs containing opioids, often used to relieve pain, to help prevent the inadvertent addiction to such drugs.

Sports Champions at Chantilly and Westfield High Schools

The General Assembly passed four resolutions I introduced giving statewide recognition to the Chantilly High School boys tennis and baseball teams on their recent state championships, as well as the Westfield High School football and boys basketball teams for their state championships. Representatives from each school were present in the House Chamber when these resolutions passed. Congratulations to all the players and their schools!

Thank you for the privilege of representing you in the Virginia House of Delegates. Please feel free to contact me at any time at deljlemunyon@gmail.com or 703-264-1432.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Support CLRC

To the Editor:

Since opening nearly six years ago, the Centreville Labor Resource Center (CLRC) provided six desktop computers for workers to learn (language and job skills), connect with family, and look for jobs. Now all of these computers are "down" most of the time, and CLRC workers need help.

We are participating in DoMore24, the annual United Way-Capital Region online giving campaign, a 24-hour fundraiser for nonprofits in the region. In addition to providing a platform for giving, DoMore24 will offer TV ads, radio reminders, social media ads throughout the day.

Nonprofits who "win" through "most funds raised" (overall, or in one hour); or "most funds pledged before the 24-hour begins" or "most donors" (any size donation) will get prizes (donations) from United Way, throughout the day-night of Thursday, June 8.

You can help: spread the word to all of your friends, neighbors and family; click on DoMore24, any time after June 2; and pledge to CLRC. Then hit the site often on June 8. Donate any amount to Centreville Labor Resource Center.

We will also have a page at centrevilleimmigrationforum.org, to explain more about the project.

Help us to boot our computers!
Alice Foltz, President
Centreville Immigration Forum



Safety Patrol Praised

The Fairfax Resolves Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution President Jeff Thomas presented Certificates of Recognition to Safety Patrol students at Poplar Tree Elementary School on May 15 for their daily flag duty at the school this year. A total of 17 students from the school's monthly rotating flag patrol received recognition. Rob Thompson is the Safety Patrol coordinator at the school. The SAR also presented a program on historic American flags to fourth grade students.

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Action shot of Gabbi Nieves (on left) during last season's Salisbury-F&M game.

From SYA to England

FROM PAGE 3

Nieves has also played lacrosse all four years in college, including her freshman year, when Salisbury won the national championship. But she especially shined as a junior, when she was named a first team All-American in May 2016 by the Intercollegiate Women's Lacrosse Coaches Association (IWLCA).

Her college team plays Division 3 NCAA lacrosse in the Capital Athletic Conference (CAC), but didn't make it to the final four this year. However, the IWLCA remembered her stellar performance last season when she was named to the first team All-CAC, IWLCA first team All-Region and the CAC All-Academic Team. She was also honored as CAC Offensive Player of the Week.

The season runs January through May; and last season, Salisbury finished with an 18-3 record. And during the NCAA playoffs, it lost to its rival, F&M (Franklin & Marshall), by one point. This year was rockier; but last October, Nieves and her team's goalie, Gianna Falcone, were both invited to play in the World Cup Lacrosse Festival, July 15-23, in England.

"We were two of just 30 players chosen out of 7,600 candidates," said Nieves. "It's a huge honor. I think I was chosen because of the accolades I received last season."

"I'm aggressive and I play on both ends of the field. I'm also a leader, determined and motivated, and am a captain this year."

The U.S. has both a North and a South team, and she's on the latter. "I'm very excited," she said. "I've never been to England or Europe before, and I'm looking forward to playing other countries. And I'm



Mo and Troy Nieves with daughter Gabbi (center) at her 2016 season banquet.

really glad that Gianna is invited, too, so I'll have a friend there who I already know. Only having two days to practice with girls we've never played with before will be challenging. But other than that, it'll be a fun experience."

At Salisbury, Nieves majored in journalism and public relations, with a minor in marketing. She's graduating May 25 and can't wait to see her family again.

"I'm a homebody and I haven't been able to go home during lacrosse season, except for Easter," she said. "I just love being home with them."

She's not yet sure what career path she'll take, but she does have some advice for other young, aspiring athletes.

"Just do your best every day and have fun with your sport," said Nieves. "When you're relaxed, you do your best; and even if you lose, it's not the end of the world. You have to think of the bigger picture: It's a sport — it's meant to be fun."



Public Hearing Notice Fairfax County Secondary Six Year Plan

The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) and The Board of Supervisors of Fairfax County, in accordance with Section 33.2-331 of the Code of Virginia, will conduct a joint public hearing in the Board Auditorium, Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax, VA 22035 at 3 p.m. on June 20, 2017.

The purpose of this public hearing is to receive public comment on the Secondary Six Year Improvement Plan for Fiscal Years 2018 through 2023. Copies of the proposed plan may be reviewed at the VDOT's Northern Virginia District Office at 4975 Alliance Drive, Fairfax, VA 22030.

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Persons wishing to speak at this public hearing should contact the Office of the Clerk to the County Board of Supervisors at 703-324-3151.

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People, food and monkeys are part of the scene at Celebrate Fairfax!



BY MIKE SHUPP

The petting zoo is always popular.

36th Celebrate Fairfax! Festival

Over the weekend of June 9-11, the grounds at the Fairfax County Government Center will be full of rides, games, food and entertainment as the 36th Annual Celebrate Fairfax! Festival celebrates the county. Kicking off the entertainment Friday night on the main stage is the rock band Bush, followed by Everclear the next night and a Sunday Brew Fest to wrap up the festival.

Over the three days, there will be 300 exhibitors, food vendors, and interactive activities. Celebrate Fairfax! showcases live concerts on eight stages, Innovation Health Children's Avenue, a petting zoo, the Fairfax County Karaoke Championship, carnival rides, and great festival foods. The free Fairfax Express Trackless Train Ride circles the fair grounds

offering rides for all.

Schedule:

- ❖ Friday, June 9, 6 p.m.-midnight
- ❖ Saturday, June 10, 10 a.m.-midnight
- ❖ Sunday, June 11, 11 a.m.-7 p.m.

Festival Location:

12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax, VA 22035

Free Parking:

Fair Lakes Circle and Fair Oaks Mall – Shuttles to and from festival entrance. Visit celebratefairfax.com/info/travel-lodging/ for additional shuttle bus information and a map.

For more information, call 703-324-3247 or visit www.celebratefairfax.com.

CALENDAR

Submit entertainment announcements at ConnectionNewspapers.com/Calendar. Deadline is Thursday at noon, at least two weeks before event.

ONGOING

Baby Toddler Sign Classes. 10-11:30 a.m. Fridays in May at the NOVA Natural Birth Center, 4200 Technology Court, Suite A, Chantilly. Lisa Carlson of Toddler Signs has ways to teach a baby or toddler to how to express themselves with signing months before they can in words. Cost is \$60 for all four classes or \$20 each. Classes will be taught again in June. Visit www.novabirthcenter.com for more.

Art Guild of Clifton Exhibit. 10 a.m.-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.

Carolina Shag Dance. Wednesdays, 6:30-10 p.m. at Arlington/Fairfax Elks Lodge, 8421 Arlington Blvd., Fairfax. Free lessons at 7:30 p.m.; no partners needed; dinner menu at 6:45 p.m. Tickets are \$8. Visit www.nvshag.org for more.

Open Rehearsal. Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m. at Lord of Life church, 13421 Twin Lakes Drive, Centreville. The Fairfax Jubil-Aires barbershop chorus invites men of all ages who enjoy singing. Free. Visit www.fairfaxjubilairs.org for more.

Toddlin' Twos. Tuesdays, 10:30 and 11:30 a.m. at the Chantilly Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Early literacy storytime with songs and activities included. Age 2 with caregiver, free. Call 703-502-3883 to reserve a spot.

Storytime for Three to Fives. Tuesdays, 1:30 p.m. at the Chantilly Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Stories and activities for children age

3-5 with caregiver. Free. Call 703-502-3883 to reserve a spot.

English Conversation Group. Tuesdays, 10:30 a.m. and Thursdays, 7 p.m. at the Chantilly Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Practice English with a group of students and adults. Free. Call 703-502-3883 to reserve a space.

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SUNDAY/MAY 28

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TUESDAY/MAY 30

Youth Chorus Auditions. 4:45-8:30 p.m. at 6935 Columbia Pike, Annandale. The Fairfax Choral Society encourages children between the ages of 5-19 to audition for one of five choirs that meet at the Annandale campus. Visit fairfaxchoralsociety.org for more.

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- Imagine If!** 7 p.m. at Chantilly High School, 4201 Stringfellow Road. Comedy for the whole family. \$5. Visit www.chantillyhsdrama.com.

SATURDAY/JUNE 3

- Fair Lakes SpringFest.** 1-4:30 p.m. in the parking lot at 12450 Fair Lakes Circle. Live performances, strolling characters, Whole Foods Market Kids Marketplace, dance troupes, instrument petting zoo, carnival games, face painting, fire and police vehicle tours, food, and community booths. Email beth@theskygroupinc.com or call 301-452-1459 for more.
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SATURDAY/JUNE 10

- Festival to Fight Cancer.** 7:30-11 a.m. at Centreville High School, 6001 Union Mill Road, Clifton. A 2-mile run with all of the funds will be donated to Special Love, a non profit organization that provides camps, programs, and financial aid for families affected by childhood cancer. Visit wildcatsvincancer.wixsite.com for more.
- Musical Production.** 8-10 p.m. at Richard J. Ernst Theatre, Annandale NOVA Campus, 8333 Little River Turnpike. Encore Theatrical Arts Project presents their 21st original Broadway-style spring musical "That's Life." A song and dance musical about life, love and the journeys we take along the way. \$19-\$26. Visit www.Encore-tap.org for more.

MONDAY/JUNE 19

Dulles Chamber's Annual Golf Scramble. 7 a.m. at Chantilly National Golf & Country Club, 14901 Braddock Road. Registration and Breakfast at 7 and tee-off at 8. Visit www.dulleschamber.org or call 571-323-5304.

TUESDAY/JUNE 27

Nature Photography Fundamentals. 7-8:45 p.m. in the Centreville Regional Library, 14200 St. Germain Drive. Professional instructor Michael Glagola teaches how to get that perfect shot. Call 703-830-2223 for more.

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Girl Scouts from Troop 2009 of St. Andrew's Catholic Church of Clifton (from left): Isabella Shafer, Lucy La Croix, Samantha Talbot, Allie Stuebner, and Adelaide Machado Ulm at the ribbon-cutting ceremony of the Little Free Library in Clifton.

Little Free Library Dedicated

Ribbon-cutting ceremony Saturday at the Clifton Community Meeting Hall.

To earn their Silver Award, Girl Scouts from Troop 2009 of St. Andrew's Catholic Church in Clifton built the Little Free Library, a small green birdhouse-looking box, which will be displayed in front of the Clifton Community Meeting Hall on Chapel Road. From now on, members of the Clifton community will be allowed to check-out free books at any time. On Saturday, May 20, they held their ribbon-cutting ceremony with local dignitaries, including state Del. Tim Hugo (R-40th) and Mayor Bill Hollaway.

"They wanted to have a lasting impact on their community and they loved to read, so they decided on the Little Free Library," said Carolyn Machado, Girl Scout Leader of Troop 2009. "All of the books are donated; you take out the books and return them here, so the library is always turning over books."

On the opening day, the library had about 100 donated books that promote reading and literature. The five Girl Scouts worked on the project since last May 2016, to get it up and running. Anyone in the Clifton community can drop off books at the free

library. And for those who donated books on Saturday, Peterson's Ice Cream Depot gave away coupons for free ice cream.

Hugo added: "I am so proud of Girl Scout Troop 2009 as they present Clifton with this Little Free Library and earn their Silver Award. These girls have demonstrated a true commitment and interest in their town and are the future leaders of our community."

Clifton Mayor Hollaway said the Scouts had to go through a number of governmental steps to get approvals, including from the Clifton Town Council, the Architectural Review Board, and the Planning Commission. "With this whole project, it's been under discussion for four months. What a great learning process for the girls to go through," he said.

Also on hand for the event were book authors R. David Fulcher of Ashburn, who wrote "The Cemetery of Hearts" and author Ed Ehlers of Clifton who wrote "Lily and Lucy, An Easter Story."

— STEVE HIBBARD



Lucy La Croix (left), 14, and Adelaide Machado Ulm, 14, both of Clifton, are the artists who painted book designs on the Little Free Library in Clifton.



Book authors R. David Fulcher of Ashburn, who wrote "The Cemetery of Hearts" and author Ed Ehlers of Clifton who wrote "Lily and Lucy, An Easter Story."

ROUNDUPS

CPMSAC To Honor Students

The Chantilly Pyramid Minority Student Achievement Committee (CPMSAC) will hold its 33rd Annual Motivation and Academic Achievement Awards Program on Saturday, June 3, at 5 p.m., at Chantilly High for middle- and high-school students. Elementary-school students will be honored Sunday, June 4, at 4 p.m., at London Towne Elementary. This year's theme is: "Commitment to Mission: Pursuing Higher Achievement and Academic Excellence."

Free Carseat Inspections

Certified technicians from the Sully District Police Station will perform free, child safety carseat inspections Thursday, May 25, 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.

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.

Several Volunteers Needed

Western Fairfax Christian Ministries at 4511 Daly Dr. Suite J, Chantilly seeks individuals to volunteer for the following:

- ❖ Volunteer(s) to clean office and bathroom, Tuesday or Thursday, either 8:30-9:30 a.m. or 2:30-4 a.m.

- ❖ Volunteer(s) to answer phones and schedule appointments, Tuesday and Thursday, 2 - 4:30 p.m. Requirements: good phone skills, personable, able to conduct pantry tours. Interview and completed application required.

- ❖ Volunteer(s) for Client Services Intake, Monday and Friday, 9:45 a.m. - 1:45 p.m. Requirements: Spanish speaker preferred, ability to work with clients, able to conduct pantry tours. Interview and completed application required.

- ❖ Volunteer for Food Pantry, bagging clients' food choices, Thursday, 10:45 a.m. - 2:15 p.m. Requirements: must be able to stand for long periods of time and lift at least 25 pounds. Interview and completed application required.

See <http://wfcma.org/how-you-can-help/volunteer-program/>

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Woe Is Not Me



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

When I think about being diagnosed with lung cancer, I don't think, why me. I might think, why not me, but I definitely think, now what. The idea/strategy being: moving forward, not recriminating or regretting backward. As Popeye the Sailor man so often said: "I y'am what I y'am." Although I doubt he was talking about having lung cancer. How could he? He ate all that spinach, canned though it was. Besides, he's a cartoon character.

And as much and as often as he ate it — and it always helped him overcome whatever predicament Brutus had put him in, is as little and infrequent as I ate it. Perhaps that was because my mother cooked vegetables in a pressure cooker so by the time I saw them on my plate, they no longer resembled a vegetable nor were they the least bit appetizing. To say the vegetables were limp and lifeless does a disservice to all things characterized as 'limp and lifeless.' In fact, I can still remember the first time I ate a vegetable that was not d.o.a. It was at my mother-in-law's house; she was a wonderful cook. She made asparagus for this memorable meal and served it in a beautiful antique china serving dish. When the dish came my way, I stuck my fork in the asparagus to serve myself and heard a sound, a poof. I was taken aback, sort of. It was a sound I had never heard before — from a vegetable. As I learned that night, it was the sound of a vegetable that had not been cooked beyond its edible life.

That's not to imply that avoiding vegetables contributed to my diagnosis. Hardly. It simply says that vegetables were not a part of my childhood. Meat and potatoes were, as was my standard go-to meal: cream cheese and American cheese on bread. It was the sandwich of my youth and it has remained very much a part of my adulthood as well. It may not sound appetizing to you; to me, it represents all the comforts of home — heaven on Earth between two slices of bread or open-faced on a bagel or English muffin. Simple but oh so effective — and delicious.

Not to be totally oblivious to my underlying medical condition, I do realize that modifying my eating habits is a prudent and sensible consideration. However, I rationalize that need-to-feed with the explanation that, as a cancer patient (and anyone else, really), if I am to continue to attempt to thrive while I survive, I need to be happy, positive and relatively stress free. After all, this cancer business: characterized as "terminal" by my oncologist; chemotherapy (and its well-known side effects) every five weeks, C.T. Scans quarterly, M.R.I.s every six months, P.E.T. and Bone scans every so often, face-to-face quarterly appointments with my oncologist and all the associated fears and anxiety surrounding this rather unpleasant experience, and you can imagine, even agree perhaps, that living in the trenches as us cancer patients do, we need help — in any number of ways; personal and professional.

And though I am mindful of what I eat, I don't want to abuse the privilege of survival I've been given. I never want to take it for granted, especially considering my original "13-month to two-year" prognosis. By the same token, life is for living. As Andy Dufresne (Tim Robbins) said to "Red" (Morgan Freeman) in the movie "Shawshank Redemption": "Get busy living or get busy dying." Since I'm in no hurry to die, I need to find a balance in how I live. Being miserable because of what I can't eat won't work for me. I'm just not flexible/mature enough in my eating choices; never have been. I still eat like a child, but now I have a man-sized problem.

I imagine the longer I live with cancer, the more vigilant I have to be. Then again, if it ain't broke, is there any reason to fix it? Do I leave well enough alone or do I try to grow up and eat my age, not my shoe size? I mean, I am eligible for Social Security.

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

Day Prom Combines Dancing, Food and Fun

The 2017 Day Prom for special education students from Kilmer, South Lakes, Fairfax, Falls Church, McLean, Centreville, Marshall, and West Springfield was held on May 17 at the Waterford at Fair Oaks in Fairfax. The event has grown so much over the years that it has expanded into two day proms. The second for Robinson, Woodson, Oakton, Lake Braddock, Herndon, Westfield, Chantilly, Lee, and Stuart was scheduled for May 24 also at the Waterford.



Centreville senior **Tori Sedlock** and her buddy Centreville sophomore **Emily Wajda** enjoy their final moments of the 2017 Day Prom before departing.



Centreville teacher and co-sponsor of the Centreville Best Buddy Club **Kathleen McGuire** and Centreville junior **Brady Boose** spend some time on the dance floor.



Centreville junior **Bethany Lewis** holds still as a corsage is pinned to her sweater.

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TOM MANNING

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for rising Kindergarteners. Visit greenbriareastes.fcps.edu to sign up for an appointment or call Melissa Dicker, School Registrar at 703-633-6400.

Greenbriar West Elementary School is now accepting information for next year's Kindergarten classes. Call the school office at 703-633-6700 as soon as possible.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Contact Volunteer Solutions at 703-324-5406, VolunteerSolutions@fairfaxcounty.gov or fairfaxcounty.gov/dfs/olderadultservices/volunteersolutions.htm.

- ❖ **The Little River Glen Senior Center** in Fairfax needs instructors for the following classes: Qigong, Art, Basic Language, Group Fitness, Computer Lab Assistant and ASL. They also need volunteers willing to become Certified Stay Active & Independent for Life (SAIL) Fitness Instructors. Free training provided.
- ❖ **The Sully Senior Center in Centreville** is looking for the following instructors: Knitting/Crochet, Charcoal Drawing, Zumba Gold, Yoga, Silver Sneakers, Chair Aerobics, and a Personal Trainer.
- ❖ **The Mott Community Center Senior Program** in Fairfax is looking for a volunteer Tai Chi Instructor.

THURSDAY/MAY 25

Signature Flight Mixer. 5:30-7:30 p.m. at Washington Dulles International Airport, 23950 Wind Sock Drive, Suite 2000, Dulles. Sponsored by Dulles Chamber of Commerce. \$20 for members, \$25 for non-members. Visit www.dulleschamber.org for more.

SATURDAY/MAY 27

Fairfax NAACP Candidates Forum. 10 a.m.-1 p.m. at Chantilly Baptist Church, 14312 Chantilly Baptist Lane. Questions and answers from governor and lieutenant governor candidates. Email politicalaction@fairfaxnaacp.org for more.

SUNDAY/MAY 28

Memorial Day Service at Church of the Ascension. 5:30 p.m. at Church of the Ascension, 13941 Braddock Road, Centreville. Visit www.ascension-acc.org/ for more.

SATURDAY/JUNE 3

Yard Sales. 8 a.m.-1 p.m. at Oakton Baptist Church of Chantilly, 14001 Sullyfield Circle, Chantilly. Oakton Baptist Church of Chantilly members will be have individual Yard Sales in the church parking lot. Rain date is Saturday, June 10.

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