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Children make friends with a horse at Cox Farms. Its 42nd annual fall festival opens this weekend. See page 11.

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Fairfax school's half-day Mondays were stressful for parents:

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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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FALL FUN

Cox Farms Ready To Host Visitors

Fall Festival for families,
Fields of Fear for teens.

BY BONNIE HOBBS
THE CONNECTION

Whether area residents are in the mood for giant slides, rope swings, hayrides, baby animals, apple-cider doughnuts or a pumpkin slingshot, they'll find all these things and more at Cox Farms. The 42nd annual fall festival opens this weekend and promises fun for the whole family.

It's on 90 acres at 15621 Braddock Road, just off Pleasant Valley Road, in Centreville. The festival runs daily from Sept. 27-Nov. 4, from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. The outdoor activities include live entertainment, a goat village, tunneling through a mountain of hay and a Cornundrum Cornfield Adventure – complete with funhouse mirrors 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.

"For Cox Farms, hosting friends and families in Northern Virginia every fall is more than a tradition – it's a passion," said Aaron Cox-Leow, "co-farmer-in-chief" with his sibling, Lucas Cox. "We truly do wait for it all year, and now it's almost here; Cox Farms has something for everyone."

The fall festival draws thousands of people a week from throughout the Washington Metropolitan area. For many families, it's a tradition passed down from one generation to another. During the day, Cox Farms features wholesome, family fun. But at night, it's transformed into the spooky and frightening Fields of Fear for older teens and adults.

And this year, said Cox-Leow, "The festival grounds are teeming with new additions. At the 'Hog Farm,' visitors of all ages can hop on a retired 'hog' – the motorcycle kind – and take an imaginary ride. And children can give their arms a workout at the duck races, seeing who can pump water the fastest to move their rubber ducky to the other side."

Cox Farms also has a new milk-and-cookies stand and is debuting its Fall Festival Explorer Passport. "It's a fun activity that gets participants traveling to the far corners of the festival to stamp their passports," said Cox-Leow. "Once they visit all 12 landmarks, they'll bring their completed



Map of the Cox Farms grounds.

PHOTOS COURTESY OF AARON COX-LEOW

passport to the farm market for a prize."

Hayride, Music, Mining

The ever-popular hayride lasts 20 minutes and travels by clever vignettes, including cartoon characters in the cornfield, comical space aliens, a witches' house, superheroes, cowboys on horseback and a wild-west town. A new addition, said Lucas Cox, is the Black Cauldron Café – the witches' coffee bar. At the end, the hayride travels through a large, enchanted barn filled with music, flashing lights and scenes of wizards, witches and magical plants and creatures.

The free, weekend events also include entertainment on the music stage. Live bands



An angora goat

perform, and Farmer Jack sings and tells stories while milking his cow, Bingo. The 25 bands – including The Page County Ramblers, Jimmy Cole All Stars, Tom Blood & Late as Usual, the Rick Sickmen Band and Patty Reese Band – will perform blue grass, 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

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The hayride passes by the giant slides.



Chewie the llama



PROPOSED MEMORY CARE HOME, THE ARBORS OF CHANTILLY, VIRGINIA

The Arbors of Chantilly would be off Route 50 and Downs Drive.



An artist's rendition of the assisted-living facility proposed for construction in Chantilly.

PHOTOS BY BONNIE HOBBS/CENTRE VIEW

Residents Have Their Say Assisted-Living facility could pose traffic, drainage, noise problems.

BY BONNIE HOBBS
THE CONNECTION

As the number of senior citizens in Fairfax County continues to grow, so does the need for an assisted-living facility for people with Alzheimer's and dementia. But a proposal to construct one in Chantilly has drawn fire from nearby residents worried about the resulting traffic impact on their community.

They expressed their concerns last Thursday night, Sept. 18, to the county Planning Commission. They said their neighborhood, Chantilly Estates, is old, with narrow roads and no sidewalks, plus children and elderly, handicapped and special-needs residents who are often outside.

"We've got about 20 kids just in that part of the neighborhood, walking, playing and riding their bikes," said Elinor Schneider. "And [the extra vehicles generated by the facility] would add to the [existing] traffic burden on us."

Artisan Land Group LLC wants to build The Arbors of Chantilly at 13622 Lee Jackson Memorial Highway, off Downs Drive, which runs alongside a gas station on Route 50 west. But to do so, it needs a special-exception permit from the county.

The six-and-one-half-acre site, zoned residential, is currently a vacant lot. Planned is a one-story, 37,000-square-foot, residential-looking building facing Route 50. And traffic counts for this 48-unit facility are projected to be less than if that site were developed with the 12 homes that could be constructed on it by right. Two entrances off Downs are planned, and county staff is recommending approval, subject to certain development conditions.

The residents are especially worried that people leaving The Arbors would cut through their community to reach Route 50, so development condition 13 addresses that issue. "The applicant has agreed to tell all



The view from Downs Drive.

vendors to not make a right coming out of the site, going into the neighborhood," said Billy O'Donnell, with the county's Planning and Zoning Department. "They'll put signage [about it] on site and on Downs Drive, and there'll be a number to call for complaints."

"If people ignore that, what happens?" asked Sully District Planning Commissioner John Litzenberger.

O'Donnell said the residents can file a complaint and the county can issue a violation notice to the facility and even take it to court. It also could be fined and, if traffic violations continue, the facility could be closed down.

"All our contracts with the employees and service providers would prevent them from driving through the neighborhood," said attorney Scott Adams, representing the applicant. "[Artisan] is fully aware of the consequences and intends to comply with the development conditions."

But the residents still have their doubts and don't want to have to be the watchdogs to make sure the rules are followed. "No amount of signage will stop 100 percent of the traffic," said Schneider. "And you can't stop the visitors from driving through our neighborhood."

Lori Whetzel, who lives adjacent to the site, said all the homeowners signed a petition opposing the project and its potential traffic implications for them.

"Our roads are narrow and a service vehicle and a car can't pass each other without one of us going into a home's yard or driveway," she told the commissioners. "Kids walk up to one-fourth of a mile to catch their school buses and wait [for them] in the roads or yards."

She said elderly neighbors, a resident in a motorized wheelchair, plus people walking dogs and pushing strollers are all outside, as are residents with mental disabilities walking in the roads for exercise. However, said Whetzel, "Our neighbors look out for each other and drive [less than] the 25-mph speed limit, as we can't see what's coming around the corners or past the [tree] overhang on Birch Drive."

Whetzel also questioned the facility's ability to police the vehicles going to and from it. "Are we as a community to keep our cameras ready to prove infractions?" she asked. "How will anyone who doesn't see where a vehicle comes from know if it's here legally?"

Referencing studies about the nearly 70-percent yearly turnover rate for nursing

assistants in such facilities, she said new people would constantly have to be taught about condition 13. Whetzel said the same thing would apply to substitute drivers for The Arbors's service trucks. And she wondered how the driving policy would be enforced among others going there, such as plumbers, groundskeepers, electricians and handymen.

"The service road is dangerous and is often blocked," said Whetzel. "So that's why people drive through our neighborhood to get out, instead of using that road to reach the traffic light at Chantilly Road to get to Route 50 east."

The neighbors said the service road is frequently blocked because many drivers – including those in large trucks – park there regularly. "People just stop and leave their cars on the service road and run into the gas station?" asked At-Large Planning Commissioner Jim Hart. The residents said yes, and Whetzel showed the panel photos proving it.

Cary Paley said people drive through their streets in frustration "because the service road gets backed up. Chantilly Road's light is 10-15 seconds, tops, so only a couple cars can get through at a time. So drivers make a U-turn and go through the neighborhood to turn left onto Route 50."

Mason District Planning Commissioner Janet Hall said her neighborhood's similar to theirs and "has lots of traffic, too. I don't know that this facility would generate enough traffic [to cause problems]. But I think there should be a stop sign on the service road so people would be more aware that it's a road and they shouldn't leave their cars there."

The problem, said O'Donnell, is that the service road is believed to be half public and half privately owned, so regulating it may not be possible. Lee District Planning Commissioner James Migliaccio recommended a title search, explaining, "If it's a public

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Blood and Guts 5K Race

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

BY STEVE HIBBARD
THE CONNECTION

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.



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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.

“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

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OPINION

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

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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

tine Domas, Simply Nut Free Chocolates, Stone's Cove KitBar, Sully Animal Hospital, The Nest Egg, Thirty-One, Lisa VanLahr, Trips Travel Agency, Tropical Smoothie, Turbo Tutoring, Tutti Frutti, Twin Lakes Golf Course, WashingtonCapitols, Washington Mystics, Washington Nationals, Washington Redskins, Washington Wizards, Weber's Pet Supermarket, Westfields Golf Club, WHS Athletic Boosters, WHS Band Boosters, WHS Choral Boosters, WHS Parents, WHS PTSA, WHS Theatre Boosters, The WHS PTSA would like to thank all these sponsors and encourage the community to support their businesses. We would also like to thank all the volunteers who made the Annual Bulldog BBQ possible through the donation of their time and efforts.

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

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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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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The Grace Dental team members are (from left): Junior Letona, Andria Gregory, Tomika Hill, Suzy Jarwa, Christie Palomino and Dr. Sam Jarwa.

New Dental Office Opens

Dr. Sam Jarwa, a graduate from University of Southern California, has opened Grace Dental of Virginia, specializing in general and cosmetic dentistry. The office is located at 4530 Walney Road, Suite #102, Chantilly.

After more than 12 years of practicing dentistry in Southern California and Virginia, Jarwa decided to settle in Chantilly.

He is a Virginia Commonwealth University adjunct

faculty with a focus on educating dental students and caregivers on the discipline of dental care for special needs patients.

He is also a member of the ADA, VDA, NVDS, Plus SAID, and AADMD.

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Blood and Guts 5K Race

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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.



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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Fairfax County needs volunteers to drive older adults to medical appointments and wellness programs. For these and other volunteer opportunities, call 703-324-5406, TTY 711 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/olderadults and click on Volunteer Solutions.

Sully Historic Site needs volunteers to help plan and present programs. Volunteers who enjoy gardening, working with children, learning new recipes and cooking methods, or just like to be around interesting people are needed both weekdays and weekends. Sully is a historic house museum owned and operated by the Fairfax County Park Authority. Volunteer at Sully can choose an aspect of historic interpretation, event support or any other area to make a difference for visitors. Call 703-437-1794 for an interview. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/sully-historic-site for more.

The **Northern Virginia Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program** needs volunteer advocates for

residents in assisted living and nursing facilities throughout the area. Volunteers can work in facilities close to where they live. Training is provided in March 2014. Call 703-324-5861, TTY 711 or e-mail Lisa.Callahan@fairfaxcounty.gov. Find more information on volunteering at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dfs/olderadultservices/lombudsman/vol_ombud_program.htm.

The Fairfax Station Railroad Museum needs volunteer docents on Sunday afternoons from 1-4 p.m. Greet museum visitors and tell them about the exhibits, the Museum and the its railroad and Civil War history. Docents should possess good people skills. Opportunity for those interested in railroads, the Civil War and Northern Virginia history. Training and orientation provided. Other volunteer opportunities are gardening, publicity and exhibit planning. The Museum is located at 11200 Fairfax Station Road in Fairfax Station. Call Michael at 703-945-

7483 or visit Fairfaxstation.org
Northern Virginia Family Service is seeking volunteers to organize collection drives of toiletries products for clients in need. Requested items include such things as shampoo, soap, lotion, deodorant, hand sanitizer, toothbrushes and toothpaste. Learn more about Northern Virginia Family Service at www.nvfs.org and contact Colleen Ross ross@nvfs.org if interested.

The Stuart-Mosby Civil War Cavalry Museum needs volunteers to work on Sundays at 13938 Braddock Road, Centreville. The museum is open from 1-4 p.m. on Sundays, when volunteer help is needed the most. Civil War buffs who want something worthwhile to do on Sundays are perfect candidates. Generally at least two volunteers are on duty for each day of coverage at the museum. The museum is also open on Saturdays from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. and Mondays from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Call 703-785-5294 or visit www.stuart-mosby.com.



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ONGOING

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The Airbus IMAX Theater at National Air and Space Museum Udvar-Hazy Center, 14390 Air & Space Museum Parkway, is showing movies including "D-Day: Normandy 1944", "Hubble," "Fighter Pilot," "Hidden Universe" and "The Dream is Alive." Visit <http://airandspace.si.edu/udvarhazy> or call 703-572-4118 for the movie schedule or to schedule an IMAX On Demand show for groups of 50 or more.

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.

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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.

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

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.

Small Wonders. 11:30 a.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.

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 storytime with stories, songs and activities. Age 2 with caregiver. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/branches/ch/ for more.

Storytime for Three to Fives. 1:30 p.m. Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road, Chantilly. Early literacy program with stories and activities. Age 3-5 with caregiver. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/branches/ch/ for more.

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Email announcements to chantilly@connectionnewspapers.com. Include date, time, location, description and contact for event: phone, email and/or website. Photos and artwork welcome. 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 music and first-class guest instructors. In appreciation of contributions, a family invitation will be provided to a band, orchestra, guitar or choral performance of the donors choice. Students will be in the neighborhood Saturday, Sept. 27. Visit <http://cvhsband.org> for more.

WHITE HOUSE ORNAMENT SALE

The Western Fairfax County Woman's Club is selling **2014 White House**

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ELECTRONICS RECYCLING

Residents can now "e-cycle" at the I-66 transfer station. It is free but residents may be asked to show proof of residency. Personal waste only. The I-66 station is located at 4618 West Ox Road, Fairfax and open from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. from Monday-Saturday and from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. on Sundays. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpwes/recycling/electric-sunday.htm for more.

THURSDAY/SEPT. 25

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

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 will be sold for food and games. Call 703-266-8972 or visit www.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

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FALL FUN

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

76th Annual Potomac Rose Society Rose Show. Saturday, 1-6 p.m. and Sunday, noon-4p.m. See roses and have your questions answered by rosarians. Call 703-968-9600 or visit www.merrifieldgarden

center.com for 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.gilmoreshows.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.

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 Center 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 Hallows 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.

An Evening of Comedy with 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.wfcwc.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. This

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 - Twelve (12) raffle tickets

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FALL FUN

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

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THE CONNECTION

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



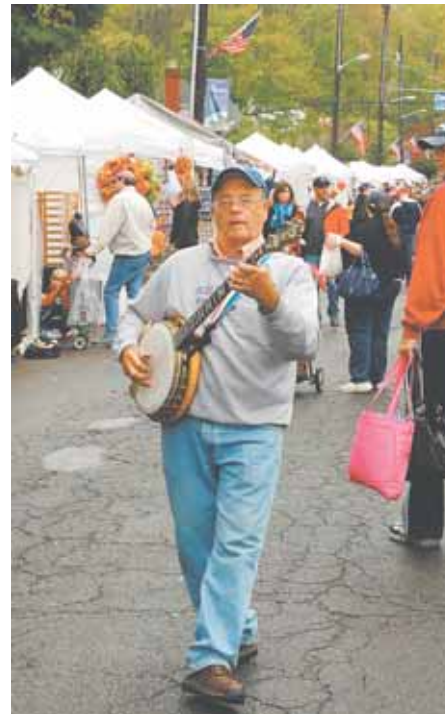
Performers from Encore Theatrical Arts Project of Chantilly will participate in the Fairfax County Dance Coalition Gala Showcase.

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.

FALL FUN



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Swinging on a rope swing.



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

Activities for Whole Family

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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 Cornundrum 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 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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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
THE CONNECTION

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.

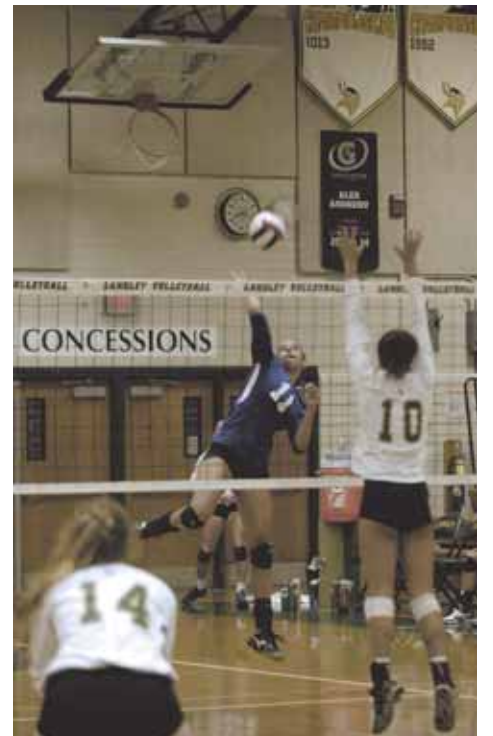
While Langley fell short, head coach Susan Shifflett pointed out there is still plenty of time to prepare for the postseason.

"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

Residents Have Their Say

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road, there could be a sign saying, 'Service road, no parking.'"

Adams said the applicant would be happy to do it, and Providence District Planning Commissioner Kenneth Lawrence suggested the applicant "petition for more green [traffic-signal] time for the left turn onto Route 50. Tell VDOT it's for a medical facility."

But there are other problems, added John Ray, of Birch Drive. "The gas station uses one lane of the service road for its vehicle inspections – and the line backs all the way down the service road and Downs Drive," he said.

Furthermore, said Ray, "Our neighborhood's in a floodplain and our backyards often flood. And [this facility's] design diverts drainage from its roof into my backyard. In addition, the lot clearing removing the tree buffer from Route 50 would make it noisier

for us, so we'd like a sound wall to block the traffic noise."

In response to all the comments, Adams said the applicant's been working with Supervisor Michael R. Frey (R-Sully) who's "working with the service-station owner to prohibit parking on the service road."

Litzenberger thanked the residents for their comments and directed staff and the applicant to "figure out who owns the service road, because it'll affect the ability of this facility to operate there." He deferred the Planning Commission's decision on this project until Oct. 1, with written comments accepted until then.

"We should also find out what are the service station's special-exception conditions," said Hart. "The county might be able to enforce no parking on that service road."

ROUNDUPS

Police Seek 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.

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.

Drug Take-Back Saturday

In conjunction with the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) and state and local law-enforcement agencies, the Fair Oaks District police station will host a drug take-back initiative to remove potentially dangerous controlled substances from local homes. It's set for this Saturday, Sept. 27, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m., at 12300 Lee Jackson Memorial Hwy.

There'll be a collection site where people may turn in their old, expired, unused, or unwanted medications. Prescription medications, controlled or non-controlled substances and over-the-counter drugs may be turned in anonymously at the collection point inside the station.

People may dispose of medication in its original container or not. Residents are advised to remove any identifying information from the prescription label. Liquid products should remain sealed in their original container to prevent leakage.

Intravenous solutions, injectables and syringes will not be accepted, and commercial businesses, pharmacies or other medical facilities may not use this event as a means to discard expired medications or medical waste.

Police Explorers Meet

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 and provide young people with opportunities to learn and practice skills that police officers use on a daily basis. Explorers gain experience in fingerprinting, processing crime scenes, staffing special events and helping officers spread the word about safety and crime prevention.

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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.

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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campfire program concludes with a wagon ride through a moonlit meadow and s'mores. Tickets \$10. Contact 703-222-4664 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/parktakes/ for more.

THURSDAY/OCT. 30

Book signing. 7 p.m. Centreville Regional Library, 14200 St. Germain Drive, Centreville. Alan Rems, of Centreville's Virginia Run community, will discuss and sign his book, "South Pacific Cauldron." Visit

www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/branches/ce/ for more.

MONDAYS/SEPT. 29-NOV. 3

Adventures in Learning. 9:30 a.m.-2:45 p.m. at Lord of Life Lutheran Church, 5114 Twinbrook Road, Fairfax. This program is open to all adults age 50 or older. Registrants bring a bag lunch and stay for a full day of classes/activities and socializing, or pick and choose the classes that interest them the most. \$30. Call 703-323-4788 to register.

SATURDAY-SUNDAY/NOV. 1-2

Pumpkin Madness. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Cox Farms, 15621 Braddock Road, Centreville. Drop, squish, smash and stomp pumpkins to recycle used jack-o'-lanterns. Visit www.coxfarms.com.

SUNDAY/NOV. 2

Fields of Fear. 7:30-11 p.m. (last admission at 10 p.m. or earlier if sold out.) Cox Farms, 15621 Braddock Road, Centreville. Haunted Corn nightmare trail, Dark Side Hayride: Zombie Zoo, Firegrounds hangout with six-lane slide, bonfires,

food and games. Visit www.fieldsoffear.com for more.

WEDNESDAY/NOV 19-SUNDAY/JAN. 4

Lights Festival. 7700 Bull Run Drive, Centreville. Almost two and a half miles of light displays and a Holiday Village to celebrate the season. Visit www.bullrunfestivaloflights.com.

SATURDAY/NOV. 22

Christmas Decorating Tips. 10 a.m. at Merrifield Garden Center, Fair Oaks Meeting Room, 12101 Lee Highway, Fairfax. Learn how to

create holiday displays that will wow guests. Call 703-968-9600 or visit merrifieldgardencenter.com for more.

SATURDAY/DEC. 6

Decorating with Fresh Greens and Flowers. 10 a.m. at Merrifield Garden Center, Fair Oaks Meeting Room, 12101 Lee Highway, Fairfax. See how to use fresh cut pine, holly, cedar, boxwood, magnolia and other plants to fill a home with the fragrance and beauty of the season. Call 703-968-9600 or visit merrifieldgardencenter.com for more.

BULLETIN BOARD

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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.

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.

WEDNESDAY/OCT. 8

Fairfax County Park Authority Board Meeting. 7:30 p.m. in the Herrity Building, 12055 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax. Free. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/boardagn2.htm for meeting materials, archives and more. Call 703-324-8662.

TUESDAY/OCT. 14

NOVA Registration Closes. Registration for Northern Virginia Community College's second 8-week term closes. Classes begin Oct. 15. Visit www.nvcc.edu or visit campuses in Alexandria, Annandale, Loudoun, Manassas, Springfield and Woodbridge. Call 703-323-3000 for more.

Ladies' Book Club. 7:30 p.m. at Temple Beth Torah, 4212-C Technology Court, Chantilly. Enjoy a "pot-luck" style book club. Discuss "This is Where I Leave You" by

Jonathan Tropper. Visit www.bethtorah.net or 703-217-8938.

WEDNESDAY/OCT. 15

Michael and Son Jingle Singoff. Registration ends Oct. 15, winners will be announced Nov. 15. The winning elementary school in each region within Michael and Son's service area will receive \$5,000. Email jill.gorman@michaelsandson.com or call 703-658-1152 for more.

THURSDAY/OCT. 16

Anniversary Celebration. 6 p.m. Liberty Republican Women's Club's 4th anniversary celebration with Dr. Ileana Johnson-Paugh, Romanian Conservative, speaker and author. Call 703-378-4190 for more.

FRIDAY/OCT. 17

Fellowship Dinner. 7 p.m. at the

Westfields Marriott in Chantilly. Western Fairfax Christian Ministries will be holding their 7th annual fellowship dinner. The keynote speaker will be comedian Gordon Douglas. Visit www.wfcmva.org for more.

SUNDAY/OCT. 19

Author Conversation. 2 p.m. at the Jewish Community Center of Northern Virginia, 8900 Little River Turnpike. Rebecca Alexander, author of "Not Fade Away: A Memoir of Senses Lost and Found," will sign copies of her first novel. Call 703-537-3000 or visit boxoffice@jccnv.org for more.

DONATIONS

The **student Auto Sales Program** operating from Centreville High School works in conjunction with the CVHS automotive technology classes to bring in donated automobiles, boats and motorcycles for students to work on. Some refurbished vehicles are sold, with 75 percent of the proceeds going back to the auto tech program. The program is in need of cars, trucks or motorcycles, which are fully tax deductible, for student training. Contact Lyman Rose at 703-802-5588 or by e-mail lyman.rose@fcps.edu for more.

SCAM ALERT

Scammers, identifying themselves as deputy sheriffs, are calling residents of Fairfax County, the City of Fairfax and the Towns of Herndon and Vienna, threatening that they will be arrested unless they purchase a money card, or wire money through Western Union. The Sheriff's Office is in no way associated with this scam. Sheriff's deputies will not call to ask individuals for money nor threaten arrest. Hang up immediately on threatening phone calls related to jury duty or tax payments. Do not give out personal information and regularly monitor all accounts and always use strong passwords. To confirm a jury duty summons, contact the Circuit Court jury duty clerk at 703-246-7816 (press 0). For information about tax scams, visit the IRS consumer alerts page, www.irs.gov/uac/Tax-Scams-Consumer-Alerts.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Homeless Animals Rescue Team is looking for volunteers to hold dogs at adoption events, Saturdays noon-3 p.m. Volunteers must be 18 or older. Events will be held at Petsmart, 13866 Metrotech Drive, Chantilly. Call 703-691-HART or visit www.hart90.org/ for more.
Fairfax County. In need of a volunteer On-Call IT Specialists to help older adults. Schedule is flexible. For these and other volunteer opportunities, call 703-324-5406, TTY 711 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/olderadults.

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