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Halloween Fun at Goblin Gallop

The starting line of the 1K fun run at the 20th annual Goblin Gallop on Sunday, Oct. 27, at Fairfax Corner.

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Heart-Felt Donation

Redskin and pizza-chain owner team up to help local girl.

BY BONNIE HOBBS
CENTRE VIEW

With their only child undergoing treatment for brain cancer, besides being concerned about her health, Craig and Tammy Sankner also worry about paying the medical bills. But things got considerably brighter for them last week when they received a check in daughter Tara's name for \$10,000.

It was donated jointly by Washington Redskin Pierre Garçon and Paisano's Pizza owner and founder, Fouad Qreitem, outside



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Tara Sankner, 8, with parents Tammy and Craig, waiting for Pierre Garçon to arrive.

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Chantilly's Gabe Luebbe Receives National Honor

BY BONNIE HOBBS
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Senior named to Army All-American Marching Band.

Not only is Gabe Luebbe a talented and accomplished musician, but he's now been named a member of the U.S. Army All-American Marching Band. The Chantilly High senior received his formal

invitation to the band during an Oct. 17 ceremony at the school in front of family, friends and his Charger band mates and directors.

"I was extremely excited when I found out," he said. "I auditioned on both the trombone and bari-

tone and received an e-mail saying I wasn't accepted on trombone, so I was disappointed. Ten minutes later, I got an e-mail saying I was accepted on baritone."

More than 1,300 students applied, and Luebbe was one of 125

nationwide who were selected. Criteria included musical talent, marching ability, academic achievement, personal character, community service and leadership skills. This honor means they'll perform at halftime of the U.S. Army All-American Bowl football game, Jan. 4, in San Antonio, Tex.

Before Luebbe could apply, though, his band director had to nominate him. He also had to send a video in which he spoke about himself, another showing him marching and playing in the band and another demonstrating his playing skill. Letters of recommendation were needed, as well. All these things happened during the spring, and he learned of his se-

lection in August.

"It's a great testament to the type person Gabe is," said Chantilly Band Director Doug Maloney. "He's a talented musician and an even better person, and he's going to be a fantastic representative of Chantilly High at this event."

The Army will pay for Luebbe's hotel and air fare to and from the game. At the ceremony at his school, he received a "U.S. Army Strong" cap and Chantilly received a plaque engraved with his name.

During his sophomore and junior years, he was the baritone section leader in Chantilly's marching band and was the featured soloist, his junior year. He also made the All-State Symphonic Band twice and the All-Virginia Jazz

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From left are Doug Maloney; Paul, Beka, Gabe and Zet Luebbe, Chris Singleton and Chantilly Director of Student Services Robyn Lady.

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From left are the Purvis brothers, Maxwell, 5, and Zachary, 4.



From left are the Winans brothers, Tyler, 5, and Brandon, 8.



Jason and Heather Gray with children, Callum, 20 months, and Cillian, 4.



Trying to be scary are the Reams brothers, (from left) Diesel, 5, and Wolf, 3.

Halloween Fun at Goblin Gallop

The 20th annual Goblin Gallop was Sunday, Oct. 27, at Fairfax Corner.



Mia Thelin, 4.



Runners prepare to begin the Goblin Gallop 5K race.



GMU senior Malia Pereyra.



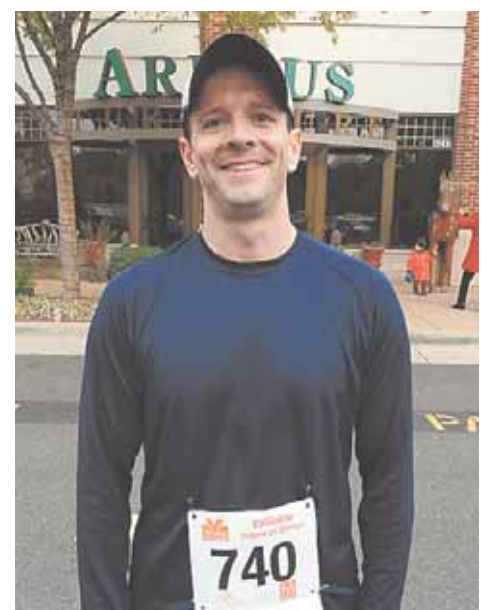
Isabella DiPietro, 4.



Tutu cute: From left are Bobbi and Steve Smith with Jen and Steve Warner.



The Munoz sisters, (from left) Valerie, 6, and Emily, 7.



Arlington's Josh Doan won the Goblin Gallop 5K in 18:31.

ROUNDUPS

Police Seek Vehicle Vandals

Fairfax County police are searching for the people who destroyed the windows in more than 60 vehicles over Sunday and Monday nights, Oct. 27-28. Officers believe a BB gun was used in Centreville during the early morning hours of Tuesday, Oct. 29. Police responded to calls in Little Run, Rocky Run, Singleton's Grove, Old Centreville Crossing and the Green Trails communities.

Officers also handled numerous cases in the Penderbrook community in Fair Oaks. Incident reports indicated that the crimes began occurring around 1 a.m. Police ask anyone who may have witnessed any unusual or suspicious persons, vehicles or noises in these areas to contact them.

Crime Prevention Officers continue to work closely with Neighborhood Watch organizations to prevent and deter destruction cases such as these. 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.

Two Charged with DWI

Fairfax County police recently conducted two DWI checkpoints to search for drunk drivers. On Friday, Oct. 25, some 1,482 vehicles passed through a checkpoint at Route 50 and Stringfellow Road in Chantilly. Police charged one driver with DWI and issued summonses to four others.

Then on Saturday, Oct. 26, a checkpoint was set up on Route 50 at Rugby Road in Fair Oaks. Some 757 vehicles passed through, and police charged one motorist with DWI and issued summonses to eight others.

Bike Summit at GMU

The second Fairfax Bike Summit is set for Saturday, Nov. 2, from 9 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.

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Fairfax County Sheriff's Race Heats Up

Kincaid, Wolfe trade barbs over guns, vandalism.

BY VICTORIA ROSS
CENTRE VIEW

Like many of her neighbors, Vienna resident Jane Li said she didn't know Fairfax County had a sheriff's department until a few weeks ago.

"That's when I started to see the campaign signs along Hunter Mill Road, and I thought I should find out what the sheriff does," she said.

The sheriff's office, with more than 600 employees and a \$60 million budget, has three primary functions: operating the Adult Detention Center, providing security in the courthouse, and serving civil papers, such as eviction notices, child protective orders and subpoenas.

"The police do a good job of rounding up the bad guys, and the sheriff's deputies make sure they stay where they're supposed to," said Supervisor Jeff McKay (D-Lee), a reserve deputy sheriff himself. "Most people don't know the sheriff exists because they're not doing anything wrong."

"This race matters," McKay said. "There's the potential for a lot of things to go wrong in courthouse security. We've never had that happen. No one has escaped from the jail; no tragedies at the courthouse; the sheriff's department returns money to the general fund, and deputies do a lot of things that we take for granted."

Fairfax County Sheriff's Capt. Stacey Kincaid, the Democratic candidate, and her Republican opponent, retired Fairfax City Police Officer Bryan A. Wolfe, agree the campaign is an opportunity to educate residents about the role of sheriff.

But that may be the only issue on which they agree.

Kincaid, a 26-year-veteran of the sheriff's department, said her first order of business if elected would be to sign the Civil Service Protection Agreement which guarantees due process for department employees.

"I've been on record and said countless times that the primary thing it does it prevents any employee for being fired without just cause and prevents any political retaliation," Kincaid said.

Wolfe does not see the protection agreement as a priority. "That's a critical difference between me and my opponent," Kincaid.

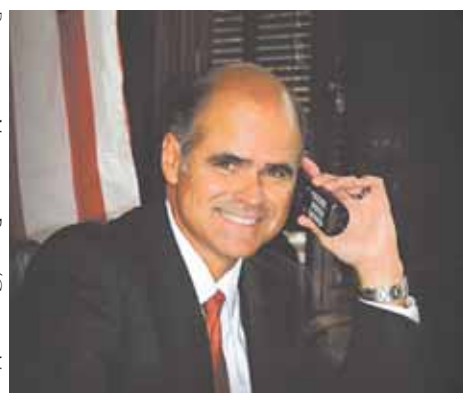
Instead, Wolfe said his first act as sheriff would be to "modernize" the department with video recording equipment in the jail.

"Video cameras protect inmates and deputies in the jail and the cameras protect the taxpayer from frivolous lawsuits and suspicion of law enforcement generated by lawsuits," said Wolfe, who said that Kincaid "has said several times that it's too costly" and "it's a solution for a problem that doesn't exist."

The contest is the only county-wide office on the ballot this year, a special elec-



Stacey Kincaid, a 26-year veteran with the Fairfax County Sheriff's Department, in front of the Fairfax County Democratic Committee headquarters on Oct. 21.



Bryan Wolfe, a retired officer with the Fairfax City Police, was selected Officer of the Year twice during his 26 years with the police department.

On the Issues

STACEY KINCAID has made diversity a key issue of her campaign:

"Diversity is as important to me as it is to the citizens that I will serve. When I became a deputy sheriff in 1987, women were underrepresented in policing. The same can be said of many other underrepresented groups as well. The Fairfax Sheriff's Office has been slow to adapt to the change. No longer can values be self-serving. It is my belief that the Office of the Sheriff must face up to the evolving needs of the community and the expectations placed upon its top leadership. I am committed to developing new strategies and approaches that can be used to increase our effectiveness and, in turn, better serve our community. I am deeply committed to equal protection of the rights of all members of our community."

❖ For more information on Stacey Kincaid, go to www.staceycincaid.com

tion to fill the post held by Democrat Stan Barry, who retired midway through his fourth term in July.

If elected, Kincaid will become the first woman sheriff in the County's history, and one of a handful of women sheriffs in the nation. A 26-year veteran of the sheriff's office, Kincaid has worked all four divisions. She began her career with the sheriff's office in 1987 as a summer intern, and in 2008, she received the agency's highest honor, the Distinguished Service Award.

A self-proclaimed "rookie politician," Kincaid soundly defeated acting Sheriff Mark Sites for the nomination in a July caucus, 63 percent to 37 percent. She won with the guidance of Kate Hanley, a family friend and former chair of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors.

Wolfe garnered the Republican nomination in late August. Although he has been endorsed by several prominent local Republicans, he has not received any campaign

BRYAN WOLFE has said better programs for the mentally ill would be a top priority if he is elected sheriff:

"The mentally ill are currently thrown in with hardcore criminals in a toxic situation. That's why I want the mentally ill whose only offense is causing a disturbance or committing a misdemeanor diverted into a program that helps the underlying problem, which is psychiatric and not criminal."

"As sheriff I want to start a Crisis Intervention Team approach modeled on the program currently in effect in Memphis. I propose that deputies receive an initial 40 hours of specialized training from experienced mental health professionals and law enforcement experts. After completing the initial training, qualified deputies would have annual in-service training and an additional eight hours of classroom work. The goal of this new CIT program is to provide immediate response to situations where the mentally ill are in a state of crisis and to prevent, reduce or eliminate potential injuries to deputies and inmates. Finding appropriate care — whether in the ADC or in an outside mental health facility — and working on a treatment program will help keep the mentally ill out of jail."

❖ For more information on Bryan Wolfe, go to www.wolfeforsheriff.com.

contributions from the Fairfax County GOP.

While the race has put the sheriff's office in the spotlight, it has also exposed the uglier side of politics. One of Wolfe's first acts as a candidate was to do "oppo research" on Kincaid and her family. Through the Freedom of Information Act, he requested all of Kincaid's emails, iPhone photos and texts.

In August, he called Kincaid a "hypocrite" on gun control issues, and said he was motivated to run for the office after hearing Kincaid say she supports expanded back-

ground checks on firearms. Wolfe, an NRA member, opposes such measures.

While declining to confirm or deny Kincaid's allegations that she recently purchased two AR-15 rifles, Kincaid said she is a responsible gun owner and has purchased firearms legally.

On Friday, Oct. 25, Fairfax County Republican Committee (FCRC) Chairman Jay McConville entered the fray with a statement also denouncing Kincaid as a "hypocrite" for her gun purchases.

"When addressing the nominating body of the Fairfax Democrats, Stacy Kincaid said that she was in favor of both an assault weapons ban and a ban on high capacity magazines," wrote McConville.

"Specifically she railed against the notion that anyone would need either. I guess that is what she needed to say to get the nomination. Why then, did Stacy Kincaid order and purchase, for her own personal use, both an AR-15 Rifle and multiple high capacity magazines? This is hypocrisy of the most blatant sort, and should cost her the election now that it has become known," McConville said in the statement.

Kincaid declined to comment on McConville's statement, but said she stood by her earlier statements.

Wolfe also alleged that Kincaid's supporters tried to intimidate him by vandalizing his vehicles and tearing up a flower bed on his property in Clifton.

"They are bullying me ... and now the intimidation factor is affecting my volunteers," Wolfe said in a phone call on Friday. "(My volunteers) don't want to drive their cars into Fairfax County with my signs because they're afraid their vehicles will be vandalized. They tell me 'This has gotten too hairy for me.'"

Wolfe said the repeated vandalism has impacted his entire family. "I just want the race to be over. I want to get my life back," he said.

"Unfortunately vandalism seems to be a common occurrence. My campaign has had a number of instances where my signs have been stolen or destroyed," Kincaid said in a call Sunday.

"While the appropriate response is to report these incidents to the police, as a law enforcement officer, I have no intention of diverting police resources for such childish behavior," she added. "Campaigns are about discussing the issues and making the community a better place and there is no place in campaigns or otherwise for acts of vandalism to personal or campaign property."

The two major party candidates are joined on the ballot by independents Robert Rivera, a security analyst and former sheriff's deputy, and Chris DeCarlo, a propane salesman.

A frequent candidate for local offices, the 55-year-old DeCarlo, who is also running against Del. Eileen Filler-Corn, the Democratic incumbent in the 42nd district, has livened up the race with rap videos against government corruption.

OPINION

Vote Nov. 5 or Before

Election Day is Tuesday, Nov. 5

For voters in Virginia, it is hard to overstate how important it is to go out and vote next week. All Virginia voters will see statewide races for governor, lieutenant governor and attorney general, plus one delegate race. In addition, there are a few local races in Alexandria and Arlington, a bond question in Fairfax County and a referendum question about the housing authority in Arlington.

These off-year elections attract many fewer voters.

In 2008, 74.5 percent of Virginia's registered voters turned out to vote in the presidential election. In 2009, the last time Virginians elected a governor, lieutenant governor, attorney general and members of the House of Delegates, just 40.4 percent of registered voters came out to vote.

That is to say that 1.7 million voters went missing in the Commonwealth.

Last November, more than 70 percent of Virginia's registered voters turned out. Will this November see 40 percent or less? Choices at the statewide level could hardly be more stark, and low turnout will make the outcome unpredictable.

This week's Connection includes what you need to know about the mechanics of voting and what is on the ballot.

Don't be among the missing.

Voter Identification Rules Same as Last Year

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, but this new photo identification requirement will not take effect until July 1, 2014.

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 this year when voting, 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/>

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- ❖ Terry R. McAuliffe (D) www.terrymcauliffe.com
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- ❖ Mark D. Obenshain (R) www.markobenshain.com

HOUSE OF DELEGATES 2013 ELECTIONS

Every Virginia voter will vote for delegate in the voter's district. Delegates serve two-year terms.

<cal2❖ District 37 — Incumbent David Bulova (D) faces Patrice Winter (R)

❖ District 38 — Incumbent Kaye Kory (D) faces Jim Leslie (I)

❖ District 39 — Incumbent Vivian Watts (D) faces Joe Bury (R)

❖ District 40 — Incumbent Tim Hugo (R) faces Jerrold Foltz (D)

❖ District 41 — Incumbent Eileen Filler-Corn (D) faces Fredy Burgos (R) and Christopher DeCarlo (I)

❖ District 42 — Incumbent Dave Albo (R) faces Ed Deitsch (D)

❖ District 67 — Incumbent Jim Lemunyon (R) faces Hung Nguyen (D)

FAIRFAX COUNTY SHERIFF'S SPECIAL ELECTION

To replace retiring Sheriff

❖ Stacey Ann Kincaid (D) www.Staceykincaid.com

❖ Bryan A. "B.A." Wolfe (R) <http://www.wolfeforsheriff.com/>

❖ Christopher F. DeCarlo (I) www.honestlyandethics.com

❖ Robert A. Rivera (I)

SCHOOL BOND REFERENDUM

Fairfax County voters will be asked to vote Yes or No on the \$250 million school bond question in the general election. The schools plan to use the money to:

❖ 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

From now until Saturday, Nov. 2, you can vote absentee in person for a variety of reasons, but you must sign a form affirming that you do qualify. Almost everyone with a job in Northern Virginia qualifies for one particular reason, however: your work plus commute time would be 11 hours or more between 6 a.m. and 7 p.m. on Election Day. Other reasons include planned travel, pregnancy, illness or disability, being a student out of area and more. Voters can also vote absentee by mail.

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

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

Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Suite 323, Fairfax, VA 22035. Saturday, Nov. 2, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday, Nov. 1, 8 a.m.-7 p.m.

The satellite locations in Fairfax County are also open for absentee in person voting; Saturday, Nov. 2, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. and Monday-Friday through Nov. 1, 3:30-7 p.m.

❖ Franconia Governmental Center, 6121 Franconia Road, Alexandria, VA 22310

❖ Dolley Madison Library, 1244 Oak Ridge Ave., McLean, VA 22101

❖ North County Human Services Building, 1850 Cameron Glen Drive, Reston, VA 20190

❖ West Springfield Governmental Center, 6140 Rolling Road, Springfield, VA 22152

❖ Mason Governmental Center, 6507 Columbia Pike, Annandale, VA 22003

❖ Mount Vernon Governmental Center, 2511 Parkers Lane, Alexandria, VA 22306

❖ Sully Governmental Center, 4900 Stonecroft Boulevard, Chantilly, VA 20151

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

Many To Thank

To the Editor:

Centreville Day 2013 could have had nicer weather, but it couldn't have asked for a better group of people who came together and made Oct. 19 another great Centreville Day. The Centre View did an amazing job this year and devoted so many inches of column space to Centreville Day this year that I vowed not to write a lengthy letter of thanks. There are about six different categories of people that make Centreville Day happen: the planning committee, the sponsors and vendors, volunteers, enter-

tainers, various county agencies, and members of the public who attend the festival. I am blessed with a wonderful all-volunteer planning committee: dedicated and good humored, they keep this event alive and growing each year. Join us next in 2014 and see what I mean.

But good will and dedication aren't sufficient: Centreville Day has to pay its bills and raise funds for historic preservation and education. This is done by our excellent sponsors and vendors. G & C Tire and Auto returned as Gold Sponsor for the third year in a row and sponsored free children's

rides. The Korean Central Presbyterian Church, Virginia Heritage Bank, Kiddie Academy, Apple Federal Credit Union, Samer Makhoul of Remax Elegance, the Historic Centreville Society, Centreville Preschool, Bryan Hunt and Little Hands Kinder Music were also all cash sponsors. We also have a long list of in-kind sponsors, but I will specifically mention the CentreView, Signarama of Centreville, Well-spring United Church, and Centreville Baptist Church. There is a longer list of vendors, from churches to crafters, who came and who we sincerely hope en-

joyed the day (the list can be found at www.CentrevilleVA.org).

We had a great team of youth volunteers this year. All of them were from Stone Middle School! We also have Stone to thank for The VaDeatles, a great band comprised of teachers. Sara Berrios, Centreville Dance, Creative Dance Theatre, the Alliance Theater, Not Just Dance, the Wushu Academy, Hallelujah Mission Tae Kwon Do, and the Korean Senior Center Guitar, Harmonica and Choir Teams all also contributed their considerable talents. Centreville Day en-

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joys and deeply appreciates the support it receives from the Centreville Volunteer Department, from the Sully District Police Department, from the Department of Planning and Zoning, from the Fairfax County Park Authority, and, most especially from Supervisor Michael Frey and his staff. I also want to thank the recipient of this year's Centreville Day Citizen of the Year Award, Trudy Harsh, for her years of service and for re-arranging her travel plans to be with us on Centreville Day. Last, but not least, thank you to everyone who came out to brighten a grey day and enjoyed Centreville Day. I hope that you will all return again for Centreville Day 2014 (and bring friends).

Cheryl Repetti

President, Friends of Historic Centreville
Coordinator, Centreville Day Planning Committee

He Says What He Means

To the Editor:

Ken Cuccinelli has a long record of protecting the interests of women. When he was a student at UVA, one of his female housemates was sexually attacked in the middle of the night while sleeping. In response, Ken founded the campus program S.A.F.E. (Sexual Assault: Facts and Education), which is still in operation. Ken also

led a 134-hour vigil on the steps of the UVA rotunda to pressure the university to hire a full-time coordinator for efforts to prevent sexual assaults and aid victims.

Ken Cuccinelli has always been known for his integrity — he says what he means, even if it's politically incorrect, and he follows through on his promises once he's in office. He will do everything he can to defend the rights guaranteed to you and your family by our Constitution. He will be a governor everyone in Virginia can trust and be proud of — because he is proud of Virginia. Please help ensure our great Commonwealth has the governor she deserves — vote for Ken Cuccinelli on Nov. 5.

Donna J. Curtin
Clifton

Man of Integrity

To the Editor:

Ken Cuccinelli is a man of integrity first and foremost. He has proven over and over, as state senator and as attorney general, that the interests of Virginia and its citizens are his priority. Our interests regarding taxes, job creation, education, business growth, personal liberty, and freedom from an overreaching Federal bureaucracy are Ken's proven record of service. Everything Terry McAuliffe is not, Ken Cuccinelli is and more: A man of integrity, with a proven history of working for all Virginians, and definitely worthy of your vote.

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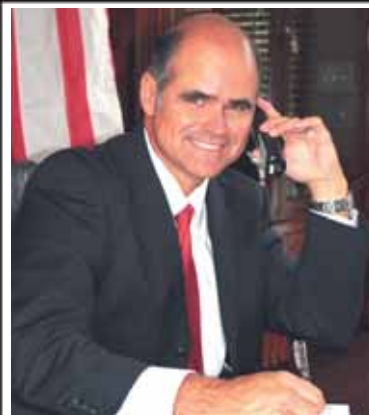
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From Cultural Exchange to Life Lessons

Chantilly High School senior Mary Munn writes about what she learned through a cultural enrichment program.

BY MARY MUN

Summer 2013 has been one of the most memorable summers I have experienced, predominantly because of my time with High School Diplomats (HSD). HSD is a scholarship program that describes itself as a "cultural enrichment experience that brings together high school students from Japan and the United States"; however I would describe it very differently. High School Diplomats is much more than a cultural enrichment program. It shows how high school students can create life-long friendships despite their cultural differences, language barriers, and geographical limitations. HSD has actually taught me many valuable life lessons and has changed my own life. It is definitely an once-in-a-lifetime opportunity that I wish everyone could know about and experience. High School Diplomats is the first part of

a two-part program. In HSD, 40 American (20 girls and 20 boys) and 40 Japanese (20 girls and 20 boys) students are specially and individually hand-picked through an application and interview to participate in a 10-day experience at Princeton University. Each of the 40 American students is matched with a Japanese student who has similar characteristics and likes/dislikes. The objective of the program is to create a strong friendship and relationship between the American and Japanese roommate pairs, while also teaching both sides about their different cultures.

Before the actual cultural exchange program at Princeton, families are able to participate in Homestay, which is an American family hosting one or two Japanese students. My family and I hosted a Japanese girl, Mika, who was my roommate at Princeton. We hosted her for four days, however during this period of time, I slowly learned more and more about Japanese and Asian culture. The Japanese students also

were able to get a taste of American culture by directly living it for a weekend.

During the Homestay, I really learned the differences of the two cultures and realized how lucky I was to be able to live the life I do. For example, students at Chantilly probably take Homecoming and Prom as for granted as an event that happens every year. However, in Japan, high school students have never even been able to experience a dance party. It made me appreciate how much American teenagers are privileged and how blessed my life really is after seeing how my high school life is different from that of a typical Japanese high school student.

At Princeton University, there are a variety of activities to learn about Japanese culture, such as graceful Shodo (Japanese calligraphy), Traditional Tea Ceremonies, Kendo (a type of Japanese martial art), and even their sushi making. It was amazing to see how different the world can be from the United States. However, I also saw the similarities during diplomatic talks. We would discuss international problems such as poverty, international cyber security, world hunger, human trafficking, and a myriad of many more topics. We were aware of these issues and we could communicate

and understand each other despite the difficulty of language barriers. I learned that we are just the same and all living in the same world, and it is possible to create a friendship regardless of cultural and language differences.

Through HSD, I matured, learned to improve my characteristic weaknesses, and even gained a sister who lives across the globe. High School Diplomats really transformed my life and now I have a much greater cultural awareness, better understanding of myself and the world, and have experienced things I never would have done without this wonderful opportunity. In addition, the American students came from all across the country. I met very talented and special people who I never even knew existed. My HSD experience was so eye-opening and mind-blowing, which is why I really want to spread the word and get everyone and anyone (rising junior or senior) to apply for this amazing life-changing opportunity. To learn more about HSD and the application process, visit <http://www.highschooldiplomats.com/america.php>.

The writer is a senior at Chantilly High School.

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ROUNDUPS

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Election Officers Are Needed

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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/1a aug 2013 election officerappfinal.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.

Free Carseat Inspections

Certified technicians from the Sully District Police Station will perform free, child safety carseat inspections Thursday, Nov. 7, 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 ad-

just 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.

Time to Fall Back


Daylight Saving Time ends this Sunday, Nov. 3, at 2 a.m. So before bedtime Saturday night, set back the time on all those clocks, watches and electronic devices one hour.

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.

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Senior Named to Army All-American Marching Band

FROM PAGE 1

Ensemble three times. In addition, Luebbe was selected to the National Association for Music Education All-National Orchestra in 2012 and the National Jazz Workshop Invitational. He's also a member of the National Honor Society and help found Chantilly's Environmental Action Team.

He plays trombone in the symphonic and jazz bands, but baritone in the marching band. "When my dad was a kid, he played the trombone; so around fifth grade, I decided to play it, too," said Luebbe. "But in my freshman year, to march, I picked baritone, the next thing to a trombone."

He said baritones provide much of the band's "bottom sound," and it's the job of Chantilly's 11-person baritone section "to help support the rest of the band's sound — we make sure they can rely on us."

After his school's drum major made the Army's All-American Marching Band two years ago, Luebbe began following that band on Facebook and You Tube. "This spring, I auditioned," he said. "I knew there'd be hundreds of other applicants just as qualified as me." So he hoped his videos would turn the tide in his favor.

"In the self-introduction, I told who I was, why I deserved to be an All-American and how dedicated I am to music," SAID Luebbe. "I told them I over-prepare. The baritone is



From left are Army Staff Sgt. Joseph Clickenbeard, Staff Sgt. Jeffery Wallace, Gabe Luebbe and 2nd Lt. Kevin Smith.

heavy, so holding it can be really tiring. So during practice, I strap ankle weights around the baritone and march with it. Then during performances, when I take them off, it's much lighter."

He also said he'd been a section leader two years and a drill instructor one year.

And he told them "one of my main goals is to make sure everyone — not just me — knows their drill spots and music," said Luebbe. "So I work with them on this outside of practice."

Luebbe's parents, Paul and Zet, were at the Oct. 17 ceremony, as was his sister, Beka,



Gabe Luebbe after the ceremony.

a Rocky Run seventh-grader. "I'm extremely proud of him," said his dad. "Without question, marching band is his most-passionate, high-school activity. So to have it culminate with this national recognition is just huge."

But that's not all, said his mom. "He's a very good kid, is determined and works hard and has a lot going for him. He's also kind, loving and giving."

Army Staff Sgt. Jeffery Wallace officially invited Luebbe to be in the All-American

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From left are Paul, Beka, Gabe and Zet Luebbe.



Gabe Luebbe with his baritone.

Luebbe Receives National Honor

FROM PAGE 10

band and called the U.S. Army All-American Bowl “the nation’s premier, high-school sporting event.” He said the band members are “dedicated, motivated and know how to be part of a team, as well as leaders. We are proud of have Gabe in the band.”

Taking the podium in the school auditorium, Luebbe then thanked his family for “always supporting” him. He also thanked the band directors, plus the entire Chantilly marching band, saying, “I wouldn’t be here if it wasn’t for you guys, always being there for me.”

Assistant Band Director Chris Singleton thanked the Army for recognizing band students, plus Chantilly’s band and administration. “It’s been great to see Gabe’s growth, over the past three years,” he said. “He’s emerged as a leader in the band and helps and encourages everyone around him to always do their best. Congratulations, Gabe.”

Luebbe leaves for Texas on Dec. 30 and says it’ll be challenging learning a whole, new marching routine in just a week’s time. “It’ll require a lot of self-dedication and I’ll have to push myself,” he said. “But I’m looking forward to meeting and working with new people from all around the country.”



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Alliance actors advertise their show during the Centreville Day parade.



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From left: Lila York, Allie Lytle, Elijah King and Alan Gutierrez rehearse a scene from "The Little Mermaid."

Alliance Theatre To Present Children's Show

'The Little Mermaid Jr.' takes the stage in November.

BY BONNIE HOBBS
CENTRE VIEW

Ariel, Prince Eric, Flounder, Sebastian the Crab and all the other characters from the popular story and movie are in The Alliance Theatre's production of "The Little Mermaid Jr."

Performances are Nov. 9-24 at Mountain View High School, 5775 Spindle Court (behind Glory Days Grill) in Centreville. The musical features 10 adults and 35 students in grades three through 12, and Director Maggie Swan says they're all really talented.

"We have kids from at least 15 different schools," she said. "A hundred kids auditioned and we knew right away who'd play which role — they all fit their parts. They work well together, too, and are having a great time with each other."

The scenes take place on an ocean, in a ship, under the sea, on a beach and in a palace. And the actors will portray mer-

maids, crabs, fish, sailors, a prince and several princesses.

"The audience will be impressed and touched with the kids' talent," said Swan. "They'll love the colorful costumes, cool lighting and neat special effects. And our villain, Ursula — played by Chloe Gilfoil — is pretty scary. It's a fun story families will enjoy seeing together."

Playing the title role of Ariel, the mermaid, is Herndon Middle eighth-grader Allie Lytle. "Ariel's spunky, fun, full of life, adventurous, proud, stubborn and curious," said Lytle. "She's in love with the human world and falls in love with a prince, so she asks Ursula, the sea witch, for legs. She gets them; but if by sunset after three days, she and the prince haven't kissed, she'll turn back into a mermaid and Ursula can keep her soul."

Lytle's loved the movie since age three, so was "excited and overjoyed" to get this role. "It's a dream come true for me," she said. "Ariel risks her life for her man, and it's amazing to play someone you never thought you'd be." She likes singing "Part of Your World" because it "ties the show together and explains what Ariel's going to do and how she'll do it. I also love our big dance number, 'Under the Sea,' with all the sea creatures."

Lytle said the audience will appreciate the characters' personalities and love the music, dancing and costumes. And, she added, "The set will be breathtaking."

Elijah King, a Robinson Secondary sophomore, portrays Prince Eric. "He's adventurous, bold and loud, yet controlled and polite because he was raised to be a king," he said. "He's also kind and caring. It's fun

playing a Disney prince because you have the freedom to be big and animated. And I like how the cast is all different ages and personalities."

King's favorite song is "One Step Closer," which he sings to Ariel while they dance. "It's a fast-paced, ballroom dance in which she's introduced as the prince's love interest," he said. King also said the audience will like the show's message "to be yourself and follow your dreams, because good things happen if you stick with what you

want."

Playing Flounder, Ariel's best friend, is Poplar Tree Elementary fifth-grader Lila York. "Everything's new to Flounder because he's a guppy who's never been out of the water before," said York. "He's friendly, but scared of Ursula and King Triton because they're bigger and stronger than him."

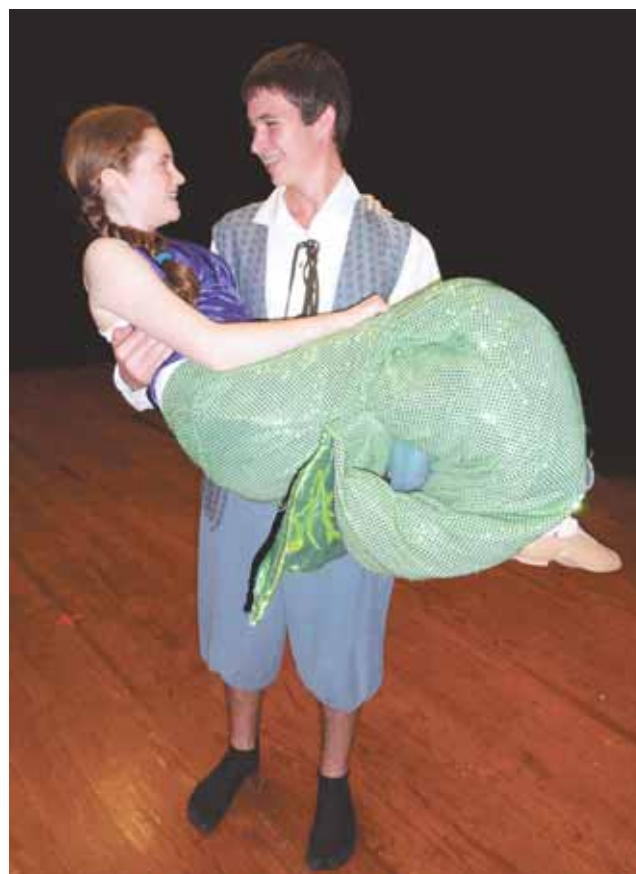
"It's my first lead role; and when I was little, this was my favorite movie, so I always wanted to play Flounder," she continued. "And it's fun because I get to wear shoes with wheels in the heels that let me roll across the stage and kind of swim like a fish."

York likes the song, "She's in Love," best because "it's hip-hoppy and upbeat. I sing it about Ariel." She said the audience will love the show's lighting, special effects and blackouts, plus the props, including "a boat on wheels and cool puppets."

Bryce Nabulsi, a Nysmith seventh-grader, plays one of the chefs who tries to catch Sebastian the crab. "He wanders into the kitchen and we want to cook him," she said. "I also sing a song called 'Les Poissons' — 'fish' in French — with three other chefs. I love working with all the other kids and making new friends."

Nabulsi also likes acting because it lets her "explore being a different person than I actually am. And I can mold my character into something I want it to be, so it's really interesting."

Noting that "everyone here has a fabulous voice," she said the audience will enjoy the show's dynamics and high energy — it's a fun play and all the songs are entertaining."



Allie Lytle and Elijah King play Ariel and Prince Eric.

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LEARNING

Best 10 Days of My Life at High School Diplomats

Paul VI junior Caroline Peters participated in Japanese and American culture program.

BY CAROLINE PETERS

"The best 10 days of my life" is what you will hear from each of the Japanese and American students who traveled to Princeton University last August to learn more about each other's countries and cultures in the High School Diplomats (HSD) program. I was selected as one of the 40 American students from approximately 300 applicants nationwide to receive a full scholarship for the program. I also participated in the Home Stay portion of the program, where two Japanese students stayed with my family for four days before the Princeton program and were immersed in U.S. family traditions.

While at HSD, we spent 10 days getting to know our Japanese/American roommates and other friends while learning about each other's governments, social issues, regional characteristics, and education. Each day was theme based to teach the Japanese students about American culture. These included costumes to celebrate the themes of Spirit Day, Country Fair Day, Diplomat Talks, Date Night, Rock Star Day,



Caroline Peters (left) with Nigisa of Tokyo, Japan

Halloween, HSD Olympics, Talent Show, and Karaoke. The Japanese students also put on a cultural festival to teach the Americans about their traditions of tea ceremonies, karate, dance, calligraphy, sushi making, flower arrangements, games, and origami, etc. In addition, Japanese language classes were taught to complete beginners as well as advanced students, and I began to speak some Japanese.

By the end of the 10 days, all 80 students were life-long friends and family, and we now continue our world-wide friendships through social media and travel, into col-

lege, and beyond. HSD changed my life; I am now keenly aware of my status as a world citizen. I have family half way across the world and our experiences will always hold a dear place in my heart.

Takara Inoue from the suburbs of Tokyo said, "It was a really good opportunity for me because I could break stereotypes towards Americans through, not international exchange, but mind to mind exchange."

Ben Murray of Ohio said, "Meeting my roommate, Ronmaru, was my favorite part of HSD because I got to better understand someone who was exactly like me but Japanese."

"HSD was a life changing experience. It gave me the unique opportunity to experience a foreign culture firsthand and helped me to discover my true personality," said Nikhil Garg of Thomas Jefferson High School.

Sonja Hartman of Colorado remembered, "HSD changed the way I view myself and the world. I like who I am at HSD, and I like what the people there inspired me to do."

In addition, I am competing with these 40 Americans for scholarships for a three-week USHSD program to travel to and tour Japan, take part in a homestay there, and represent the U.S. to Japanese dignitaries next summer.

The High School Diplomats (HSD) pro-

gram has opened its application process for next summer. If you are currently a sophomore or junior, you can apply for this full scholarship program at Princeton University. The program dates are July 29-Aug. 9, 2014. The full scholarship includes all lodging in Princeton dorms, food, activity costs, and transportation costs from Northern Virginia to Princeton, N.J. Applications are online now at www.highschooldiplomats.com through Jan. 8, 2014 or email the American Director Celine Zapolski at celinezapolski@highschooldiplomats.com. Applications must be postmarked and mailed no later than Jan. 8. Applicants are then contacted for an interview in early to mid-March, and acceptance will be determined with final notification given by mid-April, 2014.

Going on the HSD website is one of the best ways to get a sense of what the program is really like, which includes a blog of last summer's program, other pictures, and testimonials. Please know that this is truly a life changing program and it suits any type of student; whether you are a jock, a musician, into student government, or drama, all of the students meld together for a fabulous experience. Apply now for the best 10 days of your life.

The writer is junior at Paul VI High School who lives in Chantilly.



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Making Voters Feel Welcome, No Matter Their Language

County election officials have stepped up outreach efforts and volunteer recruitment efforts.

By VICTORIA ROSS
CENTRE VIEW

It's been nearly a year since more than 450,000 Fairfax County voters cast their ballots at 237 precincts in the 2012 presidential election, and for most voters, the process was quick and painless.

But long lines and even longer wait times at some polls frustrated voters and prompted Fairfax County to investigate what went wrong.

Making sure that history does not repeat itself, Board of Supervisors Chairman Sharon Bulova set up a special bipartisan Election Commission less than two weeks after the 2012 election to look into what caused the long lines, whether poll workers were trained properly and why some voters just gave up and went home.

Appointed by the Board of Supervisors, the 2013 Bipartisan Election Process Improvement Commission consists of county residents who represent the county's supervisory districts, communities within the county and organizations. Katherine Hanley, former chair of the the Board of Supervisors, and Stuart Mendelsohn, former Dranesville supervisor, co-chaired the commission.

One of the key reasons for the problems, election officials said, was a shortage of poll volunteers.

This year, Cameron Quinn, the county's chief election official, and the county's Electoral Board have been working together to implement some of the 50 recommendations made by the bipartisan committee in May.

"We've been doing a number of things since January to improve outreach and make things go smoothly for every voter this year," Quinn said last week. "We've done a lot more targeting of messages to people who need it, senior and disabled population, and we've been able to provide more bi-lingual volunteers at precincts that need language assistance."

In addition to printing all voting materials in English and Spanish, a federal requirement, Quinn said the county will have English/Spanish bi-lingual volunteers at every precinct, as well as Korean-speaking volunteers at some polling precincts with large Korean populations.

"I was touched with Korean community's efforts to help us translate materials and provide volunteers," Quinn said. "And so we're trying to encourage other pockets. My next target is Vietnamese. We've also printed recruitment brochures in Farsi, Arabic, Chinese Korean, French, and Spanish."

Another key improvement was raising the



Cameron Quinn, Fairfax County's chief elections officer, checks in with volunteers Mary Pat Lutz of Vienna (left) and Trudy Dixon (right) of Clifton as she prepares to vote absentee on Oct. 24. at the Sully District precinct.

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— Cameron Quinn, Fairfax County's chief elections officer

Highlights of Bipartisan Election Commission's Report

Last fall, the Board of Supervisors appointed a 26-member Bipartisan Election Process Improvement Commission to look into some of the problems encountered by voters and election officers during the 2012 general election, including long lines. In March this year the commission released its report, offering over 50 recommendations, including:

- ❖ Use electronic poll books at all precincts
- ❖ Avoid parent-teacher conferences on Election Day
- ❖ Encourage voters to use optically scanned ballots, reserving touch-screen machines for voters with disabilities
- ❖ Enable dedicated phone lines for the chiefs to use to reach the registrar and elections offices
- ❖ Purchase new voting equipment to modernize and improve the voting process

pay of election volunteers, from \$100 to \$175 per day, which Quinn said has helped in the effort to recruit more volunteers.

The county also encouraged absentee voting, starting the process three weeks earlier at satellite sites. As of Oct. 23, Quinn said there have been more than 17,248 absentee applications, a 50 percent increase from 2012.

"The Electoral Board agreed with the vast majority of the recommendations the commission made and most of those recommendations are being implemented right now or will be implemented in the future," said Brian Schoeneman, a Fairfax County attorney and secretary of the Electoral Board.

- ❖ Consider raising election officers' pay and increasing the number of rovers

The Office of Elections is considering the following recommendations to determine which may be implemented.

- ❖ Refer to "electronically scanned" ballots, not "paper"
- ❖ Configure lines and precinct room layout for maximum efficiency
- ❖ Meet with EO teams the night before election to set up and for a quick review of duties
- ❖ Post maps outside rooms of co-located precincts
- ❖ Be sensitive to and assist voters with disabilities and those with limited English skills

(Read the full report at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/electioncommission.)

"One thing we knew even before November was that we needed to begin thinking of replacing our aging voting equipment," Schoeneman said. "We have made significant progress in that area and are evaluating a variety of systems with a goal of implementing a new, fully integrated system by November 2014."

The Board of Supervisors allotted \$6 million for new equipment this year, which Quinn said gives the election office "more breathing room" to implement some improvements.

Last week, the Sully District precinct, received its first Ballot on Demand machine. Adrienne Free of Fairfax, an election offi-

cial stationed at the precinct, said the new technology would make it easier for both voters and volunteers.

"We have literally dozens of different ballot combinations of offices," Free said. "With the new equipment, we won't have to print as many ballots."

In some election years, like the upcoming 2015 elections, election officials will juggle more than 80 different ballots to accommodate the various jurisdictional boundaries across Fairfax County.

The multiple ballots are especially difficult to handle with absentee ballots and absentee in-person voting at the satellite locations and the Government Center, where officials have to have every single ballot combination available to allow every voter in Fairfax to vote.

"Ballot on demand technology lets us get around the need to print thousands of copies of each ballot and have them available, especially in the satellites and Government Center," Schoeneman said.

Instead, election officers can print the ballot for voters at the time they check-in, saving the time of finding the correct ballot, saving the money of printing thousands of ballots no one will ever use, and reducing errors caused by handing out incorrect ballots to voters.

"Many jurisdictions around the country are moving to this model and we hope Fairfax — if the tests are successful — will help lead the way here in Virginia," Schoeneman said.

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Excuse Me, Pardon Me, Excuse Me...

By KENNETH B. LOURIE



If it wasn't a coincidence, it was the next thing to being one. What it was, was the hiccups; occurring after chemotherapy infusion number one and again after chemotherapy number two. The first episode lasted only a few days and annoyed my wife, Dina, way more than it annoyed me. The first hiccuping episode was fairly constant; however it was not exhausting – and I wasn't having any trouble sleeping because of them. Nor was I making any disturbing sounds or having any difficulty breathing – when caught in mid-hiccup, and/or eating because of the herky-jerky movements/spasms of my diaphragm. In general, it was a fairly benign effect. In the big picture, it didn't seem particularly important that it was the hiccups I was having, so I never called my oncologist. It was the hiccups after all. It might as well have been a skinned knee. Jeez. And sure enough, within a couple of days, I was "hiccuped out."

Now when they started again after the next infusion, I gave that coincidence more consideration (two representing a pattern). Perhaps there was a relationship between the infusion (the drug Alimta) and the hiccups. Nonetheless, I stood stubbornly firm yet again in my decision to not call my oncologist, anticipating that the hiccups would subside after a few days as they had done previously, and so I waited. Unfortunately, that was not the case.

This second episode did not stop. In fact, it intensified until blockhead-Kenny gave in to a new reality: multiple days and nights of non-stop burping/hiccuping, no sleep and very little eating made me a shell of my former self. Not only was I burping/hiccuping constantly, my throat/diaphragm was becoming so sore and so swollen from the constant spasming that it began to impact my voice, which became raspy and weak – and my throat, which seemed to narrow, made swallowing food and liquids a scary challenge. Moreover, the burping sounds that were coming from my throat were ones rarely heard from man or beast, and when out in public were disturbing to others in spite of my best efforts to muffle them. After nearly a week of progressing difficulties, I was a beaten man. No rest for the weary, I suppose. No sleep. No food. No nothing. This induced me, shall I say, to finally e-mail my oncologist with a list of my particulars and await medical instructions.

I picked up the prescription the next morning after having e-mailed my doctor the night before. Oddly enough, a side effect of the pills – to help settle my diaphragm/stop the hiccuping/burping, was sleepiness, hardly an effect I was happy about. I was already half asleep – from not sleeping, and unable to sleep because of the burping/hiccuping, so I didn't want to feel any sleepier. But what could I do? I had to make some progress. I was completely out of patience. For the first 24-36 hours, the medication barely took off the edge, but eventually it took off more than the edge, it stopped the burping/hiccuping altogether so I was once again able to sleep – when I meant to, at bedtime. I had survived the ordeal – yes, ordeal, and lived to fight another day.

Who would have thought? The hiccups, for crying out loud. It was unpleasant. I was unpleasant. However, in the cancer picture, the hiccups were not particularly unpleasant (meaning significant). They were, I suppose, just another hiccup on the road to find out (Cat Stevens reference) and learning to live with a terminal disease.

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NEWS

'Give Them Strength, Fortitude and Compassion'

Criminal Justice Academy graduates 43 officers.

By BONNIE HOBBS
CENTRE VIEW

The graduates of the 60th session of the Fairfax County Criminal Justice Academy included the police department's first Asian female, a former fire department deputy chief and a Bulgarian immigrant whose family tended vineyards.

The ceremony was Sept. 20 in GMU's Harris Theatre, and Circuit Court Clerk John Frey swore in 43 new officers. There were 26 county police officers, 13 sheriff's deputies, two Town of Vienna police officers, one Town of Herndon police officer and one county fire investigator.

The person who retired from the county Fire and Rescue Department to become a police officer is John Diamantes, who was once the head of Fire Station 21 in Fair Oaks.

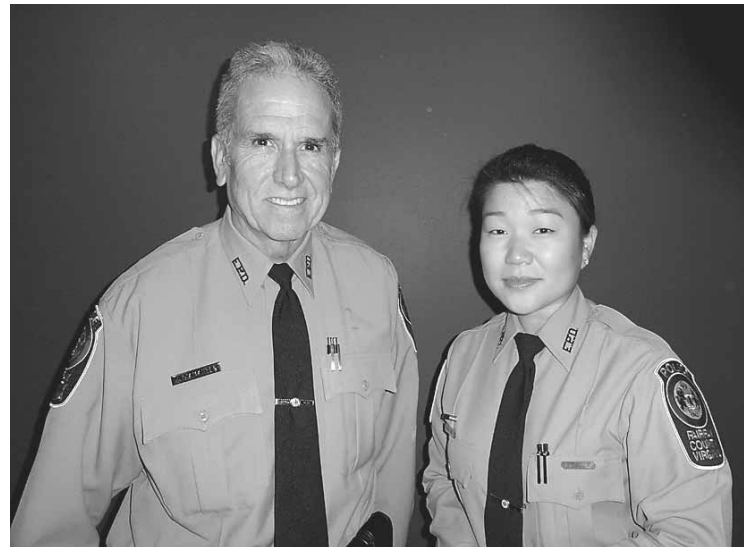
The county's first female Korean police officer is Rachel Lee, a 2000 Centreville High grad. "It's something I wanted to do for a long time," said Lee, who previously worked as an office administrator in the healthcare field. "I wanted to be active and do something that would have an impact and benefit the community." Initially, she said, she'll explore all her career options, but she hopes to eventually become a detective.

There to see her graduate, as well as another new, Korean police officer, Kyoung Pak, was fellow Korean, Det. Roy Choe. He was the Sully District Station's 2011 Officer of the Year and now works in recruiting at police headquarters in Fairfax.

"I feel really great to see them both become police officers," said Choe. "And Officer Pak was my mentee. Hopefully, we'll get even more [Koreans] in the next academy session in November."

According to 2010 census data, some 189,661 Asians live in Fairfax County. But, said Choe, the county only has about 50 Asian officers and just 16 — including Lee and Pak — who are Korean, speak that language fluently and understand Korean culture.

So Choe said having two more Korean



From left are new Police Officers John Diamantes and Rachel Lee.

BONNIE HOBBS/
CENTRE VIEW

police officers is important. "In the Northern Virginia area, especially Fairfax County, with all the immigrants who've moved here, there's a larger population of people not speaking English and only Korean," he explained. "So the police need people who can speak Korean so they can help them out."

At the academy, the students underwent a rigorous and intense, 24-week training period. It included 320 hours of academics, 84 hours of precision-driver training, 94 hours of firearms instruction, 110 hours of defensive-tactics conditioning and 130 hours of defensive tactics.

The graduation ceremony began with the county Honor Guard, plus PFC Patrick Briant, who played the bagpipes while the new officers entered the theater. Then PFC Laura Redman sang the National Anthem while the Honor Guard presented the colors and the audience stood.

Later, Craig Floyd, chairman and CEO of the National Law Enforcement Officer Memorial Fund, gave the keynote address and the academy graduates received their badges. But first, police chaplain Jim Hepler gave the invocation, and his words were powerful.

He thanked God for bringing everyone together for the event, describing the graduates as "a class of eager, law-enforcement professionals who have answered Your calling to do justice, to love mercy and to walk

humbly in Your presence."

Noting that God taught man "to pursue peace, righteousness and justice to make the world a better place," Hepler said, "These men and women are now joining those who already wear a badge of goodness and truth. Be their guide, this day, and all days. Give them strength, fortitude, determination, stamina and compassion to do their job as they enforce the laws of our society with honor and dedication."

Hepler said the officers know their chosen profession isn't an easy one. But, he said, "We do it because of our desire for goodness and love and a belief that our world still needs protectors." And he asked God to "see the light of hope and determination" within the new officers and to know that they're His "messengers of peace and righteousness."

"Every day, when these officers, deputies and fire marshals put on their badges, we ask you to be with them," continued Hepler. "Give them faith, give them strength, help them maintain their integrity and keep them grounded in the mission they set out to do."

"Our citizens expect our law-enforcement officers to be there for them at all times and in all situations. We ask You to be with these officers and let them remain compassionate at the right time, unyielding when needed and, at all times, give them strength and faith."

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MONDAY/NOV. 4

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SATURDAY/NOV. 9

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MONDAY/NOV. 11

Veterans Day Celebration. 9:30 a.m. at Bull Run Elementary School gymnasium. Honor Veterans. Students should wear red, white or

blue clothing.

TUESDAY/NOV. 12

Blood Drive. 9 a.m.-2 p.m. at Charm City Concierge, 15000 Conference Center Drive, Chantilly. The American Red Cross Greater Chesapeake and Potomac Blood Services Region will hold a blood drive. Visit redcrossblood.org or 1-800-RED-CROSS to make an appointment.

WEDNESDAY/NOV. 13

Youth Bullying and Violence Prevention Symposium. 8:30 a.m.-noon at Fairfax Community Church, 11451 Braddock Road. Teens, parents and youth-serving professionals can learn about how to help youth manage their emotions and actions. Free. Register at www.fairfaxyouth.org. A light breakfast, snacks and coffee will be served.



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Reflections of Autumn

The colors of fall are reflected in this pond near the Fairfax County Government Center in Fair Oaks.

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❖ Most water meters are located outside a customer's home, so Fairfax Water employees typically don't require access to a customer's home to read a meter.

CRIME REPORTS

The following incidents were reported by the Sully District Police Station.

LARCENIES:

- ❖ Little Rocky Run Circle/Braddock Road, box of liquor from business.
- ❖ 6400 block of Virginia Pine Court, license plates from vehicle.
- ❖ 15100 block of Whetherburn Drive, cell phone from vehicle.
- ❖ 6000 block of Anne Marie Terrace, shoes and sunglasses from vehicle.
- ❖ 4100 block of Meadowland Court, electronic device and cash from business.

BURGLARY

- ❖ 13000 block of Poplar Tree Road, Oct. 22. A resident reported someone entered the residence and took property.
- ❖ 14000 block of William Carr Lane, Oct. 28, 4:56 p.m. A resident observed two suspicious men outside a neighbor's house and called police. The two men fled before police arrival. Police believe the house was entered but nothing was taken.
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Westfield's Sister Trio Helps Team Chemistry

Bulldogs win sixth consecutive district/conference title.

BY JON ROETMAN
CENTRE VIEW

Strong team chemistry can often times propel a team to success on the field. For the Westfield field hockey team, chemistry runs deeper than time spent on the turf.

The Bulldogs have three pairs of sisters on the team, each pairing separated by two years. Five of the six sisters were in the starting lineup on Oct. 24 when the Bulldogs defeated Chantilly 3-0 during the Conference 5 tournament championship game at Westfield High School. It was Westfield's sixth consecutive district/conference title.

"It's awesome," head coach Starr Karl said. "I had three sets of sisters last year, and cousins. They're really, really good with each other because they have different dynamics. ... They're very supportive of each other and their expectations are always very high."

Senior midfielder Katelyn Rennyson is a team captain who contributed a goal and an assist in the conference championship game. Her younger sister, sophomore Callie Rennyson, is the starting goalkeeper.

"It's really fun," Callie said about playing on a team with three pairs of sisters. "It's a



The Westfield field hockey team has three pairs of sisters. From left: Grace Horgan, Sarah Horgan, Sara Ayoub, Becca Ayoub, Katelyn Rennyson and Callie Rennyson.

great experience because we're all really close."

Katelyn Rennyson said the sisters are supportive of one another but know how to handle times of sibling disagreement.

"I think we all challenge each other a lot because you always want to challenge your sibling," Katelyn said. "But I think we're all supportive of each other, too. Since we're all the same age difference ... we've all kind of grown closer and we're all kind of like sisters to each other."

"... If you're mad at them, you just take it out on the field, like play hard against them."

For me, Callie's in goal so I can shoot harder."

Senior back Grace Horgan and her sister, sophomore back Sarah Horgan, are also starters. Sophomore midfielder Sara Ayoub is a starter. Her sister, senior forward/midfielder/back Becca Ayoub, is also on the team.

"When Sarah Horgan and Sara Ayoub came in [last year], they were the only freshmen that were on varsity," Karl said. "... There was a warm welcome and I think it started with their sisters making sure that they felt comfortable, because it's hard be-

ing a freshman on a varsity team."

Senior forward Katie Winesett scored a goal against Chantilly. Her cousin, 2013 Westfield graduate Meghan Winesett, was the 2012 Washington Post All-Met field hockey Player of the Year.

"I think it's really cool playing with all the sisters," Katie Winesett said, "because they all know each other so well that we blend so much faster as a team."

Karl said each sister has a different personality.

"Each of the sisters is very, very different, which is kind of cool," Karl said. "Callie is very intense and Katelyn doesn't let things bother her. Grace is pretty low key and then Sarah Horgan is ... all over (the place). Becca is the nicest, sweetest person on and off the field and Sara is a perfectionist."

Emily McNamara also scored a goal against Chantilly.

How does it feel to win a conference championship with all the other recent Westfield accomplishments?

"It was nerve-wracking going in because we didn't want to blow the streak," Winesett said, "so it's still just as exciting as winning it for the first time."

Katelyn Rennyson, Winesett, senior back and captain Rachael Ulsh and senior back Ashley Little were named to the all-tournament team.

Westfield defeated Woodson 6-0 on Oct. 29 in the opening round of the 6A North regional tournament. The Bulldogs will host McLean in the quarterfinals at 6 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 1.

Centreville Football Remains Undefeated

The Centreville football team improved to 8-0 with a 53-7 victory over Washington-Lee on Oct. 25.

AJ Turner carried seven times for 94 yards and a touchdown, according to stats from the Washington Post's allmetsports.com. Taylor Boose carried eight times for 92 yards. Quarterback Scott Walter completed 4 of 5 passes for 89 yards and two touchdowns. Charles Tutt had two catches for 68 yards and two scores.

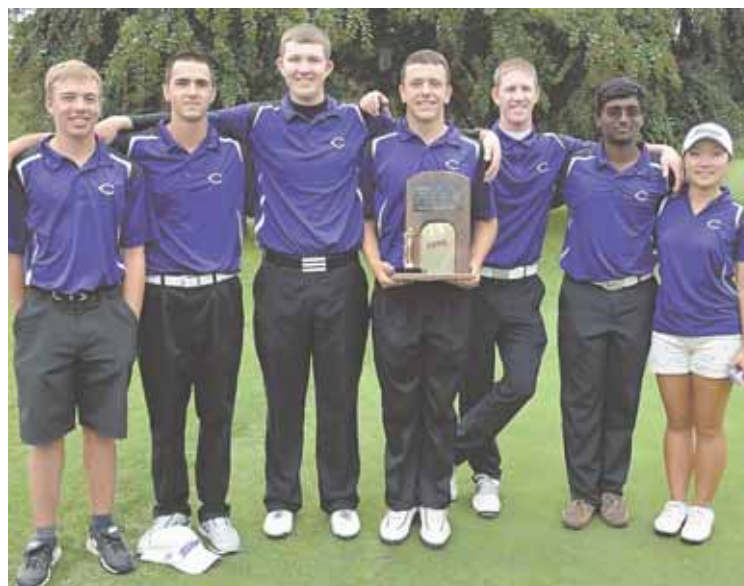
The Wildcats will host Herndon at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 1.

Chantilly Golf Wins State Championship

Sciorra, Bae win individual state titles.

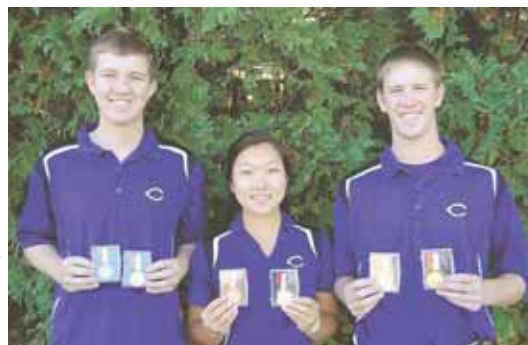
The Chantilly boys' golf team won the 6A state championship and senior Mike Sciorra won the individual state title at Meadowbrook Country Club in Richmond, Oct. 14-15.

The Chargers carded a two-day, 15-over par 583 to win the title. Riverbend (597) placed second, South County (630) finished third and Cosby (632) was



The Chantilly golf team won the 6A state championship. From left: Joe Miller, Ben McGrath, Connor Messick, Noah Tucker, Mike Sciorra, Vishal Giri and Ju Hee Bae

The Chantilly golf team had three members place in the top four. From left are Connor Messick (tied for 4th), Ju Hee Bae (2nd) and Mike Sciorra (champion).



fourth.

Sciorra shot a two-day, one-under par 141 to capture the individual championship. He carded a one-under 70 on the first day and shot even par on the second.

Chantilly's Juhee Bae finished runner-up, one stroke behind Sciorra. Connor Messick tied for fourth with a seven-over 149 and Vishal Giri tied for eighth with a nine-over 151.

Two weeks later, Bae won the girls' open state championship at Jefferson Lakeside Country Club in Richmond, Oct. 29-29. Bae defeated Hidden Valley's Kristin Hearp in a playoff after each carded a two-day 146.

Westfield Football Beats Herndon

The Westfield football team set a season high for points during a 62-28 win over Herndon on Oct. 25.

Westfield running back Tyler Thrasher-Walker carried 14 times for 187 yards and four touchdowns, according to the Washington Post's allmetsports.com.

The Bulldogs improved to 6-2. Westfield will travel to face Oakton at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 1.



Standing beside a cardboard cutout of himself, Pierre Garçon presents a \$10,000 check to Tara Sankner, as her parents look on.

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Teaming Up To Help Tara

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the Paisano's Fair Lakes store. The presentation was Thursday night, Oct. 24, in front of Tara's family and friends.

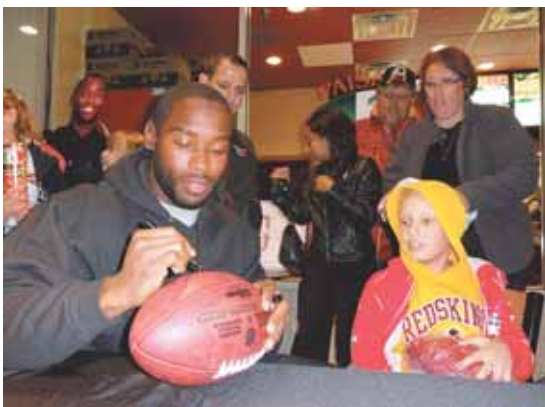
All during September, Qreitem donated a portion of all his pizza locations' sales to Tara. And after he brought the 8-year-old Lees Corner Elementary third-grader to Garçon's attention, the wide receiver wanted to do something, as well.

"Somebody helped me, so I'm happy to have the opportunity to help someone else and continue the cycle," said Garçon. After presenting Tara with an oversized, ceremonial check, he pointed out the many signatures of his teammates adorning it. And he stayed awhile to sign footballs and jerseys for his fans, after signing a Redskins football for her.

Garçon even visited Tara at her home last month, which was also a thrill for her. So before he arrived at Paisano's, she said, "I'm happy and looking forward to seeing Pierre again." Actually, the event was supposed to be a surprise but, said Tara, "I overheard my mom talking about it on the phone."

Surprise or not, it was fun for all involved. Attendees included GMU's girls softball team and Tara's teammates in the Vienna Girls Softball League, plus fellow Chantilly High alumni like Tara's mom, who graduated in 1988.

"It's awesome and overwhelming," said Tammy Sankner, there with Tara's dad. "And it's great to see all the girls."



Tara Sankner watches Pierre Garçon autograph a fan's football; in background are Foad Qreitem and Craig and Tammy Sankner.

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Pierre Garçon with Tara Sankner outside the Fair Lakes Paisano's Pizza; in background is her dad, Craig Sankner.

Qreitem has worked with Garçon for two years. Whoever orders the most Paisano pizzas during the football season has them delivered by Garçon. Besides their efforts helping the Sankners financially, said Qreitem, "It helps raise awareness of childhood cancer. Being part of the community, I wanted to help them. And I have an 8-year-old daughter, too, so it definitely hits home."

Tara has an astrocytoma, a treatable but inoperable form of brain cancer. So her parents hope Qreitem's and Garçon's generosity will also make people realize the great need for more fundraising for children's cancer research in general.

Tammy Sankner said their donation will "help tremendously with both medical and non-medical expenses for Tara's care, such as gas, parking at the hospital and the nonpaid time I have to take off from work. I'm in shock; it's just wonderful."

After the event, she said, "Tonight was just amazing. I'm speechless at the outpouring of all the support from the community. And I thank Foad and Pierre for doing this for Tara."



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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. Hours are 7:30-11:30 p.m. with last admission at 10 p.m. (earlier if sold out.) Visit www.fieldsoffear.com.

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.

Wheel 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.

Trail of Terror. From dark-9:30 p.m. at 6807 Massaponax Place, Centreville. The Boy Scouts/Venturing Crew are holding a fundraising event. Appropriate for ages 5 and up. \$5/person.

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.

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. Registration required, 703-502-3883.

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/fryingpanpark or 703-222-4664.

MONDAY/NOV. 4

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

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

Frying Pan Farm. 2 p.m. at Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Meet local animals, enjoy a story and take home a craft. For children in grades K-6. Registration required, 703-502-3883.

Afternoon Adventures: Nature Gets Ready for Winter. 3 p.m. at Centreville Library, 14200 St. Germain Drive. Children ages 6-12 can learn about how the changing of the seasons affect animals and plants. Live animals often appear. Free. Registration required, 703-830-2223.

Kids Knit. 4 p.m. at Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Learn how to knit or get help with a project. Beginners welcome. For children in grades 3 and up. Registration required, 703-502-3883.

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

TUESDAY/NOV. 5

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.

Time for Tots. 11 a.m. at Centreville Library, 14200 St. Germain Drive. Children ages 2-3 can enjoy stories and activities. Free. 703-830-2223.

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 songs, stories and more. Free. Registration required. 703-502-3883.

Yoga Storytime. 7 p.m. at Chantilly Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Children ages 6-9 can enjoy story time that incorporates basic yoga moves. Free. Registration required, 703-502-3883.

WEDNESDAY/NOV. 6

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

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

THURSDAY/NOV. 7

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

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

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