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Visitors enjoy crossing a creek during the hayride at Cox Farms.

## Time for Fun at Cox Farms

Fall Festival for families, Fields of Fear for teens.

BY BONNIE HOBBS  
CENTRE VIEW

**T**he weather may feel like springtime but, at Cox Farms, the annual fall festival will soon be in full swing. It's 90 acres of family fun at 15621 Braddock Road, just off Pleasant Valley Road, in Centreville.

Every year, the fall festival draws thousands of people a week from throughout the Washington Metropolitan area, and this year's 41<sup>st</sup> annual extravaganza should be no exception.

"It's been a local tradition for generations," said Lucas Cox, partner and "co-farmer-in-chief" with his sibling, Aaron Cox-Richard. "It's the most fun people can have outside during the fall season."

During the day, Cox Farms features giant slides, hayrides, rope swings, farm animals and their babies, a goat village, food, live entertainment, a pumpkin patch and a Cornundrum Cornfield Adventure. Then at night, older teens and adults can get their share of thrills and chills via the fright-filled Fields of Fear.

The festival runs daily from Sept. 28-Nov. 5, from 10 a.m.-6 p.m., and from Nov. 1-5, from 10



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This cow is among the many animals on the farm.

a.m.-5 p.m. Fields of Fear is open Friday and Saturday nights, Sept. 27-Nov. 2, from 7:30-11 p.m., plus a bonus night, Sunday, Oct. 13.

The pumpkin-smashing event, Pumpkin Madness, is set for Saturday-Sunday, Nov. 2-3, from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. For ticket prices, see [www.coxfarms.com](http://www.coxfarms.com).

### HAYRIDE

The ever-popular hayride lasts 20 minutes and travels by vignettes, including cartoon characters in the cornfield, comical space aliens, a witches' house, superheroes, cowboys on horseback and a wild-west town. "Almost everyone who

comes to Cox Farms goes on our famous hayride," said Cox. "And although we add to and improve it every year, people like to revisit the classic scenes, year after year."

At the end, the hayride travels through a large, enchanted wizarding barn filled with music, flashing lights and scenes of wizards, witches and magical plants and creatures. "We changed the music back to the traditional, Cox Farms party-barn song, this year," said Cox. "We also added lots of lights and smoke."

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## Long-Distance Cycling For Campus Safety

Gran Fondo to raise funds for VTV Family Outreach Foundation.

BY BONNIE HOBBS  
CENTRE VIEW

**G**ran Fondos are long-distance, group cycling rides that originated in Italy. And on Saturday, Oct. 5, the new Mosaic District in Fairfax will host the third annual VTV Gran Fondo for Campus Safety.

Presented by the VTV Family Outreach Foundation, it's open to both recreational and competitive bicyclists, who'll travel either 100- or 32-mile routes. Proceeds from the event will support VTV's mission to improve school safety across the nation and assist victims of mass tragedies.

Arlington's Omar Samaha, 29, will be among the participants, enjoying the ride with the VTV Cycling Team. But for him, it's also personal — his sister Reema, a 2006 Westfield High grad, was one of the students killed in the April, 16, 2007 shooting massacre at Virginia Tech. And he's dedicating his ride to her, to everyone affected by that tragedy and to all victims and survivors of gun violence across the U.S.

"My sister was one of 32 innocent lives taken from us [that day]," he said. "These were our friends, sisters, brothers, parents and children. Our nation's universities and schools didn't seem like a safe place, anymore, so the families and survivors of the Virginia Tech shooting bonded together after the tragedy and created a [nonprofit] foundation dedicated to making our schools safer so others would never have to endure the same pain."

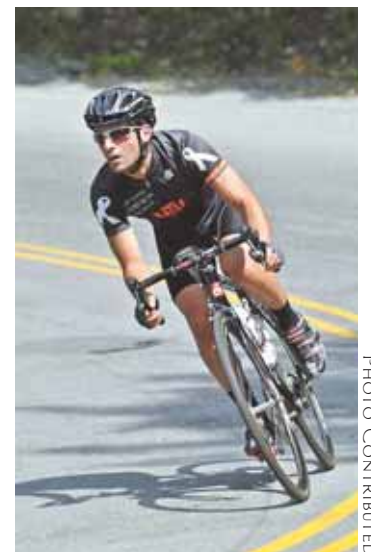


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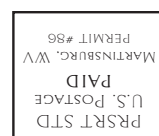
Omar Samaha of Arlington looks forward to riding in the upcoming VTV Gran Fondo.

The Oct. 5 event is open to the public and includes food trucks, boutique vendors, music and entertainment near the finish line. Spots are available for additional vendors on a first-come basis. And if the VT football game is televised that day, it'll be shown on Mosaic's 40-foot, outdoor Jumbotron.

The 100-mile ride to Quantico starts at 8:30 a.m., and the 32-mile ride to Burke Lake begins at 2 p.m., near the registration tent by Fresh Bikes. Both routes start and finish in the Mosaic District at 2910 District Ave. in Merrifield.

Charitable entry fees are 100 miles, \$80; 32 miles, \$60; students, 50-percent off; first-responders, 25-percent off. Cost includes refreshments, a dinner

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## ROUNDUPS

### Large Shelter Dogs Discounted

The Fairfax County Animal Shelter has received an influx of large dogs in recent weeks and is now offering a half-off discount for all adoptive dogs over 40 pounds through September. Many of the large dogs are very active and need exercise. They're also loyal, friendly and highly sociable and just want human companionship. The shelter is 4500 West Ox Road in Fairfax; it's open Fridays until 7 p.m. and Saturdays from 10 a.m.-5 p.m.



**BamBam needs a home.**

### Free Carseat Inspections

Certified technicians from the Sully District Police Station will perform free, child safety carseat inspections Thursday, Sept. 26, from 5-8:30 p.m., at the station, 4900 Stonecroft Blvd. in Chantilly. No appointment is necessary. But residents should install the child safety seats themselves so technicians may properly inspect and adjust them, as needed.

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

### Get Neighborhood Watch Info

Anyone interested in becoming involved in Neighborhood Watch or stating such a group in their community can learn how to do so. A meeting on this topic will be held Monday, Sept. 30, at 7:30 p.m., in the Sully District Governmental Center, 4900 Stonecroft Blvd. in Chantilly. For more information or to RSVP, contact FCPDSULCPO@fairfaxcounty.gov or call 703-814-7018.

### Firefighters Wear Pink, Purple

Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department personnel will don pink shirts from Oct. 1-14 for Breast Cancer Awareness Month, and then wear purple wristbands in support of Domestic Violence Month, from October 15-31.

For the latter event, firefighters will wear purple wristbands with the message, "Speak Out to End Domestic Violence," on one side, and "Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department," on the other.

### Immigration Advocate Summit

The Centreville Immigration Forum (CIF) is one of the organizations sponsoring the fourth annual Immigration Summit. It will be held Friday, Oct. 4, from 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m., at Annandale United Methodist Church, 6935 Columbia Pike in Annandale. Registration opens at 8:30 a.m.

Advocates from across the state, including leaders and members of some of the state's most active immigrant organizations, will gather to discuss the current state of comprehensive immigration reform. They'll review legislative priorities for the coming session of the Virginia General Assembly, including full implementation of the Affordable Care Act.

They'll also plan and develop action steps to address the specific concerns of the immigrant community and mobilize advocates. Attendees may learn about topics such as accessing the new, health-insurance marketplace; implementation of the Affordable Care Act in Virginia; voting protection; and immigration fraud.

### Help Plan Centreville Day

Local residents are invited to help plan the annual Centreville Day celebration slated for Oct. 19 in Centreville's Historic District. Come to the Centreville Day Planning Committee meeting on Monday, Oct. 7, at 7:30 p.m., at the Sully District Governmental Center, 4900 Stonecroft Blvd. in Chantilly.

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## NEWS



**From left are Joanne DiCesare and daughter Rachel at their Sept. 18 lemonade stand for Bite Me Cancer.**

PHOTO COURTESY OF SHARON FERRARO

## For a Good Cause

### Chantilly girl collects funds for Bite Me Cancer.

BY BONNIE HOBBS  
CENTRE VIEW

**B**esides being tasty, lemonade and cookies can also raise money for a worthy cause. And 12-year-old Rachel DiCesare of Chantilly is using them to do just that for the charity, Bite Me Cancer.

She's already held two, lemonade-stand fundraisers this month, on Sept. 18 and 25, and will hold one more this Friday, Sept. 27, from 3:30-5 p.m., at the corner of Melville Lane and Granite Rock Drive in Chantilly.

"We chose this location since it's near Poplar Tree Elementary, which both my kids attended," said Rachel's mom, Joanne DiCesare. "We thought parents and children could get a snack there on their way home from school."

Bite Me Cancer (BMC) is the nonprofit foundation begun by Chantilly's Nikki Ferraro after being diagnosed with thyroid cancer at age 17. It raises money to fund research grants, plus support bags filled with music, a message from Ferraro and other items to help other teens battling cancer.

Rachel will be 13 in December and, in preparation for her Bat Mitzvah to become a Jewish adult, she must do a "mitzvah" or good-deed project in which she actually makes a meaningful connection to something. So she chose to help Bite Me Cancer.

"I knew about Nikki because a good friend's daughter was on the Relay for Life team Nikki started at Chantilly High," said DiCesare. "And I had thyroid cancer twice."

Furthermore, she said, Rachel's a caring person who wanted to start her own foundation to help people. "So I suggested she meet the Ferraros and see if [volunteering for BMC] was something she wanted to do," said DiCesare. "I figured she might be able to continue on with them and learn something — and they've been wonderful; Nikki is inspiring."

So Rachel, a seventh-grader at Rocky Run Middle School, sent an e-mail to relatives, plus friends and

neighbors in her community, telling them about her project and asking for their contributions. She noted that thyroid cancer is the fastest-growing cancer in the U.S. and that September is national Thyroid Cancer Awareness Month.

She then asked them to "stop by and purchase some mouthwatering lemonade, amazingly delicious cookies, (specially homemade by Emily Rincon), and Bite Me Cancer wristbands. Visit my lemonade stand and take advantage of this tasty opportunity and support a great cause, all at the same time."

Lemonade costs \$1 a glass, cookies are \$2 each and BMC wristbands are also \$2. Rachel's goal is to raise \$500 for the organization, and she's also holding a raffle. Tickets at her stand are \$2 each or \$5 for three. First prize is a BMC string bag with surprises inside; second prize, BMC T-shirt; and third prize, BMC water bottle. The drawing is Oct. 18.

Rincon is Rachel's neighbor and a professional chef, and she's making sugar cookies iced with the colorful BMC logo on them. As for Rachel, her mom says she's "having a blast" with the lemonade stands.

"We've gotten a lot of community support and encouragement," said DiCesare. "People have also donated cash and written checks beyond their purchase amount. Or if they don't buy anything, but just donate, then their donations are tax-deductible."

Those unable to make it to Friday's lemonade stand, but still wishing to contribute, may go to [www.bitemecancer.org](http://www.bitemecancer.org) by Oct. 11 and donate to BMC on behalf of Rachel's Mitzvah Project.

When Rachel's not busy with school and fundraising, she plays CYA travel softball and basketball and enjoys singing. "I'm just really proud of the maturity and passion she has in the way she approaches everything in life," said her mom. "And we've had a great time doing this."

Nikki's mother, Sharon Ferraro, is also delighted about Rachel's interest in the foundation and appreciates all she's doing. Said Ferraro: "With September being Thyroid Cancer Awareness Month, it's especially special to us that Rachel wants to help out in such a big way — with her mom's help, of course."

"If Rachel could be anything like Nikki — selfless and giving — I'd be happy," said DiCesare. "She's

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# Frozen Yogurt, Friends and Fundraising

## Supporting Best Buddies.

**O**n Oct. 19, Chantilly's Eric Latcheran, 26, who has Down Syndrome, and his mom, Gina Latcheran, will walk in the Best Buddies D.C. Challenge, benefiting the **Best Buddies Virginia Chapter**. But they each must raise money for Best Buddies — which promotes friendships with and jobs for people with intellectual disabilities — before they can participate.

So last Wednesday, Sept. 18, Sweet Frog in the Greenbriar Town Center donated 15 percent of its sales all day to their efforts, yielding \$195.

"The manager, Cindy Chao, was just wonderful," said Gina Latcheran. "She spoke with Eric and printed and displayed our flyers. She made the fundraiser a lot of fun and made us feel so welcome. A nice parade of friends and neighbors came to Sweet Frog. And when someone came in that we didn't know, we made new friends."

Another event is slated for this Friday, Sept. 27. From 5-9 p.m., Glory Days Grill in the Old Centreville Crossing shopping center will contribute a portion of customer



**Twin sisters (on left and right) Dianna and Julianna Philipps, Cub Run Elementary fifth-graders, enjoy Sweet Frog frozen yogurt with friend Summer Simmons (middle), a fifth-grader at Bull Run Elementary.**

sales to Best Buddies. **Raffle items include Washington Redskins football jerseys.**

— BONNIE HOBBS

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BONNIE HOBBS  
CENTRE VIEW



**Back row, from left are Chantilly High freshman Thad Spiewak, mom Evonne Spiewak and Eric Latcheran with (front row, from left) Maddie and Zach Spiewak, in third and second grade, respectively, at Poplar Tree Elementary.**

## Dedicated to Preventing Drinking and Driving

### PFC Matt Bell is honored as Officer of the Month.

BY BONNIE HOBBS  
CENTRE VIEW

**I**n 2012, there were 105 alcohol-related crashes in the Sully Police District. So PFC Matthew Bell decided to do something about it, beyond his normal duties. And for his efforts, he was recognized Sept. 11 as the Sully District Station's Citizens Advisory Committee's (CAC) Officer of the Month for September.

"Matt's always been a creative officer, doing the right thing," said Capt. Ed O'Carroll, the station commander. "And tonight he's being honored for an idea he brought to [Assistant Station Commander] Lt. [Rich] Morvillo and I."

Concerned about the numerous, impaired drivers continuing to endanger people's lives on the road and contribute to so many serious crashes in Fairfax County, Bell proposed the creation of a DUI Enforcement Officer position.

It was an unprecedented idea to increase police enforcement, education about and prevention of alcohol-related crashes. As a result, the Sully District commanders selected Bell on June 1 to



**From left are Capt. Ed O'Carroll, PFC Matt Bell and CAC Chairman Leslie Jenuleson.**

head the station's DUI Enforcement Officer Program — projected to be in place through Dec. 31.

He was also chosen for this program because of his strong, working knowledge of traffic laws and DWI statutes, plus his high number of alcohol-related arrests. But to do this job properly, said Morvillo, "PFC Bell, at personal inconvenience to him and his family, agreed to work a modified power shift to include nights and a majority of weekends."

And so far, the results have been impressive. As of Sept. 11, there were just 47 al-

cohol-related crashes in the Sully District. "Since taking over June 1, PFC Bell has arrested over 24 people for drunk driving," said O'Carroll. "In the entire district, we normally have 230-240 arrests in a whole year, so his hard work is unprecedented."

O'Carroll said no other police station has a DUI-enforcement program like the one Bell suggested. "He's on the front line and has stopped, not only many — but very — drunk drivers," said O'Carroll. "He's exceeded my expectations and has arrested habitual offenders, as well."

Noting that it's a dangerous job — "it often happens at night and sometimes officers are injured" — O'Carroll said, "We appreciate all his hard work." Bell then thanked the captain for listening to his idea, in the first place, and also thanked the CAC for his award.

Added Morvillo: "For his superior service to traffic enforcement, for making our roads safer against dangerous driving, and for his caring attitude to our profession and the community we serve, we are proud to honor PFC Matthew Bell as Officer of the Month for September."

## Police Concerned About 'Molly'/ Ecstasy Use

**F**airfax County Police Organized Crime and Narcotics Unit detectives have seen approximately 168 cases involving MDMA — also known as ecstasy or "Molly" — an average of eight per month between January 2012 and August 2013.

MDMA is a semi-synthetic, chemical compound that has been increasing in popularity across the nation, especially among high-school and college-aged students. While it is most often seen in pill form, it also comes in powder and capsules.

This drug "Molly" can be a mixture of caffeine and speed and other stimulants; it's known as a recreational psychoactive. And between January 2012 and August 2013, the OCN Unit seized some 16.67 pounds of MDMA and more than 3,000 pills. Police remind residents that parents are still the strongest influencers in their children's lives. They urge parents to help make their children, of all ages, safer by having a discussion about illegal drugs.

The Unified Prevention Coalition and the Partnership for a Drug-Free America suggest that parents "make time to talk with children; explain the risks of these drugs. Learn the signs of drug use and how to intervene. Go to [www.drugfree.org/](http://www.drugfree.org/). Educate family members on the harmful effects of drugs; make it clear you don't approve of drug use. Secure prescription drugs in the home. Get involved; learn more at <http://unifiedpreventioncoalition.org/>."



## SCHOOLS

### WHS Marching Bulldogs Pursue Funds for Rose Bowl Parade

The Westfield High School Marching Bulldogs broke a fundraising record recently as they continue on their journey toward the 2014 Rose Parade in Pasadena, Calif. on New Year's Day. While support for the band is growing, due to greater community participation and backing by local businesses and politicians, the band still needs to raise nearly \$100,000 to reach its goal of \$270,000.

Rallying around the band — only the third Virginia public high school to march in the 125-year history of the Rose Parade, and one of only 12 high school bands selected for the 2014 Rose Parade — Del. Jim LeMunyon reached out to his constituents, requesting that they join him in financially supporting the 270 Westfield students who will be representing not only their school and the local community but the entire Commonwealth of Virginia.

As a result of LeMunyon's endorsement and appeal for support, the Westfield Band experienced a 10-fold increase in activity on its newly redesigned website [www.WestfieldBand.org](http://www.WestfieldBand.org).

Another boost to the band's fundraising efforts was the mat-

tress sale held at Westfield High School on Sept. 7. Spirit Fundraising of Ashburn set up a showroom in the school's cafeteria, allowing visitors to try out discounted name-brand mattress sets. Students and parents worked for four weeks advertising the event to the community via social media, yard signs, and flyers.

By day's end, the band generated over 60 referrals, sold more than 80 sets, and raised \$10,000.

While the mattress fundraiser was a success, the band still has to achieve its goal of raising \$270,000 for additional uniforms, instruments, transportation of equipment across the country, student scholarships, and on-going general band expenses, as well as to offset a portion of the \$1,600 each student is paying to cover his or her own costs. Currently at approximately 60 percent of its goal with only 110 days until the parade, the band needs to raise \$100,000 over the next two months. For more information on the Rose Parade, the Westfield High School Marching Bulldogs' upcoming performances, and ways to support the band, visit: <http://www.WestfieldBand.org>.



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# OPINION

## Vote It will matter who is elected governor.

**A**bsentee voting has already begun; Election Day is Tuesday, Nov. 5. If you've read this far, you care enough that voting is absolutely essential.

On the ballot:

Every Virginia voter will vote for governor; lieutenant governor; attorney general and their member of the House of Delegates.

At the top of the ticket, there are stark differences in the vision for Virginia held by the candidates of each party.

While almost all the coverage and advertising has focused on the significant negatives of the two major party candidates for governor, one of these two men will in fact be elected governor and serve as governor for the next four years. It will make a huge difference which one.

It shouldn't take very much research for you to determine which candidate holds views closer to your own. What is critical is that you don't let the negatives about personality or other details keep you from voting. It matters. Figure out which one is your candidate and get out and vote.

Also on the ballot in Fairfax County: sheriff, and the school bond.

From now until Saturday, Nov. 2, you can vote absentee in person for a variety of reasons, but you must sign a form affirming that you do qualify. Almost everyone with a job in

Northern Virginia qualifies for one particular reason, however: your work plus commute time would be 11 hours or more between 6 a.m. and 7 p.m. on Election Day. Other reasons include planned travel, pregnancy, illness or disability, being a student out of area, and more. Voters can also vote absentee by mail.

It's worth looking at the absentee ballot application online before going to vote absentee in person. <http://www.sbe.virginia.gov/Files/Forms/VoterForms/ABApplication.pdf>

If you live in Fairfax County, you can vote at Fairfax County Governmental Center or any one of seven "satellite"

voting locations. If you have not been to the government center, it's worth having a look.

**Fairfax County Government Center**, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Suite 323, Fairfax, VA 22035.

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The satellite locations in Fairfax County are also open for absentee in person voting; **Sat-**

### EDITORIAL

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Raffle Supports Angel Fund

To the Editor:

Virginia Tech alumnus Bruce Wilson ('86) of Wilsons Asphalt Maintenance, LC ([www.wilsonsasphalt.com](http://www.wilsonsasphalt.com)) generously donated two 45-yard line tickets to the Nov. 16 Virginia Tech/Maryland football game at Lane Stadium, one night at Rockwood Manor Bed & Breakfast (<http://rockwood-manoir.com/>) and \$50 cash meal/gas allowance to Angel Fund ([www.angelfundva.org](http://www.angelfundva.org)) for them to sell in a raffle.

Wilson donated the package to Angel because "I work hard and enjoy giving back."

Since I volunteer with youth and others, I wanted to support Angel Fund with their outreach." Florida resident Lynn Lopez, said, "I love the Hokies, but I love what Angel Fund represents even more." Virginia Tech parent Hilda Reardon is "grateful to Angel Fund for educating the public, focusing on the critical issues of mental health, bullying, social anxiety and depression and caring for the community."

Virginia Tech and Maryland fans can visit <https://www.angelfundva.org/raffle> to purchase tickets. Each ticket costs

\$10 and can be purchased either online or by mail. The winning ticket will be drawn and the winner notified on Oct. 16.

Proceeds from the raffle will go to funding Angel Fund's advocacy and educational efforts, an Internet Safety Toolkit for students and implementing the positive reinforcement program, Actively Caring 4 People ([www.ac4p.org](http://www.ac4p.org)) in local schools.

Angel Fund was created in memory of Reema Samaha, one of the 32 killed at Virginia Tech on April 16, 2007.

Its mission is to create a safe environment for young people to feel respected and self-confident by taking action against bullying, addiction, suicide and depression. Angel Fund was instrumental in passing laws this year in Virginia that increased information sharing between colleges and local mental health facilities and provided assessment and referrals for students on community college campuses.

**Lu Ann McNabb**  
Angel Fund

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To the Editor:

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**Westfield High School PTSA**

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To the Editor:

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The Chantilly Charger's football team kicked off its annual fundraising drive on a beautiful August day. That would've been the day you might have seen a swarm of purple and white jerseys going door-to-door selling coupon cards. The team would like to thank the Chantilly community for your support throughout the years.

We would also like to thank the local restaurants that have supported this year's fundraiser by offering great discounts. Each restaurant has provided four different coupons per card:

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## FALL FUN

# Fall Festival for Families, Fields of Fear for Teens

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The free, weekend events also include the pumpkin slingshot — the festival's most-popular game — plus entertainment on the music stage. Live bands perform, and Farmer Jack sings and tells stories while milking his cow, Bingo. The 20-25 bands — including The Page County Ramblers, Jimmy Cole All Stars, Tom Blood & Late as Usual, and Patty Reese Band — will perform blue grass, country and classic rock music.

Visitors may also enjoy the mining sluice. It's a tower that dumps water into a large, curvy trench where people can pan for fossils, gemstones and arrowheads. And this year, said Cox, "We've improved the mining sluice so it feels as if you're actually going into a mineshaft."

### FARM ANIMALS

Bunnyville, inside the slide barn, returns for its second year. A slide comes out of the top of the barn, and the bottom part houses Bunnyville. There's a model of Washington, D.C., with the monuments and White House, and the bunnies jump around in them. "We have about a dozen bunnies," said Cox. "People thought this was pretty funny." Actually, Cox Farms has animals galore. Children may feed baby goats in their own goat village. Alpacas are on the mountain leading up to the dinosaur slide and a couple peacock roam free. There are also baby chicks, hens and chickens, rabbits, turkeys, pigs and piglets, calves, milking cows and a llama.

"We expanded the pen a little bit, and the goats and chickens are in the farm-chores area now," said Cox. "And the sheep are now near the dino slide."

Geared for 2-6-year-olds, the farm-chores area features old-fashioned water pumps and troughs, a corn conveyor belt, chicken coop and a little garden where children may pump water into buckets and water the crops. And new this year, they may also lift



PHOTO COURTESY OF JASON HORNIK

**This grandfather and grandson have fun on the giant slide.**

up straw bales by a rope and pulley.

The Kiddie Zone, for children 5 and under, also gives them a calmer place to play. The fun includes smaller themed slides, rope swings, hay bales and a wooden train. Little ones may also play on the Three Little Pigs' house and slide and climb on a wooden Jeep in the front yard.

### SLIDES, FIRE ENGINE, FOOD

Festival visitors will also enjoy the five giant slides, straw tunnels and the Cornundrum Cornfield Adventure. The latter features funhouse mirrors, a hall of doors, giant vortex and a pirate ship. Also there is the Great Pyramid with hieroglyphics and some surprises inside.

Cox is excited about the festival's newest addition, a red, 1961 fire engine. "It has two slides coming out of the back so kids can climb up, go across and slide down," he said. "It's close to Fairyland Castle and

is beautiful and lots of fun."

Food is available for purchase throughout the farm. The selection includes hot dogs, hamburgers, nachos, Dominion root beer and root-beer floats. Home-smoked, pulled-pork, barbecue sandwiches are also on the menu.

"They were a big hit last year," said Cox. "We sold out every day we had them. And our chocolate-chip and sugar cookies are super-tasty. We've also got two, new, kettle-corn machines, and we're now making our own caramel apples."

Fresh cider and apples are free. And if desired, visitors may bring their own lunches (no alcohol) for picnics on the grounds. They may also buy a wide variety of treats in the farm's market. The goodies include freshly baked apple pies, local apples, kettle corn, fresh cider, dessert breads, jams, local honey, Indian corn, squash, gourds and fall decorations. Visi-

tors even get to choose a free, patch pumpkin to take home.

### FIELDS OF FEAR

Once night falls, however, scary creatures are everywhere, so the 20-acre Fields of Fear isn't recommended for children under 12; and anyone under 14 must be accompanied by an adult, 18 or older.

Hardy souls brave enough to enter the Fields of Fear are led to the Cornnightmare to experience cornfield terrors in the dark. There, they walk through the Hall of Whispers, Bug Room and Claustrophobia, secluded in tall corn with creatures that aren't human. There are also crazed clowns, plus a new, secret finale to the Cornnightmare.

And not to be missed is the Dark Side Hayride Zombie Zoo. "It's really fun and very scary," said Cox. "There are 30-plus zombies out there, and people can learn about and have the thrill of contact with them in a safe environment. We spared no expense on security, making sure the zombies cannot escape." But after all, this is the Fields of Fear, so anything can happen ....

The Firegrounds is also part of the nighttime events, but it's fun and not frightening. Cox Farms' six-lane slide is open for rides by torchlight, and there are giant bonfires where people can hang out, listen to music and roast marshmallows. And performing will be a fire dancer and a magician. All in all, the fall festival has something for all ages. "We're still family owned and operated, and we love to see new families, as well as those who return every year," said Cox.

"I see Cox Farms and this festival as a place where people can escape the daily grind, let it all go, be outside and just have fun for a day."

"My personal goal for the festival is to have everyone laugh and have a good time," he continued. "From the heart, the reason Aaron and I do this is to put smiles on people's faces while they're walking around here."

## Blood and Guts 5K Race

**5,000 expected for apocalyptic zombie race at Bull Run Regional Park on Oct. 26.**

BY STEVE HIBBARD  
CENTRE VIEW

With Halloween just around the corner, the second-annual Blood and Guts 5K Run will take place Saturday, Oct. 26 at Bull Run Regional Park in Centreville. About 4,000 people have already signed up; 5,000 are expected to attend.

Runners will trudge through a 5K apocalypse obstacle course while zombies shoot at them with "blood"-filled water guns. The race takes place every half-hour starting at 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Cost is \$79 to enter until Oct. 25. There are \$20 discounts available on the website: [www.bloodandgutsrun.com](http://www.bloodandgutsrun.com).

"It's a fun run," said organizer Max Bawarski, 30, of Manassas, who wanted to create something challenging. "I want running to be fun and for everyone to have a



**A runner scales the Blood and Guts obstacle course.**

great time."

The obstacle course is low- to moderate-risk and is designed for runners of all ages and ability levels. Highlights include a blood and guts pit, climbing walls, tire gauntlet, hay bale pyramid, pumpkin guts pit, steeplechase, cargo nets, a mudslide, and for the

grand finale — a blood and guts pit filled with spaghetti. About 75 trash cans filled with "blood" reserves will be used by the zombies for restocking.

Bawarski is a physical education teacher (grades K-6) at Providence Elementary in the City of Fairfax. He said the official race motto is: "We're the wildest 5K zombie obstacle course." Bawarski was an All-American runner and track star in 2002; he graduated from Cortland State College in New York.

"I wanted people to have fun and have a great workout. And if we have great weather, it will be a perfect day," he said.

Runners are encouraged to wear Halloween costumes or white T-shirts. Prizes will be awarded for wildest individual, wildest couple, wildest team costumes plus for bloodiest and muddiest runners.

A deejay and live bands will be performing rock music, '90s, and grunge music

throughout the day. Some of the bands include: Brownstone, Guilty Pleasure, Hot Buttered Elvis, Stormin' Norman and Isabella's Furnace. Food and drinks will be available.

A portion of the proceeds will benefit the American Cancer Society, U.S. military and veterans associations, and local school districts.

Runners will receive a custom-made Blood and Guts T-shirt and medal. Participants will receive their prizes when they complete the 5K obstacle course.

So far, about 200 volunteers have signed up as volunteer zombies, makeup artists, security, and miscellaneous positions. But more are needed. Volunteers receive free admission for the Blood and Guts Run, free Blood and Guts Run T-shirt, and a free Blood and Guts Run medal. To volunteer, contact [Max@BloodandGutsRun.com](mailto:Max@BloodandGutsRun.com) or 571-969-4887.



# FALL FUN & ENTERTAINMENT

## Crafts, Plays, Dance: Fun Events for Fall

BY BONNIE HOBBS  
CENTRE VIEW

**H**ere is a partial listing of some autumn events happening in the area:

### September

The **Fair Lakes Fall Fest** will be held Saturday, Sept. 28, from 1-4 p.m., across from Dick's and Kohl's in Fair Lakes Circle. This family-friendly event includes food, games, fun and lots of activities for children.

### October

**Westfield High's back-to-school cabaret** is Saturday, Oct. 5, at 7:30 p.m.

The **Fairfax Fall Festival**, held throughout the streets of downtown Fairfax, will be held Saturday, Oct. 12, from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. There'll be crafts galore, plus food, music and fun for children.

**Encore Theatrical Arts Project** of Chantilly will be among 12 dance companies performing in the fourth annual Fairfax County Dance Coalition Gala Showcase. "A Celebration of Dance" is slated for Saturday, Oct. 12, at 7:30 p.m., in the theater of NOVA's Annandale campus. Ballet, jazz, tap, modern, hip hop and international dances will be presented. Tickets are \$22 in advance at [www.fairfaxcountydance.org/gala.htm](http://www.fairfaxcountydance.org/gala.htm) or \$25 at the door. The audience is invited to the reception after the show.

The **46<sup>th</sup> annual Clifton Day festival** is Sunday, Oct. 13, from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. (rain date, Oct. 20). The family-friendly fun includes crafts, food, antiques, jugglers, bagpipe players, unicyclists, music, pony rides, civil war reenactments and children's activities. For VRE train schedule plus parking information, go to [www.cliftonday.com](http://www.cliftonday.com).

Chantilly High theater students will perform the musical, **"Evita,"** Wednesday-Saturday, Oct. 16-19, at 7 p.m. each night. Tickets are \$10.

The **Craftsmen's Classic Arts & Crafts Festival** will be held, Friday-Sunday, Oct. 18-20, at the Dulles Expo Center. Friday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; Sunday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. For more information, see [www.craftshow.com](http://www.craftshow.com).

The **21<sup>st</sup> annual Centreville Day** celebration is Saturday, Oct. 19, in the Centreville Historic District. It includes food, crafts, music, children's games and rides, plus activities and entertainment for the whole family. The fun begins at 9 a.m. with the **Zombie Slouch Family 5K Fun Run and Walk**, outside St. John's Episcopal Church, 5649 Mount Gilead Road in Centreville. Runners, walker and pets are encouraged to come in Halloween or historical costumes. Register until Oct. 18 at [www.DCandlelighters.org](http://www.DCandlelighters.org) or [www.CentrevilleVA.org](http://www.CentrevilleVA.org). The parade has a new route and a later start time. Costumes, pets, floats, decorated bicycles and scooters, etc., are



**Selling cotton candy at 2012's Clifton Day** 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.

**Candy bars variety pack (from left) Anita Gossett, Michael King and Elaine Houska ran in the 2012 Goblin Gallop.**



PHOTOS BY BONNIE HOBBS/CENTRE VIEW

welcome. Registration is free at [www.CentrevilleVA.org](http://www.CentrevilleVA.org). Parade participants will assemble at the end of Wharton Lane at 11:30 a.m. and pass by the review stand outside St John's around noon. Contact Steve Hunter, American Legion Post 1995, at [geoshunter@gmail.com](mailto:geoshunter@gmail.com) with any questions.

**Westfield High's Fall Choral Concert** is scheduled for Wednesday, Oct. 23, at 7:30 p.m.

**Centreville High's Orchestra Coffee Concert** will be held Thursday, Oct. 24, at 7 p.m., in the cafeteria.

**Chantilly High's Fall Choral Concert** is set for Friday, Oct. 25, at 7 p.m.

The **Clifton Haunted Trail** is slated for Saturday, Oct. 26, from 7-10 p.m., in the Town of Clifton's Eight-Acre Park. Sturdy shoes are recommended; snacks and beverages are available. Not recommended for young children. For cost and other information, see [www.cliftonhauntedtrail.com](http://www.cliftonhauntedtrail.com).

The 20th annual **Valvoline Instant Oil Change Goblin Gallop 5K** is set for Sunday, Oct. 27, at the Fairfax Corner Shopping Center. The 1K fun run starts at 8:30 a.m.; the 5K race, at 9 a.m.; and the 5K walk, at 9:10 a.m. There's fun for the whole family with a moonbounce, hot dogs, popcorn and a band. Many of the participants and those cheering them on wear Halloween costumes, and prizes are given to the best costumes. Proceeds go to the John Quadrino Foundation to Benefit Children with Cancer. Rain or shine, the race begins and ends in front of Coastal Flats restaurant. Registration and entry-fee information are at <http://www.goblingallop.org/race.html>.

Westfield High will present its **Fall Orchestra Concert** on Tuesday, Oct. 29, at 7 p.m.

**Westfield High's Haunted House/Carn-EVIL** will be held Tuesday-Wednesday, Oct. 29-30, at 6 p.m., at 4700 Stonecroft Blvd. in Chantilly.

### November

Woodson High's thespians will present **"Into the**

**Woods,"** on Friday-Saturday, Nov. 8-9 and Nov. 15-16.

The **Northern Virginia Christmas Market** craft show returns to the Dulles Expo Center in Chantilly, Friday-Sunday, Nov. 8-10. Hours are Friday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; Sunday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

The 21st annual **Holiday Happenings Craft Show** will be held Saturday, Nov. 9, from 10 a.m.-4 p.m., at W.T. Woodson High School, 9525 Main St. in Fairfax.

The Alliance Theatre presents **"The Little Mermaid Jr."** at Mountain View High School, 5775 Spindle Court in Centreville. Show times are Saturday-Sunday, Nov. 9-10; Friday-Sunday, Nov. 15-17; and Saturday-Sunday, Nov. 23-24. Tickets are \$12; group discounts are available; go to [www.TheAllianceTheatre.org](http://www.TheAllianceTheatre.org) or call 703-220-8101.

Robinson Secondary's theater students present **"Little Shop of Horrors,"** Thursday-Saturday, Nov. 14-16, at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$10 in advance, \$12 at the door. See [www.RobinsonDrama.org](http://www.RobinsonDrama.org).

Centreville High theater students will perform the comedy, **"Lend Me a Tenor,"** Friday-Saturday, Nov. 15-16 and Nov. 22-23, at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$10.

The **27th annual City of Fairfax Holiday Craft Show** is slated for Saturday, Nov. 16, from 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; and Sunday, Nov. 17, from 10 a.m.-3 p.m., at Fairfax High School, 3501 Rebel Run in Fairfax.

Paul VI High's thespians will present a spoof of "A Christmas Carol" called **"A Dickens Christmas Carol: A Travelling Travesty in Two Tumultuous Acts."** Show times are Thursday, Nov. 21, at 7 p.m.; Friday-Saturday, Nov. 22-23, at 7:30 p.m.; and Sunday, Nov. 24, at 2 p.m.

Fairfax High theater students present **"Almost, Maine,"** Friday-Saturday, Nov. 22-23, at 7:30 p.m.; and Sunday, Nov. 24, at 2:30 p.m. Ticket information is at [www.fxplayers.org](http://www.fxplayers.org).

Westfield High theater students will perform

Shakespeare's "Twelfth Night," Friday-Sunday, Nov. 22-24.

The 33rd annual **St. Timothy School craft fair** will be held Saturday, Nov. 23, from 9 a.m.-3 p.m., at 13809 Poplar Tree Road in Chantilly. For more information or to participate, see [www.sainttimothyschool.org](http://www.sainttimothyschool.org).

### December

The Centreville High band will present its **Winter Band Concert** on Thursday, Dec. 5, at 7 p.m.

The annual **Clifton Christmas Parade on Horseback**, Christmas-tree lighting ceremony and homes tour are set for Saturday, Dec. 7. The parade begins at 2 p.m.

Chantilly High will host its **Holiday Craft Show** on Sunday, Dec. 8, in the cafeteria.

Centreville High will present its **Winter Orchestra Concert** on Thursday, Dec. 13, at 7 p.m., in the auditorium.

Westfield High's **Candlelight Choral Concert** will be presented Friday, Dec. 13, at 7:30 p.m.

Featuring students from Centreville, Chantilly and Westfield high schools, Encore Theatrical Arts Project's song-and-dance extravaganza, **"Switching Christmas,"** takes the stage at NOVA's Annandale campus. Performances are Dec. 13-15 and Dec. 20-22. Tickets are \$18, students and senior citizens; and \$22, adults, for this colorful, family-friendly show and may be purchased at <http://www.encore-tap.org/>.

The **Sugarloaf Crafts Festival** is set for Friday-Sunday, Dec. 13-15, at the Dulles Expo Center in Chantilly. Hours are Friday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; Sunday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

Westfield High's **"Ho-Ho Holiday Show"** is set for Saturday-Sunday, Dec. 14-15, at 2 p.m.

**Centreville High's Choral Concert** is slated for Thursday, Dec. 19, at 7 p.m.

Westfield High will hold its **Winter Orchestra Concert** on Thursday, Dec. 19, at 7 p.m.

**Centreville High's Performing Arts Department** will present its holiday show Friday, Dec. 20, during the daytime.

## Public Meeting: The Future of Fairfax County Public Library

Oct. 3, 7 p.m.

Centreville Regional Library  
14200 St. Germain Dr., Centreville  
703-830-2223

Oct. 7, 7 p.m.

Chantilly Regional Library  
4000 Stringfellow Road, Chantilly  
703-502-3883

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**Super Science Saturdays.** 10 a.m.-3 p.m. the second Saturday of each month at the Steven F. Udvar-Hazy Center, 14390 Air & Space Museum Parkway. Visit <http://airandspace.si.edu/udvarhazy>.

## THURSDAY/SEPT. 26

**Silent Auction.** 5 p.m. at Chantilly High School Cafeteria, 4201 Stringfellow Road. All proceeds benefit Chantilly High School Cheerleading. Call 703-934-4363.

**Lego Block Party.** 7 p.m. at Chantilly Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Grades 3-6. Free. Call for this month's theme. Registration required, 703-502-3883.

## FRIDAY/SEPT. 27

**Ready for School Storytime.** 1:30 p.m. at Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Ages 4-5 can enjoy stories and more. Free. Registration required. 703-502-3883.

**Music Performance.** TAUk will perform at Bungalow Billiards, 13891 Metrotech Drive, Chantilly. Visit [www.facebook.com/taukband](http://www.facebook.com/taukband) for more information.

## SATURDAY/SEPT. 28

**Master Gardeners.** 10:30 a.m. at Chantilly Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Adults can get tips, information and advice on their home gardens. Free. 703-502-3883.

**Peaceful Paws.** 10:30 a.m. at Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Children on

the autism spectrum or with other developmental challenges meet and read to a trained therapy dog Dakota. Free. Registration required, 703-502-3883.

**Hidden Pond.** 2:30 p.m. at Chantilly Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Children in grades K-6 can take a hands-on approach to find out what life lies in a pond. Free. Registration required, 703-502-3883.

**Free Admission.** Sully Historic Site will open its doors free of charge as part of Smithsonian magazine's ninth annual Museum Day Live! Present a Museum Day Live! ticket at the door and gain free entrance for two at participating museums. Visit [www.smithsonian.com/museumday](http://www.smithsonian.com/museumday) to download the ticket.

## MONDAY/SEPT. 30

**Bouncin' Babies.** 10:30 a.m. at Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Babies up to 11 months can enjoy rhymes, songs, stories and more. Free. Registration required. 703-502-3883.

**Small Wonders.** 11:30 a.m. at Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Ages 12-23 months can enjoy rhymes, songs and more. Free. Registration required. 703-502-3883.

**ESL Book Club.** 7 p.m. at Centreville Regional Library, 14200 St. Germain Drive. Ask for title. 703-830-2223.

**Golf Tournament.** The Dulles Airport International Rotary Club is hosting their 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Opportunities Open Golf Tournament in Leesburg at the Raspberry Falls Golf and Hunt Club. Since its inception, the annual event has raised more than \$500,000 for local charities. This year the Dulles Rotary has chosen to support local disability resource nonprofit, ServiceSource, as well as three other charities dedicated to helping make a positive difference in the lives of people with disabilities. Contact Teresa Guzik, 703-970-3642 ext. 642.

## TUESDAY/OCT. 1

**Time for Tots.** 11 a.m. at Centreville Library, 14200 St. Germain Drive. Children ages 2-3 can

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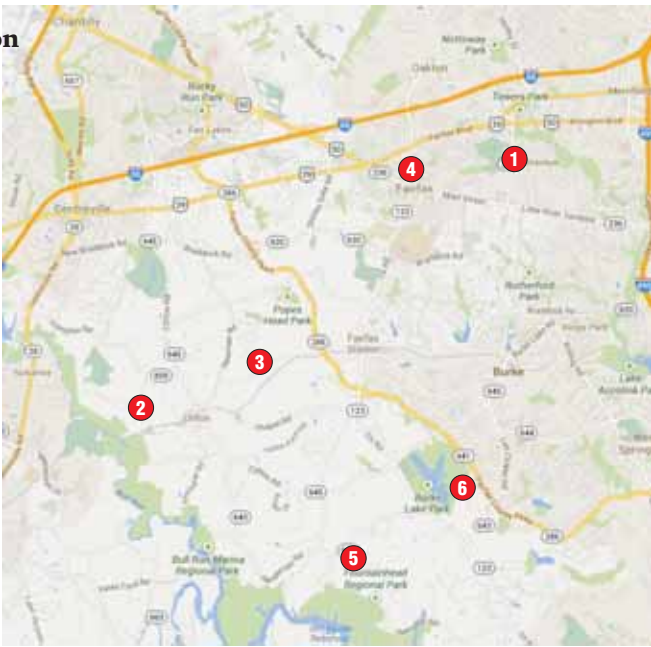
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1 3555 EARLY WOODLAND PL .....	6	..	5	..	1 .....	FAIRFAX .....	\$1,325,000 ...	Detached ...	0.19 .....	22031 .....	PICKETT'S RESERVE .....	07/22/13
2 7054 BALMORAL FOREST RD .....	6	..	5	..	1 .....	CLIFTON .....	\$1,295,000 ...	Detached ...	2.01 .....	20124 .....	BALMORAL GREENS .....	07/12/13
3 12030 FAIRFAX STATION RD .....	4	..	3	..	1 ...	FAIRFAX STATION	\$1,201,000 ...	Detached ...	5.05 .....	22039 .....	THE PATTERNS .....	07/22/13
4 3732 CHAIN BRIDGE RD .....	4	..	3	..	1 .....	FAIRFAX .....	\$1,060,000 ...	Detached ...	0.45 .....	22030 .....	HISTORIC FAIRFAX .....	07/31/13
5 11101 HAMPTON RD .....	4	..	5	..	1 ...	FAIRFAX STATION	\$1,005,000 ...	Detached ...	5.00 .....	22039 .....	BRIARLYNN ESTATES .....	07/12/13
6 9902 HIDDEN TRAIL CT .....	5	..	4	..	1 ...	FAIRFAX STATION	\$1,000,000 ...	Detached ...	0.59 .....	22039 .....	SOUTH RUN .....	07/10/13

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# HOME SALES

In August 2013, 116 Centreville homes sold between \$1,020,295-\$127,000. This week's list represents those homes sold in the \$1,020,295-\$315,000 range. For the complete list, visit [www.ConnectionNewspapers.com](http://www.ConnectionNewspapers.com)

Address .....	BR	FB	HB	.....	Postal	City .....	Sold Price .....	Type .....	Lot	AC ....	PostalCode
6312 FAIRFAX NATIONAL WAY .....	4	...	4	...	1	CENTREVILLE	\$1,020,295	Detached	5.00	.....	20120
5518 LAVATERA CT .....	5	...	5	...	1	CENTREVILLE	\$870,000	Detached	0.25	.....	20120
6316 FAIRFAX NATIONAL WAY .....	4	...	4	...	1	CENTREVILLE	\$845,000	Detached	5.02	.....	20120
15425 EAGLE TAVERN LN .....	5	...	3	...	2	CENTREVILLE	\$775,000	Detached	0.85	.....	20120
5490 COREOPSIS CT .....	5	...	4	...	1	CENTREVILLE	\$757,000	Detached	0.16	.....	20120
5103 DOYLE LN .....	4	...	3	...	1	CENTREVILLE	\$730,000	Detached	0.22	.....	20120
5303 POPLAR VALLEY CT .....	4	...	2	...	1	CENTREVILLE	\$724,900	Detached	0.23	.....	20120
13614 NORTHBOURNE DR .....	5	...	4	...	1	CENTREVILLE	\$700,000	Detached	0.32	.....	20120
6307 LEE FOREST PATH .....	4	...	4	...	1	CENTREVILLE	\$685,000	Detached	0.30	.....	20120
6607 HARNESS HILL CT .....	5	...	3	...	1	CENTREVILLE	\$679,000	Detached	0.19	.....	20121
5463 JOSEPH JOHNSTON LN .....	4	...	3	...	1	CENTREVILLE	\$675,000	Detached	0.13	.....	20120
15499 EAGLE TAVERN LN .....	5	...	3	...	1	CENTREVILLE	\$674,025	Detached	0.30	.....	20120
13605 BRITISH MANOR CT .....	4	...	3	...	1	CENTREVILLE	\$665,000	Detached	0.33	.....	20120
6755 GRAY POST CT .....	4	...	3	...	1	CENTREVILLE	\$650,000	Detached	0.64	.....	20121
14413 NICHOLAS SCHAR WAY .....	5	...	3	...	1	CENTREVILLE	\$650,000	Detached	0.27	.....	20121
15405 MEHERRIN CT .....	4	...	3	...	1	CENTREVILLE	\$649,900	Detached	0.45	.....	20120
13516 HEATHROW LN .....	4	...	2	...	1	CENTREVILLE	\$648,000	Detached	0.33	.....	20120
5616 SHEALS LN .....	4	...	4	...	1	CENTREVILLE	\$635,000	Detached	0.10	.....	20120
15147 WETHERBURN DR .....	4	...	2	...	1	CENTREVILLE	\$611,900	Detached	0.39	.....	20120
15183 STILLFIELD PL .....	4	...	4	...	1	CENTREVILLE	\$600,000	Detached	0.33	.....	20120
13999 CABELLS MILL DR .....	4	...	4	...	0	CENTREVILLE	\$585,000	Detached	0.30	.....	20120
5833 STONE RD .....	3	...	2	...	0	CENTREVILLE	\$572,900	Detached	0.95	.....	20120
5686 GENERAL JOHNSTON PL .....	4	...	4	...	1	CENTREVILLE	\$570,000	Detached	0.07	.....	20120
14813 HARVEST CT .....	6	...	4	...	0	CENTREVILLE	\$565,000	Detached	0.25	.....	20120
5201 GLEN MEADOW RD .....	5	...	3	...	1	CENTREVILLE	\$560,000	Detached	0.25	.....	20120
13752 CABELLS MILL DR .....	5	...	4	...	0	CENTREVILLE	\$550,000	Detached	0.20	.....	20120
6490 PALISADES DR .....	4	...	3	...	1	CENTREVILLE	\$540,000	Detached	0.25	.....	20121
5565 VILLAGE CENTER DR .....	5	...	3	...	1	CENTREVILLE	\$537,900	Detached	0.15	.....	20120
5321 BLUE ASTER CIR .....	4	...	3	...	1	CENTREVILLE	\$536,000	Townhouse	0.06	.....	20120
14006 TANNERS HOUSE WAY .....	3	...	3	...	1	CENTREVILLE	\$530,000	Townhouse	0.07	.....	20121
14408 ROUND LICK LN .....	4	...	2	...	1	CENTREVILLE	\$515,000	Detached	0.20	.....	20120
5705 DEER POND RD .....	4	...	3	...	1	CENTREVILLE	\$500,000	Detached	0.13	.....	20120
6504 HARVEST MILL CT .....	4	...	3	...	1	CENTREVILLE	\$499,900	Detached	0.20	.....	20121
6026 HONNICUT DR .....	4	...	4	...	1	CENTREVILLE	\$490,000	Detached	0.10	.....	20121
14400 TRACY SCHAR LN .....	3	...	3	...	0	CENTREVILLE	\$485,000	Detached	0.23	.....	20121
5314 ROSEMALLOW CIR .....	4	...	3	...	1	CENTREVILLE	\$470,000	Townhouse	0.04	.....	20120
5066 VILLAGE FOUNTAIN PL .....	3	...	2	...	2	CENTREVILLE	\$455,000	Townhouse	0.03	.....	20120
14007 SAWTEETH WAY .....	3	...	3	...	1	CENTREVILLE	\$455,000	Townhouse	0.07	.....	20121
5146 WINDING WOODS DR .....	3	...	2	...	2	CENTREVILLE	\$445,000	Townhouse	0.07	.....	20120
15012 OLDDALE RD .....	4	...	3	...	0	CENTREVILLE	\$440,000	Detached	0.24	.....	20120
15012 JARSKI CT .....	4	...	2	...	1	CENTREVILLE	\$435,950	Detached	0.28	.....	20120
5120 WINDING WOODS DR .....	3	...	3	...	1	CENTREVILLE	\$435,000	Townhouse	0.06	.....	20120
6270 CLAY PIPE CT .....	3	...	2	...	2	CENTREVILLE	\$400,000	Townhouse	0.06	.....	20121
6018B MACHEN RD #176 .....	3	...	2	...	1	CENTREVILLE	\$399,900	Townhouse	.....	.....	20121
14217B SAINT GERMAIN DR #20 .....	3	...	2	...	1	CENTREVILLE	\$395,000	Townhouse	.....	.....	20121
6212 FROSTY WINTER CT .....	3	...	2	...	1	CENTREVILLE	\$394,000	Townhouse	0.06	.....	20120
5136 GLEN MEADOW DR .....	3	...	2	...	1	CENTREVILLE	\$387,000	Townhouse	0.06	.....	20120
14916 RITCHIE RD .....	3	...	2	...	0	CENTREVILLE	\$385,000	Detached	0.26	.....	20120
6427 BRASS BUTTON CT .....	3	...	3	...	1	CENTREVILLE	\$385,000	Townhouse	0.05	.....	20121
14605 SEASONS DR .....	3	...	2	...	1	CENTREVILLE	\$380,000	Townhouse	0.04	.....	20120
14606 RAINY SPRING LN .....	3	...	2	...	2	CENTREVILLE	\$379,000	Townhouse	0.04	.....	20120
13915 BARNESLEY PL .....	3	...	2	...	2	CENTREVILLE	\$378,000	Townhouse	0.06	.....	20120
13912 MELTON PL .....	3	...	2	...	2	CENTREVILLE	\$376,000	Townhouse	0.06	.....	20120
14601 JOVET CT .....	3	...	3	...	1	CENTREVILLE	\$367,000	Townhouse	0.06	.....	20120
14097 RED RIVER DR .....	3	...	3	...	1	CENTREVILLE	\$367,000	Townhouse	0.07	.....	20121
13917 ANTONIA FORD CT .....	3	...	3	...	1	CENTREVILLE	\$365,000	Townhouse	0.05	.....	20121
6391 SAINT TIMOTHYS LN .....	3	...	3	...	1	CENTREVILLE	\$364,900	Townhouse	0.04	.....	20121
14713 BEAUMADOW DR .....	4	...	3	...	1	CENTREVILLE	\$360,000	Townhouse	0.04	.....	20120
5827 WESTWATER CT .....	3	...	3	...	1	CENTREVILLE	\$360,000	Townhouse	0.05	.....	20121
14712 BONNET TER .....	3	...	3	...	1	CENTREVILLE	\$354,900	Townhouse	0.05	.....	20121
14019 RED RIVER DR .....	3	...	2	...	1	CENTREVILLE	\$351,000	Townhouse	0.06	.....	20121
14388 UNIFORM DR .....	3	...	3	...	1	CENTREVILLE	\$350,000	Townhouse	0.05	.....	20121
13961 WATER POND CT .....	3	...	2	...	2	CENTREVILLE	\$350,000	Townhouse	0.03	.....	20121
6331 MARY TODD CT .....	3	...	4	...	1	CENTREVILLE	\$349,900	Townhouse	0.04	.....	20121
5933 RAINA DR .....	2	...	3	...	1	CENTREVILLE	\$345,000	Townhouse	0.03	.....	20120
5555 STROUD CT .....	3	...	3	...	1	CENTREVILLE	\$345,000	Townhouse	0.06	.....	20120
13982 NEW BRADDOCK RD .....	4	...	3	...	1	CENTREVILLE	\$340,000	Townhouse	0.07	.....	20121
14549 CREEK BRANCH CT .....	3	...	3	...	1	CENTREVILLE	\$339,000	Townhouse	0.06	.....	20120
6702 ROCKLEDGE PL .....	3	...	2	...	2	CENTREVILLE	\$335,000	Townhouse	0.06	.....	20121
6325 SHIREY LN .....	3	...	3	...	1	CENTREVILLE	\$335,000	Townhouse	0.05	.....	20121
14218 BEDDINGFIELD WAY .....	3	...	3	...	1	CENTREVILLE	\$328,650	Townhouse	0.06	.....	20121
6907 COMPTON LN .....	3	...	3	...	1	CENTREVILLE	\$328,000	Townhouse	0.03	.....	20121
6337 LITTLEFIELD CT .....	3	...	3	...	1	CENTREVILLE	\$325,500	Townhouse	0.04	.....	20121
6018 BASINGSTOKE CT .....	3	...	1	...	1	CENTREVILLE	\$322,000	Townhouse	0.05	.....	20120
14600 CROATAN DR .....	3	...	2	...	1	CENTREVILLE	\$320,000	Townhouse	0.05	.....	20120
13934 GUNNERS PL .....	3	...	2	...	1	CENTREVILLE	\$319,900	Townhouse	0.03	.....	20121
13664 BARREN SPRINGS CT .....	2	...	3	...	1	CENTREVILLE	\$318,000	Townhouse	0.03	.....	20121
14632 STONE CROSSING CT .....	3	...	2	...	0	CENTREVILLE	\$315,000	Townhouse	0.05	.....	20120

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# Henderson Leads LB to Comeback Win over Westfield

Bruins tight end Antonellis has big pass-catching performance.

BY JON ROETMAN  
THE CONNECTION

**C**aleb Henderson's voice had nearly vanished when he declined to be interviewed after Friday's contest against Westfield. A few minutes later, with the help of a cough drop, the Lake Braddock quarterback returned to answer questions.

During the game, Henderson had to overcome a different ailment to lead his team to victory.

Despite suffering from cramps in his hamstrings and calves during the second half, Henderson led Lake Braddock on a 72-yard scoring drive in the game's closing minutes, capped by a 20-yard touchdown pass to AJ Alexander that lifted the Bruins to a 28-24 victory over Westfield on Sept. 20 at Lake Braddock Secondary School.

Playing for the first time on their new turf field, the Bruins beat a Westfield program that finished region runner-up the last two years and hadn't lost a regular season game since October of 2010. Lake Braddock improved to 3-0 in 2013, including road wins against rival Robinson and perennial power Stone Bridge.

What does it mean to open the season with three tough victories?

"The first thing that comes to me is never schedule these three teams again," Lake Braddock head coach Jim Poythress said. "The second thing is that we have a pretty good football team ... a team that could really make a run in the playoffs. But ... if we don't improve, we'll be one and done."

Westfield took a 24-21 lead when Dominique Pearson scored on a 3-yard run and the Bulldogs added a two-point conversion with 3:11 remaining in the fourth quarter. Lake Braddock started its ensuing drive at



Westfield running back Tyler Thrasher-Walker carries the ball against Lake Braddock on Sept. 20.

its own 28-yard line and Henderson moved the Bruins down the field in seven plays. Facing third-and-eight at the Westfield 20, Henderson found Alexander for the go-ahead touchdown.

Westfield drove to the Lake Braddock 33-yard line during its final possession, but Bruins defensive back Timothy Coulter ended the threat with an interception.

Henderson, who is committed to the University of North Carolina, completed 15 of 25 passes for 243 yards and three touchdowns. It was Henderson's first victory in four games against Westfield, including a pair of losses against the Bulldogs as a sophomore at West Potomac. Last season, Henderson's first with Lake Braddock, the Bruins lost to Westfield, 49-29.

"I think he's come a long way in his two years here," Poythress said about Henderson. "To his credit, this kid's laying on the sideline in between drives completely cramped up. ... He was firing the rock. He stepped up and he wanted to win."

Henderson attributed his cramps to consuming a pregame energy drink.

"We practice one-minute drills every day, [starters versus starters], we score almost every time," Henderson said. "The defense gets mad at us, but that's just the type of fire power we have on offense [and] that's the type of chemistry I have with my receivers."

One of those receivers is Ryan Antonellis, a 6-foot-4, 230-pound tight end who finished with five catches for 132 yards and a

score.

"I've never seen an athlete like Ryan," Henderson said. "You stick a linebacker on him, he'll run right by him. You stick a corner on him and he'll just go up and get it over the corner."

Antonellis' 5-yard touchdown reception in the first quarter gave Lake Braddock a 14-9 lead. Antonellis kept the scoring drive alive with a 69-yard reception on a third-and-10 play.

"Me and Caleb are basically best friends ever since he got here," Antonellis said. "... We have a really close connection, so it was really good getting on the same page tonight ..."

During the Bruins' game-winning drive, Henderson connected with Antonellis for gains of 22 and 26 yards.

"He stepped up," Poythress said about Antonellis. "They kick on the lights, they're going to have this ribbon-cutting for the field, the media is here and it's a big game, and we wanted to see who would step up when they turned the lights on and he certainly did."

Lake Braddock took a 21-9 lead when Henderson found Vince Sica for a 45-yard touchdown with 8:23 left in the third quarter. Westfield responded on the second play of its ensuing drive when running back Tyler Thrasher-Walker scored on a 61-yard run, cutting the Bruins' lead to 21-16.

Thrasher-Walker carried 26 times for 188 yards. Fullback Evan Gray rushed for 107 yards and a touchdown on five carries. His 78-yard touchdown run in the first quarter tied the score at 7-all.

Lake Braddock running back Trevor O'Brien carried 15 times for 95 yards and a touchdown. Alexander had six catches for 55 yards and Sica finished with three receptions for 51 yards.

Lake Braddock will host Annandale at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 27. Westfield will host Fairfax.

## SPORTS BRIEFS

### Hall of Fame Induction During Hockey Game

Centreville High will host its third annual Play for The Cure field hockey game, Tuesday, Oct. 8, at 7:30 p.m. The Wildcats will vie against Oakton High and will play in honor of Laura A. Beaver, a Centreville teacher who lost her battle with cancer this summer.

She was president of the field hockey officials in Northern Virginia and, during half-time — with her family present — Centreville High will induct her into its Hall of Fame. A plaque will be presented and the Laura A. Beaver Sportsmanship Award will be established. It will be presented annually to a Centreville High varsity field hockey player.

All gate receipts from the Oct. 8 game, plus proceeds from T-shirt sales, will be donated in Beaver's name to the National Foundation for Cancer Research. Anyone

wishing to donate to the NFCR may send a check payable to Centreville High School, with "Laura A. Beaver" written in the memo section, and it will be sent to the NFCR after the game.

Mail checks to Demby Banbury, Centreville High School, 6001 Union Mill Road, Clifton, VA 20124. T-shirts will also be sold during school lunches on Oct. 3, 4, 7 and 8 for \$15.

### Westfield Grad Glennon To Make First NFL Start

Tampa Bay quarterback Mike Glennon, a 2008 Westfield High School graduate, will make his first NFL start Sunday when the Buccaneers host Arizona, according to NFL.com.

ESPN.com ranked Glennon as the No. 3 high school quarterback in the country com-

ing out of Westfield and the No. 32 overall recruit. He led the Bulldogs to an undefeated record and a state championship in 2007.

Glennon played college football at North Carolina State.

Tampa Bay selected Glennon, listed at 6 feet 6, 232 pounds, in the third round of the 2013 NFL Draft

### Chantilly Football Beats South County

The Chantilly football team improved to 3-0 with a 42-34 victory over South County on Sept. 20.

According to stats from the Washington Post's allmetsports.com, Chantilly quarterback David Snyder completed 14 of 27 passes for 318 yards with four touchdown passes and one interception. He also carried 12 times for 24 yards and a score. Raeshawn Smith caught nine passes for 165 yards and a touchdown. Tommy Vance had

two receptions for 81 yards and two scores.

Chantilly has scored at least 41 points in each of its three games.

The Chargers will travel to face Langley at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 27.

### Centreville Football Beats Hayfield

The Centreville football team defeated Hayfield 44-7 on Sept. 20, improving the Wildcats' record to 3-0.

According to the Washington Post's allmetsports.com, Centreville quarterback Scott Walter completed 7 of 11 passes for 162 yards with three touchdowns and one interception. AJ Turner scored two rushing touchdowns and returned a kickoff 85 yards for a score.

Centreville has scored at least 44 points in each of its three games.

The Wildcats will host West Springfield at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 27.



## NEWS

# Siblings Earn Highest Scouting Awards

**C**atherine (Catey) and Christopher Susco of Clifton received Scouting's highest award at a joint Court of Honor Ceremony at St. Timothy's Church on Saturday, Sept. 21.

Catey earned her Gold Award from Girl Scouts and Christopher earned his Eagle Award from Boy Scouts.

Catey's Gold Award project was entitled "Concussion Awareness: Keeping your head in the game." As a freshman Varsity softball player at Paul VI High School in Fairfax, Catey suffered a concussion. From this experience, Catey learned that the knowledge and support for someone who suffers from a concussion needed improvement within her school and community. She produced a video explaining the types of concussions, the effects of suffering such an injury and how to best recover and get back into playing sports after proper healing. In addition, Catey developed and designed posters to be displayed at local schools, hospitals and doctors' offices. She met with high school athletic advisors, athletes and hospital personnel to present her research and video.

Christopher's Eagle Award project was to design and execute a landscaping and beautification effort



Catherine (Catey) and Christopher Susco

at the Grotto to the Blessed Virgin Mary at St. Timothy's School in Chantilly. Christopher developed a plan to install a variety of nearly 50 individual plants. A garden trellis was installed at the entrance to the grotto. The marble statue, concrete benches and brick walkway were all cleaned and power-washed.

Catey and Christopher are the children of Dr. Michelle and Joel Susco of Clifton. Catey is a junior and Christopher is a freshman at Paul VI High School in Fairfax.

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# Raising Funds for Bite Me Cancer

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the kind of role model I like for my daughter."  
"Bite Me Cancer is an organization I look forward

to being a part of for a long time," added Rachel. "Recently, I was able to spend some time with Nikki. I can't believe how much she has done for people; she really inspires me."

## ROUNDUPS

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## NTSB Chair at Woman's Club

The GFWC Western Fairfax County Woman's Club invites area women to meet Deborah A. P. Hersman, chairman of the National Transportation Safety Board. The Chantilly High grad will address the club Tuesday, Oct. 8, at 7 p.m., at the Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road.

Reservations are required; contact Mary Jane at 703-378-4250 or mjhasse331@verizon.net to reserve seating. The public is welcome to meet

Hersman, hear about her experiences, meet the woman's club members, learn about WFCWC activities and enjoy a dessert bar.

## Braddock/Pleasant Valley Roundabout

VDOT will hold a design public hearing Wednesday, Oct. 9, from 6-8 p.m., at Stone Middle School on the controversial plan to build a roundabout at the intersection of Braddock and Pleasant Valley roads in Centreville. Local residents are urged to attend this meeting to make their feelings about this project known. Stone Middle is at 5500 Sully Park Drive in Centreville.

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## Tour of Dispatch Center

The Citizens Advisory Committee of the Sully District Police Station is offering a tour of the McConnell Public Safety and Transportation Operations Center (MPSTOC) – especially the dispatch center. It's set for Wednesday, Oct. 9, from 7:30-9 p.m. Transportation will be provided from the police station to the facility on West Ox Road in Fairfax. For more information, call 703-814-7018 or e-mail fcpsulcpo@fairfaxcounty.gov.

## Election Officers Are Needed

The Fairfax County Office of Elections needs approximately 2,200 election officers – particularly bilingual ones – for the Nov. 5 general election, and it's seeking the public's help. Election officers must be registered voters in Virginia and must complete required training and forms.

Applicants may choose to accept the \$175 payment for a full day's work or volunteer their time. For the application form, go to <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/elections/training/1aAug2013electionofficerappfinal.pdf>.

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# A Peculiar Existence

By KENNETH B. LOURIE



I'm not exactly pretending that I don't have stage IV lung cancer (non-small cell, to be specific), but ever since my hospital admission on August 2nd, I have been treatment-free; no I.V. chemotherapy, no oral medication, no targeted treatment, no nothing. And during this sabbatical (I use that term loosely; being off chemotherapy has been as much about recovering from surgery and recuperating from my hospital "stay-cation" as it was anything necessarily intended), I have progressed from feeling crappy and being short of breath – while being infused previously, to where I have become relatively asymptomatic, breathing normally and for the nearly eight week treatment-free interval mentioned, have felt mostly OK.

But I'm not OK, really. I have incurable lung cancer, the terminal kind (typically the only kind). I have tumors which have metastasized from somewhere else in my body (though a determination as to exactly from where the tumors originated has never been made) and an inevitable fluid build-up in my lung – characteristic of the underlying diagnosis, which has already put me in the hospital once, and given the presumptive reality of the disease, is likely to do so again in the future, and with a less than favorable outcome, according my oncologist.

However, right now – so far as I know and/or has been diagnostically indicated/confirmed, I am living in relative peace (not sure about tranquility though) and able to manage my life well enough to perform all the activities of my daily living and pretend that this break in my cancer-treatment action is not the least bit problematic and possibly even beneficial in some therapeutic way. At least, that's what I tell myself as opposed to worrying that each week that passes when I'm not infused with some pharmaceutical creation, shortens my life expectancy somehow by a corresponding amount of time. Heck, where's the future in that?

Still, the time off between treatment has given me pause – to refresh, so to speak and time to gear up – emotionally and physically, for the next round of treatment outlined in last week's column. On the one hand, I'm sort of relieved (happy would be a bit too naive of a description of how I feel) to be once again taking medication, understanding and respecting the medical reality of the cancer-centric existence I now live – meaning that wishing and hoping the cancer remains dormant/inactive without any treatment is a bit unrealistic. On the other hand, I am ambivalent about forfeiting the relative calm and above-average quality of life that has characterized these last two months. Characterizations that generally don't describe a stage IV lung cancer patient's life in year five post-diagnosis. And though I am exceeding grateful – and incredibly fortunate for the gift of life that I have received, I remain both fearful and appreciative of my status quo. Subject to change, I imagine, and not necessarily for the best, either. Nevertheless, life goes on, and I aim to keep it that way.

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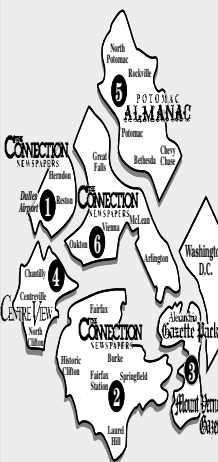
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Participants ride in last year's VTV Gran Fondo fundraiser.

## Cycling for Campus Safety

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ticket at the post-ride festival, entertainment and a commemorative T-shirt. For more information and to register, go to [www.VTVGranFondo.com](http://www.VTVGranFondo.com).

Samaha and his cousin, Tommy Fadoul, are co-chairing the event, with help from Rene Cummings, Marjorie Castro and Brittany Tarzia. Previous VTV Gran Fondos were held in Blacksburg. But, said Samaha, "We wanted to bring it to this area because it's the foundation's home for cycling, and our friends and families are here, plus a lot of Hokie fans and alumni."

This location also enables those unable to travel to Blacksburg to participate. "We hope to have 100 total riders, and we've already nearly doubled last year's total participants," said Samaha. "We have people flying in from as far away as Denver and Miami."

Besides the VTV Cycling Team, also riding will be Monte Frank from Team 26 and the Sandy Hook Riders, known for their "Ride On Washington" in March in honor of the Sandy Hook shooting victims.

"Our annual Gran Fondo ride brings 21<sup>st</sup>-century awareness around the rising, national challenges with school and campus safety," said Centreville's Joseph Samaha, Reema and Omar's father and the foundation's president. "Our plan is to expand this event into a National Campus Safety Awareness Day held in major cities and college campuses annually."

VTV's advocacy has also secured congressional support to fund a National Center for Campus Public Safety in 2014. Learn more at [www.VTVfamilyfoundation.org](http://www.VTVfamilyfoundation.org).

Meanwhile, Omar Samaha is getting ready for the upcoming Gran Fondo. "We started a cycling team a few years ago in the foundation's name to raise money for it, so we've been riding in several races," he said. "In the summer, we ride 50-70 miles



Cousins Tommy Fadoul and Omar Samaha are co-chairing the Oct. 5 event.

almost every, single weekend. But this event is the biggest fundraiser, and doing 100 miles is different. You feel the strain and fatigue during the final 30 miles, but we break it up with five rest stops, plus food and water. The 32-mile route has two rest stops."

Getting outside on a bike is "lots of fun," he said. "You're riding with friends, talking and enjoying each other's company. And at the Gran Fondo, you're doing it while raising money and awareness, so it's very community-oriented."

"We look forward to having everybody together and having a great ride for a great cause," continued Samaha. "We hope everyone can join us on that day to help support the foundation."



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## SATURDAY/SEPT. 28

**Education Summit.** 8 a.m.-noon at Edison High School, 5801 Franconia Road. Parents, students, and community members are invited to attend the fourth annual Education Summit. This free event will focus on a Portrait of a 21st Century Graduate and School System. Fairfax County Public Schools Superintendent Karen Garza will be the keynote speaker. Following the keynote presentation, 10 breakout sessions will focus on skills parents can use to help students

succeed. Interpreters will be available. For information and to register for the Education Summit visit [www.fcps.edu](http://www.fcps.edu).

**Meeting.** 10:30 a.m. at Sully Government Center. John Witt Chapter, National Society Colonial Dame of the Seventeenth Century will meet. Free.

**Consignment Sale.** 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at The nZone, 14550 Lee Road, Chantilly. Browse used clothing, shoes, toys and books for the whole family. Free. Hosted by the Fairfax County Mothers of Multiples. For more information and future sale notifications: [www.fcmm.org](http://www.fcmm.org).

**International Festival.** 11 a.m.-4 p.m. at St. Timothy's Catholic

Church, 13807 Poplar Tree Road, Chantilly. Enjoy games, food, entertainment, exploring a cruiser and more. Free. E-mail [tmiller@sttimothyparish.org](mailto:tmiller@sttimothyparish.org).

## SUNDAY/SEPT. 29

**Car Wash Fundraiser.** The U13 SYA Xplosion Travel Softball team will host a carwash fundraiser at the Shell Gas Station, 5784 Union Mill Road, Clifton, at Union Mill Shopping Center from 1-4 p.m.

## TUESDAY/OCT. 1

**Teen Volunteer Information Night.** 6:30 p.m. at Chantilly Library, 4000

Stringfellow Road. Volunteer Fairfax will show teens how to find agencies in need of volunteers and explore upcoming volunteer opportunities. Hear from teens involved in Volunteer Fairfax Youth Advisory Board. For teens age 12-18. Free.

## WEDNESDAY/OCT. 2

**Breast Cancer Pink Hair Extensions.** 3-8 p.m. at Chantilly High School Academy, room 907, cosmetology. Support Breast Cancer awareness month, extensions for \$10.

## SATURDAY/OCT.5

**Blessing of the Animals.** 10 a.m. at

The Church of the Ascension, 13941 Braddock Road, Centreville. Visit [www.ascension-acc.org](http://www.ascension-acc.org) for more. **Meeting.** Lane's Mill Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) members will meet at 5501 Sully Park Drive, Centreville. Prospective members are welcome to attend and should contact [haynes2va@yahoo.com](mailto:haynes2va@yahoo.com) for more information.

## SUNDAY/OCT. 6

**Celebration.** 8 a.m. or 11 a.m. at Greater Little Zion Baptist Church, 10185 Zion Drive, Fairfax. A reception will follow the 11 a.m. service. Free.

## CALENDAR

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**Storytime.** 1:30 p.m. at Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Children age 3-5 can enjoy stories and more. Free. Registration required. 703-502-3883.

## WEDNESDAY/OCT. 2

**Mystery Book Group.** 7 p.m. at Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Adults call for title. Free. Registration required. 703-502-3883.

**Starlight Storytime.** 7 p.m. at Centreville Regional Library, 14200 St. Germain Drive. Children of all ages can wear pajamas and bring a favorite stuffed friend and enjoy stories and fun. Free. Registration required. 703-830-2223.

## THURSDAY/OCT. 3

**Small wonders.** 11 a.m. at Centreville Library, 14200 St. Germain Drive. Children ages 13-23 months can enjoy stories and activities. Free. 703-830-2223.

**Teen Book Club.** 7 p.m. at Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. For teens in grades 7-9. Call for title. Free. 703-502-3883.

## FRIDAY/OCT. 4

**Bouncin' Babies.** 3 p.m. at Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Babies up to 11 months can enjoy rhymes, songs, stories and more. Free. Registration required. 703-502-3883.

**Small Wonders.** 4 p.m. at Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Children ages 12-23 months can enjoy rhymes, songs and more. Free. Registration required. 703-502-3883.

## SATURDAY/OCT. 5

**Star Wars Reads Day.** 10 a.m. at Chantilly Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Children ages 6-9 can celebrate reading and all things Star Wars. Special guest appearances by Star Wars characters. Free. 703-502-3883.

**Thriving Three to Fives.** 10:30 a.m. at Centreville Regional Library, 14200 St. Germain Drive. Children age 3-5 can enjoy stories and activities. Free. Registration required. 703-830-2223.

## MONDAY/OCT. 7

**Night of Hope Fundraiser.** 5-10 p.m. at Dolce Veloce Wine Bar, 10826 Fairfax Blvd., Fairfax. BethAnn Telford, who has been fighting brain cancer since 2005, is donating 100 percent of the \$20 door fee, cash tips and a percentage of the food and drinks to the cause. Guest bartenders and raffle prizes.


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Capital Worship Center...703-530-8100  
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