

CENTRE VIEW

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Saluting Nine Decades

Kenyon Davis looks back on life well spent.

BY BONNIE HOBBS
CENTRE VIEW

Some 150 friends, relatives and former colleagues gathered Sunday, June 27, at the Centreville Volunteer Fire Department (Station 17) to wish Kenyon Davis a happy 90th birthday. And since he was the department's second chief – for 13 years, from 1954 through 1966 — it was a fitting location.

A lifetime member of the Centreville VFD, Davis has logged 60 years of service overall. He and his wife Kathleen have been married 64 years and have two daughters, Shirley and Brenda, three grandchildren, five great-grandchildren and one on the way.

Davis knows many things but, when asked the key to his longevity, he replied, "I have no idea; I guess the Man Upstairs has looked out for me."

He's led a full, active life, filled with hard work, love and a large circle of friends.

But growing up in 1920s and '30s Clifton and Centreville, he led a life far different from the children of today.

"We used to farm; for my chores, I milked the cows and split the wood," said Davis.

"I went to first and second grade in a one-room schoolhouse." It was on Henderson Road in Clifton and, he said, "They taught six grades there."

But he attended Clifton Elementary for grades three through five. And when his family moved to Centreville in

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— Kenyon Davis



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Friends and family, including great-grandsons (from left) Ryan Jones and John Sterling, applaud Kenyon Davis as he celebrates his 90th birthday.

1932, he went to Centreville Elementary for sixth and seventh grades. Later, Davis was among the first students to attend the brand-new Fairfax High School — in 1935.

He served in the Army during WWII, from 1942 through 1945, in North Africa, Sardinia, Corsica, France and Germany. He later worked for Fairfax County's Equipment Management Transportation Agency as superintendent of the Jermantown Maintenance Facility.

DAVIS IS ALSO known for his

long history of community service. He joined the Centreville Lions Club in 1947, became a charter member of Centreville Moose Lodge 2168 in 1971 and has been an active member of American Legion Fairfax Post 177 for 19 years.

But his name is most synonymous with the fire department. "We were poor then," he said. "We didn't have \$550,000 pumpers in those days." Actually, he and two others, Woodrow Buckley Sr. and Ralph Monaco, built some of the equipment.

"We got jeeps and four-wheel drives and turned them into units for fighting brush fires,"

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Where Will Students Go?

School Board votes 9-2 at July 8 meeting to shutter Clifton Elementary.

BY JULIA O'DONOGHUE
CENTRE VIEW

John Powell lives so close to Clifton Elementary School that he can almost see inside the school's front door from a sofa on the eastside of his white, wrap-around porch.

In fact, to say Powell's son walks to Clifton for school might be considered an overstatement. The entire trek, from the front door of

the family home to front door of the school, easily takes less than five minutes.

So Powell, a new member of the Clifton Town Council, has several concerns about recent decision to close the school permanently.

He does not want his son or other children in the Town of Clifton to have to ride a bus to another school farther away. And Powell, whose property shares a 200-yard border with the Clifton Elementary site, worries about what Fairfax County Public Schools might do with the property once the school is shuttered.

"For the town in general, I have concerns about what they might do to the property. But for me per

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Tap, Tap, Tapping

Westfield Summer Stage presents "42nd Street."

BY BONNIE HOBBS
CENTRE VIEW

Featuring a cast and crew of more than 100, a 15-piece orchestra and dazzling choreography by Yvonne Henry, Westfield Summer Stage presents the musical, "42nd Street."

It taps its way into the Westfield High theater, Thursday-Sunday, July 22-25, at 7:30 p.m., with a

July 24 matinee at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$10 in advance at www.westfieldtheatreboosters.com or \$12 at the door. Seating is reserved.

"It's the quintessential, Broadway musical," said Director Lori Knickerbocker. "Everybody's familiar with the show and its memorable music; you go out of the theater humming the tunes."

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From left are "Chinese ancestors" Rachel Hutzenbiler, Stephanie Rathjen, Courtney Swan, Brittany LeKang and Emily Meiburg.

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Alliance Theatre To Present 'Mulan Jr.'

The Alliance Theatre brings the epic days of ancient China to the stage with its adaptation of Disney's "Mulan."

Performances are Saturday, July 31, at 2 p.m.; Sunday, Aug. 1, at 2 p.m.; Monday, Aug. 2, at 7 p.m.; Friday, Aug 6, at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.; Saturday, Aug. 7, at 4 and 7 p.m., and Sunday, Aug. 8, at 2 p.m., at Mountain View High School, 5775 Spindle Court (behind Glory Days Grill) in Centreville.

Tickets are \$10; group pricing is available, plus a

free, behind-the-scenes program (July 31 at 12:30 p.m. and Aug. 7 at 2:30 p.m.). Special patches are available for Girl Scouts for \$2/patch. On Aug. 2 from 5:30– 6:30 p.m., dinner will be available for purchase in the cafeteria. Visit www.TheAllianceTheatre.org or call 703-220-8101 to order tickets.

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Kathy Smith, Sully District's representative on the Fairfax County School Board, has been re-elected as its chairman, effective July 8. She's served on the board since March 2002, was elected chairman in 2004 and 2009, and served as vice chairman from January 2007 to January 2009. Smith is a former elementary-school teacher and former vice president of the Fairfax County Council of PTAs. She also served as president of the Chantilly High, Rocky Run Middle and Poplar Tree Elementary PTAs.

WFCCA Quarterly Meeting

The quarterly meeting of the West Fairfax County Citizens Association (WFCCA) will be held Monday, July 19, at 7 p.m., in the Sully District Governmental Center, 4900 Stonecroft Blvd., in Chantilly.

WFCCA Land-Use Committee

The next meeting of the West Fairfax County Citizens Association (WFCCA) Land-Use Committee is Tuesday, July 20, at 7 p.m., in the Sully District Governmental Center, 4900 Stonecroft Blvd., in Chantilly.

Free Carseat Inspections

Certified technicians from the Sully District Police Station will perform free, child safety carseat inspections Thursday, July 29, 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.

Citizen's Police Academy Offered

The Fairfax County Police Department is now accepting applications for its fall Citizen's Police Academy which runs from Sept. 9-Nov. 13. It offers county residents a better understanding of the Police Department and a greater awareness of the daily challenges faced by its officers.

The 10-week program provides the public with a unique glimpse behind the badge. Attendees will learn about departmental resources, programs and the men and women comprising the department.

Classes combine lecture and interactive activities. Topics include SWAT and special operations, gangs, 911 communications center, patrol, crime prevention, crime scene and identity theft. A tour of the Adult Detention Center is included.

The fall Citizen's Police Academy will be held on 10 consecutive Thursday evenings. Classes meet from 6:30-10 p.m.; graduation is Saturday, Nov. 13, from 8 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Class locations will rotate to various police facilities throughout the county.

The program is free. Applicants must live or work in Fairfax County, be at least 18 and provide their own transportation to and from training. Acceptance is subject to review of the applicant's criminal record and police-contact history. Sufficient lead time is required, so applicants are encouraged to submit their applications by the end of July.

For an application form and to learn more about this academy, go to <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/police/services/citizens-police-academy.htm>. For more information, e-mail CPA@fairfaxcounty.gov or call 703-280-0713.

WFCM Needs Donations

Western Fairfax Christian Ministries (WFCM) needs donations of toiletries, shampoo, toothpaste, toilet paper, deodorant, Baby Wipes, diapers (sizes 4, 5, 6), plus cooking oil, bottled water, juice, tomato sauce, hot and cold cereal. Also needed are furniture and household items, in good condition, for the thrift store. Bring them to the food pantry at 13981 Metrotech Drive in Chantilly.

NEWS

Jewelry Fund-Raiser for Rachel

Chantilly toddler fights against neuroblastoma.

BY BONNIE HOBBS
CENTRE VIEW

The plight of Chantilly toddler Rachel D'Andrea continues to touch people's hearts in the local community. Nearly 3, she's been battling neuroblastoma — an as-yet-incurable form of childhood cancer — for a year now.

She and her mother, Rebecca, have spent most of that time at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center in New York, where Rachel's receiving treatment. Meanwhile, her father, Jon, has held down the fort at home, running their small, accounting and bookkeeping firm in between visits to the hospital.

But \$2,400/month, health-insurance costs, plus Rachel's mounting medical bills — not to mention an air conditioner on the blink in the midst of the recent heat wave — have pretty much wiped out the family's finances. That's why an upcoming fund-raiser for the D'Andreas will mean so much.

"My goal is to raise at least \$1,000 for them," said Adrienne Bergquist of Centreville's Rocky Run community. "I know it's not a lot, but I figure everything helps."

Bergquist works for a Dallas-based, jewelry company called Premier Designs. She does jewelry presentations in people's homes and, in exchange, the hostesses receive free jewelry.

She's been keeping up with Rebecca's entries on the CaringBride Web site, as well as following the stories about Rachel in Centre View. And these things spurred her into action.

"I have donated a little to the D'Andrea family in the past, but was so inspired by the story about the



PHOTO BY ADRIENNE BERGQUIST

Blair Bergquist wears a necklace featuring 17-inch, two-strand, faux turquoise beads separated by antique silver beads. It has a matching pendant, plus earrings that come in two sizes and four finishes.

family who lost their daughter and donated \$10,000 to the D'Andrea family [in her memory]," said Bergquist. "You look at your own family — [daughter Blair, 20, attends East Carolina University and son Ryan, 17, is a Westfield High senior] — and you're so grateful. Being in our community and reading about Rachel, it just touched me."

So on Tuesday, July 27, from 10 a.m.-9 p.m., she's holding a jewelry fund-raiser for Rachel in her home at 5836 Stone Ridge Drive in Centreville. (It's behind the Giant Foods store on Stone Road and off Braddock Road and Aubrey Patent Drive).

"Premier Designs is based on Biblical principles to honor God and serve people," said Bergquist. "I have been very blessed in my business and I want to do something to help this family and ease some of its financial strain. I normally have my annual, open house in July — and I thought that, this year, I would donate 100 percent of the profit to the D'Andreas."

Overwhelmed by the generosity of a woman he doesn't know and has never met, Jon D'Andrea is appreciative of her desire to help. "I am so very thankful to Adrienne for wanting to do this for Rachel and our family," he said Tuesday. "Every single dollar that is donated allows us a day, a week or even several months of additional, financial survival."

Bergquist has been with Premier 12 years and, she said, "By going into people's homes, you see so many people hurting. I help them start their own jewelry business or host a show. And if I can give them a dose of hope, both they and I feel better. I don't go into their home to make money, but to serve them." (For more information about the company, see www.premierdesigns.com).

She said the jewelry prices are reasonable, ranging from \$10 to \$100. The jewelry fund-raiser will be held at 5836 Stone Ridge Drive in Centreville. For more information, call 703-814-7000, ext. 5140.

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Rachel's Parents Remain Hopeful

BY BONNIE HOBBS
CENTRE VIEW

Holding their breath and hoping for the best, Chantilly's Rebecca and Jon D'Andrea continually worry what each new day will bring their 2-and-a-half-year-old daughter, Rachel. They want her cancer to get into remission so she can live at home, instead of spending most of her time in a hospital. Most of all, though, they want her to live.

"We have been in a holding pattern for almost three months now, and since her last MIBG therapy — liquid radiation," said Jon D'Andrea. "This is the process where Rebecca and I have to stay behind a lead wall for 36 hours while Rachel's body takes in the radiation. It is a very difficult process for Rebecca and I. Not being



JOAN BRADY PHOTOGRAPHY

A few moments of happiness: In a July 2 outing away from the hospital, Rachel D'Andrea laughs with glee, embraced by the love of her parents, Jon and Rebecca.

able to hold Rachel, play with her or love on her is excruciating."

On Tuesday, her blood and platelet counts were at .7, but they need to rise above 1 for her treatment. SEE SCARED PAGE 5

Friends, Family Commemorate His Nine Decades

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said Davis. “Over several years, we also built a pumper and a couple tankers. For the station’s first ambulance, we went to an old junkyard and got a 1942 Packard hearse. We rebuilt the engine, painted it, fixed it up and put it into service.”

Another big difference between then and now, he said, is that fires today are fought “with bigger equipment and hydrants everywhere. Back then, we pumped water out of creeks and swimming pools. There were no hydrants, at all, ’til the early to mid-’60s — and they were very few and far between. That was why we needed tankers — to have some water.”

But Davis was proud to be part of the fire department. “You had a good sense of doing something for your neighbors,” he said. “We’d get cats out of trees, haul water for people whose wells had gone dry and bring food to people who

couldn’t get out in the snow. We’d also transport people by ambulance to just about anywhere in the state they wanted to go.”

FOR FUN, he enjoyed dancing and playing baseball. “We had fire department baseball, softball and bowling teams,” he said. “TV didn’t come out until the ’50s.” These days, Davis enjoys creating lawn ornaments and other things from various metal parts. Some of his items have been displayed at the Centreville Regional Library.

For 49 years, he and his wife lived across the street from Station 17, moving in 2004 to the Rocky Run community. Said Davis: “I’m appreciative of her putting up with me for 64 years.”

Recalling Centreville’s past as a rural, country area with dirt roads, he said, “Looking back, we had a good time in those days. But we have a lot more conveniences today.” He’s proudest of his family and all the friends he’s made, and



Supervisor Michael Frey (on left) presents a resolution congratulating Kenyon Davis for reaching 90 and for his long years of service to the community.

his general advice for people is to “just treat everybody fairly.”

He’s also pleased to have lots of friends at West Centreville’s Fire Station 38, including its former

commander, George Sisson. “A few of us meet every day for coffee at McDonald’s,” said Davis. “We shoot the bull and straighten out the world’s affairs.”



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Centreville’s Kenyon and Kathleen Davis have been married 64 years. The cake represents his work in the Army, as a mechanic and as a volunteer firefighter, plus his hobbies of golf, bowling and billiards.

Centreville’s Kenyon Davis Celebrates 90th Birthday

BY BONNIE HOBBS
CENTRE VIEW

Although Kenyon Davis actually turned 90 on June 21, friends, family and the local community turned out to celebrate with him, six days later, at a special party organized by his relatives.

The atmosphere was warm and informal; and as guests shared a meal together, they reminisced about the man who’s been an integral part of Centreville life for nearly a century.

“He and [his wife] Kathleen are my godparents,” said Diane Detwiler Davis. “They double-dated with my parents. Kenyon’s always been caring, down-to-earth, genuine and goodhearted. He’s loved by a lot of people. I was here for his 80th birthday and hope to be here for his 100th.”

“I’ve never heard a bad word about him,” said Clarence O’Meara, 82, who’s known Davis since they were boys. “He’s a fine man and a straight shooter who treats you like a human being.”

O’Meara’s wife, Polly, worked in the Centreville Volunteer Fire Department’s Ladies Auxiliary with Kathleen Davis. “I kept hearing about all the good he did for the department,” she said. “He even designed the fire department’s emblem. And at Christmastime, he and his wife

decorated the graves of former firefighters and auxiliary members.”

Toby King, who was president of the Centreville VFD in the 1980s, knew Kenyon since age 12. “As young men, we played golf and went to NASCAR races together,” said King. “He’s always been a fun guy. I’m glad to be here for his birthday and to see a lot of people I haven’t seen for a long time.”

King’s sister-in-law, Diane King, joined the Auxiliary when she was 16 and Davis was chief. “I’d known

him since I was a little kid, but really got to know him at the firehouse,” she said. “We always had a lot of good times. We also used to have sock hops for the teen-agers, to raise money for the station, before they began bingo here.”

In the early days, said her husband Charlie King, “It was hard keeping the department open and raising money for it. We had to hold carnivals because there weren’t that many people around to get donations from. I joined the

department in 1960 and Centreville only had 500-600 people.”

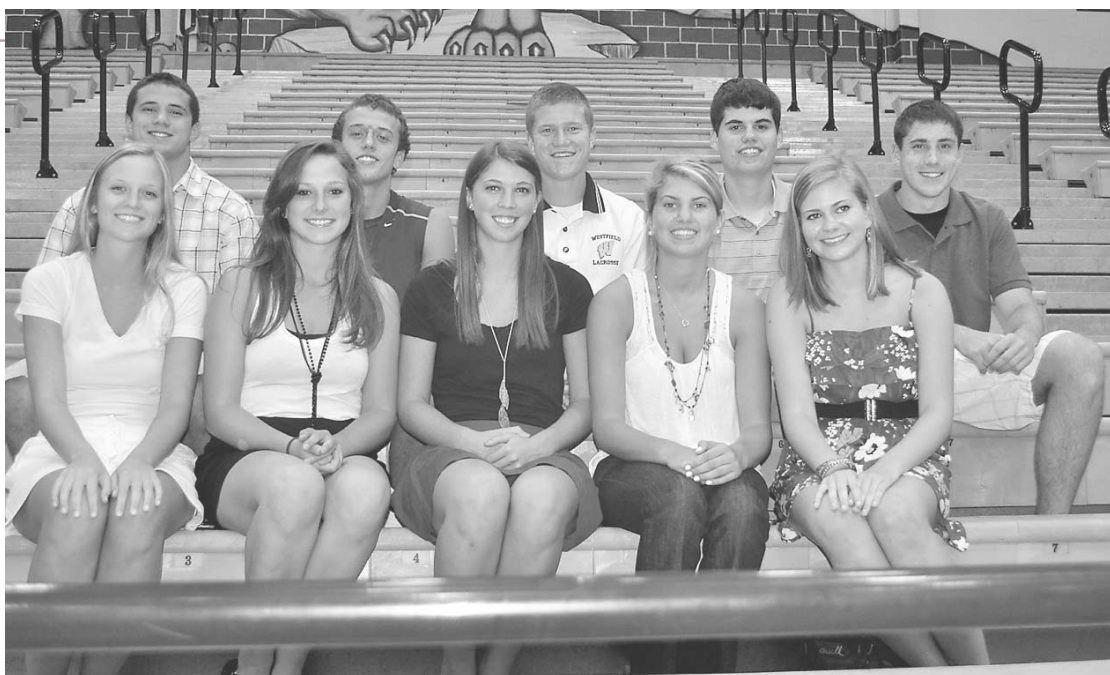
Delighted with the birthday party for Davis, Diane King said, “I’m so glad he’s around, and I’m happy because he’s lived a good life and a long life. He’s a wonderful person.”

Also attending was another longtime friend of the Davises, Supervisor Michael R. Frey (R-Sully). He read a resolution from the citizens of the Sully District, honoring Kenyon Davis for his

many years of service to the community.

“This is quite an honor for me because Kenyon and I share a birthday,” said Frey. “I’m here to congratulate him for reaching 90 and living a tremendous life.”

Then, in his only official “speech” of the day, Davis expressed his appreciation to everyone. “Thank you for coming out to celebrate my 90th birthday with me,” he said. “It’s great to have this many friends, and my family — and I love you all.”



Scholarship Winners

A total of \$15,000 in scholarships were presented to these Westfield High students at the Annual Athletics Awards Ceremony on June 16. Seated from left are (back) Nick Grinups, Ryan Knowlan, Johnny Esposito, Sean Dougherty, Daniel Krizay, (front) Kayley McManamay, Kacey McMahan, Katie Sasek, Mollie Gift, and Jennifer Mathews.

'Scared, Anxious, Nervous'

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to move forward. Meanwhile, said her dad, "The doctors at Memorial Sloan-Kettering have abandoned the thought of chemo; their belief is, it just doesn't work. This is, in itself, very demoralizing because both Rebecca and I know that this is one less option remaining to save our little girl."

If Rachel moves above 1 on her counts, said Jon D'Andrea, "Then she is going to have to endure yet another MIBG therapy, which could happen as soon as mid-next week. The last MIBG removed some spots of cancer, but not all. We were told by the doctors that Rachel is only the second child to receive two MIBG therapies."

In addition, next Monday, July 19, she'll have surgery to have a permanent port placed just above her heart so she'll no longer have tubes hanging from her chest. Medicine may then be administered directly into the port.

Although Rachel is generally a cheerful, happy girl, watching her go through all these procedures is both heart-wrenching and agonizing for her parents.

"Rebecca and I are going through mental anguish; our emotions are all over the place," said Jon D'Andrea. "We are scared, anxious, nervous because we just don't know what the next steps will be if the MIBG cannot remove the remaining cancer spots. However, we still hold firm that God has provided and will continue to provide for Rachel and our family and that she will be healed."

Much of the time she's in the hospital, Rachel is poked, prodded, tested and made to swallow horrible-tasting medicine. So whenever there's a chance

to escape for awhile and have some fun, she and her mom grab it.

Since Rachel's white blood-cell count is so low, she's extremely susceptible to infection so, said Rebecca D'Andrea, "We are not allowed to go anywhere indoors and crowded." But outside is fine so, last Saturday, they went to Central Park to play on the swings and had a wonderful time.

Then on Sunday, it was back to reality. "We spent 12 hours in Urgent Care for red blood cells and platelets," said Rebecca D'Andrea. "Rachel's counts must have taken a hit from MIBG therapy. We left the hospital at midnight, exhausted."

They also share small pleasures in their room at the Ronald McDonald House, whenever Rachel's well enough to be there. They have tea parties, play with stuffed animals and watch Rachel's favorite cartoons. On Monday, said Rebecca D'Andrea, "We had a mother-daughter moment as we listened to music and danced to 'You are my sunshine.' It's the song I've always sung to her, and we hugged and danced. It was a nice, quiet moment in our room."

Still, Rachel's condition is always uppermost in Jon and Rebecca D'Andrea's minds. In medical lingo, ANC is the actual number of white blood cells a patient has to fight infection. Below 500 is considered high risk. On Monday, Rachel's ANC was .4, increasing to .7 by Tuesday. But it was enough to give her parents hope.

"It is coming up and we are praying for speedy recovery," said her mom. "Glory to God for keeping her fever free." For more information about Rachel or to make a donation, go to www.Rally4Rachel.com.

Jewelry Fund-Raiser

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ing from \$8-\$100 and averaging \$35, and everything is covered by a guarantee of customer satisfaction. Said Bergquist: "Premier was founded in 1985, and its focus is to serve people with love and integrity and to enrich every life we touch."

At the fund-raiser, she'll offer necklaces, bracelets, earrings, watches, rings, etc. "It's high-fashion jewelry — pure gold and pure silver," she said. "Some pieces have Swarovski crystals or natural stones, and the watches have genuine quartz parts. I'll have a lot of samples. I'm putting really good prices on everything, so it'll all be on sale and very affordable. Hundreds of pieces will be \$20 or less."

Bergquist said the event should be lots of fun and noted that attendees will be eligible to win various door prizes. She's hoping for a large turnout because, the more jewelry sold, the more money will be raised for the D'Andreas.


"Rachel's medical costs, the travel to New York, etc., has taken a toll on the fund that so

many good people have donated to — and it continues being depleted by these costs," said her father. "The additional stress and worry of running out of money to provide for Rachel is a daily concern."

That's why he, too, hopes Bergquist's jewelry fund-raiser will be a big success. "I am grateful for what Adrienne is doing and for all the wonderful families in this community who have touched our lives with fund-raisers, financial help, prayers and even taking care of our cat when I'm in New York with Rachel and Rebecca," he said. "We will never forget what a blessing God gave us in all the great people in this community."


In the flyer for her "Sizzlin' Summer Sample Sale," Bergquist wrote that "Every jewelry purchase people make will help this family in need. Rachel is a little gem, herself, so I hope people will support this worthy cause. They can bring some sparkle to this family and leave with a little bling of their own." For more information, contact Bergquist at 703-818-3743 or at albjewelry4u@cox.net.

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From Readers on School Board and Staff

Readers cite many examples: Community often feels shut out of process on key issues.

Many readers wrote in response to last week's editorial, "School Board Could Learn to Share." Along with numerous letters about the board vote to close Clifton Elementary, readers added to the list of school board and school staff decisions that left various members of the community feeling left out, confused and often angry.

About a year ago, frustrated leaders of multiple advocacy groups formed the Fairfax Education Coalition www.fairfaxeducationcoalition.org, to address what they call a "disturbing trend: lack of transparency and accountability on the part of FCPS, no matter what the issue."

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It isn't that the school board was necessarily wrong on all these issues. But consistently, parents and others who are advocating for their communities, schools and interests feel that most members of the school board and some staff are not interested in community input, or in sharing the basis of their decisions.

Here are a few other concerns (in the words of readers for the most part):

- ❖ The decision to close Graham Road Elementary, moving to another building that was beyond walking distance for the community, creating barriers to what has been excellent community and parental involvement.

- ❖ The decision to buy the Gatehouse II building, an abuse of public trust that was vetoed by the Board of Supervisors. (Watch for a possible lease agreement that might circumvent current restrictions.)

- ❖ The decision to expand Langley High School even though South Lakes High School

had capacity for those Reston students who go to Langley.

- ❖ The decision to forcibly redistrict Fox Mill Estates and Floris students from Oakton into South Lakes. This was done only after the Langley expansion was approved.

- ❖ Undermining efforts to have later high school start times by fanning the fears that the change would force the elimination of many sports and activities.

- ❖ "This is not just about one issue; rather

there is a decidedly consistent pattern on the part of FCPS of shutting out the public in making decisions about our public schools."

Serving on the school board requires a massive commitment of time and effort for virtually no pay. No one makes this commitment without having the best interest of the schools as a whole at heart. But it is clearly time for some soul searching on the board about listening and responding to community concerns.

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grams like the AAP currently housed at Willow Springs. This type of decision had the ability to open up Willow Springs to accommodate many of the overcrowded students currently at Eagle View. This was one of the many concessions the Clifton Coalition proposed that evening so they could keep their school and aid the surrounding districts. Their efforts highlighted to us the very essence of cooperation and community, which was definitely scarce at July 8's board vote.

We are deeply concerned that the Board representatives we helped elect could so easily disavow the ideas, concerns and solutions of their own constituents, make a decision to close a school, refuse to listen to win-win solutions that their own constituents proposed, and act to close a school based on incomplete data and without a plan to move Clifton ES's students. Dean Tistadt remarked that Clifton's well water study results were not due to arrive until this week, so how could an educated decision be made using well water as an argument without the evidence to support any type of decision? Additionally, the School Board fully admitted that it did not know the fate of the students who will need to be relocated as a result of the school closing — that is

now dependent upon the results of the Southwestern Boundary study, which may or may not be complete by the earliest date which you are able to close the school? A friend likened your decision-making abilities to someone building the foundation for a home without having any idea or plans as to what the finished house will be.

Is this truly the "representation" you provide? We understand that Ms. Bradsher's district covers a wide geographic range within Fairfax County that house a diversity of demographics. As a School Board representative, we would expect for you to at least listen to the concerns of all of your constituents with an open mind, validate those concerns and make an attempt to collaboratively work with them instead of against them. We saw no such behavior from you, Ms. Bradsher, nor from our other representative, Ms. Smith, throughout this entire process. We were deeply dismayed that the committees of representatives from the 20-plus schools affected by overcrowding, boundary studies and the Clifton ES issue were not allowed to provide overall recommendations to the Board. After reading the documents they created, it seemed that both staff

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To the Editor:

The following open letter is addressed to the Fairfax County School Board members:

We are 9-year residents of Little Rocky Run, and are writing to express our outrage regarding your recent decision to close Clifton Elementary School. Although we do not live in the Clifton Elementary School boundaries and our children attend Union Mill and Willow Springs Elementary Schools, our interest in this issue rests purely with our belief that overcrowding along the Rtes. 29 and 50 corridors be separated from the Clifton Elementary School decision. Lori, along with our daughters, spoke at the June 28 Public Hearing about our concerns of merging both issues together as well as the transportation and environmental impacts of placing a fifth major school on Union Mill Road.

During the Public Hearing, we were impressed by the Clifton Coalition's ideas to allow the school to remain open via win-win solutions such as expanding Clifton Elementary to include pro-

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and the Board would rather turn a deaf ear to the committee members that were hand-chosen by their constituents than deal with the complexities of these issues. Instead, we had to rely on one At-Large member of the Board, Ms. Hone, to be the only Representative that actively took an interest to hear and represent all sides of this issue. She proved to be the single voice of reason among a body of representatives who would prefer to cater to their own interests instead of the interests of the entire county.

Clearly, this entire process has illustrated just how few of the Fairfax County School Board representatives are able to listen and respect the variety of their constituents' perspectives and productively work together to seek out a solution that minimizes negative impacts to the county's students. After seeing the abysmal lack of respect many of you have shown to both your constituents and to each other, we are very concerned about how the upcoming Southwestern Boundary study will be used as a tool to further your own political agendas. You may have the authority to close schools, build new schools wherever you please and adjust boundaries, but only until Dec. 31, 2011. As actively voting constituents, we have the authority to actively campaign against and no longer vote for people who cannot adequately represent all perspectives of their constituency. We urge you to take these comments into account before you begin the intricate process of the Southwestern Boundary study.

Lori Mandable
Terence Mandable
Clifton

No Faith in School Board

To the Editor:

I would like to share my thoughts regarding the Fairfax County School Board. I was at the meeting on July 7, for the vote regarding the closure of Clifton Elementary. I was a member of the large community contingent hoping the school board would vote to keep Clifton Elementary open. The board voted against it.

I was embarrassed that the school board is made up of elected officials, and that we have ourselves to blame for their position. I am appalled that they have the power to dictate our children's educational future. It was obvious from the start that the school board has been split into two separate factions, each with different agendas. The blatant disrespect that was shown by Chairwoman Kathy Smith, Vice Chairman Brad Center, Liz Bradsher, Tessie Wilson, and Stuart Gibson, when hearing

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Board Votes To Close CES

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sonally, it is also a really big issue," said Powell. "I don't want it to sit there vacant but I don't want something that is really disruptive. Like, I wouldn't want 10 soccer fields put over there" he said.

THE FAIRFAX COUNTY School Board's decision to shut down Clifton Elementary came with very few details about what the student body or larger community should expect once the school closes down.

After a two-hour discussion July 8, School Board members voted 9-2 to shutter Clifton. Those School Board members who supported the school closing said Clifton, which is one of the smallest schools in the county and has unusual property constraints, would be too expensive to renovate on a per pupil basis.

Many school board members said they felt the \$11 million that could be saved by closing Clifton and avoiding the school's renovation would be better spent on other facilities.

"You do not know the magnitude of the difficulties I face. We have one of the largest school systems in the country and far too few capital dollars," said School Board member Liz Bradsher (Springfield), who put forward the motion to close Clifton.

CLIFTON ELEMENTARY advocates had said several times that they would be willing to go without a building renovation if it meant the school could remain open.

School Board member Tina Hone (At-large) also proposed delaying a vote on the decision to close or renovate Clifton for the next two or three years so more information about the school's enrollment could be collected. Hone's motion failed on a 4-7 vote.

Several School Board members said they felt uncomfortable keeping Clifton open without plans for a building renovation, especially since a study of Fairfax's own facilities indicated the building was in need of a serious upgrade. The facility, which has no sprinkler system for example, would only become more deficient over time, they said.

"A school that is almost considered inadequate now? I cannot vote to wait another 20 years for that to be fixed up," said School Board member Tessie Wilson (Braddock).

THE SCHOOL Board also has provided no information about where Clifton students might be moved.

Initially, school officials had proposed moving Clifton students into a larger, newly constructed elementary school that would be built next to Liberty Middle School. But the school staff has recently backed away from that proposal, saying they may just opt to construct additions on existing elementary schools instead.

"To not know when they are going to close the school or where our children are going to go, that just doesn't seem fair," said Elizabeth Vittori, a Clifton Elementary parent who lives in Fairfax.

The school system intends to redraw the boundaries for Clifton during a larger boundary study that is likely to contain more than 20 elementary schools next fall. The School Board would finalize the new boundaries, including those for former Clifton el-

ementary students, in January or February following a long community engagement process.

Without a new elementary being built on the Liberty site, it is more likely that Clifton students would be split among a few elementary schools in the surrounding area. All five elementary schools surrounding Clifton can currently accommodate extra students, said Dean Tistadt, FCPS' chief operating officer.

Clifton PTA president Patti Hopkins said splitting up Clifton students among the adjacent schools would result in not only an elementary school change but potential secondary school change for the community.

"To not know when they are going to close the school or where our children are going to go, that just doesn't seem fair."

— Elizabeth Vittori

CURRENTLY, all Clifton Elementary students are districted to attend Robinson Secondary School. But if Clifton students were sent to Union Mill Elementary School, for example, they might attend Centreville High School. Those transferred to Sangster Elementary School could end up at Lake Braddock Secondary School, she said.

"Our focus is to keep the Clifton students together. When they closed other schools 25 and 30 years ago, they always kept the kids together. Now, they want to scatter our children to the wind," said Clifton Mayor Bill Hallway.

Until the boundary study is completed, the School Board would also not be able to tell the community when it intended to close Clifton either.

How early Clifton students can move to their new school would depend on whether the building needed a new addition to make room for the extra students. If the School Board does vote to build an entirely new elementary school for Clifton students, then the existing school facility could be open for at least two more years, said officials.

"We could close the school for 2011-12, but it seems unlikely," said Tistadt.

ACCORDING TO Tistadt, the school system does not have any specific proposals about what to do with the school site once Clifton is closed.

Fairfax schools would probably look at leasing the building to a tenant directly, including the Town of Clifton or the Fairfax County government. In the past, several private schools have also approached the public school system with an interest in old school properties, said Tistadt.

If the school system cannot find an appropriate tenant for the site, Tistadt would recommend demolishing the existing Clifton building, he said.

But the Clifton community would also like the school system to engage them about the site's use. A portion of the Clifton school property is located in the Clifton town limits, according to the mayor.

"You cannot leave an empty building there. If it sits empty, it will be a danger and just deteriorate," said Hallway.

The mayor added that he would feel more comfortable if the school system turned over the matter leasing the property to the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, which he finds more receptive to community concerns than the school board.

"We have been so poorly treated by a subset of the school board. There was such an apparent attempt by some school board members to hurt our community with this school closing no matter what," said Hallway.

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Westfield Summer Stage To Present '42nd Street'

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through the Great Depression. Then the 1980 Broadway show won Tony Awards for Best Musical and Best Choreography and ran for nine years, followed by a critically acclaimed revival in 2001.

In this production, Westfield senior Avery Hobbs portrays ingénue Peggy Sawyer. "She's shy and meek, but eventually comes out of her shell," said Hobbs. "She's actually a good tap-dancer, singer and actor and becomes the show's star. I'm usually a spunky, outgoing character, so it's fun to play a different type of role."

Her favorite songs are "We're in the Money" because it's "upbeat and fun," and "Lullaby of Broadway" because the show's director, Julian Marsh, tries convincing Sawyer to join his musical, "Pretty Lady," and then everyone else starts singing and encouraging her, too. Hobbs calls "42nd Street" a

"We'll have 116 tapping feet."

— Lori Knickerbocker, director

real "crowd-pleaser, with lots of big numbers, colorful costumes and tap dancing — which you don't see, every day."

PLAYING MARSH is Westfield senior Kevin Clay. "I'm a serious person, all about business and my career," he said. "I'm focused on the show being successful and I'm driving everybody. But at the same time, I'm sincere and also feel a love tension toward Peggy."

Portraying a powerful man in his 40s is a new challenge for Clay, who normally plays more boyish roles. But he loves "playing a commanding character, while other cast members perform what I'm creating as Julian." He especially likes the song, "Dames," showcasing "a bunch of guys singing about women, and dancing." Clay said the audience will really enjoy seeing such a "classic musical, with over-the-top,



PHOTO BY PATTI DEZELICK

The leads in "42nd Street:" Nick Burroughs, Connor Scudder, Carey Jarosik, Kevin Clay, Corinne Holland, Trevor Knickerbocker, Sarah Bowden, Max Ehrlich, Avery Hobbs and Colby Dezelick.

constant excitement. I think the tap dancing will really wow them; they'll be surprised that all these high-school kids can really dance."

Westfield junior Colby Dezelick plays "Pretty Lady's" lead tenor and actor, Billy Lawlor. "He's the typical, egotistical, male diva," said Dezelick. "He's been in show business since he was a kid and is very talented, so he thinks highly of himself. He's also tongue-in-cheek and happy-go-lucky. He thinks people want to know everything he's doing, but they really don't."

Describing Lawlor as "suave and sophisticated," Dezelick said Lawlor does lots of singing and dancing, but doesn't realize he's egotistical. So, he said, "It's a great

opportunity for an actor to play around with the character and improvise a bit." His favorite number is "Young and Healthy" because "when Billy and Peggy meet and he's trying to flirt with and impress her, he bursts into song."

Dezelick said "42nd Street" has many, wonderful characters, with funny side stories and side plots. All in all, he said, "It's a great, fun, family show with an intricate and entertaining storyline."

Portraying "Anytime Annie" is Westfield junior Corinne Holland. "She's one of the lead chorus girls and is fun and flirty," said Holland. "She knows the theater, inside and out. She's friends with the other chorus girls and helps Peggy get into the business and makes her

feel welcome. It's a fun role to play because of her personality and because it's my first, major role at Westfield."

THE OPENING NUMBER, "Audition," is Holland's favorite because "there's a lot of people and tapping and it's similar to a real audition. And she especially likes the wedding gown she wears for one of the numbers because it's "short and pretty, with ruffles in the back and a cute hat."

Westfield senior Trevor Knickerbocker plays Bert, one of the playwrights of "Pretty Lady," along with Sarah Bowden who plays Maggie. "Bert's the comic relief and kind of a joke," said Knickerbocker. "I like playing this type character because he doesn't take much seriously and

is lighthearted, compared to Marsh."

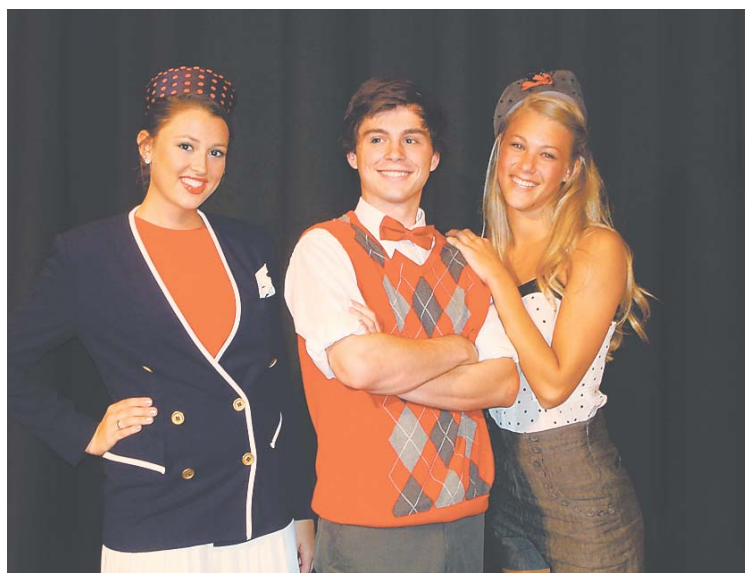
His favorite song is "Shuffle off to Buffalo" because it's upbeat and he and his love interest, Annie, are singing about going on a honeymoon. And he said the audience will enjoy seeing "a happy story of a girl getting her dream."

Recent Westfield grad Phoebe Dillard is assistant director, and she, too, is having fun. "I have lots of friends in this show, have worked with Mrs. Knickerbocker and Mrs. Henry before and I know the process," she said. "All the hard work and time is totally worth it for the experience because I eventually want to be a theater teacher/director." Regarding "42nd Street," she said, "This show really grabs the audience. It's flashy, fun and energetic, and all the characters are just a bundle of joy."

"We picked this to celebrate our 10th anniversary because it's a huge show and we knew that, this year, we had the tap dancers to do it," said Director Knickerbocker. "Yvonne Henry has outdone herself with the choreography, and Avery and Colby helped choreograph some of the smaller numbers."

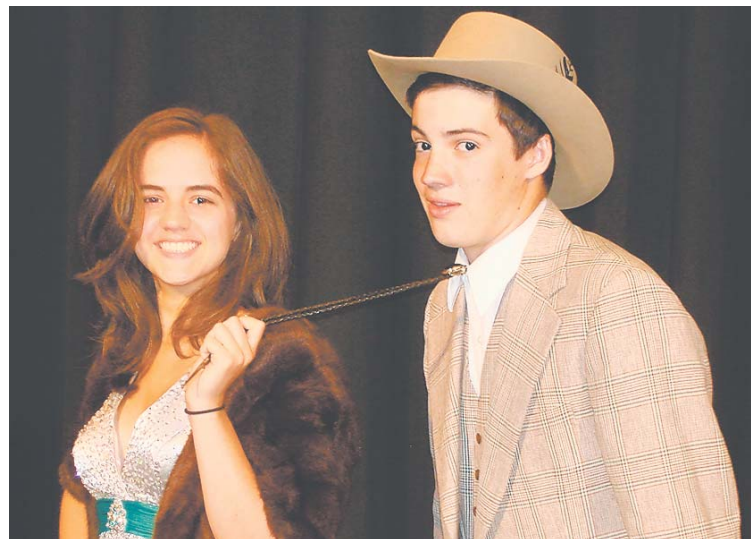
"It takes a village to do this show, including 30 parents designing the sets and making costumes," continued Knickerbocker. "Chris Burroughs picked the show's colors and overall look. She designed a train station, French salon and outdoor garden party, and the balcony from 'Merchant of Venice' will serve as a hotel balcony."

Charlie Manship and Carol Jones will direct the orchestra and, said Knickerbocker, by show's end, all 58 actors will be dancing. "We'll have 116 tapping feet, and it'll be very impressive," she said. "The kids are just terrific — we're so lucky to have such talent."



Sarah Bowden, Trevor Knickerbocker and Corinne Holland.

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Carey Jarosik and Connor Scudder.

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Models, actors, actresses, and dancers are needed for a non-profit show to benefit Feed the Children. This is strictly voluntary, without compensation. Models furnish their own clothing and supplies for the show. The fashion show will take place around the first weekend in August. Saturday practices will be held in Centreville, Falls Church or Fairfax. Volunteers must commit weekly practices. If interested, call Pam at 540-324-7640. The shop is located on 7145C Main Street in Clifton, on the side of the Heart & Hand (Buckley) building facing the railroad tracks.

New Neighbors League Club (NNLC) of Northern Virginia is looking for women who are new to the area, looking to reconnect, or just interested in meeting new people for fun and friendship! Come to one of the monthly coffees or luncheons to meet us. Then join one of the numerous clubs such as bridge, couples bridge, mah jong, gardening, quilting and stitching, bible study, bowling, bunco, Southern living dining, movie outings, cards or board games, couples mixers, book club, nursing home sing-a-longs, and many other activities. Visit the web site www.newneighborsvirginia.com or Newneighborsleagueclub@yahoo.com

FRIDAY/JULY 16

Swing Dancing. 9 p.m. to midnight. Admission is \$15. With the band, Lil' Cliff and the Cliffhangers. Drop-in beginner swing lesson from 8:30-9 p.m.; dancing from 9 p.m. to midnight. At the Hilton Washington Dulles Airport Hotel, 13869 Park Center Road, Herndon.

JULY 16 THROUGH JULY 18

Ahmadiyya Muslim Convention. The Ahmadiyya Muslim Community will host its 62nd Annual Convention. Over

5,000 delegates are expected to attend. On Saturday, July 17, a special session will honor civic, state, federal and international dignitaries and address the question: Are Muslims required to obey non-Muslim Governments? The event is open to the public but seating is limited. Call 571-482-9018 to reserve a seat. At Dulles Expo Center, 4368 Chantilly Shopping Center, Chantilly.

SATURDAY/JULY 17

"Invisible" Film Showing. 2-4 p.m. Free showing of the new DVD, "Invisible," about Chronic Fatigue Syndrome (CFS, CFIDS, ME) and Fibromyalgia Syndrome (FMS) to the Northern VA CFS, FMS, and OI Support Group. Sully Governmental Center, McDonnell Room, 4900 Stonecroft Blvd, Chantilly. No registration required. Contact 703-968-9818 or CFSsupport-owner@yahoo.com. On the web, see www.cfsnova.com.

Radio Woof. 10 to 11 a.m. Free. Bill Wellington presents a celebration of folklore with songs, tales, tunes and poetry set to the tune of the banjo, fiddle and guitar. At E.C. Lawrence Park Amphitheater, 5040 Walney Road, Chantilly. Call 703-324-SHOW (7469).

Southern Gospel Concert. 6 p.m. With the Promise Land Quartet. A freewill offering will be received. At Oakton Baptist Church, 14001 Sullyfield Circle, Chantilly. Call 703-631-1799.

SUNDAY/JULY 18

ExtravaCATza! Noon to 4 p.m. Special Sunday cat adoptions. The shelter will be open its normal adoption hours throughout the month: Tuesdays - Fridays, 12 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. and Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. At the Fairfax County Animal Shelter, 4500 West Ox Road, Fairfax. Call 703-830-1100.

TUESDAY/JULY 20

Neighborhood Watch Training. 7 p.m. The Fair Oaks District Police Station is offering training for the Neighborhood Watch Program. They will be held at the police station, 12300 Lee Jackson Memorial Highway, in the roll call room and will last approximately two hours. These opportunities are designed for communities that want to expand their existing Neighborhood Watch participation, those who wish to begin a new Watch program or those who would like a refresher course.

Yoga and Meditation. 6:30-7:30 p.m. By Michael Tress and Rajeswari Tress (E-RYT 500). Remember to bring a mat or beach towel and wear comfortable clothes. Contact yogagynan@yahoo.com. Meets at the

Chantilly Library Meeting Room.

WEDNESDAY/JULY 21

Free Family Fun. Magic of Benjamin Corey Defying Gravity: See the laws of physics defied as magician Benjamin Corey turns off gravity. Watch as objects float through the air and disappear right before your eyes. At Lord of Life Lutheran Church, 5114 Twinbrook Road, Fairfax. Call 703-323-9500 or visit www.lordoflifelutheran.com.

JULY 22-25

Westfield Summer Stage celebrates 10 years of summer musicals with the classic song and dance fable "42nd Street," which taps its way onto the Westfield High School stage July 22, 23, 24, and 25 at 7:30 p.m. and July 24 at 2 p.m. All tickets are \$10 in advance; \$12 at the door. Seating is reserved and tickets are available at www.westfieldtheatreboosters.com. This 1933 Warner Bros. film gave hope to an American public long suffering through the Great Depression. In 1980, the Broadway version of "42nd Street" won Tony Awards for Best Musical and Best Choreography. Directed by Lori Knickerbocker, "42nd Street" will feature a cast of 58 middle and high school performers from Northern Virginia. To be held at Westfield High School, 4700 Stonecroft Blvd., Chantilly.

FRIDAY/JULY 23

Swing Dancing. 9 p.m. to midnight. Cost is \$15. Featuring the band, The Grandsons. Drop-in beginner swing lesson from 8:30-9 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/JULY 24

The Goodlife Theater (Puppets). 10 a.m. Free. At E.C. Lawrence Park Amphitheater, 5040 Walney Road, Chantilly. Call 703-324-SHOW (7469).

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

FROM PAGE 7

arguments that differed from their own, was ridiculous. Liz Bradsher and Kathy Smith did enough eye rolling, and heavy sighing to do a teenaged girl justice. Mr. Gibson and Mr. Center were little better with their own facial expressions. I felt they expressed contempt and disdain, while listening to opposing points of view, rather than demonstrating an open mind, or willingness compromise. Their treatment of fellow board members was unbelievably unprofessional and rude.

Martina Hone argued passionately in defense of Clifton Elementary. She was repeatedly shot down, and at one point was refused the opportunity to speak by Chairwoman Kathy Smith. Mr. Raney, and Mr. Moon also attempted to speak on behalf of Clifton Elementary. They were interrupted several times, and chastened to stay on topic, yet Ms. Bradsher was permitted time to read an e-mail sent by her daughter regarding the safety of the water of Clifton Elementary. This is merely one example of how some members of the school board deliberately undermine another. I do not trust these people to decide my son's future. I do not want my son's education to be charted by people with grudges to carry and axes to grind. After watching them in action, I have no faith in the Fairfax County School Board.

The School Board had the opportunity to compromise with the Clifton community, when Tina Hone made a motion to delay a definitive course of action until 2013. Considering that a report confirming the safety and viability of the Clifton Elementary well system came in minutes before the school board meeting began, this seemed like a sensible option. It would also have allowed time for a boundary study to determine which school(s) the 369 Clifton students would be attending in the event of their school's closure. As it stands, I have no idea where my son will be attending school, after next year... More importantly, neither does my son. There are 369 kids in limbo right now, with no plan in place, and an uncertain future. For reasons of their own, and motivated more by dollar signs than by our children's security and future, Kathy Smith, Brad Center, Liz Bradsher, Tessie Wilson, Dan Storck and Stuart Gibson chose to rush a decision, regardless of community input.

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This Week in Summer League Swimming

Teams continue to compete hard, have fun.

Despite a tough loss to Crosspointe, last Saturday, July 10, the Sully station SSTs emerged with spirits high, proud of the accomplishments of the week and looking forward to all the team's upcoming events.

The SSTs cruised through the first three events with Brian Patten and Elise Mozeleski taking top honors in the 8-under 25-meter freestyle events, followed by Harrison White winning in the 9-10 boys 50-freestyle. Megan Hickey came out on top in the 13-14 girls 50-freestyle, as did CJ Fiala for the 15-18 boys. The 8-under girls, Elise Mozeleski, Jessica Dickinson and Adison Moore, swept the 25-backstroke, while William Dzubak and Carl Gerland won the 9-10 boys and 11-12 boys 50-backstroke (respectively), each earning a personal best mark. Brandon Fiala and Reagan Warrington were the victors in the 15-18, 50-backstroke events.

The Sully Station boys stole all attention in the breaststroke, sweeping all the number one spots. 8-under Brian Patten and 11-12 Matthew McPherson each finished with personal best marks. Harrison White won for the 9-10s and Michael McPherson and CJ Fiala were victorious for the 13-14s and 15-18s, respectively. Michael McPherson also swam to first place in the 13-14 boys' 50-butterfly, along with William Dzubak in the 9-10 boys 25-butterfly and Richard Xue in the 15-18 boys 50-butterfly.

For the second week in a row the SSTs 8-under girls - Elise Mozeleski, Jessica Dickinson, Marie McPherson and Allison Hickey - were triumphant in the 100-freestyle relay, as were the 15-18 boys' 200-medley relay team of Brandon Fiala, CJ Fiala, Richard Xue and Jacob Humphrey. Winning the boys' 200-mixed age freestyle were Collin Fiala, Harrison White, Michael McPherson and CJ Fiala.

The SSTs clocked in another impressive developmental "B" meet Monday, July 12 at Green Briar. Despite the rain during the first part of the meet, all the swimmers did a fabulous job, including many Sully Station 'Mini Stars' competing for the first time and 6-under Helene O'Brien, who swam her first ever "no-breather." Many swimmers scored significant personal best marks, most notably Abigail Molloy for the 6-under girls 25-freestyle, Jack Townsend for the 6-under boys 25-backstroke and Asha Maran for the 8-under girls 100-IM.

Undeterred by strong competition, Sully Station hurtled into the mid-point of the NVSL summer season having mastered the inherent virtues of a team, including, spirit, strength and determination. This was evidenced on Wednesday, July 7, when the SSTs swam their first-ever Swim-A-Thon to Drown Brain Cancer. Funds were raised to benefit the National Brain Tumor Society in support of TeamBT.

TeamBT founder, BethAnn Telford, is a five-year brain cancer survivor, marathoner and triathlete, who believes in the true spirit of team. Telford joined all the SSTs, from the Mini Stars to the seasoned 15-18s, in the water, as swimmers cruised through 7,000 laps and raised funds projected to near \$2,500.

The SSTs welcome High Point for an NVSL "A" meet this Saturday, July 17 and Virginia Run for a "B" Meet on Mon-



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For the second week in a row, the Sully Station 8-under girls won the 100 meter freestyle relay. From left: Elise Mozeleski, Jessica Dickinson, Marie McPherson and Allison Hickey.



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The 9-10 girls of the ManorGate Marlins, from left, are Lexi Cuomo, Thalia Costanza, Olivia Collar, and Brianna Nelson.



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ManorGate Marlin swimmers Johnny Germanis (left) and Mitch Mahoney on their way to first and third place in the 15-18 fly event.

day, July 19.

THE BLUE DIVISION of the Colonial Swim League was hot on a wet, Saturday morning this past weekend as the ManorGate (MG) Marlins and Hayden Village Villains exhibited great competition at the latter team's home pool. But it was the visiting Marlins who edged out the previously undefeated Villains, 235-198. The Marlins' relays helped secure the victory as they took seven of the 12 races. However, the bal-

ance of great swimming across all ages and all strokes in the individual events also enabled the Marlins to achieve their second victory this season. The 9-10 girls and the 11-12 boys rocked the individual and medley relay events, winning two of the top three places in every event they competed.

Head coach Steve Thorne is happy with the team's success so far, and recognizes a bond this year on the team, especially in his older swimmers, which

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PHOTO BY STACEY HUSE

Winning the 18-under boys 200- mixed age freestyle event were Sully Station's Michael McPherson, Collin Fiala, Harrison White and CJ Fiala.



PHOTO BY KARA STAMPER

Despite the chilly rain, the Sully Station II 9-10 girls scorched the pool with a sweep in the backstroke and victories in the breaststroke and relay. From left: Carly Logan, Georgia Stamper, Madison Wilson, Lauren Peters, and Lily Harkes.



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Sully Station II swimmers, from left: Anthony Wu, Kevin Jiang, and Ben Wu swept the 13-14 boys' freestyle en route to the win over Greenbriar.

SPORTS

Summer League Swimming

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is translating into more commitment to the competition overall. He and assistant coach Lisa Leitch see this as an opportunity for older swimmers to help their younger teammates become better, and more committed competitors, as well.

Proving that every swimmer can make a difference, the Sully Station II Piranhas pulled into first place in Div. 7 with a dramatic 199-198 victory over Greenbriar last Saturday, July 10. In the closest meet in team history, the Piranhas braved the pouring rain and battled for every point. The 13-14 boys' freestyle trio captured a sweep, led by Ben Wu (27.90), Kevin Jiang (30.45), and Anthony Wu (31.43). The 9-10 girls added a backstroke sweep with Lauren Peters (45.00), Carly Logan (47.71), and Madison Wilson (50.77).

First place finishers included freestylers Michael Jiang (11-12 boys, 33.72), Kenzie Elliott (13-14 girls, 31.43), and Erin Schulte (15-18 girls, 29.87). Eight-year old standout Brantley Cervarich secured the backstroke win in 23.83, along with 15-18 girls' star Carli Molano (33.09). Harmon St. Germain set a Piranha record in his 9-10 boys' breaststroke triumph with a time of 47.28. Showing extraordinary team depth in breaststroke were fellow winners Georgia Stamper (9-10 girls, 48.56), double winner Michael Jiang (41.45), 12-year old Dasom Lee (44.99), Connor Pangman (13-14 boys, 40.38), and 13-year old Grace Park (44.32). In the fly, champions included nine-year old Kellen Campbell (20.62), double winner Kenzie Elliott (36.77), and Eric Schulze (15-18 boys, 31.29).

Sully II seniors were recognized for their dedication and leadership before the meet began. Graduating swimmers include Tara Banks (Marshall), Katie O'Brien (JMU), Gregoria Rosa-DiStefano (JMU), Emily Schulte (Georgia Tech), Christina Brooks (Rochester), Megan Kelly (Radford), Jordan Ryan (Nova), Eric Schulze (VCU), and Sara Stanley (JMU).

Team leader Katie O'Brien said, "We have been with each other for 13 or 14 years. The girls feel like we are basically sisters, and winning our last home meet together this way was really fun. I grew up with this team and everyone here is a part of my family."

It was an exciting meet from beginning to end, as both teams fought to the finish and refused to let the poor weather dampen their spirit and sportsmanship. The Piranhas are now 3-0 this season and face Riverside Gardens this Saturday, July 17.

THE BROOKFIELD BREAKERS swam to the top of Div. 10 in the NVSL with another impressive win. Brookfield beat the Panthers of Parliament by a score of 218-184, and now at 3-0 are first in their division. The Breakers began their winning ways with freestyle and never fell behind in the meet.



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The ManorGate Marlins' 15-18 age-level helped lead the team to victory. From left are: Lizzie Johnson, Mitchell Cole, Mitch Mahoney, Connor Culleiton, Johnny Germanis, Melanie Luck, Jen Hagan, Sana Alloo, and Kylie Cuomo.

Double first place finishers for the Breakers were Benjamin Conde, Anna Kenna, William Schulte, Patrick Silsby and Shannon Silsby. Also bringing home wins for Brookfield were Caitlin Mowry, Christopher Laing, RJ Kenna, Jordan Greenlee, Monica Labine, Rory Nelson, David Schulte, Amalia Mack, Claire Kenna, John Wiltshire, Kelly Guerrero and Nicolas Labine.

The Breakers had two sweeps, both with the same three Breaker girls. The 8-under freestyle was swept by Caitlin Mowry, Amalia Mack and Darby Monahan. In girls 8-under breaststroke, Amalia Mack finished first, followed by Caitlin Mowry and Darby Monahan. Also scoring second places for the Breakers were: RJ Kenna, James Laing, Claire Kenna, Joseph Kenna, Kelly Guerrero, Mikayla Lynn, Hannah Ho, Daniel Mitchell, Andy Miller, Stephanie Proctor, Chris Laing, Kieran Nelson, Ava Saylor, Lauren Schulte, Monica Labine and Daniel Richter.

The Breakers will host the Swordfish of Truro this Saturday, July 17 in their final home meet of the season. Brookfield will be saluting their three departing seniors — Lauren Schulte, Stephanie Dorough and Melissa Thoburn. The Breakers are grateful for all their years of swimming for Brookfield and wish them much success in college.

Hosting the visiting Fox Mill Estates Foxes on a rainy Saturday morning last weekend, the Poplar Tree Pirates took a convincing lead beginning with the freestyle events and never looked back as they defeated the Foxes by a final score of 258-144. Of special note, the Pirate boys had a strong showing with



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Poplar Tree's Evan Belsky and James Gilchrist in the 11-12 Boys 100 meter Medley

sweeps in the 9-10 free, 15-18 free, and 9-10 back. They also won all six of their relays. Poplar Tree, with the NVSL Div. 8 meet victory, improved its record to 3-0. Double individual event winners for the Pirates included: Mary Kominski (8-and-under free and breast); Marcelo Coray (9-10 free and back); Fletcher Madsen (9-10 breast and fly); Jonathan Wen (11-12 back and fly); Hannah Warnick (11-12 free and back); Nicole Baker (11-12 breast and fly); Lauren Hensley (13-14 free and back); Greg Borowski (15-18 free and fly); and Elizabeth Hall (15-18 free and fly).

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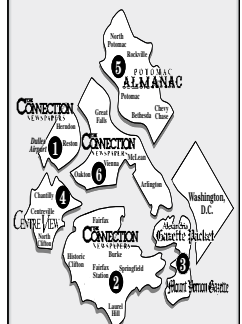
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