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From left: Centreville residents Mya Baptiste, Emely Avalos and Victoria Ornelas pose with cotton candy and balloons during last year's Centreville Day celebration.

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Centreville Day

Get Ready for Centreville Day

**20th annual event features
a parade, crafts, music,
food and history.**

By Bonnie Hobbs
Centre View

Children's activities, a parade, food, live entertainment, historic homes, a trick-or-treat trail, crafts and outdoor fun in the fall — there's something for everyone at the 20th annual Centreville Day celebration.

It's slated for Saturday, Oct. 20, and the good times begin with the Zombie Slouch 5K Run and Walk at 9 a.m., followed by the Centreville Day parade at 9:45 a.m. Then comes a slew of activities in the Centreville Historic District until 5 p.m.

"It's a wonderful opportunity for families to come out and have a great day, learn something about local history, do a little holiday shopping and bring the kids outside for some fun and games," said event organizer Cheryl Repetti. "They'll also get to meet their neighbors and local businesses — all the people who make up their community."

This year's theme is "Celebrating 220 Years of Community" because it's the 220th anniversary of the chartering of the Town of Centreville. And both admission and parking are free.

New this year is the first annual Zombie Slouch 5K Run and Walk, which kicks off outside Colin

Performance Schedule

11 a.m. - Opening ceremonies: Westfield High student Sarah Berrios singing the National Anthem, Chantilly High's Air Force JROTC doing the flag ceremony, plus various presentations
11:30 a.m. - Chinese Dragon Dance
Noon - Mia Saunders Ballet
12:30 p.m. - Centreville Dance
1 p.m. - Alliance Theatre
1:30 p.m. - Epic Quartet
2 p.m. - St John's plaque presentation: Dedication of the Sesquicentennial Civil War Trails sign
2:30 p.m. - Harmony Road School of Music
3 p.m. - Tae Kwon Do and Hispanic singers
3:30 p.m. - Alberto Ramirez, Benito Chavez and the Flock of Eagles band
4 p.m. - SYA Cheer
4:30 p.m. - Creative Dance Center

Powell Elementary, 13340 Leland Road in Centreville. Check-in time is at 8 a.m. and the race starts at 9 a.m. Proceeds benefit DC Candlelighters Childhood Cancer Foundation which supports local children with cancer, as well as their families.

It's a family-friendly event, and strollers and dogs are welcome in the one-mile walk. See www.DCCandlelighters.org, go to Current Events, and click on the Centreville Day link for registration in the Upcoming Events section. Registration is \$20 for runners; \$15, walkers; and \$25, families. Pick up race packets at the Virginia Runner store in the Colonnade at Union Mill Shopping Center. Online registration closes Oct. 15.

"We're really pleased to be partnering with the DC

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CENTRE VIEW

**Celebrating 220 Years
of Community**
October 20, 2012 10am-5pm
20th Annual Centreville Day
in HISTORIC CENTREVILLE PARK

NEW! 5K Zombie Slouch Fun Run 9am
benefitting DC Metro Candlelighters Foundation
American Legion Parade 10am

Showmobile Entertainment
Alliance Theatre, Centreville Dance Theatre, Creative Center Dance, Epic Quartet, Harmony Road Music, JMU Alumni's Chinese Dragon, Mia Saunder's Ballet, SYA Cheer and DJ Myra Flemister

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Centreville Day

20th Annual Event Offers Parade, Music, Food

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Candlelighters on this," said Repetti. "Even though it's a national organization, it has a special, local connection here and the work it does is so important."

Participants will travel along Leland Road to Pickwick Road, around to Braddock Road, across Mount Gilead Road and Wharton Lane, back to Pickwick and around to Braddock again, ending on Mount Gilead in the Centreville Historic District.

Since this event is happening so close to Halloween, walkers and runners are encouraged to come in costume. Prizes will be awarded for the most creative adult, most creative child, plus the fastest male and female runners and the fastest runner under age 12.

PARADE, ENTERTAINMENT

Families, friends and pets in costume are also welcome in the American Legion Parade, at 9:45 a.m., also starting at Colin Powell Elementary. A Centreville Day tradition, the parade is organized by American Legion Post 1995.

This year's affair will include Chantilly High's Air Force JROTC, SYA Cheer, Centreville Dance Theatre, U.S. Rep. Gerry Connolly (D-11) and the truck-pulling team at 123Junk. The fire engines of Centreville Volunteer Fire Station 17 will make their annual appearance, as well, and the Cox Farms float may also return this year.

Organizations and groups may register to be in the parade at www.centrevilleva.org;

cost is \$15. It's free for families and individuals not needing to be announced as they pass the reviewing stage, but they should still register at the Web site. "They just need to click on 'parade,' put in their names and

the fee will be waived," said Repetti. "It's just to let us know how many people will be in the parade."

Following the parade, the focus shifts to Historic Centreville Park in the Centreville Historic District — 5714 Mount Gilead Road — where the Centreville Day festivities will

all take place. Attendees may park at the Trinity Centre at 5860 Trinity Parkway in Centreville, and free shuttle buses to and from the Historic District will be provided by Centreville Baptist Church.

The opening ceremonies will be at 11 a.m. at the Showmobile stage, where Westfield High freshman Sara Berrios will sing the National Anthem. Supervisor Michael R. Frey (R-Sully) will join Honorary Chairs Eileen Curtis, president of the Dulles Chamber of Commerce, and Shak Hill, Centreville Trustee of the Family and Children's Trust Fund, to welcome attendees. Then Mountain View and Centreville high schools, plus the Centreville Rotary Club, will present awards.

The JMU Alumni will begin the day's entertainment with a traditional Chinese Dragon dance. The Showmobile stage will also showcase the talents of DJ Myra Flemister, Centreville Dance Theatre, Mia Saunders Ballet, Alliance Theatre, Epic Quartet, singers Alberto Ramirez and Benito Raymundo Chavez, SYA Cheer, Harmony Road Orchestra and Hallelujah Mission Tae Kwon Do.

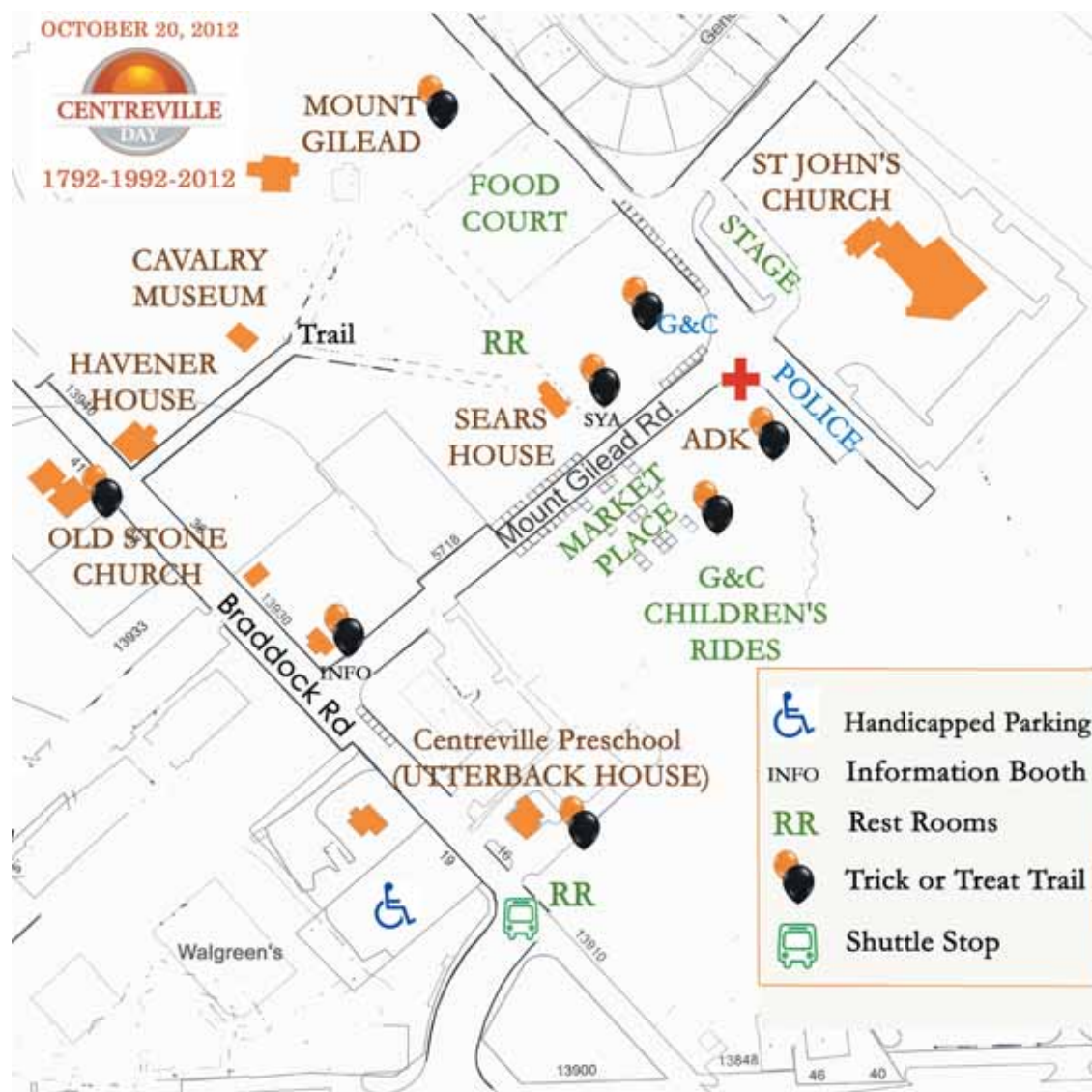
"We've got some good entertainment lined up," said Repetti. "There's a good mix of adult and youth performers, and they're all local people."

VENDORS, CHILDREN'S

ACTIVITIES

A community marketplace will feature a variety of crafters, businesses, churches and organizations. There'll be a food court highlighting local restaurants, plus festival fare,

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Residents having fun last fall in Centreville's Historic District.



Deejay Myra Flemister teaches some children a dance at Centreville Day 2011.



People from all over the area came to Clifton Day 2012.



Photos by Bonnie Hobbs/Centre View

Selling cotton candy are Dariece Rau, assistant leader of Clifton's Cub Scout Pack 1861, with (back row, from left) Nick Richmond, Gannon Rau and Sean Cunningham and (front row, from left) Thomas Mikolashek and John Biamonte.

Chilly But Fun Clifton Day

Clifton Day, last Sunday, Oct. 7, was cold and drizzly, but visitors still flocked to the town for the food, crafts and entertainment.



Kirra Wolf, 6, experiences the feel of a potter's wheel, courtesy of Tammy Ratliff of TGR Pottery.



"Can I have it?" Jack McGehee, 4, asks his dad, Brad McGehee, if he can have a wooden car from vendor Pappy's Wooden Dreams.



Keela Schmard (left) and Tanja Jakeway of the Cruffle Co., a home-based Clifton business, pose with their cake/truffle combinations.



Indie Do, 2, holds her Dracula balloon.



Attendees peruse the crafts booths while the VRE train delivers another group of visitors to Clifton Day.



Jim Haner plays the banjo in front of the Clifton Store while a couple cuddles.



From left: Paul Economon and Dan and Julie Manuel, of Clifton's Boy Scout Troop 1104, sell preserves and apple cider.



The stained-glass artistry of Ellen Blake of Obsidian Studio.

People

Job Switch for Peter Noonan

Former Centreville High principal leads Fairfax City Schools.

By Bonnie Hobbs
Centre View

Since coming to Fairfax County Public Schools in July 2001, Clifton resident Peter Noonan has been on an upward trajectory. He went from being an assistant principal to a principal to a school system assistant superintendent.

But he left it all in July, yet continued moving upward, as he became the superintendent of the City of Fairfax Schools.

"I tossed my hat in the ring when then-Superintendent Ann Monday announced her retirement, the first part of the year," said Noonan. "I thought it would be a great opportunity. I'd been a principal in the City of Fairfax, at Lanier Middle School, and already knew the relationship between the city and county so well. And I've aspired to be superintendent for a long time."

Unlike the huge FCPS, Fairfax City's school system has just four schools — Lanier Middle, Fairfax High and Daniels Run and Providence elementaries — and it's appealing to Noonan to "have influence over a smaller group of schools and work with a really great group of principals and teachers."

Also attractive to him is "being able to feel like I'm a member of a community and getting to know people on a much more meaningful level. The City of Fairfax schools are the city's showcase — four shining stars. And bringing more light to the excellence happening in those buildings is important. I feel like I have a chance to create something special here and it's mine."

With FCPS, Noonan was assistant principal at Langley High from July 2001 to February 2002. The next three years, he was Lanier's principal; then from 2005 to April 2007, he was the principal at Centreville High. He next became Cluster VII assistant superintendent until July 2008 and then served as assistant superintendent for instruction services until this past July, when he left to helm the City of Fairfax schools.

His last FCPS position entailed helping students "from cradle to career," said Noonan. "It provides services from pre-K to grade 12, plus adult education. My big responsibility was making sure there's a viable and consistent curriculum for them and ensuring that we're able to differentiate instruction for the needs of the students we teach, including ESOL and special-needs students."

He also made sure that FCPS policies "continue to support instruction in an environment that allows students to reach their fullest potential." Calling it a "fantastic job," he said, "I've gotten a chance to look



Peter Noonan

at curriculum and instruction with a global perspective and worked with great principals and teachers. Most of all, I've gotten to go to work with educational all stars every day, which is really exciting."

During his tenure, FCPS began an eCart system — an electronic curriculum assessment resource tool available to all classroom teachers through their online blackboard site. "They can pull up their curriculum and instructional best practices, providing them a deeper understanding of how to teach that particular concept, plus the resources to help students learn it easier," explained Noonan.

He's also proud that, in 2009, FCPS opened access to its most rigorous courses to its "most under-represented population. Honors AP classes and IB classes were opened to many more black and Hispanic students who traditionally hadn't taken them. We started open en-

rollment in middle school and it continued in high school."

Doing so, said Noonan, has "really allowed us to begin closing the minority student achievement gap in Fairfax County — and the data has proved this out."

Now, he plans to continue doing whatever he can to support students and teachers in the City of Fairfax schools. "I was really excited to get the job," he said. "There's a great opportunity ahead of me to do some things I'm excited about in education, while continuing to build on the wonderful things already happening in these schools."

Noonan says his experience with curriculum and instruction, plus his ability to work well with people,

will help him in his new position. And before school even started, he met with Monday, the School Board and the four principals.

"I was impressed with the extraordinary leadership in the buildings," he said. "I just think the principals are all top-notch." During his first 60 days, he's listening to these principals, community members and groups, plus city-government leaders "to get a sense of the big issues that need to be dealt with in the city in the next three to five years. One is

working in conjunction with FCPS to resolve the overcrowding issue at Fairfax High."

There's a school-services agreement between FCPS and the city schools. The City of Fairfax owns the buildings and FCPS provides the curriculum and instruction for the city schools. After the 60 days are up, Noonan will work closely with his school board to incorporate what he's heard into the City of Fairfax School System's six-year plan.

"One of the things I'm excited about is taking the work the city's done to integrate technology and seeing how we can further utilize technology in the in-

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Roundups

Bullying Awareness Day

Rocky Run Middle School will host the Chantilly High pyramid's first-ever Bullying Awareness Day on Friday, Oct. 12. The theme, "Stand by Me," was chosen to support the countywide initiative to provide children with information and strategies about what bullying is and how to handle themselves if they're ever faced with a bullying situation.

Fire Stations' Open House

To try to prevent home fires before they start, all Fairfax County Fire and Rescue stations will host Fire Prevention Week Open Houses on Saturday, Oct. 13, from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. They include Stations 17 and 38 in Centreville, Station 15 in Chantilly and Station 21 in Fair Oaks. The theme is: "Have Two Ways Out."

Firefighters and paramedics will have displays and activities emphasizing fire safety, including preventing fires and fire injuries, especially in the home. According to the U.S. Fire Administration, nearly 3,000 people die in home fires each year. About two-thirds of home fire deaths resulted from fires in homes with no smoke alarms or no working alarms. In 23 percent of home fire deaths, smoke alarms were present, but didn't sound.

Bedrooms are the main locations where residential fire fatalities occur, with 75 percent of these fire victims escaping or sleeping at the time of their deaths. Smoking was the leading cause of fatal fatalities in residential buildings. To learn more about fire prevention, go to www.firepreventionweek.org.

Alliance Book Fair Fundraiser

The Alliance Theatre is holding a Book Fair Fundraiser on Saturday, Oct. 13, all day, at Barnes & Noble, 12193 Fair Lakes Promenade (off West Ox Road) in Fair Oaks. When customers mention "The Alliance Theatre" at check-out, a percentage of the purchase will go to Alliance. The same applies to online purchases made from Oct. 14 through Oct. 18. Go to <http://www.bn.com/bookfairs> and use Alliance's special, book-fair number, 10807774.

Special activities from noon-4 p.m. will include face-painting, Clifford the Big Red Dog reading stories to children, and Alliance actors singing songs from their upcoming production of "Nunsense." Also planned is a raffle for tickets to see "Nunsense" in November at Mountain View High School, plus information on Alliance's 2013 season. Special in-store food discount vouchers are available by e-mailing contact_us@thealliancetheatre.org.

Forum on Youth Drinking

The Citizens Advisory Committee of the Sully District Police Station will hold a community forum on drinking and driving by youth and young adults. It will be presented by the Unified Prevention Coalition on Tuesday, Oct. 16, at 7 p.m., at the Sully District Governmental Center, 4900 Stonecroft Blvd. in Chantilly.

It's aimed at reducing the number of alcohol-related motor-vehicle crashes involving drivers ages 15-24. Crash data will be shared and attendees will be asked what they think are the primary causes of these motor vehicle crashes. The forum is designed for adults 18 and older.

"We hope to obtain a better understanding of community perceptions related to underage drinking, binge drinking, and drinking and driving, as well as enforcement of the drinking laws," said UPC President Lisa Adler.

Free Carseat Inspections

Certified technicians from the Sully District Police Station will perform free, child safety carseat inspections Thursday, Oct. 18, 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 cor-

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Calendar

Email announcements to centreview@connectionnewspapers.com. Photos welcome.

THROUGH OCT. 31

The Fall Festival at Cox Farms.

Hayrides, slides, rope swings, a farm chores play area, animal areas, and food will all be available for the last taste of the fall season. Fields of Fear, Cox Farms' nighttime adventure, has returned for a fourth year with an expanded, half-mile haunted Cornightmare trail and bigger Dark Side hayride. Fields of Fear is open Fridays and Saturdays through Oct. 27. Fields of Fear will also be open on Saturday, Nov. 3. Visit <http://fieldsoffear.coxfarms.com/default.aspx>.

FRIDAY/OCT. 12

Fellowship Dinner. 6:30 p.m.

Western Fairfax Christian Ministries will be holding its 5th Annual Fellowship Dinner at the Fairview Park Marriott, 3111 Fairview Park Dr. Reservations are required as seating is limited. Adults only. There will be an opportunity to give financially to WFCM. Visit www.wfcmlva.org.

SATURDAY/OCT. 13

Chrysanthemum Show. 2-5 p.m.

Hosted by the Old Dominion Chrysanthemum Society. At

Merrifield Gardens at Fair Oaks, 12101 Lee Hwy. Call 703-968-9600 or visit

www.merrifieldgardencenter.com.

Race to Rid Sids 5K Run/Walk & 1K Little Angels Fun Run.

There will be entertainment and children's activities before, during and after the race to include music, snacks, awards, children's face painting, moon bounces and balloon animals. Register through www.RacetoRidSids.com. The goal is to raise funds for Sudden Infant Death Syndrome research by a team of doctors at the University of Virginia Research Hospital. At Oak Hill Elementary School in Herndon.

Virginia Run Community Yard Sale.

8 a.m.-2 p.m. Treasure maps will be given out on the corner of Pleasant Valley and Wetherburn Drive on the morning of the sale. Yard Sales will be held at individual residences within the community. Rain or Shine. Contact Paula Ferrara-Garcia 703-216-6730 or Helaine Newman 703-402-3134.

Flea Market. 8 a.m.-1 p.m.

Members of Oakton Baptist Church will be having a Flea Market in the church parking lot. The church is located at 14001 Sullyfield Circle & Rt. 50, first stop light East of Route 28.

SUNDAY/OCT. 14

Chrysanthemum Show. 10 a.m. - 3

p.m. Hosted by the Old Dominion Chrysanthemum Society. At Merrifield Gardens at Fair Oaks, 12101 Lee Hwy. Call 703-968-9600 or visit

www.merrifieldgardencenter.com.

Table Top N Gauge Model Train Event.

1-4 p.m. The Northern Virginia NTRAK members will have a T-TRAK (table top) display and running model trains at the Fairfax Station Railroad Museum at 11200 Fairfax Station Road. Admission is \$3 for adults; \$1 for children. Call 703-425-9225 or visit www.fairfax-station.org.

MONDAY/OCT. 15

Breast Cancer Awareness Night.

7:15 p.m. Come to the Westfield Girls Volleyball Breast Cancer Awareness Night to watch the girls play for the Cure while contributing to breast health awareness. Put names on the "Wall of Hope" to honor those whose lives have been touched by breast cancer, by making a \$1 donation. At Westfield High School Gymnasium, 4700 Stonecroft Blvd.

"Putting Your Garden to Bed." 7

p.m. Centreville Garden Club will hold this meeting at Sully Government Center, 4900 Stonecroft Blvd. Visitors welcome. Meetings generally third Monday each month. Visit centrevillegardenclub.blogspot.com, email centrevillegardenclub@gmail.com, or call 703-830-2942.

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FRIDAY-SUNDAY/OCT. 18-21

Centreville Regional Library Used Book Sale.

The Friends of the Centreville Library will conduct their semi-annual used book sale at the Centreville Library, 14220 St. Germain Dr. A special preview sale will be held on Oct. 18 from 6-8:30 p.m. for members of the Friends of the Centreville Library. An annual membership fee of \$15 will be collected from new members beginning at 5:30 p.m. before the preview sale. All proceeds from the sale will benefit the Centreville Library and its patrons. The sale will be open to the public on:
❖ Oct. 19, Friday 10 a.m.-6 p.m.
❖ Oct. 20, Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
❖ Oct. 21, Sunday 1-3 p.m.

SATURDAY/OCT. 20

Gardening Just for Kids. 10 a.m.

This seminar is ideal for kids (ages 6-12) who love to garden and get dirty. Each student will bring home a pumpkin that they've planted with flowers. Parents must be present. Pre-registration required. At Merrifield Gardens at Fair Oaks, 12101 Lee Hwy. Call 703-968-9600 or visit www.merrifieldgardencenter.com.

Historic All Hallows Eve. 5-7 p.m.

Bring family for a lantern lit tour of the 1794 house and grounds and discover some of the origins of today's Halloween traditions. \$10. Call 703-437-1794 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/sully. Sully Historic Site, 3650 Historic Sully Way.

Gospel Concert by the

Proclaimers. 6 p.m. No admission. A love offering will be taken. At Oakton Baptist Church, 14001 Sullyfield Circle. Call 703 631-1799.

Party in Pink Zumbathon. 7-9 p.m. Zumba to end breast cancer with a ladies night out. Tickets are \$10 and all will be donated to Komen for the Cure. At Cheer Tyme in Chantilly. RSVP to gozumbafun@gmail.com. Bring mothers and daughters (ages 12 and up) and have a blast.

SUNDAY/OCT. 21

Annual Marty Shanton Golf

Classic for ALS Patients. 10:30 a.m.-9 p.m. The tournament, including golf and a dinner with entertainment, costs \$225 for individuals, will raise money for research to find a cure for ALS (Lou Gehrig's disease). Westfields Golf Club, 13940 Balmoral Greens Ave. To register for the tournament, sign up online or contact Steve Shanton at 561-670-3625. Sponsorship opportunities are also available.

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Youth Sunday Morning Worship: 10:30 AM
(Rev. Bobby J. Ford Jr., Youth Minister)
Holy Communion (Third Sunday) 10:00 AM
Wednesday Prayer Meeting/ Bible Study
and Spiritual Development Courses: 7:00 PM
(Includes Youth Bible Study)



Schools

SATURDAY/OCT. 13

Annual Manassas Park Fall Showcase of Bands. 11:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. The Centreville High School Marching Band will participate in the 4th Annual Manassas Park Fall Showcase of Bands and performs at 2:55 p.m. At 8200 Euclid Avenue, Manassas Park. Visit <http://cvhsband.org/>.

MONDAY/OCT. 29

Paying for College, a program offered by the Centreville High School Student Services Department, will be presented at 7 p.m. in the Centreville HS theatre. Information on the different types of financial aid programs that are available, as well as how to apply for them, will be included. All high school and middle school families are invited to this program. Korean and Spanish translation will be available. Questions? Contact Mrs. Leftwich, Career Center Specialist: caleftwich@fcps.edu.

Benjamin D. Sando, of Centreville High School, is a semifinalist in the the 58th annual National Merit Scholarship Program.

Centreville High School Wind Ensemble was awarded a State Level Recognition by the Foundation for Music Education in the "Mark of Excellence/National Wind Band Honors Project." The award is based on the Wind Ensemble's playing at the 2012 Performance Assessment, which was held in March. The performance was one of 184 participating bands, orchestras and choirs.

Amanda Karstetter, from Centreville, will join the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences Ambassador Program. Students are selected to join the team each spring through a competitive application process. Karstetter, a junior majoring in humanities, science and environment and English in the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences, volunteers with a faculty member for a minimum of two hours a week and volunteers for other various events hosted by the college. Ambassadors work closely with faculty, staff, parents, and alumni to expand the college's outreach.

Walter Ambrose, III of Centreville, recently graduated from the Savannah College of Art and Design. Ambrose, III earned a BFA degree in Film.

Sai Thota, mechanical engineering major, from Centreville started as a freshman at Georgia Institute of Technology this fall.

Twenty-eight students from Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) have been named 2013 National Achievement Scholarship program semifinalists in an academic competition for Black American high school students conducted by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation. The Centreville High semifinalists are: **Hayley Harris and Warren Smith.**

Deborah Yoon, from Clifton, will join the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences Ambassador Program. Students are selected to join the team each spring through a competitive application process. Yoon, a junior majoring in communication and human develop-

ment in the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences, volunteers with a faculty member for a minimum of two hours a week and volunteers for other various events hosted by the college. Ambassadors work closely with faculty, staff, parents, and alumni to expand the college's outreach.

Blair Benson, who is studying geology, has been selected to receive the University of Kansas' Madison and Lila Self Graduate Fellowship. She has an innate curiosity for blending geophysics and archaeology to develop noninvasive techniques for identifying and excavating archeological sites. Benson is conducting her research at KU under the guidance of George Tsoflis, associate professor of geophysics, and Rolfe Mandel, executive director of the ODYSSEY research program at the Kansas Geological Survey and professor of anthropology. She received a Bachelor of Science in geology in 2009 from James Madison University and her master's degree in geology in 2012 from KU. She has received numerous awards including the Catherine-King Frazier Scholarship for outstanding achievement by the most promising new major and the Philip R. Cosminsky Award while at James Madison. In 2011 Benson received a National Science Foundation GK-12 Fellowship. Benson is the president of the Association for Women Geoscientists Osage Chapter, the south-central delegate for the AWG board, and co-founder and director of the KU Geology Mentor Program. Her professional goal is to advance near-surface geophysical imaging methods for private sector and government research. Benson is the daughter of Richard Benson and Lisa Enright and a graduate of Centreville High School.



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Opinion

Cancer Awareness

Success with breast cancer awareness should help other cancers.

October is breast cancer awareness month. Anyone connected to media of any variety already knows this. A massive marketing success, we all know that pink shows support for breast cancer prevention, especially in October.

For me, last month marked three years since I completed chemotherapy and radiation for breast cancer. Because of early detection, advances in treatment (surgery, radiation, chemotherapy and ongoing hormonal treatment in my case), and ongoing monitoring, my prognosis, and the prognosis for most of the 2.5 million breast cancer survivors in the United States, is excellent.

Still in 2008, the last year reported by the CDC, 40,589 women died from breast cancer. The same year, 210,203 U.S. women were diagnosed with breast cancer. It is the most common cancer for U.S. women other than skin cancers.

Breast cancer awareness month is the perfect time to be sure that you and/or the women in your life are following best practices for breast cancer screening. While in recent years, there has been some confusion about breast cancer screening, if you have a family history of breast cancer, it is never too early to talk to your doctor about how to approach your preventative care. All women age 40 or over should talk with a doctor experienced in breast health about when to begin screening mammograms and how often to have them. When it comes to what is best for your breasts, self exam, knowing your own breasts and what feels normal, is a low-tech, low-cost measure.

In January 2009, I found a lump in my breast that I knew immediately was not normal. A

coworker's diagnosis of breast cancer had prompted me to have an overdue mammogram seven months before I found the lump, and that mammogram was perfectly normal. The mammogram after I found the lump showed the difference, a glowing spot that led the radiologist to say he would be "very concerned." The biopsy of the lump confirmed the concern.

Now three years later and cancer free, I can tell you that if I did not find that lump, if I waited two years for my next mammogram, my outcome would very likely have been different.

I share my experience in breast cancer awareness month, not because the experience defines me, but because I know how easy it is to put off a mammogram, how easy it is to miss months of self-checks, and because I know, early detection in breast cancer really can save lives.

THE SUCCESS of the breast cancer awareness movement has resulted in more than \$630 million annually in spending on research. It is not too much.

But at Connection Newspapers, we have two other employees who are in ongoing treatment for cancer. Kenny Lourie, who has stage 4 lung cancer, writes a weekly column that appears in most of our papers that discusses his more than three-year journey with candor and humor. Jean Card was diagnosed with Acute Promyelocytic Leukemia in early 2011 and has also written about her experience as she raises money for leukemia research and outreach. Visit www.LighttheNight.org and search APL Dumpling Gang.

Lung cancer kills more people in the United States every year than any other kind of can-

cer, in fact more than the other top cancers combined. In 2008, more than 208,000 people were diagnosed with lung cancer and more than 158,500 died of lung cancer. This is more than the deaths from breast, prostate and colon cancer combined. Spending on lung cancer research? Less than half spent on breast cancer, about \$280 million annually. As Lourie wryly points out, part of the problem may be that you can't turn out tens of thousands of lung cancer survivors for a march because, well, there are very few survivors over time.

Prostate cancer has more new cases per year and about the same death rate as breast cancer, but half the funding.

In 2012, there were an estimated 47,150 new cases of leukemia with 23,540 deaths, more than half the number of annual breast cancer deaths. But funding for leukemia research lags behind.

Nothing should be taken away from the efforts of breast health advocates. But clearly more effort is needed in other areas.

SPEAKING OF HEALTH RISKS, on average more than 20,000 people a year in the United States die from the flu. The numbers vary from year to year, with as many as 50,000 deaths in some years, and some studies showing the average number of deaths to be more than 35,000. The influenza vaccine is a cheap and effective method of preventing or reducing the impact of the flu.

Remember that no matter what health plan you have, there is just one person in charge of your health care: you.

— Mary Kimm,
mkimm@connectionnewspapers.com

Letter to the Editor

Yes, It Could Be Worse

To the Editor:

In their letter entitled "Can it Get Worse" (CentreView, Oct. 4), Paul and Orene Blum ask a very simple question: "It just can't get any worse than this ... can it?" — referring to President Obama's actions following the horrific attacks on the American embassy in Libya. My answer to that question is simple — Yes, if Mitt Romney is the next President of the United States it would get much worse.

First the Blums criticize the President for not immediately declaring the incident a terrorist attack. Apparently, rather than take some time to make sure he has an accurate accounting of what occurred as we should expect from a Commander in Chief, they prefer the "ready, shoot, aim" method employed by Mitt Romney, who issued a statement, while the crisis was still unfolding, falsely criticizing the President for sympathiz-

ing with terrorists solely based on statements made by American personnel in the American embassy in Egypt who were trying to diffuse a situation that was threatening their lives. As has become his habit, Romney didn't let the actual facts or the consequences of his actions get in the way of a juicy political attack.

In fact the FBI was investigating the nature of the attack within 48 hours, and by Sept 19 had determined that the attacks were indeed an act of terrorism. And, speaking from the White House the day after the attack President Obama said, "No acts of terror will ever shake the resolve of this great nation, alter that character, or eclipse the

light of the values that we stand for. Today we mourn four more Americans who represent the very best of the United States of America. We will not waver in our commitment to see that justice is done for this terrible act. And make no mistake, justice will be done."

All of this was widely reported by the media contrary to the Blums' assertion of a media cover-up.

Second they criticize the President for making a campaign appearance the day after the attacks; they can "only imagine how the families of the victims felt as they watched our Commander in Chief jet off to Las Vegas for a campaign event within hours of the attack." All they can do is imagine; the victim's families have not criticized the President

for keeping his campaign commitment, and the President spoke very movingly about their sacrifice. But, let me do some imagining of my own. I wonder how those families felt when they heard the embassies where their husbands, fathers, sons, and brothers were stationed had

been the subject of an attack, and the first words out of the mouth of a man running for President was not to criticize those that actually did the attacking, but instead, for purely political reasons,

to attack the President of the United States? Talk about using American deaths as campaign fodder!

As his behavior during this crisis shows, Mitt Romney obviously does not have a close, working relationship with the truth. All thinking Americans should be embarrassed that the party of Abraham Lincoln has nominated a man this devoid of qualifications, of honesty, and good judgment, for President of the United States.

Jim Daniels
Centreville

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SATURDAY/OCT. 13

Annual Watershed Clean-Up Day. 9-11:30 a.m. Volunteers of all ages are welcome. Help clear out the Earth's arteries. Collect debris from local waterways. Wear boots, old clothes and bring gloves. Trash bags will be provided. Call one of these sites to reserve your section of the watershed: Sully Historic Site, 703-437-1794 (Cain's Branch) or Walney Visitor Center in Ellanor C. Lawrence Park, 703-631-0013 (Flatlick Branch, Big Rocky Run, Cub Run and Frog Branch).

MONDAY/OCT. 15

The Republican Women of Clifton Meeting. 7 p.m. Following President Marianne Gearhart's business segment and before celebrating the club's sixth anniversary, Bishop Jackson will talk about "The Black Robed Regiment," featuring preachers from Country's Founding Era. At Centreville High School, 6001 Union Mill Rd. Visit www.cliftongop.com.

THURSDAY/OCT. 18

Volunteer Fair. 6:30-8 p.m. Teens can discover how to make their volunteer hours count. Middle and high school students and their parents are invited to meet representatives from local organizations that offer volunteer opportunities. Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Rd.

SATURDAY/OCT. 20

Women's Health Fair. 10 a.m.-noon. At Inova Fair Oaks Hospital, 3600 Joseph Siewick Dr. For information or to register, visit www.inovalinktopink.org or call 1-855-MY-INOVA (1-855-694-6682).

SUNDAY/OCT. 21

College Fair and Night. 7:30-9:30 p.m. Fairfax County Public Schools will host its annual College Fair and College Night at 11700 Fair Oaks Mall. College Night is an evening of workshops on college information and preparation. Among the topics to be covered are SAT and ACT tests, career planning, financial aid, writing the college application essay, opportunities for student athletes, opportunities abroad, FCPS Family Connection, and considerations for students with disabilities. Free and open to the public. Students are encouraged to register in advance for the event at <http://www.fcpscollegefairs.com>. Call 703-359-8302.

Church Open House. 5 p.m. St. Anthony of Padua American National Catholic Church is an independent Catholic community now worshipping in Centreville. Visit www.MySaintAnthonys.org for information and a detailed list of this month's events, or come to the worship. At 5649 Mount Gilead Road.

MONDAY/OCT. 22

NARFE Dulles Chapter 1241 Luncheon Meeting. 11:30 a.m. U.S. Representative Frank Wolf of District 10 will be the featured

speaker. Candidate Col. Chris Perkins of District 11, who is opposing U.S. Rep. Gerald Connolly of Virginia will also speak. At Amphora Diner, 1151 Elden St., Herndon. \$17. Call 703-435-3523 to register by Oct. 18.

TUESDAY/OCT. 23

Treatment Options for Breast Cancer. 6:30-7:30 p.m. Inova Fair Oaks Hospital, 3600 Joseph Siewick Dr. For information or to register, visit www.inovalinktopink.org or call 1-855-MY-INOVA (1-855-694-6682).

THURSDAY/OCT. 25

Chantilly HS Government Forum. 9-10:30 a.m. Representatives from the five parties on the ballot in Virginia will be in attendance. Aneesh Chopra, President Obama's former chief technology officer, will represent the Obama campaign. Bill Redpath, the chairman of the National Libertarian Party, will represent the Gary Johnson campaign. Mitch Turner, the chairman of the Virginia Constitution Party, will represent the Virgil Goode campaign. The Romney (Republican) and Stein (Green) campaigns will also be represented. The forum will take place in the Chantilly HS auditorium. Students and community members will have a chance to ask questions.

SATURDAY/OCT. 27

Free Mammogram. To celebrate the growing awareness around breast cancer, this free screening is available to all women over 40 who have a physician order. At Inova Fair Oaks Hospital, 3600 Joseph Siewick Dr. Registration is required. Call 571-423-5400.

MONDAY/OCT. 29

Paying for College Program. 7 p.m. A program offered by the CVHS Student Services Department on the different types of financial aid programs are available, as well as how to apply. All high school and middle school families are invited. In the Centreville High School Theatre. Korean and Spanish translation will be available. Email caleftwich@fcps.edu.

TUESDAYS AND/OR THURSDAYS

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1:30-2:30 p.m. Classes are held in a heated indoor pool and are designed to work on balance and core muscles in order to prevent injuries and falls. At The Woodlands Retirement Community, 4320 Forest Hill Dr. Registrations are required. Call 703-667-9800 to register as space is limited. Cost is \$10 per class.

THROUGH OCT. 31

Coat Collection. Storage Village will be raising awareness of neighbors in need and collecting coats on their behalf. Storage Village's Chantilly location (14159 Mariah Center) has partnered with Western Fairfax Christian Ministries, a local non-profit that provides solutions for the most pressing needs of our neighbors living in poverty. Storage Village encourage any individual with new or gently used coats to stop by their office this month.

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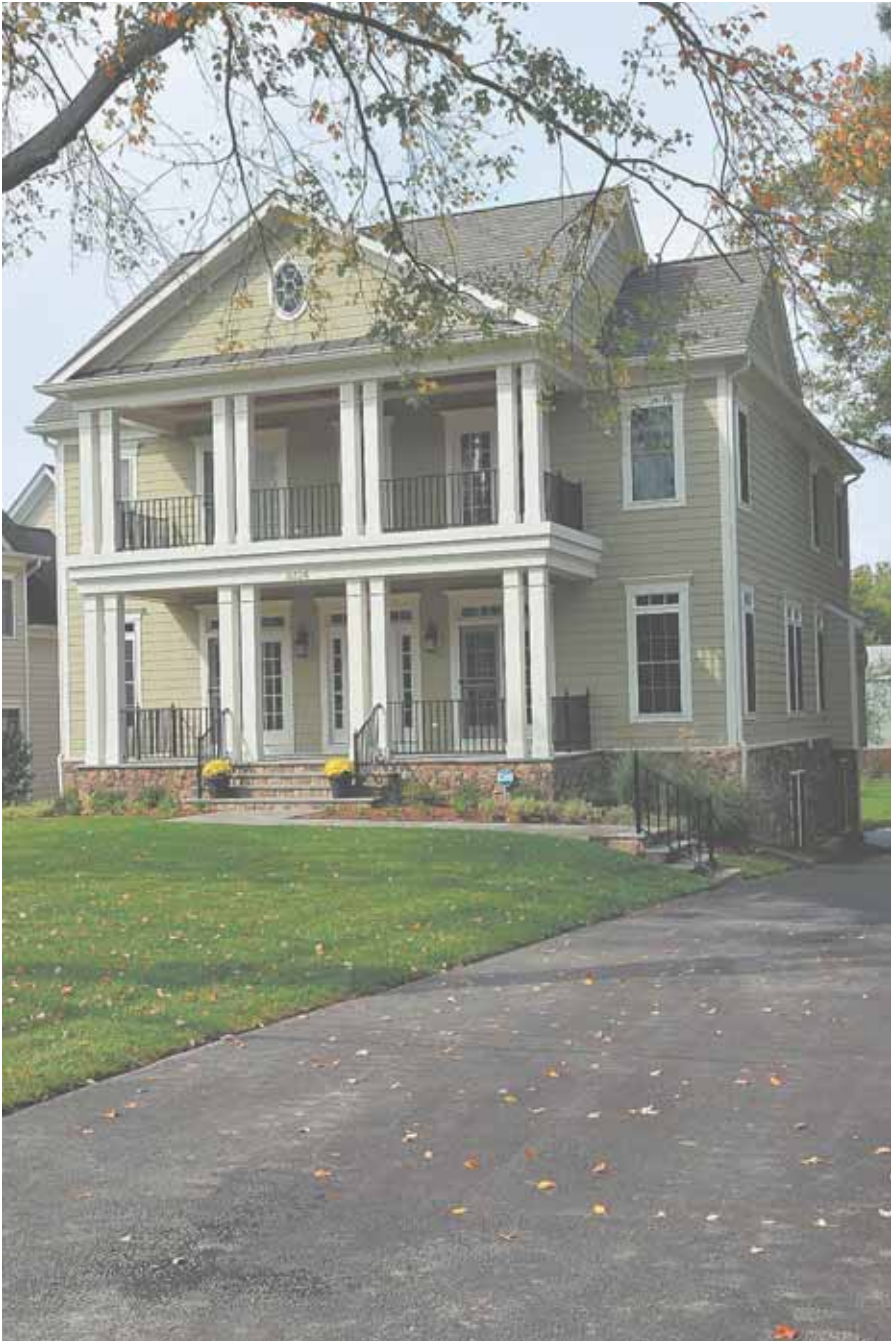


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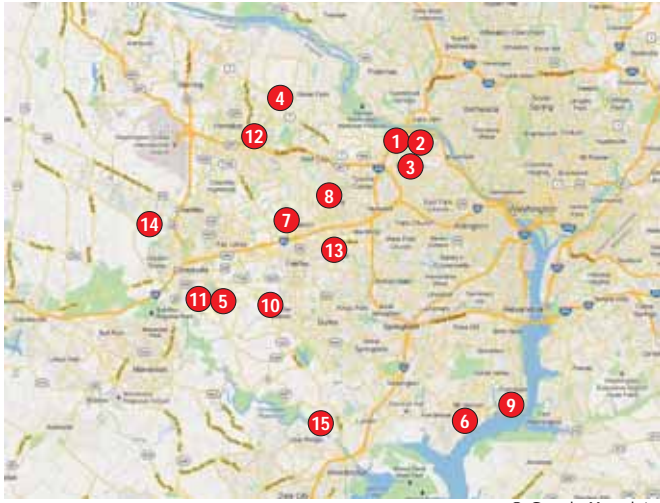


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Home LifeStyle

Creating a New Point of View

Custom-designed two-level window wall invites indoor/outdoor continuity.

By John Byrd
For Centre View

Nick Bonadies can point to the 25' x 16' custom window wall in a newly remodeled home in Fairfax as a kind of triumph of glazing aesthetics over the challenges of wind. Bonadies, who is director of sales and design at Sun Design Remodeling, knows this problem well, and encounters it often: "Homeowners come to us for design ideas that will open up space and invite indoor/outdoor continuum," he said. "But new Fairfax County's rules on wind-resistance requirements for large-scale windows are quite technical, and demand thoughtful engineering."

For instance, since wind-load has been known to cause exposed windows to crack and even shatter, the code outlines exacting specifications on the relationship of a window's size to its distance from adjacent bracing panels.

Hence, Bonadies and colleagues are always investigating engineering solutions that will not only satisfy code, but give homeowners the exceptional effects they're



Sun Design Remodeling's two-level window wall brings in natural light and visual continuum, yet satisfies exacting building codes regulating large-scale glazing solutions. Improvements to the Mulligan home received a National "Contractor of the Year" Award.

Details

Solutions used in the remodeling recently won a National "Contractor of the Year Award" for best residential addition in the \$100,000-\$250,000 category by the National Association of the Remodeling Industry. Saturday, Oct. 13, Sun Design Remodeling will be sponsoring a seminar on remodeling topics at its Burke offices as well as a tour of the Mulligan home. Call 703/425-5588 or visit www.SunDesignInc.com.

seeking.

Case in point, Gini Mulligan, whose 2,200

square foot 1960s split foyer Sun Design recently converted into a 4,238 square foot French colonial complete with wrap-around porches, a new master bedroom suite addition, and a spacious gourmet kitchen that boasts a jaw-dropping view of towering backyard trees.

"We bought this house over 20 years ago — mainly because of the lovely woodland setting," Mulligan said. "So it's funny that I spent so many years gazing out of a small back window, trying to imagine how the

house would feel if we could only create a stronger visual linkage to our surroundings."

"And the strangest part is — I knew what I wanted all along," she said, "I just didn't have any idea how to achieve it ...until recently."

Recently would be the period in late last year when Mulligan began describing her vision to Bonadies and team.

"Every interior plan that concentrates on See Creating a New, Page 13

Home Improvement Projects on the Rise

Local contractors see slight increase in business.

By Marilyn Campbell
Centre View

From transforming outdated bath rooms into serene spa-like retreats to creating dream kitchens with open-floor plans, high-end appliances and granite counters, homeowners are gradually re-engaging in remodeling projects, according to a report by The National Association of the Remodeling Industry (NARI).

NARI's Second Quarterly Business Review, which is a compilation of business assessments by contractors, shows that homeowners are taking on slightly more

home improvement tasks than in previous years. Some local builders agree and have seen this trend in the D.C. area.

"We just got done with the Capital Home Show, which can be an interesting indicator of how people are feeling, and it wasn't overwhelmingly gangbusters, but it was consistent traffic and we did well in terms of the number of people who wanted to set up appointments with us before we left the show," said Bob Gallagher, president of Sun Design Remodeling in Burke. "That is how we measure people's attitudes."

Arlington resident Bruce Case, president of Case Design/Remodeling, Inc., said he has observed an increased interest in two specific home improvement areas: home repair and interiors.

Specifically, he's seeing "smaller home repair and care projects that require knowledgeable craftsmen. This demand stems

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A new report shows that homeowners are taking on a few more home improvement projects — such as this newly remodeled kitchen — than in previous years. Andrew Moore, president of Arlington Designer Homes, Inc. says, "People can get what they want by remodeling what they already have."

Courtesy of Arlington Designer Homes, Inc.

Getting That Linen Closet Organized

Changing seasons offer opportunities to sort sheets and towels.

By Marilyn Campbell
Centre View

The autumn season brings falling temperatures and a need for bed linens with heft, but if digging out flannel sheet sets and wool blankets means rummaging through a stash that includes everything from shampoo to flashlights, it might be time for a linen closet reorganization.

The thought of sorting through piles of pillowcases and hand towels is enough to send some into hibernation until next spring, but fear not. Local organizing experts are here to help.

"Organizing a linen closet is a great small project that you can do in a short amount of time that will give you a real sense of accomplishment," said Jody Al-Saigh of Picture Perfect Organizing in Arlington. "Often, I suggest a small area like a linen closet as a starting point for clients who have a whole house to organize because it provides

a real sense of fulfillment in a short amount of time."

Begin by emptying out the linen closet. "Toss any torn or stained, ratty and old items," said Al-Saigh. "You can often donate old rags to animal shelters who use them in cages for comfort for the animals."

Next, start sorting. "What you're going to do is go through your sheets. The goal is to have two sets of sheets per bed, three if you have a lot of space," said Eileen LaGreca of Sensational Spaces in Fairfax. "Some people like to store their sheets by sets. Others like to have a shelf of all flats or all pillowcases."

LaGreca recommends sorting towels next. "A general rule of thumb is to have two or three towels per person in the house: a bath towel, a hand towel and a washcloth," she said. "Everything else you don't need."

Once you decide which items will stay and which will go, it is time to choose a system of organization. "Depending on the size of your linen closet, you can organize by room or by person in the household," said Al-Saigh. "[If you are sorting] by room, have all the sheets for the guest room in one area, all the sheets for kids' room in another, all the towels, washcloths, bath mats ... together.

Once the purging, sorting and organizing are complete, it's time to refold and restock. "Fold the sheets as neatly and compactly as possible and put all sheet sets to-

gether inside the pillowcase," said Al-Saigh. "This keeps everything together and keeps the closet looking tidy and uniform."

How should one keep those newly folded stacks of linens from toppling? "A good product to have is shelf dividers that you can get at the Container Store," said LaGreca. "They slide right onto the shelves and keep the piles separate so things aren't falling over."

Susan Unger of ClutterSOS in Vienna adds, "If you're short on space, one thing that works well for the blankets are the space bags where you can vacuum out the air and stack the blankets in the closet."

ACCESSIBILITY IS ANOTHER KEY.

"The sheets and towels should go pretty much eye level within your closet," said LaGreca. "Things that are used less frequently, say for guests or for seasonal use, can go either on the top or the bottom shelf."

Unger adds, "To keep the sheets smelling nice you can put a fabric softener sheet in between the sheets in the closet or hang some sachets on the door or in the closet," said Unger. "It keeps it closet nice and fresh."

Organizers say it's also possible to neatly store other bathroom-related items in a linen closet.

"I like to have sets of different kinds of bins where people can keep their medicines,



Photo Courtesy of Picture Perfect Organizing

Professional organizers say creating an orderly linen closet is easier than one might think.

lotions or toothpaste or toiletries in the linen closet, which is a good place for extras" said LaGreca. "Just keep them sorted and together in separate bins."

Whether one chooses clear, plastic bins or decorative boxes, labeling and accessi-

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Organizing That Linen Closet

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bility are important. "When you think of neat linen closets, you think printed labels or frilly labels," Al-Saigh added. "You are going to be reaching for the containers often, so in addition to labels, it is nice to

have a handle so that you can grab it easily. You can even use ornate, pretty baskets."

"I really recommend even labeling the shelves," said Unger. "Labeling is really good because anyone going in to the linen closet can find what they need."

Creating a New Point of View

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indoor/outdoor continuum will entail a lot of technical considerations," Bonadies explains. "And every now and then — one piece of the equation is especially tricky...asks you to introduce a wholly original process."

In this case, the sheer scale of Mulligan's vision — a two-story rear elevation window wall that enables occupants to see backyard tree tops even from the front foyer — presented dozens of feasibility questions, all of which had to answer to stringent code requirements. "We knew Gini's vision called for a custom-designed two-level frame," Bonadies said. "But here's the rub ... the width of a wooden frame needed to ensure wind-shear resistance would be so thick it would actually restrict the view."

"That's when we proposed a steel 'moment' frame," he said. "This is still pretty unusual in a residential setting — but it's proven to be a very effective way to create a dramatic glazing component."

Among the challenges: zero tolerance for error. Since all the frame's constituent parts are created off-site, there's no way to cut, bend, shape or finesse its pure tempered steel once the on-site assembly is underway.

"The design and fabrication must be absolutely precise," Bonadies said. "Otherwise, the project fails."

To assist in the execution, Sun Design engaged a local sculptor known mainly for outdoor art forged by welding steel and iron. The process took two days. The glass panes — which have a high-level of thermal resistance — were, likewise, cut by hand and fitted into the frame.

"It all looks very delicate, and the process is quite intricate," Bonadies said. "But this window can withstand winds of up to 90 mph."

Home Improvement Projects on the Rise

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from a need to keep up with the daily maintenance of a home, as well as from a desire to have professionals do these services," he wrote in an email. "We are seeing increased demand for professional design and construction services to improve the interior spaces of homes. Creating inspiring spaces that also improve functionality within a home are drivers for our clients."

Low interest rates and a belief among homeowners that home improvement projects will increase home prices are helping drive the trend. Homeowners are also re-engaging in projects that they had postponed.

Jeff Pregman, the general manager of Two Poor Teachers in Fairfax, says that he has noticed an increase in kitchen and bathroom projects: "Your best return on investment is kitchens and baths," he said. "We're also getting a lot of calls for basement remodels, which had tailed off due to the

fact that you don't get as much return for investment in those projects in general, I think."

NARI also reports that 28 percent of homeowners now expect to stay in their homes up to five years longer than originally planned because of the economy. "Interest rates are great, but getting banks to lend, even to truly qualified people, can be a hassle and can create real obstacles to new home ownership. With interest rates at historic lows, many times people find that they can get what they want by remodeling what they already have," said Andrew Moore, president, Arlington Designer Homes, Inc.

Gallagher points to one caveat in the Washington, D.C., region: "There are some imminent federal government layoffs that are perceived, and some people have been communicating their reservations [to begin a project] because of that," he said. "And, of course, [uncertainty about] the election, which might slow things down."

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Pleasant Valley Preschool. a non-profit cooperative preschool located in the Greenbriar Community Center, currently has limited openings in its program for 4 and 5 year olds that meets on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. 4615 Stringfellow Rd. Visit www.pleasantvalleypreschool.com or call 703-378-6911.

Congregation Yad Shalom in Centreville provides a variety of activities in a traditional format with a modern flair. We welcome interfaith couples who wish to participate, and openly invite inquiries about a range of programs offered for the entire family. Contact the Congregation at 703-579-6079, or visit www.yadshalom.com.

The Chantilly Academy Auto Technology and Auto Collision Repair classes are looking for used cars as donations to the program. Contact Ann Booker at 703-227-3041 or Kenny Brown at 703-222-7466.

Northern Virginia Neighbors Club. A non-profit organization offering an opportunity to meet new friends. Activities include book clubs, card games, crafts, fitness, gardening, mah jong, needleworks, rummoli, theater and more. Meet members at one of the monthly luncheons, coffees or mixers. Email nvn156@yahoo.com.

Community Choir. A community choir is coming to Clifton and is looking for people of all ages to join. This choir will be about making music fun again. The music selection will range from folk to modern to pop, and all styles in between. Email helentsantoro@gmail.com.

The Stuart-Mosby Civil War Cavalry Museum at 13938 Braddock Rd. is now open, Saturdays and Mondays, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Docents and additional volunteers needed, plus people willing to donate or loan artifacts. Call Don Hakenson at 703-971-4984.

The National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Northern Virginia Connections groups are free, bi-weekly recovery support groups for adults living with mental illness. Second and fourth Tuesdays 12-1:30 p.m. Chantilly Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Contact Janette at 703-631-2410 or NAMINorthernVA@gmail.com

Senior Fall Prevention Classes are held in a heated indoor pool and are designed to work on balance and core muscles in order to prevent injuries and falls. Classes are held Tuesdays and/or Thursdays from 1:30-2:30 p.m.; Mondays and/or Fridays from 2-3 p.m. at The Woodlands Retirement Community, 4320 Forest Hill Dr. Registration required. Call 703-667-9800 to register, space is limited. Cost is \$10 per class.

Military Notes

Email announcements to centreview@connectionnewspapers.com. Photos are welcome.

Marine Corps Pvt. **Kevyn M. Beacom**, son of Linda C. Beacon of Chantilly, and Thomas J. Beacom, of Chantilly, recently completed 12 weeks of basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, S.C.

Marine Corps Pvt. **David L. Dougherty**, a 2011 graduate of Westfield High School, Chantilly, recently completed 12 weeks of basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, S.C

Marine Corps Pfc. **Michael P. Davis**, son of Natasha L. Ayers of Centreville, and Eric K. Woods, of Alexandria, recently completed 12 weeks of basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, S.C.

Marine Corps Lance Cpl. **James M. Lemberg**, son of Cathryn Lemberg of Centreville, Va. and William Lemberg, of Arlington, Va., and fellow sailors aboard the aircraft carrier USS Enterprise

Fair Oaks Parkinson Support Group for people living with Parkinson's disease, caregivers and family, meets on the fourth Saturday, from 10 a.m.-noon at Sunrise at Fair Oaks, 3750 Joseph Siewick Dr. Free. 703-378-7221. www.ParkinsonFoundation.org.

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DAR. Membership in the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) honors and preserves the legacy of one's Patriot ancestor. Any woman is eligible for membership who is no less than 18 years of age and can prove lineal, blood-line descent from an ancestor who aided in achieving American independence. Admission to membership is by invitation through a Chapter. Contact lanesmillchapter@hotmail.com

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The League of Women Voters of the Fairfax Area, a non partisan organization that is concerned with election processes, voter participation and civic engagement, is welcoming new members. All women and men interested in civic affairs are invited to join the group. Visit www.LWV-Fairfax.org. or call 703-658-9152.

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(CVN 65) formed a Coalition of Sailors Against Destructive Decisions (CSADD) committee. CSADD is a peer-to-peer mentoring program geared toward assisting Sailors in making positive decisions in all areas of their lives. Lemberg is a 2006 graduate of Westfield High School of Chantilly, Va. and joined the Marine Corps in August 2010.

Ashley R. Hendrickson is an Army ROTC cadet involved in Cadet Language and Cultural Immersion Training — their first training deployment as a cadet. After a week-long training session at Fort Knox, Ky., the selected cadets are deployed to partner nations where they are immersed in the local cultures and languages. The selected cadets will spend three weeks involved in assisting with current Army missions that range from helping build community projects to teaching English to local children. Hendrickson is a student at the University of Virginia, Charlottesville. She is the daughter of Heather Hendrickson of Cedar Spring Road, and David Hendrickson of Britteny Elyse Circle, both of Centreville. Hendrickson graduated in 2010 from Centreville High School, Clifton.

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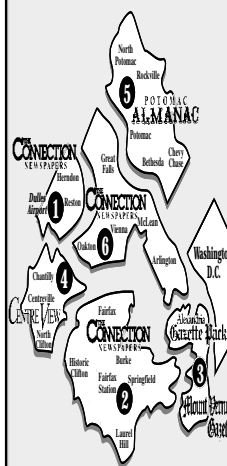
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“Subjectively Speaking”



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

In my opinion. It's what I think. It's what I feel. It's what I think I feel. It may not be something I know, but it's certainly something that I hope I know. And if it's not exactly something that I know, then I hope it's something I believe. Because, if I don't believe it, hoping might not be enough. And if hoping is not enough, and I don't believe, then what I think I feel is simply mind over matter. Yet for all I know (not much really), my mind might matter more than any other weapon I have – real or imagined, in this battle, hopefully not 'til the death, against the stage IV NSCLC that has taken up residence in my body.

However, it's not as if I don't listen to what my oncologist says/has said. In fact, I take pride in my listening and observational skills, so I think I have paid particular attention throughout this entire process. (After all, my life was/is semi-at-stake here.) Now whether I actually heard/assimilated everything that was said to me by my oncologist is likely another issue/column entirely. Moreover, as much as I know how to focus on what the doctor is saying and to listen carefully in order to ask intelligent and potentially life-saving (at least life-sustaining) questions, later, when my wife and I are home reviewing what the doctor had said only a few hours before, invariably we have different impressions, different interpretations and overall different recollections. Unfortunately, there's no one really for us to call (who's available) to review and clarify questions and/or answers that a few hours later are amazingly less clear than they were when we initially heard them. The reality is, there are no do-overs.

As a result, it becomes impossible (nearly impossible) for the patient (this patient, anyway) to be objective about these kinds of life-and-death meetings/discussions, so what words come out, after internalizing everything you've seen and heard is, “subjectively speaking.” Somewhere between your best “recollection,” your best guess and your likely most positive spin on a set of facts and/or circumstances which might take a bit of getting used to, or at least, making sense of. And that's how life goes on: from one unforgettable (you know what I mean; not literally, but you sort of forget some of what you hear), potentially life-ending set of doctor-speak to the next round of scans, always to be coordinated with your oncologist-ordered lab work, followed up by yet another appointment/exam with the oncologist, the combination and interpretation of each will ultimately tell the tale: good, bad or indifferent.

“Good” and “bad” speak for themselves. “Indifferent” however, is another discussion altogether. Looking for the positive, minimizing the negative; this conversation turns grasping at straws into a literal event. You believe what you want and discount what you must, anything to induce yourself into believing that tomorrow is, as Scarlett O'Hara made famous at the end of “Gone With The Wind,” “another day.” One filled with hope and optimism, and one worth living, preferably without cancer. But being realistic – and occasionally honest – with yourself, the cancer is likely not disappearing anytime soon. Shrinkage (of the tumors) would be ideal, of course. But you can live with no growth, too. And as I have come to understand – and appreciate: “stable” is a pretty spectacular word, (my new favorite word, actually). In fact, I can live with “stable.” But that's just my opinion, unrealistic though it may be.

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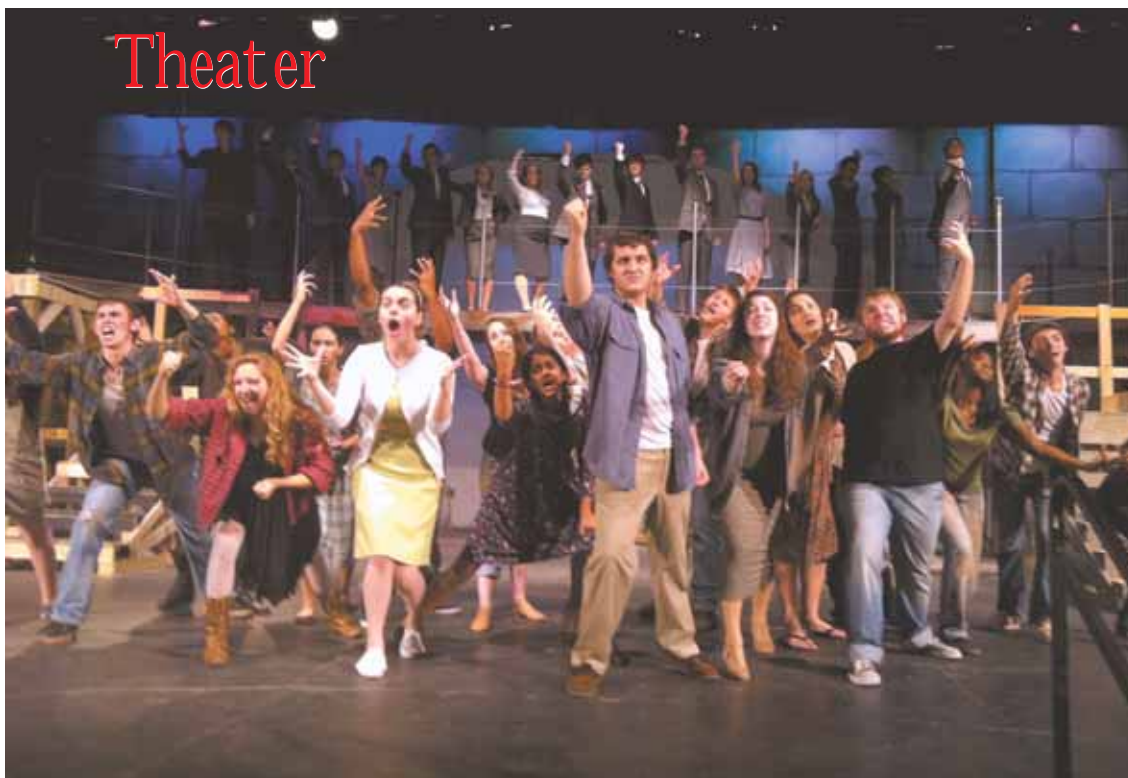
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Theater



Amanda Mason, John Downey and the cast of Chantilly High's "Urinetown" rehearse.



From left: Diego Encarnacion, Jack Tarbell and Josh Lutz act out a scene from "Urinetown."

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'Storyline Is Absolutely Hilarious'

Chantilly High presents musical comedy, "Urinetown."

By Bonnie Hobbs
Centre View

The fight for the freedom to pee for free — that's the basic premise behind Chantilly High's upcoming musical comedy, "Urinetown." It'll be presented Wednesday-Saturday, Oct. 17-20, at 7 p.m. each night; tickets are \$10 at the door or online at www.chantillyhsdrama.com.

It features a cast of 30 and crew of 20, and the actors have rehearsed six days a week since school began.

"We've got a really amazing caliber of actors this year, and some are choral students, too, so it's a great combination of both departments," Director Shannon Khatcheressian said. "We have some really great, powerhouse singers, and combining them with the highly entertaining music makes for a really spectacular show."

"The story takes place in a dystopian future where there's not enough water for everyone," said senior John Downey, one of the leads. "So a bad CEO and his Urine Good Company make it so people can only use public restrooms they have to pay to use. They can't have private ones."

Furthermore, he said, "If anyone's caught trying to pee in the woods or get around paying, they get sent to the dreaded Urinetown. It's a mystical place that no one knows anything about because everyone who's gone there has never come back."

Downey plays Bobby Strong, an assistant custodian at a restroom called Public Amenity No. 9. "He's confident, but naïve and not the brightest crayon in the box," said Downey. "But he has a very big heart. He sees that what's happening is wrong, so he

starts a huge revolution against the company."

He loves his role because "it's fun to play a blissfully unaware character. The writing is great and very funny, and my character has clever lines. And sometimes, he says things completely out of left field."

Downey's favorite song is "Act One Finale" because it "involves the entire cast and there are a whole lot of different things going on. The revolution is just starting and the police are coming after us — and when it all comes together, it's really beautiful." As for the show, he said, "The audience will like how ridiculous the story is. It's all played seriously but, when you think about it, it's actually insane and really funny."

Junior Amanda Mason portrays Hope Cladwell, the 21-year-old daughter of Caldwell B. Cladwell, the high-class and wealthy CEO. "She just graduated from The Most Expensive University in the World — that's its name," said Mason. "She's extremely naïve, but has a good heart and always sees the best in people. But because of it, she sometimes overlooks the bad things in life and doesn't realize how cruel people can be."

In the show, Hope falls in love with Bobby, which creates even more tension between the company and the rebels. But she's torn because "she believes in her love for Bobby and is on the side of freedom for the people," said Mason. "But she doesn't want to give up her father and her lifestyle for the rebellion. At the same time, she doesn't realize how bad the situation's become for the average person because she has money and her father's always sheltered her."

Mason calls her part "incredibly fun because Hope's quirky, like me, and it's fun being this sincere, heartfelt character. I'm usually an alto, but I sing soprano in this show. But I enjoy it because soprano is so

much like Hope's optimistic character."

She especially likes the song, "Follow Your Heart," Bobby and Hope's love duet sung when they meet for the first time and are immediately infatuated with each other. "It illustrates an extremely awkward, but also sweet and loving relationship," said Mason. "It's also funny and entertaining."

She said the show as a whole is a conglomeration of what musicals are all about — "all different genres of song and dance. It has the epic finale, Gospel ensemble number, sincere love song, etc., which make it relatable and enjoyable to watch."

Playing Ms. Pennywise is senior Stephanie Feedback. "She runs Amenity No. 9, is very strict and has a lot of authority over all the poor people — and she uses it," said Feedback. "But she has good intentions; she's just enforcing the law. She also has a mysterious past that's eventually revealed and, when it is, it allows other people to like her."

Feedback likes portraying Pennywise because of her two sides and, she added, "Hav-

"We have some really great, powerhouse singers, and combining them with the highly entertaining music makes for a really spectacular show."

— Director Shannon Khatcheressian

ing power is fun. My character's also energetic and passionate about whatever she's doing." Feedback's favorite song is her solo, "Privilege to Pee," because it's so funny.

She also choreographed the entire show. There are at least 10 numbers and she started working on them over the summer. Then she taught the dance steps to the cast. She formerly danced with Encore Theatrical Arts Project and still takes classes there.

"Choreographing is time consuming, and I worked hard to make sure nothing was

repetitive and each number was different," said Feedback. "But I loved it; it gave me a chance to choreograph for the first time, and it's all jazz — and that's my favorite style of dance." She said the audience will enjoy the show's high-energy songs and catchy music, adding, "It's not your typical musical."

Director Khatcheressian called Feedback's choreography "an amazing asset. It's a dance-heavy show, and she's exceeded my expectations and done some really outstanding work."

Sophomore Diego Encarnacion plays Officer Lockstock. "He's a controlling and serious policeman, but he does whatever Mr. Cladwell says because Cladwell buys off the police," said Encarnacion. "He's always looking for people doing wrong in the city, and his partner, Officer Barrel, follows his orders. He's also friends with a child called Little Sally, who's one of the rebels."

Encarnacion says he's naturally outgoing in real life, so he likes exploring a new personality and attitude, while keeping a straight face. "This is my first mainstage production, so I'm excited to have one of the leads," he said. "I also narrate the show, and talking to the audience is a different sort of acting, like giving a speech."

His solo is "The Cop Song," and he says the vigorous choreography leaves him breathing heavily at the end. "But I like it because everyone who sees it says they love it," he said. "It's more of a rap than a song, which I think the audience will enjoy."

"This show's unique and the topic is so outrageous, but the playwright captures the audience so well," continued Encarnacion. "They'll enjoy the craziness, and the music is wonderful. The inspiring lyrics really grab you and entice you to listen to more."

Overall, said Khatcheressian, "This show truly has something for everyone. The storyline is absolutely hilarious, the music is engaging and the dance numbers will have everyone wanting to get out of their seats and join the actors onstage."

Noonan

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structional process,” he said. “And I look forward to working closely with the city school board and city government to develop a long-range, capital-improvement plan that’ll allow us to continue having flagship schools.”

Noonan prides himself on having a collaborative leadership style and being a thoughtful listener. “I understand the importance of compromise to make things happen,” he said. “I also want people to know how great these four, city schools are.”

He’s also happy because working in a smaller school system will enable him to be home more with his children. And, he added, “We’ll be at games, concerts, plays, etc., and be part of the school community.”

Noonan’s especially looking forward to “the relationships I’ll build with the principals, being able to talk elsewhere about the great work being done in Fairfax City schools and working with a school board with whom I already have a good relationship.”

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Democratic Women of Clifton

The Democratic Women of Clifton (DWC) will meet Sunday, Oct. 21, from 3-5 p.m., in the Clifton Town Meeting Hall, 12641 Chapel Road in Clifton. All Democratic women in Northern Virginia are invited. The guest speaker will be Hilaire Henthorne, a life coach and public speaker who’s worked as a lawyer, led a congregation and raised a family. In her presentation, “From Distressed to De-Stressed: Wellness Wisdom for Women,” she’ll discuss the top stressors for women and offer practical strategies for reducing stress.

For more information, e-mail cliftonwomendems@aol.com or visit www.democraticwomenofclifton.org.

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Residents may recycle old TVs, computers, peripheral electronic devices – such as keyboards, speakers, printers and scanners, as well as household hazardous wastes – including fluorescent light bulbs and tubes, for free, during Fairfax County’s “Electric Sunday” events. The next one is slated for Sunday, Oct. 21, from 10 a.m.-3 p.m., at the I-66 Transfer Station,

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Also needed are laundry detergent, toothpaste, shampoo, toilet paper and diapers (sizes 4, 5 & 6). WFCM clients are also in great need of gasoline cards.

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Women’s Self Defense Program

The Fairfax County Law Enforcement Foundation is partnering with the Fairfax County Police Department to offer the Women’s Self Defense Training program. It’s based on the SAFE program formerly provided by the Police Department, but now being taught by C&J Security Corp.

The program is a two-day class that will meet on consecutive Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6:15-9:30 p.m. It’s currently offered free and all class materials are included. Program funding is provided through the Fairfax County Law Enforcement Foundation.

The course is offered to females, age 13 and older. A female guardian must accompany girls 13-18. No men other than the instructors are permitted to be present during a class. For more information, call 703-246-7806, e-mail WSD@fairfaxfoundation.org or go to www.fairfaxfoundation.org.

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Centreville Day

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Looking at antique cars near a historic home during last year's Centreville Day.

Get Ready for Centreville Day

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Children of all ages will find fun things to do. "We have a ton of free activities for the children," said Repetti. Vendors will hand out candy, stickers, tattoos and other goodies, and SYA Cheer will give out bags for children to fill as they follow pumpkin symbols along the trick-or-treat trail through the Historic District and vendor marketplace.

"G&C Auto is returning as our gold sponsor this year and will be handing out wristbands for free rides on our two, large inflatables," said Repetti. "One is an octopus slide and the other is a wizard castle that has an obstacle course inside it."

The nZone will provide additional rides and games. Children can also enjoy old-fashioned fun at the children's area sponsored by Alpha Delta Kappa. There'll be a pretend cow to milk, and Miss Charlotte and her friends will give children knitting lessons and help them make pot holders, weave mats and create scratch art.

They can also play games such as Witch's Hat Ring Toss and pumpkin bean bags and compete in tug-of-war and sack races. There'll even be word puzzles, coloring pages, stories and face painting.

Also planned is a Faces of Centreville scavenger hunt. People's photographs will be displayed, and children have to guess where in Centreville the pictures were taken. They can find the answers at the historic houses and win prizes.

HISTORIC HOMES, ACTIVITIES

On the lawn of the historic Mount Gilead house, living history first-person interpreter Beverly Pelcher will reprise her portrayal of Cornelia Peake MacDonald and present a woman's view of the Civil War. The Swordmasters of the 18th Century will offer fencing lessons, and Sully Historic Site and Fry-

ing Pan Park interpreters will help visitors dip candles and make butter and roof shingles. They'll also demonstrate how to weave and cut silhouettes.

In addition, several of Centreville's historic homes and churches will also be open to the public. Visitors may step back in time while touring Mount Gilead, built in 1785; the Spindle House, ordered in pieces from a Sears, Roebuck and Co. catalogue in 1933; the Havener House, the Old Stone Church and St. John's Episcopal Church.

Several antique cars will be on display. And Civil War buffs will enjoy browsing inside the new Stuart-Mosby Cavalry Museum. "We'll dedicate the second Civil War Trails sign at St. John's, since it's about that church during the Civil War," said Repetti. "The ceremony will be at the Showmobile stage at 2 p.m., followed by the ribbon-cutting at the church."

The Rev. Howard Kempself will officiate, joined by Frey, Fairfax County Board of Supervisors Chairman Sharon Bulova and Sully District History Commissioner Debbie Roberson. The first sign is at the Old Stone Church.

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E.C. Lawrence Park staff members will offer guided tours of Civil War Centreville. Two are by van and two are family-friendly, walking ghost tours. Morning and afternoon tours will start at E.C. Lawrence and end in the Historic District and will include the Civil War museum. However, available spots are limited, and those interested in taking these tours must register in advance at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/ecl.

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All in all, said Repetti, "We've got a full day of free fun planned. Centreville has been a community for 220 years, and we want people to come enjoy it and set the tone for the next 220."

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Westfield Football Comes From Behind To Beat Chantilly

Strong effort from O-line helps Bulldogs remain undefeated.

By Jon Roetman
Centre View

The Westfield football team's undefeated season was in jeopardy when Chantilly tight end Sean Huelskamp reached out with his left arm and pulled in an 11-yard touchdown pass from quarterback Sonny Romine with 9:06 remaining in the fourth quarter.

Trailing by four and needing an answer,

Westfield leaned on its offensive line to keep the Bulldogs among the Northern Region's unbeaten.

Westfield embarked on a 12-play, 80-yard drive, capped by a game-winning 2-yard touchdown run by Dalaun Richardson as the Bulldogs defeated the Chargers, 24-21, on Oct. 5 at Chantilly High School.

Westfield ran the ball 11 times for 73 yards on the drive.

Richardson scored with 4:34 remaining and the Bulldog defense forced a turnover on downs during Chantilly's ensuing possession. Westfield took over with 1:54 remaining and was able to run out the clock. The Bulldogs improved to 6-0, including 2-0 in the Concorde District.

"We like those quick touchdown plays," 314-pound Westfield right guard Joon Yeo said, "but we take pride in ourselves running it inside, outside, grinding them [and] taking the time off the clock so our defense can rest."

Westfield totaled 305 yards of offense, including 201 on the ground. The Bulldogs ran behind left tackle Ned Johnson (6 feet, 216 pounds), left guard Jason Beylor (6-1, 302), center Chris Nicol (5-9, 180), right guard Yeo



Westfield running back Dalaun Richardson scored two touchdowns, including the game-winner with less than 5 minutes left in the fourth quarter, against Chantilly on Oct. 5.



Chantilly tight end Sean Huelskamp hauls in a touchdown reception against Westfield on Oct. 5.

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(6-2, 314) and right tackle Jon Ohanian (6-1, 182).

"They've been solid all year," Westfield head coach Kyle Simmons said. "I thought they stepped up tonight. They didn't seem to wear out and that played a key in us being able to do things in the fourth quarter. I'm real proud of them."

Richardson, a 5-foot-6, 181-pound senior who played for Chantilly as a sophomore, led Westfield with 23 carries for 140 yards and two touchdowns.

"I told [our offensive linemen] to give it their all and I'll get us in [the end zone],"

Richardson said about Westfield's game-winning touchdown drive. "They pushed it and I got in, so I thank them for that."

Chantilly's Huelskamp described the way he felt after the loss as "awful." The Chargers had second-half leads of 14-10 and 21-17 but couldn't hold off the Bulldogs. During Westfield's game-winning drive, Bulldogs quarterback Chris Mullins threw incomplete on fourth-and-five from the Chantilly 15-yard line, but a Charger defender was flagged for pass interference, keeping the drive alive. Instead of Chantilly taking over possession with a four-point

lead, Westfield scored the winning touchdown two plays later.

"It's a huge call," Chantilly head coach Michael Lalli said of the defensive pass interference penalty.

After the game, Lalli was sympathetic with his players' feelings of disappointment, but he told them they need to move on.

"I said it's going to hurt. You tried really hard, you played hard, so that's fine," Lalli said. "But we've got to get over it because we've got Oakton next week. We don't have time to sit around and feel sorry for ourselves."

Huelskamp had a strong performance in defeat. The senior caught four passes for 83 yards and two touchdowns, and set up the Chargers' first score by intercepting a pass in the second quarter.

"Sean's one of our best players, obviously," Lalli said. "He goes both ways and he's on a couple special teams. He's key for us. I think he's an all-region type player. ... We needed one more interception from him. That would have been great. One more stop would have been awesome."

Huelskamp said the Chargers learned "we've got to give it our all on every play and just keep pushing because we can hang with the best of them."

Chantilly's Romine completed 6 of 9

passes for 100 yards and two touchdowns. He also ran 11 times for 67 yards. Running back DeAndre Harris carried 16 times for 96 yards and a touchdown. Ross Simms gained 60 yards on 10 carries.

Westfield's Mullins completed 6 of 12 passes for 104 yards. He also scored a rushing touchdown. Receiver Devon Burns caught three passes for 57 yards.

Westfield will travel to face West Potomac at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 12. Chantilly, which dropped to 4-2, including 0-1 in the Concorde District, will travel to face undefeated Oakton at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 12.