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At last year's Centreville Day, Cheryl Repetti dressed as Ann Lewis Grigsby, who ran a Centreville tavern with her husband in the 1850s.

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'I'm Going To Miss Everything'

Centreville High's principal leaving to helm Hayfield Secondary.

BY BONNIE HOBBS
CENTRE VIEW

Martin Grimm never intended to leave Centreville High after serving just two years as its principal. But then the principal of Hayfield Secondary School died, and that changed everything.

"Centreville's a destination school – a place you go to stay," said Grimm. "And I love Centreville. So when I announced I was leaving, last week, it caught people off guard."

Hayfield's principal, Dave Tremaine, died of cancer in June. "It was a very sad situation," said Grimm. That left Hayfield without a leader and, since Grimm lives in that pyramid – the school's just 15 minutes away from his house – he decided to apply for the job.

"It's grades seven through 12, and I've always wanted to be principal of a secondary school," he said. "If you get it right when kids are in middle school, it really impacts their lives all the way through school. And, for me, to be able to do that is very exciting. Hayfield's a good school, but my goal is to build on what's already there."

After several interviews, Grimm found out he got the position, the beginning of last week, and announced it at Centreville last Tuesday, Sept. 16. Although it was sad news, he said, people understood



Centreville High Principal Martin Grimm is leaving the school.

his reasons for leaving – and they were personal, as well as professional.

"The Centreville kids are great, the faculty's strong and the community's very supportive," he said. "But I spent so many late nights here that I was missing out on being with my own children, who are in third and fourth grades."

For example, said Grimm, Centreville's back-to-school night was Thursday, Sept. 11, followed by the Wildcats' first home football game, Friday night, Sept. 12. "Since I got home so late each night, I tucked my kids in Wednesday night and didn't see them

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Help was on the way...

Until Michael Frey got involved.

The Fairfax County Board of Supervisors was giving parents a break by funding full-day Mondays for students. But now Supervisor Michael Frey is saying he won't let full-day Mondays get "shoved down our throats."



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ROUNDUPS

Police Seek Robbery Suspect

Fairfax County police are investigating a robbery that occurred last Saturday, Sept. 20, at 12:36 a.m., in the 13600 block of Wildflower Lane in Centreville. Police say the victim was walking when he was approached by a man who pushed him and took property from him. The victim was taken to a local hospital for treatment of non-life-threatening injuries. The suspect was described as black, 17-18 years and about 5 feet 11 inches.

Peeping Tom Is Sought

Fairfax County police are looking for someone who was peering into a home Sunday, Sept. 21, at 12:30 a.m., in the 3200 block of Arrowhead Circle in Centreville. According to police, a resident saw a man looking into a window there. The suspect fled prior to police arrival. He was described as Asian, in his 20s and about 5 feet 7 inches.

Citizens Fire & Rescue Academy

The Citizens Fire & Rescue Academy teaches Fairfax County residents, 18 and older, how the fire department is organized and operates. Classes meet nine consecutive Thursdays, from Sept. 25-Nov. 20, from 6-9 p.m.

During each session, participants learn about a different aspect of the fire department, from fire suppression to emergency medical services, hiring and training firefighters to special rescue operations. They'll also spend time at fire stations, the training academy, Public Safety Headquarters, and the 911 dispatch center. For more information, contact Capt. Willie Bailey, Personnel Services Bureau, 703-246-3575, or fire.CFRA@fairfaxcounty.gov.

Farmers Market on Thursdays

Each Thursday, from 3-7 p.m., the Fairfax County Government Center hosts a farmers market in its parking lot. The Government Center is at 12000 Government Center Pkwy. in Fair Oaks, and the next markets are slated for Sept. 25 and Oct. 2.

Free Carseat Inspections

Certified technicians from the Sully District Police Station will perform free, child safety carseat inspections Thursday, Sept. 25 and Oct. 9, from 5 p.m. to dusk, at the station, 4900 Stonecroft Blvd. in Chantilly. No appointment is necessary. But residents should install the child safety seats themselves so technicians may properly inspect and adjust them, as needed.

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. (The inspection may be cancelled in the event of inclement weather). Call 703-814-7000, ext. 5140, to confirm dates and times.

Fair Oaks CAC to Meet

The Citizens Advisory Council of the Fair Oaks District Police Station will meet Tuesday, Sept. 30, at 7 p.m., in the roll-call room of the police station. It's at 12300 Lee Jackson Memorial Highway in Chantilly.

Learn about Police Explorers

For teens who've ever considered careers in law enforcement, they and their parents are invited to learn more about the Fairfax County Police Explorer program. An informational meeting is set for Tuesday, Sept. 30, at the Sully District Governmental Center, 4900 Stonecroft Blvd. in Chantilly. On hand will be police personnel and equipment, including the helicopter, Animal Control Officers and members of the K-9, Dive and S.W.A.T. teams.

Explorers serve police departments and their communities

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NEWS

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The third-annual Blood and Guts 5K Run will have 15 obstacles at Bull Run Park on Saturday, Oct. 25 starting at 9 a.m.

Blood and Guts 5K Race

5,000 expected for apocalyptic zombie race at Bull Run Regional Park on Oct. 25.

BY STEVE HIBBARD
CENTRE VIEW

The third-annual Blood and Guts 5K Run will take place Saturday, Oct. 25 at Bull Run Regional Park in Centreville. About 5,000 people are expected to attend this zombie apocalypse event. Runners will trudge through 15 unique obstacles while a horde of zombies shoots at them with "blood"-filled water guns. The low- to moderate-risk obstacle course race is designed for individuals of all ages and abilities and takes place every half-hour starting at 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

"The great thing about the Blood and Guts Run is that it's a family event," said founder Max Bawarski, 31, of Manassas, who wanted to create something fun and challenging. "It's a great day for the family to come out."

Highlights include a "blood"-filled foam machine, a traverse rock wall, a spider web, a bloody beam, a pumpkin smasher, a wall of death, a tire gauntlet, a bloody steeplechase, a mudslide, a blood and guts pit filled with spaghetti, a pumpkin guts pit, and 200-plus zombies (volunteers in makeup). About 50 trash cans filled with "blood" reserves will be used by the zombies for restocking and shooting at runners.

"Our obstacle course is focused on the fun factor as opposed to the challenging," added Bawarski, who is a physical education teacher (grades K-6) at Providence Elementary in Fairfax. He was an All-American runner and track star in 2002; he graduated from Cortland State College in New York. "This run will be a fun event to throw into your Halloween festivities," he added. Bawarski also organized his first Ice Cream Race at Bull Run Park with 3,500

people last June.

Prizes will be awarded for the wildest individual costume, wildest team costume, muddiest runner, and bloodiest runner. Four costume competitions will be held every hour starting at 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Last year, about 80 percent of the Blood and Guts participants ran in Halloween costumes.

In addition, three deejays will be playing the top hits throughout the day and Zumba dancing will be provided by Manassas Elements Fitness for Women on the stage. To feed the apocalypse, food trucks will be parked outside, offering pizza and soft drinks. A beer garden will also be set up offering alcohol.

A portion of the proceeds will benefit charity partner Susan G. Komen of Virginia and Maryland for breast cancer research.

Runners will receive a custom-made Blood and Guts T-shirt and medal when they complete the 5K obstacle course. Volunteers, who will receive free admission, are needed to be zombies, makeup artists, security, and miscellaneous positions. To volunteer, contact Max@BloodandGutsRun.com or call 571-969-4887.

The cost is \$79 to enter the 5K run. Discounts are available at \$30 to students, teachers, military personnel, police officers, firefighters, and nurses. If a child is 13 or younger, tickets are \$25. Tickets for a team of three runners are \$99. If registering four or more people on a team, email support@BloodandGutsRun.com for a discount. Check the website for the promo codes.

The Blood and Guts Race event will take place at the Bull Run Regional Park Special Events Center, 7700 Bull Run Drive, Centreville. Visit the website at www.BloodandGutsRun.com or on Facebook at www.facebook.com/bloodandgutsrun.



Max Bawarski, founder of the Blood and Guts Race.

CVHS Teacher Debuts Young Adult Novel

English teacher Bethany Masone Harar has book signing this Saturday.

BY SENITRA T. MCCOMBS
CENTRE VIEW

Centreville High School English teacher Bethany Masone Harar will be signing copies of her debut young adult novel “Voices of the Sea” on Saturday, Sept. 27, at the Fair Lakes Barnes and Noble at 12193 Fair Lakes Promenade Dr, Fairfax, from 1-4 p.m.

The novel follows a young teenager named Lorelei Reines, a mythological Siren, living in Pacific Grove, Calif. She must defend the Sirens against the Sons of Orpheus, who seek to eliminate all Sirens from the Earth. Along the way, she learns how to utilize her power and falls for a human boy named Ryan.

Harar draws her inspiration for stories from daily life. For “Voices of the Sea,” her inspiration came from a dream she had of a young woman bathing her feet in the sea while having a conversation with the ocean.

During that time, she was teaching “The Odyssey” to her ninth grade students. After she woke up, she decided to put the two ideas together and create a novel.

“I have always found Greek mythology to be fascinating, and particularly love the different creatures and monsters,” Harar said.

The first step in developing the concept in her dream into a story began with re-

searching Sirens.

Next she had to create rules about how the Sirens would exist in her novel since in Greek mythology, the Sirens cast themselves into the sea after Orpheus overcame their song with his lyre.

Unlike with her other novels where the endings developed as she wrote them, she couldn’t decide which direction she wanted to take the story.

“One day, about eight months after I’d stopped, an idea struck me, and I was able to finish the book,” she said.

Two years later, “Voices of the Sea” was released.

Harar is delighted that her novel has received such positive feedback from the public. “It is both exhilarating and scary to see students reading my novel. The other day, a student I didn’t know approached me and said, ‘Are you the teacher who wrote the book everyone is walking around with?’ I’d be lying if I said that didn’t make me wildly happy,” she said.

She hopes that young readers will not only enjoy the supernatural aspects of “Voices of the Sea” but also see themselves in the characters. “I hope my readers will learn that all people have secrets, and while some are bad, most are amazing. I hope they learn the importance of listening to their heart, and I hope they lose themselves in what I think is an amazing romance be-

tween two characters,” she said.

Harar has been writing since high school, however, she lacked the confidence to publish her other works until she heard author Neil Gaiman speak at the National Book Festival in D.C. in 2008.

She advises young writers to develop a passion for reading and that they “should be ready to edit more than they ever dreamed possible” and not to get discouraged by rejection letters.

“I can’t tell you how many times I edited “Voices of the Sea” and it still required almost four months of edits after it was picked up by a publisher,” she said.

Harar helped organize the Writers’ Conference at Centreville High School. Professional authors spend a day working with the students and giving feedback on their writing.

Besides the book signing this Saturday, the author is also participating in a fundraising night event for Centreville High in November and a book club event in October at the Fair Lakes Barnes and Noble.

Currently, Harar is working on another novel, a young adult spin on the “Stepford Wives.”

“Count on something dark, edgy and thrilling with a small touch of the paranormal,” she said.

In addition to reading and writing, she enjoys watching cheesy made-for-TV horror movies and hanging out with her children, Jillian and Joseph. In addition, Harar and her husband, Mike, write sitcom pilots with another couple.

Growing up, Harar’s family moved around



Bethany Masone Harar

the country frequently until her family finally settled in Centreville when her father started working for the Secret Service and she entered high school.

After she married, she briefly spent some time in Richmond. Eventually, Harar and her family made their way back to Centreville.

She fell in love with the area all over again. Her favorite local restaurant is Main Street Pub in Clifton and she also likes Red Rocks Cafe in Centreville.

Harar has a master’s degree in Secondary English Education from Virginia Commonwealth University and a bachelor’s degree in English and a minor in Educational Technology from James Madison University. For the past six years, she has taught at Dominion High School in Loudoun County, Annandale High School and Centreville High School.

More information on Harar’s writings can be found at www.bethanymasoneharar.com or through her Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/bethanyhararauthor>.



Wear Pink

Bellezza Spa of Centreville is donning pink in October in support of Breast Cancer Awareness Month. For each customer who wears pink to their appointment in October, Bellezza Spa will donate \$5 to the American Cancer Society. Customers will also be entered to win a free oxygen-infused facial, valued at \$150, which will be awarded in November. See www.bellezaspava.com. Bellezza Spa will donate \$5 for each service valued at \$50 or more. Above, Bellezza Spa owner Paola Berrios wears pink to support Breast Cancer Awareness Month in October.

County Breaks Ground on New Public Safety HQ

The Fairfax County Police and Fire Departments are getting a new home. On Tuesday, Sept. 16, Board of Supervisors Chairman Sharon Bulova and Supervisor John Cook broke ground on what will be a \$142 million, eight-story headquarters.

“I look forward to having the Police and Fire Department staff move into a new, quality facility on the Government Center campus,” said Bulova.

“This new headquarters offers many improvements and efficiencies that will meet the growing needs of our community and our public safety family.”

The 274,000-square-foot building won’t be completed until 2016 and the safety officials aren’t scheduled to move in until 2017.

In the meantime, they’ll continue to occupy the Massey building, a 1960s-era structure that was home to all Fairfax County government until 1991.

“After years in a building with a leaking roof and asbestos, this new public safety



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From left: Supervisors John Faust, Linda Smyth, Pat Herrity, Chairman Sharon Bulova, John Cook, Penelope Gross, Jeff McKay, Catherine Hudgins, Gerry Hyland, Deputy County Executive of Public Safety Dave Rohrer and County Executive Ed Long.

headquarters will give our police officers and firefighters the tools they need to continue to lead their fields,” said Cook.

Funded in large part with Economic Development Authority revenue bonds, the

new building will be a “green project” that’s designed to meet LEED Silver standards. It will be the first building in the county lit entirely by energy-saving LED bulbs.

— TIM PETERSON

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Supporters of later school start times at the Sept. 19 School Board meeting.

Backing Later Start Times

School Board to vote on issue on Oct. 23.

BY REENA SINGH
CENTRE VIEW

Students, parents and advocacy groups flooded the School Board's public comment period with pleas to approve later start times for students next year during its Sept. 19 meeting.

The School Board is scheduled to approve later start times at the Oct. 23 meeting.

"Sleep began this journey a decade ago," said Coalition of the Silence founder Tina Hone.

During her time on the School Board, she said, sleep deprivation and talks about starting schools at a later time happened every year. Although the matter affects all students, she said it affects many black and Latino students — the students her coalition represents — the most because they are already disadvantaged by their socioeconomic status and prejudices.

Oakton High School senior Erin Cooper said she

and her classmates function regularly on six hours of sleep because they cannot have their homework done by 9 p.m.

"In my school, this daily grind leads to sleeping in the hallway before school begins, sleeping in class, and constant near-missed car accidents in the parking lots," she said. "There is very little enthusiasm for school activities, dances or football games because we're too tired."

Fairfax County Federation of Teachers President Steve Greenburg said he appreciates that the school administration and board cares about its teachers. He talked directly to students and Student Representative Harris LaTeef during parts of his speech.

"Having to change high school start times because of the past incompetence of whoever had the stupid idea to make high school students go to school that early is not going to be easy," he said. "Maybe teachers will be inconvenienced by the change. It might not be very fun for some of them. However, they care most about their students and what is right. Please know Mr. LaTeef and all of these students, your high school teachers are heroes for having dealt with this mess for years."

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Deadly Medicaid Debacle

Literally killing poor people who could have health care, while refusing to give Virginia's economy a boost.

The poor people of Virginia are so seriously harmed by the actions of the Virginia General Assembly in refusing to expand Medicaid at little additional cost to the Commonwealth that those harmed should have some legal recourse.

The damage will cost many lives and the productivity of many. People who will needlessly die of cancer undetected until it is too late. People whose productive lives will be cut short because of untreated diabetes. People who will finally qualify for Medicare and Medicaid because they are permanently disabled after stroke or heart attack that could have been prevented.

Examples of health harm beyond the poor: There are the extra flu cases because a working person who doesn't have health insurance so doesn't get a flu shot also can't afford to be off work and infects other by being at work

while sick.

With whooping cough on the rise, people who will be around infants are advised to get a booster shot to protect the infants for whom the disease can be deadly, but if you don't have health coverage, you are unlikely to get the booster.

Vulnerable people, elderly, young children, people with chronic illness, people on chemotherapy, will get sick more than necessary even though they have insurance because of the 200,000-plus people integrated in all aspects of our communities who do not have access to basic health care.

Meanwhile, leaders lament the loss of federal dollars in Virginia due to the sequester and reduced spending on defense, homeland security and other programs. Here is the one place where Virginia's economy could get a

boost. Expanding Medicaid would create an estimated 30,000 jobs and pump hundreds of millions of dollars into Virginia's economy. Hospitals support expanding Medicaid which would offset many of the costs of caring for uninsured populations. So far, Virginia has lost out on about \$1 billion that could be creating jobs and making our local economy healthier in addition to protecting health in our communities.

Business groups and chambers of commerce around Virginia, including the Fairfax County Chamber of Commerce, support the expansion of Medicaid in Virginia under the Affordable Care Act.

In Virginia, Medicaid eligibility for adults without disability is almost nonexistent, limited to parents with incomes below 51 percent of poverty, or about \$11,900 a year for a family of four, according to the Kaiser Family Foundation. Adults without dependent children remain ineligible regardless of their income. Refusing to expand Medicaid is hurting all of us, but the most vulnerable are hurting the most.

— MARY KIMM,

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EDITORIAL

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A New School Year

To the Editor:

The Westfield High School PTSA kicked-off the new school year with their traditional Bulldog BBQ; a community event where students pick up their new class schedules and families can explore the events, clubs, booster activities and school spirit that make Westfield HS special. A headline event at the BBQ is always the PTSA Silent Auction, made possible only by the generosity of the following sponsors who donated items:

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Westfield High School PTSA

Record Of Results

To the Editor:

Barbara Comstock, a candidate for Congress in the 10th District, has a proven record of getting results. During her time in the Virginia General Assembly she has been able to get bipartisan results by being a leader on helping to create jobs, grow the economy, combat human trafficking, bring data centers to the area, and pass the Commonwealth's first telework laws.

It is not surprising that she is the only candidate who has received business endorsements including the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, the National Federation of Independent Businesses, and recently, the National Association of Women Business Owners. Her support comes from many leaders because they know she will hit the ground running on Day One and get things accomplished. Barbara has been a member of the Virginia House of Delegates for five

years and has worked as a senior aide to U.S. Rep. Frank Wolf; thus she is very much in tune with the needs of our area. We need someone with her experience, not someone who needs "on-the-job training."

Gail Cope
Fairfax

Spending Money Abroad

To the Editor:

So let me get this straight. Both Virginia senators have decided that the best use of our hard-earned money is to provide equipment, supplies, and sustainment, to elements of the Syrian opposition (H. J. RES. 124). They advocate giving our money, in the manner of weapons and other materials of war to people we are likely to never meet, who are fighting a leader we never elected. Senator Kaine's decision is particularly ironic since he continually votes for bills restricting firearms. Senator Kaine evidently feels that foreigners, engaged in all manners of atrocity that is Syria, are more responsible with firearms than the Virginians he is supposed to represent. Luckily Syrians won't be voting this November.

Nick Richard
Centreville

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Grimm To Leave CVHS

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again until Saturday morning," he said. "Now, I'll be able to be there for them all the time."

"It's important for me to strike that balance between school and home," he continued. "Principals have an important job, but my first priority is to be a good father. And in my new position, I don't have to sacrifice either part of my life."

Calling Centreville High "a great place," Grimm said some of the small changes he and the staff already put in place "will really pay off for the kids this year. We've had a renewed emphasis on collaboration among the teachers, paying close attention to student-achievement data and making sure every kid gets the best education we can give them."

He said the school already had a good "student culture" when he arrived, but he and the faculty and staff made sure they fostered it. "Through our positive behavior reinforcement program, we're able to rec-

ognize kids for a variety of good things they're doing," said Grimm. "We also take wellness screenings seriously and put additional security measures in the building."

So while he's looking forward to the next chapter in his life, he leaves Centreville with mixed feelings. "I'm going to miss everything," he said. "Ninety-five percent of the time, I come to work, laugh and have fun. There are so many good students, teachers and parents here."

Grimm will assume his new position next Wednesday, Oct. 1. Then Centreville Assistant Principal Rob Ewing will take the helm there as interim principal while the school system searches for Grimm's replacement.

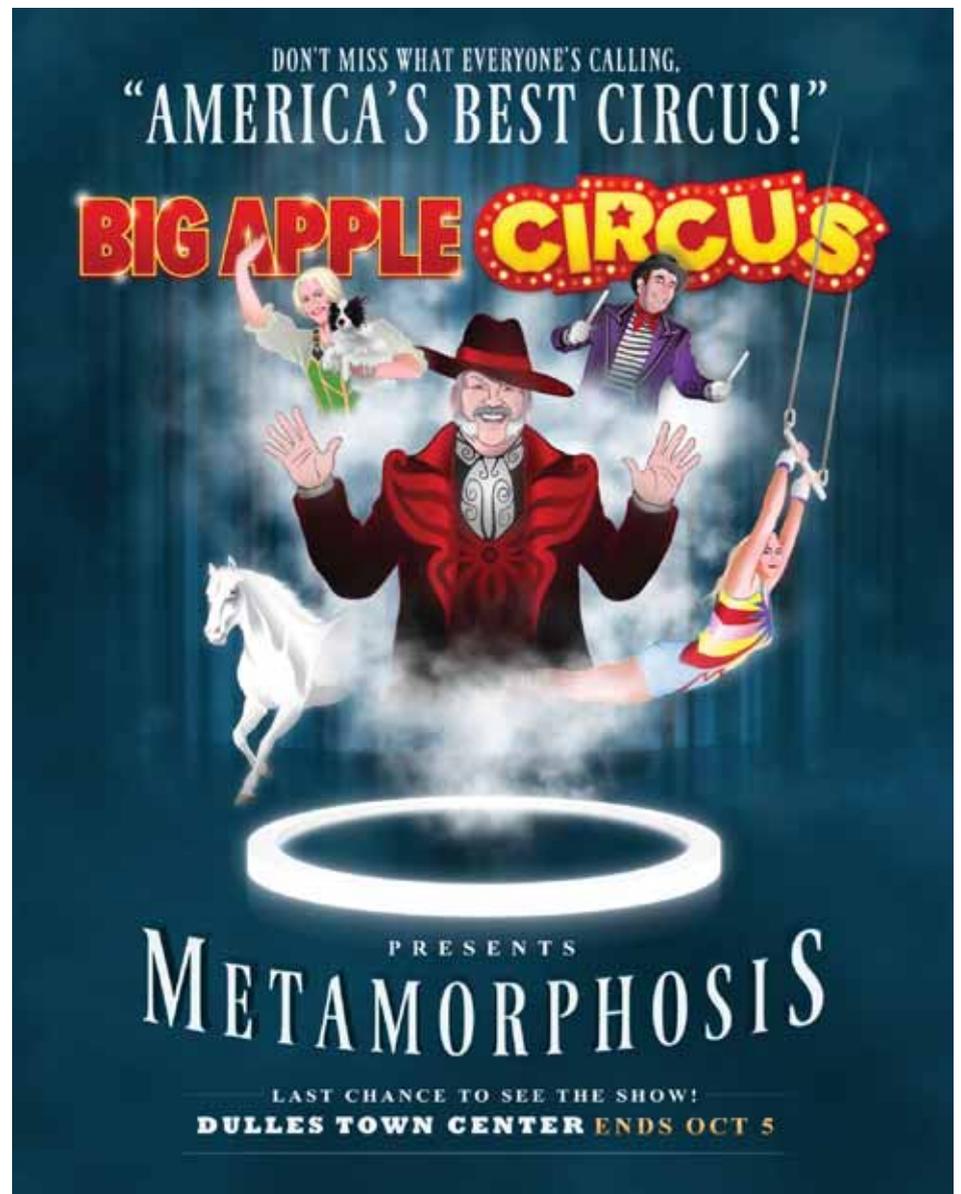
Meanwhile, he expresses his gratitude to the local community. "I want to say thank you," he said. "Being the principal at Centreville has been a tremendous opportunity. People have been so gracious to me while I've been here, and even after I made the announcement – and that speaks volumes about this community."

ROUNDUPS

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Sully Historic Site. 3650 Historic Sully Way, Chantilly. Enjoy guided tours of the 1794 home of Northern Virginia's first Congressman, Richard Bland Lee. \$7/adult; \$6/student; \$5/senior and child. Hours are 11 a.m.-4 p.m. 703-437-1794.

Singing. 7:30 p.m. at Lord of Life Lutheran Church, 13421 Twin Lakes Drive, Clifton. The Fairfax Jubil-Aires rehearse every Wednesday which includes training by an award-winning director. Visit www.fairfaxjubilaires.org for more.

Cox Farms Fall Festival. Saturday, Sept. 27 - Tuesday, Nov. 4. 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. (closing 5 p.m. in Nov.) Cox Farms, 15621 Braddock Road, Centreville. Activities and seasonal food. Visit www.coxfarms.com for more.

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THURSDAY/SEPT. 25

Time for Tots. 11 a.m. Centreville Regional Library, 14200 St. Germain Street, Centreville. Stories and activities. Age 2-3 with adult. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/branches/ce/ for more.

FRIDAY/SEPT. 26

7th Annual Erin Peterson Fund Golf Tournament. Westfields Golf Club, 13940 Balmoral Greens Ave., Clifton. Register at www.erinpetersonfund.org or erinpetersonfund@yahoo.com.

Ready for School Storytime. 2 p.m. Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road, Chantilly. Early literacy storytime program for children ready to be on their own without caregivers or siblings. Age 4-5. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/branches/ch/ for more.

Bouncin' Babies. 3 p.m. Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road, Chantilly. Rhymes, songs, stories and activities for you and your baby. Birth-11 months with caregiver. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/branches/ch/ for more.

Small Wonders. 4 p.m. Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road, Chantilly. Rhymes, songs, stories and activities for you and your baby. 12-23 months with caregiver. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/branches/ch/ for more.

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SATURDAY/SEPT. 27

Team Car Wash. 9 a.m. -3 p.m. Centerville High School front parking lot. Donations will benefit the CVHS Robotics team. Call 703-802-5400 for more.

Designing Gardens with Color. 10 a.m. at Merrifield Garden Center, Fair Oaks Meeting Room, 12101 Lee Highway, Fairfax. In Mary Kirk's seminar, you will learn how colors work together to create a theme that evokes meaning and emotion. Call 703-968-9600 or visit merrifieldgardencenters.com for more.

Master Gardeners. 10:30 a.m. Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road, Chantilly. A neighborhood plant clinic. Master Gardeners provide horticultural tips, information, techniques and advice for home gardeners. Adults. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/branches/ch/ for more.

Peaceful Paws. 10:30 a.m. Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road, Chantilly. Children on the autism spectrum or with other developmental challenges meet and read to a trained therapy dog. Bring your own book or choose one from the library; however, reading is not required. Parents and siblings are welcome to join. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/branches/ch/ for more.

Local Author Event. 1-4 p.m. Barnes & Noble at Fair Lakes Promenade, 12193 Fair Lakes Promenade Drive, Fairfax. Bethany Masone Harar, whose first young adult novel, "Voices of the Sea", debuted on July

22, will be signing books. Contact bethany.harar@gmail.com or visit <http://store-locator.barnesandnoble.com/event/4727756>.

Wine Tasting. 1-5 p.m. Mosaic, 2910 District Avenue, Fairfax. Charity Wine Life Festival by Swirl & Sip with more than 150 premium and value-driven wines hand-selected from around the world. All ticket proceeds will be donated to The Junior League of Northern Virginia. Use promo code MOSAIC927 for discounts, \$39 per ticket until 9/7/14, \$49 per ticket until 9/19/14 (regular ticket price \$55). www.mosaicdistrict.com/events/charity-wine-life-festival-swirl-sip.

Cox Farms Fall Festival. 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. (closing 5 p.m. in Nov.) Cox Farms, 15621 Braddock Road, Centreville. Activities and seasonal food. Visit www.coxfarms.com for more.

SUNDAY/SEPT. 28

Gala. 6 p.m. at the Stacy C. Sherwood Community Center, 3740 Old Lee Highway, Fairfax. The Republican Women of Clifton will host their gala event, featuring Col. Allen West as the keynote speaker. Colonel West's latest book, "Guardian of the Republic," will be available for purchase, followed by a book signing. Angela Knight of the Washington National Opera will perform along with Butch Grant and the Crossfire Band. Catered by Chocoberry Catering of Woodbridge, Va. Dress is formal to casual. Tickets are \$55 and must be purchased before Sept. 15. Visit www.cliftongop.com to reserve tickets.

MONDAY/SEPT. 29

Bouncin' Babies. 10:30 a.m. Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road, Chantilly. Rhymes, songs, stories and activities for you and your baby. Birth-11 months with caregiver. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/branches/ch/ for more.

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TUESDAY/SEPT. 30

Ravenous Readers. 7 p.m. Centreville Regional Library, 14200 St. Germain Street. "Mockingbird" by Kathryn Erskine. Students in grades 7-8. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/branches/ce/ for more.

Toddlin' Twos. 10:30 a.m. Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road, Chantilly. Early literacy



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SATURDAY/OCT. 4

The Truth About Sustainability. 10 a.m. at Merrifield Garden Center, Fair Oaks Meeting Room, 12101 Lee Highway, Fairfax. We all want to be more environmentally friendly gardeners. But where do we start? Ahmed Hassan, the original host of HGTV and DIY Network's "Yard Crashers," will demystify the process for you. Call 703-968-9600 or visit merrifieldgardencenter.com for more.

MONDAY/OCT. 6

'Fore' the Kids Golf Tournament. Registration 9:30 a.m., shotgun start 11 a.m. at International Country Club, 13200 Lee Jackson Memorial Highway, Fairfax. All proceeds benefit Boys & Girls Club programs for underprivileged, at-risk youth in Fairfax County, including academic enrichment, athletics, health and wellness, character and leadership development, the arts, and career development. Individual golfers, \$250; foursomes, \$900. Includes greens fees, cart, driving range, post tournament awards dinner, boxed lunch, contests, raffles, prizes, live and silent auction. Visit <http://tinyurl.com/forethekids2014> for more. For sponsorship opportunities, contact Amir Capriles at amir.capriles@microsoft.com or 703-362-6970.

SATURDAY-SUNDAY/OCT. 11-12

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more.

SATURDAY/OCT. 11

Centreville Day. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Historic Centreville Park in the Centreville Historic District, 5714 Mt. Gilead Road. Food, crafters and other vendors, parade, entertainment and more. Visit www.centrevilleva.org/ for more.

SUNDAY/OCT. 12

Get Ready for Clifton Day. 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Clifton. Food, live music, horseback rides, craft demonstrations, children's activities and more. Free admission. For directions and more information, visit www.cliftonday.com

Fields of Fear Bonus Night. 7:30-11 p.m. (last admission at 10 p.m. or earlier if sold out.) Cox Farms, 15621 Braddock Road, Centreville. Haunted Cornightmare trail, Dark Side Hayride: Zombie Zoo, Firegrounds hangout with six-lane slide, bonfires, food and games. Visit www.fieldsoffear.com for more.

FRIDAY-SUNDAY/OCT. 17-19

19th Annual Craftsmen's Fall Classic Art & Craft Festival. 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Dulles Expo Center, 4320 Chantilly Shopping Center, Chantilly. Features original designs and work from hundreds of talented artists and craftspeople from across America. Visit www.gilmoreshow.com/craftsmens_classics_chantilly_fall.shtml.

Freedomwalk Festival. The US FreedomWalk Festival is a weekend long, non-competitive, social walking challenge bringing participants of all ages and abilities together for fun, fitness, and international friendship. Different trails will be offered each day, and a variety of distances ranging from 3-27 miles (5-43 kilometers) starting at the Holiday Inn Rosslyn, 1900 N Fort Myer Drive. Visit www.rosslynva.org/do for more.

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CENTRE VIEW

FALL FUN

Crafts, Festivals and Dancing A sampling of local, fun events this fall.

BY BONNIE HOBBS
CENTRE VIEW

Below is a partial listing of some fun and exciting autumn events happening in the local area:

Ongoing:

A highlight of every autumn is the fall festival at Cox Farms, 15621 Braddock Road, just off Pleasant Valley Road, in Centreville. It runs daily from Sept. 27-Nov. 4, from 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

The outdoor family fun on 90 acres includes giant slides, hayrides, rope swings, farm animals and their babies, a goat village, food, live entertainment and a Cornudrum Cornfield Adventure – complete with funhouse mirrors, a hall of doors, giant vortex and a pirate ship.

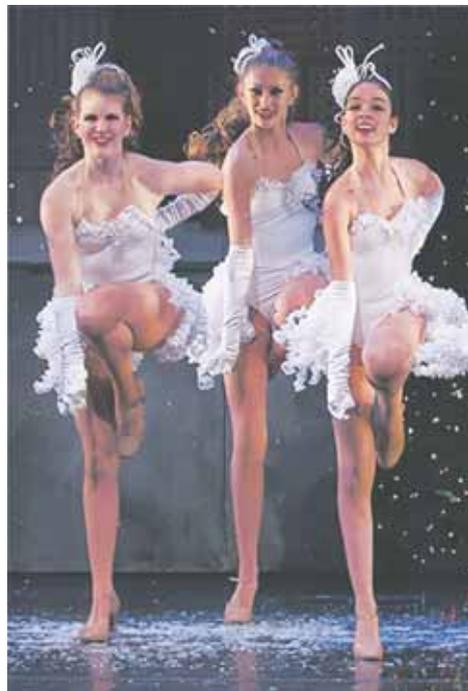
For older teens and adults, the scary, 20-acre nighttime adventure, Fields of Fear, is open Friday and Saturday nights, Sept. 26-Nov. 1, from 7:30-11 p.m., plus Sunday, Oct. 12 and Sunday, Nov. 2. The pumpkin-smashing event, Pumpkin Madness, is slated for Saturday-Sunday, Nov. 1-2, from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. For ticket prices and more information, see www.coxfarms.com.

Sept. 27:

The third annual Fair Lakes Fall Fest will be held this Saturday, Sept. 27, from 1-4 p.m., across from Dick's and Kohl's at 12450 Fair Lakes Circle in . This family-friendly event includes food, carnival games, inflatable slides, live entertainment, crafts, a "junior survivor" obstacle course, cartoon characters, a petting zoo and a living rainforest animal show.

Oct. 4-5:

The annual Fall For Fairfax KidsFest will be held Saturday-Sunday, Oct. 4-5, at the Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center parkway. Hours are Saturday, 10 a.m.-7 p.m.; and Sunday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; admission is free. There'll be



Performers from Encore Theatrical Arts Project of Chantilly will participate in the Fairfax County Dance Coalition Gala Showcase.

interactive and educational programs, entertainment and children's activities. It's especially geared for families with elementary and pre-K aged children.

Oct. 11:

The 22nd annual Centreville Day celebration is Saturday, Oct. 11, in the Centreville Historic District. It includes food, crafts, music, children's games and rides, plus activities and entertainment for the whole family.

The fun begins at 9 a.m. with the Zombie Slouch Family 5K Fun Run and Walk, outside St. John's Episcopal Church, 5649 Mount Gilead Road in Centreville. Runners, walker and pets are encouraged to come in Halloween or historical costumes. Register at www.DCandlelighters.org.



Jim Haner, the Banjo Man, strolls along Main Street making music during last year's Clifton Day.

Also planned is the Centreville Day American Legion Parade. Costumes, pets, floats, decorated bicycles and scooters, etc., are welcome. Registration is free at www.CentrevilleVA.org. Parade participants will assemble at the end of Wharton Lane at 11:30 a.m. and pass by the review stand outside St John's around noon. Contact Steve Hunter, American Legion Post 1995, at geoshunter@gmail.com with any questions.

The Fairfax Fall Festival, held throughout the streets of downtown Fairfax, will be held Saturday, Oct. 11, from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. There'll be crafts, food vendors and food trucks, music, children's rides, four stages of live entertainment and, new this year, lumberjack competitions. (Rain date, Oct.

12).

Oct. 11:

Encore Theatrical Arts Project of Chantilly will be among 10 dance companies performing in the fifth annual Fairfax County Dance Coalition Gala Showcase. "A Celebration of Dance" is slated for Saturday, Oct. 11, at 7:30 p.m., in the theater of NOVA's Annandale campus. Ballet, jazz, tap, modern, hip hop and international dances will be presented. Tickets are \$23 in advance at www.fairfaxcountydance.org/gala.htm or \$25 at the door.

Oct. 12:

The 47th annual Clifton Day festival is Sunday, Oct. 12, from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. (Rain date, Oct. 19). The family-friendly fun includes crafts, food, antiques, jugglers, bagpipe players, a unicyclist, music, pony rides, Civil War reenactments and children's activities. For VRE train schedule and parking information, go to www.cliftonday.com.

Oct. 17, 18, 19:

The Craftsman's Classic Arts & Crafts Festival will be held, Friday-Sunday, Oct. 17-19, at the Dulles Expo Center. Friday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; Sunday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. For more information, see www.craftshow.com.

Oct. 18:

Celebrate All Hallows Eve the way Virginians did in the 18th and 19th centuries at Sully Historic Site on Saturday, Oct. 18, from 4-7 p.m. Attendees will enjoy storytelling, fortune telling and fall foods while touring the house and grounds by lantern light. Admission is \$10.

The Fairfax County Police Department's annual K-9 Krawl 5K is set for Saturday, Oct. 18, at the county Government Center's parking lot C. Check-in begins at 8:30 a.m., followed by a K-9 demonstration at 8:45 a.m. and the 5K walk at 9 a.m.

This event was created to bring awareness to the connection between animal cru-

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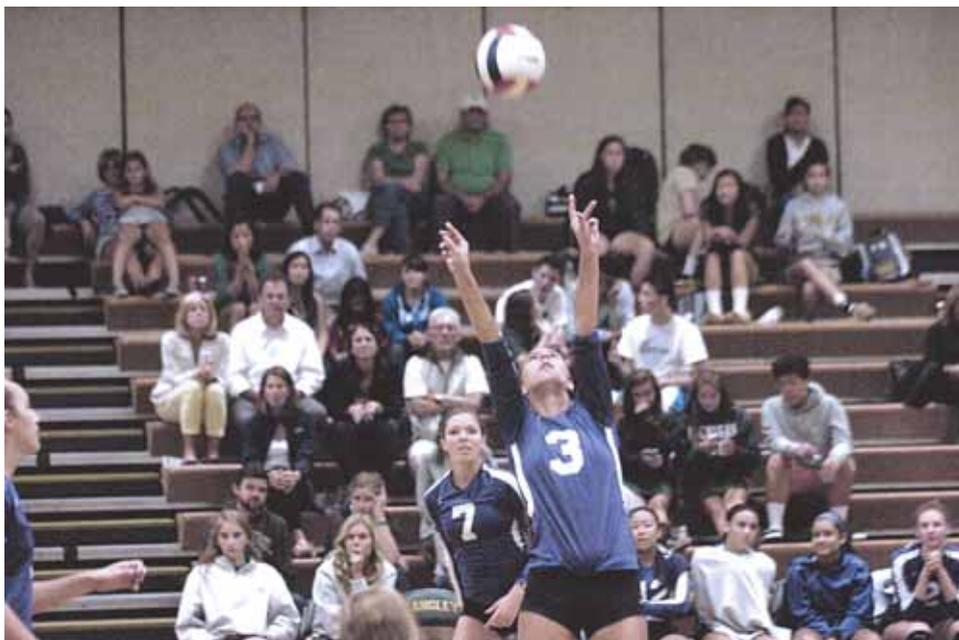
Trying to be scary at the 2013 Goblin Gallop are the Reams brothers, (from left) Diesel, 5, and Wolf, 3.



Jim Gray drives daughter Jaime Nelson in his 1931 Model A Ford, "Ruby," during the Centreville Day parade.



Dancing skeletons perform at a previous Clifton Haunted Trail.



Chantilly senior Emily Booker sets the ball during Monday's match against Langley.



Chantilly's Julia Recto (14) and Simone Jeffries jump for a block attempt during Monday's match against Langley.

Chantilly Volleyball Beats Defending State Champ

UVa commit Young leads Chargers with 14 kills.

BY JON ROETMAN
CENTRE VIEW

In 2011, Kathryn Young and her fellow freshmen on the Chantilly volleyball team made a goal to reach the state tournament at some point during their four-year high school careers.

Now a senior, Young and the Chargers feel pretty good about their chances of qualifying for states. On Monday, Chantilly had an opportunity to test itself against defending VHSL 6A state champion Langley, and the Chargers passed with flying colors.

After dropping the first set, the Chargers re-grouped and defeated the Saxons 3-1 (24-26, 25-19, 25-22, 25-23) at Langley High School. Chantilly failed to hold a late lead in the opening set, but the Chargers didn't let that slow them down for the remainder of the match.

"It's just their personality," Chantilly head

coach Charles Ezigbo said of the Chargers bouncing back from losing the first set. "They usually are relentless.

I really don't have to say a whole lot to pump them up."

The 2014 Langley volleyball team isn't the same squad that won the state title last season. Alex Andrejev, the 2013 Virginia Gatorade Player of the Year, graduated and is playing for Columbia University. Junior outside hitter Jess Donaldson, an all-state selection in 2013, suffered a torn ACL earlier this season and is out for the year. However, the Saxons entered Monday's match with an 8-1 record, including seven consecutive victories.

"It's a confidence builder, beating a team like Langley," Ezigbo said. "... A win like this will give the girls the feeling that they can compete with the better teams in the region."

Chantilly improved to 5-2.

Young, who is committed to the University of Virginia, led Chantilly with 14 kills.

"We knew we could at least hang with [Langley]," Young said. "It just validated that we can go [further in the postseason] than we have in past years."

Chantilly senior outside hitter Madison Lutz finished with nine kills, including the match-winner in the fourth set. Sophomore outside hitter Julia Recto had four kills, and senior setter Emily Booker had three aces.

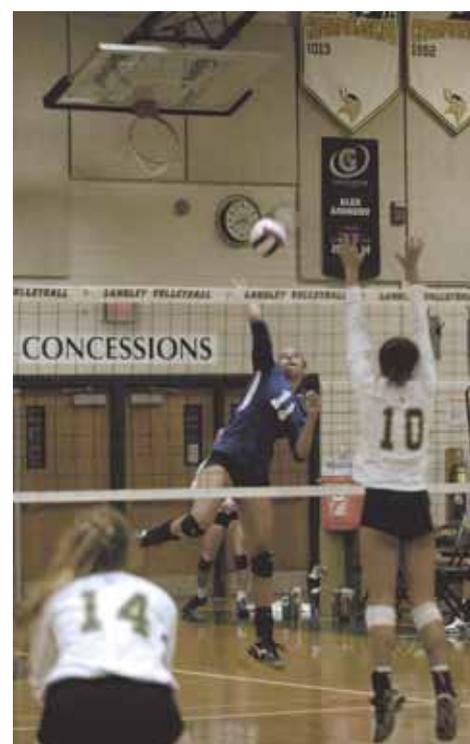
While Langley fell short, head coach Susan Shifflett pointed out there is still plenty of time to prepare for the postseason.

"I was actually very pleased with the way they played," Shifflett said of the Saxons. "With Jess going down, we had to do some figuring out. We're really young. To battle Chantilly like they did, I'm good with that. Our learning curve is going to be huge. We still have over a month to get ready for when it really counts."

Senior Rachel Andrejev has been the Saxons' go-to hitter this season. She finished with 11 kills on Monday. Kristian Stanford finished with a team-high 13 kills. Shifflett said Stanford has the ability to be a consistent contributor and help pick up the slack created by Donaldson's injury.

"I think Kristian Sandburg can do it," Shifflett said, "she just needs to get a little rhythm going."

Chantilly will host South Lakes at 7:15 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 29.



Chantilly senior Kathryn Young finished with 14 kills during a win over Langley on Monday.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Westfield Football Falls

The Westfield football team suffered its first loss of the season on Sept. 19, falling to Lake Braddock 36-23 at Westfield High School.

The two teams met twice last season, with Lake Braddock winning the regular-season meeting and Westfield winning in the 6A North region semifinals.

The Bulldogs (2-1) will travel to face Fairfax at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 26.

Centreville Field Hockey Loss

The Centreville field hockey team lost to Madison, 2-0, on Sept. 22, dropping its record to 3-6-2. Wildcat goalkeeper Kyle Le Blanc had seven saves against the Warhawks.

Centreville beat Mount Vernon on Sept. 17, snapping a three-game losing streak. Le Blanc had 15 saves during a 4-0 loss to Herndon on Sept. 15.

Centreville will host Langley at 4 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 26.

Centreville Football Improves

The Centreville football team defeated Hayfield 42-18 on Sept. 19 at Centreville High School, improving its record to 2-1.

It was the Wildcats' second consecutive victory after opening the season with a 31-14 loss to Gonzaga.

Centreville will travel to face West Springfield at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 26.

Run To Benefits Boosters

Trail runners, mountain bikers, or anyone who enjoys both, can race again in Fountainhead Regional Park (Clifton) on Saturday, Oct. 18 at 10 a.m. REV3 Adventure will crown a trail runner series champ, a mountain bike series champ, and – if you have the skills to race both on foot and wheels – the series champ of Trail Master. The early registration fee is open now through Oct. 1. Your \$40 registration fee includes entry into a single trail run event, a race-day shirt, chip timing, post-race food and a sense of accomplishment. Rev3 Adventure will donate \$7 per trail run participant that uses the CVHS Athletic Booster code to register. The code is CVBOOSTERS. Follow this link to register online: www.rev3adventure.com/race/fall-foliage-trail-series-trail-run-mountain-bike

FALL FUN

Activities for Whole Family

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country and classic rock music.

Visitors may also enjoy the mining sluice. It's a tower that dumps water into a big, curvy trench where people can pan for fossils, gemstones and arrowheads. Cox said participants feel as if they're actually going into a mineshaft.

Farm Animals, Kiddie Zone

Bunnyville, inside the slide barn, hops into action for its third year. A slide comes out of the top of the barn, and the bottom part houses Bunnyville. There's a model of Washington, D.C., with the monuments and White House, and about a dozen bunnies jump around in them.

But they're not the only furry friends – Cox Farms has animals galore. Children may feed baby goats in their own goat village. Two alpacas are on the mountain leading up to the dinosaur slide and a couple peacocks roam free. There are also baby chicks, hens and chickens, a llama named Chewie, turkeys, calves and milking cows, pigs and piglets.

"Mama Pig just gave birth last Thursday [Sept. 18], so we have a bunch of brand-new, baby piglets under the barn slide," said Cox. "They're really cute."

The goats and chickens are in the farm-chores area, and the sheep are near the dino slide. Geared for 2-6-year-olds, the farm-chores area features old-fashioned water pumps and troughs, a corn conveyor belt, chicken coop and a little garden where children may pump water into buckets and water the crops. They may also lift up straw bales by a rope and pulley.

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

Slides, Fire Engine, Food

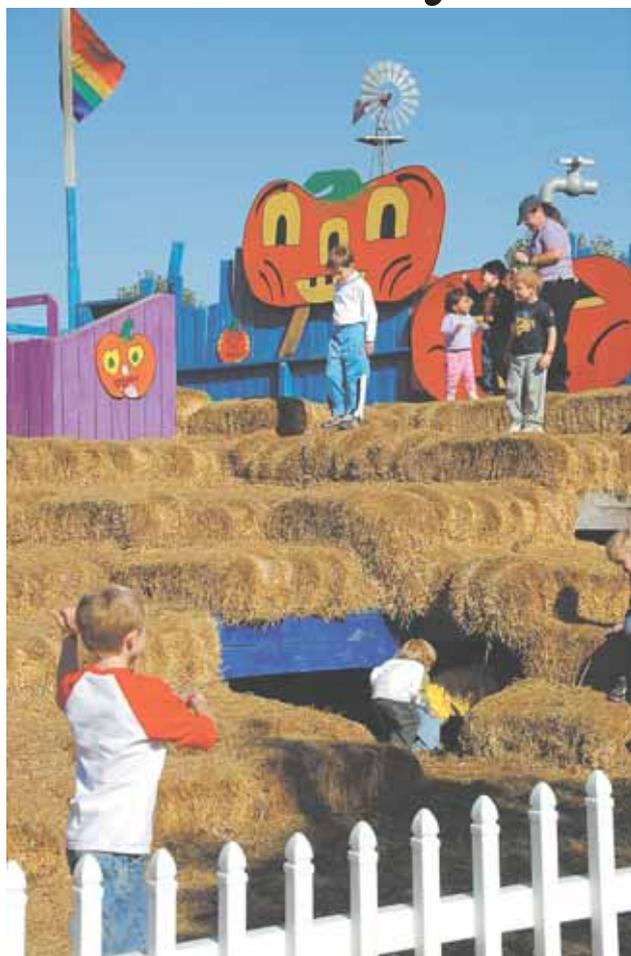
Festival visitors will also enjoy the five giant slides, straw tunnels and the Cornndrum Cornfield Adventure. The latter features funhouse mirrors, a hall of doors, giant vortex and a pirate ship. Also there is the Great Pyramid with hieroglyphics and some surprises inside.

Another hit with children is a red, 1961 fire engine. "It has two slides coming out of the back so kids can climb up, go across and slide down," said Cox. "It's close to Fairyland Castle and is lots of fun."

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

Kettle corn is offered, too, plus homemade caramel apples. New this year are apple-cider doughnuts. "We make them right here and they're delicious," said Cox. "We've been working on the recipe since last December."

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



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Bales of hay, a tunnel, plus children equal fun.

corn, squash, gourds and fall decorations. Visitors get to choose a free, patch pumpkin to take home.

Fields of Fear

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

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

"We went to the Haunted Attractions convention in St. Louis in March to get new ideas, and we've been building and working since then," said Cox. "And people will see these ideas come to life in the Fields of Fear."

Also not to be missed is the Dark Side Hayride Zombie Zoo. "It's really fun and very scary," said Cox. "There are 35-plus zombies out there, but we've made sure they can't escape." However, he added, "There's nothing scarier than being outside in the cornfield in the dark of night."

The Firegrounds is also part of the nighttime events, but it's fun and not frightening. Cox Farms' big, six-lane slide is open for rides, and people can hang out at giant bonfires, listen to music and roast marshmallows. And performing will be a fire dancer and a magician.

All in all, this family-owned and operated fall festival has something for everyone. "We've been working on the fall festival since it closed last November to make it a better, more fun-filled experience," said Cox. "And we believe there's no place more fun in the fall season to make memories that'll last a lifetime."

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Post-Chemo Weak



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

For the past year, every three weeks I have been infused with a chemotherapy drug called Alimta, "the last miracle drug," to quote my oncologist, and a drug with which I hadn't previously been infused. The fear then and now is that once this drug stops working – and for the last 12 months the results have been extremely encouraging – my alternatives, given my underlying kidney issues, are grim. The reason being, if I understand correctly, (and there's an excellent chance that I don't) is that cancer cells don't respond nearly as well to repeated exposure to the same drug. They sort of become accustomed to it and subsequent treatment is much less effective, if at all, so some other drug has to be prescribed with the chance of continuing success hardly guaranteed. My current treatment is working so well that when I asked my oncologist if perhaps we could spread out my infusions an extra week to allow my body to recuperate a bit, his answer was an emphatic "No." Because it is working so well, and because I have so few alternatives if change were truly necessary, the status should remain quo (which is no problem, really).

However, within the last six months or so of this treatment, I have experienced a change in my post-chemo week symptoms. Food, uncharacteristically, has no appeal to me. Psychologically, the prospect of eating food with which I am exceedingly familiar is a complete turnoff. Complicated by the extremely-less-than-satisfying aftertaste, the combination presents food challenges all day long. The result is that I lose my appetite, lose the enjoyment I derive from eating, lose energy/fuel to maintain my normal routine, upset my sleep, then become tired and depressed about the whole cycle of gloom I've just described. And so far, there seems to be nothing I can do, nothing I can eat, nothing I can change to affect this pattern. I just have to wait it out. It takes a week or so to pass.

Granted, in the scheme of cancer things, considering I am alive and reasonably well 67 months post-diagnosis, this blip is certainly manageable and nothing really to complain about; more something to write about as I so regularly do, sharing in sometimes excruciating details the ups and downs and all-arounds of living in the cancer lane. And therein lies the key word: "living" with cancer, as in, I'm still writing (wink, wink). And though I would prefer to not have been originally diagnosed back in February, 2009, I have made the most of it nonetheless, and shared "the most of it" with you regular readers. What I think I have learned in this entire cancer experience (hardly could one call it an adventure) is a type of patience; where context, perspective and controlling expectations, both good and bad – are fundamental to surviving. Fortunately, I've experienced more good than bad, but the fact that now I regularly experience a bad week shouldn't cloud my judgment. I'm still incredibly lucky during that week, just hungry and tired, and not in a very good mood. It's not perfect by any means, but perfect left the building on February 27, 2009.

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Carolers from Chantilly High sing in a church during last year's Clifton Candlelight Homes Tour.

Crafts, Festivals and Dancing

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elty and the link to domestic violence, and people are welcome to walk with their dogs. Register at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/FCPD2014K9KRAWL>

Oct. 25:

The Clifton Haunted Trail is slated for Saturday, Oct. 25, from 7-10 p.m., in the Town of Clifton's Eight-Acre Park. Sturdy shoes are recommended; snacks and beverages are available. (Not recommended for young children). Tickets are \$15, adults; children 12 and under, \$10. For more information, see www.cliftonhauntedtrail.com.

Oct. 26:

The 21st annual Valvoline Instant Oil Change Goblin Gallop 5K is set for Sunday, Oct. 26, at the Fairfax Corner Shopping Center. The 1K fun run starts at 8:30 a.m.; the 5K race, at 9 a.m.; and the 5K walk, at 9:10 a.m.

There's fun for the whole family with a moonbounce, hot dogs, popcorn and a band. Many of the participants and those cheering them on wear Halloween costumes, and prizes are given to the best costumes.

Proceeds go to the John Quadrino Foundation to Benefit Children with Cancer. Rain or shine, the race begins and ends in front of Coastal Flats restaurant. Registration and entry-fee information are at <http://www.goblingallop.org/race.html>.

Nov. 1:

Celebrate Colonial Day at Sully Historic Site on Saturday, Nov. 1, from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. See Revolutionary War soldiers in camp and on the battlefield and learn about daily life in rural Virginia. Make a craft to take home, do a country dance and have a hearty snack in the Colonial tavern. Cost is \$8/adult, \$6/child, and a house tour is included.

Nov. 8:

The 22nd annual Holiday Happenings Craft Show will be held Saturday, Nov. 8, from 10 a.m.-4 p.m., at W.T. Woodson High School, 9525 Main St. in Fairfax.

Nov. 14-16:

The Northern Virginia Christmas Market

craft show returns to the Dulles Expo Center in Chantilly, Friday-Sunday, Nov. 14-16. Hours are Friday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; Sunday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Admission: \$8, adults; children under 12 are free. Receive \$1 off admission by bringing a canned-food donation for the Capital Area Food Bank.

Nov. 15-16:

The 28th annual City of Fairfax Holiday Craft Show is slated for Saturday, Nov. 15, from 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; and Sunday, Nov. 16, from 10 a.m.-3 p.m., at Fairfax High School, 3501 Rebel Run in Fairfax. Admission is \$5/day; \$8 for a two-day pass.

Nov. 22:

The 34th annual St. Timothy School craft fair will be held Saturday, Nov. 22, from 9 a.m.-3 p.m., at 13809 Poplar Tree Road in Chantilly. For more information or to participate, see www.sainttimothyschool.org.

Dec. 6:

The annual Clifton Christmas Parade on Horseback, Christmas-tree lighting ceremony and homes tour are set for Saturday, Dec. 6. The parade begins at 2 p.m.

Dec. 13:

Attendees may experience a Civil War Christmas at the Sully Historic Site on Saturday, Dec. 13, as Confederate soldiers cook dinner in the field and fire their Christmas guns. Enjoy music by Evergreen Shade, make a 19th-century holiday decoration and sample hot cider and homemade cookies. There's a house tour with outside festivities available until 8 p.m.

Dec. 12-14 and Dec. 19-21:

Featuring students from Centreville, Chantilly and Westfield high schools, Encore Theatrical Arts Project's new holiday musical, "Three Days 'Til Christmas," takes the stage at NOVA's Annandale campus. Performances are Dec. 12-14 and Dec. 19-21. Tickets are \$19, students and senior citizens; and \$23, adults, for this colorful, family-friendly show and may be purchased at <http://www.encore-tap.org/>.

Dec. 12-14:

The Sugarloaf Crafts Festival is set for Friday-Sunday, Dec. 12-14, at the Dulles Expo Center in Chantilly. Hours are Friday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; Sunday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

FALL FUN & ENTERTAINMENT

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SATURDAY/OCT. 18

Fairfax County Police Department

K-9 Krawl 5K. Check-in begins at 8:30 a.m., walk begins at 9 a.m. Fairfax County Government Center (parking lot C), 12000 Government Centre Parkway, Fairfax. Join to bring awareness to the connection between animal cruelty and the link to domestic violence. To register please visit <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/FCPD2014K9KRAWL>

Fall Magic with Trees and Shrubs.

10 a.m. at Merrifield Garden Center, Fair Oaks Meeting Room, 12101 Lee Highway, Fairfax. Bring out the best in the garden. Michael Fahey will introduce a wide variety of trees and shrubs with dazzling leaves. Call 703-968-9600 or visit merrifieldgardencenter.com for more.

Historic Halls Eve.

4 p.m. Sully Historic Site, 3650 Historic Sully Way, Chantilly. Experience the

traditions of Virginians in the 18th and 19th centuries by celebrating All Hallows Eve with storytelling, fortune telling, fall foods and family gatherings. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/sully-historic-site.

SUNDAY/OCT. 19

The Circus Life Festival. 11 a.m.-7 p.m. The Winery at Bull Run, 15950 Lee Highway, Centreville. Grape stomping and bands. Net proceeds benefit Meant to Live Foundation and Cancer Can Rock. Bring lawn chairs and blankets. Visit www.bullrunwinery.com for more.

TUESDAY/OCT. 21

First Rehearsal for the Herndon Regional Wind Ensemble. 7-9 p.m. Herndon Middle School, 901 Locust St, Herndon. The band is looking for new members and will offer a series of free public concerts throughout the year. Email

herndonregionalwindensemble@gmail.com.

SATURDAY/OCT. 25

Air and Scare. 2-7 p.m. Steven F. Udvar-Hazy Center, 14390 Air and Space Museum Pkwy., Chantilly. See the spooky side of air and space at the annual Halloween event. Arrive in costume for safe indoor trick-or-treating, creepy crafts, spooky science experiments and other Halloween-themed activities. Visit <http://airandspace.si.edu/events/air-and-scare/>.

Aaron Shust and Embassy

Worship in Concert. 7 p.m. Centreville Baptist Church, 15100 Lee Highway, Centreville. All of the net proceeds benefit Meant 2 Live Foundation. Visit www.meant2live.org for more.

Clifton Haunted Trail.

7-10 p.m. Chapel Road, Clifton. A terrifying annual event that winds through Clifton's 8 Acre Park. Visit cliftonhauntedtrail.com.

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THURSDAY/SEPT. 25

English Conversation Group. 7 p.m. Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road, Chantilly. Practice English with other students. www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library.

Annabelle Gurwitch. 8 p.m. Jewish Community Center of Northern Virginia, 8900 Little River Turnpike, Fairfax. Annabelle Gurwitch is a Jewish mother, a passionate environmentalist, a reluctant atheist and the author of the new book "I See You Made an Effort: Compliments, Indignities, and Survival Stories from the Edge of 50." Call 703-537-3000 or visit www.jccnvarts.org for more.

SATURDAY/SUNDAY/OCT. 25-OCT. 26

Old Dominion Chrysanthemum Society Show. 2-5p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m.-3p.m. Sunday. The public is welcome to see these beautiful chrysanthemums. Call 703-968-9600 or visit merrifieldgardencenter.com for more.

MONDAY/OCT. 20

"Intelligence in the Civil War" Presentation. 7 p.m. Greenbriar's Cale Community Center, 4615

Stringfellow Road. The presentation will be held by Dr. David Robarge, Chief Historian of the Central Intelligence Agency. He will discuss how the North and South gathered and used information, using age-old techniques and innovations of new tools of espionage and the roles of organizations and individuals in these activities. Free. Guests welcome. Visit www.wfvc.org, call Marion Brown at 703-631-7093 or email westernfairfaxcountywc@gmail.com.

WEDNESDAY/OCT. 29

Night Ride. 7-8:30 p.m. at Ellanor C. Lawrence Park, 5040 Walney Road. Families are invited to test their courage and challenge their fears and phobias as they meet and touch creatures in darkened rooms decorated for the season. Tickets \$10. Contact 703-222-4664 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/parktakes/ for more.

BULLETIN BOARD

Email announcements to centreview@connectionnewspapers.com. Include date, time, location, description and contact for event: phone, email and/or website. Deadline is Thursday at noon, at least two weeks before event.

TAG DAY

Westfield High School music students annual Tag Day event is scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 27. Students from band, chorus, guitar and orchestra will be visiting their neighbors' homes requesting

donations to the schools award-winning music program for the 2014-2015 school year. Donations will be used to cover costs related to instructors, instruments, uniforms and competitions not covered by Fairfax County.

Support the Centreville High School

Music Department. Band, orchestra, guitar and choral groups are preparing to perform at football games, national competitions and school concerts. Tax-deductible contributions will enable the music department to purchase uniforms, instruments, equipment, special

SATURDAY/SEPT. 27

International Festival. 10 a.m. St. Timothy Catholic Church, 13807 Poplar Tree Road, Chantilly. The day begins with a Eucharistic Procession and continues on with games, food from around the world, live entertainment and contests. Admission is free, tickets sold for food and games. Call 703-266-8972 or visit sttimothyparish.org.

MONDAY/SEPT. 29

ESL Book Club. 7 p.m. Centreville

Regional Library, 14200 St. Germain Street. Adults learning English meet to discuss a book chosen by the group. www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/branches/ce/

TUESDAY/SEPT. 30

English Conversation Group. 10:30 a.m. Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road, Chantilly. Practice English with other students. Adults. www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/branches/ch/

Fair Oaks District Community

Meeting. 2:30 p.m. Join the Office of Emergency Management at the upcoming Citizen Advisory Committee meetings to learn about Fairfax Alerts and emergency preparedness. Contact 571-350-1000 or oem@fairfaxcounty.gov for more.

Teens Invited to Explore Police

Careers. 6 p.m. Sully District Government Center, 4900 Stonecroft Blvd., Chantilly. Informational meeting for teens who have considered a career in law enforcement and their parents. Explorers serve police departments and their communities, practice skills and gain experience in fingerprinting, processing crime scenes, staffing special events and helping officers spread the word about safety and crime prevention. No need to RSVP. Visit fcpdnews.wordpress.com/2014/08/26/teens-invited-to-explore-police-careers/ for more.

WEDNESDAY/OCT. 1

Children of Divorce Support Group. Wednesdays, Oct. 1-Feb. 4, twice monthly. 7 p.m. at JSSA, 3018 Javier Road, Fairfax. A safe place for those whose parent are in the process of separation and/or divorce. \$25 per session. Pre-registration is required. Call 703-896-7557 to register.

Public Meeting. 7:30 p.m. at Bull Run Elementary School, 5301 Lee Highway. The Fairfax County Park Authority is seeking public comment on the final draft conceptual plans for five large parks in Sully Woodlands. Call 703-324-8662 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/plandev/sullywoodlands for more.

SATURDAY/OCT. 4

Chapter Meeting. 1 p.m. at the Sully Station II Community Center. The Lane's Mill Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, will hold a meeting. Contact lanesmillchapter@aol.com for more.

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