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Flappers and other characters populate Liberty Middle's musical romantic comedy, "Thoroughly Modern Millie Jr."

It's 'Thoroughly Modern Millie'

Music, flappers, romance and jazz galore at Liberty Middle.

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Featuring a cast and crew of 60, Liberty Middle School presents the musical, "Thoroughly Modern Millie Jr." Show times are Thursday, Friday and Saturday April 7-9, at 7 p.m. each night. Tickets are \$5 at the door or during school lunches.

"I'm very blessed to have this level of talent at middle school," said Director Jody Scott. "And we're excited because we're the first Fairfax County middle school to put on the junior version of this show."

It takes place in 1922 New York. Millie, in her early 20s, moves there from Kansas to seek her fortune and stays at the Priscilla Hotel for Young Girls. She plans to marry for money but, along the way, she falls in love. Meanwhile, the evil hotel owner is involved in an illegal business on the side and, when one of Millie's friends becomes ensnared in it, Millie must find a way to free her.

Eighth-grader Nora Winsler plays Millie. "She comes to New York to start a new life," said

Winsler. "She wants to marry her boss to get money because she thinks that's the modern thing to do. She's determined to get what she wants, even though there's another boy she loves — Jimmy, who's poor."

Winsler likes her part because of the range of emotions — anger, sadness and happiness — her character has. "I worked hard to get this role, since last year, when Ms. Scott told us this is what we were going to do," she said. "I watched the movie and learned all the songs."

Her favorite number is "The Nuttycracker Suite" because "it's like a jazzy version of one of the 'Nutcracker' songs." Winsler choreographed it with her friends, Anna Adere, who plays Miss Flannery, leader of the stenographers; Emma Lindsay, who's in the ensemble; and Alex De La Rosa, who lives at the hotel. Winsler said the audience will enjoy the show's "back-to-back, cute, song-and-dance numbers and overall, farcical humor."

Portraying Jimmy is eighth-grader Nick Ingargiola. "Jimmy's an arrogant, young man and Millie's love interest," said Ingargiola. "He's co-owner of a big company, but makes people believe he's poor. He's smooth, cocky and full of himself, is a ladies man and doesn't believe in true love."

Ingargiola's enjoying the role because he and Nora are good friends and he gets to sing "a bunch

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Former Coach Pleads Guilty

Hamilton molested young athletes and exchange student.

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They didn't get to testify in court Tuesday morning, but the mothers — and even a grandmother — of John Hamilton's victims all sat together in the front row of courtroom 4F to hear him enter his pleas.

And before they all left, Hamilton, 39, of Gabrielle Way in Centreville, pleaded guilty to two counts of aggravated sexual battery, two counts of taking indecent liberties with a minor and one count of crimes against nature.

"Are you entering these pleas of guilty freely and voluntarily and because you are, in fact, guilty of

the crimes charged?" asked Fairfax County Circuit Court Judge Brett Kassabian. "Yes, sir," replied Hamilton.



Hamilton

Before moving to Centre Ridge, Hamilton was a popular, well-respected and long-time Little League baseball coach for the Fort Hunt Youth Athletic Association. But unbeknownst to the parents who trusted their sons to his care and tutelage, he was doing things

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17 Years Prison For Salehzadeh

Former child-care worker molested girl, 4.

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There were tears all around, Friday afternoon in Fairfax County Circuit Court, when former child-care worker Siyamand Salehzadeh was

sentenced to 17 years in prison for molesting a 4-year-old girl in his care.

The man's mother cried on the witness



Salehzadeh

stand, pleading for mercy for her son, and the child's parents cried, hearing the details of what their daughter went through revealed in

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Students Raise Money for National Brain Tumor Society

Two events held in Fairfax woman's honor.

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Two events held Sunday and Monday at Chantilly High have helped Fairfax resident BethAnn Telford raise more than \$3,000 for the National Brain Tumor Society (NBTS).

The senior class is doing 11 community-service projects this year and during March the NBTS is its beneficiary. So on Monday, proceeds from the theater students' production of their VHSL state championship winning play, "AP Theatre," plus a one-act version of Shakespeare's "The Tempest" went to the charity.

"It was theater student Kelsey Monk's idea to use these plays as a fund-raiser, and they brought in \$1,430," said Telford. "They sold no tickets — everything was by donation."

And when Sunday's chilly weather forced a Track-a-Thon fund-raiser into the school gym, the students didn't miss a beat. They ran or walked at least 200 laps.

"It was wonderful," said Telford. "They gave me \$2,000 so far, but will be collecting for two more weeks. Some kids ran eight miles and one boy ran the whole time. We got a great turnout and had about 100 participants. The whole thing was just amazing, and so many different age groups took part."

Over the past school year, Telford became close to the students planning the event, talking with them and spending time with



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Rachel Walden, freshman from Centreville, works on a sign as runners do laps in the distance. Walden's father is severely disabled as a result of a brain tumor diagnosed when she was in first grade.

them. She, herself, has been struggling with her own brain tumor for nearly six years, and she learned that eight Chantilly students or members of their families have brain tumors, as well.

During the Track-a-Thon, she said, "I was running with everyone from my own friends to young kids. One Chantilly girl walked for another friend who also has a brain tumor. I can't have kids of my own because of my illness; when they operated on me the first time, they took my pituitary gland. So I go to a lot of events involving kids."

Telford also has ties to Chantilly High. "A lot of my friends went to Chantilly, and I often train on that track because it's a great track and it has lights. During the Track-a-Thon, the [Chargers] track team gave me a nice donation."

She also noted a donation given

by a woman whose son is a Chantilly senior and has a brain tumor. "She said her husband was going to donate \$1,000 to someone's political campaign," said Telford. "But instead, she came and gave most of it to me. She also donated to Chantilly student Nikki Ferraro, who has a rare form of thyroid cancer, and to a 1-year-old Loudoun County girl who also has a brain tumor, and I'm very happy about that."

Telford, too, is no slouch when it comes to helping others. Despite her illness — and also because of it — this athlete has competed in numerous marathons and triathlons to raise money for the NBTS.

"I've raised \$223,000 in just under six years, and I'm really pleased," she said. "So far, I'm up to \$23,000 for this year, but my goal is \$60,000 so I have a long



BethAnn Telford, of Fairfax, runs with Savey Lombardo, of Centreville, a family friend.

way to go." Tax-deductible contributions may be made via her Web site, www.teambt.org.

In April, Telford's going to Massachusetts to run in the Boston Marathon. But she especially has her sights set on the Kona Iron Man competition in October in Hawaii. "But you can only get in through a lottery system, and I've been trying to get into it for five years," she said. "Hopefully, this will be my year."

Regarding Chantilly's Track-a-Thon, Telford said it's important the students know that "this was not just about me. When you do an event, you also bring in people collecting for their causes, like Nikki, who was there selling her 'Bite Me, Cancer' bracelets and T-shirts [to raise money for cancer research]. So it was great — the students were supporting a classmate while helping the Track-a-Thon."



Kelsey Monk, left, and BethAnn Telford after Chantilly High's one-act plays.



Senior Class Sponsor Meredith Norris (holding card) meets with volunteers before the Track-A-Thon begins.



Hugh Gannon, 9, of Chantilly is running in honor of several family friends who have brain cancer. He is a running enthusiast and participates in the Chantilly Youth Association track program.