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Amy Nguyen (on left) and Synara Peterson catch up outside Eagle Bank Arena. This fall Nguyen will attend GMU while Peterson will attend ODU.

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# ‘Stay Focused on Your Academics’

**CPMSAC honors students at awards ceremony.**

BY BONNIE HOBBS  
THE CONNECTION

The Chantilly Pyramid Minority Student Achievement Committee (CPMSAC) held its 34th annual Youth Motivation and Academic Achievement Awards Program on Saturday, June 2, at Chantilly High. Honored were middle- and high-school students, and the theme was “Pursuing Higher Student Achievement and Academic Excellence.”

Stressing that it’s an all-volunteer committee, CPMSAC President Johnny Nelson told the crowd, “My late wife Shirley started this organization to eliminate the achievement gap. And when I look around here, I see it happening.”

“This is a time to celebrate,” said master of ceremonies Chuck Coffin. “We’re going to have fun today and enjoy the ride. CPMSAC has been in the business of motivating and encouraging youth for 34 years. And those of us involved in it love that organization so much that – even after our own children are no longer in the school system – we’re still participating.”

He said CPMSAC always strives to uphold its motto, “Only Excellence is Good Enough.” And he noted that more than 2,000 students were attending the awards ceremony.

“I congratulate all the awardees for a job well-done,” said Coffin. “Continue to stay focused on your academics; they’ll be responsible for your future success. Shirley Nelson was passionate about what this organization is all about. I believe she’s smiling down from heaven on us, and we’ll continue to honor her spirit.”

Several Fairfax County government and school leaders were there, too, including Chantilly Principal Scott Poole. “Speaking also as a Chantilly parent and community member for 14 years, my first priority is small success attainable by every student,”



**Middle-school Humanitarian Award winners: Pictured with CPMSAC President Johnny Nelson (center) are (from left) Israel Hanberry, Stone Middle, seventh grade; Darwin Otchere, Rocky Run, eighth grade; Shayla Brown, Lanier, eighth grade; and Jaden Haile, Rachel Carson, eighth grade.**

he said. “Without that, students will not have hope when they come to school. They should be in a place where they can be accepted for who they are, not [singled out for] who they are not.”

Supervisor Kathy Smith (D-Sully) said she was happy that “This year, the Board of Supervisors was able to fully fund the schools.” Noting that “Shirley had such a big heart for kids,” Smith then thanked CPMSAC for all it does, the students for working so hard and their parents for supporting them.

“We’re all so very proud of you,” Sully District School Board representative Karen Keys-Gamarra told the students. “We know you have it within you to achieve what the world is waiting for, so you can go out and change the world.”

Region 4 Assistant Superintendent Angela Awater said the school system will “continue to support our students, parents and teachers to make sure all students have the same opportunities so we can close the achievement gap. And we challenge you to continue to set and achieve your goals so you



**Chuck Coffin**

can have a prosperous and bright future.”

Then, paraphrasing CPMSAC’s Parent Involvement Statement, Coffin reminded parents that they “must stay involved and be an advocate for [their] children.” He also told them to talk to school counselors and administrators about any problems their children are having.

He also plugged the Saturdays Toward Excellence Program (STEP), the free tutoring available at Chantilly High. Said Coffin: “This year, 53 students in grades three through 12 participated and had great results.” For more information, go to <http://www.cpsac.org/>.

Next, before all the students at the ceremony received their individual achievement awards, some special awards were presented to particularly outstanding students. Reina Hudspeth of Centreville High and Andrea Coca Gonzales of Chantilly were each given a Shirley O. Nelson Memorial Scholarship of \$1,500.

Cameron Guy Dudley Book Scholarship awards of \$400 each were presented to

PHOTOS BY BONNIE HOBBS/THE CONNECTION



**From left are Shirley O. Nelson Memorial Scholarship winners Melanie Wendo and Hannah Washington with Johnny Nelson. (Not pictured are Mya Baptiste, Derrian Brown and Tagwa Shammet).**



**Among the high-school, Humanitarian Award winners are (from left) Melanie Wendo and Hannah Washington with Johnny Nelson. (Not pictured are Mya Baptiste, Derrian Brown and Tagwa Shammet).**

Hana Lee, Centreville High, and Rayna Easley, Deron Banks-Dawkins and Gabriel Alexander Berrick, all of Westfield High. This scholarship is named in honor of a young man who was part of CPMSAC, Boy Scout Troop 1995, SYA and CYA and died in 2008 while still a student at Westfield.

The highest honor CPMSAC gives is the Humanitarian Award, presented to students highly regarded by their peers and school faculty. These students have also contributed to their schools and to the lives of others and have been involved in community service.

This year, the high-school winners were: Melanie Wendo, Chantilly; Hannah Washington, Westfield; Mya Baptiste, Centreville; Derrian Brown; Mountain View; and Tagwa Shammet, Oakton. The middle-school winners were: Israel Hanberry, Stone Middle, seventh grade; Darwin Otchere, Rocky Run, eighth grade; Shayla Brown, Lanier, eighth grade; and Jaden Haile, Rachel Carson, eighth grade.



**From left are Kathy Smith, Johnny Nelson and Karen Keys-Gamarra.**

# Farewell to Chantilly High School

**C**hantilly High School held its commencement ceremony on the evening of June 7 at Eagle Bank Arena in Fairfax. Dr. Scott Poole, principal, awarded diplomas to 671 graduates who were cheered on by family and friends.

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Laurel Buck awaits the awarding of diplomas.



Principal Scott Poole and Class Board Member Jessica Terrazas lead the processional for the Chantilly High School graduation ceremony.



Jay Athearn greets the crowd as he enters Eagle Bank Arena at the start of graduation festivities.



Kylee Marciello makes her way back to her seat after receiving her diploma.



Dr. Scott Poole, principal, welcomes the students, faculty, and guests to the 2018 Chantilly High School graduation.



From left: Sam Aguero and Affan Ahmed wait for the graduation ceremony to begin.



Jon Braden flashes a smile after receiving his diploma.



Alayna Lee, Class Board member, delivers the Address of Welcome.



Kate Wozniak receives the Chantilly Faculty Award from Principal Scott Poole.



Senior Class Board members: (from left) Kristy Ahn, Megan Van Rafelghem, Julian Santos, Alayna Lee, Ethan Tae, and Jessica Terrazas.

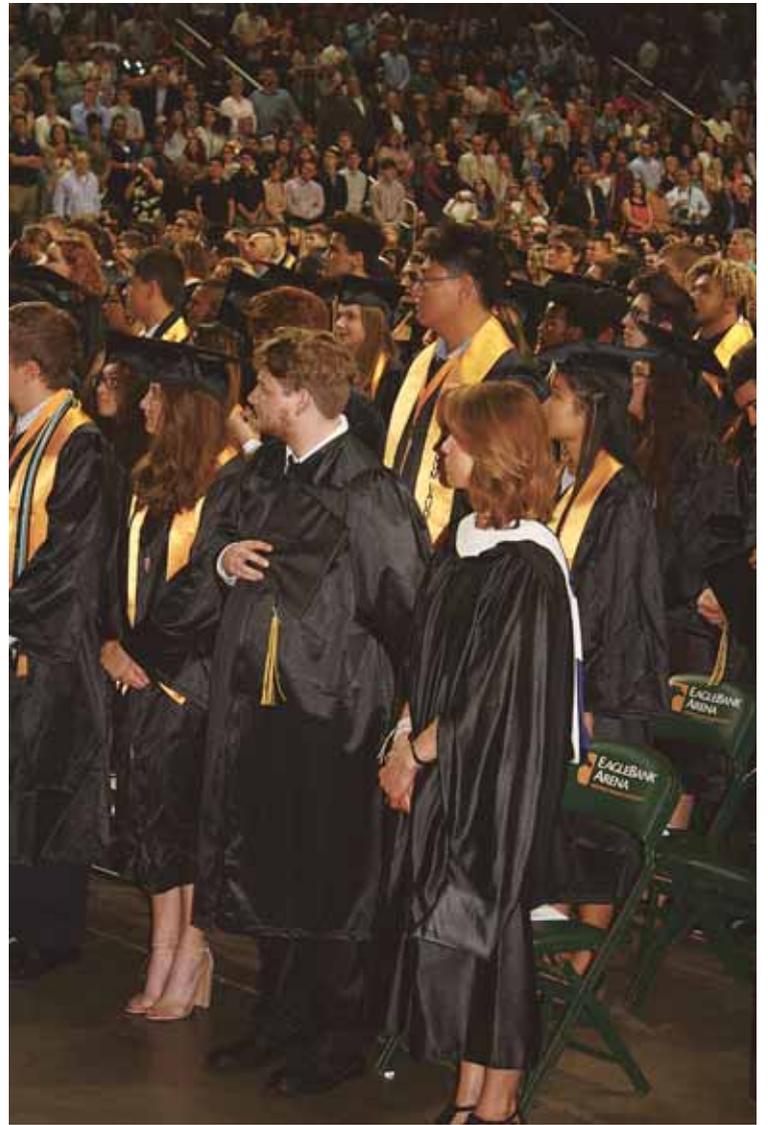


Naji Zien Alabdin receives the final diploma awarded at the Chantilly High School graduation ceremony.

PHOTOS BY MIKE SALMON



Graduates wore a sash indicating honor students.



The mortarboards came off for the National Anthem.

# Westfield Grads: Four Years of Achievements

BY MIKE SALMON

**T**he 2018 Westfield High School seniors savored the moment on June 11, celebrating graduation and entering into the next phase of their lives as families and friends looked on at the Eagle Bank arena in Fairfax.

“They’re well prepared for the next phase of learning and life,” said Dr. Anthony Copeland, principal at Westfield. He placed a rock on the podium: “You’ll need to find your own rock, and navigate the challenges you will face,” he said.

Copeland offered a few facts and statistics from the past year. The school won 55 regional and three scholastic art awards; they volunteered 16,656 hours; the drama department was nominated for 14 Cappies and had two winners; and closed with the accomplishments of the field hockey and football team. “You are truly an exceptional group,” he said.

Natalia Lopez, the student speaker, had the number of days, wake-ups, minutes and seconds they endured throughout the school year, but mentioned the uncertainty that will face in the next few years as the graduates step into adulthood. For a while, “completely not knowing is perfectly acceptable,” she said.

Mid way through the ceremony, the chorus sang “In My Life,” by the Beatles. Choral director Katie Pierce chose the song with input from the rest of the event planners. From now on, when the students hear the song on the radio, they will remember graduation. “They’re going to encounter it sometime else in their life and I hope it brings back a memory of this,” she said.



One by one, the graduates accepted their diplomas and crossed the stage.

At another point, a compilation of videos was created by the students themselves throughout the year, and played alongside “Living on a Prayer,” by Bon Jovi. The videos, shot primarily with cell phones, consisted of the different aspects of the year, like football games, theater productions, swimming, hockey and band.

Honor student Courtney Conway was the team captain of the softball team, a position her parents thought was a learning experience. Courtney will head off to Christopher Newport University in the fall where she will take part in a leadership program. “The softball position gave her a sense of belonging and camaraderie,” said her father Tim Conway.

Ryan Mullins was on the football team that were state champs a few years in a row. “It kept him out of trouble,” said Tim Mullins, Ryan’s father.

The Westfield Pride Award went to Tommy Bourgeois, and presenter Cathy Cespedes called him “a genuine role model.”

There were nearly 600 graduates in the Westfield High School Class of 2018.

# CRIME

The following incidents were reported by the Fair Oaks Police District Station.

**COMMERCIAL ROBBERY:** 6330 Multiplex Drive (Exxon), June 5, 11:20 p.m. Officers were called to the Exxon for a robbery. A man displayed a gun at the victim and demanded money. The man took cash and ran away. The man is described as black, about 25 years old, 5'8", average build, wearing a grey hooded sweatshirt, and a black mask.

**BURGLARY:** 5300 block of Poplar Valley Court, June 5, 4:15 p.m. A resident reported that someone entered the residence and took property.

**COMMERCIAL BURGLARY:** 2900 block of Chain Bridge Road, June 1, 7:02 a.m. An employee reported someone entered the business and took property.

**ROBBERY/BRANDISHING/DESTRUCTION OF PROPERTY:** Fairfax County Parkway/West Ox Road, May 19, 3:32 p.m. The victim was involved in a traffic altercation with another vehicle. Both vehicles pulled over, and the passenger of the second vehicle exited his car, displayed a firearm at the victim, and then reached inside the victim's car and took his phone and dashboard camera. The suspect fled the scene.

**PHONE THREATS:** 4890 Alliance Drive (MPSTOC), May 15, 5:24 pm. A man called to report an assault. When officers arrived the man was intoxicated, refused to press charges, and demanded the officers leave his residence. Officers took the report and left. The man then called the Fairfax County dispatch several times and cursed at the call takers. A police supervisor went to the man's house twice to tell him he could not call and curse at the call takers. After the supervisor left, the man continued to call the dispatch center and

said that if officers returned to his house he would kill them. The 56-year-old man from Fairfax was charged with use of profane or threatening language over the phone.

**ASSAULT ON LAW ENFORCEMENT/DRUNK IN PUBLIC:** I-66 Westbound prior to Nutley Street, May 13, 0125 hours. Officers were checking on a male and a female stopped on the side of I-66 Westbound prior to Nutley Street. Both people were intoxicated and the man argued with the officer, clenched his fists, and then started approaching the officer. The officer called for help and tried to control the man but was unsuccessful until additional officers arrived. A 35-year-old man from Centreville, was charged with assault on law enforcement, obstruction of justice, and drunk in public. A 44-year-old woman from Centreville was arrested for being drunk in public.

**BURGLARY:** 9200 block of Tower Side Drive, between 8 a.m. on May 5 and 8 a.m. on May 6. Someone entered the residence and stole cash and property.

**INDECENT EXPOSURE:** 12700 block of Shoppes Lane, May 4, 11:26 a.m. A woman was sitting on a bench when she saw a man walk past her and exposed himself. The man was working on the planters in the shopping center and watching the victim as he continued to expose himself. Officers arrived on scene and placed a 27-year-old man from Falls Church, under arrest for indecent exposure.

**JUNE 8 LARCENIES**  
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**JUNE 6 LARCENIES**  
13900 block of Lee Jackson Memorial Highway, cash from vehicle

4900 block of Stonecroft Boulevard, cell phone from vehicle  
5100 block of Westfields Boulevard, merchandise from business

**JUNE 5 LARCENIES**  
11900 block of Lee Jackson Memorial Highway, merchandise from business

**JUNE 7 LARCENIES**  
9500 block of Daniel Lewis Lane, purse from vehicle

12300 block of Lee Jackson Memorial Highway, medication from residence  
13000 block of Lee Jackson Memorial Highway, merchandise from business  
13800 block of Park Center Road, passport from business  
3000 block of Sugar Lane, wallet from vehicle

**JUNE 4 LARCENIES**  
5400 block of Ashley Road, purse from vehicle

13000 block of Autumn Willow Drive, package from residence  
10000 block of Clearfield Avenue, tools from residence

12100 block of Fairfax Towne Center, wallet from business  
11700 block of Fair Oaks Shopping Center, cash from business

4400 block of Fair Stone Drive, catalytic converter from vehicle  
3000 block of Hightower Place, bicycles from residence

2700 block of Marshall Lake Drive, wallet from business  
12300 block of Lee Jackson Memorial Highway, wallet from business

4000 block of Majestic Lane, catalytic converter from vehicle  
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# ME & MY DAD

A Father's Day photo gallery.



**Eric Nielsen with Gavin, Savannah, and wife Brooke.**

**My dad, Paul Gilbride, with my two children Gavin Nielsen (right) and Savannah Nielsen (left).**

— BROOKE NIELSEN



**Ian Dominguez, and our son Taiyo (6 years old) in the dining car, on the Western Maryland Scenic Railroad on Aug. 19, 2017.**

— DANIELLE DOMINGUEZ



**When I was four years old (June 13, 1991) I was in the Centre View with my Dad for the Father's Day photo. I was blow drying my Dad's hair.**

— BROOKE NIELSEN

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### KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

**Child turning 5 years old by Sept. 30?** If so, contact your child's school to make arrangements for kindergarten enrollment. Most schools begin getting information together now for parents of incoming kindergartners, and many host an orientation or open house. All kindergarten programs are full-day and located in FCPS elementary schools. Check your school's webpage or contact the school directly for specific enrollment information and dates of orientation or visit [www.fcps.edu/registration/kindergarten-registration](http://www.fcps.edu/registration/kindergarten-registration).

**Centre Ridge Elementary School** in Centreville is open for kindergarten registration for the school year 2018-19. Forms and other information are

available on line at <https://www.fcps.edu/registration/kindergarten-registration>. They are also available in the front office. Call 703-227-2600 with questions.

### Greenbriar West Elementary School

is now accepting information for next year's Kindergarten classes. Families who live within the school's boundaries and have a child who will turn 5 years of age by Sept. 30, 2018, call the school office at 703-633-6700.

### SATURDAY/JUNE 16

**FCCPTA Leadership Training Summit.** 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology, 6560 Braddock Road, Alexandria. The Spring 2018 PTA Leadership Training Summit will provide training and leadership development for PTA officers, committee chairs and leaders in preparation for the 2018-19 school year. Visit [www.fcpcpta.org](http://www.fcpcpta.org).

### SUNDAY/JUNE 17

**REVIVE! Training.** 3 p.m. at 4213 Walney Road, Chantilly. REVIVE! trains individuals on what to do and not do in an overdose situation, how to administer naloxone, and what to do afterwards. Each attendee also receives a free REVIVE! kit, which includes all the supplies needed to administer naloxone. The medication itself can be acquired at a pharmacy after completing the training. Attendees also receive a safety plan to help individuals prevent overdose if they relapse. REVIVE! is a program of the Commonwealth of Virginia that makes naloxone (Narcan) available to lay rescuers to reverse opioid overdoses. Opioids include licit medications like hydrocodone and oxycodone, in addition to illicit drugs like heroin. Visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/community-services-board/facility/a-new-beginning](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/community-services-board/facility/a-new-beginning) for more information. Advance registration required at 703 502-7021 or 703 502-7016.

### WEDNESDAY/JUNE 20

**Keeping Your Loved One Safe.** 1-3 p.m. at Insight Memory Care Center, 3953 Pender Drive, Fairfax. As the brain changes, abilities change too. Learn about potential safety issues, balancing safety with independence, and ways to keep a loved one safe at home and away. This program is a part of Insight's Classes for Caregivers series. Free Respite care may be available by request; please call to make arrangements. Register online, or call 703-204-4664 or email [lindsey.vajpeyi@insightmcc.org](mailto:lindsey.vajpeyi@insightmcc.org).

### THURSDAY/JUNE 21

**Public Information Meeting.** 7 p.m. at Greenbrier East Elementary School cafeteria, 13006 Point Pleasant Drive, Fairfax. The Fairfax County Park Authority will hold a public information meeting to discuss proposed improvements to the Rocky

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# OBITUARY

## Joan F. Fountain

Joan Frances Collins was born on May 18, 1936, in Medford, Mass., and grew up in that community, graduating from Medford High School in 1954. She died Feb. 8, 2018.



After meeting the love of her life, Alton Fountain, Jr., the two were married on June 9, 1956, and moved to Charleston, S.C., where Al was serving in the U.S. Air Force. In 1958, the Fountains returned to Boston and began a family in the following year with the birth of Alton III.

In 1961, they welcomed Patricia (Pati) into the family and a move to Fairfax, Va., in 1962 was quickly followed by the addition of Lynda.

Six years later, the family moved to Centreville, and it was there that Brent was welcomed with open arms into the family as well.

A loving wife and devoted mother, Joan found her greatest joy in caring for her children, and later, her grandchildren and even great-grandchildren. She was also a steadfast friend and a dedicated volunteer who enriched the lives of all of those around her.

Joan was preceded in death by her husband Alton Jr., her mother, Louise, her sister, Doris, her grandson, Hakan Canturk, and her great-grandson, Ernie Fountain. She is survived by: her children, Alton III and

wife Karen of Sugar Land, Texas, Patricia Sievers of Aiea, Hawaii, Lynda Wiland of Wallops Island, Va., and Brent and wife Tammy of Floresville, Texas; her grandchildren, Tarkan Canturk, Christopher and wife Christy Fountain, Jonathan and wife Olivia Quilty, Krisna and husband Travis James, Matthew Wiland, Devin Sievers, Stephanie

Wiland, and Kortney Fountain; and her great-grandchildren, Alton Canturk, Makayla Canturk, Landyn Quilty, Tyler James, Julie Fountain, Eva Canturk, Mason James, Timothy Fountain, and many nieces and nephews and their extended families.

The family is having a Memorial Mass and Celebration of Life for family and friends on Saturday, June 30, 10 a.m., at St. Timothy Catholic Church, 13807 Poplar Tree Road, Chantilly, VA 20151, followed by inurnment at Arlington National Cemetery at 2 p.m.

A reception will follow the inurnment ceremony from 3-5 p.m. at VFW Post 3150, 2116 19th St N, Arlington, VA 22201. Refreshments will be served.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society, [www.nmcrs.org](http://www.nmcrs.org) or 875 N. Randolph St., Suite 225, Arlington, VA 22203, in Joan's memory.

## ROUNDUPS

### Learn about Safety, Security

Safety and security for homes and businesses is the topic of the next meeting of the Sully District Police Station's Citizens Advisory Committee. It's slated for this Wednesday, June 13, at 7:30 p.m., in the Sully District Governmental Center, 4900 Stonecroft Blvd., in Chantilly.

### Learn about the CIF

Learn about the programs and projects of the Centreville Immigration Forum (CIF) at an information session and new-volunteer orientation. It'll be held Tuesday, June 19, at 7 p.m., at the Centreville Labor Resource Center: 5944 Centreville Crest Lane, facing the Routes 28/29 intersection in Centreville. Contact [volunteer@centrevillelrc.org](mailto:volunteer@centrevillelrc.org) for more information.

### Free Carseat Inspections

Certified technicians from the Sully District Police Station will perform free, child safety carseat inspections Thursday, June 21, 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.

### Rocky Run Trail Improvements

The Fairfax County Park Authority will hold a public information meeting to discuss proposed improvements to the Rocky Run Stream Valley Trail, including stream-crossing upgrades and paving of the gravel sections between Stringfellow Road and the Fairfax County Parkway.

The meeting is set for Thursday, June 21, at 7 p.m., in the Greenbrier East Elementary School cafeteria, 13006 Point Pleasant Drive in Chantilly. A brief overview of the proposed project will be presented, followed by an opportunity for questions and answers.

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## ONGOING

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**History Volunteers Needed.** Fairfax Station Railroad Museum needs history buffs. The Museum offers a variety of volunteer opportunities in Museum events, programs and administration. Email [volunteers@fairfax-station.org](mailto:volunteers@fairfax-station.org) or call 703-945-7483 to explore opportunities. The Museum is located at 11200 Fairfax Station Road in Fairfax Station. It is open every Sunday, except holidays, from 1-4 p.m. [www.fairfax-station.org](http://www.fairfax-station.org), 703-425-9225.

**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](http://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.fairfaxjubilaire.org](http://www.fairfaxjubilaire.org) for more.

**Live After Five.** Fridays at 5:30 p.m. at The Winery at Bull Run, 15950 Lee Highway, Centreville. Every Friday night a band plays on the patio of the winery. Free to attend. Visit [www.wineryatbullrun.com](http://www.wineryatbullrun.com) for a full schedule.

**Mondays are Family Night.** 5-7 p.m. at Villagio, 7145 Main St. \$45 for a family of four. Call 703-543-2030 for more.

## LIBRARY FUN

**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.

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## FRIDAY/JUNE 15

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## WEDNESDAY/JUNE 16

**CFH 2018 5k.** 8 a.m.-1 p.m. at Bull Run Regional Park, 7700 Bull Run Drive, Centreville. Come out and support a four-decade mission to provide sustainable affordable housing and critical life skills training to help set individuals and families on a path of self-sufficiency. \$30 pre-registration; \$35 day of registration. Visit [cfhva.org/2018-5k-for-affordable-housing](http://cfhva.org/2018-5k-for-affordable-housing).

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**Summer Concert in the Parks.** 3-4:30 p.m. at the Harris Pavilion, 9201 Center St., Manassas. The Kings Park Concert Band, performing in Northern Virginia for over 50 years, announces a summer concert in the parks. Typical programs include: marches, concert band classics, movie and Broadway show medleys, novelty pieces. Free. Visit [kingsparkband.org](http://kingsparkband.org).

## MONDAY/JUNE 18

**Kuumba Kids.** 2:30-3:15 p.m. at Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road, Chantilly. Enjoy African dance, drumming, storytelling, and puppets. All ages. Visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/branches/chantilly-regional](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/branches/chantilly-regional) or call 703-502-3883; TTY 711.

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## MONDAY-FRIDAY/JUNE 18-22

**Wild Bird Camp.** 9 a.m.-4 p.m. at Ellanor C. Lawrence Park, 5040 Walney Road, Chantilly. Learn to recognize bird calls and appearances and discover the tricks birders use to identify birds on the wing. Start a Life List and enjoy drawing and journaling about special bird encounters. Enjoy time on the trails, playing games and making crafts. Bring binoculars and field guides if available. Ages 6-11. Cost: \$299 (County resident); \$314 (non-resident). Call 703-631-0013; TTY 711 or email [parkmail@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:parkmail@fairfaxcounty.gov).

## WEDNESDAY/JUNE 20

**Finding Home: The Immigrant Experience.** 7-8 p.m. at Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road, Chantilly. Teen author Duaah Hammad will read excerpts from her book "Finding Home" and speak about the immigrant experience in America. Book signing to follow. Ages 13 and older. Visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/branches/chantilly-regional](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/branches/chantilly-regional) or call 703-502-3883; TTY 711.

## THURSDAY/JUNE 21

**Jacks are Wild.** 10:30-11:15 a.m. at Centreville Regional Library, 14200 St. Germain Drive, Centreville. Jack Russell Terriers, Mario and Bella, perform fun and amazing tricks. Ages

6-12. Call 703-830-2223 or TTY: 711 for more.

## FRIDAY/JUNE 22

**FrogHair Golf Tournament.** Noon at Twin Lakes Golf Course, 6201 Union Mill Road, Clifton. Enjoy the chance to be a winner at the upcoming FrogHair Golf Tournament presented jointly by Southwestern Youth Association and Chantilly Youth Association. A fun twist on the game is presented at each hole, providing both experienced and inexperienced golfers with an opportunity to win a prize. Golfers can sign up as a single, a twosome or a foursome. \$99 per person. Visit [www.froghairgolfclassic.com](http://www.froghairgolfclassic.com).

## SUNDAY/JUNE 24

**Colonial Games and Ice Cream.** 1-3 p.m. at Ellanor C. Lawrence Park, 5040 Walney Road, Chantilly. Start summer with historic fun and games at Ellanor C. Lawrence Park. Join a tournament of hoop and stick, the game of graces and other childhood games of yesteryear. Take historic scavenger hunt challenges and race to buy cows for the historic Walney Farm. End your day relaxing with ice cream. The program runs from 1 to 3 p.m. and the cost is \$10 per person. \$10. Call 703-631-0013 or visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/eclawrence](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/eclawrence) for registration information.

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## THURSDAY/JUNE 28

**Wonder: The Movie.** 2:30-4:30 p.m. at Centreville Regional Library, 14200 St. Germain Drive, Centreville. Join for the movie version of the book "Wonder" by R.J. Palacio. Bring a blanket and/or a pillow to sit on. Light snacks and drinks provided or bring your own snacks. This movie is rated PG. Grades 4 and up. Call 703-830-2223 or TTY: 711 for more.

## SATURDAY/JUNE 30

**Stream Life.** 6-7 p.m. at Ellanor C. Lawrence Park, 5040 Walney Road, Chantilly. Freshwater ecosystems are full of fascinating creatures. Search for stoneflies, hellgrammites, water pennies, and crayfish. Explore Big Rocky Run with a naturalist, use dip nets and kick nets to catch and release these creatures and learn about their role in the environment. Learn stream monitoring techniques and the impacts humans have on these fragile ecosystems. Wear shoes that can get wet. Meet at the pond. Ages 4 and older. Cost \$6. Call 703-631-0013; TTY 711 or email [parkmail@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:parkmail@fairfaxcounty.gov).

## SUNDAY/JULY 1

**Crafts for the 4th of July.** 1-4 p.m. at the Fairfax Station Railroad Museum, 11200 Fairfax Station Road, Fairfax Station. Enjoy making railroad inspired, 4th of July crafts. Ages 16 and older, \$4; 5-15, \$2; 4 and under, free. Visit [www.fairfax-station.org](http://www.fairfax-station.org), [www.facebook.com/FFXSRR](http://www.facebook.com/FFXSRR), or call 703-425-9225.

# Preparing Home for Summer

From finding spaces for wet swimsuits and school papers to adding new throw pillows, small touches can add a warm-weather feel.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL

When school ends and summer begins, a home's functionality can change. From backpacks overflowing with a school year's worth of school papers and art projects that need a home to bedrooms that call for a warm weather refresh, local designers suggest small tweaks to interior spaces that can yield a big impact.

From breezy white sheets to beach-themed accessories, summer calls for a lightening up of home decor, advises interior designer Anne Madden of Mount Vernon. "I always encourage clients to refresh their home decor during warmer months," she said. "Remove heavy bed linens that were meant to keep you cozy and replace them with light and airy linens in neutral or cool colors. This is also a good time to swap out throw pillows made from heavy fabrics like wool and incorporate pillows made from lighter fabrics like linen into your home's design."

In addition to changing bedroom accessories, summer is also good time to breathe new life into bathroom decor. "Take an inventory of your linen closet and replace towels that are worn and frayed with thick, fluffy ones," said Madden. "Make sure your shower curtain and liner are fresh and free of mildew. If they aren't, replace those too."

Corralling pool necessities into a designated space is a key to maintaining an organized home during the summer, advises professional organizer Susan Unger of Clutter SOS. "When preparing to head to the pool with your children, it's a real time saver to have an area in the laundry room, entry or garage where all the necessary items are kept and they don't need to be gathered up each time," she said. "Keep a beach bag loaded with sunscreen, towels, snacks, toys and clothes. Perhaps each child could even have their own beach bag. Have a designated area in your home for wet towels and suits to be hung up to dry when returning home."

Create a space that is dedicated to summer crafts in a way that doesn't overtake a home's aesthetic, suggests Unger. "Having a

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Adding new towels and shower curtain in light and airy colors, like those in the bathroom by Annie Elliott Interiors, can add a touch of summer to a bathroom.

separate crafts table for children is great or if space is an issue covering the kitchen table with a plastic tablecloth will work also," she said. "It also helpful to have a separate cart with plastic drawers or a small shelving unit with plastic bins to house craft items. I like plastic because it is washable."

Each drawer or bin can house items like paint, marker, crayons, coloring books or construction paper, continued Unger. "Put a printed label on each drawer or bin," she said. "I like to add a picture of the item as well which encourages younger children to start developing reading skills. They are then also able to match the item to the container when it comes to putting away the supplies. It is never too early to encourage cleaning after themselves."

The beginning of summer is a great time to sort through school papers and art projects collected thought out the year, says Unger. "As the parent, it will make it easier for your child if you do a presort and get rid of all the schedules, notices and worksheets before involving your child in the process," she said. "Then you both can decide on the special items to keep. I like to use a plastic file bin for each child and put each year's items in a hanging file with the grade on the file tab. This also creates a limited amount of space for the selected items to keep."

If you haven't already done so, schedule a maintenance service appointment for your HVAC system, suggests Maden. "It's better to spend the money now to make sure it's in good working order than to wait until breaks down during a heatwave and be at the mercy of overbooked repair companies," she said.

**"Have a designated area in your home for wet towels and suits to be hung up to dry when returning home."**

— Susan Unger, Clutter SOS



Adding throw pillows in light, airy colors like the one in the room by Annie Elliott Interiors, can make a space appear ready for summer.

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**NEWS**



The first Cappie of the evening went to Sarah Bourgeois from Westfield High School for the Andy Mays Rising Critic Award.



Still in character from his performance as the Phantom of the Opera, John Henry Stamper from Westfield High School was recognized with the Male Vocalist Award.



Chantilly High School's Annie Silva won the Comic Actress in a Play Award for her role in the school's production of "Pride and Prejudice."

PHOTOS BY ANDREA WORKER

**Returning with Cappies Awards**

**19th Annual 2018  
Cappies Award  
Gala honors  
area high  
school talent.**

BY ANDREA WORKER

While the current crop of Broadway luminaries were receiving their Tony awards in New York on Sunday, June 10, the next generation of theatrical stars were being equally feted — and showcasing their many talents — at the 19th Annual Cappies Awards Gala in the Concert Hall at the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts.

"Lead Players" Erich DeCinzo, Phil Reid, and Diane Poirier, together with hosts — and Cappies Governing Board members — Judy Bowns and Janie Strauss kept things moving along with abundant witty repartee throughout the three-hour event. With musical numbers and dramatic scenes performed by cast members from some of the Cappies-nominated shows, audience enthusiasm never waned, from the opening number "Come On, Get Cappies," (sung to the tune of "Get Happy," written by Harold Arlen and Ted Koehler, and adopted by Judy Garland as one of her signature songs) to the show-stopping finale, featuring a number composed by long-time Cappies musical director, Chris Johnston, who teaches musical composition at the Fairfax Academy for Communications and the Arts, when not conducting the Annandale Northern Virginia Community College Symphony Orchestra.

Awards were presented in 39 categories, ranging from actors/

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PHOTO COURTESY OF KARA STAMPER

For Westfield's production of "The Phantom of the Opera," John Henry Stamper — acting in the title role — captured the Male Vocalist award, and Sarah Bourgeois was honored as Rising Critic. They are congratulated by Westfield Theater Director Rachel Harrington Johnson. At the Gala, Stamper and Molly Van Trees performed the show's title song onstage and received the evening's only standing ovation.



PHOTO COURTESY OF SHANNON KHATCHERESSIAN

Chantilly Theater Directors Andy Shaw and Shannon Khatcheressian flank Annie Silva who won the award for Comic Actress in a Play. The school's Cappies entry this year was "Pride and Prejudice."

# Cappies

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actresses in lead and supporting roles in plays and musicals, vocalists, costumes, choreography, orchestra, technical arts such as Lighting, Sets and Sounds and more.

The Duke Ellington School of the Arts in the District took home the prizes for Best Play ("The Rimers of Eldritch") and for Best Actor and Actress in that production, but there were plenty of students and performances from Northern Virginia, from Alexandria to Leesburg, that won the votes of the 436 student critics who had reviewed five or more shows to become eligible Cappies Awards voters.

Kyle Dalsimer from Annandale High School was named best in the Lead Actor in a Musical category for his performance in "The Hunchback of Notre Dame." The Oakton High School "Titanic Band" was tops in Orchestra. Olympia Hatzilambrou received Female Vocalist honors in Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology's "Mary Poppins," while John Henry Stamper from Westfield High School in Chantilly took the top Male Vocalist honors as the "Phantom of the Opera." And the award for Musical of the Year went to Robinson Secondary School for their production of "Monty Python's Spamalot." The audience was treated to the song "Knights of the Round Table" early in the program.

The complete list of winners, as well as the list of the nominees, can be found on the Cappies website [www.cappies.com/nca](http://www.cappies.com/nca).

The Cappies were established in the wake of the Columbine High School massacre in 1997. The vision of the late William Strauss, co-founder of the Capitol Steps political satire review, and brought to life with his partnership with Judy Bowns, the Cappies began as an effort to "bring positive attention to teenagers engaged in creative pursuits." Their mission has expanded to include opportunities for constructive critical feedback for the theatrical activities of those youth, to honor the advisors, mentors, and teachers, as well as the students, and to provide a collaborative learning experience for high school theatre students.

The nonprofit organization has also expanded outside of the immediate area in those 19 years, adding nine chapters around the country, and an additional three in Canada.

The telecast of the 2018 Cappies Gala can be viewed online beginning on Saturday, June 16 at [www.fcps.edu/tv](http://www.fcps.edu/tv).

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### SATURDAY/JUNE 23

**Women's Summit 2018.** 8 a.m.-5 p.m. at Hyatt Regency Dulles, 2300 Dulles Corner Blvd., Herndon. Network NoVA presents their second Women's Summit to continue the grassroots momentum of building coalitions across the state to flip Virginia's Congressional delegation blue in November. \$65. Visit [networknova.org](http://networknova.org) for more.

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## Trying to Mind My Weekly Business



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

Usually I'm able to write my column because something is on my mind, or at least percolating in there somewhere. At the moment, nothing is on my mind or even remotely percolating. The reason for this lack of percolation is that as of Saturday, eight days after my last chemotherapy infusion, I still haven't been able to think clearly in my mind – or out of it, because I've spent the past week wallowing in it.

The post-chemotherapy experience to which I vaguely refer is the primary side effect of the drug with which I am infused. For the week or so following my treatment, I am not quite myself (nor am I anybody else for that matter). I am dull and void.

I am not interested in most tasks and less inclined to concern myself with trivialities and/or any responsibilities related or not. I am simply biding time, usually lying on the bed, fully dressed but minimally engaged. Sights and sounds don't bother me but neither do they motivate me in the slightest.

I am not exactly a shell of my former self, but the chemotherapy has definitely hollowed out a place for itself. Eating and drinking is very challenging. Consequently, I have difficulty swallowing the 60-odd pills that I take every day. If I'm not careful I will become less medicated and more constipated. As a direct result, I will sleep throughout the day – and night. Furthermore, I risk becoming dehydrated and vitamin and nutrient deficient.

Let me be clear: this column is not about me dying, or the feelings that I have during this post-chemotherapy "weak" thinking that I am. Hardly. It's more an attempt to explain – and perhaps justify, the minimal creative thinking I've engaged in this past week preparing to write this column. It reminds me of a particular Seinfeld episode when George explained to Jerry why he was unable to lie his way out of dinner with J. Peterman: "I dug down and there was nothing there."

All of the previous paragraphs being written, compared to myriad complications I could be experiencing – and am not, as well as the premature death "prognosed" by my oncologist: "13 months to two years" back in late February 2009, I am quite the opposite of a victim of my circumstances. I am a survivor. Nine-plus years. Though still an active patient and one never characterized as a N.E.D. ("no evidence of disease"), I continue to look forward not backward. My life is ahead of me, not behind. To invoke an old reference: "It beats Bermuda off-season."

When "Team Lourie" asked my oncologist back in early '09 if I could possibly live beyond my prognosis, he was not particularly encouraging. I remember him saying: "Could you be the one? Sure." ("One" being the operative word.)

And in the context of all that he was explaining/outlining, hardly was it offered up with any enthusiasm. It was more a verbal life preserver (no pun intended). Something for us to grasp as we continued to discuss and then ultimately decided to begin chemotherapy infusions six days later on the following Wednesday.

And here I still am, June 9, 2018, "Chronic Ken," as I've previously "monikered" myself. I'm living proof of one of the recent goals of lung cancer research: to change a previously terminal diagnosis from a death sentence into a life sentence. And I can live with that, hopefully for many years. I have no doubt that research/clinical studies will make it all a reality.

New drugs/treatment protocols are being approved almost daily it seems, by the F.D.A. In fact, as many drugs have been approved in the past few years as had been approved in the previous decade. I have treatment choices now that I've never had before, immunotherapy is but one example.

As far as the subject matter for this week's column, this is all I could muster. I hope you don't mind.

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