

Student Battles Rare Cancer

CVHS Key Club selling bracelets to help raise money.

BY BONNIE HOBBS
CENTRE VIEW

So far, Leah Moran's sophomore year at Centreville High has not gone according to plan. Instead of playing soccer and attending classes with friends, she's receiving lessons from a homebound teacher, visiting doctors and hospitals and receiving treatment for a rare form of cancer.

"Doctors have no idea what causes it," said her mother, Ruth Moran of Centre Ridge. "But Leah's maintained a positive attitude, the whole time, and has a really good sense of humor."

Also helping is the support of family and friends, including Centreville High's Key Club. In February, members began selling bracelets around school in Leah's favorite color, purple, saying "CVHS Fights Cancer." They're \$2 each and 100 percent of the proceeds go to her family to help with its non-medical bills.

What Leah's battling is an ependyoma — a rare type of spinal-cord tumor. She and her mom and sister, Katie Brown, 11, a sixth-grader at Centre Ridge Elementary, visited relatives in Pennsylvania over Labor Day 2010 and, afterward, Leah complained of a



PHOTO BY DEB COBB/CENTRE VIEW

Leah Moran

backache. They thought it was from the long drive home, but it persisted.

So on Oct. 8, she saw her pediatrician, who referred her to an orthopedic surgeon. Her appointment was Oct. 21, but she was still hurting and walking with difficulty so, on Oct. 15, her mom took her to the Inova Fair Oaks Hospital emergency room, where Leah received back X-rays and muscle relaxants and was told to keep her upcoming appointment.

On Oct. 21, the orthopedist recommended an MRI and gave Leah a back brace. Then, after her Nov. 1 MRI at Inova Fair Oaks, doctors said they saw something. Moran's

a registered nurse with Inova Home Health and she began realizing Leah's problem was neurological.

That night, the doctor said Leah had a tumor and would be transferred to Inova Fairfax Hospital to see a neurosurgeon in the morning. "We both cried, but I told her we'd get through it," said Moran. "No matter what it is, you're always relieved when they tell you what it is. But it hadn't sunk in, yet, what it meant."

However, when Leah was put on the hematology/oncology floor, Moran asked if her daughter's tumor was malignant and was told it was. "I was devastated," she said. "But when I told Leah, she was glad she was where someone could take care of it. She's been good about it, all along. And I didn't want to break down and cry in front of her; I knew if I did, I'd never stop."

The neurosurgeon operated on 16-year-old Leah, the next day. "The surgery was supposed to be eight hours, but it was 14," said Moran. "The surgeon thought he got it all but, when Leah had another MRI, he saw something he didn't like."

The tumor stretched along six

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Lady Luck At the Southwestern Youth Association Awards Banquet, Leslie Perez, of Centreville, fundraising coordinator for SYA Cheerleading, gives the dice a toss at the craps table. Far left, Chris Snear, stickman at the table, calls the game.

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Emergency Help, Food at Centreville WFCM

WFCM needs volunteers and contributions.

BY BONNIE HOBBS
CENTRE VIEW

Western Fairfax Christian Ministries opened an office in Centreville to help people in the local community. Now, it's trying to get the word out that it's there.

A long time ago, WFCM had a small clothes closet and food pantry near the fire station on Old Centreville Road. But for the past several years, it's been headquar-

tered in Chantilly and has run those operations, plus a thrift shop, out of that location.

But it opened a satellite office along Route 29 in Centreville — between Dunkin' Donuts and Goodyear Tire — in September 2010 and began seeing clients in November. It's at 14631 Lee Highway, No. 313, through the glass lobby doors just to the right of Dunkin' Donuts and on the third floor.

"We see clients to offer emer-

gency financial assistance, food from our pantry and gift cards to Giant," said Centreville Community Coordinator Terri Kelly. "It's especially for Centreville residents who can't get to our food pantry in Chantilly."

WFCM's new location offers a variety of services to local residents, so Kelly wants as many local residents as possible to know about them. For example, she said, "We recently had our first budget class totally in Spanish." WFCM is

partnering with Fairfax-based Our Daily Bread, which sends over a Spanish speaker to help with the financial-budgeting class.

"Volunteer Nancy Scott does one-on-one budget mentoring, in English, here with clients," said

Kelly. "And I've done presentations at Greenbriar West Elementary and for the Centreville United Methodist Church's Children's Ministry on what we've done to

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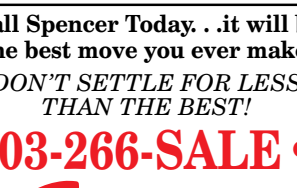
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ROUNDUPS

Aggressive Drivers, Beware

Throughout March, Sully District police officers will especially concentrate on traffic safety via a program called LEAD (Let's Eliminate Aggressive Driving). Police will implement various enforcement techniques and strategies to try to curtail dangerous driving behaviors in and around the Sully District and the Route 28 Corridor.

They'll focus their efforts on the heavily commuted, morning and evening travel periods. With warm weather and extended hours of daylight, aggressive driving often peaks with the advent of spring and spring break.

So Sully officers will be out in force to target behaviors including: Reckless driving, aggressive driving, following too closely, improper lane change/failure to signal, DUI, red-light violation, driving on the shoulder, driving through a safety zone, disregarding highway signs, seatbelt/child safety seat violations, and speeding.

They'll also look for motorcycle equipment and insurance violations, as well as unlicensed riders. Police say there were 62,000 unlicensed motorcycle riders last year in Virginia — or one in four — and 40 percent of them were DUI.

Park Authority To Meet

The Fairfax County Park Authority will meet Wednesday, March 9, at 7:30 p.m., in the Herrity Building, 12055 Government Center Parkway, Suite 900 in Fairfax. Call Judy Pedersen at 703-324-8662.

Free Carseat Inspections

Certified technicians from the Sully District Police Station will perform free, child safety carseat inspections Thursday, March 10 and March 24, from 5-8:30 p.m., at the station, 4900 Stonecroft Blvd. in Chantilly. No appointment is necessary. But residents should install the child safety seats themselves so technicians may properly inspect and adjust them, as needed.

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

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Chris and Gretchen Reamy of Centreville, watch the ball move around the roulette wheel. Chris Reamy is a Little League umpire.



Dealer Johnny Torante of Haymarket has a 10 and a jack, giving him 20. SYA Vice President Pete Cuomo, of Clifton, has blackjack (21), to his right, his wife, Baseball Commissioner Lori Cuomo has 19, to her right Softball Majors Coordinator Christina McDonald, of Fairfax, has 20.



Amy Gallagher, of Clifton, SYA Cheerleading coach and the treasurer of SYA Cheerleading, poses for caricature by artist Bill Wright.

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Southwestern Youth Association Hosts Awards Banquet



Cheerleading: From left are Lynn Bernatz, Rebecca Cole, Amy Gallagher, Cheerleading Commissioner Joh Hansen.



Softball: Boomer DeConti and Jean Thoensen.



Soccer: From left are Jeff Stein, Jennifer Wiemann, Regina Seetoo, Denise Reynolds, Joel Comer and Jason Kruse.



Little League Baseball: Joe Bronder, Chris Reamy and Commissioner Bob Woodruff.



Track and Field: Ray Izer and Commissioner Alonzo Davis.



SYA President Gary Flather (far right) acknowledges the service of Commissioners Dan Huft (Babe Ruth Baseball) and Marcie Ragano (Cheerleading), who are stepping down from their positions.



Babe Ruth Baseball: Dan Thomas, Commissioner John Smith, and Dan Huff.



Volleyball: From left are James Martin, Dave Dowgiallo, Nick Kokulis.



Football: Jay Zehring, Chris Kirkwood, Usma Johnson and Matt Huling — filling in for Football Commissioner Damian Caracciolo.



Basketball: Will Pickett, Michael Gregory and Commissioner Dave Scanlon.



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Conflict, Reconciliation Workshops Planned

Wellspring United Church of Christ and St. John's Episcopal Church are sponsoring two workshops dealing with conflict resolution and reconciliation. The first will focus on conflict analysis and practice in tools for intervention; the second will focus on healing within communities that have become divided.

These workshops are especially designed for participants in faith communities, but have broad application, as well. Both will

be held at St. John's Episcopal Church, 5649 Mount Gilead Road in Centreville. Registration fee is \$20 per workshop and includes lunch and materials.

The facilitator for both workshops is the Rev. Al Fuyes, an internationally known pastor and peacemaker active in the Philippines and other countries. He's currently a GMU professor in the field of conflict analysis, resolution and transformation.

❖ Workshop One: "Conflict Resolution,

Transformation and Peacebuilding" will be held this Saturday, March 5, from 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. It will introduce participants to an understanding of conflict, its nature and its dimensions. They'll learn interventions and tools to practice peacebuilding, healing and transformation in their faith community and congregational settings.

❖ Workshop Two: "Conflict, Trauma Healing and Reconciliation" is slated for Saturday, May 7, from 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. The

following questions will be examined: How is the connection between conflict and trauma explained? What is trauma and how does trauma affect individuals and communities? What helps people survive the trauma? What does healing mean? What does reconciliation require so that divided communities will live together again? How does this affect outreach in the local community?

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WFCM Needs Volunteers and Contributions

FROM PAGE I

prevent homelessness. I've also met with the school counselors in the Centreville area to tell them about our services."

She knows there are people in need in Centreville, and that's who WFCM wants to help. "London Towne Elementary is almost 45 percent free and reduced-price lunches and, ultimately, our goal is to reach those families and tell them what we offer," said Kelly. "In school year 2009-10, there were 383 students there needing help."

She said WFCM believes children shouldn't go to school hungry. "And if so many children at London Towne are getting free and reduced-price lunches, what are they doing when they're not in school?" asked Kelly. "That's why summer is a high-priority time when we need food donations."

Nationwide, she said, homelessness is "because the breadwinner dies or loses a job." Here in Fairfax County, said Kelly, people are often teetering on the brink of homelessness, trying to afford the rent — "especially when they're only making minimum wage. Some 80 percent of our clients work; and often, both parents work, and



From left: Melissa Jansen, Terri Kelly and Jeanette Nagel meet in WFCM's new Centreville facility.

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they're still struggling. So the money we can save them on food they can use for other bills."

THE NEW CENTREVILLE office opened in November with nine clients; in January, 27 people came in for help, so Kelly is pleased with the increase. "The school counselors have sent referrals and, ideally, that's what we'd like," she said. Now, nearly 60 clients have been served there and each one has received two bags of food — 50 pounds total per person. Referrals for free clothing

at WFCM's thrift shop in Chantilly may also be made.

Centreville residents who were already WFCM food pantry clients in Chantilly will find the new one more convenient for them. "Instead of sending them 'cross town, we're trying to duplicate the Chantilly food pantry here," said WFCM Executive Director Melissa Jansen. "Right now, we don't have the non-perishables, but we hope to eventually if we can get community and church support — plus grants to help supply refrigerators, freezers and shelving — for a larger and more feasible pantry space."

The Centreville office is open Monday-Friday, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Call 703-825-1996 or e-mail tKelly@wfcma.org.

"We offer basic-needs assistance for people having a tough time making ends meet," said Jansen. "Emergency food, toiletries, clothing, rental and utility help are offered by appointment; referrals aren't needed. Budget-mentoring is also free and is available to anyone with a need for this information. They need not be a client; they just have to call for an appointment."

HOWEVER, it goes both ways; to be able to help others, WFCM could use some help, itself, from those able to contribute or lend a hand. "We want the community at large to know we need their support," said Jansen. "We could use financial help, food donations and volunteers. Our grant writer, Jeanette Nagel, is charged with finding foundations to support the startup of a new, full-sized food pantry."

Being upstairs in the Centre Lee Business Park is tough, said Kelly, because "we don't have a sign outside, due to the regulations. If we were on the first floor, we'd be able to put up a sign visible from the front of the building."

And that's frustrating, added Jansen, because "if the families of the London Towne schoolchildren knew WFCM was so close by, they could literally walk here for help. But at least the county, churches and schools know we're here."

Still, Kelly says helping people there gives her great satisfaction. "I feel, in my life, I'm blessed, and I want to share that feeling with others," she said. "Life is hard — and to be able to give a little bit of comfort makes me feel good. And it's basic needs we're talking about, not luxury items. We're just offering food, clothing and emergency assistance so people can keep their lights on and have some heat. It's what they need to live."

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OPINION

Going Into Overtime

General Assembly wraps up its 2011 after approving a balanced budget.

BY DAVE MARSDEN
STATE SENATOR (D-37)

We went into overtime, although only for one extra day. The budget conferees from the House of Delegates and the Senate could not agree on reconciling their differing budgets until Sunday at 2 a.m. Compromise prevailed and we are able to present a spending plan for the rest of this fiscal year ending June 30, 2011, and for next fiscal year ending on June 30, 2012. The budget was balanced as it always is. We should be leaving Richmond late on Sunday night, Feb. 27, after a final vote on the budget having previously debated and passed 887 bills out of 1,882 that were introduced.

The most important issue that I was involved with this year was a budget amendment I submitted to study the closing of a Juvenile Correctional Center. This facility is budgeted at \$13 million per year. For \$3-5 million less, we will be able to establish 10-12 state of the art, best practice re-entry programs for 120-140 youths in our 24 local juvenile detention centers that are currently underutilized and have approximately 600 vacancies.

In short, we can dramatically improve our juvenile recidivism rate, save money, reduce

the size of government while moving government services closer to people and providing localities with new jobs and money to help with local detention center overhead.

One of the most enjoyable events of the session is the mock session held by the Senate Pages. These are 13-14 year olds who serve in the Senate to assist senators and staff with a myriad of functions. I covered the event in the role of reporter and one of the bills they introduced, debated, and passed was a controversial one that was passed by both the real Senate and House that dealt with a physical education requirement of 150 minutes per week in public schools.

Teddy Ludke, Chesterfield County, and Jay Kaul, Henrico County, did a great job of presenting the bill in the Mock Page Session. They convinced the other Pages of the need for this bill. With rising rates of childhood obesity, attention deficit disorder, and adult diabetes they felt, and the other Pages agreed, that something must be done. Criticism of

this bill was similar to what I heard from the community in Fairfax County, that it would cost money to provide this 150 minutes of physical education and that it would interfere with student choices of elective courses like band and the fine arts. Both Teddy and Jay's bill, as well as the real one, would not be in force until the 2014-15 school year. This will give the Department of Education, and the local school systems the time needed to make the appropriate adjustments and plans to make this happen without interfering with the aspirations and needs of our students.

One of the other controversial issues we dealt with involved a problem that was ad-

ressed by a bill of Del. Kay Kory (D-38) of Fairfax County. It involved mandatory notice to parents of a violation of public school rules by their child if it "is likely to lead to a suspension or expulsion." I believe the problem her bill was attempting to address is a valid and serious concern. I voted against this bill because it creates an impossibly vague standard for school administrators and teachers that would require extensive paperwork. School employees would be placed in the situation of having to err on the side of caution and have to notify parents in writing of any number of violations because of the term "likely." We have cut education dramatically over the past few years and while this bill passed, I think we are putting a real burden on people who need to be educating our children, not getting caught up in endless paperwork. Myself, and others will be working to craft a better solution to the parental fear that their children will suffer disciplinary actions without having the benefit of their parent's support and council.

We adjourned "Sine Die", which means without another day, on Sunday, Feb. 27, at 7:45 p.m. That ended the 2011 session of the General Assembly. There were handshakes and hugs all around, Democrats and Republicans alike, saying goodbye and wishing each other well. As I sought out my four committee-chairpersons, I realized that I am the first senator to have served under four women chairpersons in the Senate. Three were African American, and the fourth was Sen. Patsy Ticer (D-30), who is retiring this year after serving as chairman of the Agriculture Committee. Yes Virginia, we have come a long way. I really love the Senate.

COMMENTARY

LETTER

Perils of Worker Center

To the Editor:

I don't know how the proposed Day Worker Center can be a non-profit organization unless the money donated is going to be given to immigrants. Mr. Dvoskin is providing the building and paying the utilities. Why would the Center need \$85,000 to hire a director?

I predict this Day Laborer Center is dead on arrival. I don't see undocumented workers standing in line with a lottery ticket when they can be picked up on the street by a potential employer. The Center is going to have to make sure the workers have valid social security numbers so that they can pay their taxes. In the Feb. 10 article Mr. Threlkeld was quoted as saying that the Center doesn't want to get involved in the issue of liability in case a worker is injured and that an employer should check his homeowners insurance.

Homeowners insurance will not cover this liability as it would become a workers compensation issue. The day laborer will have to hope that the person who is hiring him has a business insurance policy. I don't see how day to day employees will be covered under such policies.

My homeowners insurance does not recommend that that we hire any company that is not insured and that's what the day labor center is going to do. Good luck on that one.

Diane Powers
Centreville



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The merchants of Centrowood Plaza in Centreville donated \$1,000 to Centre Ridge Elementary School as part of the shopping center's holiday shopping spree promotion. The school received the donation thanks to Michaun Harrison of Centreville who listed Centre Ridge Elementary as her favorite school on the entry form she filled out for a shopping spree drawing. In addition to a \$1,000 donation to the school, Harrison won a \$500 shopping spree to Centrowood Plaza for herself. From left are Michaun Harrison, shopping spree winner; Margo Dias-Pareja, principal of Centre Ridge Elementary School; Edain Harrison, fourth Grader at Centre Ridge and Michaun Harrison's son, and Zaria West, marketing representative for Centrowood Plaza.

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Dykstra Indicted on New Charges

Now faces five felony counts for child pornography.

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CENTRE VIEW

Because he was only charged with a misdemeanor, Centreville resident Craig Dykstra just had to serve five days in jail following his conviction last summer for unlawfully filming a high-school girl in the nude.

Now, though, a Fairfax County grand jury has indicted him on five felony counts of possession of child pornography and, if convicted, he could receive some serious prison time.

On June 5, 2010, Westfield High held its school prom and, afterward, Dykstra held a pool party at his Hunt Chase mansion for his daughter and her friends. But before the festivities began, he placed a camera disguised as a pen inside a changing room there. Then, without their knowledge or consent, he secretly filmed several teen-age boys and girls — including an 18-year-old girl who was photographed completely nude as she changed out of her swimsuit into pajamas for a sleepover at the home with one of Dykstra's daughters, a classmate of hers.

Another student eventually found the camera, which was given to a parent and then to the police. After viewing the camera's contents, police arrested Dykstra.

He went on trial, July 28, 2010 in Fairfax County General District Court, and the 70-minute film was played. The victim and others who'd been at the party



Dykstra

testified and, ultimately, Judge Mark Simmons found Dykstra guilty, beyond a reasonable doubt.

"This is not a static, surveillance camera, but a surreptitious camera — the type used for spying on people without their knowing it," said Simmons. "There's video of Dykstra setting it up, checking and rechecking it — and it's in a place where people are in various stages of undress."

The judge sentenced him to 10 days in jail and, in December, Dykstra, 52, served five days. However, the criminal investigation continued because, on June 7, 2010 — two days after the pool party — police had searched Dykstra's home and confiscated several computers, phones and cameras to examine.

Then, believing they now had enough evidence to charge him with felonies, police appeared last Tuesday, Feb. 22, before the grand jury and presented their findings. As a result, Dykstra was indicted on five criminal counts.

The initial case against him proceeded as a misdemeanor because the filmed victim was 18 and, therefore, not under-age. But the offense date of Dykstra's five latest charges is listed as the same date his computers were seized by the police — and this time, he's been charged with possessing pornography involving minors. Dykstra is currently scheduled for a status hearing, March 4, in Circuit Court to offer attorney information and set a date for a trial or plea. The crime of possession of child pornography is punishable by as much as five years in prison.

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Thursday, March 10 — 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.
Thursday, March 24 — 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.
Thursday, April 14 — 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.
Thursday, April 28 — 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.

MONDAYS AND WEDNESDAYS

ZUMBA Classes. 7 to 8 p.m. Latin based dance fitness class. The first class is free; afterward it's \$7-\$9 per class. At Cornerstone Montessori School, 4455 Brookfield Corporate Drive, Suite 201, Chantilly. Visit www.gozumbafun.com.

FRIDAY/MARCH 4

Swing Dancing. 9 p.m. to midnight. Admission is \$15. With the Gas House Gorillas from New York City. Beginner swing lesson from 8:30 to 9 p.m.; dancing from 9 p.m. to midnight. At the Hilton Washington Dulles Airport Hotel, 13869 Park Center Road, Herndon.

MARCH 5 TO 13

"Annie Jr." Tickets are \$10. Presented by the Alliance Theatre. Show dates are March 5-6 and March 11-13 at Mountain View School, 5775 Spindle Court, Centreville. For information on group discounts including special Girl Scout programs, show times and ticket purchase, call 703-220-8101 or visit www.thealliancetheatre.org.

TUESDAY/MARCH 8

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper. 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. The evening will feature pancakes and other breakfast fare, entertainment, games, face painting, live music and fun for the entire family. Adults: \$6; children under 6: \$4; under 4 free. Contact PVI Campus Ministry campusministry@paulvi.net. At Paul VI High School, 10675 Fairfax Blvd. in Fairfax.

WEDNESDAY/MARCH 9

Spaghetti Dinner. 6 p.m. Cost is \$5/person; \$25/family. Fairfax American Heritage Girls Troop 1907 will host an Ash Wednesday Spaghetti Dinner. The dinner includes a choice of white or wheat pasta and meat or vegetarian sauce, garlic bread, salad and dessert. A gluten-free option is also available. Reservations must be made by March 7 by calling 703-815-6197 or e-mailing ahg1907@gmail.com. At Pender United Methodist Church, 12460 Alder Woods Drive, Fairfax. An Ash Wednesday service will follow the dinner at 7:30 p.m.

BULLETIN BOARD

MONDAY/MARCH 7

Fair Lakes Area Tea Party. 6:30 p.m. Free. Guest speaker is William Green, outreach staffer from the office of House Speaker John Boehner. At Backyard Grill, 13999 Metrotech Drive, Chantilly. Call 703-475-7125 or visit www.fairlakesteaparty.com.

MARCH 8-9

Free Financial Aid Workshops. 6 p.m. Free workshops on completing financial aid form (FAFSA form). Sponsored by Apple Federal Credit Union. At Apple Federal Credit Union's Fair Oaks Branch, 4029 Ridge Top Road, Fairfax.

THURSDAY/MARCH 10

Networking Happy Hour. 5 to 7:15 p.m. Free. MidatlanticNetworking.com in conjunction with Greg Nerantzis of Merrill Lynch will be hosting a Networking Happy Hour. At Vintage 51 Restaurant and Brew Lounge at 25031 Riding Plaza, Chantilly. Call 703-722-2844. Email Jay@MidAtlanticNetworking.com to reserve a seat.

SATURDAY/MARCH 12

Lab Rescue's Adoption Event. 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. At Weber's Pet Supermarket, 11021 Lee Highway, Fairfax. Call 703-385-3766 or visit www.lab-rescue.org.

SUNDAY/MARCH 13

Fundraising Rally. 6:30 p.m. Free. Northern Virginia Fellowship of Christian Athletes fundraising rally with speaker Jerry Leachman, former Washington Redskins chaplain. At NOVA Community College. Reserve a seat at www.novafca.org or call 703-225-0070.

FRIDAY/MARCH 11

Swing Dancing. 9 p.m. to midnight. Admission is \$15. With Natty Beaux. Beginner swing lesson from 8:30 to 9 p.m.; dancing from 9 p.m. to midnight. At the Hilton Washington Dulles Airport Hotel, 13869 Park Center Road (Route 28 near the airport), Herndon.

SATURDAY/MARCH 12

Gospel Concert. 6 p.m. Southern Gospel Concert with "The Cornetts" at Oakton Baptist Church, 14001 Sullyfield Circle, Chantilly. The church is located on Route 50, 1/5 mile east of the Route 28 overpass at the corner of Route 50 and Sullyfield Circle. A free-will offering will be received. Call 703 631-1799.

Spring Carnival. Noon to 4 p.m. At Colin Powell Elementary School, 13340 Leland Road, Centreville.

MARCH 11-13

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THURSDAY/MARCH 17

Saturday Night in the Suburbs. 7 p.m. An evening of dialogue with a panel of senior students to discuss drugs, alcohol, parties, driving, sexting, Facebook, and communication between teens and parents. To be held in the Westfield High Lecture Hall. Contact Jennifer Campbell at ptsa_president@westfieldhs.org, or Jennifer Lewis-Cooper at jalcooper@aol.com.

SATURDAY/MARCH 19

Wild West Carnival. 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Poplar Tree Elementary School will host its annual carnival. Enjoy moon bounces, an 85-foot inflatable obstacle course, penny pitch, ring toss, goldfish pong, 50-50 raffle, cake walks, silent auction. At 13440 Melville Lane, off Stringfellow Road in Chantilly.

Consignment Sale. 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Free. Sponsored by Fairfax County Mothers of Multiples. Items for babies and toddlers, elementary, middle and high schoolers, maternity clothes and more. Indoor sale held rain or shine. At Chantilly High School cafeteria (use Entrance 11), 4201 Stringfellow Road, Chantilly. Check out the FCMOM web site at www.fcmmom.org or e-mail clothingsale@fcmmom.org.

MONDAY/MARCH 21

Hawk Talk. 7 p.m. Centreville Garden Club presents John Shafer, assistant manager, E.C. Lawrence Park, who will discuss Birds and Raptors. At Sully Government Center, 4900 Stonecroft Blvd., Chantilly. Visit www.centrevillegardenclub.blogspot.com. Call 703-815-1722.

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MONDAY/MARCH 21

WFCWC Honors Women's History Month. 7 p.m. In honor of Women's History Month and to mark the 90th anniversary of the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution giving women the right to vote, the GFWC-Western Fairfax County Woman's Club's program will feature a presentation on the Turning Point Suffragist Memorial, a memorial planned for Occoquan Regional Park in Lorton. Jane Barker and Kathleen Pablo, Chair and member of the Memorial Steering Committee, respectively, will speak. At the Greenbriar Community Center, 4615 Stringfellow Road. Guests welcome. Call Jackie at 703-378-8551 or e-mail at westernfairfaxcountywc@gmail.com.

MONDAY/APRIL 11

Kindergarten Orientation. Cub Run Elementary will conduct a kindergarten orientation/registration for parents and rising kindergarteners in the school cafeteria. Parents will receive an overview of the curriculum and meet the teachers. Last names beginning with A-L are from 1:30-2:30 p.m. and M-Z are from 2:30-3:30 p.m. Kindergarten students will visit the classrooms while parents are registering. Bring an original birth certificate, proof of residency (lease or deed) and physical/immunization records. Call the school office at 703-633-7500 for registration forms.

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SCHOOLS

Allison Williams of Centreville was named to the Dean's List for the 2010 fall semester in the Villanova School of Business (Villanova, Pa.). Williams is a sophomore.

Sixty-eight Fairfax County students were named to the Virginia All-State Chorus for 2011. They will perform as a group April 30 at the Visual and Performing Arts Academy at Salem High School in Virginia Beach. FCPS students selected for the 2011 Virginia All-State Chorus and as alternates are:

❖ **Centreville High School:** Emily Dohse, Jacqueline Hogg, Isabella Lacsamana, and Emily McLenigan and alternates Andrew Bongardt and Soojie Kwan.

❖ **Fairfax High School:** Erick Enciso, Josh Fleitman, and Alanna Ross and alternate Jasmine Green.

❖ **Robinson Secondary School:** Haley Warmuth and alternates Lauren Falkenstein and Amy Jones.

❖ **Westfield High School:** Elizabeth Beavers, Mary Burke, Rebecca Holley, Melanie Robison, and Valeria Sierralta and alternates Dylan Covert, Rachel Ewalt, Brooke Feichtl, Michael Gullette, and William Powell.

Virginia All-State Chorus is sponsored by the Virginia Choral Directors Association, an affiliated unit of the Virginia Music Educators Association.

The Centreville High Choral Department will present its Spring

Concert on Wednesday, March 23 at 7:30 p.m. in the Skip Maiden Theatre. The CVHS choirs will perform the programs that they have prepared for adjudication at the District Performance Assessment Concert at Woodson High School on March 26. There will also be select solo performances by members of the advanced choirs. A reception for the audience and performers will follow the concert.

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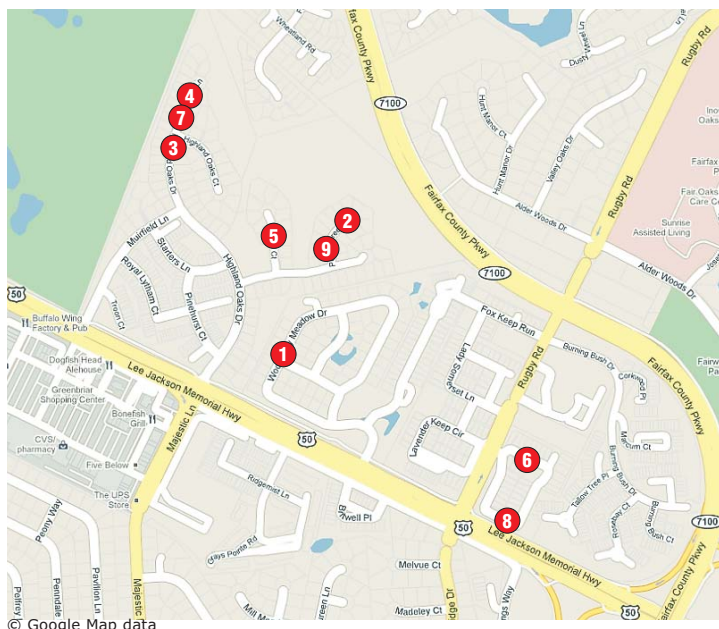
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CVHS Student Battles Rare Cancer

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vertebrae, but was deep underneath, where it couldn't be seen during the surgery. So about a week later, Leah underwent a second operation. "The doctor said he got 9/10 of it," said Moran. "He said, if he got it all, she would have lost the use of her right leg."

"He said it was definitely an ependymoma, which is usually in the brain, so he said Leah was lucky it was in her spine. If it was in her brain, it would have affected her personality. And I know from being a nurse that people with brain tumors only live about five years."

Moran told her daughter she might need chemotherapy or radiation, but that she'd be all right. "Her eyes welled up, but she's very strong," said Moran. "She never said, 'I can't do this.' She even said she'd go through all this again, if it could help somebody else."

After the surgery, Leah couldn't move her legs and was in pain; then part of her right leg was numb. "She said it felt like it was burning," said Moran. "She had to lie flat for several days and couldn't walk anymore, stand or move her legs by herself, so she started physical therapy and began to improve."

But Leah still had a loss of sensation, and the doctor said she'd have difficulty knowing where her leg was in space, so they put a brace on it. "She has to make a more conscious effort to move her leg and keep checking to make sure she hasn't injured herself," said her mom. "The brace helps her go up stairs, for example, because she can't feel it."

After 18 days in the hospital, Leah came home before Thanksgiving. For someone who'd played soccer since first grade, it was tough being less physically active. But she's made the best of it, still socializing with her friends, reading, listening to music, keeping up with schoolwork and trying to have as normal a teenage life, as possible. In January, she even went to Ocean City on a Christian retreat with music with a church in Frederick, Md., that her father attends.

But she still goes to physical therapy twice a week and recently began a series of 28 radiation treatments over six weeks at the National Institutes of Health. "There are two, small, BB-sized tumors left at the base of her spine," said Moran.

Two sets of oncologists, neurosurgeons and radiation oncologists at NIH and Inova Fairfax will follow Leah's progress. Said Moran: "She's gotten excellent care at both places."



Centreville High Key Club members are selling special bracelets in Leah Moran's honor.

"Leah has tremendous strength and such a positive spirit."

— Ruth Moran, Leah's mother

Leah will also have to have an MRI, every few months, for the rest of her life, and six to 18 months of physical rehabilitation. She's made significant improvement in her mobility and has homebound teachers for the core subjects, 10 hours/week. But what really keeps her going, said Moran, are visits from her friends.

"We have a goal of mid-March for her to go back to school, with a modified schedule," said her mom. "She'll also have a person to walk with her and help carry her heavy books between classes because she's unsteady on her feet."

Leah's medical expenses are mostly covered, but Centreville High's bracelet fund-raiser will help a great deal with other expenses in this one-parent household. Moran had a hip replacement in August, so she couldn't work before then; and

as soon as she was ready to resume her job, Leah's problems began and she needed her mom's full-time care.

Moran's ex-husband and their relatives have provided moral support and some financial help, but more is still needed to help this family of three survive in Fairfax County. "So the bracelet sales will help with the household expenses, like food and electricity, until I'm able to go back to work," said Moran. "The funds will also help pay for gas to go back and forth to Leah's doctors' appointments."

Meanwhile, a cheerful Leah says she feels great. "I'm getting around a lot better than I was," she said. "The physical therapy is really helping; it gets better and better all the time. I tell myself it could be a lot worse — and [Inova] Fairfax Hospital is a really good hospital."

And whenever she gets bored, she goes on Facebook or friends come take her to eat at Chipotle in her wheelchair. "They've all been amazing," said Leah. "I'm really looking forward to going back to school. I think the fund-raiser is really nice and I'm glad they're doing it."

"We're in a different place in our lives, now," said Moran. "You don't think something like this will happen to your family. But Leah has tremendous strength and such a positive spirit. I'm so impressed with how well she's done. The high school has been very supportive, her guidance counselor has been in touch with me daily and her teachers are always asking about her. I'm very grateful that they're so willing to help us."

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He was a loving husband, father, grandfather and friend. Gordon will be remembered for all of this and for his deep commitment to God and country.

Gordon is survived by his wife, Marilou Cook, his two daughters: Kristin Joy Hudenburg and husband Michael John Hudenburg of South Riding, Va. and Col. (S) Laura Lee Lenderman and husband Lt. Col David Michael Lenderman of Scott Air Force Base, Illinois; and three grandchildren: Alyssa Joy, Andrew Michael, and Matthew Cyr Hudenburg, all of South Riding, Va. He is also survived by his father and step-mother, Bernard and Charlene Cook of Corpus Christi, Texas; and sisters, Janet Aiello of Brewster, NY and Charla Kay Hoernemann of Middletown, Ohio. He is preceded in death by his mother, Doris Olive Cook.

Funeral services will be held at 4:00 PM Saturday in the Goldfinch Funeral Home, Conway Chapel. Burial will be in Arlington National Cemetery at a later date.

The family will receive friends from 3:00 PM to 4:00 PM Saturday in the funeral home.

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Make Believe



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

There's a part of me (a bigger part than I would like to admit) that is afraid to be honest with family and friends concerning my cancer and the cancer-related circumstances with which I might be dealing, sooner rather than later. Conflicted doesn't begin to describe that thought process. Do I or don't I, is the short question. The longer answer is what follows in this column.

If, as a cancer patient, I sound good and look good, then people won't react negatively to me - and thereby won't express nearly the level of concern that they would if my manner and appearance were not positive. And if in turn, people are reacting positively to me, then I won't be feeling bad about what I'm hearing. And if I don't feel bad about what I'm hearing, then maybe the cancer won't have reason to assert itself. Moreover, if I refuse to give the cancer its rightful due/level of significance, maybe it won't move and/or grow as per diagnosis-to-date, it hasn't?

However, if my desire/strategy of not involving/not alarming people about certain thoughts/fears I'm experiencing - as sort of a ruse to not elevate cancer's insidious hold on/in me, is merely just an amateurish attempt - by me, at mind over what matters, then maybe I'll be neglecting signs/symptoms that really matter. Ultimately, who am I kidding? Not that any of this is a laughing matter, but I doubt denial is a medically-prescribed and prudent course of treatment. Still, there seems to be a self-preservation instinct in me which prevents me from being honest with myself - and with the people closest to me, in some delusional attempt at hiding the truth behind a mask of normalcy and/or maybe even indifference: if I don't speak of it, don't admit to it, maybe it doesn't really exist/isn't that serious?

In my mind, as soon as I start admitting to having symptoms, then the slippery slope upon which all cancer patients teeter starts pitching forward and downward, hastening an inexorable descent to a premature death. If I don't utter the words or accept what's happening to me, maybe it won't actually happen. Naive? Denial? Wishful thinking? A great attitude? Totally wrong? Whatever works for me? All of it, none of it. Ergo my confusion and "confliction," to quote one of the many made-up words from my deceased father's unique vocabulary. No one told me this cancer trip was going to be easy. In fact, I was told that it was going to be the most difficult thing I've ever done; they weren't lying.

A supposed justification for my awkward sort of behavior; this lack of honesty, fear of some truths/inevitable, is a meager attempt - by yours truly, at saving myself from myself; any port in a storm. And I'm certainly in the middle of a storm. A storm, the likes of which I've never experienced before. Having experienced it now going on two years, I will admit to one thing: confusion. I never know from one day to the next how I'll feel, what I'll feel; is it the cancer, is it middle age? Am I outliving my diagnosis because of, or in spite of what I'm doing (some non-Western pursuits, in addition to the standard protocols I'm following)? Should I be changing my tactics? Adding something (mega doses of vitamin D, as an example) or stopping something (the eight tablespoons of pureed, canned asparagus I consume every day)? I don't know anything, really. I've been a pretty good listener, though. Pretending however, seems to be working.

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Tough Season Endings for Westfield, Chantilly Boys

Both squads lose in first round of region playoffs.

BY RICH SANDERS
CENTRE VIEW

Both the Westfield and Chantilly High boys' basketball teams saw their respective seasons conclude last week with first round losses at the 16-team Northern Region tournament.

Chantilly, last year's region champion, lost at home to Lake Braddock, 54-52. The postseason gem matched two of the region's top coaches — the Chargers' Jim Smith and the Bruins Brian Metress.

Lake Braddock led 14-10 after one quarter. But by the end of the third quarter, the home team Chantilly squad held a 40-33 advantage. But the Bruins rallied, outscoring the Chargers 21-12 in the final eight minutes to earn the huge win. Lake Braddock junior forward Tyler Snow (10 points) scored the game-winner in the final second to break a tie.

Chantilly senior guard Jamie Danehower scored 17 points while teammate John Manning, the Chargers' talented 7-foot center, finished with 14. Jake Weigand added seven points. For the Bruins, guard Cory Bonds scored 15 points, Matt Zanellato had 12 and

center Bobby Freedman 10.

Chantilly (18-7) lost two close playoff games to end the season — a 64-58 Concorde District title game setback to Herndon on Feb. 18, a game in which the Chargers led by 15 points in the third quarter; and the region playoff defeat at the hands of a Lake Braddock team that went a mundane 14-11 this season.

After beating Chantilly, Lake Braddock nearly took down the other team from last year's region finals — Langley — in a quarterfinals round game last Wednesday, Feb. 23. Langley trailed the always-tough Bruins by 16 points in the first half before rallying for an incredible 58-56 win at home. A late basket by senior center Brenden Dwyer with 40 seconds remaining in the fourth quarter put Langley ahead for good and sent the Saxons into the semis and a meeting with Annandale, this year's surprise team from the Patriot District.

"It was really exciting," said Langley junior Daniel Dixon, of the incredible, come-from-behind win over Lake Braddock. "At halftime we didn't really feel we would lose — even though we were down by 13. We regrouped and came out fired up. Our [home] fans were really big that game."

For Chantilly, the tough losses at season's end hardly diminish what has been a successful season for the Chargers. But this was the season in which Herndon emerged into both a district and region force. The Hornets defeated sec-

ond place Chantilly in all three meetings between the two squads this season, including the district title game, and went as far as the region semifinals before losing a close game to eventual region champion T.C. Williams. Herndon's Austin Hamilton, the Region Player of the Year, dominated during postseason play.

For Chantilly, Manning earned First Team All-District accolades and was also named the District's Defensive Player of the Year. Wiegand, meanwhile, was named to the All-District Second Team, and senior guard Devin Ballam made Honorable Mention and was also named to the nine-member All-Defensive Team.

WESTFIELD HIGH, under head coach Doug Ewell, enjoyed a winning season, finishing the winter campaign 13-11 following their season-ending 73-71 loss to home team Annandale in a first round region playoff game on Feb. 21. The Atoms, following the close victory, won their following two games — victories over Mount Vernon and Langley — to reach the region title game and earn an automatic state playoff berth.

Westfield ended the season with a pair of tough losses. The Bulldogs had fallen to Chantilly, 42-41, in the Concorde District semifinals on Feb. 17. Then, at regionals, they lost the opener to the Atoms.

Westfield led Annandale, 33-30, at halftime before the Atoms got hot and outscored their guests, 24-



PHOTO BY CRAIG STERBUTZEL/CENTRE VIEW

Westfield High junior center Zach Elcano (44) was recently named Second Team All-Concorde District.

10, in the third quarter to surge ahead 54-43. In the final quarter, the Bulldogs fought back and nearly overcame Annandale before falling just short.

Westfield junior standout post player Zach Elcano led the Bulldogs with 20 points in the loss, while junior guard Quentin Basil scored 19. Westfield also received solid outings from junior guard

Mark Gibson (10 points), senior guard David Aurora (9), and sophomore guard Chauncey Beckett (8).

Both Elcano and Basil earned Second Team All-District honors this season, while Aurora and Gibson made Honorable Mention. Three Bulldogs — junior guard Julius Rosa, Basil, and Gibson — made the All-District Defensive Team.

Chantilly Boys Land Fifth Place Finish at State Track

Koroma wins 300 race, finishes second in 500.

BY RICH SANDERS
CENTRE VIEW

The Chantilly High boys earned an impressive fifth place finish at last weekend's Virginia State AAA Indoor Track and Field Championships, which were held Feb. 25-26 at the Boo Williams Sportsplex in Hampton.

Both Centreville and Westfield High Schools also had representatives at the postseason event.

Chantilly finished fifth overall

with 26 points. In all, 61 boys' teams competed. Atlee High (57) of Mechanicsville was the team champion, ahead of second place Lakeland (36) of Suffolk and third place First Colonial (31) of Virginia Beach. Douglas Freeman (27) of Richmond was fourth, ahead of the Chargers. Other teams from the Northern Region included seventh place Annandale, eighth place Oakton, 10th place South Lakes, and 29th place Woodson. Lake Braddock and Robinson tied for 16th place with 10 points.

Chantilly High senior Mohamed Labor-Koroma captured the state championship in the 300-meters dash event with a time of 35.18.

He finished ahead of second place finisher Matt Henton (35.24) of Oakton.

Koroma, along with his first place finish in the 300, also earned a second place finish in the 500 race with a time of 1:04.51. Marques Atkinson of Atlee (Mechanicsville) won the race at 1:04.39.

Koroma was also an eighth place finisher in the high jump.

Another highlight for the Chantilly boys came in the 1600 race in which sophomore Sean McGorty finished in fifth place with a time of 4 minutes, 22.85 seconds. He was the top Northern Region runner in the event and finished ahead of region rivals Sam

Rubenking (6th place) of Lake Braddock and Colin Taylor (7th place) of West Springfield. Cody Snyder of Lee-Davis (Mechanicsville) finished first in the 1600 with a time of 4:13.12.

McGorty was also a sixth place finisher in the 3200 event, timing at 9:33.20. Silas Frantz of Douglas Freeman (Richmond) finished first in the event at 9:17.69. Northern Region runner Paul Gates of Woodson finished third at 9:26.24.

The Centreville boys' 4x800 relay team of Bobby Kelly, Chan Young Lee, Chris Jones and Chase Heiner finished in seventh place.

Westfield High's 4x400 relay team of Alex Krall, Max Chambers, Troy Sevachko, and Tyrone Walker

finished sixth in the state.

Other boys' athletes from the Northern Region had strong meets at states. Robinson senior Joey Muzzio won the high jump event with a finals jump of 6-07. He finished ahead of Clark Thornhill (6-05) of Douglas Freeman.

From Annandale High, Ahmed Bile, a junior, won the 1000 race with a time of 2 minutes, 28.14 seconds, besting second place finisher Jeremy Greenwald (2:28.88) of Grassfield (Chesapeake).

Annandale High's John Jenkins took second place in the 55-hurdles. Woodson's Paul Gates finished third place in the 3200, while Lake Braddock's Luke Sohl was seventh

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SPORTS

Football Hall of Fame Banquet Sunday

The Fairfax County Football Hall of Fame will hold its 21st Annual Banquet Sunday, March 6 at the McLean Hilton Hotel (7920 Jones Branch Drive), located near the Tyson's II Galleria Mall, in McLean. Festivities will begin with a social gathering at 2:30 p.m., with dinner at 4. The awards ceremony will immediately follow, honoring local area youth and high school players, coaches, officials, and cheerleaders, along with other guests and the new Hall of Fame inductees. The event draws celebrities and supporters from all over the area. For general information, contact Mark Meana at 703-281-0153 or at Santrak@aol.com. For ticket information contact Betty Powell at 703-273-3216 or at bpowe1@aol.com. The youth league website is at www.FCYFL.org.

The Fairfax County Football Hall of Fame is an organization that recognizes and promotes the special efforts of individuals from the local youth and scholastic football programs. This recognition includes Inductees to the Hall of Fame that represent the history of football in the area as well as current football players, coaches, officials, cheerleaders, administrators, and other individuals exhibiting outstanding dedication to the sport from both the scholastic and youth club ranks.

This year's Hall of Fame Inductees are: Will Montgomery (Washington Redskins, Virginia Polytechnic University, Centreville High, Southwestern Youth Association; Bill Yoast (Hammond High School,

T. C. Williams High); and George Casey (Vienna Youth Incorporated). The Football Official of the Year to be recognized will be Arnold Palmer of the Fairfax County Football Officials Association.

Other awards will go to: Betty Powell (Fairfax County Youth Football League), who will receive the Karl Davey Community Achievement Award; Lee Ann Pender, director, Office of Administrative Services within Fairfax County Public Schools who will receive the Tom Davis Meritorious Service Award; and William Barry Thompson III, Fairfax Police Youth Club, who will receive the Gene Nelson Commissioner of the Year Award.

The Fairfax County Football Hall of Fame, on the night of the banquet, will present \$1,500 Scholarship Awards to graduating high school seniors for football and cheerleading.

The Hall of Fame will also recognize the following high school players, coaches; youth players and coaches; cheerleaders; and scholarship recipients: High School Football Players of the Year: Marcus Harris, Stone Bridge High

(Liberty District); Anthony Taylor, Washington-Lee High (National District); Michael Nebrich, Lake Braddock Secondary (Patriot District); Jared Velasquez, Robinson Secondary (Concorde District); Kevin Hogan, Gonzaga High (Private Schools); and Dominique Terrell, Osbourn High (At Large).

High School Coaches of the Year: Mickey Thompson, Stone Bridge (Div. 5) and Mark Cox, Battlefield High (Div. 6). The Fairfax Youth Football Players of the Year: Kyle Hamrock (Braddock Road Youth Club); Jelani Shakir (Fort Belvoir Youth Football); Zachary Braskamp (Reston Youth Football); Kyle Phox (Springfield Youth Club); Gus Nyers (Manassas Youth Football); Brandon Lessard (McLean Youth Football); Garrett Snedeker (Chantilly Youth Association); Benjamin Davenport (Lee-Franconia Football); Devon Patterson (Gainesville/Haymarket Football); Jack Caldwell (Braddock Road Youth Club); David Im (Herndon Optimist Club); Glenn Rushing (Fort Hunt Youth Football); Sean Fitzgerald (Vienna Youth Inc.); Christian Abenes (Fort Belvoir Youth Football); and Nick Donlon (Southwestern Youth Association).

CVHS SPORTS REPORT

BY KAREN FULKERSON

CVHS Swim/Dive Winners From States: Congratulations to the following swimmers for their top 8 finishes at the Virginia State swim/dive meet in Virginia Beach on Feb 18-19: Johnny Germanis, who was 3rd place in the 100 freestyle and 4th in the 50 freestyle; and the eighth place 200 freestyle relay team of Taylor Avery, Abbie McCranie, Kylie Cuomo, and Rachel Anderson.

Lady Wildcats Lose in Basketball Regionals: The Centreville Lady Wildcats completed their 2010-2011 season with a disappointing 50-43 loss to T.C. Williams in the first round of the Northern Regional

Tournament on Monday, Feb. 21. Leading by as many as seven points in the first half, the Cats were unable to withstand the continual pressure of the Titans in the second half. Trailing by 10, Centreville narrowed the gap to five and had possession but was unable to get any closer. Centreville was led in scoring by senior Taylor O'Hara with 14 points. Chaney Forbush had 12 rebounds. Erin Meador completed her career with 12 points and finalized the all-time CVHS Free Throw record by recording her 300th made free throw. The Wildcats finished the season with a record of 14-10, third place in the Concorde District and a trip to the Northern Regional Tournament.

Chantilly Boys Land Fifth at State Track

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in the same event. Lake Braddock's Sean Daugherty was fourth place in the pole vault. Annandale's Joel Hoisington was sixth in the shot put. Hayfield's Cody Whitlow was sixth in the long jump.

ON THE GIRLS' SIDE, Chantilly senior Nina Ullom finished fifth place in the pole vault with a mark of 10-feet. Kendall Cowne, a

Chantilly sophomore, was eighth place in the 1000 race.

From the Northern Region, South County Secondary finished third place in the girls' team standings. The Stallions finished with 28 team points, finishing behind first place Western Branch (92) of Chesapeake and second place Cosby (37) of Midlothian.

Lake Braddock Secondary (18 points) tied for eighth place over-

all with two other teams — Bethel of Hampton and Osbourn Park of Manassas. Robinson Secondary (17) tied for 11th place with West Potomac, also from the Northern Region.

Other Northern Region teams that finished in the top half of the 54-team championship meet field included 18th place Edison High, 21st place Hayfield, and 25th place Herndon.



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ROUNDUPS

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County Budget Meeting Planned

A Town Hall meeting to discuss Fairfax County's 2012 budget will be held Monday, March 14, at 7 p.m. in the Chantilly High lecture hall.

In attendance will be Supervisor Michael R. Frey (R-Sully), School Board Chairman Kathy Smith and county management and budget staff.

CAC Agenda: Budget, Hockey

The next meeting of the Sully District Citizens Advisory Committee will be Tuesday March 15, from 7-8:30 p.m., at the Sully District Governmental Center, 4900 Stonecroft Blvd. in Chantilly. Supervisor Michael R. Frey (R-Sully) will discuss the county's 2012 budget.

Police MPO Jason Herbert will talk about his ice hockey team that'll participate in the World Police Fire Games, this August, in New York. In addition, Fred Sanborn will

discuss Fairfax County Law Enforcement Foundation initiatives, and Ray Powers will present details from the police chief's retreat in January.

Plan Centreville Day

Community members are invited to help plan Centreville Day 2011 by attending a meeting Thursday, March 17, at 7:30 p.m. at the Sully District Governmental Center, 4900 Stonecroft Blvd. in Chantilly. The Friends of Historic Centreville are looking for people with imagination, energy and organizational skills who'd like to learn

more about and support their community by bringing back Centreville Day. Committees include entertainment, logistics, history and vendors. For more information, contact Cheryl Repetti at cbrepetti@verizon.net or 703 830-5407.

Society To Meet

The Historic Centreville Society will hold its annual meeting Wednesday, March 30, at 7:30 p.m. at the Centreville Regional Library. John McAnaw will discuss the first two years of the Civil War in and around Centreville and Fairfax.



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