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Chargers' Varsity Dance Team
participate in Chantilly High's
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ROUNDUPS

Underaged Alcohol Sales Charged

Officers from the Sully District Station and members of the Traffic Division conducted alcohol beverage control (ABC) compliance checks at stores in the Sully District on Thursday, Sept. 22. This operation was part of an ongoing alcohol beverage control (ABC) enforcement campaign. Fairfax County Police Department cadets, dressed in plain clothes and under 21 years old, entered ABC licensed stores without identification and attempted to purchase alcoholic beverages. The cadets were instructed ahead of time to provide his true age to any cashier who inquired. If the illegal sale of alcoholic beverages took place, a uniformed officer would place the appropriate charge.

Fourteen stores were checked. Two charges were made at the following locations: 7-Eleven, 14515 Lee Jackson Memorial Highway, in Chantilly; and Tio's Market, 14215Q Centreville Square, in Centreville.

In addition to those arrests, a man outside a business in the 14200 block of Centreville Square offered to buy a cadet alcohol after the clerk refused to do so. The man was charged with purchasing alcoholic beverages for a person not entitled to possess.

Free Carseat Inspections

Certified technicians from the Sully District Police Station will perform free, child safety carseat inspections Thursday, Sept. 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.

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

Learn about Trees

"Sully District Tree Forum: Everything You Wanted To Know About Trees But Were Afraid To Ask" will be held Thursday, Oct. 6, from 7:30-9 p.m. at the Fair Oaks District Police Department, 12300 Lee Jackson Memorial Highway, Fairfax.

Topics to be covered include the importance of a healthy urban forest; how to maintain healthy trees; who to replace damaged trees; and how to maintain common area.

This program is free and open to the public, however, space is limited, so RSVP to 703-324-1770 or TTY 711.

Food Donations For WFCM

Western Fairfax Christian Ministries' food pantry needs donations of 1-2 pound bags of rice; fruit juice; jelly; red, white or black beans (can or bagged); canned vegetables (no green beans of corn needed); macaroni and cheese; can pasta; pasta sauce; and pasta (spaghetti, rotini, elbow, etc.).

Toiletries needed, which WFCM clients cannot purchase with food stamps, include diapers, toothpaste, shampoo and solid deodorant.

Bring all items to WFCM's food pantry's new location at 4511 Daly Dr. Suite J, Chantilly from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Mondays through Fridays. Contact Terri Kelly at tkelly@wfcmvva.org if willing to coordinate a food drive.

Volunteer Drivers Are Needed

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

FUN FALL



PHOTO BY ARON COX-LEOW

Cornnightmare at Cox Farms will be part of its Fall Festival and Fields of Fear.

Fall Festival for All

90-acre autumn wonderland at Cox Farms.

BY STEVE HIBBARD
THE CONNECTION

The 90-acre autumn wonderland that is Cox Farms is holding its 44th annual Fall Festival. The festival is open daily through Oct. 31 and Nov. 4-8 at 15621 Braddock Road, off Pleasant Valley Road in Centreville. I

What's new to explore this year? "For 2016, TreeTops is really exciting," said Aaron Cox-Leow, co-farmer-in-chief, who lives on the farm in Centreville with his partner and four kids. "We also replaced our well-loved wooden boat, plus we got another one that's twice as big."

Treetop is Cox Farms' take on a tree house: a series of connected, raised platforms to explore, with giant bark-covered utility pole "trunks" as their bases. Treetops visitors can take in the 360-degree views of the festival grounds from above, and enjoy interactive features including flag-raising and noise-making. Treetops also features two slides, one fully covered tube slide and one open slide.

In addition to the new TreeTops, the Fall Festival features hayrides, giant slides, rope swings, the Cornundrum Cornfield adventure, the Imaginature Trail, and all sorts of farm animals and their babies. Friendly goats welcome visitors to their redesigned Billy Goat Village, where they can visit and feed them. Each slide is themed differently, so visitors will fly out of castles, barns, and volcanos, exploring everything from dinosaur digs to mining towns to giant beanstalks.

"While the parent of the kid spending two hours digging for coins in the Penny Pit may disagree, there's really no wrong way to 'do' the Fall Festival," said Cox-Leow. "I love seeing parents follow their child's lead about where to go and what to do next. There's always something new to explore."

Cox-Leow said for Pokemon Go players, the farm happens to be somewhat of a PokeMecca. "We've got more than 20 Pokestops and three gyms, and just for fun, we'll

be luring at least a dozen stops for an hour every Wednesday afternoon," he added.

On Wednesday afternoons in October, they'll be luring at least a dozen Pokestops around the festival grounds and along the hayride route. Visitors can take advantage of discounted "Last Call" tickets starting at 4 p.m. to "catch 'em all" while also enjoying hayrides, slides, and all the fun of the Fall Festival, hatching eggs along the way, he added.

To support local public servants, Cox Farms offers a \$5 discount on up to four Fall Festival tickets to public servants during Pumpkin Madness Weekend (Nov. 5-6). Government employees, educators, first responders, law enforcement, nurses and members of the military can save \$5 by presenting a valid badge or identification.

Back by popular demand this year are two Fall Festival weekday "value visit" options introduced in 2015. There will be "Discount Weekdays" during the 2016 season (Sept. 29 and Oct. 3, 4, and 5), during which admission will be \$6 all day. On October weekdays (not including Indigenous People's Day, Monday, Oct. 10) after 4 p.m., there are \$5 "Last Call" tickets.

Cox Farms members and Fear Fanatics receive additional discounts and offers. Sign-up is available through the website as is additional information about perks of the program.

When night falls on the farm, it's time for Fields of Fear! Friday and Saturday nights through Nov. 5, plus "Bonus Night" Sunday, Oct. 9. The friendly Imaginature Trail takes a dark turn for Fields of Fear, transforming into The Forest: Back 40. The Forest has doubled in length for 2016, and now consists of half a mile of fear. The Forest joins two other haunted attractions at Fields of Fear, the Dark Side Hayride and the Cornnightmare. The Firegrounds feature several bonfires, a six-lane slide, music, entertainment, tasty treats, and Fear Games, including the dark maze, Nyctophobia (which means "Fear of the dark").

Details

Fall Festival Schedule

Daily: Now through Oct. 31 and Nov. 4-8

Pumpkin Madness: Nov. 5-6

Hours: 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. (closing at 5 p.m. in November); last admission one hour before closing.

Fields of Fear Schedule

Friday and Saturday Nights: Now through Nov. 5

Bonus Night: Sunday, Oct. 9

Hours: 7:30 – 11 p.m.; last admission at 10 p.m. (some attractions may sell out earlier)

FALL FUN

Got a Hankering for Craft Beer?

Chantilly's first annual BrewFest will quench that thirst.

BY BONNIE HOBBS
THE CONNECTION

Take six breweries, four bands, four food trucks, add a large dash of fun and the result is Fairfax County's first-ever Craft BrewFest. It's set for Saturday, Oct. 1, from noon-6 p.m., at Mustang Sally Brewing Co., 14140 Parke Long Court, Suites A-C, in Chantilly's Sullyfield Circle area (near the Routes 50/28 intersection).

It's jointly sponsored by the brewery and the Dulles Regional Chamber of Commerce and will be held, rain or shine. Events will take place outside in the parking lot, as well as inside Mustang Sally's more than 4,000-square-foot tasting room and 10,000-square foot brewery.

"It'll have all the traditional aspects of an outdoor fest, while allowing people to experience the brewery, itself," said Mustang Sally's founder, Sean Hunt. "We're holding it in an operating brewery and will give tours throughout the day."

His business has been open five months, and he's pleased with the support he's received from the Chamber of Commerce, Fairfax County and the community. "We produce our own label, currently in drafts, but will eventually do bottles and cans," said Hunt. "Both our head brewers were the last two head brewers for Old Dominion Brewing Co., which was the original, regional, craft brewery in the area."

So the upcoming event, he explained, is to "bring all the Fairfax County breweries together to celebrate craft beer and craft breweries opening up in this county. Up until the last two years, you had to leave Fairfax County to experience quality, craft brews. There are now six breweries here, and we're one of only two large ones."

All six breweries will be at the festival. Besides Mustang Sally, they are: Fair Winds Brewing Co., Caboose Brewing Co., Forge



Sean Hunt with a glass of beer from his Mustang Sally Brewing Co.

Brew Works, Lake Anne Brew House and Mad Fox Brewing Co.

"This industry is very young and is still more collaborative than competitive," said Hunt. "This event will be fun because we'll have a different format. Each brewery will bring three beers and will offer them both outdoors and indoors on tap."

Admission is \$25 in advance via www.msbrewing.com or \$35 at the gate. For designated drivers — who'll receive different-colored wristbands — admission is \$10. Each drinking attendee will receive four tickets for beer tastings, plus a logo tasting glass and brewery tour. They may also purchase \$2 tickets on site for additional tastings. And people need not be 21 to attend; children 12 and under are free.

Part of the proceeds will benefit local charities for veterans, #22KILL and K9s For Warriors. #22KILL's mission is to raise awareness of veteran suicide and mental-health issues such as post-traumatic stress, as well as educate the public about current veteran-related issues. K9s For Warriors provides service canines to veterans suffering from post-traumatic stress, traumatic



Mustang Sally Brewing Co.'s head brewer, Kenny Allen (left), and General Manager Dave Hennessey stand in front of the facility's brewhouse, with the grist hopper and mash tun in the background.

brain injury and/or military sexual trauma as a result of military service post 9/11.

Also at BrewFest, a quartet of food trucks will be on hand to sell food to the hungry crowd. On tap are S&D BBQ, offering barbecue and grilled, American fare; TurCuisine, Mediterranean grilled food; The Inside Scoop, ice cream; and Weird Brothers Coffee, coffee and bakery items.

Four bands will perform live: Scott Kurt & Memphis 59 will play a mix of country and rock music; Phil Kominski, rock and roll; FXBG All Stars, funky soul and R&B; and Daniel Warren Hill, alternative rock. There'll also be a few arts-and-crafts vendors, plus corn-hole games.

Three tours of the Mustang Sally production brewery will be given during the day. They'll be every two hours and will last 20-30 minutes. Also planned is a "Meet the Breweries" area where the participating brewers and brewery owners will be on hand to answer people's questions. They'll

present details about what it takes to open up a microbrewery.

Hunt said his brewery values old-world tradition and, so far, business has been good. "We truly are a distributing company, we produce quality beer and we really believe it's as good as anybody's," he said. "We distribute through Hop and Wine Beverage to restaurants and other venues — to anyone serving draft beers."

Locally, Mustang Sally craft beer may be found at Whole Foods and restaurants including Glory Days Grill, P.F. Chang's, Red Robin, Foster's Grille and Eggspectations. "Within five months, we've gotten into 200 places," said Hunt. "It's been really great, and we don't take it for granted."

Now, he's excited about and looking forward to BrewFest and is hoping for a good turnout. "It'll showcase what's going on in the county [in the realm of craft beer]," he said. "And it's a fun way for people to meet all the breweries in one location."

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DISPLACED ITT TECH STUDENTS

Northern Virginia Community College has been working to create a pathway for ITT Technical College students who were displaced when their college suddenly closed earlier this month. NOVA offers staggered course start dates, which may help ITT Tech students get back on track quickly. The next eight-week session begins Oct. 19, 2016 and the spring semester begins Jan. 9, 2017. For details on where to start, ITT Tech students should visit www.nvcc.edu/itttech/ where there are links and contact information available. Just follow the steps to transfer. Once students have researched the website, they can contact the NOVA campus nearest them by calling 703-323-3000.

VOLUNTEERS WANTED

AARP Foundation Tax-Aide is seeking volunteers to participate in a free, non-profit program, offered in conjunction with the IRS,

that provides tax filing assistance to people of low- and middle-income, with special attention paid to those aged 60-plus. Training will be available in December and January to help taxpayers Feb. 1-April 18, 2017. Visit www.aarp.org/taxaide.

WEDNESDAY/SEPT. 28

ESL & Citizenship Classes. 7 p.m. at Fairfax Church of Christ, 3901 Rugby Road, Fairfax. Adults may register for beginning to advanced level ESL classes, citizenship, and Bible study classes. Classes meet every Wednesday, 7-8:30 p.m. beginning Oct. 12. Childcare is provided. Student fee for materials is \$30. Call 703-631-2100.

FRIDAY/SEPT. 30

Flu Shot Express Clinics. 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at MinuteClinic (inside CVS Pharmacy), 24795 Pinebrook Road, Chantilly. MinuteClinic will

hold Flu Shot Express Clinics at the Pinebrook Road location in Chantilly. Additional providers will be on hand to administer flu shots and to expedite the patient vaccination process. Flu vaccinations, including the standard season vaccine and the high-dose versions for seniors, are offered seven days a week, including evenings and weekends at MinuteClinic locations nationwide with no appointment needed. Available at no cost through most insurance plans.

SATURDAY/OCT. 1

Virginia Run Community Yard Sale. 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Treasure Maps will be given out on the corner of Pleasant Valley and Wetherburn Dr. the morning of the sale
Yard Sales will be held at individual residences within the community. Held rain or shine.
Union Mill ES Anniversary. 9-11 a.m. at 13611 Springstone Drive, Clifton. Union Mill is celebrating its 30th anniversary this year. All

former students, staff members, and families are encouraged to come by and see how the school has changed and grown since its opening in 1986. Call Ami Schroder at 703-322-8522 for more.

TUESDAY/OCT. 4

Field Hockey Pink Out. 5 p.m. at Chantilly High School Stadium. Chantilly's Field Hockey teams will host the fourth annual PINK OUT for breast cancer awareness at their home games. The Freshman team takes on Woodson at 5 p.m. JV plays at 6:15 p.m. and varsity at 7:30 p.m., both vs. Herndon. The teams will be hosting a bake sale with lots of sweet treats and cash donations will be accepted. All funds from the PINK OUT go to support Amy's Army, a team of northern Virginia women working together in the fight against cancer.

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CRIME REPORT

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

BURGLARY: 12800 block of Knight Arch Road, Sept. 19, 3:30 p.m. A landscaping employee reported a suspicious event at the residence. The residence had been entered and property was taken.

OBSCENE SEXUAL DISPLAY: 5900 block of Stone Road, Sept. 14 around 4:15 p.m. Police were called for a report of a sex offense. An investigation determined a 49-year-old woman observe the suspect press himself against a store window and simulate touching himself inappropriately over his clothing. Police searched the area but did not locate the suspect. He was described as white, in his early 20s, about 5 feet 11 inches tall and 180 pounds, with blond hair and a scruffy beard. He was wearing a gray T-shirt and black shorts.

ROBBERY: Centreville Drive/Old Centreville Road, Sept. 13, 10:58 p.m. A 25-year-old man was riding his bicycle on a path adjacent to Old Centreville Road. As he approached the intersection of Centreville Drive, a man jumped out from the wood line, displayed a knife and demanded money from the cyclist. The victim fought off his attacker and rode his bicycle away. He was not injured. The suspect was described as black, 20-30 years old, 5 feet 9 inches to 6 feet tall. He was wearing a black turtleneck, black pants and a black cloth partially covering his face.

ATTEMPTED CARJACKING: Cool Oak Lane/Saint Germain Drive, Sept. 9, 12:29 p.m. A woman reported that a man approached her while she was in her car, allegedly brandished a handgun, and demanded her vehicle. She drove away and the suspect fled on foot. The suspect was described as white, approximately 20 to 25 years old, with long brown hair, acne on his face, and wore a dark sweatshirt and jeans. The victim did not require medical attention.

COMMERCIAL BURGLARY: 14500 block of Lee Road, Sept. 7, 6:55 a.m. An employee reported that someone broke into the business and took a

large quantity of refrigerant. No suspect information.

MISSILE INTO OCCUPIED DWELLING: 13900 block of Baton Rouge Ct, Sept. 1, 1:24 a.m. Residents were inside their townhouse when they heard what they thought was the sound of gunshots. Further investigation revealed that bullets struck the residence. There were no injuries. Detectives have reason to believe that this is not a random act. The investigation is ongoing.

SEPT. 23-25 LARCENIES
6200 block of Multiplex Drive, cell phone from residence
6000 block of Union Mill Road, cell phone from residence

SEPT. 23 LARCENIES
13300 block of Terry Cloth Lane, wallet from business

SEPT. 22 LARCENIES
2700 block of Centerboro Drive, cash from vehicle
2900 block of Chain Bridge Road, cash from business

2500 block of James Madison Drive, cell phone from school
13100 block of Quail Creek Lane, pistol from vehicle

SEPT. 21 LARCENIES
14500 block of Castleford Court, wallet from vehicle
SEPT. 19 LARCENIES
13800 block of Braddock Road, wallet from business

4300 block of Chantilly Shopping Center, phones from business
4100 block of Meadowland Court, bicycles from residence

SEPT. 15 LARCENIES
6906 block of Hovingham Court, wallet from residence
4000 block of Lafayette Center Drive, items from residence

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OPINION

Independent Police Auditor Marks History

Kudos to Board of Supervisors for unanimous approval of independent police auditor; now on to the Civilian Review Panel.

The Fairfax County Board of Supervisors voted to create the position and office of independent police auditor on Tuesday, Sept. 20, creating the first civilian, independent oversight of law enforcement in Fairfax County. The unanimous vote demonstrated the board's commitment to the ongoing process that began early in 2015 when Board of Supervisors Chairman Sharon Bulova established the 32-member Ad Hoc Police Practices Review Commission.

Police Chief Edwin Roessler expressed strong support for two key-stone recommendations of the Ad Hoc Commission, the auditor and the Civilian Review Panel, next up for consideration and implementation by the Board of Supervisors.

Many commission recommendations have already been approved, including the establishment of the Diversion First program providing treatment rather than jail for people in mental health crisis, development of an overriding use of force policy, and more transparency in police communications.

Independent oversight and civilian participation in reviewing police use of force, officer-involved shootings and citizen complaints will play a vital role in maintaining Fairfax County

Police Department's reputation as being one of the very best law enforcement organizations in the nation.

Some critics complain that the final language approving the auditor limits the independence of the office, but the auditor will be briefed on investigations contemporaneously, providing a window of oversight and sunshine not previously in place. There are more than 200 different civilian oversight structures around the country. While civilian oversight is a national best practice, the President's Task Force on 21st Century Policing recommends that every community

have community oversight of police, with each community developing the model that is best locally.

Public Safety Committee chair John Cook (R-Braddock) is tasked with shepherding major recommendations through the Board of Supervisors. He pointed out that the specifics of the approval for the auditor are not locked in stone; revisions after a period of experience would not be surprising.

Recommendations by the Independent Oversight and Investigations Subcommittee for the Fairfax County model included establishing the Independent Police Auditor and establishing a Civilian Review Panel to respond to commu-

nity concerns or complaints about alleged incidents of abuse of authority by the FCPD.

The panel as proposed would not conduct investigations and would not be involved in the disciplinary process for any officer, but would review select investigations after they are complete. The panel would also not overlap duties with the auditor.

The panel could issue public reports, and meet with the auditor periodically, providing its views to the Board of Supervisors and the chief of police as to policy and practices changes that may be warranted. The panel could also hold periodic public forums around the county to gather information and suggestions about the FCPD, public perceptions and recommendations for policy and procedure, involving other police advisory committees and members of the Board of Supervisors as appropriate.

Indications are that there will be some modifications to the proposal for the Civilian Review Panel over the coming weeks. It's a good time for those with interest to tune in.

The board's Public Safety Committee will discuss the creation of a Civilian Review Panel at its next meeting, scheduled for Oct. 25 at 1 p.m. at the Fairfax County Government Center.

Read more at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/chairman/pdf/adhoc-final-10.8.15.pdf

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Mary Kimm served on the Ad Hoc Police Practices Review Commission and continues to advocate for implementation of commission recommendations.

EDITORIAL

LETTER

Importance of Veterans ID Card

To the Editor:

Our veterans have sacrificed much to protect us. It is only fitting that we help protect them as best we can on the home front. That is why I write today about a bill that was signed into law and was co-sponsored in the House by Congresswoman Barbara Comstock: the Veterans ID Card Act. This legislation allows for a universal ID card that proves military service, allowing veterans easier access to the services and resources they need after leaving the military. We owe them that much.

One of the most important goals of the bill is a reduction in identity theft for veterans. Our vets will no longer have to carry around multiple documents and forms of identification to verify their veteran status which can often subject those documents to duplication, misplacement or theft. Identity theft is a problem all too many of us face these days, but before this legislation our veterans were placed unnecessarily at higher risk.

My father was a veteran, of World War II and of Korea. His veterans' benefits were important to him and to my

mother. And I have to report, there were on occasion problems with arranging for the benefits. The problems eventually were resolved, but through a lot of trouble and hassle. This ID Card can help make access to earned benefits easier.

This ID Card is especially important to veterans because they are sometimes denied benefits because carrying around complete military records and paperwork is no simple task. This law streamlines the process of receiving what our honorable veterans have earned.

This veteran ID card is long overdue. The benefits rightfully provided to veterans are numerous, but unfortunately many have a difficult time getting access to them. This card streamlines these processes, reducing the hassle and difficulties many veterans face in their daily lives. Congresswoman Comstock's co-sponsorship of this legislation is yet another example of our results-oriented congresswoman doing her job, as was her support of the National Defense Authorization Act. These common-sense solutions are proof that Barbara Comstock works for us.

Wayne Abernathy
Fairfax



PHOTO CONTRIBUTED

For Combat Wounded

Peterson Companies has partnered with Wounded Warriors Family Support, a national non-profit veterans' organization, and are implementing the organization's national parking program (Combat Wounded signs) at several of their shopping centers including Fairfax Corner, East Market, and Fair Lakes Center. Wounded Warriors Family Support (not affiliated with Wounded Warriors) was founded by Colonel John Folsom USMCR (above with Kelly Price, vice president, asset management for the Peterson Companies), who spent 29 years in commissioned service including his deployment to Iraq. Folsom founded the organization to provide assistance to the families of those who have been wounded or killed during combat.

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NEWS

Field Hockey To Host 'Pink Out'

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cash donations will be accepted. All funds from the Pink Out go to support Amy's Army, a team of northern Virginia women working together in the fight against cancer.

Last year with a matching donation the teams raised \$1,000 to help women in the community battling breast cancer.

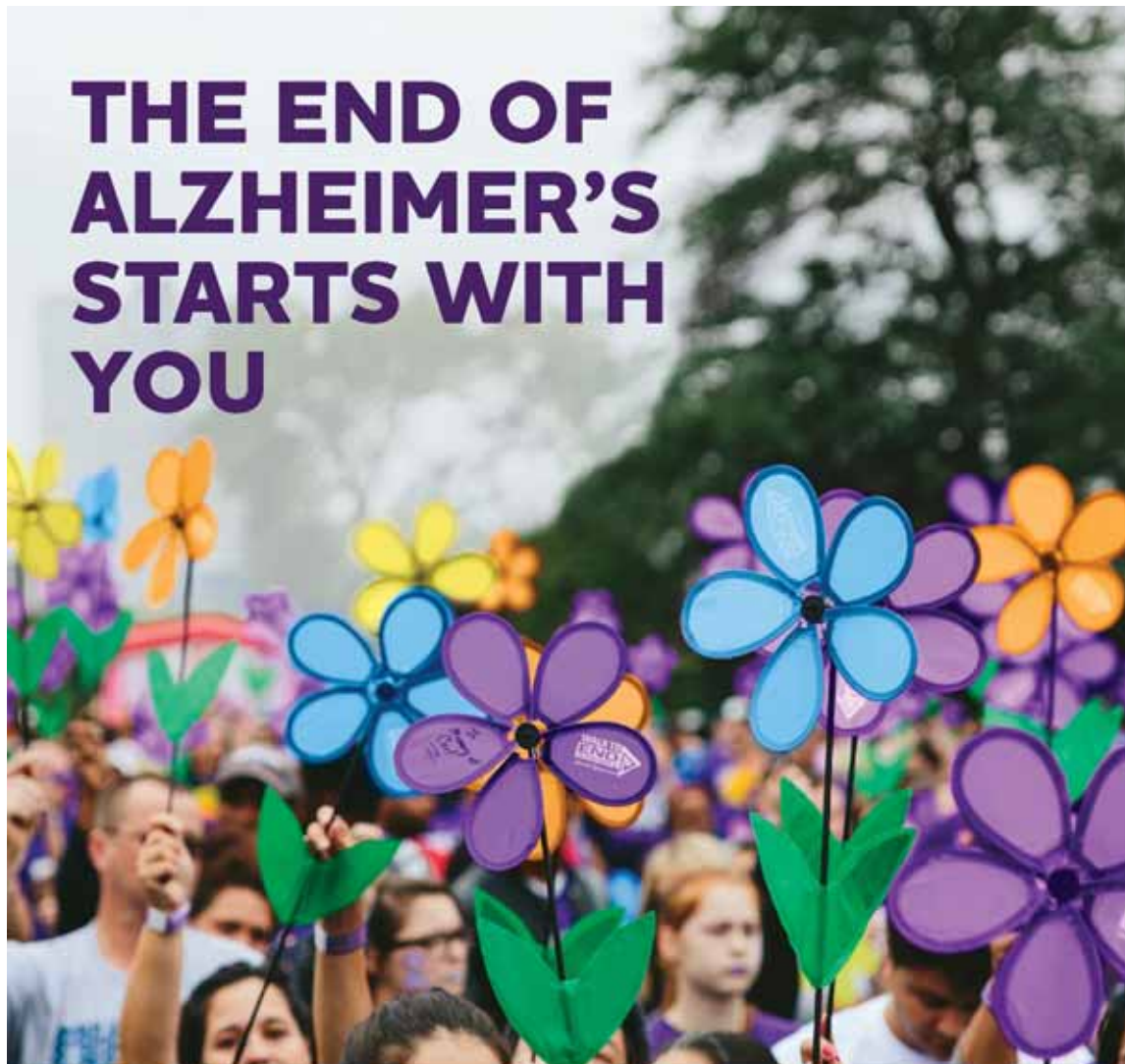
Flu Shot Express Clinic Offered

MinuteClinic will hold a Flu Shot Express Clinic inside the CVS Pharmacy at 24795 Pinebrook Road in Chantilly on Friday, Sept. 30, from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. During the clinics, additional providers will be on hand to administer flu shots and to expedite the patient vaccination process.

Flu vaccinations, including the standard season vaccine and the high-dose versions for seniors, are offered seven days a week, including evenings and weekends at MinuteClinic locations with no appoint-

ment needed. They are available at no cost through most insurance plans, including Medicare Part B. In addition, patients who get their flu shot at MinuteClinic receive a 20 percent off CVS Pharmacy Shopping Pass.

MinuteClinic can provide flu shots to children 18 months and up, adolescents, adults and seniors, making it easy to vaccinate the whole family in one trip. Patients headed to MinuteClinic for a flu shot can visit MinuteClinic.com to view wait times.



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WEDNESDAY/SEPT. 28

Book Talk: Fred Bowen. 7 p.m. at Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road, Chantilly. Children's author Fred Bowen discusses picture-book biography of Ted Williams titled "No Easy Way: The story of Ted Williams." Free. Visit www.fallforthebook.org.

WEDNESDAY/THURSDAY/SEPT. 28-29

Uniform and Shoe Sale. 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Wednesday, 7 a.m.-2 p.m. Thursday at INOVA Fair Oaks Hospital Auxiliary, 3600 Joseph Siewick Drive, Fairfax. Free. Visit www.inova.org for more.

SATURDAY/OCT. 1

Virginia Run Community Yard Sale. 8 a.m.-2 p.m. at private residences throughout the community. Treasure Maps will be given out on the corner of Pleasant Valley and Wetherburn Drive the morning of the sale. Free. Call 703-216-6730 or 703-402-3134.

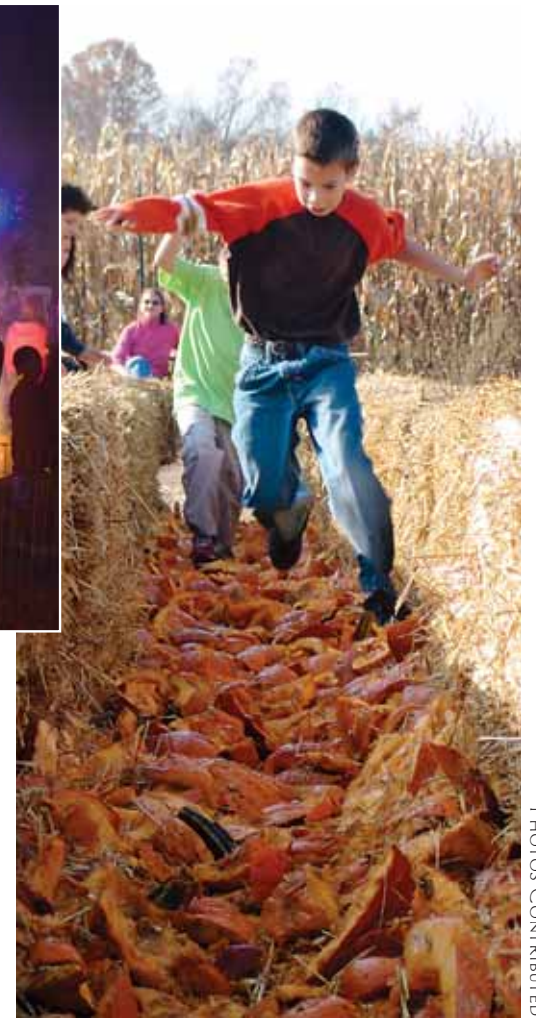
International Festival. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at St. Timothy Catholic Church, 13807 Poplar Tree Road, Chantilly. The 4th Annual International Festival celebrates the multi-cultural spirit of St. Timothy parish. Free. Visit www.sttimothyfestival.org or www.sttimothyparish.org for more.

Book Talk: "The Boys of Dunbar." 2 p.m. at Barnes & Noble, 12193 Fair



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Lego Star Wars Rogue One Build Event. 4 p.m. at Barnes & Noble, 12193 Fair Lakes Promenade Drive, Fairfax. Participants will build designs from the new film coming out later this year. Free. Call 793-278-0300 for more.

SATURDAY-SUNDAY/OCT. 1-2

Colonial District Rose Fest. 1-6 p.m. Saturday, 12-4 p.m. Sunday at Hyatt Regency, 12777 Fair Lakes Circle, Fairfax. View roses, designs and collections from rose growers in the area. Attend workshops and seminars on rose designs, hybridizing new rose introductions, photography, gardens of the world, and fragrance. Free. Call 703-371-9351 or visit www.eventbrite.com/d/va-fairfax-arlington-rose.

SUNDAY/OCT. 2

Book Talk: "The Founding of Notaviva Vineyards." 4 p.m. at Barnes & Noble, 12193 Fair Lakes Promenade Drive, Fairfax. Stephen Mackey, along with wife Shannon, launched a winery on a whim. Now one of NOVA's favorite spots, Notaviva Vineyards is celebrating great success and telling its story. Free. Call 793-278-0300 for more.

SATURDAY/OCT. 8

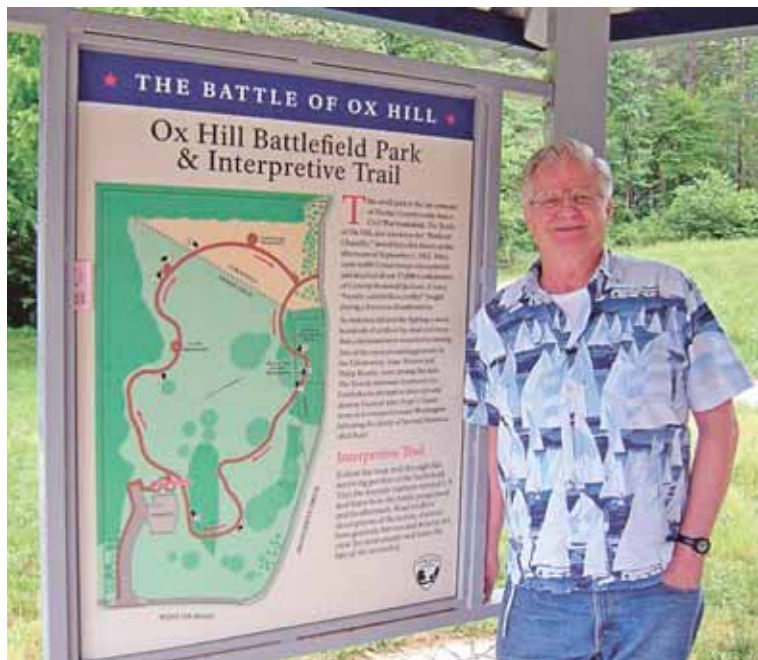
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Book Talk: "Master of Ceremonies." 5 p.m. at Barnes & Noble, 12193 Fair Lakes Promenade Drive, Fairfax. Educator Jonathan Harris has seen opportunities squandered. With a desire to help teens, Harris has set out to craft a roadmap to success. Tackling today's tough topics – how to improve self-esteem, embracing spirituality, crafting unbreakable bonds with loved ones and the practical matters of life such as job hunting, finances and handling emergencies – Harris shares how to become the Master of Ceremonies of your life. Free. Call 793-278-0300 for more.

SATURDAY/OCT. 15

10th Annual K-9 Krawl 5K. 8:30 a.m. at Fairfax County Government Center - 12011 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax. This dog walk was created to raise awareness of the link between domestic violence and pet abuse. Pets are part of the family and oftentimes abusive partners use the bond between victims and their companions to control, manipulate, and isolate them. Registration is free.



Preservationist and former topographer, Ed Wenzel, will discuss his recent book, "Chronology of the Civil War in Fairfax County, Part I" on Wednesday, Nov. 2, at Fairfax Station Railroad Museum (11200 Fairfax Station Road, Fairfax Station). Forum begins at 7:30 p.m. Copies of Wenzel's book will be available for purchase and signing. Free. Visit www.fairfax-station.org.

Visit www.fcpdnews.wordpress.com/2016/08/25/10th-annual-k-9-krawl-5k.

Breakfast with Cat in the Hat. 10 a.m. at Barnes & Noble, 12193 Fair Lakes Promenade Drive, Fairfax. Breakfast specials, Cat appearances, crafts and more. Free to attend. Call 793-278-0300 for more.

SUNDAY/OCT. 16

N Gauge Model Train Show. 1-4 p.m. at The Fairfax Station Railroad Museum, 11200 Fairfax Station Road, Fairfax Station. Museum members and children 4 and under, free; ages 5-15, \$2; ages 16 and older, \$4. Visit www.fairfax-station.org or call 703-425-9225.

SATURDAY/OCT. 22

VolunteerFest. A region-wide day of community service helps nonprofits accomplish tasks they would not have time or resources to do on their own. Visit www.volunteerfairfax.org/individuals/volunteerfest.php.

Blood and Guts Run. 9:30 a.m. at Bull Regional Park, 7700 Bull Run Drive, Centreville. A zombie-themed 5K. Registration is \$35. Visit www.bloodandgutsrun.com for more.

Historic All 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 story telling, fortune telling, fall foods and family gatherings. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/sully-historic-site.

SUNDAY/OCT. 23

Fall Festival at Deepwood Veterinary Clinic. 12-5 p.m. at Deepwood Veterinary Clinic, 7300 Ordway Road, Centreville. Find games, pet adoption and more. Free. Call 703-631-9133.

Lecture: "Learn to Pray and Heal." 2 p.m. at Stacy C. Sherwood Community Center, 3740 Old Lee Highway, Fairfax. Find out how you can "Learn to Pray and Heal" at this talk sponsored by the Christian Science Church. Free. Visit www.thinkdifferentlyfairfax.com.

TUESDAY-WEDNESDAY/OCT. 25-26

Handbag and Luggage Sale. 8 a.m.-4 p.m. at INOVA Fair Oaks Hospital Auxiliary, 3600 Joseph Siewick Drive, Fairfax. Free. Visit www.inova.org for more.

SATURDAY/OCT. 29

Clifton Haunted Trail. 7-10 p.m. at Chapel Road, Clifton. This annual event winds through Clifton's 8 Acre Park. Admission is \$15 for adults and \$10 for children 12 and under. Visit cliftonhauntedtrail.com.

WEDNESDAY/NOV. 2

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SATURDAY/NOV. 5

15th Anniversary HomeAid Northern Virginia Gala & Auction. 6:30-8 p.m. at Westfields Marriott Washington Dulles Hotel, 14750 Conference Center Drive, Chantilly. HomeAid Northern Virginia celebrates its 15th Anniversary. Tickets are \$200. Visit www.homeaidnova.org for more.

SATURDAY-SUNDAY/NOV. 5-6

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NEWS

Chantilly Chargers on Parade



Chantilly High's marching band

Chantilly High's Homecoming Parade was Friday, Sept. 23, in Greenbriar.



Junior cheerleaders



Freshman boys football team



Chantilly girls volleyball team

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SPORTS



Chantilly Defeats Herndon 26-7

Chantilly's Joey Mazzone #9 breaks the tackle by Herndon DB Clifton Painter #3 to put Chantilly ahead 6-0 in the 3rd quarter in the Friday, Sept. 23 game.



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Xavion Clark #23 runs the ball past the Herndon defense to score Chantilly's third touchdown.

Stone Bridge Lands on Westfield, 34-16

The Westfield Bulldogs traveled to Ashburn to face the Stone Bridge Bulldogs in a non-conference game in Ashburn, on Friday, Sept. 23. Westfield came in riding a 16-game win streak, their last loss coming in the second week of the 2015 season to South County. Stone Bridge was the 2015 5A state runner-up after losing to Highland Springs 27-7 at UVA.

Stone Bridge's Bradley Block scored 3 touchdowns on runs of 38, 4 and 65 yards as Stone Bridge took a 19-0 lead into the 4th quarter.

Westfield still had fight in them, despite being without RB Nathaniel Chung, who was sidelined due to an injury. Westfield's Taylor Morin #20 intercepted the Stone Bridge quarterback three times. Westfield QB Rehman Johnson completed 8-19 passes

for 149 and 2TDs, the first a 6-yard pass to Ivory Frimpong, with 9:56 to go in the 4th. However 22 seconds later Stone Bridge answered with a 65-yard run from Eugene Block putting Stone Bridge up 26-7. On the ensuing drive, Westfield's Sean Eckert #2 took a Johnson pass 55 yards 24 seconds later for Westfield's second touchdown in 46 seconds. Eckert tallied three receptions for 105 yards and a touchdown. Westfield's

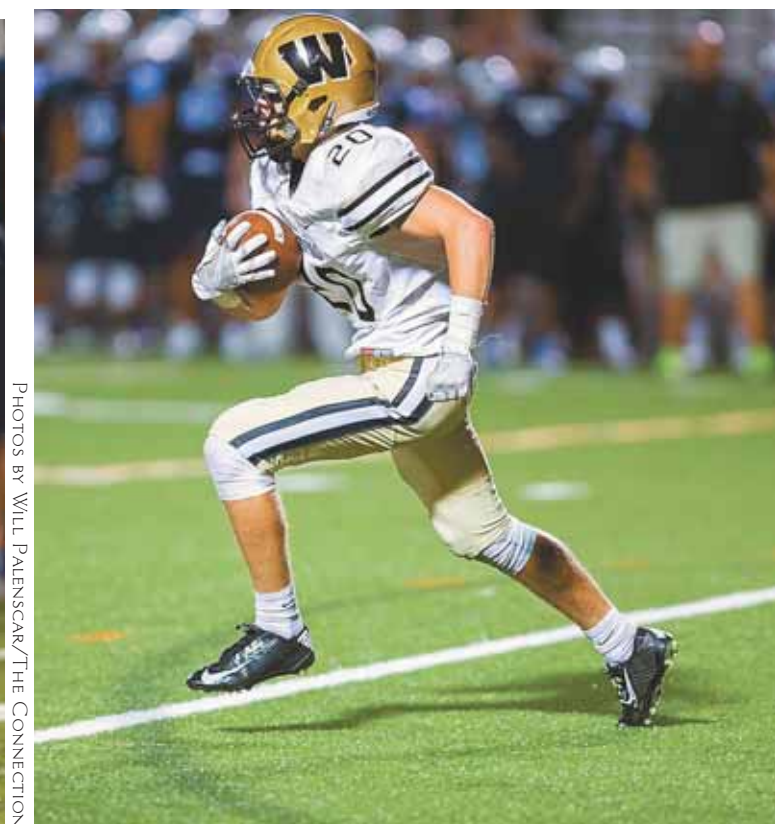
defense would then add two more points after stopping Stone Bridge in the end zone for a safety.

With the loss, 34-16, Westfield falls to (3-1) and will play their homecoming game on Friday against Oakton (2-2). Stone Bridge improves to (3-1) and will face West Springfield High School.

— WILL PALENSCAR



Westfield's Hunter Lydic #36, Zach Jewell #93 and Kevin Petrillo #32 team up on Stone Bridge's Bradley Block #4.



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Westfield's Taylor Morin #20 picks off the Stone Bridge QB on one of his three interceptions

SCHOOLS



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Chantilly Homecoming Court

Members of the Chantilly Homecoming Court gather at the Chantilly-Herndon football game on Friday, Sept. 23: (From left) Lindsay Barnes, Siobhan Reardon, Jill Cymerman, Alexis Weeren, Caroline Barnes, TJ Walter, Zach Cummins, Karim Shoorbajee, and Ken Roberts.



Chantilly Homecoming Queen Caroline Barnes and Homecoming King TJ Walter with their families.



Chantilly Dance Team: (Back row, from left) Jordan Greenlee, Katie Gallagher, Milei Krantz, Melanie Hilleson, Emily Huo, (front row, from left) Anna Homan, Jessica Liu, Tatiana Elizarova, Iva Shuping, and Erika Roach.

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Time To Plan Ahead

By KENNETH B. LOURIE



In consideration of the future, I have to plan in the present. Random and/or spontaneous actions/commitments are allowed, even encouraged, but given the recurring nature of chemotherapy infusions and the week-long side effects that follow, are not very practical.

As an example: Thanksgiving, Nov. 24 and Christmas Eve/Christmas Day, Dec. 24/25. According to my 'present' infusion schedule: four weeks, then five weeks, then four weeks, etc., barring semi-foreseen abnormal lab work results, which I will only find out the Thursday immediately preceding the Friday infusion, my next treatment will occur on Friday, Oct. 14. In and of itself, not a problem, other than the usual — with which I am, and perhaps you regular readers, too, are familiar. However, five weeks later my infusion occurs on Friday, Nov. 18 meaning I'll be miserable, not-eating-wise the following Thursday, Thanksgiving (which if I had my druthers, I'd rather not be). Now should I pretend that's not a problem for me? No. Following that potential holiday impact, my next alternating scheduled infusion occurs four weeks hence on Friday, Dec. 16, the week/Friday before Christmas Eve/Christmas. Now if these holidays didn't involve travelling, eating and socializing, and generally trying to be on my best behavior, maybe I could manage. Unfortunately, nothing could be further from the reality.

Presuming/pretending that this schedule is not a problem is naive at best and extremely poor planning at worst. So what are my options? Well, I could always stop my chemotherapy infusions entirely until January, a "quality of life" alternative my oncologist has regularly encouraged. However, given the severity of my diagnosis/prognosis, I have always felt uncomfortable stopping treatment and as such, have never taken a break/brake. (Now, either I'm still alive because of it, or in spite of.)

Perhaps the solution is simply to reschedule my infusion intervals and still get treatment while manipulating my side effects/circumstances? If I reschedule my November infusion to occur four weeks after my October infusion (instead of five weeks), the date of that infusion would be Friday, Nov. 11, allowing more than enough time, nearly two weeks, to recover before Thanksgiving. However, switching my previous/original four-week interval to five weeks causes that December infusion to occur on Friday, December 23; not good timing at all. Worse in fact than my current schedule. But if I don't alternate intervals and repeat that four-week infusion schedule (unfortunately losing a "quality of life" week in the process, a process that was intended to increase my "quality of life" weeks), then my December infusion would occur on Friday, Dec. 9, two weeks out from Christmas; perfect timing to allow for a semi-normal fortnight.

The net result is peace and relative quite. And by that I mean, other than advancing and increasing the number weeks when I'll feel miserable (and won't be eating), I won't feel miserable for two of the most significant, positive-reinforcing, feel-good weeks of the year. And if there's one, two or three things a cancer patient/survivor can't get enough of, it's days when you're not in a daze and weeks when you're not feeling weak. And after writing this column, and perhaps righting this ship, I feel pretty good about the next few months. It might not be ideal, but 'ideal' left the building a long time ago, on Feb. 27, 2009, the date of my original diagnosis.

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THURSDAY/OCT. 6

Flatlick Branch Stream Restoration Projects. 6-7 p.m. at Rocky Run Middle School Cafeteria, 4400 Stringfellow Road, Chantilly. The Fairfax County Department of Public Works is holding a public meeting to discuss design and construction of the Flatlick Branch Phase II and III Stream Restoration Projects, answer questions and gather feedback. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpwes/stormwater/projects/flatlick-branch-stream-restoration.htm.
Sully District Tree Forum. 7:30-9 p.m. at Fair Oaks District Police Department, 12300 Lee Jackson Memorial Highway, Fairfax. "Afraid To Ask" will cover topics including: the importance of a healthy urban forest; how to maintain healthy trees; replacing damaged trees; and how to maintain common area. Free and open to the public. Space is limited, RSVP to 703-324-1770 or TTY 711.

FRIDAY/OCT. 7

Venture Into Volunteering Fair. 10 a.m.-noon at the Mott Community Center, 12111 Braddock Road, Fairfax. Boomers, retirees and older adults are invited to the Venture Into Volunteering Fair. Discuss volunteer opportunities with representatives from county and nonprofit organizations. Find out more at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dfs/olderadultservices/volunteer-solutions.htm.

FRIDAY/OCT. 14

Annual Fellowship Dinner. 6 p.m. Attend WFCM's 9th Annual Neighbors Helping Neighbors Dinner as they celebrate our work together and give back. Doors will open with a reception and silent auction at 6 p.m., followed by dinner and a program at 7 p.m. All proceeds will help those in need in the community. To register, email registration@wfcma.org.

SATURDAY/OCT. 15

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SALT Fall Conference. 9-11:30 a.m. at Virginia International University (VIU), Conference Room (VD-102), 4401 Village Drive, Fairfax. Social Action Linking Together (SALT) will sponsor the SALT Fall Advocacy Training Conference. Mark Shriver, President of Save the Children Action Network, will be the keynote speaker. There will be additional presentations by Virginia Del. Alfonso Lopez ("Tools for Effective Advocacy in the State Legislature") and by Michelle Krockner, Executive Director, Northern Virginia Affordable Housing Alliance ("Addressing the Commonwealth's Unmet Housing Needs for Low-Income Households") and state Sen. Barbara Favola, 31st Senate District, Arlington, (Report on the Commission on Youth, TANF Subcommittee) and Debbie Weinstein, Executive Director, Coalition for Human Needs, "Making TANF Work for Poor Families." Free. All are welcome. Contact John Horejsi at jhorejsi@cox.net or 703-819-0479 or visit www.s-a-l-t.org/upcoming-events.html for more.

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Telephone Support Group. 7-8 p.m. Fairfax County's free Family Caregiver Telephone Support Group meets by phone. The discussion is The Elephant in the Room: Difficult Topics in Caregiving You Need to Talk About. Register beforehand at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/olderadults and click on Telephone Caregiver Support Group. Call 703-324-5484, TTY 711.

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National political and media attention focus on race for 10th Congressional District.

By VICTORIA ROSS
THE CONNECTION

As LuAnn Bennett, the Democratic challenger for Virginia's 10th Congressional District seat, spoke to supporters at a political "house party" in Herndon, a New York Times reporter stood to one side, taking notes.

Last week, Barbara Comstock, the 10th District's freshman Republican, was shadowed by a reporter from The Wall Street Journal as she met with constituents during several campaign events.

The national media attention is just one indication of how the 10th District is being tracked as a crucial battleground race in a "bellwether" district. In the 2014 midterms, Comstock easily retained the seat of her GOP predecessor and mentor, U.S. Rep. Frank R. Wolf. When Wolf announced his retirement in 2013, ending a distinctive three-decade career in Congress, the seat instantly became battleground territory.

The race has even attracted attention outside the United States. In August, the BBC featured a story about the negative impact Donald Trump, the GOP's controversial presidential nominee, may have on "down-ticket" Republican candidates.

While Comstock has repeatedly declined to say if she supports the man at the top of the GOP's ticket, Democrats have repeatedly tried to tie Comstock to Trump.

Money

Top Democratic leaders consider the 10th district one of a dozen prime pick-ups in their path to regaining a majority in the House. Earlier this month, the Democratic National Committee (DNC) signaled its support for targeted House races by transferring \$2.5 million to help them out.

In Washington's costly media market, each candidate has been modest in purchasing air time.

So far, Bennett has released two ads: her first ad was a biographical spot, featuring the candidate at work and with her family. Her second ad highlights the gender wage gap in the district, and her support for equal pay for women. Comstock released her first general election ad last week, a spot that features her daughter Caity speaking about her mother's legislative accomplishments.

Bennett is one of three Virginia Democratic Congressional candidates included in the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee's "Red to Blue" program, which offers targeted campaigns "financial, communications, grassroots, and strategic support."

Comstock appears prepared for the battle, as she has raised well over twice as much money as her opponent's campaign.

Through June — the last Federal Election



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LuAnn Bennett, the Democratic candidate for Virginia's 10th Congressional District, chats with Anne Alston, a former teacher, during a political "House Party" in Herndon on Saturday, Aug. 27. Bennett, a real estate executive who is trying to unseat freshman Republican Barbara Comstock, spoke to nearly 100 supporters at the event.



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U.S. Rep. Barbara Comstock (R-10) poses with Jennifer Siciliano (left), vice president of government relations for Inova Health Systems, and McLean bioengineer Catherine Ross (right) during one of Comstock's Young Women Leadership programs in June that focused on local leaders in science and technology.

Commission reporting date — Comstock's campaign had total receipts of \$3,246,229, and was still holding \$2,256,612 in hand. The Bennett campaign had raised \$1,207,309, and had \$871,830 remaining.

Debates

In the fight for votes, the two McLean residents are preparing for their first debate, sponsored by the Loudoun County Chamber of Commerce, which will be held Oct. 6 at the National Conference Center in Lansdowne.

Comstock and Bennett will clash again on Oct. 19, at a second debate, at the Northern Virginia Chamber of Commerce in Tysons.

The 10th congressional district includes Chantilly and Centreville.

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