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Color Guard on parade.



Sophomore Class float.

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Here Come Chantilly's Chargers

Chantilly High's Homecoming Parade was Thursday, Oct. 8, in Greenbriar.



Chantilly marching band.



Girl Scout Troop 6464.



Chantilly ShowStoppers chorus.



Sophomore cheerleaders.



Chantilly Hip Hop.



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Swim Team.



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Westfield High's Marching Band.



The dance team does a routine.

PHOTOS BY BONNIE HOBBS

Westfield Bulldogs on Parade

Westfield High's Homecoming Parade was Friday, Oct. 9, in Centreville.



The Senior Court.



The Junior Court.



The Freshman Court.



The sophomore float.



Junior Class float.



Seniors on parade.



Westfield volleyball players.



Varsity cheerleaders.



JV cheerleaders having fun.



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The orphans give Miss Hannigan (in blue dress) a hard time. (Standing, from left) are Paayal Chandra, Caroline Woodson, Maggie Shircliff, Grace Mattes (as Hannigan), Emily Cason, Shannon Gaskins, Melissa Kapfer and Blen Yohannes. (Kneeling, from left) are Adriana Castillo and Caitlyn Valenza.

CHS Presents 'Annie, the Musical'

"The sun will come out tomorrow."

BY BONNIE HOBBS
THE CONNECTION

Complete with Daddy Warbucks, Sandy the dog and a certain red-haired orphan, Chantilly High is presenting "Annie, the Musical."

The curtain rises Thursday-Friday, Oct. 22-23, at 7 p.m., and Saturday, Oct. 24, at 2 and 7 p.m. Tickets are \$12 at the door or \$10 via www.chantillyhsdrama.com.

Director Shannon Khatcheressian cast the show last spring, so the 40 actors learned their lines and music over the summer. There's also a production team of 35 and a live orchestra directed by Laurelyn Morrison — whose husband Michael, a former Chantilly thespian, will be playing bass. Evan Ayars is the choral director.

"Things are going great," said Khatcheressian. "The students are making wonderful progress doing a full-scale musical in the six weeks since school started, so I'm excited about the final product. It's a really fun show for them to do. Ensemble members are playing three to five roles each, and we doubled the number of orphans so more students could perform."

She said the actors have embraced their characters and all their subtle nuances. "We're eager to bring a musical classic to the stage," said Khatcheressian. "It'll be enjoyed by all ages — children seeing this story for the first time and adults who grew up with it. It's a wonderfully timeless piece for a wide audience."

The story takes place in New York City in December 1935, with scenes in an orphanage, at the White House and in the heart of Times Square. And instead of having a tra-

ditional set, Chantilly will use an artist's projections on stage and on the theater's side walls to illustrate the various locations.

Senior Hannah Warnick portrays Annie. "She's a 13-year-old orphan looking for her parents," said Warnick. "They left her at the orphanage with half of a locket and a note saying they'd come back for her. She's rambunctious, outgoing and a leader; all the other orphans look up to her. She's optimistic about her situation and tries to lift the orphans' spirits; she's also the one who stands up to the orphanage owner, Miss Hannigan."

Warnick loves playing a high-spirited, younger teen because "kids don't worry about how silly they look or if something's wrong; they just do it. And I get to interact with almost everyone in the cast and work with the dogs. It's really awesome playing a lead, especially in my senior year. It feels like all the hard work paid off, and Annie's such a classic show that I'm honored to play this role."

Her favorite song is "Hard Knock Life," which she sings with the orphans. "I love the aggressive and powerful choreography," said Warnick. "It shows how angry we are about our situation, and we use lots of props like buckets and scrub brushes."

This show contains all the iconic songs from the movie, plus extra numbers from the original musical. "So even those who know the show well will be surprised by something new," said Warnick. "People will leave appreciating what they have, their families and the relationships they've formed with people they love and those who love them."

The story's moral, she said, is that "no matter how hard things seem, don't be discouraged. Try to stay positive, hold your head up high and know that 'The sun will

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OPINION

Closer Look at School Spending

Report: Local schools spend less to educate more challenging students.

Since Fiscal Year 2009, Alexandria Public Schools has reduced per pupil spending by 13.3 percent, adjusted for inflation. Arlington County Public Schools has reduced per pupil spending by 15.7 percent, but still spends the most per student of any school district in the state.

Fairfax County Public Schools has reduced per pupil spending by 6.5 percent over the same period, adjusted for inflation, but FCPS spends significantly less per student than either Alexandria or Arlington.

These numbers are from a draft report released last month by the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission in a report on Efficiency and Effectiveness of K-12 Spending 2015. In FY 2014, the average Virginia school division spent 7 percent less to educate each student than it did in FY 2005.

EDITORIAL These numbers are critical to understand as local schools, Fairfax County in particular, face a looming budget gap in the coming budget cycle. It's easy to skip the specifics, look at a large overall budget number and conclude that surely there is plenty of room to cut the budget. These numbers show the problem with that approach.

Fairfax County was among the Virginia school divisions with a reduction in resources and numbers of teachers per student which also had a growing percentage of "resource-intensive" students.

More than 27 percent of Fairfax County Public Schools students were living in poverty in 2014; that's 49,895 students, up from about 18 percent or 28,527 poor students in 2005. Number and percent of students with limited English have also grown over the time period. In 2014, 49,442 students, or 27 percent, in FCPS are limited English proficient, up from 35,091 or 22 percent in 2005. The report calls these students "resource intensive," and what that means is that it costs more to effectively teach them.

The larger chart comes from a different source, the 2015 Washington Area Boards of Education Guide, and shows Fairfax County with far lower per pupil costs and teacher salaries than surrounding school districts.

Arlington and Alexandria school districts also have large percentages of poor students.

Alexandria had 6,160, or 58.8 percent of its students living in poverty in 2005, and in 2014, 7,443 poor students, 55 percent. Alexandria has also had an increase in limited English proficient students, 33.3 percent of 4,510 students in 2014, up from 22.7 percent in 2005.

In Arlington, 7,972 students, 33.9 percent were living in poverty in 2014, up from 6,373 students, 35.8 percent in 2005. Arlington has seen a drop in limited English students, from 35.5 percent (6,323 students) in 2005 to 28 percent in 2014 (6,591 students).

As the saying goes, if you think education is expensive, try ignorance. And if you think it's too expensive to effectively educate the population we have, consider the costs of services

Public Schools	Fairfax County	Montgomery County, MD	Arlington County	Alexandria City
FY 2015 Cost Per Pupil	\$13,519	\$15,351	\$19,040	\$17,041
Average Teacher Salary	\$66,782	\$75,452	\$76,892	\$73,612
2014 ACTUAL ENROLLMENT				
Total Enrollment	183,895	151,289	23,421	13,563
Percent ESOL Enrollment	17.0%	13.2%	17.4%	25.5%
Percent Free/Reduced Price Meal Eligible	27.5%	34.3%	31.8%	59.7%
Percent Special Education Enrollment	13.8%	11.7%	14.7%	12.6%
2015 APPROVED ENROLLMENT				
Number Increase/Decrease from 2014 Actual	2,890	2,889	792	548
Percent Increase/Decrease from 2014 Actual	1.6%	1.9%	3.4%	4.0%
SCHOOLS				
Elementary	139	133	22	12
Middle	23	38	5	2
Traditional (K-8)	0	0	0	1
Secondary and High Schools	25	26	5	1
Special Education	7	5	2	0
Alternative	2	0	3	2
SOURCES OF REVENUE				
Local	69.6%	66.6%	83.0%	79.3%
State	23.3%	27.9%	12.5%	14.9%
Other	7.2%	5.5%	4.6%	5.8%
AUTHORIZED POSITIONS				
School-Based	93.2%	91.2%	90.9%	89.7%
Nonschool-Based	6.8%	8.8%	9.1%	10.3%

SOURCE: 2015 Washington Area Boards of Education Guide

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Comparison of local school district finances and enrollment from the 2015 Washington Area Boards of Education Guide.

INFLATION ADJUSTED PER PUPIL SPENDING			
Division	FY 2009	FY 2014	% Change (FY 09-14)
Alexandria	\$20,323	\$17,622	"13.3%
Arlington	\$22,214	\$18,736	"15.7%
Fairfax	\$14,901	\$13,931	"6.5%

Inflation-adjusted to 2014 dollars.
SOURCE: Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission report on Efficiency and Effectiveness of K-12 Spending 2015 <http://jlarc.virginia.gov/pdfs/reports/Rpt472.pdf>

to people who don't have the education they need to live successfully later in life.

Effective leaders in Northern Virginia will have to lead the way to funding effective school systems in a challenging economic environment. But if you hear a candidate claim that schools can get by on less by being more efficient, ask if they have read this report.

According to the JLARC report: School districts reduced per-student spending on instruction through a combination of employing fewer teachers per student, limiting teacher salary growth, and requiring teachers to pay a higher

percentage of health insurance and retirement benefit costs. Divisions report that these spending reductions are hindering instructional effectiveness.

School divisions reduced instructional spending by less than one percent, and non-instructional spending by 10 percent, at the statewide level during the time period.

You can read the Virginia JLARC report here: <http://jlarc.virginia.gov/pdfs/reports/Rpt472.pdf>

— MARY KIMM

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LETTERS

Full-Time Responsibilities

To the Editor:

On Nov. 3, the voters will elect the next Sully District supervisor. I write to endorse Kathy Smith, and ask you to support her.

One issue alone should be dispositive: Sully District needs another full-time supervisor. Kathy Smith has pledged to work full-time on our behalf, if elected. She will maintain office hours of at least 40 hours per week, and make herself available for evening and weekend constituent matters. Her tea party opponent instead has announced his intention to retain his full-time outside job, if elected, and work around his schedule conflicts. But the responsibilities and challenges of the position, and its \$95,000 annual salary, demand a full time elected official. The job of Sully District supervisor is not a part time hobby, to be juggled with or subordinate to outside employment.

Michael Frey, for the past 24 years, served full-time as Sully District supervisor, recognizing the

time commitment needed to represent the community. Our next supervisor must interact effectively and efficiently with county staff and other government officials during regular business hours, and must be on the job, full-time. The Sully District supervisor must devote the full-time hours needed to understand our complex issues of budgeting, land use applications, transportation improvements, education funding, environmental concerns, public response to emergencies, and many other priorities on the Board of Supervisors' agenda. Our district supervisor also needs to meet first hand with constituents, and spend time in the community, consistently working on local issues, often on short notice.

Kathy Smith has already proven herself as a dedicated and responsible public official. She is highly qualified, having served the past 14 years as the Sully District member on the Fairfax County School Board, including three years as School Board chairman. She is a long-time resident, already well acquainted with the challenges facing Fairfax County. She is committed to devoting herself full-time to meeting the needs of Sully District residents. Kathy Smith deserves your vote for supervisor.

Jim Hart
Centreville

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THURSDAY/OCT. 15

Liberty Republican Women's Club Anniversary. 6 p.m. social hour and 7 p.m. program at Sully Government Center, 4900 Stonecroft Blvd., Chantilly. The club celebrates its fifth anniversary. Free, the public is welcome. Call 703-378-4190.

OCT. 15-NOV. 12

Fall Food Drive. Drop off food at Sheehy Infiniti of Chantilly, 4145 Auto Park Circle, Chantilly. Sheehy Auto Stores will collect canned goods and non-perishable food as part of the company's annual Fall Food Drive to benefit Ashland Christian Emergency Services (ACES), the Capital Area Food Bank, Feeding America, the Oxon Hill Food Pantry and the Southern Maryland Food Bank. Visit www.sheehy.com or call 410-760-3500.

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Fairfax County

Monday, October 19, 2015
Oakton High School Cafeteria (Entrance #1 or #14)
2900 Sutton Road, Vienna, VA 22181

Tuesday, October 20, 2015
VDOT Northern Virginia District Office
4975 Alliance Drive, Fairfax, VA 22030

Visit Transform66.org to view a live stream of this meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Prince William County

Wednesday, October 21, 2015
Piney Branch Elementary School Cafeteria/Gym (Entrance #1)
8301 Linton Hall Road, Bristow, VA 20136

The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT), in partnership with the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT), will host meetings for the public to review and provide comments on the latest conceptual plans, which reflect the Transform 66 Outside the Beltway project's Preferred Alternative and proposed phasing. The Preferred Alternative involves the transformation of 25 miles of I-66 between U.S. Route 15 in Haymarket and I-495/the Capital Beltway. The project will provide congestion relief and enhanced safety, as well as new travel choices and reliability.

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Review the latest conceptual plans and project schedule at www.Transform66.org or at the meetings.

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Get Ready for Centreville Day

Annual event is this Saturday, Oct. 17.

BY BONNIE HOBBS
THE CONNECTION

Come one, come all to the 23rd annual Centreville Day celebration. It's this Saturday, Oct. 17, from 10 a.m.-5 p.m., in Historic Centreville Park, 5714 Mount Gilead Road (off Braddock Road, across Route 29 from the IHOP).

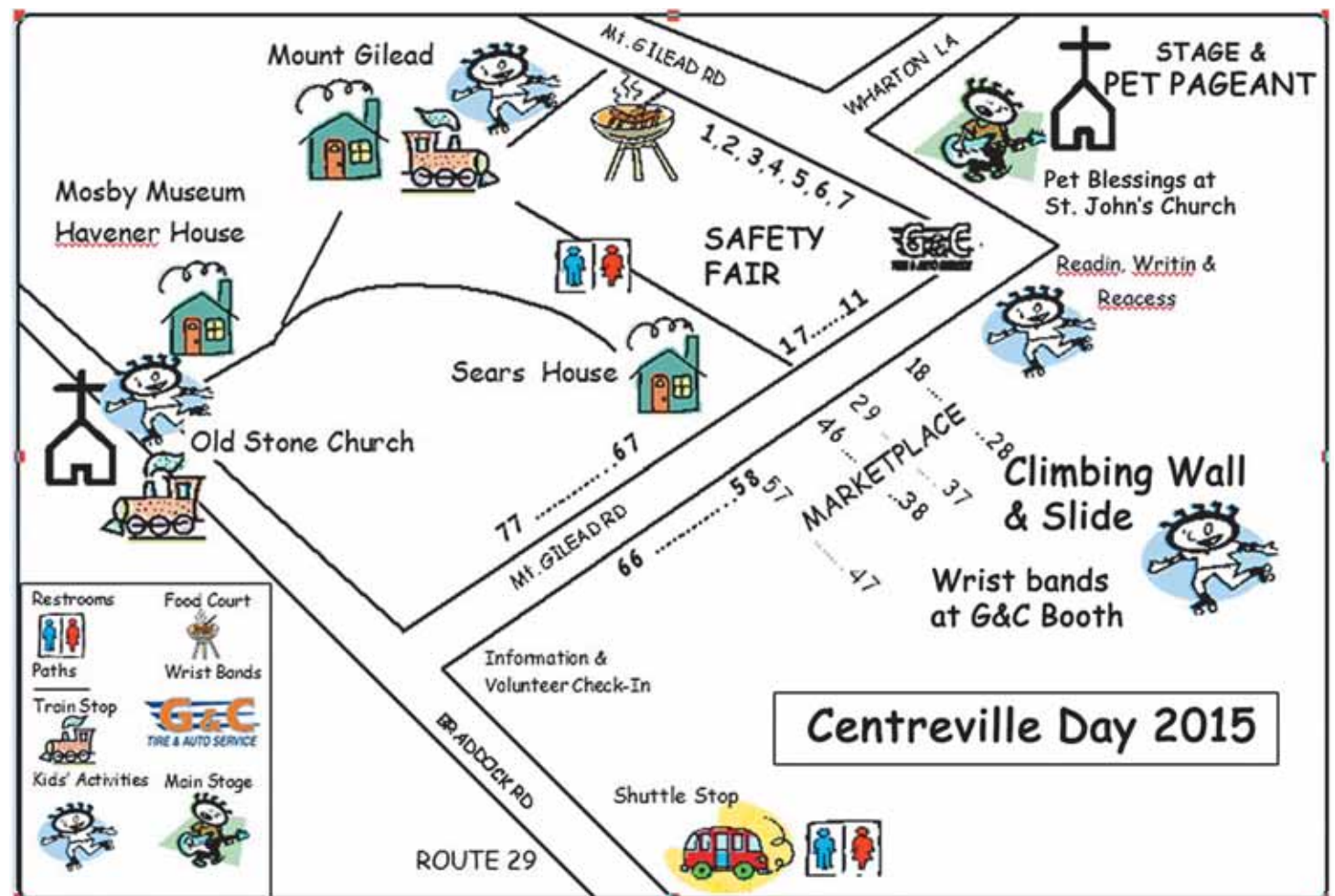
There'll be food, music and dancing, a pet pageant, children's games, crafts, face-painting, a Trick-or-Treat Trail, rock-climbing wall, swordsmen, a tightrope walker and a parade. All in all, it's a great way for neighbors to meet neighbors, and friends and families to enjoy a fun-filled day together outdoors.

Supervisor Michael R. Frey (R-Sully) will welcome everyone to the 10:15 a.m. opening ceremonies on the Centreville Stage in front of St. John's Episcopal Church. Then the Centreville Citizen of the Year and sponsors' awards will be presented.

The Centreville-Chantilly Rotary Club is sponsoring a pet pageant for pets of all kinds. It starts at 10:45 a.m. at the stage; registration is \$10 per family, and families may bring more than one pet. Prizes will be awarded for Most Unusual Pet, Most Creative Costume and Best in Show.

Proceeds from the pet pageant will go to the Friends of Fairfax County Animal Shelter and to Rotary Foundation Scholarships. Registration forms are available at www.CentrevilleVA.org, or contact Adam Smith at asmith51@verizon.net or Cammy Gawlak at cgawlak@verizon.net.

Pets will also be welcomed and blessed at the tent on the lawn of historic St. John's



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Map of this year's Centreville Day attractions.

church. The Rev. Carol Hancock will be blessing pets throughout the day while the church sells hot coffee. And some shelter animals in need of a home will greet visitors at the Friends of the Animal Shelter tent on the lawn beside the Sears House.

At noon is the Centreville Day parade, organized by American Legion Post 1995. There'll be sheriff's motorcycles, fire en-

gines, dancers, Scouts and much more. Those who just want to walk or bike along the route and wave to their neighbors are also welcome in the parade. Registration is free online via www.CentrevilleVA.org.

Participants will assemble at the end of Wharton Lane at 11:30 a.m. and pass by the reviewing stand in front of St John's around noon. The parade will travel through the heart of the Historic District along Mount Gilead and Braddock roads. Costumes, either historic or Halloween, are welcome. Prizes will be awarded. For more information, contact Steve Hunter at geoshunter@gmail.com.

Several children's activities, such as tug-of-war and sack races, will be held on Mount Gilead Road. And this year's Centreville Day theme, "Safe Homes and Families," features a safety fair on the lawn beside the Spindle Sears House.

A variety of local talent will be on stage, including Zumba and Hot Hula sessions, plus a performance by the Fairfax Choral Society. Featuring children ages 7-11, the West Campus Lyric Choir and Centreville's brand-new South Campus Pilot Choir will also entertain. The VaDeatles, a band comprised of Stone Middle School teachers, will join DJ Myra Flemister at 11:30 a.m. And the Korean Senior Center Chung-Choon Band will play tunes on their harmonicas.

There'll also be ballads and sea chanties from Pirates for Sail, as well as performances by the Centreville Dance Academy, Harmony Road Magic Hand Orchestra and

Creative Dance Center. And the Northern Virginia Wushu Academy of Chantilly and the Hallelujah Tae Kwon Do Demonstration Team will wow the crowd with their martial-arts abilities.

History will also come alive during Centreville Day. The Mount Gilead house will offer tours, and performing on its lawn will be tightrope walkers, swordsmen and carpenters. And the volunteers of Sully Historic Site, dressed in period costume, will help children dip candles and make simple toys. Visitors can also catch the History Train to the Old Stone Church where living-history performers Dean Howarth and students from McLean High will show off curiosities and demonstrations drawn from 18th-century science.

The Old Stone Church, which served as a Civil War hospital, will serve baked goods and a ploughman's lunch. And across the street, visitors may view the Havener House, plus the Stuart-Mosby Museum's collection of items related to cavalymen JEB Stuart and John Mosby. Historic tours will also be available at St. John's Episcopal Church. And an afternoon Ghost Tour will be offered for a nominal fee; go to www.FairfaxCounty.gov/parks/ecl.

The event benefits the Friends of Historic Centreville, a nonprofit organizing Centreville Day in partnership with the Fairfax County Park Authority. Free parking and shuttles will be available at The Trinity Centre, 5860 Trinity Parkway, off Route 29.



PHOTO BY STEVE HIBBARD/THE CONNECTION

Booths line the Historic District during Centreville Day 2014.



PHOTO BY BONNIE HOBBS/THE CONNECTION

From left are Adam LeKang, Hannah Warnick and Sydney Kendrick with Taggart, a wirehaired fox terrier, as Sandy.

‘Annie, the Musical’

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come out tomorrow.”

Playing Hannigan is senior Grace Mattes. “She’s a horrible, selfish person who’s always drinking,” said Mattes. “She doesn’t like the orphans, but needs the money from her job because it’s the Depression. She thinks she’s awesome, but is actually sloppy, rude and mean, even when she’s not trying to be. This is my favorite part I’ve ever played because I can’t be like that in real life, so it’s great to do it onstage. Plus, I have some really funny lines.”

Mattes especially likes the song, “Easy Street,” which she sings with Hannigan’s brother, Rooster (Caleb Mitchell) and his friend Lily St. Regis (Becca Gustafson). “We’re the play’s three caricatures,” she said. “And this is a big, over-the-top, dance number.” Mattes said the audience will enjoy this musical since it’s a “family show with catchy songs and beloved characters that are easy to either love or hate.”

Junior Adam LeKang portrays Daddy Warbucks. “He’s a wealthy businessman who doesn’t share his feelings with anyone,” said LeKang. “He’s a doer, and it’s cool how he changes through the show. After Annie comes into his life, he starts to open up, show his feelings and accept her. It’s a fun role; I like getting to stretch my acting abilities. I normally play comic relief or a crazy person; but this time, I’m solemn and stone-faced.”

His favorite number is “We’d

Like to Thank You, Herbert Hoover,” sung by the poor people living in a shantytown called Hooverville. “It’s a funny and sarcastic song, as they jokingly show their ‘gratitude’ to Hoover, who’s responsible for them being there,” said LeKang.

He said the audience will love the real dog playing Sandy, which brings a new dimension to the stage. “The costumes are spectacular, too,” he added. “And the dancing has really cool choreography and dynamics.”

Playing Grace Farrell, Warbucks’ secretary, is junior Sydney Kendrick.

“She’s from a wealthy family and wants to be in the business world like her father,” said Kendrick. “She starts having feelings for Warbucks, but suppresses them because work comes first. She’s proper and confident, but also stands up for those she loves.”

Kendrick enjoys showing “the relationship between Annie and Grace. I can direct the servants, but am also maternal toward Annie.” Kendrick likes the song, “I Think You’re Gonna Like It Here,” which she and the servants sing while showing Annie around Warbucks’ mansion.

“People will like the goofy faces the actors make in this show, and the projections will give a more intimate feel to what’s happening,” she said. “They’ll also enjoy seeing the orphans joke around, and the unscripted bits Mrs. K. added to the show make it hilarious.”

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THURSDAY-SUNDAY/OCT. 15-18

Centreville Library Used Book Sale. 6-8 p.m. on Thursday (member preview sale), 10 a.m.-6 p.m. on Friday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. on Saturday, 1-3 p.m. on Sunday at Centreville Regional Library, 14200 St. Germain Drive., Centreville. Free to attend. Call 703-830-2223.

FRIDAY-SATURDAY/OCT. 16-17

Haunted House and Carnival. 6-9 p.m. at Westfield High School, 4700 Stonecroft Blvd., Chantilly. Tickets are \$6 for both the haunted house

and the carnival, \$3 for the carnival only. Visit www.westfieldtheatreboosters.com.

FRIDAY-SUNDAY/OCT. 16-18

Craftmen's Classic Art & Craft Festival. 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Friday-Saturday; 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday at Dulles Expo Center, 4320 Chantilly Shopping Center, Chantilly. Watch craftspeople and artists from across America at work on original designs including pieces that cater to every style, taste and budget during demonstrations. Tickets are \$8 for adults, \$1 for children 6-12 years old, and free for children under 6 years old. Call 336-282-5550 or visit www.craftshow.com.

OCT. 16-25

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Virginia Run Community Yard Sale. 8 a.m.-2 p.m. beginning at the corner of Pleasant Valley and Wetherburn Drive. A "treasure map" will be your guide for this community yard sale. Call 703-216-6730 or 703-402-3134.

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Oktoberfest. 2-6 p.m. at Sweetwater Tavern, 14250 Sweetwater Lane, Centreville. Enjoy a pig roast, brisket, bratwurst, burgers, hot dogs, beer cupcakes, and more. Entertainment will be provided by ska band Party Like It's. Tickets are \$25. Call 703-449-1100 for more.

SATURDAY-SUNDAY/OCT. 17-18

NOVA Brewfest. 11 a.m.-7 p.m. at Bull Run Regional Park, 7700 Bull Run Drive, Centreville. The fall brewfest will feature local breweries, food, entertainment, arts and crafts, and more. Tickets are \$25 in advance, and \$35 at the gate. Tickets for designated drivers are \$10 and admission for children is free. Visit www.novabrewfest.com/fall.

SUNDAY/OCT. 18

T-TRAK Model Train Show. 1-4 p.m. at Fairfax Station Railroad Museum, 11200 Fairfax Station Road. Tabletop N gauge model trains will be on display and running. Museum members and children 4 and under, free; children 5-15, \$2; adults 16 and older, \$4. Visit www.fairfax-station.org.

Book Release Party. 2-4 p.m. at Historic Blenheim/Civil War Interpretive Center, 3610 Old Lee Hwy, Fairfax. Centreville resident and author PJ Devlin is celebrating release of a second novel, "Becoming Jonika." Free. Visit www.possibilitiespublishingcompany.com.

Sully Fun Patch. 3 p.m. at Sully Historic Site, 3650 Historic Sully Way, Chantilly. Visit the 1794 home of Richard Bland Lee and experience what life was like for the children who lived at Sully through hands-on activities such as storytelling, music, or games. Admission is \$5. Visit www.parktakes.fairfaxcounty.gov.

MONDAY/OCT. 19

Centreville Garden Club Meeting. 7 p.m. at Centreville Presbyterian Church, 15450 Lee Hwy, Centreville. Patrice Martin, member of the North American Truffle Growers Association will present "Treasure in Truffles: History, Cultivation & Discovery." Free. Visit www.centrevillegardenclub.blogspot.com.

WFCWC Host "Gentle Yoga." 7 p.m. at Cale Community Center, 4615 Stringfellow Road, Chantilly. Holly Ritland-Gaul is a registered Yoga teacher who has taught Gentle Yoga for four years at the Cub Run Recreation Center. She will lead attendees in a series of stretching, strengthening, energizing, and relaxation exercises. Wear comfortable, loose-fitting or stretchy clothing and non-slick shoes and bring a large towel or a yoga mat. Free. Visit www.wfcwc.org.

FRIDAY/OCT. 23

Batty Campfire. 7-8 p.m. at Ellanor C. Lawrence Park, 5040 Walney Road,

Chantilly. Use a bat detector to hear bats communicate and locate food, and learn about Fairfax County's native bats and their habitats. Then, sit by the campfire and make s'mores. Tickets are \$6. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov.

Comedy Show. 7 p.m. at The Winery at Bull Run, 15950 Lee Highway, Centreville. Comedian Robert Mac has appeared on "Laugh Riots," "Last Comic Standing," and "Late Friday." General admission tickets are \$32 for members, \$40 for nonmembers and VIP tickets are \$49. Visit www.wineryatbullrun.com/events.

FRIDAY-SUNDAY/OCT. 23-25

Used Book Sale. 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Friday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. on Saturday and 1-4 p.m. on Sunday at Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road, Chantilly. Find a selection of gently used books (including large collection of Korean and other languages) for children and adults, plus DVDs, CDs and audiobooks. Call the library at 703-502-3883.

SATURDAY/OCT. 24

Blood and Guts Run. 9 a.m.-2 p.m. at Bull Run Regional Park, 7700 Bull Run Drive, Centreville. The Blood and Guts Run is a 5K fun run for children and adults with zombie-themed obstacle. Runners will also have access to an after-party. Early bird tickets are \$25. Visit www.bloodandgutsrun.com.

"Walk Our Way" Family Fun Day. 11 a.m.-2 p.m. at Westfield High School, 4700 Stonecroft Blvd., Chantilly. Enjoy games, technology displays, vendor booths, receive vision and hearing screenings, walk a lap with visual simulators to raise awareness of vision impairments, and more. Free. Visit www.vdbvi.org.

Stretch & Sip. 11 a.m. at The Winery at Bull Run, 15950 Lee Highway, Centreville. Take a yoga class followed by a wine social. Tickets are \$13.50-15. Visit www.wineryatbullrun.com/events.

Tag Sale. 11 a.m.-2 p.m. at Westfield High School, 4700 Stonecroft Blvd., Chantilly. Free. Visit www.westfieldtheatreboosters.com.

Air & Scare. 2-7 p.m. at Steven F. Udvar-Hazy Center, 14390 Air and Space Museum Parkway, Chantilly. Children are invited to come in costume for indoor trick-or-treating, crafts, science experiments, cartoons and other Halloween-themed activities. Free. Visit www.airandspace.si.edu/events/air-and-scare.

Chantilly High School Haunted House. 1-5 p.m. and 6-10 p.m. at Chantilly High School, 4201 Stringfellow Road, Chantilly. Proceeds will benefit Chantilly High School field hockey and soccer programs. Tickets are \$10. Email ChantillyGSOC@gmail.com.

Fall Fun Fest. 1-5 p.m. at The nZone, 14550 Lee Road, Chantilly. New Life is hosting activities, moon bounces, face painting, jugglers, crafts, and more. Free. Visit www.thezone.com.

All Hallows Eve Celebration. 4-7 p.m. at Sully Historic Site, 3650 Historic Sully Way, Chantilly. Get a glimpse of things that would have been done on All Hallows' Eve over the past millennium. Halloween, a shortened version of All Hallows' Eve, is typically linked to the Celtic festival of Samhain, ancient Roman festivals and All Saints Day that were a time for harvesting crops, a time of remembrance and a time when people took steps to protect themselves from harmful or evil spirits; family gatherings, special foods and entertainment were highlights of these fall events. Tickets are \$10. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/sully.

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Taking Halloween Decor from Juvenile to Elegant

Local designer uses monochromatic color palate to keep things festive and tasteful.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL
THE CONNECTION

A local designer is proving that Halloween isn't just for children, creating grown-up, spooky-meets-glam designs for her clients to prove it.

Sallie Kjos, a Chantilly-based interior designer, offers alternatives to clients who enjoy the merriment of Halloween, but detest the traditional orange and black color combination.

"I am very much into working with Halloween decor that is more glamorous or toned down from the traditional orange and black," said Kjos. "Cream pumpkins are so elegant. I picked up these pumpkins on sale at a craft store."

The pumpkins provide a sharp contrast to terracotta flowerpots that she coats with black paint. She encourages her clients to "think clean décor," she said. "Use black and white or cream and only touches of the orange. This will set the decor apart."

Faux pumpkins don't have to be plain either. Think of them as a blank canvas. "The great thing about adding fake pumpkins is you can take upholstering tack and make a design in black or silver or bronze," said Kjos. "This makes it custom and more beautiful for years to come."

She created one display using a black feather wreath and also swapped out a grey lampshade for one in black. "It adds glamour and makes it festive," she said.

"I am also a fan of mercury glass pumpkins and putting together a collection together with candles," she said. "It's beautiful the way the light reflects off the glass."

Halloween decor featuring a black feather wreath and white faux pumpkins in black pots offers an alternative to a traditional orange and black color scheme.

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SPORTS



Chantilly running back Mark Harper carries the ball during the Chargers' 27-7 victory over McLean on Oct. 9.

Chantilly Football Defeats McLean

Thunderstorms in the Northern Virginia area and a delayed start could not prevent the Homecoming festivities and the Chantilly Chargers from a 27-7 victory over McLean on the gridiron Oct. 9 in Chantilly.

Chantilly quarterback David Tammaro threw two touchdown passes and ran for another, and Cush Eastman ran for 134 yards and a touchdown. Chantilly rushed for over 300 yards for the game.

Chantilly opened with a 20-0 lead after Tammaro's 68-yard run on third down and never looked back. McLean scored its lone touchdown in the second quarter.

Chantilly improved to 4-2 overall, 1-1 in Conference 5. McLean remained winless at 0-6.



Chantilly High School Homecoming Queen and King Macy Parana and Peter Kim

Chantilly will host Conference 5 opponent Oakton (3-3, 1-2) on Friday, Oct. 16.



Chantilly running back Cush Eastman ran for 134 yards and a touchdown against McLean on Oct. 9.



Members of the Chantilly defense attempt to tackle McLean ball carrier David Kagan during Friday's game.

Halftime ceremonies included the crowning of Homecoming Queen and King Macy

Parana and Peter Kim.

— WILL PALENSCAR



Powderpuff Football Game

The Chargers' senior (left) and junior (right) girls faced each other in their annual Powderpuff football game. Opening scoring in the first quarter was senior #77 Sammy Clough. Following the extra point the seniors were up 8-0. In the powderpuff game a team successfully kicking an extra point is awarded two points, and running or passing in is awarded one point. Both of the juniors TDs were by #80 Nellie Brennan. However, Maggie Haas #11 and Palavi Swarp #25 each scored TDs for the seniors in the second and third quarters and that was just enough for the seniors to win 22-16.



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News



Police Lt. Todd Young explains a Vehicle Extrication Demonstration where firefighters use a Holmatro or "Jaws of Life" to cut open a car after an accident.



Alexa Romero, Christopher Romero and Jason Paz get to pet Moose, an explosives detection dog.



McGruff the Crime Dog (Zachary Alexander) with Explorer James Lee.

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Gianna Fiorello, 6, of Fairfax inside a police cruiser with APO Officer Tom Reavis.



Playing the game of Stop, Drop and Roll are Lou Goelz, Serenity Saunders, Jonathan Mauck, and Lincoln Garrison.

Fair Oaks Police and Fire Hold Open House

To coincide with National Fire Prevention Week, the Fair Oaks District Police (Station 8) and Fire Station (Company 21) held an open house on Saturday, Oct. 10. On display were police cars, motorcycles, fire engines, and police K9 dogs, for children to learn about, as well as McGruff the Crime Dog. Fire Station Co. 21 also held a Hear the Beep Where You Sleep initiative.

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CENTRE VIEW

It's Essential, Apparently

By KENNETH B. LOURIE



From what little I know, and even less from what I read, but mostly from what I hear – from Rebecca (my certified holistic health coach) – essential oils (lemon, lavender, peppermint, frankincense, to name a few) are the possible/potential answer to many questions and conditions: insomnia, indigestion, anxiety, stress, muscle tension, and even cancer and immune system health, among many others. Unfortunately, one never knows for sure of the outcomes because, other than The Ten Commandments, especially as it concerns science and medicine, very little is written in stone. In this context, if a patient wants to pursue alternatives to standard/a.k.a. Western medicine, there are ample avenues on which to travel. Information will flow freely on the Internet, and of course, numerous books have been written outlining non-conventional treatments for pretty much anything that ails you, especially cancer. Knowing what to do is difficult – to say the least; and impossible, to say the most.

Sifting through the many choices and filtering out the advertising and self-promotion are skills with which I was not blessed. I'm fairly gullible and inclined to accept and embrace a reasonable-sounding premise. My problem is that – other than sports and chocolate, writing a column, and selling a non-tangible – I know very little about a lot of things. As such, I am ill-equipped to deal with the many issues and decisions common – and recurring, in a cancer patient's life: life and death mostly; sustaining the former and avoiding the latter in particular. And in that struggle, one is faced with many challenges. Challenges which my heretofore normal/uneventful and healthy life did not and likely could not have prepared me for, beginning with the words I unexpectedly heard from an oncologist in February, 2009: "You have stage IV, non-small cell lung cancer. I can treat you but I cannot cure you. Your prognosis is 13 months to two years." Sentences which, almost seven years later, I can still see and hear. Try falling asleep every night with that advisory/scenario rolling around in your head.

But sleeping is a must, as is being open to new/non-traditional ideas/remedies. Standing pat and/or going along with the standard program has merit certainly, and decades of success way beyond this mortal man. However, when your doctor uses the "t" word (as in terminal), standing pat no longer seems prudent – at least it didn't for me.

The incredulity of it all is almost overwhelming. It's akin to being knocked off your feet, almost literally. Eventually though, you pick yourself up emotionally and begin to consider – not that day of course (you'll note I didn't say decide) – how you're going to live the rest of your life: as a victim or as a victor. Are you going to live and learn or just wait your turn? It's an extremely personal choice and one that didn't come easily or naturally for me. The process took/takes time and one size – so to speak, does not fit all. For all I know – and it's very little, actually – I'm still alive in spite of the alternatives I've incorporated into my routine. Nevertheless, life is still going on and I am still open to adding new anti-cancer-sounding products/pursuits. Essential oils are simply the most recent tool in this cancer patient's arsenal. Will its use matter? I can only hope. But as long as I'm still in the game, I'll continue to believe that "oil's well that ends well."

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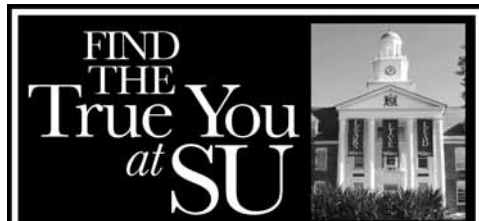
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Meet the Candidates

At Candidates Night, residents will have a chance to meet their local candidates for Sully District Supervisor and School Board, plus Fairfax County Supervisors Chairman, Commonwealth's Attorney, Sheriff and School Board members at-large. It's set for Wednesday, Oct. 28, at 7 p.m., in the Sully District Governmental Center, 4900 Stonecroft Blvd. in Chantilly.

The event is jointly sponsored by the Sully District Council of Citizens Associations, League of Woman Voters of the Fairfax Area, American Association of University Women of Virginia, Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Inc. and the Fairfax County Council of PTAs. All announced Sully District candidates running in Fairfax County have been invited to make brief statements and respond to questions. The community is welcome to attend, as well as students and Scouts studying government or social science.

Carseat Inspections

Certified technicians from the Sully District Police Station will perform free, child safety carseat inspections Thursday, Oct. 29, from 5-8:30 p.m., at the station, 4900 Stonecroft Blvd. in Chantilly. No appointment is necessary. But residents should install the child safety seats themselves so technicians may properly inspect and adjust them, as needed.

The first 35 vehicles arriving on each date will be inspected. That way, inspectors may have enough time to properly instruct the caregiver on the correct use of the child seat. Call 703-814-7000, ext. 5140, to confirm dates and times.

WFCM Food Needs

Western Fairfax Christian Ministries' food pantry needs donations of 1-2 pound bags of rice, canned fruit (all types), canned pastas, canned meats (tuna, ham, chicken), cold and hot cereals, spaghetti and sauces, peanut butter, canned vegetables (including spinach, collar greens, beets) and cooking oil. Toiletries needed, which WFCM clients cannot purchase with food stamps, include facial tissues, toothpaste, shampoo and solid deodorant.

Bring all items to WFCM's food pantry, weekdays, 9 a.m.-1:30 p.m., at 13888 Metrotech Drive, near Papa John's Pizza and Kumon Learning Center, in Chantilly's Sully Place Shopping Center. A volunteer stocker/bagger is needed Wednesdays, 4-6 p.m. Contact Annette Bosley at 703-988-9656, ext. 110, or abosley@wfcmlva.org.

Learn about Police

Throughout the year, the Fairfax County Police Department will host a series of lectures as part of its 75th anniversary.

♦ Nov. 4 - Criminal Justice Academy, 11 a.m. at the Criminal Justice Academy <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/criminal-justice-academy-tickets-15374248792>

♦ Dec. 14 - Crisis Negotiations Team, 11 a.m. at the Criminal Justice Academy <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/fcpd-crisis-negotiations-team-tickets-15374274870>



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