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While the other veterans listen, Army Maj. Robert McGuire thanks Bull Run Elementary for the special program.

'Stand Up and Do the Right Thing'

Bull Run Elementary salutes local veterans.

BY BONNIE HOBBS
CENTRE VIEW

Veterans Day is more than just a federal holiday filled with mattress sales — it's a time to honor America's military veterans. And on Monday, Nov. 11, that's exactly what Bull Run Elementary did.

"It was incredible," said Army Sgt. Josh Hamp-

ton afterward. "And it helped the kids get an understanding of the sacrifices military families make, too."

Military moms, dads and other relatives of the students came to the school for a special presentation filled with music, poetry, artwork, flags and inspirational messages from the veterans, themselves. SCA officers escorted the veterans into the gym, Girl Scouts from Troop 1440 passed out the programs and Cub Scouts from Pack 321 posted the Colors.

Students' patriotic computer drawings played on a screen and kindergartners led the Pledge of

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"It's all about choices, so make the right ones," said Army veteran Rosie Lopez-Cortijo.



Army Maj. Timothy Redman has served for 20 years.

Schools Take Action Against Bullying

Chantilly, Centreville, Fairfax pyramids join forces in initiative.

BY BONNIE HOBBS
CENTRE VIEW

Children of all ages get bullied and bully others, themselves. It's not true of all children, but it's true of enough of them that Fairfax County Public Schools wants to do something about it.

Last year, a committee of counselors and administrators from all schools in the Chantilly Pyramid — plus one parent with children bullied at all three levels — created a vision for its response to address and eventually eradicate this problem. The theme was "Stand by Me," emphasizing support for the person being bullied, and it'll be this year's theme, too.

Now, though, this initiative has been expanded to all Cluster VII schools, including 24 elementary, middle and high schools — encompassing some 25,000 students, plus a larger committee — in the Chantilly, Centreville and Fairfax High pyramids. Heading the effort is Lees Corner Elementary Principal Bob D'Amato.

"We thought it would be more powerful if all of Cluster VII had the same message and we could consolidate our thinking and pool our resources," he said. "It also provides us with more ideas and heightened awareness."

So, for example, said Lees Corner counselor Rachel DiBartolo, "As one of us comes across a powerful book or video [on this subject], we share it with the others." And in all schools nationwide, Bullying Awareness Week is Nov. 18-22.



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The Chantilly Pyramid's 2012 "Stand by Me" logo.

That first day, each school will begin the conversation around the definition of bullying. All staff members, including custodians, cafeteria workers and bus drivers, will wear special T-shirts reflecting their pyramid's high-school colors and bearing the words, "No bullying."

They'll also wear wristbands with the words, "Stand by Me," as will the students. In addition, said DiBartolo, "We'll pick one Friday each quarter when we'll wear the T-shirts again, and we'll wear the wristbands at all times."

"We can't fund T-shirts for all the kids, but we ask them to wear shirts in their high school's colors," said D'Amato. "But Cluster VII funded and ordered 31,000 wristbands in purple for the Chantilly Pyramid, navy for the Fairfax Pyramid and black for the Centreville Pyramid."

Counselors are planning their own schools' activities for that week, with information about them written on their marquees. Parents will be apprised of what's planned via the schools' keep-in-touch messages.

"At Lees Corner, we'll have an all-

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‘Sassy, Modern Twist’ on a Classic Play

Westfield High presents Shakespeare’s comedy, ‘Twelfth Night.’

BY BONNIE HOBBS
CENTRE VIEW

A love triangle, comedy, colorful costumes, plot twists and swordfighting — it’s all there in Westfield’s production of

Shakespeare’s “Twelfth Night.” The curtain rises Friday-Saturday, Nov. 22-23, at 7:30 p.m., and Sunday, Nov. 24, at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$12 at the door or \$10 via www.westfieldtheatreboosters.com. There’s a cast and crew of 35, and Director Shannon Lynch says

her actors are “ready to go and eager to take risks and prove themselves. They have a lot of stage presence and innate, star quality already, so they’re comfortable and know how to play to the audience.” “They’re confident in their skills

and talents and know they possess a strength and charisma rare for high-school students,” she continued. “And they have a great reverence for theater — they respect and take it seriously. They know it’s special and are proud of their program and what they’ve accomplished.”

In “Twelfth Night,” set in the late 19th century, Viola and her twin brother Sebastian are shipwrecked and separated, and each assumes the other’s dead. So Viola calls herself Cesario and dresses like a young man so she can get a job and figure out how to reclaim her former life. She was of noble birth, but lost her hold on that life in the shipwreck and has no way to return home.

Viola lands on the island of Illyria, where people take a liking to her as a male. She misses her brother, but becomes a messenger for Count Orsino and falls in love with him. But he’s in love with Countess Olivia — who’s in love with the young man she believes Viola to be.

Junior Zoe Hawryluk, playing Viola, calls her a “strong, confident woman with charisma. She’s true to herself and has lots of empathy. I can identify with her because I’m

also a strong individual and can use my wits to interpret and figure out different situations.”

Delighted with her role, Hawryluk said, “I love Shakespeare because of the beauty of his language and descriptions. It’s also my first lead, so I’m excited that it’s Shakespeare.” She said the audience will like the show’s energy. “Everyone in the cast is so talented; they all bring their own, personal quirks to their characters,” she said. “And there’s never a dull moment — it’s enrapturing.”

Hawryluk said it’s also “cool to see how high-schoolers interpret Shakespeare; the audience is definitely in for a treat. The costumes are based on late 19th-century, European and American fashion. But there’s also an element of steampunk, modernizing them with leather and metal — we’re making Shakespeare sexy.”

Portraying Malvolio, Olivia’s right-hand man and master of the household, is senior Julian Sanchez. “He’s a stone-cold curmudgeon who dresses in all black and scoffs at the fun some of the characters are having. But some other characters trick him into

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Brandon Sanchez as Count Orsino and Zoe Hawryluk as Viola.

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From left: Westfield High freshmen Sarah Pak, Nicole Ruckert, Lauren Peters and Summar Morgan sort donated canned goods.



Westfield 2012 grad Emily Monday (left) and Westfield junior Garrett Ryan enjoyed sorting canned goods.

Scouts, Volunteers Make Food Drive Successful



From left: Siblings Evan and Cady Belsky, a Chantilly High freshman and junior, respectively, plus senior Preston Rizer, move food boxes in the warehouse. They're all in Crew 10, a coed adventure Boy Scout group based in Centreville; Cady's the Crew 10 president.

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Marcel Gough, a Westfield junior, volunteered with Cornerstone Seventh Day Adventist Church.

The Boy Scouts' annual Scouting for Food drive was Saturday, Nov. 9. After the Scouts collected food donated by the community for local, needy families, volunteers sorted, boxed and transported it to the West-

ern Fairfax Christian Ministries' (WFCM) food pantry in Chantilly. Nearly 60,000 pounds of food were donated, and more than 900 Boy Scouts and almost 800 other volunteers – including adults, Girl Scouts and other groups – participated.



Helping out are Westfield juniors and Ambassador Girl Scout Troop 1100 members (from left) Megan Anderson, India Mazzaro, Callie Bailey, Carolyn Perkins, Sierra Knott, Taylor Moore and Sabrina Kauer.



Chantilly resident Chrysel D'Souza and daughter Katelyn, a Lees Corner Elementary sixth-grader, pack canned goods together.



Westfield 2012 graduate Henry Pike hauls a box of food.

Schools Take Action Against Bullying

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school assembly, and some fifth- and sixth-graders will read their essays on how to stand up for each other or what ‘stand by me’ means,” said DiBartolo. “And the chorus will sing a related song, probably ‘Stand by Me.’”

“We’ll also speak about the definition of bullying, including physical, verbal or cyberbullying,” said D’Amato. Cluster VII defines a bully as “someone who repeatedly uses words or actions to intentionally cause physical or emotional harm to another person. It typically involves an imbalance of power, too.”

During the week, students will learn how to handle themselves if faced with a bullying situation and how bystanders can help someone being bullied. They’ll be encouraged to be a friend by sitting with someone different in their class at lunch. They’ll wear their shirts backwards to symbolize the fact that they’ve got each other’s backs. And they’ll learn peaceful ways to solve problems.

Students will also take a pledge

Lees Corner Elementary students show their “Stand by Me” wristbands.



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stating: “I will not bully others; I will stand up to help others being bullied; I will report bullying to an adult; if I see something, I will say something; I know sticking up for someone is the right thing to do. I will stand by you; in return, I hope you will stand by me.”

Afterwards, they’ll receive the wristbands. And the written pledge will be displayed on banners in each school surrounded by paper footprints bearing each student’s name. Said D’Amato: “The feet will also go down the hallways and touch in some way to remind everyone of the pledge.”

“We do lessons in September and October on bullying awareness, so this is a culmination of what they’ve learned,” said DiBartolo.

D’Amato also noted that, after last year’s anti-bullying efforts, bullying reports in the Chantilly Pyramid declined because the children and community realized what bullying was and chose not to do it. “We brought it to the surface so that it was OK for students who’d been bullied to talk to counselors, administrators and teachers about it,” he said.

Eventually, said Toni Jeffries,

The Scene at Centre Ridge Elementary

In the Centreville pyramid, Centre Ridge Elementary will also have anti-bullying theme days and activities, next week.

Monday: “United We Stand,” Students wear red, white and blue and make a pledge not to be bullies; teachers wear Cluster VII anti-bullying T-shirts.

Tuesday: “Team Up Together,” Students and teachers wear team jerseys and PE classes do team-building activities.

Wednesday: “Promote Peace,”

who heads Lees Corner’s Positive Behavior Intervention and Support Team, “Students can tell us three ways they can deal with bullying. We also do lessons with them about cyberbullying, which can be a bigger issue than face-to-face bullying.”

Lees Corner also has a student TAP (Technology and Positive Behavior) team. “Fifth- and sixth-graders use technology to create video and posters about both bullying and cyberbullying and ways to handle them as a bystander or

Each grade level will wear specific colors of clothing or tie-dyed items, and students will make peace-themed art projects.

Thursday: “Be a Hero,” Teachers and students dress up like superheroes and each class will perform a random act of kindness.

Friday: “Stand By Me,” Students and teachers wear Centre Ridge shirts or the school colors of blue and yellow, and music classes will learn the song, “Stand By Me.”

a recipient,” said Jeffries. “Students also present [anti-bullying] lessons to their peers in the classroom. And data received from surveys done at the older grade levels becomes part of the school-improvement plan.”

At grades two and below, teachers just check to see how much the students understand about the topic. But, said DiBartolo, “The upper grades write what a bystander is, what bullying is and [give] ways to handle it.”

If a student’s being bullied, said counselor Jennie Anderson, he or she is advised to “stop, walk and talk — tell the bully to stop; if that doesn’t work, walk away and talk to a trusted adult.”

Regarding cyberbullying, Jeffries said, “We tell students to save the information on the screen, do not respond and tell an adult.”

“We’ll also do role-playing and thinking about different ways to respond,” said DiBartolo. “And we’re pushing the bystander concept — telling kids seeing the bullying that it’s their responsibility to either step in and try to stop it, or go get an adult.”

“And they get recognition for doing a positive thing,” said Jeffries. “We emphasize respect, responsibility and kindness in our Positive Behavior program.”

“It’s just a huge issue right now,” added D’Amato. “And we’ve had a remarkable amount of kids at all grade levels stepping up and stopping bullying. It’s so important to prevent bullying from occurring. This will be ongoing; our ultimate goal is to reduce the amount of bullying and increase awareness.”

He said Cluster VII Superintendent Linda Burke and her director, Eric McCann, fully support these efforts. And, added DiBartolo, besides empowering students to handle potential bullying situations, “As adults they’ll be good role models for their kids, too.”

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Praised for dedication and professionalism.

BY BONNIE HOBBS
CENTRE VIEW

MPO Julie L. Hersey was honored recently as the Sully District Police Station's Citizens Advisory Committee's Officer of the Month for October. Nominating her for this award was her direct supervisor, 2nd Lt. Michael Reser.

Hersey joined the Fairfax County Police Department in 1986. During her 27-year career, she's served in several capacities, including patrol, police information officer and Honor Guard. °

"With every endeavor, MPO Hersey has shown her dedication and professionalism," wrote Reser. "She has maintained a positive attitude, which was mentioned in every annual evaluation that she received."

He noted that Hersey has always shown her dedication to the job and to the citizens she's served. ° "Her personnel file is filled with letters of recommendation which were received not only from citizens, but from her peers — which is a rare compliment," wrote Reser. "Hersey has been nomi-



Surrounded by the Sully District Police Station's Evening Patrol Shift, MPO Julie Hersey receives her Officer of the Month award.

nated for several performance awards during her tenure as a Fairfax County Police Officer, as well. The most prestigious is the Chief's Eagle Award, which she received in 2010."

In addition, Hersey was nominated for the Kenny Fuller MPO Achievement Award. In his nomination of her, 2nd Lt. Todd Kinhead wrote, "MPO Hersey is someone of unwavering commitment to the police department and those with whom she works. She can always be counted on to do her part and then go above and beyond." °°

"We concur with his assessment and add that Hersey is an example of what a Master Police Officer should be," wrote Reser. "[She's] honest, forthright and acts as a sounding board for younger officers on the squad."

He described Hersey as an "excellent example" to the officers she serves with and a "dedicated, informal leader within her patrol squad." Reser also stressed that she has the respect of both her peers and supervisors and has maintained her "high level of dedication" for a sustained period of time.

"Newer officers count on her to set the tone and look at all facets of a situation before reacting," he wrote. "For her supervisors, [she] makes the job of supervision much easier. Due to these facts and more, MPO Hersey was selected for the CAC October 2013 Officer of the Month award."

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OPINION

Proof Every Vote Matters

Elections have consequences, including very close races.

EDITORIAL

Tuesday morning, a full week after an Election Day that included races that were more suspenseful than anticipated (and also many races that were foregone conclusions), we are probably more than a month away from certifying the winner of the Virginia Attorney General race.

At press time, the State Board of Elections reported, unofficially, that Mark Herring (D) had 1,103,610 votes with 49.89 percent of the vote; Mark Obenshain (R) had 1,103,493 votes with 49.88 percent of the vote. The 5,152 write-in votes are huge in a race that at one point had Obenshain ahead by 15 votes.

The process of canvassing or verifying the

vote has been revealing, including a malfunctioning voting machine that had more than 2,000 votes uncounted in Fairfax County, a voting machine in Richmond that hadn't been counted at all and many smaller errors. Human error and computer error are to be expected.

It will make a difference which man is elected as Attorney General. The current Attorney General, Ken Cuccinelli, demonstrated the influence that office can exert on many fronts, from academic freedom and scrutiny to the challenge of health care reform to implementation of environmental regulations to investigations of the household staff of the Governor's mansion.

Del. Tom Rust (R) won reelection by just 57 votes, with 50.1 percent of the vote over Jennifer Boysko with 49.74 percent. Del. Barbara Comstock (R) won reelection with 50.64 percent of the vote over Kathleen Murphy (D) who received 49.19 percent, a margin of less than 500 votes. All results are still unofficial.

Consider another close race, in November 2007: then state Sen. Ken Cuccinelli (R-37) won re-election by less than one-half of a percentage point, with an edge of just 92 votes out of 37,185 ballots cast, beating Democrat Janet Oleszek. Approximately 32 percent of registered voters in the 37th District cast ballots at the polls in that election.

Retiring Del. Jim Scott was elected in 1991 with a margin of a single vote.

Just a few of many examples that prove that every vote really does matter.

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Library Reorganization Deserves More Work

BY SHARON BULOVA
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In September, the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors called for the suspension of a major reorganization proposed to our Fairfax County Public Library system. The suspension was requested in order to provide more opportunity for outreach to concerned library employees and patrons so that proposed changes could be explained, evaluated and vetted among stakeholders. The Connection Newspaper has covered this issue.

As our nation and Fairfax County have struggled with the effects of the Great Recession and its lengthy aftermath, we have needed to make reductions to the many services and programs the county provides. Throughout this time, our Board has sought to maintain taxes at a level that is affordable for our community. I applaud our County staff for proposing efficiencies and reorganizations during this time that have helped us maintain high quality ser-

vices that also save taxpayers money.

Over the past few months, I have received a number of letters, emails and phone calls regarding the proposed library reorganization as well as the "floating collection" and issues around the discarding of books. I believe, based on the feedback I have received, that the reorganization as proposed was too much for the organization to absorb. Many of the ideas contained within the plan, however, have value and should continue to be explored. Our shared goal is to make sure our libraries continue to be the vital and vibrant places that our community can enjoy and rely upon well into the future. The quality of our collection and the services we offer should reflect the standards Fairfax County residents expect.

I would like to thank members of the Library Board of Trustees and library staff for their efforts during the past few months as they have conducted a series of discussion forums on the proposed changes. I understand the meetings have been constructive and have included

some spirited debate. I especially want to thank Deputy County Executive Dave Molchany for his personal investment of time and energy to assist library staff with ensuring a thoughtful and insightful process. Our Board has asked for a progress report from the Library Board of Trustees to be presented at our Board meeting on Nov. 19 and I am looking forward to hearing directly from them.

During these recession years, library systems around the country have had to reduce hours, cut services or even close library branches; Fairfax County is not alone in this struggle. Libraries across the country have also been exploring innovative ways to contain costs while at the same time maintaining or even improving services to meet the needs of their residents. I am confident that Fairfax County will prove to be a leader in achieving this goal.

This issue has served to energize those in our Fairfax County community who appreciate the value our outstanding library system affords us. Thank you for rallying to support our libraries!

ROUNDUPS

Rail to Centreville?

At its Wednesday, Nov. 20, meeting, the Sully District Council of Citizens Associations will sponsor an exploratory meeting to lay the framework for a Rail to Centreville movement. The meeting is at 7 p.m. at the Sully District Governmental Center, 4900 Stonecroft Blvd. in Chantilly and the public is welcome.

Fairfax County's Transportation and Comprehensive plans both call for four additional transit stops on I-66 at Fairfax City, Fair Oaks, Stringfellow Road and Centreville. I-66 is one of the most heavily traveled routes in the county, and the extension of Metrorail further west could alleviate some of the congestion and tie into further multimodal routes, such as north/south routes serving Prince William

County and Dulles Airport/Loudoun county. So those interested in seeing eventual Rail to Centreville want to start laying the groundwork now.

Recycle During Electric Sunday

Residents may recycle old TVs, computers, peripheral electronic devices – such as keyboards, speakers, printers and scanners, as well as household hazardous wastes – including fluorescent light bulbs and tubes, for free, during Fairfax County's "Electric Sunday" events. The next one is slated for Sunday, Nov. 17, from 10 a.m.-3 p.m., at the I-66 Transfer Station, 4618 West Ox Road in

Fairfax. For more information, call 703-324-5052.

WFCCA Land-Use Committee

The West Fairfax County Citizens Association (WFCCA) Land-Use Committee will meet Tuesday, Nov. 19, at 7 p.m., in the Sully District Governmental Center, 4900 Stonecroft Blvd., in Chantilly.

The panel will consider Artisan Land Group's plan to develop a site in Chantilly with a low, residential-looking building for an assisted-living facility. A large component will be dedicated for senior citizens with Alzheimer's and dementia.

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Costumed runners before the start of the Zombie Slouch.

Costumed Runners At the Zombie Slouch

Nearly 70 people participated in the Zombie Slouch fun run and walk, Saturday, Oct. 19, during Centreville Day, raising \$3,000 for the DC Candlelighters Childhood Cancer Foundation.



Daisy the dog came as an airplane.



From left are Elias Cruz, Kelvin Gonzalez, Joseph Cruz and Julie Cruz.



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From left: Eni Oyeleye, Zoe Hawryluk, Stephen Cox, Zack Walsh and T.J. Vinsavich rehearse a scene from "Twelfth Night."

WHS To Present 'Twelfth Night.'

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making a fool of himself."

Sanchez auditioned for this part, he said, because "my roles last year showcased my broad, comic skills and deep vulnerability. So this time, I wanted to explore different types of characters I haven't played before. And Malvolio has subtle comedy and an antagonistic nature."

He says the audience "will not only enjoy the hilarity of the story, but will leave with the knowledge that love can be a glorious thing, but also may come at a price. And they'll definitely see the heart in this show — it's very touching."

Senior Zack Walsh plays Olivia's uncle, Sir Toby Belch. "He used to be a knight, but let himself go a bit and is now old, fat and drunk," said Walsh. "He's rich and a nobleman who's always looking out for himself and just wants to have a good time, and not much else. That drives Malvolio crazy and makes Olivia disappointed in him."

Walsh loves his part because of its physical comedy. "I'll wear a big costume and will do lots of tumbling, falling and bouncing around," he said. "I even get into a couple swordfights. It's super-high energy, and I've never done anything like this before. It's so awesome, and I'm fortunate to be playing one of Shakespeare's best-written characters."

He said people will really enjoy the classic characters in a play with some iconic, Shakespearean lines and moments. "We also have such great physical bits, awesome actors and extravagant costumes," said Walsh. "The audience will have so much to look at and lots to be entertained by in every way, shape and form."

There's even transition and background music composed by students Abigail Martin, Danielle LaBar, Isaac Mantelli and Emily Tobin, plus music set to Shakespeare's lyrics and sung by T.J. Vinsavich as Festes the fool.

Portraying Olivia is junior Elizabeth Coe. "Her brother and father have just died and lots of people have let her down," said Coe. "So she's kind of pessimistic until Cesario — Viola disguised as a young man — enters the picture and she falls for him.

Olivia's titled, very rich and beautiful and gets many compliments on her beauty. But she gets tired of hearing it and is looking for something more."

"I'm having so much fun in this role," said Coe. "Who doesn't love having everyone love you? Olivia changes and develops during the play and finds happiness, so it's nice to show her growth. It's also great getting to interact with all the other characters." She also noted that "Twelfth Night" is easier to follow than other Shakespeare plays.

"There's so much physical comedy that the audience will be laughing — they won't be able to help it, it's so absurd," said Coe. "It's a funny play with a happy ending, but not for everybody. And the actors put a sassy, modern twist on their characters that the audience will enjoy."

The scenes take place in Olivia's and Orsino's courtyards and a street, and a fight choreographer taught the actors to swordfight. "The costumes, set and colors make this play visually spectacular," said Director Lynch. "But since these students embrace the text with such an innate understanding of what they're saying, they can translate that physically and really bring the story alive."



From left: Olivia Witt (as Maria) and Elizabeth Coe (as Olivia) are repulsed by the advances of Malvolio, played by Julian Sanchez.

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Civil War Lecture. 7 p.m. at Centreville Regional Library, 14200 St. Germain Drive. Adults and school age children can hear "Battle of Mine Run, Virginia, November 1863." Free. 703-830-2223.

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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.

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Speaker. 8 p.m. at the Steven F. Udvar-Hazy Center, 14390 Air & Space Museum Parkway. Former SR-71 pilot Col. Richard Graham, USAF (ret.) will speak. For members and their guests. To become a member visit airandspace.si.edu/udvarhazy/ or 703-572-4118.

SATURDAY/NOV. 16

Kaleidoscope Storytime. 10:30 a.m. at

Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. All ages can enjoy a sensory story time focusing on the strengths and adapting to children on the autism spectrum and with other developmental disabilities. Free. Registration required. 703-502-3883.

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

SUNDAY/NOV. 17

Train Display. 1-4 p.m. at Fairfax Station Railroad Museum, 11200 Fairfax Station Road. Watch N gauge trains run and more. Members free; adults 16 and over \$4; children 5-15 \$2; under 4 are free. Visit www.fairfax-station.org or 703-425-9225.

Lecture. 2 p.m. at Total Wine Store in Chantilly. Dr. Peter Kaellgren will discuss "Empress Catherine The Great and Her Wedgwood and Other China." Free. Followed by a free wine tasting. Visit www.wedgwoodcapital.org for more.

Benefit. 2 p.m. at Paradise Springs Winery, 13219 Yates Ford Road, Clifton. Enjoy wine and food. Benefits Assistance League of Northern Virginia's Weekend Food for Kids and New Clothing for Kids Programs. \$25/person includes two glasses of wine and heavy appetizers. RSVP to ALNorthernVA@yahoo.com.

Santa "Paws" Pet Photography. 6:30-8 p.m. at the Ice Palace in the Grand Court of Fair Oaks Mall. All pets must be on a leash or in a lightweight cage or pet carrier with harness. All dogs and cats must be up-to-date with shots. \$10 will be donated to the Fairfax County Animal Shelter with every purchase of a Santa photo package A. Visit www.shopfairoaksmall.com, facebook.com/fairoaksmall or 703-279-2708.

MONDAY/NOV. 18

Bouncin' Babies. 10:30 a.m. at Chantilly
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Sallie Kjos of GreyHunt Interiors in Chantilly suggests homeowners pay attention to the type of art that catches their attention and base their décor around it.

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Choosing Art

Designers offer tips on how to banish blank walls.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL
CENTRE VIEW

When Anne McCloud and her fiancé, Mark Graham, moved into their Herndon home two years ago, with the exception of a large, deep red Chesterfield sofa, a present from Anne's parents, the furniture they had was left over from graduate school: a tattered antique chair in need of reupholstering and two side tables. The walls were bare except for a mirror that hung over the fireplace. Other than reupholstering the chair in a tapestry fabric with colors of gold and wine, their home remains unchanged today.

McCloud is finally ready to create a polished interior, however. She wants to purchase wall art that complements their existing sofa and chair. She wants their art collection to grow in harmony with their furniture purchases.

"We want to buy some original art," said McCloud. "We're even considering having a piece commissioned, but we're not sure how to coordinate the colors and we cannot afford to hire a professional interior designer. So we're doing this on our own."

WITH SO MANY CHOICES in art, fabrics and furnishings, it's easy to feel overwhelmed when it comes to do-it-yourself interior design. Building a collection of art that you love and combining it with furniture that fits your style can be overwhelming for interior design novices.

Mia Belotti, an interior designer and owner of Maison et Jardin, Ltd. in Great Falls, said there are two ways to approach the design issue. "If you have an expensive piece of art, then you choose furniture around it. If you already have furniture, choose art that goes with it."

Scale and size are important. "You have to create a balance," said Belotti. "If you have a large piece of furniture against the bottom half of a wall, a small painting will look awkward hanging over it."

Designers agree that choosing art is personal. "I never tell clients what to like," said Sharon Kleinman,

of Transitions by Sharon Kleinman in Potomac, Md. "People's homes should be about what they like and what speaks to them."

Kleinman says it is possible to create a harmonious room with two opposing styles such as antique and modern. The key, she says, is in details such as framing. "If you have a traditional interior with antique furniture," she said, "I would have no problem taking a Picasso and putting it in a very ornate frame."

Some homeowners are also perplexed when it comes to color coordination.

"I don't think art has to match furniture," said Kleinman. "You don't want it to clash, but it doesn't have to match. If I had a room with soft blues and yellows, I wouldn't throw a painting in that had harsh colors like red and black. You want colors to be complementary. If the interior of the room is warm color, the colors in the painting should be warm. The same is true with cool colors. The more neutral the room, the bolder the art can be."

Kelley Proxmire of Kelley Interior Design in Bethesda, Md., suggests that in the case of McCloud, furniture in bold colors does not have to dictate bold art. "In fact, neutral art on bold walls or in a room with bold-colored furniture can have a great impact," she said.

However, she said, "It's wise to match a color in at least one of the more prominent paintings, as it adds to the peacefulness of the room. Not all the paintings have to match, but keeping one of the tones consistent makes the components of the room harmonious."

Chantilly-based designer Sallie Kjos of GreyHunt Interiors suggests that homeowners pay attention to the type of art that catches their attention. "If you have a passion for an artist, for example, Victoria Salvano, then base your decor around the colors that you are drawn to," she said. "For example, with her vibrant work, keep your main pieces such as the sofa, chairs and drapes simple and clean and add in pops of color such as teals, blues, fuchsias in your pillows, accessories, trimmings and throws to give punch and life to the room while tying in the art work."

Kjos also suggests grouping smaller pieces of art. "Go for a collage of different items or artwork," she said. "One of my favorites is taking old empty frames and hanging items inside, such as family pictures that are all framed the same that are smaller, a set of plates, candle scones or whatever is special to you."

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The 50 volunteers included members of Mount Olive Baptist Church, Centreville Elementary staff, plus students from Liberty Middle doing service hours for their civics class.



From left are Centreville Elementary Assistant Principal Andrew Blount, Troy Carpenter, the Rev. Carol Truesdale, Esther Kang, and Jeanette and Prince Howard.

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Church, School Provide Food for Students

Not everyone in Fairfax County has enough food to eat. And many students receiving free and reduced-price lunches in school go hungry over the weekend. So Centreville Elementary (CES) started a Backpack Program to fill the void and provide weekend food for its students needing it.

The school also formed a partnership with Mount Olive Baptist Church, and its members recently donated enough food to pack 1,000 bags to be inserted into students' backpacks as they leave school on Fridays.

Then on Saturday, Oct. 19, many of the church members volunteered, along with Centreville Elementary staff and some Liberty Middle School students, to package up all the food into bags for distribution to the students. There were about 50 volunteers altogether, and Centreville Elementary counselor Esther Kang, who helped organized the effort, was both delighted and grateful.^o

"This was so important because, through the generous donations from Mount Olive and all the volunteers who came to help, we were able to pack enough food bags to help feed over 70 students on the weekends until the spring semester," she said.

"When people think of the Centreville area, I don't think many realize how many families in our community are in need," continued Kang. "For the CES students enrolled in the Backpack Program, it will mean that they don't have to worry about not having enough food on the weekends and they will hopefully see how it may help their parents' financial

situation."

She said the fact that this program is run through Centreville Elementary also "shows the students that the staff not only cares about their grades and achievement, but we also care about their personal well-being and needs. My

hope is that the students also realize the community support behind them — and that when they get to be adult citizens — they will also do the same for others and pay it forward."

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Volunteers from Mount Olive Baptist Church included (from left) Dawn Davis, the Rev. Carol Truesdale and Greta Johnson.



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Bull Run Elementary Salutes Local Veterans

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Allegiance. Everyone sang “The Star-Spangled Banner” and music teacher Kelly Butler-Noel sang “America the Beautiful.”

Principal Patti Brown explained how Veterans Day began. “On Nov. 11, 1918, the world celebrated the end of WWI with the signing of the Armistice,” she said. “The next year, it was declared a holiday called Armistice Day. Then in 1934, President Eisenhower changed it to Veterans Day to honor America’s veterans and thank them for their service to our country.”

Noting that her father, Gary Painter, was a Navy veteran, Brown recalled sharing ice cream with him on Sundays, as she grew up. He gave her lessons in honor and commitment, demonstrating them in the way he lived. “He taught me to have integrity, take responsibility for my actions, keep my word and take care of my own business,” she said. “He told me stories about courage and said I should always ‘get back up and keep going.’”

Painter told his daughter to “have the moral and mental strength to do what’s right, even in the face of adversity,” said Brown. “He said to treat everyone with dignity, commit to excellence and positive improvement, do things with gusto and, no matter what, always show up. And these are the core beliefs and lessons I live with today.”

Saying other veterans also have stories of “great wisdom and courage,” she recognized Bull Run’s special guests and thanked them for “serving our country and protecting our freedoms.” Third-graders read poems they’d written about veterans, and fourth-graders displayed a large, paper flag on which they’d written their own, thank-you messages to the veterans.

Afterward, several of the veterans shared some advice with the students. Lt. Col. Mitchell Simmons, 19 years in the Air Force, said, “I tell my boys to make their mark on the world and work hard.”

A 27-year Army veteran, Tom LaCrosse — whose daughter Amy teaches special-ed at Bull Run — praised military family members, saying, “They didn’t volunteer for this



Coast Guard Cmdr. Paul Gregg acknowledged the children whose parents are deployed.



Principal Patti Brown

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Third-grader Elfa reads her poem while Thuan awaits his turn.



Jessica Rushing told the students they’re capable of “so much more than you think you are.”

life, like I did.”

Army Sgt. 1st Class Michael Wear retired after 21 years. “I’m extremely proud of what I did,” he said. “And I thank my family for making it all possible.” George Parker, whose granddaughter Kaia attends Bull Run, spent three decades in the Army and told the students to always work hard and be dedicated.

Lt. Col Avram Isaacson, now in the Army Reserves, said, “It doesn’t take someone in a uniform to do a good deed; you can do it, too. And your teachers do these things every day.” Likewise, Navy Yeoman 1st Class

Thomas Johnson, who’s served 17 years so far, told the children to always strive to be the best they can be.

Former Air Force Staff Sgt. Danny Rivera noted that his grandson, Elias Alvarez, is in Cub Scout Pack 321. He also said students may start a life of service by first helping their parents and teachers and then their community. Marine Staff Sgt. Zal Azmi has three children at Bull Run, Adam, Saba and Leah. “Never give up,” he said. “Stand up and do the right thing.”

Air Force Lt. Col. (ret.) Keith Lance passed on some advice he’d received: “Any job, big

or small, do it well or not at all.” Similarly, Army Maj. Robert McGuire, a field-artillery officer who works in the Pentagon, told the students, “Can’t never did anything.” Saying he was representing deployed personnel who couldn’t come to Bull Run on Monday, he thanked the school for the program and the community for attending it.

Twenty-year Army veteran, Maj. Timothy Redman, said, “You’re going to get knocked down, but get back up again.” And Coast Guard Cmdr. Paul Gregg, who’s served nearly two decades, as well, has been on six ships and logged nine years of sea duty. His message to children whose parents are deployed was, “We’re thinking of you today.”

One of the most moving speakers was Army Sgt. Josh Hampton, a parent of three Bull Run students. Recalling his own deployment, tears welled up in his eyes and he choked up as he started to talk — evoking heartfelt applause from the crowd.

His son was born in January 2003 and, a month later, he left for Iraq. Noting how tough things can be for the families at home, he thanked all the military spouses and children “who didn’t sign up for this. They’re along for the ride, for good or for bad. As children get older, it gets harder to say goodbye, and I thank the teachers here for always supporting them.”

Paul Matier, an Air Force F-15 pilot who’s served 22 years, said Veterans Day is celebrated all over the world and told the students to keep their eyes open because “there’s a big world out there with new things to learn all the time.”

Jessica Rushing and her husband both served in the Army, and daughter Bridget, a Bull Run fourth-grader, was just 2 weeks old when her daddy deployed. The experience taught her how strong she could be, and she told the children they’re capable of “so much more than you think you are.”

Former Army Cpl. Rosie Lopez-Cortijo said, “It’s all about choices, so make the right ones.” She saluted all her colleagues and friends serving overseas and told the audience, “Thank you all for this moment; we appreciate it.” And Marine Staff Sgt. Michael Rossi encouraged the students to never stop learning so they’ll know the difference between right and wrong.

Bull Run parents Rick and Lorina Taylor met in the Air Force and have now been married 20 years. Rick told the students to “make a difference,” and Lorina said they should always show their teachers and parents respect. Former Air Force Capt. Carol Trujillo, now a Bull Run teacher, said serving one’s country “challenges and stretches you.”

Marine Cpl. Fernando Ifill, a former machine gunner, served four active and two Reserve tours of duty. He advised the students to “stay in school, stay focused and do it right the first time.” Afterward, he praised Monday’s event. “This program was awesome,” said Ifill. “As a veteran, I felt that the kids are acknowledging what we’re doing and how we’re actively protecting their freedom.”



Colin Powell Elementary School Principal Linda Clifford shakes hands with one of the veterans from World War II. The school honored the veterans on Monday.



Students met and learned from the veterans.

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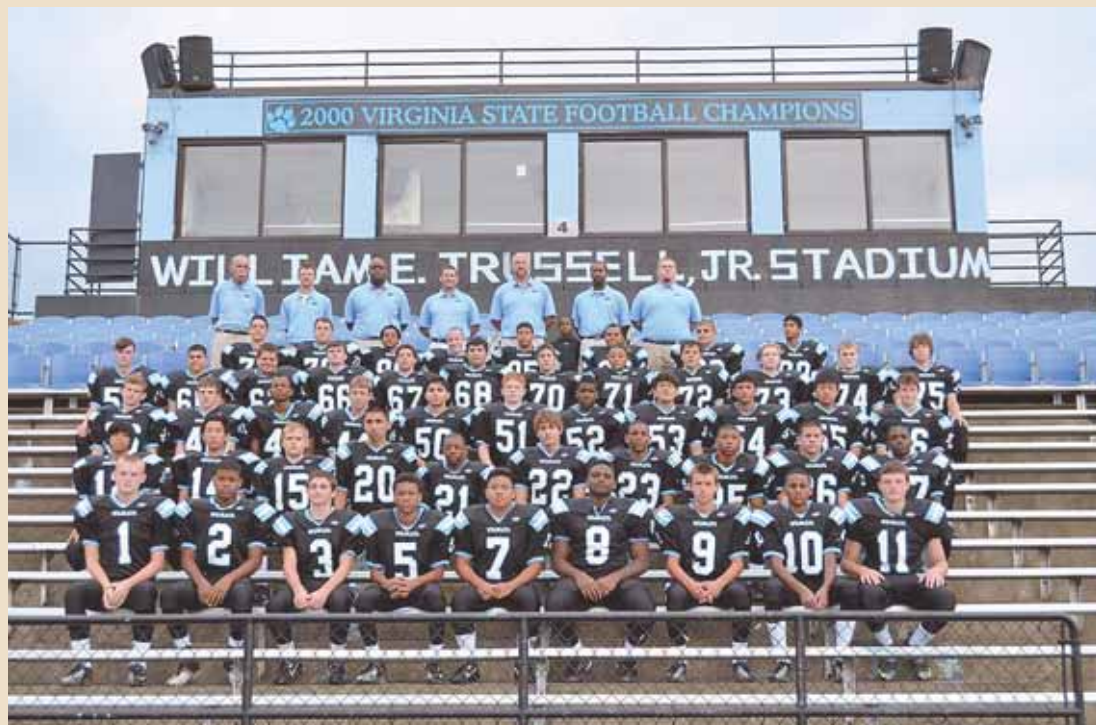


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Undefeated

The Freshmen Wildcats won their 32nd consecutive game on Friday, Nov 8, to complete a 4th straight undefeated season.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Playoff Football Matchups

The Group 6A and Group 5A VHSL football regional playoffs begin Friday, Nov. 15.

In 6A North action (all games are at 7:30), Centreville (10-0) earned the top seed and will host No. 16 South Lakes (5-5). Lake Braddock (10-0) is the No. 2 seed and will host No. 15 Chantilly (5-5).

No. 3 Westfield (8-2) will take on No. 14 Hayfield (5-5). No. 4 Washington-Lee (8-2) will host No. 13 Stonewall Jackson (6-4). No. 5 Langley (8-2) will host No. 12 Battlefield (6-4).

No. 6 Patriot (8-2) will face No. 11 Robinson (7-3). No. 7 Yorktown (8-2) will host No. 10 Fairfax (7-

3) and No. 8 South County (8-2) will host No. 9 T.C. Williams (7-3).

In 5A North action (all games are a 7 p.m., unless specified), No. 1 Massaponax (10-0) will host No. 16 Edison (3-7) and No. 2 Stone Bridge (8-2) will take on No. 15 Lee (2-8).

No. 3 Briar Woods (9-1) will host Potomac Falls (4-6), No. 4 Tuscarora (8-2) will host No. 13 Mount Vernon (3-7) and No. 5 North Stafford will take on No. 12 Thomas Jefferson (4-6).

No. 6 Mountain View (7-3) will host No. 11 Potomac (4-6), No. 7 Broad Run (7-3) will face No. 10 Freedom (PW) and No. 8 Falls Church (7-3) will host No. 9 Albemarle (6-4) at 7:30 p.m.

Chantilly Wins Regional Boys' XC Championship

The defending state champion Chantilly boys' cross country team won its second consecutive region title on Nov. 6, taking home the 6A North banner at Burke Lake Park.

The Chargers posted a score of 100, followed by Battlefield (107), Osbourn Park (111), Robinson (136), Lake Braddock (138) and Oakton (142). The top six team advance to the state meet.

Ryan McGorty was Chantilly's top finisher, placing fourth with a time of 15:13. Teammate Dakota Lange finished eight seconds later, placing fifth with a time of 15:21.

Chantilly's Adam Huff finished 24th (15:44), Peter Malander was 26th (15:46) and Miraj Khan finished 53rd (16:21).

Oakton's John Stoney won the individual title with a time of 14:54. Westfield's Johnny Pace qualified for the state meet with 12th-place finish (15:28).

The state meet will be held Friday, Nov. 8 at Great Meadow. The girls' Group 6A girls' race begins at 10:30 and the boys' race is scheduled for 11:15 a.m.



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Ryan McGorty was Chantilly's top finisher at the 6A North region meet, placing fourth with a time of 15:13.

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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.

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.

Bookalicious! Book Group. 2:15 p.m. at Chantilly Library, 4000

Stringfellow Road. Children in grades 3-4 can discuss a book. Free. 703-502-3883 for title.

TUESDAY/NOV. 19

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.

Middle and High School Book

Club. 7 p.m. at Centreville Library, 14200 St. Germain Drive. Students in grades 7-12 can share ideas with what books and discussions should be in the group. Free. 703-830-2223.

Pajama Storytime. 7 p.m. at Chantilly Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Children ages 1-6 can wear pjs and enjoy bedtime stories. Free. Registration required, 703-502-3883.

WEDNESDAY/NOV. 20

Duplo Story Time. 10:30 a.m. at

Chantilly Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Children ages 18-36 months can enjoy stories and more. 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 and more. Free. Registration required. 703-502-3883.

A Novel Society. 7 p.m. at Centreville Regional Library, 14200 St. Germain Drive. Adults can discuss "Caleb's

Crossing" by Geraldine Brooks. Free. 703-830-2223.

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. 21

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.

Magic and Mayhem. 7 p.m. at Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Girls and boys in grades 6-8 can participate in this sci-fi/fantasy book group. Call for title. 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.

Line Dancing. 7:30 p.m. at Fast Eddies, 14114 Lee Highway, Centreville. Enjoy line dance lessons, raffles and prizes. Proceeds will benefit the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. \$5 suggested donation. RSVP to www.ontaponline.com/dance.

FRIDAY/NOV. 22

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

Theater Performance. 7:30 p.m. at Westfield Theatre. Watch "Twelfth Night." \$10/online; \$12/door; \$10/student. Visit www.westfieldtheatreboosters.com for tickets.

SATURDAY/NOV. 23

Peaceful Paws. 10:30 a.m. at Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Children on the autism spectrum or with other developmental challenges meet and read to a trained therapy dog Dakota, a gentle giant Bernese Mountain dog. Free. Registration required, 703-502-3883.

Hidden Pond. 2:30 p.m. at Chantilly Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Children in grades K-6 can discover what happens during sleep and meet some creatures of the night. Free. Registration required, 703-502-3883.

Theater Performance. 7:30 p.m. at Westfield Theatre. Watch "Twelfth Night." \$10/online; \$12/door; \$10/student. Visit www.westfieldtheatreboosters.com for tickets.

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

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