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From left: Lauren Spiers (Roxie), Alex Yee (Billy) and Elise McCue (Velma) star in Chantilly High's upcoming musical, "Chicago."

# Chantilly High Presents 'Chicago'

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# ‘A Lively and Engaging Show’ Chantilly High presents the musical, “Chicago.”

BY BONNIE HOBBS

**B**eginning its theater season on a high note, Chantilly High presents “Chicago: High School Edition.” It’s the school’s Cappies show and features a cast and crew of 75 in a high-energy musical.

It’ll burst upon the stage, Wednesday-Saturday, Oct. 24, 25, 26 and 27, at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$15 (\$10 with student ID), at the door or via [www.chantillyhsdrama.com](http://www.chantillyhsdrama.com). It takes place in 1922 Chicago and is a dark comedy about entertainers Velma Kelly and Roxie Hart and their quest to attain celebrity status through the crimes they’ve committed.

“I have two, brilliant, student choreographers – Lily Black and Anna Rhodes – who’ve truly been the backbone of this show,” said Director Shannon Khatcheressian. “They’ve created some astounding dance numbers that exceeded my expectations.”

Regarding her young thespians, she said, “Everyone fits beautifully into their parts, and the actors and actresses have worked tirelessly. They’re dedicated to their roles and are lighting up the stage while bringing their characters to life.”

And doing that literally are the show’s lighting designers, Christine Cook, Eva Clawson-Keeton, Norman Stavridis and Zoe Hutcheson. Said Khatcheressian: “They’ve created a visual masterpiece that complements the mood and action of the story.”

Right from the start, she said, “This is a lively and engaging show. Besides the enticing storyline, it’s a visual feast for the eyes, with the incredible lighting, beautiful costumes and electric singing and dancing. It’s a production everyone is sure to enjoy. We have a female-heavy department this year, with a lot of strong singers and dancers, so this musical is a great way to showcase their talents.”

Playing Roxie is senior Lauren Spiers. “She’s bubbly, but also has a dark side,” said Spiers. “She’s hopeful for the best and isn’t afraid to stand up for herself. She’s always dreamed of being a dancer in Vaudeville and dances in a nightclub. But she’s on trial for killing her boyfriend and meets Velma in prison. Velma’s famous for the crimes she’s committed, and Roxie wants to replace her as a famous performer. She just wants what’s best for herself and doesn’t care about anyone else.”

Since Spiers is cheerful in real life, portraying Roxie’s dark side lets her stretch as an actress. Besides, she said, “It’s cool to play her because she wears really cute, stylish costumes. It’s stressful playing a lead, but I really enjoy it because I get to channel myself into her and alter my own characteristics to make Roxie into who she is.”

Spiers’s favorite song is “Roxie,” which she sings. “She’s imagining herself as a performer with backup dancers,” said Spiers. “It’s very jazzy, so I have lots of fun with the vocals and dancing.”

She said the audience will like how all the costumes coordinate with each other.

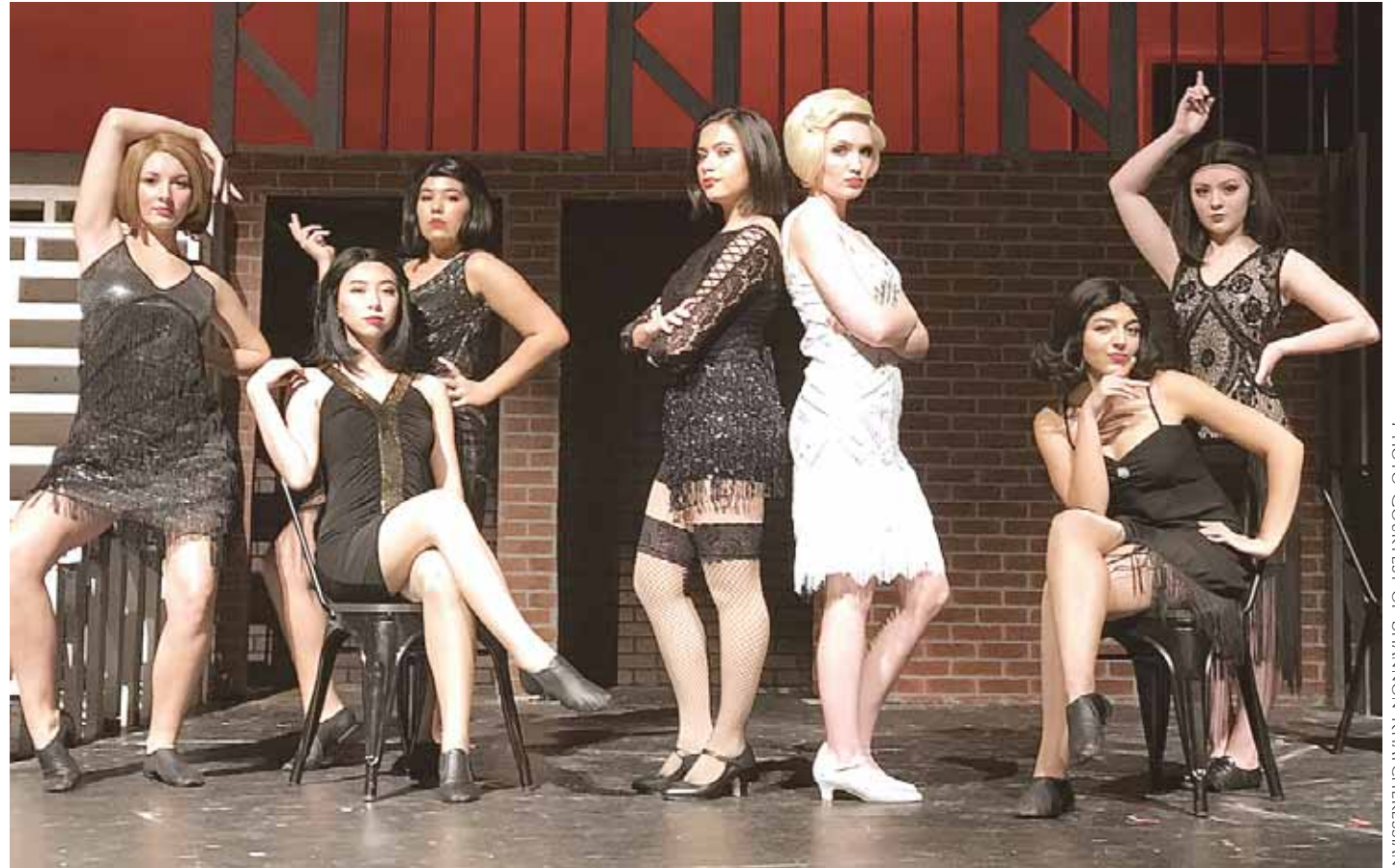


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**Playing the “Merry Murderesses” are (from left) Haley Herman, Adrian Gao, Serena Satouri, Lauren Spiers (Roxie), Elise McCue (Velma), Jenna Antonacci and Kylie Downie.**

“And they won’t know what’s coming next in the story,” she added. “Everyone in the show is really talented and, together, we make a strong cast.”

Junior Alex Yee plays Billy Flynn, a slick attorney representing both Roxie and Velma. “He’s selfish, out for himself and not compassionate toward anybody,” said Yee. “He uses people to his advantage whenever he can and charms them to get his way. He’s already an established attorney and treats each case like the next, new thing.”

Enjoying his role, Yee said, “I have interesting interactions with my castmates and get to mess with them as the person in power. It’s challenging playing someone so different from myself, but it allows me to expand my character range.”

He especially likes the number, “We Both Reached for the Gun,” sung by the whole cast. “It’s active and funny,” he said. “The choreography is energetic, and there’s a lot to see across the entire stage, so it’s entertaining to watch.”

Yee said people should come see this show because “The singing is phenomenal, and the choreographers are incredibly talented and have done an excellent job in a short amount of time.”

Portraying Velma is junior Elise McCue. “She’s a singer and dancer in vaudeville and a very complex character,” said McCue. “Even offstage, she puts on this cool and sultry façade because she wants people to see her in a different light from the way she sees herself. She has a big and brash personality, but feels she needs to prove to the rest of the world that she’s the best at what she does.”

“What I love about her is that she’s not

just a one-note personality,” continued McCue. “And as the show goes on, you see her façade crack and get to glimpse her vulnerability and insecurities. She becomes a real person, not just a stereotypical, vaudeville character.”

McCue’s favorite number is “All that Jazz,” the musical’s opener. “It introduces you to the whole, underground world of Chicago, and it’s especially cool because we have such a great ensemble,” she said. “And having that many people onstage really pulls the audience into the story and sets the tone for the show.”

Describing “Chicago” as “not your run-of-the-mill musical,” she said, “The songs don’t just move the story along, but it’s like we’re holding out our hands and inviting the audience into this world. And we’re expressing the show’s complex themes through fun and dynamic numbers.”

## ROUNDUPS

### Public Safety Career Fair

The public safety agencies of Fairfax County invite residents to learn more about career opportunities available at the Fairfax County Public Safety Career Fair on Saturday, Oct. 20. Along with Fairfax County Fire and Rescue, the Sheriff’s Office, Department of Public Safety Communications and Police Department will have personnel on site discussing employment opportunities available at each agency, demonstrating what we do every day, discussing the training opportunities available, and answering any questions.

Stage Manager Valerie Mellard, a senior, calls it a tech-heavy production. Although the scenes mainly take place in prison and a courtroom, she said the women’s costumes are “vibrant and glittery — not what you’d really see in a prison. And the men are a combination of dapper and ‘West Side Story’ masculine, wearing everything from suits, hats and suspenders to muscle shirts.”

Mellard said the audience will love the musical numbers. “It’s intense choreography for high-schoolers, but we pull it off really well,” she said. “People will also be impressed by how upbeat we portray a murder. We show the back-room manipulations that happen in criminal cases, and the sensationalism of the crime will remind people of the O.J. Simpson trial. We focus more on the entertainment of the case, rather than the repercussions of such a serious crime.”

Guests will be able to apply for positions on site or sign up for “Job Alerts” that will notify them as soon as a position is made available. The event will be from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. at the Government Center located at 12000 Government Center Parkway.

### 10th District Forum Cancelled

The League of Women Voters of the Fairfax Area has had to cancel the 10th Congressional District Candidates Forum that was to be held on Oct. 24, 7-9 p.m.

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Color Guard members carry their flags high.



Bulldog Field Hockey Team members.

# Westfield Bulldogs on Parade

Westfield High's Homecoming Parade was Friday, Oct. 12, in Centreville. More photos, page 8.



Girl Scout Troop 54014.

The Class of 2019's Broadway-themed float.

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BONNIE HOBBS



Members of the Black Student Union.



Stone Middle School National Junior Honor Society.



# OPINION

## Religious Freedom Began in Fairfax County

By CHAP PETERSEN  
STATE SENATOR (D-34)



Chap Petersen

The Vienna Metro station is the epicenter of suburban northern Virginia. Thousands of commuters come and go every morning, dropping off loved ones or catching the Orange Line into the urban core of the DMV. None of them are aware that just a few hundred yards away one of the most significant (and least known) Americans lived 250 years ago on a modest farm.

Jeremiah Moore was typical of English settlers who migrated to rural Fairfax County in the colonial era to clear fields and establish farms. Unlike most of his neighbors in Anglo-dominated Tidewater Virginia, he was a religious dissenter who found inspiration in the “Baptist” movement that spread through Great Britain in the mid-18<sup>th</sup> century.

The Baptists were not welcome in colonial Virginia. Its political and economic structure was based upon allegiance to the Church of England, which was the only permitted church. Indeed, a pastor could not open a church or preach without a license from the Church. Regardless, Moore in the early 1770s became an itinerant preacher fearlessly promoting the Gospel, without a license, to the farmers and tradesmen in northern Virginia.

When the Fairfax County Sheriff found out about Moore, he confined him in the County

jail, then located at the County seat of Alexandria. According to family lore, Moore continued to preach through the cell bars, thereby undoubtedly driving his captors to distraction.

This incident would have been forgotten but for one remarkable fact – colo-

nia Virginia in 1773 was changing rapidly and Moore’s neighbors did not agree with his imprisonment. Indeed, when the case came to trial, a Fairfax County jury acquitted Moore and sent him back to farm and presumably his speaking engagements.

A movement was starting. Inspired by Moore’s notorious case, another Fairfax County landowner and attorney, George Mason, added “freedom of religion” to his “Fairfax County Resolves” which was read to the Fairfax County militia when they mustered to join General Washington in May 1775. A member of the Virginia House of Burgesses, Mason added the same language to his Virginia Declaration of Rights, which later became part of the Virginia Constitution.

During the Revolutionary War, as the cause of liberty became national, Moore re-emerged as a spokesman for religious minorities. In

1779, he presented a petition signed by 10,000 Virginia freeholders – an impressive number in an era without mass media or big cities – to Gov. Thomas Jefferson asking Virginia to adopt Jefferson’s Virginia Statute of Religious Freedom. In 1786, after years of Moore’s lobbying, the Assembly finally did so.

Moore never backed off. In his senior years, he was still writing letters to now-President Jefferson decrying the “the most glaring violation of Rights that has ever disgraced a Free People,” namely Virginia’s requirement that eligible voters own at least 50 acres.

Moore died in 1814 at his farm. His grandson Thomas became a prominent attorney in the town of Fairfax and his great-grandson Walton Moore served in the U.S. Congress. Descendants continue to live in the area as attorneys, Virginia lawmakers and even as Anglican clergy.

Jeremiah Moore’s real legacy, of course, has been the idea of religious freedom which has been enshrined in the U.S. Constitution since 1791, when Mason’s “Fairfax County Resolves” found their home in the Federal Bill of Rights. Indeed, the “establishment of religion” prohibition in the First Amendment directly harkens back to Moore’s imprisonment in 1773.

Today, the American ideal of freedom of religion is still a work in progress. Yet it also provides a beacon to billions around the globe who seek to practice their faith in peace. And it all begins in Fairfax County.

### BULLETIN BOARD

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#### SOBER-RIDE FOR HALLOWEEN

**Free Sober Rides.** Saturday, Oct. 27, 10 p.m. through Sunday, Oct. 28, 4 a.m. Area residents, 21 and older, may download Lyft to their phones, then enter a code in the app’s “Promo” section to receive a no cost (up to \$15) safe ride home. WRAP’s Halloween SoberRide promo code will be posted at 5 p.m. on Oct. 27 on [www.SoberRide.com](http://www.SoberRide.com). The SoberRide

code is valid for the first 1,500 Lyft users who enter the code.

#### WHITE HOUSE ORNAMENTS

**GFWC Western Fairfax County Woman’s Club** is selling 2018 White House Christmas ornaments. This year’s ornament honors the 33rd President, Harry Truman. The two-sided ornament illustrates changes to the White House during the Truman administration, the Truman balcony, Presidential Seal and renovation of the Blue Room. 2018 ornaments cost \$22. Proceeds benefit charity. Order now by calling 703-378-6841 or 703-378-6216. It is

possible to order previous years’ ornaments.

#### SATURDAY/OCT. 20

**FACEing the Future Together.** 8 a.m.-3:30 p.m. at Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology, 6560 Braddock Road, Alexandria. Family and community engagement (FACE) is at the center of everything that PTAs accomplish. Join the launch of a new effort to welcome and encourage all families throughout Fairfax County to become active participants in their school community. \$10 (includes continental breakfast, lunch and

snacks). Scholarships are available for the conference and can be requested on the registration form. Interpreters will be available. Go to [www.fccpta.org](http://www.fccpta.org) to register.

#### TUESDAY/OCT. 23

**Citizen Town Hall Meeting.** 7 p.m. At Centreville High School cafeteria, 6001 Union Mill Road, Clifton. Fairfax County School Board Member Elizabeth Schultz invites parents, students, and community members to attend this Citizen Town Hall meeting. Residents are invited to attend to discuss key issues facing Fairfax County Public Schools.

## Scouts Organize 21st Annual Golf Classic



PHOTO BY CHRIS DAVIDS

**Sully District Golf Chairman R. Hondo Davids presents a certificate of appreciation to the Honorary Golf Tournament Chairman Jeffrey Sargent, Fire Chief of Station 17, in Centreville.**

Sully District of the Boy Scouts of America recently held its 21st Annual Golf Classic at Twin Lakes Golf Course. The format was a scramble: 17 foursomes participated and the winners were First Place - VSE Capital Realty, Inc. (Dave Vitalis, Ned Worthington, James Cramp, and Michael Kelly); Second Place - The Gibbons Group (Jack Maestri, Bruno Maestri, John Maestri, and Nick Molthen); and Third Place - Technology Management Associates (Jocelyn Hirschberger, Doug Slamon, Steve Donnelly, and Roy Burstein). Putting Contest Winner was Fil Ocampo. Longest Drive Men’s was Lee DeVos. Longest Drive Women’s was Alaina White. Closest to the pin was Scott

Andrikis.

Participating firms included Pruitt Foundation, NOVEC, Cray, American Home Contractors, Omni Systems, Seagate Government Solutions, Tech Trend, William A. Hazel Inc., WISC, Technology Management Associates, Crown Consulting Inc., ProCleared, VSE Capital Realty, The Gibbons Group, 29 Diner, Chick-fil-A Chantilly, Jersey Mike’s Subs Chantilly, Chantilly Crushed Stone, and Dulles Golf Center and Sports Park.

In addition to the tournament, a golf clinic for Parent / Child was held at Twin Lakes and instructed by the Eismann Academy. Six pairs of participants came out for 1 and 1/2 hours of golf instruction.

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## Helping Soles for Souls

The Girl Scouts of Troop 3327 recently collected 393 pairs of shoes for the Soles for Souls program. The program supplies gently used shoes to single mothers in third world countries so they can start micro-businesses as shoe resellers. 393 pairs of shoes equates to 1,965 meals, 19.7 years of shelter, or 13.1 years of school for one child (or 1 year's tuition for 13 children) in one of the benefitting countries. Girl Scout Troop 3327 has 55 homeschooled girls in K through 12th grade and meets at Ox Hill Baptist Church in Chantilly.

## CRIME REPORT

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

**FRAUD (SKIMMING DEVICE):** 14001 Saint Germain Drive, (Navy Federal Bank), between Oct. 13-15. Police were notified after bank security personnel noticed a skimming device on an indoor ATM. Detectives believe the device was put in place on Oct. 13.

**BURGLARY:** 5814 block of Hill Street, (MOWCOW Services Inc.), between Oct. 11-12. The owner reported that his business had been burglarized sometime overnight. Several electronic items were taken.

**ROBBERY:** 5501 Union Mill Road, (Shell Gas Station), on Oct. 12, 10:16 p.m. A lone employee was working when a man entered the store and pointed a handgun at the employee demanding money. An undisclosed amount of money was given to the suspect prior to him leaving the store. The suspect is described as a black man, around 20 years old, 5'5" and weighing about 180 pounds.

**RECKLESS DISCHARGE OF A FIREARM:** 4600 Block of Flatlick Branch Drive, Oct. 6, 7:29 p.m. Several people reported hearing multiple gunshots in the area and two men running away. Officers found several casings while searching the area.

### OCT. 16

#### STOLEN VEHICLES

4900 block of Prestwick Drive, 2007 Lexus GX470

### OCT. 15

#### LARCENIES

14300 block of Compton Village Drive, wallet from vehicle

4900 block of Stonecroft Boulevard, money from vehicle

4300 block of Chantilly Shopping Center, baseball cards from business

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4300 block of Chantilly Shopping Center, merchandise from business

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# ENTERTAINMENT

## It's Time for Centreville Day 26<sup>th</sup> annual celebration is this Saturday.

BY BONNIE HOBBS

**C**entreville Day is always a fun event, and the 26<sup>th</sup> annual celebration, this Saturday, Oct. 20, should be no exception. The festivities run from 10 a.m.-5 p.m., in Historic Centreville Park, 5714 Mount Gilead Road (off Braddock Road, across Route 29 from the IHOP).

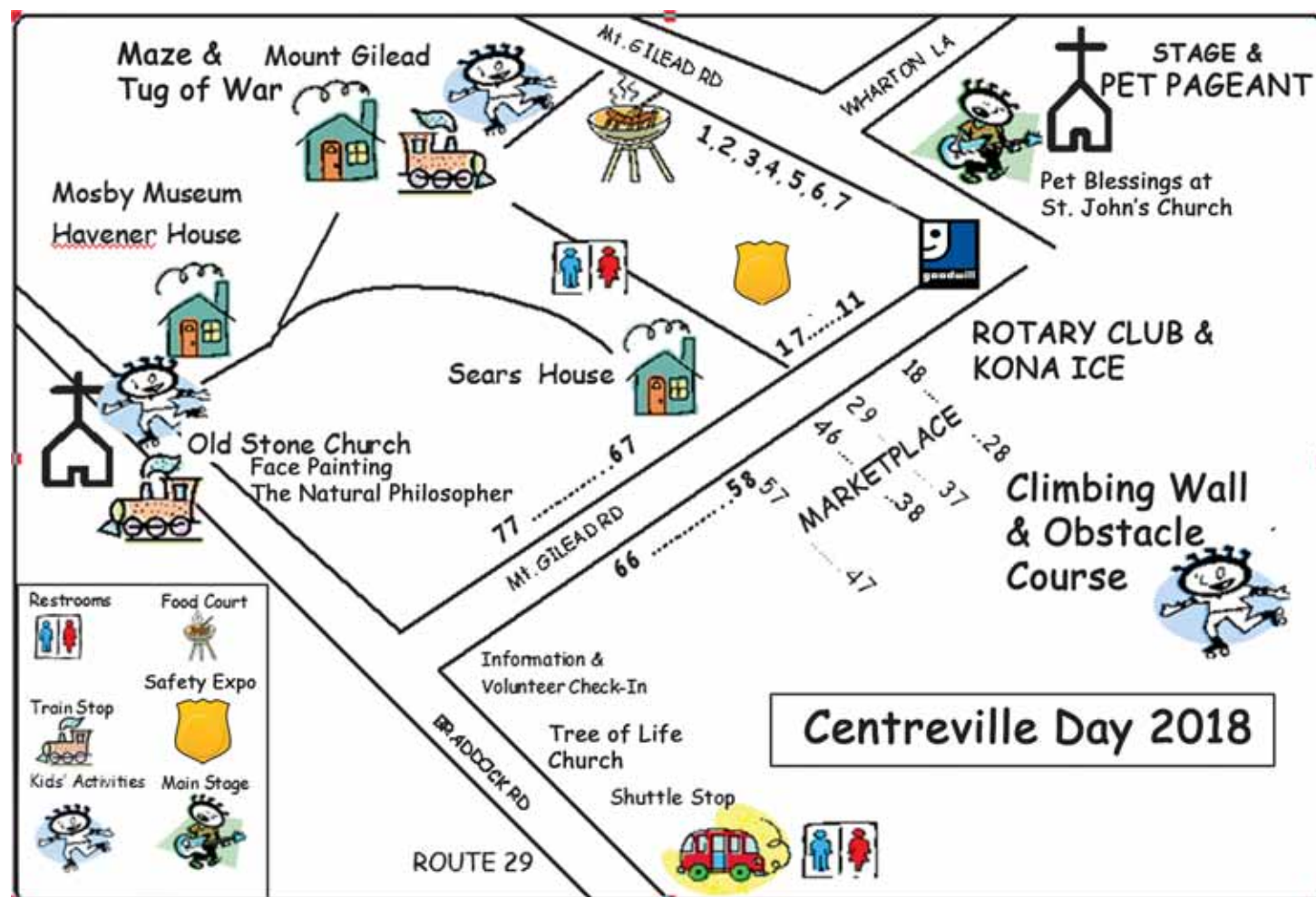
There'll be children's activities, a parade, live music, pet pageant, martial arts, swordsmen, dancing, food and crafts, plus chances to learn about Centreville's history. Admission is free, with free parking and shuttles available at The Trinity Centre, 5860 Trinity Parkway, off Route 29.

Friends of Historic Centreville puts on Centreville Day in partnership with the Fairfax County Park Authority, with the Centreville Day Planning Committee handling the details.

"Many of us are from somewhere else," said event organizer Cheryl Repetti, "I grew up in New York, but Centreville is my home now. And each year, the committee tries to create a celebration that feels like home. On Centreville Day, families and neighbors all come together. We enjoy music-and-dance school performances, learn a little history, dip a candle, meet a pirate or two. We're successful if you go home thinking Centreville's a nice place to live and Historic Centreville Park's a special place to visit."

Opening ceremonies are at 10 a.m. at the main stage near St. John's Episcopal Church, 5649 Mount Gilead Road. The Fairfax Choral Society Youth Choir will sing the National Anthem and Supervisor Kathy Smith (D-Sully) will present the Centreville Day Citizens of the Year awards. Later, at 3 p.m., Girl Scouts Elizabeth and Lauren Bradshaw will be recognized for their work restoring the Orr Family Cemetery, one of the oldest-known cemeteries in Centreville.

### PARADE, FOOD, CHILDREN'S GAMES



COURTESY OF CHERYL REPETTI

### Map of Centreville Day 2018 attractions and activities.

Organized by American Legion Post 1995, the parade assembles near Wharton Park Court at 10:30 a.m. It'll kick off from Wharton Lane at 11 a.m., passing the stage shortly before noon and continuing along Mt. Gilead Road to Braddock Road.

The Chantilly Academy's Air Force JROTC will lead it; among the participants are fire and police, Girl Scouts and the Fairfax Choral Society. Individuals and families are welcome to join; costumes are encouraged, and prizes will be awarded. Groups must register in advance at

[www.CentrevilleDay.org](http://www.CentrevilleDay.org).

Food Court offerings include barbecue, pulled pork, seafood, shawarmas, baklava and Thai food. Cabot Creamery will hand out cheese samples in the Marketplace along Mt. Gilead Road, and Korean Central Presbyterian Church will give away popcorn. There'll be jewelers, pearl harvesters, bath items, pet crafts, health and home businesses, churches and nonprofits in the Marketplace. Pumpkin signs will indicate participants in the trick-or-treat trail.

Other free, children's activities are a climbing wall and inflatable obstacle course sponsored by Wegmans, plus History Train rides sponsored by Sandy Spring Bank. Also planned are sack races, a tug-of-war, face-painting and a maze.

Children and adults will enjoy hands-on history at Mount Gilead, built as a tavern in 1785. It's open for guided tours and, on its lawn, Sully Historic Site volunteers will help children dip candles, write with a quill pen and experience 18<sup>th</sup>-century carpentry. The Swordsmen of the 18<sup>th</sup> Century, Charlie and John Anderson, will also be on the lawn, demonstrating their swashbuckling skills. The singing Pirates for Sail will be camped out there, too.

### ONSTAGE PERFORMERS, SAFETY EXPO

The Pirates will kick off the entertainment on the Goodwill Stage at 10:40 a.m., followed by young performers from Harmony Roads school. After the parade, The

VaDeatles – comprised of teachers mainly from Stone Middle School – will cover songs of the Beatles and other rock bands at 11:45 a.m. Also entertaining will be Sundays on TAP, the Hallelujah Tae Kwon Do demonstration team, Korean harmonica and autoharp players, the Northern Virginia Wu Shu Academy and the Mt. Kim Academy.

There's even a tongue-in-cheek, "Mayor of Centreville" debate at about 12:30 p.m., attendees may vote, and the winner will be announced at 4 p.m. In addition, children will compete in a hula-hoop contest. For more information, go to [www.CentrevilleDa.org](http://www.CentrevilleDa.org).

At the Safety Expo, people will meet first responders and other public-safety personnel, learn about the services they provide and how to handle emergencies. Sheriff's Office personnel will make child IDs, police and fire-and-rescue vehicles will be on display, as will be video-display trucks from Washington Gas.

### PET PAGEANT, HISTORICAL TOURS

The Rotary Club Pet Pageant is at 2 p.m. on the main stage; register at the website. Families may bring more than one pet; prizes will be awarded and pets may be photographed with McGruff the Crime Dog across the street from the stage. The Rev. Carol Hancock will bless pets on the lawn of St. John's Episcopal Church, before and after the pageant. For more information, email Cammy Gawlak at

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Stone Middle School teachers will again play rock music as the VaDeatles.



# ENTERTAINMENT

## Entertainment Schedule

Time	Name
9:50 – 10:00	Fairfax Choral Society - Youth Choir
10:00 – 10:30	Opening Ceremony Presentation of the Colors: Chantilly HS JROTC National Anthem: Fairfax Choral Society Youth Choir Special Guests and Community Supporters Supervisor Kathy Smith: Recognitions and Awards Pirates for Sail
10:30 – 10:50	Harmony Road Music & Arts
10:50 – 11:10	Parade goes by the Goodwill Main Stage
11:10 – 11:45	VADeates
11:45 – 12:20	Village Mayor - Candidates' Debate
12:20 – 12:30	Mt. Kim Taekwondo
12:30 – 12:40	Centreville Dance Academy
12:40 – 1:00	Sundays on TAP
1:00 – 1:20	Washington Senior Korean Harmonica Players
1:20 – 1:40	Senior Korean Autoharp Players
1:40 – 2:00	Paws4Vets
2:00 – 2:05	Pet Pageant
2:10 – 2:45	Hallelujah Taekwondo
2:50 – 3:10	"Preserving the Cemetery of a Centreville Founding Family"
3:10 – 3:30	Silver Project by Lauren and Elizabeth Bradshaw Special Recognition: Claudette Ward Northern Virginia Wushu Academy Village Mayor: Announce Winner
3:30 – 3:50	Hula Hoop Contest
3:50 – 4:00	Closing Music
4:00 – 4:30	
4:30 – 4:55	



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## It's Centreville Day

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St. John's will be open for tours. Then, down the street, attendees may visit the Spindle Sears House, purchased in 1933 from a Sears catalog and shipped here by train. E.C. Lawrence Park historian Kiersten Connelly will share its unique story. Tours will also be available at the Old Stone Church, Havener House, Stuart-Mosby Cavalry Museum and the Mount Gilead house.

The History Train, driven by Sully Historic Site's Matt McNeal, will transport people between sites; stations will be on the lawn at Mount Gilead and on Braddock Road. Visitors may disembark at the Braddock Road stop and stroll downhill to the Old Stone Church (Church of the Ascension). The church will host face-painters, plus a display of antique, scientific instruments and curiosities which

Centreville Day's own Natural Philosopher will explain.

Inside the church hall will be baked goods and a ploughman's lunch for sale. The Havener House and Stuart-Mosby museum are just across Braddock Road. The museum features a reconstruction of a Civil War winter cabin. Afterward, visitors may follow the trail behind the museum back to Mount Gilead or walk up Braddock Road to return by train.

All in all, said event coordinator Carol Robinson, Centreville Day offers something for everyone. It's important, she said, because "from the early years of closing down Braddock and Union Mill roads for the parade near Centreville High to having our own Historic Centreville Park, Centreville Day provides ways for the community to appreciate what has occurred in our special part of local, state and national history."

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# Carving Made Easy

A lesson in creating a front porch worthy Halloween pumpkin.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL

“**I**ck, this is so gross,” said one 11-year-old girl with shoulder length blonde hair. “Those are the guts,” said her classmate, a 12-year-old, white apron-clad boy, as he pulled a handful of stringy, orange pulp out of a fat pumpkin.

“It’s part of the process. You have to clean out the messy insides before you can start carving a beautiful design,” said Lisa Searby, who was offering an in-home lesson in carving Halloween pumpkins to a group of middle school students and their parents.

A drive around most neighborhoods during this, the spookiest season of the year, will likely reveal the efforts of many to carve a sophisticated pumpkin. From frightening to fanciful, the art of pumpkin carving is a skill that eludes many. So on a chilly Sunday afternoon, Searby, who lives in Bethesda, Md. trekked to the Fairfax home of Katie and Luke Gunther to offer a class in pumpkin carving. With a few tricks and the right tools, Searby says that almost anyone can create a front-porch worthy gourd.

After the parent-child duos have donned aprons and the pumpkins are placed atop tables covered with plastic and topped with newspaper, the instruction begins. A set of



**Investing in a set of carving tools helps create impressive Halloween pumpkins.**

carving tools is something that Searby recommends to anyone who wants to create an impressive design.

“You don’t have to break the bank, but you need to get a set of tools that are sturdy enough to stand up the the heft of a thick-

skinned pumpkin,” she said. “You can usually find them online pretty easily. Choose a set that has a tool for each step of the process, like a little serrated saw to cut a hole in the top and a scooper to clean out the flesh. It makes carving so much easier.”

It appears that parents agree. “I didn’t realize that there was such a thing, but these little tools are awesome,” said Luke Gunther, the father of 12-year-old twins. “We usually use a kitchen knife and it’s hard to cut through and the edges of the designs are always jagged, but the tools make a much smoother cut.”

Once the tops of the pumpkins are removed and the pulp, flesh and seeds area cleared, the artistry begins. “Use a dry-erase marker to sketch the design that you want to carve on the front of your pumpkin,” said Searby. “Does anyone know why we’re using a dry-erase marker instead of a Sharpie? Because if you make a mistake or don’t like your drawing, you can wipe off a dry-erase marker and start over. Sharpies are permanent.”

Three hearts are what Theresa Holt and her 12-year-old son and 11-year-old daughter choose for the front of their pumpkin. “This is such a fun thing to do, even if you don’t care about the outcome, it’s a great way to spend time together as a family,” she said.



PHOTOS COURTESY OF LISA SEARBY

**Front-porch ready Halloween pumpkins.**

Those who choose to use one of Searby’s pre-designed templates are instructed to attach the template to the pumpkin and use the spike tool to trace the design onto the gourd, leaving tiny pinholes in its thick flesh. Next, the class uses one of the carving tools to cut out the facial features or other designs and, voila, in less than 30 minutes the group produces six pumpkins that are ready for Halloween.

“If you’re going to use candles illuminate your pumpkins at night, make sure you put the candles in a glass candle holder first,” said Searby. “Now the clean-up begins. It’s a messy process after all.”

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### SATURDAY/OCT. 20

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**International Festival.** 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at St Timothy Catholic Church, 13807 Poplar Tree Road, Chantilly. 6th Annual International Festival – a faith, family fun event with live entertainment, food from around the world, games and more. Tickets sold at the door. All are welcome. Call 703-266-8972 or visit [www.sttimothyfestival.org](http://www.sttimothyfestival.org) for more.

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### SUNDAY/OCT. 21

**NTRAK Scale Model Train Show.** 1-4 p.m. at the Fairfax Station Railroad Museum, 11200 Fairfax Station Road, Fairfax Station. The Northern Virginia NTRAK members will hold a N gauge Model Train Display at the Fairfax Station Railroad Museum.



### Paradise Springs Winery

## Wine Social Fundraiser

Assistance League of Northern Virginia is hosting a fall fundraising Wine Social at this family-run winery. Tickets, available at the door or for advance purchase, include two glasses of wine and hors d'oeuvres. Proceeds benefit the non-profit's children's programs. Sunday, Nov. 4, 1-4 p.m. at Paradise Springs Winery, 13219 Yates Ford Road, Clifton. \$25. Visit [www.alnv.org](http://www.alnv.org) for more.

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### SATURDAY/OCT. 27

**Holiday Craft Bazaar.** 9 a.m.-4 p.m. at Saint Andrew Lutheran Church, 14640 Soucy Place, Centreville. To benefit Bethany House of Northern Virginia Shelter. Indoor event with over 65 crafters with glassworks, wood carved toys, baby items, copper designs, gift ideas, furniture wreaths, holiday decor, ornaments and more. Lunch catered by The Village Cafe. Admission is free. Visit [www.saintandrewLC.org](http://www.saintandrewLC.org) for more.

**Sully's All Hallows Eve.** 4-7 p.m. at Sully Historic Site, 3650 Historic Sully Way, Chantilly. Travel through time this Halloween season at Sully's Historic All Hallows Eve. From lantern-guided tours and traditional folk stories to trick-or-treating for old-fashioned candy, celebrate 300 years of festive traditions. Tractor-drawn wagon rides around the grounds will be available for an extra \$2 per person. Admission is \$9 per person. Advance registration is recommended and can be made online at [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/sully](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/sully). Call 703-437-1794 for more.

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**Halloween Carnival.** 1-4 p.m. at the

Fairfax Station Railroad Museum, 11200 Fairfax Station Road, Fairfax Station. The Fairfax Station Railroad Museum will hold a Halloween Carnival with lots of train related games and activities for all ages. Tickets earned can be exchanged for candy prizes. Additional tickets can be purchased \$1 for five tickets. Children in costume receive a coupon for a free admission to a future Museum event. Ages 16 and older, \$4; 5-15, \$2; 4 and under, free. Visit [www.fairfax-station.org](http://www.fairfax-station.org), [www.facebook.com/FFXSRR](http://www.facebook.com/FFXSRR), or call 703-425-9225.

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### SATURDAY/NOV. 17

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## ROUNDUPS

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While state Sen. Jennifer Wexton has accepted, U.S. Rep. Barbara Comstock did not respond to the League's invitation. Therefore, in accordance with the non partisan policy of The League of Women Voters, wherein it neither supports nor opposes any candidates for office or any political parties, the League unable to host an event with only one candidate in attendance. The co-host for the 10th District Congressional Candidates Forum, the Sully District Council of Citizens Associations, concurs; it has the same policy.

## Coffee with Del. David Bulova

Area residents are invited to have coffee with Del. David Bulova (D-37), on Saturday, Oct. 27, from 9-11 a.m., at Jireh Cafe, 13848 Lee Hwy. in Centreville. Constituents can talk to him about issues of interest and ask questions about legislation affecting their community. It's casual and informal and appointments aren't needed.°

## Free Carseat Inspections

Certified technicians from the Sully District Police Station will perform free, child safety carseat inspections Tuesday, Oct. 30, 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.

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Volunteers are needed to help with the annual Boy Scout "Scouting for Food" Drive to benefit Western Fairfax Christian Ministries' Food Pantry. It's set for Saturday, Nov. 10, at the parking garage at 14280 Park Meadow Drive in Chantilly. Students, families and other groups are welcome to lend a hand. Strong arms/back are helpful to lift crates of food and to also be a truck-driver helper. Three-hour shifts are available between 10 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. For more information and to sign up, go to: [ScoutingForFood@wfcma.org](mailto:ScoutingForFood@wfcma.org).

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## "Movin' On Up"



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

Not "to the east side" and not "to a deluxe apartment in the sky," but if fictional New York City cleaning business icon George Jefferson had been diagnosed with lung cancer as I was, I would bet he'd be happy making progress: the feeling of moving forward. And that's exactly what I feel now. With the "news" of last week's column, progress/movement is at hand. With two CT scans in the last three months and some tumors "progressing" - and then not, while a previously insignificant tumor burst (not literally) onto the scene, I am happy now to be onward and hopefully upward as I infuse every three weeks during the next quarter ahead of an early January 2019 scan. The future is now and I'm grateful to have choices as I navigate the road ahead.

Having a plan matters. Though I am still waiting and seeing, and evaluating after that next scan, I do feel as if I'm back on track. I know what my next three months will be about (about three months) and I'm clear what my schedule will be (subject to change due to lab results, an altogether normal/expected blip): urine, lab, infusion, post-chemo week of difficulty eating and physical and psychological challenges, followed by two weeks of relative normalcy, then infusion again and rinse and repeat every three weeks until early January 2019. Twelve weeks in total. Through Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Years. I won't say it will be pretty but it will be predictable and hopefully on a path to a positive result. (Remember, I'm life long member of Red Sox Nation so hope always springs eternal.)

This column is certainly not meant to minimize the possible discouraging results of my January scan but I see no advantage in anticipating and/or overreacting to unknown results and/or dire consequences months ahead of actual facts not yet in evidence. This is what being diagnosed with cancer is all about: a series of ups and downs and all-arounds; and the sooner the patient assimilates this unpredictable variability into their algorithm for living with the disease, the more manageable their lives will be. Moreover, "If you," to quote Rudyard Kipling, "can keep your head when all about you are losing theirs," it will likely contribute to the preferred calm that every cancer patient diagnosed as "terminal" needs to feel every second of every day (and night, too) as they struggle to deal with the internal demons brought about by this terrible affliction. As my friend Lynne, a cancer survivor herself, said to me when I was first diagnosed: "This will be the most difficult thing you'll ever have to do." Of course, she was right. It's been beyond my wildest nightmares.

Being stuck in a pattern with no clear direction does not help. For the past three months, I have been so entangled. Now I am not. Now I am on a path of less resistance and what resistance there is - to disappoint "The Borg," is not futile. It is all part of an agreed-upon pursuit of truth and hopefully justice - for me, anyhow. I haven't exactly abused the privilege of living (although while attending college in the seventies, occasionally there may have been the odd self-destructive-type behavior common to the times, none of which concerned my oncologist in the least by the way) and given my parents' long cancer-free lives, I would have expected better than a stage IV, non-small lung cancer diagnosis at age 54 and a half. But here I am, still, nearly 10 years post diagnosis. (There aren't that many of us, unfortunately.)

And though I am definitely not happy about my cancer circumstances, I can be positive about the negative. And what I am most positive about is that at least for the next quarter anyway, I know what I'm doing and why. I certainly can't say what I'll be feeling after my next scan; hopefully elation and relief, but in the interim, life will go on as per usual, and for a cancer patient/survivor, life going on is as good as it gets; almost as if I "finally got a piece of the pie."

Kenny Lourie is an Advertising Representative for The Potomac Almanac & The Connection Newspapers.



## SPORTS



**Alex Richards #15 pulls in a 15 yard TD reception from Noah Kim , Westfield's first of four 1st quarter scores.**



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**Saadiq Hinton #3 intercepted the Oakton QB for a pick 6 and Westfield's third TD of the quarter.**

# Bulldogs Dominate Cougars, 56-0



**Michael Richie #82 scores on one of his two touchdown runs. Richie ran for 111 yards.**



**Donovan Mansapit #35 rushes in for one of his two rushing touchdowns. Mansapit also ran 111 yards.**

**T**he Westfield Bulldogs and Oakton Cougars played in a conference matchup in Chantilly on Oct. 12. The Bulldogs came in at (6-0) (0-1), looking for their 31st consecutive win. Oakton would enter the game winless in their first six games.

The Bulldogs started early scoring four 1st quarter touchdowns. The first came with 8:21 to play in the quarter when Ryan Moses intercepted Oakton quarterback and raced in from 15 yard out to put Westfield up 7-0 after a Riley Nugent extra point.

Westfield tacked on their second touchdown when Alex Richards took a pass from Westfield QB Noah Kim 15 yards for a score, with 5:32 remaining.

Then with 3:06 remaining the secondary of Westfield intercepted the Oakton QB again, this time it was Saadiq Hinton, who sprinted 40 yards for another pick 6, Westfield was then up 21-0 after a Riley Nugent extra point. Taylor Morin then took a direct snap and rushed in from 40 yards out, increasing the lead to 28-0 with :21 seconds in the quarter.

Early in the 2nd quarter Sean Goodman ran in from 24 yards out giving the Bulldogs a 35-0 advantage. Westfield added another score on the last play of the first half when Michael Richie ran in from 20 yards out, and Daniel Fahmy added an extra point.

After halftime Westfield's dominance continued when Donovan Mansapit powered his way in from 34 yards out with 4:12 remaining in the 3rd quarter.

In the final quarter Michael Richie burst in from 61 yards out to complete scoring for the game.

Westfield improved to (7-0) (2-0), with the 56-0 win. Oakton fell to (0-7) (0-2). Oakton will host Chantilly on Friday, Oct. 19. Westfield will face conference rival Centreville (7-0) (2-0) who has given up just 8 points in their last three games, and 43 points all season. With three games re-

maining in the regular season the winner will be the favorite to win the district.

Westfield ran for 521 yards on 31 carries for 7 touchdowns. Leading the way was Alex Richards and Michael Richie who each had 111 yards and two touchdowns rushing. Richards would also have 4 catches for 51 yards and a TD. Donovan Mansapit carried the ball for 97 yards and a TD, Taylor Morin and Sean Goodman, ran for 40 and 34 yards, and each scored a touchdown. After the game Westfield Coach Kyle Simmons was asked about his thoughts on his team's next game with Centreville, "One team will go home (7-1), the other will be (8-0)."

During halftime Westfield would crown their homecoming king and queen: Ben Afferton and Kaylynn Nguyen. The 2018 Homecoming Court includes: Senior Kaylynn Nguyen, Katie Weston, Khitam Mostafa, Shreya Aryal, Brandon Peele, Ben Afferton, Ben Perkins, Taylor Morin; Junior Robbie Black; Sophomore Summer Duba, Hannah Tickle, Dane Kudlacik, Brigham Hampton; and Freshman Tomai Johns, Annelyn Funez, Edwin Rivas, and Joe George.



**From left: Fairfax County School Board member Ryan McElveen, Homecoming King Ben Afferton and Homecoming Queen Kaylynn Nguyen.**