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Runners take off from the starting line of the 2012 Goblin Gallop 5K.

Join in 20th Annual Goblin Gallop

Benefits families of children with cancer.

BY BONNIE HOBBS
CENTRE VIEW

Jack-o-lanterns, pumpkin pie and colorful leaves signal that Halloween will soon be here. And that means it's time for the Goblin Gallop. This year's event is the 20th annual and it's set for Sunday, Oct. 27, at the Fairfax Corner Shopping Center.

And although it raises money for a serious cause, there's always a party atmosphere. Many of the participants, plus those cheering them on, wear Halloween costumes; and afterward, there are refreshments and a costume contest.

"It's more than just a 5K race," said event organizer George Quadrino. "It's a family-fun event with live music, a moonbounce and commemorative T-shirts."

Rain or shine, the race begins and ends in front of Coastal Flats restaurant. 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. Entry fees through Oct. 24 are \$28 for the 5K run, \$20 for the 5K walk and \$15 for the 1K fun run. From Oct. 25 on, those fees, respectively, are \$30, \$25 and \$20.

Entrants should add \$5 to each amount if they'd

like a long-sleeved, rather than a short-sleeved, T-shirt. Register at www.goblingallop.org. Online registration will remain open until race time.

People may run individually or as part of 5K teams competing against each other. Participants may be on a coed team of at least four people; the categories are organizations, families and friends. The top team in each category will receive fun awards for best team costume, fastest team – adding up the four members' times, and for the team with the most members registered before packet pickup on Oct. 25.

Fairfax Station's Dixon Hemphill is the race director; and because of its headline sponsor, the race's official name is the Valvoline Instant Oil Change Goblin Gallop. Other main sponsors include Don Beyer Volvo, the Shaffer Charitable Foundation and the law firm of Butzel Long.

All proceeds go to the John Quadrino Foundation to Benefit Children with Cancer. George Quadrino established it after his son John died of the disease in 1985 at age 7. And each year, money raised from the Goblin Gallop is used for numerous, small grants to help childhood cancer victims and their families.

"We raised almost \$40,000 last year and that helped a lot," said Quadrino. "It allowed us to help about 260 families."

Some 1,850 people participated in last year's

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Opposition Grows Over Roundabout

"It's like removing stop signs for Loudoun drivers."

BY BONNIE HOBBS
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It's bad enough, say many Centreville residents, that Loudoun County wants a roundabout built in Fairfax County giving their greater volume of drivers a marked advantage over local motorists. But now, VDOT's added more fuel to the fire propelling this project forward.

Loudoun Del. David Ramadan (R-87) and Dulles District Supervisor Matt Letourneau announced Tuesday, Oct. 15, that VDOT has allocated an additional \$1.5 million that would close a shortfall and potentially fully fund the project, which has now rocketed to an estimated cost of more than \$4 million.

The roundabout is proposed for



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Mark McConnell examines a roundabout diagram.

construction at the Braddock/Pleasant Valley roads intersection next to Cox Farms in Centreville, near the Fairfax/Loudoun border. That spot regularly backs up at rush hour so — at Loudoun's urging, VDOT plans to build a 105-foot circle to move vehicles through there more quickly.

Last Wednesday, Oct. 9, VDOT

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Centreville Day Is Saturday, Oct. 19

Children's games, music, parade, food and crafts.

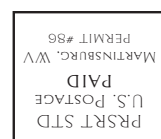
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Centreville's Historic District is the place to be this Saturday, Oct. 19. That's when residents will be treated to a parade, a 5K race, children's activities, food, crafts vendors and

live entertainment during the 21st annual Centreville Day celebration.

The site is off Route 29 and Braddock Road, behind Walgreen's, and the fun lasts all day. It begins at 9 a.m. with cos-

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This year they designed with international stylist Philip Pelusi, his artistic director Jeffery Reitz, and designer Kati Stern-Venexiana. The theme for Venexiana was Carnivale, featuring a royal, braided crown on each model. With 20 models to work with, Pelusi's team worked feverishly to complete these looks in just an hour and a half, normally one look would take an hour and a half to complete in salon.

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WFCCA Quarterly Meeting

The West Fairfax County Citizens Association (WFCCA) quarterly meeting is set for Monday, Oct. 21, at 7 p.m., in the Sully District Governmental Center, 4900 Stonecroft Blvd. in Chantilly. There’ll be an update and discussion of the roundabout proposed for the Braddock/Pleasant Valley roads intersection.

CIF Annual Meeting, Celebration

The Centreville Immigration Foundation (CIF) will hold its annual meeting Tuesday, Oct. 22, at 7 p.m. at Mount Olive Baptist Church, 6600 Old Centreville Road in Centreville. There’ll be refreshments, entertainment and a presentation of the group’s achievements over the past three years, and the public is invited.

Sully District Council Meeting

The Sully District Council of Citizens Associations and its Land-Use Committee will meet Wednesday, Oct. 23, at 7 p.m., in the Sully District Governmental Center, 4900 Stonecroft Blvd. in Chantilly. The Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority will discuss Dulles rail and infrastructure improvements to the airport and its environs. Call Jeff Parnes, evenings, at 703-904-0131.

Free Carseat Inspections

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

Discard Prescription Meds Safely

National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day is Saturday, Oct. 26. From 10 a.m.-2 p.m., residents may dispose of unwanted, unused and expired prescription medicines in a safe, convenient and responsible way. Proper disposal of prescription medicines helps to prevent drug misuse, abuse and accidental poisoning and keeps the environment safe from pollutants.

The local drop-off location is the front parking lot of the Sully District Police Station, 4900 Stonecroft Blvd. in Chantilly. The drop off is anonymous. People are asked to black out any personal information on the prescription bottles before discarding them.

Meow-loween at Animal Shelter

In the spirit of Halloween, the Fairfax County Animal Shelter is celebrating “Meow-loween” with programs, activities and half-off cat-adoption fees throughout October. Adoptees will receive a free bag of treats and goodies for new feline family members.

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From left: Sisters Kassidy Wolf, 4, Kirra Wolf, 7 and Emma Anderson, 10, drum up cookie sales.

Crowd Enjoys Clifton Day 2013

Crowds flocked to the 46th annual Clifton Day, Sunday, Oct. 13.



From left: Edward Duff and brothers Spencer and Luke Neyland check out a vendor’s bows and arrows.



The Thornton siblings (from left) Saniya, 7, Devin, 5 and Savina, 6, visited the face painter.



Sarah Beard (left) and Jessica Dickinson sell lemon sticks at the Boy Scouts’ booth.



Elizabeth Aramayo (left), 13, learns to make pottery from Tammy Ratliff.



Sarah Galban holds her niece, Alexandria Patterson, 5, so she can kiss a bulldog at the On the Rebound Bulldog Rescue booth.



Clifton’s Julia Nash, 18 months, rides in a canopy-covered wagon.



Steve Ratliff waits on a customer at the TGR pottery booth.



**3rd Annual Jeans Day:
Putting the ZIP on Homelessness
Friday, October 18, 2013**

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NEWS

Stone's Honor Students To Walk for Homeless

Students in Stone Middle School's National Junior Honor Society will participate in a Help the Homeless Walk, next Thursday, Oct. 24, to raise money for Western Fairfax Christian Ministries (WFCM). It will be right after school and will go through the surrounding neighborhoods. Students will carry signs highlighting homelessness and hunger statistics to raise awareness of this problem in our community.

"The students will learn that this isn't an issue in some far-away city," said WFCM Community Outreach Manager Jennie Bush. "It's something that possibly their own neighbors might be dealing with. 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. So WFCM is there to help with life-essential needs such as food, clothing and emergency financial aid to help families in crises."

The NJHS members have enthusiastically supported this Help the Homeless Walk for many years, with some 140 students usually taking part. And this time, besides raising funds to assist WFCM, the students will bring in nonperishable food items to help restock the shelves in WFCM's food pantry. Stone's NJHS club sponsor is Catherine Burke.

Hopefully, said Bush, when others in the community learn of the students' efforts, "It will make them think, 'I can do that, too.'"

— BONNIE HOBBS

Clifton Moped Crash Kills Local Woman

A Centreville woman died Tuesday evening, Oct. 15, following a motorcycle crash in Clifton. The victim was identified as Yumei Wang Barber, 37.

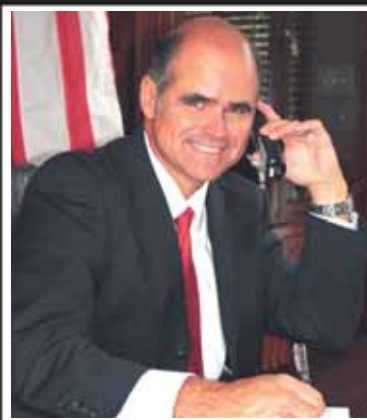
Fairfax County police say she was operating a 2012 Gabella moped, heading north in the 7200 block of Clifton Road, around 6 p.m., when the tragedy occurred. According to police, she entered a sharp turn and crossed the double-yellow line, veering into the

path of a 2010 Ford pickup truck operated by a 26-year-old woman.

The moped struck the left, rear tire-well of the truck. Barber was separated from her moped and landed in the northbound lanes of Clifton Road. She was pronounced dead at the scene. Police say neither speed nor alcohol appear to be factors in the crash.

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Sully Station II's Bill Perry (left) talks to Mike Coyle of Michael Frey's office.



VDOT's Bud Siegel speaks with residents about the roundabout.

Opposition to Proposed Roundabout Continues

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held a design “public hearing” on the matter at Stone Middle School. But it turned out not to be a hearing, at all, because no one stood up and spoke out loud about anything, so those attending didn’t hear each others’ views.

Instead, there were maps on easels and VDOT representatives on hand to answer questions. Then people could put their comments in writing to submit to VDOT.

But important environmental information wasn’t released by VDOT until the day after the meeting, and a new map showing entrances into Park Authority property near the site wasn’t released until 90 minutes before the hearing. Residents were upset that they didn’t have adequate time to examine and determine the significance of this information before the meeting; so on Tuesday, VDOT increased the public-comment time by a week, until Oct. 30.

ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS

The map showed two, new entrances — one off Braddock and one off Pleasant Valley — to the northwest quadrant. “But no deceleration or turn lanes were shown,” said

To Comment

Comments may be sent by Oct. 30 to: Leonard “Bud” Siegel, P.E., VDOT District Office, 4975 Alliance Drive, Fairfax, VA 22030, or e-mail meeting_comments@vdot.virginia.gov. Write “Braddock and Pleasant Valley Roundabout” in the subject line.

To review the project, go to http://www.virginiadot.org/projects/northernvirginia/braddock_and_pleasant_valley.asp or at VDOT’s Northern Virginia District Office on Alliance Drive.

Virginia Run’s Jim Hart. “So if people turned into the site for a soccer game, or whatever, traffic would back up. In addition, these changes add pavement in what’s mostly wetlands.”

Other information about the project’s potential environmental impact wasn’t displayed prominently at the meeting, so many attendees were unaware of it. “It was the vegetation map and wetlands delineation,” said Hart. “These were important drawings that we saw for the first time at that hearing, just lying quietly on a table. And they had no explanation about what the changes in drainage or raising the intersection would do to the wetlands or the rare plants there.”

At the hearing, local residents had a vari-

ety of reasons for opposing the roundabout. Said VDOT’s Bud Siegel: “We’re trying to find out where people’s hearts are on this issue.”

Virginia Run’s Greg Mathieson said there should be a traffic light on Pleasant Valley between that intersection and Route 29, “just to stop the traffic somewhere on Pleasant Valley so people could get out of their neighborhoods.” He also feared that a roundabout could someday lead to “a four-way highway going through Virginia Run.”

Neighbor Walt Dougherty worried that Pleasant Valley’s 40 mph speed limit and increased traffic on that road would be dangerous for children. “With a roundabout, the traffic volume will go up,” he said. “How will children cross the street to the community pool? Someone could get hit and die there.”

Sully Station’s Bob Neighbors had a similar concern in a different area. “Going down Braddock near Cub Run Elementary — where my two girls go — the roundabout would bring more traffic down Cub Run Drive,” he said. “And people cut down there to get to Westfields Boulevard and Poplar Tree [Road] to get on Route 28.”

“We have 600 kids there and walkers in

that area,” he continued. “So they should build more safety into that area — maybe a blinking light saying 25 mph. And once the Route 50 widening is finished, is most of the traffic going to get on 50 and not this roundabout? Eventually, something needs to go in there, but they should wait for a traffic study about Route 50 to see if this is needed.”

‘LACK OF RESPECT’

Carol Hawn of the Old Mill community is also “very opposed” to the roundabout. “I see it as being a real lack of respect on Loudoun County’s part for the decisions Fairfax County’s made regarding our Comprehensive Plan,” she said. “There’s a reason why that road’s always been undeveloped in Fairfax County — because it’s in the RC [land zoned residential conservation]. Our Comprehensive Plan doesn’t call for it to be an improved road.”

Furthermore, said Hawn, “I also believe it’s greed on the part of VDOT and Fairfax’s Board of Supervisors — which, in November [2012], approved using \$1 million of Loudoun’s money in Fairfax County. They

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The Other Side of the Story

The case for those favoring the roundabout.

BY BONNIE HOBBS
CENTRE VIEW

In an Oct. 15 message to their constituents, Loudoun Del. David Ramadan (R-87) and Dulles District Supervisor Matt Letourneau explained why they’re fighting so hard to build a roundabout in Centreville.

“The Braddock/Pleasant Valley intersection is the single worst chokepoint in the Dulles South area and a constant source of frustration for Loudoun commuters, which is why the Loudoun Board of Supervisors took the unprecedented step of funding an improvement not actually within our bor-

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ders,” said Letourneau.

He also noted that the roundabout “has the support of Supervisor Michael Frey (Sully) and Del. Jim LeMunyon (R-67).” And Ramadan said he’d spent the last couple weeks “working with VDOT leadership in Richmond and Northern Virginia to obtain the funds needed to close the shortfall and allow the project to move forward as scheduled.”

The proposed roundabout isn’t up to Fairfax County’s Board of Supervisors because it’s a VDOT project. Still, many local residents hoped Supervisor Michael R. Frey (R-Sully) would oppose it, like they do. But

noting that he represents all the residents of the Sully District, he said many of them have wanted something done about the Braddock/Pleasant Valley roads intersection for years.

“I understand the opposition, but I don’t agree with it,” said Frey. “At some point, you’ve got to build roads. More traffic’s going to come on Braddock, no matter what — Loudoun County development plans call for it. If I thought not fixing the intersection would stop the traffic, I’d be all for it. But that won’t stop the traffic increase.”

He also doesn’t believe Loudoun drivers would inundate Centreville neighborhoods

if a roundabout were built. “Why would they turn south to get onto Pleasant Valley Road?” he asked. “They’re going on Braddock to Route 28 and I-66. It’s shorter than going through Virginia Run and less congested than getting on I-66 at Route 29.”

Frey said Loudoun commuters also head to jobs in the Westfields Corporate Center in Chantilly, so they’d take a left on Old Lee Road.

Regarding the environmental concerns, he said, “A lot of rare oak/hickory forest was torn down to build Virginia Run. If you never built a road because of wetlands, you’d never build a road.”

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OPINION

Don't Let Negatives Keep You from Voting

Choices are stark; think about what principles should guide governance in Virginia for the next four years.

Every Virginia voter will have the option to cast a ballot for governor, lieutenant governor, attorney general and their member of the Virginia House of Delegates.

While much of the coverage and advertising at the top of the ticket has been negative in the extreme, it will still matter who is governor. Don't turn up your nose, hold your nose if necessary, and go vote. You can vote on Nov. 5; most likely you can vote before that.

Voter Identification

Virginia's existing voter ID requirements will change in July 2014. A law requiring photo identification at the polls was signed into law in May 2013. This new photo identification requirement will not take effect until July 1, 2014. The current law allows for the acceptance of all identification documents listed here.

When you arrive at your polling place, a voting official will verify that your name is on the registration list. Voters will be asked to present one valid form of identification. It can be any of the following: Virginia voter registration card; Virginia driver's license; military ID; any Federal, Virginia state or local government-issued ID; employer issued photo ID card; concealed handgun permit; valid Virginia student ID; current utility bill, bank statement, government check or paycheck indicating the name and address of the voter; Social Security card.

On the Ballot 2013

Check what is on your ballot at <http://www.sbe.virginia.gov/>

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Roundabout Fiasco

To the Editor:

An open letter to the residents and communities of western Fairfax County.

So, on Oct. 9, VDOT conducted a public "hearing" on the roundabout (plan to replace the four way stop at the intersection of Braddock and Pleasant Valley Roads), but apparently VDOT wasn't listening.

Supervisor Frey certainly isn't listening, despite the majority of the attendees voicing their opposition to the project and despite the fact that the HOA boards for Sully Station, Sully Station II and Virginia Run (representing some 4,000 homeowners) all voted to oppose the project.

Both the Western Fairfax County Citizens Association and the Sully District Council voted to oppose the project. The overwhelming majority of the residents and communities in Western Fairfax oppose the project, but Supervisor Frey doesn't want to hear it. His position is that "this is a VDOT project, not a Fairfax County project and there is nothing I can do about it". Heck of a position to take and to actually admit to your constituents. Shame on you Supervisor Frey!

The public hearing conducted by VDOT was nothing less than a fiasco. The "mix and mingle" format was inappropriate for the subject and presumably chosen to minimize con-

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- ❖ Build two new elementary schools, one in the Richmond Highway area and one in the Bailey's area
- ❖ Help renovate 22 schools including 17 elementary schools, two middle schools (Thoreau and Rocky Run) and three high schools (Langley, Herndon and

- Oakton)
 - ❖ Buy land for the South West County High School
 - ❖ Enhance the capacity of Westbriar Elementary and South Lakes High School
 - ❖ Replace or improve infrastructure, such as roofs, major mechanical systems and parking lots.
- See <http://www.fcps.edu/news/bond13.shtml> for more details.

Vote Now

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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>.

In Fairfax County, you can vote at Fairfax County Governmental Center or any one of seven "satellite" voting locations.

For more on voting absentee in Fairfax County, call 703-222-0776 or visit <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/elections/absentee.htm>.

Contact

Fairfax County Board of Elections, 703-222-0776, www.fairfaxcounty.gov/eb/, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax, Suite 232, Fairfax, 22035; FAX 703-324-2205; email voting@fairfaxcounty.gov

frontation (they'd rather deal with individual voices of opposition rather than a collective opposing voice). The hearing seemed sloppy and thrown together with the majority of the related data on the project being dumped on their website hours before the hearing, giving the public little opportunity to digest the information so that they could be prepared with questions and comments.

Some data appeared on the VDOT website after the meeting and key data was missing altogether, especially relating to the environmental impact of the project on the surrounding parkland. The traffic related data was self-serving and incomplete (no reference to the impact of the completion of the Route 50 widening project and no data on the impact on surrounding roadways). The VDOT personnel present at the meeting didn't wear nametags (probably wanted to remain incognito) and some attendees who interacted with VDOT personnel found their overall demeanor condescending and dismissive. In general, the entire process associated with this project has lacked transparency.

But, technically VDOT did conduct a public hearing, so I guess they can put a check in the box and be on their way.

The project estimate is over \$4 million with Loudoun County providing \$1 million and federal and state funds making up the rest. Who knows what the cost will be once eminent do-

main comes into play with Cox Farms and Fairfax County Park Authority? Oh by the way, VDOT is spending \$100 million on the Route 50 widening project specifically to support Loudoun County east-west commuter traffic. Why commit more tax dollars when we don't even know what relief \$100 million will buy?

This project is a bad idea and bad for the residents and communities of Western Fairfax County. It will dump Loudoun commuter traffic onto substandard roads and make life miserable for the residents and communities in Western Fairfax along Braddock and Pleasant Valley Roads. To those that need to navigate the notorious Braddock Road "S" curve in mornings and evenings — good luck.

Tell VDOT that you oppose this project and support the "do nothing" option until the Route 50 widening project is completed and a new and more thorough traffic study is conducted. Send your opposition comments to VDOT at meeting_comments@vdot.virginia.gov and bud.siegel@vdot.virginia.gov. Be sure to copy your Sully District Supervisor at sully@fairfaxcounty.gov.

Wait a minute, Supervisor Frey actually does support a "do nothing" option — do nothing to support his constituents. Maybe he and VDOT are in fact listening, but maybe they just don't care.

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Erich RussekRobbins spooking the trail with haunting music.

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Beware of Spooky Forest

Chills and thrills await on the Clifton Haunted Trail.

BY BONNIE HOBBS
CENTRE VIEW

Surely, the vampires, witches, goblins and ghouls lying in wait for their victims along the Clifton Haunted Trail aren't real — or are they? One thing's for sure — they're deadly serious about scaring people.

And that's what they'll be doing Saturday, Oct. 26, from 7-10 p.m., in the Town of Clifton's Eight-Acre Park. (Rain date is Oct. 27). Tickets are \$15, adults and \$10, children under 12, starting at 6:30 p.m. at the trail entrance; there are no advance sales.

"This year's event will include several new, terrifying skits, including reenactments, scary-movie scenes and plenty of frightening lightning and spooky props,"

said Jeff Harper of the Haunted Trail Committee. "This is not an event you'll want to miss."

No flashlights are allowed in the park, and parents should accompany children along the trail. Since the fright level is so intense, it's not recommended for those under 8. Because this event is so popular, attendees might want to arrive early, as the trail tends to get crowded during the later hours.

Sturdy shoes are advised; snacks and beverages will be available. Free parking is available at Clifton Elementary, on the flood plain, and at the Clifton House Shops on Chapel Road, where hayrides will take trailgoers to and from the park. For more information, see www.cliftonhauntedtrail.com.

However, children not wanting to go on the trail, plus parents waiting for teens to emerge from it, will be able to watch Movies under the Stars on a large screen at the park's entrance. This year's movies are "Cloverfield" and "Poltergeist."

Meanwhile, those brave enough to enter Clifton's 14th annual Haunted Trail will encounter 20 spine-tingling scenarios — the best of the past, plus some spooky new ones. Bloody mayhem is afoot, and zombies, ghosts and other undead creatures are eager to pounce on those who dare to disturb them. After all, the trail's slogan is, "It's only 8 acres — what could possibly happen to you?"

"This year's trail is bigger and better than ever," said Harper. "We have new skits, plus professional, Halloween geeks — area residents whose year-'round hobby is Halloween. They're engineers who make props and have even made their own fog machine to put fog all over the bridge where people enter the trail. They're making the trail scarier and more dramatic."

Some 200 Clifton-area volunteers put on the Haunted Trail and act in the scenarios which include everything from vampires to witches, pirates, skeletons and dangerous men wielding chainsaws. Committee Chairman John Powell oversees the whole event, with help from Harper, Ester Pline and Steve Bittner.

Harper's in charge of the performers, Pline orchestrates who's doing what and Bittner heads up the electricity, making sure

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Opposition to Proposed Roundabout Continues

FROM PAGE 5

may not have known what it was for then — just road improvements — but they didn't ask enough questions. It's just a horrible precedent that this is able to occur."

Virginia Chase's Stephen Chulick was concerned about people living along Braddock and Pleasant Valley roads "who won't be able to get out of their streets" due to the steady stream of Loudoun drivers on both roads if a roundabout's built. And he, too, prefers to wait and see how well the Route 50 project "addresses the traffic issue."

In an Oct. 6 letter to Supervisor Michael R. Frey (R-Sully), Sully Station II Community Association President Bill Perry presented several reasons why his community also objects to the roundabout. "We believe this project will facilitate unabated traffic flow from Loudoun County into the communities of western Fairfax, further clogging our rural and residential roads with traffic," he wrote. "This project will benefit Loudoun residents and will negatively impact all residents in western Fairfax."

At last week's hearing, Perry said because his son lives in South Riding, he travels through that area regularly. "So I should be for this roundabout, but I'm not," he said. "It would be detrimental to Sully Estates' ingress and egress and would increase safety problems for Sully Station residents. Braddock Road is Route 620, and I don't want to see I-620 going through our neighborhoods."

INACCURATE DATA?

Jay Johnston, president of Virginia Run's Board of Trustees, said his community opposes the roundabout. He also wanted a public hearing held "where people can speak openly about it before the Board of Supervisors. That portion of Fairfax County is the last vestige of open space; how can they preserve it with a roundabout there?"

Looking at the maps and information on the easels, Virginia Run's Chris Tweddle questioned the VDOT traffic data's accuracy. "They claim to be increasing the capacity



VDOT's latest diagram of the proposed Braddock Valley/Pleasant Valley roads roundabout.

[existing] four-way stop before will be in that line of cars with me. The more efficient [Braddock] is, the bigger that backup will be."

Similarly, said Tweddle, "For 13 years, I've driven this road and seen the backup on Pleasant Valley Road much worse than they're representing for Fairfax County in their maps and studies. I think they're off by roughly half a mile."

With a roundabout, he said, entering traffic has to yield to traffic coming from the left and already inside the circle. "With the predominant traffic flow from Loudoun in the morning headed toward Fairfax County, the roundabout creates a free flow for them to get into the intersection," said Tweddle. "And in the evening, the predominant flow is Loudoun residents going west on Braddock; so again, they'd have the advantage in a roundabout. It's like removing the stop sign for them, both ways."

Also during the evening rush, he said, "Southbound traffic on Pleasant Valley backs up all the way to the golf course. But



Ted Trosciancki (center) discusses the proposal with neighbor Stephen Chulick.



From left: Mark McConn, Jim Hart and Priscilla Knight examine a VDOT display.

of the intersection, but they don't know where the cars are going or what the impact will be," he said.

And Chris Tiesler, an engineer with Kittelson & Associates, the project's traffic consultant, confirmed that neither the traffic backup on Braddock Road at Old Lee Road, or at Sully Park Drive and Braddock,

were studied "in any detail." But, he added, "I think it's worth looking at."

Virginia Run's Todd McAnally explained the problem. "I drop off my daughter at Westfield High in the morning, and Braddock backs up about 20 cars to turn left on Old Lee," he said. "With the roundabout, everybody who was stopped at the

VDOT's map only shows 525 feet of backup then. They didn't study how many cars turned at that intersection and their backup data appears to be inaccurate — and they're making spending decisions. This also moves the traffic problem to the dangerous S-curve and the Braddock/Old Lee Road and Braddock/Sully Park stoplights."



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Sunoco's Expansion Gets Green Light

Planning Commission, supervisors reach compromise on alcohol.

BY BONNIE HOBBS
CENTRE VIEW

It's full speed ahead for Sunoco's plans to expand its operation near the Dulles Expo Center in Chantilly. It just got approvals from both the Fairfax County Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors.

Located at 4475 Daly Drive, by Willard Road, the existing Sunoco station — initially a Mobil station — has been at that site since 1989. But after Sunoco acquired more land, it decided to completely re-vamp the facility and its offerings.

Now there are six fuel pumps under a canopy, plus a carwash and a 1,571-square-foot convenience store; but Sunoco wants to add four more gas pumps under that canopy. It also plans to demolish the old store and build a 3,159-square-foot, quick-service food store in place of the car wash, which will be moved from the center of the site to the rear. More parking is also planned.

When attorney Sara Mariska explained the proposal to both the West Fairfax County



An artist's rendition of Sunoco's new convenience store near the Dulles Expo Center in Chantilly.

PHOTO BY BONNIE HOBBS/CENTRE VIEW

Citizens Association (WFCCA) and the Sully District Council of Citizens Associations, neither entity objected to the expansion, itself. But they did have a problem with Sunoco's intention to sell alcoholic beverages in its associated convenience store.

Mini-marts aren't allowed to sell alcohol, so Sunoco's old one at the Dulles Expo site couldn't do so. But it wanted to sell it at its new, larger store. Even Sunoco's corporate officials became involved, concerned because beer comprises a significant portion

of its convenience-store sales.

Nonetheless, the land-use groups voted in favor of the expansion plans, but not the alcohol sales. However, things turned out differently when the issue went to the Planning Commission on Oct. 3. And Sully District Planning Commissioner John Litzenberger explained why.

"In Centreville, we always had a good reason why we prohibited alcohol sales at gas-station convenience stores," he said. "It was because the stations were either near a high school or a residential area, and we didn't want people driving away from a gas station

with an open can or six-pack of beer, or walking to and from there for a quick beer or six-pack."

But at Sunoco's Dulles Expo location, said Litzenberger, "None of that applied, so we reached a compromise. Since the closest residents were over a mile-and-a-half away, and it wasn't near a school, Sunoco can sell cases or bottles of wine, and cases of beer, as long as they're not refrigerated."

Sunoco will also put up a sign advising customers that consumption of alcoholic

beverages on the property is forbidden. In addition, said Litzenberger, "They agreed not to sell any individual cans, bottles or six-packs of beer, whether warm or cold. They can buy warm cases, just not beer for immediate consumption."

In 1999, he said, the Board of Supervisors adopted an ordinance allowing alcohol sales at gas-station convenience stores larger than 2,500 square feet.

"The thinking was that people could do two errands at once — buy gas and alcohol — without going to two, different places, thereby reducing congestion on the roads," said Litzenberger. "But now, Daly Drive leads to the Expo Center, several fast-food restaurants and Walmart, so there's congestion, anyway. So the parameters we applied in Centreville don't apply to the Dulles Expo area."

After the Planning Commission recommended approval, the matter went to the Board of Supervisors last Tuesday, Oct. 8, where it passed unanimously. Litzenberger said he and Supervisor Michael R. Frey (R-Sully) talked about the compromise and concluded it was a good one. "Said Litzenberger: "We tried to comply with the spirit and intent of the ordinance regarding convenience stores, while addressing the citizens' concerns about drinking and driving."

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WEDNESDAY/OCT. 16

Toddlin' Twos. 10:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. at Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Children age 2 can enjoy stories and activities. Free. Registration required. 703-502-3883.

Book Club. 7:30 p.m. at Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. For children in grades 5-6. Call for title. Free. 703-502-3883.

Theater Performance. 7 p.m. at Chantilly High School. See "Evita." \$10/advance; \$12/door. Visit www.chantillyhsdrama.com for tickets.

THURSDAY/OCT. 17

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FRIDAY/OCT. 18

Book Sale. All day at Centreville Library, 14200 St. Germain Drive. Browse books for all ages. 703-830-2223.

Craftsmen's Fall Classic. 10 a.m.-6 p.m. at Dulles Expo Center, 4320 Chantilly Shopping Center, Chantilly. Browse over 350 artists and craftsmen's works and wares, including furniture, photography, wood, fine art and more. \$8/adult; \$1/child age 6-12. Admission is good for all three days with free return pass. Visit www.CraftShow.com for more.

Book Signing. 7 p.m. at Norway House, 3846 Meredith Drive, Fairfax. Olav R. Crone-Aamot will lead the program. Free. Visit www.norwadc.org or 703-573-5943.

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Haunted House and Carnival. 6 p.m. at Westfield High School. Enjoy carnival games, face painting and a haunted house. Costumes encouraged.

SATURDAY/OCT. 19

Zombie Slouch Family 5k Fun Run & Walk. Check-in starts at 8 a.m. with the run at 9 a.m. at St. John's Church, 5649 Mt. Gilead Road, Centreville. Proceeds benefit D.C. Candlelighters Childhood Cancer Foundation. Strollers, dogs and costumes are welcome. Prizes for most creative. E-mail DCCandlelighters@gmail.com for more.

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

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NoVa Brewfest. 11 a.m.-7 p.m. at Bull Run Park. Enjoy food and craft beers while listening to music and browsing craft and retail vendors. There will be 14 new breweries. \$20/ includes a sampling glass and four

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Paws for Reading. 3 p.m. at Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Children ages 5-12 can meet and read to a trained therapy dog. They can read from a library book or already owned one. Free.

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Zumba Fundraiser. 6:30 p.m. at Cheer Tyme Chantilly, 14110 Sulleyfield Circle, Suite C. Anyone age 10 and older can enjoy a Zumba event with proceeds benefiting WFCM. No experience necessary. \$10/person with additional donations accepted. All the proceeds benefit WFCM. Register at gozumbafun@gmail.com.

Theater Performance. 7 p.m. at Chantilly High School. See "Evita." \$10/advance; \$12/door. Visit www.chantillyhsdrama.com for tickets.

SUNDAY/OCT. 20

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Book Sale. 1-3 p.m. at Centreville Library, 14200 St. Germain Drive. Browse books for all ages. 703-830-2223.

Bluegrass Concert. 7 p.m. at Frying Pan Farm Park, 2739 West Ox Road, Reston. Lindsay Lou & the Flatbellys will perform. \$15/advance; \$18/door. Doors open at 6 p.m. Food and beverages available for purchase. Season passes available. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/fryingpanpark or 703-222-4664 for tickets.

TUESDAY/OCT. 22

Book Club Interest Meeting. 7 p.m. at Centreville Library, 14200 St. Germain Drive. Open to students in grades 9-12. Discuss books and give insight on what you would like the book club to be. Free. 703-830-2223.

WEDNESDAY/OCT. 23

Time for Tots. 11 a.m. at Centreville Regional Library, 14200 St. Germain Drive. Children ages 2-3 with adult. Free. Registration required. 703-830-2223.

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Goblin Gallop Benefits Families of Children with Cancer

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Goblin Gallop, and Quadrino expects between that number and 2,000 people this time. Usually, hundreds of people sign up on race day and, said Quadrino, “Computer registration only takes a moment.”

The course is USATF-certified, and prizes valued at \$150, \$100 and \$50 are awarded to the top three, overall, male and female finishers. Prizes are also given to the top three overall finishers in various age categories, including a masters group for those over 40. All children participating will receive runner’s medals inscribed with the words, “20th annual Goblin Gallop.”

All competitors will receive a free, commemorative, glow-in-the-dark T-shirt. Decorated with the words, “Goblin Gallop,” in orange, the shirts are purple and feature a scene of trick-or-treaters walking past a haunted house and large, rising moon.

No dogs or headphones are allowed in the 5K events, but strollers are welcome in both the run-



Dressed as Angry Birds last year are (from left) Savni Puri, Christine Conner, Lyn Howard and Michelle Mai.

ning and walking events. A computer chip in the runners’ numbers will register their starting and finishing times.

The route is challenging, but runners like it because it’s fairly

flat, with few hills and all right turns. Race D.C. Timing LLC will handle scoring and results, and the awards ceremony will be on the stage in front of Coastal Flats. Results will be posted that afternoon

at goblingallop.org and Results.racedctiming.com.

After the race, the band Shaky Ground will perform classic rock on the Fairfax Corner stage, costumes will be judged and awarded prizes, and participants will enjoy hot dogs, breakfast bars, fruit, cookies and beverages.

Another highlight will be the Reptile Man, who brings snakes, a baby alligator and other reptiles for viewing by interested attendees. “He talks about them and explains what they eat,” said Quadrino. “Kids are absolutely fascinated.”

In addition, more than \$3,000 in door prizes will be given away. Most are donated by local merchants and include Redskins tickets, restaurant meals and gift certificates at running stores.

Glory Days Grill is the largest prize-contributor, donating \$1,000 worth of goodies.

Because of the Goblin Gallop, the John Quadrino Foundation is able to make nearly 300 grants per

year, totaling about \$80,000. The recipient families are referred by pediatric social workers at Inova Fairfax and Children’s hospitals, and the grants are given directly to these families.

Because medical bills can be overwhelming, parents of seriously ill children often need help with rent, utility bills or car-repair costs. Often, one parent must quit a job to stay home and take care of the child. And a family with no prior financial problems suddenly finds itself in dire straits. That’s where the Foundation comes in.

Each year, for example, it awards grants for generators. They go to families with a child who relies on a lifesaving machine at home. And, said Quadrino, “If their power went out, it could be devastating.”

The Foundation buys wigs for children who’ve lost their hair to radiation/chemotherapy. And in the past few months, said Quadrino, “We outfitted 10-12 families with back-to-school clothes for their children.”

“We’ve also paid for a sibling’s child care so parents can visit their sick child in the hospital,” he continued. “My wife and I saw the need when our son was going through this, and he did, too – he’s our inspiration. He’d see kids like him who didn’t see their parents very much, except for Sunday afternoons.”

Worrying about their child’s health, while wondering how they’ll pay their rent or mortgage, is a “double whammy” for parents, said Quadrino. So his Foundation does all it can to help them.

“In the beginning, we were hoping to make three or four thousand dollars from the race, and it snowballed,” he said. “But the need is still there. We also take care of lots of unpaid utility bills. Every week, we turn on people’s lights and stop them from being turned off. We fill in where insurance doesn’t.”

Reflecting on the Goblin Gallop’s 20th anniversary, Quadrino called it “pretty unusual” for a race to last that long, but he’s glad it has. “We feel really good about it,” he said. There are a lot of volunteers involved and we appreciate our sponsors. This allows us to help more people and we’re excited about it.”

To donate to the organization, send checks payable to The John Quadrino Foundation to P.O. Box 4614, Falls Church, VA 22044. Contributions are tax-deductible and may also be made via the Combined Federal Campaign by designating CFC No. 8931, or via the United Way by selecting No. 59426.

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Reading About Halloween Local literature experts recommend their favorite Halloween books for children.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL
CENTRE VIEW

Mark Burch, who lives in Oak Hill, recently browsed through the children's Halloween book section at a library near his Washington, D.C., office. He had his three children in tow and an armload of books with covers that included carved pumpkins, willowy ghosts and witches in black hats.

"We've got about 15 books," he said. "I think the limit of books you can check out is 50 and we might reach it."

Children's literary experts say the month of October is a perfect time for children to explore their imagination, address their fears and have fun reading with their parents. In addition to traditional Halloween favorites, local booksellers say this season brings forth new offerings in children's Halloween literature.

"Halloween is a time that can be very exciting, but it can also be a little bit scary for small children," said Holly Karapetkova, Ph. D., an associate professor of literature and languages at Marymount University in Arlington. "Halloween books can help children explore the idea of dressing up and help children to master some of their fears."



PHOTO COURTESY OF HOLLY KARAPETKOVA

Holly Karapetkova reads the Halloween book "The Little Old Woman Who Was Not Afraid of Anything" with her daughter. "The main thing about reading with your child is giving your child your attention and having quality fun time together," she said.

This is a good time to pick up a book when a character confronts and overcomes their fear."

Jill Beres of One More Page Books in Arlington says Caldecott honor book "Creepy Carrots" by Aaron Reynolds, "The Monstore" by Tara Lazar and "Zombie Base-

ball Beatdown" by Paolo Bacigalupi are among her favorite Halloween children's books.

"As a parent, I am drawn to books with nice illustrations and themes," said Beres. "And anything that has a nice message for kids."

Ellen Klein, co-owner of Hurray for Books!, in Old Town Alexandria, said that children between the ages of 3 and 6 might enjoy "Click Clack Boo: A Tricky Treat" by Doreen Cronin and Betsy Lewin, the same authors of the popular children's book "Click Clack Moo: Cows that Type."

Klein said children under the age of 3 would enjoy "Maisy's Trick-or-Treat" by Lucy Cousins, a sticker book as well as a storybook that introduces Halloween to young children. "It has a Halloween theme and is more of a story that is fun and funny, but not scary," she said. "It has an activity and introduces young children to what the holiday is."

Children who are old enough to read or appreciate chapter books could enjoy "Desmond Pucket Makes Monster Magic" by Mark Tatulli. "It is a fun book," says Klein.

When helping children choose books, Karapetkova recommends that parents start preparing children for the holiday early. "Children like things that are silly and things

that are gross," she said. "It is fun to explore things through a book. It is a good outlet for children to explore their imagination and do things they are not allowed to do in real life." Two of her favorites are "The Little Old Woman Who Was Not Afraid of Anything" by Linda Williams and "The Candy Witch" by Steven Kroll and Marilyn Hafner.

Karapetkova recommends books that expose children to rhyme and rhythm. "There is all kinds of research that shows that children who have a good grasp of the rhyme and rhythm become better readers," she said. "Choose books that use puns, a play on the meaning of words or that include words that have multiple meanings."

Children's literature experts, including Karapetkova, who lives in Arlington, who has small children, say the most important part of reading Halloween books with children is making it a pleasurable experience. "If you sit down and read with your children and you're having fun, it will be hard for your child not to have fun too," she said. "For me, as a parent and someone who thinks about children's literature, the main thing about reading with your child is giving your child your attention and having quality fun time together because children pick up on your emotions."

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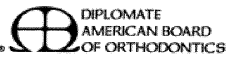
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NEWS

Learning about Police Honor Guard

Group's supervisor speaks at CAC meeting.

BY BONNIE HOBBS
CENTRE VIEW

The Fairfax County Police Honor Guard was established in 1980, and Sgt. Dave Kuhar has been part of it for the past 18 years. He's now the Honor Guard's supervisor and recently explained the group's duties during a meeting of the Sully District Police Station's Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC).

"We do everything from talking to people to presenting the colors at the [Washington] Redskins' games," he said. "We perform at Rotary Club and Boy Scout events, retiree services and school and building dedications. We also do police line-of-duty funerals, honoring our fallen heroes and their families, in Virginia and the Washington Metropolitan area."

Comprising the Honor Guard are 40 officers — including auxiliary officers — who volunteer for the job from several, different entities within the police department. The group also features a bagpiper, Patrick Briant, plus three singers, a bugle player and an electronic bugle.

"We're in the Traffic Division, under Lt. Mike Grinnan," said Kuhar. "We have a \$2,000 budget, which doesn't buy a lot. All 40 members have to have the same type of gear — such as flag-staff holders and rifle slings — so we'll have uniformity in the way we look."

Furthermore, he said, in the past, they normally did 100 jobs a year; but "For the past several years, we've only done 60 a year because of budget considerations."

The group practices once a month, including rifle volleys, the flag pull and marching techniques. "Everyone learns flag protocol — how to present and maintain the flag," said Kuhar. "And we practice casket watch — standing for 30 minutes at a casket during a service, without flinching."



Honor Guard Supervisor Dave Kuhar discusses the group's duties and training.

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The Honor Guard also holds a seminar each June, and people travel from all over the U.S. to attend. In addition, said Kuhar, "We use M1 and M16 rifles and also send our teams back to the rifle range for recertification. And everybody's cross-trained to do all aspects of our duties."

FREY AND O'CARROLL

Also addressing the audience were Supervisor Michael R. Frey (R-Sully) and Capt. Ed O'Carroll, commander of the Sully District Station. Frey began by thanking the CAC for working with both the community and the police department.

"One thing I'm so proud of is the police department's relationship with the community," he said. "Community policing works best when

they work together."

Saying he receives more calls from residents about traffic enforcement than any other issue, Frey told people to call him when they have a problem he can help them solve. (He's at 703-814-7100).

He also said the county Board of Supervisors did its carryover budget and had a small surplus. So beginning Jan. 1, 2014, said Frey, "We committed money — about half a million dollars — to assist the police with their retirement." He said they also earmarked \$350,000 to a traffic-safety/driver-education program "to try to get people to slow down in their neighborhoods."

Along that line, O'Carroll told the residents that, now that school's started again, the police are "stepping up traffic enforcement in the school zones to make

sure the kids are safe."

He also noted that Sept. 11 marked his 24th anniversary with the Fairfax County Police Department, and he's now been commander of the Sully District Station for one year. "It's been a fun year," said O'Carroll. "And I'm looking forward to the coming year."



Michael Frey at the Sully District CAC meeting.

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In And Of Itself



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

Even though I've been riding this non-small cell lung cancer roller coaster going on 56 months now, post-diagnosis; I still can't separate cancer effects (physically, mentally, psychologically, spiritually, etc.) from normal age-related effects, and by normal I mean reasonably expected at this middle age: gray hair as an example. Certainly I don't want the effects (symptoms if you must) to indicate cancer on the move and/or the stage IV tumors in my lungs doing something to complicate an already precarious set of terminal circumstances. However, as life goes on, I'm likely to experience this sort of fact (cancer) from some kinds of fiction (not cancer). No one ever said living with cancer would be easy, quite the opposite in fact. Nevertheless, living is preferred, so complications be damned.

Still, it's the complications, that if ignored or misunderstood or wishfully-thought-of as insignificant – in the scheme of the cancer world in which I reside 24/7, might actually be my undoing. As an example: the shortness of breath I experienced in late July which led to my week-long hospital admission during the first week in August. I had just begun a new round (six-time) of chemotherapy ("new" meaning an I.V. drug with which I had never been infused) and even after just a few infusions, I was already having difficulty breathing/catching my breath; completing a sentence was difficult. This was a side effect with which I was familiar, having previously been infused many times, as you regular readers know, so to my way of assessing, it was just another day at the office, so to speak, (the cancer office, that is). And not ever wanting to make a mountain out of a molehill (or is that a tumor out of a mole?), I toughed it out, thinking it was par for this particular course of treatment. It turned out I was wrong – almost dead wrong.

As my breathing became more labored and my inability to speak/breathe a complete sentence more obvious, I had to admit – even in my generally delusional this-can't-be-cancer orientation, that something was amiss and maybe it was the cancer asserting itself. When I next saw my oncology nurse for my scheduled infusion, it was quite apparent to him that my condition was more than a side effect, it was a straight-on effect. And after he hooked me up to an oxygen sensor and walked me around the unit and saw how low my oxygen levels were, well, it wasn't too much longer before arrangements were being made and I was "ambulance" to Holy Cross Hospital. Two days later I was operated on by a thoracic surgeon who removed 4.5 liters of fluid from my lung. I don't know if I was drowning, exactly, but neither was I treading water.

But I had read the boiler-plate handouts from my oncologist and thought I knew what to expect – and shortness of breath was what I was expecting, and quite frankly, a side effect I had experienced before. However, when the symptoms went from the sublime (expected) to the ridiculous (beyond expectations and requiring immediate medical attention), I began to realize I likely wasn't in Kansas anymore. I was going to be in a hospital in Silver Spring, Maryland. That's when it became serious.

And though I pulled through with flying colors and a re-inflated lung – with an above-average prognosis from my thoracic surgeon, I've learned my lesson: next time, I'm calling the doctor. Whether any symptoms I'm having are cancer-related or not, I certainly don't know, and as much as I don't want them to be, it would seem awfully foolish and naive of me to think it's not and neglect to inform my oncologist. Everything might not be related, it might just be middle age. The fact that I never know is the scary part.

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The event benefits the DC Candlelighters Childhood Cancer Foundation. Register until Oct. 18, via www.DCcandlelighters.org.

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9:30 a.m., Zombie Slouch awards; 10 a.m., DeeJay Myra Flemister; 10:30 a.m., opening ceremonies; 11 a.m., Creative Dance Center; 11:30 a.m., VaDeatles Band (Stone Middle School teachers Stephen Kogut, Robert Zazzara, Patrick McElveen, Tim Hoffman, Liz Deal and Joanna Vadala); 12 noon, parade

At 12:30 p.m., The Alliance Theatre; 1

p.m., Centreville Dance Theatre; 1:30 p.m., NOVA Washu Academy; 2 p.m., Not just Dance; 2:30 p.m., Myra Flemister; 3 p.m., Harmony Road Music; 3:15 p.m., Hallelujah Mission Tae Kwon Do; 3:45 p.m., Korean Senior Center guitar and harmonica teams and choir.

A food court features local restaurants and festival fare, including dumplings, barbecue, cotton candy, funnel cakes, hot dogs and hamburgers, and chicken sandwiches. Also offered will be hot, gourmet coffees plus fruit smoothies and snacks including fried fudgy pies and fried Oreos.

G & C Tire & Auto is sponsoring free children's rides. There'll also be a climbing wall for older children and a fire-engine moonbounce for younger ones. Children are encouraged to wear 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.

Also planned are a Faces of Centreville contest, plus old-fashioned activities such as tug of war, sack races, making pot holders, knitting and reading stories. Face painting will be available, and the nZone Fun Zone will offer corn-hole games, ladder ball, Jenga, Legos, a water duck game, craft activities, coloring and balloons.

The community marketplace will offer items from crafters, businesses, churches and other organizations. And the Friends of Homeless Animals will hold a pet adoption under the trees near the nZone Fun Zone.

For history buffs, three new historical

signs will be dedicated at 2 p.m. at the Newgate Tavern site on Braddock Road. Attendees may also take a ride on the Park Authority's mini history train to discover the treasures of Centreville's Historic District.

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 for the van tour at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/ecl.

Offering 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.

Organized by the Friends of Historic Centreville in partnership with the Fairfax County Park Authority and the Centreville Day Planning Committee, the family-friendly event raises money for historic preservation and Historic Centreville Park. Event chairman is Cheryl Repetti.

Don't Miss History at Centreville Day

BY CHERYL REPETTI
CENTREVILLE DAY CHAIRMAN

Adults enjoy visiting the vendors and shopping at Centreville Day. And children enjoy the many activities and rides that can be found in the marketplace, including trick or treating on the Trick or Treat Trail. Far fewer people discover the more hidden treats of the historical activities and sites that are open and available on Centreville Day.

This year new historical activities at Centreville Day include the Fairfax County Park Authority's Mini History Train, an 18th century tightrope walker, a sign dedication at 2 p.m., an opportunity to sign your own copy of the Declaration of Independence with a quill pen dipped in ink made from walnuts, and an authors' forum. Returning activities include fencing lessons and cannon demonstrations from the Swordmasters of the 18th century (yes, the peg leg is real), dipping your own candles and churning butter, period games tours of historic buildings, and, for some holiday spirit: ghost

The Mini History train will provide tours of the Centreville Historic District on a trackless train. Learn about Centreville's own special claim to railroading history. Tickets for the train will be on sale at the Old Stone Church on Braddock Road. A visit there can also include a tasty treat from their bake sale or enjoy a simple plowman's lunch. Directly across Braddock Road from the church is the Stuart-Mosby Cavalry Museum. This tiny museum has many big stories to tell and this year it will feature an authors' forum.

On the lawn of Mount Gilead, Centreville Day is very proud to announce the engagement of Signora Bella, the Great Italian Equilibrist. Signora Bella (aka Jody Ellis) has performed previously at Mount Vernon, Colonial Williamsburg and the Royal Lichtenstein Quarter Ring Sidewalk Circus. A graduate of the Dell'Arte School of Physical Theater, Ellis portrays Signora Bella as an itinerant performers and recent immigrant to the U.S. in the 18th century, who travels the young republic, "trumpeting her talent and beauty for all who were fortunate enough to be graced with her charm." Among her many talents are extraordinary

feats upon the slack wire.

Be sure to stop in and visit a bit of genuine 18th century history, the Mount Gilead house itself. Then travel nearly 200 years by stopping at the Spindle Sears House on Mt. Gilead Road. Built in 1934 the house is a small time capsule, preserving a virtually unchanged Sears's catalogue house. Inside you'll meet docent Debbie Robison and her collection of modern reproductions of Civil War era stereoscopic slides.

Last, but not least, stop by for the dedication of the Newgate Tavern interpretative signs at 2 p.m. on Braddock Road near the intersection with Mt. Gilead Road. These signs are on private land as a result of an agreement between the Park Authority and the land owner. But they represent the first of a series of signs the Fairfax County Park Authority will place in the Historic Centreville Park. Located within the discovered foundations of the old tavern, the Newgate signs explain some of its compelling history and archeological findings. Speakers include Supervisor Michael Frey, sign author and History Commissioner Debbie Robison, and Historic Centreville Society President Paul Hancq.

ENTERTAINMENT

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SATURDAY/OCT. 26

Used Book Sale. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. at Chantilly Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Browse adult and children's fiction and non-fiction, DVDs, CDs and audio books. A large selection of books in Korean. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/events or 703-502-3883.

Air & Scare. 2-7 p.m. at Udvar-Hazy Center, 14390 Air & Space Museum Parkway, Chantilly. Wear a costume, enjoy indoor trick-or-treating, creepy crafts, experiments and more. Free. Visit <http://airandspace.si.edu/udvarhazy/> or 703-572-4118.

All Hallows' Eve Celebration. 4-7 p.m. at Sully Historic Site. Get a glimpse of things that would have been done on All Hallows' Eve in the 18th and 19th centuries and before. There will be a fortune teller, games, music, stories, a production of "The Legend of Sleepy Hollow" and more. \$10/person. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/sully or 703-437-1794.

SUNDAY/OCT. 27

Used Book Sale. 1-4 p.m. at Chantilly Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Browse adult and children's fiction and non-fiction, DVDs, CDs and audio books. A large selection of books in Korean. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/events or 703-502-3883.

MONDAY/OCT. 28

Sully Book Club. 1 p.m. at Centreville Regional Library, 14200 St. Germain Drive. "The Imperfectionists" by Tom Rachman. Free. 703-830-2223.

Writers of Chantilly. 6:45 p.m. at Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Adults share their work and receive feedback. Free. 703-502-3883.

TUESDAY/OCT. 29

Small Wonders. 10:30 a.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.

Bouncin' Babies. 11:30 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.

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.

Starlight Storytime. 7 p.m. at Centreville Regional Library, 14200 St. Germain Drive. All ages can bring a stuffed animal and enjoy stories and fun. Free. Registration required. 703-830-2223.

Bookalicious! Book Group. 7:30 p.m. at Chantilly Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Children in grades 3-4 can discuss a book. Free. 703-502-3883 for title.

WEDNESDAY/OCT. 30

Toddlin' Twos. 10:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. at Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Children age 2 can enjoy stories and activities. Free. Registration required. 703-502-3883.

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, more. Free.

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A Taste of Thriller. 7 p.m. at Centreville Regional Library, 14200 St. Germain Drive. Teens can learn the routine to Michael Jackson's "Thriller." For children ages 12-18. Free. 703-830-2223.

THURSDAY/OCT. 31

Toddlin' Twos: Halloween Story

Time. 10:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. at Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Children age 2 can enjoy stories and activities. Free.

Registration required. 703-502-3883.

Storytime: Halloween Stories. 11:30 a.m. at Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Children age 3-5 can wear a costume and enjoy stories and more. Free. Registration required. 703-502-3883.

Whee! Halloween Parade. 2 p.m. at Centreville Library, 14200 St. Germain Drive. Children ages 3-5 can enjoy a high octane story time. Registration required 703-830-2223.

Mall-O-Ween. 5-8 p.m. at Fair Oaks Mall. Children can wear their costumes and trick-or-treat around the mall. There will also be samples, contests, sales and discounts at many of the stores. Free. Visit www.shopfairoaksmall.com for more.

SATURDAY/NOV. 2

Fall Arts and Crafts Fair. 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at Community of Faith United Methodist Church, 13224 Franklin Farm Road, Herndon. Free. Browse wares from local artists with proceeds benefiting local charities and ministries.

SUNDAY/NOV. 3

Bluegrass Concert. 7 p.m. at Frying Pan Farm Park, 2739 West Ox Road, Reston. Frank Solivan and Dirty Kitchen will perform. \$15/advance; \$18/door. Doors open at 6 p.m. Food and beverages available for purchase.

Season passes available. Tickets at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/fryinganpark or 703-222-4664.

SATURDAY/NOV. 9

Music Performance. 4 p.m. at St. John's Historic Church. Anne Kempzell and Helen Rusnak will perform. Free.

WEDNESDAY/NOV. 13

Family Spirit Night. 5-9 p.m. at Centreville Firehouse Subs and Sweet Frog, located in the Centreville Square Shopping Center. A portion of the proceeds will benefit Centreville Elementary's PTA.

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ROUNDUPS

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And on “Feline Fridays” this month, all adult cats are just \$5. Residents may also learn about cat health and behavior each Saturday from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. And during the weekend of Oct. 25-27, visitors may join in fun activities with the staff, volunteers and animals. All adoption fees on dogs and cats over age 3 will be waived those three days. There’ll be games, prizes and spooky, hands-on fun for families, plus guinea-pig and rabbit-petting stations, a haunted cat-condo decorating contest and trick-or-treat for shelter pets.°°

Bike Summit at GMU

The second Fairfax Bike Summit is set for Saturday, Nov. 2, from 10 a.m.-3:30 p.m., at GMU. Register by Oct. 31 at www.fabb-bikes.org/summit. Cost is \$25, which includes snacks and lunch. Sponsored by Fairfax Advocates for Better Bicycling (FABB), in partnership with GMU, Fairfax County and the City of Fairfax, it’s open to everyone who wants more options for getting around their communities.

Nationally known speakers will explore topics such as the importance of bicycling to the future of Tysons Corner and other transit-oriented communities; bicycle and transit integration, access and encouragement for all; bikes and business; safety, law enforcement and evaluation; and where to next for Fairfax biking? Also planned are exhibits by local bike stores, clubs and organizations.

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>.

Residents may also apply online through the Virginia State Board of Elections at <http://www.sbe.virginia.gov/OnlineForms/OfficerofElection>. Information submitted will be forwarded to the Fairfax County Office of Elections.

Food Donations for WFCM

Western Fairfax Christian Ministries’ food pantry urgently needs donations of cooking oil, canned fruit, rice (2-lb. bags), canned meat, fruit juice, hot and cold cereal, dry pasta, spaghetti sauce, dry beans, Ritz/Saltine crackers and canned vegetables. (Also needed are toothpaste, deodorant and baby wipes).

Bring all items to WFCM’S new food-pantry location, weekdays, 9 a.m.-1:30 p.m., at 13888 Metrotech Drive, near Papa John’s Pizza and Kumon Learning Center, in Chantilly’s Sully Place Shopping Center.

Thrift-store needs include coats, fall and winter clothing, socks and underwear for adults and children, plus Bibles in English and Spanish. The store is at 13939 Metrotech Drive. In addition, Thrift Store volunteers are needed for two- to four-hour shifts Fridays, between 9 a.m. and 6 p.m., and Saturdays, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.

How to Hire CLRC Workers

The Centreville Labor Resource Center (CLRC) serves businesses and homeowners needing help with just about any home remodeling or maintenance project. And local residents who’d like to hire a worker from the CLRC may do so easily. Either call 703-543-6272 or go to www.centrevilleLRC.org and click on the “How to Hire” link. Tell what kind of work is required, how many workers are needed and when.

The CLRC will match the needs to its registered workers’ skills and set up the job. The price for work will be negotiated. After the job is completed, employers are encouraged to provide the CLRC with feedback to ensure that the work was done well and to their satisfaction and to make sure the workers are fairly paid.

NEWS

Beware of Spooky Forest

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there are ample generators to provide power in the woods. Mainly Clifton residents, the actors create their own skits and costumes, get the props they need, rehearse and make their characters as realistic as possible.

This year, students from Centreville and Woodson high schools, plus Robinson Secondary, are doing scenarios, as well. And all will do their best to unleash the terrors of the night on innocent visitors.

“We have skits that’ll scare you, startle you and creep you out,” said Harper. “We also have a dozen roving monsters walking backward on the trail to terrify people. Last year, we were ranked by www.VirginiaHauntedHouses.com as one of the best haunted house/trail events in Northern Virginia. We even hold a training class to teach the actors in the skits how to scare people.”

There’s a bit of comic relief, however, in Harper’s dancing-skeletons scenario. “I started it three years ago and we’re doing it again, this year,” he said. “The Woodson cheerleaders are joining in and we’ll dance around to music.”

Some skits will involve fog to give off an ominous vibe; others will strike fear into the hearts of trail-goers. Jacquie Lambertson and Trish Robertson will be among eight or nine, pointy-hatted women in the witches’ coven, and Boris Populoh will be lurking under a bridge.

Taylor Williams will be in a scenario with crazed, chainsaw-wielding demons, and John Kinter will put on “his usual, over-the-top, gory skit,” said Harper. Patrick and Ester Pline will portray voodoo zombies, and Fred Ansick will lead a ghoulish crew in a graveyard scene.

Eric Hencken and Rick Layfield will be scary clowns, and Erin Tengesdal and Sydney Sawyer will bare their fangs as vampires. Rick Peterson, Geri Yantis and Carter Wyant are portraying the denizens of Scarecrow Alley — a dangerous place to visit — and Steve Goetzinger will lead a mangy mess of menacing moss men.

Karen Gentry will ensnare visitors in a scary spider skit; but, said Harper, many other participants are keeping the details of their Haunted Trail deeds under wraps until the big night.

The Town of Clifton sponsors the Haunted Trail, using the proceeds for town improvements, including beautification. Another major sponsor this year is Kevin Hutto with Signature Financial Partners.

Proceeds from sales of hot apple cider, baked goods, soda, candy and popcorn will benefit the National Alliance on Mental Illness. It advocates for access to services, treatment and lifesaving medical research for the millions of Ameri-



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Boris Populoh as Clifton’s famed Bunnyman.

cans affected by mental illness.

In addition, Clifton’s newest restaurant, Villagio’s — sponsoring the hayride — will be selling pizza, and 2013 Clifton Haunted Trail T-shirts may be purchased at the concessions stand. And, said Harper, “They feature a really spooky haunted trail with a skull on it.”

With professional sound and light, this year, the event has really been kicked up a notch or two, he added. “We usually get 3,000 people going through the trail, and we’re trying to beat that,” said Harper. “It’s going to be thrilling and exciting. If you like Halloween and like to be scared, you won’t be disappointed.”



Michael Anton being served on a platter as the main course in Julie Thompson’s dinner skit last year.



Ester Pline, Nicole Smith and Jacquie Lambertson in the Witches Coven.

SPORTS



Centreville running back AJ Turner carries the ball against T.C. Williams on Sept. 6.

PHOTO BY CRAIG STERBUTZEL CENTRE VIEW

Centreville Weathers Westfield

Cats shut out Bulldogs.

Neither rain nor sleet nor the Westfield Bulldogs seemed to be able to slow down the Centreville Wildcats as the undefeated Cats shut out their cross-town rival 28-0 in a pouring rain at William E. Trussell, Jr. Stadium on Oct. 11.

Westfield has owned the regular season matchup in this rivalry to the point where the Wildcats had not enjoyed a home-field victory over the Bulldogs since Westfield's inception in 2000. But this matchup produced another dominating performance by the Centreville defense as it held Westfield to just three first downs.

The Chad Wiggins-led Wildcats defense posted its third consecutive shutout as it throttled the conference's leading rusher, Tyler Thrasher-Walker, and the rest of the Westfield running game. And when playing in conditions that both teams endured Friday night, a solid run game was a necessity.

The Wildcats were the team on this night that established the line of scrimmage. After each team traded punts on the first two possessions of the game, the Wildcats put together a drive that ended with an AJ Turner 16-yard burst for a touchdown and a 7-0 first quarter lead. Turner would tote the leather 14 times for 78 yards.

Westfield's Mason Scoville had problems with the slick ball and fumbled the exchange on a key third down and Centreville again went to its ground attack with Taylor Boose (10 carries, 97 yards) rip-

ping off a 55-yard touchdown run to put the Cats up by two scores.

After another three-and-out for Westfield, the Wildcats' tacked on another long drive with tight end David Liddle taking in a 5-yard scoring pass from quarterback Scott Walter and the Wildcats' would get out of the rain and the half with a 21-0 lead that seemed insurmountable given the conditions.

Westfield came out of the locker room and picked up a first down on a Scoville-to-Devon Burns completion with Burns driving forward for the best gain of the night until that point for Westfield. But a Wiggins tackle for loss and then a Wiggins sack thwarted the Bulldogs' momentum and Westfield again had to punt. This punt was a well-placed angled punt that saw two Westfield special teams players hustle to keep the ball out of the end zone. Centreville would start this drive inside its own 1-yard line. It was an excellent field position swing and the Bulldogs sideline encouraged its own terrific defense. But Walter (17 rushes, 80 yards), Boose, Turner and company rode the performance of its offensive line to run over nine minutes off the clock before Richardson picked off a Walter pass.

Centreville's defense once again held and the Cats got the ball back early in the fourth quarter. Again, its offensive line continued to push the Bulldogs on their heels and Walter eventually capped the drive off with a 1-yard TD run to cement the win for Centreville.

This game was played in a mini-monsoon. The fans were soaked, the players were soaked and the cheerleaders were soaked. Those big guys on the line of scrimmage for Centreville loved it. Wiggins and his front seven mates knew that in order to beat Westfield they would have to stop the run. The weather made it near impossible to try to get an aerial game going and Centreville had little problem in fending off the zone blocking schemes of the Bulldogs.

Boose, Turner and Walter paced the ground game on this night for Centreville and again they followed the lead of their O-line, led by Josh Smith, to control the clock. The drive in the third quarter that started at Centreville's 1-half yard line was a statement drive for the offense. The Wildcats' line created some room and the backs made it work by reading the blocks and seeking out the additional yardage that is needed to keep the clock running and out of the hands of the Westfield offense.

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