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### News

# Chantilly Woman Dies in Crash

A 39-year-old Chantilly woman died Friday, Oct. 4, following an early morning car crash. The incident occurred around 2 a.m. on Route 50 near Sullyfield Circle in Chantilly.

According to Fairfax County police, Erika Alvarado of Lufthansa Circle was driving a 2012 Nissan Versa east on Route 50 in the center lane when she lost control of the vehicle, ran off the road to the right and struck a pole. She was pronounced dead at the scene.

Her passenger, a 29-year-old man, was transported to Inova Fairfax Hospital and was listed in stable condition. No other vehicles were involved. Police say preliminary investigation revealed that "speed and alcohol may have been factors in the crash."

Crash Reconstruction Unit detectives are still investigating. Anyone with information is asked to contact Crime solvers at 1-866-411-TIPS/8477, e-mail www.fairfaxcrimesolvers.org, text "TIP187" plus a message to CRIMES/274637 or call police at 703-691-2131.

### Head-on Crash Kills Man

64-year-old man died last Friday afternoon, Oct. 4, after his vehicle was struck head-on by a driver traveling the wrong way on McLearen Road in Oak Hill. The victim was Chris Reams of Sterling

Fairfax County police say a 19-year-old male was driving a 2012 Honda Civic west on McLearen, near Cobra Drive, around 3:50 p.m. Then, for reasons unknown, the vehicle drove off the road and reentered McLearen, heading west in the eastbound lanes.

As a result, it struck a 2000 Honda Civic driven by Reams, head-on. Both drivers were taken to a local hospital where Reams died. Police aren't releasing the name and city of the teen unless he's charged in connection with this incident.

The exact cause of the crash is still under investigation by the police Crash Reconstruction Unit and charges may be pending. However, police say initial findings didn't indicate that alcohol was a factor.

### Free Teen Driving Program

Ford Motor Company, in partnership with the Governors Highway Safety Assn., will hold a free Driving Skills For Life event for teen drivers at Dulles International Airport, this Saturday-Sunday, Oct. 12-13. It gives teens an opportunity to get real-world, driving instruction from professional drivers.

It'll be held in the Purple Public Parking Economy Lot at 44930 Rudder Road in Dulles. There are two sessions/day: Session 1-7:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. and Session 2-1-5:30 p.m. Registration is limited and signed consent forms are required. Go to www.drivingskillsforlife.com. Teens must bring the signed form and their driver's license or permit with them.

# Free Carseat Inspections

Certified technicians from the Sully District Police Station will perform free, child safety carseat inspections Thursday, Oct. 10 and Oct. 24, 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.

### Fire Stations Hold Open House

All Fairfax County fire stations will hold Fire Prevention Open Houses this Saturday, Oct. 12, from 10 a.m.-4 p.m., and the public is welcome. It's part of national Fire Prevention Week and is aimed at preventing home fires — especially those that begin in the kitchen.

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The dancers of Buenos Aires in Chantilly High's production of "Evita."

# 'Don't Cry for Me, Argentina'

# Chantilly High presents the musical, 'Evita.'

By Bonnie Hobbs Centre View

eaturing a cast and crew of 70, Chantilly High presents the musical, "Evita," about the life of Argentine political leader Eva Peron. The curtain rises Wednesday-Saturday, Oct. 16-19, at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$12 at the door or \$10 via www.chantillyhsdrama.com.

"All the students have put in an amazing amount of time and energy and I'm proud of all their hard work," said Director Shannon Khatcheressian. "I can't wait for an audience to appreciate it, as well. And the music is so notable; it's one of Andrew Lloyd Webber's classics."

Her sister-in-law, Molly Khatcheressian, will conduct the pit orchestra, and Choral Director Evan Ayars is the music director. "The show's a good mixture of theater and choral kids, so it's been a great opportunity to collaborate with him and the choral program," said Shannon Khatcheressian.

Senior Amanda Mason plays the lead role and, said Khatcheressian, "I'm thrilled because she's so talented and dedicated to perfecting her craft that she makes directing the show a truly enjoyable experience." She said the audience will also love the "brilliant costuming and bright, fun, colorful choreography. And the storyline is based on a true, historical figure, and everyone likes to see underdogs making their way to the top."

The students have been rehearsing six days a week, including seven hours on Saturdays, since school started in September. "It's a difficult show to tackle because the music's so complex, there's a lot of choreography and so many different scenes to stage," explained Khatcheressian, who did the choreography. There's also a slew of quick costume changes, including 22 just for Evita, but Khatcheressian says the finished product promises to be extraordinary.

Evita's an affectionate name for Eva Peron, and Mason describes her character as Argentina's spiritual leader. "She's shown from age 15 and a brown-

haired peasant living in the sticks," said Mason. "She later has a relationship with Magaldi, a musician who wants to go to Buenos Aires, the 'Big Apple' of Argentina, where it's vibrant, colorful and lively and everyone's somebody and rich."

Peron accompanies him; but once there, said Mason, "All the men think she's something special, so she ditches Magaldi and becomes a model and a radio host and becomes relatively well-off. She then meets Juan Peron, who's going to be the new leader of Argentina, and likes the idea of having more riches and power. They love each other, so they marry and rule Argentina together; and the poor people adore Evita because she gives them money and other things they don't have."

Mason said Evita's extremely complicated, passion

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Amanda Mason as Evita, speaking to the crowd at the Casa Rosada as Che (Michael Mason) questions her motives.



# News

# RACEMAP



Map of the 5K route.

# BB&T 5K Run/Walk Is Oct. 13

he First Annual BB&T 5K will be held this Sunday, Oct. 13, at the Fairfax Corner shopping center. The 1K Fun Run starts at 8:30 a.m., followed by the 5K Run/Walk at 9 a.m. The 5K course is USATF-certified. The awards ceremony is set for 10:15 a.m. Prizes will be given to the top three overall finishers and for first, second and third places in various age catego-

ries. Proceeds benefit Northern Virginia Family Services. Pre-register at www.bbt5k.com#registertoday Section until Friday, Oct. 11, at noon, or on Saturday, Oct. 12, from noon-6 p.m., at the Pacers Running Store, 10427 North St. in Fairfax. Race-day registration will be from 7-8:15 a.m. Costs are: 1K Fun Run (children, 14 and under), \$20; 5K Run/Walk, \$35.



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CONECTION NEWSPAPERS





# Music, Dancing, Exercise Help Local Community

Zumbathon in Chantilly to raise money for WFCM.

> BY BONNIE HOBBS Centre View

hantilly's Kelly Joedicke-Lawrence is a certified Zumba instructor and, for the past few years, she's held a Zumbathon fundraiser for breast-cancer research.ºBut this year, her Zumba group voted to instead help a local charity.

"I saw the article in Centre View a few weeks ago about WFCM [Western Fairfax Christian Ministries] and the need for people to hold fundraisers for them, especially around the holidays," said Joedicke-Lawrence. "So WFCM seemed like a perfect choice."

The event is set for Saturday, Oct. 19, from 7-8:30 p.m. (registration, 6:30 p.m.) at Cheer Tyme Chantilly, o14110 Sullyfield Circle, Suite C, in Chantilly. Tickets are \$10 and 100 percent of the proceeds will go to WFCM. Children ages 10 and up are welcome to attend. Anyone planning to parshould ticipate RSVP gozumbafun@gmail.com.



Some members of Kelly Joedicke-Lawrence's Zumba class are (from left) Evonne Spiewak, Tanya Meyers, Kathy Fritzke, Lindsey Skowronsky, Cissy Ayona and Tracy Calvert.

"I've been in touch with [WFCM's Community Outreach Manager] Jennie Bush and we have it all set," said Joedicke-Lawrence. "I'll teach for free and Cheer Tyme has generously agreed to donate the space for the event."

Besides the ticket price, people may also make additional donations to WFCM, if they desire. All proceeds will go toward WFCM's Client-Assistance Program, which provides food, clothes and emergency assistance to Centreville, Chantilly and Clifton families in need.

"No dance or Zumba experience is needed just a desire to have fun and help a most worthy charity," said Joedicke-Lawrence. "The movements are repetitive and easy to follow, so people can catch on pretty quickly. I'm hoping we can draw a decent-sized crowd to make this successful." Zumba is a Latin music-based dance/exercise program. "It includes salsa and reggae, but we use music from all different genres - Irish, rock, country, Top 40, etc," said Joedicke-Lawrence. "It's dancing and working out at the same time."

PARTICIPANTS in the Oct. 19 class should wear comfortable clothing, such as T-shirts, shorts and sneakers. They may also bring water and a small towel. The floor is padded, so no mats are needed.

As for Bush and WFCM Executive Director Melissa Jansen, they couldn't be happier about the upcoming fundraiser. "We are grateful to Kelly and her efforts for the Zumbathon," said Jansen. "The proceeds will allow us to serve clients with food, clothing and financial assistance. Last year,

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agency may not be able to respond to inquiries until appropriations are enacted."

No update is required to the CDC recommendation that

every child, woman and man over the age of six months be vaccinated for the flu every year, preferably by October.

Virginia and Maryland are both reporting confirmed cases of influenza at a "sporadic" level. Since it takes two weeks for the vaccine to take full effect, now is the time to be vaccinated if you haven't yet had the shot.

Every year, 5-to-20 percent of U.S. residents become sick with the flu, with 200,000 hospi-

### Get One

Flu shots are available on a walk-in basis at most pharmacies including Walgreen, CVS, Rite Aid, Giant, Safeway and independent pharmacies; most urgent care clinics and at area hospitals.

talizations. Children are especially vulnerable with about 20,000 children under the age of 5 hospitalized. Depending on the severity of the flu in a given year, from 1976 to 2006, estimates of annual deaths ranged from 3,000 to a high of about 49,000, according to the CDC.

Remember that getting the flu shot is also community service. You might be strong and healthy and think that you will not suffer too much if you get the flu. But everyone has contact with people in the high-risk groups: people over 65, children under 5, pregnant women, people with other illnesses. So have your shot to protect other people.

# Deadline to Register to Vote, Oct. 15

To vote on Election Day, you must be registered at your current address no later than Oct.

### **INOVA CLINICS**

Inova Alexandria Hospital, Every Friday 3-6 p.m. until Dec. 13 (not Nov. 29)

HEC Rm 1 & 2, 4320 Seminary Road, Alexandria, VA 22304

Inova Fair Oaks Hospital, Every Saturday 1-4 p.m. until Dec. 14, Medical Plaza Building Conference Room A, 3700 Joseph Siewick Drive, Fairfax, VA 22033

Inova Fairfax Hospital, Every Saturday until Dec. 14, 9 a.m. - noon, The Atrium, 3300 Gallows Road, Falls Church, VA 22042

Inova Mount Vernon Hospital Every Tuesday until Dec 17, 9 a.m. - noon, Hospital Lobby, 2501 Parker's Lane, Alexandria, VA 22306

Inova HealthPlex –Lorton Every Sunday until Dec.15, 1–3 p.m. Conference Room, 9321 Sanger Street, Lorton, VA 22079

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### Letter

### What Eid-ul-Adha Is All About

To the Editor:

Eid is the Arabic word which literally means "feast, festival, or holiday." Eid-ul Adha is celebrated on the 10th day of Dhul Hijjah, which is the last month of the Islamic calendar. This year the date corroborates with Oct. 15 or 16 of the Gregorian calendar. The holiday is celebrated by Muslims around the world in which they are required to sacrifice an animal commemorating the willingness by Prophet Abraham to sacrifice his son, Ishmael.

Narrating the above incident, the Qur'an relates, "And when he was old enough to run along with him, he said, "O my dear son, I have seen in a dream that I offer thee in sacrifice. So consider what thou thinkest of it. He replied, "O my father, do as thou art commanded; thou wilt find me, if God please, steadfast in my faith" (37:103)

Abraham was so obedient to God that he did not hesitate a bit when he was asked to sacrifice his only son, whom God gave him at a very old age. Children are dearest to a parent. The thought that Prophet Abraham was ever ready to sacrifice his son gives me goose bumps. But it was only a test from God and Abraham along with Ishmael passed this test and

proved to God that they have truly submitted to His will. He did not have to sacrifice his son in reality. It was only a practical demonstration of his intention and preparedness to sacrifice his son. It eliminated the tradition of sacrificing of a son, which was a common practice carried out at that time.

In most Muslim countries, people sacrifice an animal on the day of Eid after they come home from the congregational prayer. The meat from the slaughtered animal is divided in three parts, one for the poor, one for the friends and family, and one part for themselves. Although it is indeed a day of celebration, we must not forget its origin. For most of us celebrating a holiday means getting gifts, meeting families, putting on new clothes, and eating good food, but we shouldn't forget the real meaning of Eid-ul-Adha, that is, sacrifice.

We can make different kinds of sacrifices. We can sacrifice our time or money, or both. We can volunteer our time at various organizations and donate money to different causes. We should keep the spirit of sacrifice going that makes people and their faiths strong.

**Saba Amjad** Chantilly



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### **FALL FESTIVAL SCHEDULE**

Festival is Back. Fall Festival at Cox Farms, 15621 Braddock Road, Centreville. Enjoy going down the faster, 144-foot slide, multiple slides, children's activities, food and more are available. The festival will be open through Tuesday, Nov. 5 from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. (closing at 5 p.m. in November.) Pumpkin Madness will be Nov. 2-3 from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Visit www.coxfarms.com for more

### FIELDS OF FEAR SCHEDULE

Get Scared. Fields of Fear at Cox Farms, 15621 Braddock Road, Centreville is back. Go through a haunted corn maze, take a hayride or go down a slide. Runs Friday and Saturday nights through Nov. 2 with a bonus night on Sunday, Oct. 13. Hours are 7:30-11:30 p.m. with last admission at 10 p.m. (earlier if sold out.) Visit www.fieldsoffear.com for tickets, map and more.

### SATURDAY/OCT. 12

Step Out Walk. 7 a.m.-2 p.m. at Fairfax Corner. The Walk will benefit the American Diabetes Assocition. RSVP to Michelle lyem at mplyem@diabetes.org or 202-331 8303 ext. 4514.

Flea Market. 8 a.m.-1 p.m. at Oakton Baptist Church, 14001 Sullyfield

Peaceful Paws. 10:30 a.m. at

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### WEDNESDAY/OCT. 9

Public Hearing. 6-8 p.m. at Ormond Stone Middle School, 5500 Sully Park Drive. Listen to ideas on Braddock/ Pleasant Valley. Free. Contact  $meeting\_comments@vdot.virginia.gov$ for information.

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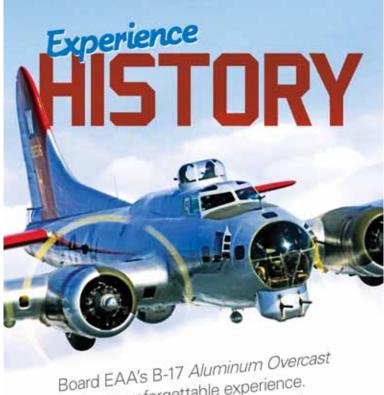
Meeting. 7:30 p.m. at Fairview Elementary School, 5815 Ox Road, Fairfax Station. The Republican Women of Clifton meeting will feature Craig Rucker. Free. Visit www.cliftongop.com for more.

### THURSDAY/OCT. 17

Public Hearing. 7-9 p.m. at Little River Elementary School, 43464 Hyland Hills St., South Riding. Listen to ideas on Braddock/Pleasant Valley. Free. Contact meeting\_comments@vdot.virginia.gov for information.

### FRIDAY/OCT. 18

Fellowship Dinner. Reception at 6:30 p.m., dinner at 7 p.m. at Fairfax Marriott at Fair Oaks. Hosted by Western Fairfax Christian Ministries, the keynote speaker is Star Parker, the founder and president of the Center for Urban Renewal and Education, a non-profit think tank which promotes market-based public policy to fight poverty. Visit www.wfcmva.org to make a



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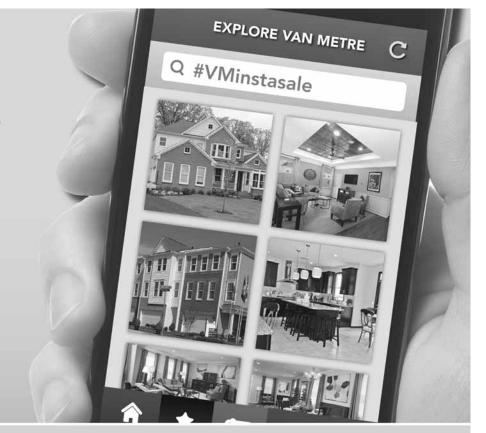


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# Chantilly High To Present 'Evita.'

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ate, authoritative, a bit self-centered, generous and loving. "She's charming, but can also be manipulative," said Mason. "She's confident, knows what she wants and is willing to do what it takes to get it."

Calling this part "a blast," Mason said it's "daunting because she was an actual person. So I did lots of research to see how she moved and spoke. It's the most dramatic role I've ever played, and I like putting my acting skills to the test to take her from ages 15-33. "

Her favorite song's the iconic "Don't Cry for Me, Argentina," which she sings while wearing a huge, white dress and looking down from a balcony. "It's a love song from her to Argentina, and it's touching and extremely intimate — which she's not known for," said Mason. "So it's interesting to see her show her emotions and vulnerability."

"Evita's" such a dramatic show, she said. that "I think everyone will love seeing this amazing spectacle. With the music, costumes and scenery, it's an epic-type production and a huge undertaking for high-school performers."

Portraying Che Guevara is junior Michael Mason (no relation to Amanda). "He was an Argentine Marxist who helped organize the Cuban revolution and Cuban Missile Crisis and was good friends with Castro,"

said Mason. "He's an embodiment of the Juan stands by Eva when others aren't," he people, narrates the story and, somewhat, is Eva's conscience."

Mason said Guevara "criticizes Eva because she's not a great political leader and views her as a hypocrite who doesn't follow the ideals she says she has. So Che provides his own view of what she's really like beneath the glamour and fame."

He's enjoying his role because "I get to be sarcastic and mean and sing interesting and entertaining songs." He likes his number, "And the Money Kept Rolling In," because it's "really high-energy, challenging vocally, fast and upbeat." Mason said the show has a variety of musical genres and the audience will love every song.

Senior Austin Vassallo plays Juan Peron. "He was a military colonel who becomes president of Argentina," said Vassallo. "He meets Evita at a charity concert and falls in love. He's kind and for the people, and he fights for Evita when the aristocracy and military don't like her. He stands by her, his whole life."

Vassallo said he gets "a sense of power giving speeches to lots of people from a balcony. And working with Amanda is great - she's really talented. It's also my first, big role at Chantilly, so it's exciting." His favorite song is "She's a Diamond," his main solo. "It's when things are going bad, but

said. "I really get into that song and feel

Vassallo called the story "powerful and moving, with the revolution, and Eva's rise to power is inspiring. And the big ensemble numbers are awesome and fun to watch."

Portraying Augustin Magaldi is junior Jason Saitta. "He's the show's 'heartthrob," said Saitta. "Eva used men to make her way to the top, and he was the first man with a substantial amount of power that she did this to. He's a suave, tango singer and a really sleazy guy." "I couldn't think of a better character to play," continued Saitta. "I feel I can fit myself into his shoes. It can be challenging, at times; but overall, it's really fun." He also likes his song, "On this Night of 1,000 Stars," because "it's a tango and comedic relief the way Magaldi over-exaggerates as much as possible."

Saitta also praised the show's tech crew. Mia Rickenbach designed the set and, said Saitta, "The attention to detail is incredible. She even has 'Juan Peron for President' posters." Scenes take place inside a 1930s Argentinian bar and the president's mansion, plus on a balcony.

"And we have a great sound and light crew, plus hair and makeup people to pull it all together," he added. "It's going to be an amazing show."

### Roundups

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Firefighters and paramedics will have displays and activities emphasizing fire safety, and children will be able to explore fire engines and ambulances. Locally, stations participating are Centreville Station 17 on Old Centreville Road, West Centreville Station 38 at Stone Road and ODay Drive, Station 15 on Walney Road in Chantilly, and Station 21 on Route 50 in Fair Oaks.

### Clifton Day: Oct. 13

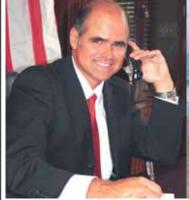
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### WFCCA Land-Use

The next meeting of the West Fairfax County Citizens Association (WFCCA) Land-Use Committee is Tuesday, Oct. 15, at 7 p.m., in the Sully District Governmental Center, 4900 Stonecroft Blvd., in Chantilly.

The agenda includes Centreville Presbyterian Church's proposal to add a private school for grades K-12. The panel will also hear a proposal for an assisted-living facility with a component devoted to individuals with Alzheimer's and dementia.

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# CENTREVILLE DAY

# Parade, Children's Activities, Crafts, Music and Food

Centreville Day Festivities set for Saturday, Oct. 19.

> By Bonnie Hobbs Centre View

et ready — the 21st annual Centreville Day celebration is almost here. Slated for Saturday, Oct. 19, in Centreville's Historic District, it features a parade, music, a 5K, live entertainment, crafts, children's games and rides, food — who's up for fried Oreos? — and fun for all ages.

"People should come to Centreville Day to celebrate, relax and enjoy a great community event," said event Chairman Cheryl Repetti. "The Centreville Day Planning Committee makes a conscious effort to create lots of free activities that families can enjoy without spending a small fortune to keep the kids entertained. We hope it also encourages people to patronize the businesses in our marketplace and get an early start on their holiday shopping."

### **ZOMBIE SLOUCH**

The fun kicks off at 9 a.m. with the second annual Zombie Slouch Family 5K Fun Run and Walk, outside St. John's Episcopal Church, 5649 Mount Gilead Road in Centreville. Race check-in starts at 8 a.m. at the church.

The event benefits the DC Candlelighters

Childhood Cancer Foundation, dedicated to supporting families with children who are battling cancer or have been treated for cancer. And runners, walker and pets are encouraged to come in Halloween or historical costumes.

Besides awards given to the fastest male, female and child under 12, prizes will be given for the most creative adult costume and most creative child costume. Registration is \$25 for runners; \$20, walkers; and \$60, families, until Oct. 18, via www.DCcandlelighters.org or www.CentrevilleVA.org.

Participants will go from St. John's to Wharton Lane to Pickwick Road, turning onto Leland Road to Colin Powell Elementary. They'll turn around there and return west along Leland to Pickwick, to Braddock and then to Mt. Gilead and the finish line at St. John's.

### **PARADE**

A Centreville Day tradition for 21 years, the parade is organized and overseen by the veterans of American Legion Post 1995 and now boasts a new route and later start time. Costumes, pets, floats, decorated bicycles and scooters, and other inventive entries are welcome. Registration is free at www.CentrevilleVA.org.

Parade participants will gather at the end of Wharton Lane at 11:15 a.m. and begin their journey shortly before noon. They'll proceed west on Wharton into the heart of the Historic District, passing the stage, con

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**G&C Tire & Auto owners Greg and Christina Caldwell sponsor the free children's rides at Centreville Day.** 



The Chantilly Academy Air Force JROTC Color Guard will again be in the parade.

### Making Centreville a Hometown

Centreville Day Chairman Cheryl Repetti explains what Centreville Day means to her and why local residents should attend.

Pat Lawless, one of the people who founded Centreville Day, used to say Centreville Day helped make Centreville a "hometown," and I believe that's true. That's what this year's theme is about, "Preserving the Past to Enrich the Future." If you know the history of a place, it helps connect you to it and helps make it "home" in a way that means more than the place you happen to sleep most nights.

Like most people who live in Centreville today, I wasn't born here; but knowing the history — and seeing the historic buildings and sites that are still here — enriches my feeling that this is my home now. It lets me see more clearly my place in this community, now and in the future.

Centreville Day also celebrates the present and the future Centreville. It's a great opportunity to come out and see and meet the folks who are your neighbors and are part of this community, even if they don't live in your particular neighborhood.

It's also a great opportunity to meet the businesses and organizations that work in the community. Not that we don't welcome folks from all over, but there is a solid cadre of local businesses, local churches, crafters, home sales folks and so forth.

Similarly, at the Showmobile stage, you get to see a lot of local talent, mostly young people. I think it's really wonderful to see how many young people and adults participate in the performing arts, and it's great to give them a chance to perform.

Many of those who live and work here help us organize Centreville Day. Come to the event and you'll see our Gold Sponsors, Greg and Christina Caldwell, handing out wrist bands for free children's rides. But what you don't see is that one of their employees, Cindy Ayer, comes to all our planning meetings.

Mark Reynolds at Sign-a-Rama not only makes our signs, he and his colleague Tom came out and put up the banner for us. Raul Berrios of RulyScapes bush-hogs the vendor parking area and his daughter Sarah sings the National Anthem for us. The ladies at Alpha Delta Kappa, the gentlemen of American Legion Post 1995, Karen Waltman, Meg Crossett, Marla Gebaide, Jim Daniels, Ted McCord, our 18<sup>th</sup> century swordmaster, Charlie Anderson: these people come to our committee and bring not only themselves and their skills, but their networks, and we build the day from there.

Organizing Centreville Day is a lot like those old Mickey Rooney-Judy Garland movies where Mickey says, "Come on kids, let's put on a play!" All these people come together and work with a common purpose and make it happen.

It's a lot of work, and, because we want to make the day a success, it can be stressful at times; but it's also — and this may sound corny — inspiring. And that's what being part of a community, of a hometown, is: inspiring.

— Cheryl Repetti, Chairman, Centreville Day



Some of last year's attendees in the Centreville Historic District.

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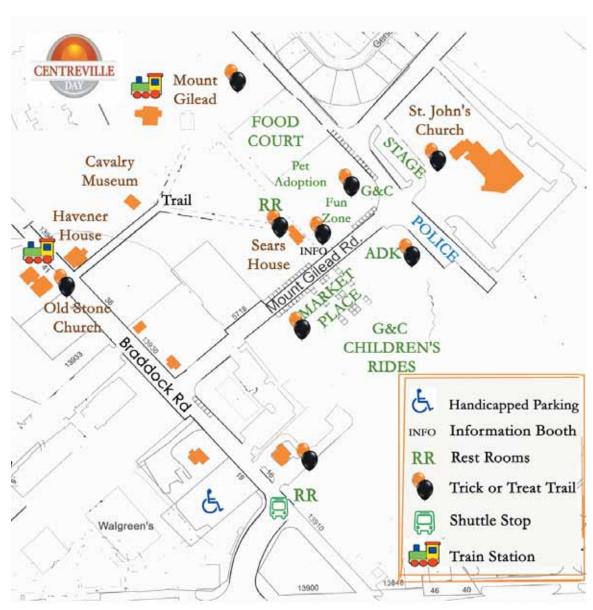
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# CENTREVILLE DAY



# Centreville Day Fun for All

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tinuing along Mount Gilead and Braddock roads, winding up at Braddock and

Pickwick roads. Prizes will be awarded in various categories, including Most Patriotic and Most Enthusiastic groups, and the public is encouraged to line the parade route and cheer on the participants. Fire engines from Centreville Volunteer Fire Station 17 will lead the parade,

followed by the Chantilly Acad-

emy Air Force JROTC Color

Guard. Other parade entries include SYA cheerleaders, members of the Chantilly Academy Air Force JROTC, Girl Scout and Brownie troops, Burke VFW, G&C Automotive and Centreville Dance Theatre. There's still time to

join the parade. Registration is requested, but there click on the green button for a variety of jobs on the are no fees.

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### PARKING, VOLUNTEERING

Centreville Day runs from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. in His-

toric Centreville Park in the Centreville Historic District, 5714 Mount Gilead Road. The theme is "Preserving the Past to Enrich the Future."

Admission is free, and free remote parking will be at the Trinity Centre, 5860 Trinity Parkway. Shuttle buses provided by Centreville Baptist Church will take people to and from the festivities in the Historic District.

This event is organized by the Friends of Historic Centreville in partnership with the Fairfax County Park Authority and the Centreville Day Planning Committee. It helps raise money for historic preservation and Historic Centreville Park. More information is www.centrevilleva.org.

Students and Scouts may obtain service hours by volunteering at Centreville Day. Sign up at www.CentrevilleVA.org and

day of the event. Or contact volunteer coordinator Karen Waltman at volunteer@centrevilleva.org



Pets in costume are welcome

in both the Zombie Slouch

and parade.

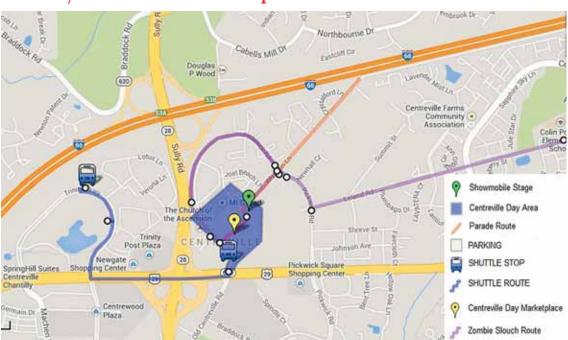
New features of Centreville Day 2013 include a climbing wall, mini history train, tight-rope walker,

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# CENTREVILLE DAY

### Shuttle, Parade and Race map



### Entertainment Lineup

Performing on the Showmobile Stage in the Centreville Historic District will

- $\diamondsuit$  11 a.m. Creative Dance Center jazz, tap and lyrical dance.
- ❖ 11:30 a.m. Dawn King's Not Just Dance.
- ❖ 12:30 p.m. The Alliance Theatre performing songs from its upcoming, November show, "The Little Mermaid Jr."
- 1 p.m. Centreville Dance Theatre.
- 1 p.iii. Gentrevine Dance Theatre.
  1:30 p.m. Stephon Morton's NOVA Wushu Academy.
  2 p.m. DJ Myra Flemister will play music and interact with the crowd.
  2:45 p.m. Harmony Road Music.
- ❖ 3:15 p.m. Hallelujah Mission Tae Kwon Do demonstration.

Additional performers to be announced will fill the late-afternoon slots.



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# CENTREVILLE DAY



Martial arts demonstrations are always a hit with the audience.

> Creative Dance Center's Performing Troupe will again entertain.



# Centreville Day Brings People Together in Fun

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pet adoption and nZone Fun Zone. Three new historic signs describing the history of the Newgate Tavern will be dedicated. Gourmet dumplings, hot coffee, hot chocolate, fruit smoothies and fried Oreos are new at the food court.

### AWARDS, ENTERTAINMENT

Opening ceremonies are at 10:30 a.m. Westfield High sophomore Sara Berrios returns to sing the National Anthem. Supervisor Michael R. Frey (R-Sully) will present the Centreville Day Citizen of the Year and other awards.

DJ Myra Flemister leads a lineup of local talent on the Showmobile Stage, beginning with the Creative Dance Center's Performing Troupe doing an energetic show of jazz, tap and lyrical dance. Next will be Dawn King's Not Just Dance, followed by The Alliance Theatre performing songs from its upcoming show, "The Little Mermaid Jr."

Other entertainers will include the Centreville Dance Theatre, NOVA Wushu Academy, Harmony Road Music and Hallelujah Mission Tae Kwon Do.

### SHOPPING, CRAFTS

The community marketplace will offer a wide array of items from crafters, businesses, churches and other organizations. Handmade crafts range from jewelry by Brenap Jewelry and Vintage Star, to American Doll clothes and pillows from Lisa Reilly, wooden items created by Kenyon's Designs,

clothing from Original Jean Creations and Lee Ann Designs, plus nursing wear for new moms. Local businesses will also help attendees remodel their homes, find new ones, improve their health and manage their finances.

### **FOOD**

A food court features local restaurants and festival fare, including dumplings from Food Is Good, street tacos from Coyote Grill and a variety of barbecue items from Smokes BBQ. Mrs. P's Concessions will offer funnel cakes, hot dogs and hamburgers, and Chick-Fil-A will provide chicken sandwiches. Tinsley's Novelty Drinks will sell hot, gourmet coffees plus fruit smoothies and snacks including fried fudgy pies and fried Oreos.

### CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES

Gold Sponsor G & C Tire & Auto is again providing wristbands for free children's rides. The fun includes a climbing wall for older children and a fire-engine moonbounce for younger ones.

Attendees are encouraged to don Halloween costumes and follow the Trick or Treat Trail through the Historic District and marketplace. Stop at Virginia Heritage Bank's table to pick up a bag for collecting treats.

Korean Central Presbyterian Church will again offer cotton candy. Many other sponsors and vendors are also participating in the Trick or Treat Trail. Look for the pumpkin sign and stop at the information booth, at Mount Gilead, the Old Stone Church, and the Spindle Sears House.

Miss Charlotte and other women of Alpha Delta Kappa will return to the children's area with their Faces of Centreville contest, as well as old-fashioned activities such as tug of war, sack races, making pot holders, knitting and reading stories. They'll also give away gently used children's books while supplies last.

Face painting will be available and, next to the Spindle Sears House, the nZone Fun Zone will offer corn-hole games, ladder ball, Jenga, Legos, a water duck game, craft activities, coloring and balloons.

### **SPONSORS**

Sponsors include G& C Auto, Korean Central Presbyterian Church, Virginia Heritage Bank, Apple Federal Credit Union, Burke & Herbert Bank, Kiddie Academy, Remax Elegance, Centreville Preschool Inc., Bryan Hunt CPA, Centre View, Village Storage, Fairfax County Park Authority, Centreville Sign-a-Rama, RulyScapes, Republic Services, the Trinity Centre and Centre Square Professional Park. Wellspring Church provides DJ Myra Flemister, and the Historic Centreville Society sponsors the Swordmasters of the 18th Century.

### PET ADOPTION

People may find their "fur-ever friend" at Centreville Day. The Friends of Homeless Animals will hold a pet adoption under the trees between the Spindle Sears House and the food court, near the nZone Fun Zone.

### HISTORICAL ACTIVITIES

At 2 p.m., three new historical signs will be dedicated at the Newgate Tavern site on Braddock Road. Attendees may also take a ride on the Park Authority's mini history train and discover the treasures of Centreville's Historic District. The guided ride will travel between "stations" at Mount Gilead and the Old Stone Church; tickets are \$3.

A van tour of Civil War Centreville for ages 12 and up will start from Ellanor C. Lawrence Park at 1 p.m. It features the Stuart-Mosby Museum, Mount Gilead and Centreville's Civil War fortifications. Register at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/ecl.

For those preferring a walking tour, Ghost Tours will meet at the Spindle Sears House at 5714 Mount Gilead Road. These not-so-scary tours examine the stories of ghosts, murder and lost love. Check the Centreville Day website or stop by the information booth for further details.

On the Mount Gilead lawn, discover tight-rope-walker extraordinaire Jody Evans. Or take part in hands-on activities including candle-dipping and making quill pens and walnut ink. In addition, The Swordmasters of the 18th Century — Charlie Anderson and his son John — will offer fencing lessons

On Braddock Road, the Old Stone Church and the Stuart-Mosby Cavalry Museum will be open for tours. Enjoy a Ploughman's lunch or purchase baked treats at the church, or chat informally with the knowledgeable docents at the museum.





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Mason Scoville and the Westfield football team will travel to face Centreville on Friday, Oct. 11.

# Centreville Football To Host Westfield

The Centreville football team will host Westfield at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 11 in a battle of teams ranked in the Washington Post's top 10.

Centreville is undefeated and ranked No. 3, behind DeMatha and Quince Orchard. The Wildcats have dominated opponents during their 5-0 start, beating West Potomac, T.C. Williams, Hayfield, West Springfield and Chantilly by a combined score of 244-30. Last week, the Wildcats opened conference play with a 42-0 victory against Chantilly.

Westfield is 4-1 and ranked No. 8. The Bulldogs' lone defeat was a 28-24 loss to Lake Braddock, which is ranked No. 4. Last week, Westfield beat Stone Bridge 30-6.

# Westfield, Chantilly Field Hockey Playing Well

The Westfield field hockey team improved to 13-2 with a 7-1 victory against Herndon on Oct. 8. The Bulldogs are ranked No. 4 in the Washington Post's top 10.

Westfield will travel to face Robinson on Oct. 17.

Chantilly lost to Robinson 1-0 on Monday, but Chargers' record is 10-4 — an improvement over last year's 8-9-1 campaign.

Chantilly will travel to face Herndon at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 10

### SCHOOL NOTES

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

**Chris Jones,** of Centreville, finished 16th to lead McDaniel College to a 25th-place at the annual Paul Short Run hosted by Lehigh in men's cross country action on Saturday. Jones turned in McDaniel's sixth-best time on the 8,000-meter course. His time of 27:15 has only been bettered by four other Green Terror men on the course and is the best time since 2009 in the sophomore's first 8K of the season.

**Shannon Casey**, Class of 2016, is a member of the Denison University women's soccer team. Shannon is a graduate of Westfield High School.

**Meredith Rigby**, of Clifton, has been elected 2014 class senator of the Student Government Association by the Susquehanna University student body.

# Chantilly Football Blanked by Centreville

The Chantilly football team lost to Centreville 42-0 on Oct. 4.

The Chargers have lost two straight after a 3-0 start. Chantilly has 5 allowed 39 points per game during their last three contests.

Chantilly (3-2) will host Oakton (4-1) at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 11.

# Centreville Hosts Cross Country Meet

For the first time in more than 10 years, Centreville High School was able to host a home cross country meet. With the ability to use their new turf fields, updated track and Braddock Park, the Wildcats competed against Chantilly and Oakton. Conference rivals Robinson, Westfield and Herndon competed again one another at the same venue.

For the boys, Centreville won their trimeet, with sophomore Ryan French winning their meet. The Robinson boys won the other tri-meet, although Westfield senior Nick O'Connell ran away from the entire six-team field for the victory in that contest. On the girls' side, Centreville and Robinson were the team winners in each meet. Centreville sophomore Kayley Bogemann led wire-to-wire for the tri-meet and overall victory. The other tri-meet winner was Robinson sophomore Caroline Augelli.

She will hold the position for the 2013-14 academic year. Rigby, a senior communications studies major, is a 2010 graduate of Centreville High School. She is the daughter of Peter and Susan Rigby.

James Madison University's nationally recognized marching band, the Marching Royal Dukes, begin their season with 485 members, the largest in their history. The following students are members of the 2013 Marching Royal Dukes: **Joshua Benbow**, of Centreville, is a sophomore, majoring in music education and plays in the tuba section. **Emily Oliver**, of Centreville, is a sophomore, majoring in psychology and plays in the clarinet section. **Sarah Schweit**, of Centreville, is a freshman, majoring in psychology and plays in the clarinet section. **Zack Shealy**, of Centreville, is a junior, majoring in marketing and plays in the sax - tenor section. **Lily Takahashi**, of Centreville, is a sophomore, majoring in psychology and plays in the guard section.





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# News

# Zumbathon To Benefit WFCM

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we served 745 households with 24,000 bags of free food, and another 350 households with financial help. We hope the community will come out for some exercise and help support their local nonprofit."

And, added Bush, the need for help in the local area is quite significant. "It's hard to believe that, in wealthy Fairfax County, around 70,000 children and adults do not know where their next meal will come from," she said. "WFCM works in our communities to give hard-working, yet struggling, individuals and families the support they need to catch up on bills and stay in their homes."

But it's such a huge task that WFCM can't do it alone. That's why, said Bush, "We rely on individuals, families, businesses, community groups and churches to provide the volunteer and financial support necessary to help our neighbors achieve financial self-sufficiency."

It's also why the Zumbathon means so much to the organization. "Kelly is doing something really important — and something we wish others in our community would consider," said Bush. "She's taking something she enjoys and is passionate about — teaching Zumba — and is turning it into a way to raise much-needed funding for WFCM."

Joedicke-Lawrence is looking forward to the event, too. "Zumba is so much fun because you work out to music," she said.



**Kelly Joedicke-Lawrence** 

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# Farther Away **But Still Close**



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

I went to visit my father the other day at the cemetery – September 23rd was his birthday. He would have been 94. I had no trouble finding him; he was in his usual spot next to my mother of course, also deceased. My father often joked about his cemetery plot: he wanted an aisle so if he had to get up in the middle of the night for a glass of water, he wouldn't disturb my mother. Presumably, when I stand over his grave and blather on about stuff - most regularly about my life living with cancer, I am not disturbing him. I really don't know for sure since I receive very little feedback. It's always quiet there, other than when I'm speaking. But I wouldn't expect anything else; after all, it's a cemetery. Libraries are noisy by comparison.

My father has been gone now nearly seven years, since December 2006. (My mother died two years later, nearly to the day.) Hardly has he ever been forgotten though. I was an extremely lucky child. I had a great father who was devoted to his family: me, my brother Richard and my mother, Ceil. There wasn't anything he wouldn't do for any of us. I miss him terribly, especially during baseball season. He loved the Boston Red Sox and was fortunate, unlike some others his age (born in 1919) to have actually witnessed a World Series Championship in his lifetime (1918 was the last Championship until 2004). There are New Englanders who during their particular 86 years of life (the actual length of the "Curse of the Bambino") – or less, never celebrated a Championship; he did in 2004. With the Red Sox back in the playoffs this year for the first time in four years, my father's memory looms large; (heck, he was a member of a "knothole gang," attending games as a child during

the Great Depression). And though I readily admit I haven't had any two-way conversations with him at the cemetery, I have had – and continue to have, although less frequently than in previous years, the occasional dream where he appears or is present somehow. I don't recall any real interactions of late: touching, conversing, interacting, etc. In the past, however, there have been a few dreams where there was definite acknowledgment of one another, touching even, and a feeling that our connection was still intact. I don't know that I feel anything like that when I visit him at the cemetery now. But given the fact that he's buried a few feet below where I typically - and respectfully, stand (off to the side, actually), his physical proximity to me there almost trumps the cerebral-type dream interactions that we've shared since his death. I wouldn't want to have to choose between the two. I like experiencing both. I hope he

My parents are resting peacefully approximately 20 minutes by car from my house. And though neither one is still alive, they both live on inside of me. I don't think I could have survived having stage IV nonsmall lung cancer (a terminal diagnosis) for as long as I have without their wisdom and encouragement - in life and in death. I'm

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# News

# Annual K-9 Krawl Is Oct. 19

he seventh annual K-9 Krawl is set for Saturday, Oct. 19, in parking lot C of the Fairfax County Government Center. Check-in is at 8:30 a.m., police K-9 demonstration, 8:45 a.m.; and walk at 9 a.m. Register at: K-9 Krawl 5K Registrationo- Fairfax County, Virginia.

The event was created to raise awareness of issues surrounding domestic violence. And in observance of National Domestic Violence Awareness Month, Fairfax County Police Department's Victim Services Section is sponsoring the Krawl.

It remembers domestic-abuse victims and celebrates its survivors, while reminding people that pets aren't immune to domestic violence. Batterers often threaten, injure, maim, or kill their partners' pets for the purpose of revenge or control within relationships.

The K-9 Krawl is free and all are welcome; bring a dog or borrow one from a friend, although walkers aren't required to have a canine companion to participate. There'll be domestic-violence resource tables, plus a deejay and goodie bags. And for a \$10 donation, people may have their pet's portrait taken by a professional photographer. For more information, call 703-814-7009.

# **NOVEC Warns of Energy Vampires**

Electricity courses through wires in homes, schools, and businesses just as blood courses through living creatures' veins. While fictitious vampires materialize on Halloween and in "Twilight" movies, energy vampires are real. They can suck enough electricity to account for about 10 percent of a consumer's electric bill. The Northern Virginia Electric Cooperative says consumers don't need garlic or wooden stakes to stop energy vampires — they need power

According to EnergizeEfficiently, the average American household has 40 devices and appliances that constantly draw power while in "standby mode." These energy vampires include televisions, DVD and DVR players, video game boxes, computers, tablets, monitors, printers, "wall wart" chargers, AC adaptors, microwave ovens, and digital picture frames.

How much phantom power electronics sneak depends on what the gadgets and appliances do. EnergizeEfficiently reports that a coffee maker uses only about one watt while a digital cable television box with DVR consumes 44.6 watts when the DVR is not recording and the TV is off. Consumers can see power consumption for different electrical devices on the Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory Standby Power Summary Table. Consumers can learn more about wise energy use at www.novec.com/ useitwisely12 and www.energize efficiently.coop.

# Calendar

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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, a gentle giant Bernese Mountain dog. Reading is not required, but can read from a library book or already owned one. Free. Registration required, 703-

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 how nature prepares for winter. Free. Registration required, 703-502-3883.

### SUNDAY/OCT. 13

Clifton Day. 9 a.m.-5 p.m. in Clifton. Enjoy food, live music, vendors, demonstrations and more. A Civil War re-enactment will be showcased. Donate blood through an Inova bloodmobile. Visit www.cliftonday.com for directions and more.

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and enjoy bedtime stories. Free. Registration required, 703-502-3883.

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### FRIDAY/OCT. 18

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**Theater Performance.** 7 p.m. at Chantilly High School. See "Evita."

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# Home LifeStyle

# Decorating for Fall

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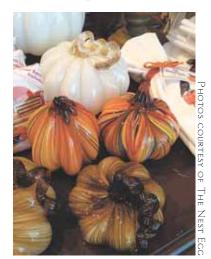
> By Marilyn Campbell Centre View

he colors of autumn are all around as pumpkins and squash fill produce stands and leaves change from green to orange, red and yellow before falling from their branches.

Local designers and tastemakers are unveiling home accents that bring the warm hues of the sea-

son into the home. Whether using pillows, throws or flowers, adding the colors and textures of fall requires less effort than one might expect.

"Emerald green, orange and turquoise are three of the biggest color trends we're seeing," said Marcus Browning of European Country Living in Old Town Alexandria. "Throws and pillows are a given, but you can also tie in traditional and modern accessories with rugs, stained glass lamps with modern or intri-



Ann O'Shields, of The Nest Egg in Fairfax, says handblown glass pumpkins are a great way to add a touch of fall to one's home.

cate designs."

David Mitchell of David Mitchell Interior Design in Washington used a similar style concept at a McLean home recently. "Wooden bowls are a great way to bring in seasonal accessories," said Mitchell. "Pottery Barn has large, vintage, carved wood bowls that are great for a sideboard or coffee table, and you can fill them with mini pumpkins to add a dash of orange to a neutral space."

Ann O'Shields, of The Nest Egg in Fairfax, said, "Hand-blown glass pumpkins are extremely popular and a great way to add a classic touch of fall in your home."

Make use of fall foliage both inside and outside of your home, advises O'Shields. "Wreaths for

fall are abundant, featuring leaves and small pumpkins, and are a great way to set the stage for fall décor," she said. "Mantel decorating ... is an easy way to create a focal point for fall in a room. Add leaves, fall candles, pumpkins and more to liven up a room." Incorporating the hues of fall into a home's existing décor can help welcome the season in style. "Bringing in the colors of fall will add warmth to your home as the air gets crisper," said O'Shields.







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After many years serving the community, Harry Adhikari is now a fixture in the community. The children he served when he first worked at the Dairy Queen in Centreville are now in college, but they still stop by to say hello when they are home for summer vacation.

These Dairy Queen locations are truly a family business. Harry and Sita are hands-on owners, seeing to quality and customer service themselves, and their older daughter Sindhu Adhikari, a junior at Centreville High School, also helps out on weekends. (Sindhu's younger sister is seven years old and a student at Centre Ridge Elementary, so it will be a little while before she pitches in as well.)

Harry Adhikari can almost always be found in the Dairy Queen because what he really wants is for his customers to be happy, and to deliver the highest quality service and product. He wants to see the happy smiles of his satisfied customers.

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