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Graduating seniors sing "Come So Far (Got So Far to Go)" at Chantilly High's 24th annual Jazz & Pizzazz show. More photos, Page 3

One Family Throws Lifeline to Another

Healys give D'Andreas a grant in memory of their daughter.

By Bonnie Hobbs Centre View

he EAH Foundation was born of tragedy - the death of a 19year-old Clifton girl but its first grant comes as a muchneeded lifeline for a Chantilly family trying to save its own child.

EAH stands for Elizabeth Ann Healy, who battled cancer much as toddler Rachel D'Andrea is doing now. Doctors removed a brain tumor from Elizabeth at age 2 1/2, but chemotherapy destroyed her lungs and, at 11, she received a double lung transplant.

"We'd go through the halls of Johns Hopkins [Hospital], giving away the extra stuffed animals

she'd gotten," said her father, Tom Healy. "It made me realize what a gracious, young girl she was to have the humanity to think of others while going through so much adversity, herself."

That memory led him to later create a foundation in her name to help others when they need it most and, last week, it gave a \$10,000 grant to the D'Andrea family.

The Healys lived in Chantilly until 1996, when they moved to Balmoral. Elizabeth attended St. Timothy Catholic School and then Paul VI, graduating in 2008. "She was hardly ever there because she was so ill, but they'd send work

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Poplar Tree Elementary Teachers Complete Avon Walk

They raise \$18,000 for breast-cancer research.

By Bonnie Hobbs Centre View

teacher at Poplar Tree El-

ementary, is currently

battling breast cancer. So in her

honor, several teachers from her

school participated in the Avon

Breast Cancer Research Walk, May

Walking the 39 miles on the

team PT Loves CZ (Poplar Tree

Loves Crista Ziegler) were Rachel

Crowder, Jen Brown, Kelly

Cummins, Jennifer Frate, Mindy

Klavon and Heather Galladora,

plus former Poplar Tree teacher Alissa Castellano-Adams. Together, they raised more than

\$18,000 and, although Ziegler

didn't walk, herself, she joined them at the end of each day as they

crossed the finish line on the Na-

1-2, in Washington, D.C.

rista Ziegler, a sixth-grade have brought to my heart and how Ziegler. "They have taken their vice, to a whole new level. I am so

proud I am of the example they friendship with me, and their behave set for their students," said lief in the value of community ser-



From left: Mindy Klavon, Heather Galladora, Crista Ziegler, Kelly Cummins and Rachel Crowder at the end of the first day's walk.

proud that they all completed the event, in the more-than 80-degree weather. I will never be able to thank them enough."

Money raised at the event provides breast-cancer screening, support and treatment, regardless of a person's ability to pay. For more information, www.avonwalk.org. As for the teachers, they were delighted to do whatever they could to help the cause and their friend.

ages, abilities and backgrounds, and everyone worked together to get to the finish. The volunteers and the supporters along the path were wonderful, and I am not sure that we could have done it without them." Klavon was also amazed at the

"The walk itself was extremely

inspiring," said Klavon. "There were people there of all different

amount of people who turned out to cheer on their friends, family members and even complete strangers. Most importantly, she

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Centre Ridge Teacher Lanigan Is Cleared

A Fairfax County jury deliberated less than an hour last week before declaring Centre Ridge Elementary teacher Sean Lanigan not guilty of molesting a sixthgrade student there. In January, a 12-year-old girl alleged that he touched her inappropriately, carried her into another room and lay on top of her. Police charged him with aggravated sexual battery and abduction by force and he was placed on unpaid, administrative leave.

But at Lanigan's trial in Circuit Court, the jury

didn't believe the girl's allegations - especially after a friend of hers testified that the sixth-grader told her she'd lied about what happened. Under questioning on the witness stand, the accuser also admitted she was angry at Lanigan for saying he'd have her removed from her position on bus patrol because of her bad behavior on the bus toward the other students. It is as yet unclear whether he'll return to his job at Centre Ridge.

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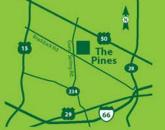
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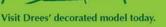
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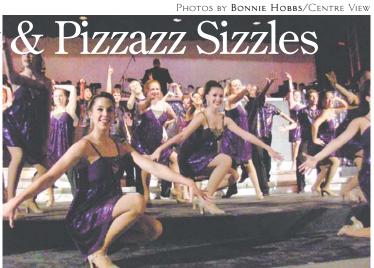
The Bollywood medley, featuring the song, "Jai Ho."

Chantilly High's Jazz & Pizz

Chantilly High's 24th annual Jazz & Pizzazz show was May 26-29.



The medley from Broadway's "Movin' Out."



Touch of Class Show Choir performs "In the Stone."



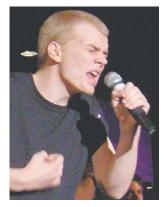
Sax player William Morgan-Palmer performs "Diminuendo and Crescendo in Blue."



Haeri Yoo sings "Don't Know Why."



Candace Shedd-Thompson sings "So Much Better."



Taylor Jarrell rocks out during the Billy Joel, "Movin' Out" medley.



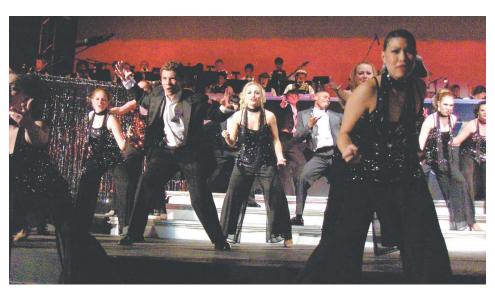
Joel Bading sings "Johanna" from "Sweeney Todd."



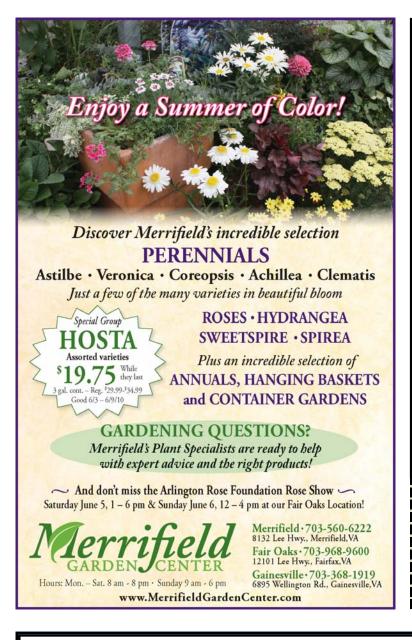
Clarinetist and four saxophone players wail on "Nice 'n Juicy."



Touch of Class sings "Georgia on My Mind."



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News

Cappies **Nominees** Named

By Bonnie Hobbs Centre View

he 2010 Cappies nomina tions for high-school the ater were announced recently, and Westfield, Chantilly and Centreville high schools are in the running for a total of 18 golden statuettes. The winners will be revealed at the 11th annual Cappies gala, Sunday, June 13, at The Kennedy Center in Washington,

Westfield received 11 nominations for its Neil Simon play, "Brighton Beach Memoirs," and Chantilly garnered six nods for "Street Scene." Each school's nominations included best play and lead actor in a play. Centreville received one nomination for "Dracula."

Westfield also received nods for sound, Taylor Aucott, Kieran Caffey; sets, Alex Butterfield, Annie Dykstra; costumes, Michelle

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In 'The Merchant of Venice'

Students perform a scene during last weekend's production of "The Merchant of Venice" at Westfield High.

Remembering Reema Samaha at WHS

bands and comedy skits, the second annual Remembrance Cabaret for Reema Samaha will be held this Saturday, June 5, from 7-9 p.m., at Westfield High. Performing will be students and alumni from both Westfield and Virginia Tech. Admission is free, but donations are welcome.

Reema and fellow Westfield grad Erin Peterson were killed in the Virginia Tech tragedy. Erin was a basketball star at Westfield, but Reema was a theater student and accomplished dancer and, each year, those who knew and loved Reema honor her with this con-

Several new performers have been added to the program since last week. Trevor Knickerbocker and Kevin Clay will sing together;

eaturing songs, dances, both Chris George and Philip Ebernhart will play piano and Nick Burroughs will tap dance. Sisters Monica, Michelle and Meredith Murgia will dance a number called "A True Story of True Love." Also entertaining will be the Contemporary Dance Ensemble from Virginia Tech, plus belly dancer Amy Bowman.

> Proceeds benefit the Reema J. Samaha Scholarship Fund, plus the Angel Fund — which addresses issues that contributed to the VT tragedy, such as privacy laws, information sharing, campus safety and security, mental health and guns. For information, call 703-402-5576, contactus@angelfundva.org or see http://reemasamaha.org

and www.angelfundva.org.

Bonnie Hobbs



Reema Samaha

'Pro Patria'

The Hensel Phelps Construction Company of **Chantilly was honored** with the "Pro Patria" award in recognition of extraordinary support of its employees who serve in the Virginia National **Guard and Reserve. From** left: Roger Trout, Virginia State Chair, Virginia Committee, Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve; Stephen Speer, representing Hensel **Phelps Construction** Company, the recipient of



the "the Pro Patria Award;" Sgt. Dan Blalock and guest speaker Capt. Theodore Fessel, Jr. USN (Ret.). Nominated by Blalock, Hensel Phelps Construction Company has established many policies and programs designed to support its employees who serve in the National Guard and Reserve.

Roundups

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Former County Employee Is Charged with Identity Theft

Fairfax County police have charged a former employee of the county's Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) with felony identity theft with the intent to defraud. She is Leslie Y. Jones, 40, of Betsy Ross Lane in Centreville. Police allege that she used a client's personal information to fraudulently rent an apartment in Centreville.

The DHCD began investigating in March. Then, a few weeks ago, they turned the case over to the police department's Financial Crimes Section. Detectives obtained a criminal warrant for Jones and, last Wednesday, May 26, she turned herself into the

Detectives are asking anyone who might be a victim of a similar crime involving Jones to contact Crime Solvers at 1-866-411-TIPS/8477, e-mail at www.fairfaxcrimesolvers.org, text "TIP187" plus a message to CRIMES/274637, or call police at 703-691-

Free Carseat Inspections

Certified technicians from the Sully District Police Station will perform free, child safety carseat inspections Thursday, June 3 and June 17, 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 proper use of the child seat. Call 703-814-7000, ext. 5140, to confirm dates and times.

Rachel Fund-Raisers Slated

Chantilly toddler Rachel D'Andrea, 2 1/2, is currently undergoing treatment for neuroblastoma at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center in New York. Meanwhile, two fund-raisers are planned to help her family with their mounting medical bills.

Both will be held in the Colonnade at Union Mill shopping center, off Route 29 and Union Mill Road. On Saturday, June 5, from 4-8 p.m., local students will collect donations outside the Giant Foods store. On Sunday, June 6, from noon-4 p.m., students and parents will hold a car wash at the Shell station.

Chantilly Community Coalition

The next meeting of the Chantilly Community Coalition is Monday, June 7, at 4 p.m., in the Chantilly High media center. Contact Carol Hoffman at 703-378-6155 or cehoffman@fcps.edu.

Park Authority to Meet

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

WFCM Needs Donations

Western Fairfax Christian Ministries (WFCM) needs some help meeting its increased demand from local residents for food, clothing and financial aid. To make donations for the food pantry or thrift shop, to volunteer or to receive information on the next free budgeting class, call 703-988-9656. Items may also be brought to the food pantry at 13981 Metrotech Drive (near the Backyard Grill and Bar) in Chantilly.

Thrift store volunteers are needed Mondays through Fridays, 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; and Saturdays, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Food pantry volunteers are needed Mondays through Thursdays, 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m.; and first Saturdays of the month, 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. (some heavy lifting may be required).

News

'We Pray that We Can Keep Her on this Earth'

By Bonnie Hobbs Centre View

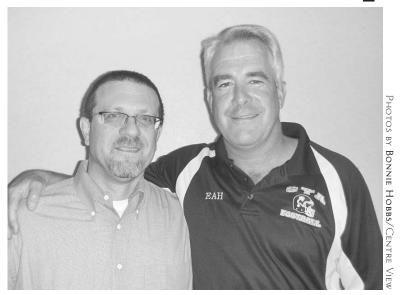
efore their toddler was diagnosed last summer with neuroblastoma, Jon and Rebecca D'Andrea began their own, small, accounting and bookkeeping firm and the future looked bright. Now, their expenses far outweigh their income.

They pay \$2,400/month for health-insurance, and that plus Rachel's medical bills have plunged them into a deep, financial hole. So the check they received last week from the EAH Foundation couldn't have come at a better time.

"Words cannot express how appreciative I am," said Jon D'Andrea. "They've given us about 90 extra days to survive financially. There's no cure for Rachel's illness, but we hope she'll eventually be classified NED - no evidence of disease. We pray every day that we can keep her on this earth."

He spoke last Monday, May 24, after the Paul VI golf tournament at the International Golf and Country Club in Chantilly. He was thanking Clifton's Tom Healy for giving his family a \$10,000 grant in memory of Healy's daughter Elizabeth who died last November.

Also there was Paul VI Principal Ginny Colwell, who recalled 2008 graduate Elizabeth as "a giving, caring person who believed in



From left are fathers Jon D'Andrea and Tom Healy.

helping others. In turn, Healy thanked all those attending who supported his family in their darkest hours and "brought love and joy to Elizabeth through a long and courageous struggle for life.

Now it's Rachel, 21/2, who's fighting for her life. Currently, she and her mom are at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center in New York, where Rachel's receiving treatment.

"She's had 11 rounds of chemotherapy, 24 rounds of radiation and two surgeries, Jon D'Andrea told the crowd. "Most recently, she had liquid radiation because the chemo's not working. For 48 hours, Rachel couldn't be held or get her kiss goodnight, but she didn't complain."

Her father, though, is wracked with questions and worries. Said D'Andrea: "Every morning, I ask myself, 'Is she going to get out of bed and play at the Ronald McDonald House? Will she sing her version of the ABCs? Are we going to lose our house today? Am I going to be able to put food on the table?"

Turning toward Healy, he said, "Tom, thank you and your family so much. God bless you."

AFTERWARD, D'Andrea said Rachel ran a 102-degree fever, the night before, because of a blood



From left are siblings Jessie Healy, 15; Tommy Healy, 13; their mom, Mary Beth Healy; Jon D'Andrea, Tom Healy and Kaitlyn D'Andrea, 11.

infection. So she's on medications for it and, instead of being able to stay with her mom in the Ronald McDonald House, she'll be in the hospital for another one or two weeks.

"It'll be two weeks before we get the results of the MIBG [liquid radiation]," said D'Andrea. "If it doesn't work, I don't know what we'll do."

What's kept him going, he said, is the love of his wife and children, Rebecca's great strength and his faith in God. "Things have happened that aren't explainable,"

said D'Andrea. "For example, the tumor on Rachel's spine that the doctors didn't think would go away, but did. What we believe are miracles do happen. Even though the odds are stacked against us, I truly believe with all my heart that He will save her."

The EAH grant is a big help to the D'Andreas, but to sustain his family over the long haul. D'Andrea especially needs more clients for whom he can do bookkeeping and accounting. He may be reached at 703-574-6266 or at jon.dandrea@nvbaccounting.com.

Healys Give D'Andreas a Grant in Daughter's Memory

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home to her," said Healy. "Eventually, though, her body rejected the lungs and she died, Oct. 25, 2009. She was a very courageous, wonderful girl."

He said Elizabeth never knew normality as a young child. "She was in and out of hospitals, just like Rachel," he said. Still, she knew she was loved, and she and her dad had a special tradition. "I used to take her to New York for dinner and a show, Dec. 11, every year for her birthday. We'd go to Rockefeller Center and take a carriage ride."

Elizabeth also made many friends, including Paul VI classmate Christina Brainard, 19. "She ies or just hang out in her room. was always so positive and smiling," said Brainard, now attending the University of Notre Dame. "You knew she was going through a lot, but she never complained and she had a great sense of humor. We'd go out to dinner, shopping, mov-



Elizabeth Ann Healy

She was huge into fashion — she'd come home with 5-inch heels no one else could wear — and always wanted to have fun."

Brainard said Elizabeth was so full of life that "we always thought she was going to get better. It was hard when she died, but I was glad she wasn't struggling, anymore. I think it's really special, what the Healys are doing now; they're a fantastic family."

Tom Healy coaches SYA football and is a contractor. "We're very fortunate; I'm a successful businessman," he said. So after Elizabeth died, he decided to do something in her honor.

"I wanted to start a fund and give out scholarships to kids who've achieved goals against all odds, despite medical difficulties, like Elizabeth did," said Healy. "Then when I read the story about Rachel in a November 2009 Centre View – and saw a photo of a beautiful, little girl whose smile could light up the world — it gave me a clear path toward what Elizabeth would want us to do."

He contacted Rachel's father, Jon D'Andrea, in March, with the good news about the grant. "We're both from Altoona, Pa.," said Healy. "Our parents were friends,



Chantilly's Rachel D'Andrea, 2 1/2, loves blowing bubbles with a wand.

but we didn't know it."

D'Andrea — who also has two other children, Kaitlyn, 11, and R.J., 13 — will use the funds to keep a roof over his family's head, while paying for Rachel's soaring medical bills as she fights neuro-

blastoma - a childhood cancer without a cure. But the money came with no strings attached. Said Healy: "I told Jon, 'I don't care what you use it for - take your kids to an amusement park, if you want."



From left: Rachel Crowder, Jen Brown, Kelly Cummins, Heather Galladora and Mindy Klavon are happy to have done the walk.

Raising \$18,000 for Cancer Research

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said, "I had an amazing group of friends to walk with, which made the experience even more memorable. Overall, I had a great time and am looking forward to taking on the challenge again next year."

Cummins was so overwhelmed with emotion that she said it was difficult to put her feelings about the walk into words. "The entire experience was so incredible," she said. "From the beginning, the kindness of all the generous people who donated to our walk was just so touching."

As soon as she told people she was participating in the walk, she said, they reached out to share with her their own stories of friends and family members who've had or are presently suffering from breast cancer. Even raising money turned out not to be a chore.

"The fund-raising was fun; working together as a team, coming up with ideas and participating in the activities was enjoyable," said Cummins. "The walk was just the icing on the cake. Every step we took was filled with amazement, with joy. It renewed our faith in human kindness."

"People were cheering and encouraging us to keep going, from cars driving past, from their homes, on sidewalks and paths — everywhere," she continued. "High-school groups came out to do cheers, young fraternity boys were clapping for us and children were giving us high fives. They were not only cheering us, but thanking us for what we were doing for their mothers, for their sisters, for their daughters, for the future."

At mile 24, Ziegler joined the Poplar Tree team to walk across the finish line with her friends and colleagues. "Wow — that truly made every sore muscle disappear," said Cummins. "Then, having my family surprise me at the finish line took my breath away. They were proud of me and proud of what I did; that is a feeling that is indescribable. The entire experience is one of true joy and pride — and one that I wish everyone could experience. Will I do it again? Absolutely."



Cheering on Walkers

Girls from Senior Girl Scout Troop 4262 decorated their pink shirts and made signs to cheer for the walkers in the Avon Breast Cancer Walk in the District on May 1. They are (from left to right): Justice Morgan, Megan Mellinger (holding sign), Heather Berry, Annie Halterman, Jasmine Cha, Jessica Ayer, and Jenny Kim. Not pictured: Valerie Heintz.



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OPINION

Together, We Can Make an Impact

Turn out for the cure.

BY AMBASSADOR NANCY G. BRINKER Founder and CEO, Susan G. Komen for the Cure

or nearly three decades, millions have walked or run to honor a loved one and to both raise awareness about breast cancer and to raise funds to discover the cures of tomorrow and fund breast GUEST

We can be proud of how far we've come. What started out as 800 women walking around a shopping mall in Dallas, Texas has grown to include more than 1.5 million people walking or running in more than 140 Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure events worldwide this year. People are walking in Richmond and Rome; Cleveland and Cairo. It has truly become a global movement.

of their neighbors today.

ALL THIS WALKING has paid off too. In the U.S. we have entered into a new era of awareness, early detection and personalized medicines. This new era is saving lives and providing hope of one day putting an end to the suffering for good.

Yet for all of our successes, this hope is not universally shared. In capitals across the globe, women and their families do not yet fully understand this disease or appreciate the benefits of early detection. And they live in communities with health care systems which are unable to adequately screen or treat the dis-

Here too, in the heart of our nation's capi-

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nual Remembrance Cabaret for Reema Samaha

at Westfield High School at 7 p.m. As always,

the event will be free but donations are wel-

come. All donations will benefit either the

Reema J. Scholarship Memorial Fund and/or

Westfield and Virginia Tech students and

alumni will be performing songs, dance and

comedy skits. We invite the community to join

us for another remarkable evening with truly

To honor Reema, Joe and Mona Samaha give

out scholarships every year to deserving seniors

from Westfield and Herndon High Schools.

These seniors exemplify Reema's traits of aca-

demic excellence, exceptional character, open-

ness of mind, and respect for diversity. Al-

though not mandatory, a love for the perform-

ing arts and being a student of French is ap-

preciated. Joe and Mona are incredibly grate-

ful for those who attended the recent concert

held April 24 and to the City Singers and Youth-

They would like to encourage others to at-

Since last year, Angel Fund has continued to

tend the Cabaret June 5 so that more seniors

can benefit from the community's generosity.

educate and advocate on the issues that con-

the Angel Fund depending on your choice.

Cabaret for Reema

To the Editor:

talented young people.

ful Spirits who performed

tal, many women do not fully understand the disease, are confused about early detection, and must navigate a significantly fragmented health care system that is unable to properly serve many areas of our community, particularly for those who are uninsured or

Together, we can make an impact, both here and abroad. On June 5 on the National Mall, we will host the 21st running of the Susan G.

Komen Global Race for the Cure. Up to 75 percent of all the funds raised by the Komen Global Race will stay right here

to help local women. The rest will go to support our efforts to share the lessons we have learned educating low-resource women in the U.S. with women in low-resource countries of Asia and Africa and Latin America.

And let me be honest — we have a lot of

In recent years Komen has sought to raise awareness about breast cancer, particularly in low-income and underserved communities, and to break down barriers that have prevented some women from getting the care they need. And we've had some great successes, such as drastically decreasing the time women at some clinics have to wait in order to get a mammo-

Yet we are far from satisfied. Komen just finished a comprehensive review of the National Capital Area, and what we found has given us a renewed call to action. Despite our success in raising awareness, women diagnosed with breast cancer in Washington, D.C. are still more likely to die from the disease than women in the rest of the country.

While there are many reasons for this, two things popped out at us.

Ann McNabb have spoken to students at George Mason, Radford and the Alexandria campus of Virginia Commonwealth University. They helped Phoebe and Ashley Dillard form Westfield 32.

They have worked with coalition partners to encourage legislators and agency officials to address issues of privacy, mental health, campus safety and security and commonsense gun laws. Along with the Virginia Tech Victims Family Outreach Foundation, Angel helped to pass SB 608 and HB 1238 which requires the presidents and vice-presidents of Virginia's public institutions of higher education to certify in writing that they understand their emergency preparedness plan and will annually conduct a functional exercise to help them prepare for an emergency situation such as an active shooter on campus.

Please join us Saturday, June 5. Our young people are planning a bake sale, a silent auction of artistic works, including visual arts, photography and musical CDs. If anyone, including students, would like to donate baked goods, drinks, candy or artworks, or would like to help that evening, please write contactus@angelfundva.org.

For more information, the community can visit www.reemasamaha.org

or www.angelfundva.org.

Lu Ann Maciulla McNabb

Centreville

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WE LEARNED that awareness is not enough women need to truly understand breast cancer, including how it's detected and treated. We found that myths and misconceptions are still widespread. Many women are afraid of screening, thinking it is painful and that a cancer diagnosis equals a death sentence. Others are confused by media reports with conflicting messages about who should get a mammogram and how often. This confusion is not limited to the health care consumer, but is also prevalent among health care providers.

Notably, we also found that the region's overly fragmented health care system produces substantial barriers to accessing care for major segments of the population. Many women cannot access affordable screening because there is too little funding for programs that provide free and low-cost mammograms. These women face economic and transportation barriers that keep them from seeking help.

No woman should have to die just because of where she lives or where she was diagnosed. While we've come a long way, we are not yet at the finish line. We must keep running. Will you join us?

DAR Junior ROTC Medal

Sarah Graupp, center, received the Junior ROTC medal from the **Daughters of the American Revo**lution (DAR) during a May 8 ceremony at Chantilly High School where Graupp is in the Air Force Junior ROTC program. Students who earn the award must be in the top 25 percent of their class and must have demonstrated qualities of dependability and good character, adherence to military discipline, leadership ability, and a fundamental and patriotic understanding of the importance of ROTC training. Liz Bateman, left, and Sandra Allard from the Providence Chapter of DAR attended the ceremony and presented the award.

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The following students have been named winners of Merit Scholarship awards by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC). The students are part of a group of more than 2,800 National Merit finalists chosen to receive scholarships financed by higher education institutions. Winners of the scholarships, with their probable career fields in parentheses, are:

Lyssa Barton of Westfield High School (writing-education-English), National Merit Brigham Young University Scholarship.

❖ Nicole Barton of Westfield High School (biology), National Merit Brigham Young University Scholarship.

Open registration begins June 8 for Northern Virginia Community College's fall semester. Students may enroll online at www.nvcc.edu, by telephone at 703-323-3770, or in person at NOVA's campuses in Alexandria, Annandale, Loudoun, Manassas, Springfield and Woodbridge.

The 16-week fall semester begins Aug. 23. NOVA also offers two eight-week sessions, starting Aug. 23 and Oct. 20.

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dents may register early to secure their first-choice classes and defer payment until July 30. A payment plan is also available to help people manage their budgets.

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Young actors in the Northern Virginia area can learn about the theatre arts at Young Actors' Workshop June 28 – July 2, from 9 a.m. to noon. This workshop is open to elementary school students in rising grades 3-6. Tuition is \$125 and classes will be held at Westfield High School in Chantilly.

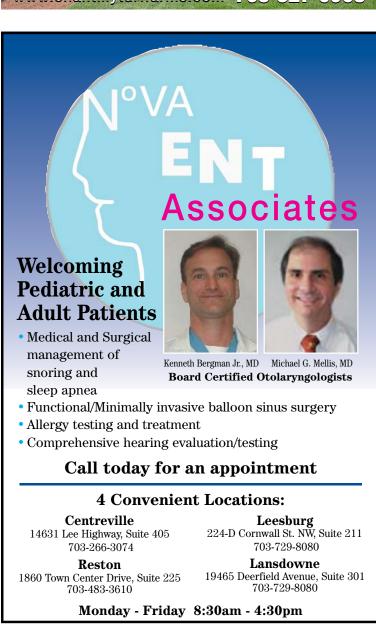
Through word, movement and music, students will engage in individual and group activities that culminate in a shared experience between the actors and their au-

Sponsored by Westfield Theatre Boosters and led by Herndon High School Theatre Director Zoë Dillard, Young Actors' Workshop teaches students basic acting,

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Cappies

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Kearns; props and effects, Kerowyn Brewer, Laura Kapinos; comic actress in a play, Phoebe Dillard; lead actor, Kevin Clay; rising critic, Joey Biagini; returning critics, Elisabeth Bloxam, Brittany Simmons; and critics team.

Chantilly was also nominated for comic actor in a play, Taylor Jarrell; supporting actor in a play, Miles Drawdy; sets, Meghan Sharon, Mustafa Qarghah; featured actor, Kenny Lau; and lead actor, Chris Albrigo.

Centreville's honor is for supporting actor in a play, Anthony Ingargiola.

Noting that Westfield's received a total of 98 nominations in its decade of existence, Theater Director Scott D. Pafumi said, "I'm extremely proud and honored that we're recognized by the Cappies in our 10th season. This year marks our eighth time in 10 years that we're nominated for best show — which we've won three times."

"I'm particularly excited for Kevin and Phoebe in the acting categories, since they were born to play these roles," continued Pafumi. "One of the reasons why it's nice that this show is getting recognized is because our cast had a really strong bond. It was a really rewarding rehearsal process."

Therefore, he said, everyone involved with "Brighton Beach Memoirs" can be proud of the nomination for best play. "Being that this is our Coming of Age season, we've clearly shown that, in 10 years, we haven't lost our touch or rested on our laurels," said Pafumi. "I'm really looking forward to another chance to celebrate our success at The Kennedy Center."

Chantilly Theater Director Ed Monk says he and his students are also happy with their nominations. "We're thrilled," he said. "The tech award encompasses all the tech kids, and the best play nomination honors all the kids who acted, so it's really nice to get those."

He said the actors all created "individual, distinct, believable characters that were memorable — which is why they got recognized. We were lucky to have so much depth this year. They're very talented and hardworking and have all been involved in the program for many years, so it's nice to see them get this recognition."

Monk also noted that Albrigo has been nominated three years in a row, which is rare. He won a Cappie in 2008, for cameo actor in "Andersonville" and was nomi

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music and movement skills. Westfield Theatre students will serve as counselors in the camp.

Westfield Theatre Boosters is now accepting registrations for Young Actors' Workshop. For enrollment information about camp, visit the Westfield Theatre Boosters website at www.westfield theatreboosters.com, e-mail Patti Dezelick at patti@dezelick.com, or leave a message in the Westfield Theatre Boosters' voice mailbox at 703-488-6439.

Westfield High School is

hosting its annual Pyramid Art Show June 9 and 10 in the school gymnasium at Westfield High. This will feature Westfield High School's Portfolio level students' One Person Shows. The work of rising students will be displayed from Stone Middle School, Coates, Cub Run, Deer Park, Floris, London Towne, McNair, and Virginia Run Elementary Schools. The show is open to the public on the evening of June 9 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Admission is free.

Cappies Nominations Are Announced

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Looking forward to the Cappies Gala, Monk said, "The nice part is that the kids get medals and get to go to The Kennedy Center and perform."

Centreville Theater Director Mike Hudson is delighted with Ingargiola's supporting actor

nomination. "I'm absolutely thrilled; he's a very talented, young actor," said Hudson. "It was my first time working with Anthony, but I'd heard good things about him, so I knew I had something special — and he proved it."

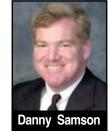
Hudson said Ingargiola, who also acts with Alliance Theatre, is focused on his art and takes it very seriously. "So I was not surprised that he received a nomination," said Hudson. "In our production of 'Dracula,' he was Renfield who spent the show, on stage, chained to a wall. And technically, he's the show's narrator because we see his view of the world. I didn't see the other shows but, based on Anthony's talent, I have great hopes that he'll win the Cappie."

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Profiles in Real Estate-Paula-Ferrara Garcia & Helaine Newman

Paula-Ferrara Garcia: Originally from Folsom, PA a small town right outside of Philadelphia, my first career path took me to San Francisco, CA where I was employed as a Sales Representative for United Airlines. I lived on the West Coast for 23 years, met my husband Paul at United Airlines and had two beautiful children. In 2001, my husband was offered an opportunity to work at Washington Dulles Airport. He brought me "kicking and screaming" to Northern VA but I have learned to love it! It was unfortunate that we moved to VA only a few weeks prior to 911. This horrific event created numerous job losses within the airline industry and I was forced to find another career. I have found my "true love" selling real estate and staging homes. This new chapter in my professional life gave me the opportunity to have a flexible schedule so I could be more accessible to my children, do volunteer work and avoid the early morning commute into the District. My husband and I are now "empty nesters" with our two children in college, my son Drew attends Villanova and my daughter Sabrina attends VA Tech. Real estate is a very personal business and you have to possess a caring attitude towards your clients along with great sales and negotiating skills. It's a wonderful feeling when your clients get the key to their first home especially when you have been a large part of the process.

Helaine Newman: Being a native New Yorker, it was quite a change moving to Northern Virginia back in the mid-80's. To me, it seemed, quiet, non-congested and filled with friendly people,. Needless to say, "my little town" of Northern Virginia has changed some! Initially my husband Marc and I built a townhouse in Fairfax and then after a couple of years, moved to Virginia Run and built our home there. 2 college age kids and 2 Golden Retrievers later, I still love calling Fairfax County home! My two kids are no longer kids- Corey (22) is about to graduate from UVA and Marlee (18) is a freshman at Virginia Tech. They have traveled quite a bit and still think that their culde-sac in Virginia Run is the "best place in the world" to grow up. Living in green and beautiful Fairfax County has encouraged my outdoor lifestyle. Some of my favorite activities are running with my Golden Retriever, biking the wonderful county trails, tennis, hiking in the nearby mountains, and enjoying the wonderful Spring weather

Having been in both advertising and pharmaceutical sales, the transition to real estate was a natural one. I am a "people" person and love the idea of constantly problem solving for my clients. Everyday is different in real estate and I adore the constant change and challenge that the profession offers.

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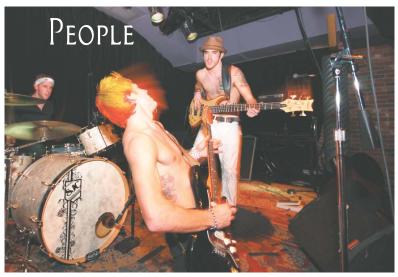
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Former Chantilly High students perform as Wings of Apollo.

Wings of Apollo Takes Off

By Senitra McCombs Centre View

hantilly-based rock band Wings of Apollo has grown from the "jam sessions" of three Chantilly high school students to playing packed local venues such as the JAXX night club.

Wings of Apollo will be headlining the nine-band concert at JAXX night club in Springfield on June 12 at 9 p.m. Tickets can be purchased at Ticketmaster for \$10 or at the door for \$12 if available.

The band will also be handing out free demo CDs at the event.

In addition, to hear and see more about Wings of Apollo, visit their facebook page at http://www.facebook.com/pages/Wings-of-Apollo.

Wings of Apollo bassist Pat Graves and guitarist/singer Jesse Korby played together since their senior year of high school before they found fellow classmate and drummer David Martin.

"Jesse and I were jamming at my dad's house ... And then we realized we needed a drummer. And I looked out the window and spotted David walking with some friends. We played volleyball together in high school and I knew he played drums so I opened the door and asked him if he wanted to jam. It was like magic at first strike," Graves said.

They turned that first jam into their first song that day.

At another informal jam session in Jesse's

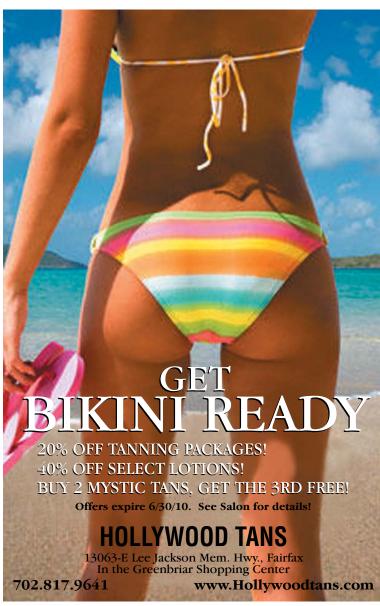
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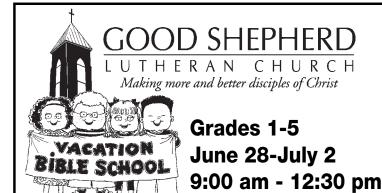
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Wings of Apollo Takes Off

basement, Graves mentioned a possible name for the band — "Wings of the Sun."

Korby didn't really like the name and decided to "tweak" it a little. He chose "Wings of Apollo" in homage to the Greek god of music. That was the beginning of Wings of Apollo. The short but progressive rise in their popularity isn't lost on them.

WINGS OF APOLLO puts a lot into "improving" their craft by "pushing each other to get better ... musically."

Time management is important for any college student but it became vital for these three recent graduates. How did they balance being full-time college students and being in a rock band?

"We'd all talk to each other online or on the phone and then we'd do our individual things. Jesse'll make up a song on his Mac ... Then we'd come home on any breaks that we had and write as hard as we could," Martin said.

The band feels that their chemistry has helped them to maintain their musical connection hectic schedules and being away at college.

"I'll like write songs and send it to them on Facebook," Korby said.

Some of the artists that inspire Wings of Apollo include Jimi Hendrix, Led Zeppelin,

Red Hot Chili Peppers, Incubus, and Rage Against the Machine. They also like to listen to '90s gangster rap and some country

"We like to learn from everybody and make it work for us." Martin said.

ALTHOUGH MUSIC is their first love, bass player Graves also enjoys gymnastics while his bandmates Korby and Martin enjoy shooting the basketball during their free

They admonish aspiring artists to practice daily and "develop their sound" along with learning how to put on a live performance so that the audience feels like "they've seen something special."

Some of their most memorable gigs include when Graves' bass broke on stage, when they set the record for alcohol sales and sold out the show at Jammin' Java and when the audience began to put up lighters while they played a song called "44" a song which they wrote.

Wings of Apollo hope to continue rocking the Northern Virginia area for years to

Martin will be a junior at James Madison University this fall while guitarist Korby will be going into his last semester at Florida State University this fall. Bassist Graves will be graduating from Virginia Tech this week-

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Westfield Softball Gives McLean Region Playoff Scare

One bad inning for Ferington's Bulldogs proves to be the difference in 5-4 quarterfinals round setback.

By Rich Sanders

Centre View

estfield High girls' softball coach Dean Ferington could not have been more pleased with how his team's Northern Region quarterfinals round playoff matchup against heavy-hitting McLean was going on Monday. The Bulldogs, in the Memorial Day evening playoff encounter against the Highlanders at Falls Church High School, had built a 3-0 lead and had just two more innings remaining in a game which would send the winner to the region semifinals.

"I thought we were doing a good job of keeping them in check for five innings," said Ferington, whose team entered the 16-team region tournament as the champions of the Concorde District. "Our pitcher was rolling along."

But McLean, which had been shutout just once all season long — that coming in a 2-0 loss to area private school power house Bishop O'Connell on April 29 — finally broke through with a game-changing, fiverun top of the sixth inning on way to a 5-4 come-from-behind win.

With the win, the Highlanders (23-4-1), the Liberty District runner-ups this season, were set to advance to the semifinals on Wednesday evening, June 2 where they were to meet South County at Robinson High School. It marks the second straight year in which McLean has gone to the region final four. Last year, McLean was eliminated there by the same Stallions team it was ready to face on Wednesday.

Just getting by Westfield and back into the region semis looked to be unlikely to most onlookers in Monday's holiday matchup when the Bulldogs broke a scoreless tie with three runs in the bottom of the fourth inning.

But one person who never lost heart was McLean coach Maurice Tawil, who on numerous occasions in recent years has seen his team's bats change the course of a game. And that was the case Monday against the talented Bulldogs as McLean, which had managed just two hits over the first five innings off of Westfield pitcher Alex Tenney, burst through for five runs on six hits in the top half of the sixth to take a 5-3 lead.

"People were writing our eulogy when it was 3-0," said Tawil, with a smile. "But I know we can explode offensively."

McLean batted around the order in the decisive sixth. Leadoff hitter Lauren McColgan doubled into right center field to begin the inning before Jamie Bell walked to set up runners on first and second. One out later, with runners now at second and third, Carolyn Gilbertson, the team's catcher, got McLean onto the scoreboard when she knocked a two-run single into

right center field to get the Highlanders within 3-2. Allison Wilhelm then hit a ball off the center field fence but was held to a single because Gilbertson, the base runner on first, was unsure whether Westfield center fielder Kacey McMahon would be able to get back and make a catch or not.

So, with runners on first and second, Lauren Sutherland came to bat. She sent a ball deep into right field for a run-scoring double which tied the game at 3-3.

Ferington then made the decision to replace Tenney on the mound with reliever Jen Goodman. Later, the coach blamed himself for waiting too long into the inning before making the pitching change.

Megan Sullivan, McLean's No. 7 hitter, hit a two-run single into right field off Goodman to give McLean its first lead at 5-3. Goodman, a senior, retired two of the next three batters to finally end the tough half inning for her team.

"We had a real hard time hitting [Tenney] but we knew we could still hit the ball," said Gilbertson, of her team's breakout inning. "We realized it was [score some runs] or go home."

"We hit some balls into the gap," said Tawil, of his team's sixth inning breakout.

Westfield, in its half of the sixth, got a two-out, solo home run from sophomore first baseman Carrie Otroba, who sent a soaring ball over the left field fence to get the Bulldogs within 5-4.

Later, in Westfield's final at-bats, Bell, the McLean pitcher, finished up a demanding, up and down complete game outing with a 1-2-3 inning to end the game.

"It was real, real hot out there," said catcher Gilbertson, talking about her batterymate's gritty mound showing over seven innings. "We're not used to playing in 90 degree weather. She did real well and I'm real proud of her."

Bell, McLean's steady, innings-eater pitcher, allowed just four hits all game - three singles and the homer by Otroba. She struck out just one and walked two.

WESTFIELD used all its resourcefulness to scratch out three runs in the fourth inning to go ahead 3-0. Frankie Martinez began the inning by coaxing a walk after working the count full. She then moved to second on Jess McNamara's groundball single into center field. Kacey McMahon moved both base runners up with a sacrifice bunt. Then, Otroba executed a perfect squeeze bunt, scoring Martinez and reaching first base herself on the fielder's choice. That made it 1-0. The next hitter, Alex Burnham, then hit a groundout RBI to make it 2-0. The Bulldogs' final run of the inning came when Alex Bohrer's batted ball resulted in an error.

Bell, thereafter, allowed just one run over



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Westfield's Jackie Martinez, with head coach Dean Ferington looking on in the background, prepares to hit during a first inning at-bat of the Bulldogs' region playoff game against McLean this past Monday.

the next three innings, keeping her team in the game. Nothing came easy for the right hander in the game — she had escaped a second and third scenario with no outs in the second — but she had hung in there.

"We couldn't deliver the knockout punch on her," said Ferington.

Westfield's base hits in the game came from clean-up hitting shortstop McNamara (2 hits, 1 run), Otroba (home run) and Tenney (single). McLean's hits came from

McColgan (double), Jessie Straub (single), Gilbertson (2 singles), Wilhelm (single), Sutherland (double), Sullivan (single), Mary Spulak (single) and Grace Henry.

Overall, it was a wonderful season for Westfield (16-8), which met McLean in the quarterfinals after having defeated Annandale in a first round game.

"We played a brutal schedule and competed," said Ferington. "The kids did a nice ich."

Chargers, Wildcats Tie for Fifth at Northern Region Track Championships

The Centreville and Chantilly High boys' track and field teams tied for fifth place overall at the Northern Region outdoor championships last week. The postseason meet took place May 27-28 at Lake Braddock High School.

South Lakes scored 66 points to edge Annandale (65) for the team title. Herndon and host school Lake Braddock tied for third place with 43 points, while Centreville and Chantilly tied for fifth with 42 points each.

Centreville's Paul Barbour was a second place finisher in the triple jump event, and he was eighth in long jump. Terrance Kennedy also had a solid meet for the Wildcats, finishing third in the high jump and 10th in triple jump. Matt Heiner was third in the 800 race and Robert Kelly was sixth in the 1600. Also, Chris Mbaidande was seventh in the

200 and ninth in the 100.

Centreville had two fourth place relay finishers — the 4x100 team of Brett Martin, Barbour, Mbaidande and Kennedy, and the 4x400 team of Barbour, Joey Hannah, Heiner and Kennedy. Meanwhile, the Wildcats' 4x800 relay of Heiner, Chris Jones, Kelly and Yazid Zouaimia was eighth.

For Chantilly, Mohamed Labor-Koroma was a second place finisher in both the 200 and 400 races, and was eighth in high jump. Also earning a second place finish for the Chargers was Christopher Foley in the 1600. Jordan Menzel, meanwhile, was third in the discus and Chris Menzel was fifth in pole vault and eighth in 110 hurdles.

Chantilly's 4x800 relay team of Labor-See Track, Page 21

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Pre-prom Festivities

This homecoming group from Chantilly High School gathered for pre-prom festivities at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Don Watrud of Fairfax before heading to dinner at the Piedmont Club in Haymarket. From left, they are Afzal Somani, Parul Mittal, Kevin Katz, Amanda Nurmi, Ryan McWeeny, Lani Kroese, Nick Ley, Candice Shedd-Thompson, Chris Anthony, Lyndsey Saunders, John Weaver, Kara Watrud, Ben Wise, Maryn Stehnach, Dave McVicar, Jaclyn Thomas, Anthony Schnetzler, Laura Misiewicz, Gary Suljoti and **Emily Wright.**



Going in Style

Students from Chantilly High School took a limo from the Funk residence to Carabbas and then on to the prom at the Hyatt in Reston. From left: Tanner Gibson, Rebecca Funk, Cameron Blount, Haley Baldwin, Gary Lang, Helen Ellis, Jorge Vargas, Isabel **Duarte, Eric Javage and Kristy.**

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Koroma, Matt Cumpian, Sean McGorty and Foley finished third. From Westfield, Gary Turner was

fifth in the triple jump and Alex Falcetti was sixth in discus. Eighth place finishes came from Alex Krall (pole vault) and Jordan Lehman (200 and 400 races).

The Westfield 4x400 relay team McGough, James Crossett and Lehman was sixth.

ON THE GIRLS' SIDE, Westfield's Kaylin Newman won

the shot put event. Also for the Bulldogs, Leigh Serroka was ninth in the 100-hurdles and 10th in

From Chantilly High, Genevieve Manley finished third in the 100 dash and Nina Ullom was second in the pole vault. Also for the Chargers, Tiffany Mitchell was eighth in triple jump and of Seungmo Yang, Taylor Samantha Lull was eighth in high jump. Rachel Grochowski was 10th in the 1600.

> Chantilly's 4x100 relay team of Mitchell, Lull, Ullom and Manley finished second. The Chargers'

4x800 relay team of Hannah Strub, Jenna Marlette, Elizabeth Knippler and Rachel Grochowski was seventh.

For the Centreville girls, Jessica Mejia was sixth in both the 200 dash and the 300 hurdles. Also for the Wildcats, Sarah Salette was sixth in high jump, Katie Bannon tied for seventh in pole vault and Juliana Cuomo was eighth in the

The Wildcats' 4x800 relay team of Rebecca Vinter, Brynna Heflin, Cuomo and Katie Hickey was









"Scantastic!" For Now

By KENNETH B. LOURIE

The news was good. Heck, the news was great! No tumor growth or movement. No shrinkage though, unfortunately. Still, my oncologist said everything was fine; he was very pleased. After multiple quarterly scans followed by within-the-week appointments to discuss the results, I have learned to accept the uncomplicated answers I often receive. If my oncologist is pleased, then I'm pleased; 'nough said.

It took awhile for me to get there, though. As a cancer patient, you always want to ask another question, try to discern some hidden meaning, gain some certainty into your incredibly uncertain world. Eventually though, you learn to take the not-bad with the couldbe-worse and not look a gift-doctor in the mouth. Besides, the more you ask your doctor about what happens next, the more uncertain he/she becomes since there's no real 100 percent-official, no-exception-to-the-rule prognosis/definitive timeline until you're not being treated anymore (and your body doesn't exactly run like a clock anyway) so you go with the flow or else you are flooded with overwhelming emotions. Emotions which, combined with the doctor's uncertainty, make you uncertain/uneasy, and the last emotional thing a cancer patient needs is uncertainty. Uncertainty which, if you let it, transforms into negativity; the real killer.

I have a friend who describes his approach to dealing with his medical problems with the following quote: "My attitude is my blood type: B+" (be positive). I love it. I only wish that were my blood type. Nevertheless, it is my attitude. And the more I can do to stay on a positive track, the better, more effective cancer fighter I can be. Not that there's a straight line between laughing off this kind of adversity and learning my cancer has gone into remission. Hardly. Still, according to what I read and hear about one's attitude as it relates to their disease, being positive isn't the problem.

For me though, obsessing about the disease is a problem. As much as my life is now all about cancer; all about the scans, appointments, lab work, chemotherapy, etc., somehow, it can't define who I am and how I think/live, impossible as that may be. And so I try not to pepper my oncologist with questions about varying scenarios, time lines, what ifs, how comes and so forth because I sort of know the type of unsatisfying (uncertain) answer I'll receive. As a salesman, I have often been advised not to be afraid to take a "Yes," (from a prospect), so too must cancer patients (me, anyway) not be afraid to take a "Fine." Today, I got a "Fine," and I took it like a man, a man with cancer, but exactly as I hope this man will once again take the results from his next round of scans, come mid July.

But for now, I can relax, maybe even sleep through the night. The suspense is no longer killing me, nor for the quarter-being, is the cancer. "Fine" means stable, "fine" means "essentially the same;" results/characterizations I've come to appreciate and understand. Would shrinkage be/have been better? Absolutely! Am I depressed because the tumors haven't shrunk? I'm not thrilled, but, no, not anymore.

I've learned a little bit about life – and death - since Feb. 27, 2009. Much of which has been hard to swallow (thankfully, not literally). But life goes on, thank God! And quarterly scans will be a part of that life, like it or not, as will the waiting and wondering. No growth or movement I can live with, hopefully

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